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RESULTS

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 10/07/05 This year the Pair Go Championships were delayed from May until July to stay away from the European championships in Maidenhead. This year the venue was again the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill near Oxford, and the weather was perhaps a little too hot; some of the plants selected as prizes by organiser Francis Roads were starting to wilt a little. Last year's winners Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen lost in round one to Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. These two managed to hang on, beating Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins and then Alison and Simon and Bexfield in the final, to take the championship for the first time. Emma Marchant and Simon Goss got the fighting spirit prize. In the 8-pair handicap group the Beckenham father and daughter, Paul and Maria Tabor, were top with 3/3. They beat Jil Segerman and Tony Pitchford in the final. Sasha King and Christian Scarff won the handicap fighting spirit prize. Best dressed pairs were Kirsty and Matthew, and Jackie Chai and John Johnstone. Number quiz winners were Maria and Paul.

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS 03/07/05 The best players from 18 school heats met for the finals of the second UK GO Challenge at Loughborough Grammar School. More than double 2004 took part in the finals. Section winners were: U18 Boys - Wilson Hau (Loughborough) U16 Boys - Rajinder Poonian (Loughborough), U14 Boys - Matthew Hathrell (Finham Park School, Coventry), U12 Boys - Matthew Harris (Cambridge), U10 Boys - Ollie Robinson (Milton, Cambridge), U8 Boys - Thomas Meehan (Solihull), U16 Girls - Hetty Boardman-Weston (Loughborough), U12 Girls - Holly Hathrell (Finham Park School, Coventry), U10 Girls - Christiane Walker (Milton, Cambridge), U8 Girls - Aoife McCaul (Milton, Cambridge). Overall top place winners: 1st - Matthew Hathrell, 2nd - Hetty Boardman-Weston (Best Girl), 3rd - Rajinder Poonian, Other Top Winners - James Hoyle (Loughborough) for 6/7, Champion School - Loughborough; Champion Primary School - London Meed, Burgess Hill, Fighting Spirit Prize - Andrew Dudley (Ninestiles Birmingham). All top winners won micro-hi-fis and camera-mobile phones kindly donated by LG Electronics UK Ltd.

BGA KGS TOURNAMENT 01/06/05-30/06/05 The KGS tournament grew in popularity this year, gaining more players and a higher intensity of games (as it lasted for just the month of June, half as long as last year). Players hailing from over 10 countries took part, with particularly strong challenges from sometime leaders Jose Miguel Pasini (Chile) in 7th and Jesse Savo (Finland) in 9th place. The last day saw Gunnar Aastrand Grimnes from Aberdeen surge through from out of nowhere to win with 6/6. He overtook Kiyohiko Tanaka, who had the consolation of winning the 4k+ category (which included two players with KGS dan grades). 5k-15k was won by Xinyi Lu, and the 16k and under category by Alan Cameron. The Teaching Side event met with limited enthusiasm and was won by Ian Davis on 8 lessons. Thanks to Edwin Brady who designed the web application for the tournament and Ian Davis for running it.

LIVERPOOL 25/06/05 The very first Liverpool tournament was held at The Casa in the centre of Liverpool. Like the Cheshire it was split into two groups, the top one being won by Qi Chen (Michael), 5 dan from London. He beat Wang Yang (3 dan Manchester), Huo Ru Hua (4 dan Liverpool), and Kunio Kashiwagi (1 dan Manchester). Winner of the handicap group was another local, George Leach (1 kyu), who won all his games. Other prizes went to Sam Aitken (4 kyu Warwick), Andrea Sulivan (14 kyu Liverpool), Andrei Sokolov (10 kyu London) and Neil Leavesley (12 kyu Liverpool), who each only lost one game. Tom Brew (18 kyu Liverpool) won the unplanned 9x9 side event.

WELSH OPEN 18/06/05-19/06/05 The 13th Welsh Open at Barmouth was won as always by Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) putting him on 63 wins unbeaten at that event. Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) was second with 3/5, on tie-break from Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell) and Christian Scarff (2 dan Swindon). Prize winners for four wins were Ed Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Steve Bailey (4 kyu West Surrey), Gary Beman (6 kyu Leamington), Richard Scholefield (12 kyu Milton Keynes) and Stephen Bashforth (17 kyu Leicester). 32 players took part and enjoyed the seaside sunshine and evening meal at the new venue of the Min-Y-Mor Hotel.

SCOTTISH OPEN 11/06/05-12/06/05 The Scottish Open moved north this year to the pleasant old campus of Aberdeen University. 25 players took part. The winner was a rapidly improving Polish 2 dan, Jakub Zborowski. He won all 5 games. Second was Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead) with 4/5. Quintin Connell (14 kyu Glasgow) was also able to achieve five wins and Stig Vilholm Petersen (18 kyu Dundee) won a prize for winning four. Also turning in noteworthy results were locals David Fowler (15 kyu) and organiser Nir Oren (8 kyu), both winning 3/4, and Neil McLean (4 kyu Elgin), who beat and came equal third with Tony Atkins (3 dan). Photos

DURHAM 04/06/05-05/06/05 The Durham Go Tournament was attended by 49 people, 36 of whom made a local Chinese buffet owner very happy on Saturday evening. The tournament ended with a tie for first place, between Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead) and Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes), each on five wins. Also on five wins was Patrick Ridley (22 kyu Chester). Winning prizes for 4/6 were Toby Manning (3 dan Leicester), Andrew Grant (3 dan Milton Keynes), Quentin Mills (4 dan Cardiff), Claas Roever (3 kyu Dublin), Peter Allen (4 kyu Liverpool), Chris Morris (5 kyu Durham), Colin Bavidge (6 kyu Newcastle), Stuart Parsons (7 kyu Staines), Chris Barnett (8 kyu Durham), Etienne Dufrier (9 kyu Teesside) and Stephen Bashforth (17 kyu Leicester). The continuous 13x13 side event was won by William Brooks (1 dan Cambridge) and the lightning by Matthew Holton (2 dan Teesside).

NEWS

PROMOTION Des Cann is promoted to 5-dan.

BGA 50th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC. On Sunday July 31, go players, families and friends gathered in Green Park, London, to enjoy a picnic, play some go, and introduce the game to any passers by who were interested. The event then moved to the main court of the British Museum, where the head count of participants reached at least 56, with the dan count (sum of dan grades) being at least 59. Thus the magic 50 was well celebrated. Peter Wendes has lots of digital photos, available on request; send a blank CD with SAE to Peter at 13 Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hampshire, PO7 5LU.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX up to and including the British Pair Go: 1 Jonathan Englefield 7-kyu High Wycombe 819 points, 2 Maria Tabor 14-kyu Epsom Downs 804, 3 William Brooks 1-dan Cambridge 685, 4 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 550, 5 Ken Dackombe 15-kyu Farnborough 498, 6 Kay Dackombe 16-kyu Farnborough 438.

STACEY GRAND PRIX 2004-2005 After Liverpool: 1st Francis Roads on 11points, 2nd Toby Manning 8, 3rd Bob Bagot 6.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES Council plans to review the rules for the British Championship and would like to learn the views of the members before doing so. If you would like to influence the outcome, please complete the questionnaire at <http://www.britgo.org/questionnaire/> by 30th September 2005.

NEW GO CLUBS

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE Meetings by arrangement. Contact Brian Dackombe, briandackombe@hotmail.com, 01689 857944.

YORK Meets fortnightly at 8:00pm on Wednesday in Guppy's Enterprise Club, 17 Nunnery Lane, York, YO23 1AB. The contact is Joss Wright, joss@pseudonymity.net.

CLUB CHANGES

CARDIFF GO CLUB web site now at <http://www.cardiffpubs.co.uk/Go/>

CENTRAL LONDON GO CLUB web site is now <http://www.bexfield.com/clgc/>.

CHESTER CLUB now has a web site: <http://www.chester.goclub.info>, and a new contact: Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tarpoley Road, Whitley, Warrington WA4 4DS, 01925 730583 Tony@chester.goclub.info.

CHESTER STUDY GROUP Organiser is now Tamsin Jones.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON web site: <http://www.welinder.se/gosociety/>

LIVERPOOL CLUB Jason Leather's email address is now jaybones@gmail.com.

NORWICH AND NORFOLK CLUB now meets at Jurnets Bar, Wensum Lodge, King Street, Norwich.

MONMOUTH CLUB Please use the bga-books@britgo.org email address for Gerry, and web site no longer works.

NORTH LONDON CLUB Kevin Campbell, mobile 07801 270 342, home 01442 262251, nlgoclub@gmail.com, is now club secretary

SOUTHAMPTON Chris Lewis, crl@soton.ac.uk is now the contact .

SOUTH WOODFORD CLUB no longer meets.

ST. ALBANS CLUB actually meets from 7:30pm, even though their official start time is still 8:00pm.



FORTHCOMING

PENZANCE, CORNISH OPEN AND HANDICAP, Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th September Registration by 1:30 on Saturday; 9:45 on Sunday

Location Yacht Inn, Penzance.

Event Handicap Tournament takes place on Saturday 17th. Registration by 1:30.

Open Tournament takes place Sunday 18th. Three rounds. Prize giving 6:30

Contact John Culmer john.culmer@exception.co.uk tel. 01326 573167. more information soon.

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 25th September. Registration by 10:15

Location The Old Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ points komi

Contact Andrew Grant, 34 Martingale Place, Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, MK14 7QN. Tel. 01908 669883 honinbo@btinternet.com

WANSTEAD Saturday 8th October Registration by 10:15

Location Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London E11 2NT.

Event 4 round McMahon tournament. 45 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6 points komi.

Contact Bill Streeten neteertsew@ntlworld.com tel. 020 8926 6923

WESSEX, Sunday 30th October Registration by 9:45am.

Location The Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA.

Event 4 round McMahon tournament with 50 minutes time limits and 30, then 60 stones in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Bob Hitchens, Thistledown, Wells Road, Hallatrow, Bristol, BS39 6EN. Tel. 01761 453496 wessex-go-2005@joseki.org

FIFE, October provisional. Contact Edwin Brady eb@dcs.st-and.ac.uk

NATIONAL SMALL BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP, CAMBRIDGE. November provisional. Contact Paul Smith, 2 Townsend Close, Milton., Cambridge, CB4 6DN. Phone 01223 563932 paul.smith25@ntlworld.com

THREE PEAKS Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 1:00 Saturday.

Location The Marton Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Yorkshire.

Event 5 round McMahon tournament.

Contact Bob Bagot. lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

SWINDON, Sunday 20th November.

Location Even Swindon Community Centre in Jennings Street Swindon, SN2 2BG, (next to the Outlet Village)

Event Three rounds McMahon with 1 hour time limit; more details to follow

Contact Christian Scarff, info@swindongoclub.org.uk

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN Saturday 3th December. Registration by 10:30

Location Burpham Village Hall, Guildford.

Event Teaching Workshops for kyu players.

Contact Pauline Bailey, pab27@compuserve.com Tel. 01483 561027.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Sunday 4th December. Registration by 10:15 Location and contact as for West Surrey Teach-in

SCOTTISH BAR-LOW Saturday 10th December. Contact Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net

LONDON OPEN Wednesday 28th December–Saturday 31st December.

Location International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 5HD

Event 8 round McMahon tournament. 90 minutes time limit with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ komi. Pair go and Rapid tournaments. Yuki Shigeno, Professional 2p will be available for teaching, do record your games and ask her for comments, no matter what your strength!

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BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE: <http://www.britgo.org/>

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates: UK £18, UK concession £11, UK Family £24, Europe £20, Rest of World £24, UK School (full) £18, UK School (basic) £10. Members receive one years subscription to the British Go Journal and BGA Newsletter, can buy books and equipment, and get reduced tournament entry fees. Further details and application form <http://www.britgo.org/memberap.html>

AGA Membership Secretary, Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292
BGA members are entitled to receive weekly copies of the American Go Association's email newsletter. Subscribe via <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>.

BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951140433