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Congress Schedule: Week at a Glance

Meals: Breakfast 7:30-9a, Lunch 11:30am-1p, Dinner 5:30-7p

Saturday, August 4

NO BREAKFAST

9:00a..... Int'l Go Symposium (see page 37 for full schedule)

10:00a..... Registration begins

NO LUNCH

12:00p..... Self Paired Tournament begins

3:00p..... Youth: Pizza Party

7:30p..... Opening Ceremony/Symposium/Keynote

11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 1

Sunday, August 5

9:00a..... Int'l Go Symposium (see page 38 for full schedule)
US Open Round 1

10:00a..... Game Analysis

1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls, Youth Analysis, Youth Lightning
Tournament (Youth Room)

2:30p..... Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament

3:00p..... Redmond Cup Round 1, Youth Simuls

3:30p..... Club Tournament

7:00p..... 13x13 Tournament, NAIM Round 1, SPO Round
1, Lectures & Simuls

11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 2

Monday, August 6

9:00a..... US Open Round 2

10:00a..... Game Analysis

1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls, Youth Analysis, Youth 9x9

2:00p..... Technology for AGA Volunteers

2:30p..... Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament

3:00p..... Hotta Yumi/Hikaru No Go Trivia Contest, Club
Tournament

5:00p..... Teacher of the Year Round Table

7:00p..... Lightning Tournament, NAIM Round 2, SPO
Round 2, Lectures & Simuls

8:00p..... Movie: *The Master of Go* (2006) (Washburn)

11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 3

Tuesday, August 7

9:00a..... US Open Round 3

10:00a..... Game Analysis

1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls

1:30p..... Youth-Adult Pair Go

2:00p..... Keith Arnold Kyu Killer Challenge, AGA
Tournaments Meeting

2:30p..... Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament

3:00p..... Redmond Cup Round 2, Youth Simuls, Club
Tournament

4:00p..... AGA Strong Players Meeting

7:00p..... Crazy Go, NAIM Round 3, SPO Round 3,
Lectures & Simuls

8:00p..... Asheville Pub Crawl

11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 4

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Meals: Breakfast 7:30-9a, Lunch 11:30am-1p, Dinner 5:30-7p

Wednesday, August 8

- 9:00a..... Day Off Tours
- 9:00a..... Die Hard Tournament
- 5:30p..... Down Home Carolina Dinner
- 7:00p..... Bluegrass on the Porch
- 11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 5

Thursday, August 9

- 9:00a..... US Open Round 4
- 9:30a..... AGA Pro Meeting
- 10:00a..... Game Analysis
- 1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls, Youth Relay Go, Youth Analysis
- 1:30p..... AGA Board Meeting
- 2:30p..... Youth 13x13; Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament
- 3:00p..... AGF Board Meeting, Redmond Cup Round 3, Youth Simuls, Club Tournament
- 7:00p..... Pair Go, Lectures & Simuls
- 8:00p..... Movie: *Spirited Away* (2001) (Washburn)
- 11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 6

Friday, August 10

- 9:00a..... US Open Round 5
- 10:00a..... Game Analysis
- 1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls, Youth Team Tourney
Future Congress Directors of America
- 2:00p..... AGA Development Meeting
- 2:30p..... Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament
- 3:00p..... AGA Membership Growth Meeting, Club Tournament
- 4:00p..... AGA Web Meeting
- 7:00p..... NAIM Round 4, SPO Round 4, Lectures & Simuls
- 8:30p..... Friday Night Campfire
- 11:00p..... Midnight Madness Round 7

Saturday, August 11

- 9:00a..... US Open Round 6
- 10:00a..... Game Analysis
- 1:00p..... Pro Lectures, Simuls, Youth Simuls
- 2:00p..... AGA General Assembly Meeting, Self Paired Tournament Ends
- 3:00p..... Youth: Pizza Party, Youth All Stars
- 7:00p..... Awards Banquet

Sunday, August 12

- 8-11a..... Check-Out/Shuttles to Airports



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Korea Amateur Baduk Association

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome back!

We are deeply honored (and maybe a little crazy) to have the opportunity to once again host the Go Congress amid the



natural beauty of the Appalachians, here in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Our greatest challenge has been trying to exceed our successful Go Congress here in 2006. Part of our attempt at meeting this challenge was bringing the first ever Pro Certification Tournament here, as well as the first ever International Go symposium in North America.

Another way of meeting the challenge of exceeding 2006 is our attempt to create an environment and a week of events that will allow you to seek out your old friends, and make as many new ones as possible. For at the end of the day, that is what the Go Congress is primarily about – camaraderie.

We also hope everyone will agree that this is a fantastic setting to relax, get away, and delve into this game we all love. What better place than this mountain setting to challenge ourselves to climb that proverbial mountain that is the game of go? Whether you're in the foothills, upon the alpine green, or near the icy peak, we are all here to climb. There is always another step up, we are never at the top.

That is the beauty that is go.

- Paul Celmer & Peter Armenia

Location Quicklist

Main Playing Area - Ware Pavilion

9x9, 13x13, Lightning, Crazy Go, Die Hard, Midnight Madness, Pair Go Tournaments - - Main Playing Room (Ware Pavilion)

US Open Playing Area - Main Playing Area/Strong Players Room

US Open TD Office - Blue Ridge Center (Room 308)

North American Ing Masters/Strong Players Open - Strong Players Room (BRC Chapel)

Strong Players Room - Blue Ridge Center (Chapel)

AGA Meeting Room - Blue Ridge Center (Board Room)

AGA Office - Blue Ridge Center (Room 308)

Cafeteria - Blue Ridge Center (Downstairs)

Congress Office - Blue Ridge Center (Room 308) 919-809-7397

E-Journal Office - Blue Ridge Center (West Room)

Go Symposium - Washburn

Pro Lecture Rooms - Blue Ridge Center

Pro Simul Games - Main Playing Area

Vendors - Main Playing Area (Entrance)

Youth Room - Weatherford Lobby

Help Desk - Blue Ridge Center Lobby

There will be two main bulletin boards with the daily schedule and updates. One in the Blue Ridge Center Lobby, and one in the Main Playing Area Philosopher's Lounge. Please check these bulletin board daily for changes and updates to the schedule.

Meals: All meals will be in the Blue Ridge Center cafeteria on the lower floor in the Blue Ridge Center. Meal times are:

Breakfast: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Dinner: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Internet Access: There is free WiFi in the Blue Ridge Center lobby and most of the building. There will also be WiFi in most of the lobbies of all the residence buildings.

Smoking and Alcohol Policy: Smoking is not allowed inside any building, including the dorms, or any of the front entrances to buildings. Please only smoke outside rear entrances or in the parking lot; many of these buildings are wooden and registered historic buildings. Anyone found smoking inside any buildings will be asked to leave the Congress. Alcohol is not allowed on-site. What happens in your private rooms, stays in your private rooms.

Parking: Free and plentiful.

Transportation: Airport Shuttle: Diamond Executive Transportation Service at 828-281-8139.

Top-Board Game Broadcasts: The American Go E-Journal

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will once again broadcast top games in the North American Ing Masters (NAIM) tournament each evening (7-10P) and the US Open Tournament (9A-12P), as well as selected games from other tournaments. You can **watch the live broadcasts online on KGS**; the game records will be posted online (www.usgo.org) and selected game records will be attached to the daily Congress editions of the E-Journal (free sign-up at www.usgo.org).

Live commentaries will be **in the Blue Ridge Center lobby at 7pm**, or watch them online on KGS.

Game recorders: if you're interested in being a game recorder, please see EJ Managing Editor Chris Garlock in the E-Journal office or email journal@usgo.org

Recreation/Other

Tai Chi: At 6A each morning at the tennis courts, EJ Managing Editor Chris Garlock will lead an informal 30-minute practice session of the first third of Yang Style tai chi; no experience necessary. journal@usgo.org if questions.

Tennis: From 6:30-7:30A (or so), and afternoons from 2-4P (or so) Garlock welcomes anyone who wants to play tennis. Bring your own racquet & balls! journal@usgo.org if questions.

Soccer: Each afternoon from 4P on, Terry Benson will coordinate soccer matches.

Swimming: Pool is open to all attendees, 1-6 daily. Just down the hill from Ware Pavilion.

Weight Room: Weights and exercise equipment available throughout the day in the lower level of Washburn.

Crafts: The craft room in the lower lever of Washburn is open every afternoon.

See the daily schedule for details on all the above, and watch for Twitter updates on @gocongress



Congress Directors 1985-2012

- 1985 *Westminster, Maryland* **Haskell Small**
1986 *Seattle, Washington* **Chris Kirschner**
1987 *South Hadley, Massachusetts* **Bill Saltman**
1988 *Berkeley, California* **Ned Phipps**
1989 *Rutgers, New Jersey* **Paul Matthews**
1990 *Denver, Colorado* **Ulo Tamm**
1991 *Rochester, New York* **David Weimer**
1992 *Salem, Oregon* **Jean DeMaiffe**
1993 *South Hadley, Massachusetts* **Micah Feldman**
1994 *Washington, D.C.* **Ken Koester & Haskell Small**
1995 *Seattle, Washington* **Chris Kirschner**
1996 *Cleveland, Ohio* **Harold Lloyd & Duane Burns**
1997 *Lancaster, Pennsylvania* **Samuel Zimmerman**
1998 *Santa Fe, New Mexico* **Grant Franks**
1999 *San Francisco, California* **Michael Bull & Ernest Brown**
2000 *Denver, Colorado* **Stu Horowitz**
2001 *York, Pennsylvania* **Keith Arnold**
2002 *Chicago, Illinois* **Robert Barber**
2003 *Houston, Texas* **Mike Peng & John Eckelkamp**
2004 *Rochester, New York* **Gregory Lefler**
2005 *Tacoma, Washington* **Steven Stringfellow**
2006 *Black Mountain, North Carolina* **Peter Armenia & Paul Celmer**
2007 *Lancaster, Pennsylvania* **Peter Nassar & Chuck Robbins**
2008 *Portland, Oregon* **Peter Freedman & Akane Negishi**
2009 *Washington, D.C.* **Todd Heidenreich**
2010 *Colorado Springs, Colorado* **Karen Jordan & Ken Koester**
2011 *Santa Barbara, California* **Lisa Scott & Andrew Jackson**
2012 *Black Mountain, North Carolina* **Peter Armenia & Paul Celmer**



Professional Go Players

The Go Congress is honored by the presence of professional players from around the world who have graciously offered to come and share their knowledge and insights into the game of go. Professional players are not just very strong players - they are players who have dedicated their lives to studying and teaching the game. There is no more effective means of improving one's play than to pay attention to the advice of a professional.

LECTURES, SIMULS & ANALYSIS: Professional players will provide lectures, game analyses, and opportunities to play simultaneous games throughout the week. See the Congress schedule for the general schedule. Lectures are open to all registered players but you **MUST** sign up for simuls; no-shows will be replaced by alternates after a 5-minute grace period.

PRIVATE LESSONS: Some professional players are available for private lessons. Ask our Congress Staff for more information.

GAME ANALYSIS: There will generally be pro analysis sessions open to all registered players, In the morning following the US Open and in the afternoon as well, at which a professional player

SIMULTANEOUS GAME ETIQUETTE

- When the pro approaches your board for the first move, **it is customary to bow.**
- **Do not delay your move.** When the pro comes around to your board, make your move.
- **Do not play your move before the pro arrives.** It is rude to make the pro find your move.
- **Do not discuss your game** (or anything else) with the bystanders. Give the game your full attention, as a sign of respect for the pro.
- **Resign when the game is lost.** In a high handicap game, that means that you should resign when the game becomes close, because you are not going to win without an advantage. Please resist the temptation to play the game out until the bitter end.
- **Quietly thank the professional, and clear off the board before you leave.**

The event director reserves the right to terminate any games that are clearly lost. Please help us avoid having to do this.

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will comment on a game that was played in one of the Congress tournaments. Comments may be limited to openings or cover entire games, depending on the inclination or judgment of the professional commentator. Players of all strengths are welcome to volunteer their game records for analysis, providing that the records are easily decipherable.

8-ON-1 SIMULTANEOUS GAMES: There will be afternoon and evening sessions of 8-on-1 simultaneous play with the professionals, open to all players. Players must sign up in advance for these sessions; signup sheets will be posted the evening before. As a matter of courtesy to your fellow Congress participants, please do not sign up for more than one game until after Tuesday; if you have not gotten a game by Thursday and want one, please let the staff know, and we will give you priority. It is your responsibility to be in the appropriate area before the session is scheduled to start. If you are not seated by the appointed time, you will forfeit your place to an alternate. You may not save a seat for a late player.

PRO CLINICS: Interested top-rated players (priority by strength for this event only) are invited to participate in pro clinics. You will be organized into six person study groups. You will meet four afternoons with professional players. In order to participate, a player must be willing to attend all four sessions. A different pro will be scheduled each day. In return for the privilege of participating in these clinics, each player may be asked to give some teaching games to kyu-level players sometime during the week.

3-ON-1 TEACHING GAMES: Each dan level player is eligible for one 3-on-1 teaching game. Please do not sign up for more than one game. As this is a more serious teaching experience, and the professional can play sitting down, players enjoy greater latitude with respect to the rate of play. Lost games should still be resigned so that time remains for comments on each game.



Feng Yun 9P

New Jersey, USA

DOB: Oct 2, 1966

Coaches: Huang Jinxian 6p, Nie Weiping 9p

Feng Yun is a former women's world champion, and one of only a few female 9-dans in the world. She was a member of the China national team for two decades, and now lives in New Jersey where she teaches over 100 students weekly in her go school. She also teaches online private lessons and group workshops in the United States and China. Her goal is to promote go and in particular to establish the educational value of go in the minds of Americans."



Liang Weitang 9P

China

DOB: 1963

China Shenzhen Qiyuan Coach;
Learned to play go at 10 in 1973;
1986: took 6th at the China National Championship; 1987: 2nd in the China National Championship; 1994 Xinrenwang Champion; 1995 China Weiqi Guosou 2nd place; 1999 professional 9-dan.



PANDANET

Professional Go Player Bios

Myung-wan Kim 9P

California, USA

DOB: 1978

1994 - Became professional 1 dan;

1998, 1999 and 2002 - Runner

Ups(Second Places) of BC Card

Rookies Cup; 2004 - Baduk League

Bohae Team 3rd player; 2005 -

Samsung Cup Quarter Final; 2007

- Became 8 dan; 2008 to 2010 - Won

US Go Congress; 2009 - Became 9

dan. Current - Korea Go Ambassador

to the US Assigned by KBA, Chairman of Pro-system Committee in AGA.



Yilun Yang 7P

Los Angeles, CA

DOB: 1951

Became a professional go player in

1966; Studied on the national team

of China in 1973-1978; Coached

Shanghai professional team in 1979;

Chief instructor of America Go Insti-

tute since 1987. He has many internet

students, holds frequent workshops

around the country, and has published

many books.



MingJiu Jiang 7P

California, USA

DOB: June 15, 1957

1987 professional 7-dan; 2006 North

American rep to the 19th World Cham-

pionship--Fujitsu Cup and the 3rd

Toyota & world Oza Cup; 2007 won

the First N.A. Ing Masters Champion-

ship; 2008 N.A. rep to Fujitsu Cup, 4th Toyota & Oza Cup and

6th Ing World Cup; 2010 N.A. rep to 8th Chunlan Cup. Moved to

the U.S. in 2000; has been teaching go for more than 25 years

to both children and adults. ZhuJiu (Jujo) Jiang 9P is his younger

brother. More information at <http://www.gomasters.com>



Professional Go Player Bios

Na Jong-Hoon 7P

Korea

Maeda Ryo 6P

Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

DOB: March 8, 1972

Master: Sato 9P

Became professional shodan in April 1991; earned 6P rank in May 2000.



Jianyuan Luo 5P

China

DOB: 1953

1982 professional 5 dan; popular

Weiqi commentator in China



Guo Juan 5P

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Professional 5d from China, Guo lives in Amsterdam and in Montreal, Canada. She teaches go on and off-line worldwide. She created an audio go lecture site with more than 800 lectures. Check her website for details: <http://internetgoschool.com/> During the Congress she will give many lectures and also do group lessons.



Jennie Shen 2P

Santa Barbara CA

Born in 1971 in Sichuan, China, she learned go at the age of 9 and became professional when she was 15. She made professional 2 dan in 1989 and has been teaching go since 2002. She came to the U.S. in 2007 and gives individual lessons, group lessons and audio lectures on KGS.



Professional Go Player Bios

Ching-Yu Chen 2P (right)

Taiwan



Zi Yang (Matthew) Hu 1P

California, US

Cathy (Chen Shuo) Li 1P

Vancouver, BC, Canada

DOB: 1974

Master: Bai Rui Qiu; Received 1 dan professional rank in 1988 in China.

Two years later, she joined the Shanghai Go team and trained there for years. Moved to Canada in 2008 and began teaching go in Vancouver. Coached the Canadian team in the 1st World Mind Sports Games. In 2010 she represented North America in the Bingsheng Cup, a new international women's tournament.

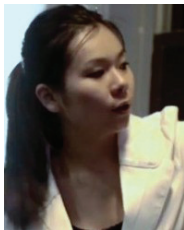


Mingming Yin 1P

US

Studied with Nie-Weiping 9P, Yu-Bing 9P and others; achieved professional status in 2007 and recently began studies in New York. Accomplishments include Champion of the 2012 Young Kwon National Online Tournament, Champion of 2011 Strong Player's Open, 27th US Go Congress, 2011 US Open Tournament

4th Place, awarded the title of National Leading Athlete upon validation of such qualifications—General Administration of Sport of China, March 19, 2009, Women's Group 6th Place - The "Chinese Temple Resort Cup" National Go Tournament for Individual Players, September 25, 2008.



Shirley (Xuefen) Lin 1P

US

Learned go at age 11 and obtained 1-dan professional rank in China in 1992. She played and excelled in numerous regional and national professional tournaments in China from 1985 thru 2001 by representing Guangdong Province Professional Go Team. She taught go at Nanjing University from 1998 to 2001. Moved to the US in 2001. Won the Cotsen Cup Championship in 2003, and the US Open Championship in 2005.



Anna Liu 1P

Clarksville, TN

Studied go from the age of 8 and became a professional shodan in 1982. Won the Women's Go Championship in the 8th Hubei Provincial Games in 1990. Won the Women's Championship in the Jiuzhitang Cup in 1992. Became a full-time go coach in 1995 and developed many students as professional go players in China, including the famous female player, Gui Ye 5P, who won a national championship in 2003. Graduated from Wuhan Institute of Physical Education. Wrote a series of go instructional materials and published a go textbook and a research journal paper. Immigrated to US in 2008.



Nam Chi-Hyung 1P

Korea

Chihyung Nam is a professional Baduk player in Hankuk Kiwon (Korean Baduk Association) and a professor in the Department of Baduk Studies in Myongji University of Korea. She is the author of Jungsuk In Our Time (2000) and Contemporary Go Terms (2005), and wrote the "Baduk, Made Fun and Easy" column for the Korea Times.



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TOURNAMENTS: *tournaments are open to all players except as noted. Prizes and certificates are awarded in almost all tournaments. AGA rules are the default rules unless the event specifically calls for a different set of rules.*

U.S. OPEN TOURNAMENT (Rated)

Tournament Director: Karoline Burrall; Assistant TD: Bob Bacon

Description: A six-round, Swiss-McMahon tournament, one round per day. The tournament is composed of many sections based on entry rank. Players who wish to play in the Open section must have an AGA rating of 7.0 or higher, or the permission of the directors. The player with the highest score in the Open section will be declared the new US Open Champion.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: All rounds begin at 9:00 AM.

Round 1, Sunday, August 5th; Round 2, Monday, August 6th; Round 3, Tuesday, August 7th; Round 4, Thursday, August 9th; Round 5, Friday, August 10th; Round 6, Saturday, August 11th.

Sections: Sections may vary in size depending on the number of players of each rank participating. All players who have an AGA rating are required to enter at a rank consistent with their latest AGA rating. Exceptions will be allowed only with the explicit approval of the Tournament Director (TD). Players who do not have AGA ratings must enter at a rank approved by the TD.

Registration: Players in the US Open should confirm their participation upon check-in to the Congress. If you change your mind about participating, or if you did not confirm your registration, you must see one of the TDs by 9:00 PM Saturday, August 4th. Late registrations will be not be accepted. If you are experiencing travel delays, please call the Karoline Burrall at **(919) 809-7397** by 9:00 PM Saturday night. Otherwise, you will not be able to play in the first round of the US Open.

Byes: If you are registered to play but wish to skip any game of the tournament, be sure to request a "bye" from the tournament directors before 6:00 PM the day before the round you will miss. Every year, unexpected events cause players to miss one or more rounds. If you must miss a round, or leave the tournament before Round 6, please tell the TD as soon as you can. If you forget, or just leave, your opponent will have no game to play

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and would be justified in being upset with you; furthermore, you will forfeit your game. Please be courteous to your potential opponents and inform us of your plans ahead of time.

Time Limits: For the top sections (4 dan and above), the basic time limit is 120 minutes. For all other players, the basic time limit is 90 minutes per player. If players with differing time limits meet, the longer allowance is used for both players. The overtime allotment will be 5 periods of 30 seconds each. See the section on Rules, Regulations, and Etiquette for a further explanation of overtime.

Handicaps: In most sections players will have similar ranks and games will be even, with a compensation to white (komi) of 7.5 points. In the lower kyu sections the TD will assign handicaps based on band differences, not rating difference. In handicap games, komi for white is 0.5 points.

Sealed Moves: Either player may request an adjournment for lunch after 12:00 before his/her turn. The player who is to move seals the next move in an envelope and stops the clock, and play is suspended. The envelope is left with the TD along with the time adjourned. The adjournment will last for 60 minutes. To encourage promptness, if a player has not returned at the end of the adjournment period, his/her clock may be restarted by the TD.

NORTH AMERICAN ING MASTERS (Rated)

(Invitational)

Tournament Director: Steve Burrall

Description: Sponsored by the Ing Foundation, this pro-am tournament brings together 32 players from North America to compete in person at the US Go Congress for significant prizes. The tournament will begin on Sunday afternoon when the bottom 16 players will play a single elimination format to select 8 players. These 8 will then join the top 8 who are automatically seeded into the main body of the tournament, which is a 16-player 4-round Swiss tournament. For selection criteria, eligibility requirements, prizes, standings, and tournament goals, please refer to www.usgo.org/tournaments/ING/

Location: (Strong Player's Room)

Schedule: Round 1, Sunday, August 5th, 7p; Round 2, Monday, August 6th, 7p; Round 3, Tuesday, August 7th, 7p; Round 4,

Friday, August 10th, 7p

Time Limits: 90 minutes per player, 5 overtime periods of one minute each.

Rules: Ing playing rules, Ing counting, Ing compensation of 8 points for white.

Prizes: \$3,000 in prizes have been generously provided by the Ing Foundation.

Commentary: Professional players will analyze selected games during each round.

Game Recording: The Congress welcomes volunteers to act as game recorders during the tournament. See Chris Garlock in the EJ Team Room to volunteer.

STRONG PLAYERS OPEN (Rated)

(Invitational)

Tournament Director: Steve Burrall

Location: (Chapel Room, BRC)

Description: This tournament provides a forum for strong players not qualified for the NAIM Tournament to compete in a high-level tournament in the evening. The Strong Players' Open is a 16 person, 4 round Swiss tournament. There are no membership or residency requirements.

Registration: All players must be rated 4 dan or higher. All players must have registered before arriving at the US Go Congress, and are invited based on AGA rating.

Schedule: Rounds begin at 7p all days; 4 rounds: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

Time Limits: 90 minutes per player, 5 overtime periods of one minute each.

AGA Rules: 7.5 komi, pass stone.

It is now Congress policy that NO personal tournament equipment (i.e., board, stones, bowls, clocks) shall be used for the US Open except in the event that there is a shortage of equipment. PDAs may be used for recording games, but personal computers will not be allowed if they cause any crowding of the playing area.

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CONTINUOUS SELF-PAIRED TOURNAMENT

(Rated)

Tournament Directors: Jim Levenick

Description: The Self-Paired Tournament will consist of any self-paired games played during the Congress that both players want the AGA to rate. You may play any other registered Congress player. The AGA will rate a maximum of three games between any one pair of players. Play as many games as you like, any time during the week.

Location: Games may be played anywhere.

Schedule: All games must be completed and results reported between 12p, Saturday, August 4 and 12p, Saturday, August 11.

Time Limits: Either player may request the use of a clock. If a clock is used, time limits are set by mutual agreement but must be a minimum of 30 minutes per player and overtime of five 15-second periods. (We suggest that 45 minutes basic time is most in keeping with the spirit of this tournament.) Any deviations must be approved by the TD.

Pairing: Opponents are self-paired. Any pair of opponents may play a maximum of three games with each other. Games between opponents with ranks differing by more than 9 are not allowed. Be sure to agree to the conditions of play before you start. For example, if you are frustrated by slow play, use a clock. **Ratings:** Players begin the tournament on August 4th with their AGA rating. Players who have no AGA rating will begin at the rating corresponding to the middle of their stated ranks. (For example, a stated rank of 3 dan corresponds to a rating of 3.5.) Each morning, updated ratings will be posted based on the previous day's results from the US Open and Self-Paired tournaments. Please check both your rating and your results for accuracy.

Disputes: Try to avoid disputes as much as possible! Remember that tournament rules apply and take them seriously. The rules themselves allow for resolution of most disputes by continuing play. If a serious disagreement arises that the players cannot resolve on their own, they may consult the tournament director or some other agreed authority (for example, kyu players may abide by the opinion of a strong dan level player), but this should be a last resort.

Handicaps: Handicaps are derived from the number of rating

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points separating the two players, according to the following chart:

Rating Difference	Handicap
0.0 to 0.5	7.5 points komi
0.6 to 1.5	0.5 komi
1.6 to 2.5	2 Stones
2.6 to 3.5	3 Stones
3.6 to 4.5	4 Stones
4.6 to 5.5	5 Stones
5.6 to 6.5	6 Stones
6.6 to 7.5	7 Stones
7.6 to 8.5	8 Stones
8.6 and over	9 Stones

Please be sure to use this chart with your exact rating to calculate the handicap; do not just go by the difference of your ranks.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to players for the following prize categories in the Continuous Self-Paired Tournament:

Champion: greatest excess of wins over losses.

Hurricane: greatest number of wins.

Dan Killer (AKA "Giant Killer"): kyu player who wins the most games against dan players.

Kyu Killer (AKA the "Keith Arnold"): dan player who wins the most games against kyu players.

Grasshopper: most rating increase during the tournament.

Straight Shooter: the most victories against players of consecutive ranks (based on ranks stated on name tags). For example, victories against a 3 dan, a 1 dan, a 1 kyu, a 2 kyu, and a 3 kyu would total a straight shooter score of 4.

Dedicated: most games played.

Sensei (AKA the "Teacher"): most games against weaker players

Faithful: smallest rating change.

Philanthropist: most losses.

Optimist: largest rating decrease.

There is no need for players to keep track of their progress in various categories to determine their eligibility for prizes; the TD will take care of that for you.

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WEDNESDAY DIE HARD TOURNAMENT (Rated)

Tournament Director: Andy Olsen

Description: 4-round, Swiss McMahon system, 1-day tourney

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: Wednesday, August 8

Round 1 9a; Round 2: 10:30a; Round 3: 2p; Round 4: 3:30p

Time Limits: 45 minutes per player, 5 overtime periods of 20 seconds each.

Rules: Chinese (area) counting will be used.

Handicaps: Most games are even. In the lower kyu sections, the TD will assign handicaps as appropriate to compensate players for being matched "out of band", based on band difference, not rank difference.

U.S. PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIP (Unrated)

Special thanks to the Japan Pair Go Association and the World Pair Go Association

Tournament Director: Todd Heidenreich; Assistant TD Jesy Felliccia

Description: Team tournament with teams made up of one male and one female. The players may not consult with each other during the game. Formal or semi-formal dress is encouraged.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: 7p, Thursday, August 9.

Time Limits: 45 minutes per team, no overtime.

Handicaps: No handicap for the top-seeded teams playing for the trip to Japan. All other teams, handicaps are based on the difference in the average team strengths.

US WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Rated)

Tournament Director: Lisa Scott

Description: The 3rd annual Women's Tournament is a four round handicap tournament which allows female go players to meet and play each other in a fun and competitive environment. Tournament subdivisions will be based on the number and rank of participants. This tournament is not automatically rated, but players are welcome to submit their games as they would for a self-paired game. We have consistently had enough players to have two kyu and two dan brackets, and are hoping to have even more this year! Pairings will be posted and games will begin each tournament day at 1p, although participants are wel-

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come, with the permission of the TD and their opponents, to play at any other time during the course of the day. For those who provide email addresses, pairings will also be delivered by email. Participants are welcome to mark the results of their games on the pairing sheet or to email the TD directly.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: All rounds begin at 3:00 PM. Round 1 Sunday, August 5; Round 2 Monday, August 6; Round 3 Tuesday, August 7; Round 4 Thursday, August 9

Alternate times may be arranged with the agreement of both players and the TD, but each game must be finished on the assigned day.

Time Limits: 45 minutes per player, 3 overtime periods of 30 second each.

LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Keith Arnold

Description: Round-robin in groups of 6, with playoff rounds between table winners.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: Monday, August 6, 7:00 PM. Table winners will have a playoff on a later day (to be determined by the TD) under a knockout format to determine overall dan and kyu champions.

Time Limits: 10 minutes per player, no overtime.

9X9 TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Nader Goubran

Description: 5-round round-robin in groups of 6, with a playoff between table winners.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: Saturday, August 4, 9:00 PM. Table winners will have a playoff on a later day (to be determined by the TD) under a knockout format to determine the prize-winning champion.

Time Limits: 15 minutes per player, no overtime.

Handicaps: A handicap table will be posted prior to tournament start.

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13X13 TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Jim Hlavka

Description: 5-round round-robin in groups of 6, with a playoff between table winners.

Location: Main Playing Area (Ware Pavilion)

Schedule: Sunday, August 5, 7:00 PM. Table winners will have a playoff on a later day (to be determined by the TD) under a knockout format to determine the prize-winning champion.

Time Limits: 15 minutes per player, no overtime.

Handicaps: A handicap table will be posted prior to tournament start.

WISONET CUP STATE TEAM GO TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Ronghao Chen

Description: Six states (NJ, NC, CA, NY, VA, MD) have been invited to send teams to this tournament. Each team will be 5 players (3 dan players, 2 kyu players) in seats 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, seated strongest to weakest, with one alternate player. The round robin tournament will be 5 rounds in the afternoons beginning at 2:30pm. Seat 1 of a team will play against his/her counterpart seat 1 of another team, seat 2 vs. seat 2, etc. If any player is not able to play a round, their seat will be played by the alternate player. In order to win a round, at least 3 of a team's players must have won their games for that round against the opposing team. All games will be played AGA rules (7.5 komi, pass stone) with time controls of 50 minutes basic time plus byoyomi.

Location: Heaton Hall

Schedule: 5 rounds at 2:30 PM. Days TBA

KEITH ARNOLD KYU KILLER CHALLENGE (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Peter Armenia

Description: Take a shot at the infamous Kyu killer Keith Arnold in this 20 on 1 simul spectacle! Ten 1-5 kyu and ten 6-10 kyu players will be chosen to play by sign up sheets that may appear any time on Sunday or Monday. Purple shirts to the vigilant kyus who can beat this guy.

Location: Blue Ridge Center Lobby

Schedule: Tuesday 2:00

Time Limits: Simul etiquette, you move when the Kyu Killer approaches, or you are OUT!

Handicaps: Appropriate for you and a 4 dan based on your rating.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS (Rated)

Tournament Director: Darrell Speck

Description: Why sleep when you can play go? Midnight Madness is a rated tournament with games beginning every night at 11pm, starting on Saturday.

Schedule: Every night from Saturday to Friday. Nightly registration at 10:45, Madness begins at 11. Players can join at any round.

Time Limits: 45 minutes main time, 5 periods of 10 seconds byo-yomi.

Handicaps: Handicaps will be set by the TD as appropriate.

Rules: AGA rules will be used. All disputes will be resolved by the TD.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the top players in 3 or 4 divisions. Must play in at least 5 rounds to qualify.

CRAZY GO (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Terry Benson

The name says it all. Every variation on Go you ever thought of, and many you haven't are available for your amusement and befuddlement.

Schedule: Tuesday night

Location: Ware Pavillion

CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Directors: Haskell Small & Rachel Small

Description: Any go club can field three players as a team.

Clubs may enter more than one team of three. Each match will be three against three, with full handicaps up to nine stones. The team that wins two or three games wins that round. The winner of the tournament will be determined by single team elimination.

Location: Main Playing Area

Schedule: One round each day at times to be mutually agreed by the competing teams members. Pairings each day will be posted on the kiosks.

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Registration: Sign up at the kiosk by Sunday night.

Time Limit: time limit follows Self-Paired tournament rules (not US Open). And, if mutually agreed, game can count for self-paired tourney also.

REDMOND CUP (Rated)

(Invitational)

TD: Paul Barchilon

Description: The Redmond Cup is the longest-running youth tournament in the US. There are two separate divisions: Junior (under 12) and Senior (under 18). Participants play by invitation only. Finalists are selected by their performance in the internet qualification tournament. The finalists will play in best-of-three playoffs this week to determine the champions of the Junior and Senior Redmond Cups.

Location: Strong Players Room (Chapel Room)

Schedule: All rounds begin at 3:00 PM, and will be held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Time Limits: One hour per player.

Rules: AGA; the time is 1 hour + 5 of 30 byo yomi.

Prizes: \$1,000 in prize money has been provided by the American Go Foundation.

YOUTH / ADULT PAIR GO TOURNAMENT

(Unrated)

Tournament Director: Paul Barchilon

Description: Similar to the Pair Go Tournament, but in addition to the gender constraints, one member of each pair must be a youth under 18 and the other an adult 18 or over.

Location: Weatherford Hall

Schedule: Tuesday, August 7, 1:30 PM

YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT (Unrated)

Tournament Director: Paul Barchilon

Description: Three-person teams will compete in this fast-paced event, just like in Hikaru no Go. Games will be handicapped by AGA rank, teams will be sorted by the average of their playing strength.

Location: Weatherford Hall

Schedule: Friday, August 10, 1:00 PM

YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program is designed to enhance the go playing skills of kids and teens. Fun mini-tournaments, with prizes, will be held every day. A number of professionals and strong amateur players will be on hand to instruct the youngsters on the subtle depths of the game in a fun and friendly environment. Professional game reviews and simuls will all be scheduled directly in the room. Youth who want to improve should plan on attending these events.

As some of these events will be taking place at the same time, players should review the weekly schedule and decide which activities they want to attend on each day.

The Youth Room will be held in Weatherford Hall, and will be open every day (except Wednesday) from 1:00 to 5:30 PM.

The Youth/Adult Pair Go Tournament will be held on Tuesday at 1:30 PM; please pre-register if possible. Try to find a partner by Tuesday morning if you want to compete.

Important Note to Parents

All afternoon youth activities will take place in the Youth Room. You are responsible for both dropping off and picking up your children at the Youth Room. The Youth Program can only be responsible for your children while they are in the Youth Room itself.

Non-go-playing children and parents are welcome to spend time in the Youth Room, but direct supervision for non-players will not be available.



Yunnan Arts

<http://www.yunnan-arts.com/>

Other Activities

Mountain Top Go

Getting outside and taking a hike is not only good for your body and mind, it can be good for your game as well. We are here to help! We have a go board, stones and sign-up book up on one of the surrounding peaks. Come to the Congress Help Desk for information on how to reach it, take a hike up the mountain with a game partner, play a game and record it, sign the sheet to prove you were there and record the result. Make it back down alive (don't worry the hike is not that bad) and we will set you up with a review session with a pro to go over your game!

Down Home Pig Pickin' and Blue Grass on the Porch

A special traditional Carolina dinner on Wednesday, followed by desert and live bluegrass on the Lee Hall porch with the band Buncombe Turnpike.

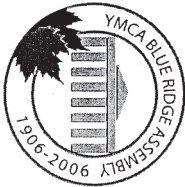
Friday Night Campfire

After the sun sets and you need a rest from a week of go, come out to the Whittington Amphitheater for a big campfire under the stars. Bring some marshmallows and those game records you really want to burn.

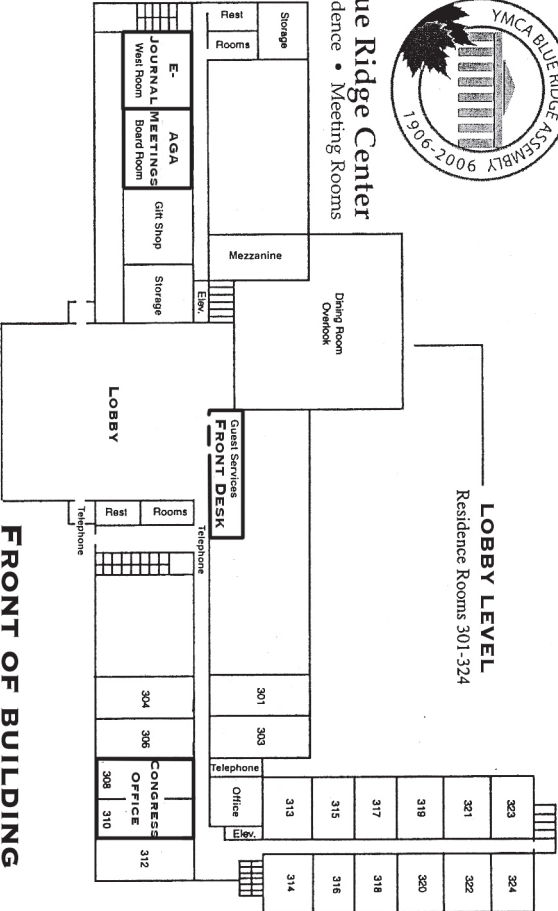
Movies

The Go Master (2006) - Biopic by director Tian Zhuangzhuang of the renowned twentieth century Go master Wu Qingyuan, better known by his adopted Japanese name of Go Seigen. The film, which premiered at the 44th New York Film Festival, focuses on the life of this extraordinary player from his meteoric rise as a child prodigy to fame and fortune as a revolutionary strategic thinker, as well as the tumultuous global conflicts between his homeland . The film also features a scene involving the famous "Atomic bomb go game." 8:00 Monday in Washburn.

Spirited Away (2001) - A Japanese animated fantasy-adventure film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki. The film tells the story of Chihiro Ogino, a sullen ten-year-old girl who, while moving to a new neighborhood, becomes trapped in an alternate reality inhabited by spirits and monsters. After her parents are transformed into pigs by the witch Yubaba, Chihiro takes a job working in Yubaba's bathhouse to find a way to free herself and her parents and escape back to the human world.
8:00 Thursday in Washburn.

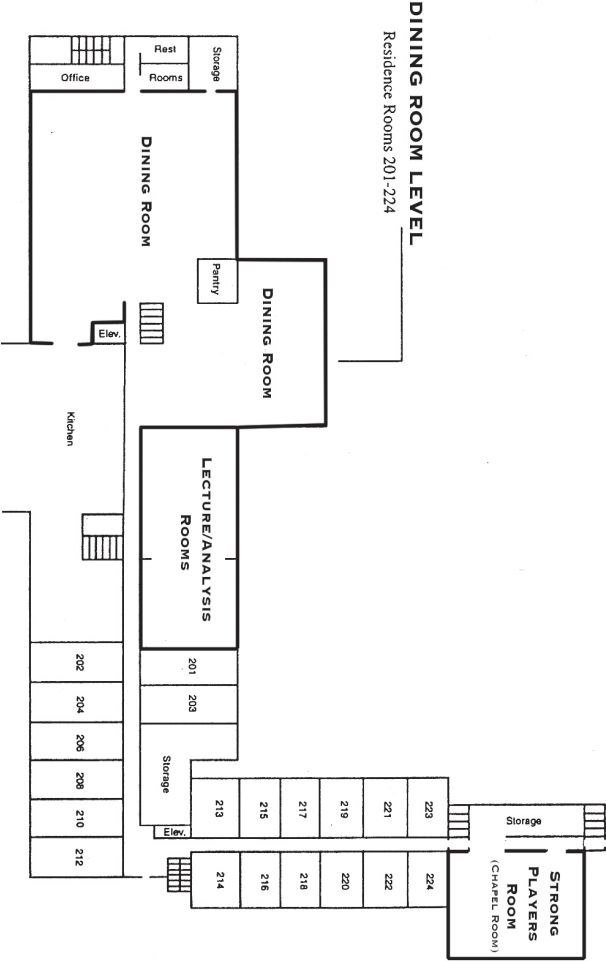


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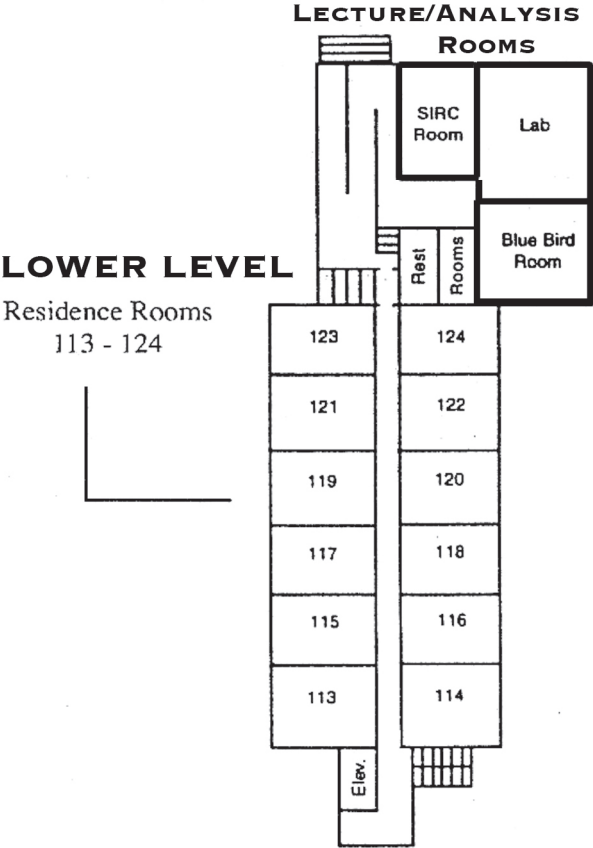


FRONT OF BUILDING

Maps: Blue Ridge Center Dining Room Level



Maps: Blue Ridge Center Lower Level



To sign up, see the sign-up sheets at registration or the Congress Help Desk.

Wednesday, August 8 is our “day off”. There will be no US Open game that day. Instead, there are a variety of activities on and off-site. For the dedicated player, there is also a full-day tournament called the “Die-Hard”. These activities are available to all registrants. If you have already registered, please sign in and select the activities you want to participate in.

http://www.gocongress.org/2012/activity_categories/3

Canopy Zip Line Adventure

An exhilarating zip line experience on a stunning piece of forested mountain property just north of Asheville. The course has one mile of suspended cable and features ten exhilarating zip lines (including one soaring 200 feet above the forest floor and one that is 1100 feet long), artfully-crafted platforms that nest seamlessly in large native trees, two rappelling experiences, two suspended sky bridges that span forest sections teeming with flora and fauna, and three short hikes. Guests will enjoy a thrilling ride while learning about local culture, history, the natural environment, and perhaps more about themselves.

Asheville On Your Own

Explore all Asheville has to offer at your own pace. From historic Art Deco architecture, arts and crafts of all tastes and budgets, to fine dining and funky sidewalk cafes. Mountain culture meets big city sophistication on the streets of downtown Asheville. We will provide morning transportation to central Asheville and an afternoon pickup returning you to the congress site, the rest is up to you.

Biltmore Estate

If you only had the opportunity to do one thing while in Asheville ... the magnificent beauty of Biltmore House, Gardens & Winery are revealed in this half-day tour. Your excursion includes a self-paced, self-guided tour of the restored rooms of Biltmore House, America's largest privately owned residence, acres upon acres of beautiful Gardens, and a tour of Biltmore's award-winning Winery followed by a wine tasting for guests 21 and older. This tour includes roundtrip transportation with professional tour guide, admission to the Biltmore Estate.

Day Off Tours

Whitewater Rafting

Whitewater river rafting is fast becoming a favorite activity for those visiting the Western North Carolina Mountains. No other sport combines teamwork, fun and outdoor adventure like a trip down the river. If your group is looking for a scenic and exhilarating adventure, this is the tour for you! Transportation will meet your group at the resort and transport you to an exciting and challenging raft trip through the Class I to III rapids of the French Broad River or Class I-IV of the Pigeon River (based on river conditions). Children must be eight years old to participate in raft trip. Please notify us if children are part of this program because parent or guardian will be required to sign waivers for youths under 18 years of age. This activity includes round-trip transportation, rafting, all necessary equipment, a guide in each raft, bottled water, and an all-inclusive lunch.

Crafts At Your Own Pace

No need to go anywhere. Stay on site and enjoy the extensive crafting room of Blue Ridge Assembly. The craft shop offers a place to experience the dignity of handwork through heritage crafts of the Appalachian mountains. People of all ages (children and adults) and ranges of abilities will find fun and enjoyment in the craft shop. There are many beginning level projects and activities as well as equipment and material for those with experience who have the time and inspiration to create a memory of the Blue Ridge and Go Congress experience.

Guided Waterfall Hike

The 10,000 acre Dupont State Forest is home to over 90 miles of trails leading hikers to beautiful waterfalls, tranquil mountain lakes, and rushing streams. On this moderate hike our friendly guides will take you to three of these splendid waterfalls (High Falls, Triple Falls & Hooker Falls). Two of these waterfalls were filmed in the movie *Last of the Mohicans*, a cinematographic masterpiece. Make sure to bring your camera because this location is truly a photographer's dream! This tour includes roundtrip transportation, licensed and certified hiking guides. Please wear appropriate shoes for moderate hiking.

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The annual Go Congress would be impossible to organize without the incredible support of dozens of dedicated volunteers; please join us in extending our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all of them!

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13x13 TD	Jim Hlavka
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Rules & Regs

The official American Go Association Rules of Go for amateur play are in effect at the U.S. Go Congress and are posted in all playing areas and posted online at <http://www.usgo.org/tournament-resources>

These rules are supplemented by the Official AGA Tournament Regulations governing time control, player conduct, the role of monitors, etc., which are also posted in playing areas and available online (see above).

If you have questions or concerns, please see a Tournament Director or Congress staffer

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Tournaments should be enjoyable for all.
- Please show respect for your opponent and other players at all times.
- Games should be won by superior talent and technique.
- Refrain from distracting behavior and noisemaking within the tournament rooms.
- If you wish to analyze your game with your opponent, please go to another room.
- Please show courtesy by arriving promptly for all events in which you participate.
- Report all results immediately after the conclusion of your games.
- Be courteous in defeat and generous in victory. Remember that you will have ample opportunity to be both during the week.
- Resign when you have clearly lost.
- Please make every effort to help players who are not native English speakers and who may have trouble understanding the Congress regulations and schedule.

Setting the Clocks: Ing Clocks

These instructions explain how to set clocks manufactured by the Ing Chang-ki Wei-Chi Education Foundation.

1. Open the lid on the top of the clock.
2. The Set/Run button must be in SET mode (down).
3. The BT/RS (Basic Time/Read Seconds) button must be in BT mode (down).
4. The On/Off button must be in ON mode (down). After the clock is turned on, the screens will be lit. After two seconds the clock will show 0:00.
5. To set the basic time, the large white button controls the hours and the large black button controls the minutes. Press these buttons until the proper numbers show. Holding the button down makes the numbers increase rapidly. If you pass the desired number you must go to the end and back around or turn the clock off and start over.
6. To set overtime (secondary) time, the BT/ RS button must be in RS mode (up).
7. The number of periods is controlled by the large black button and the number of seconds per period is controlled by the large white button. The Ing clocks will only do this type of secondary time. They cannot be set for Canadian style overtime (such as 20 moves in 5 minutes).
8. Now put the Set/Run button in Run mode (up).
9. Close the lid.

The clock is now ready to be used for timing the game. We recommend turning the volume down as far as possible.

Players press the large buttons to signal the end of a move; listen for the beep to be sure the clock has switched to the other side. By pressing the small black button, you can see how much time the other player has left. In an even game, white presses the large white button to start black's clock to begin the game. In handicap games, black presses the large black button after placing the handicap stones to start white's clock and begin the game.

If you need to pause the clock during the game (in case of some sort of dispute, for example), simply put the Set/Run button in Set mode (down). When ready to resume, return the button to Run mode (up).

SATURDAY, August 4

Check schedule boards or @gocongress on twitter for latest updates!

NO BREAKFAST

- 9:00a..... **Symposium:** Chen Zuyuan - History (Washburn)
9:45a..... **Symposium:** Jacques Basaldua - Computer (Washburn)
10:00a..... **Registration** begins (Blue Ridge Center)
10:30a..... **Symposium:** Peter Schumer - Teaching (Washburn)
11:15a..... **Symposium:** Israel Rodriguez Nava - Culture (Washburn)

NO LUNCH

- 12:00p **Self-Paired** begins (Everywhere)
1:00p..... **Symposium:** Bill Spight - Go Theory (Washburn)
1:45p..... **Symposium:** Francois van Niekerk - Computer (Washburn)
2:30p..... **Symposium:** Dalsoo, Kim - History (Washburn)
3:00..... **Youth Pizza Party** (Youth Room)
3:15p..... **Symposium:** Kyle Blocher - Go Theory (Washburn)
4:00p..... **Symposium:** Ichiro Tanioka - Origins of 19x19 Go-Boards
5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*
7:30..... **Opening Ceremony/Go Symposium Keynote**
 Address - Nolan Bushnell (Washburn)
9:00 **9x9 Tournament** (Main Playing Area)
11:00 **Midnight Madness** Round 1(Main Playing Area)

NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Be sure to watch for daily updates on the schedule boards in Blue Ridge Center and the Main Playing Area and via Twitter -- follow @gocongress.

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SUNDAY, August 5

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7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:55a.....**Daily Announcements**

9:00a.....**US Open Round 1** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)

9:00a.....**Symposium:** Thomas Wolf - Go Theory (Washburn)

9:45a.....**Symposium:** Chen Zu-yan - Poetry (Washburn)

10:00a.....**Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)

10:30a.....**Symposium:** Roxanna Duntley-Matos - Education and
Community Organization (Washburn)

11:15a.....**Symposium:** Peter Shotwell - History/Tibet/Vietnam

11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*

1:00p **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

Youth Game Analysis (Youth Room)

Youth Lightning Tournament (Youth Room)

Symposium: Marc Moscovitz - Film-China; Stephenie
Mingming Yin; Joshua A. Guarino; Peter Shotwell (Washburn)

2:30p..... **Symposium:** Hotta Yumi - Author of *Hikaru No Go*

Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament (Heaton Hall)

3:00p..... **Youth Redmond Cup Round 1** (Strong Players Room)

Youth Simuls (Youth Room)

Women's Tournament (Main Playing Area)

3:15p..... **Symposium:** Terry Benson - Rules/Attitudes (Washburn)

4:00p..... **Symposium:** Roy Laird - Education/Psychology/Art
Contest; Siddhartha Avila; Paul Barchilon; Peter
Freedman (Washburn)

5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*

7:00..... **13x13 Tournament** (Main Playing Room)

Pro Lectures (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

North American Ing Masters Round 1 (Strong Players Rm)

Strong Players Open Round 1 (Strong Players Room)

11:00..... **Midnight Madness Round 2** (Main Playing Area)

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MONDAY, August 6

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7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:55..... **Daily Announcements**

9:00..... **US Open Round 2** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)

10:00..... **Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)

11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*

1:00pm **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

Youth Game Analysis (Youth Room)

Youth 9x9 (Youth Room)

2:00..... **Technology for AGA Volunteers** (BRC - Board Room)

2:30..... **Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament** (Heaton Hall)

3:00..... **Hikaru Trivia Contest/Hotta Yumi autograph session**
(Youth Room)

Women's Tournament (Main Playing Area)

3:30..... **Club Team Go Tournament** (Main Playing Area)

5:00..... **Teacher of the Year Round Table** (BRC Board Room)

5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*

7:00..... **Lightning Tournament** (Main Playing Room)

Pro Lectures (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

North American Ing Masters Round 2 (Strong Players Rm)

Strong Players Open Round 2 (Strong Players Room)

8:00..... **Movie - The Master of Go (2006)** (Washburn)

11:00..... **Midnight Madness** Round 3 (Main Playing Area)

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In the Ware Pavillion

TUESDAY, August 7

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- 7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*
8:55..... **Daily Announcements**
9:00..... **US Open Round 3** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)
10:00..... **Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)
11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*
1:00pm **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)
 Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)
1:30..... **Youth-Adult Pair Go** (Youth Room)
2:00..... **Keith Arnold Kyu Killer Challenge** (BRC Lobby)
 AGA Tournaments Meeting (BRC - Board Room)
2:30..... **Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament** (Heaton Hall)
3:00..... **Youth Redmond Cup Round 2** (Strong Players Room)
 Club Team Go Tournament (Main Playing Area)
4:00..... **AGA Strong Players Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)
5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*
7:00..... **Crazy Go** (Main Playing Room)
 Pro Lectures (BRC Lecture Rooms)
 Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)
 North American Ing Masters Round 3 (Strong Players Rm)
 Strong Players Open Round 3 (Strong Players Room)
8:00..... **Asheville Pub Crawl** (Shuttle in front of Blue Ridge Center)
11:00..... **Midnight Madness Round 4** (Main Playing Area)



WEDNESDAY, August 8

Check schedule boards or @gocongress on twitter for latest updates!

7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

9:00-4:30.... **Day Off Tours** (Asheville and the beautiful NC Mountains!)

Tour Departure (Front of Blue Ridge Center)

9:00-5:00.... **Die Hard Tournament** (Main Playing Area)

11:30-1:00...*Box Lunch*

5:30-7:00.... *Special Down Home Carolina Dinner*

7:00..... **Live Bluegrass and Desert** (Lee Hall Porch)

8:00..... **Movie: Spirited Away** (2001) (Washburn)

11:00..... **Midnight Madness** Round 5 (Main Playing Area)



Korean Baduk Association

THURSDAY, August 9

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7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:55..... **Daily Announcements**

9:00..... **US Open Round 4** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)

9:30..... **AGA Pro Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

10:00..... **Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)

11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*

1:00pm **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

Youth Relay Go (Youth Room)

Youth Game Analysis (Youth Room)

1:30..... **AGA Board Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

2:30..... **Youth 13x13** (Youth Room)

2:30..... **Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament** (Heaton Hall)

3:00..... **AGF Board Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

Youth Simuls (Youth Room)

Youth Redmond Cup Round 3 (Strong Players Room)

Women's Tournament (Main Playing Area)

Club Team Go Tournament (Main Playing Area)

5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*

7:00..... **Pair Go** (Main Playing Room)

North American Ing Masters Round 4 (Strong Players Rm)

8:00..... **Movie: Spirited Away (2001)** (Washburn)

11:00..... **Midnight Madness** Round 6 (Main Playing Area)

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Daily Schedule: 8/10

FRIDAY, August 10

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7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:55..... **Daily Announcements**

9:00..... **US Open Round 5** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)

10:00..... **Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)

11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*

1:00pm **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

Youth Team Tournament (Youth Room)

Future Congress Directors of America (BRC Board Room)

2:00..... **AGA Development Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

2:30..... **Wisonet Cup State Team Go Tournament** (Heaton Hall)

3:00..... **AGA Membership Growth Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

Women's Tournament (Main Playing Area)

Club Team Go Tournament (Main Playing Area)

4:00..... **AGA Web Meeting** (BRC - Board Room)

5:30-7:00.... *Dinner*

7:00..... **North American Ing Masters Round 4** (Strong Players Rm)

Strong Players Open Round 4 (Strong Players Room)

9:00..... **Friday Night Campfire** (Whittington Amphitheater)

11:00..... **Midnight Madness Round 7** (Main Playing Area)



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SATURDAY, August 11

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7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:55..... **Daily Announcements**

9:00..... **US Open Round 6** (Main Playing Area, Strong Players Rm)

10:00..... **Game Analysis** (BRC Analysis Room)

11:30-1:00.. *Lunch*

1:00pm **Pro Lectures** (BRC Lecture Rooms)

Pro Simuls (Main Playing Room)

Youth Simuls (Youth Room)

2:00..... **Self Paired Tournament Ends**

AGA Assembly Meeting (BRC Lobby)

3:00..... **Youth Pizza Party and All Stars Match** (Youth Room)

7:00..... *Awards Banquet*

SUNDAY, August 12

7:45-9:00.... *Breakfast*

8:00-11:00 . **Check-Out/Key Return**



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