

**SHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2008
GETTYSBURG, PA
OCTOBER 28—NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

If you sent in a photo or CD for your ad in the catalog, you may pick them up from Sarah Gaunt or Marlene DePalma during the week.




There will be a raffle to help support the Performance events. A list of items being raffled will be available at the hospitality table. All Raffle items will be on display Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the All Star Complex and tickets will be on sale during these events. Come check out this great raffle and take a chance on your favorite items! Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 15 for \$10.00 or 35 for \$20.00. Winning tickets will be drawn after agility on Thursday and winners need not be present as long as their phone or room number is on the ticket. All items must be picked up by Friday, no items will be mailed.

Hospitality

Beginning Tuesday Morning

Mornings ~ 6:30 to 8:30
Evenings
 Tuesday ~ 8pm to Midnight*
 Wednesday ~ 8pm to Midnight*
 Thursday ~ After Annual Meeting to Midnight*
 Friday ~ 9:30 to Midnight*
 Saturday ~ After Banquet to Midnight*
 * or later as set by host club
 Check Bulletin Board for location
See you There!

 **The Costume Contest** is scheduled to start at 5:00 PM Thursday. Entries will be taken at the Ways and Means table until noon on Thursday, and entries at the show are \$10.00 each. Categories are Civil War Characters, Historic Characters, Ghosts of the Civil War, Southern Belles, Northern Belles, Misc, Yukon Visitor, and Dog & Handler combination (one fee only, for those who want to dress up themselves in addition to their dogs). Judges **MAY BE BRIBED**. Patti Van Sicklen has agreed to judge, in addition to two other judges to be announced. Prizes for class winners and a rosette and prize for Best Costume.

Novelties!

The Novelty booth will be open starting Tuesday morning. People who have pre-ordered can pick theirs up and there will be some others available for purchase, sizes small thru 2XL. Pins come in 3 colors, red, black or gray. The novelty booth will be

Freestyle Dance Demo
 There will be four teams...Judith Azaren and Misty, Helen Gilbertson and Indy, Sharon Wendelgas and Taz, and Sandy Carman with Billy. All canine team members are Siberian Huskies, so this is the first time the SHCA National Specialty has had a demonstration of Canine Musical Freestyle featuring only Siberian Huskies
 Each team will do an individual routine, and then all of us will gang up on a team routine. The first time all of the dogs (and most of the people!!) will even get to meet each other is Tuesday of the National Specialty, which will also be the first time we get to practice the routine together as a team, so the results could be unintentionally hilarious! At any rate, the team name is The Steppin' Wolves, and we'll perform a routine to Born To Be Wild. The routines that will be demonstrated conform to WCFO regulations. **Check the Bulletin Board for time and place!**



Maps and Directions will be available Saturday at the information desk or the front desk in the Lobby. If you have not sent your entry for the rig race yet and are interested in entering a team you may still enter on Sunday or Monday at the race site until 9:00 AM. Contact Mary Groth 440-781-3213

Senior Handling is scheduled after the conclusion of judging on Friday. Entries on site are \$18.00, and will be taken at the Ways and Means table until noon on Friday. Serious classes for handlers ages 50 and under 60, age 60 and under 70, and over 70 (still making it around the ring and doggone proud of it!). A Best Senior Handler will be chosen from the class winners. Professional handlers must own or co-own the dog shown. Dogs do not **HAVE** to be Siberians. **IN ADDITION** to the serious competition and after the awarding of Best Senior Handler, there will be a "Dirty Tricks" class for **HANDLERS OF ANY AGE**. The only rule is the handlers may not touch another handler or a dog not their own. They can toss bait (although they will get to clean the ring afterwards, stack in the middle of the ring, etc. The winner will be awarded the title of "Dirtiest Handler". The judge for all the Senior Handling events will be Jessica Plourde. Prizes for placements, a rosette and prize for Best Senior Handler, and a rosette for Dirtiest Handler.

