

## President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



Hopefully, the late winter snow and temperatures in the low teens is over and warmer weather is here to stay. Now it's time to get our dogs ready for the 2023 Testing Season.

The DKGNA is hosting the North American Kurzhaar Prüfung (NAKP) in conjunction with the DKGNA Annual Meeting, on October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. The early response for this event has been great. We are looking forward to having a great test with more dogs than participated in the past. NADKC members PLEASE submit your entries early to ensure a spot in the test. We are limited as to the number of dogs that can be evaluated by each judging group and we will only be able to field some many judging groups.

Details about the NAKP are provided in an article later in this newsletter. To increase participation in the NAKP we have established September 13<sup>th</sup> as the entry deadline, instead of June 30<sup>th</sup> as is the norm. The later entry date will allow this year's Derby/Solms dogs the opportunity to qualify by attending one of the first two Solms/AZP's scheduled in High River, AB Canada or Walla Walla, WA. [Click here to see the NAKP eligibility requirements and test rules...](#)

In conjunction with the NAKP the DKGNA Annual Meeting will also be held. The decision to hold the NAKP and DKGNA Annual Meeting in conjunction has been made to enhance both events and reduce travel and related cost for our membership. During the Annual Meeting we will be having the general membership meeting, guest speakers, banquet, awards, silent and live auction items. One of our guest speakers will be Michael Hammerer, DKV President, from Boos, Germany. We are hopeful by combining these two events the membership will be better served and encouraged to participate and/or attend. [Click here to see the NAKP/DKGNA Annual Meeting Itinerary...](#)

In March we will be holding webinars for our Test Coordinators to ensure the NADKC tests running smoothly, the Judges have everything they need at the tests, and the paperwork is correct when submitted to Germany. New this year we will be holding a webinar for the JGHV Judges working our spring test. It is our goal to ensure our Test Coordinators provide the judges with everything they need, and the judges are on the same page when conducting and evaluating the Derby.

Good luck with your training and remember you need to receive Prize 1 scores in two separate tests to participate in the NAKP.

Best Regards,

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