

# BRITISH PAIR GO 2014

## Pair Go: Finds a New Home

The 24<sup>th</sup> British Pair Go Championships were held on 17<sup>th</sup> May. The old venue of the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel at Boars Hill near Oxford had closed down since the 2013 championships and so a new home had to be found.

The venue used was the same as for the Welwyn Garden City Tournament. The Red Lion in Hatfield is less than five minutes walk from both the station and the historic old town area, and has places to sit outside or to take photos.



Due to the busy calendar, a birthday celebration and some illness, there were only 10 pairs taking part and so they were split into six for the top section and four for the handicap section.

Winning the top section and returning to the champion's position were Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke; winning the handicap section were Jil Segerman and Patrick Ridley.

The Fighting Spirit prizes went to Edwina Lee and Charles Leedham-Green and to Roella and Edmund Smith.

The Pairs PE Quiz was won by Kelda and Paul Smith with a score of 31 out of 40 at matching up pairs of sport terminologies with their sports.

Best Dressed Pair were the local pairing of Sam McCarthy and John Collins.

## Main Tournament

No.	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	<b>Natasha Regan &amp; Matthew Cocke</b>	3+	6+	2+	<b>3</b>
2	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	6+	4+	1-	<b>2</b>
3	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	1-	5+	4+	<b>2</b>
4	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	5+	2-	3-	<b>1</b>
5	Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins	4-	3-	6+	<b>1</b>
6	Edwina Lee & Charles Leedham-Green	2-	1-	5-	<b>0</b>

## Handicap Tournament

No.	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	<b>Jil Segerman &amp; Pat Ridley</b>	9k	3+	4+	2+	<b>3</b>
2	Kelda Smith & Paul Smith	8½k	4+	3+	1-	<b>2</b>
3	Sam McCarthy & John Collins	15k	1-	2-	4+	<b>1</b>
4	Roella Smith & Edmund Smith	12½k	2-	1-	3-	<b>0</b>

*Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.*



**Best Dressed Pair John and Sam ... vs. ... Jil and Pat Handicap Winners**



# Pair Go at the EYGC

The **European Youth Go Championships** were held in England in 2014. The venue was Butlins at Bognor Regis on the sunny Sussex coast. On the evening of the second day of play, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, a Pair Go tournament was held, with a doubles section run alongside. Both children and adults could take part.

There were ten pairs in the main group and after three rounds the unbeaten winners were the young Polish children Marianna Szychowiak (aged 9) and Wojceich Malkiewicz (aged 10). They beat Germany's mother and son pairing of Manja and Ferdinand Marz (aged 7) in the final.

In the same-sex doubles section, two of the 16 teams ended with three wins: French teenagers Matthias Mangin and Sylvain Bousquet and Czech girls Adriana Tomsu and Dita Vasova.



**Final of the EYGC Pair Go**



**UK's Roella and Edmund Smith (right)**

## Other Pair Go News

The 24<sup>th</sup> **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** was held as normal in Tokyo on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. For the fifth time in a row Korea won. They beat one of the top Japanese pairs in the final, who took third behind Chinese Taipei. The top European pair was again Natalia Kovaleva and Dmitriy Surin of Russia who were an excellent fourth. The UK's Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke won two of their five games, beating France and Denmark, to end 26<sup>th</sup>.

*More details at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/world/wpgc2013.htm>*

This year the **European Pair Go Championship** was held in Helsinki from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May. It was won again with a flawless record by the Russian siblings, Svetlana Shikshina and Ilya Shikshin. Second were Germany's Manja Marz and Benjamin Teuber who earned a seat at the International Amateur Pair Go Championships. 19 pairs from 8 countries took part, but no players from the UK.

*Results at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/pairs/epgc2014.htm>*

The **London Open Pair Go**, at the New Year, was again quite an international event, with 14 pairs taking part. Unfortunately some all male pairs were let in to make up the numbers and they won the top three places: winners were Boris Mitrovic and Fynn Bachmann; second were Chris Volk and Andre Stadtler; third were Jonathan Green and Andrew Russell. However it was nice to see players as young as 8 taking part and to see four members of the Go-playing Selby family on the same board.

*Results at <http://www.britgo.org/results/2013/londonpair.html>*



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**More London Pair Go Action**

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