



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:

January 1st-11th – 124th New Zealand Congress, Wellington.

NZ Open Championship:

1st IM Ari Dale (Australia)

2nd and New Zealand Champion: FM Scott Wastney

3rd= FM Bob Smith, FM Tim Reilly (Australia), CM Daniel Gong & IM Russell Dive

Under-2100: Shunkai Peng (China)

Major Open Champions: CM Bill Forster & Yogesh Kulkarni

Under-1800: Joshua Wight, Lillian Lu & Hikaru Oka (both Australia)

Under-1500: Douglas Dias (Australia)

NZ Junior Open:

1st Shunkai Peng (China)

2nd Allen Fan

NZ Open Rapid Championship:

1st IM Ari Dale (Australia)

2nd= and NZ Rapid Champions: Hans Gao & Anthony Ker

NZ Open Blitz Championship:

1st IM Ari Dale (Australia)

2nd= Shunkai Peng (China) & New Zealand Blitz Champion Jeremy Knowles

January 23rd 2017 - January ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st= James Liu & Richard Meng

3rd Euan McDougall

4th= Felix Xie, Allen Li & Isabelle Ning

Best U-13, Book Prize: Rohit Mudaliar

Best U-10, Book Prize: Tracy Liu

Best U-1000 Rating, Book Prize: Krystal Lal

January 27th-30th 2017 - Auckland Anniversary Weekender, Auckland.

1st FM Ben Hague

2nd= FM Daniel Gong & CM John Duneas

4th= IM Paul Garbett, CM Allen Fan, Antonio Krstev & William Li

under 1800:

1st= Nigel Cooper & Stephen Peak

3rd Simon Lyall

under 1600:

1st Rodney Li

2nd Nicole Qin

3rd= Mathew Steadman, Euan McDougall, Daniel Qiu, Aaron Wang & Ying Wang

under 1300:

1st Daniel Morrin

2nd Jacob Barry

3rd= Oscar Qin, Richard Schurr & Hugh Gao

February 12th 2017 - Hawke's Bay Rapid, Napier.

A-Grade:

1st= FM Ben Hague & FM Bob Smith.

3rd= CM Jack James & WIM Layla Timergazi.

Best Hawkes Bay player: Bernard Carpinter.

B-Grade:

1st WFM Vivian Smith.

2nd Dion Charles.

3rd= Colin Albert & Charlie Li.

Best Hawkes Bay player: Charlie Li.

Junior:

1st Finley Duncan.

2nd Z'Arn Payne.

3rd William Duncan.

4th= Zachary Roark & Carmelyn Payne.

February 19th 2017 - February ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st FM Daniel Gong

2nd CM Alphaeus Ang

3rd= James Liu, WCM Vyanla Punsalan, CM Oliver Picken, Aaron Wang, Krystal Lal, Allen Li and Abraham Deng

U13 Prize: Andrew Li

U10 Prize: Felix Xie

U1000 Prize: Isabelle Ning

Current scores in the 2017 Grand Prix:

Open - Daniel Gong 46.67, Anthony Ker 43, Ben Hague 42.75, Robert Smith 33.17, Scott Wastney 25, Russell Dive 21.92, John Duneas 19.5, Alexei Kulashko 17.5, Hans Gao 13.5, Nic Croad 12.75.

Under 2100 - Nathan Goodhue 44.75, William Forster & Yogesh Kulkarni 22.5, Vyanla Punsalan & Antonio Krstev 20, Oliver Picken 18.01, Robert List, Bernard Carpinter, Ryan Winter, Nigel Cooper & Stephen Peak 13.5.

Under 1800 - Nigel Cooper 26.83, Joshua Wight & Aaron Wang 25, Anton Reid 20.67, Rodney Li 19.83, Tama Austin 18.38, Stephen Peak, Charlie Li & Colin Albert 17.5, Ryan Winter 16.8.

Under 1500 - Aiden Zhao, Caleb He, Oscar Qin & Oliver Dai 22.5, Daniel Morrin & Richard Schurr 20, Jacob Barry & Daniel Qiu 16.5, marius Luukonen 15, John McRae & Michael Earle 13.5

Junior - Daniel Gong 82, Jack James 54.17, Allen Fan 51.5, Layla Timergazi 34.5, Oliver Picken 24.11,

Leo Zhang 20, Alphaeus Ang 19.5, Dion Charles 16, Hans Gao 15, William Li 13.5.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Hugh Gao 58.25, Caleb He 46, Felix Xie 31.5, Paul He 30.33, Isabelle Ning 28.75, Bobby Stannard 21, Ryan Jukeson & Kimberley Yuan 20, Abraham Deng 13.5, Jay Zhao 12.

Female - Layla Timergazi 85, Jasmine Zhang 40, Helen Milligan 29, Kimberley Yuan 25, Nicole Qin & Vyanla Punsalan 24, Vivian Smith 16, Finn Dollimore & Ying Wang 12, Joy Qin & Isabelle Ning 9.

Senior - Anthony Ker 55, Robert Smith 53, Russell Dive 50.5, Paul Garbett, Leonard McLaren & Antonio Krstev 17.5, Vivian Smith 16, Nathan Goodhue 15.5, Robert List & Bernard Carpinter 13.5.

Veteran - Paul Garbett 45, Nigel Cooper 30, Anton Reid 29.6, Patrick Cunningham 25.5, Ewen Green 25, Richard Taylor & Bernard Carpinter 20, Vivian Smith 16, James Benson 15, Lawrence Farrington 13.5.

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

Forthcoming Events in the 2017 Grand Prix:

February 25th 2017 - Bay of Plenty Rapid, Mt. Maunganui.

Organised by the Mt. Maunganui RSA Chess Club. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

March 4th 2017 - Tairawhiti Rapid, Gisborne.

This event is FIDE and nationally rated, and a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 2 event.

March 5th 2017 - March ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

Organiser: Alex Huang, mcr.flw@hotmail.com. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: www.aucklandchess.nz. A six-round swiss-system rapid event for juniors only, with a **time control** of 15 minutes per player for the game with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$20. **Space is limited so enter early!** **Prizes:** 1st \$120, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories. **Schedule:** please be present by 9:15am. Rounds at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 13:00, 14:00, and 15:00. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the last game has finished.

March 18th 2017 - Latvian Rapid, Auckland.

This event is FIDE and nationally rated, and a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** Super Class event.

April 2nd 2017 - April ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

Organiser: Alex Huang, mcr.flw@hotmail.com. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: www.aucklandchess.nz. A six-round swiss-system rapid event for juniors only, with a **time control** of 15 minutes per player for the game with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$20. **Space is limited so enter early!** **Prizes:** 1st \$120, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories. **Schedule:** please be present by 9:15am. Rounds at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 13:00, 14:00, and 15:00. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the last game has finished.

April 14th-16th 2017 - Wellington Open, Wellington.

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

April 21st-23rd 2017 - ACC Weekender, Auckland.

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd.**

May 7th 2017 - May ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

Organiser: Alex Huang, mcr.flw@hotmail.com. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: www.aucklandchess.nz. A six-round swiss-system rapid event for juniors only, with a **time control** of 15 minutes per player for the game with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$20. **Space is limited so enter early!** **Prizes:** 1st \$120, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories. **Schedule:** please be present by 9:15am. Rounds at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 13:00, 14:00, and 15:00. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the last game has finished.

June 3rd-5th 2016 - 40th Trusts Chess Open, Auckland.

Venue: Te Pai Centre, Cnr Lincoln Rd and Te Pai Place, Henderson, Auckland. **Organised by** Waitakere Chess Club. Anticipated to be a Superclass **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** event. More details will follow. **Enquiries:** International Organiser Bob Smith caissa@vodafone.co.nz ph 0274786282.

June 11th 2017 - June ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

Organiser: Alex Huang, mcr.flw@hotmail.com. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: www.aucklandchess.nz. A six-round swiss-system rapid event for juniors only, with a **time control** of 15 minutes per player for the game with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$20. **Space is limited so enter early!** **Prizes:** 1st \$120, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories. **Schedule:** please be present by 9:15am. Rounds at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 13:00, 14:00, and 15:00. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the last game has finished.

June 24th 2017 - Upper Hutt Rapid, Upper Hutt.

Details will follow. This event is expected to be part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd.**

July 11th-14th 2017 - NZ Junior Chess Championship, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. Players must be under the age of 20 on 1st January 2017. A 7-round Swiss system with a **standard time control of all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Standard rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$40. Only first 70 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

July 15th 2017 - NZ Junior Rapid Championship, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. Players must be under the age of 20 on 1st January 2017. A 6-round Swiss system with a **time control of all moves in 25 minutes with an increment of 5 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Rapid rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$40. Only first 70 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

July 16th 2017 - North Island Rapid Championship, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden,

Auckland. A 6-round Swiss system with a **time control of all moves in 25 minutes with an increment of 5 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Rapid rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$50. Only first 70 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

July 18th-22nd 2017 - North Island Chess Championship, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. A 9-round Swiss system with a **standard time control of all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Standard rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$50. Only first 70 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

September 1st-3rd 2017 - NZ Seniors Championship, Mt. Maunganui.

Venue: The Hillier Centre, 31 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui. A 6-round swiss-system event for players turning 50 or older in 2017. NZ Senior and Veterans titles at stake. FIDE and NZ rated, where possible. **Time control:** 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move from move one. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event. More details to come. **Enquiries:** IO Bob Smith, email caissa@vodafone.co.nz or phone 0274786282.

October 11th-15th 2017 - South Island and South Island Rapid Championships, Dunedin.

More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. This will be part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

December 2nd 2017 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

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

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

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

Venue: the Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North. **Organised by** the Manawatu Knights Chess Club, contact Mark Noble on xn7223@paradise.net.nz. The main event will be an Open Championship - with overseas players eligible to participate. Entry form available in March.

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...). With regard to printing out the individual pairing slips, etc, we have noticed that Vega doesn't have an option to recognise various printers. Use your Windows (or Linux) system to make sure the printer in use is designated as the default printer, and then Vega will use it without problems. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!