

CMRC NEWS



CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETRIEVER CLUB
PO BOX 724, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379
2232 GOLDEN SPIKE ROAD, SAUK RAPIDS, MN

JUNE & JULY 2017

WWW.CMRCMN.ORG

centralmnretriever@gmail.com

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Mark Belford 612-867-4421
mbelford44@msn.com
Vice President: Mike Nugent 763-516-3435
mgnugent@outlook.com
Secretary: Linda Twiss 612-964-7543
lindatwiss688@msn.com
Treasurer: John Shoffner 917-757-6892
blackjackretrievers@gmail.com

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Dan Stavrum 320-249-2732
Informal Trial Chairman
sstavrum@frontiernet.net
Mike Verdon 763-370-2711
mverdon@charter.net
Steve Goetze 612-245-9751
stevegoetze@comcast.net

Field Trial Chairman: Duane Smith III 612-366-6346 dsmith1651@hotmail.com
Hunting Test Chairman: Gordon Schlichting 320-248-8532 hohumretrievers@aol.com

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7:00 PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP AND EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

THE NEXT MEETING IS JULY 11, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 2017 | August 2017 | September 2017 | December 2017 |
| 11 th – Club Meeting | 4 th -6 th – Fall Field Trial | 12 th – Club Meeting | 12 th – Club Meeting |
| | 8 th – NO CLUB MEETING | | 17 th - Informal |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just read the letter to the editor in "Retriever News" by Frank Prendergast and I found it interesting because it really hit home with me. Frank has been instrumental in the Master National since it started and has been instrumental in the new venture of the Master Amateur Invitational. The crux of the article is how overwhelmed he was by the support of the field trial community with the inaugural event held last spring.

Over the years, I have attempted to play both the hunt test and field trial games. I have heard every reason there is as to why the other game is not good and how terrible the people are who run that venue. From my personal experience, nothing could be further from the truth. We are all retriever people and work extremely hard to help our canine companions reach their full potential.

I have tried hard to bring all retriever communities together. In the full scope of things, we are a very small community and need the all the help and support we can get from each other. I just wish everyone would keep an open mind and offer every handler good luck and success with their retrievers.

It was nice to have a small break with the dog events and now to soon continue with the second half of our events for the year. Good luck to everyone – no matter which venue you pursue.

Guns Up.

Mark Belford, President

.....

The June 13th, 2017 meeting for CMRC was held at the club house.

Officers and Board members present: Mark Belford, Mike Nugent, Linda Twiss, John Shoffner, Mike Verdon, Dan Stavrum, Duane Smith and Gordie Schlichting.

Members present: Jim Stang, John Thiem, Spence Buerkle and Bruce Zeiglmeier.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

Gordie Schlichting reported that CMRC has 384 entries signed up to run the hunt test. As it takes 30-50 workers to hold the event, the workers spread sheet is a great tool to keep all the workers organized.

Duane Smith reported that CMRC had 143 dogs entered in the spring trial which was down from previous years. The event netted a profit of \$2,137.03. The fall field trial will have the owner/handler Qualifying running at BRG and the Amateur will run on CMRC grounds. A hog roast will be held on Saturday night by the club house with everyone welcome.

The club raffle was going well under the direction of Mike Verdon. Mike was disappointed by the slow response of club members selling tickets. In the future, CMRC will do more to advertise the raffle and distribute tickets for sale.

Mike Nugent thanked John Thiem, Gordie Schlichting and Chad Sweep for mowing the grounds. Bruce Zeiglmeier cleared the ditch culvert. Mark Belford recommended that Mike Nugent appoint members who are authorized to use the club equipment to keep the equipment in tip top shape. Each piece of equipment needs to be checked over before being used (i.e. oil level).

Jim Stang suggested that CMRC purchase another Kuntz mower which Don Robinson indicated would cost the club \$5,100. Mike Nugent reported that the repaired brusher has been picked up. A discussion was held on the topic of moving trailers on the grounds.

Mark Belford is waiting for a bid to put a swale running through Klick's field. When he receives it, Mark will then submit a proposal to PRTA for a grant for monies.

An HRC club rents our grounds for the weekend after our hunt test. Mark Belford suggested that we make it a condition of renting the grounds, that the HRC club purchase their birds from CMRC. This year, they bought most of their birds from HCARC and 50 birds from us for \$5 apiece. Ground rental is \$300 per day.

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS JULY 11, 2017.

Volunteers are needed for the fall trial on August 4 – 6, 2017. Workers are needed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Are you able to work full days or half days? One Day or all Three Days? Please call us so that we do not need to call the roster.

Call Duane Smith 612-366-6346 or Linda Twiss 612-964-7543 to sign up.