

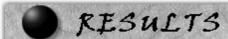
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OXFORD 18/02/06 66 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was the Chinese player from Milton Keynes, Bei Ge. He was presented with his 4 dan diploma at the prize-giving. He beat Jae-Kyung Shim (5 dan New Malden) in the last round. Players on 3/3 were John Hobson (2 dan Bath), Paul Tabor (1 kyu Epsom), Matthew Crosby (1 kyu Bristol), David Buckley (5 kyu Leamington), Henry McGuinness (10 kyu Oxford), David Scott (13 kyu Oxford) and Chris Chilvers (23 kyu Swindon). Prizes again were sponsored by Hoyles Games Shop.

CHESHIRE 11/02/06 27 players, including again a large and very successful team from Liverpool, attended the 9th Cheshire Tournament. This year it re-joined with the Chess Congress in the new venue of Frodsham Community Centre. Winner of the Open section was Yangran Zhang (3 dan Manchester); second was Tony Atkins (3 dan Bracknell). Winner of the Handicap section was Mark Sullivan (12 kyu Liverpool) on 5/5; he beat his sister Andrea Sullivan (11 kyu Liverpool) in the final. Also on 4/5 were Neil Leavesley (8 kyu Liverpool) and Peter Allen (3 kyu Liverpool). 10x10 winners were Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff) with 9 wins and Pat Ridley (18 kyu Chester) with 8 out of 9.

MAIDENHEAD 21/01/06 71 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd for the 15th Maidenhead Tournament. Nobody in the top group won 3/3 so the winner by second tie-break (sosos) was Piers Shepperson (5 dan Slough). Several players won 3/3 including Tony Atkins (2 dan Bracknell), Sam Aitken (1 dan Warwick), Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff), Neil Moffatt (6 kyu Cardiff), Ian Price (10 kyu Cardiff), Kay Dackombe (15 kyu Farnborough Village) and Chris Cilvers (23 kyu Swindon). In addition all on 2/3 won a prize thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI. A special prize went to Christie Kelly (30 kyu High Wycombe) who won a game at her first tourament. Team winners were Cardiff for a second year and 13x13 winner was Xinyi Lu (7 kyu Maidenhead) on 6/6, who was the 9x9 winner last time.

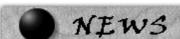
LONDON OPEN 28/12/05-31/12/05 The main tournament was a major in the Toyota - IGS-Pandanet European Go Tour. Total attendance was 152 from a record number of countries. Yuki Shigeno (pro 2 dan) was on hand to give game commentaries. On day one, the top two boards, featuring two of the 7 dans (Yun He from LSE and In-Seong Hwang from Berlin), were broadcast over the Internet using IGS-PandaNet.

On the second day two Korean 7 dans from Germany Cho Seok-Bin and In-Seong Hwang topped the field. Li Shen (6 dan London) topped the group on 3 wins. The evening Pair Go tournament was won by Dominique Cornuejols (1 dan) and Jean-Loop Naddef (5 kyu) from Grenoble, France. On day three the two Korean 7 dans clashed in round five. Cho beat Hwang in a spectacular game, to become favourite to win. At the end of round six Cho was still unbeaten. Hwang was second and Ondrej Silt (6 dan Czechia) was third, both with 5 points.

On the final day, Saturday, the two Korean 7 dans won again, seeing off Matthew Cocke (5 dan York) and Ondrej Silt (6 dan Czechia). In Round 8 the Korean pair won again (against Li Shen (6 dan London) and David Ongaro (4 dan Germany)), giving Cho clear first ahead of Hwang. Prizes went to all on 6 wins: Lars Kristensen (17 kyu Denmark), Kay Dackombe (16 kyu Farnborough Village), Nathanael Chua (12 kyu LSE), Minguel Teles De Menezes (10 kyu Portugal), Anders Eriksson (5 kyu Sweden), Jean-Loup Naddef (5 kyu France), Mark Todkill (3 kyu Wanstead), Max Nilsson (3 kyu Sweden), Juho Heikkinen (2 kyu Finland), Milan Jadron (1 dan Slovakia), Teemu Rovio (1 dan Finland), William Brooks (1 dan Cambridge) and Markku Jantunen (2 dan Finland). Matthias Terwey (6 kyu Germany) won a remarkable 7/8. The Lightning was won by Daniel Althans 12 kyu from Potsdam, and Ken Dackombe (15 kyu Farnborough Village) won the continuous 9 x 9, narrowly beating Lars Kristensen (17 kyu Denmark).

GRAND PRIX PLACES in the Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour were as follows: 5th Li Shen (6 dan London) 5/8, 4th Bei Ge (3 dan Milton Keynes) 6/8, 3rd Ben He (4 dan Glasgow) 6/8, 2nd In-Seong Hwang (7 dan Berlin) 7/8 and 1st Seok-Bin Cho (7 dan Hamburg) 8/8.

SCOTTHISH BARLOW 10/12/05 18 players and 2 kibitzers came to the Quaker Meeting House in Edinburgh, a venue so excellent (apart from the impossible parking) that it has already been booked for Dec 2006. Winner of the red wine on 4 out of 4 was Neil McLean (2 kyu Elgin). Second was Rob Miller (3 kyu Edinburgh). For further prizes Neil kindly provided four copies of Moyo Go, a new game analysis package that he contributed to. These went to Rob Miller (3 kyu Edinburgh) who was second with 3 wins and to three members of the Aberdeen club on 4 wins: Nir Oren (7 kyu), Eugene HC Wong (17 kyu) and Eugene KO Wong (17 kyu). It was decided that Scottish championship semifinals will be Neil McLean v Rob Miller and Donald Macleod v Allan Crossman.



YOUTH GRAND PRIX. Congratulations to all winners in the 2005Youth Grand Prix. Final scores are: 1 Maria Tabor 8-kyu Epsom Downs 1445 points, 2 Jonathan Englefield 8-kyu High Wycombe 1387, 3 William Brooks 2-dan Cambridge 978, 4 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 889, 5 Ken Dackombe 14-kyu Farnborough 746 and 6 Kay Dackombe 15-kyu Farnborough 663. Scores for 2006 have not yet been calculated.

STACEY POINTS 2005-2006 With three events up to the Scottish Open, Francis Roads took an early lead. Toby Manning closed the gap a little at Barmouth as Francis was not there. Alistair Wall scored points at both the Northern (MSO) and Cornwall to take the lead from Francis. He held on to the lead after Milton Keynes, but lost it again by missing Wanstead. He drew equal again at the Wessex (where Francis was missing), but Francis retook the lead at Swindon and kept it after London and Maidenhead: 1st Francis Roads 21, 2nd Alistair Wall 20, 3rd = Tony Atkins and Christian Scarff 11.5, 5th = Tim Hunt, Andrew Jones, Toby Manning and Alan Thornton 11.

SCHOOLS INTERNET LEAGUE Three schools are playing so far in the new Schools Internet League. Norwich School beat Aston 4-2 early in December. The other school is Finham Park, Coventry. More schools welcome (contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. Phone 01675 442753. mikelynn@barston92.freeserve.co.)

CLUB UPDATES

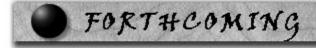
BATH: new web site: http://www.bathgo.co.uk/.

BRADFORD: Contact now Ewen Pearson, 01274 598980, ewen_pearson@hotmail.com. Meeting place now The Noble Comb, Quayside, Salts Mill Road, Shipley, BD18 3ST.

CANTERBURY: New club, Meets Sunday 13.00-17.00, Palace Street Café, 22 Palace Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DZ. Contact Kevin 0870 224 1630. Check with Kevin (cafe proprietor) before attending.

EPSOM: Now meets on Wednesday, not Friday. All other details the same.

NEW MALDEN: New club, Meets Every day from 11:00am to 11:00pm. At the rear of Park Jun's Beauty Shop, 9 Coombe Road, New Malden, KT3 4PX, Right by New Malden train station. Enter through the shop (follow the green signs) or through the gate from the service road at the rear. Contact J. K. Shim, mobile 07881 908 730 or Mr. Kim 07795 184 272. Entry fee of £5 per day includes free tea and coffee.



CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Sunday 5th March (provisional). Sunday 5th March. Registration for main tournament: 10:15am to 10:45am

Location University Centre, Granta Place (off Mill Lane), Cambridge, CB2 1RU

Main tournament: 3 round McMahon with 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 3 minutes overtime. Parallel Novices' teaching and tournament.

Events, suitable for anyone from beginners up to about 20 kyu.

Contact Alex Selby; Tel. 07810488300 trigant2006@pobox.com

IRISH OPEN Saturday 11th March and Sunday 12th March 2006; Rapid play evening of 10th March

Loaction: Teachers Club, 36 Parnall Square, Dunlin 1, Ireland

This year, the Irish Open will be held as a Toyota-IGS-Pandanet European Go Tour and promises to be an event of major significance for Event:

international go. Main event: 5 round McMahon, 60 minutes with overtime 15 stones in 5 minutes.

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BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRMINGHAM Sunday 19th March

Location King Edward VI (Aston) School, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ (close to the Aston Villa football stadium)

Event This tournament is for young players of all strengths, and beginners are particularly welcome. Judging is in six age groups, U8 to U18. Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ (Tel. 01675 442753) mikelynn at barston92.freeserve.co.uk). Contact

LEAMINGTON, Sunday 26th March

Location The Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace (situated at the corner of Warwick St. and Portland St.), Learnington Spa

3 rounds of 55 minutes and overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes. As in previous years Matthew Macfadyen will give a lunchtime lecture. **Event** Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. Phone 01675 442753. mikelynn@barston92.freeserve.co.uk

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, LANCASTER, Friday evening 7th April, Saturday 8th April and Sunday 9th April

Location Lancaster Royal Grammar School, East Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EF.

Main tournament 6 round MacMahon tournament Sat and Sun. 1 hour time limits. Lightning tournament Friday evening will be at the Gregson Event

Centre (home of Lancaster Go Club) (5 minutes walk from the school) AGM of the BGA will be on Saturday evening. Contact Bob Bagot, The Grange, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria. CA17 4NG Tel. No. 01539623679 email lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

BAR LOW, CAMBRIDGE Sunday 7th May. Registration by 09:30.

Location Netherhall Upper School and Sixth-Form College, Queen Ediths Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN.

Kyu players only. 5 round McMahon tournament with 35 minutes time limit, no overtime. Part of the Cambridge Mind Sports Olympiad. Event

Contact Johnathan Medlock, phone 01223 395550. j.medlock@ntlworld.com

BRACKNELL, Sunday 14th May

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

3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6 points Komi.

Contact Clive Hendrie, clive.hendrie@freenet.co.uk

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPOONSHIPS Sunday 21st May.

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

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.

Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London, E18 2NL. Email: francis@jfroads.demon.co.uk

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH. Saturday 10th-Sunday 11th June. Contact tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

DURHAM. Saturday 17th-Sunday 18th June Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk

EPSOM, Saturday 15th July. Contact Paul Margetts, epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk

ISLE OF MAN GO CONGRESS, PORT ERIN, Sunday 20th-Friday 25th August.

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6AN

Main tournaments: 5 round McMahon, 90 minutes and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime, 3 round McMahon with 60 minutes and 20 moves in 5 Event minutes overtime, Handicap using the legendary 'Manx Handicap System' with 30 minutes sudden death. Other events: Quiz, 13 x 13 and Rengo tournaments, Musical evening, Barbecue.

Leo Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD, British Isles. Tel: 01624-612294 leo@manx.net

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON in LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November. Contact Bob Bagot, The Grange, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria. CA17 4NG Tel. No. 01539623679 email lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

LONDON OPEN, Thursday 28th December 2006-Sunday 31st December 2006. Contact Geoff Kaniuk, toyotatour.london@eurogofed.org

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£10. 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, Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292 BGA members are entitled to receive weekly copies of the American Go Association's email newsletter. Subscribe via

http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/.

BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951140433