

European Pair Go Championships 07/04/06-09/04/06



A total of 42 pairs from 12 countries took part in the European Pair Go Championships held at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany.

The Grand Senate Hall provided a magnificent venue, with many people outside enjoying the warm spring sunshine on Unter den Linden, the famous street lined with baroque buildings and statues.

All the top board games were broadcast live on IGS-PandaNet. Go fans all round the world watched the best players from France, Germany, Hungary, Czechia, Russia and UK battling it out for the top spot. The size of the audiences of the games proved that Pair Go is very popular to watch, especially when it is on IGS-Pandanet (see <http://www.pandanet.co.jp/English/>).



(Above) Statue of Humboldt outside the Grand Senate Hall of the university

Berlin was an easy place to travel to by plane, train or road, being near to the centre of Europe.

Accommodation was provided at the Citystay Hostel, a short and pleasant walk from the venue, past the cathedral and old parliament building to Alexander Platz dominated by its TV tower. This provided a comfortable and inexpensive place to stay. In addition all official pairs (one per country) received a travel and accommodation grant thanks to sponsorship of IGS-PandaNet.



(Above) Citystay Hostel

Events were arranged for the two days before the tournament with Go teaching provided by Hwang In-Seong 7 dan from Korea, who is currently living in Berlin. He is 23 years old and was a Wonseng (Korean term for Insei) for 5 years and is very experienced in teaching Go. Besides he has acted as a commentator for the Korean Baduk Channel. He played simultaneous games and lectured on invasions, endgame and openings, in the University's Garderobe room, the world's largest cloakroom, perhaps. He was available all weekend to help analyse games, both in the Grand Senate Hall and in the separate analysis room.



(Above) Hwang analyses a game

The opening ceremony on the Friday evening was accompanied by a very delicious Japanese buffet provided by some local Japanese women. They continued to sell wonderfully tasty Japanese dishes at very reasonable prices all weekend, so very few wanted to go out on the town and eat some of the local German dishes. Those that did on the Saturday missed a fun evening of dancing to a local live music group.

The event finished early Sunday afternoon and had a relaxed schedule, so there was many chances to explore the historic centre of Berlin and see the Brandenburg Gate, the Sony Centre and Checkpoint Charlie or see the views from the TV tower.



(Above) View of the Grand Senate Hall

The tournament was played over six rounds, starting with one game on the Friday evening and ending with two on the Sunday. It was especially to see a lot of young people taking part, mostly in the large handicap group.

Champions with perfect 6 were Russians Natalia Kovaleva and Oleg Mezhov. Second on 5 were German players Daniela Trinks and Marco Firnhaber. Third on tie-break were the UK's Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. France (Marie-Claude Chaine and Pierre Colmez) topped the group on 4 wins, followed by Czechia and Hungary.



(Above) The Champions from Russia
(Below) Broadcasting France vs UK



Top teams of the handicap section were Germany's Wohnig and Lenz (with 5/6) and Mayrowski and Liedholz with (4/5).



(Above) Cocke of UK points out an error



(Above) Organiser Michael Marz plans the next pairings with Andreas Urban
(Below) Souvenir photo card being shown at prize giving ceremony



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Humboldt University,
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 Andreas Urban, Michael Marz)
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Results

Pl	Name	Str	Co.	MMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pt	SOS	SOSOS
1	Kovaleva/Mezhov	4d	RU	26	13+	8+	15+	4+	2+	7+	6	143	849
2	Trinks/Firnhaber	4d	DE	25	16+	10+	12+	5+	1-	4+	5	144	849
3	Regan/Cocke	3d	UK	25	14+	19+	4-	21+	5+	6+	5	140	846
4	Chaine/Colmez	4d	FR	24	22+	6+	3+	1-	9+	2-	4	146	846
5	Bernathova/Brunner	2d	CZ	24	20+	11+	7+	2-	3-	15+	4	144	832
6	Miskolczi/Csizmadia	2d	HU	24	25+	4-	13+	10+	14+	3-	4	141	836
7	Zaloudkova/Dach	2d	CZ	24	21+	9+	5-	28+	12+	1-	4	141	831
8	Simunkova/Kuzela	3d	CZ	24	29+	1-	9-	19+	16+	14+	4	140	833
	Ente/Voigt	2d	DE	24	26+	7-	8+	18+	4-	17+	4	140	833
10	Silber/Teuber	3d	DE	24	23+	2-	24+	6-	29+	13+	4	137	836
11	Healey/Macfadyen	4d	UK	24	24+	5-	18-	31+	22+	12+	4	135	827
12	Reimpell/Gawron	2d	DE	23	27+	17+	2-	15+	7-	11-	3	141	827
13	Ohlenbusch/Bluemel	1d	DE	23	1-	29+	6-	23+	21+	10-	3	139	836
14	Czaplik/Lubos	1k	PL	23	3-	30+	22+	17+	6-	8-	3	139	831
15	Sommerfeld/Palant	3d	EU	23	32+	27+	1-	12-	18+	5-	3	139	824
16	Bochaca/Cabre	1k	ES	23	2-	23-	26+	20+	8-	22+	3	138	825
17	Bergstrom/Akerblom	1k	SE	23	18+	12-	23+	14-	25+	9-	3	137	830
18	Lindemeyer/Marz	3d	DE	23	17-	32+	11+	9-	15-	23+	3	137	817
19	Conradi/Budahn	2d	DE	23	30+	3-	21-	8-	24+	25+	3	136	827
20	Smidova/Smid	5k	SK	23	5-	24-	29+	16-	30+	21+	3	133	831
21	Willaert/Ramon	1k	BE	22	7-	26+	19+	3-	13-	20-	2	140	821
22	Schmidt/Kettenring	1d	DE	22	4-	25+	14-	24+	11-	16-	2	138	830
23	Gierszewska/Malinowski	3k	PL	22	10-	16+	17-	13-	27+	18-	2	138	819
24	Saalmann/Beggerow	1d	DE	22	11-	20+	10-	22-	19-	31+	2	137	809
25	Ullrich/Gerlach	3k	DE	22	6-	22-	30+	27+	17-	19-	2	135	818
26	Hilpert/Ulbrich	5k	DE	22	9-	21-	16-	30-	33+	29+	2	132	813
27	Robotic/Smud	3k	HR	22	12-	15-	36+	25-	23-	30+	2	131	809
28	Ohlenbusch/Seitz	6k	EU	22	33+	31+	32+	7-	--	--	3	123	738
29	Wohnig/Obenaus	2k	DE	21	8-	13-	20-	32+	10-	26-	1	137	809
30	Skuppin/Kuehner	3k	DE	21	19-	14-	25-	26+	20-	27-	1	135	806
31	Baschinski/Schladitz	6k	DE	21	36+	28-	33+	11-	32+	24-	3	130	767
32	Griffiths/Atkins	2k	UK	21	15-	18-	28-	29-	31-	39+	1	128	745½
33	Gauthier/Knopke	6k	DE	21	28-	37+	31-	35+	26-	40+	3	123	661½
34	Trinks/Urban	6k	DE	21	--	36-	35-	--	37+	41+	2	114	614½
35	Wohnig/Lenz	8k	DE	21	37+	39+	34+	33-	41+	36+	5	113	602
36	Jendrzejewski/Selby	6k	UK	20	31-	34+	27-	37-	40+	35-	2	121	651½
37	Schellmoser/Frenzel	7k	DE	19	35-	33-	39+	36+	34-	42-	2	115½	575
38	Zanoba/Wohnig	15k	DE	13½	--	40+	42+	41+	--	--	3	54½	283½
39	Naguschewski/Schneid	13k	DE	12	41+	35-	37-	40-	42-	32-	1	79½	478
40	Schwiderke/Engelhard	20k	DE	6	42-	38-	41+	39+	36-	33-	2	48	451½
41	Galindo/Kristensen	19k	EU	5	39-	42-	40-	38-	35-	34-	0	49	433½
42	Mayrowski/Liedholz	24k	DE	4½	40+	41+	38-	--	39+	37+	4	24½	346½



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More photos at <http://www.govb.de/govbweb/epgc06/pictures.html>

World Pair Go Championships selection points after EYGC 2006

The countries from Europe likely to take part in WPGC 2006 are:

Bulgaria and Cyprus (having never been) and the following on points

France	219	Netherlands	185
Russia	206	Hungary	181
Germany	205	Sweden	169
UK	200		