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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

North East Go Tournament:

Saturday 22nd April

There were 18 players at this 6 round quick-play tournament in Darlington. The over-all winner was Simon Shiu (3d, Teesside). Runner-up was Francis Roads (4d Wanstead) and joint third were (Tony Atkins (2d Wokingham), Alison Jones (2d Wanstead), and Matthew Holton (1k Teesside). Other prize winners were: Richard Pearse (12k Newcastle) with 5/6, and Daniel Shiu (8k Oxford) and Hamish Lawson (12k Teesside) both with 3½/6.

British Championship 1995:

Saturday 22nd April

The third game of the best-of-five contest was won by Shutai Zhang, who retains the Championship with a 3-0 victory over Challenger Matthew Macfadyen.

Candidates Tournament:

Weekend6-8thMay

This tournament is the first rung of the British Championship competition. It is open to all players of 2 dan and above and to selected 1 dan and 1 kyu players who have 'qualified' by their performances in tournaments. There are no handicap games, and in the early stages you are liable to be drawn against any player. Some players attend for the opportunity to play high quality opposition, but the ultimate prize is to win a place in the Challengers League, which is the next rung of the Championship. 36 players assembled at Covent Garden on the bank holiday weekend to compete for the five places on offer this year. The successful five were: Des Cann, Mark Hall, Alex Rix, Piers Shepperson and Jonathan Chetwynd (who is still only 2 dan).

Bracknell Go Tournament:

Saturday13thMay

This tournament attracted 79 players to its new venue at the rugby club. The winner was mark Hall with 3/3. Prizes for three wins also went to: Antonio Moreno (2d Bristol), Jo Hampton (1d West Wales), Andrew Kettley (3k Cheltenham), Daniel Cox (6k Brakenhale), Robert Finking (11k), and Francis Weaver (30k Brakenhale). More prizes went to the best of the 2/3 results: Reiner Mann, Anna Griffiths, and Richard Dowling. The 13 x 13 competition was won by Francis Weaver. Jo Hampton qualified for the 1996 Candidates' Tournament.

Scottish Open Go Tournament at Edinburgh:

Weekend 27-28th May

39 players attended this tournament and the overall winner was Francis Roads (4d Wanstead). Prizes were awarded in six sections: 2 dan: David Ward (CLGC) and Tony Atkins (Wokingham), who were joint runners-up over all.

1 dan: Alex Selby (Cambridge).

1-2 kyu: Nil Ghani (1k Edinburgh).

3-5 kyu: Simon Marlow (4k Glasgow).

6-9 kyu: Richard Thompson (6k Leicester).

10 kyu and above: Nick Bethel (14k Dundee).

Challengers League:

Weekend 27-29th May

This eight player league is the second stage of the British Championship competition. The best players from last year's League are joined by the winners of the Candidates Tournament to select a Challenger to the reigning Champion Shutai Zhang. The winner was Matthew Macfadyen with 6/7. The other places were: Matthew Cocke 5/7, Des Cann 4½/7, Mark Hall 4/7, Piers Shepperson 4/7, Alex Rix 3½/7, Nick Webber 1/7, and Jonathan Chetwynd 0/7. Japan points: this is a scheme used by the BGA to select who will go to Japan each year to represent Britain in the World Amateur Championship. Points are scored annually on the basis of 9 for the Champion, and 8 down to 1 for position in the Challengers League. The one with the most gets to go, but then he has to start his points again. This allows the place to rotate amongst the top players. The current points leaders are: Matthew Macfadyen 29, Alex Rix 22, Mark Hall 21, Harold Lee 21, Shutai Zhang 18.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

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

The World Amateur Championship:

After the first four rounds, Ronald Schlemper is the leading European player with 3/4 having lost only to the Japanese representative.

The Honinbo Championship:

After two rounds of the best of seven event, Champion Cho Chi-kun and Challenger Kato Masao are level. Cho won the first and Kato won the second after Cho self destructed (as I understand).

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).

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Youth Tournament @ Brakenhale:

Saturday 10th June

Contact: France Ellul. 2 01494-452047.

Small Board Go Tournament @ Cambridge:

Sunday11thJune

Event: 13 x 13 Competition.

Contact: Mark Wainwright, 27 Portugal Place, Cambridge, CB5 8AF. 🕿 01223-300368 (evenings and weekends).

Leicester Go Tournament:

Saturday17thJune

Location: Church Hall, Church of the Martyrs, Shaftesbury Rd, Leicester. Registration by 10:15. 3 rounds. Also small board.

Note: Smoking and alcoholic drinks are not allowed on the premises.

Fees: In advance: BGA members £5, non-members £6, juniors/unwaged/OAPs £2. On the day: £7.

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The 3rd Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth:

Weekend1st-2ndJuly

New Location: Barmouth Youth Centre. Registration 1 to 1:30 on Saturday. 5 rounds (3 on Saturday to about 8:30 and 2 on Sunday to about 3pm). Fees: £8. Check for concessions. After 24th June add £2.

Accommodation: This is cheap and plentiful in Barmouth. Contact Jo (preferably) or Baron for details.

Contacts: Jo Hampton, 5 Handlith Terrace, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1RD. Baron Allday 🕿 01341-28066 (home) or 01341-280076 (work).

The 1st Devon Go Tournament:

Saturday 22nd July

Location: Birdwood House, Totnes. First round starts at 10.30. 3 rounds.

Note: Although this clashes with the European, it is felt that there will be plenty of players still in this country.

Contact: Tom Widdicombe 2 01364-661470.

International Team Go Tournament:

Saturday 29th July

Event: This is one of the regular matches between teams of British and Japanese players. By invitation only, but check with David Ward if you would like to play. Contact: David Ward 2 0171-354 3285.

20-25th August Go Isle of Man:

Event: Combine a holiday with Go playing. Lots of options for combining them in different proportions. There is a 5 round main tournament, with 1 round a day in the mornings. There is also a 3 afternoons tournament and a 2 afternoons handicap tournament. Also several other special events. Contact: Leo Austine & David Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD. 2 01624 612294.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Youth Tournament @ Brakenhale (10 Jun), Small Board Tournament @ Cambridge (11 Jun), Leicester (17 Jun), Welsh Open @ Barmouth (1-2 Jul), Devon (22 Jul), Anglo-Japanese Teams (29 Jul), Isle of Man (20-25 Aug), Northern (2-3 Sep), International Teams (10 Sep), Milton Keynes (17 Sep), Pair Go (24 Sep), Shrewsbury (1 Oct).

Please let me know about any additions or changes.

NEWS

- Promotions:-) The Council has approved the promotions of Jonathan Chetwynd to 3 dan and Simon Butler, Mark Wainwright and Paul Margetts
- Youth Coordinator: Jonathan Chetwynd is taking over as the main Coordinator from Simon Goss, but Simon will continue to give assistance.
- BGA E-Mail: The BGA now has an E-Mail address (organised by Andrew and Alison Jones). See BGA addresses below.
- Pair Go Tournament: This will probably be held on the 24th September. It is hoped that there will be sponsorship this year, allowing the event
- BGA membership: A year's club membership is only £6. Non club membership is £7.50 and Overseas membership is £8.50. Members receive 4 Go Journals a year, 6 Newsletters, book and equipment sales, and reduced tournament entry. To join, contact the Membership Secretary Alison Jones (address below).
- Computer Software: If you would like a PC shareware game of go (no guarantee on strength of play) send a disk and your address to the Computer Coordinator Nick Wedd (address below).
- Oxford Club now meet at 'The Prince of Wales'.
- Bristol Club: The contact is now Antonio Moreno 2 0117-9637155.

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