

President Message

by Frank O'Leary



July has arrived and it finally is starting to feel like summer in the Walla Walla Valley. In June we had cool raining weather and near flood conditions following a weekend of down pours.

The Derby season wrapped up with the test in High River, Alberta Canada (article about the test in this publication). For the season we tested 67 dogs in six tests held in five different states and one provenience of Canada. There were a total of 45 Prize 1 dogs, 17 Prize 2 dogs, 5 Prize 3 dogs, and zero dogs that did not prize. All and all a very successful Derby season.

As we look forward to the fall, we are confronted with two very significant challenges. First, there continues to be a shortage of active JGHV judges to meet the needs of testing in North America. Secondly, the DKGNA has judges traveling to almost every test from long distances. Whether the travel is via airplanes or by vehicle the travel cost have skyrocketed. The Board and Director of Testing, Jörg Kaltenegger, is currently reviewing the test schedule to see how we can maximize our access to judges while reducing travel and costs. There will undoubtedly be some changes in the schedule so look for updates in the next couple of weeks. Changes will be posted on the DKGNA website at: <https://dkgna.org/schedule-and-results/> Also a special edition of the Newsletter will be sent to the membership with any test schedule updates.

The DKGNA will be hosting the NAKP in 2023. The Board is currently looking at possible venues for the event. The NAKP will require excellent fields and water for approximately twenty dogs. The event is similar to an advanced Solms with out the drags. If you feel you have a venue that would work for this event please contact a DKGNA Board member.

The DKGNA Board of Directors welcomed two new Board members in June to fill unexpired terms of those that have left the Board. Corey McGehee has been appointed as the DKGNA Secretary filling a term that will expire on December 31, 2023. Alec Losee has been appointed as the Desert Mountain Regional Director filling a term that will also expire on December 31, 2023. There are articles in this publication introducing both of the new Board Members.

The fall will be upon us shortly and I am sure many of us are preparing our dogs for the fall tests. Good luck with your training.

Happy Independence Day!!
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