



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:

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

1st= FM Nic Croad & IM Anthony Ker

3rd Kirill Polishchuk

B grade 1st= Andrew Masters, Clinton Wells

C grade 1st= John Robinson, Zephan Sinclair, Jarrod O'Brien

Junior prize: Jack James

April 22nd, 23rd, and 25th 2017 - ACC ANZAC Weekender, Auckland.

1st FM Mike Steadman

2nd FM Daniel Gong

3rd= CM Allen Fan, IM Paul Garbett & Antonio Krstev

Rating Group A

1st= Simon Lyall & CM Alex Nagorski

3rd= WFM Jasmine Zhang, CM Benjamin Lim, Oliver Dai & Karl Holdo

Rating Group B

1st= Xinyang Liu, WCM Nadia Braganza, Aaron Wang & David Taylor

Rating Group C

1st= WCM Eva Lourenco, Daniel Qiu, Jacob Barry & Saasha Ghadiali

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

(NB not yet included in GP)

1st CM Alphaeus Ang

2nd CM Oliver Picken

3rd Winston Weng

4th= Felix Xie, Krystal Lal, Isabelle Ning and Alex Coates

U-13 Book Prize: John Liu

U-10 Book Prize: Jeffrey Yu
U-1000 Book Prize: Harrison Coates

May 6th, 13th and 14th 2017 - ACC May Weekender, Auckland.

1st FM Ben Hague
2nd FM Mike Steadman
3rd= CM Helen Milligan & Gordon Morrell

Under 1800

1st= Bill Crombie & CM Oliver Picken
3rd= Simon Lyall & Timothy Ha

Under 1500

1st= WCM Nadia Braganza & Owen Jin
3rd Daniel Qiu

Under 1200

1st Winston Weng
2nd Saasha Ghadiali
3rd Pierre Braganza

Current scores in the 2017 Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 100, Daniel Gong 75.17, Anthony Ker 56.5, Robert Smith 45.17, Alexei Kulashko 40, Mike Steadman 36.25, Allen Fan 32.25, Kirill Polishchuk 27.33, Nic Croad 26.25, Scott Wastney 25.

Under 2100 - Oliver Picken 70.03, Antonio Krstev 62.9, Nathan Goodhue 53.95, Ross Jackson 29.33, Benjamin Lim 24.75, Daniel Runcan 24.38, William Forster & Yogesh Kulkarni 22.5, Hilton Bennett 21.71, Clinton Wells 21.6.

Under 1800 - Simon Lyall 55.3, Timothy Ha 34.5, Nigel Cooper 33.38, Rodney Li 31.83, Ryan Winter 30.3, Colin Albert & Aaron Wang 26.5, Richard Meng & Joshua Wight 25, Oliver Dai 22.83.

Under 1500 - Oliver Dai 53, Daniel Qiu 37, Mathew Steadman 35.5, Caleb He 34.5, Oscar Qin 30, Jacob Barry 24.7, Nadia Braganza 24.5, Aiden Zhao 22.5, Daniel Morrin, Henry Parker & Richard Schurr 20.

Junior - Daniel Gong 112.5, Allen Fan 81.67, Jack James 70.67, Oliver Picken 65.5, Jasmine Zhang 57.33, Alphaeus Ang 42, Layla Timergazi 34.5, Vyanla Punsalan 30.5, Leo Zhang 29, Richard Meng 28.5.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Hugh Gao 73.92, Isabelle Ning 66, Caleb He 61, Winston Weng 48.67, Felix Xie 42, Paul He 40.83, Bobby Stannard 31.5, Renae Ghadiali 30.67, Kimberley Yuan 30.5, Saasha Ghadiali 27.5.

Female - Jasmine Zhang 95, Helen Milligan 94, Layla Timergazi 85, Vyanla Punsalan 60, Nicole Qin 34.8, Kimberley Yuan 34, Ying Wang 32.7, Nadia Braganza 31.2, Eva Lourenco 27.5, Vivian Smith 26.8.

Senior - Robert Smith 90.5, Anthony Ker 70, Russell Dive & Mike Steadman 58.25, Paul Garbett 56, Antonio Krstev 49, Benjamin Lim 30, Robert List 27, Mark Noble 24, Nathan Goodhue 23.25.

Veteran - Paul Garbett 90, Nigel Cooper 80, Bernard Carpinter 52, John McRae 33.6, James Burt 31.5, John Pakenham 30, Anton Reid 29.6, David Taylor 28.5, Gary Judkins 27.6, Patrick Cunningham 25.5.

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

Forthcoming Events in the 2017 Grand Prix:

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. A Superclass **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** event. \$4500 in prize-money. Four separate tournaments – A, B, C and Junior (under 12 and under 1200). The A and B tournaments will be FIDE rated. All four tournaments will be NZCF rated if possible.

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 13th 2017 - Richard Sutton Cup Rapid, Howick.

This event commences on the 13th and runs over 4 Tuesday evenings, two rounds per night - see www.hpchessclub.org.nz for full details. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event.

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

Total Prize Fund is \$1,600 in four separate grades;- A, B, C and Juniors under 13 and under 1200. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

July 9th 2017 - MillenniumHotels.com 6th Feilding Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Copthorne Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North. Six-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 25 minutes for the game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. NZCF and FIDE rated where possible; non-NZL players must have FIDE ID. **Schedule:** starts 9:15am. **Entry fee:** \$40. Minimum \$600 prizefund. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event.

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.

August 11th-13th 2017 - Waikato Open, Hamilton.

Organised by Hamilton Chess Club, website <http://hamiltonchess.net>. An Open and an under-1800 tournament, each a six-round Swiss. Both sections will be FIDE-rated: non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

August 26th-27th 2017 - North Shore Open, Auckland.

After experiencing severe problems in finding a venue for this year's event, North Shore CC has accepted the kind offer of the Auckland Chess Centre to host it. Further information and entry forms will be available soon. 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 is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event. **Enquiries:** IO Bob Smith, email caissa@vodafone.co.nz or phone 0274786282.

October 11th-14th 2017 - South Island Championship, Dunedin.

Venue: Otago Chess Club, 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. 8-round swiss-system event, NZCF and FIDE rated if possible. Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their own federation. **Schedule:** games at 9:30am and 3pm. **Time control:** all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. This is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

October 15th 2017 - South Island Rapid Championship, Dunedin.

Venue: Otago Chess Club, 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. 6-round swiss-system event, NZCF rated if possible. **Schedule:** players' meeting at 10am; round 1 at 10:30am. **Time control:** all moves in 25 minutes with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. This is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event.

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

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. An Open tournament, a 6-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. No entries accepted after 9am 22nd April. A half-point bye may be requested in any of rounds 1-4; a zero-point by may be requested in any round. Only first 50 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Prizefund:** Open 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100. Under 1800: 1st \$220 (and Merv Morrison Trophy for 2017), 2nd \$180, 3rd \$80. Plus Grade Prizes to the value of \$300. (No player may claim more than one prize. In the event of a tie, prize money will be shared. Players eligible for open, under 1800 or other grade prize would receive the highest monetary value prize.) **Round times:** Saturday 21st

October, players' meeting 9:15, rd 1 9:30; rd 2 14:30; Sunday 22nd October, rd 3 9:30, rd 4 14:30; Monday 23rd October, rd 5 9:30, rd 6 14:30. Prizegiving when games have finished. **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.

December 2nd 2017 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.

Venue: St George (formerly RSA) Bowling Club, 86 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Three 6-round swiss-system rapid-play tournaments. **Time control** 25 min + 5 sec/move. NZCF and FIDE-rated; non-NZL players must have a FIDE ID (please get one from your federation before the event, if you don't have one yet). **Entry fee:** \$50 for A & B-Grade, \$40 for C-Grade. **Prizefund:** A-Grade (1800+): 1st \$350, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$120, 4th \$80, grade prizes \$100. B-Grade (1500-1799): 1st \$200, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$80, grade prizes \$80. C-Grade (below 1500): 1st \$120, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$50, grade prizes \$60. **Schedule:** players' meeting 9:00am. Rounds at 9:30am, 10:45 am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:15pm, and 4:30pm. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event. **More details** from Barry Hooton, email barryhooton@xtra.co.nz.

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

Venue: St George (formerly RSA) Bowling Club, 86 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Players must be under the age of 20 on 1st January 2017. 6-round swiss-system rapid-play tournament. **Time control** 25 min + 5 sec/move. NZCF and FIDE-rated; non-NZL players must have a FIDE ID (please get one from your federation before the event, if you don't have one yet). **Entry fee:** \$20. **Prizefund:** 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, with \$40 for the highest placed girl and medallions for age group categories. **Schedule:** players' meeting 9:00am. Rounds at 9:30am, 10:45 am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:15pm, and 4:30pm. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event. **More details** from Barry Hooton, email barryhooton@xtra.co.nz..

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. Full details and links: www.newzealandchess.co.nz/NZChamp125

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!