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Go at a traditional restaurant.

*Gunn and Øystein have played with
Ms. Junko Nakajima and Mr. Katsuya
Fujikawa from the Yokogawa go club.*

*Doesn't this picture bring back
memories to all of us ?*

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Korean Prime Ministers Cup 2007

Michael Yao

Suwon ligger 40 minuter ifrån Seoul och i år bodde vi på Hotel Castle som är mycket nära centrum. Här finns mycket att välja på och vädret under turneringen var perfekt. Vissa spelare fick dubbelrum med rumskamrat men vissa lyckans ostar fick enkelrum! Myao tillhörde den senare kategorin och höll sig absolut tyst under diskussionen om boende bland spelarna. Även maten blev mycket bättre i år. Första gemensamma måltiden var sådär men lunch var av hög kvalitet och som sista middag serverades den efterlängtade BBQ. Myao skålade förstås vilt med grannar från Norden samt vänner från tidigare evenemang. Det lär ta minst 4 år innan myao dyker upp igen så det kändes hårt.

Generellt sett så var intrycket sådant att arrangören minskade betänketiden rejält för att budgeten skulle hålla sig. Konkurrenzen var ungefär lika hård som Japan & Korea 2006, tycker jag.

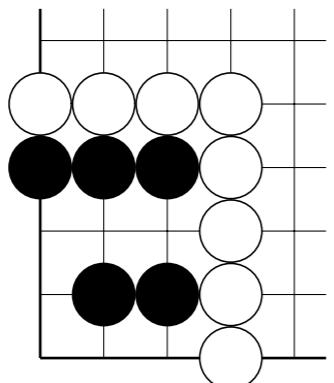
Mot Indonesien var matchen lätt och sen mötte jag Malek från Frankrike. Förra året gjorde jag en 30p tabbe när jag hade 18p ledning och viljan att ta revansch går ej att beskriva. Det var ett jämnt parti tills jag gick djupt in i hans moyo. Han ville förstås döda men överspelet gjorde att matchen blev kotare än jag beräknat. USA representant var en kines och vi blev vänner. Dock visste vi bågge att game 3 var viktigt. Det var en match full av fighting, men oxå missar pga det komplicerade läget. När det var halvpoängs läge spelade jag ko och det blev sudden death pga att han inte svarade på ett kohot. Sedan blev det match mot Korea och jag lärde mig mycket.

Rond 5 var rejält försenad pga datafel och många trodde att det inte skulle bli nån rond den dagen. Jag spelade klart mitt sämsta turneringsparti någonsin mot Belgien och kan nu bara be om ursäkt att jag inte förvaltat 3:1 läget bättre...

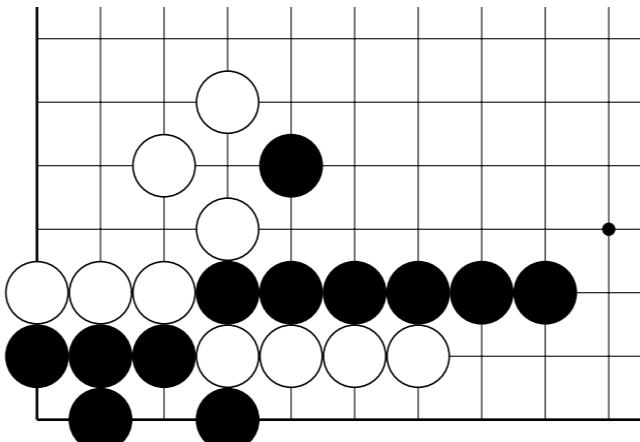
Sista dan var jag laddad för ännu mer fight och det blev en bra match mot Ungern. Kanadas spelare var kines och det var en match med mycket läsning för yose. Tröttsamt! Några otydliga missar gjorde att jag låg efter efter att jag missat en mycket bra chans att säkra matchen under middle game. Jag startade en ko när jag visste att mina poäng inte räckte men förlorade faktiskt lite på koet. Han vann med 5,5.. Att få 5 vinster var absolut det längsta krav jag hade på mig men tyvärr måste jag spela sista matchen med 4:3 än en gång.

Det var jättekul att få representera Sverige i såna sammanhang och tiden gick väldigt fort. Det blev å andra sidan min sista prestation på ett bra tag och jag vill verkligen säga till alla som drömmer om en sådan möjlighet: kör hårt och kämpa för Sverige!

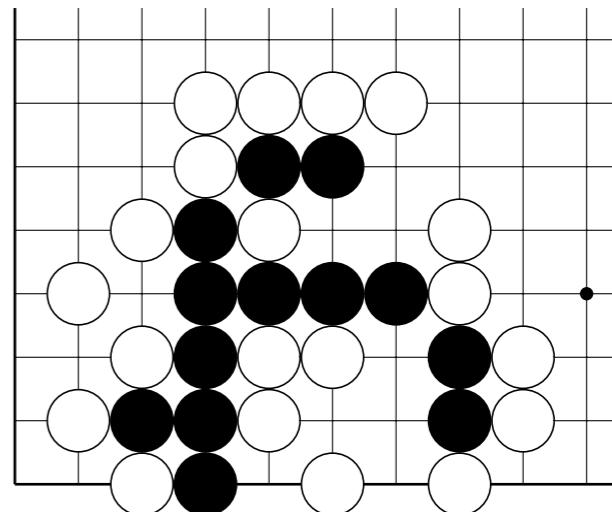
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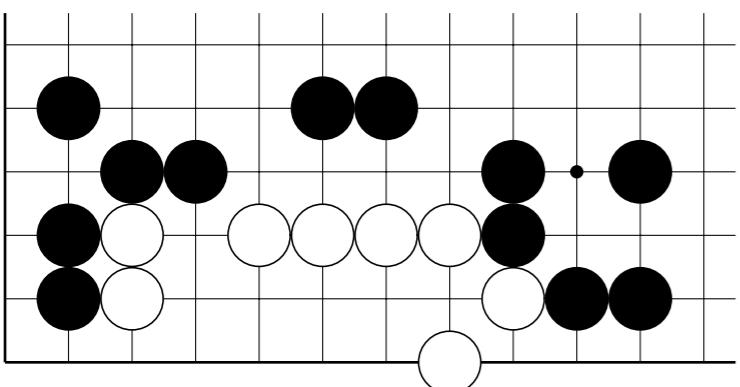
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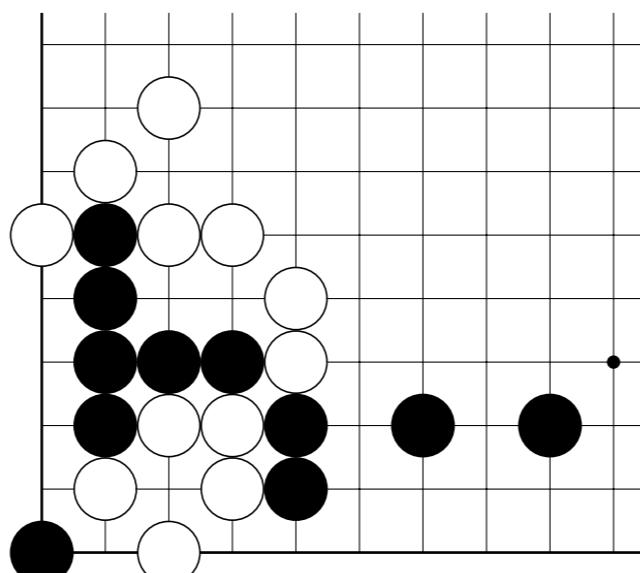
Pål Sannes

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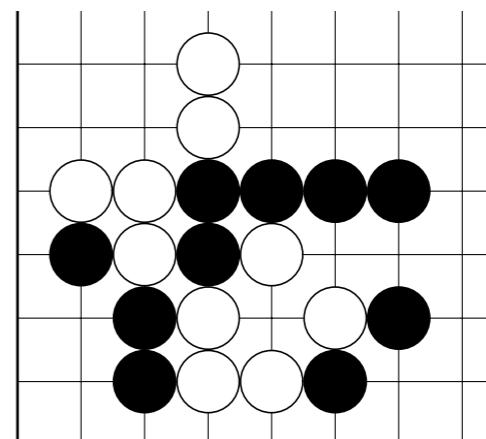
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Pair Go in Tokyo

Øystein Vestgården

Eighteen years ago, the tradition of an annual international pair go championship in Japan started. The idea was to increase the number of women plaing go. And for sure it is a very good opportunity for the the female players from the nordic countries - and other countries with a low number of female players - to get a first class experience of go.

In November 2007 Norway (Gunn Larsen and I) and Finland (Suvi Leppänen and Teemu Rovio) were the Nordic representatives together with 20 other foreign teams and eight Japanese teams, making it a total of 32 teams.

Having been to my first WAGC earlier in 2007, this was my second trip to Japan. And this time too, the tournament was to be held in Tokyo. I was really looking forward to coming back to Tokyo. And for my partner Gunn Larsen, being the first time in far east, it's certainly a mighty first impression.

We arrived at the Hotel Metropolitan Edmont at six pm friday, just as scheduled. The official programme started at 1 pm Saturday, which meant that we had plenty of time to get acclimatised and fit for fight. The hotel was also the playing site. A convenient combination, especially as the weather was Japan-in-November-gray and -wet. Santa's reindeers where standing outside the back entrance of the hotel to remind the guests that it was only one and a half month until christmas eve, but those poor, soaked christmas animals didn't bring White Christmas to my mind. My mind was occupied with go.

The official programme started off at 1 pm on Saturday, the day after arrival. The tournament was a five round Swiss system, with the first round on Saturday and the last four on Sunday. Our first game was against the German team of Monika Reimpell and Franz-Josef Dickhut. Gunn and I being on average 3 kyu, the German 2-dan + 6-dan were of course far too strong for us. That being said, we kept level with them for about 100 moves, which made this our best game of the tournament.

Keeping up the good spirits after our first loss, we made ourselves ready for the friendship match. It was quite evident that the friendship match and the social gatherings were perhaps more important than the competition itself. It was even announced that there would be a prize for the best dressed pair. "Male players must wear jacket and tie," the tournament rules said. And the last note of the rules: "Pair Go, like contract bridge, is an intellectual contest between ladies and gentlemen. Please avoid unmannerly speech, conduct, attitudes, or dress."

For the friendship match and the following opening ceremony, we dressed in national costumes. All the players from the pair go tournament, together with a big number of Japanese amateurs and professionals, gathered in the lobby in a diversity of colours seldom to be seen in a Japanese hotel. All in all, about 100 players participated. Quite a job for the emcees, Ms. Yoshimi Rin and Mr. James Davies, who had to present all of the players after we had found our seats. That's the Japanese way. I was lucky to have Kozue Mukai, 1-dan pro, as my partner, and our opponents were Austrian Siglinde Gruber and Yoko Takemia 5-dan. Quite an experience!

Then the time had come to party. The opening ceremony had speeches by director of the Japan Pair Go Association, Ms. Hiroko Taki, judge Michael Redmond 9-dan, and several others. And of course all of the participants had to present themselves, once more, on stage. By the time when the opening ceremony came to an end, we all felt like a big, happy family, and so we went off for karaoke. Takemia Yoko, Yuki Shigeno and Martin Stiassny joined the French-Finnish-Czech-Norwegian sing stars. I even got to learn The Shortest Finnish Drinking Song: NU! (That was the Swedish translation ...) But even though we got to know each other quite well during the night, there are some national customs that are never learnt by some foreigners and never forgotten by the nations that hold them: poor Takemiyia almost fainted when he saw a careless Teemu going off to the toilet without putting slippers on! And my understanding of finnish humor did, unfortunately, not increase when time passed midnight. (I still don't get your parrot jokes, Teemu. Sorry.)

With four games in one day (and with a strange mix of karaoke songs swirling around in my head), Sunday proved to be a busy day. Our opponents this day being the Japanese team from Tokai Hokuriku, Spain, Malaysia and Czech republic. First game was an expected loss, but after a disappointing game against lower ranked

Spain (5.5 points loss), we were determined to bring one victory back home. And so we did. The exciting game against Malaysia ended with a 0.5 point win for us and a huge disappointment for the Malaysian pair.

The day finished even more pompous that the day before with a wonderful closing ceremony. A lot of the top Japanese professionals were there, and the Pair Go Association, together with their sponsors, had a lot of prizes and diplomas to present. Winners of the tournament were Korea, followed by two Japanese teams, both from Kanto Koshinetsu. After three victories, Finland finished as number 16, while Norway ended up as number 28. But Norway took home one victory - the Best Dressers Prize, a yukata and a pair of geta. A superb memory from two intensive days of go playing in Tokyo.

After the tournament, Gunn and I went sightseeing in Tokyo. And sightseeing is best with a guide. We were lucky to have the perfect guide in Mr. Minoru Kikuchi, who normally works at the Japanese embassy in Oslo, but who was visiting his family in Tokyo at the time of the tournament. And the last day, we went to visit the Yokogawa go club. A friend of mine works for Yokogawa, so of course he had to invite me to the go club there. Being only for employees of Yokogawa, it is a small go club with mainly pensioners as members, and only one female player. We played two games against suitable opponents, sitting on tatami mats on the floor - a slight handicap for a poor Westerner. After the games, we went to a restaurant nearby to eat and drink while reviewing the games. Finally, we finish by playing - well I suppose you guessed it - a pair go match!



Several well-known go players were present at the closing ceremony.
From left to right: Judge Michael Redmond 9d, Gunn Larsen and Yuki
Shigeno from the IGF.



Araceli Checa and Andres Tallos from Spain together
with Øystein Vestgård and Martin Stiassny. Norway
lost to Spain in the tournament, but that was no reason
to quit smiling.



Nordic meeting at the opening ceremony. From left to right: Teemu Rovio, Øystein Vestgården and Suvi Leppänen.

The playing room at the Yokogawa go club was a traditional Japanese-style room with tatami mats on the floor. From left to right: Øystein Vestgården and Yoshio Tomita, eldest member of Yokogawa go club.



Nordic Tournaments 2007

Date	Name	Place	Participants	Winner
2007-01-05	Jusandan	Stockholm	48	Michael Yao 5d
2007-01-06	Kuopio	Kuopio	8	Ville Kirjavainen 2k
2007-02-03	Ambassador's Cup	Copenhagen	21	Uffe Rasmussen 2d
2007-02-10	Västerås	Västerås	36	Su Yang 5d
2007-02-19	Helsinki University Cup	Helsinki	16	Mika Urtela 3d
2007-02-24	Takapotku Open	Helsinki	69	Vesa Laatikainen 5d
2007-03-05	Spring Club Tournament	Copenhagen	13	Uffe Rasmussen 2d
2007-03-10	Jaakko Munkki Memorial	Helsinki	20	Vesa Laatikainen 5d
2007-03-24	PoGo Open	Espoo	16	Mikko Siukola 2d
2007-04-06	Nordic Championship	Helsinki	31	Vesa Laatikainen 5d
2007-04-21	Spring Tournament	Oulu	10	Tommi Pesu 11k
2007-04-21	Lund Open	Lund	42	Xiaolu Qi 5d
2007-04-21	Finnish Open Team	Oulu	21	
2007-04-21	Finnish Team	Oulu	20	
2007-05-05	Oslo Open	Oslo	26	Pål Sannes 4d
2007-05-04	Danish Championship	Copenhagen	22	Ulrik Bro-Jørgensen 4d
2007-05-17	Swedish Championship	Linghem	60	Michael Yao 5d
2007-05-19	Jyväskylä	Jyväskylä	18	Markku Jantunen 2d
2007-06-09	Turku	Turku	34	Kari Visala 3d
2007-06-16	Stockholm Open	Stockholm	22	Fredrik Blomback 2d
2007-07-06	Summer Tournament	Oulu	21	Antti Törmänen 4d
2007-08-03	European Cup Leksand	Leksand	77	Gu Weiyi 5d
2007-08-06	European Students	Stockholm	31	Benjamin Papazoglou 5d
2007-08-26	Finnish Female	Pori	13	Suvi Leppänen 1k
2007-09-01	Finnish Champ Qual	Turku	30	Janne Maatta 1d
2007-09-08	Mind Sports Festival	Oulu	35	Antti Törmänen 4d
2007-09-10	University Club	Helsinki	24	Miika Nikula 3d
2007-09-22	Linköping Open	Linghem	32	Klas Almroth 3d
2007-09-23	City Champ Qual	Turku	48	Jonas Tyystjärvi 2d
2007-09-29	Finnish Champ Qual	Helsinki	16	Matti Siivola 5d
2007-10-13	Copenhagen Open	Copenhagen	18	Su Yang 5d
2007-10-20	Norwegian Championship	Oslo	29	Morten Ofstad 4d
2007-10-26	Finnish Champ League	Vantaa	6	Vesa Laatikainen 5d
2007-11-10	Göteborg Open	Göteborg	52	Martin Li 5d
2007-11-24	Rabbity Six	Tampere	57	Miika Nikula 3d
2007-12-01	Finnish Kisei	Helsinki	7	Matti Siivola 5d
2007-12-08	Finnish Champ Playoffs	Vantaa, Espoo	3	Vesa Laatikainen 5d
2007-12-15	City Champ	Oulu	6	Janne Maatta 2d

Invitation Nordic Go Championship 2008

The turn to organise the Nordic Championship has once again come to Sweden and the Swedish Go Association. Stockholm Go Club is pleased to invite all Nordic players March 21-24.

The events include the individual main tournament, a blitz tournament and the Nordic Pairgo Championship. Details and online registration are found at <http://nm2008.goforbundet.se/index.php>

The venue for the championship is Stockholms Schacksaloner, Ringvägen 9 C, the same that was used for European Student Go Championship last summer.

Accommodation has been arranged, firstly in the Zinkensdamm hostel/hotel within easy walking distance from the venue. We have reserved a number of 4-bed rooms there, at 280 SEK per person and night including breakfast.

We have to ask for payment in advance for these rooms, since there is a cancellation penalty for cancellations within 4 weeks before the event, so if you want to take advantage of this offer, please let us know by e-mail to nm2008@goforbundet.se or by telephone to Henric Bergsåker, +46 73 9850300 and be ready to pay over internet on the website before February 20th.

We have also rented a sports hall in Högalidsskolan, about 1 km from the venue, for floor accommodation. This alternative is available @ 100 SEK per person, including all four nights Thursday evening until the Monday morning.

During Easter holidays, many of the usual restaurants in the area are closed at lunchtime. We can offer simple lunches @ 50 SEK at the venue, provided that they are ordered beforehand. So please let us know which days you would like to have lunch at the venue – also specifying if you want vegetarian or other special meals. Coffee and simple snacks will also be sold at the venue.

For any other queries, please write to us at nm2008@goforbundet.se

52nd European Go Congress in Leksand 2008

– Progress report

Henric Bergsåker

The go congress is approaching rapidly and new registrations are dropping in at a steady pace. At the moment (January 27th) there are 394 people registered in total, 331 of which are planning to play in the tournament. So far in January there have been on average 1.5 new registrants per day, compared to 1.3 in December, 1.4 in November and 1.1 in October. In just two years time there will be another European Go Congress in the north, in Finland.

One of the trickiest things in preparing for the congress is to estimate the number of participants beforehand.

Figure 1 shows the scatter in the number of participants in the EGC main tournament from year to year since the last time the congress was held in a Nordic country, in Copenhagen 1982 (data from [1]). Clearly there is a growing trend, the linear regression line in the figure corresponds to a linear growth of 12 participants per year, or about 3.4% per year at the centre of the time interval. This can be compared to the overall growth rate of 8% per year in the number of tournament active players in Europe [2]. However, the number also fluctuates wildly from year to year. In fact, it looks like the congresses form two different groups, above and below the line. For the last 15 years this phenomenon is seen more clearly in figure 2: either the congresses have been comparatively small, with <400 participants, or big with >500 participants.

It is not so clear why some recent congresses like Frascati, St Petersburg, Zagreb and Dublin became relatively small, while others like in Villach, Prague, Tuchola and Strausberg were big. One plausible theory might be that the congresses in peripheral areas with respect to where most of the goplayers live become small. This is a somewhat worrying hypothesis for the Leksand congress, as well as for the congress in Finland in 2010. But the interest in EGC2008 so far and the high registration rate already

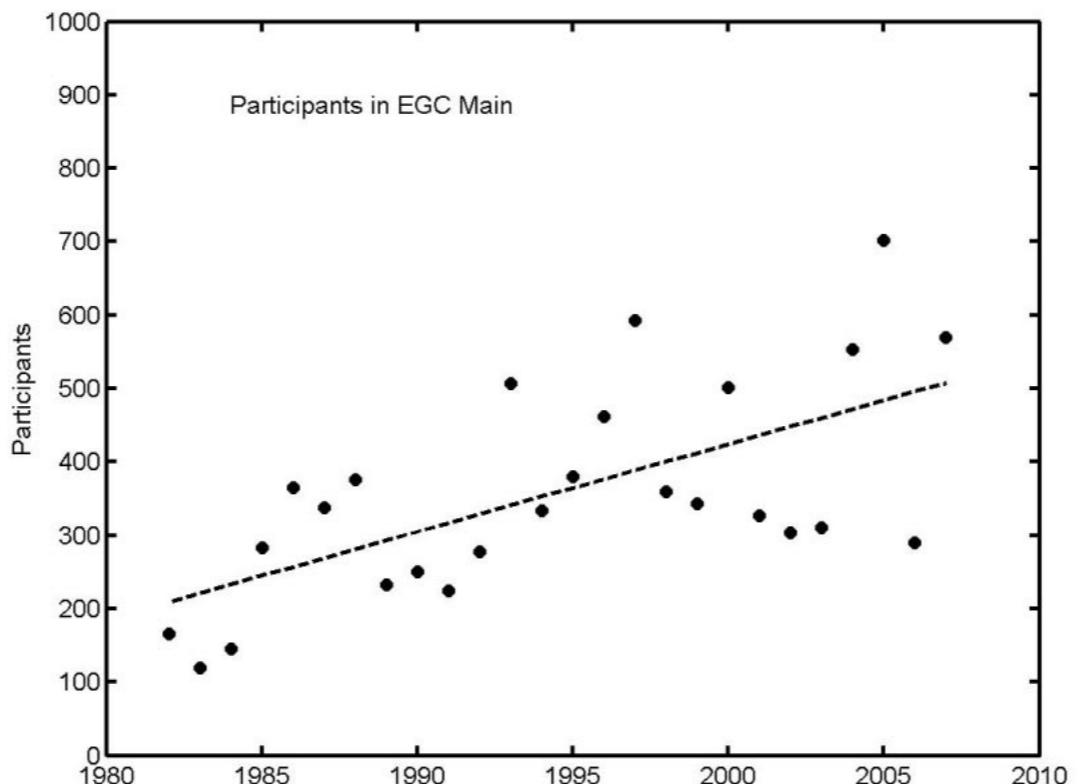


Figure 1. Development of the congress size since 1982.

long before the congress seems to invalidate such a pessimistic conjecture. Figure 3 shows the evolution of the total number of registered in the cases of the record congress in Prague 2005, the big congress in Villach last year and Leksand 2008. It is clear that, for being this early, the registrations are well ahead this year. Of course it is hard to say if this is mainly due to people simply registering earlier this year, or if there are going to be many later registrations as well this year, but it seems safe to conclude by ex-

trapolation that the EGC2008 will not fall in the small category, rather it looks like it is going to be at least L.

Regardless of what the final number of participants will be, it is worth a lot to the organisers that many registrations come in early. It makes it easier to estimate the budget and the venue and staff requirements. Also, after some discussion, in Leksand we have chosen to manage the accommodation mostly within the congress organisation – we have reserved places to sleep for more than 800 people. The Siljan area and Leksand in particular are usually rather busy with summer tourism and if we had not made sure that a sufficient number of beds will be available for the congress, late registrants would not have been able to find accommodation. However, there are cancellation deadlines to be respected and in many cases down payments well before the congress, so late registrations will still be much more difficult and risky to handle than the early ones. There is also the administrative work as such with the registrations; the organisers are very grateful for the many early registrations from the point of view that it would be extremely difficult and tiresome to handle say many hundred registrations within just a month or two, compared to the more spread out work load that we have had so far.

Table 1. Important dates in preparations

EGC 2008 decided to be in Sweden	July 30th 2004
EGC site decided to Leksand	July 7th 2006
Congress logo ready	July 15th 2006
Pre-registrations start	July 24th 2006
First EGC flyer printed	July 28th 2006
First EGC web page ready	July 31st 2006
Final web page up, begin registrations	July 14th 2007
Online registration open	Sept 16th 2007

Table 1 shows when some important steps were taken. Following very detailed investigations and discussions the site and dates for the congress were finally decided in July 2006, two years ahead. A suitable logotype was designed and the first version of the printed flyer was ready by the end of July 2006, so that it could be presented at the EGF AGM. At about the same time we started to collect pre-registrations at tournaments, where we asked people just to state their intention to participate and give us their contact data. A first version of the EGC web page came up, including the list of pre-registered players. We decided to make it easy to pay, with internet payment on the webpage, mobile credit card terminal that could be brought to tournaments, as well as of course the usual bank transfer possibility.

Originally we tried to have a fully automatic internet registration system functioning by the time of the Villach congress. We wanted for sure to take up registrations in Villach and ideally the pre-registered should have had the chance to register and book accommodation first. This plan turned out to be too difficult technically for us to handle, so we went instead for a semi-automatic registration procedure, which was ready in September 2007.

The local authorities in Leksand and in particular Lars Nygård, president of the town council, have been very helpful and constructive all along. As EGC organisers we are visiting Leksand regularly to discuss different practical issues with people in the schools, hotels, restaurants and so on. We generally feel that the response has been very positive, people are interested in the project and come up with constructive ideas and suggestions. However, there are very many details to keep in mind and still quite a lot to do in the coming months.

One of the reasons why we chose Leksand for the congress was their established cultural contacts with Japan. The idea came up already at an early stage to have public Japan days in Leksand in the middle of the congress, 2-3 August. So far there have been just preliminary contacts with a number of people and organisations with Japan related interests. For sure the Swedish Shogi Association is going to hold the Swedish Team Shogi championship and an open shogi tournament in parallel with the go congress. Among the other subjects which are under discussion are Japanese

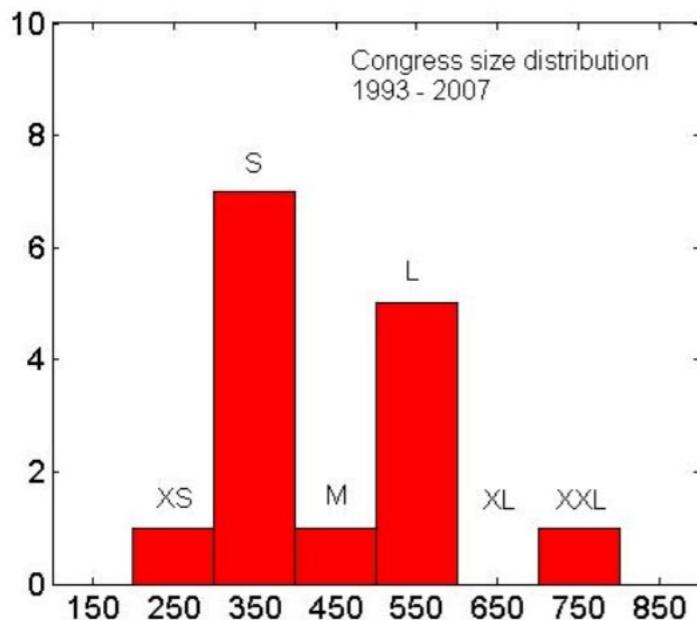


Figure 2. Size distribution of the go congresses in the last 15 years.

food, kendo and iaido, manga/anime, Japanese dance, Ikebana (flower arrangement), music (eg. Taiko drums, shakuhachi flute, koto string instrument), haiku, Japanese art, calligraphy, origami, tea ceremony, Japanese cars and motorcycles and park golf (Leksand has the only park golf court in the world outside Japan). Other interesting things may come up as well – if you have any suggestions yourself please let us know! The detailed program planning for the Japan days is going to start in February.

Besides the Japan days we are hoping that it will be possible to arrange nice parties and other events with Chinese and Korean themes too, as well as very Swedish/Nordic/local events. We have access to very nice places for such things, in and around the schools where we will play, in central Leksand, at Leksand Camping, at Folkhögskolan, in Moskogen etc. These places will certainly inspire participants to arrange lots of nice things themselves, but a few things can be prepared beforehand as well. Of course, anyone with ideas on nice things to do is invited to get them into the plans already at an early stage.

Since fall 2006 I have been discussing a bit with potentially interested people to have a conference on the history of go and on go in art and literature in Leksand during the EGC. In particular there has been a lot of useful input from John Fairbairn, Theo van Ees, Peter Shotwell and Chihyung Nam. The conclusion was that there will be a conference during the EGC, possibly partly in collaboration with the established ICOB conference. Invitation and more details are found in a separate announcement.

There are remarkably good facilities for more physical sports activities around the congress in Leksand, such as golf, tennis, baseball, football, skating(!) and many other things. One Siljan specialty is the Church Boat Rowing. If we can get teams of 20 together there are good prospects for having a lot of fun with those beautiful, traditional and unique boats, maybe even a competition. There are many nice ideas for excursions with bus or steam boat in the Siljan region, but no detailed program yet. The program for the Dalhalla open air stage in Rättvik during the congress weeks includes in particular guest performances of Otello (Giuseppe Verdi) and Carmina Burana (Carl Orff) by the Shanghai Opera house, but also less prestigious concerts, even a peculiar one (a moped concert). Another popular event in the area during the go congress is the Classic Car Week in Rättvik.

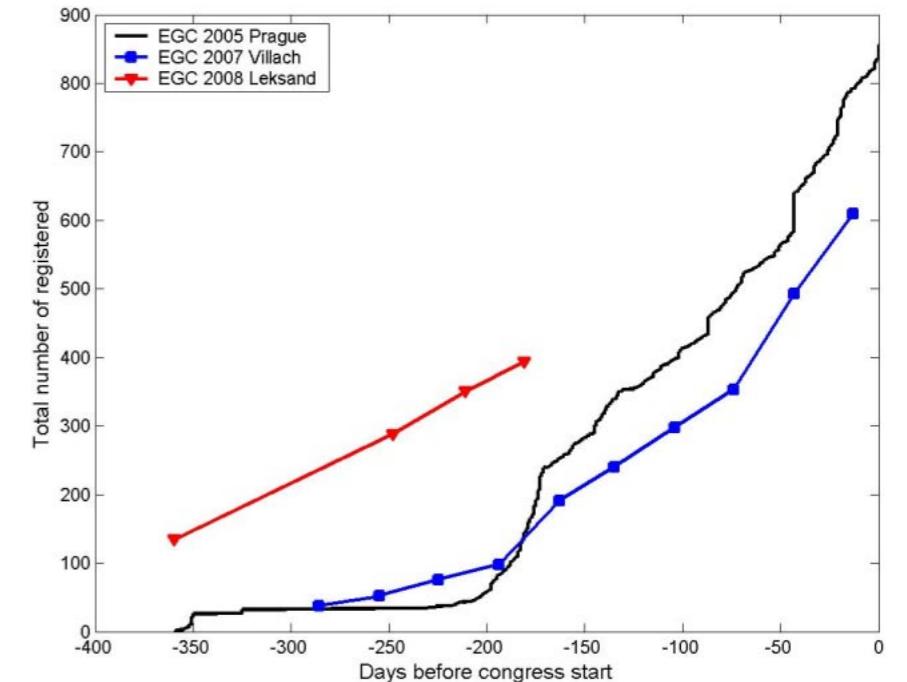


Figure 3. Early registrations for EGC2008, compared to previous years.

The professionals who have confirmed their participation in the EGC 2008 so far are Masataka Saijo 9p, Shigeyuki Muraoka 9p, Young Sun Yoon 5p, Mika Hashiguchi 4p, Seung Hee Kang 2p, Yuki Shigeno 2p and Meien Kurebayashi 2p. We have sent invitations to Nihon Kiin, Kansai Kiin and to the pro organisations in Korea, China and Taiwan to send additional professionals, so we are hoping to have at least 10-15 professional teachers present in Leksand.

In conclusion, the prospects for the 2008 go congress look very promising and on behalf of the whole organising team I would like to welcome all goplayers to participate as players, or at the very least as spectators, and to help with the organisation.

Info and registration procedures are found at <http://egc2008.eu> and queries and suggestions are welcome at info@egc2008.eu

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Invitation Symposium on the History of Go and the representation of Go in Art and Literature

In conjunction with the 52nd European Go Congress in Leksand, Sweden,
July 26th – August 9th 2008 , an international Symposium on Go History
and the representation of Go in Art and Literature will be held on July 29th – 31st.

The purposes of the meeting are to help furthering the understanding and knowledge of the subjects, by giving an opportunity for experts in the field to meet and present and discuss their views, as well as to spread the knowledge and interest to wider circles of go players and the general public. We therefore invite both original work and interesting popular presentations in fields like: the early Chinese origins and history of the game, the transfer of the game to Korea and Japan and the further development in China, Japan and Korea; the reception of go in Europe and the Western World, from the first written traces in the early 17th century up to today's advanced exchange; the role and representation of go in art and literature, ancient and modern.

The presentations should be oral and/or poster presentations or expositions.
Manuscripts may also be submitted for publication, subject to acceptance
in a review procedure. If you wish to present something at the conference,
please register by separate e-mail to info@egc2008.eu .

International Advisory Committee

Theo van Ees (NL), John Fairbairn (UK), Chihyung Nam (KR),
Franco Pratesi (IT), Yuki Shigeno (JP), Peter Shotwell (USA).

Program Committee

To be decided

Invited speakers (confirmed)

Masataka Sajio (go history)
John Fairbairn (go history)
Peter Shotwell (go history)
Erwin Gerstorfer (Go in Japanese woodprints)
Motoki Noguchi (Go in Japanese painting)
Didier Kropp (Go in French literature)
Ichiro Tanioka (go history)

Proceedings

Submitted manuscripts will be considered for publication, either in joint
proceedings with the ICOB conference or elsewhere, to be decided.

Conference fee

Contributing authors will be asked to pay the EGC congress fee at least for one week.
The presentations will be open to all congress participants.

Leksand July 29 - 31st 2008
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Takapotku 2008

Peter Lundqvist

Långt långt borta, på andra sidan Östersjön, finns ett Land som heter Finland. Vi märker inte av det mycket förutom att det titt som tätt dyker upp någon som talar med en konstig brytning och bestämt hävdar att det kommer från Finland.

Efter att många gånger ha varit tacksam över de trevliga besöken från grannlandet på andra sidan lillpölen så började jag skämmas lite över att jag, och kanske svensken i allmänhet, aldrig återgåddade deras trevliga besök.

Så en dag i januari månad så stod planeterna i rätt linje och månen var i rätt fas - det såg ut som om jag faktiskt skulle komma iväg!

Takapotku ("snap back" på svenska) hålls i Helsingfors och är en av Finlands allra största turneringar - i år faktiskt den största någonsin med hela 103 spelare! Fundera på det ett tag, det är ofta mer än tre gånger större än våra vanliga turneringar. Atmosfären känns lite mer spänd och laddad. Det är inte utan lite avundsjuka som man konstaterar att man är en försvinnande liten del av alla där och att man faktiskt inte hinner lära känna alla som är där vid namn!

Det var inte utan att man blev lite varm i hjärtat av att se det hav av gospelare som koncentrerat böjer sig över bräderna - och då kan man inte ens se alla spelare samtidigt eftersom lokalen i Kabelfabriken är L-formad.

Turneringen tjuvstartade redan på Fredag kväll med en snabbgo-turnering (30 min absolut tid); tyvärr blev det bara tre ronder men det kompenserades mer än väl med en mycket trevlig kväll på en pub i näheten där Helsingforsklubben tydligt brukar spela. Det var nästan lite för roligt för puben blev snudd på överfull av gospelande glada människor.

Den första dagen började med registrering och den skulle prompt vara avslutad senast 09.30. Något senare - som det tyvärr allt för ofta blir på turneringar - började faktiskt runda ett. Efter det så tuffade allt på i rask takt.

Turneringen sköttes väldigt bra av organisatörerna. Utrustningen fanns på plats och klockorna var rätt inställda i god tid innan varje rond startade. Det blev lite trångt när lottningen inför nästa rond dök upp men det är å andra sidan inte så konstigt med 103 deltagare. En intressant detalj med lottningen var att de inte satte ut vilken rank motståndaren hade, jag vet inte om det var avsiktligt men det gav onekligen ett lite spänning efter ett par ronder när rankfälten började sträckas ut.

Efter en väldigt lång dag så stod bastu-bad på aktivitetslistan. Tyvärr kände jag mig lite väl utpumpad efter gårdfagens och dagens äventyr så jag beslöt mig för att linka tillbaka till hotellet för att äta och sova. Resultaten bland svenskarna var väl så där. Su Yang hade oklanderliga tre vinster, jag och klas hade lyckats skrapa ihop två vinster.

Söndagen började klockan tio och det var skönt att ta sova ut och äta en lugn frukost. Som vanligt så är gott om tid min värsta fiende även utanför gobrädet. Helt plötsligt var det tio minuter tills ronden skulle börja och jag skulle checka ut från hotellet och ta mig till kabelfabriken också. Onödigt spänande blev det när taxichauffören inte kunde vare sig engelska eller svenska. Med gestikulerande och hjälp från receptionen så lyckades jag ta mig dit i tid; jag vet fortfarande inte hur i hela friden det gick till.

Söndagen hade sin gång och det mest positiva jag kan säga om den är att det var väldigt trevligt att prata om EGC i Leksand med diverse finnar och ryssar. Su Yang excellerade och såg närmast utträkad ut efter att ha vunnit turneringen och alla fem partier. Annars så var det väl bara John Karlsson som räddade äran med två fina vinster.



Foto: Peter Lundquist

Efter att partierna var färdigspelade så kom prisutdelningen igång ganska så snabbt. Utöver att Su Yang kom först så är väl den roligaste händelsen tjejen som efter att ha mottagit bokpris för fyra vinster väldigt målinriktat siktade in sig på Invincible – onekligen ett helt OK bokpris! Men det bästa med finska turneringar kommer efter prisutdelningen: upprankningen! Alla spelare som inte har höga dan-ranker får sina upprankningar direkt efter turneringen genom att någon läser upp listan med namn, gammal rank och ny rank varpå publiken applåderar. Det hela känns mycket sympatiskt och det är roligt att se hur glada spelarna blir över sin nya rank.

I och med att upprankningsceremonin var avklarad så började den riktigt långa resan hem – men det är en annan och riktigt tråkig historia.

RESULTS ON ROUND 5:

Svenska Pokalen 2007

Henric Bergsåker

Svenska Goförbundet delar sedan 2003 ut ett vandringspris och penningpriser baserat på våra fasta svenska turneringar. Spelare som deltar ofta och vinner mer än hälften i turneringar plockar poäng.
Penningpriserna delas bara ut i klass A (1d-4k), klass B (5k-10k) och klass C (11k-30k). För 2007 blev slutresultatet följande.

Samtliga med pokalpoäng

Michael Yao	Stockholm	5d	11	Emil Westin	Linköping	16k	2
Fredrik Blomback	Stockholm	1k	10	Victor Damberg	Uppsala	1k	2
Mattias Sörlin	Stockholm	8k	7	Magnus Merikaarnio	Stockholm	1k	2
Henrik Edlund	Borlänge	25k	7	Martin Kolk	Stockholm	5k	2
Martin Li	Borlänge	5d	6	Monica Olteanu	Lund	7k	2
Leif Almroth	Göteborg	1d	5	Victor Ståhl	Borlänge	18k	2
Joacim Gammelli	Ekebyholm	5k	4	Thomas Christiansson	Lund	1k	2
Harald Böttiger	Stockholm	7k	4	Johan Berntsson	Tenuki	2k	2
Christoffer Strömberg	Umeå	2k	4	Henrik Rydberg	Göteborg	2k	2
Mattias Ahlström	Norrköping	14k	4	Fabian Olsson	Göteborg	6k	2
Basti Weidemyr	Luleå	1k	4	Daniel Grahn	Luleå	13k	2
Klas Almroth	Göteborg	2d	4	Andreas Adolfsson	Luleå	13k	2
Mattias Svanström	Linköping	4k	3	Yatao Zhang	Stockholm	1d	1
Martin Börjesson	Tenuki	1d	3	Richard Larsson	Västerås	2k	1
Henning Gong	Norrköping	13k	3	Marc Stoehr	Stockholm	2k	1
Erik Ouchterlony	Linköping	3d	3	Emil Ingberg	Linköping	4k	1
Robin Solberg	Stockholm	2k	3	Daniel Jepsson	Lund	2k	1
Kenny Chung	Norrköping	4k	3	David Kjellström	Lund	3k	1
Alexander Woodhouse	Norrköping	16k	3	Björn Wendsjö	Lund	3k	1
Kai Kylmänen	Stockholm	5k	3	Mikael Carsson	Tenuki	1k	1
Daniel Jensen	Göteborg	1k	3	Klass B			
Liya Sang	Borlänge	6k	3	Mattias Sörlin	Stockholm	8k	7
Charlie Åkerblom	Norrköping	2d	3	Joacim Gammelli	Ekebyholm	5k	4
John Karlsson	Göteborg	2d	3	Harald Böttiger	Stockholm	7k	4
Sonny Vidfamn	Tenuki	8k	3	Kai Kylmänen	Stockholm	5k	3
Johan Ternström	Östersund	1k	2	Liya Sang	Borlänge	6k	3
Peter Flystam	Linköping	3k	2	Sonny Vidfamn	Tenuki	8k	3
Mats Hjalmarsson	Stockholm	5k	2	Mats Hjalmarsson	Stockholm	5k	2
Johan Hellström	Tenuki	11k	2	Anders Johansson	Västerås	8k	2
Jessica Westergårdh	Stockholm	22k	2	Martin Kolk	Stockholm	5k	2
Anders Johansson	Västerås	8k	2	Monica Olteanu	Lund	7k	2
Jakob Borin	Norrköping	14k	2	Fabian Olsson	Göteborg	6k	2
Peder Wiklund	Umeå	2d	2	Björn Majholm	Ekebyholm	7k	1
Fredrik Gimsander	Tenuki	13k	2	Dan Li	Borlänge	6k	1
				Sten Li	Borlänge	8k	1

Klass A

Fredrik Blomback	Stockholm	1k	10	Martina Steidele	Västerås	8k	1
Leif Almroth	Göteborg	1d	5	Emil Westin	Linköping	10k	1
Christoffer Strömberg	Umeå	2k	4	Anton Frisk Kockum	Göteborg	5k	1
Basti Weidemyr	Luleå	1k	4	Jan Söderström	Norrköping	5k	1
Mattias Svanström	Linköping	4k	3	Tobias Tran	Göteborg	9k	1
Martin Börjesson	Tenuki	1d	3	Klass C			
Robin Solberg	Stockholm	2k	3	Henrik Edlund	Borlänge	25k	7
Kenny Chung	Norrköping	4k	3	Mattias Ahlström	Norrköping	14k	4
Daniel Jensen	Göteborg	1k	3	Henning Gong	Norrköping	13k	3
Johan Ternström	Östersund	1k	2	Alexander Woodhouse	Norrköping	16k	3
Peter Flystam	Linköping	3k	2	Johan Hellström	Tenuki	11k	2
Victor Damberg	Uppsala	1k	2	Jessica Westergårdh	Stockholm	22k	2
Magnus Merikaarnio	Stockholm	1k	2	Jakob Borin	Norrköping	14k	2
Mattias Christiansson	Lund	1k	2	Fredrik Gimsander	Tenuki	13k	2
Thomas Christiansson	Lund	1k	2	Emil Westin	Linköping	16k	2
Johan Berntsson	Tenuki	2k	2	Victor Ståhl	Borlänge	18k	2
Henrik Rydberg	Göteborg	2k	2	Daniel Grahn	Luleå	13k	2
Fabian Olsson	Göteborg	6k	2	Andreas Adolfsson	Luleå	13k	2
Daniel Grahn	Luleå	13k	2	Michael Koraszewski	Stockholm	11k	1
Andreas Adolfsson	Luleå	13k	2	Sara Modigh	Tenuki	16k	1
Yatao Zhang	Stockholm	1d	1	Rikard Ahrgren	Göteborg	12k	1
Richard Larsson	Västerås	2k	1				
Marc Stoehr	Stockholm	2k	1				
Emil Ingberg	Linköping	4k	1				
Daniel Jepsson	Lund	2k	1				
David Kjellström	Lund	3k	1				
Björn Wendsjö	Lund	3k	1				
Mikael Carsson	Tenuki	1k	1				

Svenska Klubb-pokalen 2007

Stockholm	50
Borlänge	20
Norrköping	19
Göteborg	18
Tenuki	14
Linköping	12
Luleå	8
Lund	7
Umeå	6
Ekebyholm	5
Västerås	4
Uppsala	2
Östersund	2

WAGC 2007 i Tokyo

av Øystein Vestgården

Det 28. verdensmesterskapet i go for amatører (WAGC) ble holdt i Tokyo i mai 2007. Dette var første gang jeg skulle representere Norge, og jeg håper selvsagt at det ikke blir siste gang. Fra de andre nordiske landene kom Erik Ouchterlony, Kasper Hornbæk og Otso Alanko.

Turneringen ble holdt i Nihon Kiins hovedkvarter i Tokyo. Det gir en spesiell atmosfære å spille turnering i en fler etasjer høy bygning som er så dedikert til go, til tross for at lokalene i seg selv ikke er spesielt flotte. I samme etasje som spillelokalet er det en gobutikk, videre oppover i etasjene er det kontorer, seminarrom og spillerom, og i kjelleren er det et eget museum for goens historie. Vi var så heldige å få omvisning både i museet og i spillerommet der finalene i de aller største turneringene til Nihon Kiin spilles. Med seksti ivrige go-turister samlet i et knøttlite rom fikk jeg ikke med meg så mye fakta. Men jeg fulgte med da guiden svarte på spørsmålet om verdien på gobrettet som sto der: "Uvurderlig. Vil noen prøve det? Værsgod!"

Både turneringen og opplegget rundt var grundig og godt organisert, selv om Martin Stiassny gjerne påpekte for meg hva som skal gjøres bedre i Leksand til sommeren. Åpningsseremonien var virkelig strålende, og størst av alt var at de hadde fått selveste Go Seigen som æresgjest. Og spillerhotellet Grand Arc Hanzomon var et utmerket hotell med en god beliggenhet. Det kanskje eneste savnet var et spillerom der vi kunne samles på kveldene. Spilling på kvelden måtte vi gjøre i hallen i 2. etasje, hvor de dempet lysene allerede kl. 11. Det satte en liten demper på kveldsspillelysten også. I spillelokalene til Nihon Kiin var det derimot fullt liv hele dagen. Etter hvert parti var det gode muligheter for å få kommentarer fra profesjonelle, og det ble fortløpende lagt ut kifuer av en del utvalgte partier.



Den mongolske representanten Tugsbilegt Tseveenravdan prøver gobrettet. (Foto: Øystein)



Fra runde 3. Ved nærmeste bord spiller Rita Pocsai (HUN) mot Hironobu Mori (JPN). Ved siden av spiller Benjamin Teuber (GER) mot Jing Yang (CAN). Bak ser vi Erik Ouchterlony mot Michael Szabo (AUT).

I første parti ble jeg trukket mot 17 år gamle Yu Cheng Lai fra Taiwan. Det ble som ventet en altfor vanskelig oppgave for meg. Videre ble det en vekslig mellom forventede tap for sterke spillere og seire mot svakere motstandere, men et arbeidsuhell mot Marokkanske Hatime Araki -- mitt klart dårligste parti -- gjorde at jeg sto med 3 seire og 4 tap før siste parti. Der fikk jeg møte en verdig motstander: Noel Mitchell 2d fra Irland var i nøyaktig samme situasjon som meg. Og det var klart at ingen av oss var fornøyde med den. Partiet ble en høyintensiv affære som varte til alle andre spillere hadde lagt inn årene. Det ble vekslet store grupper av steiner på begge sider, med og uten overlegg. Begge hadde brukt flere

byo-yomi-perioder før vi endelig kunne telle opp og konstatere at det ble en hårfin norsk seier. Vi måtte igjennom flere pizzaer og mye godt øl før den hyggelige uren begynte å våkne til liv igjen seinere på kvelden, for den skuffelsen var ikke lett å riste av seg.

Den siste seieren fikk meg til slutt opp på en 43. plass av de 68 deltakerne, ganske som forventet. Otso landet som nr. 30, Erik ble nr. 27, og Kasper ble best av de nordiske med sin 17. plass. En god nordisk innsats i det 28. amatørverdensmesterskapet. Vinner ble 13 år gamle Ziteng Chang fra Kina foran Dong-Ha Woo fra Korea og Hironobu Mori fra Japan.

WAGC 2007 results

Pl.	No	Player	Country	Score	SOS	SOSOS	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	1	Ziteng SHAN	CHINA	8	45	324	33+	25+	8+	12+	5+	3+	13+	4+
2	3	Dong-Ha WOO	KOREA	7	44	312	36+	27+	16+	4+	2+	1-	12+	21+
3	2	Hironobu MORI	JAPAN	7	42	301	19+	26+	24+	10+	3-	11+	5+	20+
4	4	Cristian Gabriel POP	ROMANIA	6	43	302	42+	28+	15+	3-	17+	7+	14+	1-
5	5	Yu Cheng LAI	CH TAIPEI	6	43	298	44+	29+	14+	6+	1-	16+	2-	22+
6	12	Jing YANG	CANADA	6	42	297	18+	37+	11+	1-	28+	57+	3-	7+
7	13	Merlijn KUIN	NETHERLANDS	6	41	296	45+	38+	9-	31+	19+	25+	1-	14+
8	9	Zhiyuan LIU	U.S.A.	6	40	305	20+	32+	13+	7-	21+	14-	31+	6+
9	10	Ondrej SILT	CZECHIA	6	39	290	22+	34+	21+	2-	7-	50+	23+	16+
10	14	Andrey KULKOV	RUSSIAN FED.	5	41	297	39+	41+	5-	40+	20+	9+	4-	13-
11	16	Jia Cheng TAN	SINGAPORE	5	39	289	49+	47+	3-	24+	8+	5-	15+	10-
12	7	Victor Guang CHOW	SOUTH AFRICA	5	39	286	34-	50+	63+	9+	10+	4-	17+	12-
13	8	Nai San CHAN	HONG KONG CHINA	5	39	278	50+	31+	1-	35+	16-	46+	22-	26+
14	25	Michal Lech BAZYNSKI	POLAND	5	38	280	62+	1-	41+	39+	32+	13-	21-	46+
15	11	Benjamin Sebastian TEUBER	GERMANY	5	38	278	46+	35+	12-	45+	6+	2-	20-	49+
16	20	Bei GE	UNITED KINGDOM	5	38	273	9-	55+	44+	29+	14-	38+	11+	2-
17	21	Kasper HORNBAEK	DENMARK	5	38	272	68+	51+	10-	15+	9-	28+	25+	3-
18	6	Fernando AGUILAR	ARGENTINA	5	37	271	23+	30+	48+	5-	11-	37+	39+	9-
19	22	Jimmy YUAN	NEW ZEALAND	5	36	284	10-	56+	43+	17-	33+	34+	8+	5-
20	19	Zoran MUTABZIJA	CROATIA	5	36	273	2-	54+	46+	18+	13-	31-	24+	36+
21	31	Francesco MARIGO	ITALY	5	35	272	53+	8-	49+	13-	27+	19+	9-	32+
22	17	Michael SZABO	AUSTRIA	5	34	274	30-	52+	34+	22+	4-	36+	7-	18+
23	28	Boon Ping TENG	MALAYSIA	5	34	272	59+	4-	38+	23+	12-	21-	64+	37+
24	15	Sergii RYDZEL	UKRAINE	5	33	273	40+	43+	4-	21-	61+	32+	16-	38+
25	23	Zoran JANKOVIC	SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	5	33	271	6-	57+	42+	28-	43+	47+	10-	39+
26	35	Lionel FISCHER	FRANCE	5	31	266	60+	11-	33+	8-	42+	39-	30+	34+
27	34	Erik OUCHTERLONY	SWEDEN	4	36	270	7+	10-	17-	58+	26+	22-	42+	35-
28	32	Jaime RAMIRES REYES	COLOMBIA	4	36	257	55+	9-	36+	30+	25-	15-	41+	31-
29	33	Bruno BORCHARTT	BRAZIL	4	34	253	1-	58+	35-	49+	22-	62+	18-	50+
30	39	Otso Ilmari ALANKO	FINLAND	4	33	263	14-	60+	27+	25-	45+	35+	6-	23-
31	36	Andrius PETRAUSKAS	LITHUANIA	4	33	260	3-	59+	32-	60+	40+	17-	29+	19-
32	26	Thanapol TIAWATTANANONT	THAILAND	4	33	259	58+	2-	40-	63+	34-	45+	57+	8-
32	38	Peter JADRON	SLOVAKIA	4	33	259	56+	13-	28-	52+	24+	20-	27+	15-
34	18	Hae Taek CHOI	AUSTRALIA	4	33	256	12-	53+	47+	19-	37-	48+	33+	17-
35	37	Vladimiro GONZALEZ ZELAYA	MEXICO	4	32	259	52+	12-	29-	64+	18+	6-	40+	28-
36	46	Ngoc Cuong NGUYEN	LUXEMBOURG	4	32	255	11-	66+	19-	51+	41+	8-	47+	25-
37	57	Hatime ARAKI	MOROCCO	4	32	253	47-	23-	58+	44+	29+	12-	26-	56+
38	40	Sebastien KOCH	SWITZERLAND	4	31	249	15-	61+	26+	14-	36-	44+	37-	62+
39	29	Dimas CABRE CHACON	SPAIN	4	30	258	61+	5-	37+	20-	57-	54+	36-	43+
40	24	Rita POCSAI	HUNGARY	4	30	250	65+	63+	2-	16-	38-	56+	19-	45+
41	30	Gregor BUTALA	SLOVENIA	4	29	256	17+	6-	67+	32-	47-	43+	35-	42+
42	41	Daniel Jakadewa PUTRA	INDONESIA	4	28	256	54+	14-	25-	56+	46-	59+	32-	27+
43	44	Oeystein VESTGAARDEN	NORWAY	4	28	250	5-	64+	20-	57-	68+	40-	58+	47+
44	47	Noel MITCHELL	IRELAND	3	33	249	57+	16-	18-	48+	30+	23-	46-	44-
45	42	Vu Chung DOAN	VIETNAM	3	32	243	4-	62+	23-	66+	35-	63+	34-	30-
46	43	Roilan DE LA TORRE	CUBA	3	31	239	64+	15-	22-	62+	23-	30-	51+	29-
47	27	Jan BOGAERTS	BELGIUM	3	30	244	66+	3-	39-	54+	31-	52+	38-	41-
48	45	Ofer ZIVONY	ISRAEL	3	28	243	13-	65+	51+	11-	39-	26-	60+	24-

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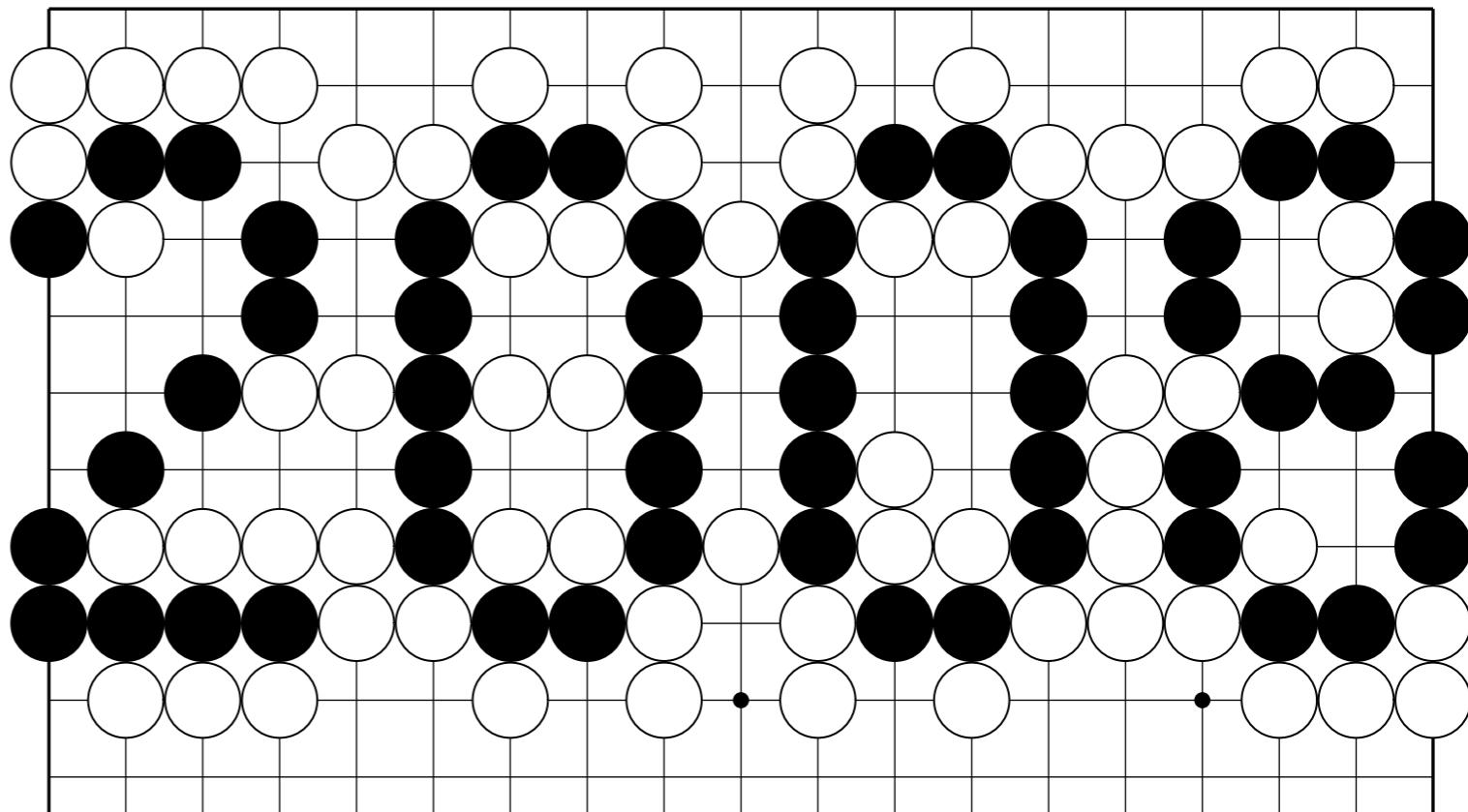
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57	53	Ignacio FACELLO	URUGUAY	3	22	217	31-	18-	62-	59+	54-	51-	67+	52+
58	55	Sebastian OYARZUN	CHILE	3	21	216	32-	20-	60-	68+	52-	58-	66+	64+
59	54	Cristovao OLIVEIRA NETO	PORTUGAL	2	27	219	41-	19-	61+	27-	53+	29-	56-	48-
59	64	Nicholas ROUSSOS	CYPRUS	2	27	219	43-	44-	50+	37-	62-	66+	28-	55-
61	52	Zoilo YANQUE	PERU	2	25	218	37-	17-	65+	38-	55+	27-	50-	53-
62	60	Elchin ALIYEV	AZERBAIJAN	2	25	214	35-	39-	55+	36-	48-	65+	45-	58-
63	59	Mandish SINGH	INDIA	2	24	210	28-	36-	56-	53-	65+	41-	61+	51-
64	61	Ashot MARGARYAN	ARMENIA	2	22	215	29-	40-	54-	67+	15-	49-	59-	68+
65	66	Svilen Stefanov PAVLOV	BULGARIA	2	19	206	27-	46-	68+	42-	63-	64-	55-	65+
66	67	Jose ROMERO	GUATEMALA	1	22	191	51-	48-	30-	61-	58-	68+	53-	63-
67	68	Carlos VEGAS	PANAMA	1	20	197	21-	49-	66-	55-	44-	67-	65+	61-
68	65	Krishna Gopal PRADHANANGA	NEPAL	0	19	198	24-	45-	52-	50-	59-	60-	68-	66-

Yilun Yang's 2008 New Year's Life and Death Puzzle

White to play.

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Nordic top 20 on the EGF rating list

(January 5th)

1	Su Yang	Lund Sweden	5D	2548
2	Michael Yao	Stockholm Sweden	6D	2545
3	Vesa Laatikainen	Helsinki Finland	5D	2533
4	Kasper Hornbaek	Copenhagen Denmark	5D	2524
5	Weiying Gu	Stockholm Sweden	5D	2520
6	Xiaoluo Qi	Göteborg Sweden	5D	2492
7	Jie-Lin Xia	Oslo Norway	5D	2489
8	Antti Törmänen	Oulu Finland	4D	2455
9	Martin Li	Borlänge Sweden	5D	2402
10	Matti Siivola	Helsinki Finland	5D	2393
11	Thomas Heshe	Århus Denmark	4D	2382
12	Pål Sannes	Oslo Norway	4D	2370
13	Kare Jantunen	Jyväskylä Finland	4D	2353
14	Lauri Paatero	Helsinki Finland	3D	2348
15	Morten Ofstad	Oslo Norway	4D	2345
16	Torben Pedersen	Copenhagen Denmark	3D	2344
17	Ulrik Bro-Joergensen	Copenhagen Denmark	4D	2343
18	Kari Visala	Tampere Finland	3D	2327
19	Jostein Flood	Oslo Norway	5D	2335
20	Jannik Rasmussen	Copenhagen	3D	2315

White 1 is the only move in this situation.

Black 2 is necessary, otherwise Black will lose the connection.

Black 4 is also necessary.

Black 6 is the correct move.

Black 8 makes eye-shape.

White must play at 9. It is a ko.

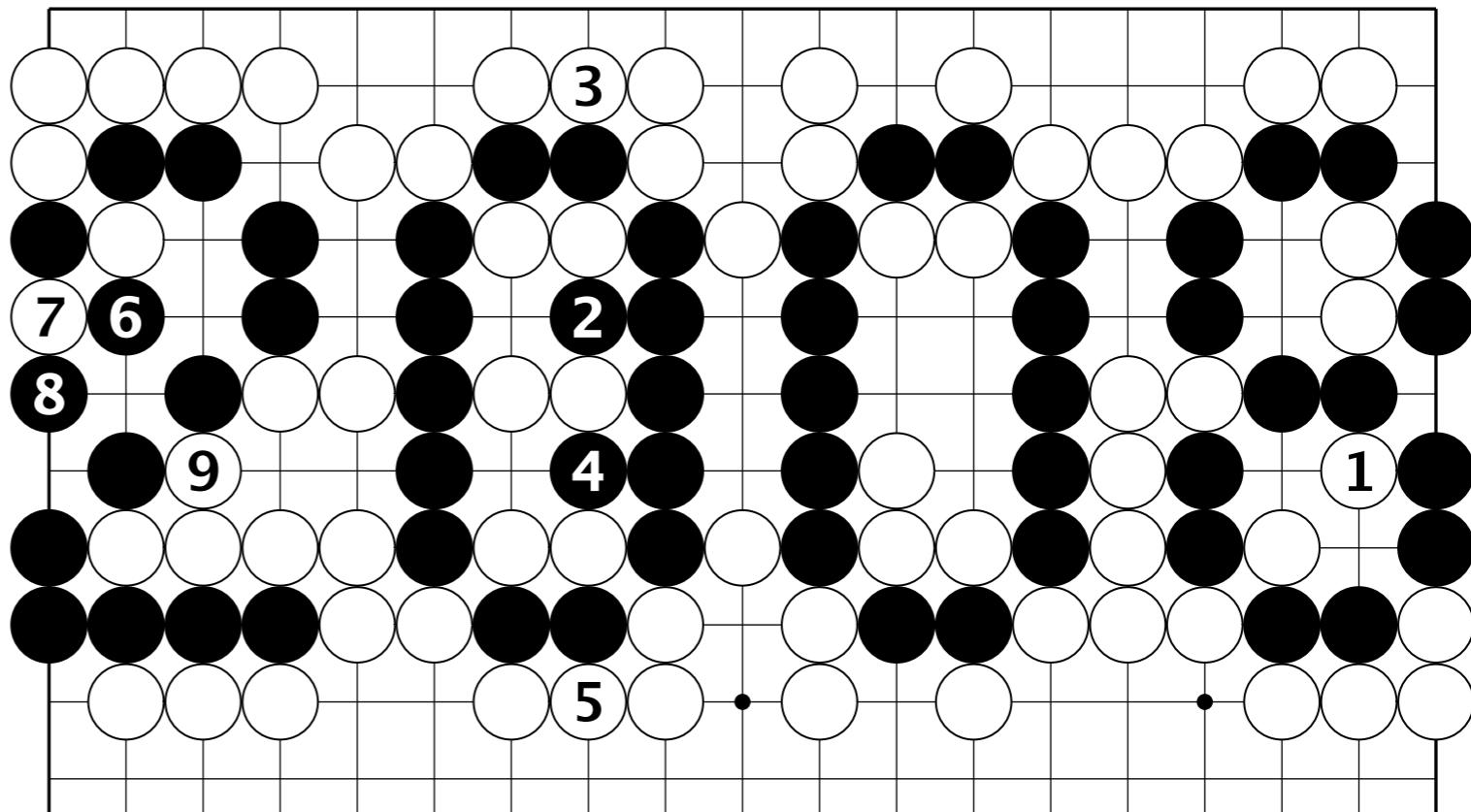
Nordic Go League under way

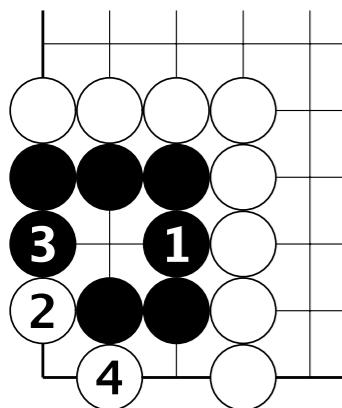
Pål Sannes

Rasmus Bisschop-Larsen from Copenhagen has initiated a new Nordic Go League, patterned from the very successful Deutsche Bundesliga.

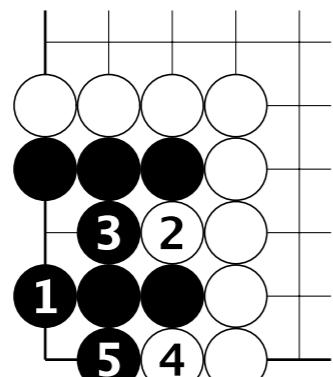
The League will consist of Nordic teams (clubs) which play each other on the internet (KGS), 4 boards on each team. A presentation of the project as well as detailed rules can be found at the web site <http://ngol.awardspace.com/index.html>.

The plan is to start the League in May, with registration until March 1st. If more than 8 teams sign up, there will probably be qualification matches to decide which teams will play in the 1st division. We strongly encourage clubs to set up teams! Perhaps it is even possible for clubs with few players to share a team with another club?

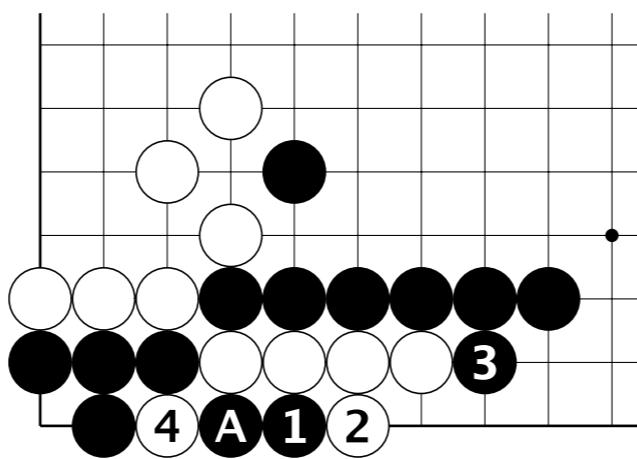




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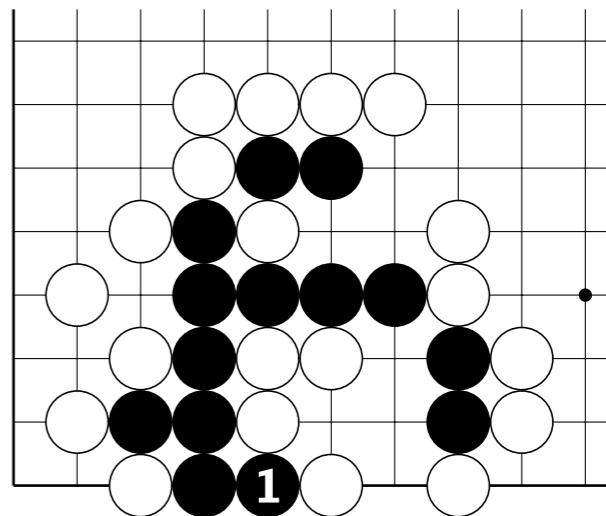


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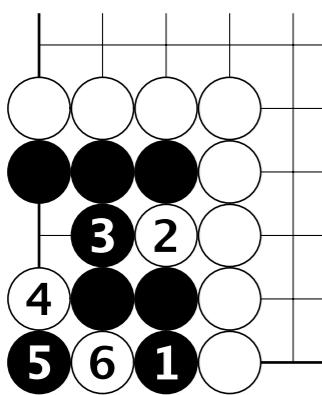


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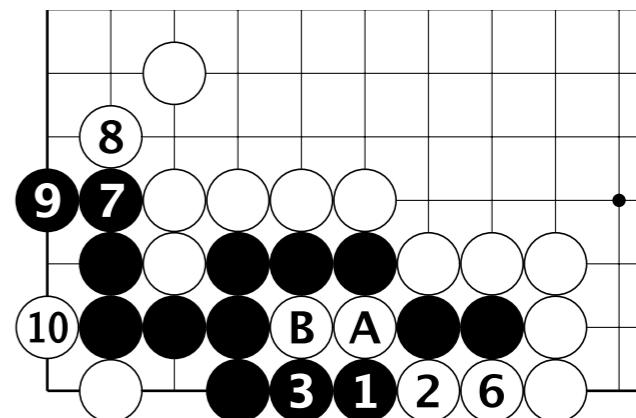
5 at A.



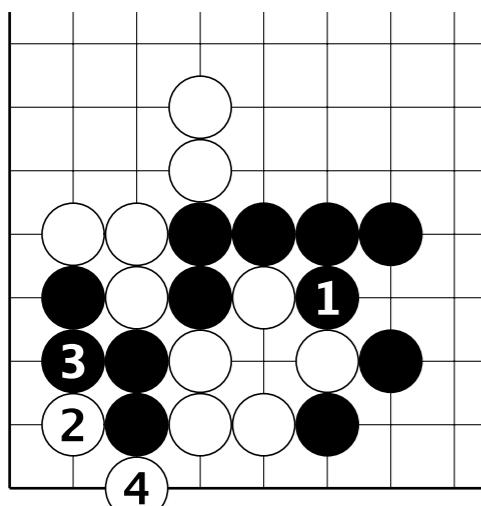
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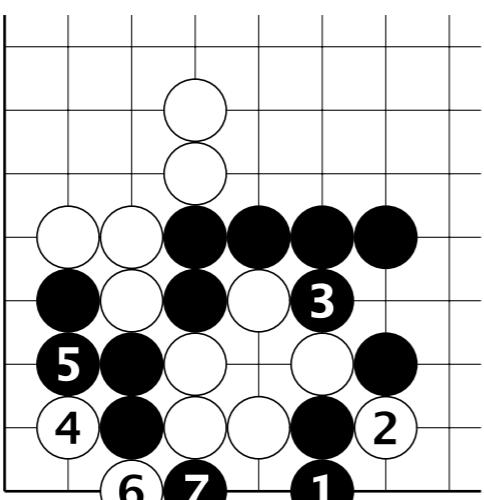
Variant 1 B



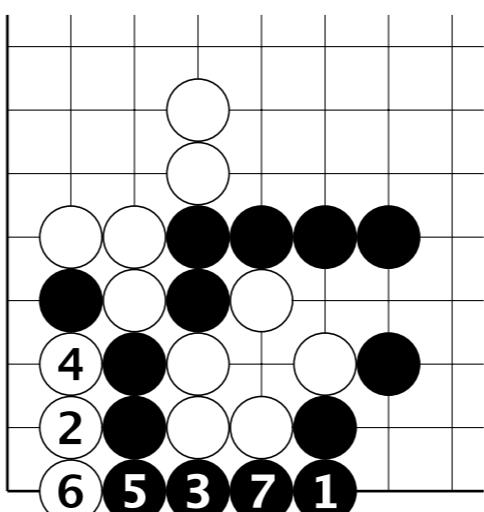
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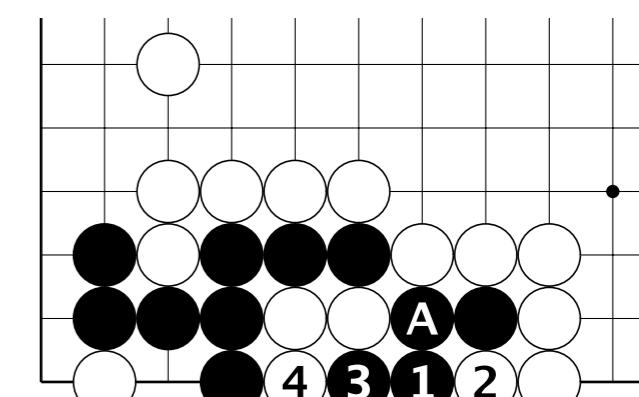
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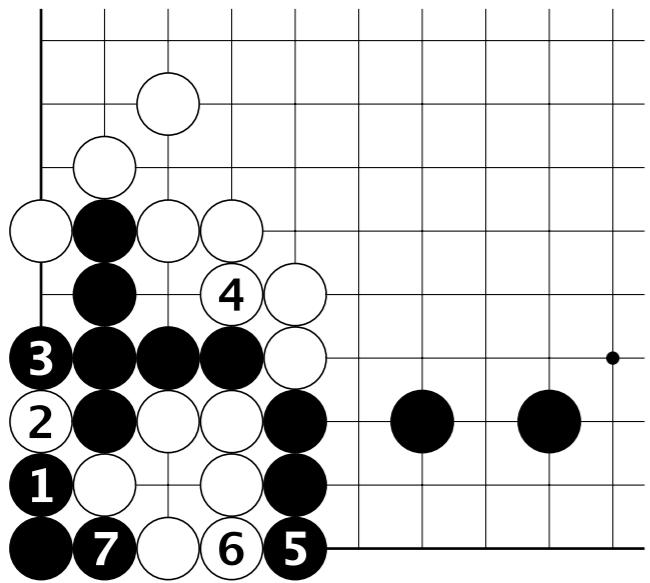
Lösning 5 A



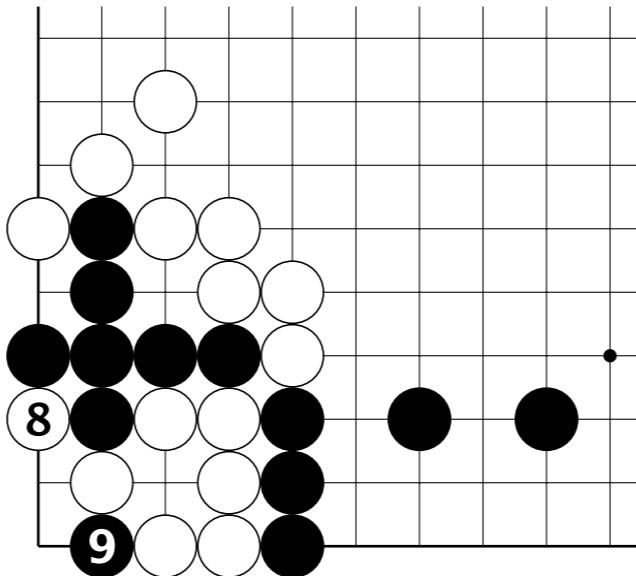
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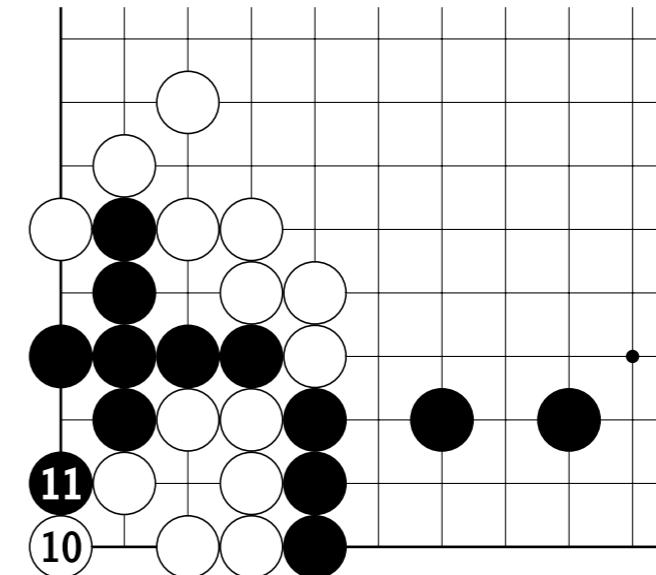
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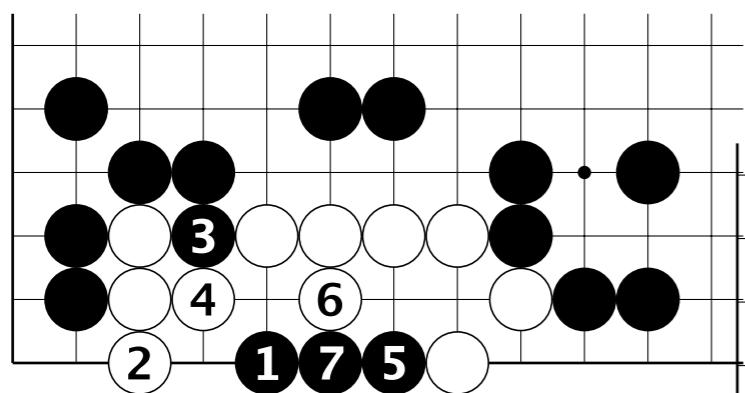
Lösning 6
drag 1 - 7



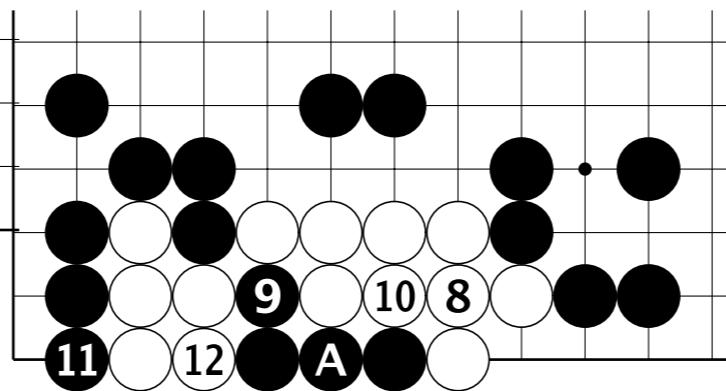
Lösning 6
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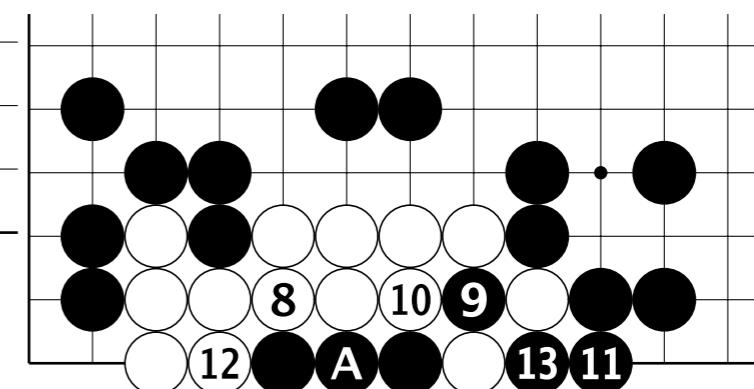
Lösning 6
drag 10 - 11



Lösning 7
drag 1 - 7



Variant 7
drag 8 - 14



Lösning 7
drag 8 - 14

Nordic Go Associations

Nordic Champion: Vesa Laatikainen 5d (2007)

Dansk Goforbund

Formand: Frank Hansen (frank.hansen@econ.ku.dk), sekretær: Lene Jakobsen, kasserer Per Marquadsen, Bestyrelsesmedlem Kjeld Pedersen Dansk Mester: (2007): Ulrik Bro-Jørgensen 4D

Go i Norge

<http://norway.european-go.org/>
President: Terje Christoffersen (terch2@online.no)
Kasserer: Øystein Vestgården
Norsk mester (2007): Morten Ofstad, 4d

Suomen go-liitto (Finska Goförbundet)

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Styrelse: Ordförande: Suvi Leppänen (suvi.m.leppanen@tut.fi)
Suomen Mestari (2006): Vesa Laatikainen 5 dan

Svenska Goförbundet

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Ordförande: Tomas Boman (tomas.boman@bredband.net)
Sekreterare: Henric Bergsåker (henricb@telia.com)
Kassör: Leif Pettersson
Koordinator: Mats Hjalmarsson (mohsart@gmail.com)
Webmaster: Peter Lundquist
Ledamöter: Andreas Ekelundh och Krister Strand
Svensk Mästare (2007): Michael Yao 5d, juniormästare Fredrik Blomback, snabbgomästare Peder Wiklund och pargomästare Liya Sang och Martin Li .

Number of players on EGF rating list

	Feb 2008	Changes since oct	Total count since 1996	New players since oct
Denmark	42	-1	110	4
Norway	39	±0	101	4
Finland	196	-35	517	13
Sweden	141	+4	471	16

Nordic Go Clubs

Danske goklubber

Edo Go Club

Kontakt: Lene Jacobsen, lene@jakobsen.dyndns.dk , +4545814895
Antal medlemmer: Juniorer 4, Voksne 15
Antal medlemmer på EGF rankinglista: 7.
Hemsida: <http://www.danskgoforbund.dk/edo>
Spiller hver onsdag 19.30-23.00 på Henrik Thomsens Vej 12, 3460 Birkerød

Københavns Go Klub

Kontaktpersoner: Brian Poulsen, brian@kgok.dk Torben Pedersen, torben@kgok.dk
Antal medlemmer: 20 Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 16.
Hemsida: <http://www.kgok.dk>
Spiller hver mandag aften på Mellemtoftevej 11 i Valby.

Odense Goklub

Kontaktperson: Michael Steffensen, tlf 66 12 62 16,
Spiller hver mandag kl. 18.30-22, fredag 15.00 - 18.00
i Bolbro Brugerhus, Stadionsvej 50, Odense.
Desuden spilles der handicapturning ca. en søndag om måneden.
Antal medlemmer på EGF:s rankinglista: 7
Hemsida: <http://www.OdenseGoKlub.dk>
Mail: formand@OdenseGoKlub.dk

Ringsted Goklub

Kontaktperson: Peter Andersen, 5752 7292

Sønderborg Go Klub

Kontaktperson: Kjeld Petersen, 7442 4138,
dsl222888a@post.cybercity.dk

Studentergaarden Go-klub

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Andreas S Harbsmeier (harbsmeier@studentergaarden.dk).

Århus Go Klub

Kontaktperson: Peter Brouwer, 82505793,
brouwer@worldonline.dk
Antal medlemmer på EGF:s rankinglista: 2
Hemsida: <http://home.worldonline.dk/brouwer/go/>

Finnish go clubs

Helsingin Go-kerho ry. (Helsingfors)

Kontaktperson: Vesa Laatikainen, +358-9-5482852,
vesa.laatikainen@teamware.com
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 100
Hemsida: <http://finland.european-go.org/helsinki>

Helsingin yliopistollinen go-seura

Kontaktperson: Deni Seitz, jrj_ylig@helsinki.fi
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 62
Hemsida: <http://www.helsinki.fi/jarj/yligo/>

Tengen (Jyväskylä)

Kontaktpersoner: Einari Niskanen
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 31
Hemsida: <http://www.suomigo.net/wiki/Tengen>

Kuopio Go Ballei

Antal medlemmar: 3
Hemsida: <http://www.cs.uku.fi/~vaisala/KGB.htm>
Antal spelare på EGF:s rankinglista: 5
Totalt antal från Kuopio på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 10

Oulun Goonpellaajat (Uleåborg)

Kontaktperson: Tiia Kekkonen, +358-44-5573440,
tiikiki.fi
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 82
<http://www.suomigo.net/wiki/OulunGoonpellaajat>

PoGo, Otaniemi

Kontaktperson: Esa Seuranen, pogo@tky.hut.fi
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 50
Hemsida: <http://www.tky.hut.fi/~pogo/english/index.html>

Kanpai, Tampere (Tammerfors)

Kontaktperson: Markku Jantunen, 040-5214206,
markku_jantunen@yahoo.com
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 67
<http://www.suomigo.net/wiki/Kanpai>

Turku Hayashi (Åbo)

Kontaktperson: Jaakko Virtanen, 050-360 36 49,
jaolvi@utu.fi
Antal medlemmar på EGF:s rankinglista: 69
Hemsida: <http://vco.ett.utu.fi/hayashi/>

Norske go-klubber

Oslo Goklubb

Kontaktperson: Pål Sannes, pal.sannes@met.no
Antall medlemmer: 20,
Antall spillere på EGF:s rankingliste: 31
Totalt antal från Oslo på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 77
Hjemmeside: <http://foreninger.uio.no/go/>

Trondheim Goklubb

Kontakt: Robert Biegler, robert.biegler@svt.ntnu.no
Antall spillere på EGF:s rankingliste: 2
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 6
Hjemmeside: <http://www.pvv.org/~vlarsen/trhm-go/>

Svenska goklubbar

Ekebyholms Goklubb



Antal Medlemmar: 12
Kontaktperson: Anders Eriksson,
sea0@hotmail.com, mob. 076 2005014

Falun/Borlänge Goklubb

Kontakt: Johan Jacob Sporröng ,
Nedregruvvägen 23, 791 56 Falun
073-531 53 11 jsporrong@hotmail.com
Hemsida: <http://www.go.glory.eu.org>
Antal medlemmar: 12.
Antal spelare på EGF:s rankinglista: 8
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 16

Göteborgs goklubb

Kontaktperson: Urban Nilsson d7urban@gmail.com
Hemsida : <http://www.gbgo.nu/index.html>
Antal medlemmar: 14. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 29.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 59
Klubbmästare: Ulf Olsson 4d.

Härnösands go-klubb

Kontaktperson: Mats Wiklund, Artillerigatan 43, 871 52 Härnösand, Mobil: 073-998 58 48
Antal medlemmar: 13
Klubbens e-postadress: Harnosandgo@gmail.com
Hemsida: www.harnogo.com

Lidköpings goklubb

Kontakt: Johannes Karlsson,
johannes.karlsson3@comhem.se , 0510-21654
Antal medlemmar: 5 Antal 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
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Antal medlemmar: 38 Antal 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 utanför Zenithuset, eller om väderet är dåligt, i Café Java.
Klubbmästare: Tomas Boman 2d

Luleå gosällskap

Kontaktperson: Basti Weidemyr, 070-5806460,
basti@weidemyr.com
Hemsida: www.lulego.org/
Antal medlemmar: 7. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 11.
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 11.

Malmö / Lund goklubb

Kontaktperson: Carl Johan Ragnarsson, cjr@gongames.com
eller Daniel: coderboy@hotmail.com
Hemsida: <http://www.ekstrand.org/MalmoeGo/>
Antal medlemmar: 21. Antal 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 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: 28. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 49
Totalt antal på EGF:s lista sedan 1996: 111.
Spel: Onsd. 18.00-22.00,
Dragons Lair, Kungsholms Torg 8.
Spel: Sön. 14.00-18.00,
Dragons Lair, Kungsholms Torg 8.
Klubbmästare: Fredrik Blomback 2d

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://www.vgo.se>
Antal medlemmar: 17. Antal på EGF:s rankinglista: 10.
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Umeå goklubb

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info@umego.se
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Antal medlemmar: 13.

Östersunds goklubb

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

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