

BRITISH PAIR GO 2015

Pair Go: Silver Jubilee

The 25th British Pair Go Championships were held on 6th June 2015.

The venue used was the same as last time and the same as the Welwyn Garden City Tournament. The Red Lion in Hatfield is a very good venue as it is only five minutes walk from both the station and the historic old town area, does good meals, has places to sit outside and space to take photos.



In order to make the top group up to eight, a non-qualifying pair was added as ghosts, but then another all male pair had to be added as further ghosts as one pair failed to arrive. This did not affect the results as the winners, like last year, were Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. The next three places were the same pairs as last too (but slightly different order). The Fighting Spirit Prize was won this time by Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins.

In the Handicap Section the new winners were youngsters Charlotte Bexfield and Alex Terry, second and third were as last year and the fighting spirit prize went to the youngest pair: Sophie Ellis and Oscar Selby. Ingrid Jendrzewski and Alex Selby won the drama quiz and Alison Bexfield and Simon Bexfield were the worthy winners of the Best Dressed Prize, wearing their Japanese kimono.



The silver jubilee was marked with silver flags and many players wearing silver.

Main Tournament

| No. | Names | 1 | 2 | 3 | Wins |
|-----|--|----|----|----|----------|
| 1 | Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke | 4+ | 3+ | 2+ | 3 |
| 2 | Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads | 7+ | 5+ | 1- | 2 |
| 3 | Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby | 8+ | 1- | 6+ | 2 |
| 4 | Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield | 1- | 8+ | 5+ | 2 |
| 5 | Tony Collman & Ben Ellis | 6+ | 2- | 4- | 1 |
| 6 | Sue Paterson & Pat Ridley | 5- | 7+ | 3- | 1 |
| 7 | Edwina Lee & Lucretiu Calota | 2- | 6- | 8+ | 1 |
| 8 | Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins | 3- | 4- | 7- | 0 |

Team 7 were included as ghosts to make up the number up to 8.

Team 5 were included as ghosts to replace a team that did not arrive.

Handicap Tournament

| No. | Names | Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | Wins |
|-----|--|-------|----|----|----|----------|
| 1 | Charlotte Bexfield & Alex Terry | 10k | 3+ | 2+ | 4+ | 3 |
| 2 | Kelda Smith & Paul Smith | 8½k | 4+ | 1- | 3+ | 2 |
| 3 | Sam McCarthy & John Collins | 15k | 1- | 4+ | 2- | 1 |
| 4 | Sophie Ellis & Oscar Selby | 18k | 2- | 3- | 1- | 0 |

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.



Above: Pair Go trophies and prizes, including gifts from World Pair Go Association

Pair Go Jubilee Pictures



Other Pair Go News

The 25th **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** was held as normal in Tokyo on 25th and 26th October 2014. Not normal was the special celebratory meal and the launch of a Pair Go song to mark the silver jubilee. The celebration was enjoyed and appreciated by many specially invited guests from the world of Pair Go, including Francis Roads, Tony Atkins and Alison and Simon Bexfield from the UK.

For the sixth time in a row Korea won, the same pair that won in 2013. They beat Chinese Taipei in the final, who took third, behind a Japanese pair. Both Czechia (Klara Zaloudkova and Jan Hora) and the European Championship Pair (Manja Marz and Benjamin Teuber) won three games to take 13th and 15th place respectively. The UK's Alison and Simon Bexfield stood in at short notice, when another country could not play, and won two of their five games, beating Mexico and Italy, to end 26th.

More details at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/world/wpgc2014.htm>

This year the **European Pair Go Championship** was held on the 16th and 17th May 2015 at the Hotel Alfa in Moscow, Russia. 40 pairs took part in this event, including many Russian children. Players were from 10 countries, but none from the UK. In addition there were lectures and simultaneous games by Alexandr Dinerchtein, 3p, and a night time sight-seeing trip around Moscow. Winners were Russian sister and brother Svetlana Shikshina and Ilya Shikshin. Second was also a Russian pair, Elvina Kalsberg and Alexandr Dinerchtein. Third place went to Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh from Hungary.

Results at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/pairs/epgc2015.htm>

The 2014 **London Open Pair Go**, at the New Year, was again an international event, with 16 pairs taking part from 13 countries. Three same-sex couples played in a special doubles division. The Pair Go winners were Sweden's Lova Wåhlin and Chi-Min Oh, then living in the UK, and second was Korean professional Hajin Lee playing with Germany's Benjamin Teuber. Winning the doubles section were Czechia's Jitka Bartova and France's Ngoc-Trang Cao.



Above: London Pair Go final showing winners Lova Wåhlin and Chi-Min Oh

Results at <http://www.britgo.org/results/2014/londonpair>

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