

## Tim Hey

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### Judging Qualifications (Alpaca)

The British Alpaca Society (BAS)  
Status: Certified Judge – Halter and Fleece: 2006  
Level 3 Completed: September 2005  
Level 2 Completed: September 2005  
Level 1 Completed: March 2005

### General Alpaca Experience

Tim grew up in Australia with alpacas and was involved in many facets of his family's alpaca herd. He was mainly involved in alpaca selection, breeding, showing, fibre harvesting and sales. As well as his involvement with the family herd, Tim also held a position on the Australian Alpaca Association Tasmanian Regional committee and was involved in show organisation throughout the region.

In the mid 1990s he was lucky enough to spent time in Victoria with Coricancha Alpaca Stud. Here his knowledge increased further as he gained experience in large scale alpaca farming. In 1997 Tim graduated from the University of Tasmania with an Applied Science degree and in 2002 was temped to England by one of the leading alpaca producers in the UK. Here he undertook a herd manager's role in charge of approximately 170 alpacas.

Two long trips to Peru selecting stock for export in 2003 and 2004 increased his knowledge further as he had the pleasure of working alongside the Tijera family (Koricancha) and Rural Alianza EPS. Here he was able to select from thousands of very uniform alpaca while living with and learning from the breeders.

As his own herd of alpacas grew Tim left his employment and began farming full time in 2006. He now enjoys his herd of approximately 80 black females and the breeding challenges they present. In addition to Inca Alpaca, Tim is also co-owner of Moonsbrook Alpacas in Sussex, totalling close to 300 head.

- Tasmanian Regional Committee member of the Australian Alpaca Association, 1998–1999.
- BAS Show Committee member, 2005–2006.
- Selection of export stock in Peru 2003 and 2004.
- Show convenor for the Royal Bath and West Show, 2003–2006.

- Herd operations manager for some 170 head of alpaca in the UK, 2002–2006. Tasks included, breed programme formulation, seed stock selection (Australia and Peru), fibre grading, sales, show team selection, marketing and herd management.
- Presentations and tutorials for the South West Alpaca Group on Shearing, Husbandry, Fibre grading and sorting, Showing, Seed stock selection and Breeding.
- Shown Alpacas extensively in the UK and Australia including the AAA National Show.
- Selected seed stock around the world on behalf of many European breeders.

## **Seminar Attendance and Judging Experience**

1995

- Dr Kendal Crocker: 'Alpaca nutrition and breeding practices'.

1996

- Marty McGee handling and training course.

1998

- Dr Jane Vaughan: 'Nutrition and Reproduction'.

1999

- Dr Richard Dickson: 'Mineral and trace element requirements in alpacas'.

2002

- BCA Conference – Mr Brad Smith, Ms Karen Timm: 'Reproduction'; Gian Lorenzo D'Alterio: 'Camelid medicine'; Maggie Krieger: 'Fibre preparation for processing and showing'.

2003

- BCA Conference – Mr David Anderson: 'Veterinary care for camelids'.
- Private seminar – Mr Mike Safely: 'Breeding practices, male selection and marketing'.

2004

- Dr Julio Sumar – Alpaca Management.
- BCA Conference – Mr Chris Cebra: 'Digestive disorders and guidelines for medical success in Camelid herds'.
- Mr Eric Hoffman: 'History of camelids in South America and fibre evaluation'.
- British Alpaca Fibre Co-op. Mr David Williams: 'Fibre harvesting, handling and classing'.

2005

- Dr Jim Watts. Primary Breeders Meeting, Australia.
- Mr Dominic Lane and Mrs Jill McCloud – Fibre analysis, breeding and marketing.
- BAS Judge training.
- BAS Judges re-certification.
- Dr Jane Vaughan: 'Nutrition and Reproduction'.
- Acted as a consultant in Shanghai addressing owners of alpacas in China.

2006

- May – Presented a one-day workshop in Spain on alpaca husbandry, nutrition, breeding and selection of alpacas.
- June – Presented a one-day seminar and workshop in Norway on alpaca selection, breeding, showing, husbandry, farm structure and marketing.

- July – Judged the Cumberland Show in Carlisle, Cumbria. Composite show.
- July – Judged the Mid-Devon Show in Tiverton, Devon. Fleece on show.
- October – Presented a one-day seminar and workshop in Germany for the Alpaca Association on alpaca selection for breeding and showing as well as industry and breeder marketing and development.

2007

- April – Presented a two-day workshop in Finland for the Finnish Alpaca Society. The practical and theoretical course covered all aspects required for a new country starting out in alpacas.
- May – Judged the French National Show. Fleece and halter classes.
- May – Judged the Northumberland Show. Halter classes only.
- June – Judged 160 alpacas at the Kenilworth Show. Halter classes only.
- September – Presented a two-day course to the Swiss Alpaca Association on fibre characteristics, harvesting, handling and show preparation.