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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

U.S. Go Congress:

6-14th August

The overall winner was Lee K Y (6d). John Rickard won the 4 dan division, Nick Webber won the 3 dan division with Andrew Jones in 5th place and Tony Warburton won the 1 kyu division. In the Diehard competition (played on the day off) John Rickard and Jim Clare both won prizes for 3/4. The Pair Go event was played in tables with a second stage play-off. Matthew Macfadyen and Kirsty Healey won their first stage table with Alison Jones and Richard Hunter second. In the Lightning, Jim Clare and Paul Margetts both won first stage tables. Most importantly, the British Team won the International Friendship Match against teams from the US, Canada, Europe and Japan.

North-East Team Go Tournament:

Saturday 20th August

Eight teams of three players competed in this innovative event, with games played with handicaps. Teams came from Edinburgh (2), Hull, Leicester, London, Newcastle, Teesside and Wanstead. The winners were Wanstead (Andrew and Alison Jones and Alistair Wall). Alison was the only player with 4/4. The organisers would be interested to hear ideas for different formats.

20th Northern Go Tournament: (EGP)

Weekend 3-4th September

75 players attended the Northern Tournament in Manchester with its European Grand Prix status, but alas no Europeans (other than us of course). In the end, even the tie-break system was unable to separate the joint winners Des Cann (4d Leamington) and Matthew Cocke (4d) both with 5½/6. Simon Shiu (3d Teesside) came third. Other winners with 5/6 were: David King (5k Br'hale), Wayne Walters (5k Wanstead), and Tim Reckett (10k Manchester). Mark Harrod (16k Brakenhale) and Tom Summerscales (19k Culcheth) both with 4/6 also won prizes. Qualifiers for the Candidates' Tournament were: Baron Allday, Simon Bexfield, Paul Mellor, Eddie Smithers and Peter Yim.

International Team Tournament:

12th September

This contest between teams of 12 players was won by Central London after beating a Japanese team and Wanstead. Players with 3/3 were: Obayashi, Kasai, Rix, May and Barthropp.

Okabe Cup Team Tournament:

12th September

This match for kyu players at the same time as the above event was between teams of 5 players. It was won by Brighton on a tie break from Central London. Jim Sadler won 3/3.

Milton Keynes Go Tournament:

Saturday 17th September

There were 71 players at this tournament which was won by Edmund Shaw (5d Reading). Other prize winners with 3/3 were: Toby Manning (2d Leamington), Daniel Cox (7k Brakenhale), Anna Griffiths (14k Maidenhead), Paul Clarke (20k High Wycombe) and Nicola Hurden (28k Brakenhale). Qualifiers for the Candidates' Tournament were: Chris Dawson, Alan Dean, Jonathan Chetwynd, and David Woodnutt.

Pair Go Tournament:

Sunday 25th September

The winners were Alison Jones & Nick Webber, who will be our representatives in the World event in Japan later in the year. Second were Kirsty Healey & Des Cann, third were Sue Patterson & Edmund Shaw, and fourth were Helen Harvey & Bob Bagot.

Shrewsbury Go Tournament:

Sunday 2nd October

The overall winner was Des Cann after a ½ point win over runner-up Francis Roads. Other prizes were awarded to division winners: David Woodnutt (1d OU), Paul Barnard (1k Swindon), John Herman (5k Manchester), John Gardner (9k Culcheth), Mark Harrod (14k Brakenhale), Richard Dowling (22k Brakenhale). The team prize was shared by Leamington and Culcheth Crusaders both with 7/9. Two prizes were awarded in the lightning competition for 5 wins: Daniel Dowling (Brakenhale) and David Bennett (Culcheth). Qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were Helen Harvey and Kirsty Healey.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

For further details of overseas events contact Tony Atkins or me. EGP = Fujitsu European Grand Prix event.

Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments. The revised tournament list for the 94/95 season is:

Manchester (3-4 Sep), Copenhagen (17-18 Sep), Bucharest (30 Sep-2 Oct), Bratislava (14-16 Oct), Brussels (29-30 Oct), Gothenburg (12-13 Nov), Zurich (3-4 Dec), Prague (10-12 February), Kazan (RUS) (24-26 Feb), Linz (10-12 Mar), Dublin (17-19 Mar), Bled (7-9 Apr), Paris (15-17 Apr), Milan (29-30 Apr), Budapest (12-14 May), Amsterdam (25-28 May), Hamburg (3-5 Jun), Helsinki (10-12 Jun), Warsaw (16-18 Jun), European Go Congress @ Tuchola (PL) (22 Jul-5 Aug).

Here is the latest from our Japan correspondent, Brian Chandler:

Japanese news:

Cho Chi-kun held on to his Honinbo title, just beating Kataoka 4-3 in the final in July. The Meijin league was extremely closely fought, with three people (Cho, Rin and Kato, in seeding order) all ending on 6-2. Rin won the playoff, and is currently 0-2 down in the best-of-seven challenge to Kobayashi Koichi. Meanwhile, Rin took the Gosei title from Kobayashi 3-1 in August. Hashimoto Utao 9-dan, holder of many titles in the 1950s and 60s, died on July 24th at the age of 87. He was still active, being the commentator in the NHK tournament game broadcast posthumously on July 31st.

International news:

Cho Hun-hyun (Korea) won the Korean Dong-Yang Securities Cup, beating Yoda-Norimoto (Japan) 3-1 in the best-of-five final (June 22nd Seoul). He (Cho) also took the Fujitsu World Cup title held in Tokyo in August. Rin Kaiho managed to lose the Japan-China Tengen/Tianyuan/10-10-point challenge match 0-2 again, for the third year in a row. This time the Chinese Tianyuan he lost to was Ma Xiao-chun. (Never mind, the Japanese player won the first four of the seven matches so far). Otake, NHK Cup holder, won the Asia TV tournament which matches the winners of the various TV tournaments in China, Japan and Korea. (Held in Pusan, Korea and televised in August).

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Andy Finch sends some news from the Korean viewpoint:

Cho Hun-hyun won one billion Korean Won (about £80,000) for his win in the Dong-Yang Securities Cup. The Koreans were very pleased that the final of the Fujitsu Cup held in Tokyo was between two Koreans, Cho beating Choi Kyu-byong 4-1. Lee Chang-ho, one of his main rivals, doesn't play in international events since he is still at school and has to stay in the country during school terms. Here is the current standing of the leading Korean pros in tournament games this year: 1: Suh Bong-soo 9-dan (25-9 = 73.5%), 2: Lee Chang-ho 7-dan (39-16 = 71%), 3: Jang Soo-yong 9-dan (18-8 = 69.2%), 4: Cho Hun-hyun 9-dan (35-21 = 62.5%), 4=: Kim Soo-jang 9-dan (20-12 = 62.5%).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Generally UK tournaments do not require entry on an entry form. Phone for details.

25th Wessex Go Tournament:

Sunday 23rd October

Location: Marlborough Town Hall. Registration by 9:45. This will be a 4 round even game tournament.

Fees: BGA members £10, non-members £11, 16 or less £4. Late entry (after 20th October) if accepted +£2.

Coffee, lunch afternoon tea and high tea are included in the entry fee. Contact: Terry Wright on 0275-842258 (before 10 pm).

2nd Swindon Go Tournament:

Sunday 6th November

Location: Walcot Common Room, Walcot, Swindon. NB. New location. Registration by 10.

Fees: BGA member/overseas £5, non-members £7, student/unwaged £3, on-the-day entry +£1.50, 11+ kyu 50p discount.

Contact: Paul Barnard, 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 1HY. Tel. 0793-432856 evenings before 9.30.

Birmingham Go Tournament:

Sunday 13th November

Location: The Martineau Education Centre, Balden Road (off Hagley Road West) Harborne, Birmingham. Registration to 10:20.

Fees: BGA members £6, non-members £7, under 18 £3. Lunches by prior order from £1.50. Contact: Lionel Naef/Anna Tripp on 021-452-1003.

Irish Open Handicap Tournament:

Weekend 12-13th November

Location: Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin. British entrants are welcome.

Contact: John Gibson on Dublin 908779. A limited amount of free accommodation is available.

2nd Three Peaks Tournament:

Weekend 26-27th November

Location: The Marton Arms Hotel, Thornton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 3PB.

Event: This will be a 5 round event. Registration by 13:00 on the saturday (to make travelling easier).

Fees: BGA members £8, non-members £10, under 16 £4. Contact: Tim Hazelden at the Marton Arms. Tel. 05242-41281.

West Surrey Teach-in:

Saturday 3rd December

Location: Burpham Village Hall, (North of Guildford). NB. Different location on Sunday. Registration by 10:30.

Event: Instruction by several dan players. Suitable for all players from beginner to 1 kyu.

Fees: (Saturday only): BGA members £4, non-members £4.50, concessions £2.50, After 30th Nov +£2.

Fees: (Saturday+Sunday): BGA members £9, non-members £10.00, concessions £5, After 30th Nov +£2.

Contact: Charles Bockett-Pugh on 01252-878191 or Steve Bailey on 01483-33748.

West Surrey Handicap Go Tournament:

Sunday 4th December

Location (as last year): Wey House School, Bramley. NB. Different location on Saturday. Registration by 10:30.

Event: 4 round swiss tournament. The draw aims for handicaps of about 4 stones.

Fees: (Sunday only): BGA members £6, non-members £7, concessions £3.50, After 30th Nov +£3. Contact: above.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wessex (23 Oct), Swindon (6 Nov), Birmingham (13 Nov), Three Peaks (26-27 Nov), W. Surrey Teach-in (3 Dec), W. Surrey Handicap (4 Dec), London Open (30 Dec-2 Jan).

Please let me know about any additions or changes.

NEWS

- ▶ **Promotions :-)** The Council has approved the following: Jonathan Chetwynd & Jay Rastall to 2 dan. Simon Rudd & Granville Wright to 1 dan.
- ▶ **Feng Yun.** The Chinese professional player who taught in Britain last year is proposing a two week visit around the end of the year, with the Go team of the Coal Industry Ministry of China. She would then like to stay on for a further 3 months to teach Go. Clubs who would be interested in hosting her should contact Alex Rix.
- ▶ **BGA Books Ltd.** The BGA runs this Company to sell books and equipment to members. In the past, the financial accounts have been prepared by Andrew and Alison Jones, but they would now like to step down. There is, therefore, a need for someone who is familiar with financial accounts to take over this activity. Please contact Alex Rix if you are interested.
- ▶ **The Devon Go Cub** meets at the house of Tom Widdicombe at 8 on Thursday evenings. The address is Woodlands, Haytor Vale, Newton Abbot, Devon. ☎ 0364-661470. Visitors are welcome. It may be possible to play on other nights also.
- ▶ **Change of address.** The question sometimes arises whom to notify if you move. The answer is Terry Barker, who as Membership Secretary maintains a database of names and addresses that is used to produce labels for both the Newsletter and the Journal.

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