



# POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX



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**Report: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

## **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!

Many thanks to Alexei Kulashko for creating the new Grand Prix spreadsheet for this year!

## **Results for 2017:**

### **June 3rd-5th 2017 - 40th Trusts Chess Open, Auckland.**

#### **A-Grade:**

1st= FM Ben Hague & IM Russell Dive

3rd= FM Robert Smith & IM Anthony Ker

Grade 1: CM John Duneas

Grade 2: CM Benjamin Lim

Grade 3: CM Alex Nagorski

#### **B-Grade:**

1st WCM Vyanla Punsalan

2nd= Simon Lyall & Francisco Chung (Australia)

Grade 1: Caroline Yan

Grade 2: Chen Yi Jing Alvin (Singapore)

Grade 3: Laurens Goormachtigh (Belgium) & Barry Hooton

#### **C-Grade:**

1st= Sean Myers (Australia/North Shore) & Hugh Gao

3rd Rishit Patel

Grade 1: Krystal Lal

Grade 2: Ryan Dukeson & Toby Zhang

Grade 3: Winston Weng

#### **Junior:**

1st Abraham Deng

2nd Matthew Chen

3rd= & Under 10: Jeffrey Yu & Anya Thurner

3rd= & Under 8: Kendrick Zhang

Under 8 2nd= Eric Liu & Hannah Xu

Book prize: Milan Kuniyil

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

1st= CM Oliver Picken and Aaron Wang

3rd= Ted Nguyen, Nina Nguyen and Euan McDougall

U-13 Book Prize: Winston Weng

U-10 Book Prize: Kenny Zhang

U-1000 Book Prize: Josia Vickers

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

**A Grade**

1st FM Scott Wastney

2nd= IM Russell Dive and CM Jack James

**B Grade**

1st= Dion Charles and Peter Stoeveken

3rd= Edgar Benitez, Ryan Winter, and Lawrence Farrington

**C Grade**

1st= Caleb He and Nicholas O'Kane

3rd= Ray Watling and Ric Benitez

**Junior**

1st Samuel Darr

2nd= Paul He and Joshua Langford

**commenced June 13th 2017 - Richard Sutton Cup Rapid, Howick.**

1st FM Ben Hague

2nd= Terry Shen & CM Stan Yee

4th CM Richard Taylor

5th= WFM Jasmine Zhang & Leyton Hackney

**July 9th 2017 - MillenniumHotels.com 6th Feilding Rapid, Palmerston North.**

1st FM Ben Hague

2nd= CM Jack James & Chris Burns

Grade 1 1st Malachi Hill

Grade 2 1st= Martin Joseph & Edgar Benitez

**July 11th-14th 2017 - NZ Junior Chess Championship, Auckland.**

Junior Champion: CM Alphaeus Ang

2nd FM Daniel Gong

3rd CM Allen Fan

Schoolpupils Champion: CM Alphaeus Ang

Schoolpupils prize: Xinyang Liu

Schoolgirls Champion: WCM Nicole Qin

Under 16 Champion: CM Alphaeus Ang

Under 16 prize: Euan McDougall

Under 14 Champion: FM Daniel Gong

Under 14 prize: CM Oliver Picken

Under 14 Girls Champion: WCM Nicole Qin

Under 14 Girls prize: Krystal Lal

Under 12 Champions: Bobby Stannard & Allen Li

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**July 16th 2017 - North Island Rapid Championship, Auckland.**

North Island Rapid Champions: FM Ben Hague & CM Alphaeus Ang (1st Junior)

3rd= FM Michael Steadman (1st Senior) & Nunilon III Fulo

Junior prize: FM Daniel Gong

Seniors Prize: Nathan Goodhue & Antonio Krstev

1st Female: WFM Jasmine Zhang

1st= Veteran: John Pakenham & Nigel Cooper

**July 18th-22nd 2017 - North Island Chess Championship, Auckland.**

North Island Champion: CM Alphaeus Ang (Junior Champion)

2nd= FM Leonard McLaren, FM Michael Steadman, CM Benjamin Lim (Joint Senior Champions), & WCM Vyanla Punsalan (Female Champion)

Female prize: CM Helen Milligan

Junior prize: Caroline Yan

DD Upset prize: Krystal Lal

**August 11th-13th 2017 - Waikato Open, Hamilton.**

**Open:**

1st FM Ben Hague

2nd Ralph Hart

3rd= Kirill Polishchuk & FM Robert Smith

Rating prize under 2100:

1st CM Hilton Bennett

2nd= Sherry Li & FM Bob Gibbons

Rating prize under 1900:

1st Graham Nolan

2nd= Richard Dare & WCM Vyanla Punsalan

**B-Grade (under 1800):**

1st= John Findlay, Lillian Dare, Eushin Kang, William Crombie, & James Liu

Rating prize under 1400:

1st Tracy Liu

2nd Mathew Steadman

Rating prize under 1000:

1st= Max Stephens, Ben Wright, & Kevin Li

**August 20th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

1st Euan McDougall (6.0/6)  
2nd= CM Oliver Picken (4.5/6) and James Liu (4.5/6)  
4th= Aaron Wang, John Liu and Winston Weng (4.0/6)  
Best U-13 Book Prize: Rohit Mudaliar  
Best U-10 Book Prize: Jeffrey Yu Best  
U-1000 Rating Book Prize: Jessica Luo

**August 26th-27th 2017 - North Shore Open, Auckland.**

**Open:**

1st= FM Ben Hague & CM Alphaeus Ang  
3rd FM Leonard McLaren  
4th= FM Daniel Gong, FM Michael Steadman & Kirill Polishchuk  
Grade prize 2000-2100: CM Allen Fan, Sherry Li & Gordon Morrell (also 4th=)  
Grade prize under 2000: Daniel Runcan & CM Benjamin Lim (also 4th=)

**B-Grade:**

1st Everett Bishop  
2nd Simon Lyall  
3rd= CM Don Eade & Timothy Ha  
Grade prize under 1700: CM Richard Meng, Winston Weng & Euan McDougall (also 3rd=)

**C-Grade:**

1st Anthony Power  
2nd Abraham Deng  
3rd= Jacob Barry & Philip Te Whata  
Grade prize under 1300: Jeffrey Yu, Kendrick Zhang & John McRae

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

1st and NZ Seniors Champion: IM Russell Dive  
2nd FM Michael Steadman  
3rd FM Bob Smith  
4th= CM Benjamin Lim, John Findlay & CM Helen Milligan  
NZ Veterans Champion (and also 4th=): William Lynn  
Under 2100: Peter Goffin & FM Bob Gibbons  
Under 1750: Tony Booth & Ian Laurie

**Current scores in the 2017 Grand Prix:**

**Open** - Ben Hague 105, Daniel Gong 75.17, Anthony Ker 73, Robert Smith 69.17, Russell Dive 58.17, Mike Steadman 58.14, Alphaeus Ang 56.5, Scott Wastney 45, Alexei Kulashko 40, Kirill Polishchuk 39.97.  
**Under 2100** - Benjamin Lim 81, Nathan Goodhue 78.87, Antonio Krstev 71.9, Oliver Picken 70.03, Vyanla Punsalan 68.25, Daniel Runcan 58.68, Hilton Bennett 39.21, Ross Jackson 29.33, Alex Nagorski 29.17, Yogesh Kulkarni 28.5.  
**Under 1800** - Simon Lyall 81, Timothy Ha 58.5, Ryan Winter 50.4, Richard Meng 49.38, Caroline Yan 43, Prashant Mistry 40, John Findlay 35.03, William Crombie 33.6, Aaron Wang 32.13.  
**Under 1500** - Oliver Dai 71.67, Caleb He 52, Mathew Steadman 49, Oscar Qin 45, Richard Schurr 40.5, Jacob Barry & Daniel Qiu 37, Hugh Gao 35.7, Nadia Braganza 27.5, Allen Li 24.  
**Junior** - Daniel Gong 117.5, Alphaeus Ang 100, Allen Fan 88.17, Jack James 80.17, Vyanla Punsalan 79.5, Oliver Picken & Jasmine Zhang 71.5, Layla Timergazi 67.67, Richard Meng 53.23, Euan McDougall 44.43.  
**Under 12 & Under 1200** - Hugh Gao 88.17, Caleb He 81, Isabelle Ning 80, Bobby Stannard 66.5, Winston Weng 62.17, Abraham Deng 58.5, Renae Ghadiali 56.17, Kendrick Zhang 54, Saasha Ghadiali 51.5, Felix Xie 51.

**Female** - Helen Milligan 110, Layla Timergazi 102.5, Jasmine Zhang 100, Vyanla Punsalan 97.50, Nicole Qin 64.8, Nadia Braganza 54, Isabelle Ning 50, Eva Lourenco 43.5, Caroline Yan 40, Ying Wang 35.7.

**Senior** - Russell Dive 105, Robert Smith 97.5, Mike Steadman 90.67, Anthony Ker 87.5, Don Eade 66, Antonio Krstev 62.5, Leonard McLaren 60.17, Benjamin Lim 57.67, Paul Garbett 56, Nathan Goodhue 45.75.

**Veteran** - Paul Garbett 90, Nigel Cooper 82.5, Bernard Carpinter 52, William Lynn 49, John Pakenham 47.5, John McRae 45.6, Gary Judkins 43.6, James Burt 43.5, Robert Gibbons 42.5, Anton Reid 41.6.

**“A mind is like a parachute. It doesn’t work if it is not open” – Frank Zappa**

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

**September 17th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**October 11th-14th 2017 - South Island Championship, Dunedin.**

**Venue:** Otago Chess Club, 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. 8-round swiss-system event, NZCF and FIDE rated if possible. Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their own federation. **Schedule:** games at 9:30am and 3pm. **Time control:** all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. This is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event.

**October 15th 2017 - South Island Rapid Championship, Dunedin.**

**Venue:** Otago Chess Club, 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. More information at the official website of Otago Chess Club, <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/otagochess/>. 6-round swiss-system event, NZCF rated if possible. **Schedule:** players' meeting at 10am; round 1 at 10:30am. **Time control:** all moves in 25 minutes with an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. This is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event.

**October 15th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

**October 21st-23rd 2017 - Merv Morrison Memorial, 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 22nd April. A half-point bye may be requested in any of rounds 1-4; a zero-point by may be requested in any round. Only first 50 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Prizefund:** Open 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100. Under 1800: 1st \$220 (and Merv Morrison Trophy for 2017), 2nd \$180, 3rd \$80. Plus Grade Prizes to the value of \$300. (No player may claim more than one prize. In the event of a tie, prize money will be shared. Players eligible for open, under 1800 or other grade prize would receive the highest monetary value prize.) **Round times:** Saturday 21st October, players' meeting 9:15, rd 1 9:30; rd 2 14:30; Sunday 22nd October, rd 3 9:30, rd 4 14:30; Monday 23rd October, rd 5 9:30, rd 6 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.

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

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

**Venue:** St George (formerly RSA) Bowling Club, 86 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Three 6-round swiss-system rapid-play tournaments. **Time control** 25 min + 5 sec/move. NZCF and FIDE-rated; non-NZL players must have a FIDE ID (please get one from your federation before the event, if you don't have one yet). **Entry fee:** \$50 for A & B-Grade, \$40 for C-Grade. **Prizefund:** A-Grade (1800+): 1st \$350, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$120, 4th \$80, grade prizes \$100. B-Grade (1500-1799): 1st \$200, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$80, grade prizes \$80. C-Grade (below 1500): 1st \$120, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$50, grade prizes \$60. **Schedule:** players' meeting 9:00am. Rounds at 9:30am, 10:45 am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:15pm, and 4:30pm. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 1 event. **More details** from Barry Hooton, email [barryhooton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barryhooton@xtra.co.nz).

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

**Venue:** St George (formerly RSA) Bowling Club, 86 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Players must be under the age of 20 on 1st January 2017. 6-round swiss-system rapid-play tournament. **Time control** 25 min + 5 sec/move. NZCF and FIDE-rated; non-NZL players must have a FIDE ID (please get one from your federation before the event, if you don't have one yet). **Entry fee:** \$20. **Prizefund:** 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, with \$40 for the highest placed girl and medallions for age group categories. **Schedule:** players' meeting 9:00am. Rounds at 9:30am, 10:45 am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:15pm, and 4:30pm. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix in Association with D & D Financial Consultants Ltd** class 3 event. **More details** from Barry Hooton, email [barryhooton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barryhooton@xtra.co.nz).

### **December 17th 2017 - ACC Junior Rapid, Auckland.**

### **January 1st-11th 2018 - 125th New Zealand Chess Congress, Palmerston North.**

**Venue:** the Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North. **Organised by** the Manawatu Knights Chess Club, contact Mark Noble on [xn7223@paradise.net.nz](mailto:xn7223@paradise.net.nz). The main event will be an Open Championship - with overseas players eligible to participate. Full details and links: [www.newzealandchess.co.nz/NZChamp125](http://www.newzealandchess.co.nz/NZChamp125)

## **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**

I would like to suggest that anyone using Vega to run tournaments should make a habit of checking for Vega updates (these are frequent), FIDE rating list updates (every month) and also NZCF rating list updates – new players and new FIDE IDs will be added after most events from now on. See the Resources page at [www.newzealandchess.co.nz/resources.html](http://www.newzealandchess.co.nz/resources.html) for links.

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!