

**8x8 Ratings**

**The British 8x8 Rating List** *maintained by David Haigh*

Current British players' ratings after the 2006 Salisbury Regional

	games	rating		games	rating
1 Garry Edmead	324	1907	20 Andrew Aspden	54	1313
2 Graham Brightwell	909	1834	21 Roy Arnold	998	1278
3 Imre Leader	693	1832	22 Aidan Robison	42	1275
4 Michael Handel	524	1695	23 Stephen Rowe	206	1261
5 Joel Feinstein	454	1678	24 Julian Richens	120	1256
6 Geoff Hubbard	440	1635	25 Robert Stanton	165	1200
7 Elisabetta Vecchi	86	1557	26 Yvette Campbell	53	1141
8 Iain Barrass	583	1545	27 David Haigh	543	1118
9 Jeremy Das	301	1521	28 Maurice Kent	48	1073
10 Phil Marson	891	1510	29 George Lane	22	1060
Joel Blackmur	82	1510	30 Adelaide Carpenter	223	1014
12 Ian Turner	564	1506	31 Angela Richens	7	819
13 George Ortiz	45	1477	32 Robert Calladine	12	769
14 Steve MacGuire	23	1472	33 Francesco Privitera	15	765
15 Mark Wormley	537	1439	34 Fran Allsop	4	739
16 Jeremy Dyer	186	1434	35 James Watson	6	666
17 Aubrey de Grey	708	1385	36 Janice Low	6	664
18 Biagio Privitera	16	1378	37 Kali Turner	35	520
19 Ben Pridmore	248	1333	38 Stephen Low	6	325

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Othello Open (WOC qualifying tournament) won by Stanley Ooi. And while I've only mentioned the "official" Othello associations here, there are also other Asian countries in recent years such as Thailand where Othello players gather on a regular basis and sometimes play tournaments.

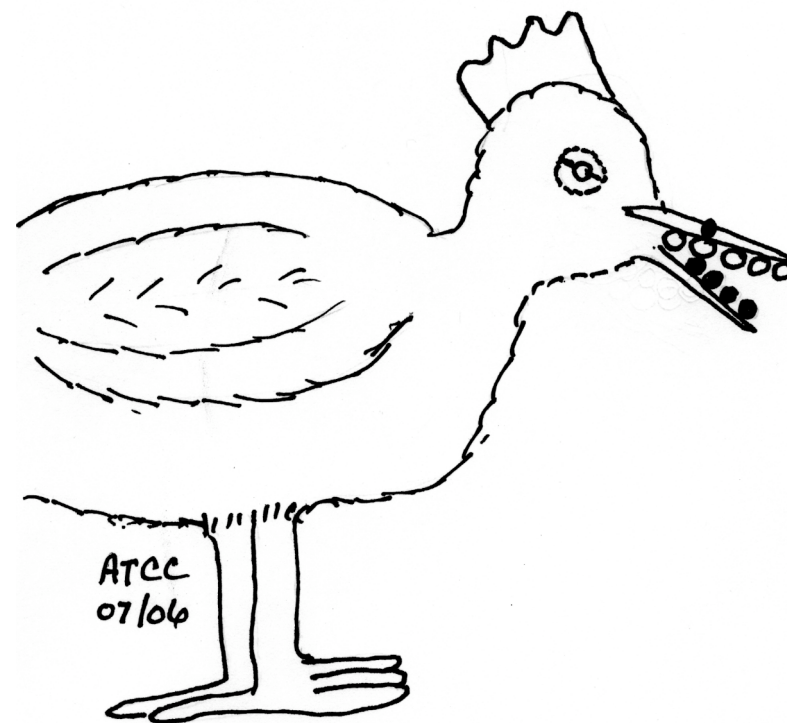
So as you can see there has been a healthy dose of Othello tournaments happening in Asia outside Japan for quite some years now. And while it might still be too soon this year to see a Chinese, Korean or Singaporean player crowned world champion in Japan, I'm certain it's just a matter of time...

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Korean Masters (first started in 2005). Kyung-Joong Kim won the Korean Masters last month and is therefore qualified for Mito 2006 (the national championships have yet to take place).

The Chinese Othello Federation was also created in 2002 and their first tournament was held in 2003, the Guangzhou Open in the south of the country. The Chinese qualification system for Mito 2006 is similar to the USA's system of 3 qualifying tournaments. They will organise 3 "national tournaments" in different parts of the country: Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. The Beijing tournament to be held soon (July 15-16) will be the first Othello tournament held in the Chinese capital.

Finally the most recent addition to the Asian Othello family is the Malaysian Othello Association (MOA) which was created last year. The MOA started modestly with only half a dozen players turning up for their first tournament but I heard nearly 20 turned up this year for the Malaysia (**continued on page 20**)

**Upcoming tournaments** *compiled by Aubrey de Grey*

The tournament calendar for the second half of the year has a familiar feel -- but here it is anyway!

There are two more European Grand Prix events in the 2006 calendar, the Brussels EGP on July 29-30 and the Paris EGP on August 26-27.

The British National Championship (see page 3) is on the weekend following Paris, September 2-3, in Crawley, courtesy of Yvette Campbell.

The Mind Sports Olympiad has moved back to London for its tenth year of operation and takes place from August 26th to September 3rd. In order to avoid clashes with either Paris or the Nationals, we have arranged that the Othello at the MSO will be on August 28th (the main tournament) and 29th (the blitz tournament, only in the morning).

There will be a Cambridge Christmas Tournament as usual, but we haven't yet fixed the date. It will probably be November 25th or December 2nd.

And finally, of course, there is the World Championship, rather early this year on October 5-8, in Japan. Again, more details on this can be found on page 3. Those of you who are great players with no money should take note that the Japanese hosts, Megahouse, will be subsidising players to the tune of \$1000 each!

More details on all the above events can be found at the BOF website, thanks to the hard work of our webmaster Roy Arnold:

<http://britishothello.org.uk/tournaments.html>