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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 21st London Open Go Congress:

30th December to 2nd January

Main Tournament: 129 players attended the congress. Twelve countries were represented, with a third of the players coming from abroad. The main event was won by Juan Guo (7d NL) with 8/8. She won the £500 first prize. The second prize of £200 was won by Pei Zhao (5d D) with 7/8. Matthew Macfadyen (6d Leamington) was 3rd with 6/8. 4th equal were Matthew Cocke (4d) and Mark Boon (5d NL), 6th F. van Armin, 7th Jim Clare, 8th John Rickard and 9th William Connolley, all on 5/8. Other Prize winners were: O. Dodinval (1d B), B. Kraft (1k D), Vic Morrish (2k), Robin Upton (4k), P. Liboriussen (4k Dk), O. Azern (10k D), and Tom Blockley (13k). P. Liboriussen won the Camcorder in a draw. V. Morrish and A. Selby qualified for the Candidates' Tournament.

Lightning Tournament: The winner was by Pei Zhao (5d D), with Eric Warkentin (2k F) in second place.

Rengo Tournament: This event was for contested by eight three-player teams. The winners were P. Landskrow (1d D), P Wirth (1k D), and Robin Upton (4k).

Youth Tournament: The winner was David King (2k) who won the TV prize for Brakenhale School. Runner-up was Wang-Zi Guo (15k NL). Anna Griffiths (12k Furze Platt) and Thomas Blockley (13k Worcester) also won prizes with 4/5.

Furze Platt Go Tournament:

Saturday 21st January

The overall winner was Mark Hall. Other prizes for 3/3 went to: Andrew Grant (2d OU), Charles Leedham-Green (1d Wanstead), Simon Butler (1k Reading), David King (2k Brakenhale), Bill Rivers (2k Oxford), Charles Bockett-Pugh (5k W. Surrey), P. Clarke (13k High Wycombe), and David Bennett (16k Culcheth). High Wycombe won the team prize. The 9 x 9 was won by Tom Summerscales (16k Culcheth). Qualifiers were M. Abbot, K. Drake, and C. Leedham-Green.

School Teams:

Sunday 22nd January

The winning School Team was Brakenhale School. The Lightning Tournament was won by Commonweal School, Swindon. The following won prizes in the handicap competition: Daniel Dowling, Paul Bockett-Pugh, Laura Coe, Rohan Churm, Tom Blockley, and John Gardner.

Wanstead Go Tournament:

Saturday 4th February

There were 55 players at this event, and the winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6d Leamington) who beat Jonathan Chetwynd (2d CLGC) in the final round. Colin Weeks (11k W. Surrey) also won 4/4. Other winners were: T. M. Hall, H. Lee, S. Barthropp, P. Collins, D. King, M. Brod, E. Hall, W. Walters, R. Thompson, R. Mullen, R. Finking, E. Marchant, and J. Lewis. The Team prize was won by CLGC and the 13x13 was won by Mark Harrod (12k Brakenhale) and J. Lewis (25k). Peter Collins qualified for the Candidates' Tournament.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

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

Catching up with a few European Grand Prix results:-

Copenhagen: There were 36 competitors, and the winner was Vladimir Danek (5d CZ). Stefan Budig (4d D) was second.

Bucharest: First was Catalan Taranu (6d RO), with Lucian Deaconu (5d RO) second.

Bratislava: There were 76 players and the winner was Vladimir Danek (5d CZ). Leszek Soldan (6d PL) was second.

Brussels: Shen Guang-ji (6d CHI) was first and Guo Juan (7d NL) was second. Francis Roads came 10th.

Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments. The 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).

Our Korea correspondent, Andy Finch sends the latest news:

Suh Bong Soo has become the first Korean player to win 1000 professional games and is third behind Sakata (1101 wins) and Rin (1008 wins). The current standings of the top five Korean professionals are: Cho Hoon-hyun (9-dan) 66 wins/27 losses; Lee Chang-ho (7-dan) 66/19; Yoo Chang-hyok (6-dan) 56/28; Kim Dong-yop (8-dan) 45/20; and Yang Jae-ho (9-dan) 45/33. Lee Chang-ho currently holds 10 titles, Cho Hoon-hyun 5, Yoo Chang-hyuk 2, Suh Bon-soo 1, and Yoon Yong-soon 1 (Ladies). Cho Hoon-hyun has won the 34th annual "Lotte Highest Rank Tournament", beating Lee Chang-ho in the final, and winning a prize of £6700. Lee Chang-ho has just won the 12th "Great King Tournament" [makes our British Tournaments sound rather drab, doesn't it --Ed]. He beat Suh Bong-soo 2:0 in the final and also won £6700.

Jose Santiago (the SAGA Editor) sends some information from South Africa:

South Africa was invited to join the International Go Association, which took place in 1993 and resulted in SA sending a representative to the World Amateur Go Championship in May'94. The actual SA Champion was not able to attend because of exams, but Paul Edwards [familiar to us in the UK –Ed] attended and found the experience very rewarding. On 8-9th October 1994 the SA Go Championship was held in Johannesburg where Victor Chow 5d won all his games to become the new SA Champion. He was followed by Clive Hunt 1d and Paul Edwards 1d. With the exception of Chris Visser 2d who is South African but spends most of his time in Australia, there are no other dan players in SA at present.

The Go community in SA has grown somewhat in the last few years thanks to some publicity which SABC TV aired after SA had 5 delegates attending the European Grand Prix in Amsterdam last year. There are now six loosely formed Go clubs in SA, with three of these clubs well organised and meeting on a regular basis. We invite British Go players who may wish to visit SA to contact us and we will do what we can to make their stay pleasant and with some Go playing also. Finally, a number of SA Go players will be able to log onto the Internet so you may hear more from us in the future. — Jose F Santiago, PO Box 28394, Kensington 2101, RSA.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Cambridge Trigantius Go Tournament:

Sunday 26th February

New Location: University Centre Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration to 10:30. 3 rounds. Also Small Board.

Fees: BGA members £6, unwaged/student/senior citizens £4, school pupils £2. After 19th February +£1. British non-BGA +£1. Less for novices.

Contact: Paul Smith, 5 Bourne Road, Cambridge, CB4 1UF 2 01223-563932.

International Team Go Tournament:

Sunday 12th March

Event: This is one of the regular matches between teams of British, Japanese and Chinese players. By invitation only, but check with David Ward if you would like to play. Contact: David Ward 20171-354 3285.

Irish Open Championship in Dublin: (EGP)

Weekend 17-19th March

Location: The Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin 2. 5 Round main event on Sat/Sun. Team match & Informal games on Friday.

Fees: IR£ 15. Students/unwaged IR£ 7. Extra IR£ 5 for entries received after 10th March.

Accommodation: St. Patrick's Day weekend is very busy in Dublin, so book early. Contact Organisers for help, or for limited sleeping bag space. Contact: John Gibson, 30 Lakelands Park, Terenure, Dublin 6W 2+353-1-4908779. E-mail to Stephen Flinter at "Stephen.Flinter@cs.tcd.ie".

2nd South London Go Tournament:

Saturday18thMarch

Location: BAC, Battersea Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London. Registration by 10:00. 8 rounds rapid play. Also 9 x 9 tournament.

Fees: BGA members £5, British non-BGA £6, after 16th March +£2.

Concessions are available and the Organisers would like to encourage children to attend. Check for details.

Contact: Jonathan Chetwynd 2 071-228-2495 or Edward Greig 2 081-788-1826.

Coventry Go Tournament:

Saturday 25th March

Location: Midlands Sports Centre, Tile Hill, Coventry. Registration by 10:15. Provision for children, but check with Organisers.

Event: New format of 5 rounds rapid-play (30 mins) organised in mini-leagues. Also side events including childrens' 9x9.

Fees: BGA members £4, non-members £5, juniors/unwaged/OAPs £2. Extra £2 for entries after 20th March. £3 for buffet lunch.

Contact: Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull B92 0JZ 2 01675-42753.

28th British Go Congress:

Weekend 7-9th April

Location: Felsted School, Felsted, Dunmow, Essex. Reg'n by 10:00 on Sat. Lightning Championship on Friday evening. Reg'n by 19:00.

Event: The Main Tournament will be a 6 round McMahon with 1 hour time limits. The AGM of the BGA will be held on Saturday evening.

Fees: Prices for accommodation are significantly lower than recent years and there are further discounts for booking early.

There are various accommodation options so check with Organisers. Being early is the key to getting your first choice.

Contact: Andrew & Alison Jones, 11 Briarview Court, Handsworth Avenue, London, E4 9PQ 2 0181 527 9846.

or: Francis Roads 🖀 and fax 0181 505 4381. E-mail to Andrew@acjamj.demon.co.uk

North East Go Tournament:

Saturday 22nd April

Location: Rotary Room, Darlington Arts Centre, Darlington, Co Durham. First round at 10:30, 6 rounds quick play (20 min/player & sudden death).

Fees: BGA members £5, unwaged £2.50, non-BGA members extra £1,

Contact: Gary Quinn, 26 Kings Road, Linthorpe, Middlesborough, Cleveland, TS5 5AL 201642-823729 or Simon Shiu 201642-534905.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Cambridge (26th Feb), International Teams (12th Mar), Irish Open @ Dublin (17-19 Mar), South London (18th Mar), Coventry (25th Mar), British Congress @ Felsted (7-9th Apr), North East (22nd Apr), Candidates (6-8th May), Bracknell (13th May), Scottish Open @ Edinburgh (27-28th May), Challengers (27-29th May), Small Board Tournament @ Cambridge (11th Jun), Leicester (17th Jun), Welsh Open @ Barmouth (1-2 Jul), Anglo-Japanese Teams (8th Jul), Isle of Man (20-25th Aug), Northern (2-3 Sep), International Teams (10th Sep).

Please let me know about any additions or changes.

NEWS

Promotion:-) The Council has approved the promotion of Alex Selby to Shodan.

- The AGM of the BGA will be held at the British Go Congress. The agenda will be: Election of Council Members, Reports, Consideration of accounts and NB some changes to the constitution. These changes include defining the roles of the Officers (not currently expressed in the constitution). Also to allow clubs with less than 3 members to be affiliated to the BGA. Revised British Championship rules will be published.
- Publicity: There is a new A5 size Go poster available. Also, the Go Leaflet is being reprinted and will be available soon. Contact Tony Atkins.

Gerry Mill, the Book Distributor says that Go World number 71 will soon be on the way.

▶ The Open University Go Club will be meeting on Mondays (instead of Thursdays) starting on Monday 20th February.

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