

Gamekeepers Retrievers



SKILLS AND DRILLS

A 2 DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

NOVEMBER 21 – 22, 2020

Presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd.

Hosted By: SoVa Retrievers, LLC

Held at: 3897 Payneton Road, Chatham, VA

Registration is now open. Entries close on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020.

This is a hands-on workshop. **WORKING SPOTS ARE FULL.** Auditors are welcome and limited to 10 auditing spots. 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.

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 dog. Then he will show you how to build on that foundation with the drills and skills needed to take you through to the transition level or beyond.

This workshop will start with a review of all the basic skills. Essential for new dogs and handlers, as well as a great review for those further along, this basic skills review will help you get started or help you identify areas of weakness in your dog's foundation training. Mitch will then focus heavily on drills. Drills are great for dogs of all levels. The drills presented in this workshop will cover all levels. The workshop will end by covering the transition and advanced level skills needed to succeed in at higher competition levels.



Mitch White, Gamekeepers Retrievers Head Field Trainer:

Mitch has been training retrievers for field work since 1988. A true student of the game, Mitch has developed a program that goes outside the box to enable all breeds of retrievers to succeed at the highest level. Knowing that every dog is an individual, and that fairness must be at the forefront of all training, Mitch creates a skillset in his dogs that allows them to make decisions, correcting poor decisions and praising good decisions. Mitch has rehabilitated many dogs that have been washed out by other trainers, teaching them to confidently go further in training. Since 2004, Mitch's clients and students have earned countless field titles, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists as well as dogs with field trial placements. The author of the Basics and Transition

Manuals, he is expecting his Advanced and Drills Manuals to be released in 2021. Mitch is also a highly sought-after AKC Master judge.

Event Secretary: Jim Buchanan, 1202 Logan Ln Ringgold, Va. 24586

QUESTIONS? Email: sovaretrievers@gmail.com or Text (434) 203-2478

Location: 3897 Payneton Road, Chatham, VA

Accommodations – Please follow all hotel for pet policies and remember to represent our sport positively by picking up after your dog:

Hampton Inn in Greta
200 McBride Drive
Gretna, VA 24557
888-389-4121

Veterinarian:

Chatham Animal Clinic, 34 Pruden St., Chatham, VA (434) 432-2273

Meals: Details about meals and a possible tailgate party will be forwarded closer to the event.

Workshop Schedule

Saturday – Nov. 21, 2020 Check in at 8:00 am. Workshop runs from 8:30 to 4:30 pm

Saturday – Nov. 22, 2020 Workshop begins 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

SATURDAY: Check in will begin at 8:00 am. Workshop will begin at 8:30 am. Introduction and overview of workshop. Day 1 will focus on basic skills and drills. From helping new dogs and handlers get started, to working with more experienced dogs to identify and repair any holes in foundation work. After the basics are covered Mitch will introduce drills designed to build teamwork and advance your dog's training. Day will end with a Q&A discussion.

SUNDAY: Workshop will begin at 8:30 am with a brief Q&A covering the previous day's work. Mitch will begin the day teaching drills for all levels. He will then introduce more advanced skills needed to for success at the higher levels of field competition. 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 and handlers and may be adjusted due to the weather or other factors. Topics listed are representative and not meant to be all inclusive.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.

NO VIDEO CAMERAS ALLOWED – STILL PHOTOS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

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

NOTE REGARDING COVID-19: Social Distancing and other safety protocols will be observed to the best of our ability in accordance with the policies in affect at the time of the seminar. By your attendance at this event, you are accepting all risk for your own health and safety. Please do not attend if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick. Thank you.

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Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to: SoVa Retrievers, LLC. If you wish to pay via Venmo, please text Jim at (434) 203-2478 for account information.

Mail to Jim Buchanan 1202 Logan Ln Ringgold, Va. 24586

Working Teams Are Now Full

\$150.00 Auditor (Limit 10)

Entry Deadline for working spots is November 15, 2020 or when entry limit is reached. 10 Auditors will be accepted until November 15, 2020. All workshop fees must be submitted with the application. No refunds for working team cancellations unless the opening can be filled. No refunds for auditor cancellations received after November 15, 2020.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:
Dog's Name/Breed:	
Please briefly describe your testing experience and list your goals for this workshop.	

Please sign below and return this form along with payment and the completed registration form.

SKILLS AND DRILLS – WAIVER AND AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that in consideration of the acceptance of this workshop's registration form and the opportunity to attend the workshop and to learn valuable field training skills from Mitch White, Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., and SoVa Retrievers, LLC.**, and the owners or lessors of any premises used during the workshop and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss, injury or illness which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of any 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 my dog(s) by disappearance, theft, damage or injury caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence 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 or illness, including death at any time resulting therefrom, 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, illness, 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.

I (we) also agree that I (we) give express permission to **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., and SoVa Retrievers, LLC.** and/or their respective agents to use any photographs taken at the seminar for personal use, in social media or for advertisement at their discretion. If you decline to let photographs of you or your dogs be used, please check this box and initial here: _____

Please read the premium information, Waiver and Agreement carefully, fill out your registration form completely, sign below and return it with your paid entry.

Dated: _____

Working Participant/Auditor

Dated: _____

Guest