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RESULTS

26th London Open Go Congress, 31st December to 3rd January

99 players took part. The four players to make the knockout stage were Victor Chow (6 dan South Africa), Zhongyong Zhang (5 dan China), Valentin Urziceanu (4 dan Romania) and Yoshiyuki Uemura (4 dan France). Zhang beat Chow and then Urziceanu to win the tournament. Second was Urziceanu, and third Victor Chow. On 7/8 were Konrad Scheffler (2 kyu UK) and Gustav Rober (15 kyu UK). On 6 wins were Philip Marshall (6 kyu Isle Of Man), Natasha Regan (9 kyu UK), Matthew Selby (10 kyu UK), Steffen Wolff (10 kyu D), Mathias Bahr (1 dan D) and Kei Shinada (4 kyu Belgium), winners receiving a wooden go stone. All on 5/8 were presented with a certificate. Best 1 kyu was Per Erik Martin (Sweden).

The Lightning winner was Chow, second Zhang and third Mathias Bahr (winner of a play-off against Shawn Hearn (12 kyu UK)). The Continuous 9x9 winners were Francis Roads (4 dan UK), Des Cann (4 dan UK) and Nicola Hurden (13 kyu UK).

Furze Platt Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Saturday 15th January

92 players. Four on 3/3 Winner Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) (beat Cann, Hall and Roads), Paul Margetts (1 dan Epsom), David King (1 kyu Swindon), Shawn Hearn (12 kyu Berkshire Youth). Best team was Loads of Berks (from the Youth Go Club) and 9x9 winner was Nicola Hurden (13 kyu Berks Youth). All on 2 wins won prizes: T.Mark Hall (4 dan London), Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead), Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead), Jim Clare (3 dan Reading), David Ward (3 dan Cambridge), Michael Charles (2 dan St. Albans), John Fairbairn (2 dan London), Alan Thornton (2 dan St. Albans), Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading), Baron Allday (1 dan West Wales), Simon Butler (1 dan Horsham), Christian Scarff (1 dan Swindon), Mike Nash (1 kyu London), Kevin Drake (1 kyu Bournemouth), Geoff Kaniuk (1 kyu London), Christian Nentwich (2 kyu London), Damir Nola (2 kyu London), Fred Holroyd (2 kyu Open University), Bill Streeten (3 kyu Wanstead), Mike Cobbett (3 kyu Winchester), Peter Fisher (3 kyu Leicester), France Ellul (3 kyu High Wycombe), Mart

British Youth Go Tournament, Sunday 16th January

Tom Blockley (3 kyu Worcester) was over all Youth Champion and U16 Champion, overall runner up and U18 Champion was Philip Marshall (4 kyu Isle of Man). U16 runner up was Jimmy Mao (5 kyu Bristol) and U18 runner up was Philip Tedder (4 kyu Epsom); U14 winner was Adam Eckersley-Waites (12 kyu Cambridge) and runner up was Shawn Hearn (12 kyu Brakenhale), U12 winner was Ian McAnally (11 kyu Manchester), U10 winner was Paul Blockley (26 kyu Worcester) and runner up was Luise Wolf (30 kyu London), U8 winner was Ben Parker (Cambridge) who was also the youngest player. Prizes for all games (including handicap ones), winning 5/6 was Hereward Mills (25 kyu Bedford) and Tom Blockley, for 4/6 Adam Eckersley-Waites and Andrew Gale (25 kyu Berks Youth), Simon Jones (20 kyu Berks Youth), Ben Morris (11 kyu Cambridge) and James Heppell (30 kyu Norwich). Winning 3/6 in the beginners' group were Charles Heppell (Norwich) and Oscar John (Cambridge). Quiz winners were Philip Tedder for 17/18 and Ian McAnally for 13/18.

Oxford Go Tournament, Saturday 12th February

102 players attended the 2000 Oxford Tournament on 12/02/00. Winner was S-J Kim (6 dan Cambridge); he beat Young Yim, Des Cann and Ebukuro Tamotsu. Prize winners on 3/3 were Ruud Stoelman (2 dan Bradford), Sue Paterson (2 kyu London), Frank Visser (3 kyu Cambridge), Natasha Regan (7 kyu Epsom), Andrea Casalotti (9 kyu London), Kenneth Wilcox (10 kyu Plymouth), Andrew Slough (13 kyu Epsom) and for 2.5/3 Wenbo Mao (2 kyu Bristol) and Paul Blockley (26 kyu Worcester).

NEWS

- **The Annual General Meeting** of the British Go Association will be held on the Saturday evening of the British Go Congress as usual. Please submit agenda items to the Secretary, Tony Atkins.
- **The Journal Editor, Brian Timmins** has decided to retire after a long and very productive time in office. I am sure that all British Go players appreciate the work that he has done. David Woodnutt has been appointed as the new editor. They will work together on issue 118 and David will take over from issue 119. He will be supported by a team that includes the current contributors and diagram producers, but also new help from the Open University and Reading go clubs
- **The MSO Tournament Director** this year will be Kirsty Healey.
- **The Scottish Open** has been re-scheduled for the weekend of 15/16 July and will be held in Edinburgh. More details in the next Newsletter.
- **The leaders of the Stacey Tournament** after Oxford are as follows:-
1. Francis Roads 30 pts, 2. Des Cann 24 pts, 3. Seong-June Kim 21 pts
- **The European Go Congress in 2001.** For those who like to plan well ahead, the 2001 European will be held in Dublin in the last week of July and the first week of August.

FORTHCOMING

Cambridge 24th Triganthus Go Tournament, Saturday 4th March

Location: The Center at St Paul's, Hills Road, Cambridge. Registration by 10. 3 rounds.

Contact: Matthew Woodcraft, 13 Temple Court, Cambridge CB4 2TT. ☎ 01223-503268. Email: mjw@pearson.co.uk

Candidates' Tournament, Weekend 18th - 19th March

Entry is by invitation to dan players and selected kyu players.

All players entitled to play should receive an invitation from the Championships Organiser, Alex Rix.

Queries and entries to him at 0181-533 0899, Alexander.Rix@wdr.com.

Coventry Go Tournament, Sunday 26th March

Location: (As usual) The Disabled Sports Centre, Tile Hill, Coventry. Registration by 10:15. 3 round McMahon.

Contact: Mike Lynn, "Hillcroft", Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ. ☎ 01675-442753.

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Dublin Open, 31st March - 3rd April

Irish Rapid: 5 Rounds, Friday from 7 pm. **Grand Prix:** 5 Rounds, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. **Irish Handicap:** 3 Rounds, Monday 10.00 am

Location: Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Sq., Dublin 1.

Fees: Open IR£16 or Euro 20, Concession: IR£8 or Euro 10, Rapid IR£6 or Euro 7.50, Handicap IR£9 or Euro 11.25.

Accommodation: This is a busy time so arrange asap. A limited amount of private accommodation is available; contact the organisers.

Contact: John Gibson, home ☎ 00-353-1-4908779, work ☎ 00-353-1-2843486, mobile ☎ 00-353-88-2555420, john@mhg.ie

International Spring Match, Sunday 9th April

This is one of the regular series of matches between teams of British players, and teams from the international community in Britain.

Entry is by selection only. Contact Simon Bexfield for details. Email: simon@bexfield.com

Bournemouth Go Tournament, Saturday 15th April

At the time of going to press, this was a proposed date. Contact the organisers to confirm.

Contacts: Kevin Drake: kevdfree4all.co.uk or Marcus Elves: zima@tesco.net

33rd British Go Congress at Ipswich, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th April

Location: The Novotel Hotel, Ipswich. Registration by 9:30 on Saturday. The AGM will be held on Saturday evening.

Events: The **British Open** will be a 6 round McMahon on Saturday and Sunday. The **British Lightning** will be held on Friday evening at 19:30.

Accommodation: A limited number of rooms have been reserved at favourable rates for participants in the congress at the Novotel.

Participants wishing to have accommodation at the Novotel should contact the hotel directly.

Contact: Keith Osborne, ITAS, PO Box 658, Norwich NR3 3LR. ☎ 01603-400361. Email: Keith.Osborne@icl.com

Barlow Go Tournament, Sunday 7th May

Contact: Matthew Woodcraft, 13 Temple Court, Cambridge CB4 2TT. ☎ 01223-503268. Email: mjw@pearson.co.uk

Bracknell Go Tournament, Saturday 13th May

Contact: Clive Hendrie ☎ 01344 472741 Email: cah@fjcomp.com

Mind Sports Olympiad at London, 19th - 28th August Web: <http://www.msoworld.com/>

Programme: 20/08(am) Lightning; 20/08(pm) Youth; 23/08-25/08 Main; 26/08 Rapid; 27/08 Pair Go; 28/08 13x13; 21/08-25/08 Computers; 19/08-22/08 and 28/08 British Championship Final. Large prize fund: the top prize in the main event is £2000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cambridge (4 Mar), Candidates (18-19 Mar), Coventry (26 Mar), Bournemouth (* 15 Apr), British Go Congress @ Ipswich (29-30 Apr), Barlow (7 May), Bracknell (13 May), Pair Go (21 May), Challengers (26-29 May), Leicester (10 Jun), Barmouth (24-25 Jun), Scottish @ Edinburgh (15-16 Jul), Norwich (12 Aug), Mind Sports (19-28 Aug). * = To be confirmed.

MAJOR EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS

Austria (25-26 Mar), Dublin (31 Mar-3 Apr), Paris (22-23 Apr), Milan (29-30 Apr), Bled (6-7 May), Budapest (13-14 May), Zagreb (27-28 May), Amsterdam (1-4 Jun), Hamburg (10-12 Jun), Helsinki (17-18 Jun), Warsaw (24-25 Jun), Moscow (8-9 Jul), European Go Congress @ Strausberg near Berlin, Germany (29 Jul-12 Aug).

For European Calendar see: <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html>

US Go Congress 2000 @ Denver Colorado, 5th - 13th August

Contact: utamm@world.att.net

For American Calendar see: <http://www.usgo.org/usa/tournaments.html>

Useful Overseas E-mail Addresses

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To join send an email with blank title to listserv@dcs.rhbc.ac.uk with text SUB bgagolist YourName

ukgolist. This is an open mailing list run on behalf of the British Go Association. It is a forum for all British go players, for general discussion of the game of go (weiqi, baduk). The BGA restricts its postings to the list to a quarterly message about each issue of the British Go Journal.

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BGA Membership

Membership rates for the new year: UK £12, Concessions £5, Family £17, Europe £14, World £17.

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