

President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



The DKGNA Board of Directors has identified two areas of North America that have a strong membership nucleus and, as such, have determined they should have additional input during the Board Meetings. To that end the Board has invited each of these areas to select a representative to participate in the Board Meetings. These are non-voting appointed positions. It is our hope that the Board will benefit from their input, as an area representative, and they will be able to keep their members informed as to how decision have been made. It is anticipated as the membership in these areas increases, they will become Regions. As such will they have a voting member on the Board of Directors.

The first two Area Representatives are:

John Heiner – (Southern Idaho; Utah; Nevada) 801-787-7906,
jcheiner@yahoo.com

Mike Grimes – SE Area (AK; LA; MS; TN; AL; GA; FL; SC; NC)
706-825-2211, mgrimes@silvey.com

If you are a DKGNA member in one of these areas, please correspond with your Area Representative to make your thoughts and concerns known for the good and advancement of the club.

The DKGNA Board of Director has been working on several fronts to enhance the image and exposure of the DKGNA. In this publication there are separate articles about our new logo, Facebook Page, and Facebook Group Forum. We are excited about each and hope you will share our enthusiasm.

The DKGNA is looking forward to resuming testing in the Fall. We have an ambitious Fall schedule and most tests are filling up. All participants are reminded to adhere to Covid-19 County and State guidelines where the tests are being held. At this time, we have the following schedule slated:

- On September 25th and 26th, will be holding a Solms/AZP/ Zuchtschau at Wasatch Wing and Clay, in Cedar Fort, UT. Both days of this test are already full. If you will be unable to participate and have already entered please let Tyler know ASAP as we have people on a waiting list! Tyler Smith will be the Test Coordinator and can be reached at 801-420-8076 or by email at kurzhaar.v.hochland@gmail.com.

- October 3rd and 4th, in Walla Walla, WA, we will host a Solms/AZP/Zuchtschau. At this time we have seven dogs entered and still have spots available. Frank O’Leary is the Test Coordinator and can be reached at 509-520-7483 or via email at foleary7@gmail.com.
- In Frisco City, AL, we will host an HZP on October 9th. A Solms/AZP/Zuchtschau will be held on October 10th & 11th. The Test Coordinator is Tyler Silcox and can be reached at 251-564-6613 or by email at himmelfallendDK@gmail.com.
- October 30th & 31st we are back in Walla Walla, WA for a VGP. Frank O’Leary is the Test Coordinator and can be reached at 509-520-7483 or via email at foleary7@gmail.com.
- A Solms/AZP/Zuchtschau will take place on November 1st, in Walla Walla, WA. Frank O’Leary is the Test Coordinator and can be reached at 509-520-7483 or via email at foleary7@gmail.com.
- The Fall test season will conclude at Lillington, NC, on November 7th & 8th, with a Solms/AZP/Zuchtschau. Scott Caldwell is the Test Coordinator for this event and can be reached at 910-514-6059 or by email at scott@sharkgage.com.

As you all know the spring testing season was cancelled without a Derby being held. The DKV has made it clear that every accommodation will be made to provide a path for the dogs that have not had the opportunity to do a Derby to achieve that rating. Options that have been determined are:

- Dogs doing a Solms this fall will have the opportunity to receive Derby ratings for “Nose, Pointing, Search, and Cooperation” simultaneously while being judge for the Solms. The leader’s decision to exercise this option will have to be declared prior to the start of the dog’s test.
- If the dog does not do a Solms or does a Solms but the Leader chooses not to exercise the aforementioned Derby option, will have the opportunity to do a Derby in 2021. This is a onetime exception and the age limit will be waived.

We are optimistic that testing will resume in the fall and look forward to seeing everyone participate. Be sure to review the [DKGNA Testing Schedule](#) and sign up for your fall test ASAP. You should check with your test coordinator to see if there are training days available prior to your test.

Happy July 4th!!

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