

# President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



The DKGNA testing season is in full swing. Four of our five scheduled Derbies have been completed. Later in this publication there are articles on three of the four. Our final Derby will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Alberta, Canada, our first event north of the border. We are very grateful to the DKV who have worked with us to make this event possible while dealing with the closure of the US/Canadian border due to Covid-19 restrictions.

## **The DKV Presidium have cancelled the 2021 Dr. Kleemann Prüfung, IKP, and NAKP.**

In a letter to all the Club President, DKV President Michael Hammerer stated (*this letter was translated with a computer and may not be accurate word for word, but the intent is correct*):

*The Presidium asked you to give us your opinion on the Dr. Kleemann breeding selection test. It was important for the Presidium to involve you in the decision for or against the holding.*

*Fortunately, almost all clubs have given us their stance on this and explained the reasons for this. 85% of the clubs opposed the holding of the Dr. Kleemann exam pronounced. Furthermore, many clubs have told us that they do not consider the implementation of the IKP in Hungary to be feasible as planned and that their members would not take part in it under any circumstances. Based on these findings, the presidium of the DK Association decided yesterday in a virtual presidium meeting that both events had to be canceled due to the uncertain pandemic situation.*

*As a substitute for the World Hunting Exhibition, the Hungarian Shorthair Club could organize an international field and water test in accordance with the regulations of the IKP. We all now hope that in 2022 we will be able to have the Dr. Kleemann breeding selection test again in the usual framework and the sociability is again given its status.*

There are a number of DKGNA members that this decision directly affects, me being one of them. However, I think, with the concurrence of the DKGNA Board of Directors, that this was the right decision. It would have been far worse to make plans to go forward, continue to prepare the dogs, and then be forced to cancel the events due to government health restriction. Unfortunately, there will be a group of dogs that will most probably never have the opportunity to participate in the Kleemann as their window of opportunity is closing as a result of this pandemic!



Preston Seay has just returned from his trip to Alabama as the winner of the **Wild Boar, Whitetail Deer, and Quail hunt at Alger Flats Outfitters.** Later in this publication there is an article by Preston's wife Colleen about their trip. In short, they thought it was great and plan on returning this fall for another adventure. The tickets and details for the **DKGNA Annual Hunt Oregon Raffle** have been mailed to each of our members and sales have been

better than last year. Many people are buying their tickets online through the DKGNA Shop at [dngna.org](http://dngna.org). Again, this year prizes will include the Hunt Oregon Upland Hunting Adventure provided by Hunt Oregon, LLC; the shotgun; and The Alger Flats Outfitters hunt. We encourage all DKGNA members to participate in the raffle and to help with the selling of the tickets. This is our annual fund raiser and enables the DKGNA to fulfill our stated purpose as a club. Please participate and make the raffle successful.

[Click here to buy DKGNA Raffle tickets.](#)

The DKGNA website now features a new "Shop" at [dkgna.org](http://dkgna.org) for your convenience. At the present time you can pay your test entry fees, buy Raffle tickets, and DKGNA merchandise. Madison Hyde is in charge of the Club's merchandise and is doing an excellent job. The volume of sales has far exceeded expectations.

[Click here to go to the DKGNA Shop](#)

The DKGNA membership continues to grow and expand geographically. **Currently we have over one-hundred and thirty dues paying members.** We recognize that we are a member service organization and the bases for our club remains our commitment to Kurzhaar Kulture. If you have any questions or concerns about the club please contact a Board member. Also, if you have suggestions how we can make our club better please share you ideas with a Board member.

The dates for the DKGNA Annual Meeting are September 23<sup>rd</sup> & September 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Salt Lake City area. The Annual Meeting Committee is finalizing plans for the event and they will be included in the June Newsletter. We hope that as many members as possible are able to attend.

Best Regards,  
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