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Marital Status

Married with 2 children.

Education

1994 Graduated with university entrance chemistry, biology, English and mathematics from Marist Regional College – Burnie, Tasmania, Australia.

1998 Graduated from the University of Tasmania with a science degree majoring in aquaculture and minors in microbiology and biochemistry.

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

I grew up in Australia with alpacas and was involved in many facets of my family's alpaca herd. I was mainly involved in alpaca selection, breeding, showing, fibre harvesting and sales. As well as my involvement with the family herd I 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 I was lucky enough to spent time in Victoria with Coricancha Alpaca Stud. Here my knowledge increased further as I gained experience in large-scale alpaca farming. In 1998 I graduated from the University of Tasmania with an Applied Science degree and in 2002 I came to England to work for one of the leading alpaca producers in the UK. Here I undertook a herd manager's role of approximately 170 alpacas.

Two long trips to Peru selecting stock for export in 2003 and 2004 increased my knowledge further as I had the pleasure of working alongside the Tijera family

(Koricancha) and Rural Alianza EPS who own 43,000 alpacas. Here I was able to select from thousands of very uniform alpaca while living and learning from the breeders. As my own herd of alpacas grew I left my employment and began farming full time in 2006. Along with my wife we now enjoy my herd of approximately 130 black alpacas and the breeding challenges they present. In addition to Inca Alpaca, I am also co-owner of Moonsbrook Alpacas in Sussex totalling over to 330 head of suri alpacas.

- Tasmanian Regional Committee member of the Australian Alpaca Association (AAA), 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 British Alpaca Society South West Region 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 from Australia, New Zealand and Peru on behalf of breeders in Norway, Finland, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and Britain.

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 Cebara: '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.

2008

- April – Judged the Swiss National Alpaca Show in Zurich comprising of 130 alpacas.
- April – Judged the BAS Spring Alpaca Fiesta comprising of 170 alpacas.
- May – Judged the Spanish National Alpaca Show and conducted a workshop on selective alpaca breeding.
- August – Judged the Hope Fleece Show. 40 fleece entries.
- September – Judged the Westmorland's Short Fleece Show. First show in the UK to conduct a short-fleece event.

2009

- June – Presented a 2-day judging workshop in Norway for the Norwegian Alpaca Association.
- October – Judged the Alpaka Show Ost, Germany. 40 fleece entries and 160 alpacas.
- October – Judged the Yorkshire County Alpaca Show at Thirsk. 114 alpaca entries.