

BRITISH PAIR GO 2011

Pair Go: An International Language?

The 21st Pair Go Championships were held on 12th June, at the now regular venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford.

New proprietor Gary Adams made us welcome again, but could not arrange the weather. Torrential rain all day meant for the first time ever the group photograph was cancelled!



A surprise visitor was a young lad from Singapore who was touring England with his mother. When he saw there was a tournament on they changed their schedule and checked into the hotel, so that he could meet some of the British Go players. Before the tournament he had a friendly game against latest British young hopeful Adan Mordcovich from London.

As usual it was expected to be a battle between many time winners Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen and last year's winners Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. Indeed these two did meet in the final and it was Natasha and Matthew who ended the winners. This meant a double celebration for Natasha as she was also celebrating her 40th birthday.

Jil Segerman and Adan Mordcovich won the fighting spirit prize

Disappointingly only 4 pairs took part in the handicap group. Paul Smith was playing with Kelda's older sister Roella, so there would be a different winner.

However John Collins had convinced Sam MacCarthy to enter again and, after a break of two years, they became the winners for a second time.

The Best Dressed competition this time was won by the smartly dressed organiser Francis Roads partnered with elegantly dressed Jenny Ratcliffe. Again Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen were runners up.

Tony Atkins and Anna Griffiths won Francis Roads' Modern Languages Quiz, with 33 points out of 40. The question this year was to pair one to five with six to ten in 20 European languages. It is suspected being the EGF Secretary helps! Kirsty and Matthew were again runners up.

All prizes this year were pairs of bottles and jars, with an interesting and appetising selection of contents.

Main Tournament

No.	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	4+	3+	2+	3
2	Kirsty Healey & Matthew Macfadyen	7+	5+	1-	2
3	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	8+	1-	5+	2
4	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	1-	8+	6+	2
5	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	6+	2-	3-	1
6	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	5-	7+	4-	1
7	Helen Harvey & Martin Harvey	2-	6-	8+	1
8	Jil Segerman & Adan Mordcovich	3-	4-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament

No.	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Sam MacCarthy & John Collins	16½k	4+	2+	3+	3
2	Pauline Bailey & Steve Bailey	9k	3+	1-	4-	1
3	Roella Smith & Paul Smith	6k	2-	4+	1-	1
4	Jackie Chai & John Johnstone	6½k	1-	3-	2+	1

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.



**Adan and Jil showing their
Fighting Spirit**



**Francis and Jenny the
Best Dressed winners**



Jenny helps Matthew mark his quiz,



while Anna is still completing hers



Handicap Winners John and Sam;



Champions Natasha (aged 40) and Matt

Other Pair Go News

The **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** in October 2010 (earlier because of the Asian Games) was the twenty first. Korea were again the winners and Poland were the top Europeans with three wins and 16th place.

Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke took 11th place (the 9th best country) at the **European Pair Go Championships** in Istanbul, Turkey, at the end of May. They lost to Czechia, France and Germany, but beat Poland and two pairs from Turkey. Best of the 31 pairs taking part was the pair from Hungary, Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh. Czechia was second and Ukraine third.



Alaine and Melissa at London Open Pair Go

At the **London Open**, at the New Year, day 2 evening was the Pair Go with 8 pairs. The winner was professional Guo Juan plaing with Belfast's Ian Davis. Ludan Fang and Andrew Kay were second; Jenny Radcliffe and Sandy Taylor were third; Melissa Héaulmé and Alaine Héaulmé from France were fourth.



Sue and Pierre v Jenny and Sandy at London Open Pair Go

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