



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

Report: 15th June

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!

Results since the last report:

April 23rd-25th 2016 - ACC ANZAC Weekender, Auckland.

1st with 6/6: FM Ben Hague

2nd= FM Alexei Kulashko & CM Helen Milligan

4th= FM Mike Steadman, Gino Thornton, CM Daniel Gong & WCM Jasmine Zhang (taking the under-1800 prize)

Under-1800: 2nd Oliver Picken; 3rd= Bill Crombie, Kate Song & Aaron Wang

Under-1500: 1st Euan McDougall; 2nd= Alexander Laughland, Vyanla Punsalan & James Welsh

Under-1200: 1st= Ying Wang & Jacob Barry; 3rd= Selena Hu, Renae Ghadiali, Saasha Ghadiali & Eva Lourenco

April 23rd-25th 2016 - New Zealand Seniors Championship, Mount Maunganui.

1st with 5/6 and NZ Seniors Champion: IM Russell Dive

2nd FM Bob Smith

3rd= Helmut Marko, Hilton Bennett & Grant Kerr (also NZ Veterans Champion)

Grade 1: William Lynn

Grade 2: Merv Sutton

June 4th-6th 2016 - 39th Trusts Chess Open, Auckland.

A grade

1st FM Ben Hague

2nd FM Mark Noble

3rd= IM Russell Dive, FM Alexei Kulashko, NM Leonard McLaren, FM Bob Smith, John Duneas & Matthew McNabb

Grade 1 Gino Thornton

Grade 2 Paul MacDonald & CM William Forster

Grade 3 CM Helmut Marko

B grade

1st Don Eade

2nd = Clinton Wells & Dion Charles

Grade 1 Philip Muckattu & Oliver Picken

Grade 2 Richard Meng; Grade 3 Nicole Qin

C Grade

1st Olivia Dong

2nd Raymond Hill

3rd= Oliver Dai, Barry Hooton & Euan McDougall

Grade 1 Leo Zhang

Grade 2 Aleck Shen (3rd= overall)

Grade 3 Alex Pakholjuk & Joji Joseph (3rd= overall)

Junior Tournament

1st Saasha Ghadiali

2nd Eric Liang

3rd Allen Li

Under 10 Jeffrey Yu & Winston Weng

Under 8 1st Felix Xie

Under 8 2nd=Ryan Zhang & Sean Liu

Current scores in the Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 96, Alexei Kulashko 57, Bob Smith 48.9, Russell Dive 43.4, Mike Steadman 41, Paul Garbett 39, Mark Noble 34, Helen Milligan 32.2, Scott Wastney 31.2, Daniel Gong 23.7.

Under 2100 - Helen Milligan 82.9, Allen Fan 58.75, Paul Macdonald 56, Vinod Kumar 46.5, Ross Jackson 39.1, Benjamin Lim 31.5, Antonio Krstev 29.5, Bill Forster, Fuatai Fuatai & Prashant Mistry 22.5.

Under 1800 - Kate Song 75.5, Jasmine Zhang 65, Caroline Yan 56.17, Philip Mukkattu 44.67, Oliver Picken 40.28, Asheesh Gautam 40, Vyanla Punsalan 37.25, Dion Charles 25, William Crombie 20.75, Aaron Wang 18.75.

Under 1500 - Vyanla Punsalan 66.5, Rodney Li 49, Euan McDougall 43, Nicole Qin 40, Mathew Steadman 36.14, Nadia Braganza 31.5, Paraone Luiten-Apirana 29.5, Gary Judkins 28.14, Sravan Renjith 28, Olivia Dong & Temu Maroroa 25.

Junior - Daniel Gong 96, Allen Fan 78.5, Alphaeus Ang 73, Kate Song 56.9, Oliver Picken 56.3, Hans Gao 50.5, Jasmine Zhang 41.95, Layla Timergazi 37.5, Vyanla Punsalan 34.95, Jack James 33.5.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Nadia Braganza 79, Sravan Renjith 52.5, Saasha Ghadiali 49.5, Allen Li 35, Selwyn Lin 34, Eric Liang 29, Xinton Weng 25.25, Alex Fu 24.67, Aiden Tyler Zhao 24, Kimberley Yuan 22.25.

Female - Helen Milligan 107.5, Kate Song 79, Jasmine Zhang 70.1, Layla Timergazi 67.9, Vyanla Punsalan 57.6, Caroline Yan 54.5, Nicole Qin 50, Hananke Calitz 37.9, Viv Smith 36.2, Nadia Braganza 33.6.

Senior - Russell Dive 86.34, Bob Smith 84.51, Mike Steadman 80.5, Don Eade 55.2, Helen Milligan 52.15, Paul Garbett 51.17, Mark Noble 42.92, Vivian Smith 41.73, Philip Mukkattu 40.2, Hilton Jacobs 27.

Veteran - Nigel Cooper 75, Vivian Smith 66, Bernard Carpinter 40, Gary Judkins 34.5, Grant Kerr & Wayne Power 33.5, Noel Sarmiento 25, John McRae 21.6, David Ansell, Neil Cruden, John Pakenham & Richard Taylor 20.

“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.

June 18th 2016 - Waikato Rapid, Hamilton.

The Hamilton Chess Club will be hosting a rapid tournament in three divisions at St. Paul's Collegiate School. Open, under 1800, and under 1200 Junior. It will be nationally rated and the Open Division will also be FIDE rated. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

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

Organised by Upper Hutt CC. This event is a Poison Pawn Grand Prix class 2 event.

July 3rd 2016 - July 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 \$50, best under-16 \$40, best under-13 \$40, best under-10 \$40. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** 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. **This is part of a series of ACC Junior Rapids.**

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

Organised by Canterbury Chess Club. Venue: Newbery Lodge, Opawa. Nine-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$110. **Prize fund:** guaranteed \$2000 in cash, books and wine prizes. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event. **Sponsored** by Southern Trust, Dancing Water Wines and Benson Insurance Brokers.

July 24th 2016 - South Island Rapid Championship.

Organised by Canterbury Chess Club. Venue: Newbery Lodge, Opawa. 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. **Entry fee:** \$50. **Prize fund:** guaranteed \$1000 in cash, books and wine prizes. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event. **Sponsored** by Southern Trust, Dancing Water Wines and Benson Insurance Brokers.

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

Organised by Hamilton Chess Club. An Open, an under-1800 tournament, and an under-12/under-1200 event, each a six-round Swiss. The Open will be FIDE-rated. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix Class 1** event.

August 7th 2016 - August 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 \$50, best under-16 \$40, best under-13 \$40, best under-10 \$40. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** 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.

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

Details will follow.

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

September 26th 2016 - NZ Junior Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, 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. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

September 27th-30th 2016 - NZ Junior Championships, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Seven-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

October 1st 2016 - Feilding Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, 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. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event.

October 2nd 2016 - North Island Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, 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. **Entry fee:** \$60. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

October 3rd-7th 2016 - North Island Championship, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Nine-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$80. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

October 9th 2016 - October ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

November 13th 2016 - November ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.

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

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 to follow.

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!