

Smartwork

With Evan Graham
2 Series Workshop
April 9 ~ April 13, 2012
Location: Victoria, BC

About Evan Graham

Evan Graham was born November 6, 1946 in Long Beach, CA. He is recently retired from a metropolitan hospital as a Registered Nurse. He is married and has four children and ten grandchildren. He has also been a contributing writer for The Retriever Journal, and HRC Magazine, and has trained and handled many dogs that earned positions on the National Derby List, including five in a single year. One of them was number three with 49 points (seven wins). At least three of the dogs he trained, as a professional became Field Champions.

The driving force behind his development of the Smartwork system was the belief that one can never know how good any dog is whose Basics were not thorough. As a portion of the method refinement, he maintained a strong focus on efficient, effective Basics. The Smartwork system includes three books – each illustrated by the author – and currently eleven very detailed DVDs. A growing list of champions and accomplished retrievers are listed on the Rush Creek Press website, www.rushcreekpress.com.

Series 1 – Late Transition - April 9-10, 2012

Transition is the time after “Basics” and before you have a fully trained dog. This series will help you and your dogs finesse your skills. This 2 day workshop will cover some of the following drills and concepts:

- Growing up blinds; multiplying factor presentation
- Understanding the use of marks in advancing blinds
- Bird Boy Blinds
- Cold Honour Blind
- Drills with multiple blinds
- Handling test-type set ups and elevated control
- Bulldog / wiper birds
- Key Relationship drill
- Retired gun stickman drill
- Stay-in's; promoting better water habits (weather permitting)
- Sub-literal casting standards vs. literal casting vs. momentum casting
- Poison bird setup

This session will be best for someone already following a training plan or methodology and whose dog is working at or towards a Senior Hunter level. The emphasis will be on tuning your skills to better communicate with your dog. Drills may be advanced or simplified depending upon the level of the dog. Advanced dog/handler teams are welcome to register as a prelude to the Advanced Series.

Cost: Working - \$300 (limited to 10)/Spectator \$100



Series 2 – Advanced Handling - April 11-13, 2012

Series 2 will help advanced handlers refine their skills. This series will focus on handling, preparing for and running the upper level tests and trials. All dogs must be working at an MH or Qualifying level or advanced handlers working with a transition dog.

Series 2 will focus on marking setups and include the following concepts:

- Bird placement
- Slot effects
- Retired guns
- Cold Honour Blinds
- Poison bird setup
- Essential triple concepts (inlines, indented, reverse order)
- Mock flyer
- Bulldog / wiper birds
- Water mark concepts (weather permitting)
- Delayed marks

As always there will be plenty of discussion about running tests, progression and performance of dogs and handlers, and one-on-one coaching.

Series 2 will also cover individual problem solving. Please be sure and identify any weaknesses or challenges you would like to address on the registration form.

Handlers are encouraged to register for Series 1 as a warm up for Series 2.

This will be a fantastic tune up for trial season!

Cost: Working - \$450 (limited to 10)/Spectator \$150

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The **Smartwork** System



Note: Series 1 handlers are encouraged to attend Series 2 as spectators. You will see where the next progression in your training needs to go.

All dog and handler teams will be assessed and run drills and setups that are appropriate for their skill level.

Previous attendees will be given preference for working spots. Groups are kept intentionally small to all allow maximum working time.

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- A limited number of RV spots will be available at \$10/night