

Ewen Green Earns FIDE Veterans Award

It is with enormous pleasure I announce that NZ Chess Federation's application to FIDE for Veterans Award to Ewen Green has been successful – one of just 27 awards for the world! Every chess player in New Zealand congratulates Ewen on this most deserved award for a lifetime contribution to NZ chess.

Nigel Metge
President

The citation on FIDE website is taken from NZCF application and reads:

'Born on June 29th 1950, Ewen Green represented New Zealand in World Under-20 Chess Championship in Stockholm 1969 and later played under the banner of his country at the 1970, 1974 and 1976 Olympiads. He participated in many NZ Championships jointly winning the 1979-80 New Zealand Championship and represented New Zealand again in the 1977 Asian Teams Championship and 1978 Zone 10 Championship in Japan. He was awarded the FIDE Master title in 1992 and more recently placed 2nd in the 65+ division at the 2017 Asian Seniors Championship held in his home city Auckland. He earned an IM norm coming only behind GM Eugene Torre.

Ewen is a resident coach at the largest club in Auckland, the Auckland Chess Centre where he lives. He spends days and evenings on chess especially coaching chess to promising juniors. This has been his life for many years and became a FIDE Trainer 2005.

He coached New Zealander Bobby Cheng (FIDE# 4300033) in his early years. Bobby placed 3= at the World Under 10 Championships in Turkey (2007) and 2 years later winning World Under 12 Championship. Bobby subsequently moved to Australia and earned the GM title.'



Green (pictured left) in a blitz-match with Dreyer Photo: newzealandchess.nz/

Currently, Ewen coaches New Zealand's top juniors including 13-year-old Felix Xie and 11-year-old Isabelle Ning. Isabelle was selected as the Board 3 player for New Zealand for the cancelled 2020 Women's Olympiad team in Moscow.

Ewen has been a key person in the growth of chess participation at Auckland Chess Centre (New Zealand's largest club) and in Auckland schools. Ewen assisted in 'Chess the Musical' when it toured New Zealand and more recently as coach to Cliff Curtis and other cast members of the internationally acclaimed film 'Dark Horse' set in New Zealand.

Ewen holds the Oceania record for Simultaneous Blindfold play on 17 boards (+13, =1, -3) arbitered by Hilton Bennet.

In 2021, the outgoing President of NZ Chess Federation, GM Murray Chandler granted Ewen his 'President's Award' for lifelong contribution to chess.'