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## CEO NOTES

### **Photo Competition for the Year Book Magazine**

We are inviting entries for a photo competition. The best pictures will be in the Yearbook. The theme is "**Alpacas through the seasons**". So please send in items that shout Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter

To encourage you to send your pictures the **first prize** winner will have the value of their membership refunded to them. So the best photo means you can have a year's free membership. Second and third will get £50 and £25 credit respectively to their BAS account.

Please send your entries to me by email but make sure they are **high resolution** or they won't print very well and can't be used. 2Mb or higher is the advised for printing. By entering you agree to their possible publication. Entries will close on Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 9 am.

### **BAS Board Blog**

This week Emma Taylor is doing some serious knitting. <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

### **Young Members Zoom**

Thanks to all who joined in with this Zoom call. It was good to "meet" and thank you for all your interesting ideas.

You can email about this or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)



## **TB advisory service expands to include camelids**

Some may be aware that the TB advisory service (TBAS), aiming to deliver bespoke biosecurity advice to cattle farmers in England, has now been expanded to include keepers of other TB susceptible species such as sheep, pigs, goats and camelids. Not only that, but the service is also to be offered in 'low risk' areas of the country.

TBAS aims to empower keepers to identify areas where biosecurity measures can be put in place, or enhanced, to reduce the risk of TB on the holding. This is achieved with two visits from a trained veterinary advisor (free of charge), where areas for improvement can be identified, prioritised and advice tailored to the holding. It is hoped that due attention will be given to preventative measures, risk-management, and contingency planning, alongside an empathetic vet who understands the species and industry.

Camelid owners with a CPH number will be able to access these services free of charge soon, so please keep an eye on the TBAS website <https://www.tbas.org.uk/> and register your interest, and if your vet may be interested in training an adviser, please encourage them to get in touch too.

# National Show 2022

## 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Information Update

**Judges: Mary-Jo Smith and Tim Hey**

#### **Entries**

The entry system will open for new bookings at 9am on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and remain open for one week, closing at 9am on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Minimum entry 3 alpacas, maximum 25. Any entries paid and held over from last year are safe and protected. Herds with existing entries from last year may request any additional places at this time. If bookings are oversubscribed, any reduction will be made from this year's entries only. Progeny classes will not be taken into consideration when reviewing entry numbers.

Named entries will need to be made between 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 using the Show Entries tab on the Pedigree Registry section on the BAS website. Progeny classes must also be entered at this time if they are to be included in the Show Catalogue, but male progeny groups can still be entered up to 12 noon on the Saturday of the Show.

#### **At the show**

Doors open for arrivals at 9am on Friday, and all exhibitors must be in the halls before 12 noon Friday 25 March.

The Show Halls will **not** be available to overnight alpacas on the Sunday. To facilitate early departure on Sunday, halter judging will start at 3.30pm on Friday following the exhibitor's briefing at 3pm. Judging on Saturday and Sunday will be starting at 8am both days.

The timetable for classes will be confirmed following review of entry numbers.

All alpacas must remain in the show until final judging has finished.

The fleece show judging will take place in February by Mary-Jo Smith, and winning entries displayed throughout the National Show.

## **Auctions**

### ***Stud auction***

The popular Stud Auction will take place over 4 weeks in February, opening on 31 January and closing on Sunday 5 March.

### ***Alpaca Live Auction***

On the Saturday night following the dinner there will be a Live Alpaca Auction which will include 5 outstanding alpacas selected by the Show Organisers from member's submissions. A further 3 'wild card' alpacas will be included. Sale animals will be on view in the owners' pens during Friday and Saturday.

Lot numbers and details of sale conditions will be published in the catalogue.

## **Social events**

There will be an informal "Meet and Greet" on Friday evening, from 6.30 pm. Drinks and snacks will be available with a friendly request for any donations to be made in the hospice bucket.

It is hoped that exhibitors will join a buffet style dinner in the TIC which will be followed by the live alpaca auction on the Saturday night of the show. . More details to follow and booking.



**Emerald Sponsors: Artwork Alpacas and Redens Alpacas**

The **Heart of England Alpaca Group Spring Alpaca Fiesta** will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

at **Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Mill Lane, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT**

and our Judge will be **Mrs. Barbara Hetherington.**

Arrivals will be on Friday morning and judging will commence that afternoon.

The Committee are planning a bigger and better Show for our return in 2022. The Ring will be larger than previous years with a full lighting rig to ensure your alpacas are presented to the Judge at their best. We will Live Stream the Show plus hold the **Craft & Photography Competitions** with enhanced displays. Our entertainment on the Saturday night is still being finalised - details will be available soon.

**ENTRIES** for numbers only (minimum of 3 per herd), will open on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, via Manage Your Herd, and will close on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January** or when the maximum number of entries are received.

***For those Herds that have retained their entries from 2020, during the period above, you will be able to add additional entries, subject to the number of places available. (Emails will be sent shortly)***

Entries will reopen on **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**, closing at midnight on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**, during which time you will be able to select your alpacas but the total number of entries you reserved, must remain the same.

There will be no refunds and we will not accept withdrawals, except due to illness under the usual conditions.

We will be including Modern Grey as Classes at the Fiesta again this year. Best Appaloosa will be awarded at the Show but the latter must be entered under the Multi/Fancy Class in 'Manage Your Herd'.

**All Extras need to be booked direct with HoEAG via the Order Form available on our website [www.heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk](http://www.heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk). Electric Points** at £30 each - maximum of 4 fans per supply and compulsory **Pen Clean Up Service** at £40, which will be refunded if you decide to do it yourself.

In addition, you may book a **Sales & Stud Pen**, to house a maximum of 4 alpacas per Pen, available at £30 each. Bring along a selection of alpacas that you have for sale or boys to promote your Stud Services. Your Herd Name will be listed in the Catalogue, on our Website and Facebook page.

**Sponsorship opportunities are available, please email [fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk](mailto:fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk)**

**The HoEAG thank you for your support and wish you good luck at the Fiesta.**



Eastern Alpaca Group

## EAG Winter Warmers

#4 Pasture Management (via zoom)

8th December 2021 - 7pm

£5 EAG members/£10 non-members

An introduction to Seed Mixes and Pasture Management for Llamas & Alpacas – with Sam Lane of Cotswold Grass Seeds.

Register your interest via the following link -

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUr f-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUr-f-GppjlsHdL0mLnIoYMafUNOWEv1f4vP)

GppjlsHdL0mLnIoYMafUNOWEv1f4vP - payment in advance. By registering this will automate an invoice, please pay promptly.

Social evening - Wine Tasting (Jan - Zoom)

Winter Warmer #4 - Pasture Management (Dec - Zoom) Sam lane & Cotswold Seeds - **REGISTRATION IS LIVE**

Winter Warmer #5 - Natural Dyeing (Jan - Zoom) (Ann Nicholson)

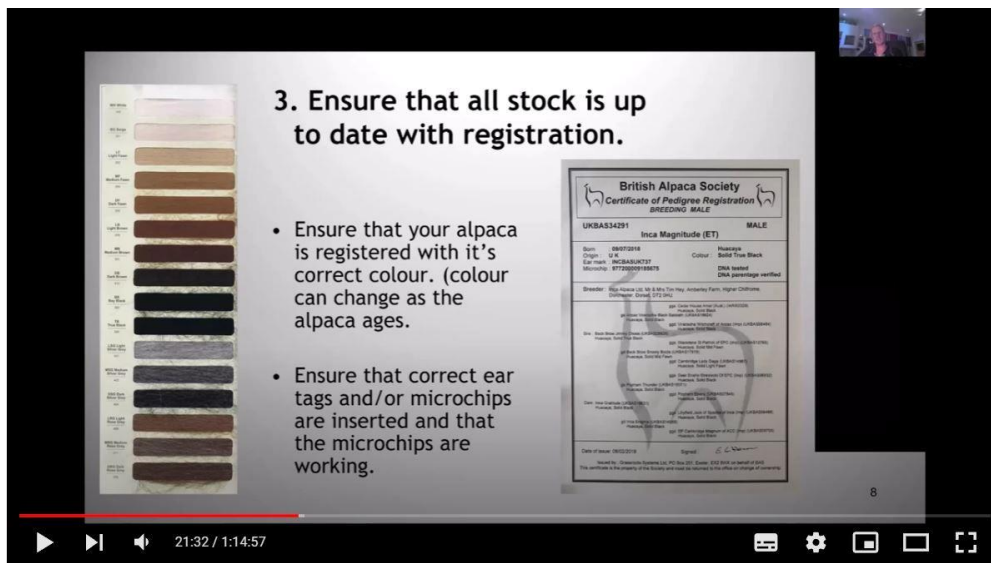
Winter Warmer #6 - Herd Sire Selection (Feb- Zoom) (Nick Harrington-Smith)

Winter Warmer #7 - Parasitology (March - Zoom) (Ami Swaran)

Winter Warmer #8 - Alpaca Birthing (Apr- in person) (Karin Mueller)

All events are open to everyone whether a member of BAS or EAG. EG website (<https://easternalpacagroupuk.org>) will be updated as soon as we are able to confirm further dates with the presenters & costing.

Membership details are on the website.



## BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 21/22. Other titles will follow as they are confirmed.

In a change from last year the links are made available here to members, so you don't need to register your interest and a link will not be emailed to you personally.

7.00pm - Thursday 9th December 2021

**Victoria Barrett - Camelidynamics**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84267771106>

11.00 am - Thursday 13 January 2022

**Dr Kylie Munyard - Colour genetics in alpacas**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511309786>



## 2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email

Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

Thursday	09-Dec	Webinar-Victoria Barrett, Camelid dynamics
Thursday	13-Jan	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Sunday	23-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Monday	31-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Tuesday	01-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	05-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	06-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	19-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	20-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Thursday	14-Apr	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Tuesday	01-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Wednesday	02-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

## 2021 Show Diary



## **Make a note in your diary!**

**(New information in red)**

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

### **National Show**

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Entries open for pre-booking: 1st December 2021

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

### **NWAG Halter Show**

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

### **HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022**

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

**Scottish Alpaca Championship**

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Entries open: 18th February 2022

Entries Close: 24th March 2022t

Entry fee: £22 inc VAT

**South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.**

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022

Judge: Jay Holland

Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH

Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom [hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com](mailto:hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com)

**CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022**

9th July 2022

Venue and Judge tbc.

**EAG Fleece Show**

August 2022 further details tbc

**EAG Halter Show**

October 2022 further details tbc