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**APRIL 2014 CMRC NEWSLETTER  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

<p><u>TRIALS/HUNT TESTS</u> Sunday-April 27, 2014 Field Trial May 23-25, 2015 Hunt Test June 13-15, 2014 Field Trial August 1-3, 2014</p>	<p><u>SHOT CLINIC*</u> Tuesday, May 6, 2014 3-6 PM  <u>Danny Farmer Seminar</u> June 28, 29, 2014  <u>ADVANCED RETRIEVER HUNT TEST JUDGES SEMINAR</u> April 2015</p>	<p><u>CLUB MEETINGS 7:30 PM</u> May 6, 2014 June 3, 2014</p>
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➤ CMRC Members’ Meetings are held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM**

Spring looks like it finally arrived. Hope everyone had a good winter but now it’s time to get out and wear off some of the old winter fat—off the dogs of course.

Dues payments for 2014 are coming in slowly. If you haven’t paid your 2014 dues this will be the last newsletter you will receive. If you need the Membership Form you can download from our web page or email me and I will send you one.

Please note the **date change for our April informal trial**. We didn’t want to conflict with Easter Sunday and the extra week will give the grounds more time to dry out as well as give everyone another week to tune up their dogs.

**Danny Farmer** has again graciously agreed to present a Handler Seminar for our club on June 28-29. The entry fee is \$100.00 for spectators and \$350.00 for dog handlers. Danny is one of the premier handlers on the Field Trial circuit and his seminars are very informative for all dog handlers. You should really give serious thought to attending this seminar as you will learn a lot.

We will be having only **one raffle** this year. Chad Sweep has graciously volunteered to manage the raffle and can be contacted at 320/491-7093 or email roostie@charter.net for tickets. This raffle is an important fund raiser for CMRC – do your part and buy a couple tickets and sell a few more. Tickets are one for \$10.00 or three for \$20.00. Prizes include the following: Marlin 30-30 lever action rifle, Dogtra 350 collar, Dogtra Edge collar, Dogtra 1900 collar, OFA Hip & Elbow certificate, 2-\$50 Scheels gift cards, Rick Stawski training videos, 4-40# bags Nutri Source and 2-stake outs.

Sad news: Our club lost long time member **Bob Butler** who passed away on February 3, 2014. Bob was a member of our club, almost from its inception, and was extremely active by volunteering and holding many positions including President and Field Trial Secretary. He took entries for our informals for many years and greeted everyone with a smile. Bob and Peggy were always one of the first to arrive at our events and one of the last to leave. He had a very positive attitude and was a valued member. Bob will be greatly missed.

Before our Tuesday, May 6 Meeting, **Dr. Dennis Nelson** will again be doing the **Spring Shot Clinic**. The shot clinic will be from 3:00 until approximately 6:00. Dr. Nelson gives all the annual shots, does blood tests for heartworm and will have heartworm preventative medication available. Dr. Nelson provides these services at a very reasonable rate and has, in the past, made very generous donations to CMRC from the proceeds.

The Shot Clinic is a win-win situation for everyone. Please take advantage of this opportunity and mark your calendars for the **Shot Clinic at the Club on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 3-6 PM.**

Also mark your calendars for our Field Trials and Hunt Test dates. There are our big events of the year and help is always needed. It is also a good time to come out to see great dog work and renew old acquaintances.

An **Advanced Retriever Hunt Test Judges' Seminar** will be hosted by CMRC in April of 2015. Gordie Schlichting, the CMRC Hunt Test Chair, along with other members of the hunt test committee are spearheading this event. CMRC was awarded a grant of at least \$600 from the Master National Retriever Club (the only club in Region 2 of the MNRC to be awarded the grant) to help fund the seminar.

Advanced seminars are relatively new and are not offered very often throughout the country. The two-day seminar includes a half day of classroom work followed by a day and a half of work in the field. Two AKC representatives will present the seminar and lead the discussion on how to design and set up tests to adequately and fairly test the retriever and on how to interpret the rules and score the performance of the dog.

Registration is through Entry Express at \$85.00 per judge with a minimum of 40 judges.

Volunteers are needed to throw birds and shoot flyers for the field portion of the seminar, as well dogs, of all levels of training, to run the setups. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Gordie Schlichting at 320-248-8532 or via email at [hohumsretrievers@aol.com](mailto:hohumsretrievers@aol.com).

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