



## **Kāpiti Chess Club Annual Report 2024**

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### **SUMMARY / HIGHLIGHTS**

The Club enjoyed a full schedule of events in 2024 and both Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Rapid and Kāpiti Junior Championship were held. The Club also organised and ran, the NZCF Interschool Wellington Region as well as the NZCF Interschool National Final.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Kāpiti Rapid was held at the Te Raukura, the Kāpiti Performing Arts Centre, which was an excellent venue for this milestone event. The tournament attracted a field of 46 entrants including 9 players from the Club. The event was FIDE rated, and it was the first time that e-Boards had been used for the event.

The Kāpiti Junior Championship saw a further increase in popularity, with 89 players from 30 schools across the Wellington, Kāpiti and Horowhenua regions.

The Junior Club has reached capacity with a membership of 39. Unfortunately, the popularity of the Junior Club has meant that there is a waiting list for prospective new members.

The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for the amount of \$517.50. This money was used to cover the hire of Te Raukura for the Kapiti Rapid.

The Club continued to post news regularly in 2024, every one to two weeks and the Club's Facebook presence continues to grow significantly.

The Club returned a healthy profit of \$1,880.80, up 43% over the previous year. This was accomplished while adding a number of assets, including 2 new trophies, a printer, a projector, 6 plastics sets, 6 chess books, and further building some stock of medals and NZCF badges and certificates.

We look forward to building further on the successes of 2024.

## SENIOR CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP

The senior section of the Club had 13 members at the end of 2024, up one from 2023. We lost 1 member from 2023, gained 4 new members, but two of these then left during the year.

Senior Club Membership	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number of members	13	12	9	13	18
Returning members	12	10	7	11	14
Number from previous year who didn't return	1	2	7	7	5
New members this year	4	2	2	2	4
Joined in the year then left	2				
Visitors and casual players (excl. junior club members playing senior club)	6	18	7	19	15
Who attended 1 night only	3	15 <sup>1</sup>	3	10	8
Who attended only 2 or 3 nights	1	2	3	7	4
Who attended more than 3 nights	2	1	2	2	3

1. Includes 9 from match with Upper Hutt

The Club met 43 times during the year. Average attendance was 10 per night, up slightly on last year.

Number of Meetings	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Over-the-board – event nights	38	39	36	25	25
Over-the-board – casual nights	4	5	9	8	2
Interclub events	1	2	-	-	-
Online	-	-	-	12	15
Total number of meetings	43	46	45	45	42
Average attendance	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Over-the-board – event nights	10	10	7	11	12
Over-the-board – casual nights	8	5	5	4-6	9
Online	-	-	-	7	7
Total average attendance per night	10	9	7	9	12

### SENIOR CLUB EVENTS

Our traditional schedule of events was run in 2024 (<https://kapitichess.club/events-and-results/>). Some useful changes were made with the timing and number of the rapid format events in the first half of the year, and the Fischer-Random event was extended to a two-night event. We also played an away interclub match with the Upper Hutt Chess Club following on from the successful home and away matches introduced in 2023. We had five rated tournaments (Leo Eichholtz, Kingston, Winter Cup Series 1 and 2, and the Club Champs) and four unrated tournaments; our 10+5 Freebird Cup (played over three two-night legs), our 3+2 Blitz Cup (played over three one-night legs), a Spring (play something different) 25+5 event, plus a Freestyle (i.e. Fischer-Random) 10+5 event played over 2 nights. As usual the year finished with our Club Championship played over 7 nights. Both A and B grade Club Champion trophies were awarded, with insufficient numbers to contest the C-grade trophy.

We ran our two annual open tournaments, the Kāpiti Open, and the Kāpiti Junior Open (including the Junior and Schools championship). These are reported on below.

Club event		Time control	Rounds	Nights	Rated	Field	Winner
Freebird	1	10+5	7	2		12	David P
	2		8	2		13	David P
	3		7	2		10	Lars
	overall		22	6			David P
Leo Eichholtz		25+5	7	4	✓	14	David P, Lars, Ross
Match v Upper Hutt		25+5	2	1		12	Upper Hutt
Blitz Cup	1	3+2	7	1		10	Lars
	2	3+2	6	1		9	David P
	3	3+2	10	1		14	Brendan Reedy
	overall	3+2	23	3			Lars, Gordon
Winter Cup	1	25+5	7	4	✓	13	Gordon
	2	25+5	8	4	✓	12	Ross, Lars
	overall	25+5	15	8			Ross
Kingston Memorial		55+5	6	6	✓	12	Ross
Fischer-Random		10+5	8	2		13	Ross, Lars
Spring (play something different)		25+5	5	3		9	David S
10+5 night		10+5	4	1		10	David P
Club Championship		90+30	7	7	✓	13	Gordon (A) Mikhael (B)
Open events							
Kāpiti Open		25+5	6	1	✓	45	Cohen Young
Kāpiti Junior Open		15+5	6	1		86	Matthew Keith

## RATINGS

A total of 145 games from five Club tournaments were submitted to NZCF for rating.

Ratings	Type	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Games submitted for rating	Standard	113	73	47	90	130
	Rapid	190	98	72	110	140
Average member rating at end of year	Standard	1620	1723	1764	1697	1537
	Rapid	1545	1609	1696	1635	1528

## JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Chess Club ran at capacity throughout 2024, and it was necessary to establish a waitlist for prospective new members. At year end there were 39 regular members, which is the same as the previous year, and represents our upper limit. To accommodate more juniors would require another session which the Club cannot support at present. Average attendance per night for the Junior Club was up from 26 to 28:

Term	1	2	3	4
Average attendance	25	27	31	27

The Junior Club ran three internal Swiss competitions, one during term 1, another in term 2 and the Junior Club Championship in term 4. The Junior Club Championship was split into two tiers, the Open for college students and the top primary and intermediate players. All other juniors competed

in the Challengers group, and a new trophy was purchased for this event. The Open Division had 11 players registered, while the Challengers saw 28 players compete.

NZCF Badge Scheme tests were run in terms 3 & 4, with 13 students achieving NZCF Level 1 (Pawn Badge) and 14 students achieving NZCF Level 2 (Knight Badge).

The popularity of the Junior section resulted in a significant financial boost to the Club. For the third year running, Junior Subs was the largest source of income for the Club at \$3,659.99.

Some of the income from Junior Subs went towards the purchase of more chess books specifically aimed at junior chess players. The creation of the Junior Chess Library will accelerate the playing ability of those juniors who are keen to compete.

## OPEN EVENTS

### KĀPITI RAPID

The 30th annual Kāpiti Rapid was held at Te Raukura, the Kāpiti Performing Arts Centre, on Saturday 8th June 2024. This was a wonderful setting to play Chess and was made possible, in part, through a grant from Kāpiti Coast District Council. The event also receive sponsorship from local company Dark Horse Coffee.

Despite some last-minute call offs due to COVID, the event was well attended with 46 players competing. Cohen Young scored a perfect 6 from 6 to take the title, with WIM Layla Timergazi and Nicholas Winsley sharing second. Kapiti Club member David Paul scored an excellent 4.5 points to share 4<sup>th</sup> equal with former Kapiti member Geoffrey Gunawan and Aidan Malcolm. The B grade was tightly contested, with three players sharing first on 4 points: Lucas Qu, Daniel Winsley and Abhinand Rajendran, with a further 4 players just half a point behind.

The event was FIDE rated, and for the first time, the event featured electronic smart boards on the top boards.

The tournament made a small positive contribution of \$104.25 to the Club's finances. As with the previous year, Kapiti members played the event for free, which reduced the events profitability.

Expenditure	
Hall Rent	\$523.25
NZCF levy	\$315.00
Prize fund	\$1,375.00
Misc.	\$-
Refunds (paid but could not play x 4)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,413.25</b>
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (40 x \$50)	\$2,000.00
Shop	\$-
KCC Members (x9)	\$-
KCDC Grant (venue hire)	\$517.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,517.50</b>
<b>Kapiti Rapid – Profit</b>	<b>\$104.25</b>

## KĀPITI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

A record turnout of 89 students from 30 schools across the Wellington, Kāpiti and Horowhenua regions competed in the fifth running of the Kāpiti Junior Championship on September 7, 2024. With heaps of parents and caregivers looking on, it was a fantastic atmosphere as kids competed individually and as part of their school over four divisions, and for best Kapiti-Horowhenua school.

Top seed and winner of the Kāpiti Open in May, Cohen Young (Wellington College), headed into the sixth and final round unbeaten on 4½. Needing a draw to make it a Kāpiti double, he was denied by Abhinand Rajendran (Hutt Valley High School) who played well and was able to flag Cohen in a time scramble. This allowed Matthew Keith (Wellington College), who with a win over Luke Chang (Onslow College) in the final round, was able to edge ahead and claim first place and the open championship on 5 points, with Cohen second, and Abhinand, Zachery Thirkell (Wellington College) and Thomas van der Hoorn (Wellington High School) tied for third.

In the school age grade events, the secondary division was decided by tie-breaks, with Nathan Grace (Kapiti College) taking out the gold medal ahead of Hoorad Farrokh (Onslow College) for silver, and Cody Chen (St Brigids) for bronze. In the intermediate section, gold went to Jin Tan (Thorndon School) edging out Justin Wang (HIBS) on tie-break, with the bronze going to Carrig Murray (HIBS). In the primary section, congratulations to Julian Estrada (St Brigid's), the only player of the day to win all six games, with silver to Sreenand Rajendran (Gracefield School) on tie-break, and Kapiti player Jingwei Xu (Raumati Beach) who took the bronze.

The School Trophy, awarded to the top performing Kāpiti or Horowhenua school, was won by hosts Paraparaumu College on 10 points, with runners-up Levin Intermediate, and Paraparaumu Beach School. All players from the Paraparaumu team are Kapiti members.

The high turnout resulted in a significant contribution of \$957.62 to the Club's finances.

### Kapiti Junior Champs

Expenditure	
Rent	\$350.00
Bond (hall)	
Prizes	\$461.28
Printing	\$11.10
Refunds (paid but could not play x 2)	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$862.38</b>
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (91 x \$20)	\$1,820.00
Bond (hall)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,820.00</b>
<b>Kapiti Junior Champs – Profit</b>	<b>\$957.62</b>

## **NZCF INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP - WELLINGTON REGIONAL**

This year Kāpiti Chess Club took over the running of the NZCF Wellington Region Interschool Championships. This involved running three separate tournaments to find the top school chess teams across three divisions, Primary, Intermediate and Secondary. The leading schools go on to represent Wellington Region in the National Finals.

The event attracted a record turn out, with a total of 68 teams competing across all grades, and more than 280 students participating. The increase in popularity was largely driven by the growth in junior chess here on the Kāpiti Coast. Two years ago there were no Kāpiti schools represented, this year 13 teams, including a home school team competed. In total, 14 Kāpiti Chess Club junior members had the honour of representing their school at these events. Special mention to junior Club member Orlando Liu (Raumati Beach School) who won the Board 4 prize in the Primary division, with 5.5 points from 6, a great performance.

In addition to providing the opportunity for many of our junior members to represent their schools at chess, the Club made a healthy profit of \$861.30 from this event.

## **NZCF INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP – NATIONAL FINAL**

The Club was proud to be a big part of the 2024 New Zealand Interschools Chess final held in Wellington. The Club organised and ran the tournament on behalf of NZCF. The event was held over the weekend 28 & 29 September, and was attended by 60 teams from all over New Zealand. This is one of the premier events on New Zealand's chess calendar and possibly the biggest with 240 players playing each round.

The Secondary event was won by Wellington College, Intermediate by Northcross Intermediate (Auckland) and Primary by Willow Park (Auckland).

## **WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

The Club continued to post news regularly in 2024, every one to two weeks, and the Club's Facebook presence continues to grow. Total visits to the Club's Facebook page increased 160% to 3,986. The average number of people reached per post was 127. The number of Club followers on Facebook remains high for a small community Chess Club at over 1,800. Posts related to Junior Club activities remain the most popular. Around a third of Club followers are under 25, a third between 25 and 44, and a third over 45. The number of hits and visitors to our Club's website also remains high.

Facebook	2024	2023	2022
Posts	32	32	40
Total visits	3,986	1,534	1,072
Total reach	1,400		
Average reach	127	120	70
Followers	1,853	1,793	1,250
Website		2023	2022
News Posts	29	32	38
Website hits	4,776	5,432	5,400
Unique visitors	2,200	2,239	2,235

## FINANCIALS

The Club is no longer reliant on a single income stream (Senior Subs) and can boast revenue generation from multiple sources. The main source of income is now the Junior subs but additional revenue is also generated from external events / tournaments.

The key numbers from the financial statement:

- Expenditure \$15,246.97
- Income \$17,127.77
- Profit \$1,880.80
- Closing balance @ year end 2024 = \$5,803.59 (48% up on previous year)
- Junior subs \$3,659.99.00
- Senior subs \$1,795.00

Financial breakdown below:

### Kapiti Chess Club 2024 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent (44 nights @ \$55/night)	\$2,420.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$2,413.25
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$914.13
Equipment	\$1,253.06
Junior Club	\$970.84
Advertising	\$-
Engraving	\$395.00
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$255.00
Sundries	\$351.40
Tax	\$13.15
Donation Given	\$-
Interschool Wgtn Regionals	\$1,498.70
Interschool National Final	\$4,762.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,246.97</b>
Income (\$)	
Subs (Jnr)	\$3,659.99
Kapiti Rapid	\$2,000.00
Subs (Snr)	\$1,795.00
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$1,820.00
KCDC Grant (venue hire Kapiti Rapid)	\$517.50
Interest	\$125.28
Donation Received	\$100.00
Interschool Wgtn Regionals	\$2,360.00
Interschool National Final	\$4,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,127.77</b>
Profit	\$1,880.80
Opening Balance Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	\$3,922.79
2024 Profit	\$1,880.80
<b>Closing Balance Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2024</b>	<b>\$5,803.59</b>

### Kapiti Chess Club 2023 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent (44 nights @ \$45/night)	\$1,980.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,704.51
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$578.74
Equipment	\$1,749.36
Junior Club	\$1,408.70
Advertising	\$287.50
Engraving	\$491.50
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$225.00
Sundries	\$151.79
Tax	\$11.27
Donation	\$426.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,014.45</b>
Income (\$)	
Subs (Jnr)	\$3,224.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$2,098.00
Subs (Snr)	\$1,565.00
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$1,600.00
KCDC Grant	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$107.54
Donation Received	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,744.54</b>
Profit	\$730.09
Opening Balance Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	\$3,192.70
2023 Profit	\$730.09
<b>Closing Balance Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023</b>	<b>\$3,922.79</b>

A number of assets were purchased in 2024 including the following:

- Junior Club Championship Challenger trophy
- Printer
- Projector
- Plastic sets x 6
- Junior Chess books x 6
- Medals (for junior tournaments)
- NZCF certificates & Badges

Current asset list is detailed in the following table:

	Assets Purchased by year							Current Stock
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
PC for pairing software						1		1
Projector							1	1
Printer							1	1
Pieces (wood)	3	5						8
Pieces (plastic)	12			6	-4	30	6	50
Pieces (plastic large)	2							2
Boards (wood)	3	5						8
Boards (plastic)	10			8	-4	30	6	50
Clocks (DGT2010)	5	10	-1	0	2	4		20
Clocks (DGT1002)				4				4
Clocks (Saitek)	8						-8	0
Clocks (Saitek game Clock II)	3						-3	0

Note: Saitek clocks, which have not been used in last 5 years have been gifted to Levin Intermediate School.