

Weiqi in Australia

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- Earliest game played in Australia?
- 1960 – Go played at Sydney Chess Club
- by 1970, Sydney Go Club formed
- 1972 Canberra club
- 1977 Brisbane club
- 1980 Melbourne club

An early Sydney player...



John Power (right) with Richard Bozulich and friend (WAGC 2008)

Weiqi in Australia

- 1978 – Sydney Brisbane and Canberra Clubs meet to form Australian Go Association
- 1978 – 1st National Championship
- 1979 – played in first WAGC
- 1982 – foundation member IGF
- National, State and other tournaments since then

Tournaments



National Championship 2007 (Sydney Go Club)

Tournaments



NEC Cup 2009

Australian Go Congress



2nd Australian Go Congress 2016

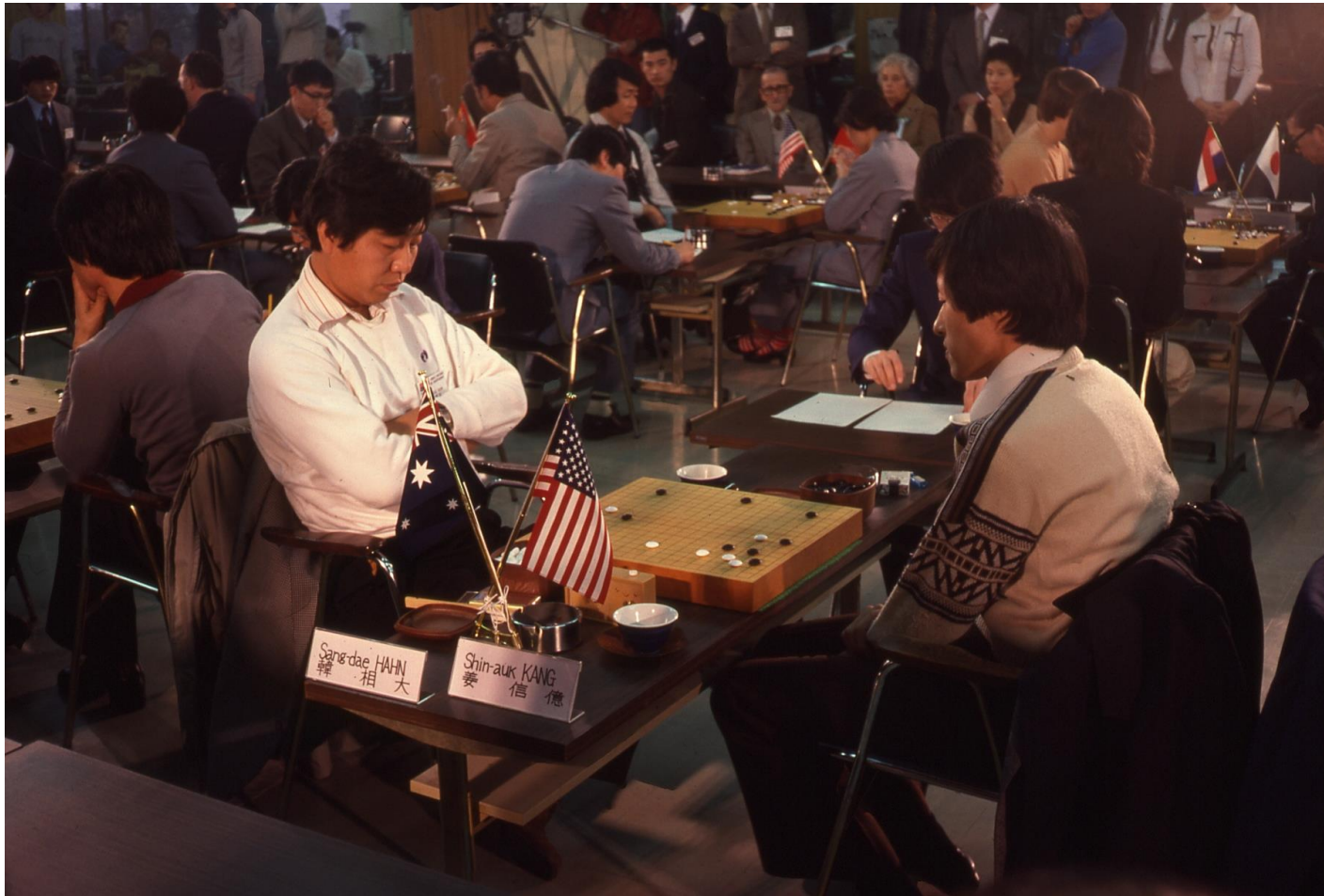
[4 colour Go – madness!]

World Collegiate Championship



Sydney University, July 2019

International participation



1st WAGC 1979: Dae Hahn (Australia) v Shin-Auk Kang (USA)

International participation



Team Australia WMSG Beijing 2008

(we claim JiaJia as Australian!)

2019 status

- Over 500 members, 15 clubs
- Strong participation and support by the expatriate Chinese and Korean communities
- Not enough female players

The future



Internet – blessing or curse?

- Beginners now progress very quickly and can play anyone anywhere any time
- But
- We have no idea how many people in Australia only play on-line
- Viability of physical clubs is under threat
- But it can be an opportunity...

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The Australian Online Go Club

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Art of Go

This is the home of the Australian Online Go Club. To apply to join complete & submit the form on the [Join Us](#) page when you submit the form you will be directed to our private Facebook group. There is no fee but please note, we only accept adult Go players living in Australia

Before asking to join please read the [About](#) and [Privacy](#) pages which explains why the club was established, how your information is used, how to get a game and other useful things. There is also a FAQ document pinned to the top of our Facebook group

Members of the club practice the art and skill of Go and abide by the following principles that we hold to be self-evident...

1. The art and practice of Go is something to be enjoyed.
2. Respect and courtesy are essential whether playing, reviewing a game or posting to the Facebook group.
3. Learning and teaching are more important than winning.
4. Playing games is essential to improve your and your opponent's skills.
5. A match consists of two parts, playing and reviewing the game.
6. Everybody has ideas that should be listened to.

<http://club.artofgo.org/>

National Treasures



Wu Soong Shen at 2004 Australian National Championship Canberra

National Treasures



An Younggil, National Coach

Visiting Professionals



Kobayashi Chizu meeting emus (Canberra, 1981)

Visiting Professionals

- Chizu was one of the first pro's to visit
- (Before Chizu 3 players from the Nihon Kiin in 1975)
- Since then many professionals from Japan, Korea and China have visited
- ... in the last month 8 top 9dans!
- ... including Choi Cheolhan, Chang Hao, Yang Dingxin, Shi Yue, Zhou Ruiyang and
[Chang Qi Cup semifinals]

Visiting Professionals



Ke Jie (World Collegiate Weiqi Championship, Sydney, 2019)

4th Australian Go Congress



13 to 16 February 2020

You are all invited!

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