

YOUTH GO NEWS supported by DeepMind

Welcome to the first youth newsletter of 2018. This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to Roger Huyshe who was a strong advocate for youth Go within the BGA. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in future newsletters please email them to: ynews@britgo.org

News of past events

2017 British Youth Championships



The Youth Championships were held on the 18th of November and 46 competitors took part. There was a wide range of abilities from beginners up to dan players. Games were played with a good spirit and it was a great experience for all who attended. Cheadle Hulme won the trophy for best school.

The winners (runners up in brackets) of each category are...

Youth Champion: Jayden Ng (Zaki Betesh, Tom Bradbury)

U18: Zaki Betesh (Tom Bradbury)

U16: Jayden Ng (Luke Garner)

U14: Edmund Smith (Hilary Bexfield)

U12: Lueming Yang (Jan Kudla)

U10: Zoe Walters (Elliot Grose)

U8: George Han (Auden Oliviere)

Open Champion: Yueran Wang (Jayden Ng)



The full results are at <http://britgo.org/results/2017/youth>

Guo Juan reviewed a game between two strong players which can be seen at goo.gl/wNDCKH

2017 Youth Grand Prix

Each year Junior players score points for each tournament they enter, with additional points being scored for each game that they win. The top three players at the end of the year hold the trophies for a year which will be presented at the British Go Congress.

The winners for 2017 are...

Edmund Smith	5k	Cambridge	1112 points
Tom Bradbury	5k	Cheadle Hulme	776 points
Amy Upton	18k	Cheadle Hulme	622 points

For the full list of results and for further information visit <http://britgo.org/junior/gprix2017>

European Youth Go Team Championship

The European Youth Go Team Championship is an online tournament played between countries on KGS. In round 1 Germany won 4-1, in round 2 the UK beat Czechia 3-2 and in round 3 Romania won 5-0. This leaves the UK placed 8th out of the 12 teams in the league. The next round takes place on 10th February. The website with the table and all the results can be seen at <https://www.eurogofed.org/evgtc/2017/>

Future events

26-31 March 2018: The European Youth Go Tournament will be held in Kiev during the Easter holidays. This is the biggest youth competition in Europe. Entry to the competition and the UK group is still open. The upper age cut-offs for U12 and U16 will be taken as at 31 August of 2006 and 2002 respectively. The first three days include lectures, coaching and excursions and the last three days are the tournament. It is possible to attend just the tournament.



The BGA has appointed Martin and Helen Harvey as coaches. They are travelling with the team and will be present for the whole week, to help UK people with any problems. They are both experienced Go-players; Martin was our Coach at the 2017 tournament in Grenoble. For more information, please contact Martin at martin.harvey@britgo.org. He can offer plenty of advice on any aspect, including travel and accommodation. Further details can be found on the event's own website <http://eygc2018.org.ua/>

All British entrants will receive a team "hoodie" and a travel grant of £50, courtesy of the Castledine-Barnes Trust. Additional financial support may be available: please email (in confidence) sue@castledinebarnestrust.org.uk.

Go Challenge Heats The 2018 heats for the Go Challenge have started. If you would like to run a heat at your local school or youth club then please visit <http://www.ukgochallenge.com>

14 July 2018: Go Challenge Finals (Provisional) We are hoping to hold the finals in Cambridge. Whilst this is intended as an event to bring players of different Go Challenge heats together, all junior players are welcome to take part, regardless of whether they have played in a heat. It is one of the 2 national youth tournaments and is played on 13x13 boards.

29-31 August 2018: Youth Residential After the success of last year's residential we will be returning to Caythorpe this year. As before it will be a mixture of outdoor activities and Go mentoring aimed at secondary school players or those preparing for secondary school. For further information please email youth_res@britgo.org

Life and Death problems (20-25 kyu)

Understanding when groups of stones are alive or dead is an important skill. Practising life and death problems will help you become a stronger Go player.

It is Black to move in each case.

Black has a choice in how to capture a White stone.

Choosing the right move will mean Black can make two eyes and live.

Choosing the wrong move means Black will die.

