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European Go Congress 2006

Esa Seuranen

As this was my first EGC, I was pretty enthusiastic traveling to Rome. Rome is a big city with lots –and I mean LOTS– of museums and archeological sites to visit (and see the stuff in your secondary school history books in real life).

Even though I'm not that artistic person nor interested in history that much, it was still quite nice to do sightseeing... especially San Pietro in Vatican City is really impressive.

The congress took place in Frascati, which is a town "up in the hills" nearby Rome. Since the Rome is were crowded with people and cars, Frascati worked well as the venue of the congress. The games were played in two places, in Cacciani Hotel (which also served as the information point) and in Aldo Brandini Stables. These were 300m apart or so, which were a bit of a nuisance but not a real issue. As I was trying to minimize my living costs by staying in a youth hostel in Rome, I had to more or less skip the evening activities including few side tournaments and pro-lectures.

A nice innovation the organizers had was to have a huge match between professional and congress players. There were about 60-70 games played so that a group of 15 or so professionals wandered around more or less randomly among the games.

The total score was very even, although I think the congress players scored a victory or two more than the professionals. The event might not have been that educational, but it was quite fun (and I –of course– managed to win my three stone handicap game).

The highlights of my congress were a victory against a Korean 6 dan (although his performance during the second week of the congress was not that spectacular) and a kind of a victory against 9 dan professional (whose name I do not recall –shame on me) in a simultan game with three handicap stones... it was a kind of a victory, because the organizers were rushing us and the others to finish their games due the playing area was to be closed. In the hassle I managed to revive my dead group by killing his killing stones in a capture race, which I won by one move. It is not probably necessary to say that I seriously doubt I would have been that lucky without the external time pressure.

In summary, it was a nice congress –although a bit expensive one. Since Sweden and Finland are hosting EGC in 2008 and 2010, respectively, I'll also list some things that went well and not-so-well in the congress:

- [+] There were quite a lot of professional players in the congress, and usually there were few around so one could get his/her game commented
- [+] Events and rounds started pretty much on time
- [+] Mr Cosmic Go, Takemiya Masaki, was there and talked about the philosophy of his go –play by feeling (not thinking)...
which might serve as a general explanation why some players seem to play surprisingly(?) well after partying at previous night
- [+] The professional lectures were quite good, especially Catalin Taranu kept nice lectures with clear English
- [+] The creator of Hikaru no Go, Yumi Hotta, visited the congress
- [-] Some side events were a bit too late (with respect to the public transportation) for those not staying in Frascati
- [-] Staying in Frascati was expensive (which does not mean that staying in Rome was that cheap either)
- [-] There were no game review place in Aldo Brandini Stables (where the top 130 players played)
- [-] Getting response from the organizers before the congress regarding the accommodation was troublesome (long response delays), or at least so I heard from a few persons.

There were 292 and 132 players participating in the main and weekend tournaments, respectively. The results of the main and weekend tournament of the Nordic players are listed in Table 1.

As can be seen, Nordic players fared quite well, expressed as wins/losses:

Finland (8 players) got 51/40,
Denmark (3 players) 18/13 and
Norway (1 player) 9/6.

In addition Antti Törmänen won the 13x13 tournament and team Lordi (Törmänen, Vit Brunner 4 dan, Holappa, Mattila) was second in the team tournament.

Table 1: Results of the main and weekend tournament (matches between Nordic players are marked with *)

Pos	Name	Str	Co	MMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pt	SOS
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1	Park Chi Seon	6d	KO	32	79+	14+	4+	12+	2+	16+	6+	3-	5+	7+	9	296
2	Lee Ki Bong	7d	KO	32	21+	5+	9+	8+	1-	41+!	28+	13+!	3+	6+	9	296
3	Shikshina, Svetlana	7d	RU	31	47+	15+	11-	5+	17+	23+	7+	1+	2-	18+	8	295

14	Siivola, Matti	5d	FI	29	5d+	7d-	5d-	*2d+	5d+	5d-	4d+	5d-	5d+	4d+	6	285
33	Holappa, Antti	2d	FI	28	2d+	3d+	3d+	*5d-	4d+	2d+	5d-	4d+	5d+	5d-	7	269
36	Salo, Tuomo	2d	FI	28	2d+	3d+	5d-	3d+	4d-	3d+	3d-	3d+	2d+	4d+	7	267
37	Seuranen, Esa	2d	FI	28	2d+	3d+	3d-	3d+	4d+	*3d+	6d+	6d-	5d-	3d+	7	265
38	Törmänen, Antti	4d	FI	28	*5d+	5d-	4d+	6d-	3d+	--	--	--	--	--	3	256
48	Sannes, Pål	3d	NO	27	3d+	4d+	4d-	4d+	5d-	*2d-	3d-	1d+	2d+	2d-	5	274
63	Heshe, Thomas	5d	DK	27	*4d-	5d-	2d+	5d-	--	5d+	4d-	--	--	--	2	258
71	Pedersen, Jasper	3d	DK	27	--	--	--	--	--	2d+	4d+	4d+	4d-	5d-	3	245
153	Mattila, Ilkka Arttu	1k	FI	24	1k-	1k+	1d-	2k+	1k+	--	--	--	--	--	3	212
232	Hannus, Miika Olavi	7k	FI	17	7k-	8k+	8k-	9k-	8k-	10k-	12k+	7k+	8k+	6k-	4	169
256	Kristensen, Lars	13k	DK	14	13k+	11k+	11k+	12k-	12k+	*9k+	10k-	13k-	13k+	13k+	7	131
260	Siivola, Sinikka	9k	FI	12	9k-	10k-	10k-	10k-	11k-	*13k-	12k-	11k-	13k-	13k+	1	144

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1	Lee Ki Bong	7d	KO	33	5+	2+	4+	14+	19+	5	154					
2	Shinada Kei	4d	JP	32	9+	1-	18+	6+	4+	4	156					

3	Törmänen, Antti	4d	FI	32	*5d+	5d+	4d+	--	--	3	147					
10	Sannes, Pål	3d	NO	31	3d+	5d+	7d-	*5d+	3d+	4	149					
16	Heshe, Thomas	5d	DK	30	*4d-	3d+	5d-	*3d-	3d+	2	152					
31	Holappa, Antti	2d	FI	29	2d+	5d-	3d+	1k+	5d-	3	145					
34	Seuranen, Esa	2d	FI	29	2d+	3d-	1d+	3d+	4d-	3	144					
70	Mattila, Ilkka Arttu	1k	FI	25	1k-	2k-	2k-	--	--	0	127					
88	Hannus, Miika Olavi	7k	FI	22	7k+	5k+	6k-	7k+	5k+	4	105					
112	Kristensen, Lars	13k	DK	16	13k+	12k+	11k+	11k+	12k-	4	79					

I would like to conclude this rather short report with a game situation from the game I played as white against Zhao Pei on table 6 (YES! The pairing software paired me up). I believe similar situations might occur in your games as well, so wasting some time on it might prove useful...

I do not provide an answer, as I do not know the best solution. However, white should be able to get a ko at least (I managed skillfully to find a variation, where I died AND ruined all the aji). The moves leading to the situation are enumerated in Diagram 1. Later on I tried to live with A and C... the move at C is probably already a mistake, but there is still a way to get a ko –enjoy.

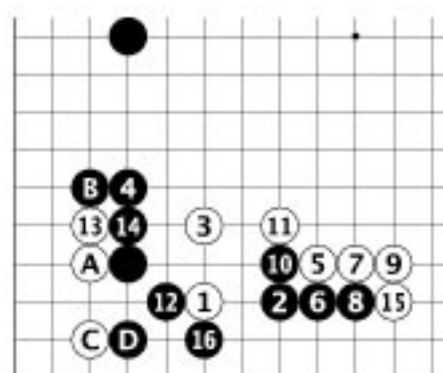


Diagram 1: White to live in the corner

...been in Leksand?

Øystein Vestgården

**Everyone who has been there before, wants to come back.
Where? Leksand of course!**

Saturday 22 to Wednesday 26 July was this year's dates for the traditional Leksand go camp and tournament. Martin Stiassny could tempt us with four professional players this year - Yung Sun Yoon 5p, Kang Seung Hee 2p and Kim Min Hee 2p from Korea, and Zhang Jung Pyung from Taiwan. And with participants from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands and even Korea, it showed up to be an international, multi-social event this year too. Bearing in mind the record of 106 contestants in 2003, this year's number of 46 could be called slightly disappointing. But then again, 46 players sure is enough to make tough, even games at all levels from 14 kyu to 6 dan.

Besides the main tournament, we had many other activities to keep us going from early morning till late at night. The lightning tournament on Saturday saw 34 happy contestant, and the happiest of all was probably the winner, Gunn Kristine Larsen from Norway. In a close finish, she beat the runner-up Willemkoen Poemstra in the last round. That completed an impressive score of 5 1/2 points in 6 games, and a rapid promotion from 11 kyu to 9 kyu.

Equally enjoyable was the rengo tournament on Sunday, the winner there being the Finnish-German team consisting of Mika Urtela, Miika Nikula and Daniela Trinks. The third competition was the area match on Monday, where the Nordic countries had to see themselves beaten 9-6 by the rest of the world. "The world" in this context meaning Germany and the Netherlands. And between the competitions, we enjoyed simultaneous games and lectures by the pros.

The last three days were filled with the excitement of the main tournament, broken up by teaching games in between. After five rounds, the favourite Kang Na Yeon, 6 dan from Korea, was the one to be seen on top of the list. Erik Ouchterlony took the second place, and Willemkoen Poemstra claimed the third prize.

So what's so special about this tournament after all? Well, there's something about summer in Sweden, "stugor" filled with noisy go players playing Atlantis and Blokus and who-knows-what-kind-of-weird-game until early morning, the remnants of a tasty barbeque still in the air... Yep, I'm going back for sure. And I have already signed up for the 2008 European Go Congress in Leksand. (I'm sure you will do too, won't you?)



Bildet er av Gunn Kristine Larsen og Willemkoen Poemstra, tatt rett etter at Gunn vant partiet i lyn-turneringen. Bildet er tatt av Andreas Ekelundh.

The European Go Congress in Leksand 2008

Henric Bergsäter and Leif Pettersson

The site and the dates for the 52nd European go congress were decided at last in July this year: Leksand July 26th – August 9th 2008. The following progress report is intended to give a short overview of what has been done so far and to provide some practical information for those who would like to participate as players or help organising the event.

Getting the congress to Sweden

To get the decision from the EGF for the congress in Sweden was a drawn out process. The Swedish Go Association first announced its intention to organise the congress at the EGF meeting in 2000. The year which then looked best for us, 2006, was already occupied by the Italian congress, and the 2004 and 2005 congresses were quickly decided for Tuchola and Prague. The competition for the 2007 congress became severe at the EGF meeting in 2003, since Austria launched a very determined campaign for that particular year. In the final vote, Sweden lost by one vote's margin. In spring 2004 Austria announced that they were withdrawing from the 2007 congress, so the Swedish Association proposed once more to organise for 2007. Austria then changed their mind again, Sweden again lost the vote for 2007 by one vote but got the congress for 2008 instead, on an open mandate as far as the exact location was concerned.

Site selection

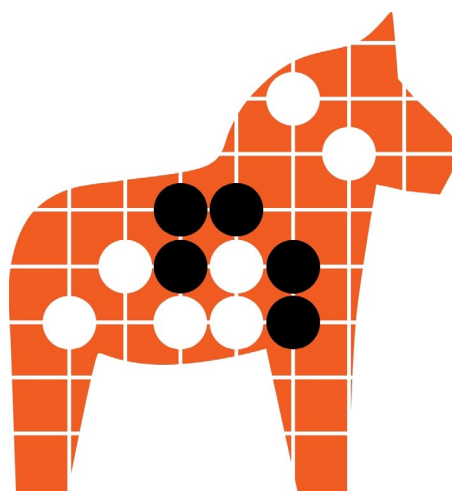
Deciding when and where the congress in Sweden should take place has been a long process too. A few of us had been loosely discussing the possibility of a congress in Sweden some day, when suddenly Martin Stiassny appeared on the Swedish go scene, having bought a summer house in Dalarna in 1999. He did his best to encourage the Swedish players to go for a congress in Sweden. Martins vision was to organise an international tournament in Leksand, which could gradually grow into a go congress in Sweden in 2004 or 2005 (2006 was already occupied by the Italian congress). The Swedish players were quite taken in by Martins enthusiasm and optimism, but we felt that 2004 would probably be a bit early. However, we did make some preliminary investigations of possible venues and accommodation in the Siljan area and announced for the first time at the EGF meeting in 2000 that the Swedish Go Association was interested in organising the go congress in 2005 or some later

year. In the following years Martins annual tournament in Leksand grew and prospered, but a couple of other nice possible locations for a congress came up, while some possibilities and potential problems with a venue in Leksand were being discovered, forgotten and rediscovered again. The choice of site is a tricky business: some prefer a congress in a big city, others like a calmer place with more focus on go and where the participants remain more together; some places are ideal for 300 participants but impossible for 600 and vice versa, and we won't know the number of participants until long after we have had to select a site. From the very beginning we have also had the ambition to keep the costs of venue and accommodation down, which imposes severe restrictions.

To run the congress in a school in central Stockholm has always been an option. A couple of schools could provide a cheap venue and the city would offer a nice

reception in the town hall. It was a bit more problematic to find cheap accommodation near the venue. The final Stockholm proposal on the table in July 2006 was to play in Östra Real, a big school in Östermalm, very central with the core of the city, parks, museums and other obvious attractions within easy walking distance. It would have been possible to accommodate at least 400 participants on the school itself and at an adjacent school, with lower youth hostel standard at about 20 euro per night. There would also have been economic meals available at the school. This option was discarded, mainly because it was felt that the accommodation (partly

with up to 16 beds in school classrooms and showers in a separate building) was not good enough value for money, and that the deal could have become financially risky with 300 participants or less.



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There were two nice options in the countryside, Kjesäter and Sättra Brunn, both in splendid environment with park character. In both places we have organised the Swedish championship in the past. These options were discarded mainly because of limited flexibility upwards in number of participants. In Kjesäter there were only 150-180 beds available on the site itself and the venue could become too small and crowded with much more than 300 participants. Likewise in Sättra Brunn, with say 400-500 participants the venue would have been crowded. There was also limited flexibility with costs and space for meals in Sättra Brunn, and we were worrying about things like the limited number of toilets and showers on the site. It was also felt that Kjesäter and in particular Sättra Brunn were a bit isolated and complicated to reach.

A proposal for Kristianstad was a very strong candidate. We would have had access to a huge venue there, where even 1000 participants would easily have fit in. The town was prepared to give us substantial financial support. There were plenty of moderately priced hotels within walking distance, and two schools for floor accommodation. The environment was appealing, such as nearby Åhus with beaches and the attractive east coast of Skåne.

The final choice was Leksand, however. The reasons for this were that the town and the environment are very nice, a characteristic part of Swedish countryside which is well worth visiting, that we have very good experience with the annual Leksand tournament, that we have both Martin Stiassny and the Li family living nearby and that the town in the end offered us most of the venue free of charge. Leksand is easier to reach from Stockholm, Uppsala and Västerås, where comparatively many goplayers live, compared to Kristianstad. Leksand offers a splendid choice of accommodation in cottages and tourist apartments. The combination of venue and accommodation in Leksand is in particular very flexible both upwards and downwards in number of participants; the venue is spacious enough for say 600 participants, but at the same time the fixed costs will not be a serious problem even with relatively few participants, 300 or less. Finally, Leksand has a very strong cultural exchange with Japan, which makes it attractive to integrate a big go event there. The drawbacks with Leksand are that it is comparatively tricky to reach (about 3h by train or car from Stockholm), and that the venue and accommodation are slightly spread out, there are also not so many hotel single rooms within walking distance from the venue, but we are convinced that these problems will prove minor and are outweighed by the big advantages.

Leksand and the Dalarna region

Leksand is a town in Dalarna with about 16 000 inhabitants, situated by lake Siljan. The name Leksand is known since 1318 and is composed of the word “lek” (which appropriately for the event means ‘play’ or ‘mating’) and “sand” and refers to the fish mating at the

sandy bottom of the lake. The church in Leksand dates back to around 1300. Today Leksand is characterized by small industry and enterprise as well as summer tourism. Leksand has extensive cultural contacts with Japan, with a Japanese twin town, an annual exchange program, frequent Japan days and a Japanese garden in Leksand, and Japanese is being taught in secondary school in Leksand. The local Japanese company Tomokuhus is sponsoring the annual Leksand tournament.

Siljan is Sweden’s sixth largest lake, 354 km². It is formed at the centre of the crater that was created when a meteorite hit the earth 370 million years ago. From some elevated spots it is still possible to see clearly the 40 km wide circular rim of the original crater. The area around Siljan is rural and peripheral with respect to major Swedish population centres, but it is deeply rooted in Swedish tradition. The homeland of free yeomen, this is the region to which any political party always turned for armed support in ancient times when they wanted to make the case that freedom and national independence were being threatened. Traditional sources of income have been based on pasture, forests and mining (the Dalarna area was the world’s leading copper producer in the 17th century). Habits have remained strongly traditional until recent times and the area is famous for its craftsmanship and traditional flowery decorative painting (kurbits). To national romantics in the late 19th century, the Siljan region was the most truly Swedish part of Sweden.

The symbol of the 2008 congress is the traditional wooden horse of the Dalarna region. Originally the painted horses were toys, which were manufactured in the Siljan region and sold throughout Sweden from early 18th century. The horse represents a strong tradition in craftsmanship and decorative art in the region. At the world exhibition in New York in 1939 the characteristic painted horse was chosen as a symbol for Sweden as a whole.

One of the peculiarities that strike a first time visitor in Dalarna is the many maypoles to be seen everywhere. To erect a maypole, a wooden pole decorated with leaves and flowers, was a common custom to celebrate the arrival of spring and summer in northern Europe already in ancient times. In Sweden, probably for climate reasons, the maypole was moved forwards a bit to the Midsummer celebration (whereas the bonfire that was customary at Midsummer elsewhere was moved back to the end of April in Sweden). The use of maypoles was imported to Sweden from Germany in the Middle Ages. Midsummer is one of the most important celebrations in Sweden, probably with roots already in pagan times. In the Siljan region the maypole and Midsummer traditions are particularly strong, and the maypoles there are left erect the whole year, until it is time to redecorate them again for Midsummer.

Venue

The playing, meals and many of the social activities during the congress will take place in a number of buildings gathered around the major maypole in Leksand. The immediate surroundings are pleasant, with lawns and plenty of space for outdoor activities. Meals will be served on site at about 5.5 euro. The town centre at 5-10 minutes walking distance has a reasonable choice of restaurants, shops and service facilities. The venue is 10-15 minutes walk from the railway station.

Accommodation

Table 1 shows a list (not complete) of different options for accommodation. During the annual Leksand tournament the cottages at the Leksand camping have been the most popular. The camping lies at about 2 km from the venue, but in particular the walk along the lake is very nice. There are several standard categories for cottages available at the camping, the listed Tallbacken category is for 4 people and costs about 13 euro per person and night. These cottages have running cold water and basic cooking facilities, but showers and toilets are located in separate buildings. At the camping there are also reasonably priced cottages with full equipment, as well as of course possibilities to camp for those who bring their own tents or caravans. The camping is nicely situated by the lake, it has a restaurant, shop and a number of leisure facilities. Our experience with the Leksand tournament has been that the camping works very well for social activities in the evenings with many go players living there.

The table also shows a selection of other hotels, hostels and cottages within walking distance. For those who come by car or are prepared to travel every day by bus or train, there is a wide choice of hotels (mainly in Tällberg) and private rooms and cottages in the area. The most economic accommodation will be on the floor in class rooms of the two schools in immediate vicinity of the venue.

Table 1.

Name	Distance (m)	Beds	Standard	Sharing	Price (EUR ppn)
Paraden	100	60	Apartments	2-4	16-27
Hotell Leksand	350	18	Hotel (bf)	1-2	43-50
Classic Leksand	400	30	Apartments	2-3	15-27
Solvi	400	27	Hostel	2-4	14
Furuhaga	400	27	Hotel (bf)	1-4	25-53
Korstäppan	1200	59	Hotel (bf)	1-2	59-95
Siljegården	1500	115	Hotel (bf)	1-6	30-43
Tallbacken	2000	160	Hostel cottage	4	13
Moskogen	2000	110	Hotel (bf)	2-5	15-33
STF hostel	2700	80	Hostel	2-6	15-20

Travelling

Leksand is reached in about 3 hours by car from Stockholm. There are about 8 train connections per day from Stockholm, some of them by direct train. There are also a few direct trains per day from Stockholm Arlanda airport. At the moment the last train connection from Stockholm is at 17.55.

Status October 1st 2006

A nice folder for the congress has been produced in english, german, russian, japanese, chinese and korean and will be distributed in major tournaments and other go events in the coming year. Congress t-shirts have also been produced in different colours, models and sizes and are being sold for publicity and to provide early resources for the project. Early registration is open for Swedish players at 1000 sek for all events. It is also possible to pre-register by e-mail or directly to the organisers and 95 players have already signed up. The venue and accommodation has been studied on several occasions and the first formal agreements will be signed during the first week of October.

The central maypole in Leksand. The playing, the meals and social activities will take place on a semicircle with about 100 m radius, centred at the maypole.

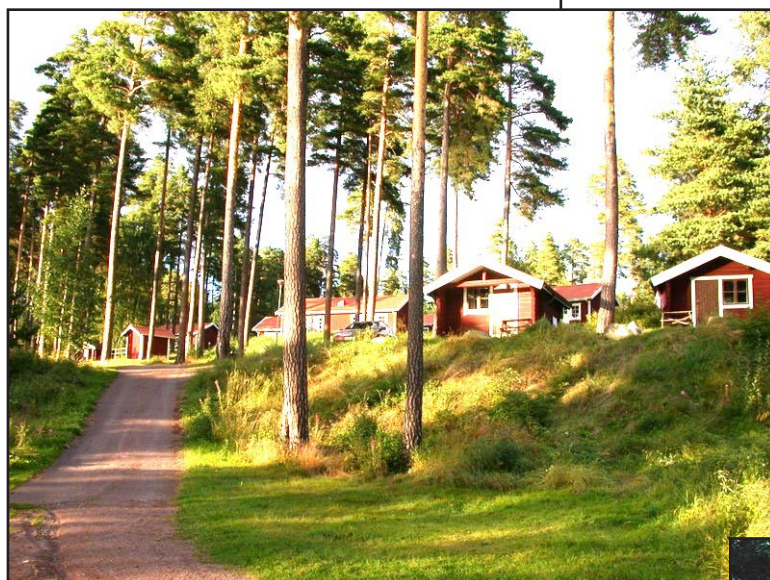




The games on the lowest boards will be played in two school buildings, Alléskolan.

Photo: Tomas Boman.

St Per parish house, where the top group will be playing.



Many of the participants will probably choose accommodation in the Tallbacken cottages at the Leksand Camping, about 2 km from the venue. These cottages have 4 beds at about 13 euro per person and night. There are also cottages with higher standard available at the camping.

Photo: Erik Ouchterlony.

The camping and the venue are connected by a pleasant footpath along the lake.



Solvi, at about 400 m from the venue is another accommodation alternative, with hostel standard beds at about 14 euro per person and night, as well as camping possibilities.



Organising Committee

We are fortunate enough to have found many experienced German go players who are willing to help with the organisation. In principle, any Swedish player who is willing to contribute anything to the organisation is invited to do so. Other Nordic players are also cordially invited to contribute, in particular we believe that it might be interesting for Finnish players to join, in order to gain experience for the 2010 congress in Finland. Suvi Leppanen has already said she is willing to help. From the Swedish team Leif Pettersson and Martina Steidele are helping with the organisation of the congress in Austria in 2007. A tentative structure for the organisation is gradually evolving.

The following list is a preliminary assignment of tasks, including the people who have been working on the 2008 congress so far and those who have taken on specific areas of responsibility. The names marked with asterisks are considered as co-ordinators.

- 1) Site selection: Henric Bergsåker*, Leif Pettersson, Mats Hjalmarsson, Basti Weidemyr, Martin Li
- 2) Web page och online registration: Peter Lundqvist*, Basti Weidemyr
- 3) Logo and design: Basti Weidemyr*, Mats Hjalmarsson, Leif Pettersson, Martina Steidele
- 4) Folder, T-shirts and printing: Leif Pettersson*, Martina Steidele
- 5) Sponsors: Michael Yao*, Daniel Jensen, Carin Monvall, Leif Pettersson
- 6) Contacts with professionals: Martin Stiassny*, (Martin Li, Henric Bergsåker)
- 7) Schedule: Mats Hjalmarsson*, (Krister Strand)
- 8) Tournaments and pairings: Andreas Enscher*, Tomas Boman
- 9) Registration and reception att arrival: (Erik Ouchterlony*, Liya Sang, Dan Li)
- 10) Staff coordination and coordination of work during the congress, once it started: (Henric*, Mats)
- 11) Food : (Krister Strand*, Liya Sang, Martina Steidele)

12) Accommodation : (André Weiher*, Henric Bergsåker, Peter Lundqvist)

13) Excursions, pleasures and recreational activities: (Thomas Nohr, Martin Li)

14) Venue (contacts, opening, closing, locks, alarms, supervision): ?

15) Setting up (equipment, furniture): ?

16) Decommissioning (equipment, furniture): ?

17) Budget and finance issues: (Leif Pettersson*, Andreas Ekelundh, Henric Bergsåker)

18) Publicity: Marcus Weiland*, (Martin Stiassny)

19) Congress bulletin: (Jan Rüten-Budde, Dörte Rüten-Budde, Erik Ekholm)

20) Visa issues and invitations: ?

21) Transport issues: ?

22) Handling of e-mails and other correspondence: (Leif*, Peter, Henric)

23) Photography, pictures and documentation (Tomas Christiansson*, Martina Steidele)

24) Translations (Martina Steidele*, Peter Lundquist)

25) Legal and tax issues (Andreas Ekelundh*)

26) Information desk: ?

27) Computer go tournament (Nick Wedd*)

This list is by no means final in any way, suggestions for improvements are welcome. Those who want to join the organising team, either to be responsible for some particular task or just to help out with practical things during the congress are very welcome to do so and are invited to let us know.

Further information

The official website for the congress at <http://egc2008.eu> will be continuously updated with information.

It is also possible to pre-register by e-mail to info@egc2008.eu, giving name, rank, club affiliation and contact info.

The planning and discussions within the organising team are taking place mostly in a couple of mailing lists and on a wiki page with limited access.

Those who wish to participate in the planning should contact Peter Lundqvist (peterl@update.uu.se). Im dolobore magniamet vel init aliquat lobore doloborer ad dolore dolore

Truls Eirik Liland

Den 29. juni ble go-miljøet i Oslo fattigere. Truls Eirik Liland gikk bort så altfor tidlig, bare 23 år gammel.

Truls var en blid og romslig kar, med en stor appetitt på livet. Man la merke til Truls. Hans sterke interesse for humor gjorde ham til en fargeklatt i Oslos go-miljø. Han var en entertainer for oss alle og siterte gjerne sine helter innen komedie - et Monty Python-sitat var aldri langt unna! Han hadde hyller og skap fulle med spill, bøker og film. Latter var hovedingrediensen i livet til Truls, og hans store drøm var å stå på scenen. Det falt dermed naturlig for ham å studere drama.

Men selv om latter sto sentralt i livet hans, hadde han også en alvorlig og reflekterende side. Hans nære venner kunne få mange gode og oppmuntrende ord når de trengte det. For Truls var ingenting verdens undergang, og ingenting var for alvorlig til å spøke med.

Truls hadde en sterkt ønske om å reise på go-tur til Kina sommeren 2007, en drøm som dessverre ikke ble oppfylt. Han fikk likevel reist en del i sitt korte liv. Han var med på skandinaviske go-turneringer, var på besøk hos sin bror i Nepal og dro til Japan for å studere Aikido.

Truls, du var en god venn. Vi kommer alltid til å savne deg. Og lykke til videre, du som trodde på reinkarnasjon (uten karma).



Truls Liland, Christian Gustad

7 problemer

Pål Sannes

Problemene denne gang er hentet fra første bind i en serie på tre tesuji-ordbøker (dictionaries), forfattet av Segoe Kensaku og Go Seigen.

Alle bøkene er på japansk, men siden dette er rene problembøker, ødelegger ikke dette på noen måte utbyttet. Det holder lenge å gjenkjenne tegnene for om det er sort eller hvit som trekker først - disse tegnene ser for øvrig likedan ut på kinesisk og japansk.

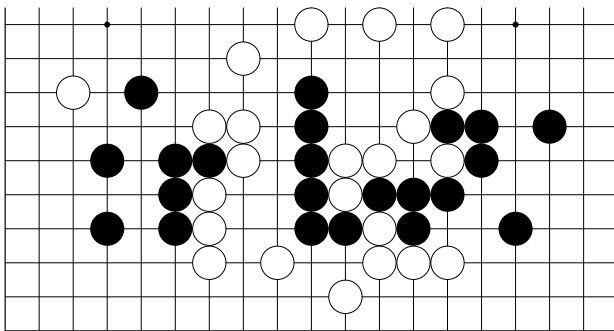
Problemene er gradert i A, B og C, hvor C er rett fram anvendelse av grunnleggende tesujier, grad B krever mer lesing, og grad A til dels atskillig lesing. Jeg vil anslå de fleste problemene av grad A å være på eller rundt dan-nivå, og A-problemene dominerer klart

i antall, så jeg nøler litt med å anbefale disse bøkene for kyu-spillere.

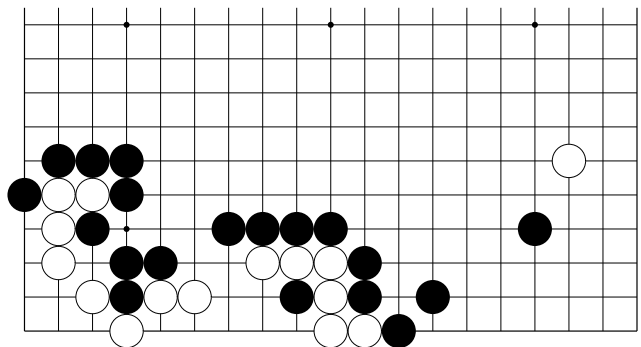
Problemene skiller seg ellers ut fra det meste som ellers tilbys av tesuji-problembøker ved at problemdiagrammene alle dekker halve brettet - noe som for min egen del ga meg en god følelse av å jobbe med meget partiaktuelle problemer.

I alle 7 problemene er sort i trekket.

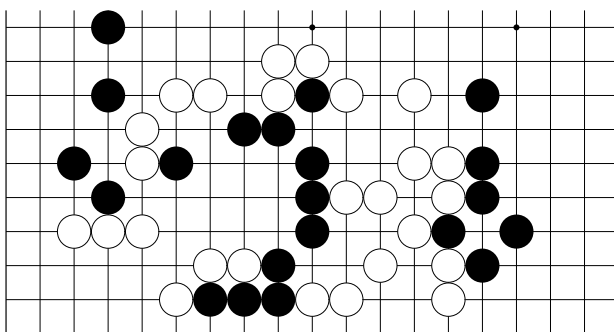
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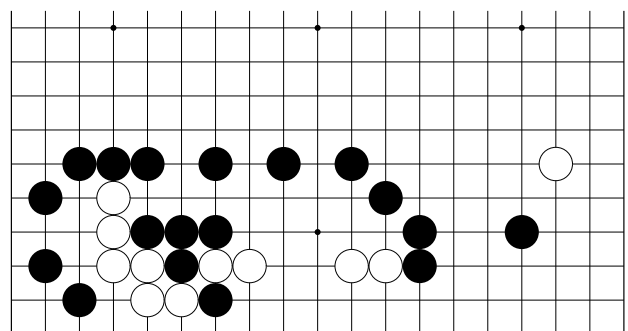
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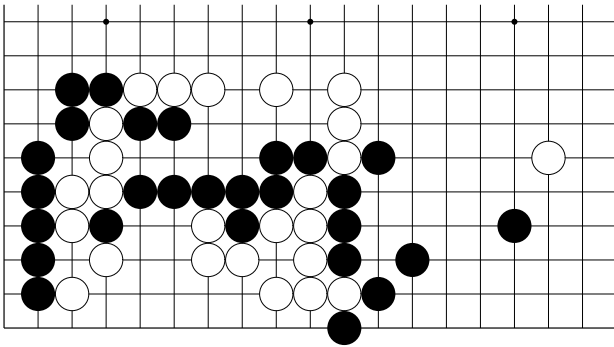


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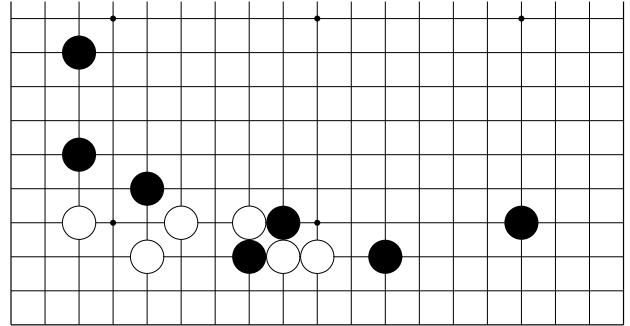


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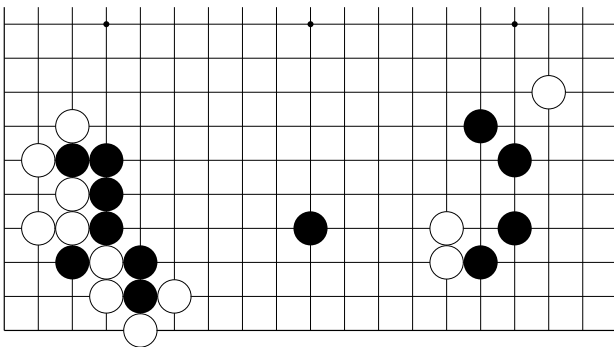
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My 1st WAGC

Michael Yao

After 3 years' full-time participation in Swedish tournaments, I attended the 27th WAGC during May 25 and June 2 in Nagayaki, Japan. Compared to other Nordic players who have been to Japan for at least a couple of times, I hope my description can give readers some fresh feeling.

The organiser put the tournament to Hus Ten Bosch, a Dutch town at the seaside of Nagayaki. It is a tourist place as this city had long history of being a hub for Dutch government. For those who knew what it would imply an extra week before or right after the tournament was a certainty. I was busy finishing my thesis and planning for the 2006 China trip during the month of May and acted a bit naive.

As the highest ranked player in Sweden, I of course treat this tournament as a stage where I must fight till the end. The fact that the Swedish Championship was played at the same time made the situation a little difficult to handle. However, the appeal that WAGC gave made me decide to quit the Championship. Two days before my departure, I played a training game with a 13-year-old boy who studies together with Chinese representative, Tang Weixing, also 13 years. I lost the game, of course, but felt more familiar with go-playing as I have not played much in 2006.

When I arrived at Tokyo Narita airport, I only saw faces that I didn't know. This was the embarrassing result of not having been to Japan before and not participating international tournaments.

We flew to Nagayaki the next day. Some European players had already stayed in Tokyo for some days. The Dutch town is beautiful, with nice cottages. There were 4 people living in each cottage and Martin Stiassny put neighboring countries together. So I shared cottage with Janek, Vesa and Pål. We had meetings and friendly go games with Japanese amateurs during the first 2 days, which were far enough to walk around and discover all the features in this Dutch town. Very soon I could see that 68 players had own groups of friends from neighboring countries. South-east Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and South Americans almost only gathered together with own fellows. There were many Chinese, and some who spoke Chinese, so our group were the biggest of all.



The 13-year-old Tang Weixing, Chinese representative, won the no1 ama tournament in China, 2 years in a row actually, was the focus of media and players. Compared to Hu Yuqing 8d, who came to Japan last year, he was too young to make the tournament an event where he could meet different people and promote his own personality. This means that he didn't spend time with other players, nor commented on any games played by others. In this way, the 2005 Swedish representative, Martin Li, was much luckier.

As there was not much to do in the Dutch town, we could only drink in our cottage everyday in the evening. It took at least 1.5 hours to go to Nagayaki center and we felt that we were prisoners, put in a somewhat Dutch environment when we would definitely want to be in Amsterdam instead. I did not expect that my first trip to WAGC would end this way. Much work left at home, no internet available and that I could not see the real Japanese life made me a little depressed.

The tournament organization was good. Japanese were thoughtful at work and they really wouldn't

leave if there was still something unfinished. I was lucky to get comments by several Japanese professionals and take a photo with the no. 1 Japanese go-female. We Chinese players spent much time after each round to analyse the games and chat. Go really made it easy to get friends. For those top 4 players, China, Korea, North Korea and Japan, the tournament meant a lot stress and honor. The 18-year-old Korea representative was not the strongest ama player in Korea and he took this tournament very seriously. There are only 4 players being promoted to pro 1 dan each year in Korea and the one who wins WAGC also gets this title. He was a bit weaker than Chinese and Japanese representatives but he decided to fight. He played 1:1 with North Korean player in friendlies and 0:1 with Chinese during the first days. Finally all top 4 players finished 7:1. Chinese player lost to Japanese in the final round. He had some chances but was not determined. The Japanese, on the contrary, fought very hard and showed winning desire. The game was broadcast on internet and Chinese ama players in Shanghai and Beijing said the Japanese made almost no mistakes in the complicated middle game and he deserved the win.



I got 5:3, which fairly showed my level in international context. However, I lost a winning game versus the US representative and a good game with Pop from Romania. Here I present my game in the 2nd round with Chenggi 8d, USA. I drank until 3 in the morning and suffered from hangover. But after the first round and a steady lunch, I felt I was in good form. The game lasted almost 4 hours and my 2 yose mistakes cost the game. It was just like in a 10000 meter race, I was leading all the way but fell down in the last 100 meter dash... The pain was beyond all expression. I am aware of that my weak strength was the decisive factor and I simply have to train more. In such a tournament if you want to get 6 wins, you have to win all those 50-50 games. The comments here were made by Liu Yuanbo 2p, our coach in 2006 Go to China Trip.

My 1st WAGC experience was unfortunately not what I expected despite the fact I made many new friends and got some feeling for an international tournament. However, we can always hope that it will be better next time and we should be proud of that Sweden has until now sent many different players to Japan to experience this international go atmosphere. I hope to make it again in 2008 and that those young talents in Sweden sooner improve to top level as WAGC will make a difference in the go career! I had also talked to Vesa about a Sweden-Finland supergo contest and I will soon publish my ideas on the forum. ●○

Unbyul won

*Fetched from 26th issue
of the "Goama" newsletter*

North-Korean Go playing program "Unbyul" (Silver star) won the World Computer Go Championship which was held on October 1 in Japan with the perfect 9 from 9 score. 24 programs from 8 different countries took part in the competition. GnuGo was second (7-2). Indigo from France got the third place (7-2 score too).

According to Kim Chanwu, 4-dan professional (S. Korea) the level of the "Unbyul" is about 5-6 kyu in Korean amateur ranking system. "The program is close to 2-3 dan in the opening, but is still weak in the middlegame", said Kim, 4-dan. Recently in S.Korea they start working on improving "Unbyul". S.Korean programmers trust, that the joint South-North Korean program will reach the 1-dan level really soon and grow up to 5-dan in next few years. ●○

Fire on board one

reported by Aria von Elbe

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Strong player games adjourned for the lunch break on Day 1 of the US Open were delayed when a computer used for broadcasting Board 1 exploded and burst into flames around 1P Sunday.

"There was a spark and then a big burst of flames," recounted eyewitness Brent Marinello 1k. "It literally went Boom!" said Board 2 recorder Michael Kyriakakis. Added Marinello, "People rushed around it, and two or three people used the table cloth to try and put it out."

When the laptop, a 5-year-old Sony Vaio, exploded, "people realized a fire extinguisher was needed," said Marinello. Blue Ridge staffers responded quickly, extinguishing the fiery laptop, but the Strong Players Room -now filled with acrid smoke and CO2 -- had to be sealed off while the staffers aired it out and vacuumed up the mess.

Top board players returning to restart adjourned games mingled with curious onlookers who jokingly accused E-Journal Managing Editor Chris Garlock - whose laptop had exploded - of creating news instead of covering it. Akane Negishi 1d of KGS had borrowed the back-up E-Journal laptop - whose battery apparently overheated -- to simulcast the Ron Snyder 7d vs Jiang Mingjiu 7p Board

One game (Garlock was broadcasting the same game on IGS on another laptop). Fortunately, no one was at Table One when the laptop exploded and there were no injuries. The tablecloth was melted to the computer, and the table itself was charred and permanently warped where the computer rested. "My board didn't blow up, my table did," Snyder told the E-Journal.

Meanwhile, AGA computer whiz Chuck Robbins 5d showed off the charred remains of the ill-fated Vaio, explaining that he plans to use it to demonstrate to clients "why they should upgrade before three years." ●○

From the last round of the EGC

Alexandre Dinerchtein

This is the game I played as Black during the last round of the European Championship. My opponent is Ilya Shikshin, 6-dan from Russia

15 We played exactly the same opening few months ago. In my opinion, Black is easier to play

16 An extension at O3 is the largest place on the board. See diagram 1.

19 A huge move!

22 The marked construction is strong, so White cannot make any points in the center. See diagram 2.

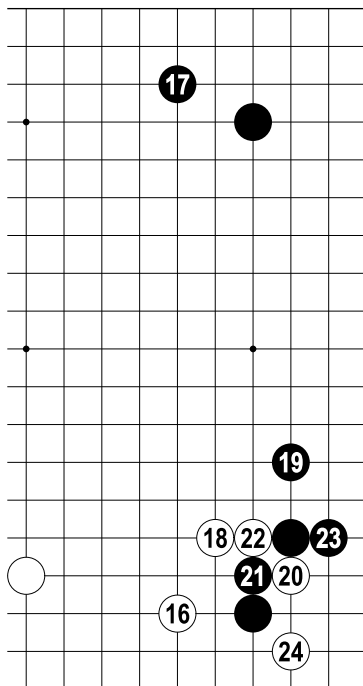
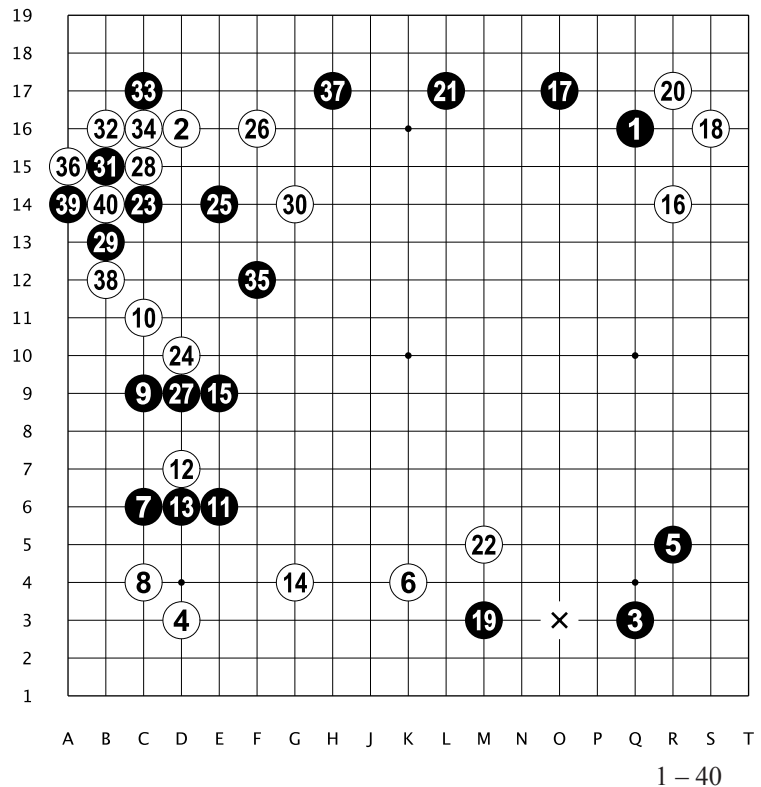
25 The right timing. See diagram 3.

28 A bad exchange, making Black stronger. See diagram 4.

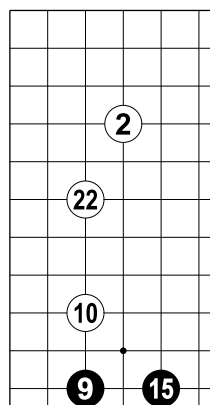
30 Another strange move

36 Too slow! See diagram 5.

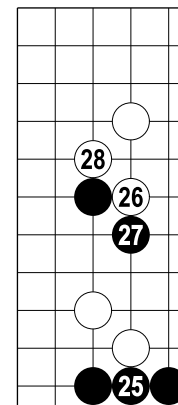
38 Tennuki is probably better



Dia.1 Later White can use this tesuji, creating the wall in sente

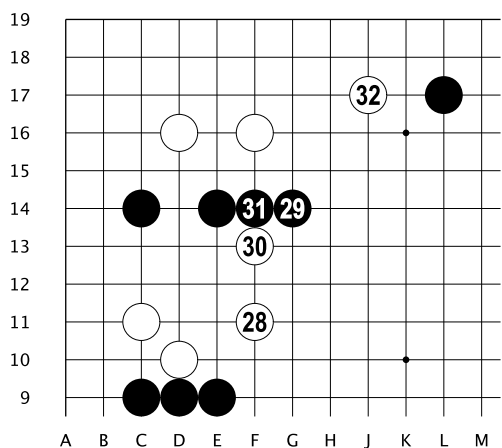


Dia.2 This is the most important place. Later White may think about keima at L2

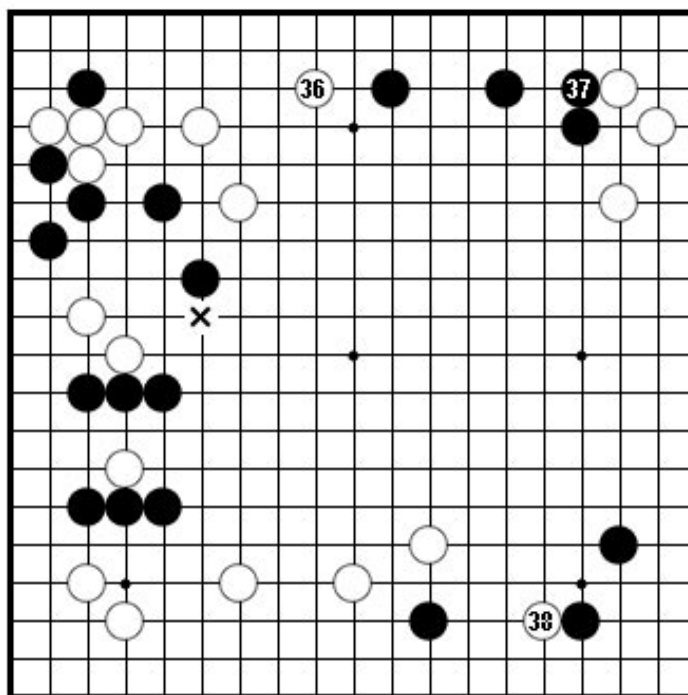


Dia.3 I was afraid of this combination

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Dia.4 This is the normal development



Dia.5 White must keep the attachment at F11 for future

42 White has a choice. See diagram 6

44 White has no other ko threats.
See diagram 7

48 Atari at C13 is probably better

49 The vital point

51 Black cannot play tennuki

55 A probe

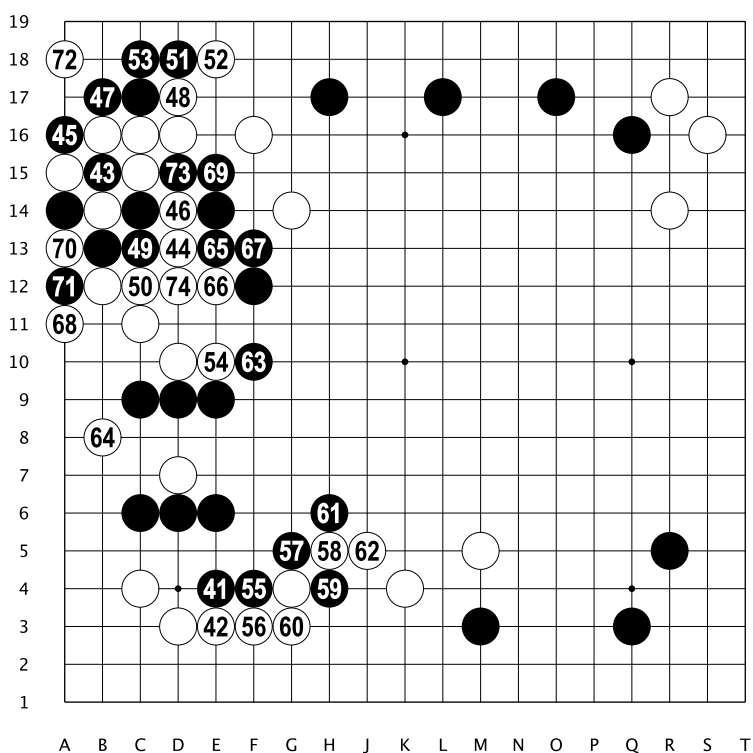
56 I would prefer to defend at G3, avoiding
any sente moves

63 Now Black's shape is powerful

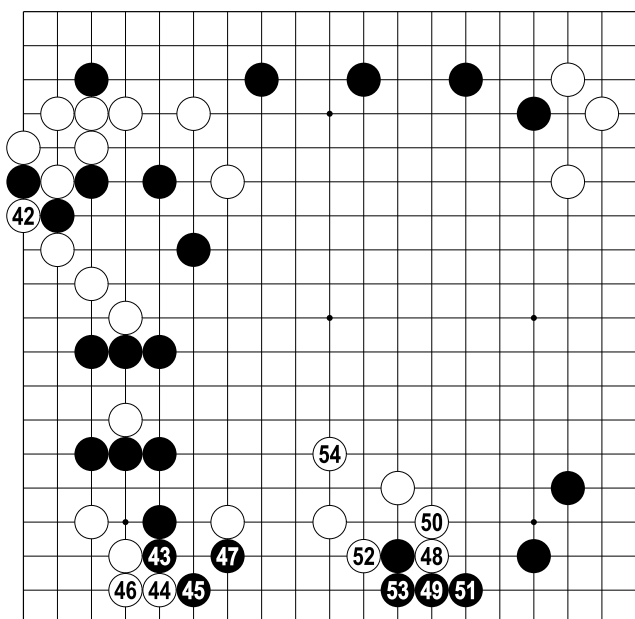
64 An overplay. First of all White has to
defend solidly at f13. See diagram 9.

69 This move is really painful for White

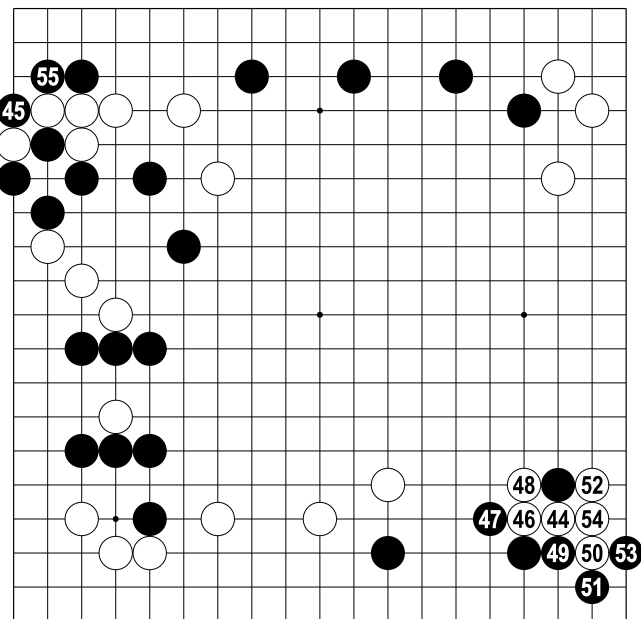
73 The right timing



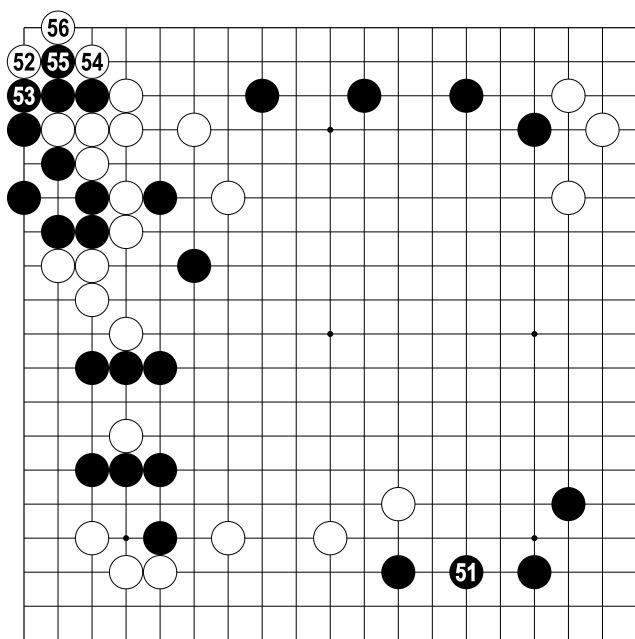
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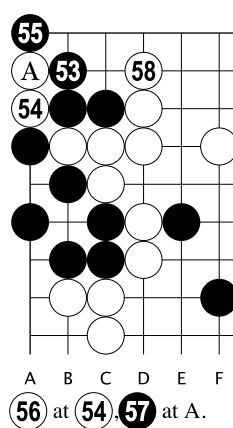
Dia.6 It is not easy to decide, which plan is better



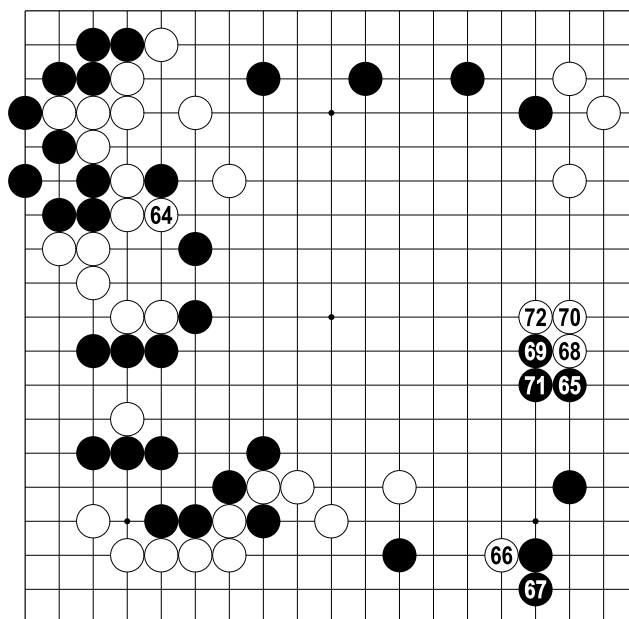
Dia.7 The trade would be clearly favorable for Black



Dia.8 The group is not yet alive



Dia.8 if black plays differently at 53 his group would be killed

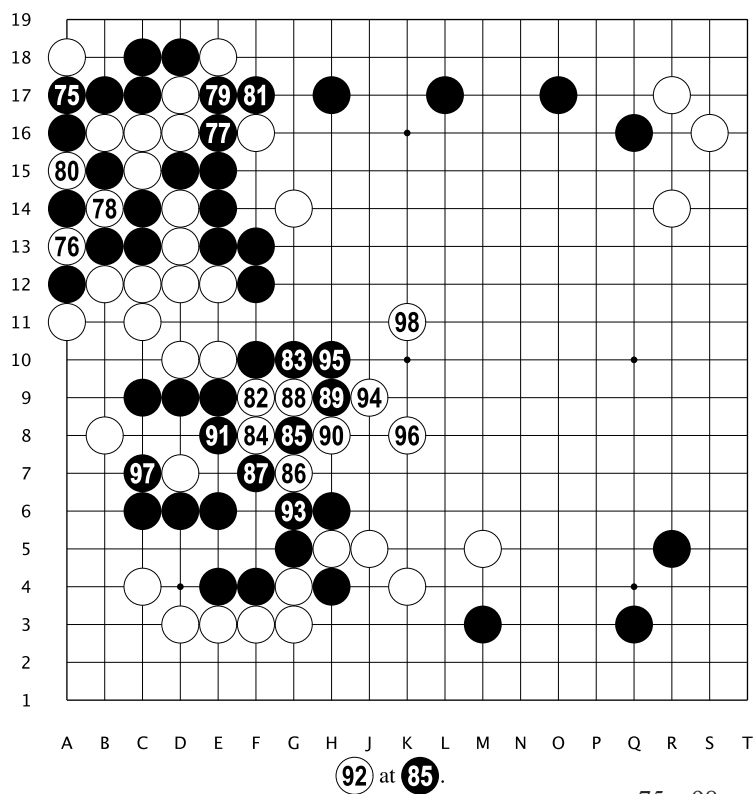


Dia.9 The position would be still playable

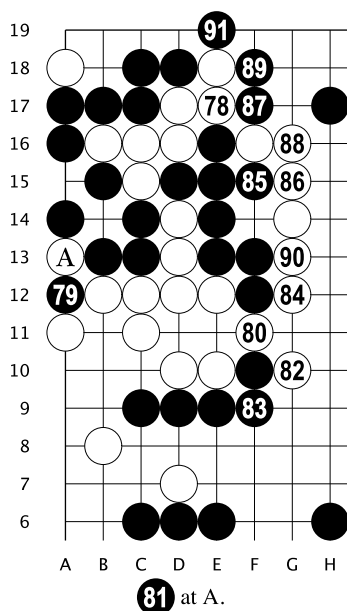
78 White has no ko threats at all.
See diagram 10.

81 It is urgent for Black to defend.
See diagram 11.

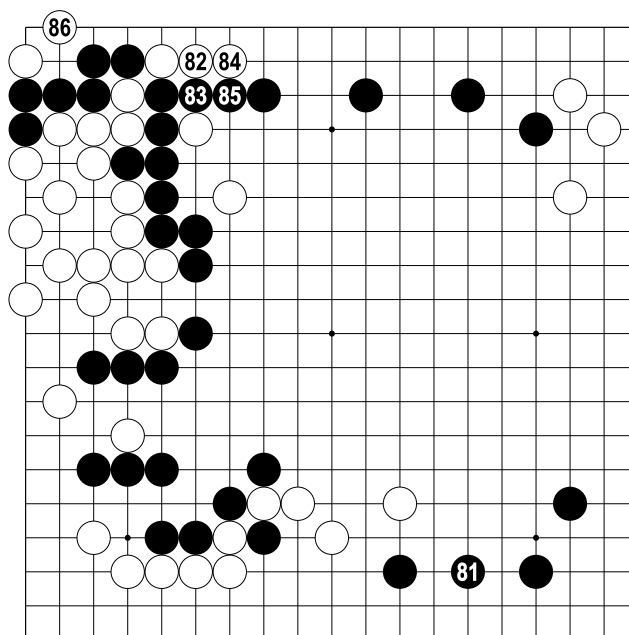
98 White destroyed the center, but Black
is still leading a lot



75 – 98



Dia.10 The result would
be bad for White



Dia.11 Black would be in trouble

101 The most simple answer. See diagram 12

102 A bad exchange

104 An overplay. See diagram 13.

105 The most active answer. See diagram 14.

108 I would prefer to give up this stone.
See diagram 15.

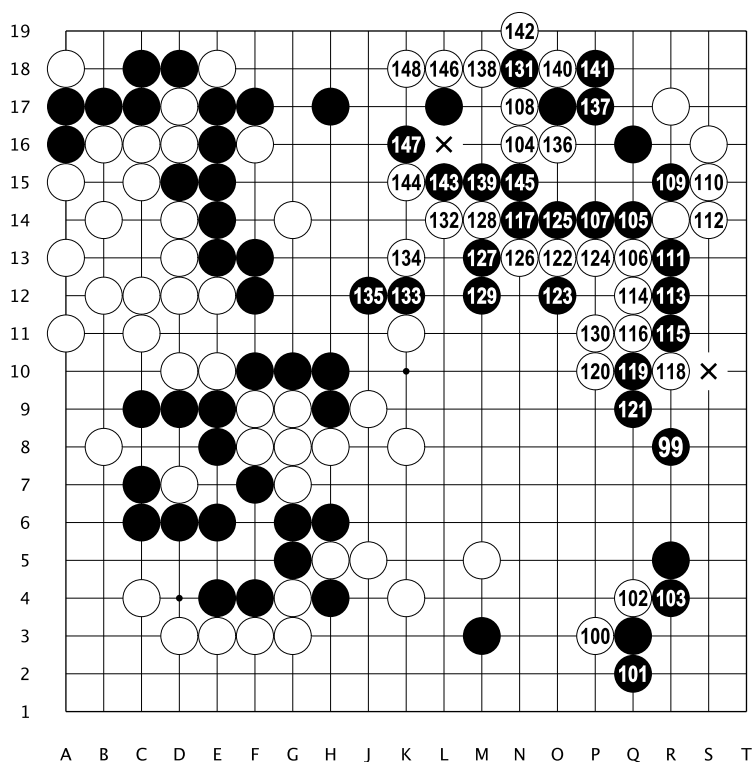
114 Another risky move. It is better to attach
at L16 first

119 Black can connect at S10 as well

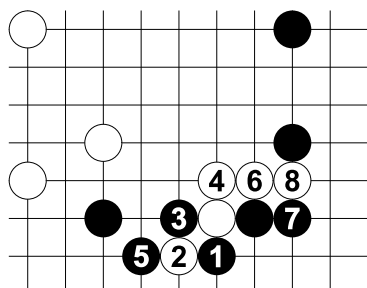
123 A tesuji

131 Now the fight looks hard for White

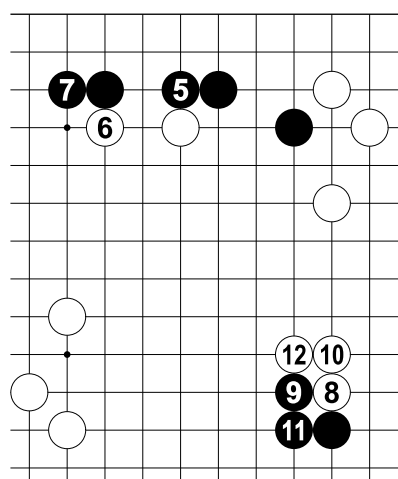
143 Black is happy to capture the central
stones



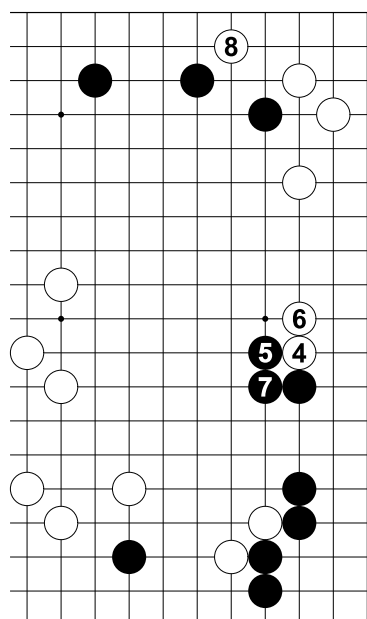
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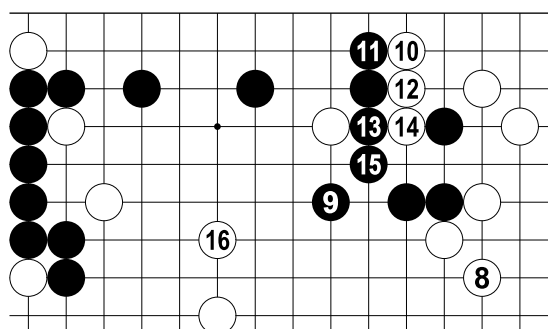
Dia.12 Black cannot connect
like this



Dia.14 This was the plan



Dia.13 This is the best way for White.
The position would be still playable

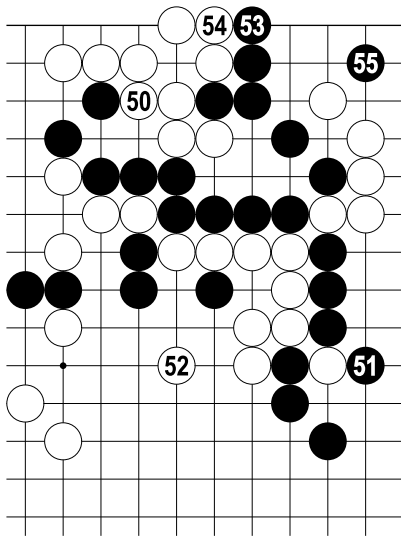


Dia.15 In my opinion, this is
the best way for White

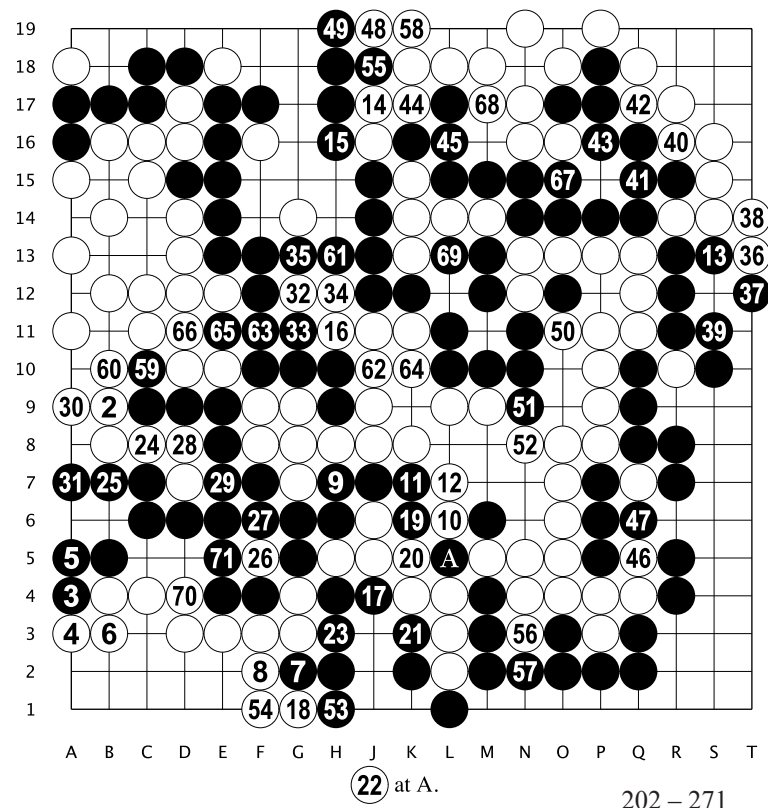
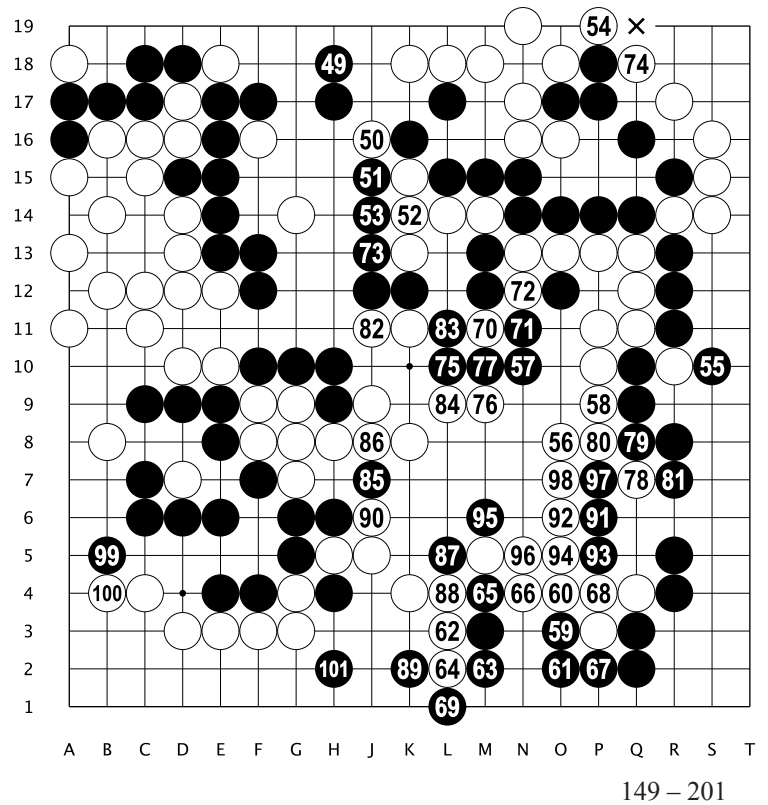
150 A tesuji. See diagram 16.

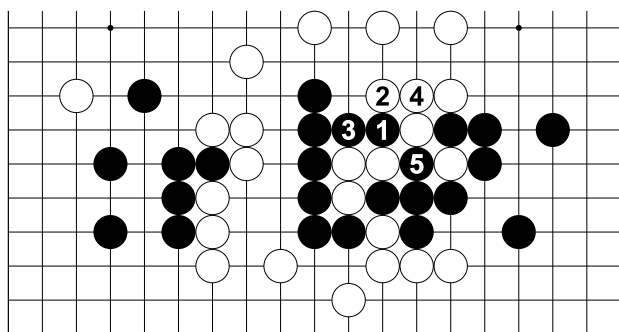
155 Black is ahead, so the ko fight at X (Q19) is not necessary

201 The largest place on the board. Now Black is more than 13-15 points ahead. This is the last note.

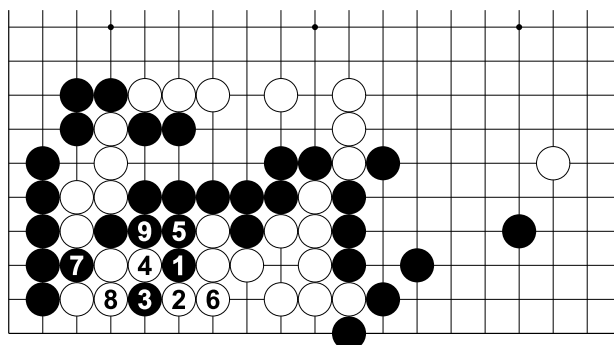


Dia.16 This was my plan.

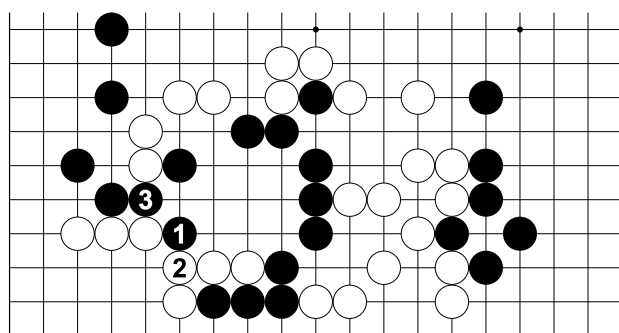




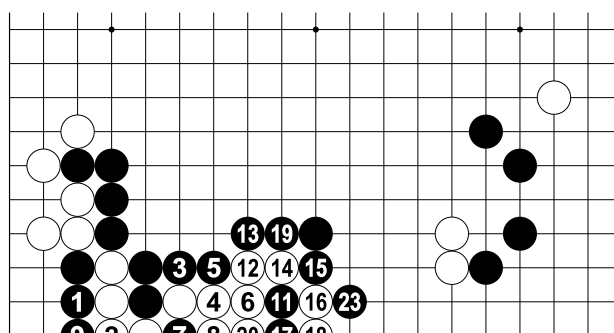
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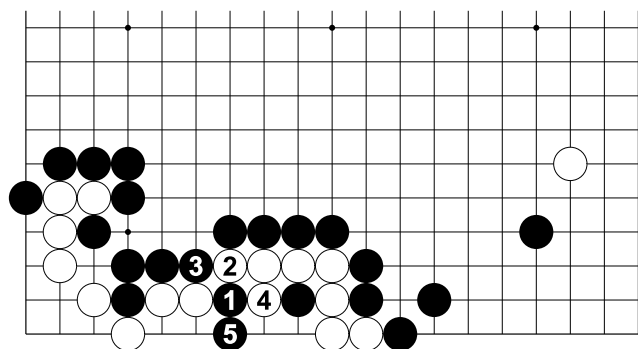


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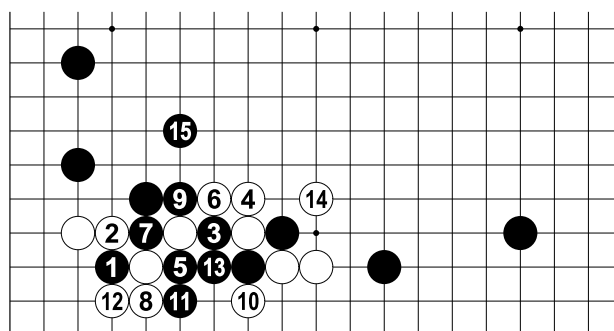


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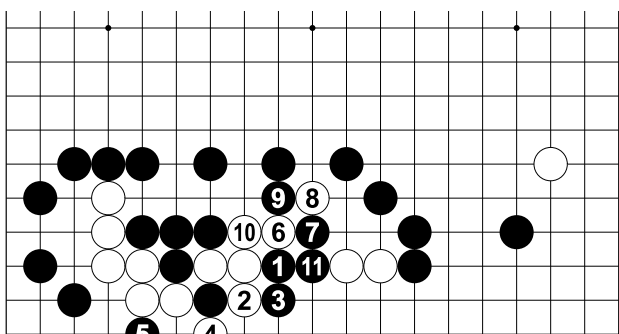
10 at 7, 21 at 11, 22 at 17.



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Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 4
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 4

Linköpings goklubb

Kontaktperson: : Tomas Boman, tomas.boman@bredband.net 013-261223, 0702-562378
<http://www.lysator.liu.se/~ejlo/lingo/index.html>
Antal medlemmar: 38
Antal Linköpingspelare på EGF:s rankinglista: 16.

Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 32
Spel: Torsd. 18.00 Zenithuset (alt. Café Java, ingång B.27), på universitetsområdet.
Söndagar från kl 12.00 i Stadsbibliotekets café
Klubbmästare: Tomas Boman 2d

Luleå gosällskap

Kontaktperson: Basti Weidemyr, 070-5806460,
basti@weidemyr.com
Hemsida: www.lulego.org/
Antal medlemmar: 12.
Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 11.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 11.

Malmö / Lund goklubb

Kontaktperson: Carl Johan Ragnarsson,
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eller Daniel: coderboy@hotmail.com
Hemsida: <http://www.ekstrand.org/MalmoeGo/>
Antal medlemmar: 21.
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 14
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 18

Norrköpings Go-klubb

Kontaktperson: Charlie Åkerblom,
charlie_post@hotmail.com
Antal medlemmar: 10.
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 4.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 6

Stockholms goklubb

Kontaktperson: Henric Bergsåker, henricb@telia.com, 6421713, 073-9850300.
Hemsida: <http://klubbar.goforbundet.se/stockholm/>
Antal medlemmar: 43.
Antal Stockholmsspelare på EGF:s rankinglista: 49
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 111.
Spel: Onsd. 18.00-23.00,
Dragons Lair, Kungsholms Torg 8.
Sönd. eftermiddag restaurang Ajanta,
Ringvägen 105, T-Bana Skanstull.
Klubbmästare: Michael Yao 5d

Tibro goklubb

Kontakt: Mattias Aronsson, Nyholmsgatan 1A,
54332 Tibro, woboloko@hotmail.com ,
Tel. 0504-12781, mob. 0702986958.
Antal Medlemmar: 8. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 2
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 5

Uppsala goklubb

Kontaktperson: Per-Erik Martin, pem@pem.nu
<http://www.pem.nu/uppgo/> Uppsala go-klubb
WAP-sida: <http://www.pem.nu/uppgo/index.wml>
Antal medlemmar: 37. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 9
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 23

Västerås goklubb

Kontaktperson: Leif Pettersson,
pettersson_leif@bredband.net
<http://hem.passagen.se/krst/Vasteras-s.html>
Antal medlemmar: 14. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 10.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 17
Speldagar: tis. 18.00 och lörd. 14.00
Klubbmästare: Krister Strand 1d.

Umeå goklubb

Kontakt: Albin Karlsson, 073-5739648
info@umego.se
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Antal medlemmar: 15.

Östersunds goklubb

Kontaktperson: Johan Ternström,
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Antal medlemmar: 13.
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 6.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 8

The Nordic top 20

The top 20 nordic players on the EGF rating list for October

1	Michael Yao 5d,	Sweden	2553
2	Xiaoluo Qi 5d,	Sweden	2524
3	Kasper Hornbaek 5d,	Denmark	2517
4	Vesa Laatikainen 5d,	Finland	2502
5	Matti Siivola 5d,	Finland	2458
6	Antti Törmänen 4d,	Finland	2447
7	Martin Li 5d,	Sweden	2418
8	Thomas Heshe 5d,	Denmark	2403
9	Ulrik Bro-Jørgensen 4d,	Denmark	2385
10	Torben Pedersen 4d,	Denmark	2375
11	Pål Sannes 3d,	Norway	2368
12	Morten Ofstad 4d,	Norway	2356
	Kare Jantunen 3d,	Finland	2356
14	Jannik Rasmussen 4d,	Denmark	2351
15	Jostein Flood 5d,	Norway	2349
16	Lauri Paatero 3d,	Finland	2344
17	Fan-Nian Kong 4d,	Norway	2326
18	Olli Luonela 3d,	Finland	2309
19	Erik Ouchterlony 3d,	Sweden	2307
20	Carl Johan Ragnarsson 3d,	Sweden	2306

Goförbund i Norden

Nordisk Mästare: Vesa Laatikainen 5d

Dansk Goforbund

Styrelse: Formand: Frank Hansen
(frank.hansen@econ.ku.dk),
sekretær: Lene Jakobsen,
kasserer Per Marquadsen,
Bestyrelsesmedlem Kjeld Pedersen
Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 39 (juni 42)
Dansk Mester: (2004): Tomas Heshe 5D

Go i Norge

<http://norway.european-go.org/>
President: Terje Christoffersen (terch2@online.no)
Kasserer: Christian O'Cadiz Gustad
Antall på EGF:s rankingliste: 37 (juni 47)
Norsk mester (2005): Pål Sannes 4d

Suomen go-liitto (Finska Goförbundet)

<http://finland.european-go.org/>
Styrelse: Ordförande: Matti Siivola
(matti.siivola@helsinki.fi)
Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 226 (juni 216)
Suomen Mestari (2006): Matti Siivola 5 dan

Svenska Goförbundet

<http://www.goforbundet.se>
Styrelse: Ordförande: Michael Yao
(michaelyao@hotmail.com),
sekreterare Henric Bergsåker,
kassör Leif Pettersson, koordinator Tomas Boman,
webmaster Peter Lundqvist, suppleanter Krister
Strand och Mats Hjalmarsson
Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 118 (juni 122)
Svensk Mästare (2006): Martin Li 5d, juniormästare
Fredrik Blomback, snabbgomästare Peder Wiklund
och pargomästare Liya Sang och Martin Li .

För statistikintresserade

Antalet spelare på EGF:s rankinglista i början
av oktober, samt förändringarna sedan i juni.

Danmark	39	-3
Norge	37	+0
Finland	226	+10
Sverige	118	-4

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