



Blue Ridge Retriever Club  
Presents

**RETRIEVER TRAINING**

From an Amateur's Perspective

With

**JOHN CAVANAUGH**

Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7 2004  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vicinity of Culpeper, Virginia

Saturday: Basics – Transition

Sunday: Transition – Advanced Maintenance

**\$115 per person for 2 days**

**Includes:**

**Lunch Saturday & Sunday**

**Dinner on Saturday Eve**

**Seminar workbook**

**SPACE IS LIMITED – PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**

**Please send entries by February 19th**

John has attended and judged retriever trials and tests throughout the U.S.A., Canada, U.K., Europe and Australia. He is a member club delegate to the AKC.

**Retain this for future reference.**

**General Information:**

The retriever training workshop will be organized and focused on the needs most frequently described by participants on the completed questionnaires.

Based upon the responses from the Questionnaires, John and the Club will select about ten dog/handler teams to illustrate issues and training techniques. If you have been selected for demonstrations, you will be contacted about one week prior to the workshop.

You are encouraged to review John's prior workshop materials, at [www.weebegoldens.com](http://www.weebegoldens.com), before completing and sending in your personal questionnaire.

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**John Cavanaugh**

John Cavanaugh is an Amateur retriever trainer who prepares his own dogs for field trials and hunting tests. He lives in Easton, PA and works as a Vice President for Chubb Commercial Insurance. John and his dogs also enjoy waterfowl and upland bird hunting.

John has trained 3 Field/Amateur Field Champions and 5 Master Hunters and has run his dogs in several National Retriever Championships, as well as in the Master National. Two of his dogs have won "Double Header" honors (winning both the Open and the Amateur stakes at the same trial).

**Daily Agenda:**

Saturday –

7:30am	Arrival/Check-In
8:00am	Start basics
12:00pm	Working lunch
6:00pm	Finish, with dinner to follow

Sunday –

8:00am	Workshop continues: Transition/advanced
12:00pm	Working lunch
4:00pm	Finish

**Bring your own chairs, dog water (if bringing a dog for demonstrations), cold weather/rain protection, notebook & pen**

**Emergency Information: (911)**

Hospital:  
Culpeper Regional Hospital 540-829-4100  
Emergency room: 540-829-4189

Veterinarian:  
Culpeper Animal Hospital 540-829-9085  
Blue Ridge Animal Hospital 540-825-8353

**Hotels/Camping:**

Dogs allowed:  
Super 8 Motel (\$10 surcharge for dog) 540-825-8088  
Comfort Inn (\$15 surcharge for dogs) 540-825-4900

Dogs NOT allowed in room  
Holiday Inn (Blue Ridge seminar group rate \$75/nt) 540-825-1253  
Knights Inn 540-829-6700  
Sleepy Hollow Motel 540-825-8396  
Camping: Cedar Mountain campground 540-547-3374

**Contact Person Name / Telephone / e-mail**

David Opseth

13057 Deer Ridge Road

Culpeper, VA 22701

Phone Number 540-829-6560

E-Mail : [wutadog@hotmail.com](mailto:wutadog@hotmail.com)

**Driving Directions:**

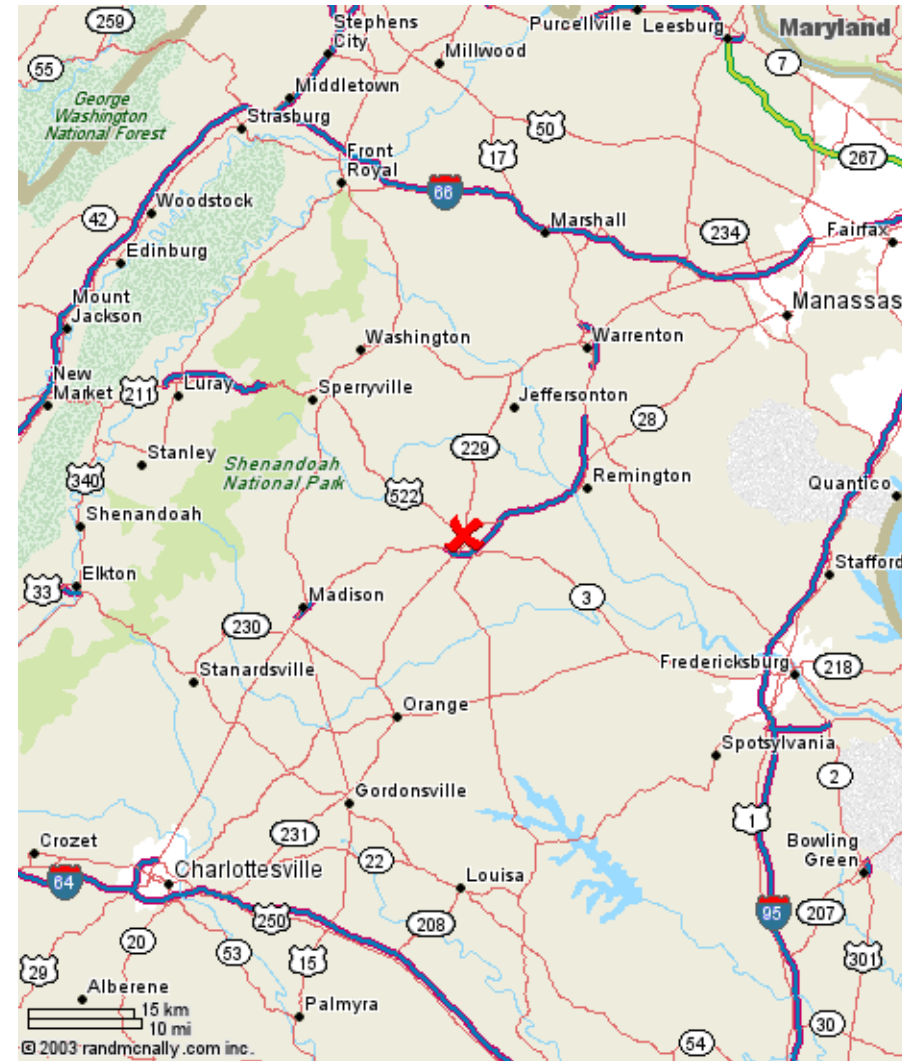
Signs will be posted from the Holiday Inn, Culpeper. Saturday morning, we will likely start at Mountain Run Kennel. Directions to Mountain Run Kennel can be found at:

[www.mountainrunkennel.com](http://www.mountainrunkennel.com)

You can also go to the Holiday Inn website,

<http://go.vicinity.com/sixcont/bidMap.d?BID=CUPVA&brandname=holidayinn>

Above is the “driving directions” link for detailed directions to the Holiday Inn hotel in Culpeper.



**Mail Payment made out to Blue Ridge Retriever Club and questionnaires to:**

**David Opseth  
13057 Deer Ridge Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701**

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Retriever Training Questionnaire

Please copy/complete for each dog and mail back to sponsoring club. Please use reverse side of page if needed.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include titles)

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_  
(include titles)

Dam \_\_\_\_\_  
(include titles)

### This dog has successfully participated in (circle/comment):

Field Trials: Derby Qualifying Open/Amateur

Hunting Tests: Junior Senior Master

Other:

Actual Hunting:

Other/Comment:

### This dog's training/abilities include (check/comment):

- |  |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience (Here/Sit/Heel) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 100 Yard + Marks on:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fetch                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds/Flyers              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retired/Hidden Gun Marks                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steady/Honoring/Gun Fire  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Double/Triple Marks on:                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Signals/Casting      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle Sits              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Challenging Water Entries                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Collar Conditioned      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 100 Yard + Cold Blinds on:                                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Blinds with Diversions                                       |

**This dog's problems include (check/comment):**

Attitude/Style/Momentum:	___	Obedience/Manners
___ Too high ___ Too low	___	Mouth Delivery:
___ Noise	___	Too rough ___ Too soft
___ Lining (initial, holding)	___	Hunting (bird finding)
___ Memory (marks)	___	Control at Distance
___ Water (Entry/Swimming)	___	Aggression/Health
___ Other _____		

**Your goals for this dog (this year, lifetime):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has this dog been trained by someone else?(circle/comment)**

**Y N Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handling improvements you (personally) need to work on:**

**Demonstrations/discussions you would like:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you attended other retriever training workshops?  
(circle/comment)**

**Y N Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What did you like, dislike, want to see again:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please consider me to be a demonstration team. (circle/comment)**

**Y N Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_