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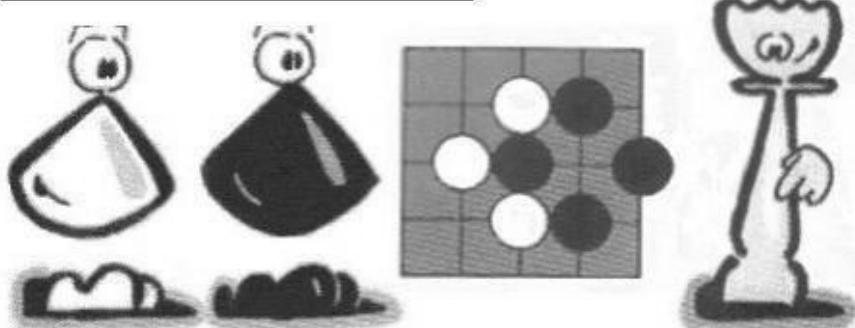
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**Players at UKGoC
Finals 2011**

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

Just give it up & play elsewhere!



We did at the UK Go Challenge 2012

The UK Go Challenge is on again
See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2011



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Adán Mordcovich 756**
- 2. Roella Smith 406**
- 3. Owen Walker 316**

So last year's winner, Roella, was the runner up. Adán played lots of tournaments during the year and soon had an uncatchable lead. Owen from Cambridge took third.

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



Hikaru Comes to an End

How many of you are fans of the Hikaru No Go series? The manga books about Go have finally come to the end of the run in English. The last book, number 23, was published last year and all 23 volumes look very smart on a bookshelf.

Although we all hoped the series would go on longer, the sudden end of the story was caused by the publisher cancelling the Japanese version of the series, due to lack of sales.

However they are both fun and interesting, so if you have not read them start at book 1 (get it from Amazon, etc) and get reading!

For more info see www.britgo.org/youth/hikaru

British Youth Go Championship 2012

This will be on 18th March at Bloxham School. Bloxham is a village just outside of Banbury in Oxfordshire. The BYGC was there last year, and it was a good venue. We expect the strongest youth players to be there to compete for the titles, but we also expect lots of youngsters who have just started learning the game.

Maybe you will be there too?
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, especially for travel, and their clubs. They have also organised the cheap beginners' Go set for schools. Look them up on the BGA website if you want to apply for help.

Scenes from the UK Go Challenge Finals



Aston school Go club with Mr Lynn



Final: Mazhar v Adán

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 2011

Last year we had the seventh UK Go Challenge.

The finals were held at King Edward VI (Aston) School, Birmingham, on Sunday 26th June.

24 of the best players from school heats and other youngsters took part.

First place went to Adán Mordcovich who was also best U18 boy. Mazhar Warraich was second and Hamzah Reta was third. Top girl was Roella Smith.

The Team trophy was decided by head to head match in R4 and was won by Aston.

Milton was the best junior school.

Handicap games were played once a player was knocked out of the title race, so all had a chance of a prize.

Don't miss the fun this year!

Why did the Go players play Go in a thunder storm?
They were practising for a lightning tournament!

The Go Sisters at the European Youth



Kelda and Roella - Go Sisters



Kelda presses the clock



Vanessa with her mum

Roella Smith writes:

I, my sister Kelda and my dad Paul, travelled to Brno in the Czech Republic for the European Youth Championships in March 2011. The place where we were staying was very nice; there was a lake near to the hotel and even though it wasn't very cold during our stay there, the lake was frozen solid! Everyone played two games each day against other children in the same age group (the age groups were Under-12, Under-16 and Under-20). In my age group there were lots of children from a range of countries across Europe. As well as me and my sister, the only other player from the UK was Vanessa Wong, aged 15.

During intervals between rounds many people practised and improved their Go in a separate practising room. Aside from Go, there was a swimming pool and gym open to all hotel residents. On one night there was an interesting and exciting fire show (with jugglers and fire-eaters) that most of the Go players enjoyed. Levels of play at the tournament were of high standard across all age groups. In the Under-16 and Under-20 age groups there were quite a few dan players. The final results are on www.eurogofed.org. Winners will be participating in the World Youth Championships. My sister, my dad and I wished Vanessa luck when she represented the UK at the World Championships.

After eating our last breakfast at the wonderful restaurant, we were upset that we had to leave so soon. We enjoyed the afternoon at the local zoo. It took two hours on the plane and we were back in England again. I hope that I, and more children from the UK, will be able to attend the next European Youth Championships, which will be held in Russia, or possibly in Hungary.

Kelda Smith writes:

In the Czech Republic, I enjoyed playing Go, swimming in the "Wellness" area at the hotel, throwing stones onto the frozen lake, visiting the zoo and riding on the tram. I played four people from the Czech Republic and two from the Ukraine. I won half of my games.

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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.

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