

Trackfest 2016 Synopsis

Trackfest 2016 was held in March just south of Griffin, GA at a private hunt club on the shores of Shoal Creek. The facility and the weather could not have been better.

Attendees, 54 in all, came from all over North America: California, Wisconsin, New Jersey and Quebec. There were also several breeds of dogs represented: From bloodhounds to wirehaired Dachshunds, Texas Blue Lacys and Bavarian Mountain Hounds.

Saturday and Sunday each began with mini-seminars on a myriad of subjects such as choosing and starting a puppy, screening phone calls from hunters, processing blood to use for training lines and proper field gear for tracking. There was also a presentation with a question and answer session on GPS tracking by Courtney Campbell of Garmin, Ltd.

In the afternoons, it was off to the field to run training lines. Several judges were in attendance to help both beginning and experienced handlers improve on their dogs, and handling techniques.

In between, there was plenty of opportunity to get to know fellow trackers... Stories were traded, and old friendships were reestablished, and new ones forged.