



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

Report: 6th October

Welcome to the 2016 Grand Prix. We are very pleased to announce that this year's sponsor is Poison Pawn Ltd. Tournament organisers please note - the logo above must appear on your entry forms. You can download the rules (and the logo) 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!

My apologies for the delay since the last report. Events got in the way! In future I will try to keep the spreadsheet on the web page updated, so you can check your points even if there is no published update.

Results since the last report:

June 18th 2016 - Waikato Rapid, Hamilton.

Open

1st= FM Bob Smith & Etienne De Beer

3rd Gino Thornton

Grade Prize: Graham Nolan & Milton Severinsen

Under 1800

1st Oliver Picken

2nd William Lynn

3rd= Don Eade, Hilton Jacobs & Damian Eades

Grade I Prize: Sravan Renjith & Vyanla Punsalan

Grade II Prize: Lara Heppenstall

Under 1200/Junior

1st Michail Andreef

2nd Joel Crombie

3rd= Sean Clark, Tiana Mayo, Grace Li & Alexander Mayo

Grade Prize: Nathan Alegado

June 25th 2016 - Upper Hutt Open "25 + 5" Tournament, Upper Hutt.

A-Grade:

1st FM Scott Wastney

2nd IM Anthony Ker

3rd= FM Mark Noble, Ross Jackson, & Jeremy Knowles

B-Grade:

1st Vyanla Punsalan

2nd Dion Charles

3rd Patrick Cunningham

C-Grade:

1st Bernardo Tagos

2nd Jay Giles
3rd= Nicholas O'Kane & Marc Landrain

July 3rd 2016 - July ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st with 6/6: CM Alphaeus Ang
2nd Richard Meng
3rd= and also u-13= Vyanla Punsalan & Oliver Picken
u-16= Euan McDougall, Xinyang Liu & Ryan Nguyen
u-10 Sravan Renjith

July 19th-23rd 2016 - South Island Championship.

1st=: Gary Lane, Stephen Solomon
3rd, **South Island Champion, All Canterbury Champion: Stephen Lukey**
4th=: Peng Kong Chan, Matthew McNabb
1st= U2100: Ross Jackson, David Weegenaar, Tim Rains
1st= U1800: Ray Bongalon, Federico Roura, Simon Ward
DD Smash Upset prize: Bryce Lukey (draw against Nigel Cooper)
Meritorious Performance Prizes:
Day 1 - Geoff Davies for his win over Quentin Johnson
Day 2 - Daniel Suh for his wins over Ross Black and Leighton Nicholls
Day 3 - Hamish Gold for his win over David Weegenaar
Day 4 - Guy Mulinder for his win over Geoff Davies

July 24th 2016 - South Island Rapid Championship.

1st: Gary Lane
2nd=, joint **South Island Rapid Champions: Stephen Lukey, Leighton Nicholls**
1st U1900: Leighton Nicholls
2nd= U1900: Martin Rademacher, Helmut Marko
1st U1600: Federico Roura
2nd U1600: Daniel Suh
Spot Prize: Richie Christie (for playing on his birthday)

July 29th-31st 2016 - Waikato Open, Hamilton.

Open:

1st CM Alphaeus Ang
2nd= FM Ben Hague & WFM Layla Timergazi
Best Waikato Player (Len Whitehouse Memorial Trophy): Prashant Mistry
under 2000 1st Martin Post 2nd Dan Dolejs
under 1900 1st= Arnaud Carbonnier & Prashant Mistry

B-Grade (under 1800):

1st= Sravan Renjith & Luis Duran Rubalcava
3rd Pedro Torres Camorlinga
Best Waikato Junior (William Lynn Cup): Sean Clark & Adam Hasan-Stein
under 1550 1st Vyanla Punsalan 2nd= Nadia Braganza & Aaron Wang
under 1400 1st Nigel Marko 2nd Ying Wang

August 7th 2016 - August ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st= CM Alphaeus Ang & CM Daniel Gong
Under 16 1st= Xinyang Liu, Euan McDougall & Lloyd Williams
Under 13 1st Andrew Li

Under 10 1st Sravan Renjith

3rd= Allen Fan, Aaron Wang, Vyanla Punsalan & Julie Li

August 20th-21st 2016 - North Shore Open, Auckland.

Open:

1st NM Leonard McLaren

2nd= FM Ben Hague & Kirill Polischuk

4th= CM Alphaeus Ang & Gordon Morrell

Under 2200 Allen Fan, Jeremy Browne & Nathan Goodhue

Under 2000 Oliver Picken

B-Grade:

1st= Tony Wang, Sravan Renjith & Juni Aguilar

Under 1700 Vyanla Punsalan & CM Richard Meng

C-Grade:

1st Barry Hooton

2nd= and under 1300: James Liu, Caspar van den Broek, Leo Li & Richard Schurr

2nd= and born 2005/later: Andrew Li

September 4th 2016 - September ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

1st: Allen Fan

2nd: CM Daniel Gong

3rd= Oliver Picken, Eric Liang, Xinyang Liu, James Jiayu Liu, Andrew Li and Hugh Gao

U-16 Grade Prize: CM Alphaeus Ang

U-13 Grade Prize: Vyanla Punsalan

U-10 Grade Prize: Sravan Renjith

Current scores in the Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 96, Alexei Kulashko 69, Bob Smith 62.2, Stephen Lukey 51, Russell Dive 49.7, Scott Wastney 46.2, Alphaeus Ang 42.2, Mike Steadman 41, Mark Noble 40.33, Paul Garbett 39.

Under 2100 - Helen Milligan 82.9, Allen Fan 70, Ross Jackson 61.27, Paul Macdonald 56, Vinod Kumar 46.5, Jack James 42.87, David Weegenaar 40.32, Prashant Mistry 38.17, Leighton Nicholls 33.2, Martin Post 32.17.

Under 1800 - Kate Song 77.75, Vyanla Punsalan 72.5, Jasmine Zhang 65, Sravan Renjith 61.21, Oliver Picken 59.42, Caroline Yan 56.17, Philip Mukkattu 44.67, Asheesh Gautam 40, Dion Charles 37, Federico Roura 30.67.

Under 1500 - Vyanla Punsalan 88.5, Sravan Renjith 65.5, Rodney Li 49, Euan McDougall 43, Nadia Braganza 42, Nicole Qin 40, Mathew Steadman 36.14, Alex Laughland 35, Paraone Luiten-Apirana 29.5, Gary Judkins 28.14.

Junior - Alphaeus Ang & Daniel Gong 97.5, Allen Fan 78.5, Oliver Picken 76.5, Kate Song 65, Jack James 57.5, Sravan Renjith 57.13, Vyanla Punsalan 55.5, Hans Gao 50.5, Timothy Rains 48.57.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Nadia Braganza 92, Sravan Renjith 74, Saasha Ghadiali 55.25, Andrew Li 45.83, Allen Li 38, Eric Liang 35.33, Selwyn Lin 34, Hugh Gao 33.58, Xinton Weng 25.25, Kimberley Yuan 25.

Female - Helen Milligan 107.5, Layla Timergazi 87.9, Kate Song 81, Jasmine Zhang 80.5, Vyanla Punsalan 73, Caroline Yan 54.5, Nicole Qin 50, Nadia Braganza 49.8, Eva Lourenco 48, Ying Wang 43.2.

Senior - Russell Dive 91.34, Bob Smith 86.34, Mike Steadman 80.5, Don Eade 61.8, Mark Noble 56.42, Philip Mukkattu 52.73, Helen Milligan 52.15, Paul Garbett 51.17, Ross Jackson 47.9, Martin Post 47.

Veteran - Nigel Cooper 95, Vivian Smith 66, Gary Judkins 48.6, William Lynn 41.5, Bernard Carpinter 40, Robert Gibbons 35, John McRae 33.6, Grant Kerr & Wayne Power 33.5, Tony Booth 31.5.

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

Forthcoming Events in this year's Grand Prix:

Please check the website for more up-to-date information, and entry forms to download.

The following events have been completed but not added to the Grand Prix spreadsheet yet:

September 26th 2016 - NZ Junior Rapid, Palmerston North.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

September 27th-30th 2016 - NZ Junior Championships, Palmerston North.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

October 1st 2016 - Feilding Rapid, Palmerston North.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event.

October 2nd 2016 - North Island Rapid, Palmerston North.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

October 3rd-7th 2016 - North Island Championship, Palmerston North.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

The following events are forthcoming:

October 9th 2016 - October ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories.

October 21st - 24th 2016 - Merv Morrison Memorial Chess Tournament, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden, Auckland. An Open 6-round Swiss system with a **time control** of all moves in 90 minutes plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one. This will be a FIDE-rated event. NZ players must be NZCF-registered; unregistered players may register at the tournament (\$20). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$50. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event. **Details** from Michael Steadman, email steadmanm@hotmail.com.

November 13th 2016 - November ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories.

December 3rd 2016 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

December 4th 2016 - Papatoetoe Junior Rapid Open, Auckland.
This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event.

December 4th 2016 - December ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event, with points in the Junior and U12/U1200 categories.

January 1st-11th, 2017 - 124th New Zealand Chess Congress, Wellington.
Organised by the Wellington Chess Club. To be staged at The CQ Hotels, 213-223 Cuba St, Wellington, as a 9-round Swiss-system over 9 days (1st-9th January), plus the NZ Rapidplay and NZ Blitz Championship over two days (10th-11th January). PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN OPEN EVENT, and overseas players are welcome to participate. E-mail Ross Jackson, Wellington Chess Club President, on lrjackson@xtra.co.nz – further details can be downloaded. The NZ Open will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** superclass event; the Rapid and Junior will also carry Grand Prix points. Support from the Kasparov Chess Foundation Asia-Pacific is gratefully acknowledged.

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

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 very important 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!