



## THE BLIND WORKSHOP

A 3 DAY WORKSHOP FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

SEPTEMBER 13 - 15, 2019

HELD AT JAKER'S ACRES, SWETLIC PROPERTY  
17365 GAMBIER ROAD, MOUNT VERNON, OHIO



PRESENTED BY:

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**SEMINAR LIMITED TO 14 WORKING TEAMS**

WORKING ENTRIES WILL CLOSE WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED.  
AUDITORS ARE UNLIMITED AND CLOSE AUGUST 30, 2019  
NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2019

## **What To Expect:**

This workshop will help handlers succeed in the training and running of better land and water blinds. The focus of this workshop is solely on blinds and will only utilize marks as they influence blinds. Throughout each day, 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:** Each working 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. His program has been developed to utilize an approach that works with all breeds of retrievers. One of the main ingredients of his 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 pre-

vented them from progressing. 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.

## **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 Dog that are through transition drills well enough to run a basic cold blind will get the most out of this seminar.

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## **LOCATION:**

**Jaker's Acres - The Swetlic Property**

**17365 Gambier Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio**

**GPS USERS PLEASE NOTE:**

**Entrance address is 17361 Gambier Road**

The property is east of downtown Mount Vernon, South of Coshocton Avenue (Route 36) off of Gambier Road (Route 229)

The nearest intersection is Gambier Road and Easter Star Road

Proceed down the driveway at 17361 Gambier Road. Drive drive past the houses until you reach the outdoor kitchen,

This is the seminar headquarters.

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## **Accomodations:**

Pet friendly accommodations near the seminar location:

Super 8, 1000 Coshocton Ave, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 740-397-8885

Comfort Inn, 150 Howard St., Mount Vernon, OH 43050 740-392-6886

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## **FOOD AND BEVERAGES:**

There are many restaurant and fast food options near the seminar site. However, it is recommended you pack a lunch as break times may not be long enough to permit a trip into town.

Please bring plenty of water for you and your dogs.

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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, Frazeysburg, 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. 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 August 30, 2019.

**NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER: August 15, 2019**

- 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 14 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:**

**E-Mail:**

**Phone:**

**Working Teams, please complete dog information:**

**Call Name of Dog:**

**Breed:**      **Dog's Age/Sex:**

**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).

## 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.**, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents and/or Seminar Secretary and **Jim and Beckie Swetlic**, 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

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Participant

## **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
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- Equipment you would normally use when running your dog on blinds.
  - E-collar (optional, but highly recommended)

**There are a variety of restaurant and fast food options in the area.**

**Due to the nature of this workshop, 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. Thank you to the Swetlic's for opening up their property to those who want to further their training." - Mitch White*

### **- Schedule and Format -**

**Friday, September 13, 2019 - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 - 8:30 am to approx. 3:30 pm**

Friday morning will begin with an introductory lecture on blinds, blind concepts and the theories on training for blinds on both land and water 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.

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