**2023 NATIONAL SHOW**

**EXHIBITORS LETTER**

**The countdown has begun – JUST SIX (6) DAYS until the commencement of the 2023 National Alpaca Show to be held at the Canterbury A & P Showgrounds in Christchurch.**

**This is the 20th anniversary since the inception of the National Alpaca Show. We have 37 exhibitors and we are pleased to advise that the show will return a small profit. Thank you everyone for your support especially in these challenging economic times.**

**START TIMES FOR DAY ONE (SATURDAY) OF THE 2023 NATIONAL SHOW**

**7.30am All animals must be penned**

**8.00am Colour checks**

**8.30am National Fleece Show Awards – live-stream coverage**

**9.30am Commence suri judging**

**DRESS CODE**

**All exhibitors are reminded that the dress code is strictly**

**BLACK & WHITE . This is our premier event that is being live-streamed around the world – a high standard of dress is expected.**

**Anyone wearing T-shirts, farm boots, jandals, gumboots or any attire that promotes the exhibitors farm will not be permitted into the show ring. Gentlemen unless you are wearing the AANZ polo shirt, a tie or bow tie with white shirt would be the preferred option.**

**PROMOTION AND MARKETING**

**The 2023 National Alpaca Show is being promoted through**

**Facebook, Eventfinder and also with ChristchurchNZ Whats On.**

**The links are as follows:**

**https://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2023/alpaca-national-show-2023/christchurch**

[**https://www.christchurch.com/see-do/events/alpaca-national-show-2023?session=136175**](https://www.christchurch.com/see-do/events/alpaca-national-show-2023?session=136175)

**LIVE-STREAM LINK**

**For AANZ members not attending the show, the link to the live-stream feed is www.alpaca.org.nz/live-stream-catalogue-2023/**

**Please ensure you advise all your clients both locally and internationally of the above link so that they can follow your progress at the show.**

**ACCESS TO THE CANTERBURY A & P GROUNDS**

**Access to the Canterbury A & P Show Grounds is via the main entrance in Curletts Road. The gates will be open from 6.30am to 5.30pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

**The cattle yard pens will be available from 12 noon Friday. Any other times by arrangement with the organizing committee.**

**To access the show grounds outside of these hours, go to the automatic entry and exit gate north of the covered cattle yards. The entrance is adjacent to the Southern Motorway. There is a sensor that picks up a vehicle when it approaches the gate. This gate offers 24 hour access to the show grounds. Please refer to the attachment for further details.**

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**Kebab King will offer a wide range of food and beverage (including breakfasts) on Saturday and Sunday. The operating hours will be 6.30am until 3.30pm. Please note that Kebab King WILL ONLY ACCEPT CASH – no eftpos or credit card.**

**SECURITY**

**Sub Five Security have been contracted to watch over your animals and the marquee from 9.00pm to 7.00am Friday and 11.00pm to**

**7.00am Sunday.**

**PENNING LAYOUT**

**The penning layout is attached to this newsletter. Please check carefully to ensure that your requirements have been met.**

**Packs of straw will be left in your pens but it is up to the exhibitor to spread the straw as they see fit. There will be extra bales of straw for those exhibitors wishing to replace soiled straw.**

**OUR SPONSORS**

**We wish to record our sincere appreciation and thanks for the support from our sponsors.**

**Silverstream Alpaca Stud – National Show Ring sponsor**

**FMG – Corporate sponsor**

**Sherlin Alpaca Stud – Supreme Champion Suri sponsor**

**Thief of Hearts Alpaca Stud – National Show Catalogue sponsor**

**Shadow Wood Pre-Export Isolation Facility – National Show Dinner**

**NZ Mystic Grey – Championship sponsor**

**NZ Summerhill – Championship sponsor**

**NZ Grandview – Championship sponsor**

**Gotland Suri – Championship sponsor**

**Blackberry Creek Suri – Championship sponsor**

**Nevalea Alpaca Stud – Championship sponsor**

**Shamarra Alpaca Stud – Championship sponsor**

**Stoneleigh Alpaca Stud – Championship sponsor**

**STUD SERVICE AUCTION - Absentee bids will be available online.**

**Please contact our auctioneer Ros Scott (McKenzie Fields Alpacas)**

**Email**  **rtg.scott71@gmail.com** **or phone 0275 320320**

**A stud service auction featuring some of New Zealand’s best herd sires will be a feature of the Saturday night dinner. Many of these herd-sires have been unavailable for outside matings. This is your opportunity to bid on some highly sought - after genetics and to help the Association raise funds to help fund the 2023 National Alpaca Show. We wish to thank most sincerely the stud farms listed below for their generous donation.**

**Details of the stud service auction are on the AANZ website under National Show 2023. A full colour stud service auction catalogue will be available at the dinner tables on the Saturday night to assist exhibitors with their bidding.**

**STUD SERVICES are available by auction to the following males:**

**SURICO ONEDIN**

**Surico/Thistledown & Fairhaven Alpaca studs**

**SURILANA CONDAMINE ET**

**Sherlin Alpaca Stud**

**BRENOR FUTURISTIC**

**Nevalea Alpaca Stud**

**EMPIRE TAPESTRY**

**McKenzie Fields Alpaca**

**KURRAWA LEGENDS THRILL SEEKER**

**Brenor/Silverstream/Shamarra & Stoneleigh Alpaca Studs**

**RUBY DOWNS FLUORESCENT**

**Legacy Alpaca Stud**

**SHAMARRA DYNAMO**

**Shamarra & Oak Ridge Alpaca Studs**

**WAIKARA PARK COOPER**

**Waikara Park Alpaca Stud**

**PRODUCT/SERVICE AUCTION**

**There will be a select number of product/service items auctioned during the dinner. Absentee bids accepted – refer contact details above. Details of the product/service auction are available on the AANZ website under national Show 2023.**

**1. Shearpac - donating free shearing for 30 alpacas**

**2. Masterweave - donating a throw and 2 scarves**

**3. NZ Summerhill - donating an alpaca lace shawl with**

 **matching pastel striped headband**

**4. Auskin Ltd - donating one large soft alpaca toy**

**5. Bespoke Living Room  - 3 piece set of mouth blown glass**

**6. Rangiora Vet – donating a birthing kit**

**7. Christchurch Casino – donating a fun gaming package**

 **Including drinks and nibbles**

**8. Sherlin Alpaca Stud – 600 x 900 wall hanging or floor rung**

**9. Donaghys Ltd – 1 litre of Trival, 20 litres of Trivox and**

 **5 litres of Rumen Zyme**

**POWER/ELECTRIC FANS**

**All cables and fans must have been certified within the last twelve months. As this is potentially a fire hazard, all cables and fans will be checked.**

**The power box to run the electric fans is located in the centre of the cattle yard pavilion. This will mean that all exhibitors requiring power will find their pens are located several rows back from the exit to the cattle yards.**

**MEADOW HAY/CHAFF**

**Meadow hay ($12 + GST) per bale and Lucerne chaff ($40 + GST) per bag are available for sale at the show.**

**It would be very helpful if all exhibitors could advise in advance of their arrival, if they require hay or chaff. This will ensure we do not run out of vital food supplies for your animals.**

**For orders of hay and chaff contact- Lindsay Riddle 0274 331094**

**OUTDOOR PENNING**

**One large female pen and one large male pen will be setup near the marquee. The fencing for the pens will be gates. Exhibitors are reminded not to tether their animals to any fencing or fixed objects. Unattended tethered animals have the potential to strangle or hurt themselves and there is always the potential for the animal to break away from the lead.**

**Exhibitors may setup their own gates but they must be well clear of the marquee and show ring and clear of the viewing area.**

**PACKDOWN**

**We have engaged contractors to clean out the pens and cattle yards from 3.00pm Sunday. Please make every effort to move your animals and gear from the pens as soon as you possibly can.**

**If your animals cannot be moved immediately after the show, please contact someone from the working group and they will make the arrangements for your animals.**

**HELP/ASSISTANCE**

**If anyone needs assistance with any aspect of the show, please feel free to contact anyone from the organizing committee. We are here to help and to ensure you have a fantastic weekend in Christchurch.**

**Your first point of contact is Kit Johnson 027 327 3023**

**YOUR ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

**Kit Johnson (Chair), Kees Rietveld (convenor breed), Anne Rogers (convenor fleece), Kevin Burgess, Anya Walkington, Liz Strack,**

**Wayne Allison & Lindsay Riddle**

**On behalf of the organizing committee, I wish you all the very best at this years’ National Alpaca Show.**

**Kit Johnson**

**Chair**

**2023 National Alpaca Show working group**