

Huntsmen's Round Table -- May 20, 2023 -- Potential questions

How do you decide which hounds to breed?

What's an ideal age to start hunting young hounds?

What process do you use to start them hunting?

What characteristics do you want in a pack and how is that influenced by the type of country you are hunting? (terrain, type of cover, fixture size etc.)

What traits do you look for when selecting hounds to breed or draft in?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of drafting hounds into your pack?

What factors do you consider in selecting the size (how many hounds) and character of the pack for a particular fixture?

What contributes to a good scenting day and how can you tell?

When drawing a covert:

What are you observing?

What do you want to see as the hounds/pack works?

What do you NOT want to see? (Describe undesirable behaviors???)

What do you see a "great hound" doing that others aren't?

What is the role of the Whipper-ins?

When do you "tally-ho?" Who should do that? When should they do that?

What's the single most important thing the field members can do to help ensure a good day of hunting?

To what extent do you feel voice and horn are best used for drawing in communication with:

Hounds

Staff

Field

What's the appropriate use of radios while hunting?

What's the appropriate use of GPS or tracking collars while hunting?

Two-part question here.

I'd like to ask this question:

For any specific fixture, how do you come up with a plan for hunting?

How do you decide where to start and how to proceed?

That question is probably too broad so think about this:

What factors influence (or determine) your plan for hunting a particular fixture?

Some factors are obvious. Usually you have no choice about where to park. There are property boundaries. There are places that you can't physically get through – deep river, thick brush, too steep, etc. What else? Maybe envision a perfect property with no internal limitations. How would you make a