

# BRITISH PAIR GO 2005

## Say It With Flowers



The 15th Pair Go Championships were held on 10<sup>th</sup> July at the now regular venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford. The date was later than the usual May to keep a distance from the European Pair Go in Maidenhead in April. Again the hotel made the players very welcome and put on a huge buffet at lunch time. Moreover the weather was unusually hot and sunny, and too hot to play serious Go outside.

In the Championship group, previous champions Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen were unable to win the Pair Go Championship for a fifth year. They were drawn against the second favourites, Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke, in the first round. In a close game, Natasha and Matthew won by 1.5 points only. Also doing well was the husband and wife team of Alison and Simon Bexfield, who were back after a year's absence for the birth of their second daughter. They won their first two games to reach the final against Natasha and Matthew. After a long fight it was Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke, from London and York, who were the new British Pair Go Champions. Third were Sue Paterson and Granville Wright from Sussex, and Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen from Warwickshire, both on two wins. Simon Goss and Emma Marchant were the ones this year that got the fighting spirit prize.

The handicap group neatly had 8 pairs too. From the oldest to the youngest player there was an age range of some 70 years. It was the father and teenage daughter from Kent, Paul and Maria Tabor who were the champions with 3/3. They beat Jil Segerman of Brighton and Anthony Pitchford of Cheshire in the final. The handicap section's fighting spirit prize went to young Sasha King (30 kyu) who was playing with Christian Scarff, also from Swindon.

The best dressed pairs were judged to be Kirsty and Matthew, as Matthew kept his jacket and bow-tie on all day, and Jackie Chai and her husband John Johnstone. By pairing off the most numbers with similar properties, Paul and Maria Tabor won the number quiz with 7/14 correct.

All the prizes purchased by organiser Francis Roads were pairs of pot plants, including a pair of bonsai trees, shrubs and various flower plants, both indoor and out.

## Main Tournament

No	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	3+	5+	2+	3
2	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	4+	6+	1-	2
3	Kirsty Healey & Matthew Macfadyen	1-	7+	5+	2
4	Sue Paterson & Granville Wright	2-	8+	6+	2
5	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	7+	1-	3-	1
6	Nicola Hurden & Francis Roads	8+	2-	4-	1
7	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	5-	3-	8+	1
8	Emma Marchant & Simon Goss	6-	4-	7-	0

## Handicap Tournament

No	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Maria Tabor & Paul Tabor	8k	3+	6+	2+	3
2	Jil Segerman & Tony Pitchford	7.5k	4+	5+	1-	2
3	Elinor Brooks & Eric Hall	6.5k	1-	7+	5+	2
4	Jackie Chai & John Johnstone	5k	2-	8+	6+	2
5	Annie Hall & Jonathan Englefield	16k	7+	2-	3-	1
6	Pauline Bailey & Steve Bailey	10k	8+	1-	4-	1
7	Charlotte King & David King	15k	5-	3-	8+	1
8	Sasha King & Christian Scarff	14.5k	6-	4-	7-	0

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps (half rounded in favour of Black).



Pair Go Champions 2005: Natasha Regan (with baby) and Matthew Cocks



Handicap winners: Father and daughter, Maria and Paul Tabor, with Francis Roads



Best dressed pair: Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen

### **European Pair Go Championships 2005**

Alison and Simon Bexfield were the UK's official representatives in the European Pair Go Championships at the Hitachi Europe headquarters in Maidenhead on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005. Most other strong UK Pairs took part. Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke were fifth on tie-break from Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen in sixth. Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins were the main organisers. Winners were Germany's Lisa Ente and Benjamin Teuber. Germany were also second, Russia third and Czechia fourth. A game from each round was broadcast live on IGS-PandaNet (<http://www.pandanet.co.jp/English/>). There was also the first Triangle Tournament. A separate report covers these championships.

### **World Pair Go Championships 2005**

Jackie Chai and Francis Roads, playing as a pair for the last time, took part in the World Pair Go in Japan in November 2004. They beat Indonesia in round 2, but lost their other games.

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