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RESULTS

CORK 4th – 5th December 2010 There was a record turnout this year at UCC with 28 players coming to a chilly Cork. Once again there was a multinational presence, with Polish, Romanian, Dutch, Vietnamese, Chinese, French and British players in attendance. Willem-Koen Pomstra took first place ahead of the perennially second placed Cao Tong-Yu. The best player below the bar was Przemyslaw Dyszczyk, followed by Karen Pleit. Con Quigley won the best beginner prize.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP 4th December 2010 Despite the snow the tournament happened, a small cosy affair with only 13 entrants and 3 power cuts. It was won by Sue Paterson with 4/4; she beat Jonathan Reece (3/4) in the final round. Also on 3 were Philippe Bourrez and Max Bourget, and on 2.5 Dawn Street. The 13*13 was won by Xinyi Lu on 9/9 wins. Pits was won by Sue Paterson and the 'identify the birds quiz' by Tony Atkins. After the tournament, 6 of the players had a pleasant and filling meal at a nearby curry restaurant. West Surrey Go club wishes to thank all those who made the effort to attend in the face of the all the snow.

EAST MIDLANDS 27th November 2010 Despite overnight snow, 61 players managed to take part in the East Midlands Tournament at the National Space Centre in Leicester. Top of the list of prize winners was Jon Diamond. The list also contained Helen Harvey, Andre Cockburn, Matei Mandache, Matt Marsh, Ben Haines, Mark Wrangham, Mark Eddy and Andrew Russell. Winners of the 13x13 side competition were Aston's Hamzah Reta and Ibraheem Mustafa.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Cambridge 21st November 2010 Andrew Simons took the national Small Board Champion's title and £50 prize at the 17-player tournament in Cambridge, winning 6 out of 8. Prizes for 5 out of 8 went to Anna Griffiths, Pauline Bailey, Steve Bailey, Langdon Truscott and Peran Truscott. There were special prizes for juniors. Top junior was Adan Mordcovich (5kyu Wanstead) winning the £20 prize and second was Roella Smith (Cambridge) winning the £10 prize.

THREE PEAKS, Grange-over-Sands 13th – 14th November 2010 The Three Peaks Tournament stayed for a second time down by the sea in Grange-over-Sands. 48 players took part and Matthew Cocke topped the results list for a third time in a row. Brian Timmins was the only other player to win all 5 games. Alex Kent and Ben Riddell from Durham, and Adrian Abrahams from Lancaster won 4 games each.

COVENTRY 6th November 2010 Matthew Macfadyen held on to his local title by winning the Coventry Tournament. Andrew Kay was second and Nick Krempel was third. Winning 3/3 were Mike Charles (1 kyu St Albans), Jack Ley (4 kyu Warwick), Ben Falconer (5 kyu Warwick), Jonathan Green (6 kyu Leamington) and James Brownrigg (9 kyu Chester). 44 took part.

WESSEX 31st October 2010 34 players took part in the 41st Wessex. It was won by Andrew Kay (4 dan Durham). Division 2 was won by Christian Scarff (1 dan Swindon), Division 3 by Helen Harvey (2 kyu Manchester) and Division 4 by Dick Norton (7 kyu Manchester).

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP, KGS, 24th October 2010 David Lee beat Matt Crosby in the 2010 Scottish Championship. The third game was played on KGS on 24th October and a win on time gave David the title 2-1.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS (AUTUMN) 17th October 2010 Mannami Kana, 4p, helped the Nippon Club team win the Autumn London International Teams. Miss Mannami was in London to help the Nippon Club celebrate its 50th anniversary and was honoured guest at the tournament. As well as helping Mr Tanaka and Mr Nao win the event, she gave a commentary on the previous week's British Title game two (the first of two wins for Matthew Macfadyen against Vanessa Wong). Winning the new handicap sections were the St Albans team and the South London/City team.

NEWS

BGA BOOK SELLER The BGA Book Seller is ceasing activities at the end of December 2010. Current arrangements are valid for orders received by 18th December 2010. After that date, and before the end of December, we suggest you contact the Book Seller by phone or email and do not send in an order. It is hoped to run a one-day bookshop on Wednesday 29th Dec at the London Open. New arrangements for supply of Books and Equipment to BGA members are under discussion and will be notified on the BGA web-site and the Gotalk mailing list. Go World subscription arrangements are continuing unchanged.

GERRY MILLS PRESENTATION AT EGM At the Extraordinary General Meeting of the BGA that approved the 2009 accounts, Gerry Mills was presented with a portrait of himself painted by Go player and artist Jiri Keller. He was also presented with a book on walking and a card, gifts in recognition of his more than 10 years running the BGA book shop.

BRITS OVERSEAS

PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS The European Go Federation has announced an international team championship, with one team of a maximum of 12 players per country (matches will be 4 boards), to be played on the Internet with the final top 4 countries playing the finals at the European Go Congress in Bordeaux in 2011. Jon Diamond did his duty as President of the BGA by winning his game in the UK's first match in the B League of the new Pandanet Go European Team Championship. Unfortunately Matthew Macfadyen, Will Brooks and Jonathan Chin lost their games, so that the UK lost the match 3-1 to Poland.

KOREA PRIME MINISTER CUP Changwon, Korea 23 - 24 October 2010 Ian Davis took a very high 25th place for Ireland at the 5th KPMC. He won 4 games (against Kazakhstan, Portugal, Brazil and Norway) and lost 3 (against Denmark, Slovakia and Sweden). Piers Shepperson ended 43rd for the UK having won 3 (against Panama, Malaysia and Luxembourg), but losing 4 (to Spain, Poland, Columbia and Netherlands).

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Lyon, France, 16 - 17 October 2010. Vanessa Wong narrowly failed to win the European Women's Go championship, held in Lyon, France. Vanessa ended in the top group of five players on four wins, but was squeezed into second place on tie-break behind Germany's Pei Zhao. Alison Bexfield was 6th and Natasha Regan was 11th in the field of 20 players.

STACEY POINTS Current standing (after East Midlands): 1 on 15 points Toby Manning, 2 on 14 Yohei Negi, 3 on 13 Alistair Wall, 4 on 11 Nick Krempel, 5 on 10 Andrew Kay and Francis Roads, 7 on 9 Matthew Cocke and Tony Atkins, 9 on 8 points Matthew Crosby, Sandy Taylor and David Phillips.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX The current top 10 in the 2010 Grand Prix are: Roella Smith 13k Milton School 686, Jamie Taylor 3k Leeds 551, Kelda Smith 28k Milton School 490, Barney Shiu 12k Bristol 468, Peran Truscott 14k Cambridge 421, Owen Walker 13k Cambridge 419, Langdon Truscott 19k Cambridge 410, Tian Ren Chen 1d Loughborough 280 and Matei Mandache 7k Loughborough 252.

CLUB UPDATES

NORWICH Tony Lyall new email norwich_go_club@hotmail.co.uk

ISLE OF SKYE will meet for the Winter in the Tongadale Hotel, in Wentworth Street, Portree, Isle of Skye, 19.30 on Tuesday evenings

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Monday 19:30-23:00, Weeks 1-8 of term only Meeting at: "Swan and Castle" [Witherspoons] pub, Castle St, Oxford, OX1 1LY. Check the website for latest info.

MID-CORNWALL now meets Tuesday nights, 8pm at Glenview Farm, Wheal Buller, Redruth, Cornwall, TR16 6ST

NORTH LONDON Michael Webster is taking over from Kevin Campbell. The email address nlgoclub@gmail.com is still valid.



FORTHCOMING

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st December. Registration 12:00 -14:00 on 28th December; closing ceremony 14:30 on 31st December
Location International Students House, Great Portland Street, London. This is in central of London, next door to Great Portland Street underground station. You will be able to take a crisp walk in nearby Regent's Park, or you can be in the hustle and bustle of Oxford Street shopping within a 10-minute walk. Low-cost accommodation is available in a variety of formats. Players (and even their family!) are able to stay on site, and enjoy all the facilities provided including bar, internet access and restaurant.
Event McMahon tournament with 7 rounds, 90 minutes if either player is 19 kyu or stronger, 60 minutes otherwise; Canadian overtime of 20 moves in 5 minutes. A Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Sponsored by Winton Capital Management. Events include: Pair Go and Lightning competitions, professional teaching by Guo Juan, a 7-game match between Man and Machine. After the closing ceremony, there will be a Rengo tournament for those who are staying for the New Year celebrations. There will also be an evening meal arranged at a local venue on 31st.
Contact On-line entry preferred; link on: <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2010/logc> london-open@britgo.org Geoff Kaniuk 33 Ashbury Close, Cambridge CB1 3RW, United Kingdom. 01223 710582

MAIDENHEAD Saturday 22nd January 2011 Registration by 9:45. Prize giving by 19:00
Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with increasing overtime (10/5, 20/5 etc). Flexible komi with players bidding to play black. Supported by Hitachi Europe Ltd.
Contact Iain Atwell 01628 676792 wintergarden@talktalk.net

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN (rearranged from December) Saturday 5th February Registration by 09:45. Prize giving 18:00.
Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.
Event 4-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 45 minutes with 30/5 overtime. Includes qualifying for Scottish Championship.
Contact On-line entry form, Donald MacLeod 0141 8806169 donald.macleod284@virgin.net

OXFORD Saturday 12th February Registration by 09:45
Location St. Edmund Hall, Queens Lane, Oxford, OX1 4AR..
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 50 minutes with 30/5 overtime
Contact oxfordgotournament2011@gmail.com Colin Clark, Exeter College, Oxford, OX1 3DP. Emergency phone: 01865 248 775

CHESHIRE, Frodsham Saturday 12th February Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 18:30.
Location Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.
Event 3-round open (top 8 players) and 5-round handicap. Time limits 60 mins and 30 mins, with 40/5 overtime.
Contact Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 cheshire@kisekigo.com

NOTTINGHAM Saturday 26th February... Registration by 9:45; prize giving 18:00
Location The Ballroom, Portland Building, University Park, University of Nottingham, NG7 2RD
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with 40/5 overtime
Contact Contact Maria Tabor maria_tabor1989@hotmail.co.uk 07731 333389

IRISH OPEN Friday 4th – Sunday 6th 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. A Pandanet Super Tournament in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Time limit 60 minutes with 15/5 overtime.
Contact Eoghan Barry oldrottenhat@gmail.com

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Saturday 12th March
Location St Columba's Hall in central Cambridge
Event Three-round McMahon, time limits approximately one hour, details to be decided. Novice events probably be similar to last year
Contact Main tournament Alex Selby 07810 488300 trigant2011@pobox.com For Novices, Paul Smith 01223 563932 paul.smith25@ntlworld.com

ARUNDEL Sunday 27th March (provisional) 3-round McMahon. Contact Sue Paterson suepat812@btinternet.com 01903 889825

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, Malmesbury 8th - 10th April

WELWYN GARDEN CITY Saturday 16th April. Entry form on BGA web; or contact John Collins jmc@xisl.com

BRACKNELL Sunday 15th May

SCOTTISH OPEN Dundee, Saturday 28th May - Sunday 29th May

DURHAM Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th June. Contact Durham Go Club go.club@durham.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN Barmouth Saturday 25th–Sunday 26th June. Contact Tony Pitchford 01925 730583 tony at towbarsdirect.co.uk

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September



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