**2023 NATIONAL SHOW**

**FINAL NEWSLETTER – 21/09/2023**

**The countdown has begun – JUST NINE (9) DAYS until the commencement of the 2023 National Alpaca Show to be held at the Canterbury A & P Showgrounds in Christchurch.**

**OUR SPONSORS**

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

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

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**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**

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**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**

**SATURDAY NIGHT GALA DINNER**

**There are still tickets available for our Saturday night gala dinner and auction. We already have up to 60 confirmed dinner guests in what should be a fantastic evening. Please make every effort to attend our dinner.**

**The dinner is very extensive and represents great value for money.**

**SPITROAST.COM have a great following in Canterbury and you be assured of some great culinary delights catering for all diets.**

**If you want to book tickets to the Dinner or have any dietary requirements, can you please contact the working group (entries@ alpaca.org.nz) and we will liaise with the caterers to see if your requirements can be accommodated.**

**MEATS**

**Pork, Beef, Chicken or Lamb**

**SALADS**

**Seasonal tossed lettuce salad**

**Country coleslaw**

**Beetroot salad**

**Farmhouse potato salad**

**AND**

**Gravy**

**Breads**

**Peas**

**Carrots**

**DESSERTS**

**Fresh seasonal fruit**

**Chocolate gateau layered with chocolate, berry and whipped cream**

**Pavlova topped with whipped cream and seasonal fruit**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Wine, beer and non -alcoholic beverages**

**There will be no cash bar, drinks will be charged/invoiced to members accounts.**

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

**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.**

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

**rtg.scott71@gmail.com****or 0275 320320"**

**Ros will take phone bids during the auction or you can email Ros with your bid.**

**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.**

**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 - 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**

**TB CERTIFICATES**

**We wish to remind all exhibitors that all animals must be TB free and the member concerned must have a current TB certificate.**

**There will be no exceptions.**

**POWER/ELECTRIC FANS**

**For alpaca breeders wanting to use electric fans (not supplied), power is available to your pens for $80 + GST per pen**

**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.**

**MEADOW HAY/CHAFF**

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

**OUTDOOR PENNING**

**A limited amount of penning will be provided during the day immediately outside the Marquee (1 large Female and 1 Male pen)**

**And exhibitors can bring their own gates to setup and pen animals outside the Marquee if they wish.**

**FLEECE DELIVERY**

**Please remember that all fleeces must be delivered to Anne Rogers (Southside Health) no later than Monday 11 September.**

**Please ensure all fleeces are clearly marked with their class number.**

**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 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 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 with your animals and fleeces.**

**Kit Johnson**

**Chair**

**2023 National Alpaca Show working group**