



## **WORKSHOPS**

**February 28, March 1-2, 2025**

### ***“Got It” with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Friday, February 28th, 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

This is MEB’s highly popular workshop! In this seminar, you will learn how, when, and where to look at your dog vs. looking at the line. You will finally learn how **to use your connection to be timely and to keep the dog committed**. This workshop is suitable for any level dog that is sequencing 4 obstacles or more. Obstacles will include jumps and tunnels only.

### ***Tight Turns and Collection to Extension with Karen Holik***

***Friday, February 28th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm “FULL DAY” (with 1 hour lunch break)***

This is a full-day workshop focusing on tight turns on jumps and collection into extension. Learn how to train your dog to turn efficiently and understand their cues and criteria for optimal performance. This training-focused session will include short sequences to teach understanding and ensure your dog masters these essential agility skills.

### ***Shhhh, I’m trying to Handle with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Friday, February 28th, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm***

There are no verbals allowed in this workshop other than release words. The goal of this workshop is to make sure that you understand the natural elements of handling such as chest laser and motion as this is what your dog follows the strongest. Obstacles may include contacts and/or weaves.

### ***Nike Blind Crosses with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Saturday, March 1st, 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

Learn Mary Ellen’s signature “Just do it” blind crosses, where you do not wait for commitment first, you just do it and the dog magically adjusts to the correct line. She will compare and contrast layering in which the dog would stay on his line and/or bypass the jump. Contacts and/or weaves may be used. Suitable for dogs and handlers that understand the concept of basic blind crosses.

### ***Weave Challenges with Karen Holik***

***Saturday, March 1st, 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

This workshop will feature sequences for the most challenging weave pole tests, including independence, discrimination, and extreme entries and exits. Designed for dogs who can solidly complete 12 poles. Don't miss this opportunity to tackle the toughest weave pole challenges!

### **Threadles in Sequencing (Wraps & Slices)**

***with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Saturday, March 1st, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm***

In this workshop, you will focus on the handling of threadle slices and threadle wraps. This is geared towards dogs that have already started threadle training, preferably including a verbal command. We will include threadles in sequences of 10-14 obstacles. You will learn to better understand the handling your dog needs, test your dog's understanding and independence, and learn how to easily execute even difficult threadles. Obstacles will consist of jumps and tunnels only.

### ***Tunnels... it's not always the tunnel! with Karen Holik***

***Saturday, March 1st, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm***

Open to dogs who are eager to enter tunnels. This seminar is designed for teams wanting to proof skills or address training gaps. This session covers tunnel discriminations, bypass, entries, and exits. Obstacles will include jumps and tunnels, and possibly weaves. Perfect for refining your tunnel skills.

### ***Rear Crosses with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Sunday, March 2nd, 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

Learn the cues to turn your dog away from you on course, including basic rear crosses, whiskey crosses and turns on the flat. This is a much-needed skill on today's courses for when you can't be ahead of your dog. Sequences will be 8-14 obstacles consisting of jumps and tunnels only.

### ***Play those Mind Games Together with Karen Holik***

***Sunday, March 2nd, 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

This workshop uses jumps and tunnels to prepare you for the unexpected on course, giving you a competitive edge. Learn how to recover swiftly when things go wrong and fight for that clean run. Elevate your performance by developing the mental fortitude necessary for success.

### ***Extreme Challenges with Mary Ellen Barry***

***Sunday, March 2nd, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm***

Skills to the extreme! We will work on sequences of 10-14 obstacles of very difficult challenges including weaves, discriminations, threadles, backsides, etc. Learn how to analyze these challenges to handle them with success and how to develop the skills necessary to master them. All obstacles may be used, but contacts can be skipped.

### ***Young Dogs - Not Ready for Prime Time with Karen Holik***

***Sunday, March 2nd, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm***

This workshop will feature medium-length sequences with jumps and tunnels, perfect for teams refining their skills. Focus on essential handling techniques such as front cross, rear cross, and blind cross. This session will help you and your dog put it all together in a fun and supportive environment.

All Workshops held at:

**Orchard Hills Training Center**

**45 Bella Vista Lane**

**Barto, PA Green Building**

**Nike Blind Crosses with *Mary Ellen Barry*** Due to popular demand a second workshop has been added. We will try to move people around to either day that works for you. If you are flexible in your time please check off both days.

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