

Isle of Skye Go Tournament 13 - 14 March 2010

This will be the first Isle of Skye go tournament. Our club has been meeting since 2006, some of us have been travelling to tournaments since 2008, now we'd like to invite others to come here.

The dates are just before the tourist season begins, just before everyone here gets busy again, and before pressure on accommodation develops. The weather can be 'interesting' in March, huge waves may be crashing on the rocks at Neist Point, but we'll be in a comfortable hotel's function room, in the centre of Portree, the island's only town, playing go; experiencing the weather will be an optional extra.

Saturday, 13th March 2010

9.00 registration
10.00 Round One - and the start of the 'novices league'
13.30 Round Two
16.00 Round Three
18.00 results and prizes for the 'novices league'

Sunday, 14th March

10.00 Round Four
13.30 Round Five
16.00 Round Six
18.00 results and prizes for the main tournament

Format

This tournament will be run on the McMahon system. Each player will get 60 minutes per game, there will be no byoyomi.

A small board competition, the 'novices league', will run concurrently on the Saturday

More details at www.britgo.org/tournaments/2010/Skye.html

Cost

Participants can take part on one day or on both. The cost of joining the 'novices league' on the Saturday is the same as for joining one day of the main tournament.

One day £7.50 (£5.00 unwaged)

Both days £12.00 (£8.00 unwaged)

There is a surcharge of £1.50 per day for anyone who is not a member of the BGA. This helps cover the costs the BGA (British Go Association) has in laying on, insuring and advertising the tournament; these would otherwise have to be met from the members' subscriptions alone (currently <£18.00 per year). In effect, this surcharge buys temporary membership of the BGA. Players from abroad, and the unwaged, are exempt from this surcharge.

Venue

The venue will be the Tongadale Hotel, in Wentworth Street, Portree. Wentworth Street is short, and runs from Somerled Square, which is where the buses from Glasgow and Inverness stop, to the top of Quay Brae, the way down to the harbour. There is a clear (google) map in the Tongadale's website - www.tongadale-hotel.co.uk.

Travel

There are several buses a day between Glasgow and Skye, see www.citylink.co.uk; some of these go via Glasgow Airport, some do not. There are frequent shuttle buses from the airport to Buchanan Street Bus Station, from where the Skye service buses depart. Glasgow airport is served from many destinations, including Easyjet flights from Stansted.

Note that Glasgow Prestwick (served by Ryanair) is a different airport; from there frequent trains, quite cheap, go to Glasgow Central, which is about a mile across the city centre from Buchanan Street Bus Station. Glasgow Central is also where trains from England arrive.

We do not recommend using the train service from Glasgow to Mallaig to link with a ferry to Skye in March. If a storm forces ferry cancellations it could take a day to get round to Skye by train and bus.

Inverness Airport has flights to and from London and Birmingham. There are shuttle services to Inverness's bus station, and several buses a day from there to Skye; these are also 'Citylink' services. There are also trains, on a very scenic line, from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh, and buses from there to Portree.

Driving from Glasgow to Skye, a five or more hour journey, is best done along the A82. This goes up the west side of Loch Lomond, and through Fort William; turn left onto the A87 at Invergarry, and cross the Skye Bridge at Kyle of Lochalsh.

From further south the best route is possibly M9, A74(M)/M74, M73, A80/M80 and A9, following signs for, but bypassing, Glasgow, Stirling and Perth. About 70 miles north of Perth turn off the A9 at Dalwhinnie, and cut across for a few miles on the A889 to join the A86, the Fort William road. At Spean Bridge turn right onto the A82, and at Invergarry (about 20 miles north of Spean Bridge) turn left onto the A87, the road to the Skye Bridge. A9/A889/A86/A82/A87/Skye Bridge is also the simplest route to Skye from the southeast of Scotland.

More information (including info on accommodation)

at www.britgo.org/tournaments/2010/Skye.html

Or phone

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It will help us a lot if all or most of those intending to come to this tournament pre-register.

Please fill in and post the form below to

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Don't send money now, please, that will be collected on the day.

Entry Form

Name:

Either a phone number:

or an email address (or both):

Club, if any:

Rating: (dan / kyu) (can be changed later)

BGA member: yes / no

From abroad: (country?) yes / no (.....)

Unwaged: yes / no

Playing in the main tournament on Saturday: yes / no

Playing in the main tournament on Sunday: yes / no

Playing in the 'novices league': yes / no

Anything else you want to tell us?