

# Gamekeepers Retrievers



## FROM STARTED TO SEASONED 2 Day Seminar for Retrievers

May 25 - 26, 2019

Mt. Ararat Farm, 155 Mt. Ararat Farm Road  
Port Deposit, MD 21904



### Hosted by: Conowingo HRC

Event Secretary - Elizabeth Ringelman  
3318 Serenity Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117

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This will be a "hands-on" workshop limited to 12 dog/handler participant teams. You and your dog will receive instructional guidance directly from Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers.

**Auditors are welcome**

Do you have a young dog or a new puppy you want to start in the field? Are you currently working a dog through the basics? Have you been at it for while, but need help diagnosing possible holes in your foundation? Would you like help improving your basic training skills? Have you passed a few Started tests and want to make the jump to Seasoned? Are you looking for drills for your Seasoned dog to insure success and set you up to move on to Finished in the future? If any of these apply to you, then this workshop is a must attend for you and your dog.



A solid foundation of basic retrieving skills is essential for the future success of you and your dog. Mitch will help you to develop a program for you and your dog to build a strong foundation for your Started dog. Then he will show you how to build on that foundation with the drills and skills needed to take you through Seasoned.

Mitch White is an excellent speaker and Gamekeepers Retrievers Workshops are considered to be among the best of their kind. Mitch is one of those rare dog trainers who is just as good with people as he is with dogs.

There will be 12 working spots offered for a handler and his/her dog. Each working dog will get to run through the training drills and set-ups to the limit of the ability of the dog and its handler. Mitch will provide a printed guide for reference.

Auditors are encouraged and will receive the printed guide.

***Everyone is encouraged to ask questions!***

In keeping with hunt test rules, no bitches in season allowed.

Entry will be refunded with veterinarian note.

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

Foundation Training for Started Dogs  
inc. Force Fetch and Pile Work  
Marking Concepts on Land and Water  
Land Blinds / Water Blinds  
Marking and Handling Drills  
Introducing Multiples  
Water Drills / Swim By / De-Cheating  
Diversion Birds  
Honoring / Steadying



## Schedule and Format

**Saturday, May 25, 2019** - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm

**Sunday, May 26, 2019** - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Saturday opens with a lecture from Mitch on Gamekeepers methods and how these methods will be applied over the course of the seminar. Discussion will ensue with each working handler to discuss their issues and establish where each owner thinks their dog is at in training. Mitch will then run each team through a set up for evaluation.

Working teams will work their dogs under Mitch's direct guidance for the remainder of the day on various drills and set ups designed to help each team progress at either the started or seasoned level. During training, Mitch will answer questions from all participants and auditors that arise about the training techniques that are being taught.

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.

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

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

## LOCATION:

### Mt. Ararat Farms

**155 Mt. Ararat Farm Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904**

Directions: Take Rte. 95 to exit 93, follow signs to Rte. 222 north and Port Deposit, Maryland. 222 will take a left turn onto Bainbridge Rd shortly after coming off the highway. Turn right onto Mt. Ararat Farm Road. Watch for arrows to Conowingo HRC.

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## HOTELS:

Please check with hotels for current dog policies:

Red Roof Inn  
Aberdeen, Maryland  
(410) 273-7800

Days Inn  
Perryville, Maryland  
(844) 253-1068

La Quinta  
Elkton, Maryland  
(410) 620-9494

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## FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

Conowingo HRC offers lunch each day at no charge for working teams.

Auditors may purchase lunches for \$5 per day

Water and drinks will be provided.



## What to Bring to the Seminar:

### Working 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
- Training 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 \$40 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) - \$40

Gamekeeper’s Transition Manual (175 pages) - \$40

## From Started to Seasoned - May 25 - 26, 2019

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

Elizabeth Ringelman, 3318 Serenity Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117  
Only the first 12 Working Handler/Dog Teams will be accepted, others will be waitlisted.

- \$250.00 CHRC Member / \$350.00 Non-Member Working Handler/Dog Team
- \$50.00 CHRC Member Saturday Auditing Fee / Free on Sunday
- \$75.00 PER DAY Non-Member Auditing Fee (indicate which day: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Deadline for sign up is May 1, 2019 (no refunds for cancellation after May 1, 2019\*)**

- Priority for working spots will be given to CHRC members until March 15, 2019
- Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will notify you via e-mail 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.
- \*Bitches in season will be given a refund for cancellation with the presentation of a veterinarian's note.

<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>  <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., Conowingo HRC and Mt. Ararat Farms**, 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 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:

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Date Participant