

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 fifth 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, Idaho, Wisconsin and South Carolina.

- We hosted the 2023 North American Kurzhaar Prüfung, in Walla Walla, WA.
- Our Annual Raffle continues to sellout, in 2023 we again had five great prizes.
- Our third Annual Meeting was held in the Walla Walla, WA, in conjunction with the NAKP. It was attended by our members and guests from Germany. 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 our short existence. I would like to thank the DKGNA Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment.

The pheasant population in the Walla Walla Valley is the best we have seen in years. However, we were inhibited by some really cold weather early, travel, and now the boss has been fighting a cold. Hopefully we will be able to get out and hunt before the season end on January 15th.

The DKGNA 2024 Testing Schedule has been submitted to the DKV and the JGHV for approval. We have applied for testing dates in Idaho, North Carolina, Alabama, Wisconsin, and Alberta Canada. We hope to have approval of 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 completed entry form, supporting materials and the entry fee has been paid.

DKGNA Annual Members will receive their 2024 Annual Membership Dues notice through PayPal this week. With the payment of their 2024 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 is not there, please contact us immediately.

As 2023 closes, the DKGNA is temporarily losing the services of Tyler Smith as the Vice-President. Tyler's value as a member of the DKGNA leadership since our inception has been unmeasurable. Tyler will continue to be available to provide input when asked and we look forward to his future involvement in a leadership position when his young family is grown. **Tyler, 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 a great hunting season enjoying their dogs.

Happy New Year!!
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