## Merry Christmas from the President

Well, 2021 didn't go exactly to plan and the start of the year seems faraway with so many permutations as we live in this COVID world. Next year is not shaping up to be much better. When the sun did shine, we made the most of it and got out and had fun with our friends and Samoyeds. When we were stuck inside, we also made the most of working with the two other Samoyeds Clubs to put together a submission to NZKC for a Samoyed LRL, a SamCare Policy and made a good start on auditing our Cups. Many of our cups are getting old and need to be retired. Please if you have Club cups in your care look after them. It is so sad that some are returned to the Club broken.

Walks Marie continued to provide a variety of walks around Wellington, the Hutt and Kapiti that were a good opportunity to chat, blow out the cobwebs and not just do the usual drive to work and the shops. The Queen Elizabeth beach walk had a Xmas Theme which was most enjoyable.

Fun Day A bit of a tradition now and lovely to see some new people come along for the fun with their kids and puppies. After the fun day we had the AGM which we are required to have in March.

**Grooming** Another well received demonstration from Tess on how to best keep your Samoyed looking beautiful and help keep them healthy.

Samoyed Day After having to cancel our Samoyed Day in 2020 it was lovely to have judges (Wendy Hicks – Open and Ian Geddes-Cook – Championship), a venue and no COVID in the community so we could put one on this year. We had a really good entry with a lot of new babies. We reversed the judging order which worked really well and although some of the feedback was negative overall it was a great success. We had a good entry for the pet parade and the young handlers enjoyed getting to pick a prize. Congratulations to the winners.

Best In Show (Open) – Ch Oscarbi Astro-Naut Boy

Best In Show (Championship) - Ch Oscarbi Lorde It Over Kid

Best Junior Handler - Ethan Barzey-Clark

We are waiting to see how 2022 rolls out before making any decisions about our Samoyed Day. We no longer have a venue and the border is still closed to overseas judges.



Ribbon Parade Judge Nardine Theodore had a good entry mostly of puppies. Before the parade we had show training and grooming assistance. Congratulations to Best on Parade Zaminka Polar Voyage (Neutered)

Of Year Points With the lack of shows this year and the uneven playing field for our Auckland members we have cancelled the points for 2021.

**Special Award** Neutered shows are new to NZ. It was very pleasing to see that the winner of the first Neuter Best in Show was a Samoyed. Congratulations Neuter Champion Zaminka Diamond Prince (Neutered).

Calendar There was a record entry of photos so picking was very difficult. If anyone has old Samoyed Calendars, please contact Anita Nearey as we are putting together boards for Pet Expo to go with our lovely banner.

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 need new Committee members so if you would like to help, please step froward. The meetings are on Zoom and roughly every two months.



Let's hope we all get to enjoy the beach over summer.

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

Subs are due 1st January 2022.

You can use the online system <a href="https://thesamoyedclub.org.nz/join-the-club.html">https://thesamoyedclub.org.nz/join-the-club.html</a> or fill in the membership form and return to the Secretary. We need both your money and form before we can process your membership.

## 2022

Mar, 12<sup>th</sup> – Fun Day (starting at 1.00pm) and AGM (starting at 2.00pm) at TBCOC, Mana.