

BRITISH PAIR GO 2013

Pair Go: Knowing Your Onions

The 23rd British Pair Go Championships were held on 9th June, at the now regular venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford.

The proprietor again made us welcome, and this time the weather stayed fine, with children able to play outside and adults able to relax on the terrace.



All were awarded prizes, thanks to the World Pair Go Association's donation of prizes including Japanese gifts and popular Pandanet tee-shirts.

Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen won the title after a three-year break.

Defending champions Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke came dressed as a medieval queen and king, and so won the best-dressed competition, but lost the final by 12.5 points.

Winning the *fighting spirit* prize in the 8-team top group were Edwina Lee and - making his *début* - Bob Scantlebury.

In the handicap group there were seven pairs, including several children.

It was the previous year's runners-up who triumphed, namely Rebecca Margetts and Oscar Selby, youngsters from Epsom. They beat Roella and Paul Smith, daughter and father from Cambridge, in the final.

The handicap *fighting spirit* prize was won by Kelda and Edmund Smith from Cambridge, the youngest pair in the event, aged 10 and 8.

Alice Bradley and Boris Mitrovic won the domestic science quiz, proving that they know their onions, by pairing various food dishes with their description and country of origin. For example knowing that puffin in milk sauce is a speciality of Iceland, called Mjólkursoðinn.

Main Tournament

No.	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Kirsty Healey & Matthew Macfadyen	5+	3+	2+	3
2	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	7+	4+	1-	2
3	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	6+	1-	5+	2
4	Martha McGill & Matt Crosby	8+	2-	6+	2
5	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	1-	7+	3-	1
6	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	3-	8+	4-	1
7	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	2-	5-	8+	1
8	Edwina Lee & Bob Scantlebury	4-	6-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament

No.	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Rebecca Margetts & Oscar Selby	22½k	3+	6+	2+	3
2	Roella Smith & Paul Smith	6½k	5+	4+	1-	2
3	Sam McCarthy & John Collins	15k	1-	5+	4+	2
4	Yvonne Margetts & Paul Margetts	9k	6+	2-	3-	1
5	Alice Bradley & Boris Mitrovic	3k	2-	7+	3-	1
6	Jil Segerman & Pat Ridley	8½k	4-	1-	7+	1
7	Kelda Smith & Edmund Smith	16½k	--	5-	6-	0

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.



The Pair Go King and Queen



Youngest pair Kelda and Edmund



Being the organiser distracts Francis,



whilst others relax outside after playing



Handicap Winners Oscar and Rebecca;



Champions Matthew and Kirsty

Other Pair Go News

The 23rd **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** was held as normal in Tokyo on 3rd and 4th November 2012.

For the seventh time in a row Korea won. They beat the top Japanese pair in the final. The top European pairs were Natalia Kovaleva and Dmitriy Surin of Russia in ninth and Klara Zaloudkova and Jan Hora of Czechia, who were there as qualifiers from the European Pair Go Championships 2012.

This year the **European Pair Go Championship** was held in Amsterdam on the 2nd and 3rd June. The venue was the European Go Centre and it was part of their Amsterdam Go together weekend. It was won with a flawless record by the Russian siblings, Svetlana Shikshina and Ilya Shikshin. Second again were Czechia's Klara Zaloudkova and Jan Hora, who earned a seat at the International Amateur Pair Go Championships in Japan.

Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke took 19th place for the UK with two wins against Dutch pairs. 24 pairs from 10 countries took part.

On hand to do teaching at the **London Open**, at the New Year, was Guo Juan. 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 Claude Brisson, 6k from Marseille. They beat Klaudia Kleczkowska and Andrew Kay in the final. Carl Roll / Yuanbo Zhang, Lukas Kraemer / Rongrong Zhang and Nick Krempel / Alex Millar also won three each.



Winners Guo Juan and Claude Brisson



Second place Klaudia and Andrew