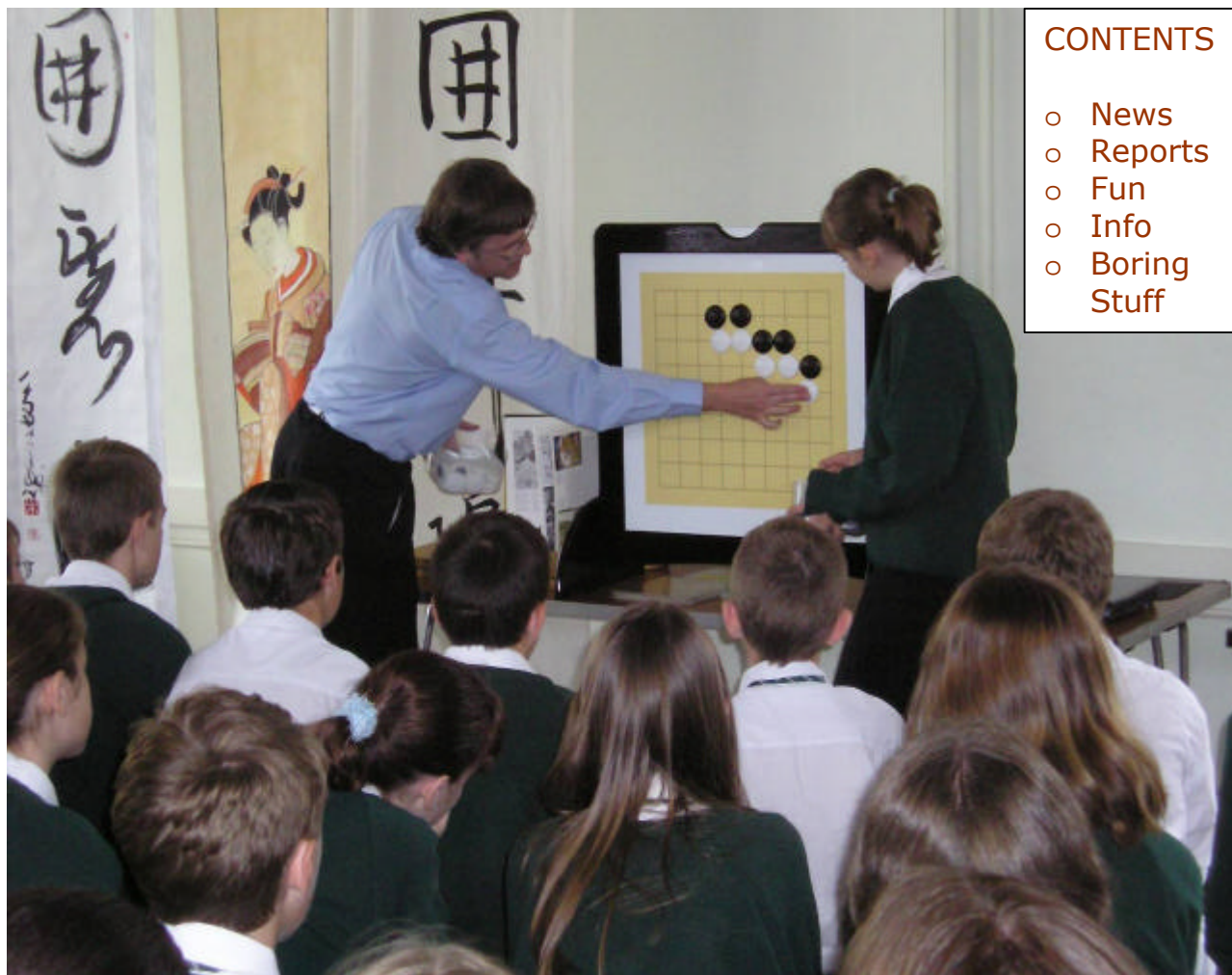


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Welcome to the second edition of KisekiGo News
for schools and kids!

We're going to
capture you!



The UK Go Challenge on again

See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2007



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Will Brooks**
- 2. Ken Dackombe**
- 3. Matthew Hathrell**

Special Go Ban!

This Go Ban (Go Board) is in a museum. You can find out what is special about it and where to find it by looking at britgo.org. What is there about Go in your local museum?



The British Youth Go Championship

March 16th 2008

Aston in Birmingham

See www.britgo.org for details

Go online

A cool way to play without leaving home is to play online. KGS is the Go server most often used (see gokgs.com), but there are other good ones – check them out. After the summer there will probably be a British online youth championship – watch out for details.



UK Go Challenge 2007

Last year we had the fourth UK Go Challenge.

The finals were in Cambridge in July.

On the left you will see Matthew Hathrell from Coventry playing Ken Dackombe from Kent. They won the boys under-16 and under-12 prizes. Ken's sister Kay also won the girls under-18. Read about their trip to Japan on the back page.

Top schools were Wellington, Somerset, and London Mead, Burgess Hill.

A record 53 young players took part in the finals. They mostly qualified at 10 school heats, but you could play too if there was no heat at your school.

Don't miss the fun this year!

Boring Stuff (For Teachers)

British Go Association - Youth Services

Here is a list of some of the things which the British Go Association does for junior players and school clubs. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch with your local BGA Youth Representative, or else the Youth Development Officer, or if our information on you needs changing.

- * The BGA Education Officer can organise Go workshops. These workshops are popular and have introduced Go to nearly 20000 children and adults. For more information contact Peter Wendes - www.zenmachine.co.uk
- * The Schools Go League is played on using the Schools' Internet Go server SIG (www.archduke.demon.co.uk/goserver.html). Contact League organiser Mike Lynn at michael.lynn@keaston.bham.sch.uk.
- * Both the BGA website junior section www.britgo.org/junior and the /youth section for organisers have lots of information about Go in the UK.
- * The BGA can usually find local Go players to visit your Go clubs.
- * The BGA has produced a series of puzzle sheets to help juniors to improve. There are certificates for players who complete each of the three levels. See www.britgo.org/junior/improve.html.
- * The BGA can also issue grading certificates to juniors who achieve particular kyu grades.
- * Juniors who are serious about improving their Go can take part in the Shodan Challenge (www.britgo.org/events/shodan/). They will be assigned a strong player who will help them to improve.
- * Juniors who have performed well in tournaments are offered professional lessons as part of a BGA mentoring scheme.
- * At www.britgo.org/junior/emailgroup.html you can see information about the BGA's Youth Go email list.
- * Of course all the other BGA services for members are available for School Clubs that become members.

Why was the 9x9 Go Ban fed up?

Because he was a little board!

Walking in the Footsteps of Hikaru



The European team with the pros at the Go Festival



Kay and Ken play the pro Kano



The European team in the "Yugen" room where the title games are played

A trip to Japan!

Last October a European kids' team went to Japan. The UK part was made up from winners at the UK Go Challenge finals: Ken and Kay Dackombe (with their father Brian) and Matthew Hathrell.

They had a super time visiting many of those places you may have seen in the anime or manga "Hikaru no Go". They visited the headquarters of Go in Japan, the Nihon Ki-in building, where they got to play against pros and amateurs, were allowed to visit the special Yugen room where the top title games are held, saw the man who writes out the dan diplomas and visited the Go museum.

They visited a school and got to play and meet Japanese kids. They met more kids and pros at a Go Festival. This also featured top Go pro Takemiya showing off his ballroom dancing!

They also got filmed for television (the special Go and Shogi TV channel) and were interviewed by newspapers and magazines.

They were treated to delicious Japanese banquets by the sponsors and ended the busy but wonderful week rather tired!

Could your school have a Japanese theme day?

You could get people to show you Japanese things, such as tea ceremony, origami, kimono, karate and of course Go.

The Japanese embassy can help find experts on Japan to visit you.

KisekiGo has been the Go expert at several Japanese Days.