

President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



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

In our third full year of existance we can be very proud of the progress and success we are enjoying:

- Our membership has growth to one-hundred-and-forty
- We have hosted a full schedule of DKV and JGHV test in Alberta, CAN; Washington; California; Utah, Wisconsin; Georgia; and Alabama, even with the challenges imposed by Covid-19 restrictions.
- Our Annual Raffle continues to sellout and we have been notified that Hunt Oregon will donate the Upland Bird hunt again in 2022.
- Our first Annual Meeting was held in the Salt Lake City area, in September. It was attended by fifty of our members. The program was educational and well received. Our silent auction exceeded all expectations.

I think we can all be proud of what we have accomplished in three short years. I would like to thank the DKGNA Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment.

We have been enjoying the upland bird season in Montana, North Dakota, and Washington. The bird population here in Walla Walla is not very good and now the weather has turned cold and about twelve inches of snow. So much for Global Warming! Hopefully, it will warm up and the snow will stop and we can get in some hunts before the season is over. Our pheasant season, in Washington, will continue until January 17th, 2022. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy some hunts with Doug Corey at Hunt Oregon over the next couple months.

The DKGNA 2022 Testing Schedule has been submitted to the DKV and the JGHV for approval. We have applied for testing dates in Utah, South Carolina, California, Washington, Wisconsin, and Alberta Canada. We hope to have approval our schedule in January. The schedule has been published to the DKGNA web site at:

<https://dkgna.org/schedule-and-results/>

It appears that there are a lot of dogs to be tested this year so you are encouraged to enter early. Remember, it is not an entry until you submit your complete entry form and supporting materials and the entry fee has been paid.

DKGNA Annual Members will receive their 2022 Annual Membership Dues notice by January 10th. Notices will be sent through PayPal to each of the current Annual Members. With the payment of their 2022 dues new members will receive a DKGNA

Club Pin and decal. If you have not received your invoice by mid-January, please check your spam box, if it's not there, please contact us immediately.

There continue to be a vigerious debate over the rules for qualification for the 2022 Kleemann. There was a "New", more restrictive, set of regulations established by the Präsidium which has caused quite an uproar. The new regulations will elimenate many of the dogs that were eligible under the long standing qualification regulations. In the DKGNA we had six dogs that were qualified and under the new regulations only two remain eligible. There has been serious push back from the clubs in Germany and the debate continues. Stay tuned for updates.

We hope everyone has had great hunting season enjoying their dogs.

Happy New Year!!
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