

President's Message

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DKGNA

It's Fair time in Walla Walla, WA and thankfully the weather has finally cooled off. We went through a stretch of weeks of triple digit temperatures, making it impossible to do field work training after 8:00 AM. Additionally, we finally received some much-needed rain. With the cooler weather and hopefully more rain soon the ponds will start to fill back up and clear off allowing for some water work training.

The DKGNA is hosting the North American Kurzhaar Prüfung (NAKP) in conjunction with the DKGNA Annual Meeting, on October 19th – 21st, in Walla Walla, WA. The early response for this event has been good. We are looking forward to having a great test with more dogs than have participated in the past. DKGNA members PLEASE submit your entries early. We are limited as to the number of dogs that can be evaluated by each judging group and need to know how many judging groups are needed ASAP. [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. Also, Dr. Phil Kress, DVM will be doing a presentation on providing field medical care for your injured K-9 partners. Gunsmith, Marc Staiert, will do a presentation on the proper care and maintenance of your firearms. Annual Meeting attendees will also be able to observe the first hour of the JGHV Judges Seminar. We are in the process of confirming other speakers, that information will be shared as they are confirmed. We are hopeful by combining the Annual Meeting and the NAKP the membership will be better served and encouraged to participate and/or attend. [Click here to see the NAKP/DKGNA Annual Meeting, Registration, Meals, and Itinerary...](#)

The DKGNA Annual Raffle are now on sale!! Again, this year there are five great prizes. To date, this year's raffle has been well received by our members and supporters. This year, the raffle tickets are being sold electronically and by hard copy. Each member should have received two tickets to buy or sell. We encourage all members to help with the sale of the raffle tickets. This is our only fundraiser, and it supports the operation of the club for the year.



Later in this publication there is an article about the raffle sales and the prizes. [Click here to buy a DKGNA Raffle Ticket...](#)

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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