

Hi Gents

A short report on the New Year Blitz.

19 players contested the Downend New Year Blitz with two Downend parents kindly playing some games to reduce the effect of odd number byes.

After the deduction of the Grand Prix fee the Prize Fund totalled £56.00 which provided prizes for the first four places and a Junior Prize. The greatly appreciated donations of 'unwanted Christmas presents' provided another six prizes which, nice and neatly, meant that the top 11 places received prizes.

The '10 second increment' format was less noisy, easier to play effectively with and altogether more user friendly than the buzzer format.

An announcement regarding the purchase of new clocks.

Downend Chess Club have decided to purchase a number of DGT 2010 digital clocks and have identified a source where the prices are as follows

16-20 clocks   £31.00 each

21-30 clocks   £30.00 each

31-50 clocks   £29.50 each

Downend will not need as many as 16 clocks but if any other club (or individual) would like to take advantage of this advantageous range of prices a bulk order can be formulated.

If interested, please contact   Geoff Gammon   geoffgammon@yahoo.co.uk   or

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Thanks and a Happy New Year to you both.

Regards

Geoff