



CMRC NEWS

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 7:30 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2023

14th Club Meeting

16th Hunt Test

July 2023

9th Pat Burns Seminar

12th Club Meeting

28th Hunt Test

August 2023

3rd – Field Trial

9th – Club Meeting

September 2023

13th – Club Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CMRC 2023 AKC LICENSED EVENTS

THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MAY 25TH – SUNDAY MAY 28TH

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

THE SPRING HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 16TH – SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

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 28TH – SUNDAY JULY 30ST

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 3RD – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

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



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 to Register

WAGS AND BRAGS

GOT A BRAG? EMAIL IT TO DEBBIE AT debbierussell@hotmail.com

Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Good Day CMRC Members!

Spring has finally sprung! I hope I don't jinx anything if I say it's been at least a couple of weeks since I've seen a snowflake fall to the ground. And the grounds are finally drying out! This weekend we will be running our Spring AKC Licensed Field Trial on CMRC grounds! We are in the thick of things now.

On Saturday, May 6 we held our Spring Clean-Up Day and this year it was also a "Clean-Out Day" as we cleared the clubhouse of "anything not nailed down." We had 25 club members arrive at 9:00 AM that morning and in about two hours the clubhouse was cleared out and everything was stored for the next couple of months in a storage container that now sets on the edge of the parking lot. After the clubhouse work was completed, we turned to a few small jobs on the grounds with clearing some fallen trees, hanging a new sign out on Golden Spike Road and hanging some Wood Duck houses on the property. Leda Blom arrived with a delicious lunch for everyone and following lunch a number of members hit the fields to do some training. It was a great day of work and fun! THANKS to everyone that was able to join us.

We held our annual shot clinic on Wednesday, May 10. Dr. Dennis Nelson has been providing his services to the club for nearly 50 years! Thanks Doc! And this year we welcomed fellow club member Dr. Katelyn Mertes to the "shot clinic staff." Doc Nelson is nearing the end of his career and we are very fortunate to have Katelyn joining us and willing to someday take over the reins. Over 80 dogs visited the clubhouse to get their annual vaccinations.

A little history on Doc Nelson and the shot clinic. Doc was a young veterinarian and hanging around some of the heavy hitters in the area back in the late 60's and early 70's, especially Roger Reopelle. Doc had begun his veterinary career up in Sandstone, and then moved down to Buffalo. He was hanging around CMRC and seeing how some of the more local guys were always able to help with the mowing and maintaining the grounds and work the events and he was feeling bad that he didn't have the time to do all the work and contribute to the club in the same amount as others. So, he came up with the Shot Clinic where he would provide a service to his fellow club members and donate nearly all the profit back to the club. And he was able to give every participant a bit of a good deal on their vaccinations too as there was no office call fees or anything like that. The shot clinic began back in the 1970's. Since then, Doc has moved down to a clinic in Waseca. He still makes that extended drive to be here for the club. He hasn't missed a year since he started except for 2020 when we were in the COVID lockdown. Doc is closing in on retirement, like official real retirement. He is sort of retired now as he just fills in every so often, works with some longtime clients if they ask for him specifically, and helps out around the clinic here and there. But he still has his license to practice. His license is due to expire in 2024. Doc told me the other evening he wants his last official licensed act as a

veterinarian to happen right under the roof of CMRC at that green picnic table vaccinating his fellow club members dogs. THANKS DOC for your MANY years of service to CMRC! It has been a pleasure to see you each spring and hear your stories of yesteryear. You have led by example and made an indelible mark on CMRC.

And a quick update on the clubhouse remodel project. The plan is that on or around June 1st the contractor will begin work and he has told us he figures to be completed by August. You will first see some excavating and landscaping around the clubhouse. First priority will be to mitigate the water problem and get the earth back below the level of the concrete slab, so the spring melt and heavy rains don't run under the walls. The ground will be sloped away from the clubhouse as far as forty feet away. The next step will be to demo the interior of the building and take it down to the frame. Next will come the renovation of the plumbing and bathrooms to include some removal of concrete and install new plumbing. Next up will be strip the exterior of the building. Once we are down to the skeleton of the building it will be time to rebuild. New steel on the outside, new insulation, new windows, new doors, new interior finishing, new wiring, new cabinets, new furnace. I am sure many of you will be watching the progress throughout the summer. I am very much looking forward to when the project is finished.

Don't forget to join us at some of the licensed events this season. Licensed field trials and hunt tests on our CMRC grounds begin Memorial Day Weekend.

I hope you are all enjoying time spent training your dogs and participating in retriever activities with your colleagues and fellow club members.

Gordie

Debbie Russell, Editor