

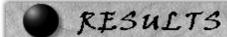
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SHREWSBURY TOURNAMENT 04/10/08 Gerry Mills restarted the Shrewsbury Tournament after an 8 year gap at the same venue, The Gateway. 28 players took part and winner was Bill Brakes (2 dan Milton Keynes). Also winning 3 were lan Price (9 kyu Cardiff) and Reg Sayer (15 kyu Stafford). The three prizes in the 13x13 komi-handicap tournament went to Aston boys: Jack Drury (most wins), Stewart Smith (best percentage) and Calum Healey (for effort).

BELFAST TOURNAMENT 27/09/08-28/09/08 This year the Belfast Open was played by 14 players over 5 rounds. Only one player from Britain discovered it was on and travelled to take part. That was Yohei Negi (1 kyu St Andrews) and he was the joint winner with Daniel Paraschiv (1 kyu Galway), both on 4 wins. Equal third were Claas Roever (1 kyu Galway) and Tiberiu Gociu (1 kyu Belfast). Also winning 4 was James Donnelly (10 kyu Belfast).

ARUNDEL TOURNAMENT 28/09/08 The first ever Arundel Tournament was held in the historic Norfolk Arms in the shadow of the castle. 20 players took part and the winner was Jaeup Kim, the Korean 5 dan living in Reading, his second win in eight days. Runner up was Francis Roads and a prizes for three wins Mark Nubbert (2 kyu West Surrey) and for 2.5 to Jil Segerman (10 kyu Brighton). The South Coast team won the team prize.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT 21/09/08 The 12th edition of the Swindon tournament was held, like last time, at the Even Swindon Community Centre. 36 players entered and the winner for a second year was Jaeup Kim, the Korean 5 dan living in Reading. Prizes for three wins went to Andrew Smith (2 kyu Cheltenham), Mark Nubbert (4 kyu West Surrey), Fred Holroyd (5 kyu Milton Keynes) and Emma Benjamin (formerly Marchant, 12 kyu Neath).

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS 13/09/08 - 14/09/08 15 players took part in the Cornish Handicap Tournament on the Saturday in Penzance. Winner for a second year was Swindon's Eric Hall (6 kyu). He beat Cornwall's Robert Churchill (12 kyu) in the final. 21 players took part in the Cornwall Tournament on the Sunday. Winner of the tournament was Yaeko Takano (2 dan) from Japan. She beat Toby Manning in the final. Also winning the usual wooden stones were Eric Hall for 3 wins and Phil Willoughby (8 kyu Winchester), the lowest graded player on 2 wins.

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT 07/09/08 The Northern Tournament took place like last year at the Masonic Guildhall in Stockport. 28 players took part. Overall winner was Bob Bagot (1 dan Lancaster). Other prize winners on three out of three were Robin Dews (9 kyu Nottingham), David Szotten (9 kyu Manchester), Brent Cutts (11 kyu Nottingham), and Patrick Ridley (15 kyu Chester).

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD 25/08/08 11 players took part in the main Open Go event. Three players ended on 3/4 and were split by mutual game and mutual opponents tie-breaks. Gold went to Paul Tabor, silver to Yangrang Zhang and bronze to Natasha Regan.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD 24/08/08 This year the Small Board Championship was held at the Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO) in London. Paul Smith (Cambridge) was winner of the national title on 13x13 boards. He beat Paul Tabor in the final; third was Nick Krempel. Also Tony Atkins did well but could not win as arbiter. Winner of the Handicap prize was Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead). 11 took part.

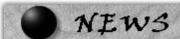
ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK 17/08/08-23/08/08 49 players enjoyed the Go, music, quiz, games, teaching by Matthew Macfadyen, sandcastles, scenery and fun that was the Isle of Man Go Week. It was held again at the Cherry Orchard in Port Erin. Winner of the carved 9x9 Goban for the Open was Matthew Cocke (5 dan York). Joint runners up were Matthew Macfadyen and Piers Shepperson. Also on 4/5 were Natasha Regan (1 kyu Epsom), Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu Cambridge), Wim Verstegen (5 kyu Netherlands) and David Wildgoose (14 kyu Sheffield). On 3.5 wins were Edmund Stephen-Smith (5 kyu Epsom) and Jil Segerman (10 kyu Brighton) and on 3/4 were David Phillips (1 dan IOM) and Pita Udo (15 kyu Netherlands).

The winner of the afternoon tournament was Richard Hunter (4 dan IOM). Runner up was Simon Bexfield (1 dan Letchworth) also on 3/3, as were Edwina Lee (5 kyu Maidenhead), Kathleen Timmins (12 kyu Shrewsbury) and Pita Udo (15 kyu Netherlands).

The winner of the Handicap Tournament was Ian Marsh (1 kyu Bracknell) with 5/5 and on 4/5 were Paul Margetts (2 kyu Epsom), Jenny Radcliffe (8 kyu Durham), Jil Segerman (10 kyu Brighton) and Celia Marshall (11 kyu IOM).

Jenny Radcliffe won both the Continuous Lightning and the 13x13 Tournament and, in addition, won the Rengo with Edmund Stephen-Smith. The Diehard Tournament was won by Paul Barnard (1 dan Swindon) and second was Gerry Mills (1 dan West Wales). The Quiz was won by the Manx Kippers team and the Sandcastle competition was won yet again by Charlotte Bexfield and family.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, LONDON, RAPID 16/08/08 Five players played a round robin. Winner from Reading was Tony Atkins (2 dan), who was unbeaten. Taking the silver place was Paul Smith (2 dan Cambridge) and bronze place Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead).



STACEY POINTS 2008-2009 After Shrewsbury: 1st Toby Manning with 14 points, 2nd Matthew Cocke 13, 3rd Matthew Macfadyen, Gerry Mills and Yohei Negi 12, 6th Alistair Wall 10.5, 7th Tony Atkins10, 8th Andrew Jones, Jaeup Kim and Francis Roads 9.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2008 After Shrewsbury, the leaders are: 1st Matthew Hathrell with 629 points, 2nd Ken Dackombe 583, 3rd Danielle Ward 562, 4th Jack Drury 516, 5th John Perkins 472, 6th Roella Smith 438, 7th Huw Talliss 426, 8th Owen Walker 412.

BRITS OVERSEAS The European Women's Goe Championship was held in Koblenz in Germany 12/09/08-14/09/08. 12 women from 6 countries took part. UK's Anna Griffiths won 1 out of 3 to place 10th. The 24th US Go Congress was held in Portland, Oregon, 02/08/08-09/08/08, with another large attendance. There was a quite large party of Brits attending: T Mark Hall was third in the 4-dan section and Steve Bailey won the 4-kyu section.

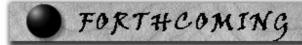
WORLD MIND SPORTS, BEIJING The first World Mind Sports Games are being held at the China National Convention Center, Beijing, from 3rd to 18th October 2008. There are competitions in five mind sports: Go, Chess, Bridge, Draughts and Xiangqi (Chinese Chess). Over all, there are about 3500 entrants. The largest contingent is playing Bridge. There are about 600 Go players from 61 countries, ranging in strength from 20 kyu (novice) to 9 dan pro. The British contingent comprises: Team Official Ron Bell (BGA President), Team Leader Toby Manning, and players: Alison Bexfield, Jonathan Chin, Matthew Cocke, Jon Diamond, Tony Goddard, Helen Harvey, Kirsty Healey, John Hobson, Matthew Macfadyen, Sue Paterson, Natasha Regan, Alex Rix, Alex Selby, Piers Shepperson, Simon Shiu, Maria Tabor, Paul Tabor and Vanessa Wong. The team is sponsored by Winton Capital Management.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP This year's championship match is between Matthew Macfadyen and Hui Wang. The games are being broadcast live on KGS (see championship webpage). The first game was won by Hui Wang by resignation. The second and third games were won by Matthew by resignation. The fourth game is scheduled for 1st November.

BGA BOOKSHOP new books: OR29 100 Tips for Amateur Players £12.50, Y45 21st Century New Openings £17.50, Y46 Dictionary of Basic Fuseki, Vol 3 £14.00, ZBM2 Baduk Made Fun and Easy, Vol 2 £15.00, ZEPT Top European Players Training £12.00, ZO14 Speed Baduk for Beginners, Vols 4-6 £32.50 the set, SL58 Master Play - the Style of Go Seigen £9.00, SL59 Workshop Lectures, Vol 5 £9.00, SL69 Mastering Ladders £12.00. Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW. Tel. 01938 556484 gerry @27stars.co.uk

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EPSOM now meeting Monday or Wednesday, by arrangement. New web page http://www.yuhong.demon.co.uk/egc.html NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY now meets Tuesday term time at 19:30 in the Trent Building.



WANSTEAD, Saturday 8th November. Registration by 9:30; prize giving 18:00.

Location Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London E11 2NT.

4-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit without overtime. **Event**

Contact Ken Kneller email preferred: wanstead2008@mac.com Or write to: Wanstead 2008, 43 Dinsdale Road, London SE3 7RJ

THREE PEAKS, Giggleswick, North Yorkshire, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November. Registration by 13:00 Saturday.

On the day entries not accepted.

The Old Station Inn, Brackenber Lane Giggleswick, Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 0EA <>< NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE Location

Directions - The Old Station Inn is on the main A65 (Settle by-pass) about 1 mile from Settle and is next to Giggleswick station with trains to Lancaster and Skipton. Accommodation is available at the venue - ring Sharon on 01729 823623 for bookings. There is plenty of accommodation in Settle via the Settle tourist information office. Settle is a fine area for walking and also has plenty of eating places - the Old Station Inn also does excellent food.

Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Early entries welcome (£10 + concessions).

Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk Tel. 015395 32678 Bob Bagot 35, Kirkhead Road, Kents Bank, Grange over Sands, LA11 7DB Contact

EAST MIDLANDS, Leicester, Saturday 22nd November. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving by 18:15.

Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS.

3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit with overtime. Event

Contact Peter Fisher 2008emgo@tiscali.co.uk Tel. 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN and HANDICAP, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December Registration: Saturday 10:00-10:30, Sunday 09:45-10:15 Location

Burpham Village Hall, GU4 7LP, near Sainsbury's north of Guildford. Grid reference TQ013523.

Event Saturday Teach-in Small groups of high or low kyu players get personal training from Dan players. Come along and get stronger instantly!

Then test yourself at the tournament the next day. Tuition fees have been reduced thanks to BingoLotto support.

Sunday Handicap Tournament. A four-rounds Swiss tournament. The draw will aim for 4-stone handicap games. Total beginners are

welcome, indeed encouraged, to enter the tournament if they attend Saturday's teach in.

Contact Entry form without payment should be sent to P.A. Bailey, 27 Dagley Farm, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8DE. Tel. 01483 561027

pab27@stocton.org

SCOTTISH BARLOW, Edinburgh, Saturday 13th December. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving 18:00.

Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.

4-round McMahon tournament, kyu players and shodans only. 45 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Event

Includes qualifying for Scottish Championship.

Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net Tel. 0141 8806169. Contact

LONDON OPEN, Sunday 28th-Wednesday 31st December.

International Student House (ISH), 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5HD. Location

Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Thanks to sponsorship by Winton Capital Management, Guo Juan will attend the Event

tournament and there will be additional cash prizes. Main tournament 7-round McMahon 90 minutes with overtime 20 moves in 5 minutes.

Please see www.britgo.org/tournaments/2008/logc for more details.

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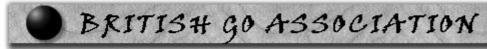
MAIDENHEAD - FURZE PLATT, Saturday 17th January 2009. Registration by 10:00.

Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA,

3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes plus overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes. Flexible komi with players bidding to play black. Event

Contact Eddie Best edwin.best@homecall.co.uk Telephone: 01628 483967 Contact

FUTURE EVENTS: Irish Open, Dublin, Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd March. British Open Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April, Westminster Hotel, Chester. Welsh Open, Barmouth, Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st June.



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 www.britgo.org/membership

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