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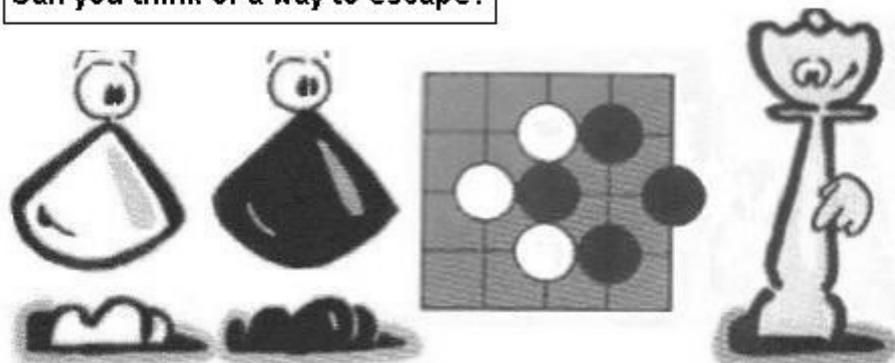
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Top junior player
Vanessa Wong

*Welcome to the fifth edition of KisekiGo News
for schools and young Go players*

Can you think of a way to escape?



We did at the UK Go Challenge 2011

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The UK Go Challenge is on again

See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2010

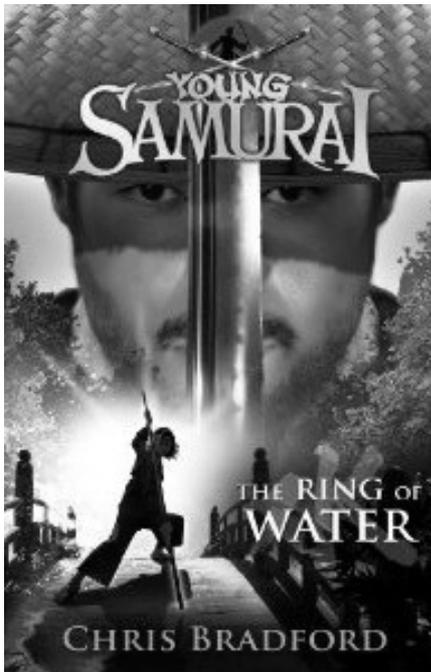


Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Roella Smith**
- 2. Jamie Taylor**
- 3. Kelda Smith**

So last year's runner up Roella was the new winner. Jamie from Leeds was a worthy second. It was good to see Roella's younger sister Kelda taking third place, just squeezing out Barney Shiu.

Don't forget you get points for playing, and for wins, at any UK tournament during the year.



Ring of Water

How many of you are fans of the Young Samurai series? The books are by Chris Bradford and are really cool.

The young hero, Jack Fletcher, is a boy in ancient Japan. He has to learn the samurai ways and Japanese arts to survive.

In the new book, in amongst all the battles, he has to play Go!

Look out for *The Ring of Water*, coming out in March.

For more info see www.youngsamurai.com

British Youth Go Championship 2011

This will be on 20th March at Bloxham School. Bloxham is a little village just out side of Banbury in Oxfordshire. The BYGC was there once before, so it should be a good venue from what I have heard. Will the players from Aston and Loughborough be there to dominate the older age groups? We hope to see many of them, and you, there. See the entry form or check the BGA website for details.

Grants for Go

We are very lucky that the Castledine-Barnes Trust can provide money to help young players and their clubs. They have also organised and paid for free trial of the beginners' Go set for schools. Look them up on the BGA website if you want to apply for help.

Games at the UK Go Challenge Finals



Boring Stuff (For Teachers)

Don't forget the BGA's britgo.org website has a lot of useful things, both in the Junior and Youth sections. There is information about online Go, problem sheets and other resources, advice, links and much more.

We recommend you take out BGA school membership to make the most of the facilities available.

Please contact any member of the BGA's Youth Committee if you have any queries or needs. Don't forget we can arrange a visit fairly easily to most places in the UK, as we have volunteers all over the country.

UK Go Challenge 2010

Last year we had the seventh UK Go Challenge.

The finals were at St Mary's in London in July.

Roella Smith from Cambridge was under-10 girls' and overall winner.

Barney Shiu from Bristol was under-10 boy champion and second overall.

Cambridge's Peran Truscott was third winning the under-14 boys' section.

Ernel Bodi from St. Mary's in London won the Challengers section.

Top junior school was St Ann's from London.

29 young players took part in the finals. They mostly came from the local school heat. You could also play if there was no heat at your school.

How many Go players does it take to change a light bulb?

It depends on if the ladder works!

Vanessa Wong – she challenges adults for titles



Anson and Vanessa - winners at EYGC



Vanessa plays Czechia at World Youth



The World Youth Go European team

Vanessa Wong had a great 2010 challenging adults for their titles.

After being equal third at the 2009 London Open, she competed for the British Go Championship. She won the first stage with 6 wins out of 6. In the second stage she ended second, after beating a player she had earlier lost to, in a play off. This meant she had to play the winner and 2009 champion Matthew Macfadyen.

In the best of 5 match, she started well by winning her first game. The game was played at her own school: Concord School near Shrewsbury. Unfortunately she lost the next 3 games, so didn't win the title.

Earlier in the year she had travelled to Romania to the European Youth and came second in the under-16s. Anson Ng, also from Hong Kong, won the under-12s. This meant both of them could go to Taiwan in the summer to play the World Youth! Unfortunately neither of them got past the first stage, but had a good time at the Taiwanese seaside.

Her other good result was at the European Women's where she was again runner up, after they needed tie break to split the top players.

We look forward to seeing her more in 2011!

Could your school have a Japanese or Oriental theme day with demonstrations of such as language, cookery, origami, karate, taiko drumming and of course Go?

KisekiGo has been the Go expert at many such days.