

CELEBRATING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF GO CLUB IN NIŠ (SERBIA)

2017. MARCH 18TH-19TH

NIŠ OPEN GO TOURNAMENT 2017

2017. IS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NIŠ (SERBIA) GO CLUB.

The first go club in Niš was called “Elef” and it was formed at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Niš, as part of the University Sports Association. After 45 years of operation, there are now two go clubs in Niš: the **Go club “Student”** and the **Go club “Progo”**, with large go school where many young players can learn to play go.

The University go club “Student” was the host of the **European Go Congress in 1989** which was widely recognised as one of the best organized go tournaments ever.

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us in celebrating this anniversary. We are preparing an unforgettable weekend of tournament, gifts, prizes, and a party all while playing go.

Schedule

Date: 2017, March 18th-19th

Venue: City of Niš (Serbia), The tournament takes place at the Conference room of Regional Center Niš

Rules

MacMahon 5 rounds, Japanese rules (6.5 komi)

Time: 60 minutes + 3*30 sec (or 10/25) byoyomi

Registration

- Adult registration fee is 10 EUR
- Youth players under 18 are free

We kindly request that you register via the website www.goklub.org.rs and your registration package will be waiting for you at the venue. You can use other benefits in regard to the organized transport. The payment of the registration fee and accommodation fee will also be on site.

Prizes

We are preparing prizes for the first five places, the best kyu player, the best youth player (U20, U16 and U12) and the best women’s player. We will reward all players with 5 points.

Agenda

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th

- All day on-site registration
- 20:00 Welcome Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th

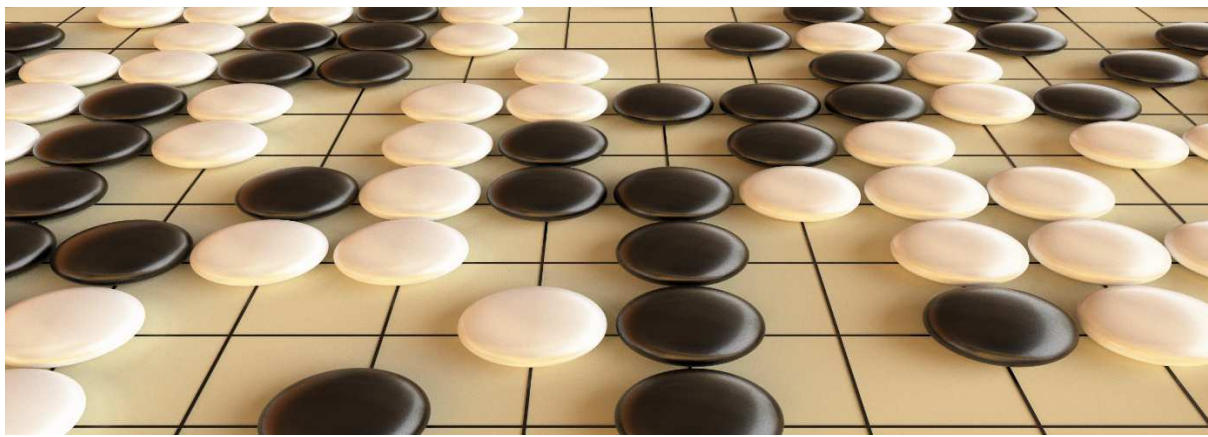
- 10:00 Registration closes
- 10:30 Opening ceremony
- 11:00 First round (1)
- 15:00 Second round (2)
- 18:00 Third round (3)
- 21:00 Anniversary Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

- 10:00 Fourth round (4)
- 14:00 Fifth round (5)
- 17:00 Awards and Closing Ceremony

The tournament prizes top 5 players are: The first place: 300€, the second place: 200€, the third place: 100€, the fourth place: 60€, the fifth place: 40€.

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Accommodation

The first 30 registered players will be able to stay at the **Hotel of Regional Center Niš** where the tournament will be held. The accommodation is **15 EUR per night (breakfast included)**. For the remaining players, additional accommodation is available close to the venue for similar price.

Arrival: Niš is easily accessible with several types of transport

By Airplane: Low-cost airlines fly from several cities in Europe to **Niš Constantine the Great Airport**. Nearby international airports at Belgrade (250km) and Sofia (165km) have connections to most of the cities in Europe.

THE BEST AIRPLANE CONNECTIONS are **Bratislava** in Slovakia (Low-cost airline Ryanair), **Eindhoven** in Netherlands and **Memmingen** in Germany (Low-cost airline Wizz Air) with arrivals to Niš on Fridays and departures on Mondays. Ticket prices are from 9.99 EUR when bought online directly from the airlines.

Distance from the Niš airport to the tournament venue is only 7,5 km (approximately 15 minute drive).

By Car: Major highway E75 connects Niš with Belgrade. For more detailed directions, please consult the provided map on **www.goklub.org.rs**

By Bus and Train: Niš is connected with many European cities by bus and train which operate every day. Bus lines from Belgrade are available every hour, and most are direct. Bus trip takes 3 hours approximately.

How to get to the tournament

For all announced groups we will organize shuttle transportation from Niš bus or railway station to the venue and hotel.

For groups which arrive by plane to Niš, we will organize fast passport check, VIP entrance at the airport and shuttle transportation to the venue.

The venue is connected with public transportation (bus) with main bus and railway stations, as well as the airport. You can also use taxi, which is very cheap.

If you are arriving by car, GPS coordinates of the venue are: 43°19'19.7"N 21°55'06.7"E (43.322151, 21.918517).

Contact

For any further assistance with the registration for the tournament, accommodation, or transportation, do not hesitate to contact us via the Niš Open Go Tournament website: **www.goklub.org.rs**

