

# BRITISH PAIR GO 2006

## Prickly Decision



The 16th Pair Go Championships were held on 21<sup>st</sup> May at the now regular venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford. Again the hotel made the players very welcome and put on a huge buffet at lunch time. The plants selected as prizes this year by organiser Francis Roads were cacti and bamboo to avoid any wilting, though it did not matter as the sun did not appear until it was time for the group photo at the end.

Last year's winners Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke lost in round two to Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen. These two managed to hang on, beating new pairing Jenny Radcliffe and Tim Hunt in the final, to take the championship for the tenth time. Lizzy Abbott and Matt Scott from Oxford University got the fighting spirit prize at their first appearance.

In the 7-pair handicap group, the winners were Bournemouth's Jackie Chai and John Johnstone. Francis deserved the handicap fighting spirit prize for playing solo against the 23 kyu pairing, but it went to that pair, Pip and Patrick Ridley from Cheshire, for easily beating him on 26 stones. Best dressed pair was Elinor Brooks and France Ellul.

This time the quiz was a music quiz where you had to pair pieces of music from the same composer (and name him). The winners were Pauline and Steve Bailey with Jil Segerman, with 35 out of a possible 40, and second was Alex Selby, with 31.

## Main Tournament

No	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Kirsty Healey & Matthew Macfadyen	4+	3+	2+	3
2	Jenny Radcliffe & Tim Hunt	8+	5+	1-	2
3	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	7+	1-	6+	2
4	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	1-	7+	5+	2
5	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	6+	2-	4-	1
6	Sue Paterson & Granville Wright	5-	8+	3-	1
7	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	3-	4-	8+	1
8	Lizzy Abbott & Matt Scott	2-	6-	7-	0

## Handicap Tournament

No	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Jackie Chai & John Johnstone	6.5k	8+	5+	2+	3
2	Pauline Bailey & Steve Bailey	10.5k	3+	4+	1-	2
3	Elinor Brooks & France Ellul	6.5k	2-	8+	6+	2
4	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	6k	6+	2-	5+	2
5	Sally Prime & Nick Wedd	4.5k	7+	1-	4-	1
6	Jil Segerman & Tony Pitchford	8k	4-	7+	3-	1
7	Pip Ridley & Pat Ridley	23k	5-	6-	8+	1
8	Francis Roads	4d	1-	3-	7-	0

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



**Runners up 2006: Jenny Radcliffe and Tim Hunt**



**Fighting Spirit: Lizzy Abbott and Matt Scott**



**Prickly Decision: Pair Go Plants and Trophies**

### **European Pair Go Championships 2006**

A total of 42 pairs from 12 countries, including 4 pairs from the UK, took part in the European Pair Go Championships held at Humboldt University in Berlin Germany. Winners on 6 out of 6 were the Russians Natalia Kovaleva and Oleg Mezhov. Second on 5 wins were local players Daniela Trinks and Marco Firnhaber. Third after tie-break was the UK's pair of Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. France topped the group on 4 wins, followed by Czechia and Hungary. UK's official pair, Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen, was 11th with 4 wins.

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

No UK players took part in the World Pair Go Championships in Japan in November 2005. However Tony Atkins, representing the European Go Federation, was there as Guest Official. Li Nian-Nian and Liu Fan from China won the event. They beat a Japanese pair in the final. Best placed European teams were Germany (Pei Zhao and Christoph Gerlach) and Czech Republic (Jana Hricova and Ondrej Silt) in 8th and 14th (which ignoring duplicate Japanese teams is 4th and 6th best countries). Only 21 different countries took part as Cuba was unable to attend through sickness. New participants were Mexico and Azerbaijan.

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