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RESULTS

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 02/02/03 in Cambridge 22 children attended this event at Meadows Community Centre Cambridge. There were 10 locals, 6 from Bloxham and 6 others from around the country. Jimmy Mao (Bristol) was the overall winner, with Shawn Hearn runner-up. In the Under 18 1st Jimmy Mao (Bristol) 2nd Shawn Hearn, Under-16 1st Jonathan Englefield 2nd George Matthews, Under-14 1st William Brooks 2nd Paul Blockley, Under-12 1st Oscar John 2nd Luke Barron, Under-10 1st Matthew Harris, Under-8 1st Ken Dackombe 2nd Rory Braggins. Bloxham School and Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club tied for the Brian Castledine Trophy. The primary schools' trophy was won by Cottenham Primary School.

FURZE PLATT MAIDENHEAD 18/01/03 83 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd. for the 12th Furze Platt. Winner was 11-year Chinese boy Li Shen (4 dan London) who forced Des Cann to take second again. Winning 3/3 were Steve Bailey (3 kyu West Surrey), Matt Piatkus (5 kyu Oxford), Chris Price (7 kyu Oxford), Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey) and Chris Dunthorne (17 kyu Reading). Thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI all on 2/3 got prizes too. Team winners were Reading (90 percent) and William Brooks (7 kyu Cambridge) with 14 wins.

LONDON OPEN 28/12/02-31/12/02 100 players attended the London Open. The main tournament was a major in the Toyota-Pandanet European Go Tour with 98 players. After 4 rounds top players unbeaten were Vladimir Danek and Li Hiaou. After six rounds Li Hiaou had a clear lead. Vladimir Danek was one behind. This order did not change so the winner was Li Hiaou (6 dan from China/Liverpool). Second was Vladimir Danek (6 dan Czechia) who only lost to Li Marco Firnhaber (5 dan Berlin) was third with 6/8. 4th was TMark Hall (4 dan London), 5th Oleg Mezhev (5 dan Russia) and 6th Alex Rix (4 dan London) on 5/6. Jonathan Englefield (15 kyu High Wycombe) was top junior with 7/8. Players winning 6/8 were Marco Firnhaber, Natasha Regan (1 dan Epsom), Fabien Letouzey (2 kyu France), Conny Irl (4 kyu USA), Richard Mullens (5 kyu St Albans) and Alec Edgington (8 kyu). Best newcomer was David Upsdale (14 kyu) on tie-break from Matthew Bolwell (10 kyu). Best games award went to David Ward for his game against Sergei Mezhev. Best improver was Weiguo Sun (3 dan Norway). All on 5 wins got a prize certificate, other winners getting wine or London Open wooden Go stones.

SIDE EVENTS Winners of the 16 player Pair Go were Mihoko Isoda and Masashi Sugiyama (Oxford) and the runners up were Sue Paterson (Brighton) and Piers Shepperson (Slough). The 4-team Rengo was won by Saber Khan (13 kyu) and Tom Urasoe (3 dan) from London, with second Anglo-French Paul Barnard (1 dan), Fabien Letouzy (2 kyu) and Mike Nash (1 kyu). Young Li Shen (4 dan China) beat Saber Kahn on time in the Lightning final (a 16 stone game). Losing semi-finalists were Masashi Sugiyama (2 dan Oxford) and Martin Gomilschak (4 kyu Austria). 28 took part. At the continuous 9x9 Roger Daniel (2 kyu London) was runaway winner having played more than 60 games. Celia Marshall (11 kyu Isle of Man) was second. Guest of honour was professional player Yuki Shogeno. She analysed kyu-players games and the top game before prize giving.

PHOTOS You can see photos thanks to Tim Hunt at <http://www.timhunt.me.uk/go/2002/london/>

FIRST SCOTTISH BARLOW 15/12/02 17 players 1 kyu to 15 kyu from Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Aberdeen, Newcastle and Cambridge attended the first Scottish Barlow in Edinburgh. Winner on 4/4 was Jim Cook (2 kyu Edinburgh). Runners up were Art McEnderick (1 kyu Edinburgh) and Shinpei Tanaka (3 kyu Edinburgh). Also on 3/4 were Claas Roever (5 kyu Newcastle), Phil Blamire (5 kyu Edinburgh) and Georg Martius (12 kyu Edinburgh).

WORLD STUDENTS' CHAMPIONSHIP 06/01/03-08/01/03 The first World Student Oza featured sixteen players from around the world representing Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Europe, North America, South and Central America and Thailand. Final order: 1 Ye Lingyun (China), 2 Zhu Daming (China), 3 Kang Na Yeon (Korea, top female), 4 Asa Takumi (Japan), 5 Shin Yi Cheng (Taiwan), 6 Csaba Mero (Hungary), 7 Son Chang Ho (Korea), 8 Liu Yao Wen (Taiwan), 9 Ishii Akane (Japan), 10 Nagao Kentaro (Japan), 11 Li Jie (USA), 12 Dong Qin (China), 13 Diana Kosgezi (Hungary), 14 Andrei Kulkov (Russia), 15 Nitipone Aroonphaichitra (Thailand), 16 Santiago Laplagne (Argentina).

EUROPEAN FUJITSU CUP 28/11/02-01/12/02 What was announced as the last edition of this top European event was held at the European Go and Cultural Centre in Amsterdam. Romanians dominated. Three favorites went out in round 2: Guo Juan to Bajaneru, Rob Van Zeijst to Csaba Mero and UK's Matthew Macfadyen to Galchenko. Winner was the professional in Japan, Romania's Catalin Taranu.

STACEY POINTS The state of the Stacey "Grand Prix" (after Furze Platt) is 1st David Ward 23 points, 2.ndTim Hunt 21.5, 3.rdFrancis Roads 19. David has now passed Tim and the previous top contenders Piers Shepperson, Simon Goss and Matthew Macfadyen have dropped out of the top three.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2002 After the London Open the final placings for 2002 were: Winner Jonathan Englefield 13-kyu High Wycombe 1351 points, 2nd Paul Blockley 14-kyu Worcester 1338, 3rd Shawn Hearn 5-kyu Berkshire Youth 1131, 4th William Brooks 8-kyu Cambridge 748, 5th Ian McAnally 8-kyu Manchester 476, 6th Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol 466, 7th Oscar John 23-kyu Cambridge 464.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2003 Standings for 2003 Grand Prix following the Youth Championships: 1st Shawn Hearn 5-kyu unattached with 240 points, 2nd William Brooks 7-kyu Cambridge 220, 3rd = Ken Dackombe 35-kyu unattached, Jonathan Englefield 13-kyu High Wycombe, Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol and George Matthews 15-kyu Cambridge all on 180 points.

NEWS

HANS PIETSCH The Japanese Yomiuri paper reported on 17/01/03 that Hans Pietsch was shot and killed on the morning of 16/01/03 local time on a Go-related trip to Guatemala. He was on a promotion trip with Mr. Nagahara 6 dan to Cuba, Guatemala and Mexico from 9th to 22nd January. Hans, 34 from Bremen, had been professional since 1997 and had been 4 dan since 2000, one of the few Westerners to make the professional grades.

BGA MEMBERSHIP At the end of 2003 BGA membership was 690, the highest for quite a few years.

CASTLEDINE-BARNES TRUST The Susan Barnes and Castledine Trusts have merged. Both had aims to promote youth go which continues under trustees Toby Manning, Francis Roads and Sue Paterson.

BGA GOTALK The new BGA email list for news/discussion is called gotalk. Details are on <http://www.britgo.org/gopres/info.html#mail>

GOZONE The BGA is announcing a major outreach programme called GoZone. GoZone is a sustained programme of visits to schools, care institutions, clubs, societies, companies and conferences with the purpose of introducing Go to as many people as we can. It's the successor of the Hampshire Go Project, which is now nearing completion. To find out all about GoZone, visit <http://www.britgo.org/gozone> Anyone who would like to get more information about GoZone, or to comment on it, is welcome to email or phone Simon Goss: simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk phone 01344 777963 (Please note, Simon will be away on holiday next week, back Monday 17th February).

PROMOTION Congratulations to Andrew Morris, promoted to 1 dan by the BGA on 30/11/02:

CLUB UPDATES

BARMOUTH: Jo Hampton's address now: 5 Midlands Flats, Church Street, Barmouth. LL42 1EG.

BATH: Now meets at the White Hart, Widcombe, Bath. Otherwise unchanged.
 CAMBRIDGE CHESS AND GO: Email now andreapaul@ntlworld.com
 EDINBURGH: Webpage now: <http://www.dogma.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/Go/Edinburgh.html>
 LONDON: EAST (WANSTEAD) Contact now Alistair Wall alistair@ajwall.demon.co.uk 020 8556 4232
 LONDON: NORTH Email now nlgc@talk21.com
 LONDON: NORTH WEST: Contact now: Dave Artus, 0208 841 4595
 MIDDLESBROUGH: Gary Quinn's address no longer valid (but other means of contact OK)
 MILTON KEYNES: Email now mkgoclub@timhunt.me.uk
 NORWICH AND NORFOLK: Now meets Thursday, 19:30, at The Steam Packet, Rose Lane, Norwich
 SHERBORNE & YEOVIL: Contact now Julian Davies, Julian.davies@screwfix.com, 01935-423046

FORTHCOMING

TRIGANTIUS, Sunday 2nd March, registration 9:30 - 10:00

Location University Centre, Granta Place (off Mill Lane), Cambridge
 Event 3 round McMahon, 1 hour + 30 moves in 5 minutes. 13 x 13, team competition. Beginners' tournament starting 2 pm
 Contact Alex Selby, 67 Woodhead Drive, Cambridge CB4 1YY. Phone 01223 512013 (evenings) trigant2003@pobox.com

LEAMINGTON, Sunday 23rd March, registration 9:30 - 10:00

Location The Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 5LD. (Use the Postcode in multimap.com)
 Event Part of a joint event with the Candidates' Tournament. 4 round McMahon. 30 Minute time limit with no overtime. Commentaries on games from the Candidates' between rounds. Contact Mike Lynn
 Contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. Phone 01675 442753
mikelynn@barston.freeseve.co.uk

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, PENZANCE, Friday 4th - Sunday 6th April, registration Friday 19:00 - 19:30, Saturday 10:00 - 10:30

Location The Queens Hotel, The Promenade Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 4HG.
 Event British Lightning: Friday evening 12 minutes no overtime. British Open: Saturday and Sunday. 6 round McMahon, 60 minutes + 30 moves in 5 minutes. Saturday evening BGA Annual General Meeting.
 Contact John Culmer, Rose-in-Vale, Gweek, Helston, Cornwall. TR12 7AD. phone 01326 573167. john_culmer@talk21.com

BARLOW and CHALLENGERS LEAGUE at MSO 2003, CAMBRIDGE, Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th May, registration 9:00 - 10:00 both days

Location Parkside Community College, Cambridge. (Friday venue to be announced)
 Events BARLOW Sunday 4th May A tournament for beginners and kyu players, 35 minutes no overtime.
 DANS' EVENT. Monday 5th May, 35 minutes no overtime.
 JUNIOR 13x13 for players under 18, format to be decided.
 BGA CHALLENGER'S LEAGUE (invitation only) and MSO CAMBRIDGE will be taking place at the same venue, on all three days.
 Contact BGA events: Charles Matthews, 60 Glisson Road, Cambridge CB1 2HF. Phone 01223 350096 charles.r.matthews@ntlworld.com
 MSO Cambridge, 2 Townsend Close, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6DN. phone 01223 563932 andreapaul@andrea-paul.freeseve.co.uk

BRACKNELL Sunday 11th May, registration by 10:00

Location Woollahill Community Centre, (near Safeways), Woollahill
 Event 3 round McMahon, 1 hour + 30 stones in 5 minutes. 13 x 13 tournament.
 Contact Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave., Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD. phone 01344 422296 Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOARS HILL, Sunday 25th May, registration 9:45 for 10:30 start

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. 45 minutes no overtime. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section. Single players may apply; partners are arranged on a first-come first-served basis. Side event: Pair Go Quiz.
 Contact Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, S. Woodford, London, E18 2NL. Phone 020 85054381 francis@jfroads.demon.co.uk

LEICESTER, Saturday 14th June. Contact Peter Fisher phone 0116 2871 362 peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th June, Contact Philip Ward-Ackland, tel. 01341 280612. philip@linnet2.demon.co.uk

SCOTTISH OPEN, Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th July, Donald MacLeod. dmacleod@epsedin.co.uk

MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 21st September, a-grant2@talk21.com

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON IN LONSDALE, Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th November, Bob Bagot. lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN and HANDICAP Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th December, Pauline Bailey, tel. 01483 561027. pab27@compuserve.com

LONDON OPEN Sunday 28th - Wednesday 31st December, Contact Geoff Kaniuk phone 020 8874 7362 geoff@kaniuk.demon.co.uk

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EUROPEAN EVENTS <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html>

2003 IRISH GO CONGRESS, Dublin Friday 7th - Monday 10th March 2003 Part of Toyota European Go Tour

Location Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland
 Event Irish Open, 5-round McMahon, 60 minutes then 15 stones in 5 minutes. 5-round Irish Rapid. Irish Handicap, 3 rounds.
 Contact John Gibson, 30 Lakelands Park, Dublin 6W, Ireland. Phone 00-353-1-4908779 (home) 00-353-1-2843486 (work)
 00-353-87-2555420 (mob) 00-353-1-2360760 (fax).

Internet john@mhg.ie

CANNES, EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP Thursday 13th March, lac@tiscali.fr

VELDEN, AUSTRIA, Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd March, Casino Velden, Velden, Austria. Contact toyotatour.velden@european-go.org.

WODZISLAW, FIRST EUROPEAN PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Saturday 5th April, poland@european-go.org

PARIS, FRANCE Saturday 19th - Sunday 21st April, toyotatour.paris@european-go.org.

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, 19th July - 2nd August 2003, Oleg Gavrilov, Kuznetsovskaya 15-46, St petersburg, 196128, Russia. phone 7 (812) 389 1473 <http://www.egc2003.sp.ru> egc2003@mail.wplu.ru

US GO CONGRESS, HOUSTON, TEXAS, Saturday 2nd - Sunday 10th August, The Houston Go Club, P.O. Box 590962, Houston, TX 77259, USA. <http://www.houstongoclub.org/USGC2003.html>

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates UK £15, Concessions £6, Family £20, Europe £17, World £20.
 Kathleen Timmins, Membership Secretary, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292

MOBILE PHONE For emergency calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951 140433