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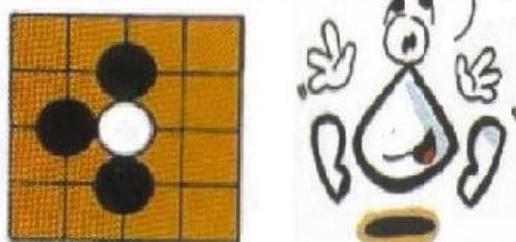
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*Welcome to the
eighth edition of
KisekiGo News
for schools and
young Go players*

Oscar Selby
Youth Grand Prix
Winner 2013



Keep calm and play Go!



I did at the UK GO Challenge 2014

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

Youth Grand Prix 2013



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Oscar Selby 1411**
- 2. Edmund Smith 702**
- 3. Melchior Chui 499**

Last year's third, Oscar, was the runaway winner for 2013.

Last year's winner Edmund was pushed down to second.

Cambridge's Melchior made his first top three placing.

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

European Youth Go Championship 2014

Fancy a weekend at a holiday camp at the seaside?

Okay, so it is the end of February and probably not beach weather! However the venue, Butlins, is in Bognor Regis, Sussex, on the south coast. It is supposed to be the sunniest place in England and of course has many seagulls.

More than a 100 youngsters from all over Europe are expected to come. We have Germans and French, lots from Russia coming.

It runs from Friday evening 28th February until Monday 3rd of March, so will probably mean missing school, if you come.

Let's hope for nice weather! See you there?

Details at www.eygc2014.com



British Youth Go Championship 2014

This will be at King Edward VI Aston School, in Birmingham, on 18th May. The BYGC was there also in 2013, and it will be good to go back again, thanks to the teacher there, Mr Lehmann. As usual the strongest youth players should be there to compete for the titles, but we also hope lots of youngsters who have just started learning the game will come along.

Maybe you will be there too?
See 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 sets for their clubs. They have also organised a cheap beginners' Go set for schools. See <http://www.britgo.org/youth/cbtrust> to apply.

Scenes from the UKGoC Finals 2013



Challenge players in action



Stopping the clock at the 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 2013

Last year we had the 10th Challenge.
The finals were held at Milton Primary School, near Cambridge, on Saturday 6th July.

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

First place went to Oscar Selby who was also best U10 boy. David Robson was second and U16 boy. Melchior Chui was third. Roella Smith was Top Girl.

Alexander Hsieh won the Challengers' section.

The Primary School Team trophy was decided by head to head match and was won by Stamford Green, Epsom, against the hosts.

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

Which nursery rhyme character wanted to play Go?

Old King Cole, as he called for his bowl

Oscar's Year



Oscar, his mother and Go mug on Channel 4



Oscar with professional Michael Redmond



Oscar playing Edmund at UK Go Challenge

Oscar Selby started 2013 aged 9 and 13 kyu. Twelve tournaments and twelve months later he was 7 kyu and nearly 11.

His claim to fame in 2013 was taking part in *Child Genius* on Channel 4. This competition for smart children was aired over four weeks and we knew Oscar would do well as he was the only competitor smart enough to play Go!

The camera crew came to film him at the Oxford Tournament in February, again at the British Youth at Aston and at his home and school. When the fourth programme went out, we saw some Go action, including Oscar receiving the Under-10 trophy from Tony Atkins (though actually it was the Under-8 trophy in its first acting role). Unfortunately for us, Oscar lost in the semi-final debating round to eventual winner Shrinidhi, who was the Under-12 World Scrabble Champion in 2012.

As well as winning Under-10 at the Youth, Oscar won the Youth Grand Prix and also first place at the UK Go Challenge Finals. He won prizes at several other events including the Isle of Man Go Week and Bracknell. He also won the Handicap section of the British Pair Go, with Epsom Go Club friend Rebecca Margetts.

He was very lucky in March to meet American-born professional, Michael Redmond 9 dan. He got lessons from Michael at the British Go Congress and this must have helped his grade to increase.

Wishing Oscar more good Go in 2014!

Could your school or group have a Japanese or Oriental theme day with demonstrations of, say, language, cookery, origami, karate, taiko drumming and of course Go? KisekiGo has been the Go expert at many such days.