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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

European Teams

22nd - 24th November

The UK team of Matthew Cocke (since promoted to 5 dan), Alex Selby (now 3 dan), Paul Smith (2 dan) and Mark Wainwright (1 dan) drew all five matches and narrowly avoided a placing. Matthew won all his games including a win over Frank Janssen (6 dan NL).

23rd London Open Go Congress (EGP)

Sunday 29th December-Wednesday 1st January

150 players attended the 23rd London Open sponsored again by Hitachi. 92 players were from the UK and of the rest there were 11 French and 19 Germans (most of the latter winning prizes). As last year the GP points were awarded after 6 rounds when the top four players were selected to play knockout. The 10 GP placings went to Guo Juan, Lee Hyuk, Zhang, Danek, S.J.Kim, Macfadyen, Goddard, S. Bae, Cocke and von Arnim. In the semi-finals Guo beat Zhang and Lee beat Danek. In an exciting half-point final game Guo Juan won to claim the 1000 pound prize with a perfect 8/8. Lee was second, Matthew Macfadyen scraped up to third and equal fourth were Danek, Bae and von Arnim. Shutai Zhang was unplaced losing to Lee, Guo twice and Danek in round 8. British Prize winners were Martin Smith (1 kyu) 6/8, Mike Charles (2 dan) 5/8, Jim Clare (3 dan) 5/8. Youth prizes went to David King (1 kyu), Youngik Kim, Samantha Hughes, Jessica Ballyntine and Abigail Molyneux (all Brakenhale).

The Lightning was won by Lee Hyuk from Shutai Zhang and Jim Sadler (1 kyu). The rengo was won by E.Warkentin/A.Wettach/A.Knippel/V.Bayle. 13x13 prize winners were Jo Hampton, Andrew Grant and Francis Roads. There were also prizes in the guess the move competition and many more in the lucky prize draw. A survey on the popularity of 1 stone in five minutes as the first overtime period showed about 70% in its favour. Saturday 18th January Furze Platt Go Tournament

The overall winner from the 93 players was Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol) with Toby Manning (2 dan Leamington) the runner up. The following players won prizes for 3/3. Jiri Keller (2 kyu CLGC), Sue Patterson (2 kyu CLGC), Terry Wright (4 kyu Bristol), Francis Weaver (8 kyu B'hale), Anna Griffiths (9 kyu Furze Platt), Pauline Bailey (14 kyu West Surrey), Nicola Hurden (20 kyu B'hale) and Oliver Edwards (29 kyu H. Wycombe). High Wycombe won the Team Prize. The 9 x 9 competition was won by Neil Ings with runners up Carl Chapman, Alistair Brooks and Nicola Hurden.

Youth Championship

Sunday 19th January

David King retained his title of Youth Champion by emerging as the overall winner in this year's Championship with Anna Griffiths the runner up. Results for each age group were: Under 18 Champion David King (1 kyu) and r/u Anna Griffiths (8 kyu). Under 16 Champion Laura Coe (13 kyu) and r/u Emma Marchant (9 kyu), Under 14 Champion Thomas Blockley (5 kyu) and r/u Francis Weaver (7 kyu). Under 12 Champion (Clare Franklin (35 kyu) and r/u Alistair Brooks (28 kyu). Under 10 Champion Adam Eckersley Waites (24 kyu) and r/u Tom Eckersley Waites (19 kyu). And for the first time we have an Under 5 Champion, Luise Wolf (37 kyu). Prizes were also awarded to the following players who scored 5/6 in the main tournament: Philip Marshall (13 kyu), Youngik Kim (22 kyu), Kassie Cowen (37 kyu) and Amy Schade (37 kyu). 13 x 13 prize winners were Andrew Marshall (24 kyu), Natasha Boddy (30 kyu) and Samantha Hughes (16 kyu).

Wanstead Go Tournament

Saturday 1st February

This year's Wanstead was attended by 44 players amd was won by Park Hyun-Soo (5 dan Korea) with a score of 31/2 from 4. He won on a tie break from John Rickard (4 dan Cambridge) who was also on 31/2 from 4. Jim Saddler (1kyu Brighton) won 4/4. Other prize winners with 3/4 were: Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead), Geoff Kaniuk (2 kyu CLGC), Martin Solity (3 kyu Wanstead), David Hall (4 kyu Brakenhale), Tony Lyall (8 kyu Norwich), Paul Hyman (15 kyu Brakenhale), Carl Bate (24 kyu Brakenhale), and R. Chapman (30 kyu). The 13 x 13 was won by Mike Charles, and last and probably least, the Mornington Crescent winner was Tony Atkins.

NEWS

- Promotions:-) The Council has approved the following promotions: Matthew Cocke to 5 dan, Alex Selby to 3 dan, Hennie Groot Lipman to 2 dan and Martin Smith to 1 dan.
- The AGM of the BGA will be held at the British Go Congress at the Royal Holloway College on Saturday 19th April at 20:00. The agenda will include election of officers and the proposed increase in fees for 1998.
- Candidates' Tournament. The new arrangement is that all British BGA dan players can compete, together with 1 kyus who gain qualification through tournament results. No invitations will be sent out this year, instead, check the April Newsletter for details.
- Tournament Levy. Tournament organisers please note that from January 1997 this has been changed to a per day basis and has been set at one pound per day (half for concessions and double for non-members). Tournaments longer than two days are subject to negotiation.
- Tournament subsidy. Thanks to our anonymous member, the subsidy of two pounds per person is again available in 1997. However it is only available to tournaments that have tried and failed to get sponsorship or to tournaments which would suffer a financial disaster if the subsidy money was not available. Please contact Tony Atkins to apply.
- AGA membership. The BGA and the AGA have set up reciprocal membership arrangements to avoid members paying bank charges. Any BGA member wishing to join the American Go Association for twelve months should send 18 pounds to the BGA membership secretary (renewals should state AGA membership number).
- Leicester Go Club is moving. The social club that has been our long term meeting place is relocating and there will be a gap before we can move into the new site. So if you are thinking of visiting, contact Eddie Smithers 2 01664-69023 for information.
- Youth Pair Go. This new event is planned for the 6th July at Brakenhale. Contact France Ellul 🕿 01494-452047 or Simon Goss 🕿 01344-777963 for more details.
- Songbooks. I learn that there are now two go songbooks. The old "BGA Songbook" which is still available, and the new "The Go Player's Songbook", edited by Francis Roads. The latter is completely new, with music as well as words. Contact the Book Distributor for details.
- Matthew Macfadyen is conducting a new (fee paying) Email Go Correspondence course. Find details at http://www.jklmn.demon.co.uk
- Mind Sports Olympiad. The First Annual occurrence will take place at the Royal Festival Hall, London, from August 18th-24th 1997. This is an Olympiad for "thinking" games where the competitors will play each other at a variety of well known strategy games, such as Go, Chess, Bridge, etc, and will compete for medals and for other prizes. There will be a Go tournament during the week, side events such as 13x13, 9x9 and lightning, and a weekend tournament. For further information please contact: Mind Sports Olympiad, P.O. Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF, England. Fax: 0171 482 0672. Or look at the web site http://www.mindsports.co.uk/ (details for Go will be updated around February 9th).

NB The focus of this event is not just on Go, but it will be an opportunity to publicise our game. Volunteers will be needed to help administer the various Go activities, so please contact Tony Atkins if you can help.

The European Go Journal. Since the last Newsletter, the European Go Centre have decided to discontinue this Journal. The last issue of 96 will still be produced, albeit delayed.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Irish Open Go Championship in Dublin

14th - 16th March

An opportunity to visit Dublin for the popular St Patrick's Day weekend, and to play Go as well. Some sleeping bag space available.

Contacts: John Gibson, 30 Lakelands Park, Dublin, 6W. 2 00 353 + 1 4908779.

| Irish Go Association | nmitchell@vax1.tcd.ie | http://www.cs.tcd.ie/www/sflinter/iga/iga.html | 29th - 31st March

Paris Go Tournament

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Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 96/97 season

Copenhagen DK (14-15 Sep), Bucharest ROM (21-22 Sep), Bratislava SQR (12-13 Oct), Belgrade YU (18-20 Oct), Brussels B (2-3 Nov), Kharkov UKR (8-10 Nov), Gothenburg S (16-17 Nov), Locarno CH (7-8 Dec), London GB (29 Dec-1 Jan), Prague CZ (7-9 Feb), Barcelona E (22-23 Feb), Dublin IRL (14-16 Mar), Vienna A (22-23 Mar), Paris F (29-31 Mar), Bled SLO (11-13 Apr), Milan I (19-20 Apr), Budapest H (2-4 May), Amsterdam NL (8-11 May), Hamburg D (17-19 May), Warsaw PL (21-22 Jun), Helsinki SF (28-29 Jun), Petrosavodsk RUS (4-6 Jul), European Go Congress @ Marseilles F (19 Jul-2 Aug).

Other European Events: Ing Cup (7-9 Mar), European Pairs, Amsterdam (14-15 Jun).

European Go Congress 1997: At Marseilles, France. (19 Jul - 2 Aug). Email contact: go-congress@imag.fr

US Go Congress 1997: At Lancaster, PA. (16-23 Aug). Email contact: szimmerman@cpcnet.com (Sam).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oxford Go Tournament

Sunday 16th February

Location: Freuds, Walton Street, Oxford. Parking nearby is not restricted on Sunday. Registration by 10:30. 3 rounds. Also Small Board.

Lunch: To avoid the counter queues of last year, the tournament fee this year will include a buffet lunch and tea & coffee.

Fees: £10. Unwaged £6. After 14th February add £2.

Contact: Nick Wedd, Sunnybrook, 37 North Hinksey Village, Oxford OX2 0NA 201865 247403. E-mail: nick@maproom.demon.co.uk
Cambridge 21st Trigantius Go Tournament
Sunday 2nd March

Location: (As last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10. Sponsored by Hitachi.

Event: 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.

Fees: BGA members £6, concessions £3. After 26th February £7 conc £3.50. British non-BGA +£1. The Beginners' Competition is free.

Contact: Tim Hunt, 63 Panton Street, Cambridge. 2 01223-500769 (home). Email: tjh1000@damtp.cam.ac.uk

Coventry Go Tournament

Sunday 23rd March

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

Event: 3 round McMahon of 55 minutes plus overtime. Also side events including 13x13 and Teams.

Facilities: Swimming Pool, Table Tennis, Pool, TV room, Bar and Cafeteria. Buffet Lunch must be ordered in advance, check with organisers.

Contact: Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ 201675-42753. Or e-mail Kirsty@jklmn.demon.co.uk

Bournemouth Go Tournament

Saturday 5th April

Location: (Excellent new venue) West Parley Memorial Hall (B3073), Bournemouth. Registration by 10:30. 3 round McMahon.

Fees: In advance, BGA members £6, non members £7, concessions £3. On the day extra £2. Places to eat and to (free) park are nearby.

Contact: Marcus Bennett, 24 Cowper Road, Moordown, Bournemouth BH9 2UJ. 201202 512655. Email: zima@easynet.co.uk
30th British Go Congress
18th - 20th April

Location: Royal Holloway College, Egham. Starts at 10 on Saturday.

Lightning: The British Lightning Championship will be held on Friday evening at 19:30.

Event: The main tournament will be 1 6 round McMahon. The AGM of the BGA will be held on Saturday evening.

Fees: Open Tournament: £14 / £16 / £4; Lightning: £4 / £5 / £2 (BGA / Non / Under18). Late entry (after 11/04/97) if accepted, extra £5. B&B in single or twin is £20 per night. Lunch £7 each and dinner £9 each.

Contact: Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. 20118-9268143. Email: A.J.Atkins@wsr0105.wins.icl.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oxford (16 Feb), Cambridge (2 Mar), Coventry (23 Mar), Bournemouth (5 Apr), British Congress @ Egham (18-20 Apr), Pair Go (27 Apr), Candidates @ Cambridge (3-5 May), Bracknell (17 May), Scottish Open @ Glasgow (24-25 May), Challengers (7-8 Jun), Leicester (14 Jun), Barmouth (28-29 Jun), Youth Pairs (6 Jul), Devon (12 Jul), Isle of Man (17-22 Aug), Northern (6-7 Sep), Milton Keynes (13 Sep), Bank of China Cup * (28 Sep), Shrewsbury (5 Oct), Wessex * (26 Oct), 3 Peaks * (8-9 Nov), Swindon * (23 Nov), West Surrey (6-7 Dec), London Open (29 Dec-1 Jan).

The * indicates a probable date that will be confirmed later.

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A new book from the Fourth Line Press "Whole Board Thinking in Joseki" (£14).

"Learn to Play Go, Vol 3" (£8).

Subscriptions for Go World 1997 can now be accepted at £18 for four issues. The last issue (78) for 1996 will be despatched in mid-February.

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