

Gamekeepers Retrievers



DESIGNING RETRIEVER TRAINING SET-UPS SEMINAR



APRIL 24 - 25, 2010

AT BANNER MARSH IN CANTON, IL

HOSTED BY:

THE FLAT-COATED

RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS

A MEMBER OF

THE FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

SEMINAR LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

SIGN UP EARLY!!!

EARLY BIRD CLOSING DATE: APRIL 1, 2010
ENTRIES WILL CLOSE WHEN LIMIT IS REACHED.

Mitch White is a licensed AKC/UKC judge with many years of experience judging at all levels. Mitch has also judged countless National Specialty and Regional breed working title events. He makes his living as a professional dog trainer and handler.

This seminar is being presented to help handlers, trainers and judges understand the mechanics and elements involved in setting up a training scenario for retrievers. While drills will not be presented at this particular seminar, some drill-like set-ups will be utilized.

Different throwing patterns will be discussed and used as well as the placement of blinds. Elements that influence dogs marking and placement of marks will be taught.

Participants will learn how to design a set-up for training and testing purposes and then each Participant will be involved in setting up scenarios. Participants will have the opportunity to run their dogs on some of the set-ups that are designed by the group.



“This seminar is designed to provide an understanding of how to set up marks and blinds that will challenge and advance your dog. It is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to be involved in retriever training or judging. There will not be a formal discussion of the rules of tests, rather the focus will be a ‘how to’ in setting up scenarios within the rules of most retriever test formats”...Mitch White

Who should attend this seminar?

Anybody who:

- Wants to learn how to design marks and blinds.
- Wishes to learn how factors affect marks and blinds.
- Desires to understand how various elements influence a dog’s work.
- Wants to judge tests.
- Needs to train for advanced AKC/UKC tests.
- Wants to learn techniques in training set-ups.
- Enjoys field dog training on a regular basis.

Should I plan on bringing my dog?

This seminar is about set-up design for effective training and is geared toward educating the handler on using various design techniques. We will be running a limited number of dogs on each set up for demonstration purposes. You are encouraged to bring your dog, but please remember time will not allow for every dog to run every set-up.

Please remember...

This seminar is not about training methods. If your dog is selected to run a particular set-up and is not successful, we will not be able to spend time addressing training issues. Our focus will be on how the marks and blinds affected the dogs performance. Discussion will focus on how to set-up challenging marks and blinds that you can utilize in training.

You don’t need to own a retriever to attend:

Anybody is welcome to attend the seminar. The techniques discussed will cross over to any breed. However, the set-ups will be specific to AKC/UKC Retriever Hunt Tests.



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LOCATION:

Banner Marsh Wildlife Area
19721 N. US 24, Canton, IL

Directions to the Site:

From I-55, take exit #163, onto I-74 west for 28 miles. Take exit #99, onto I-474 West for approximately 8 miles, which will bypass Peoria. Take exit #6A onto US Rte 24 West (McKinley St.), and travel approximately 21 miles. Watch for FCRCI signs, which will mark the entrance.

HOTELS/MOTELS:

Heritage Grand, 1150 E. Linn St., Caton, IL 309 / 647-9675

Super 8, 2110 N. Main St., Canton, IL 309 / 647-1888

FOOD:

Saturday's lunch will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided by the host club.

Sunday's lunch will be provided by the host club. The menu will be grilled cheeseburgers & accoutrements, prepared by celebrity chef Roger Ehret.

Special Sunday Lunchtime Event

Sunday lunchtime entertainment – Scurries! Timed retrieves of a straightforward bumper mark. Timing begins & ends when dog crosses the start / finish line – neither steadiness nor delivery to hand are considerations.

Rosettes offered for sought after titles:

Fastest Retriever in IL
Fastest Puppy in IL (12 months & under)
Fastest Veteran in IL (8 years +)

\$10 / 3 runs; sign-up on grounds.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SATUDAY

APRIL 24, 2010

8:00 AM TO APPROX. 5:00 PM

Designing a set-up for all levels of dogs
Judging at Tests
Concept Marks
Elements of Marks
Day One Set-Ups

SUNDAY

APRIL 25, 2010

8:00 AM TO APPROX. 5:00 PM

Individual Participant Marks
Blind Set-ups
More Set-ups
The Finished Product

This seminar will help you understand how elements influence a dog during training and at tests. It will provide you with a better understanding of how to design a set-up that will challenge your dog. I believe that if you bring home one great idea from a seminar, then it is well worth the money invested. I hope you will bring home many ideas from this seminar!

What to bring to the seminar:

- Seminar will be held outdoors, so be prepared for any weather (Warm, Rain, Snow...)
- Pad of paper, a pen, a highlighter pen
- Chair
- Lots of questions
- Equipment you would use to run your dogs on marks (i.e. whistle, lead, collar)
- NO VIDEO CAMERAS please - still pictures are allowed



SIGN UP FORM

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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - 25, 2010

AT BANNER MARSH, IN CANTON, IL

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

Karen Peterson, 323 S. Humphrey, Oak Park, IL 60302

SEMINAR IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.

Entries will close when entry limit is reached.
All seminar fees must be submitted with application.

EARLY BIRD PRICING FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2010

\$75.00 - Early Bird Fee for FCRCI Member

\$85.00 - Early Bird Fee for Non - FCRCI Member

SEMINAR PRICING FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 1, 2010

\$115.00 - Seminar Fee for FCRCI Member

\$125.00 - Seminar Fee for Non - FCRCI Member

Your Name:	
Address:	
City:	City:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:
E-mail:	



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.; The Flat-coated Retriever Club of Illinois and The Flat-coated Retriever Society of America, Inc., their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents; and The State of Illinois, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, and its employees;** 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:

Date

Participant