

2026 Bob Wade Memorial Masters GM norm 10 player Round Robin

2026 Hilton Bennett Memorial Masters 10 player Round Robin

2026 Peter Weir Memorial Masters 10 player Round Robin

2026 Arthur Pomeroy Memorial Masters 10 player Round Robin



From left GM Samy Shoker (winner), IM Gary Lane, FM Stephen Lukey, Paul Spiller (Organizer), IM Herman van Riemsdijk, FM Felix Xie, CM Gino Thornton, FM Bob Smith, FM Ben Hague at the 2023 tournament



GM Gawain Jones receiving the Bob Wade Memorial Masters trophy in 2021 from tournament organizer Paul Spiller

Dates:

Thursday 15th January – Wednesday 21st January 2026

Format:

Four 10 player round robin events. The Bob Wade Memorial Masters will be a GM/IM norm event with invited GM's, IM's and FM's. The Hilton Bennett Memorial Masters and Peter Weir Memorial Masters sections are open to players with FIDE elo ratings of approximately 1800 or higher. The organizer reserves the right to switch players between these events at his discretion, but they will be of approximately equal playing strength. The Arthur Pomeroy Memorial Masters is open to players with FIDE elo ratings

below 1900, with preference being given to junior players under 20 years old.

Rating:

All events will be NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.

Entry Fees:

The Bob Wade Memorial Masters is entry by invitation.

The entry fee for the Hilton Bennett Memorial Masters, Peter Weir Memorial Masters and Arthur Pomeroy Memorial Masters events is \$150.

Fees are payable to: Howick Chess Centre Account: BNZ, Howick
02-0168-0020937-000

Entries are not considered as confirmed until the entry fees have been remitted. Enquiries to Paul Spiller: paulsspiller@outlook.com

Chief Arbiter:

IA Ying Wang

Time Control:

90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move one.

Venue:

The Exhibition Hall, Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt. Wellington, AUCKLAND.

Sponsors:

These tournaments are part of the sponsorship program of the MGCF [Middle Game Chess Foundation] and are also financially assisted by the FIDE Planning & Development Commission. We acknowledge the support of the FIDE PDC in allowing these tournaments to take place.

Accommodation:

Accommodation can be booked directly at Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre if required. You can also contact the Waipuna Hotel bookings manager Shabnam Khurana at ShabnamK@waipunahotel.co.nz for assistance.

Timetable:

Thursday, January 15

Opening & Players Meeting: 2.00 pm

Round 1: 3.00 pm

Friday, January 16

Round 2: 9.30 am **Round 3:** 3.00 pm

Saturday, January 17

Round 4: 3.00 pm

Sunday, January 18

Round 5: 3.00 pm

Monday, January 19

Round 6: 9.30 am **Round 7:** 3.00 pm

Tuesday, January 20

Round 8: 3.00 pm

Wednesday, January 21

Round 9: 9.30 am

Prizegiving will be held at approximately 3.00 pm for the Hilton Bennett Memorial, Peter Weir Memorial and Arthur Pomeroy Memorial sections and participants in the Bob Wade Memorial Masters section are invited to attend a dinner & prizegiving at Wellington's restaurant at Waipuna Hotel at 6.00 pm.

Prizes: (in NZ \$)

Hilton Bennett Memorial, Peter Weir Memorial & Arthur Pomeroy Memorial: 1st \$400; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200; 4th \$100

Bob Wade Memorial: 1st \$2,000; 2nd \$1,500; 3rd \$1,000; 4th \$750; 5th \$500



Arthur Pomeroy



CM Hilton Bennett



IM Bob Wade



Peter Weir



GM Samy Shoker, winner of the 2023 Bob Wade Memorial Masters ready to play NZ FM Felix Xie



Participants in the 2025 Bob Wade Memorial Masters:

From left: FA Richard Christie (arbiter), GM Raymond Song (3rd=), FM Nic Croad, FM Yining Chen, IM Herman van Riemsdijk, GM Zong-Yuan Zhao (1st =), FM Felix Xie, FM Daniel Gong, IM Sravan Renjith (3rd=), IM Tom Middelburg, GM Gabor Nagy (1st =)



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