



Kāpiti Chess Club A.G.M

Presidents Report 2021

It has been another challenging year, not only for Kāpiti Chess Club, but all chess clubs throughout New Zealand due to the impact of COVID-19. Over-the-board play (OTB) was suspended in late August and the Club switched to online play. As the national vaccination programme rollout progressed the option to return to OTB was taken up by a few members in late October. As detailed in the Club Captain David Scott's Report, there were 25 nights of over-the-board tournament play, 15 nights of online Club play, and 8 nights of casual OTB play in 2021.

In addition to reducing the Calendar of events, COVID also had a noticeable impact on membership and attendance. Membership was down from 18 in 2020 to 13 in 2021. The Kāpiti Junior Open & Schools Championship was also cancelled due to COVID.

In October we said goodbye to long-time member and friend of the Club Rick Lowe who sadly passed away. Rick joined the Club in 2009 and was a loyal member and supporter for 12 years. Rick was Club B-grade Champion three times, in 2012, 2014 and 2017. He will be remembered for his fun, sometimes cheeky spirit and his genuine love of the game – and of course for his amazing chess-themed car. He will be missed by all who knew him at the Club.

Despite the challenges, there were a number of highlights over the past year:

- Kāpiti Rapid
- Kāpiti Junior Chess Club
- Financial improvement
- Additional assets
- Additional material added to the website

The 27th annual Kāpiti Rapid, held on Saturday 29th May 2021, was extremely well attended, drawing the second highest attendance in the tournaments 30-year history, with 45 players, including several titled players and former New Zealand champions. International Master (IM) Russell Dive took out the open grade with an unbeaten 5½ from 6, with Brian Nijman and IM Anthony Ker sharing 2nd and IM Ben Hague, IM Scott Wastney and Ryan Winter tied for 4th. Russell was the co-winner of the very first Kāpiti Rapid held 30 years ago in 1991, and this is the 11th time he has won the title. The Flora Paul Memorial Trophy for best performing Kāpiti Club players was shared by Guy Burns, David Paul and Ross Jackson on a score 3½. The flagship event produced a \$740.24 profit for the Club.

At last year's AGM we highlighted the drop in junior playing members, which reduced significantly after lock-down in 2020. We also felt that junior chess was not well served within our community, and this was an area which we hoped to contribute further. In March 2021 the Club established a new Junior Chess Club to address these issues. The new junior club meets during school term time



from 6:30 to 7:30 before the main Club meetings. The Junior Club provides a fun environment for school students of all abilities to learn and play chess. Last year the Junior Club had on average 11 players each week, ranging from 4 to 13 years. Junior coaching is provided, and 9 juniors achieved NZCF level 1 last year. The junior chess section also had a positive contribution of \$475.50 to the Club's financial position. We will be focussed on firmly establishing the Junior Club and expect membership to grow significantly.

The Club was again successful in receiving a \$500 grant from the Kāpiti / Raumati Community Board. The money was used to acquire the following additional assets:

- Standard Plastic Chessmen x 6
- Folding Vinyl Chess Board x 8
- DGT 1002 Chess Clock x 4

The new assets will primarily be used for the expanding junior chess section. The Club now has enough assets to run chess tournaments with up to 52 players without the requirement to borrow equipment from other clubs.

Club Captain, David Scott, has also been regularly updating the web and Facebook sites. The number of Club Facebook followers increased significantly from 188 in 2020 to over 570 in 2021, one of the highest for any NZ Chess Club Facebook site. Additionally, he has been instrumental in implementing significant behind the scenes development on the website, including the scanning and uploading of all historical photos and known Club news clippings and articles, as well as historical governance documents.

Despite the challenging environment, which resulted in reduced senior membership, the Club significantly increased the bank balance by 72% from \$1,429.23 at the end of 2020 to \$2,463.00 at 2021-year end. Key highlights from the financial statement:

- Income = \$5,045.40
- Expenditure = \$4,011.63
- Profit = \$1,033.77
- Closing balance @ year end 2021 = \$2,463.00 (72% up on previous year)
- Kapiti Rapid profit/contribution \$720.24
- Jnr Chess profit/contribution \$475.50

Again, the Club would not have achieved these results without the great support from our landlord, the Salvation Army, who did not charge the Club for days we did not run over-the-board club nights. It is also satisfying that the rent we do pay goes to such a great organisation, who help our community in so many ways. Further financial prudence is recommended going forward as we navigate these challenging times. The financials are detailed below.



I would like to thank the outgoing Club Captain David Scott for his tremendous service over the last couple of years. David will continue on in his role as Secretary. Additional thanks to Brandon Holman (Treasurer), Guy Burns (Vice President), and Ross Jackson (Committee Member) who's hard work and support has contributed to a successful year despite the challenges presented.

The Club has made great strides in the last couple of year despite the challenges, and I am excited about the Club's potential to grow and to deliver the benefits of chess to our wider community when we are no longer hampered by the current COVID pandemic.

Gordon Lyall

President
Kāpiti Chess Club

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Financial Statement

2020 Statement of Accounts – Kapiti Chess Club		2021 Statement of Accounts – Kapiti Chess Club	
Expenditure (\$)		Expenditure (\$)	
Rent	\$ 1,215.00	Rent	\$ 1,530.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$ 727.17	Kapiti Rapid	\$ 923.43
Equipment (new cabinet)	\$ 500.00	Equipment	\$ 725.57
Junior Event	\$ 457.98	NZCF (Kapiti Rapid)	\$ 225.00
NZCF	\$ 350.00	Junior Event	\$ 140.00
Engraving	\$ 227.50	Engraving	\$ 130.50
NZCF (Kapiti Rapid)	\$ 112.50	NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$ 120.00
Sundries	\$ 74.00	Donation	\$ 100.00
Tax	\$ 0.08	NZCF (Jnr Badge Scheme)	\$ 64.50
		Sundries	\$ 52.50
		Tax	\$ 0.13
TOTAL	\$ 3,664.23	TOTAL	\$ 4,011.63
Income (\$)		Income (\$)	
Subs	\$ 1,655.00	Kapiti Rapid	\$ 1,868.67
Kapiti Rapid	\$ 1,294.70	Subs	\$ 1,580.00
Junior Event	\$ 705.64	Subs (Jnr)	\$ 540.00
KCDC Grant	\$ 500.00	KCDC Grant	\$ 500.00
Interest	\$ 0.08	Equipment	\$ 225.57
		Junior Event	\$ 180.00
		Donation	\$ 150.00
		Interest	\$ 1.16
TOTAL	\$ 4,155.42	TOTAL	\$ 5,045.40
Profit	\$ 491.19	Profit	\$ 1,033.77
Opening Balance Jan 1st 2020	\$ 937.36	Opening Balance Jan 1st 2021	\$ 1,429.23
2020 Profit	\$ 491.19	2021 Profit	\$ 1,033.77
Closing Balance Dec 31st 2020	\$ 1,429.23	Closing Balance Jan 6th 2022	\$ 2,463.00
Kapiti Rapid made a profit of	\$ 455.03	Kapiti Rapid profit	\$ 720.24
Junior Champs a profit of	\$ 247.66	Jnr Chess profit	\$ 475.50
Sub Total	\$ 702.69	Sub Total	\$ 1,195.74