



CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,
December 13TH AT 7:00 P.M.**

Club Meetings in the months of January through April will be held at 10 AM on Saturday Mornings. Training may follow the club meetings, depending on the weather. Saturday morning meetings in the winter are an excellent opportunity for club members to gather, enjoy each other's company, and for new club members to come and meet some of our more experienced members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2023

8th – 75th Anniversary Party
13th – Club Meeting/
ELECTIONS
17th – Informal Trial

January 2024

13th – Club Meeting
21st – Informal Trial

February 2024

10th – Club Meeting
18th – Informal Trial

March 2024

9th – Club Meeting
17th – Informal Trial

CMIRC

WANTS YOU



We have open positions:
Newsletter Editor
Annual Banquet Chairperson and Committee
Super Singles Chairperson
Field Trial Committee
Hunt Test Committee
July Hunt Test Chairperson

If you are interested or have questions about these positions, please reach out to Gordie Schlichting at hohumsretrievers@aol.com

Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

CMRC Members!

We are fast approaching the end of 2023. What a fantastic year it has been. So much has been accomplished this year at CMRC. As we approach the end of the year, the holiday season, and the snowbirds heading south, we also approach a couple of important dates here at CMRC.

First, a fun, exciting and celebratory date! CMRC was founded on December 8, 1948. This is the date our original articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state. That makes December 8, 2023, our 75th Anniversary! So as a special celebration and as a GRAND RE-OPENING of our clubhouse we will be hosting an anniversary party on Friday, December 8. We will begin the festivities around 5 pm and continue until the party has died down. The club will supply a cake. It will be BYOB and please consider bringing a snack, hors d'oeuvres or something to share.

Secondly, our annual election of officers and board members will be held at the regular monthly club meeting on Wednesday, December 13. The club meeting will begin at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Each club member will be receiving a message soon from the nominating committee regarding the slate of candidates and the ballot. As we have done since the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will once again allow for email and telephone voting besides voting in person at the December meeting. Complete details and instructions will soon follow under separate cover.

With winter comes the CMRC Winter Informal Trials! Our club trials will be held on the third Sunday of each month December through April. Registration begins at 8 AM and we begin running dogs at 9 AM. We have 6 different stakes in which you may enter your dog. Open, Qualifying, Derby, Hunter, Junior Hunter, and Puppy. You can enter your dog in more than one stake if you wish, such as both the Open and Qualifying stakes, or Puppy and Junior Hunter. Entry fees are \$15 per dog per stake. Frozen ducks are used in all stakes with the exception of the Puppy stake where pigeons are used. We do try to hire a few youths to throw birds in a couple of the stakes, but generally speaking everyone running dogs takes a turn in the field throwing birds. We also usually serve a light lunch in the clubhouse for a nominal fee. The trials are great fun, an opportunity for club members to gather, a terrific opportunity for us to keep running our dogs in the winter months, and a little bit of a fundraising effort as well. The informal trials are open to club members and guests alike.

As we approach 2024, we also need some new blood in some important roles within our club. We know we will see some new officers and board members in 2024. Some previous officers and board members have decided to move one from their past positions and we are eager to welcome some new board members. We also are quite thankful for the dedication and efforts of those members who are taking their leave. But we also have some non-elected positions that need to be filled as we enter 2024. Our previous Newsletter Editor has decided to pass along the reigns, as well as our past Super Singles Event Chair. The annual club banquet did not happen in 2023 for lack of a chairperson or committee. And both the field trial and hunt test committees always welcome new members to join the steering committee and/or chair the licensed event. The 9-person board cannot and will not do all the work that has to be done for us to continue to enjoy everything we have grown accustomed to. I encourage any club member who feels they can contribute to the club in one of these roles to reach out to me and volunteer for a position. Many hands make light work. This membership has shown that repeatedly this past year. We have enjoyed tremendous support and turnouts for workdays, licensed and informal events, and fund-raising efforts. The membership has pitched in with both sweat equity and with cold hard cash. But we do have some important jobs to be filled or we will begin seeing some of the opportunities we have had in the past cease to exist.

So again, to be clear we are searching for:

- Newsletter Editor
- Super Singles Chair
- Club Banquet Chair and/or Committee
- Field Trial and Hunt Test Committee Members
- July Hunt Test Chairperson

We hope to see you in December as we have several events for you to join us at. Until then, continue to enjoy the autumnal season and holidays. May your game bag and meat poles be heavy, the dog work fantastic, the shooting safe and accurate, and time with family and friends filled with laughter and compassion.

Gordie Schlichting
CMRC President



**CMRC 75th Anniversary and
Clubhouse Grand Re-Opening!**

Friday, December 8, 2023

5:00 to ????

BYOB

**Please consider bringing along some snacks or hors
d'oeuvre to share**

Club will be providing cake and party favors!