

BRITISH PAIR GO 2016

Pair Go: National Dress

The 26th British Pair Go Championships were held on 4th June 2016.

The venue used was the same as the last couple of times, the Red Lion in Hatfield; it is a very suitable venue as it is only five minutes walk from both the station and the historic old town area, has gardens and good meals.



The organisers, Francis Roads and Jenny Radcliffe, were very pleased at the increase to 16 pairs, 8 in each section. There were three new pairs in the top championship section. One of these was an all junior pair, believed to be the first time this has happened. Champions of the last few years, Matthew Cocke and Natasha Regan, lost to one of the new pairs in round 2, setting up an all new pair final. In the final it was Joanne Leung and Bruno Poltronieri (pictured) who won to become the new champions, beating Elaine Yu and Chao Zhang into second place. The fighting spirit prize went to the junior pair, Charlotte Bexfield and Oscar Selby.

In the handicap section it was Helen Harvey (Manchester) and Daniel Gascoyne (Cheadle Hulme School) that won all their games, beating Amy Upton and Jack Nolan in the final. Amanda Ross and Roger Huyshe won the fighting spirit prize, Amanda being very new to the game and at her first event.

Hui and Fred won the best-dressed pair prize in blue dress and a suit. Anna and Tony won the quiz that Jenny had set to identify the origins of photographs of national dress. Also going away clutching prizes of Pair Go tee shirts were all the junior players, thanks to the WPGA.



The new champions with Francis Roads

Main Tournament

No.	Names	1	2	3	Wins
1	Joanne Leung & Bruno Poltronieri	8+	3+	2+	3
2	Elaine Yu & Chao Zhang	5+	4+	1-	2
3	Natasha Regan & Matthew Cocke	7+	1-	6+	2
4	Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield	6+	2-	5+	2
5	Jenny Radcliffe & Francis Roads	2-	8+	4-	1
6	Anna Al-Damluji & Tony Atkins	4-	7+	3-	1
7	Ingrid Jendrzewski & Alex Selby	3-	6-	8+	1
8	Charlotte Bexfield & Oscar Selby	1-	5-	7-	0

Handicap Tournament

No.	Names	Grade	1	2	3	Wins
1	Helen Harvey & Daniel Gascoyne	11k	4+	3+	2+	3
2	Amy Upton & Jack Nolan	23k	6+	5+	1-	2
3	Hui Zhang & Fred Zhu	3k	7+	1-	5+	2
4	Hillary Bexfield & Edmund Smith	18k	1-	7+	6+	2
5	Sam McCarthy & John Collins	15k	8+	2-	3-	1
6	Elizabeth Pollitt & Martin Harvey	15k	2-	8+	4-	1
7	Julia Woewodskaya & Aja Huang	2k	3-	4-	8+	1
8	Amanda Ross & Roger Huyshe	14k	5-	6-	7-	0

Grades are shown to indicate which sides received handicaps.



Prizes from Pair Go/Pandanet



Photos for national costumes quiz

Pair Go Pictures



Other Pair Go News

The 26th **International Amateur Pair Go Championship** was held in early December in its usual Tokyo location, the Hotel Metropolitan Edmont. The winners of the event were the Korean pair of Jeon Yujin and Song Hongduk. They beat one of the Japanese pairs from Kanto Koshinetsu in the final. Second to fifth were all Japanese pairs on four wins. China took sixth place, also on four wins. Both the European Championship pair (Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh) and the Russian pair (Natalia Kovaleva and Dmitry Surin) won three games to take 8th and 14th place respectively. The other European pairs were France, Finland, Czechia, Netherlands, Turkey, Croatia and Belarus.

The second **World Students Pair Go Championship** was held at the same time and was opened up to non-Asian teams for the first time. Winners were Lew Seunghee and Choi Inhyeok from Korea. Second was the other Korean pair, with a Chinese pair third and Japan fourth and fifth. Julia Seres and Peter Marko from Hungary won two games out of four. Our own Joanne Leung was playing with Alexander Vashurov (Russia) and won one game.

More details at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/world/wpgc2015.htm>

This year the **European Pair Go Championship** was held from 9th to 10th April 2016 at the Hotel Santon in Brno, Czechia. 18 pairs from 9 countries took part in this event. The winners were Russian sister and brother Svetlana Shikshina and Ilya Shikshin. Second were Hungarian players Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh. Third place went to Manja Marz playing this time with Matias Pankoke, from Germany. Pavol Lisy was on hand as resident pro and games were broadcast live on Pandanet.

Results at <http://www.eurogofed.org/results/pairs/epgc2016.htm>

The 2015 **London Open Pair Go**, at the New Year, was again an international event, with 11 pairs taking part from 11 countries. This time it was not specified how the lady player and the man player were defined. The winners were Sai Sun and Xinchu Gong. Second were Jenny Radcliffe and Francis Roads on sos tie-break from Simao Goncalves and Philippe Fanaro.



London Pair Go action

Results at <http://www.britgo.org/results/2015/londonpair>

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