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SLED DOG RACES OFFER \$75,000 IN PRIZES

Saranac Lake, N.Y. - The 1989 ALPO Sled Dog Series- three consecutive weekends of world-class competition highlighted by the \$50,000 ALPO International- promises the most exciting sled dog racing season in Adirondack history.

Offering total prize money of \$75,000, the ALPO Series begins with the Tupper Lake Races on January 20th-21st. This traditional event will be followed by the 11th annual ALPO International on January 27th-28th-29th and the inaugural Paul Smith's College 10-dog Championships, which wind up the ALPO Series on February 4th-5th.

Prize money for Tupper Lake will be \$15,000; the Paul Smith's 10-dog purse totals \$10,000. One of the highlights of the Tupper Lake program, incidentally, will be three- and six-dog races for registered Siberian Huskies, an event that has generated new popularity for the animals traditionally associated with the early days of sled dog racing.

James G. Schmoey, senior vice president of operations for ALPO Petfoods, Inc., calls the three-event Winter program "... a demonstration of ALPO's continuing commitment to this wonderful sport and to the men and women who bring color and excitement to sled dog racing."

The ALPO International, sanctioned by the International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA), is the richest sprint racing event of the year and annually attracts the best drivers from the northern tier states in the U.S., from Alaska and from Canada.

ALPO International race director Peter Lesser, executive director of the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, says he expects "one of the strongest fields in the history of the event." Back to defend his Unlimited title will be Harris Dunlap of Bakers Mills, N.Y.

Also expected to return are winners of the other major classes of the 1988 ALPO International: Neal Johnson, eight-dog; Amy Kondos, six-dog; and Francis Julian, three-dog.

Among the leading contenders for the Unlimited title being defended by Dunlap will be Don Breland, Eddy Streeper, Len Robb, Gary Edinger, and Mike Boaz, all among the point leaders on the pro circuit last season.

Paul Smith's 10-dog Championship, a new event, will take place at the Paul Smith's College Sports Annex the week following the International and will provide students actual hands-on experience in staging a special event. The project will be under the direction of Sue Dyer and Ken Brown. Included on the program will be mid-week lectures to the students on sled dog race management, public relations and other subjects related to the sport.

Saranac Lake, NY — Man and his sled dogs against the winter elements and the rugged countryside — these are the ingredients of the 11th Annual ALPO International Championships being held January 27, 28 and 29 at the Paul Smith's College Sports Annex in Saranac Lake. The ALPO event will offer \$50,000 in prize money to 100 of North America's top sled dog drivers.

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THE ORIGIN OF SLED DOG RACING;
HISTORY AND LEGEND**

RICHMOND BICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE PROGRAM PLANNED



Five months to go and counting before the Town of Richmond celebrates its 200th birthday. Much work is well under way in preparation for the big event which will take place May 26-29.

According to Public Relations Committee Chairman Steve Barnhoorn, a time capsule project is the latest addition to the bicentennial program. While work is in the initial stages, this project will provide community residents with an opportunity to leave personal memoirs, pictures and artifacts to their future descendants.

The time capsule will be sealed off and won't be opened until the year 2089 when Richmond will celebrate its tri-centennial. A capsule burial site has not been yet determined. Coordinating this fund-raising project are residents Vivian Kuitens and Katherine Lustig.

The next scheduled bicentennial committee meeting is for Monday, January 16th at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Lodge in Honeoye. Barnhoorn said anyone interested in serving on the committee can contact steering committee co-chairman Jan Ashley (229-5605) and Peg Treble (229-5641).

FOOTBALL UNDER THE LIGHTS IN '89; 1956 GRADUATE GIVES BOOST TO LIVONIA SPORTS PROGRAM

"If it weren't for athletics I would never have graduated from Livonia High School. I believe high school athletics are very important." The source of these words is Mr. Phillip Saunders, owner of Griffith Oil Company and the Sugar Creek Stores. On December 26, 1988, the Livonia Board of Education officially accepted a \$260,000 gift from the Saunders Foundation for construction of an athletic facility at the high school football field site and installation of a lighting system for evening sports events.

Construction will begin in April or May and hopefully be completed in time for the fall sports schedule. There will be a new building near the football

field which will house showers, storage space for equipment, a meeting room and public restrooms. Evening games will finally be possible with the new lights.

Saunders, a 1956 Livonia graduate, was active in basketball, football, baseball and track & field events. It was upon his urging that the lighting system was considered. "I always thought we needed lights, even when I was playing. This school deserves it; I think it's the best school system in Livingston County."

At the Board meeting in December, the members resolved that the football site will be named in memory of Earl B. Saunders, Jr., who served as a

member of the LCS Board of Education from July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957. Said Board President Dr. David Woodruff, "This is a most generous gift and will certainly enhance our athletic facilities and their use by both our students and the community."

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