

Gamekeepers Retrievers



PRESENTS...

A FIELD WORKSHOP

for Retriever Handlers

August 25 - 26, 2012

Richard Bong State Recreation Area, Highway 142

Kansasville, Wisconsin



Hosted by:

The Flat-coated Retriever Club of Illinois

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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

What to expect...

This workshop is geared towards training the individual dog/handler team. It's content will be personalized based on the needs, goals and interests of each participant and their dog. Mitch will teach you how to implement training drills, exercises and techniques so you will achieve success. When not working your dog, you will learn a great deal from watching the other dog/handler teams work and listening to lectures. We will work on Basic, Transition (Senior) and Advanced training.

- Participants & Dogs -



To make the most of this workshop, your dog should have a basic desire to retrieve and have good obedience skills. Your dog should also have been exposed to marks.

The seminar is open to dogs and handlers from beginning level to Transition level through Advanced work. All levels will be addressed. The training will be individualized, and will include working on sets of exercises and drills geared toward advancing your retriever. There will also be an in depth discussion of the Gamekeepers Retrievers training program.

In order for everyone to have ample opportunity to work their dogs, we are limiting handlers to two dogs (2) per handler for the workshop. However, please note that only one dog per handler may be worked during each of the individual training segments. There will be several training segments during each day so that you and your dogs will get the most of this workshop.

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

Basics (to include Force Fetch)
Lining & Casting
Blinds
Marking Concepts
Setting up training concepts
Advanced Drills
Introduction to Water
Water Drills/Swim By/De-Cheating



- Schedule and Format -

Saturday, August 25th — 8:00 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 26th — 8:00 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Saturday morning begins with a determination of what issues owners are having with their dogs and where each owner thinks their dog is at in their field training. Mitch will then present a lecture on Gamekeepers methods and how these methods will apply to these situations.

Working handler/dog teams will all work their dogs 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.

Each handler/dog team will learn training drills and techniques appropriate to their skill level. 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.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED BOTH DAYS.

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



LOCATION:

Richard Bong State Recreation Area Kansasville, WI

Richard Bong State Recreation Area is located 8 miles southeast of Burlington, Wisconsin, on State Highway 142. The entrance is a little less than a mile west of State Highway 75. The latitude is 42° 38' 6.8" north and longitude 88° 7' 36.5" west.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/bong/>

HOTELS/MOTELS:

Check with the motel regarding rates, dogs in the room and pet deposits that may be required.

Value In Motel, Pleasant Prairie, WI
Hotel Phone: 1-262-857-2622

Rainbow Motel, Burlington, WI
Phone: 1-262-763-2491

Super 8 Motel, Pleasant Prairie, WI
Phone: 1-262-694-2510

La Quinta Inn, Pleasant Prairie, WI
Phone: 262-857-7911

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please note that the Richard Bong State Recreation Area charges a \$10/day use fee (\$7/day for Wisconsin Residents) if you have not purchased an annual pass.

This fee is NOT included in your seminar registration.
If you are not a pass holder,
you should be prepared to pay at the gate.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

Food Service is NOT available at the Bong Recreation Area.

The Flat-coated Retriever Club of Illinois will be providing coffee and donuts for breakfast and they will also provide lunch and beverages. These meals are included in your entry fee

It can be quite hot here in August, so please bring plenty of water for you and your dogs.

What to Bring to the Seminar:

Working Handler/Dog 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
- Choke or Pinch 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 \$35 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) —\$35

Gamekeeper’s Transition Manual (175 pages) —\$35

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

Chris VanByssum, 8714 New England Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Only the first 12 Working Handler/Dog Teams will be accepted.

- \$215.00 Working Handler/Dog Team** Limited to two dogs per handler and only one dog may work in each individual segment.
- \$100.00 Auditor Fee** Unlimited Auditing spots are available. PLEASE NOTE: Limited opportunities exist for a free auditing spot in exchange for working the seminar. Contact Chris for information.

All entrants will receive a Workshop Booklet designed for this seminar.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: August 1, 2012

NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER: August 1, 2012

- Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will notify you via e-mail or phone 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.
- Please use a separate page if you have additional information you wish to share with Mitch.

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| Your Name: | |
| Phone: | E-Mail: |
| *** Your Years of Experience *** | |
| Hunt Tests (years): | (titles) |
| Club Tests (years): | (titles) |
| WORKING HANDLERS: Please complete dog information | |
| Call Name of Dog: | |
| Dog's Sex: | Dog's Age: |
| <p>Please describe your dogs strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please): <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., The Flat-coated Retriever Club of Illinois and The Flat-coated Retriever Society of America**, its 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:

Date

Participant