



CMRC NEWS

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 10th AT 7 PM.
EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND GET INVOLVED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2020

10th – Club Meeting

July 2020

8th – Club Meeting
31st – Field Trial

August 2020

1st – 2nd Field Trial
No Club Meeting

September 2020

9th – Club Meeting

Informal Results

No results to post as the April Informal event was cancelled due to the corona virus pandemic. There is discussion among Board members on a plan to put on an informal later in the year...stay tune for further information.

CMRC Club 2019 High Point Awards

CMRC traditionally awards "High Point Dog Awards" each year at our annual Club banquet. These high point awards are presented to the dog and club member who earn points participating in our Informal events. Unfortunately, we were unable present the awards this past February during our annual banquet. Now we have the results and are happy to announce the winner of the 2019 season. Congratulations!

High Point Open – Tie

Riley – O/H Greg Murtha

Jagger – O/H Jeff Deelstra

High Point Qualifying – Tie

Jagger – O/H Jeff Deelstra

Jack – O/H Jeff Deelstra

High Point Derby

Tarpon – O/H Elizabeth Howell

High Point Hunter – Tie

Watson – O/H Erin Butler

Magnus – O/H Elizabeth Howell

High Point Junior Hunter

Tobie – O/H Bruce Zieglmeier

High Point Puppy

Conway – O/H Al Frieberg

CMRC June Hunt Test Cancelled

Club leadership made the agonizing decision to cancel the June 12 – 14 AKC Licensed Retriever Hunt Test hosted by CMRC. This decision was not hastily made. Ultimately, the uncertainty with the Governor's executive order combined with the current COVID-19 pandemic it was best to cancel the event in the interest of the health and well-being of our club members and participants.

CMRC Field Trial

The committee is preparing to hold the Fall Field Trial and planning accordingly. With the cancellation of the Hunt Test we expect many members who need to full fill their commitment to "give back" and volunteer at the Field Trial as part of their yearly membership commitment. Please contact Duane Smith or any board member with your interest to help at the Trial.

Master National 2020

The Master National Retriever Club Hunt Test is still on! The local host committee and the MNRC Board of Directors continues to prepare to host the event September 24 through October 4 here in St. Cloud.

There are many ways our club members can support and participate in this event.

For your dog to qualify to run the event this year, your dog must be a Master Hunter with four (4) Master passes from an MNRC Member Club licensed hunt test before August 1.

If you are not running a dog, you can still get involved. The host committee has a fantastic 40 item (30 guns) raffle with only 3000 tickets available. Profits from the raffle return to the club that sold the tickets. There are several members of CMRC that have \$10 tickets available for sale.

It takes many workers in the field to host an event of this magnitude. Much of the work is done by handlers of the entered dogs and the MNRC Board, but there are some positions we need filled by people not running dogs. The host committee needs approximately 24 people per day to work dead bird stations in the field. These dead bird station jobs will earn the workers' club \$120 a day that will be paid to the clubs that provide the workers. What a great opportunity to give back to our Club!

Our own Linda Twiss is spearheading the lunch effort for the workers and judges. We expect to supply approximately 200 lunches a day in the field. Here again, the MNRC pays the host committee for these lunches generating revenue for our club. If you would like to volunteer to help Linda, reach out directly to Linda at lindatwiss688@msn.com.

To purchase raffle tickets or volunteer to work in the field, please contact Gordie Schlichting. Gordie is our CMRC Hunt Test Chair as well as the co-chair of the local Master National 2020 Host Committee. You can reach Gordie at hohumsretrievers@aol.com.

Larry Laukka

We are saddened by the passing of fellow CMRC member Larry Laukka. Larry died on Friday, May 8 after a long battle with cancer.

Larry was a wonderful man. He loved the retriever game and attended hunt tests and some Field Trials at just about every club in our state and region. Larry enjoyed training with several different training groups and was always willing to go out to the field to throw birds and assist at hunt tests.

As an alumni and special friend of the University, Larry was a past President of the University of Minnesota National Alumni Association, member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Minnesota Foundation and Stewardship Committee, chairman of the University of Minnesota Gateway/McNamara Alumni Center Building Program, and in numerous other capacities. His professional career consisted of real estate development and construction. He will be missed.

Clubs Grounds Capital Improvements –

Over the past several months an impressive number of projects were undertaken by dedicated Club Members on the grounds. The clearing of brush on islands, the building of a bridge, the digging of a meandering ditch, the digging of a new pond, and the creation of several new mounds and berms around the property. All these new additions to the grounds were accomplished due to the work of a great number of club members working together. We believe these new additions to our grounds creates a new, challenging, and exciting training and testing opportunities for our members and event participants.

For the most part, the work is completed. The mounds and berms have been shaped and groomed, the ditch has been widened a bit to address some safety concerns, and the sizable amount of dirt from the excavation has been repurposed and spread out. There will be some continued maintenance and finishing details to be completed, especially on the island, but overall, the improvements are complete.

We based these improvements on our cash on hand at the time. Our Clubs financial standing is sound. We have money in the bank but are challenged this year due to the corona virus pandemic. Revenue from Informal Events, a Shot Clinic, Licensed Field Trials, and a Licensed Hunt Test have been limited or nonexistent. We will continue to update membership on our financial standing and look forward to getting past this abnormal condition.

Finally, without Hunt Test and Field Trials on the grounds now, the Club grounds are open for training and your enjoyment 7 days a week. Please practice social distancing practices for all activities on the Grounds.

Greg Murtha, Editor