

BRITISH PAIR GO 2007

Oriental Bazaar



The 17th Pair Go Championships were held on 3rd June 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 and very tasty buffet at lunch time.

Also at lunch time Francis Roads lead a quartet consisting of three bassoons and a serpent in a very pleasant short open air musical concert. He hopes others will bring instruments and join in next year.

The prizes selected this year by organiser Francis Roads were all oriental crockery and chop sticks so the prize table looked like an oriental bazaar.

Last year's winners Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen managed to hang on to their title. They beat Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke in the final, to take the championship for the eleventh time. Emma Marchant and Simon Goss got the fighting spirit prize.

The 8-pair handicap group included a lot of players new to Pair Go. The winners were High Wycombe's Lydia Feasey (26 kyu) and Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu). It was Lydia's first ever tournament. They beat the father and daughter pairing of Paul and Roella Smith in the final, so both pairs with juniors did well.

This time the quiz was an English Literature quiz, keeping the theme of school subjects, where you had to pair books by the same author (and name the author). The winners were Elinor Brooks and France Ellul, with 39 out of a possible 40. Best dressed pair was also Elinor Brooks and France Ellul in Japanese gowns.

Main Tournament

No	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Kirsty Healey & Matthew Macfadyen	4+	3+	2+	3
2	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	8+	5+	1-	2
3	Sue Paterson & Granville Wright	6+	1-	5+	2
4	Jil Segerman & Tony Atkins	1-	8+	6+	2
5	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	7+	2-	3-	1
6	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	3-	7+	4-	1
7	Elinor Brooks & France Ellul	5-	6-	8+	1
8	Emma Marchant & Simon Goss	2-	4-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament

No	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Lydia Feasey & Jonathan Englefield	16.5k	3+	5+	2+	3
2	Roella Smith & Paul Smith	15.5k	7+	6+	1-	2
3	Tessa Holden & Tim Hunt	9.5k	1-	8+	5+	2
4	Edwina Lee & Pat Ridley	10k	5-	7+	6+	2
5	Sam McCarthy & John Collins	19k	4+	1-	3-	1
6	Jackie Chai & John Johnstone	6.5k	8+	2-	4-	1
7	Ruth Horry & Alistair Turnbull	14k	2-	4-	8+	1
8	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	3k	6-	3-	7-	0

Places 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 are equal.

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps (half rounded in favour of Black), six komi to black if exact – as in the original Japanese Pair Go handicap system.



Lunch time concert: Francis, Jenny, Tessa and Tim



Champion's game review: Kirsty and Matthew (right) with Jil



Handicap Winners: Jonathan and Lydia with Francis



Pair Go Concentration: John and Sam vs Pat and Edwina



Oriental Bazaar: Pair Go Prizes and Trophies

European Pair Go Championships 2007

This year the event is being held in late June during the Russian Go Congress aboard a cruise boat as it wends its way from Moscow to Saint Petersburg along rivers and canals and past historic towns and castles.

World Pair Go Championships 2006

Korea was the winner of the International Amateur Pair Go Championships in Tokyo. Their pair, a student Song Ye-Seul and Go instructor Seo Yu-Tae, beat China in the final. China were second and all the next places were taken by Japanese pairs. Only three non-Japanese pairs won three out of five: Taipei in 13th, USA in 14th and New Zealand in 16th. The last two both featured schoolboys: Curtis Wang playing with Wan Chen, and Edwin Phease playing with his mother Yucong. France was the top pair on two wins. The UK pairing of Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke also won two (against South Africa and Hungary) to place 21st out of 32. South Africa had the best national costume with their gentleman player dressed as a native warrior complete with shield and spear.

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