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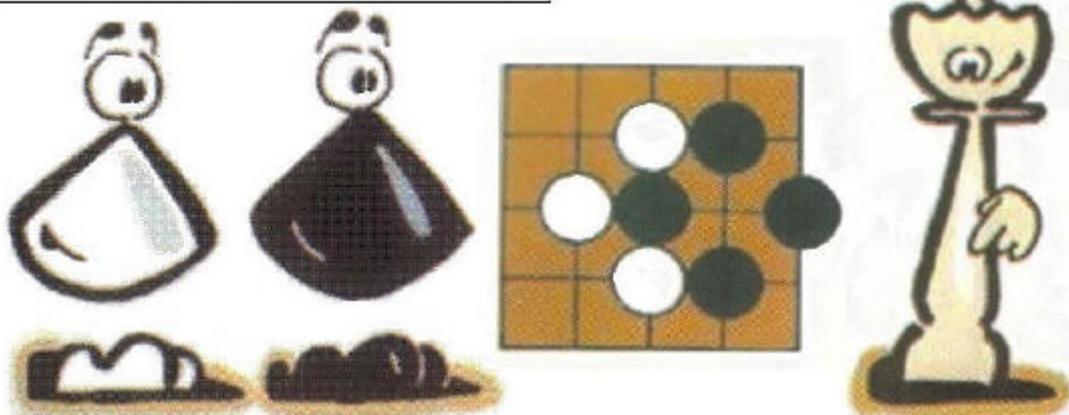
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Left, a Chinese opera star learns Go at Chinese theme evening at the British Museum in London.

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

Once you play, we hope you stay!



The UK Go Challenge is on again

See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2008



Congrats to the winners:

1. Danielle Ward



2. Matthew Hathrell

3. Jack Drury



Special Go Ban?

This Go Ban (Go Board) is in a museum in Korea. It looks like the one shown last year, but the stones are only broken pebbles.

Can you make your own set of stones? You can use bottle tops, coins, sweets, pebbles, counters, many things!

The British Youth Go Championship

March 22nd 2009

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. You can even play over several days with a play by turn server such as OGS or Dragon.



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 about 25000 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 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.

UK Go Challenge 2008

Last year we had the fifth UK Go Challenge.

The finals were in Cambridge in July.

On the left you will see William Taylor from Somerset playing Cher Bachar from London. Cher was the top girl Next to her in white is Matthew Hathrell who was overall champion.

Top schools were Aston and Milton Primary from Cambridge.

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

Don't miss the fun this year!

Why was playing Go on the floor allowed?

Because there was no Ban.

Playing Go for the UK in China



Vanessa, left, playing a pro from Korea.



UK Women's team with Vanessa in centre.



Do you recognise the Bird's Nest Stadium?

The World Mind Sports Games, Beijing, 2008

Last October the first ever World Mind Sports Games followed in the footsteps of the Olympics and was held in Beijing.

Vanessa Wong, 14, was lucky to be selected to be on the UK Women's Team. She currently lives in Hong Kong and has been studying hard at Go. She would like to be a Go pro, just like Joanna Missingham, 14 from Australia, who is now a Go pro.

The women did very well, especially Vanessa who is currently playing at 4 dan. They qualified to the knockout stage, but lost to the team of Korean Go pros, as expected.

The UK team had a great time in China. They visited the opera, The Great Wall, the ancient palace, and a famous duck restaurant. The food was really tasty, not like in the UK.

It is nearly 4 years until the next World Mind Sports Games. If you study Go and get good at it, you may be on the next UK team!

Could your school have a Chinese or Oriental theme day?

You could get people to show you Chinese or Oriental things, such as dragon dancing, martial arts, food and of course Go.

KisekiGo has been the Go expert at several Chinese and Oriental Days.