

# London Go Centre Grand Opening Tournament and Teaching Weekend

The London Go Centre Grand Opening will run over the course of the weekend of

**17<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

There will be several events including a 3-round, class-A tournament, group training sessions and lectures by Romanian professional 5-dan Catalin Taranu.

## Teaching

The term Kyu and Dan here is a guide – not a strict rule.

### Rotating Teaching Sessions

Kyu players will be divided into groups of similar strength. Teaching will be provided by strong Dan players in three sessions of 40 minutes each. Any strong player who makes themselves available for teaching and who doesn't have a group to teach in any given session gets to participate in small-group tuition from Catalin.

### Lectures

There will be five lectures by Romanian professional 5-dan Catalin Taranu– two aimed at Kyu players, two at Dan players and one at a general audience. Each lecture will be 45 minutes followed by 10 minutes for Q&A and a 5 minute break. At the end of Sunday's session, Catalin will present a wrap-up based on the two days' play.

## Tournament

Three rounds. Top four players play off to play Catalin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Usual BGA rules for a McMahon tournament apply to the remaining players. Komi is 7.5 with passing stones. For those unfamiliar with these terms, it will be explained on the day.

### Time Limits

60 minutes main time, followed by 10 stones in 5 minutes, followed by 20 in 5, 30 in 5, 40 in 5 and so on.

### Prizes

Prize for the winner of the first two rounds.

Prize for second place.

Prize for highest ranked Kyu player.

Prizes for anyone winning three out of three.

## Fees

Entry: £20 GBP for both days for BGA and LGC members, £15 for students, seniors, ghosts and those attending only one day of the tournament. £25 for non-members.

## Saturday Schedule

	<b>Kyu Player Track</b>	<b>Dan Player Track</b>
09.00	Registration. Catalin Taranu will be available to review games.	
09:50	Opening announcements	
10.00	Keynote lecture by Catalin Taranu on a subject of his choosing.	
11:00	Rotating Teaching Session 1	Small group professional tuition for strong players without groups to teach
11:45	Rotating Teaching Session 2	
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Tournament first round starts Game reviews available for early finishers	Lecture by Catalin for Dan players.
14:30		Tournament first round
16:00	Lecture for Kyu players by Catalin on "Tips for getting to Shodan"	
17:00	Review – Games of the day by Catalin	
17:30	Complimentary Light Buffet Available	
18:00	Screening of the Alpha Go movie (TBC)	

## Sunday Schedule

	<b>Kyu Player Track</b>	<b>Dan Player Track</b>
09.00	Centre open. Games reviews available	
09:30	Tournament second round	Lecture by Catalin for Dan players
10:30	Game reviews available for early finishers	Tournament second round
12:00	Lecture by Catalin for Kyu Players on "Common mistakes" (based in part on the previous and current day's play)	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Rotating Teaching Session 3	Small group tuition for non-teachers
14:45	Tournament third round	
17:15	Catalin – "Observations from two days teaching and playing"	
17:45	Prize giving and closing remarks	
18:00	Space reserved at BrewDog bar	