

# Gamekeepers Retrievers



## THE MASTER CLASS FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

APRIL 26 - 28, 2019

PRESENTED BY GAMEKEEPERS RETRIEVERS, LTD.

HELD AT CANVASBACK KENNELS,  
872 GARY ROAD, CAMDEN, SC 29020



This will be a working seminar with lecture, demonstration and training. Working teams will run a full mock master hunt test. Test strategy will be discussed. Teams will be scored and evaluated focusing on improving performance and achieving success.

**Limited to 30 Working teams. Auditors are welcome.**

**WORKING DOGS MUST BE TRAINING/RUNNING AT THE  
AKC MASTER OR UKC FINISHED LEVEL.**

## WELCOME TO THE MASTER CLASS!

Do you have a dog currently running AKC Master tests?

Do you want to learn more about the elements of a Master test and how judges design the tests you run?

Would you like to learn how to evaluate each set up and devise a strategy for running that will give you and your dog the best chance to earn a pass?

If you answered yes, then this is the seminar for you!



Mitch White, Professional Trainer and AKC Master Judge, along with Master Judges, Sherie Catledge and Ed Zawodny, will present a 3 day seminar designed to discuss and demonstrate the components of an AKC Master Test. Mitch, Sherie and Ed will discuss the required elements of Master, the rules governing Master tests and how they are applied in the evaluation and scoring of working dogs. They will explain a test is designed and will help each working team break down the test to develop a plan for running that will maximize their chance for earning a pass.

A full Master Test will be run during the seminar. Teams will be evaluated as if running an actual test. Runs reviewed and each performance will be discussed focusing on identifying areas needing improvement and providing training tips for each.

Working 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/mock test series.

Auditors are welcome and encouraged to participate by getting involved in the discussions and Q&A sessions.

## Topics will include but are not limited to...

Rules and Regulations of the AKC

Master Hunt Test

Master Test Development and Design

Planning Your Winning Strategy

Mock AKC Master Test

Scoring and Evaluation of the Working Team

Identifying Weaknesses and Targeting Your Training to Improve



## - Schedule -

**Friday, April 26** - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 27** - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm

**Sunday, April 28** - 8:30 am until conclusion of 3rd series of the Mock Test.

## - Format -

(subject to change as necessary during the workshop)

### DAY 1:

Check in will begin at 8:30 am on Friday morning at Canvasback Kennels (872 Gary Road, Camden, SC 29020).

Introduction of Judges and overview of seminar. Discussion of the rules, regulations and required elements of an AKC Master Hunt Test. How to break-down the elements of each series and plan your strategy for running a series. Run Mock Test First Series. Day will end with a Q&A Session.

### Day 2:

8:30 am meet at the grounds for discussion of previous day's work with Q&A.

Mock Test - Second Series.

Q&A Session

### Day 3:

8:30 meet at the grounds for discussion of previous day's work with Q&A.

Mock Test - Third Series

### MOCK TEST GUIDELINES:

All working teams will run each series of the Mock Test as if in an actual test, following AKC Hunt Test rules and regulations. Judges will describe each series, how it was developed and the required elements involved. Discussion will ensue about developing a strategy for running your dog. Judges will evaluate each dog and the evaluations will be discussed.

Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of Day 3.



**Mitch White – Professional Trainer and AKC Master Judge:**

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. Since Mitch trains many different breeds, he often has to get “outside of the box” from popular retriever training methods. He is well known for his adaptable, teaching approach.

Since becoming a professional trainer in 2004, Mitch’s clients and students have earned countless field titles, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Mitch has been judging all levels of AKC Hunt Test for decades.

**Sherie Catledge - AKC Master Judge / Bear Country Retrievers:**

AKC Judge and Owner of Bear Country Retrievers, Sherie has been judging all levels of AKC Hunt Test since 1998. She also judges both Derby and Qualifying field trial stakes.

As an experienced trainer, Sherie knows what it is like to be the person on the line, planning the strategy and guiding her teammate to the ribbon. As a judge, a handler, a trainer and an excellent handling coach for those who come to train at the Bear Country grounds, Sherie’s insights are invaluable.



**Ed Zawodny - AKC Master Judge**

As both a successful owner/handler and judge, Ed provides perspective from both sides of the line. Ed’s experience in training and running his own dogs at all levels gives him a great perspective to help you analyze your performance. Ed’s view will help you learn how a handler should view a test scenario and break it down to run it. Plus, he will to discuss both how a judge sets up a test series and then how he scores your teams performance when you run that series.

**COME FOR THE SEMINAR,  
STAY FOR THE AKC MASTER TESTS!!**

Are you enjoying South Carolina and happy to get away from the cold? Then stay! Plans are underway for three AKC Master Tests immediately following the seminar.

**MID-WEEK DOUBLE AKC MASTER TEST**

April 30 - May 2, 2019

Held by Palmetto Retriever Club  
at the Canvasback Kennels grounds  
Camden, South Carolina

**AKC MASTER, SENIOR, JUNIOR TEST**

May 4 - 5, 2019

Held by the Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont, Inc.  
at the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial Area  
Cheraw, South Carolina

Event details will be on [entryexpress.net](http://entryexpress.net) when available.

**HOTELS / CAMPING:**

Check with the hotel and campground regarding dog policies, rates, possible pet deposits that may be required, etc.

**Days Inn by Wynham**

542 US-601  
Lugoff, SC 29078  
(803) 438-1807

**Colony Inn & Cafe**

2020 W. Dekalb St.  
Camden, SC 29020  
(803) 432-5508

**Red Roof Inn**

1211 Camden Road  
Sumter, SC 29153  
(803) 469-4740

**Holiday Inn Express**

419 Sumter Hwy  
Camden, SC 29020  
(803) 424-5000

**RV Hookups and Campground:**

Columbia Camden RV Park  
1354 Fort Jackson Road, Lugoff, SC 29078  
(803) 438-8774

**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.

Seminar materials contain proprietary information and are copywritten by Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd. They may not be shared with a third party without written consent.

# The Master Class - April 26 - 28, 2019 in Camden, SC

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

**\$450.00 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.

**All entrants will receive a detailed seminar booklet designed for this program.**

**Deadline for all March 15, 2019 or when entry limit is reached whichever is first.**

**NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER: APRIL 1, 2019**

- Due to the demand for working spots, only fully paid entries will be accepted.
- You will be notified via e-mail if you are awarded a working spot.
- Registrations received after working spots fill will be notified. You will be given the choice of being placed on a waiting list or being given an auditing spot and refund of fee difference.

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| <b>Your Name:</b>  |                   |
| <b>Phone:</b>  | <b>E-Mail:</b>    |
| <b>*** Your Years of Experience ***</b>  |                   |
| <b>Hunt Tests (years):</b>   | <b>(titles)</b>   |
| <b>Club Tests (years):</b>   | <b>(titles)</b>   |
| <b>WORKING HANDLERS: Please complete dog information</b>   |                   |
| <b>Call Name of Dog:</b>   |                   |
| <b>Dog's Sex:</b>  | <b>Dog's Age:</b> |
| <p><b>Please describe your dogs strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please):</b><br/> <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., Canvasback Kennels**, 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:

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Date Participant