

## President's Message

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The real summer weather has arrived in the Walla Walla Valley with day temperatures reaching 109 and nights only cooling off to the low 80's. Needless to say training takes place at 5:00 AM and you need to be done by 6:30 AM. We always get a week or so of this weather the end of July or first of August each year. The good news is it will be short lived, I hope.

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 reviewed the test schedule at our July Board Meeting to see how we could maximize our access to judges while reducing travel and costs. There have been some changes to the Fall Test Schedule. Be sure to read the article about the 2023 Test Schedule and visit our website to review the current schedule: <https://dkgna.org/schedule-and-results/>

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 like an advanced Solms without the drags. There is an article about the 2023 NAKP in this publication for your review.

We wish you all the best of luck with your training for the fall tests.

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