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**EARLY EJ DEADLINE!** The deadline for submissions for next week's E-Journal is this Friday, April 10; all reports and photos must be in by 6P to make the 4/13 issue.

**PRINCETON TROUNCES RUTGERS IN FIRST-EVER INTER-COLLEGIATE MATCH:** Longtime rivals Princeton and Rutgers now have another field of competition. Princeton prevailed, 20 games to 7, when the two Ivy League schools squared off yesterday in what may have been the first-ever face-to-face intercollegiate go team match in the United States. The format, devised by Rob Muldowney of Rutgers, divides 9 players per side by strength into 3 flights of 3, using a round robin within each flight for a total of 27 games. The format rewards depth as well as strong top players. Players must be current students, graduate or undergraduate. The Princeton team dominated the top flight with Zhaonian (Michael) Chen 7d backed up by Calvin Lee 5d and Zi Chen 2d winning seven out of a possible 9 games. The Rutgers team was led by Eric Lin 4d and Kevin Kim 2d. Kim won the final game of the match, a long, close-fought battle against Zi Chen. Both players finished with less than 2 minutes on their clocks, which used Fischer timing, 30 min reserve and 15 seconds per move. Rutgers eked out a win in the bottom flight, 5 games to 4, but Princeton's strong middle flight of all low-single-digit kyu players swept all 9 games against their less experienced Rutgers opponents. "The first college football game, in 1869, was also played between Princeton and Rutgers," notes Rick Mott. *Photo: at left: Zhaonian (Michael) Chen, Zi Chen, and Calvin Lee (Princeton), play Eric Lin & Kevin Kim (Rutgers) in the top flight during Round 3. photo by Rick Mott.*

**CHEN YAOYE TAKES FIRST GAME IN TIANYUAN:** [Chen Yaoye](#) 9P (r) defeated [Tianyuan](#) (J: Tengen) title holder and number one Chinese player [Gu Li](#) 9P in the first game of their best-of-three-game title match on April 1st. Chen is famous for being the youngest player ever to be promoted to 9P and is still a teen. Gu has held this title for the last six years. Chen played Gu in the finals of the international [LG Cup](#) in 2006, but Gu won that one 3-2.

**GERMANY: RADMACHER WINS CASTROP, 3-WAY TIE IN ERLANGEN:** Bernd Radmacher 5d (r) won the March 28-29 Castrop tournament in Castrop-Rauxel, Germany. Radmacher swept the 25th annual event 5-0, ahead of Fu Hui 4d and topping the 108-player field. In Barvaria, Germany, Andreas Götzfried 3d, Thomas Kettenring 3d and Martin Bergmann 4d shared top honors at the 23rd annual Erlangen tournament, held the same weekend with 34 players.  
- Peter Dijkema

**TAKAO SHINJI TO CHALLENGE FOR HONINBO:** [Takao Shinji](#) 9P (r) has won the [Honinbo League](#) with a 6-1 score and will try to take back the Honinbo title that [Hane Naoki](#) 9P took from him last year. Surprisingly, [Cho U](#) 9P, who held this title in 2003 and 2004, did so poorly in the League that he must play another game against [So Yokoku](#) 8P to decide who will be dropped from next year's League. Takao had held the Honinbo title for the previous three years. Last year is the only time Hane has won it.

**TAKEMIYA IN GOSEI SEMIFINALS:** Takemiya Masao 9P -- who is in his late fifties and not in his sixties as recently reported in the E-Journal -- has won his way into the semifinals of the Gosei tournament. He is also in the final tournament to determine the Oza challenger. He made it to the finals of the latest NHK Cup, but lost to Yuki Satoshi 9P.

**NEW INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY UNDERWAY:** A new international tournament, the [BC Card Cup](#), is now underway. Started with Korean sponsorship - there's a national Korean BC Card Cup - it's a relatively fast play event with one hour of basic time and 30-second byoyomi. BC Card is Korea's biggest credit card company, headquartered in Seoul, Korea; the "BC" stands for Bank & Credit. Preliminary rounds were held February 23-25, the tournament began on February 28 and the final will be a best-of-five match May 1-5. There are 54 players in the field, with ten seeded pros, including six Koreans and two each from China and Japan. The preliminary rounds to select the rest of the field were open to some amateurs. In the final event, the two seeded players representing Japan, [Cho Chikun](#) 9P and [Iyama Yuta](#) 8P, were Japan's only representatives. Taiwan also got two spots and the Chinese have nineteen players, while the Koreans have forty-one, including five amateurs (over 3,000 amateurs competed in qualifying tournaments). Two rounds and part of the third have now been completed. One of the amateurs won his first game, but lost the second. Cho Chikun lost his first game, but Iyama is in the third round. So far there are three Chinese and one Korean also in the fourth round. Two Korean women also got into the event: [Park Jieun](#) 9P lost her first game, while [Cho Hyeveon](#) 8P made it to the second round before losing. In other notable news, [Piao Wenyao](#) 5P of China knocked out [Lee Changho](#) 9P in the third round.  
- Bill Cobb

**GO IS ELEMENTARY AT SEDGEWICK:** Ninety young learners were introduced to go at Sedgwick Elementary School, in Cupertino, CA, as part of their Annual Discovery Day on March 31st. Four sessions of students attended the event, which was presented by Wenguang Wang, with assistance from Tao Li and Yanping Zhao. "In each of the half-hour sessions, the students learned some fun facts about go, the basic rules, and enjoyed playing several games," Wang told the E-Journal. "The teachers found go to be a great strategy game, and plan to have some equipment in the classroom so students can play often," he added. More photos can be seen [online](#). Free support for school based programs or demos is available from the [American Go Foundation](#). Not quite ready to dive in? Gauge local interest with the new AGF Sampler which includes a starter CD, a copy of The Way to Go, a cardboard playing set, and a copy of the AGF Newsletter.  
- Paul Barchilon, E-Journal Youth Editor. Photo: Yanping Zhao (l) and Wenguang Wang (r) teaching go at Sedgwick Elementary; photo by Ms. Yuzhuo He

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**IOWA TOURNEY RESCHEDULED:** The All-Iowa Tournament, originally scheduled for April 18, has been moved back a week to April 25 due to a scheduling conflict at the university. Email [cyclonego@iastate.edu](mailto:cyclonego@iastate.edu) for details.



**BOULDER KIDS GO CLUB TURNS FIVE:** The Boulder Kids and Teens Go Club celebrated its five-year anniversary over the weekend, with cake and ice cream, of course. The popular club is run by Paul Barchilon and David Weiss, and draws 20-30 people every Sunday at the public library in Boulder, CO. "There were only a few kids in the beginning, and it took us over a year to build up to a core group of ten kids," Barchilon reports. "Once we had critical mass though, the club became a lot more appealing to kids. We outgrew our spot in the Teen Art Space, and had to move to the much larger Creek Room. We have two 11-year-old three-dans now, and a full range of players and ages at the club. Having taught all of these kids to play from scratch, it is very gratifying to now be taking a handicap from some of them." Over the years, the club has received thousands of dollars in grants from the City of Boulder, "as well as generous support from the AGA and the AGF," Barchilon adds. The Library donates the space, and also helps out with party food and special events. "The Go Club has been one of the most successful programs to come out of our department,"

reports Children's Librarian Erin Rooney. Weiss also runs a popular youth go club at the Highlands Ranch Library in south Denver, which is now in its third year. Photo: at the Boulder Kids and Teens Go Club; photo by Paul Barchilon

**GO MACWORLD:** The March 31 Macworld published three articles by Kirk McElhearn on go, one playing go on the Mac, one on [SmartGo touch](#) for the iPhone, and one on [Tetsuki](#) (r) for the iPhone.

**POLL FINDS STRONG SUPPORT FOR ENGLISH GO CHANNEL:** The idea of an English-language World Baduk TV channel proved incredibly popular in a recent EJ poll, with 98.6% in favor. Four programming options were viewed as "Very Important," with game analysis getting 88% of the vote, top games receiving 80%, instruction 68% and international tournament games 59%. Go news was voted "Somewhat Important" by 83%.

The article also led to some lively discussion on [godiscussions.com](#), where some potential customers expressed a preference for streaming video rather than cable as a transmission medium. While the majority of fans said they were willing to pay \$4 a month or more - the most expensive option offered in the survey -- Chang Suk-hyun, the French producer who is developing this project, tells the E-Journal that he's concerned that the number of subscribers will not reach the level necessary to make the project financially viable. However, if Chang is able to find a sponsor, he says the project may move ahead. Meanwhile, a "fansubbed" video of Chinese pro Hua Yigang 9P commenting on a game between Lee Chang-ho and Cho Hun-hyun has appeared on YouTube. The 30-minute program, featuring the final showdown between these two go giants in the 2002 LG Cup, is broken into three ten-minute segments. According to remarks on [godiscussions.com](#), the author hopes to "kickstart a fansubbing community for go videos, similar to the ones we have for anime now." [Click here](#) for Part 1 and [Part 3](#) or [here](#) for the iPod/iPhone/iPod Touch/PSP version. [Click here](#) to learn more, and to contact the author if you're interested in helping with this project.

- reported by Roy Laird

#### GO QUIZ: Grumbling To Success

A few of you complained that "What shirt is my daughter wearing?" was an unfair question, but almost all of those who took the question seriously got it right. After confirming that the 4th Go Congress was in Berkeley, California, a quick internet search turned up the many lamentations about the closing of Cody's Books. For decades the store was a bastion of free speech on the famous Telegraph Avenue, its aisles serving as first aid stations for protestors, its display

Congrats to Herman Hiddema, this week's winner, selected from



windows defiantly advertising "The Satanic Verses" despite being firebombed. Those answering correctly.

**THIS WEEK'S QUIZ: VIRGINIA AGAIN:** When the 25th annual U.S. Go Congress is held this summer in Virginia, the Old Dominion will join several other states as a recidivist Congress host. Which of the following states has yet to hold its second Go Congress? Colorado, Massachusetts, Texas or Oregon? [Click here](#) to vote.

- Keith Arnold

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Contact Kent Secor at [kentsecor@yahoo.com](mailto:kentsecor@yahoo.com) (4/6)

**PLAYERS WANTED:** West Valley, UT: New club starting at Salt Lake County library; email Quinton Paul Ward at [neoappt@hotmail.com](mailto:neoappt@hotmail.com) for details. (4/6)

**STUDENTS WANTED:** Guo Juan's [Internet Go School](#) is currently accepting enrollment for group classes for the term beginning April 18th. Our students and teachers want to meet you! Our very experienced teaching faculty includes Guo Juan 5P, Mingjiu Jiang 7P and Jennie Shen 2P. (4/6)

**PLAYERS WANTED:** El Segundo, CA: Hoping to start an after work or lunch-time go club in the El Segundo Imperial Avenue area for employees of Boeing, Raytheon, DirecTV, etc. email [ElSegundo.Go@gmail.com](mailto:ElSegundo.Go@gmail.com) (3/30)

**GO BOOKS FOR SALE.** Steve Fawthrop is selling all his go books and magazines. This includes all books published in English from the late '60s to mid '00s (well over 200 titles), a complete set of Go World, and hundreds of other magazines and Japanese books. Log onto [GoDiscussions](#) and look for his posts under use "Dr Straw's Book Sale". If you have a specific book you are interested in you can leave a message for him there. Those which don't sell on [GoDiscussions](#) will later be offered on eBay. (3/30)

**PLAYERS WANTED:** Paris, France; The House Of Go: "Playing the game of go in calm, friendly atmosphere, over a cup of green tea in the heart of Paris." open every day. Contact: Xie Wei Dong 5me Dan [xie@noos.fr](mailto:xie@noos.fr) or [nvxxo@free.fr](mailto:nvxxo@free.fr) (3/30)

**ASSISTANT GO CAMP COORDINATOR WANTED:** The AGA Go Camp East is looking for an Assistant Coordinator for the summer of 2009. There is a small stipend for this position. For full details, contact David Dinhofer at [agagocampeast@usgo.org](mailto:agagocampeast@usgo.org) (3/30)

**PLAYERS WANTED:** Meadville, PA and nearby areas, contact Matt at [mltke431@hotmail.com](mailto:mltke431@hotmail.com) (3/23)

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**WANTED:** Online go experts for posting go servers news on GoSensations.com. Contact: Alexander Dinerchtein, [backpast@gmail.com](mailto:backpast@gmail.com) for discussing details and your benefit (3/16)

**STUDENTS WANTED:** Yuan Zhou 7d is currently accepting new students. He offers private lessons, group lessons in person or on the internet. If you are interested in becoming Yuan Zhou's student and/or taking lessons from him - especially if your rank is 9k and above - and if you are a serious go player who wants to learn, improve and enjoy go, contact him at [yuan.zhou@zhouyuan.com](mailto:yuan.zhou@zhouyuan.com) (3/16)

**YOUNG PLAYERS WANTED:** San Diego, CA: Hoping to start a go club in San Diego for young people. We would need a teacher and students! [inlandisle@gmail.com](mailto:inlandisle@gmail.com) (3/9)

**PLAYERS WANTED:** China: Beijing Go Club; info at <http://www.beijinggoclub.com> (3/2)

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