

# President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



Frank with Darwin KS vom Hege-Hof (my left) and Atlanta KS vom Hege-Hof on a winter hunt  
December 2016

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we are all looking forward to a New Year!!

We have been enjoying the upland bird season in both Washington and Oregon. The bird population here in Walla Walla is the best it has been in years and we have had some really good hunts. However, our best hunting has been in Oregon. We have enjoyed a number of days at Hunt Oregon with Doug Corey. The wild bird population there is great and the hunting spectacular. Wednesday we were invited to Tom Price's Butter Creek Ranch and I have never seen so many pheasants on one property. We had a great hunt with good friends. The dogs worked hard in the creeks and the fields. Everyone was provided with multiple opportunities and we enjoyed much success.

The DKGNA 2021 Testing Schedule has been submitted to the DKV and the VGHV for approval. We have applied for testing dates in Utah, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, California, Washington and Alberta Canada. We hope to have approval our schedule in January. As soon as it is approved it will be published on the DKGNA web site at: [dkgna.org](http://dkgna.org)

DKGNA Annual Members should have received their 2021 Annual Membership Dues notice on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Notices were sent through PayPal to each of the current Annual Members. With the payment of their 2021 dues members will receive a DKGNA Club Pin and decal. If you haven't received your invoice, please check your spam box and if it's not there, please contact us immediately.

On a personal note, Darwin KS vom Hege-Hof left us on December 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a very sad day at the O'Leary home. Darwin was my hunting partner along with Atlanta until her passing in 2017. Darwin helped me in the office for years and since his hunting retirement has been our team mascot. First losing Atlanta and now Darwin makes you ask how did we all get so old. All I can say, God has some really good hunting dogs and wonderful friends. He can enjoy them until I arrive.



Darwin KS vom Hege-Hof "V3" at the 2010 Dr. Kleemann Prüfung

We hope everyone has a great hunting season and enjoys their dogs.

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