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RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS 04/04/08-06/04/08 William Streeten from Hastings Go Club and Steve Bailey and Geoff Kaniuk from the BGA ran the 41st British Go Congress at Hornsby Park Sports Complex in Hastings. The very modern building allowed a distant view of the sea or a chance to watch sports such as judo, archery and hockey being played. The British Lightning took place on the Friday evening in the octagonal room. It started with 18 and ended with 22 players. It was run on the Swiss system using player numbers. The winner by tie-break was a reluctant to enter T Mark Hall (4 dan). The British Open attracted 50 players. Both the octagon and another room were used for the boards. At the end of the first day, the leaders were Toby Manning and T Mark Hall, with Paul Barnard not far behind. The BGA AGM was held on the Saturday evening from 18:35 to 19:55, after which tables had been reserved in the Cosmo, a Chinese buffet on the seafront. Day two started bright, though inland had had snow, and snow arrived in Hastings mid-afternoon. The winner of the Open was T Mark Hall with 5/6 and runner up with 4/6 was judged to be Toby Manning, though placed fourth on SOS. Prizes for 5/6 went to Paul William Smith (8 kyu Hastings), Milos Podbera (11 kyu Prague), and for 4/4 Jiang Beck (14 kyu Cambridge). Jil Segerman (9 kyu Brighton) won the 13x13 with 3/4 and the Brighton Belles won the Nippon Club Trophy for best team. Toby Manning won the quiz and Pauline Bailey won the spot the stone contest.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, Guildford 24/03/08 Eight teams competed for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and the handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. Steve Bailey, of last year's winners Guildford, hosted the event at Burpham Village Hall, Guildford. The team from Maidenhead won the event (Xinyi Lu, David Denholm and Jonathan Englefield). Second equal were Swindon Eric's Idlers. Players on 3/3 were Francis Roads and Pauline Bailey. Winners in the 10x10 event were Shawn Hearn and Mark Nubbett.

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 16/03/08, Aston The 2008 Youth Championships had 37 competitors aged from 7 to 18, with strengths from 4 kyu to 30 kyu, at King Edward VI School. Maria Tabor became the first girl youth champion with 5 straight wins including beating Chinese player Tom Zhai (4 kyu Stowe). Prizes and places went to:

Overall: Maria Tabor (Epsom) 2nd: Mazhar Warraich (Aston)
U18: Maria Tabor (Epsom) 2nd: Matthew Hathrell (Coventry)
U16: Steven Donlon (Burton) 2nd: Costas Televantos (Aston)
U14: Mazhar Warraich (Aston) 2nd: Ken Dackombe (Farnborough)
U12: John Perkins (Aston) 2nd: Jack Drury (Aston)
U10: Thomas Meehan (Solihull) 2nd: Hannah Sanders (Cardiff)
U8: Roella Smith (Milton) 2nd: Charlotte Bexfield (Letchworth)
Novice's: Jack Merrill (Stowe) and Peran Truscott (Cambridge)

Four wins: Ravinder Hayer (Aston), Joshua Dolman (Aston) and Owen Walker (Cambridge)
Fighting Spirit Prize: Joshua Zolna (Aston)
Castledine Trophy: King Edward VI School, Aston
Team with most wins: Penguin Patrol (Cambridge) with 9/13
13x13 knockout: 1st: Jun Hoe Ahn (Aston) 2nd: Matthew Hathrell
Puzzle competition: Danielle Ward (Cambridge)
Liar Dice: Joshua Dolman (Aston)

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 08/03/08 73 players attended this year's Trigantius, plus another 16 in the Novices event, held again at the University Centre but on a Saturday. Shaoyou Ouyang (6 dan London) was the new winner of the event. Players that won all three games were Suzanne Low (1 dan Cambridge), Carin Trygg Monvall (5 kyu West Surrey), Richard Mullens (6 kyu St. Albans) and Owen Walker (19 kyu Cambridge Juniors). Those on two wins had the next choice of prize, but nobody was left out. The best team was TGF from West Surrey. The 13x13 was won by Danielle Ward. The Best Kyu Player cash prize was won by Taka Obita. Pauline Bailey won the spot the errors picture competition.

In the small board Cambridge Novices' tournament, the winner was Arnold Chui with 5 wins. Second was Elliot Solomon with 4 and again nobody went home without a prize.

OXFORD TOURNAMENT 16/02/08 62 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) making a welcome return to one day events. Players on 3/3 were Jim Chim (2 dan Cardiff), David Buckley (1 kyu Leamington), Sue Paterson (4 kyu Brighton), Fred Holroyd (5 kyu Milton Keynes), Gary Gibson (9 kyu Wanstead) and Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey). Prizes again were sponsored by Hoyles Games Shop. After the event, many of the players attended a meal in memory of Simon Eve who instigated the post-tournament meal last year, but sadly died suddenly in May.

CHESHIRE 09/02/08 On a beautiful sunny day, 24 players attended the 11th Cheshire Tournament. It was held again alongside the Chess Congress at Frodsham Community Centre. Winner of the Open section was organiser Tony Atkins (2 dan); second was George Leach (2 kyu Liverpool). Worthy mention goes to Martin Harvey, who at 5 kyu was the lowest ever player in the Open, yet only missed out from fourth place by half a point in his last game. The winner of the Handicap section had to be decided on tie-break between Andy Price (12 kyu) from Leamington and three of the group of boys from Aston. Huw Talliss came out top, followed by Andy equal with Jack Drury and Calum Healey was fourth. The 10x10 was cancelled for technical reasons.

NEWS

STACEY POINTS 2007-2008 Final places: 1. Shaoyou Ouyang with 23 points, 2. Tim Hunt 21, 3. Alistair Wall 18, 4= Francis Roads and Phil Beck 15, 6. Jaeup Kim 14, 7= Matthew Cocke and Toby Manning 13.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2008 The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2007 London Open. The points on 17/3/2008 were:
Owen Walker 276, Danielle Ward 268, Maria Tabor 260, Matthew Hathrell 256, John Perkins 252 and Peran Truscott 252.

PROMOTIONS 6th April 2008: The BGA has recognised the new dan grades of: 2 dan Nick Krempel, 2 dan Phil Beck and 1 dan Alex Bell

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION AGM

At the AGM, the following Officers and Council Members were elected for the forthcoming year:
President: Ron Bell Treasurer: Steve Bailey Secretary: Edwin Brady Auditor: Alison Bexfield
Council Members: Brian Brunswick, Anna Griffiths, Geoff Kaniuk, Xinyi Lu and Joss Wright

Council proposed a motion approving its decision to adopt AGA Rules. Geoff Kaniuk spoke on behalf of Council in favour of the motion. No-one raised their hand to oppose the motion and so, after a series of questions from the floor had been answered, the motion was passed "nem con".

BRITS OVERSEAS

PARIS PANDANET GO EUROPEAN CUP FINALS, 22/03/08-24/03/08 None of the UK players did very well but Catalin Taranu won his demonstration game series against the latest computer program. Fan Hui won the tournament and Cho Seok-Bin won the Pandanet rankings.

EUROPEAN YOUTH GOE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 06/03/08-09/03/08 This took place in Mikulov in Czechia. 101 under-18s and 58 under-12s took part. Vanessa Wong, representing UK, was 13th in the Under-18.

IRISH OPEN, 29/02/08-02/03/08 The 19th Irish Open was held as usual in the Teachers' Club in Dublin, but this year was part of the Pandanet Go European Cup. The 29-player Rapid handicap tournament on the Friday evening was won by Dylan Carter (1 dan) on 5/5. In the Open, there was a record attendance of 56 representing 11 different nations, including 16 players from the UK. The winner was Cho Seok-Bin and the best UK entrant was Ian Davis (1 dan) ranked 10th.

TOYOTA DENSO OZA, Amsterdam, 31/01/08-03/02/08. The fourth Toyota Denso European Go Oza was held at the European Go Centre like the previous editions in 2002, 2004 and 2006. 58 players took part in the qualifying stage, the best going forward to join the winners from 2006 in the grouped knockout stages. From the UK, David Ward won 1 and Bei Ge 3.

CLUBS

BRIGHTON Now meets at the Battle of Trafalgar, 34 Guildford Rd, Brighton, BN1 3LW. Very near Brighton Station. Food served until 9pm.

CAMBRIDGE New room Thursdays: Either in the TV room or adjacent room, 3rd floor, the University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RU.

CANTERBURY Canterbury Club suspected to be dead

GLASGOW club is changing to Thursdays from 20 March

LONDON, CLGC now meeting from 2-9pm, possibly later

LONDON, PUTNEY renamed **LONDON, SOUTH.** New venue: The Jackdaw and Rook, Balham, Balham High St, 2 minutes walk from Balham station, SW12 9AA. Please contact before travelling brian@ithil.org

MAIDENHEAD Added new web page for Maidenhead, <http://www.maidenheadgoclub.com/>

MANCHESTER UNI GO SOCIETY A second go club in Manchester, see <http://www.umsu.manchester.ac.uk/go/> Mondays 17:00, Atrium Bridge, Alan Turing Building, Upper Brook St, (46 on campus map). Contact go_soc@hotmail.com

NEWCASTLE Tom Coulthard's house, 17 Curtis Road, Fenham, Newcastle Upon Tyne. tomcoulthard@hotmail.com, 0191 2260014

PENZANCE Thursday 20:00, Flat 3, 1 Causewayhead, Penzance, TR18 2SN. John Culmer john_culmer@talk21.com, 01326 573167

FORTHCOMING

SCOTTISH OPEN Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th May 2008 Exact timings have yet to be decided

_location Mason's Hall, 7 Artillery Lane, Dundee, DD1 1PE.

Event 6 round McMahon. Small board rapid on evening of 23rd May.

Contact Contact Pete Clinch p.j.clinch at dundee.ac.uk 01382 665322

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

DURHAM Saturday 14th-Sunday 15th June. Registration: To be confirmed; probably by 12:45 on Saturday 14th June

_location St John's College, Durham, DH1 3RJ.

Event 6 Round McMahon with 45 minutes time limit and 40 stones in 5 minutes Canadian overtime.

Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk or Jenny Radcliffe 07789 724501

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. Contact: championships@britgo.org

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

EPSOM Saturday 19th July. Entry by 09:30; Registration by 09:45. Prize Giving 17:35.

_location The Ebbisham Centre, 6-7 The Derby Square, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8AG.

Event Three round McMahon; 60 mins per player (no overtime). Generous sponsorship thanks to Stephen and Vicky Streater.

Contact Contact Yvonne Margetts, 48 Ewell Downs Road, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3BN. epsom2008@yuhong.co.uk

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD Saturday 16th - Monday 25th August 2008

_location Victoria, London

SLE 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, many social events.

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 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

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

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: Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Tel. 01223 367022 mem@britgo.org

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

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