



# POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX



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## **Grand Prix funding increased for 2017 and 2018**

The New Zealand Chess Federation is delighted to announce increased sponsorship for the next two years. The new name of the GP will be:

### **The Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**

The total prize fund will increase to \$6500 per year, with first prize in the Open section now \$1500 (up from \$700 in 2016). This popular event rewards consistent good performance in tournaments throughout New Zealand.

You can download the rules (and the new logo, as shown above) 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!

With only Congress left to go, almost all the prizes are still up for grabs. The Championship itself, with Super Class points, will be most important, but the class 2 Junior and Rapid events also count. Remember, these tournaments count for 2016, and are also the first events in the 2017 Grand Prix.

Results since the last report:

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

#### **Open**

1st= CM Alphaeus Ang, FM Ben Hague, & Bruce Wheeler

#### **under2100 and over1800**

1st Simon Lyall

2nd= Allen Fan, Nathan Goodhue, Daniel Runcan, Alex Nagorski & Benjamin Lim

#### **under1800**

1st= Oliver Picken, Juni Aguilar (under 1500) & Philip Mukkattu

#### **under1500**

2nd= Euan McDougall, Xinyang Liu, Aaron Wang & Hugh Gao

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

1st= Alphaeus Ang, Allen Fan and Oliver Picken

U-16 1st Euan McDougall

U-13 1st = James Liu, Rohit Mudaliar, Aaron Wang, Hugh Gao and Julie Li  
U-10 1st CM Richard Meng

**December 3rd 2016 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.**

**A-Grade**

1st FM Alexei Kulashko  
2nd= CM Alphaeus Ang & CM Daniel Gong  
4th= FM Ben Hague & Allen Fan  
Up to 2100  
1st Allen Fan  
2nd Leo Zhang  
Upset prize Benjamin Lim

**B-Grade**

1st Richard Jiang  
2nd= WCM Jasmine Zhang & Richard Meng  
Up to 1600  
1st Philip Mukkattu  
2nd Nadia Braganza  
Upset prize Xinyang Liu

**C-Grade**

1st= Xintong (Winston) Weng & Stephen Peak  
3rd John Liu  
Up to 1150  
1st Allen Li  
2nd= Hugh Gao & Tyler Creighton  
Upset prize Danny Madden

**December 4th 2016 - Papatoetoe Junior Rapid Open, Auckland.**

1st CM Alphaeus Ang  
2nd= Oliver Picken & Andrew Li  
Best Girl= WCM Jasmine Zhang & Saasha Ghadiali  
Under16 Tyler Creighton  
Under14 Oliver Picken  
Under12 Andrew Li  
Under10 Thomas Zheng  
Under8 Felix Xie

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

1st = Aaron Wang, CM Richard Meng, CM Daniel Gong and James Liu  
U-16 1st= Euan McDougall and Xinyang Liu  
U-13 1st= Julie Li and Owen Jin  
U-10 1st Isabelle Ning

**Current scores in the Grand Prix:**

**Open** - Ben Hague 98.17, Alexei Kulashko 83, Alphaeus Ang 70.17, Bob Smith 62.2, Mark Noble 58.63, Stephen Lukey 51, Russell Dive 49.7, Scott Wastney 46.2, Mike Steadman 41, Daniel Gong 40.95.

**Under 2100** - Helen Milligan 82.9, Allen Fan 82.5, Jack James 65.87, Ross Jackson

61.27, Paul Macdonald 56, Benjamin Lim 51.75, Vinod Kumar 46.5, Oliver Picken 40.5, David Weegenaar 40.32, Antonio Krstev 38.5.

**Under 1800** - Oliver Picken 80.17, Kate Song 77.75, Jasmine Zhang 73.25, Vyanla Punsalan 72.5, Dion Charles 69.83, Philip Mukkattu 62.17, Sravan Renjith 61.21, Caroline Yan 56.17, Asheesh Gautam 40, Richard Meng 37.86.

**Under 1500** - Vyanla Punsalan 95, Sravan Renjith 65.5, Rodney Li & Euan McDougall 49, Nadia Braganza 44, Nicole Qin 40, Paraone Luiten-Apirana 38.5, Mathew Steadman 36.14, Yogesh Kulkarni 36, Alex Laughland 35.

**Junior** - Alphaeus Ang & Daniel Gong 100, Jack James 83.5, Allen Fan 78.5, Oliver Picken 70.5, 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 93.5, Sravan Renjith 79.5, Andrew Li 65, Allen Li 63, Hugh Gao 61.33, Saasha Ghadiali 58, Xintong Weng 50.92, Eric Liang 38.83, Aiden Tyler Zhao 38.17, Selwyn Lin 34.

**Female** - Helen Milligan 107.5, Layla Timergazi 102.5, Jasmine Zhang 84.5, Kate Song 81, Vyanla Punsalan 77, Eva Lourenco 60, Hananke Calitz 58.9, Caroline Yan 54.5, Nadia Braganza 52.5, Nicole Qin 50.

**Senior** - Russell Dive 91.34, Mark Noble 87.67, Bob Smith 86.34, Mike Steadman 80.5, Philip Mukkattu 73.03, Don Eade 61.8, Helen Milligan 52.15, Paul Garbett 51.17, Barry Hooton 48.9, Hilton Jacobs 48.8.

**Veteran** - Nigel Cooper 101, Vivian Smith 66, David Cooper 57.5, Gary Judkins 48.6, Robert Gibbons 47, John McRae 45.6, William Lynn 41.5, Bernard Carpinter 40, Neil Cruden 36, 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 the 2016 Grand Prix:**

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

**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.

## **Forthcoming Events in the 2017 Grand Prix:**

**January 14th-20th 2017 - Oceania Zonal, Auckland.**

The prestigious FIDE World Championship qualifying competitions, open to all players from Oceania Federations. **Venue:** Waipuna Conference Centre, Mount Wellington, Auckland: book at special rates using the code OCEA0117; phone 0800

924 786 or email [res@waipunahotel.co.nz](mailto:res@waipunahotel.co.nz). Hosted by the New Zealand Chess Federation. Enquiries to Chief Organiser Paul Spiller on [spillerfamily.enterprise@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spillerfamily.enterprise@xtra.co.nz). This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** Super Class event. Note that this is included in the Grand Prix as a special case.

**January 23rd 2017 - January ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Aotea Square. 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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**January 27th-30th 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 7-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 6pm 27th January. Half-point byes available: one only can be requested, in rounds 1-5. Zero-point byes available in any round. 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:** Friday 27th, players' meeting 18:15, rd 1 18:30. Saturday 28th January, rd 2 9:30; rd 3 14:30; Sunday 29th January, rd 4 9:30, rd 5 14:30; Monday 30th January, rd 6 9:30, rd 7 14:30. Prizegiving when games have finished. **Details** from Mike Steadman, [steadmanm@hotmail.com](mailto:steadmanm@hotmail.com). This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

**February 12th 2017 - Hawke's Bay Rapid, Napier.**

Organised by the Hawke's Bay Chess Club. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

**February 19th 2017 - February ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: [www.aucklandchess.nz](http://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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**February 25th 2017 - Bay of Plenty Rapid, Mt. Maunganui.**

Organised by the Mt. Maunganui RSA Chess Club. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

**March 4th 2017 - Tairāwhiti Rapid, Gisborne.**

This event is FIDE and nationally rated, and a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 2 event.

**March 5th 2017 - March ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: [www.aucklandchess.nz](http://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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**March 18th 2017 - Latvian Rapid, Auckland.**

This event is FIDE and nationally rated, and a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** Super Class event.

**April 2nd 2017 - April ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: [www.aucklandchess.nz](http://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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**April 14th-16th 2017 - Wellington Open, Wellington.**

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

**April 21st-23rd 2017 - ACC Weekender, Auckland.**

Details will follow. This event is expected to be FIDE and nationally rated, and a part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

**May 7th 2017 - May ACC Junior Rapid**, Auckland.

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: [www.aucklandchess.nz](http://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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**June 3rd-5th 2016 - 40th Trusts Chess Open**, Auckland.

**Venue:** Te Pai Centre, Cnr Lincoln Rd and Te Pai Place, Henderson, Auckland.  
**Organised by** Waitakere Chess Club. Anticipated to be a Superclass **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** event. More details will follow. **Enquiries:** International Organiser Bob Smith [caissa@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:caissa@vodafone.co.nz) ph 0274786282.

**June 11th 2017 - June ACC Junior Rapid**, Auckland.

**Organiser:** Alex Huang, [mcr.flw@hotmail.com](mailto:mcr.flw@hotmail.com). **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mount Eden: [www.aucklandchess.nz](http://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 \$60, 4th \$50, best under-13 book prize, best under-10 book prize, best under-1000 rating - book prize. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** 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.

**June 24th 2017 - Upper Hutt Rapid**, Upper Hutt.

Details will follow. This event is expected to be part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

**September 1st-3rd 2017 - NZ Seniors Championship**, Mt. Maunganui.

**Venue:** The Hillier Centre, 31 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui. A 6-round swiss-system event for players turning 50 or older in 2017. NZ Senior and Veterans titles at stake. FIDE and NZ rated, where possible. **Time control:** 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move from move one. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event. More details to come. **Enquiries:** IO Bob Smith, email [caissa@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:caissa@vodafone.co.nz) or phone 0274786282.

**October 11th-15th 2017 - South Island and South Island Rapid Championships**, Dunedin.

More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. This will be part of the **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd**.

**December 2nd 2017 - Papatoetoe Rapid Open, Auckland.**

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**December 3rd 2017 - Papatoetoe Junior Rapid Open, Auckland.**

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## **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 essential 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!