

I.S.N. PRESS RELEASE

Chairman, Dylan Davies leads his team of both local and sheepdog people, to host this year's International; bringing it back to Tywyn after 48 years.

The Tywyn International has secured £25,000.00 worth of grant funding from the Welsh Assembly and Gwynedd Council. In addition to the grants, Novus Solar have joined as a major sponsor.

Ongoing fundraising and general sponsorship has been exceptional in helping to ensure the success of the event.

The trial is being held at Sandiland's Farm, Tywyn, home of Geraint and Annest Owen and family, without whose generosity to host this event, we would not be able to enjoy and experience the craft and skills of the shepherd and his dog or a view of rural life.

The trial field is a flat field on a 100 acre site with additional room for parking, situated where the "mountains meet the sea".

The sheep will be Welsh Mountain sheep from the Maes y Pandy flock and under the event management of Chief Steward, Idris Thomas and his team.

This year you can purchase your 3 day grandstand tickets on line, pick your seat and keep it for the three days. All remaining seats will be available on the field.

It is hoped that the area as a whole will greatly benefit from the trials. A Country Fair will also feature at the event with vintage threshing, vintage farming machinery, display of Vintage shearing machines, a hand shearing competition, stick making, Snowdonia Produce market, trade stands and a craft tent.

While you are in the area, take a trip up to Llwyngwrl to take a glimpse of Gwrl the Giant and his entourage; sheep, shepherds, sheep dogs and much much more, all made by the local knitters of Llwyngwrl Yarn Bombing who chose to support this year's International with their theme of the Sheep Dog Trials.

The local Young Farmer's Club have been very much involved in the preparation of the event and will continue their support by holding a Tug Of War competition on Saturday after trialling finishes; where the winners hope to challenge a team made up of sheep dog trailers and members..... so please get your 'anchor-man' at the ready!!

Following the Tug of War on the Saturday evening there will be entertainment in the catering tent with Celtic Pride, a Country and Western Duo

Bwyd Bethan will be providing bar facilities and serving meals & snacks to eat in or take away if you need food to take back with you to your camp site or B&B. Alternatively during the day, you can purchase local lamb burgers with our local supplier Idris Evans at Cig Oen Maethlon or pick up your morning speciality coffee from Jon at Event Eateries. For afters there's always ice cream!

Joining BBC Alba in televising the event will be Telegop and S4C

All we need now is the weather! "See you there"!!!

INFORMATION

Entry Charges:

Free entry to ISDS members (on showing of badge only)

Adults - £8 per day; Children under 14yrs – free

Car Parking – free

Grandstand tickets:

Are available on line for a 3 day ticket only – <http://www.isds.org.uk/shop/event-tickets-2016-international-trial/> remainder available on field: 3 day ticket - £30; Friday & Saturday tickets - £13 each day; Sunday ticket - £16

Travel:

Road: The trial will be signposted from each of the following points: Dolgellau (20 miles north from Tywyn); Machynlleth (15 miles South from Tywyn) and Cross Foxes 16 miles East from Tywyn).

Rail: Tywyn can be accessed along the Cambrian Coast line via Shrewsbury railway Station or along the Cambrian Coast line itself: www.trainline.com

Accommodation:

Accommodation has been very much in demand but please contact Lisa for assistance. All enquiries to Lisa Markham - Mobile 075812863930 / Home 01654 782 674; email: cariadlisa666@hotmail.com or on the International web site: www.internationalsheepdogtrials.org.uk/2016-international-trial/

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