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## RESULTS

**MAIDENHEAD FURZE 19/01/08** 65 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd for the 17th Maidenhead Tournament. Jaeup Kim won 3/3 in the top group to win his fourth concurrent title. Other players winning 3/3 were Baron Allday (1 kyu West Wales), France Ellul (6 kyu High Wycombe) and Robin Dews (11 kyu Nottingham). In addition all on 2/3 won a prize thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI. Team winner was Bracknell.

**LONDON OPEN 28/12/07-31/12/07** 120 players assembled for the first day of the 34th London Open, held again at ISH, Great Portland Street. Special guest was the teaching professional from Amsterdam, Guo Juan. After a technical hitch in round 1, the top-board games were broadcast over the Internet using Pandanet (IGS).

In the Open it was the Chinese players (Shaoyou Ouyang and Ting Li) who would prove the toughest opposition to the favourite, the Korean from Berlin: Seul-Ki Hong. On day 2 there were some tough games between the 6 and 7 dans. After four rounds Shaoyou Ouyang from London and Seul-Ki Hong from Berlin were unbeaten at the top. Also on 4 were Paul Barnard (1 kyu Swindon), Xavier Chaumat (2 kyu Paris) and Piotr Radzikowski (6 kyu Poland). On day 3, Shaoyou Ouyang beat Hong and then Lluís Oh to take a clear lead. Hong and Ting ended the day on 5 wins. The three players unbeaten by round 4 won one more game each and were joined by 6 more kyu players on 5 wins. On day 4, a huge crowd gathered to watch if Csaba Mero could upset Shaoyou Ouyang's unbeaten record, in the final, 7th round. But he failed, allowing the Chinese 6 dan from London to be the worthy winner. Hong beat Ting Li in the crucial match for second place. Ting got third on SOS tie-break. All players on 4 wins got a London Open certificate and those on 5 or more got a marble paper weight. Winners of 6 games were Xavier Chaumat (2 kyu Paris), Piotr Radzikowski (6 kyu Poland), Peter Harold-Barry (9 kyu St. Albans), Arnaud Delattre (11 kyu France) and Edward Marshall (12 kyu Isle of Man).

There were various activities in the evenings. Guo Juan gave one of her very popular lectures, and on another occasion played simultaneous games with several players. 42 people took part in lightning tournament. The 8 that won through from the group stage were: Davide Bertok, Jenny Radcliffe, Baron Allday, Antti Holappa, Anna Marconi, Jonathan Turner, Ting Li and Julio Martinez. In the semis Julio beat Anna and Ting beat Jonathan. Winner of the tense 7-stone final game was Julio Martinez (4 kyu Barcelona), beating Ting Li (6 dan Beijing). 8 teams took part in the Pair Go Tournament, where the winners were Dominique Cornuejols and Toru Imamura. The final event was the New Year's Eve meal at a nearby Indian restaurant.

**SCOTTISH BARLOW 15/12/07** There was a record turnout of 42 players this year. Emerging top of the pile at the end to scoop the whisky was the Glasgow-based Swede Peter Dahlgren (2 kyu), followed by Piotr Wisthal (1 dan Aberdeen). One other player achieved 4 wins: James Hadfield (17 kyu Durham). Besides Piotr, a further 9 players achieved 3 wins: Alex Robertson (19 kyu Edinburgh), Rosie Handford (15 kyu St Andrews), Colin Morey (9 kyu Chester), John Shafer (9 kyu Durham), Jenny Radcliffe (8 kyu Durham), Ron Bell (5 kyu Melrose), Jim Cook (4 kyu Edinburgh), Colin Bavidge (3 kyu Newcastle) and Helen Harvey (3 kyu Manchester).

After Robbie Miller defeating Neil McLean in the 2007 final a month before, also determined were the 2008 Scottish championship semi-finals: Edwin Brady versus Robbie Miller and Piotr Wisthal versus John O'Donnell.

## NEWS

**STACEY POINTS 2007-2008** The long events are a good way to score points; Tim Hunt's second at the 5-round Three Peaks saw him catching Matthew Cocke. Shaoyou's win at London gave him the lead, but Tim was not far behind and caught up at Maidenhead. After Maidenhead: 1= Shaoyou Ouyang and Tim Hunt 20, 3= Jaeup Kim, Matthew Cocke and Alistair Wall 13, 6= Francis Roads and Phil Beck12, and 8. William Brooks 10.

**YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2007** The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2006 London Open. The BYGC counted double points. It ended after the 2007 London, but the only late change was Maria Tabor moving from 7th to 4th by 1 point. Final points are: 1 William Brooks (3 dan) with 780 points, 2 Ken Dackombe (9 kyu) 566, 3 Matthew Hathrell (6kyu) 496, 4 Maria Tabor (5 kyu) 357, 5 Hai Xia (3 kyu) 356, 6 Hamzah Reta (18 kyu) 342, 7 Steven Donlon (6 kyu) 320, 8 Costas Televantos (12 kyu) 294 and 9 Roella Smith (30 kyu) 264.

**WORLD MIND SPORTS GAMES, BEIJING.** The first "Mind Sports Olympics" will be held at the Olympic venue in Beijing from 4th - 17th October 2008. The Mind Sports will be Go, Chess, Bridge, and Chinese Chess. For Go, there will be six different events: Men's and Women's Team, Men's and Women's Individual, Open Individual and Pair Go. Council has decided to send the biggest strongest team we can and aggressively seek sponsorship and set up a hardship fund to help with the expenses (accommodation in Beijing is paid for by the organisers but not travel). The BGA could theoretically send a total of 24 players to Beijing but a total of around 12 seems more likely and practicable. We will select players on the basis of Go playing strength and the official BGA Ratings list at a specified date will be the criterion. Volunteers to help organise the British effort are requested. They and any player holding a British passport who would like to be considered for the British Team should please email president@britgo.org Tel. 01896 823172

**NEW BOOKS** available from the BGA book seller Gerry Mills, bga-books@britgo.org \*New address and phone no\* 11 Bridge Street, Llanfyllin, SY22 5AU 07836 602167. SL56 "Master Play - The Style of Lee Changho", SL54 "Key Concepts in Life and Death", "Eurogo Vol 3"

### CLUBS

**ABERDEEN** New contacts: Aidan Karley and Russell Ward, aberdeen-go-owner@yahoo.com The club now has a website and mailing list at <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/aberdeen-go/>

**ARUNDEL** New club, meeting in Arundel, West Sussex on the last Sunday of the month from 2.00 pm onwards. Address: 1 Town Quay, River Rd, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9DF. Please ring first to confirm if it is on. Sue Paterson Tel. 01903 889825 or 07740 376209

**BRIGHTON** Note Jil Segerman's home phone number 01273 470346. Also there is a new club at Sussex University.

**LONDON, CENTRAL LONDON GO CLUB and NIPPON GO CLUB** Now holding joint meetings Saturdays 13:00-20:00 at Nippon Club Salon, 2nd floor, Samuel House, 6 St Albans Street, London, SW1Y 4SQ. Ring the Nippon Club bell to get in. Board fee £3 per player. Players of all strengths are welcome including complete beginners. Contacts: CLGC: Jonathan Turner, je\_turner@hotmail.com, 07968 538881; Nippon Club Igo Kai: Kiyohiko Tanaka gokichi@tanaka.co.uk, 07956 594040

# FORTHCOMING

## **CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Saturday 8th March.** 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 10:30-13:00 and tournament 14:00-16:00

Contact Alex Selby trigant2008@pobox.com Tel. 0781 0488300 Graham Phillips graham@grahamandamy.com for Novices

## **BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 16th March.**

Location King Edward VI Aston School, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ

Event Youth titles at U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 will be contested, in addition to the titles of overall British Youth Champion and British Schools Team Champions. A mixture of even and handicap games. Beginners and those new to the game will be made particularly welcome.

Contact Mike Lynn michael.lynn@keaston.bham.sch.uk Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ. Tel. 01675 442753 Please provide all the details as requested on the web-based entry form <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2008/youth.html>

## **THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT Monday 24th March.** Burpham Village Hall, Guildford. Contact SGBailey@iee.org

## **BRITISH GO CONGRESS, HASTINGS Friday 4th - Sunday 6th April.**

Location Hornsby Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1EX.

Event 6 round McMahon tournament. Registration Saturday 09:00-10:00. Round 4 Sunday 09:15. Prize giving 17:00. British Lightning on Friday evening from 19:00 (registration 18:15-18:45). BGA AGM on Saturday at 18:30

Contact Steve Bailey, 3 Pound Place Close, Shalford, Guildford, GU4 8HL. SGBailey@iee.org

## **COVENTRY Saturday 26th April.** Registration by 10:00.

Location The Library, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact David Buckley gotournament@bucko.me.uk Go Tournament, David Buckley, 27 Crosbie Road, Coventry, CV5 8FX Telephone for urgent problems (mobile): 07790 456431

## **CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, CAMBRIDGE Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th May.** Registration 09:15 - 10:00.

Location Diamond Room, Selwyn College, Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9DQ

Event First stage in British Championships - if you are 1900 or stronger, check [www.britgo.org/bchamp](http://www.britgo.org/bchamp) for the qualifier's list and British residency requirements. If you would have financial difficulty attending, please contact us as below.

Contact Geoff Kaniuk championships@britgo.org Tel. 01223 710582

## **CAMBRIDGE BARLOW Sunday 4th May** Register by 09:30, finish by 17:30.

Location To be announced

Event Kyu players only! 5 Round McMahon tournament, 35 minutes, no overtime.

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

## **BRACKNELL Sunday 18th May 2008.** Registration by 10:00

Location Wooshehill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Also afternoon **Novices' Tournament**.

Contact Bracknell@kisekigo.com Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD. Tel. 01344 422296

## **SCOTTISH OPEN Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th May 2008 (provisional).**

## **BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, nr. OXFORD Sunday 8th June.** Registration 10:00 to 10:25

Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5DP.

Event A tournament for teams of one male and one female who play alternately with no conferring. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section. Both groups play 45 minutes sudden death.

Contact Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London, E18 2NL francis@jfroards.demon.co.uk Tel. 020 8505 4381

## **WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 21st-Sunday 22nd June.** Registration by 12:30 Saturday

Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, The Promenade, Barmouth, LL42 1HW

Event 5 round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with overtime of 20 stones in 5 minutes.

Contact tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tarporley Road, Whitley, Warrington WA4 4DS. Tel. 01925 730264 (work)

## **CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE, LONDON Friday 27th - Monday 30th June** (For Qualifiers from the Candidates, see above)

## **NATIONAL GO WEEK Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th July**

**GO PICNIC, Sunday 13th July.** 13 Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hampshire, PO7 5LU. Bring your own lunch and some Go Art. Also Go film and slide shows. Contact Peter Wendes pwendes@hotmail.com Tel. 02392 267648

## **MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD Saturday 16th - Monday 25th August 2008 (provisional)**

## **ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK Sunday 17th - Friday 22nd August.**

**NOTE CHANGED DATE AND LOCATION**

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Events 5 round Open McMahon tournament. Afternoon, Rengo, Die Hard, Handicap, 13x13, Continuous Lightning Tournaments, plus Social events (Quiz, Steam Train Excursion, Music, Buffet and Prizegiving). **UK/USA TEAM TOURNAMENT.** Visiting US team of 4 players (5kyu-5dan). If you are 7 kyu or stronger and going to Man, please volunteer to be on the UK team to [president@britgo.org](mailto:president@britgo.org) Tel. 01896 823172

Contact Leo Phillips leo@iomgo.org.uk. Isle of Man Go Club, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Birch Hill Park, Onchan, Isle of Man IM3 3HD

**CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, PENZANCE Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September.** john.culmer@exception.co.uk Tel. 01326 573167

# BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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**Membership Secretary:** Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Tel. 01223 367022 [mem@britgo.org](mailto:mem@britgo.org)

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**BGA MOBILE:** For emergency calls to tournament organisers on the day of most tournaments: **07506 555366**