

SAIJO MASATAKA

1941-2021



A relaxed Saijo teaches in Dublin

Saijo Masataka, a Japanese professional who was well known through his teaching trips to Europe, died on 6th August. He was born on 5th January 1941 in Chiba Prefecture. In 1964 he became a professional at the Central Japan branch of the Nihon Ki-in in Nagoya and reached 8p in 1981. On retiring in 2004 he was promoted to 9p.



Saijo takes on Alison Bexfield on the Isle of Man

Saijo visited the Isle of Man Go Congress for teaching in August 1995 and also was at the Irish Open in Dublin in Spring 2000 and, among his many European Go Congress visits, at Dublin again in 2001.



Saijo playing Simon Goss EGC, Slovakia 1999

He also made a trip to London in October 1990 with Takemiya Masaki and Miyamoto Naoki.

Tony Atkins

I was very sorry to hear of Saijo's death. He was one of the most popular teachers at European Go Congresses (see World News in [BGJ 120](#), Autumn 2000, for a picture of 'Saijo's Castle' at the Strausberg EGC) and I always went to his lectures for DDKs, until he retired altogether. His last was at Tampere in 2010, which is after he retired from the Nihon Ki-in. Participants donated funds so that he could attend, since he was no longer eligible to be sent by the Nihon Ki-in.

Pat Ridley

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