

Updates

Competition Night 28 November, Clare Buttery

Winner (5/6) was Bob Connelly 2d with on 4.5 Andrew Simmons (15k) (bye in Round 1). On 4/6 were Alistair Turnbull (12k), Ukrit Mankong (3k), Stijn van Dongen (4d), on 3.5 Stephen Chester (10k) (bye in Round 1). On 3/6 were Will Brooks (1d), Jonny Evans (15k), on 2 Nick Krempel (1k), Nicholas Sofroniew (17k), Matthew Woodcraft (1d), Jonathan Medlock (9k), and Alex Hermes (11k). On was 1/6 David Belius (11k).

Spotlight on a visitor

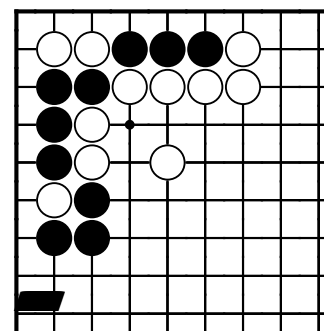
Robert Connelly, visiting the Cambridge Engineering Department from Cornell University, is known to geometers for his flexing polyhedron. It is an example found in the mid-1970s of a non-convex polyhedron that is not a rigid structure, which settled a question open since Cauchy in the early nineteenth century. Instructions on building one of your very own are posted at <http://www.math.cornell.edu/~connelly/Steffen.pdf>. For much more see his home page at <http://www.math.cornell.edu/~connelly/>.

East of England Geographic Go Gala

Paul Smith writes: The first ever UK Go Challenge Geographic Go Gala took place at Milton School, Cambridge on 27 November 2005. Thirty two children from the East Anglia area took part in a day of teaching and 13x13 competition. There were representatives from seven of the 10 school Go clubs in the region, plus the Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club. Best secondary school was The Norwich School and best primary school was Milton Primary. Under-18 champion was Will Brooks, under-15 was won by Luke Betts and under-13 by Matthew Harris. Oliver Robinson was under-11 champion, Aoife McCaul won the under-9s and Roella Smith the under-7s. Owen Walker was the best at the puzzle competition. Other prizes went to Alice Lincoln, Zai-Chen Lu and Hibiki Kono for 4/5 and to Christopher Russell, Christian Roberts, Hugh Simpson, Richard Engel, Sam Smith-Howell and Sam Holman for 3/5.

Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club 20th Championship

Paul Smith writes: The Go Shield competition to determine the champion Go player at Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club was held for the 20th time on 7 December 2005. The club has now been going for more than 11 years, and the Go Shield tournament is held twice a year. The winner this time with four straight wins was Owen Walker 20-kyu who ended Matthew Harris's run of 6 consecutive titles. Ilya Altschuler, Philip Sansom and Matthew Harris had three wins and Aoife McCaul had two and a half.



**Problem: Black to play
Result? See inside!**

*Go
meetings
around
town*

Mondays

Clare College
Buttery (Old Court,
near JCR) 8 pm to late

Wednesdays

Chess&Go junior club
Chesterton Community
College 6.15 pm to 7.45

Thursdays

University Centre Reading Room
(top floor) 7 pm to 9

Fridays

CBI cybercafé 32 Mill Road, 7 pm to 9

Sundays

at CBI from about 4 pm

And at other times informally in CBI

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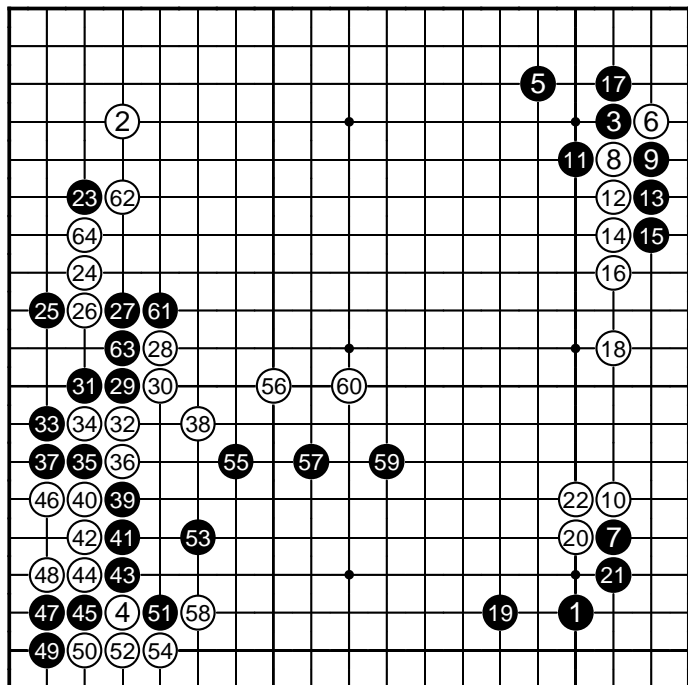
**Happy New Year at the
LOGC**

Performances at the London Open, in the final days of 2005, should herald a good 2006 for Cambridge. Nick Krempel of Trinity College, officially 1 *kyu*, entered at 1 *dan* under the tweak-ing system and held his own with 4/8. And Will Brooks, heading for AS-levels this summer at Hills Road SFC, had six wins to finish ahead of established UK players. More inside.

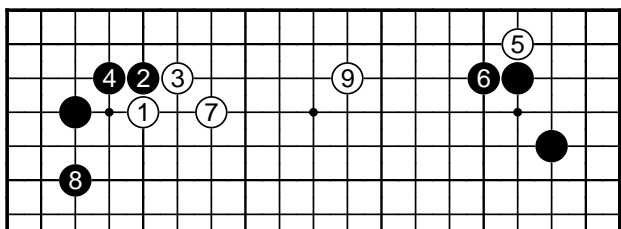
The Cambridge club's web
site is at [www.cam.ac.uk/
societies/cugos](http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cugos)

What the ****? Game from the London Open

This is the mysterious start of the game between London's Li Shen, the UK's top junior, and He Ben from Glasgow. Much to be learned.



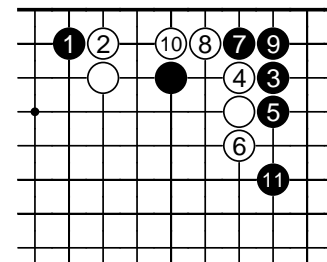
First problem is W6, and early probe; which is unconventionally ignored (B7, reasons of fighting spirit).



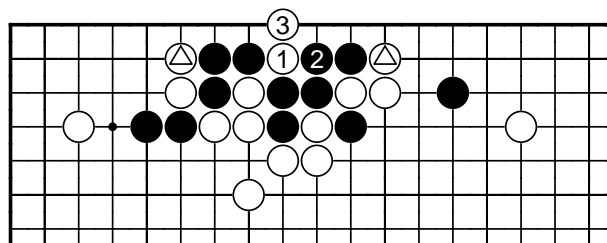
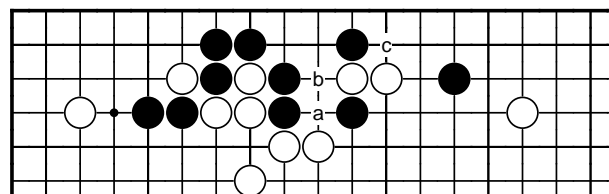
The players were thinking of this type of sequence, known in pro go for about 15 years, with the dart to W5. But the game goes one better.

Note also B19. Black refuses to put too many stones on the right side.

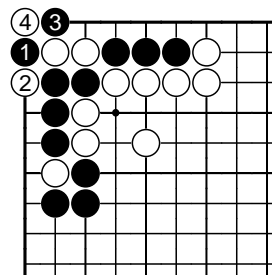
Black 25 seems odd, no doubt. But if White just answers with 2 in the diagram, Black can over-concentrate White by invading the corner. Strong player hate this kind of outcome, being pushed around. Again the 27/28 exchange is about not following orders.



Then the flurry of plays on the left revolves in a complicated way about the cutting point *a*. If White *a*, Black *b* is likely, when White would want to play at *c* in sente.



With the marked stones added, there is a 'secret' play White 1. The remaining lower left corner position is known from the avalanche opening.



Front page problem

After Black 1, White 2 is required. If Black takes it, Black is short of liberties in the corner when White plays at 3. Therefore Black at 3 is necessary, and it is *ko* after White 4.