

# President's Message

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Marianne O'Leary with Wren vom Trocken Bach, top Adult Male at the DKGNA Annual Meeting Zuchtschau. (LtoR) Francois Aldrich, SVR, Marianne, Mark Peasley, FW Apprentice.

The DKGNA 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting took place, in Salt Lake City suburb of Lehi, Utah, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, after a year and a half delay caused by Covid-19. Forty-eight people registered for the event from all over North America.

During the event a Solms/AZP and Zuchtschau were held with five dogs in the test and a total of ten dogs in the Zuchtschau.

During the meetings on Saturday topics included:

- Kurzhaar Kulture – Tyler Smith
- How to complete a DKV test entry form – Frank O'Leary
- How to register a litter – Randall Cherry
- Trapping 101 – Chuck Carpenter/Riley Dabling
- How to show in the ring – Jim Deppen
- Speakers panel – All speakers answered questions

The topics were well presented, and the audience participated freely making the discussions very informative. Jim Deppen's hands on presentation was especially informative. Jim had each person present their dog and work with them one-on-one to help them make their dog look as good as possible. It was a great opportunity for everyone to learn. Later in the day at the Zuchtschau you could see the improvement that each leader had made.



Jim Deppen addresses the meeting attendees during his presentation.

Chuck Carpenter and Riley Dabling informed the group about the basics of trapping and how it could endanger our dogs. The professional trappers demonstrated the different types of traps that we might encounter, what they would be used for, where they would be found, and how to release your dog from the trap. This demonstration could definitely save your dog's life.

The banquet/fund raiser took place on Saturday evening. The meal provided by R&R BBQ was great. During the evening everyone had the opportunity to interact with the others and become better acquainted.

During the evening Randall Cherry made the presentations of the Golden Needle Awards. This award is nominated by the DKGNA and made by the DKV is to recognize individuals for special contributions to their club and the DKV. The replicants for 2020 were Frank and Marianne O’Leary. The 2021 replicant was Tyler Smith. In the September issue of the newsletter the contributions of the replicants were listed.

During the evening the silent auction took place. Bidding on the twenty-seven packages closed in three groups and the bidding was lively. There were great items throughout the selection and the bidders were not shy. In total the auction netted over thirty-four hundred dollars.



Arlene and John Heiner draw the winner tickets for the Hunt Oregon Raffle.

Another highlight of the evening was the drawing of the Hunt Oregon Raffle. Winners came from Georgia, Washington, and Colorado. Later in this publication is an article about the raffle.

Sunday morning was the DKGNA Sorting Clay Competition at Wasatch Wing and Clay. This event had been the subject of a great deal of ribbing during the week and bragging rights were definitely on the line. DKGNA Secretary, Mike Albert, emerged as the champion!

All and all the Annual Meeting was a great success that’s to the efforts of many. The two following statements demonstrate it best:

- Kirk Coppinger noted while submitting his application to become a life member of the club. “I had a great time. So much in fact I joined as a Life Member. I plan to attend every year and get involved.”
- Cierra Pederson noted that, “this was the best dog club meeting or event that she had attended.”

We look forward to the 2022 DKGNA Annual Meeting which will again take place next spring in the Salt Lake City area.

In the next issue will have a recap of the fall tests.

We hope you and your families are in good health and your training for the fall test is progressing on schedule.

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