

Gamekeepers Retrievers



TRANSITION TO Advanced
A 3 Day Workshop for Retriever Handlers
June 22 - 24, 2018
at Rebel Ridge Farms, Elkton, Maryland



Hosted by:

The Keystone Retriever Club

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This will be a “hands-on” workshop limited to 14 working 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 designed for dogs and handlers that are running at an advanced Senior through a Master/Finished or QAA level. Mitch will focus on the skills needed for you and your dog to transition from Senior to Master and those skills needed to train and succeed at higher level stakes. Both land and water work will be included. Mitch will focus on advanced marking concepts, advanced blinds and advanced drills. He will include discussion on advanced training theory, pro training tips for and testing success, advanced test design and strategy for handling your dog at the higher level stakes.



The program is designed for advanced level dogs and for those dogs who are at the senior level and ready to make the jump to higher level stakes.

All dogs will be exposed to set ups which arise in advanced level tests and the drills pertinent to this level of work. Mitch will work with each team to help

them develop skills needed to succeed in Master/Finished and at Field Trials. Advanced transition dogs will be taught how to introduce advanced drills and how to break set ups down to make them approachable to a dog beginning advanced training. In addition to working dogs on marking set ups, blinds and drills, Mitch will spend time discussing topics including: training and testing strategy; mental preparation for handler and dog; and advanced test design. Individualized attention will be given to all working dog/handler teams. Auditors are encouraged to participate by asking questions during the seminar with the understanding that the answer may need to wait until the working dog has finished and Mitch can turn his attention back from the dog to the audience.

Due to the complexity of the set ups and drills only

14 WORKING TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Each handler is allowed two dogs, but only one dog will be used on a given concept, skill or drill.

All applications will be reviewed and the most appropriate teams will be chosen for clinic. Those teams will be notified by email and listed on the KRC web sites and FB pages.

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

Transition to Advanced
Land & Water Marking Concepts
Land and Water Drills
Advanced Test Design
Advanced Training Theory
Mental Preparedness
Pro Tips for Handling Success
Handling Strategy: How to dissect a test and prepare to run.



- Schedule and Format -

Friday, June 22, 2018 - 8:30 to approx. 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 23, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m.

DAY 1: Check in will begin at 8:30 am on Friday morning.

9:00 am: Introduction. Discussion of where working teams are in training and what their goals are for the workshop. Working teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each teams abilities. Focus will be on advanced transition dogs. Intro to advanced drills, training set ups including land and water marks and blinds designed to introduce your dog to and prepare him/her for advanced work. Day will end with Q&A.

Days 2 and 3: 8:30 assemble for discussion of previous day's work and intro of advanced teams.

Focus will be on advanced dogs. Teams will run advanced drills, training set ups with advanced land and water marking concepts and advanced land and water blinds. Mitch will work with teams on advanced training theory, mental preparedness and how to dissect a test scenario to prepare a successful strategy for running and qualifying at a test.

Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a tentative schedule.

Topics covered each day may be adjusted due to the needs of the working teams, the weather or other factors. Topics listed are representative and not meant to be all inclusive.

There will be a tremendous amount of information presented each day so breaks and lunch times will vary.

Please bring a lunch and drinks you can eat on the run.

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LOCATION:

Rebel Ridge Farms, 295 Woods Road, Elkton, MD 21921



HOTELS and CAMPING

Please check with the hotel regarding their policy regarding dogs in room.
Hotel policies are subject to change.

Days Inn
311 Belle Hill Road
Elkton, MD 21921
410-392-5010

Elkton Lodge
200 Belle Hill Road
Elkton, MD 21921
410-398-9400

Motel 6
223 Belle Hill Road
Elkton, MD 21921
410-392-5020

Knights Inn
262 Belle Hill Road
Elkton, MD 21921
410-392-6680

Lums Pond State Park, 3355 Red Lion Road, Bear, DE 19701
Reservations at 877-98-PARKS or destateparks.com

Elk Neck State Park, 4395 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901
Reservations at 888-432-2267 or parkreservations.maryland.gov

What to Bring:

Participants and Auditors...

- Clothing and footwear appropriate for training your dog on land and water and appropriate to the weather forecast.
- Pad of paper, a pen, and a highlighter pen
- Chair and a clip board or something else to write on
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Plenty of water
- There will be NO food provided at this seminar so please bring a lunch.
- Questions

NO video cameras, please. Still pictures are allowed.



Working handlers should bring the following as well:

- Water for your dog
- Training Collar
- Tab Lead
- Regular lead (slip lead)
- Whistle
- E-collar (optional)
- Waders and/or chaps (optional)

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

Entries open January 15, 2018 for members, March 15th for everyone.

Limited to 14 working teams. Auditors unlimited.

No refunds after June 1, 2018 unless approved by Keystone RC

All applications will be reviewed and the most appropriate teams will be chosen for clinic.
Those teams will be notified by email and listed on the KRC web sites and FB pages.

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

Megan Baker, 1201 Gun Club Road, York Springs, PA 17372

Working Teams are limited to 14. Auditors are unlimited.

Entries open for Keystone Members on January 15, 2018

Member Working Team (circle your choice)

Day 1 - \$125.00 Day 2 & 3 - \$250.00 All 3 Days - \$350.00

Member Auditor (circle your choice)

Day 1 - \$ 50.00 Day 2 & 3 - \$ 75.00 All 3 Days - \$125.00

Entries open for Non Members on March 15, 2018

Non Member Working Team (circle your choice)

Day 1 - \$150.00 Day 2 & 3 - \$275.00 All 3 Days - \$400.00

Non Member Auditor (circle your choice)

Day 1 - \$ 75.00 Day 2 & 3 - \$125.00 All 3 Days - \$175.00

- All applications will be reviewed and the most appropriate teams will be chosen for the clinic. Those teams will be notified by email and listed on the Keystone Retriever Club website and FaceBook pages.
- Working Teams are limited to two (2) dogs per handler, however, only one (1) dog will be worked per concept/drill.
- No refunds for cancellations received after June 1, 2018 unless approved by the host club.
- Please fill out the information below. Feel free to use a separate page if you have additional information for Mitch.

Your Name:	
Phone:	E-Mail:
Call Name of Dog(s):	
Dog's Sex:	Dog's Age:
<p align="center">WORKING TEAM APPLICANTS: Please describe IN DETAIL the level your dog(s) is working at and what skills you would like to focus on during this workshop. <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., Keystone Retriever Club, Rebel Ridge Farms**, 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