

HIGHLIGHTS: Leuven - Spel Antwerpen 2009 - Iphone/Ipod apps - commented games

1. Nieuws/Nouvelles

Leuven 2010 (Frank Segers)

The 20th edition of the Leuven tournament attracted 43 players, mainly from Brussels and Leuven, but also from the Netherlands and even from Canada. It was a special edition because of the 20th birthday, only the Brussels tournament has a longer tradition. The birthday was celebrated properly by self-made cake for everyone.

Due to the absence of the local hero Jan Ramon (4D), the field was led by three 3D-players: François Gonze from Louvain-la-Neuve, a local Chinese Huang Yong-Sen and Jan Bogaerts, 4-time winner of the tournament who played his first tournament after more than two years. Bogaerts, also a former Belgian champion, confessed that he was overwhelmed by reminiscences when he started to read "Hikaru no Go" in a bookshop in the US. That gave him the liking to start playing again.

Bogaerts clearly didn't forget how to play and after three games he and Huang had to make out among each other who would win the tournament. Bogaerts won with a small margin.. Surprisingly he lost his last game against a very strong Dutch 1D, Kim Ouweleen, who so managed to finish on the third place. Bogaerts and Huang also had 4 victories, but the former won on SOS-points.

Strong play was also shown by Marie Jemine (4k) who clearly made much progress after a stay of a few months in China and by the president of the Belgian Go Federation, Cédric Declerfayt (5k). Both won all their games.

Full results: <http://www.gofed.be/tournament/results&tournament=LEU&year=2010>

Spel Antwerpen 2009 (Agamemnon)

Eindevaluatie: 2 zeer gevulde dagen. De tafels die we kregen van de organisatie waren eigenlijk net te weinig, dankzij het feit dat de mahyong federatie zijn kat stuurde hebben we die tafels gedeeld met de schakers (lees : bijna volledig zelf ingepikt), wat voor een comfortabel grote stand stond.

Veel volk over de vloer gehad, en net als vorig jaar waren ze over het algemeen enthousiast om het spel te leren kennen, maar of er nieuwe leden uit volgen valt nog af te wachten. Jeugd leek me iets minder dan vorig jaar, hoewel 2 meisjes (uit Rotselaar weliswaar) er zaterdag echt niet genoeg van konden krijgen, en constant terug kwamen om toch maar go te spelen...

Veel dank aan al wie geholpen heeft, en dan vooral aan Joost, Guy en Erwin die samen met mezelf er bijna 2 volle dagen hebben doorgebracht.

(Bron: Forum van de Antwerpse Go Club)

Iphone/Ipod apps: a buyers guide . (Roy Laird)

More than 100,000 apps are available for the iPhone/iPod, including a bewildering array of go apps. Here's our holiday gift to you: a quick guide to what's available. My bottom line: most of the go apps you need are free, but you can do significantly better for a few bucks. Serious students will want to consider Smart Go Pro (r), and Joseki Tutor is a good choice for those looking to improve your grasp of local opening sequences. That said, let's take a look at what's out there. The most popular apps are clearly the ones that actually play go. Several of those, such as [Ayago](#) (\$2.99) [Go Touch](#) (\$.99) and [iGo](#) (\$.99) are driven by GnuGo, an open source program that plays at roughly the mid-kyu level. You might prefer to download [GnuGo itself](#) for free. David Fotland's [Many Faces of Go](#) and Anders Kierulf's Smart Go

dominate the go software market, and have each released three iPhone/iPod apps. [Igowin](#), the 9x9 freeware for PC and Mac that thousands of users have downloaded over the years, is now available as a free iPhone/iPod app, Igowin Tutor (I). It's a great program for beginners, with an extensive tutorial from the ground up, and you can't beat the price. For stronger players, Igowin (\$2.99) adjusts more quickly and uses the full power of the award-winning MFGo engine on a 9x9 board. The auto-adjust feature on both programs changes the handicap according to the result, so you can measure your progress. Fotland has also released Igowin Joseki (\$2.99), enabling the user to review and understand more than 2000 common opening sequences. And he plans to release more similar apps. [SmartGo 9x9](#) (\$.99) also plays auto-adjust 9x9 go, while the full Smart Go (\$2.99) can play 19x19 go (without auto-adjust however). Smart Go Pro is by far the most omprehensive program I found, and at \$12.99, it's priced accordingly. With an archive of 15,000 pro games, a library of more than 2000 problems at all levels, the ability to record and import games in sgf format, and other features too numerous to mention, it's the Swiss Army knife of iPhone/iPod go apps. But even Smart Go Pro is missing a few useful features, such as a time clock and the ability to play on the Internet. But free and low-cost apps are available for these functions too. [Tetsuki](#) will get you a game on KGS, and it's free. [GameTimer](#) (\$.99) is a game clock that includes regular and Canadian overtime settings, or find "GameClock Tournament" by Zombie Process for a free timer app with go options. To record your games in sgf format, try [Goban](#) (r), another free app. [GoPlayer](#) (\$3.99) will randomly select from more than 1000 games and play them out for you as fast or slow as you want, as Smart Go Pro does, but with a larger database (and price). There are even a few go-moku apps: [GoMoku Master](#) (\$3.99), [Igomoku](#), [Gomoku Professional](#), [Gomoku Narabe](#) (\$.99), [Iglobang](#) (\$.99). If there's a great app I missed, write me at roylaird@gmail.com and we'll keep EJ readers posted.

(Source: American Go Journal)

2. Partijcommentaren / Parties commentées

Leuven 2010: François Gonze - Jan Bogaert (commentaar Catalin Taranu, 5p)

Leuven 2010: Simon Gilot - Frank Segers (commentaar François Gonze, 3D)

3. Kalender/Calendrier

20-21/3/2010

Belgian Championship weekend 2

(au Pantin)

25/04/2010

Belgian Rengo Championship

16/05/2010

Belgian Blitz Championship

26-27/06/2010

Selection tournament

3-4/7/2010

Gent Tournament

9-12/09/2010

Go weekend

2-3/10/2010

Youth and Student Belgian Championship

30-31/10/2010
Brussels Tournament

20-21/11/2010
Preliminaries Belgian Championship 2011