

Gamekeepers Retrievers



**PROGRESSING YOUR DOG
4 DAY WORKSHOP
JULY 5, 2018 - JULY 8, 2018**

**BEAR COUNTRY RETRIEVERS, 420 PAUL THOMPSON ROAD
BETHPAGE, TN**



This will be a hands-on workshop.

Limited to 12 dog/handler working teams.

Working teams will receive instructional guidance directly from
Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers.

Auditors are welcome

(auditor spots are unlimited)

What to expect...

NEW WORKSHOP FOR 2018!

PROGRESSING YOUR DOG IS COMING TO BEAR COUNTRY FOR THE FOUR DAY!

PROGRESSING YOUR DOG is being presented to help handlers succeed in progressing their dog to the next training level. The focus of this workshop will be in analyzing each individual dog's performance, determining it's weaknesses and developing a plan to move the dog forward in its training. Participants will work on problem solving skills, drills and set ups tailored to each dog's needs. Mitch will instruct each handler on how to identify their dog's areas of weakness and will coach them on developing a plan to address these areas.



Auditors will benefit greatly from this workshop as well due to the varied issues that will be discussed and the insight Mitch will provide as to each unique situation. Auditors and Handlers alike will observe and be involved in discussions as each dog presents different behaviors. This method will allow attendees to learn how to analyze in the moment and read the dog's behavior.

"This will be the first seminar we have presented of this type. The presentation will be guided by the individual dogs attending. We wanted to provide a program that would focus on this aspect of training which sets a standard in problem analysis. The venue is outstanding, offering us many land and water locations with wonderful possibilities for quality dog training." - Mitch White

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

BRING US YOUR PROBLEMS, WE WILL FIND A SOLUTION AND HELP YOU PROGRESS YOUR DOG

Working Dog/Handler teams will be limited to running TWO (2) dogs throughout the seminar. Please note that only ONE (1) dog may be run per training segment.

The workshop will be held at:

Bear Country Retrievers and Gun Dogs 420 Paul Thompson Road, Bethpage, TN 37022

GPS Coordinates: 36.553778, -86.372184

Gamekeepers Retrievers would like to thank Sherie Catledge of Bear Country Retrievers and Gun Dogs for allowing us the use of these fabulous training grounds for this year's workshop. These incredible training grounds have been designed with the retriever in mind and will provide endless opportunity to train and challenge both you and your dog.

Directions:

From I-65 - Exit 117 (Portland, St. Road 52). East to Dobbins Pike (174) which is 13 miles from I-65. Right on 174 and left onto Oak Grove Church Road. Right on Paul Thompson Road and follow to 420.

From I-24/I-40 - Take I-40 to Exit 239 (109 North) through Gallatin and up Dobbins Pike.



Baymont Inn and Suites

354 Summer Hall Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066
(615) 230-8300

The Baymont is the preferred hotel of Bear Country Retrievers and Gun Dogs.
To receive a discounted rate with no extra pet fee charge, call the hotel directly and mention you are attending a seminar at Bear Country

Additional Hotels Available:

Quality Inn Gallatin

1001 Village Green Crossing
Gallatin, TN 37066
(615) 451-4494

Super 8

3811 Nashville Road
Franklin, KY 42134
(270) 586-5090

CAMPING:

Bear Country Retrievers and Gun Dogs

A limited number of hookups are available. Contact Sherie at brcntry@gmail.com

Bledsoe Creek State Park & Campground

400 Zieglers Fort Road, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-3706

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Due to the nature of the workshop, breaks and lunch times will vary. Please bring food and beverages you can eat on the run. There is a small country store close by where you can purchase gas, sandwiches, drinks, ice and other essentials.

Gamekeepers and Bear Country will host a dinner on the grounds one of the evenings. More details will be provided closer to the event. A list of area restaurants will be provided so workshop participants can organize group dinners on the other evenings as desired.

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Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd. to:

Maria White, 16100 Township Road 390, Frazeytsburg, OH 43822

Contact us via e-mail at gamekprs@gmail.com or phone at 630-294-7127

\$500.00 Working Handler/Dog Team Limited to two dogs per handler and only one dog may work in each individual segment.

\$150.00 Auditor Fee Unlimited Auditing spots are available. PLEASE NOTE: Limited opportunities exist for a free auditing spot in exchange for working the workshop. Contact Maria for information.

All entrants will receive a detailed Workshop Booklet designed for this workshop.

Working entries will close when limit is reached. Deadline for Auditors June 15, 2018.

NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER: June 1, 2018

- Due to the demand for working spots, only fully paid entries will be accepted. Entries must be sent via USPS. No need to overnight mail as the order of receipt will be based on postmark date. In the event more than 12 entries are received, working spots will be awarded by draw.
- You will be notified via e-mail if you are awarded a working spot.
- 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.

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 workshop and to learn valuable field training skills from experienced trainers, I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., Bear Country Retrievers**, their respective 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 workshop 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 workshop, 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

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
- 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 countless field titles each year, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Mitch’s training manuals will be available for purchase at the workshop 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

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

Identifying weaknesses and prescribing exercises for them
Learn to pinpoint issues on the fly and adjust your approach to an exercise to help the dog progress
Reading a scenario to analyze how your individual dog is likely to react
Build a training plan for progress



- Schedule -

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 5 - July 7 - 9:00 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 8 - 9:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm

- Format -

(subject to change as necessary during the workshop)

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

9:00 am: Introduction. Discussion of where Working Teams are in training and of their goals for the workshop. Working Teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each Working Teams’ abilities.

Day 1 will continue with working one on one with each team. Focus will be in determining weaknesses and designing training scenarios and/or drills that will help each team turn that weakness into a strength. Day will end with Q&A.

Day 2 and 3: 9:00 meet at the barn. Discussion of previous day’s work. Each team will continue working with Mitch on targeted exercises designed pinpoint weaknesses and progress the dog in training. Extensive land and water work will be featured in the form of yardwork, drills, marks, blinds, test like scenarios, etc. Analysis of each dogs performance and how to troubleshoot the problems will be discussed as well as discussion on why a particular drill or set up is the prescribed solution. Day will end with Q&A.

Day 4: 9:00 meet at the barn. Discussion of previous day’s work, then out to the field for a continuation training. Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE: This workshop is fluid and topics covered will be based on the needs of the dogs as they present training weaknesses.

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.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.