



Kāpiti Chess Club Annual Report 2022

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SUMMARY / HIGHLIGHTS

2022 was another year impacted by COVID-19. The COVID-19 Protection Framework was in place nationwide until early September, when the mask mandate was removed. However, the COVID restrictions had minimal impact overall on the Club's activities in 2022. There was a full schedule of events with all meetings over-the-board, and both Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Rapid and Kāpiti Junior Championship went ahead. COVID did have a slightly negative influence on the number of Senior Club Members.

The Kāpiti Rapid was again well attended and the Kāpiti Junior Championship made a return after it was cancelled in 2021 due to COVID. The Junior Club was a huge success this year and now boasts 23 members.

In 2022, member Gordon Lyall, achieved the title of National Arbiter and also became a certified FIDE Trainer.

The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for the maximum eligible amount of \$500. This money was used to support the Club's "Chess in School's" program which has benefitted 6 schools in the region so far.

The Club posted regularly in 2022, with 38 website posts and 40 Facebook posts, with the number of Club followers on Facebook growing significantly from 570 in 2021 to 1,250 in 2022.

Despite a drop in Senior subs, the Club returned a healthy profit for the year (\$729.70), due to the contribution from the two open events and more significantly, from the increase in Junior Club subs, up 245% from the previous year. Despite the challenges which COVID has presented over the last two years, the Club has increased the bank balance to \$3,192.70 a 123% increase in two years.

In 2023, post COVID, we look forward to building further on the successes of 2022.

SENIOR CLUB

The Senior Club had 9 paid members at the end of the year, four less than in 2021. We lost 7 members from 2021 and gained 2 new members, and one returning past member. We had an additional casual member for 3 months until he left for overseas, as well a number of visitors during the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Senior Club Membership	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of paid-up members	9	13	18	19
adults	8	10	12	11
juniors	1	3	6	8
Number from previous year who didn't return	7	7	5	6
Returning members	7	11	14	15
New members this year	2	2	4	4
Total number of visitors and casual players	7	19	15	14
Who attended 1 night only	3	10	8	7
Who attended only 2 or 3 nights	3	7	4	6
Who attended more than 3 nights	2	2	3	1

Casual players are those who pay on a per night basis without becoming members.

After 2 years of COVID-related disruptions and online events, all meetings in 2023 were run as over-the-board meetings. However, mask wearing requirements remained in place for much of the year until the NZ COVID-19 Protection Framework ended in September.

MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE

Senior Club Meetings	2022	2021	2020	2019
Over-the-board – event nights	36	25	25	45
Over-the-board – casual nights	9	8	2	2
Online (due to COVID)	0	12	15	0
Total	45	45	42	47
Average attendance	2022	2021	2020	2019
Over-the-board – event nights	7	11	12	14
Over-the-board – casual nights	5	4-6	9	14
Online (due to COVID)	-	7	7	-
Total	7	9	12	14

We were able to run our traditional full schedule of events in 2022, all played over-the-board. A number of fun new events were tried, including hand and brain nights, an Armageddon night, a gambit night, and a Fischer-random introduced in 2021 was repeated this year.

We ran our two Open tournaments, the Kāpiti Open, and the Kāpiti Junior Open. Both attracted good fields (40 and 44) with several of the country's top players attending. The venue for the Junior Open (Raumati Beach School Hall) proved successful. Both events returned a good profit for the club, and were well organised and run by Club President Gordon, helped by his wife Andrea and club members.

EVENTS

Club events	2022	2021	2020	2019
Freebird (10+5)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingston Memorial (55+5)	✓	✓	abandoned	✓
Leo Eichholtz (25 + 5)	✓	1 of 2 series played	1 of 2 series played	✓
Blitz Cup (3+2)	✓	2 of 3 nights played	2 of 3 nights played	✓
Winter Cup (25+5)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mid-year Rapid (New 25+5)	✓	-	-	-
Club Championships (90+30)	✓ [A & B only]	Not held	✓	✓
Fischer-Random Night	✓	✓	-	-
Hand and Brain	✓	-	-	-
Armageddon	✓	-	-	-
Gambit night	✓	-	-	-
Open events				
Kāpiti Open (25+5)	✓(40)	✓(45)	✓(40)	✓(33)
Kāpiti Junior Open & Schools Championship	✓(44)	Not held	✓(33)	✓ 30)

The lower number of members in the Senior Club this year resulted in fewer rateable games played and submitted to the NZCF for rating (see table below). However, the average rating of ratings was higher this year, and the range from highest to lowest was smaller, which resulted in some great, well-contested games, and opportunities for 'upsets'. In addition to Club games, a further 120 games from the Kāpiti Open and 58 games from the Kāpiti Junior Open were submitted to NZCF for rating.

RATINGS

Ratings	Standard			Rapid		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Club games submitted to NZCF for rating	47	90	130	72	110	140
Average member rating at end of year	1764	1697	1537	1696	1635	1528

JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Chess Club really took off in 2022. At year end there were 23 regular members with an average attendance during term 4 of 18 per night.

Term	1	2	3	4
Average attendance	8	11	13	18

The Junior Club ran three internal competitions, two Swiss system Blitz and one 4-person team event. In addition, there were 4 NZCF Badge Scheme tests conducted in 2022, with 20 kids achieving NZCF Level 1 (Pawn Badge) and 17 students achieving NZCF Level 2 (Knight Badge).

The popularity of the Junior section resulted in a significant financial boost to the Club. The Junior subs being the largest source of income for the Club in 2022. With minimal expenses, the resulting profit (\$1,505.33) basically nullified the loss from the Senior Club.

Expenditure	
Xmas & Prizegiving	\$135.57
Chess Badges	\$131.60
Medal Set X2	\$41.50
Engraving	\$56.00
TOTAL	\$364.67
Income (\$)	
Subs	\$1,870.00
TOTAL	\$1,870.00
Kapiti Junior Chess Club – Profit	\$1,505.33

The Club was again successful in receiving a grant from Kāpiti District Council for the maximum eligible amount of \$500. This money was used to support the Club's "Chess In School's" program. The program supports schools in the Kāpiti Horowhenua region who are keen to start a chess club by providing sets and technical support. At year end, 6 schools in the region had benefitted from the initiative: Paraparaumu College, Horowhenua College, Te Ra, Kapakapanui School, Raumati Beach School, and Levin Intermediate.

KĀPITI RAPID

The 28th annual Kāpiti Rapid, held on Saturday 28th May 2022, was again well attended, drawing 40 players, including several titled players and former New Zealand champions. FM Ben Hague who took out the open grade with an unbeaten 5½ from 6.

The tournament made a positive contribution of \$473.50 to the Club's finances. Financial breakdown below:

Expenditure	
Hall Rent	\$150.00
NZCF levy	\$200.00
Prize fund	\$795.00
Medals	\$92.50
TOTAL	\$1,237.50
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (42 x \$40)	\$1,680.00
Shop	\$31.00
TOTAL	\$1,711.00
Kapiti Rapid – Profit	\$473.50

KĀPITI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

After missing out due to COVID in 2021, the Kāpiti Junior Championship returned in 2022. A field of 44 players from 16 schools across Wellington to Levin competed in the third running of the annual Championship played on Saturday 13th August at Raumati Beach School. This was a record turnout for this event.

Top seed Ryan Winter who took out the Championship Open division with an impressive unbeaten 6 wins from 6. In the Schools events, Joy Ulm (Aotea College) was an impressive winner in the Secondary grade, unbeaten with 6 points from 6, and in the Intermediate section, Eashan Maveram (Johnsonville School) prevailed. The primary section was won by Lucas Qu (Churton Park), with a bronze to Kāpiti Junior Club member Devin Direen (Paraparaumu Beach School). The Kāpiti Chess Club School Trophy, awarded to the top performing Kāpiti or Horowhenua school, was retained for a second year by Levin Intermediate narrowly edging out Te Ra School, 13 points to 12½.

The tournament made a positive contribution of \$370.75 to the Club's finances.

Expenditure	
Rent	\$150.00
Bond (hall)	\$200.00
Prizes	\$231.25
NZCF levy	\$50.00
Engraving	\$18.00
TOTAL	\$649.25
Income (\$)	
Entry fees (41 x \$20)	\$820.00
Bond (hall)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$1,020.00
Kapiti Junior Champs – Profit	\$370.75

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

The Club posted regularly in 2022, with 38 website posts and 40 Facebook posts.

The number of Club followers on Facebook grew significantly from 570 in 2021 to 1,250 in 2022, and the average reach per post also grew from 40 in 2021 to 70 in 2022. Posts related to Junior Club activities were typically popular.

The number of Website hits and visitors dropped significantly compared with 2021. This happened immediately after the site switched from unsecured to a secured (https) protocol in August 2021, which suggests that much of the previous activity was not genuine.

Facebook	2022	2021	2020	2019
Posts	40	37	35	46
Average reach	70	40		
Followers	1,250	570	188	
Gender profile of followers	87% male			
Age profile of followers	33% under 25 34% 25 to 44 33% 45 and over			
Main regions of followers	Asia (68%) Africa (11%) New Zealand (5%) North America (2%)			
Top Facebook posts	junior club kicks off (11/2) junior open (15/8)	Rick Lowe		
Websites	2022	2021	2020	2019
News Posts	38	36	33	45
Website hits	5,400*	24,500*	43,200	
Unique visitors	2,235*	7,300*	17,900	

* There was an instant and marked decline in website hits in August 2021 when the website switched to a secure protocol (https).

FINANCIALS

Despite low income from Senior Member subs, the Club posted positive financial results. This was primarily achieved through the success of the Junior Club which was the largest income generator.

- Expenditure \$5,546.19
- Income \$6,275.19
- Profit \$729.70
- Closing balance @ year end 2022 = \$3,192.70 (30% up on previous year)
- Kāpiti Rapid profit/contribution \$720.24
- Kāpiti Junior Chess Championship profit/contribution \$370.75
- Junior Chess Club profit/contribution \$1,505.33

Financial breakdown below:

2022 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent (46 nights @ \$45/night)	\$2,070.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,237.50
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$649.25
Equipment	\$608.40
Junior Club	\$364.67
Advertising	\$304.75
Engraving	\$179.00
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$90.00
Sundries	\$40.00
Tax	\$2.62
TOTAL	\$5,546.19
Income (\$)	
Subs (Jnr)	\$1,870.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,711.00
Subs	\$1,150.00
Kapiti Jnr Champs	\$1,020.00
KCDC Grant	\$500.00
Interest	\$24.89
TOTAL	\$6,275.89
Profit	\$729.70
Opening Balance Jan 6 th 2022	\$2,463.00
2022 Profit	\$729.70
Closing Balance Dec 31st 2022	\$3,192.70

2021 Statement of Accounts

Expenditure (\$)	
Rent	\$1,530.00
Kapiti Rapid	\$923.43
Equipment	\$725.57
NZCF (Kapiti Rapid)	\$225.00
Junior Event	\$140.00
Engraving	\$130.50
NZCF (Membership Levy)	\$120.00
Donation	\$100.00
NZCF (Jnr Badge Scheme)	\$64.50
Sundries	\$52.50
Tax	\$0.13
TOTAL	\$4,011.63
Income (\$)	
Kapiti Rapid	\$1,868.67
Subs	\$1,580.00
Subs (Jnr)	\$540.00
KCDC Grant	\$500.00
Equipment	\$225.57
Junior Event	\$180.00
Donation	\$150.00
Interest	\$1.16
TOTAL	\$5,045.40
Profit	\$1,033.77
Opening Balance Jan 1st 2021	\$1,429.23
2021 Profit	\$1,033.77
Closing Balance Jan 6th 2022	\$2,463.00