

Gamekeepers Retrievers



WATER WORKSHOP

A 3 Day Workshop for Retriever Handlers

August 2 - 4, 2019

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

THE WATER WORKSHOP IS COMING!

Water training is one of the toughest challenges faced by competitors in the field. It's not just the training challenges presented when you transition your dog from land drills and marks to water drills and marks, but also the challenges you face in finding "good" water on which to train.

The Water Workshop is designed for dogs and handlers of all skill levels. You and your dog will learn different concepts in marking and blind work on the water. Mitch will work with each dog/handler team to help develop with dog's confidence and skills in the water.



Introduction to water, water marking drills and water marks will be covered, along with water blinds, water handling drills, land and water combinations, water entry concepts, how to de-cheat and more. Many of the concepts taught in this workshop will be the same ones utilized by Hunt Test judges when they are setting

up tests. Mitch will use his judging experience to design water test scenarios for dog/handler teams to dissect and run.

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.

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

Everyone attending the seminar will be presented with a workbook of the material Mitch will be covering over the three days.

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...

Intro to Water Work

Water Marking Concepts

Water Drills

Water Test Design

Water Training Theory

Mental Preparedness

Pro Tips for Handling Success

Handling Strategy: How to dissect

a water set up and run it successfully.



- Schedule and Format -

Friday, August 2, 2019 - 8:30 to approx. 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 3, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 4, 2019 - 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 water set up and/or water drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each teams abilities. Intro to water drills, training set ups including water marks and blinds designed to introduce your dog to and prepare him/her for all levels of water work. Day will end with Q&A.

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

Focus will be on building skills from the previous sessions. Teams will run more advanced water drills, training set ups with higher level water marking concepts and water blinds. Some land/water combinations will also be introduced with discussion on how water influences these set ups. Mitch will work with teams on water training theory, mental preparedness and how to dissect a water 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.

YOUR HOST IS THE KEYSTONE RETRIEVER CLUB,

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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 June 1, 2019 for members, June 15th for everyone.
Limited to 14 working teams. Auditors unlimited.
No refunds after July 15, 2019 unless approved by Keystone RC

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