**NATIONAL ALPACA SHOW**

**NEWSLETTER 13 August 2023**

**DATES – Saturday September 30 September and Sunday 01 October**

**WHERE – Christchurch**

**VENUE – Marquee at the Canterbury A & P Showgrounds**

 **Outdoors if the weather permits**

**JUDGES – Molly Gardner & Jude Anderson – Breed**

 **Molly Gardner – Fleece**

**ENTRIES CLOSE – Friday 25 August – Just twelve (12) days from today**

 **No late entries will be accepted**

**FLEECES – Delivery no later than Monday 11 September.**

 **Fleeces to be addressed to:**

 **Anne Rogers, National Fleece Show,**

 **10F Newnham Street, Rangiora 7400**

**The National Alpaca Show is our premier event which is going to be live-streamed around the world. Your working group has made every effort to**

**ensure that we have a very successful and spectacular show.**

**Support from all our members through LARGE ENTRIES and SPONSORSHIP**

**will have very positive benefits for our whole industry through increased exports and a financially successful National Show.**

**TB CERTIFICATES**

**It would appear that many farms need to renew their TB certificates due to the expiry of their current TB certificate. Please check your current TB status to ensure that your animals will be eligible to enter the National Show.**

**SPONSORSHIP**

**There are still sponsorships available for all budgets.**

**Only sponsors will have recognition on the live-stream.**

**The sponsorships are very well priced given the incredible exposure that sponsors will receive – do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity.**

**SPONSORS**

**The working group would like to thank and acknowledge our sponsors:**

**FMG, Silverstream Alpaca Stud, Sherlin Alpaca Stud, Thief of Hearts Alpaca Stud, Shadow Wood Alpaca Stud, NZ Mystic Grey Alpaca, NZ Summerhill Alpaca Stud, Grandview Alpacas Ltd, Gotland Suri Alpaca & McKenzie Fields Alpaca (auctioneer).**

**MEDALS/TROPHIES –**

**Ribbons, medals and trophies will be presented to successful exhibitors**

**for this year’s show to add to the glamour and prestige of this National Show.**

**SHOW-PENS**

**All pens are indoors with the option of electric fans. The cattle yards have excellent natural air flow. The pens are high sided and built for cattle and large enough for up to four adult or six junior alpacas per pen.**

**Exhibitors with minimal entries can share pens. Just let us know if you wish to share when submitting your entries.**

**NATIONAL SHOW DINNER & AUCTION**

**The National Show dinner will have a large selection of hot and cold dishes**

**and will be served in the large marquee. Gas burners will ensure nobody goes cold. The meal is sumptuous and should appeal to even the most discerning diner.**

**The highlight of the evening will be the stud male service auction. Your working group has secured stud services to some of New Zealand’s best stud males, many of whom have not been available for outside stud services.**

**There is a good representation of stud males from throughout New Zealand for both suri and huacaya and representing the different colour ranges.**

**There is also an auction of alpaca items and some non- alpaca items.**

**Successful bidders can have their purchases charged to their AANZ account.**

**Phone bidding will also be available.**

**We wish to acknowledge and thank most sincerely Ros Scott (McKenzie Fields Alpacas) for agreeing to be our auctioneer. Ros is a real entertainer**

**and will have you reaching for your wallets.**

**NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW**

**There will be some alpaca breeders due to personal circumstances who cannot make it to the national show. Please make every effort to enter your fleeces in the show. Remember winning fleeces will be live-streamed at the commencement of the show – you will be recognized by farm name so do not miss out. The National Fleece Show will be beamed around the world so let us all put on an impressive display – we want a record turnout.**

**Brenor Alpaca Transport are offering fleece delivery for $20 + GST return per fleece. This is a very generous offer so please avail yourself of this offer.**

**REMEMBER**

**Entries close in TWELVE (12) Days – get your entries in NOW**

**We look forward to seeing you all again for what promises to be a fantastic National Alpaca Show. A record turnout is good for business, moral and reminding us all of just why we breed alpacas.**

**Please support us, to support you and grow our businesses together.**

**NATIONAL FLEECE SHOW WORKING GROUP**

**Anne Rogers (convenor), Sue Rodriguez, Sarah Frampton, Mary-Ann Pruden,**

**Kate Beckworth & Lesley Burgess**

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**Kit Johnson (chair), Kees Rietveld (convenor) Anya Walkington, Kevin Burgess, Liz Strack, Lindsay Riddle & Wayne Allison**