

2009 planning guide
BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA INC.
NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW
herding, agility, obedience, rally and conformation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

In this planning guide you will find a schedule of events and special features to enjoy at this year's show. Register today, then pack your bags and come to Minnesota Lake Country for the time of your life!

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SHOW/TRIAL SECRETARIES

Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility
Cindy Wegner | www.alwaysawinner.com

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Subject to change after entries close. Check Specialty website for updates as the show date approaches.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Show / Action Photographer
Kathleen Schaffer, Pup Art | www.pupart.com | 312-805-0077

Videographer
National Show Dog Video Pros | www.showdogvideopros.com
888-808-0870 | ibkmd@showdogvideopros.com

Sunday, October 4			
AM	Herding Trial 1 – Sheep Herding Trial 2 - Ducks	Judge: Terry Workman	All herding events at Polly Simpson Farm 1479 200th Avenue New Richmond, WI
PM	Herding Trial 3 – Sheep Herding Trial 4 – Ducks	Judge: Sean Hathaway	
6:00 PM	Gathering		Laurel Inn
7:00 PM	Drover's Dinner		1905 Highway 64 New Richmond, WI

Monday, October 5			
AM	Herding Trial 5 – Sheep Herding Test 1 – Sheep	Judge: Gerard Baudet Judge: Sean Hathaway	
PM	Herding Trial 6 – Ducks Herding Test 2 – Sheep	Judge: Gerard Baudet Judge: Terry Workman	
All day	BCCA Instinct Testing	Evaluator: Brian Wistrom	
6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Cocktails – Cash Bar BAD Banquet		Lake of the Woods Ballroom
Tuesday, October 6			
8:00 AM	Agility Trial Agility Relays	Judge: Tom Slattery	Bryant Park, 1001 W. 85 th Street Bloomington, MN
6:30 PM or following Agility Trial	Welcome Party		Courtyard
Wednesday, October 7			
7:30 AM	Obedience Trial	Judge: Cindy Rustad	All obedience, rally and conformation events held in the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom
7:30 AM	Rally Trial	Judge: Phil Rustad	
Following Obedience/Rally	Puppy Sweepstakes Veteran Sweepstakes	Judge: Linda Aronson, DVM	
Following Sweepstakes	Futurity	Judge: Gaye Brockett	
6:30 PM	Health Seminar -- Canine Cancer: From Research to Treatment	Jaime Modiano, V.M.D, Ph.D.	Lake of the Woods Ballroom
TBA	BCCA Board Meeting		
Thursday, October 8			
8:00 AM	Conformation – Dog Judging	Judge: Anne Wilding	
1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Health Clinics: CERF and DNA		Lake of the Woods Ballroom
6:15 PM 7:00 PM Following Gala	Cocktails – Cash Bar 40 th Anniversary Gala Annual Auction		Lake Minnetonka Ballroom
Friday, October 9			
8:00 AM	Conformation – Bitch Judging	Judge: Anne Wilding	
Following Bitch Judging	Parade of Titleholders		
Following Titleholders Parade	Rescue Parade		
Following Parades	Judges Education Seminar		Lake of the Woods Ballroom
TBA	BCCA Annual Membership Meeting		Lake of the Woods Ballroom
Saturday, October 10			
8:00 AM	Junior Showmanship Judging	Judge: Mary Murphy-East	
Following Juniors	Non-Regular Classes: Brace, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch	Judge: Anne Wilding	
Following Non-Regular Classes	Conformation – Best of Breed	Judge: Anne Wilding	
6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Cocktails – Cash Bar Annual Awards Banquet		Lake Minnetonka Ballroom

DATES TO REMEMBER

When	What	✓
July 22, 2009	Opening date for herding and agility entries	
August 1, 2009	Catalog advertising due	
August 15, 2009	Trophy donations due (for inclusion in catalog)	
	Logowear preorders due	
September 2, 2009	Entry closing date – herding, agility, obedience, rally, futurity, sweepstakes, conformation	
	Titleholders parade entries deadline	
	Rescue parade entries deadline	
	Registrations due (<i>By Mail</i>)	
	Meal reservations due (<i>Herding Lunch, Drivers' Dinner, Gala/Auction & Awards Banquet</i>)	
	BAD Dinner reservations due	
	Health seminar reservations due	
	Catalog orders due (<i>Pre-Ordered or Post Show</i>)	
	CERF/DNA clinic registrations due	
	RV reservations due	
	Auction donations due (<i>Donation Forms & Mailed Items</i>)	
September 5, 2009	Hotel reservations deadline – 5:00 PM Central Time	
September 12, 2009	Raffle Ticket mail order deadline	
September 15, 2009	Art/Photo Contest entries due (<i>Entry Forms & Mailed Items</i>)	
September 23, 2009	Judge's education seminar reservations due	
October 5, 2009	Art/Photo Contest entries hand delivered by 5:00 PM	
October 7, 2009	Auction items hand delivered by 3:00 PM	

HOST HOTEL

Minneapolis Marriott Southwest
 5801 Opus Parkway
 Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 USA
 Phone: 1-952-935-5500

The Marriott Hotel Southwest, the host hotel for the 2009 National Specialty, welcomes you! Bordering the western suburbs of Hopkins and Minnetonka, this three-star hotel with full amenities is built on the site of the Bren farmstead, a large raspberry farm established in the late 1800's. Known as the Raspberry Capital of the United States, Hopkins was settled by Bohemians, Germans, and Scandinavians, most of which farmed. (They might even be related to Uncle Buck-don't ya know.) Travel from Hopkins/Minnetonka in the late 19th century into the heart of Minneapolis near Saint Anthony Falls took a good day's travel on foot. Now, some 150 years later, all roads lead to Hopkins/Minnetonka and the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest – Hwy 169 to the east, Hwy 62 to south, I-394 to the north and I-494 to the west. Built near a wooded area with several adjacent lakes, the Marriott is located in the Opus complex, home to both corporate offices and private residences. Many walking paths wind throughout the complex providing business people, neighbors, and hotel guests alike a relaxing jaunt into nature. Recently remodeled, the Marriott is one of the finest mid-sized hotels in the area, hosting weddings, parties, conferences, and now the Bearded Collie Club of America 2009 National Specialty. Staff are friendly and eager to make your stay comfortable and carefree. In the management's own words, "we can hardly wait to meet those Beardies!"

AMENITIES

Refrigerator • Luxurious Bedding • Smoke Free Facility • High Speed Internet Access • Premium Cable and 37" Flat Screen TV
 Hairdryer • In-room Coffee and Tea • Ironing Board and Iron • Heated Indoor Pool and Whirlpool • Fitness Center • Jogging Trails
 Stacy's Grille • Chat's Lounge with Bar and Starbucks Beverages • Room Service
 Complimentary Guest Parking • Full Service Business Center • Marriott Rewards Points

For more information and photos, please visit their website at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwe-minneapolis-marriott-southwest/>.

RESERVATIONS

Receive 20 Bucky Bucks



for booking a room at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest by August 31, 2009 with no cancellation.

Standard room rate: \$129.00 plus tax per night

Suite room rate: \$159.00 plus tax per night

For guests with pets, a \$100 damage deposit will be collected at the time of check-in and refunded at check-out, based on room inspection.

The Hotel is a smoke-free facility with a highly sensitive detection system. Although smoking is not permitted within hotel, guests are permitted to smoke outside in designated areas. A \$300 fine will be assessed for each violation.

Online Reservations - Online room reservations are just a click away! Click on the Marriott logo (or link) below. You will be directed to the Hotel's reservation page, where the BCCA's group code is already entered. Just enter your arrival date to begin the reservation process.



<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwe?groupCode=bccbcca&app=resvlink&fromDate=10/3/09&toDate=10/11/09>

Phone Reservations - Call 1-800-228-9290 or 1-952-935-5500 and identify your affiliation with the Bearded Collie Club of America to receive the preferred rates. No reservations will be accepted by e-mail or fax.

Reservations close on **September 5, 2009 at 5:00 PM Central Time**. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Reservations are limited to two (2) rooms per individual. The Hotel will attempt to place all guests with pets on the second or third floors (first or second guest room floors). Special room requests may be made but cannot be guaranteed. Refrigerators and microwaves are available on a VERY LIMITED basis upon request. There is a \$50 charge for a microwave. The Hotel will send a confirmation letter by e-mail to each guest within one week of processing.

A reservation must be cancelled **on or before September 5, 2009 at 5:00 PM Central Time** to receive a refund of the deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if a reservation is cancelled after that time. If a guest does not check in on the date of scheduled arrival, the deposit will be forfeited and the remaining nights will revert back to the host hotel.

HOTEL POLICIES

- No more than four dogs may occupy any one guest room.
- Plastic sheeting will be provided and is required under crates, pens and food dishes in hotel rooms.
- Comforters will be removed from all beds in guest rooms occupied by dogs. Additional sheets will be supplied by the hotel to place over beds.
- NO GROOMING OR BATHING OF DOGS ALLOWED IN ANY HOTEL ROOM. Only designated outdoor areas may be used for grooming and bathing.
- No hotel towels will be used for the bathing and/or grooming of dogs.
- Dogs must be crated at all times when the owners are not in the room.
- Any guest whose dog makes excessive noise will receive one warning to remedy the situation. If the problem persists after this warning, hotel management reserves the right to remove the offending dog and guest from the hotel.
- Dogs are not permitted in any hotel recreation area, including swimming pools and any other non-dog area.
- Dogs are not permitted in food and beverage areas, with the exception of those dogs assisting the disabled.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash in hotel common areas and cannot run loose on the grounds.
- Exercise areas for dogs will be designated and supplied with disposal materials and receptacles. You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog.
- Rooms will be inspected daily by housekeeping staff for damages and any potential problems will be reported immediately to BCCA representatives.
- On checkout mornings, the hotel will assign Top Housekeeping Staff to inspect rooms of all guests accompanied by dogs. If severe damages to a room have occurred, the offending guest(s) will be held responsible for all charges.
- Damages will be charged to the guest registered to the damaged room/rooms.
- A list of specific hotel rules will be provided at the time of registration.

We feel assured that this will not happen, but we do need to remind everyone that the hotel and its grounds are considered part of the show site. In the event that an individual does not comply with the above, they may be subject to a bench committee hearing.

DIRECTIONS

From Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport – MSP - Take Hwy 494 West to Hwy 169 North to the Londonderry/Bren Road Exit. Turn left on Bren Road; proceed two blocks to Marriott sign. Turn left. The Marriott will be on the left.

Mapquest directions to:

Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

5801 Opus Parkway

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 USA

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORT

Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport (MSP) is conveniently located 15 miles from the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest and is serviced by Air Canada, American, Continental, Frontier, Northwest/KLM/Delta, United, US Airways (Lindbergh Terminal) and Air Tran Airways, Midwest, Southwest (Humphrey Terminal). The two full-service terminal buildings – Lindbergh and Humphrey -- are connected via light rail or highway. There is no direct access from either building to the other. Go to www.msppairport.com for more information.

American Airlines	800-433-7300
Continental Airlines	800-523-3273
Frontier Airlines	888-269-8379
Northwest/KLM/Delta Airlines	800-225-2525
Southwest Airlines	800-435-9792
US Airways	800-428-4322

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Super Shuttle - 800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)

- Will take dogs over 25 pounds. Only two dogs per person. Pre-payment by credit card required.
- Must arrange for an Exclusive Van that seats 10 people – best for a group so cost can be shared.

Airport Taxi - 952-745-0000

- Will take dogs in crates over 25 pounds. Call when you land and have your luggage, taxi will be there within minutes.

Suburban Taxi - 952-884-8888

- Call when you land and have your luggage.

ON-AIRPORT CAR RENTAL

The rental car counters at the Lindbergh Terminal are located in the Hub building located between the Blue and Red parking ramps, on Levels 1, 2 & 3. Passengers can take the underground tram to go between the Lindbergh Terminal and the Hub building. At the Humphrey Terminal, on-airport rental car counters are located in the Ground Transport Center on the ground level of the parking ramp directly across from the terminal building.

Alamo	800-327-9633
Avis	800-831-2847
Budget	800-527-0700
Dollar	800-800-4000
Enterprise	800-325-8007
Hertz	800-654-3131
National	800-227-7368

Need more information? Please contact Brian Wistrom at cas4beardies@earthlink.net or 612-866-9014.

RV INFO

Parking for up to 15 RVs is available at the hotel at a cost of \$30 per night. No water or hookups are available. RVs must park in designated areas only. Parking will be on asphalt with enough room for x-pens. No refunds for early departures. Reservations will be taken on a first received basis and must be pre-paid. Please complete the [RV Reservation Form](#) and return it no later than **September 2, 2009**.

Reserved RV parking at the hotel is a privilege extended by the Bearded Collie Club of America. The club reserves the right to withdraw this privilege from any person(s) who feel that they cannot abide by the rules and regulations or resorts to abusive language. **All parking is at your own risk.** Neither the BCCA nor the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest will assume any responsibility for fire, theft and/or damage to any vehicle or its cargo.

PARKING RULES

- Overnight parking will be available beginning at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2009. Premises must be vacated by 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 11, 2009.
- Reservations close on September 2, 2009 or when maximum capacity of 15 is reached. Contact the RV Chairperson if you have questions.
- No hook-ups – RV's must be self-contained with an operating fire extinguisher.
- Requests to park together must be sent together.
- The BCCA reserves the right to adjust parking assignments.
- Parking will be assigned considering vehicle size, number of dogs, handicap parking requirements, and date completed reservation form is received.
- Occupants are responsible for cleanup of their parking areas.
- You must send a self addressed, stamped envelope along with reservation form to receive your parking confirmation.

Violators of the following regulations maybe expelled from the grounds:

- No dumping of any kind. If you have leaky plumbing, repair it prior to arrival.

- Grass/dogs must be protected from exhaust at all times.
- No generators between 11:00 PM and 6:30 AM (weather permitting)
- No parking in designated fire lanes, reserved parking or unloading zones.
- Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense and risk.
- The name on a Handicap Permit must be the same as the name on the overnight reservation.
- No sawdust or shavings of any kind allowed in ex-pens.

Questions? Please contact Gary Freeman at toolquyone@mchsi.com or 309-762-7894.

RV PARKS/CAMPGROUNDS

If you prefer a site with hookups or need to find overflow camping, here are some camping and RV parks near the host hotel:

- Town and Country Campground, Savage, MN -- www.townandcountrycampground.com (8.5 miles from the show site): 952-445-1756. Camping and RV parking, dog fee \$10.00, full hookups, fire pit rental, pool and spa, wireless Internet, laundry on site.
- Dakotah Meadows RV Park, Prior Lake, MN -- www.dakotahmeadows.com (12 miles from the show site): 1-800-653-CAMP. RV camping and even Dakota tipi rental! Dogs permitted. Self-serve fueling station and RV wash, laundry, showers, full hookups on paved sites.
- KOA Campground, Jordan, MN -- www.koa.com (16 miles from the show site): (952) 492-6440. Full-service KOA campground. Pet-friendly, wireless Internet available.
- KOA Campground, Maple Grove, MN -- www.koa.com (18 miles from the show site): (763) 420-2255. Full-service KOA campground, pet-friendly.

REGISTRATION/MEAL RESERVATIONS

With our "Master Registration Form" you can write one check to cover registrations or reservations for the following events: Registration (name tag, welcome packet and gift and Welcome Party), Special Events and Meals (Herding lunch buffets and Drover's Dinner, Gala/Auction and Awards Banquet), Health Events (Seminar and CERF/DNA Clinics) and Catalog orders. Please refer to each specific section of the planning guide for more information.

Deadline for submitting the Master Registration Form is **September 2, 2009**.

Once you arrive at the Specialty and are settled in, visit the BCCA Registration Table located near the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom to receive your welcome packet and gift. The Registration Table will be open Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. Thursday-Saturday all welcome materials will move to the Hospitality Room.

Questions? Please contact Cindy Alspaugh at stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com or 704-574-0325.

HOSPITALITY

We invite you to visit the Hospitality Suite on a daily basis. It will be conveniently located off of the bank of elevators, near the Courtyard, and next to the exit to the walking paths. Here you will find a daily schedule of events, locations, and directions to off-site activities. Opening Tuesday, this will be a resource center available from 7:00 AM to late afternoon. You will be greeted with a smile, a hot cup of coffee, answers to your questions, and much more. Plan to stop by often.

BATHING & GROOMING

BATHING

Bathing facilities will be outside with tempered water available. Shampoos and conditioners will be provided by Coat Handler. Please bring your own towels; the hotel towels may not be used.

GROOMING

There will be ample grooming space available for all exhibitors. In addition to indoor space adjacent to the ballroom, there will be the usual outdoor bathing facilities and a tent with electrical service. A limited number of grooming tables/crates/dryers will be available for use by those who are flying their dogs to the Specialty. Exhibitors who prefer to groom outside may bring their own pop-up tents and generators. Because the English Setter National Specialty will be held at the hotel just before our Nationals, the indoor grooming rooms will not be available for set-up until late Monday, October 5. Exhibitors needing to groom on Monday will be able to use the outdoor facilities. To facilitate orderly setup indoors, **we ask that exhibitors reserve space prior to the event by contacting Joanne Williamson** (balgrae@ix.netcom.com, 978-283-9485 or 360 Reed Farm Road, Boxborough, MA 01719) **with their requirements by September 1**.

CATALOGS

ADVERTISING

Showcase your dog's achievements, share your remembrances, announce your club's activities, send your best wishes to the Specialty, thank a friend or promote your dog-related business with an ad in the Specialty catalog. A Breeders Directory will also be featured. In addition, separate sections of the catalog will be devoted to the Rescue Parade and Titleholders Parade (see those sections of this guide for details).

Rates - Full page with photo \$35 Breeders Directory \$10
 Half page with photo \$20 Additional photos \$10

Deadline for advertising is **August 1, 2009**. Please complete a Catalog Advertising Form for each ad you submit.

PRE-ORDER

Please take advantage of pre-ordering your catalog to ensure you will have your own record of this year's events. To order, please complete the Catalog portion of the Master Registration Form. Ordering deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

POST SHOW

If you are unable to attend the show, a post show catalog can be ordered for \$35. Your catalog and the printed results of each class will be mailed after the Specialty. To order, please complete the Catalog portion of the Master Registration Form. Ordering deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

Questions on catalog issues? Please contact Cindy Alspaugh at stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com or 704-574-0325.

TROPHIES

It is that time of year that we ask of you to dig down and help us support our upcoming National Specialty. We are celebrating the BCCA's 40th Anniversary and we need your HELP! A list of unsponsored trophies is available on the 2009 BCCA National Specialty website (www.bcca2009.com). Won't you please consider sponsoring a specific trophy or make a contribution to the General Trophy Fund? Please note that the deadline for receipt of trophy donations is **August 15, 2009** for inclusion in the show catalog. Please use the Trophy Donation Form. Thank you in advance for your SUPPORT!

Questions? Please contact Cindy Alspaugh at stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com or 704-574-0325.

MERCANTILE & VENDORS


Vendors for the 2009 National Specialty will include some of our most popular and sought after vendors – BCCA's own members. Save those Bucky Bucks and "green" ones, too, for fabulous items from the following vendors:

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| • Chet Jezierski, Top Dog Graphics | Original Bearded Collie paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture |
| • Janet Berger, 14 K-9 | Original Bearded Collie jewelry crafted in sterling silver and gold |
| • Cheryl Fehrer | Handpainted furniture, keepsakes, and other items with lovely Beardie images |
| • Terri Hoover, Embroidery Creations | Embroidered Bearded Collie images on clothing and textiles |
| • Jill Floberg, Brighty Booties | Specially designed footwear, neckwear, and other special items just for the Bearded Collie |
| • Val Maloney, Showstopper Gifts | Handcrafted Bearded Collie jewelry and other collectibles |

In addition to these vendors, approximately fifteen other vendors will be represented at the Specialty with items on consignment in the Beardie Mercantile. Items ranging from tartan plaid collars and clothing for Beardies to beautifully beaded leads for the show ring. Make sure to stop by and shop vendor booths located outside the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom.

Questions? Please contact Carol Serrine at cas4beardies@earthlink.net or Janet Fiske at jfiske@swbell.net.

LOGOWEAR

Receive 1 Bucky Buck  for each \$10 spent purchasing pre-ordered Specialty Logowear items.

The 2009 *NORTHERN EXPOSURE* logo will be offered to Beardie lovers in two different ways this year. Artist Chet Jezierski has again created a masterful logo design depicting a windblown Northwoods Beardie dressed for a day in the chilly outdoors of Minnesota. We are offering the logo on 20 items as a full screen printed design or a partial left chest embroidery. Most selections are offered in numerous colors and styles that compliment the different versions of the logo. Pre-orders are highly recommended to insure you receive the colors and sizes that you want. Some items are only available on a pre-order basis. Pre-orders are due **August 15, 2009**. Ordering instructions are included on the Logowear Order Form. Mail orders should be accompanied by a check in U.S. funds made out to the 2008 BCCA National Specialty. If paying with a credit card, all purchases must be completed online through our 2009 National Specialty Pay Pal account.

Pre-orders will be available for pick-up beginning Tuesday morning, October 6, 2009, at the BCCA Registration Table located near the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom. The Registration Table will be open Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM and then will move to the Hospitality Room.

Questions? Please contact Jill Floberg at brightbeardie@aol.com or 303-948-0071.

ART/PHOTO CONTEST

You are invited to enter our art show competition. If you can't attend the Specialty in person, this gives you an opportunity participate and for others to see your special Beardies.

Categories of Competition

- Artwork, including paintings, drawings or sculptures
- Crafts, including needlework, clothing, quilting, stained glass or other handmade items
- Black and white photography – limited to b&w printed photographs of Beardies
- Color photography – limited to color printed photographs of Beardies

Each category of competition will be divided into three divisions: amateur, professional and kids under 12 years old. Specific rules for each category are listed below.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th in each category division.

Judge's Choice Award – the judge will select their overall favorite entry.

Peoples' Choice Award – visitors will vote during the week for their favorite entry. The entry with the most votes will win this award.

General Rules

1. **Personal Creation** - All entries must be the sole personal work of the entrant.
2. **Amateur vs. Professional Status** - An entrant will be deemed a professional within a category if he/she has earned or won more than \$500 from work done within that category. Note that it is possible for a person to be considered a professional in one category but still be an amateur in a different category.
3. **Liability** - Although due precaution will be taken to avoid loss or damage to the entries, neither the Art/Photo Contest Chair, the BCCA nor the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest will assume any responsibility or liability in the event of loss or damage. Please be advised that entries may be hung or displayed causing harm to the mounting.
4. **Entry** - Entrants may elect one of four categories for their entries, as shown on the entry form. The category for each entry **MUST** be indicated on the entry form. The Art/Photo Contest Entry Form and fees must be received by **September 15, 2009** – this includes mailed and hand delivered entries. A copy of the entry form must be affixed to **EACH** entry. Hand delivered entries must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, **October 5, 2009**.
5. **Return Entry Method** - The entrant may choose one of the following four methods for return of the entry:
 - Item to be shipped back to the entrant. Entries must be received in a reusable container with return postage prepaid. No exceptions.
 - Item returned to the entrant in person. Arrangements must be made to pick up the item from the Art Show Display within the following timeframe: Saturday, October 10 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Entries not picked up or shipped by 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 10, will be deemed to have been abandoned.
 - Sign release on entry form naming another person to pick up the item (above timeframe applies).
 - Abandon the entry.

Special Rules for Each Category

Photography (film and digital, both Black & White and Color Categories) - Photographs must be received in hard copy form; no e-mail entries will be accepted. Photos must be matted or flush mounted with outside dimensions no smaller than 5x7 and no larger than 18x22. **Warning:** Entries may be hung or displayed causing harm to the back mounting. The front of a mounted photo must not have any markings in the frame area around the photo. No signatures or other identifiers should be visible. Show photos or photos showing dog show judges will not be acceptable. Any recognizable people in the photos must be members of the entrant's immediate family. Otherwise, photos with recognizable people may not be entered unless accompanied by a copy of a standard photographic release form signed by each non-family-member person in the photo. All Photography entries will be on display in the Art Show room throughout the National Specialty.

Artwork and Crafts - All other types of Beardie-related items not specifically mentioned above shall be entered in the "Artwork" or "Crafts" categories. Flat pieces such as paintings, pastels, etc., must be matted or flush mounted or on stretcher bars -- no frames please. No signatures or other identifiers should be visible on the pieces entered. All Artwork and Crafts category entries will be on display in the Art Show room throughout the National Specialty.

Entry Fees and Deadlines

All entry forms and fees (\$5 per entry) must be received by the Chairperson by **September 15, 2009** – this includes mailed and hand delivered entries. A copy of the Art/Photo Contest Entry Form must be affixed to **EACH** entry. Photos, matted artwork and small pieces may be shipped to the Chairperson for delivery on or before September 15, 2009. Items may also be hand delivered to the Chairperson at the hotel no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, **October 5, 2009**.

Questions? Please contact Paul Jamison at shafferkamp@yahoo.com.

FUNDRAISING

BUCKY BUCKS

Curt Carlson, a native of Minnesota, began his first business venture in the 1950s with "Gold Bond Stamps." The stamps were given out at the grocery check-out to eager housewives, who would place the stamps in a Gold Bond Stamp book and redeem them for products for the home. Needless to say, this approach to value-added purchases catapulted the Carlson family into fame and fortune.

In the spirit of one of Minnesota's greatest and most well-liked entrepreneurs, the 2009 BCCA Specialty is offering "Bucky Bucks" for your Bucky Bucks stamp book, redeemable for products in the Beardie Mercantile. Look for **Uncle Buck's picture** throughout the Planning Guide to see how you can earn Bucky Bucks! The Specialty Co-chairs will also be handling out Bucky Bucks during the Specialty as they see people doing good deeds such as picking up after their dogs, showing good sportsmanship, volunteering at Specialty events, etc.

When you check in and pick up your Hospitality Bag, you will also receive your "Bucky Bucks" stamp book. Collect the stamps in your book and redeem them for great stuff at the Mercantile booth -- each completed stamp book of (120 stamps) is worth \$6.00 off your favorite purchase.

RAFFLES

Receive 2 Bucky Bucks  for each \$20 spent.

We're offering two fabulous raffles this year. In the Specialty Dollar Raffle, you can win cold hard cash or the equivalent value in stays at the host hotel or a gas card. In the Specialty Keepsakes Raffle, you could win one of three amazing items.

Here's what you could win in the Specialty Dollar Raffle. Really, what's better than a little extra cash?

- 1st Place — \$500 USD in cash or 3 free nights at the host hotel, @\$129+tax
- 2nd Place — \$350 USD in cash USD or 2 free nights at the host hotel, @\$129+tax
- 3rd Place — \$175 USD in cash or gas card for the equivalent value

If you thought that winning some cash was a pretty sweet idea, wait until you see the gorgeous items you could win in the Specialty Keepsakes Raffle:

- 2009 BCCA Specialty Quilt "Beardies Through the Seasons" by Minnesota artist Bonnie Langenfeld
- Custom Beaded Jean Jacket with Bearded Collie Profile, hand-crafted by Minnesota Beardie owner Jane Tadsen
- 2009 Specialty Logo Print

Order tickets using the [Raffle Ticket Purchase Form](#). Tickets for all raffles except the quilt must be purchased by **September 12, 2009**. Tickets for the quilt raffle will be available until immediately before the Awards Banquet on October 10. Drawings for the Specialty Dollar Raffle and the Hand-Beaded Jean Jacket and Specialty Logo Print will take place on **September 19**. Winners will be notified by phone. The Quilt Raffle drawing will take place at the Awards Banquet on October 10. You need not be present to win. Tickets are 5 for \$20, and you may designate which raffle you want to enter (or enter both).

Questions? Please contact Carol Schiernbeck at schiern@aol.com or 515-834-2964.

UNCLE BUCK LIMITED EDITION BRONZE

Receive 10 Bucky Bucks  for purchasing an "Uncle Buck" bronze.

Celebrate the BCCA's 40th Anniversary with a Limited Edition Bronze sculpted by Chet Jezierski as a fundraiser for the 2009 BCCA National Specialty. It's cold cast bronze from Chet's original artwork, cast by Dannyquest, and measures four inches in diameter. Each bears the artist's initials and the date, and comes in a protective box and special velvet bag. \$80 plus \$10 US shipping (outside the US, contact Linda Taylor at doggieangels@msn.com for shipping rates). Make checks payable in US funds to 2009 BCCA National Specialty and mail to Linda Taylor, 801 S. Park, San Angelo, Texas 76901 or send PayPal payment for the total amount of your order (including 3% PayPal surcharge) to specialty2009@q.com and email your order to doggieangels@msn.com.

BE A "STAR"

Be a "Star" forever by having your name, your kennel name or the name of a beloved Beardie embroidered in one of the many stars that will be placed on this specially designed banner. The double sided fabric banner has been custom made with the BCCA logo beautifully embroidered in the center of each side. The banner will be proudly displayed each year with all of the regional club banners at each National Specialty. Names will be placed on the banner in the order in which they are received. All orders, using the [Be A Star Order Form](#), must be received no later than **September 15, 2009** for inclusion on this year's banner. Cost per "Star" is \$125.00.

Questions? Please contact Joyce Ann Burgett at winberle@comcast.net.

SPONSORSHIP

Receive 1 Bucky Buck  for each \$10 contributed.

The BCCA National Specialty wouldn't exist if not for the generosity of its donors. Your donations help us cover the costs of everything associated with putting on a production of this size, from ribbons and rosettes to gifts for our judges to printing and postage costs. As an individual donor, you'll not only receive heartfelt thanks from the Show Committee, but also some small tokens of our appreciation for your generosity. If you are interested in becoming one of our sponsors, please look over the categories offered below. We would be most grateful for any contribution. Please note that the deadline for receipt of sponsorship donations is August 15, 2009 for inclusion in the show catalog. Use the [Sponsorship Form](#) to make contributions.

Lake Itasca - \$25 - \$50

Named as a sponsor in the BCCA Show Catalog

Lake Pepin - \$51 - \$150

Named as a sponsor in the BCCA Show Catalog • 5 Raffle Tickets

Lake Mille Lacs - \$151 - \$300

All of the above

A Carved Loon

Lake Wobegon - \$301 - \$600

All of the above

A copy of the book *Liberty: A Novel About Lake Wobegon*

by Garrison Keillor of *Prairie Home Companion*

Lake of the Woods - \$601 and up

All of the above

A birch bark basket with savories from the Mille Lacs

Band of the Ojibwe tribe

Questions? Please contact Carol Serrine at cas4beardies@earthlink.net.

PERFORMANCE AND OBEDIENCE COMPETITIONS

HERDING EVENTS

Sunday & Monday, October 4 & 5, 2009 • Polly Simpson Farm, 1479 200th Avenue, New Richmond, Wisconsin, 20 miles east of Stillwater, Minnesota

TEST / TRIAL

Judges: Gerard Baudet, Sean Hathaway, Terry Workman

We will be holding a total of six trials (three Sheep and three Duck) over the two days. Limits will be 25 Sheep runs and 12 Duck runs per Trial; 20 Sheep runs per Test Event. Trials and Tests may run concurrently; Sheep Trial runs will take precedence over Duck Trial runs or Test runs. EXHIBITION ONLY (including day-of entries) will be offered; regular entries take precedence over Exhibition Only entries. Entry fees are \$45 per run per dog for Sheep Trial and Test; \$40 per run per dog for Duck Trial; \$35 per entry for Exhibition Only (Sheep). Entries open on **July 22, 2009** and close on **September 2, 2009** at 6:00 PM at the Secretary's address: Barbara Witte, Trial Secretary, 11704 Capehart Road, Springfield, NE 68059

BCCA HERDING INSTINCT TESTING

Evaluator: Brian Wistrom

Instinct testing will be offered on Monday, October 5, 2009, and is limited to 25 entries. Dogs over the age of six months are eligible to enter. The entry fee is \$40. Entry forms will be available on the Specialty website and will also be included with the premium lists.

LUNCHES

Lunches will be available on site both days. On the menu for Sunday is a Taco Salad Bar; Monday's offering is a Chicken Sandwich with a choice of two salads. Cost is \$10 per lunch. Soft drinks and water supplied. To order, complete the Herding Meals portion of the [Master Registration Form](#). Reservations are due **September 2, 2009**.

DROVER'S DINNER

Sunday, October 4, 2009 • Gathering 6:00 PM • Dinner at 7:00 PM

After a long day of herding, you are cordially invited to join friends and colleagues for a relaxing evening at the Laurel Inn just minutes away from New Richmond, Wisconsin and Polly Simpson's farm. The Laurel Inn is a typical Wisconsin country pub that serves the "locals" some of the best fare around. The seated dinner will be a choice of lamb shanks with mint sauce and mashed potatoes (\$27), duck a la orange with rice (\$27) or vegetarian shepherd's pie (\$22). All meals come with salad, vegetables, popovers and dessert. See the [Master Registration Form](#) for sign up and meal choices. Reservations are due by **September 2, 2009**. Be seeing ewe at the Laurel!

HERDING ACCOMMODATIONS

Dog-friendly accommodations are limited so reserve a room as soon as possible. Hotels close to the herding site include:

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| • Super 8 New Richmond | 1561 Dorset Lane, New Richmond, WI 54017 | 715-246-7829 |
| • AmericInn | 1020 S. Knowles Avenue, New Richmond, WI 54017 | 715-246-3993 |
| • AmericInn | 13025 60th Street N, Stillwater, MN 55082 | 651-275-0980 |
| • Super 8 | 2190 W. Frontage Road, Stillwater, MN 55082 | 651-430-3990 |

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

Two All Breed Trials will be held before the BCCA National Herding Events at the same location! Because of entry limits, you may send completed form(s) and entry fee(s) to: Cindy Mendonca **before July 6, 2009** and they will be handed in as soon as entries open.
3809 JoAnn Avenue.
Bellevue, NE 68123

GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS & ST PAUL (GSCLUB M/SP)

Friday, October 2, 2009 • Judge: Ann Witte

Limited to 35 total runs, A Sheep + Test and A&B Ducks. Entry fee is \$40.

NORTHSTAR ROTTWEILER CLUB

Saturday, October 3, 2009 • Judge: Brian Wistrom

Limited to 30 sheep runs (A Sheep + Test); 20 duck runs (A&B Ducks). Entry fee is \$40

Test / Trial Secretary: Polly Mumma • (515) 710-7214 (cell phone) • polly@springertigger.com

AGILITY TRIAL

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 • Bryant Park, 1001 W. 85th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota • Judge: Tom Slattery

The agility trial will be held outdoors on grass. The site is a large city park in a quiet neighborhood that offers lots of space for tents and room to exercise your dogs. The park has been the site of large all-breed agility trials for the past several years. It's a quick 15 minute drive from the hotel. We will have two 110 x 110 rings set up and offer STD, JWW and FAST classes. We're pleased to showcase local talent by having Tom Slattery as our agility judge. Tom is a favorite with area exhibitors; he runs Norwegian Elkhounds in agility and is an active member in breed and training clubs. Food and beverages will be available on site.

Agility Relays - The tradition continues! Team agility relays will be held after the conclusion of the AKC agility trial. Please see the BCCA 2009 National Specialty website at www.bcca2009.com/events/agility.html for registration information.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

RALLY TRIAL

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • Obedience Judge: Cindy Rustad • Rally Judge: Phil Rustad

Obedience and rally judging will take place concurrently on two matted rings in the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom. Regular obedience classes offered are Novice A and B, Open A and B and Utility A and B; Graduate Novice and Veterans will be offered as Non-Regular Classes. The following regular rally classes -- Novice A and B, Advanced A and B, and Excellent A and B -- will be offered.

CONFORMATION

SWEEPSTAKES – PUPPY AND VETERAN

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • Judge: Linda Aronson, DVM (Fivefields)

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes will take place in the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom at the conclusion of Obedience and Rally. Puppy Sweepstakes is open to Bearded Collies over six months and under 20 months on the day of the show. Veteran Sweepstakes is open to Bearded Collies seven years of age and over. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes.

FUTURITY

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • Judge: Gaye Brockett (Whyme)

The BCCA Futurity will again be held at the National Specialty. The Futurity is open to all members of the BCCA who have complied with the rules of eligibility for entered dogs. Each dog entered in a Futurity Class must also be entered in one of the regular classes. No additional entry fee is required for paid-up Futurity-enrolled dogs. When completing your entry form, list "Futurity" as an "Additional Class" and indicate the proper age grouping. A puppy's Futurity class is determined by the age of the puppy on August 1, 2009, not its age on the date of the show. (For more information, see the Futurity Stakes Rules and Procedures at www.beardie.net/bcca/.)

JUNIORS

Saturday, October 10, 2009 • Judge: Mary C. Murphy-East (Marjac)

Our junior handlers start the judging off on Saturday morning. Come watch these talented juniors – you might just learn something!

BREED

Thursday-Saturday, October 8-10, 2009 • Judge: Anne Wilding (Bendale)

All regular and non-regular conformation classes will be judged by Miss Anne Wilding. For single dog entries (both dog and bitch) we are offering the following non-regular classes: Altered, Herding Tested, Herding Titled and Veterans. Please see the premium list for a description of these classes. Dog classes will be held on Thursday, October 8; bitch classes on Friday, October 9. Non-regular multiple dog classes (Brace, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch) will begin immediately after the completion of Junior Showmanship on Saturday morning, October 10. Best of Breed judging will begin one-half hour after those classes have concluded.

VERSATILITY

CHIP VERSATILITY AWARD

In April of 2005, the BCCA Board approved a motion to establish an award to honor the most versatile Bearded Collie at our annual National Specialty show. This award is named in memory of the first Masters In Versatility winner, Ch HC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX MX MXJ. *To be eligible*, dogs must enter and compete in at least three of the performance venues offered at the Specialty, which particular three would be of the owner's choosing. These areas can include conformation, herding, obedience, agility, and tracking. Points can be earned by dogs participating in these performance areas even if they do not qualify but points cannot be earned by dogs that are excused for lameness or unacceptable behavior as defined by the rules of the particular event.

All scoring for the award will be done from the official Judge's book(s) for each venue in order to verify that the dogs have met the participation requirement (i.e. were not excused). Scoring will be done by a member of the BCCA versatility committee or, in the event that a member of the versatility committee is not in attendance at the Specialty, by a member of the host club show committee chosen by mutual consent prior to the event between the Specialty show chair and the chairperson of the BCCA Versatility committee.

Herding - If multiple trials are offered, points earned in all events will be added to the total.

- 1 point for participating but not qualifying at the herding test level (HT or PT)
- 2 points for qualifying at the herding test level or participating but not qualifying at the trial level
- 3 points for qualifying at the trial level

Obedience (Traditional and Rally) - If a dog is entered in more than one obedience class, all points earned will be counted towards the overall total.

- 1 point for participating but not qualifying in a regular or non-regular traditional obedience and/or Rally class
- 2 points for qualifying in a regular traditional obedience and/or Rally class

Agility - Points earned in both Standard and JWW will count towards the overall total.

- 1 point for participating but not qualifying in a regular or preferred agility class
- 2 points for qualifying in a regular or preferred agility class

For Herding, Obedience & Rally and Agility, participating and qualifying points in an individual class are NOT additive, i.e. dogs earn only one or the other but not both.

Conformation - Eligible classes for the conformation section of the Versatility award include

Regular Classes

- 1 point for participating
- 2 points for placing
- 3 points for WD or WB

Non-regular classes (including Veterans, Sexually Altered, and Performance-titled):

- 1 point for participating
- 2 points for placing

Best of Breed

- 1 points- participating
- 3 points - BOS
- Award of Merit
- 4 points- BOB

Points won in different conformation classes will NOT be additive; a dog will be awarded only the maximum number of points for a single win. For example, should the Veteran, or Performance-titled dog class winner get Best of Breed, that dog would earn 4 points in the conformation area NOT 6 pts (2 pts from class win + 4 points from BOB win); similarly should the WD or WB be given an AOM, they would earn 3 points in conformation NOT 6 pts (3 pts for WD/WB + 3 pts for AOM). This restriction is intended to minimize the disadvantage sexually altered dogs/bitches face in the conformation area because they are not eligible for BOB competition while still preserving a point advantage for dogs earning major awards in conformation.

If two or more dogs are tied for overall points after being scored by the above system, then class placements earned by the dogs in all events would be used to break the tie on the following point basis: 1st- 4 points; 2nd- 3 points; 3rd- 2 points; 4th- 1 point.; BOB, BOS, AOM would also receive 4 points if their conformation entries were in BOB (this addition is intended to compensate these BOB entries for an inability to earn placement points from the BOB class). If, after adding these additional points, a tie still exists, any of the tied dogs who had received a HIT (obedience, agility, herding) or a major award in conformation (BOB; BOS; WD; WB; Award of Merit) would receive 5 additional points for each HIT and/or major conformation award. If this second adjustment of points is insufficient to break the tie, then the dogs tied will be declared co-winners of the Versatility Award for that year and each will receive a winner's plaque.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BAD DINNER

Monday, October 5, 2009 • Cash Bar 6:30 PM • Dinner at 7:00 PM

The BAD Dinner is open to all. Certificates will be awarded during dessert and coffee. A cash bar precedes the banquet. Entrée choices for the seated dinner include:

- Flank Steak in Mushroom Dried Cherry Sauce, served on top of roasted potatoes with daily vegetables
- Minnesota Breast of Chicken stuffed with wild rice and mushrooms, served with twice baked potato and green beans
- Vegetable Stuffed Ancho Chile, served on black bean mousse with a smoked red bell pepper sauce

All meals served with fresh baked rolls and butter, Harvest salad (field greens with apples, pecans, and corn, served with feta cheese olive dressing or balsamic vinaigrette), New York Cheese Cake and freshly brewed Starbucks regular or decaffeinated coffee and Tazo tea.

The cost for Steak or Chicken Dinner is \$45.00; Vegetarian Dinner is \$37.50. Reservations should be made on the [BAD Dinner Form](#) and are due by **September 2, 2009**.

Questions or special dietary needs? Please contact Libby Myers-Buhite at SkyeCaper@aol.com or 408-244-7762.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2009 • Time TBA

The Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America will meet at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka, Minnesota at a time and place to be published and/or posted. BCCA members are invited to attend.


WELCOME PARTY

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 • 6:30 PM*

All attendees of the 2009 National Specialty are invited to the Welcome Party where we will be dispensing just the right dose of "Minnesota Nice." Whether you have just arrived or have already participated in the herding and agility trials, you will enjoy a break for a light meal, refreshments, and conversation with old and new friends. The Courtyard (weather permitting) or Lake Of The Woods Ballroom will provide an ideal setting to relax and rejuvenate for a week of memorable events. (*Exact time will be based on completion of the Agility Trial and will be posted.)

HEALTH SEMINAR

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • 6:30 PM

Receive 5 Bucky Bucks  for registering for the educational seminar.

Canine Cancer: From Research to Treatment – Please join us for an outstanding seminar detailing up-to-the-minute canine cancer research and therapies, presented by **Jaime Modiano, V.M.D, Ph.D.** The registration fee for the seminar is \$25. The seminar is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Registration deadline is **September 2, 2009**. Register for the seminar on the Health Events portion of the [Master Registration Form](#). To learn more about Dr. Modiano, his biography can be viewed at www.modiolanoblog.org/who/who_index.shtml.

HEALTH CLINICS

Thursday, October 8, 2009 • 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CERF Clinic - \$30 per dog. Jim Schoster, DVM, DACVO, will perform the eye examinations (with dilation). Please bring your dog's registration information (registered name, date of birth, AKC registration number) as well as permanent identification information (microchip, tattoo or DNA profile) for the CERF form. Note: Any errors on forms cannot be corrected and a \$2.00 fee will be charged for each replacement form needed. Every effort will be made to accommodate dogs being shown in the classes on Thursday.

AKC DNA Clinic - \$30 per dog. This DNA test is for identification purposes; it provides permanent genetic identification of your dog and ensures the integrity of the BCCA's studbook. There is no age restriction. DNA samples collected (Bearded Collies only) at the Specialty and submitted to AKC together will qualify for a discounted price of \$30 – a savings of \$10 per dog. You will need your dog's registration information (registered name, date of birth, AKC registration number) and permanent identification information (microchip or tattoo).

DNA Repository Clinic - \$5 per dog. Cheek swabs for the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) DNA Repository will be collected at the Specialty. Your participation will assist health research for decades to come. There is no age restriction. Cheek swab derived DNA is a viable option for DNA banking. Although the yield and purity of this DNA is inferior to that obtained from blood, it is suitable for most genetic approaches. Therefore, owners are asked to submit multiple cheek swabs from each dog (four swabs are included in each kit). The swabs are stored indefinitely at the Veterinary Genetics Lab at UC Davis. The \$5 per dog fee for placing swab samples in the Repository covers the costs of data management, samples processing and storage. We urge everyone to enroll as many dogs as possible to show your support for a healthier future for Bearded Collies. An application and health survey (both available to download at www.bcca2009.com) must be completed -- we advise completing them beforehand. Forms will also be available at the Specialty. We will also need a copy of your dog's AKC registration and a three-generation pedigree.

Pre-ordered DNA kits will be in your registration packet. Be sure to pick it up at the Registration Table -- additional DNA kits will be available for purchase. Collection may be done anytime during the week – just follow the detailed instructions. Completed DNA samples may be dropped off in the collection box in the Hospitality Suite or at the CERF Clinic on Thursday afternoon. **ALL DNA samples MUST be returned to Dawn Symes no later than Friday, October 9, 2009.**

Pre-register for the above clinics on the Health Events portion of the [Master Registration Form](#). Deadline for registration is **September 2, 2009**.

GALA/AUCTION

Thursday, October 8, 2009 • Cash Bar 6:15 PM • Gala/Dinner at 7:00 PM • Auction Follows

Receive 20 Bucky Bucks  for registering for the Gala/Auction.

GALA

Get ready for glitz, glamour, and items galore at the BCCA's 40th Anniversary Gala celebration and live auction! You are cordially invited to attend our two-for-one event. Enjoy the camaraderie of friends and view the many wonderful auction treasures, as you begin the evening with live music, cash bar, a sumptuous meal and the sounds of BCCA's own "Three Tenors Who Are Really Baritones." With original lyrics by Skip Nicholson, the Tenors, who are joined by several guest artists from within our Bearded Collie ranks, sing a special rendition of that Broadway musical hit, *My Fair Bearded Collie*. You will not want to miss the entertainment! Semi-formal, formal, or period attire in keeping with the musical theme is welcome. The Gala will conclude with a pictorial walk down the BCCA's Memory Lane.

A cash bar with gold standard premium brands precedes the Gala. Entrée choices for the seated dinner include:

- Stuffed Cornish Hen with a bacon demiglace and asparagus, grilled tomatoes and deep fried Roman gnocchi
- Eggplant Milanese served with an artichoke and tomato sauce and penne pasta
- Grilled Salmon Steak on top of okra mashed potatoes, sweet chili sauce and wonton sail
- Braised Leg of Lamb with gravy, ratatouille with corn and gratinated Roman gnocchi

All meals served with fresh baked rolls and butter, Stacy's salad (spinach, sliced pears, bleu cheese, sun dried cherries, raspberry dressing), Caramel Apple Pie and freshly brewed Starbucks regular or decaffeinated coffee and Tazo tea.

The cost is \$48 per person. Reservations should be made on the Special Events portion of the [Master Registration Form](#) and are due by **September 2, 2009**.

Questions or special dietary needs? Please contact Carol Sitrine at cas4beardies@earthlink.net or 612-866-9014.

AUCTION

Following the entertainment and tribute to the BCCA's 40th Anniversary, the celebration segues into our annual auction, chaired by Susan Lybrand and Joyce Ann Burgett. Everything from memorabilia to contemporary Beardie art is featured in this year's auction. Rumor has it, Uncle Buck is planning to be in attendance – another event that makes this evening one not to miss. We have a team of incredible auctioneers that will be encouraging you all to bid often and bid high as part of the proceeds of the night benefit BCCA rescue efforts and Beardie health.

In addition to the regular auction, Regional Bearded Collie Clubs are encouraged to enter the Annual Regional Club Auction Challenge which began at the 2007 national. This event, which takes place during the regular auction, showcases some very creative Beardie baskets and items from each of the regions of the country and is a great way for clubs to show their support to BCCA rescue. As a new incentive this year, the four Regional Clubs with the highest amount paid for their entry will also get to keep part of the proceeds.

How to donate an auction item - You may bring your item to be donated along with you to the specialty or mail it beforehand. In either case we ask that you please fill out the [Auction Donation Form](#) and send it to Carol Sitrine, 5652 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419, by **September 2, 2009**. We need the description of the donated item so items can be cataloged ahead of time. If you are bringing your item with you, please drop it off at the hospitality room by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, **October 7, 2009**. Thanks so much for contributing to the success of the auction and the many programs the proceeds help fund.

Questions? Please contact Susan Lybrand at brandmar@verizon.net or 972-442-6824.

PARADES

Friday, October 9, 2009 • Following Bitch Judging

TITLEHOLDERS PARADE

The Parade of Titleholders is a wonderful way to honor your Beardie and feature their versatility. To be eligible to enter, a Bearded Collie must have earned an AKC title in conformation, obedience, rally, herding, tracking or agility, or any BCCA Register of Merit. Other titles or non-regular designations may be listed, but they alone do not make a dog eligible for the parade. The event will take place the afternoon of Friday, October 9. All Beardies entered will receive a personalized rosette.

To enter, please complete the [Parades Entry Form](#), include a 75-word (maximum) description of your dog's accomplishments, a three-generation pedigree, a photo, and the appropriate fee. Label the back of all photos with the dog's name and the owner's name, address and phone number. Please print clearly or type all information. The entry fee, which includes a full page ad with photo in the Specialty catalog, is \$35. Entry deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

RESCUE PARADE

Rescued Beardies are showcased in this heartwarming parade. Join us on Friday afternoon, immediately after the Titleholders Parade, as we honor these special Beardies and the families who have welcomed them into their lives. All participants will receive a personalized rosette and commemorative item.

There is no charge to enter this event. Just complete the [Parades Entry Form](#) and include a 75-word (maximum) story, typed or printed, about your rescued Beardie. Please remember to send a photo (labeled with the dog's name and your name, address and phone) to accompany your Beardie's story in the show catalog. Entry deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

JUDGES' EDUCATION

Friday, October 9, 2009 • Following Parades

Following bitch judging, the BCCA will host a judge's education seminar presented by our Judges' Education Committee. This seminar is a great opportunity for all prospective Beardie judges and will include hands on examination. Ringside mentoring by BCCA mentors will also be available during breed judging on Friday and Saturday. The cost of the seminar is \$25 and includes a copy of the Illustrated Standard. Reserve your space by returning the [Judges' Education Seminar Registration Form](#) by **September 23, 2009**.

Questions? Please contact Chris Walkowicz at walkoway.dogbooks@mchsi.com or 309-754-8723.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, October 9, 2009 • Time TBA

The annual membership meeting of the Bearded Collie Club of America will be held Friday evening in the Lake of the Woods Ballroom. Exact time to be announced. Please plan on attending so you can participate in the business of the BCCA.

AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, October 10, 2009 • Cash Bar 6:15 PM • Dinner at 7:00 PM

Receive 10 Bucky Bucks



for registering for the Annual Banquet.

As the Specialty week draws to a close, please join us for wonderful evening at the 2009 BCCA Awards Banquet. Come celebrate and show your appreciation for the individuals and Beardies being honored. A cash bar with gold standard premium brands precedes the banquet. Entrée choices for the seated dinner include:

- Champagne chicken--chicken breast stuffed with apple-pear chutney topped with champagne sauce, roasted potatoes, grilled asparagus and baby carrots
- Panko seared walleye served with a lemon caper sauce, wild rice medley, green beans and carrots
- Vegetable strudel--assorted grilled vegetables inside a filo crust with a shallot beurre blanc sauce
- Tender roasted pork loin with boursin cheese, artichokes, roasted bell peppers, gratin potatoes, green beans and carrots, served with a port wine sauce

All meals served with fresh baked rolls and butter, Valley Creek salad (mixed greens with candied pecan nuts, mini corn, green asparagus, grape tomatoes, and choice of honey mustard or raspberry vinaigrette dressing), a choice of dessert (Lemon Mousse Torte or Double Devil (chocolate brownies with vanilla ice cream on top of chocolate sauce)) and freshly brewed Starbucks regular or decaffeinated coffee and Tazo tea.

The cost is \$48 per person. Reservations should be made on the Special Events portion of the [Master Registration Form](#) and are due by **September 2, 2009**.

Questions or special dietary needs? Please contact Carol Schiernbeck at schiern@aol.com or 515-834-2964.