

Gamekeepers Retrievers



PROGRESSING YOUR DOG

MAY 23 – 24, 2020

Presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd.

Hosted By: Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

Held at: T.K.O. Retrievers

4877 150th Street NW, Clearwater, MN 55320

PROGRESSING YOUR DOG helps handlers succeed in progressing their dog to the next training level. The focus of this workshop is analyzing each individual dog's performance, determining its weaknesses and developing a plan to move the dog forward in its training. Participants will work on problem solving skills, drills and set ups tailored to each dog's needs. Mitch will instruct each handler on how to identify their dog's areas of weakness and will coach them on developing a plan to address these areas.

Auditors will benefit greatly from this workshop as well due to the varied issues that are discussed and the insight Mitch will provide as to each unique situation. Auditors and Handlers alike will observe and be involved in discussions as each dog presents different behaviors. This method will allow attendees to learn how to analyze in the moment and read the dog's behavior.

"This innovative seminar is guided by the needs of the individual dogs and handlers attending. We are providing a program that will focus on identifying problem areas in each team's training, analyzing the problem and then establishing a training plan to help the team progress their dog to the next level." - Mitch White

**BRING US YOUR PROBLEMS, WE WILL FIND A SOLUTION
AND HELP YOU PROGRESS YOUR DOG. ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!**

Working Dog/Handler teams will be limited to TWELVE (12) with one dog worked per Handler.



Mitch White, Gamekeepers Retrievers Head Field Trainer:

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 countless field titles each year, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Event Secretary: Judy Super, 16205 8th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN 55447
612-790-7498, westmarchgoldens@gmail.com

This workshop is being held at T.K.O. Retrievers, 4877 150th Street NW, Clearwater, MN 55320
T.K.O. is a professional field training kennel located just off I-94, 11 miles North/West of Monticello, 12 miles South/East of St. Cloud

From the Twin Cities follow I-94 W and take exit 183 (County Road 8 Silver Creek/Hasty). The exit is 11 miles North/West of Monticello. Go left/West on County Rd 8. Just past the bridge over I-94 turn right/North on 148th Street by Speedway. (148th becomes 150th). Turn left @ 1 mile past Speedway at blue marker #4877 and proceed to the kennel at the dead end of the driveway.

From St. Cloud follow I-94E and take exit 183 (County Road 8 Silver Creek/Hasty). The exit is approximately 12 miles from St. Cloud. Go right/West on County Rd 8 and take the first right on 148th Street by Speedway. Continue as above.

Lunch will be provided each day with water available throughout the day.

Bring a chair, insect spray, sun screen, plenty of dog water. Discussions will be held under cover if it rains but bring rain gear for training.

Veterinary Care after hours and weekends: BluePearl Pet Hospital, 4180 Thielman Lane, St. Cloud (320-258-4381)

Pet-friendly area hotels. RESERVE EARLY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. Check pet policy.
AmericInn, 4385 Clearwater Rd., St. Cloud (320-253-6337)
Holiday Inn Express, 4322 Clearwater Rd., St. Cloud (320-240-8000)
Days Inn, 200 East Oakwood Drive, Monticello (763-295-1111)
Best Western Plus Chelsea Hotel, 89 Chelsea Road, Monticello (763-271-8880) – limited number of dog rooms.

Workshop Schedule

Saturday – May 23, 2020 Check in 8:30 am. Workshop begins 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday – May 24, 2020 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

SATURDAY: Check in will begin at 8:30 am. Seminar will begin at 9:00 am. Introduction. Discussion of where Working Teams are in training and of their goals for the workshop. Working Teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each Working Teams' abilities. Saturday will continue with working one on one with each team. Focus will be in determining weaknesses and designing training scenarios and/or drills that will help each team turn that weakness into a strength. Day will end with Q&A.

SUNDAY: 8:30 am Discussion of previous day's work. Then, each team will continue working with Mitch on targeted exercises designed pinpoint weaknesses and progress the dog in training. Extensive land and water work will be featured in the form of yardwork, drills, marks, blinds, test like scenarios, etc. Analysis of each dogs performance and how to troubleshoot the problems will be discussed as well as discussion on why a particular drill or set up is the prescribed solution. 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 as they present training weaknesses. 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.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.

NO VIDEO CAMERAS ALLOWED – STILL PHOTOS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

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May 23 – 24, 2020
Held at **T.K.O. Retrievers, Clearwater, MN**

Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to:
Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club and mail to: Judy Super, 16205 8th Avenue North, Plymouth,
MN 55447

\$300 Working Team (Limit 12)

\$125 Auditor (Unlimited)

Entry Deadline for working spots for GTCGRC club members is February 15, 2020 after which working spots are open to all with closing date on May 1, 2020 or when entry limit is reached. Auditor spots accepted until May 15. All seminar fees must be submitted with the application. No refunds for working spot cancellations received after May 1, 2020. No refunds for auditor spot cancellations received after May 15, 2020. Spots are for both days with no discount given for one day's attendance.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:
Dog's Name/Breed:	
Please briefly describe your dog's strengths and weaknesses and list your goals for this workshop. Auditors, please list any topics you are particularly interested in seeing addressed:	

Please sign below and
return with your payment and signed, completed registration form.

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., the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club and T.K.O. 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