



# THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

## Report: 20th January

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](http://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 for 2016:

### **NZ Open prizewinners:**

New Zealand Open Champion: GM Gawain Jones

2nd= GM Ju Wenjun, GM Ma Qun, GM Nigel Short

**New Zealand Champions: FM Alexei Kulashko & FM Mike Steadman**

NZ Open Women's Champion: GM Ju Wenjun

NZ Open Seniors Champion: GM Nigel Short

Grading u-2200: NM Tony Dowden

Oceania Champion: FM Alexei Kulashko

Oceania Women's Champion: WIM Heather Richards

### **NZ Major Open prizewinners:**

1st= Fuatai Fuatai & Vinod Kumar

3rd= Sean Christian Goh, Clinton Wells & Alan Aldridge

Grading u-1900: Sean Christian Goh & Alan Aldridge

Grading u-1700: Kate Song

Grading u-1500: Oliver Picken, Akshay Sharma & Rodney Li

Grading u-1400: Nicole Qin

Grading u-1300: Raivath Mallela

Grading u-1200: Nadia Braganza

Grading u-1100: Alex Fu

Grading u-1000: Jacob Barry

### **NZ Rapid prizewinners:**

1st GM Ma Qun with an amazing 9/9

2nd GM Gawain Jones

**NZ Rapid Champions: IM Paul Garbett, FM Bob Smith, FM Mark Noble & IM Puchen Wang**

3rd= GM Ju Wenjun, IM Paul Garbett, FM Bob Smith, FM Mark Noble, IM Puchen Wang & Erik Moskow

Grading u-2200: IM Paul Garbett, FM Bob Smith & Erik Moskow

Grading u-2100: Jeffrey Boardman, Antonio Krstev & CM Alphaeus Ang

Grading u-2000: David Notley, Shen Yue Li, Chris Burns & Leo Zhu

Grading u-1900: Hilton Jacobs  
Grading u-1800: Caroline Yan  
Grading u-1700: Hananke Calitz  
Grading u-1600: Andrew Maroroa  
Grading u-1400: Tan Teck Woon  
Grading u-1200: Nadia Braganza  
Grading u-1000: Saasha Ghadiali

**NZ Junior Open prizewinners:**

1st= Hans Gao & Allen Fan  
3rd WFM Layla Timergazi  
Best u-15: CM Alphaeus Ang  
Best u-13: CM Daniel Gong  
Trophy & Title u-20: Hans Gao  
Trophy & Title u-16: WFM Layla Timergazi,  
Trophy & Title u-14: Allen Fan  
Trophy & Title u-10: Sravan Renjith

**Current scores in the Grand Prix:**

**Open** - Mike Steadman 23.7, Alexei Kulashko 22.5, Bob Smith 21.2, Paul Garbett, Mark Noble & Puchen Wang 14, Russell Dive 8.4, Tony Dowden, Anthony Ker & Scott Wastney 7.2.

**Under 2100** - Fuatai Fuatai & Vinod Kumar 22.5, Allen Fan, Paul Macdonald & Helen Milligan 20, Antonio Krstev 19, Jeffery Boardman 16, Alan Aldridge & Clinton Wells 13.5.

**Under 1800** - Kate Song 32.75, Jasmine Zhang 25.75, Vyanla Punsalan, Joy Qin & Caroline Yan 18, Sandeep George, Andrew Micahel, Philip Mukkattu & John Pakenham 14.

**Under 1500** - Nicole Qin 40, Rodney Li & Vyanla Punsalan 38.5, Eva Lourenco 20, Louie Wei 15, Mathew Steadman 11.14, Nadia Braganza, Leo Li & David Vincent 9.

**Junior** - Hans Gao 50.5, Alphaeus Ang 34.57, Allen Fan 29, Layla Timergazi 23, Kate Song 20.57, Timothy Rains 16, Leo Zhang 15.5, William Li & Leo Zhu 12.

**Under 12 & Under 1200** - Nadia Braganza 27, Alex Fu 24.67, Toby Zhang 18.5, Oscar Qin & Jennifer Zhang 15.67, Sravan Renjith 15, Hugh Gao, Saasha Ghadiali & Selwyn Lin 14.

**Female** - Layla Timergazi 30.9, Kate Song 28.4, Hananke Calitz 24.4, Helen Milligan 22.5, Nicole Qin 20.4, Sue Maroroa 20, Jasmine Zhang 17.4, Vyanla Punsalan, Joy Qin & Caroline Yan 9.

**Senior** - Bob Smith 31.34, Mike Steadman 30, Russell Dive 20.67, Alan Aldridge 20, Antonio Krstev 19, Paul Garbett & Mark Noble 17.92, Tony Dowden 15.67, Martin Post 14.

**Veteran** - Nigel Cooper 36, Wayne Power 33.5, Bernard Carpinter, John Pakenham & Richard Taylor 20, Tony Booth 19.5, Grant Kerr 13.5, Matthew Blackmore 9.6, Gary Judkins 7.5.

**“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.

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

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. An Open tournament, a 6-round Swiss system with a **Standard time control of all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Standard rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$50. No entries accepted after 9am 30th January. No half-point byes available. Only first 50 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Prizefund:** 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, 4th \$75. Plus Grade Prizes to the value of \$725. (No player may claim more than one prize. In the event of a tie, prize money will be shared. Players eligible for open or grade prize would receive the highest monetary value prize.) **Round times:** Saturday 30th January, players' meeting 9:00, rd 1 9:30; rd 2 14:30; Sunday 31st January, rd 3 9:30, rd 4 14:30; Monday 1st February, rd 5 9:30, rd 6 14:30. Prizegiving when games have finished. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

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

**Venue:** Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, 48 Marine Parade, Napier.  
**Organised by:** Hawke's Bay Chess Club Inc. Three 6-round swiss-system events, with a **time control** of 25 minutes each plus an increment of 5 seconds per move. Tournaments will be FIDE- and NZCF-rated where possible. Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Prizefund:** A-grade (1800 and over) 1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$50. B-grade (under 1800): 1st \$150, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$50. Junior (under 15 and under 1200): 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$25, 4th \$150. There will also be non-cash prizes, including wine. **Schedule:** 9 am Players' Meeting, 9:30 rd 1, 10:35 rd 2, 11:45 rd 3, 13:45 rd 4, 15:00 rd 5, 16:15 rd 6, prize-giving after completion of last round. **Contact:** Cindy Carpenter, email csc@slw.co.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

### **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.

## **Announcements:**

### **Registering an event for FIDE rating**

Tournament organisers should be aware that FIDE has introduced new 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.