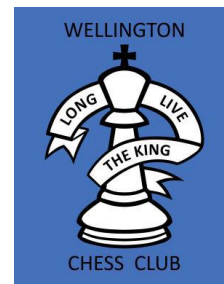




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Wellington Chess Club (Inc)

124th NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS 2017

A FIDE Rated Poison Pawn Grand Prix Superclass Tournament



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

1 – 11 January 2017

Venue

The tournament will be held at The CQ Hotels

213 – 223 Cuba Street, Wellington

Excellent playing conditions – central city venue with 3 or 4 star accommodation available on site

- Comfort Hotel Wellington ★★★
- Quality Hotel Wellington ★★★★★
- The Wellington Apartments
- CQ Conference and Function Centre
- CQ Bar and Restaurant

COMFORT and QUALITY in the Heart of the vibrant CUBA QUARTER

New Zealand Open Championship 1-9 January

Open to all players of any strength and nationality. One game per day.

Time control 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Single group 9 round Swiss tournament. Top New Zealand player(s) will be crowned 2017 New Zealand Champion(s), and will have name(s) engraved on Silver Rook. The Major Open title will go to the highest eligible under-2100 (NZCF) rated player.

This event earns NZ Poison Pawn Superclass Grand Prix points for 2016/2017.

Timetable

Sunday 1 January - Opening Ceremony 12 noon

All games start at 1pm

ROUND 1: Sunday 1 January

ROUND 2: Monday 2 January

ROUND 3: Tuesday 3 January

ROUND 4: Wednesday 4 January

ROUND 5: Thursday 5 January

ROUND 6: Friday 6 January

ROUND 7: Saturday 7 January

ROUND 8: Sunday 8 January

ROUND 9: Monday 9 January

Prizegiving and Buffet Tournament Dinner

A buffet dinner and prizegiving will be held at the CQ Hotel restaurant at 7pm Monday 9 January. Tickets can be purchased from the tournament organisers during the tournament. Prizewinners who cannot attend can have their prizes forwarded.

Prizefund

1st \$2000, 2nd \$1000, 3rd \$500

NZ Major Open: under 2100 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100

under 1800 1st \$300, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50

under 1500 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Junior Prize \$100

Entry Fee

\$180.00 Junior \$120.00

Late Fees: \$20 surcharge for entries received after 1 December and \$40 surcharge for entries received after 23 December

New Zealand Open Rapid Championship 10-11 January

A 9 round Swiss-system tournament. Time control 25 minutes plus 5 seconds increment per move from move one. Tournament winner will be the New Zealand Open Rapid Champion. Top placed New Zealand player(s) will be the New Zealand Rapid Champion(s) and eligible for the trophy. This event earns Class 2 Poison Pawn Grand Prix points for 2016/2017

Prizefund

1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100
under 1800 1st \$100, 2nd \$50
under 1500 1st \$100, 2nd \$50

Entry Fee

\$65.00 Junior \$40.00

Timetable

Tuesday 10 January

ROUND 1: 10 am
ROUND 2: 11.15 am
Lunch break 12:30 pm
ROUND 3: 1.30 pm
ROUND 4: 2.45 pm
ROUND 5: 4 pm

Wednesday 11 January

ROUND 6: 10 am
ROUND 7: 11.15 am
Lunch break 12:30 pm
ROUND 8: 1.30 pm
ROUND 9: 2.45 pm

New Zealand Lightning Championship 11 January

A 9 round Swiss-system tournament. Time control 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move from move one.

Wednesday 11 January

Players meeting 4.30 pm. All rounds will start as soon as possible. Expected finish time 7.30 pm.

Prizefund

1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50
under 1800 1st \$50, 2nd \$30

Entry

\$30.00

New Zealand Junior Open Championship

Official trophies & titles awarded by the New Zealand Chess Federation

Open to all players (any nationality) under 20 years old at 1st January 2016.

Time control: One hour per game, with the addition of 10 seconds per move starting from move one.

This event will be NZCF (New Zealand Chess Federation) rated and will earn Class 2 Poison Pawn Grand Prix points for 2016/2017

Games start 9.30am daily. Finish time is (approximately) 11.45am.

ROUND 1 - Wednesday 4th January

ROUND 2 - Thursday 5th January

ROUND 3 - Friday 6th January

ROUND 4 - Saturday 7th January

ROUND 5 - Sunday 8th January

ROUND 6 - Monday 9th January (followed by Prize-giving 12.15pm)

Prizefund

1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100 Under 15 years \$75, Under 13 years \$75

Entry

\$60.00

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at the tournament venue. The CQ Hotels –comprising the Comfort Hotel and Quality Hotel, are offering discounted room rates.

The 3 star Comfort Hotel for \$99 per night and the 4 star Quality Hotel for \$152 per night. To book email info@cqwellington.com and ask for the chess tournament rates or call 04)385-2156 for CQ-Quality Hotel, and 04)385-2153 for CQ-Comfort Hotel.

Parking

For \$8 per day parking is available in the hotel carpark for players not staying at the hotel. Please contact the tournament organisers when submitting your entry. Availability may be limited.

Tournament Directors

Chief Arbiter – Bruce Pollard, Deputy Arbiter – Martha Calitz

Entry Details

Please email the following information to The Wellington Chess Club c/ Ross Jackson at Lrjackson@xtra.co.nz

Name _____

Phone number _____

NZCF ID (for NZL players) _____

FIDE ID, (if you have one) _____

Date of birth _____

List of tournaments entered and entry fee for each

Players not NZCF registered must supply a FIDE ID issued by their Federation

Unregistered players from New Zealand must pay a \$20 NZCF registration fee to be included with entry.

No entry will be considered accepted until payment is received. Deadline for entries to be received is 12 noon Saturday 31 December.

All entries will be confirmed by email and listed online.

GM titled players and WGM titled players free entry

Please pay the entry fee by internet or phone banking, to the Wellington Chess Club Inc. account number **06 0582 0096726 00**. Include your name under 'particulars' and 'NZCongress' under 'reference'. Overseas players please contact the organisers on the above email for instructions on making an international transfer.

If Mailing your entry send the above information and cheque to
Ross Jackson, WCC, 86B The Esplanade, Raumati South, Kapiti Coast 5032

Tournament Regulations

Appeals:

A player may appeal against the decision of an arbiter. An Appeal Committee will be formed, chaired by an arbiter or tournament official not involved in the dispute, with two other members selected from participants in the tournament.

Default Time

The default time for the Open for players arriving late for a game shall be 1 hour and for the Junior Open 30 minutes

Prizes

No player may win more than one cash prize per tournament – the higher prize will apply. Cash prizes will be shared, no tie breaks.

General Tournament regulations are available at www.newzealandchess.co.nz

General Information

Wellington City has various attractions for visitors and families accompanying players will find many amusements including Te Papa, the WWI commemoration displays at Te Papa and the old Dominion Museum, Zealandia native bird sanctuary, Cable car and Botanic Gardens, Parliament tours, Wellington Zoo, Oriental Bay city beach, South Coast tours, Martinborough wine trail etc. See www.wellingtonnz.com

New Zealand Chess Supplies are located in nearby Greytown. They can be contacted at www.chess.co.nz/

