

# The Canadian Go Newsletter June 2013



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## Upcoming Tournaments:

June 28th–July 1st at Toronto, Ontario.

Website: <http://www.canadiango2013.com/>

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## **The 2013 Canadian Go Open**

By: Mark Wong

The Canadian Go Open is finally here! Match up against rivals from all across the country in Toronto, Ontario. Show your mettle and prove to Canada that you are a force to be reckoned with.

Well, the Canadian Go Open is much more than proving your strength. It's also a great time to meet up with amazing Go players all across the country. You could learn from the pros and even play against them in a much anticipated simultaneous game.

The Pair Go and Lightning Go tournaments will bring a different, but just as intense atmosphere. The banquet and awards ceremony will be the moment where I cheer on a handful of you, as you walk up on stage. The best part is definitely having fun with good friends, old and new.

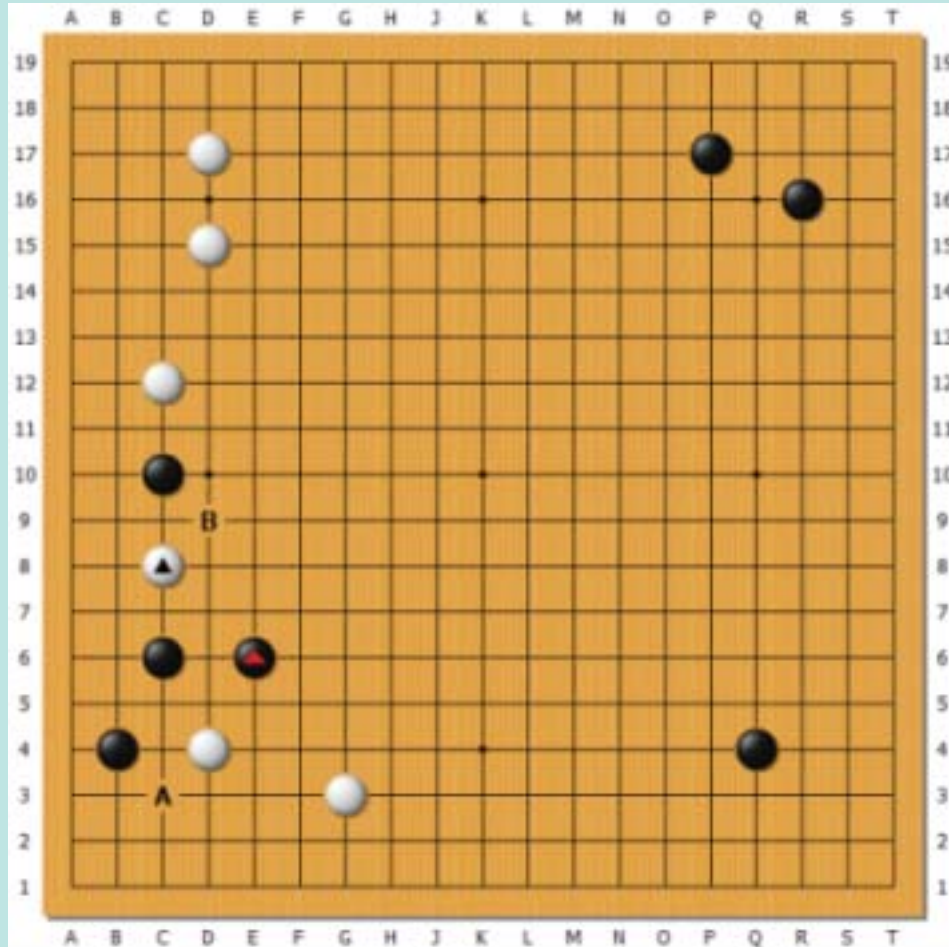
You can find everything here:

<http://www.canadiango2013.com/index.html>

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## The Obsolete Joseki

By: James Sedgwick



James Sedgwick 6D has provided us with two excellent joseki reviews this time. Both of the SGF's are attached to the e-mail being sent out.

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## **Update on our Favourite Pro**

By: Andy Okun (USGo President)

Cross-post of the AGA E-journal. Slightly edited.

Gansheng Shi 1p, who qualified with Andy Liu 1p as an AGA pro in last year's certification tournament, played in his first Korean pro tournament, the KT-Olleh Cup, on Monday, June 17th. The young Canadian player played alongside Korean professionals and received a small game fee for playing. Top prize in the tournament was \$100,000. The KT-Olleh is one of five tournaments that the Hankuk Kiwon (KBA) agreed to allow newly certified AGA pros to play in and the first to start since Shi traveled to Korea last month to study go. Shi is studying at the Choong-Am Dojang in Seoul with travel support from AGA and tuition support from KBA. The next scheduled tournament is the Samsung Cup in August.

“My goal in tournaments would be to win at least one game but it seems very difficult,” Shi told the journalist.

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## **Update on the Life of our Favourite Pro**

By: Andy Okun (USGo President)

It's actually a continuation of the previous article. Slightly edited.

Shi says he is enjoying Korea. He enjoys Korean food, his new friends and he describes the Choong-Am as a "really quiet nice place to focus on go," although he got off to a rocky start. "I started off in league C ... The first 2-3 weeks were really bad and I had a horrible losing record of something like 3-9, then I manage to stabilize in the league and managed to stay in league C without being moved to league D. The new month just started and I have been doing great so far, winning most of my games and I really hope to move to the next league after this month."

His Daily Itinerary:

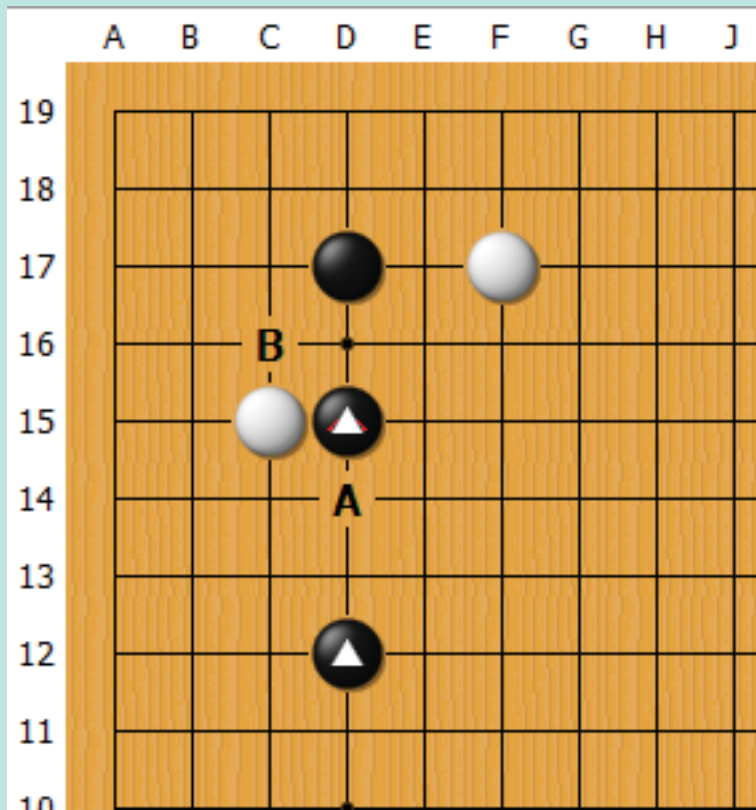
- self-studying pro games and life and death until lunch
- a game and then review with a teacher in the afternoon
- more self-study and some exercise
- then a game after dinner

"I do feel like I'm progressing a lot because I have been improving in my record and winning a lot of games lately. Perhaps that is just me stabilizing but I do feel that I learned a lot in the dojang."

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## The Evolving Joseki

By: James Sedgwick



Joseki #2 of James Sedgwick 6D's Double Joseki commentary!  
Again, you can find this attached to the email.

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## **Mark's Musings**

By: Mark Wong

Practice.

This word sounds like a responsibility, but really it's just a placeholder for whatever it is that you do to make yourself improve.

As we train for the Canadian Go Open, the studying of tsumego and the refreshment of your joseki arsenal will all be a factor in how well we do. However, it seems like we often forget why we do all this: It is fun.

Sometimes, hours fly when I'm wracking my brain over at [goproblems.com](http://goproblems.com). The feeling of exhilaration when you finally get it, or when you finally implement a joseki that you've just learned, it is exciting.

So whether you win or lose, whether you have played good or bad, just remember to have fun. You'll be sure to play even better next game with a good mindset.

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## **About the Newsletter**

We are looking for more submissions.

If you want to advertise your club, an upcoming tournament, or if you think you have any news, send them over to my e-mail at [markwong14@hotmail.com](mailto:markwong14@hotmail.com).

The Newsletter was put on hold for 2 months. Sorry for the delay.

Also, sorry for the punctuation error of using hyphens instead of dashes.

Thanks for reading.



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## Acknowledgments

James Sedgwick



I would like to thank James Sedgwick for his joseki reviews. Also thanks to Andy from USGo and the AGA. Please feel free to give your feedback, and tell me how you want the newsletter to be. Also, if you see these people and enjoy this newsletter as much as I did, then please give them your thanks.

-Mark Wong