

Gamekeepers Retrievers



THE BLIND WORKSHOP

A 3 DAY WORKSHOP FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

FEBRUARY 20 - 22, 2015

WAYNE GEY'S GOLDEN OAKS RANCH
MONTVERDE, FLORIDA



HOSTED BY:

THE CENTRAL FLORIDA HRC

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SEMINAR LIMITED TO 12 WORKING TEAMS

AUDITOR SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED AND ENCOURAGED
ALL ENTRIES WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 1, 2015.

What To Expect:

This workshop is being presented to help handlers succeed in training and running better blinds. The focus of this workshop will be solely on blinds and will only utilize marks as influence for blinds. During each of the three (3) days, working teams will perform various drills to improve lining, casting and handling on blinds. In addition, multiple types of blinds will be run each day. Blinds will be run that represent different levels of difficulty and each blind will be rated so that handlers may chart their progress during the seminar.

In addition to yard and field work, discussions will be held on topics such as; how elements will affect blinds, understanding the mechanics involved in setting up a good blind and learning how to design good training blinds. Evaluating blinds at tests and developing a strategy for success will also be discussed.

Auditors are strongly encouraged and Mitch welcomes questions from the audience. If you and your dog have not advanced to the point of beginning blinds, watching Mitch guide each working team through various drills and blind work will help give you a greater understanding of why your foundation work is so important and will help you establish your goals for advancement.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications for working teams will be accepted until February 1, 2015. After this date, Mitch will choose the working teams and you will be notified by the event secretary if your application has been accepted. If you are not chosen for a working spot, you will have the choice of a full refund or you may attend as the workshop as an auditor and receive a refund in the difference in price. Each handler may run two dogs, but only one dog will be used on a given concept, skill or drill.

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 utilizes 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.

Mitch trains many different breeds and he often has to get outside of the box from popular retriever training methods. He also works with a lot of "rehab" dogs, dogs that have been in other programs and have developed issues that have prevented them from success. Mitch turns these dogs around so they become confident, happy workers again.

Since becoming a full time professional trainer in 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.

- Schedule and Format -

Friday, February 20 - 9:00 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 21 - 9:00 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 22 - 9:00 am to approx. 3:00 pm

Friday morning will begin with an introductory lecture on blinds, blind concepts and the theories on training for blinds that will be presented during the workshop. Then the working teams will start running various drills and types of blinds 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. The day will end with a Q & A session and short lecture summarizing the days events.

Saturday/Sunday mornings will begin with brief follow up discussions about the previous days training and a brief Q & A session to cover any new questions that have come up about the previous days work. New drills and blinds will be introduced and training will follow the same format as Friday.

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



Seminar Requirements:

Working teams must meet the following requirements to participate:

1. Handlers must have a basic understanding of a blind retrieve.
2. Working dogs must have a solid Basics foundation.
3. Working dogs must have a remote sit and solid obedience.
4. Working dogs must have an understanding of handling, they should be working on the Double T and have run basic sight blinds.
5. Working dogs that are through transition drills well enough to run a basic cold blind will get the most out of this seminar.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Alison at cfrctraining@gmail.com

Location:

Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL

From Orlando & Southeast: Take FL Turnpike (N) to Exit 272 (SR 50). Go west (left) on SR 50 2.8 miles to CR 455. Go North (right) on CR 455 6 miles through the town of Montverde to the test site at Katie's Landing Road on the left.

From Tampa & Southwest: Take I-4 east to US Hwy 27 north to SR50 to CR455. Go North (right) on CR 455 6 miles through the town of Montverde to the test site at Katie's Landing Road on the left.

From Ocala & Northwest: Take I-75 south to FL Turnpike South to Exit 272 (SR 50). West (left) on SR 50 to CR455 (right). Go 6 miles through the town of Montverde to the test site at Katie's Landing Road on the left.

GPS Coordinates to Katie's Landing Pasture(HT Headquarters) N28 36.639'

Accommodations:

Fairfield Inn and Suites ****Ask for CFHRC rate and dog fee is waived**
1750 Hunt Trace
Clermont, FL 34711
352-394-6585

Red Roof Inn Orlando West—Ocoee
11241 West Colonial Drive
Ocoee, FL 34761
407-347-0140 (check on pet policy as it seems to change)

Please check directly with hotels/motels for pet policies.

Veterinary Emergency of Central Florida
2080 Principal Row, Orlando, FL (Near airport)
407-438-4449
Saturday noon until Monday at 7:30 am

Who should attend this seminar:

Anyone who:

- Wants to run better blinds with their dog
- Wants to learn how to design blinds
- Wishes to learn how factors affect blinds
- Desires to understand how elements influence dogs
- Needs to train for advanced AKC/UKC tests
- Enjoys field training on a regular basis



What to bring:

- This seminar will be outdoors. Prepare for all types of weather
 - Handlers must have BOTH a white coat or shirt AND a dark coat or shirt
 - A whistle and a back up whistle
 - Boots and/or waders
 - Bug Spray and Sunscreen
 - Paper, Pen and Highlighter
 - Chair
- Equipment you would normally use when running your dog on blinds.
 - E-collar (optional, but highly recommended)

**Please bring a lunch and drinks you can eat on the run.
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breaks and lunch times will vary.**

NO VIDEO CAMERAS - Still photos are OK.

"This seminar is dedicated to the blind retrieve. We wanted to provide a venue that would focus this aspect of training and which would set a standard for control. Golden Oaks Ranch is an outstanding location for us to practice blind work with so many wonderful possibilities for both land and water blind retrieves. We thank them for opening up their property to those who want to further their training." - Mitch White

The Blind Workshop

held at Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL
Friday - Sunday February 20-22, 2015

Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to:
Central Florida HRC
c/o Alison Schultz 5203 Hammock Pointe Circle, St. Cloud, FL 34771
Only 12 working team entries will be accepted.*

\$250.00 CFHRC Member Working Team Application

\$300.00 Non-Member Working Team Application

\$75.00 CFHRC Member Auditor Fee

Auditor spots are unlimited.

\$125.00 Non-Member Auditor Fee

Auditors will be accepted until February 10, 2015.

*Entries Close February 1, 2015. After closing, Mitch will select the working teams. You will be notified by the event secretary if you have been accepted. If you are not chosen for a working spot, you will have the choice of a full refund or you may attend as an auditor and receive a refund of the price difference.

All seminar fees must be submitted with application. No refunds for cancellations after February 10, 2015.

Your Name:	
Phone:	E-Mail:
Working Teams, please complete dog information:	
Call Name of Dog:	
Sex:	Age (DOB):
<p>Please describe your dog's blind related strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please): (AUDITORS: List any blind related topics you are particularly interested in seeing addressed at this workshop).</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., Wayne and Sharon Gey, Golden Oaks Ranch and The Central Florida Hunting Retriever Club** 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