



POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX



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Grand Prix funding increased for 2017 and 2018

The New Zealand Chess Federation is delighted to announce increased sponsorship for the next two years.

The new name of the GP will be:

The Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd

The total prize fund will increase to \$6500 per year, with first prize in the Open section now \$1500 (up from \$700 in 2016). This popular event rewards consistent good performance in tournaments throughout New Zealand.

You can download the rules (and the new logo, as shown above) from the web page www.newzealandchess.co.nz/grandprix.html, where you will find current standings and a link to the spreadsheet with full details of points awarded. Check out the Results and Calendar pages too!

Many thanks to Alexei Kulashko for creating the new Grand Prix spreadsheet for this year!

Results for 2017:

September 17th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st Mathew Steadman

2nd Philli Park-Tamati

3rd= Winston Weng, Euan McDougall and Rohit Mudaliar

U-13 Book Prize: Josia Vickers

U-10 Book Prize: Jeffrey Yu

U-1000 Book Prize: Joe Wang

October 11th-15th 2017

South Island Championship

1st= WCM Vyanla Punsalan and FM Stephen Lukey (SI Champion)

3rd Riley Jellyman

U1800 Grade

1st= Hamish Gold, Aurian De Briey & Max Lough

DD Smash Upset Prize to Winston Weng for win over Oliver Picken

South Island Rapid Championship

1st= CM Edward Rains (SI Rap co-chp), CM Oliver Picken, Iain Lamont (SI Rap co-chp) & WCM Vyanla Punsalan

U1550 Grade

1st= Aurian De Briey and Stephen Murdoch

3rd= Shoji Fukushima, John Ansell & Max Lough

October 15th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland (not yet included in figures)

1st = James Liu and Euan McDougall

3rd = Zachary Collier and Mathew Steadman

Best U-13 Book Prize: Aaron Wang

Best U-10 Book Prize: Isabelle Ning
Best U-1000 rated Book Prize: Sylvia McDougall

October 21st-23rd 2017 - Merv Morrison Memorial, Auckland.

1st= FM Mike Steadman & FM Ben Hague
3rd= and Under-2100 1st=: Efren Bagamasbad (PHI) & John Duneas
Under-2100 3rd=: CM Helen Milligan, Gordon Morrell, Nathan Goodhue & CM Oliver Picken
Under-1800 1st= and Merv Morrison Trophy: Nunilon Fulo & Simon Lyall
Under-1800 3rd=: Karl Holdo & Isabelle Ning (taking Under-1500 prize)
Under-1500 3rd= Alexander Solilin, Pratik Jadhav, Euan McDougall & John Liu

November 19th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st= Winston Weng, Aaron Wang, Devashish Dhyani and Josia Vickers
Winston Weng is the November ACC Junior Rapid Champion on tie-break.
Under 13 1st Book Prize: Philli Park-Tamati
Under 10 1st Book Prize: Isabelle Ning
Under 1000 Rating 1st Book Prize: Zachary Collier

December 2nd 2017 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.

A-Grade:

1st FM Ben Hague
2nd= Kirill Polishchuk & FM Mike Steadman
4th= FM Alexei Kulashko, Gino Thornton, CM Alex Huang, FM Bob Smith & FM Daniel Gong
Under 2000: 1st= Richard Jiang, CM Allen Fan, CM Helen Milligan, Sherry Li & WCM Vyanla Punsalan

B-Grade:

1st Laurens Goormachtigh
2nd= Leyton Hackney & Xinyang Liu
Under 1550: 1st= Akshay Sharma, Andrew Li & Oliver Dai

C-Grade:

1st Boyuan Zhang
2nd= Allan Han, Allen Li & Jeffrey Yu
Under 1300: 1st= Luqman Zubir, Selwyn Lin, Connor Hackney & Abraham Deng

December 3rd 2017 - Papatoetoe Junior Rapid Open, Auckland.

1st= CM Alphaeus Ang, CM Allen Fan, CM Oliver Picken, WCM Vyanla Punsalan, WFM Jasmine Zhang, & Oliver Dai
Trophy for Best Girl: WCM Vyanla Punsalan & WFM Jasmine Zhang
Prize for Best Girl: Krystal Lal, Lyana Zubir & Anya Thurner
Medal for Under 16: Daniel Qiu
Medal for Under 14: Krystal Lal
Medal for Under 12: Rohit Mudaliar
Medal for Under 10: Anya Thurner
Medal for Under 8: Eric Liu

Current scores in the 2017 Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 105, Mike Steadman 76.5, Daniel Gong 75.17, Anthony Ker 73, Robert Smith 69.17, Russell Dive 58.17, Alphaeus Ang 56.5, Kirill Polishchuk 51.33, Scott Wastney 45, Alexei Kulashko 40.

Under 2100 - Nathan Goodhue 83.67, Vyanla Punsalan 83.5, Oliver Picken 81.4, Benjamin Lim 81, Antonio Krstev 74.9, Daniel Runcan 58.68, Hilton Bennett 39.21, Nunilon Fulo 34. Alex Nagorski 30.37, Simon Lyall 29.38.

Under 1800 - Simon Lyall 90.5, Timothy Ha 58.5, Ryan Winter 50.4, Richard Meng 49.38, Caroline Yan 43, Prashant Mistry 40, Stephen Murdoch 36.67, John Findlay 35.03, Aaron Wang 34.63, William Crombie 33.6.

Under 1500 - Oliver Dai 71.67, Caleb He 52, Mathew Steadman 49, Oscar Qin 45, Richard Schurr 40.5, Hugh Gao 37.2, Jacob Barry & Daniel Qiu 37, Allen Li 36, Max Lough 30.5.

Junior - Daniel Gong 117.5, Alphaeus Ang 100, Allen Fan 88.17, Vyanla Punsalan 86, Oliver Picken 81, Jack James 80.17, Jasmine Zhang 74.5, Layla Timergazi 67.67, Richard Meng 53.23, Euan McDougall 49.43.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Isabelle Ning 89.5, Hugh Gao 88.17, Caleb He 81, Abraham Deng 79.5, Winston Weng 71.67, Bobby Stannard 66.5, Allan Han 64, Jeffrey Yu 61, Renae Ghadiali 56.17, Felix Xie & Kendrick Zhang 54.

Female - Helen Milligan 110, Layla Timergazi 102.5, Vyanla Punsalan & Jasmine Zhang 100, Nicole Qin 67.8, Isabelle Ning 64.5, Nadia Braganza 54, Ying Wang 46.7, Caroline Yan 46, Sarah Yan 45.4.

Senior - Russell Dive 105, Mike Steadman 100, Robert Smith 97.5, Anthony Ker 87.5, Don Eade 66, Antonio Krstev 64, Leonard McLaren 60.17, Benjamin Lim 57.67, Paul Garbett 56, Nathan Goodhue 52.75.

Veteran - Paul Garbett 90, Nigel Cooper 82.5, Bernard Carpinter 52, William Lynn 49, John McRae 48, John Pakenham 47.5, Ewen Green 45, Gary Judkins 43.6, James Burt 43.5, Robert Gibbons 42.5.

“A mind is like a parachute. It doesn’t work if it is not open” – Frank Zappa

Forthcoming Events in the 2017 Grand Prix:

December 17th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

January 1st-11th 2018 - 125th New Zealand Chess Congress, Palmerston North.

MillenniumHotels.com New Zealand Open

New Zealand Major Open

New Zealand Junior Open

Palmy Knights Open

Manawatu Rapid

D&D New Zealand Rapid

Venue: the Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North. **Organised by** the Manawatu Knights Chess Club, contact Mark Noble on manawatuknights@xtra.co.nz. The main event will be an Open Championship - with overseas players eligible to participate. Full details and links: www.newzealandchess.nz/2018/congress.html

Announcements:

Registering an event for FIDE rating

Tournament organisers should be aware of FIDE's requirements for registering an event for FIDE rating.

The following information is essential and should be provided to NZCF well in advance of the event:

- a) The event name and location;
- b) The start and finish dates (which cannot span more than 90 days);
- c) The number of rounds;
- d) The number of days that have more than one game per day;
- e) The format - round robin or swiss;
- f) The expected number of players;
- g) The time control - standard / rapid / blitz, plus an English description of time for moves and any increments;
- h) The arbiter(s) (who must be licensed with FIDE);
- i) The organiser;
- j) The pairing software being used (in NZ this should be Vega);
- k) The tiebreak system (NZ usually uses 1. Direct Encounter. 2. Cumulative (Sum of Progressive Scores). 3. Total Buchholz. 4. Sonneborn-Berger. 5. Buchholz Cut1);
- l) Any age restrictions - junior/senior;
- m) Any sex/gender restrictions;
- n) The email of someone who can be contacted if required.

If you are running an event (for example, a club championship) that spans more than one month (ie more than one FIDE rating period) then please get in touch with NZCF to discuss the procedure for submitting results for grading.

Collection of registration fees

I would like to remind all tournament organisers that it is your responsibility to check the online list of registered players and collect the \$20 NZCF registration fee from all eligible unregistered players. You **will** be invoiced for these fees. Foreign players and visitors to New Zealand are exempt, as are players in events for juniors only.

Use of Vega pairing software

I would like to suggest that anyone using Vega to run tournaments should make a habit of checking for Vega updates (these are frequent), FIDE rating list updates (every month) and also NZCF rating list updates – new players and new FIDE IDs will be added after most events from now on. See the Resources page at www.newzealandchess.co.nz/resources.html for links.

The use of Vega for all NZ events is not compulsory but it is very much encouraged; it is the only software we have that is licensed for FIDE-rated events. Furthermore, the presentation of results (as you can see from the website) is excellent. We are planning to write an NZCF-specific manual – your input is welcome!

Note that it is essential that the NZCF .csv rating files are used for player input – this ensures that the FIDE rating report can be filed automatically without hitches (caused by, for example, player names not matching). It is easy to use the .csv on one of the database tabs. A second tab can be used to input FIDE ratings from the .txt file you can download from the FIDE site; note that Vega's defaults allow you to use this without any hassle at all (but make sure you've read the manual when updating the FIDE ratings and don't make the mistake of over-writing the NZCF data...). If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!