



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

Report: 17th February

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:

January 30th - February 1st 2016 - Auckland Anniversary Weekender, Auckland.

1st= CM Helen Milligan & FM Ben Hague

3rd= Vinod Kumar, FM Mike Steadman & Paul Macdonald

under 1800:

1st= WCM Jasmine Zhang & William Crombie

3rd= Oliver Picken, Richard Meng & Akshay Sharma

under 1500:

1st Vyanla Punsalan

2nd= David Vincent, Benjamin Nylund & Timothy Nylund

under 1200:

1st Nadia Braganza

2nd Aleck Shen

3rd Sravan Renjith

February 7th 2016 - 4th HB Rapid Open, Napier.

A-Grade:

1st= FM Bob Smith & FM Stephen Lukey

3rd CM Daniel Gong

4th FM Scott Wastney

B-Grade:

1st Asheesh Gautam

2nd= Paraone Luiten-Apirana, Aaron Wang, Sravan Renjith & WFM Viv Smith

Junior:

1st Ryan Winter

2nd Harry Brenton-Rule

3rd Aiden Tyler Zhao

4th Jeffrey Zhao

Current scores in the Grand Prix:

Open - Bob Smith 38.7, Mike Steadman 32.7, Alexei Kulashko 22.5, Helen Milligan 18.7, Ben Hague & Stephen Lukey 17.5, Scott Wastney 16.2, Paul Garbett, Mark Noble & Puchen Wang 14.

Under 2100 - Helen Milligan 52.4, Vinod Kumar 36, Paul Macdonald 33.5, Allen Fan 27.5, Fuatai Fuatai 22.5, Ross Jackson 19.4, Antonio Krstev 19, Hilton Jacobs 16.5, Jeffery Boardman 16, Alan Aldridge & Clinton Wells 13.5.

Under 1800 - Jasmine Zhang 39.75, Kate Song 32.75, Vyanla Punsalan 32, Asheesh Gautam 20, Joy Qin & Caroline Yan 18, Nadia Braganza, William Crombie, Sandeep George, Andrew Michael, Philip Mukkattu & John Pakenham 14.

Under 1500 - Vyanla Punsalan 56, Nicole Qin 40, Rodney Li 38.5, Nadia Braganza 26.5, Eva Lourenco 20, Paraone Luiten-Apirana & Sravan Renjith 17.5, David Vincent 15.75, Louie Wei 15, Mathew Steadman 11.14.

Junior - Alphaeus Ang 52.07, Hans Gao 50.5, Allen Fan 46.5, Daniel Gong 26, Hananke Calitz 23.1, Layla Timergazi 23, Kate Song 20.57, Vyanla Punsalan 20.25, Timothy Rains 16.57, Leo Zhang 15.5.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Nadia Braganza 47, Sravan Renjith 27, Alex Fu 24.67, Harry Brenton-Rule 20, Toby Zhang 18.5, Oscar Qin & Jennifer Zhang 15.67, Aleck Shen & Aiden Tyler Zhao 15, Hugh Gao, Saasha Ghadiali & Selwyn Lin 14.

Female - Helen Milligan 62.5, Hananke Calitz 37.9, Vyanla Punsalan 34.5, Layla Timergazi 30.9, Jasmine Zhang 29.4, Kate Song 28.4, Nadia Braganza & Nicole Qin 20.4, Sue Maroroa 20, Vivian Smith 16.

Senior - Bob Smith 51.34, Mike Steadman 45, Helen Milligan 28.4, Russell Dive 20.67, Alan Aldridge 20, Antonio Krstev 19, Paul Garbett & Mark Noble 17.92, Vivian Smith 16, Tony Dowden 15.67.

Veteran - Nigel Cooper 36, Wayne Power 33.5, Bernard Carpinter, John Pakenham & Richard Taylor 20, Tony Booth 19.5, Vivian Smith 16, Grant Kerr 13.5, Anton Reid 12, Matthew Blackmore & David Smith 9.6.

“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.

February 27th 2016 - Bay of Plenty Rapid, Mt. Maunganui.

Venue: Papamoa Community Centre, 15 Gravatt Road, Papamoa, Mt. Maunganui.
Organised by Mt. Maunganui RSA Chess Club. **Time control:** 25 minutes for the game with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. Three 6-round Swiss tournaments, FIDE & NZCF Rapid rated where possible. Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class one event. More information/entries: email the Club Captain, Helmut Marko, at h.marko@xtra.co.nz.

March 19th 2016 - Howick-Pakuranga Annual Latvian Rapidplay, Pakuranga, Auckland.

Venue: Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland.

Organised by Howick-Pakuranga CC.

This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** superclass event. More information/entries: contact Ludi Zhang, email ludizhang@gmail.com.

March 25th-27th 2016 - Wellington Open, Wellington.

Organised by Wellington Chess Club. **Venue:** CQ Hotels, 213-223 Cuba Street, Wellington. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

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

Venue: Te Pai Centre, Cnr Lincoln Rd and Te Pai Place, Henderson, Auckland.

Organised by Waitakere Chess Club. **Time control:** 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move from move 1. Four separate swiss tournaments - A (1800+), B (1500 to 1999), C (under 1500), Junior (under 12 and under 1200). This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** superclass event. More details to come. **Enquiries:** International Organiser Bob Smith caissa@vodafone.co.nz ph 0274786282.

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

Organised by Upper Hutt CC. Details will follow.

Announcements:

Change of Olympiad dates

FIDE has confirmed that the Baku Olympiad dates have been changed; it is now due to be held 1-14 September 2016.

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.