

Merry Christmas from the President

Not long now until we all get to see what Santa has bought us this year. The COVID Vaccine would be a good start. Post lockdown, the Club has offered fun events for Samoyed owners and continued to promote the breed and responsible breeding. There has been a lot of interest in puppies and several registrations for older Samoyeds. We have people throughout NZ looking for older Samoyeds so breeders if you have a dog please let Anita Shugg or Marie know so they can supply you the list.

July – Dog Health Day hosted by the Golden Retriever Club in Otaki. Good to see the queues growing as interest in health testing grows especially with the introduction of DNA testing. At least three breeders got their Samoyeds tested this year.

July – Waikanae Park Walk is a lovely venue where the dogs can stretch their legs. Some new people wanting a Samoyed came along to learn about the breed.

September – Grooming Demonstration by Tess was well attended. The advice was useful with interest in the best equipment to use and what exactly is line grooming.

October – Ribbon Parade with judge Wendy Hicks attracted a small but enthusiastic entry. Best on Parade was *Skrownek Riga Roszanna*. Anita Shugg provided show training at the start and Kevin Hicks was a very helpful steward. After the judging he gave a short tutorial on how a steward records the results.

October – Spicer Walk introduced more new people to the Club. It was nice to meet the people behind the names on Facebook. The view at the top is worth the climb. We could see that Transmission Gully has progressed a lot since our last walk here.

November – Halloween Match included Other Spitz this year but was mainly Samoyeds and Siberians. The winner was *Kelljazz Winter Showstopper*. We had beautiful rosettes, generous prizes and the rain stayed away. The fancy dress was fun and well supported.

November – Special Award to Anita Nearey on her achievement with *Nero* in Obedience.



November – Pet Expo was hot with long days and many people and kids coming back time and time again for cuddles with the Samoyeds. Our banner looked good. Updating the photos is our next project. A lot of people were looking for a new puppy.



December – 2021 Calendar was well supported with lots of lovely photos to pick from and fifty sold at \$25 each. The price increase was to cover the GST we now need to pay.

December – Donated Items were sold on Trade Me or held back for prizes. Thank you, Madeline and Joanne Alexander. Money raised

contributed to the SamCare fund. Donations to SamCare always welcome. We are currently establishing policy for SamCare.

December – Queen Elizabeth Park walk is along the beach and you get a lovely view of Kapiti Island. This is my favourite walk and the last event for 2020.

Thanks everyone who has helped with the Club during this difficult year especially the Committee – Simeon Copsey, Anita Shugg, Anita Nearey, Tess Robinson and Marie Trewoon. We are all now Zoom experts!

2021

Feb, 1st – Close for feedback on Samoyed LRL

Mar, 7th – AGM and Fun Day at TBCOC, Mana. If you want to come on Committee please come along and join us.

Jul, 17th – Samoyed Day at Porirua with Open Show Judge, Lavinia MacKenzie-Goodwin, Marton and Championship Show Judge to be confirmed. We will be judging stakes before breed and may reformat the scheduling for the day with the championship show starting in the morning and the open show in the afternoon.

- *Lynne Barr, President, The Samoyed Club*



Don't forget to renew your membership NOW and to introduce new people to the Club. We need members to stay a viable Club.

Subs are due 1st January 2021. You can use the online system at - <https://thesamoyedclub.org.nz/join-the-club.html>