

YOUTH GO NEWS supported by DeepMind

Welcome to the third youth newsletter. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in future newsletters please email them to: ynews@britgo.org

News of Past Events

2018 European Youth Go Championships

The European Youth Go Congress was held in Kiev at the end of March. Ten British youth players took part. Before the tournament British players joined Ukrainian players for games and lectures by Artem (a Ukrainian professional). The players watched an elaborate opening ceremony before tournament games of Go began. The games were recorded and reviewed to help the players improve.



There were opportunities to explore the city and team building group meals. When all was said and done the squad had won 26 games and lost 23 games. A fuller review of the trip can be read at <http://britgo.org/news>. Well done to all those who took part. If you are interested in attending the congress in Russia next year then look out for details in future editions of Youth Go News.

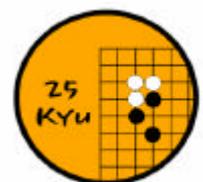
British Go Congress Awards

At the British Go Congress lots of Go takes place and the AGM happens where the BGA council is elected. During the 2018 AGM awards were given to players including two youth players. Tom Bradbury won the player of the year award as he is the player whose grade improved most during 2017. Alexander Hsieh was given the award for the young player of the year as he took part in every match in the European Youth Team Go Championships. Well done to both players.

Youth Go Features

Go Badges

The British Go Association is introducing a series of badges available for juniors to reward their progression through the go grades. Guidelines will be available to organisers of youth clubs so that people with the same rank badge should be about the same ability. For more information contact Alison Bexfield (Youth Squad Coordinator) at ynews@britgo.org.



Ways to Improve at Go

There are many ways to improve at Go. One way is to study Go problems or Tsumego. <http://www.goproblems.com> is a good site to find some free problems. You can also get apps like Tsumego Pro that provide daily problems. You can look at games played by professionals and strong players. An interesting youtube channel is <https://youtu.be/ZhTltDadXeE> where they discuss with players moves whilst they are playing. Finally a good way to improve is to play games against friends. If you record games and review them or get a stronger player to review them you can find many ways to improve. For further ways to study Go on your own see <http://britgo.org/learning>. As the BGA has funding from DeepMind the BGA is willing to pay half of the cost of some Go tuition. Contact youth-chair@britgo.org for more information.

Future Events

6 May 2018: Bar-Low Tournament A tournament just for kyu players, the Bar-Low tournament is being held at the London Go Centre. Visit <http://gocentre.londongo.club/events/21-bar-low/>

Go Challenge Heats There is still time to run a Go Challenge heat at your school or youth club. If you would like to run a heat then please visit <http://www.ukgochallenge.com>



14 July 2018: Go Challenge Finals The Go challenge finals are being held in Cambridge. They are taking place just after an international Go tournament for University students and so there should be a fantastic atmosphere and there might even be the opportunity to learn Go from professionals. Whilst this is intended as an event to bring players of different Go Challenge heats together, all junior players are welcome to take part, regardless of whether they have played in a heat. It is one of the two national youth tournaments and is played on 13x13 boards.

29-31 August 2018: Youth Residential After the success of last year's residential we will be returning to Caythorpe this year. As before, it will be a mixture of outdoor activities, Go games and mentoring. It is aimed at those in year 6 or older and there are only 24 places. To apply complete the form at <http://britgo.org/files/2018/youthcamp2018.pdf>



Life and Death Problems - Answers

Here are the answers to the problems in the last Youth Go News

In the top left, black 1 makes a corner eye to live. If black at x then white at 1 means only one black eye.

Top right, black 1 traps the white stone and makes a second eye. Black at x allows white at 1 to false the eye.

At the bottom, black 1 makes an two-point eye to the right and traps a white stone. If black A, white b means black c is self-atari and black will die.

