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RESULTS

MAIDENHEAD FURZE PLATT 20/01/07 70 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd for the 16th Maidenhead Tournament. British Champion Bei Ge won 3/3 in the top group to win. Several other players won 3/3 namely Takuya Ogino (1 kyu Maidenhead), Marika Dubiel (4 kyu Poland), Eric Hall (5 kyu Swindon) and John Collins (19 kyu St Albans). In addition, all on 2/3 won a prize thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI. Team winner was the Milton Keynes and Cambridge Alliance with 70 percent. Matthew Bolwell (7 kyu London) won the 13x13 prize.

LONDON OPEN 28/12/06-31/12/06 A total of 150 took part in the London Open, held again at ISH, Great Portland Street. The main tournament was a major in the Toyota - IGS-Pandanet European Go Tour. At the start of the final round Li Shen, Ben He and Ondrej Silt were all on 6 wins. They each played players on 5 wins and won (Li Shen only by half a point). So the three on seven had to be split on SOS, and the final placings were: 1st Ondrej Silt (6d Czechia), 2nd Li Shen (6d London), 3rd Ben He (5d Glasgow).
58 entered the Lightning Tournament. In the 8-player knockout stage, Arnaud Godet (19 kyu France) beat Jiri Keller (3 kyu London) in the final.
16 couples took part in a Pair Go competition. It was won by Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. Second were Suvi Leppanen and Teemu Rovi, and third were Jenny Radcliffe and Matt Reid. The 9x9 was cancelled due to lack of interest.

5th SCOTTISH BARLOW 16/12/06 There was a good turnout of 35 players this year. Neil Mitchison (1 kyu), recently returned from Italian exile to work in Edinburgh, made his mark here with a convincing 4/4. Lukasz Rudnicki (11 kyu Edinburgh) also had 4 wins. Piotr Wisthal (1 kyu Aberdeen) got a bit lost in Edinburgh and missed the first round, but went on to win 3/3. He received a prize, as did the other seven on 3 wins: the defending champion Neil McLean (1 kyu Elgin), Pierre Ballesta (6 kyu Edinburgh), Donald Spy (11 kyu Dundee), Kasia Modrynska (13 kyu Edinburgh), Michael Smith (15 kyu Edinburgh), James Armstrong (17 kyu Durham) and Colin Simpson (20 kyu St Andrews).
The three highest placed Scottish residents enter the Scottish championship semi-finals as follows: Robbie Miller (Edinburgh, champion) v John O'Donnell (Glasgow, 3rd), and Neil McLean (Elgin, 1st) v Adam Heslop (Edinburgh, 2nd).

NEWS

REMINDER: People whose membership number starts with 6 need to renew.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 The tournament system for the British Championship 2006 was changed. The Candidates' Tournament reverted from 4 to 6 rounds over 3 days, and the qualification level was relaxed. No players retained places in the Challenger's League, apart from the previous champion who competed in the League also. The title match was between the top two in the League, Bei Ge from Milton Keynes and defending champion Matthew Macfadyen from Leamington.

Game 1 was at the Epsom Tournament on 08/07/06, with live commentary by Guo Juan on KGS. It was won by Bei Ge.

Game 2 was held at Milton Keynes on 24/09/06 and won by Matthew by resignation. It was also live on KGS with commentary by Guo Juan.

Game 3 was played on 07/10/06 in Cambridge at David Ward's House. It was again broadcast live on KGS. The player holding white won again. This time it was Bei Ge who won by resignation.

Game 4 was played on 19/11/06 at the Swindon Tournament. Matthew won by resignation to level the match.

Game 5 was on 02/12/06 in Oxford and was won by Bei Ge, by resignation, taking white. This means Bei Ge is the new British Champion.

PROMOTION The BGA has recognised the promotion of William Brooks to 3 dan (20/01/07)

STACEY POINTS and YOUTH GRAND PRIX After Furze Platt the leaders in the Stacey are: 1st William Brooks 24 points, 2nd David Ward 19, 3rd Ben He 15, 4th Francis Roads 14, 5th Alan Thornton 13. The London Open marked the finish of the 2006 Youth Grand Prix. Scores for the top three places were: 1. Ken Dackombe 1369, 2. Will Brooks 1227 and 3. Kay Dackombe 1185. Two-time winner Jonathan Englefield was fourth and the 2005 champion Maria Tabor fifth. The other players making up the top ten places were Li Shen, Matthew Harris, Matthew Hathrell, Paul Blockley and Owen Walker. For 2007, it is a bit early to see who the contenders will be as there has only been one tournament where Grand Prix points could be scored. The leader at the moment is Will Brooks with 80 points.

BRITS OVERSEAS Winner of the 17th Leuven Go Tournament, 20-21 January was T Mark Hall (4 dan London).

BOOK AND EQUIPMENT SALES (Updated 18/01/07) For BGA members, many different books on Go (mostly in English) and much Go equipment is available from the BGA book distributor. Non-members are recommended to use <http://www.paydaygames.com/>. For more details see the <http://www.britgo.org/bgabooks/bgaprices.html> or contact: Gerry Mills on 01600-712934. New books: Vital Points and Skilful Finesse for Sabaki £15.00, Think Link a Pro, Pae (Ko) £12.50, 4-4 Point Joseki - A Brief Introduction (pub. Slate and Shell) £3.50, Treasure Chest Enigma (pub. Slate and Shell) £17.50, The Workshop Lectures Vol 1 and 2 (pub. Slate and Shell) £9.00 each, Go Shapes Resolve £6.50, 400 Years of Go in Japan by Andrew Grant (pub. Slate and Shell) £16.00, Dictionary of Basic Tesuji Volume 3 (pub. Slate and Shell) £17.00. Go World 109 is available

CLUBS

CAMBRIDGE. Contact: Jonathan Medlock, 5 Bourne Road, Cambridge, CB4 1UF. 01223 395550 j.medlock@ntlworld.com.

Additional new meeting: Wednesdays 7.30pm until 9pm at St Augustine's Church Hall, Richmond Road (just off Huntingdon Road), Cambridge, CB4 3PS

YORK. For the University club, the meeting is: 20:15 in room G/010. For the non-University club, the meeting is: 20:15 in El Piano.



FORTHCOMING

OXFORD Saturday 17th February. Registration by 09:45
 Location St Edmund Hall, Queens Lane, Oxford, OX2 0BY.
 Contact David Wilkinson david.wilkinson@merton.ox.ac.uk

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Sunday 25th February. Registration by 10:45.
 Location The University Centre, Granta Place, (off Mill Lane), Cambridge CB2 1RU.
 Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 3 minutes overtime. There will be two parallel events for novices' (below 20 kyu): training 11:00-13:00 and tournament 14:00-16:00
 Contact Alex Selby; email trigant2007@pobox.com; Tel. 0781 0488300

BGA STUDENT TOURNAMENT Saturday 3rd March - Friday 30th March.
 To be held online on KGS. 4 round McMahon tournament. One game per week. Open to UK university/college students.
<http://compsoc.dur.ac.uk/~ecb/student07/>

IRISH GO CONGRESS Friday 9th–Sunday 11th March.
 Location Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland.
 Event Friday evening: Irish Rapid Play. Saturday and Sunday: Irish Open, 5 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 15 moves in 5 minutes overtime
 Contact Olivier Deme: info@irish-go.org

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 25th March. Registration by 09:45 BST
 Location Loughborough Grammar School, LE11 2DU.
 Event Open to anyone under 18 on 1st September 2006, or still in full-time secondary education. Even games on the 19x19 board with 30 minutes time limit, with handicap games after elimination from titles. Lots of prizes. All strengths, beginners are particularly, are welcome.
 Contact Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. (Tel. 0118 9268143) or via <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2007/youth.html>

BRITISH GO CONGRESS Friday 30th March to Sunday 1st April. Registration: 18:45 Friday, 09:45 Saturday
 Location Selwyn College, Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DQ.
 Event 6 round British Open Tournament, 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. British Lightning on Friday evening. BGA AGM on Saturday evening
 Contact William Brooks thewilge@gmail.com Tel. 01223 322998

UK GO CHALLENGE – EAST OF ENGLAND GEOGRAPHIC GO GALA Saturday 28th April.
 Location Milton School, Cambridge, CB4 6DL.
 Event Teaching and Puzzles in morning and small board tournament in afternoon for schools in East of England. Starts 10:30 until 16:30.
 Contact Paul Smith. Tel. 01223 563932 paul.smith25@ntlworld.com

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May. (For qualifiers only)
 Location Selwyn College, Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DQ.
 Contact Geoff Kaniuk championships@britgo.org

CAMBRIDGE MSO Sunday 6th May.
 Location Netherhall Upper School and Sixth-Form College, Queen Ediths Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN.
 Event A Go event will be held as part of the Cambridge Mind Sports Olympiad. <http://www.msocambridge.org.uk/>

BRACKNELL Sunday 20th May.
 Location Wooshill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.
 Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.
 Contact Clive Hendrie Tel. 01344 422502 clive.hendrie@freenet.co.uk

SCOTTISH OPEN, DUNDEE Saturday 26th–Sunday 27th May.
 Event 6 rounds. Small board rapid on evening of 25th May. Accommodation is being reserved at nearby hotel – contact Rich by start of March.
 Contact Rich Philp Tel. 01382 202283 richphilp@hotmail.com

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH Saturday 23rd–Sunday 24th June. Registration by 1:00 pm
 Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, Marine Promenade, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1HW
 Event 5 round McMahon, time limit of 50 minutes plus overtime of 20 stones in five minutes. Lightning side tournament.
 Contact Tony Pitchford Tel. 01925 730264 (Work), 01925 730583 (Night - not after 9pm please) tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

NATIONAL GO WEEK Sunday 1st - Saturday 7th July.
 Events (provisional) Sunday 1st July - BGA Picnic in Purbrook, Hampshire, Sunday 1st July - UK Go Challenge finals, 7th July - NAGTY Workshop.

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS Saturday 14th – Saturday 28th July. Villach, Austria <http://egc2007.goverband.at>

LATER EVENTS: Milton Keynes Sunday 7th October; Wessex Sunday 28th October; Three Peaks Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November; East Midlands Saturday 24th November; Scottish Barlow Saturday 15th December; London Open Friday 28th–Monday 31st December 2007.



BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates: UK £18, UK concession £11, UK Family £24, Europe £20, Rest of World £24, UK School £18.
 Members receive one year's 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>

Membership Secretary, Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292

AGA BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>

BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments (but not all events): 0795 1140433