

Gamekeepers Retrievers



THE MASTER CLASS FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS MARCH 17 - 19, 2017

PRESENTED BY GAMEKEEPERS RETRIEVERS, LTD.
AT BEAR COUNTRY RETRIEVERS,
420 PAUL THOMPSON ROAD, BETHPAGE, TN



This will be a working seminar with lecture, demonstration and training. Working teams will run a full mock master hunt test. Test strategy will be discussed. Teams will be scored and evaluated focusing on improving performance and achieving success.

Limited to 30 Working teams. Auditors are welcome.
**WORKING DOGS MUST BE TRAINING/RUNNING AT THE
AKC MASTER OR UKC FINISHED LEVEL.**

What to expect...

WELCOME TO THE MASTER CLASS!

Do you have a dog currently running AKC Master tests?

Do you want to learn more about the elements of a Master test and how judges design the tests you run?

Would you like to learn how to evaluate each set up and devise a strategy for running that will give you and your dog the best chance to earn a pass?

If you answered yes, then this is the seminar for you!



Mitch White, Professional Trainer and AKC Master Judge, along with respected Master Judges, Sherie Catledge and Joe Smithberger, will present a three day seminar designed to discuss and demonstrate the components of an AKC Master Test. Mitch, Sherie and Joe will discuss the required elements of Master, the rules governing Master tests and how they are applied in the evaluation and scoring of working dogs. They will demonstrate how each series is designed and will help each working team break down the series and develop a strategy for running that will maximize each teams chance for earning a pass.

A full mock Master Test will be run during days two and three of the seminar. Working teams will be evaluated and scored as if running an actual test. Scores will be reviewed and each performance will be discussed focusing on identifying areas needing improvement and providing training tips for each.

Working 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/mock test series.

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

Topics will include but are not limited to...

Rules and Regulations of the AKC

Master Hunt Test

Master Test Development and Design

Planning Your Winning Strategy

Mock AKC Master Test

Scoring and Evaluation of the Working Team

Identifying Weaknesses and Targeting

Your Training to Improve



- Schedule -

Friday, March 17 - 8:30 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 18 - 9:00 am to approx. 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 19 - 9:00 am until conclusion of mock test.

- Format -

(subject to change as necessary during the workshop)

DAY 1:

Check in will begin at 8:30 am on Friday morning at the barn.

Introduction of Judges and overview of seminar. Discussion of the rules, regulations and required elements of an AKC Master Hunt Test. How to break-down the elements of each series and plan your strategy for running a series. Pre-Mock Test Training Session. Day will end with a Q&A Session.

Day 2:

9:00 am meet at the barn for discussion of previous day's work with Q&A.

Mock Test - First Series.

Mock Test - Second Series.

Day 3:

9:00 meet at the barn for discussion of previous day's work with Q&A.

Mock Test - Second Series Conclusion (if necessary)

Mock Test - Third Series

MOCK TEST GUIDELINES:

All working teams will run each series of the Mock Test as if in an actual test, following AKC Hunt Test rules and regulations. Judges will describe each series, how it was developed and the required elements involved. Discussion will ensue about developing a strategy for running your dog. Judges will score each dog and scores will be provided and discussed.

Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of Day 3.



Mitch White – Professional Trainer and AKC Master Judge:

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. Since Mitch trains many different breeds, he often has to get “outside of the box” from popular retriever training methods. He is well known for his adaptable, teaching approach.

Since becoming a professional trainer in 2004, Mitch’s clients and students have earned over 60 field titles per year, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Mitch has been judging all levels of AKC Hunt Test for over 20 years.

Sherie Catledge - AKC Master Judge / Bear Country Retrievers:

AKC Judge and Owner of Bear Country Retrievers, Sherie has been judging all levels of AKC Hunt Test since 1998. She also judges both Derby and Qualifying field trial stakes.

As an experienced trainer, Sherie knows what it is like to be the person on the line, planning the strategy and guiding her teammate to the ribbon. As a judge, a handler, a trainer and an excellent handling coach for those who come to train at the Bear Country grounds, Sherie’s insights are invaluable.



Joe Smithberger - AKC Master Judge / Happy Heeling K9 Training

Joe is a highly sought after Master judge, known for his challenging but fair test set-ups. He has been judging since 2008.

As a successful owner, trainer and competitor in the field and in obedience, Joe provides perspective as both a judge and a handler. Joe’s experience will help you analyze how a judge sets up and views the elements of a test series and then scores your teams performance when you run that series.

The workshop will be held at:

Bear Country Retrievers and Gun Dogs
420 Paul Thompson Road, Bethpage, TN 37022

GPS Coordinates: 36.553778, -86.372184

Directions:

From I-65 - Exit 117 (Portland, St. Road 52). East to Dobbins Pike (174) which is 13 miles from I-65. Right on 174 and left onto Oak Grove Church Road. Right on Paul Thompson Road and follow to 420.

From I-24/I-40 - Take I-40 to Exit 239 (109 North) through Gallatin and up Dobbins Pike.

TRAIN AT BEAR COUNTRY, MARCH 20-26, 2017

Enjoying your time in Tennessee? Want to hone the skills you just learned at the seminar? Get a jump start on the Spring test season? Seminar attendees can remain and train on Bear Country’s spacious grounds, technical ponds and drill fields until Sunday, March 26th for the discounted rate of \$25/day per handler.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

Contact Sherie Catledge to reserve your spot today.
brcntry@gmail.com ❖ 615-497-5622

HOTELS / CAMPING:

Check with the hotel regarding rates, dogs in the room and pet deposits that may be required. These hotels are approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour from Bear Country. Please allow adequate travel time each day.

Host: Quality Inn Gallatin
1001 Village Green Crossing
Gallatin, TN 37066
(615) 451-4494

Super 8
3811 Nashville Road
Franklin, KY 42134
(270) 586-5090

Camping at Bear Country Retrievers

3 hook ups are available for on site camping at Bear Country for \$25/night. Contact Sherie for reservations at brcntry@gmail.com ❖ 615-497-5622

Additional Camping at Bledsoe Creek State Park and Campground
400 Zieglers Fort Road, Gallatin, TN 37066 ❖ (615) 452-3706

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Due to the nature of the workshop, breaks and lunch times will vary. Please bring food and beverages you can eat on the run.

Gamekeepers and Bear Country will organize a group dinner at Cherokee Steakhouse. More details will be provided closer to the event. A list of area restaurants will be provided so participants can organize dinners on the other evenings as desired.

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

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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, Frazeytsburg, OH 43822

Contact us via e-mail at gamekprs@gmail.com or phone at 630-294-7127

\$375.00 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.

All entrants will receive a detailed seminar booklet designed for this program.

Working entries will close when limit is reached. Deadline for Auditors March 1, 2017.

NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER: March 1, 2017

- Due to the demand for working spots, only fully paid entries will be accepted.
- You will be notified via e-mail if you are awarded a working spot.
- Registrations received after working spots fill will be notified. You will be given the choice of being placed on a waiting list or being given an auditing spot and refund of fee difference.

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 workshop and to learn valuable field training skills from experienced trainers, I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., Bear Country Retrievers**, their respective 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 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 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 workshop, 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