

# President's Message

*by Frank O'Leary*



We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. It was nice to be able to enjoy the day in normal conditions.

Well, it is officially winter in Walla Walla, we had our first snow Sunday night. It wasn't much but it did cover the ground and remind us that we need to make sure everything is winterized, and both the hunting and golf schedule will be affected. Hunting will get better, and the golf schedule will be limited.

The 2022 DKGNA Testing Season wrapped up with the Walla Walla test, on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Now most of our members are enjoying the fall hunting season and reaping the rewards of the training they put into their dogs. In 2022 the DKGNA had a robust testing schedule in the sense of number and types of tests, as well as locations. Our main challenge continues to be judges and not just the number and availability of judges but the dramatic increase in the cost of judge's travel. Airline tickets have increased almost fifty percent over 2021.

Even with these challenges, we continue to grow and offer more testing opportunities in more geographic locations than ever before. It is anticipated that the 2023 DKGNA Test Schedule will reflect even more growth and geographic expansion. Please make sure that you have spoken with your Regional Director or local Test Coordinator about your testing needs ASAP as the schedule is taking form and we need to submit our dates by years end.

The Board of Directors hopes to narrow down the possible locations and dates for the MAKP 2023 at our December Meeting. There is an article in this publication that speaks to the requirements for the NAKP. If you have a possible location that meets the requirements for hosting the NAKP, please contact a Board Member ASAP.

DKGNA Annual Members will be receiving their 2023 Annual Membership Dues notice by mid-December. Notices will be sent through PayPal to each of the current Annual Members.

We hope that everyone has a great hunting season and can be with their families during the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

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