



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M.**

**THE CLUB MEETING IS AT 10 AM FOLLOWED BY DOG TRAINING. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April 2023

8<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> – Super Singles Event  
16<sup>th</sup> – Informal

#### May 2023

10<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting  
& Shot Clinic  
25<sup>th</sup> – Field Trial

#### June 2023

14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> – Hunt Test

#### July 2023

7<sup>th</sup> - Pat Burns Seminar  
12<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> - Hunt Test

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## CMRC 2023 AKC LICENSED EVENTS

**THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD DERBY, QUALIFYING, AMATEUR AND OPEN STAKES.

**THE SPRING HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OWNER/HANDLER QUALIFYING ON FRIDAY WITH A MASTER SENIOR, AND DOUBLE JUNIOR STARTING ON SATURDAY.

**THE SUMMER HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JULY 30<sup>ST</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OWNER/HANDLER QUALIFYING ON FRIDAY WITH A MASTER, SENIOR, AND JUNIOR STARTING ON SATURDAY.

**THE SUMMER FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD DERBY, QUALIFYING, AMATEUR AND OPEN STAKES.

## CMRC 2023 CLUB EVENTS

**INFORMAL SEASON WRAPS UP IN APRIL!**

We are looking forward to a good turnout on April 16<sup>th</sup>!

**SUPER SINGLES** - Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> (see next page for specifics on the event)

## SHOT CLINIC

CMRC will host its annual shot clinic on Wednesday, May 10th at the clubhouse. The clinic begins at 4:00 pm. Dr. Dennis Nelson, a longtime club member, will be on hand to update all of your dog's vaccinations. You can pick up your flea and tick preventative too! For many years, Doc Nelson has held the shot clinic and it is an outstanding fund raiser for the Club. Doc Nelson covers his costs and makes a sizable donation back to the club at the conclusion of the clinic. It is open to members and guests alike. Please pass the word to any pet owner as they can participate in the savings. Please plan to attend and support the Club and receive a great deal on vaccinations and heartworm preventative.

# SUPER SINGLES COMPETITION

CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETRIEVER CLUB  
2232 GOLDEN SPIKE RD NE, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379

APRIL 15, '23 | REGISTRATION: 8:00AM | COMPETITION BEGINS: 9:00AM



## HOW IT WORKS:

- Entry Fee: Hunter & Advanced \$20. Puppy \$10
- Dogs may run in multiple divisions.
- Divisions consist of 3-4 single marks judged 1-10.
- If a dog is handled, it will be eliminated.
- Ribbons & prizes awarded for 1st - 4th place.
- Land marks only
- \*Please no bitches in season

## 3 LEVELS OF COMPETITION:

**PUPPY** – For dogs 4 - 10 months of age with no JH title or SH or MH passes or equivalent HRC or NAHRA titles (Puppy stake will use pigeons)

**HUNTER** – A dog 5 months of age or older with no SH TITLE or MH passes or equivalent HRC or NAHRA titles. (Hunter stake will use ducks)

**ADVANCED** – A dog 5 months of age or older with a SH TITLE or MH passes or equivalent HRC or NAHRA titles or higher (Advanced stake will use ducks)

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for 1st - 4th Place

## SILENT AUCTION!

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Radiographs  
Donated by Dr. Joel Ihnen

Dakota 238 Dash Waterer

Dakota 238 Kennel Mats

## Raffle!

Dakota 238 G3 Large Kennel

Dogtra 1900S Collar

Tickets: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20



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## COMPETITION RULES:

- Dogs may run only once per division
- Handlers may enter multiple dogs
- If a dog handles they will be eliminated from the competition
- In Advanced or Hunter, white coat or hunt test gunners can be used, along with hidden guns. This is the judge's choice. Puppies will be white coat only
- All marks will be on land
- Duck call, shot and throw for Puppy division
- Shot and Throw for Hunters and Advanced division
- Marks must be delivered back to the line
- No talking to the dog after the mark is called for
- Dogs will be released by the judges
- Controlled breaks will be allowed
- No re-lining of the dog after the Mark is thrown
- Puppy & Hunter Division dogs may be gently restrained
- Advanced Division dogs must be steady
- In case of a tie in the Advanced Division, a blind may be run
- In case of a tie in the Puppy or Hunter Division, a run-off would take place
- Judges' decisions are final
- A ribbon ceremony will be held after all divisions are finished

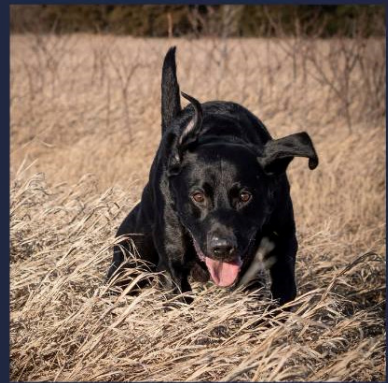
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## Advanced Retriever Training Seminar

-with-

# Pat Burns

-Presented by-

## Central Minnesota Retriever Club

### July 7 - 9, 2023

Central MN Retriever Club  
2232 Golden Spike Rd  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

### Working Teams

Limited to 12

CMRC Members: \$600

Non-Members: \$650

Teams should be comfortable running  
multiple marks and cold blinds

### Observers

Unlimited

All 3 days: \$200

Both working and observer spots  
include lunch all 3 days

This seminar will cover the skills needed  
to be successful in advanced retriever  
competition, primarily at the Qualifying  
level and beyond.



Email: [kelsey.wehr@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.wehr@gmail.com) to Register

# **Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President**

Good day CMRC!

I am writing today as we prepare for what I hope is the final snow event of the winter that will never end. I am certain any of our membership who have endured this season of top ten snow fall will attest, it has been a long arduous slog. Those of you that are down south, you best just stay there and extend your stay a bit. I am generally not one to complain about the winter weather, but I am quite ready to see the snow melt and spring arrive in earnest. A bright side for me personally is my new John Deere sub-compact tractor I bought last summer has performed flawlessly this winter! I have put more hours into it plowing snow than I did mowing grass last summer. And I suppose our ponds will be full this spring at the club! So, there are two positive aspects!

This winter weather has caused us to cancel the March Informal Trial. The grounds and roads were simply in no condition to hold an event. I am very much looking forward to April 15 and 16! Our Double-Header Weekend with the 3rd Annual Super Singles on Saturday and the final "Winter" Informal on Sunday. Thank you to Chad Sweep for his dedicated work on the Super Singles event. If you have never participated, you really must try it. Three divisions of competition and it is all single marks! "Just a Single!" It is lots of fun and kind of remarkable how we can see dogs be separated by just single marks. The judges can get pretty crafty in their test design. And along with the competition and prizes for the Super Singles, Chad has also put together a fantastic raffle including a Dogtra E-Collar, Dakota 283 Kennel, Hip/Elbow X-rays from Dr. Joel Ihnen and other great prizes from our sponsors.

Soon we WILL be in the midst of the spring season, and we will be training hard. As the spring thaw begins it is very important that all club members take care of the grounds. As the fields thaw and become wet and muddy, DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS THEM! Stay on the roads please. If you go off road and tear the grounds up, please fix it. Best just to stay on the roads and not tear things up.

As we approach the summer season, our Field Trial and Hunt Test Committees are working hard to prepare for our licensed events. We encourage all of our members to help out a few days of the year in some manner, and working at the licensed events is one of the most important ways you can support the club. We all know it takes many hands to put on an event and there is always a great need for bird throwers, gunners, and blind planters. Please check your calendar and pick out a few days you can help and reach out to the Field Trial and Hunt Test Chairs to volunteer. In fact, don't wait for them to call you, be proactive and call them first. Having been the hunt test chair for 10 years or better, I know the vast number of things on the "To Do List" to put on the event, and securing volunteers is one of the biggest, most important and time-consuming responsibilities. I know if our members were to make a call or drop an email or text message, the chairs would be eternally grateful.

And do not forget the Pat Burns Seminar July 7-9. The handler/dog spots are filling quickly. As of this writing, there are only 5 of 12 handler spots available. There are unlimited observer spots available. CMRC Members will pay \$600 for the handler spots and the fee for observers is \$200. If you wish to be a handler, your dog should be at the MH/Qualifying level. This is an "Advanced Retriever" seminar. Handlers will run their dogs in two or three series each day and receive some personalized critique from Pat and some suggested techniques and methods for solving problems or strengthening the dog's performance. All the observers get to learn from watching the work of the 12 handlers. Handlers need to have some thick skin as you bare all in front of 20-30 of your closest friends. Having been both an observer and a handler at these seminars, I can attest to how much you can learn and how impactful it can be in your training.

Well, the snow is falling, and the wind is blowing, so I figure it is time to hunker down. Hoping for warmer weather.

Gordie

*Debbie Russell, Editor*