

Gamekeepers Retrievers



A FIELD WORKSHOP

for Retriever Handlers

May 9-10, 2015

(with Private Lessons on Monday, May 11, 2015)

**Old Oak Kennels, 15647 SE 29th Ave.,
Blooming Prairie, MN**



Hosted by:

Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

Katharine Carroll, Event Secretary
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This will be a “hands-on” workshop limited to 14 dog/handler participant teams. You and your dog will receive instructional guidance directly from Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers.

Auditors are welcome

What to expect...

This workshop is geared towards training the individual dog/handler team. Its content will be personalized based on the needs, goals and interests of each participant and their dog. Mitch will teach you how to implement training drills, exercises and techniques so you will achieve success. When not working your dog, you will learn a great deal from watching the other dog/handler teams work and listening to lectures. We will work on Basic, Transition (Senior) and Advanced training.

- Participants & Dogs -



To make the most of this workshop, your dog should have a basic desire to retrieve and have good obedience skills. Your dog should also have been exposed to marks.

The seminar is open to dogs and handlers from beginning level to Transition level through Advanced work. All levels will be addressed. The training will be individualized, and will include working on sets of exercises and drills geared toward advancing your retriever. There will also be an in depth discussion of the Gamekeepers Retrievers training program.

In order for everyone to have ample opportunity to work their dogs, we are limiting handlers to **ONE DOG (1) PER HANDLER** for the entire workshop. There will be several training segments during each day on which to work your dogs.

Topics of training will include but not be limited to...

Basics (to include Force Fetch)
Lining & Casting
Blinds
Marking Concepts
Setting up training concepts
Advanced Drills
Introduction to Water
Water Drills/Swim By/De-Cheating



- Schedule and Format -

Saturday, May 9th — 8:30 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10th — 8:30 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11th — Private Lessons (See below for sign up information)

Saturday morning begins with a determination of what issues owners are having with their dogs and where each owner thinks their dog is at in their field training. Mitch will then present a lecture on Gamekeepers methods and how these methods will apply to these situations.

Working handler/dog teams will all work their dogs under Mitch's direct guidance. During these training segments, Mitch will answer questions from all participants and auditors that arise about the training techniques that are being taught.

Each handler/dog team will learn training drills and techniques appropriate to their skill level. Handlers and auditors are encouraged to ask questions throughout the workshop. The day will end with a Q & A session and short lecture.

Sunday morning will begin with a brief follow up discussion about the previous days training and a short lecture regarding the training techniques that will be utilized in the upcoming training. Sunday training will then follow the same format as Saturday.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED BOTH DAYS.

Due to the nature of this workshop, breaks and lunchtimes will vary.

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Mitch will be available for one hour private lessons on Monday, May 11, 2015 starting at 9:00 am, last lesson starts at 5:00 pm
The cost is \$50/hour.

Contact Katharine Carroll to schedule a time.

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LOCATION:

Old Oak Kennels 15647 SE 29th Ave., Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

Latitude: 44.95: Longitude: -101.7667

Directions from the Twin Cities (North):

Take I-35 south to Highway 30 (about 12 miles south of Owatonna).

Go east on Highway 30 almost exactly 5 miles to 29th Ave.

Go right on 29th Ave. about ½ mile to the curve in the road. We are on the left.

Directions from Iowa (South):

Take I-35 north to Highway 30 (about 12 miles south of Owatonna).

Go east on Highway 30 almost exactly 5 miles to 29th Ave.

Go right on 29th Ave. about ½ mile to the curve in the road. We are on the left .

Directions from Rochester (East). There are two possible routes from Rochester:

1) Take Hwy 14 west to Hwy 56 in Dodge Center. Go south 9 miles to Hwy 30. Take Hwy 30 west 11 miles to Blooming Prairie and then follow the jog in 30 and continue west another 5.5 miles to 29th Ave SE. Turn left (south) onto 29th which is a dead end gravel road. Old Oak Kennels is at the end on the left.

2) Go south on Hwy 63 out of Rochester to I90. Go west on I90 until the Hwy 281 exit in Austin. Go north on 218 through Blooming Prairie to Hwy 30 heading west. Go west 5.5 miles to 29th Ave SE. Turn left (south) onto 29th which is a dead end gravel road. Old Oak Kennels is at the end on the left.

HOTELS/MOTELS:

Check with the motel regarding rates, dogs in the room and pet deposits that may be required.

Hotels In Owatonna
if coming from the north:

Americinn
245 Florence Ave
507-455-1142

Country Inn and Suites
130 Allen Ave SW
800-830-5222

Super 8
1150 W Frontage Road
866-460-7440

Hotels In Albert Lee
if coming from the south:

Americinn
811 E Plaza St.
507-455-1142

Country Inn and Suites
2214 E Main St.
507-373-5513

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
77820 Main Street
800-315-2605

FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

The Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club will be providing coffee and pastries for breakfast and will also provide lunch and beverages. Meals are included in your entry fee

What to Bring to the Seminar:

Working Handler/Dog Teams and Auditors...

- Pad of paper, a pen, and a highlighter pen
- a clip board or something else to write on
- Clothing for any type of weather (Warm, Rain, Wind)
- Chair
- Questions

NO video cameras, please. Still pictures are allowed.



Working Teams should bring the following as well:

- Water for their dog
- Training Equipment
- Pinch collar
- Tab Lead
- Regular lead (slip lead)
- E-collar (optional)
- Whistle

Everyone bring a fun attitude and a willingness to learn new things!!

Mitch White – Head Field Trainer/Key Note Speaker:

Mitch has been training retrievers for field work since 1988 when he got his first retriever, Hershey. His program has been developed to utilize an approach that works with all breeds of retrievers. One of the main ingredients of the program is fairness to the dog. Mitch believes in putting the work into teaching the dog to create a skill set to aid the dog in making decisions. Poor decisions are corrected and good decisions are praised. Since Mitch trains many different breeds, he often has to get “outside of the box” from popular retriever training methods. Mitch also gets a lot of dogs in for “rehab” work. These are dogs that have been in other programs and have developed issues that have prevented them from going further in training. Mitch has had tremendous success turning these dogs around so they become confident workers again.

Since 2004, Mitch’s clients and students have earned over 60 field titles per year, at all levels, including several Master National Finalists, Master National Qualifiers and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Mitch’s training manuals will be available for purchase at the seminar for \$35 each. These texts contain extensive material about the Gamekeepers Retrievers training program over and above that material that will be supplied in your workshop booklet.

Gamekeeper’s Basic Manual (185 pages) —\$35

Gamekeeper’s Transition Manual (175 pages) —\$35

Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to GTCGRC to:

Katharine Carroll, 1100 Hallam Ave. N, Mahtomedi, MN 55115
Only the first 14 Working Handler/Dog Teams will be accepted.

Auditing spots are UNLIMITED.

\$250.00 Working Handler/Dog Team

\$125.00 Auditor Fee Unlimited Auditing spots are available. PLEASE NOTE: Three (3) free auditing spots are available in exchange for working the seminar. Contact Kathy for information.

All entrants will receive a **Workshop Booklet** designed for this seminar.

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ON: November 14, 2014

REGISTRATION CLOSSES: April 17, 2015 (No refund for cancellation after this date)

- Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will notify you via e-mail or phone that your entry was received.
- Registrations received after working spots fill will be notified and placed on a waiting list or given an auditing spot and refund of fee difference.
- Please use a separate page if you have additional information you wish to share with Mitch.

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| Your Name: | |
| Phone: | E-Mail: |
| *** Your Years of Experience *** | |
| Hunt Tests (years): | (titles) |
| Club Tests (years): | (titles) |
| WORKING HANDLERS: Please complete dog information | |
| Call Name of Dog: | |
| Dog's Sex: | Dog's Age: |
| <p>Please describe your dogs strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please): <small>(AUDITORS: List any topics you are particularly interested in seeing addressed at this workshop).</small></p> | |

AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that in consideration of the acceptance of this application and the opportunity to attend the seminar and to learn valuable field training skills from experienced trainers, I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., Greater Twin Cities GRC, GRCA and Old Oak Kennels**, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents and/or Seminar Secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of this dog while in or upon the seminar premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this seminar, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

Please read the premium information carefully and fill out your sign-up form completely and sign below:

 Date

 Participant