

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 fourth full year of existence we can be very proud of the progress and success we are enjoying:

- Our membership has growth to over one-hundred-and-forty.
- We have hosted a full schedule of DKV and JGHV test in Alberta Canada, Washington, California, Utah, Wisconsin and South Carolina.
- Our Annual Raffle continues to sellout, in 2022 we had five great prizes.
- Our second Annual Meeting was held in the Salt Lake City area, in May. It was attended by sixty 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 four short years. I would like to thank the DKGNA Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment.

We have not had a great pheasant hunting season. We have spent much of the season sick with whatever this crud is that is going around or with tempetures in the single didgits and six inches of snow. So much for Global Warming! The bird population here in Walla Walla is really good. Hopefully we will be able to get out and hunt before the season end on January 16th.

The DKGNA 2023 Testing Schedule has been submitted to the DKV and the JGHV for approval. We have applied for testing dates in Idaho, North Carolina, 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 alot 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, supporting materials and the entry fee has been paid.

DKGNA Annual Members have received their 2023 Annual Membership Dues notice. Notices were sent through PayPal to each of the current Annual Members. With the payment of their 2023 dues, new members will receive a DKGNA Club Pin and decal. If you have not received your invoice, please check your spam box, if it's not there, please contact us immediately.

As 2022 closes the DKGNA, is losing the services of Jörg Kaltenegger, as the Director of Testing. Jörg's value as member of the DKGNA leadership since our inception has been unmeasurable. Jörg will continue to serve as the Director to Judges Development. **Jörg, thank you for all you have done for the DKGNA. I am not sure we would be enjoying the success we are without your participation and leadership.**

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

Happy New Year!!
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