

BRITISH PAIR GO 2012

Pair Go: Getting the Right Chemistry

The 22nd British Pair Go Championships were held on 10th June, at the now regular venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford.

The proprietor Gary Adams made us welcome again, and this time the weather was fine enough for the children to play in the garden and for the group photograph to be taken.



However this year there were a few changes, such as an increased entry fee for some and only prizes for winners (other players receiving a certificate presented by organiser Francis Roads).

Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke retained the British Pair Go Champions title for a third year. They beat Jenny Radcliffe and Francis Roads in the final of the eight pair top group. Winning the fighting spirit prize were Jackie Chai and John Johnstone.

In the handicap group there were six pairs including several children and a 5d Korean lady. Winners were Helen and Martin Harvey, playing in the handicap section as Helen was still recovering from injury. They beat the youngsters Rebecca Margetts and Oscar Selby in the final, proving that 26 stone handicaps can be overcome. The handicap fighting spirit prize was won by Yvonne and Paul Margetts.

Sam McCarthy and John Collins won both the best dressed couple prize and the chemistry quiz, pairing modern chemical names with their old ones.



Kelda and Paul, a family pairing



Youngest pair Rebecca and Oscar



Francis is helped by Jenny with organising, while Jil and Pat review their game



Handicap Winners Martin and Helen;



Champions Matthew and Natasha

Main Tournament

No.	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	5+	3+	2+	3
2	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	8+	4+	1-	2
3	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	7+	1-	6+	2
4	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	6+	2-	5+	2
5	Tessa Holden & Tim Hunt	1-	7+	4-	1
6	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	4-	8+	3-	1
7	Jil Segerman & Pat Ridley	3-	5-	8+	1
8	Jackie Chai & John Johnstone	2-	6-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament

No.	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	3k	3+	5+	2+	3
2	Rebecca Margetts & Oscar Selby	29½k	6+	4+	1-	2
3	Kelda Smith & Paul Smith	9k	1-	6+	4+	2
4	Baromi Kim & David Crabtree	2k	5+	2-	3-	1
5	Sam McCarthy & John Collins	14½k	4-	1-	6+	1
6	Yvonne Margetts & Paul Margetts	9k	2-	3-	5-	0

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.

Other Pair Go News

The 22nd **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** was held as normal in Tokyo on 19th and 20th November 2011. Britain had scored enough points to get a place again and our pair of Alison and Simon Bexfield topped the group on two wins to come 17th. They won their first two games by beating pairs from Philippines and Spain, but lost to Korea in round three and then to two Japanese pairs.

For the sixth time in a row Korea won. They beat the middle school pupils of Chinese Taipei in the final. The top European pairs were Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh of Hungary in ninth and Jitka Bartova and Jan Hora of Czechia in twelfth, both with three wins.

This year the **European Pair Go Championship** was held in France on the 2nd and 3rd June. The venue chosen was in Lyon, not in the modern bustling part near the stations or in the bland suburbs, but in the historic old town, pleasantly located near the river, old buildings and cable car.

Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke finished a very creditable seventh out of 24. They won three of their six games, losing to Czechia and two French pairs.

It was won with a flawless record by the professional Russian pair, Svetlana Shikshina and Alexandr Dinerchtein. Second were Czechia's Klara Zaloudkova and Jan Hora, who earned a seat at the International Amateur Pair Go Championships in Japan. Former European champions Natalia Kovaleva and Dmitri Surin from Russia were third and the next three places were taken by French teams.



Miss Ko 8p (left) and Japanese lady in kimono (right) at London Open Pair Go

On hand to do teaching at the **London Open**, at the New Year, was Korean Professional Miss Ko Juyeong. She managed to get to play as well and even won a prize, as on the second evening she won the 16 team London Pair Go partnering Chong Han. They beat Irina Sucia and Ian Davis in the final. Chu Lu and Andrew Simons only lost to the winners in round 3, and Sari Kohonen / Vesa Laatikainen and Julia Woewodskaya / Sandy Taylor were equal fourth. Noteworthy was the first participation of an Icelandic player at Pair Go, though unfortunately he did not win any games.