



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

Report: 17th 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!

After a marathon effort by our Chief Grader, all the results are now up to date as we approach the last few events of the season. It looks like many prizes will be determined by placings in the superclass NZ Open!

Results since the last report (I don't have detailed results from all the events played, but the Vega file links can be found on the website for those interested):

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

Junior Rapid Champion

1st Jack James

2nd= CM Alphaeus Ang, Oliver Picken & Allen Fan

NZ School Pupil Champions

1st= CM Alphaeus Ang, Oliver Picken & Allen Fan

NZ School Girl Champion

1st WFM Layla Timergazi

Under 16 Champion

1st WFM Layla Timergazi

Under 16 Girls Champion

1st WFM Layla Timergazi

Under 14 Champions

1st= CM Alphaeus Ang & Oliver Picken

Under 12 Champion

1st Allen Fan

Under 12 Girls Champion

1st Vyanla Punsalan

Under 10 Champion

1st Samuel Darr

Under 10 Girls Champions

1st= Nina Nhi Yen Nguyen & Isabella Malton

Under 8 Champion

1st Paul He

Under 8 Girls Champion

1st Isabelle Ning

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

Full details of titles and prizes awarded are as follows (one prize only per person; age groups have a lower as well as an upper limit):

Points	Title	Name
7	Junior Champion	Alphaeus Ang
5½	2nd Place	Tony Wang
5	3rd= Place	Layla Timergazi
5	3rd= Place	Allen Fan
7	Schoolpupils Champion	Alphaeus Ang
4	Schoolpupils prize	Oliver Picken
5	Schoolgirls Champion	Layla Timergazi
4	Schoolgirls prize	Hananke Calitz
5½	Under 16 Champion	Tony Wang
3	Under 16 prize	Tyler Creighton
5	Under 16 girls Champion	Layla Timergazi
7	Under 14 Champion	Alphaeus Ang
3½	Under 14 prize	Sol Ross
5	Under 12 Champion	Allen Fan
3	Under 12 girls Champion	Vyanla M Punsalan
3½	Under 10 Champion	Isabella Malton
3½	Under 10 girls Champion	Isabella Malton
3½	Under 8 Champion	Sravan Renjith
2½	Under 8 girls Champion	Isabelle Ning

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

NI Champions: Jack James & FM Mark Noble

3rd= CM David Cilia Vincenti & WFM Layla Timergazi

Veteran: David Cooper

Senior: Mark Noble

Junior: Jack James

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

1st CM Alphaeus Ang 6/6

2nd Oliver Picken 5/6

Under 10 1st Sravan Renjith 4½/6

Under 13 1st Aaron Wang 4½/6

Under 16 Xinyang Liu 4/6

3rd= Allen Fan, James Jiayu Liu, Blaine Wu, Felix Xie & Anan Shinil 4/6

Current scores in the Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 96, Alexei Kulashko 69, Bob Smith 62.2, Mark Noble 58.63, Stephen Lukey 51, Russell Dive 49.7, Scott Wastney 46.2, Alphaeus Ang 42.2, Mike Steadman 41, Paul Garbett 39.

Under 2100 - Helen Milligan 82.9, Allen Fan 70, Jack James 65.87, Ross Jackson 61.27, Paul Macdonald 56, Vinod Kumar 46.5, David Weegenaar 40.32, Oliver Picken 38.25, Prashant Mistry 38.17, Jeremy Knowles 36.

Under 1800 - Kate Song 77.75, Oliver Picken 73.17, Vyanla Punsalan 72.5, Dion Charles 69.83, Jasmine Zhang 65, Sravan Renjith 61.21, Caroline Yan 56.17, Philip Mukkattu 44.67, Asheesh Gautam 40, 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, Paraone Luiten-Apirana 38.5, Mathew Steadman 36.14, Alex Laughland 35, Sol Ross 30.

Junior - Alphaeus Ang 100, Daniel Gong 97.5, Jack James 83.5, Allen Fan 78.5, Oliver Picken 67.5, Layla Timergazi 66.5, Kate Song 65, Dion Charles 59.6, Sravan Renjith 57.13, Vyanla Punsalan 55.5.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Nadia Braganza 92, Sravan Renjith 79.5, Saasha Ghadiali 55.25, Andrew Li 45.83, Eric Liang 38.33, Aiden Tyler Zhao 38.17, Allen Li 38, Selwyn Lin 34, Hugh Gao 33.58, Xinton Weng 28.75.

Female - Helen Milligan 107.5, Layla Timergazi 102.5, Kate Song 81, Jasmine Zhang 80.5, Vyanla Punsalan 73, Hananke Calitz 58.9, Caroline Yan 54.5, Nicole Qin 50, Nadia Braganza 49.8, Eva Lourenco 48.

Senior - Russell Dive 91.34, Mark Noble 87.67, Bob Smith 86.34, Mike Steadman 80.5, Don Eade 61.8, Philip Mukkattu 52.73, Helen Milligan 52.15, Paul Garbett 51.17, Ross Jackson 47.9, Martin Post 47.

Veteran - Nigel Cooper 96, Vivian Smith 66, David Cooper 57.5, Gary Judkins 48.6, William Lynn 41.5, Bernard Carpinter 40, Robert Gibbons 35, John McRae 33.6, Grant Kerr & Wayne Power 33.5.

“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.

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!