

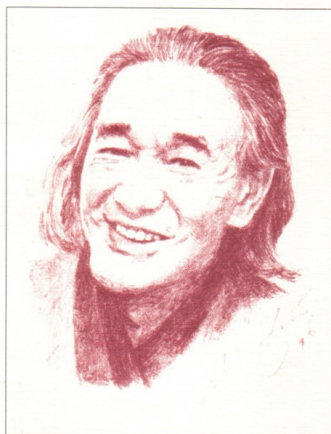
# JIRI KELLER'S GO PORTRAITS

## Richard Hunter and Pat Ridley

Jiri Keller is a London-based artist. The Journal has featured some of his fine portraits of Go players on its front covers, and we show them again here. Several (Go Seigen, Sakata Eio, Iwamoto Kaoru, Kobayashi Koichi) were part of a set produced for the BGA as postcards. To these, we have added more Go player portraits not previously seen in the Journal, kindly contributed by Jiri.



**Jiri Keller**



**Sakata Eio**  
**BGJ 108 Autumn 1997**



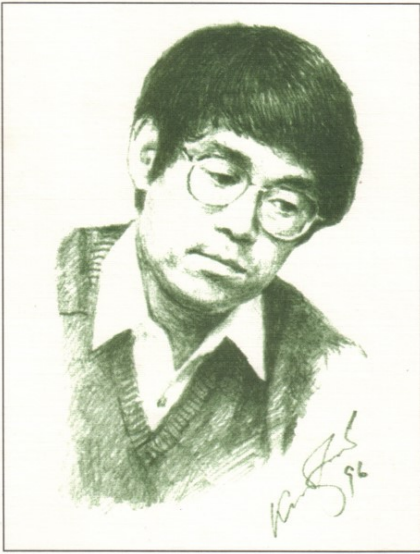
**Go Seigen**  
**BGJ 107 Summer 1997**



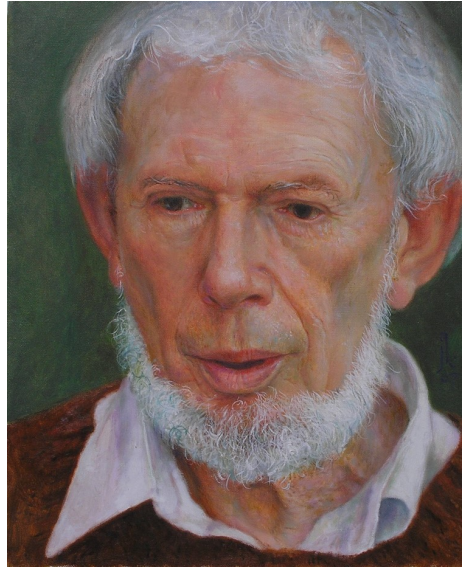
**Iwamoto Kaoru**  
**BGJ 109 Winter 1997<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup>Also on the cover of [BGJ 118](#) Spring 2000, to accompany an obituary for Iwamoto.



**Kobayashi Koichi**  
**BGJ 110 Spring 1998**

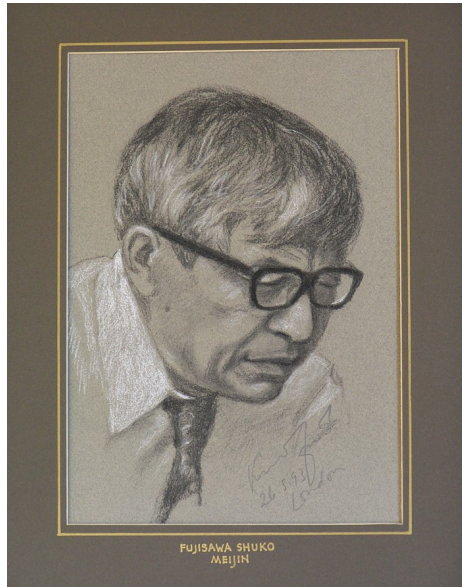


**Geoff Kaniuk**



**Gerry Mills**  
**BGJ 154 Winter 2010-11**

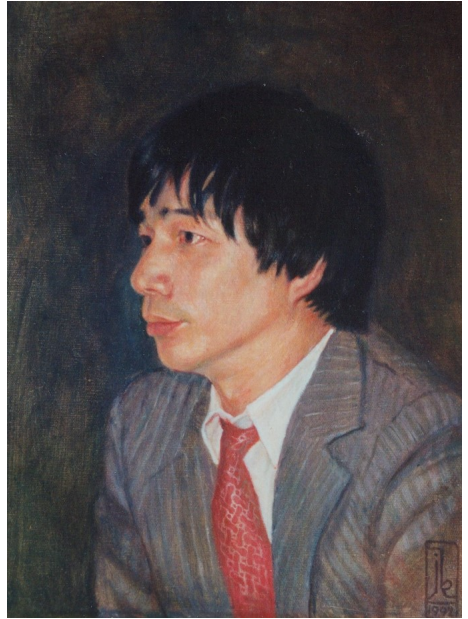
The painting of the late Gerry Mills was a gift to Gerry on his retirement as BGA Bookseller in 2010, funded by donations from Members.



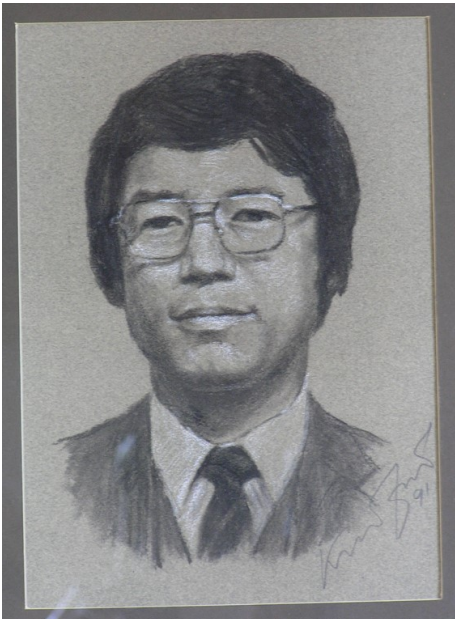
**Fujisawa Shuko**



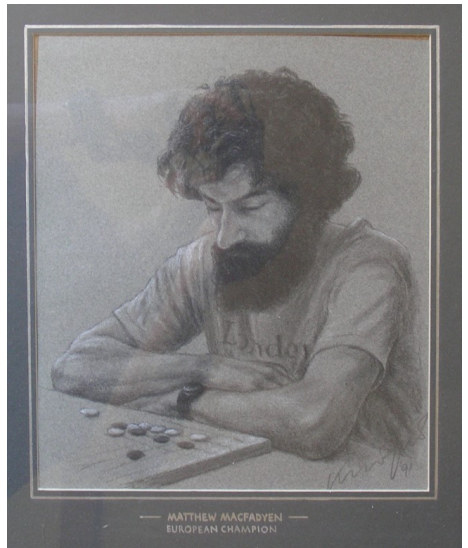
**Hori Toshiyuki**



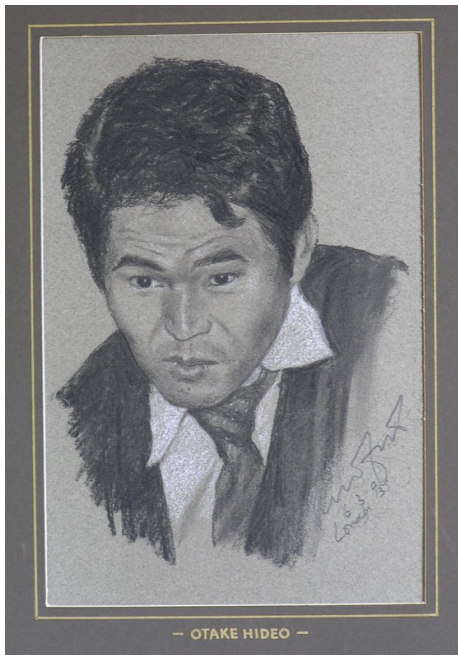
**Kato Masao**



**Ishida Yoshio**



**Matthew Macfadyen**



Otake Hideo

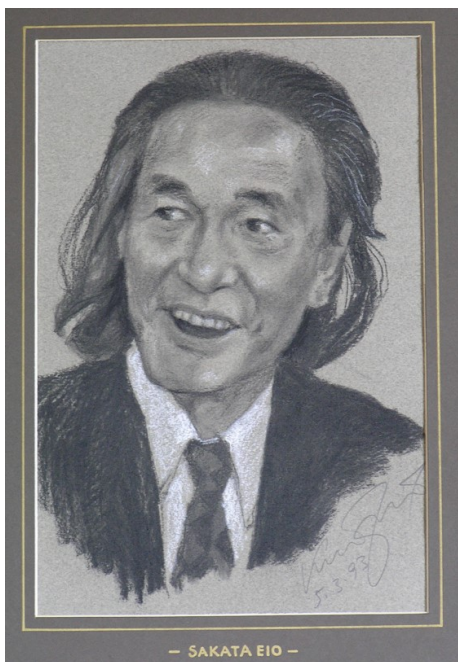
The charcoals were done for the 1993 European Championships held in Prague.

Jiri's web page at [www.painters-online.co.uk/artists/jirik](http://www.painters-online.co.uk/artists/jirik) has many more wonderful portraits.

Though not a portrait, the cover of BGJ 105 also had the drawing below. Inside the front cover, it is attributed to 'Giri Keller'.



Year of the Rat becomes  
Year of the Cow  
**BGJ 105** Winter 1996



Sakata Eio

Jiri provided many such drawings for London Open entry forms.



Jiri Keller and Richard Hunter



**Sakata – Takagawa**

*Credits* The two photographs of Jiri above were provided by Richard Hunter and Louise Bremner, and were taken in Japan in 1982.

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