TOURNAMENT RESULTS

International Teams Match: Sunday 12th October
In September Cambridge, as Soryo league Champions, took on and beat Reading, Thames Valley Champions, by four boards to two. As they had also won the previous London International Team Tournament, all eyes were on them at the autumn edition at the Nippon Club in October. Indeed their top board S. Kim and Oliver Roridan headed the team to victory by winning all four games. The team’s 16 points put them ahead of the 13 of the CLGC Oldies, 11 of Wanstead and Reading and 10 of the CLGC Upstarts and Nippon A. Winners of three games were Messrs. Seby, Shaw, Goss, Leenders, Goodchild, Hall, Fairclough, Ward, Uda, Os and Takahashi (Azum). In the 1997 Soryo league Cambridge were again the champions beating Wanstead, Stevenage, CLGC and OU scoring 37 wins out of 50.

28th Wessex Go Tournament: Sunday 26th October
According to tradition the day all went back was the day for the annual pilgrimage to Marlborough Town Hall for the Wessex. Only 100 players attended this year despite the arrival of a new batch from Braehalke School. One of them, Darren Fairbrother, was rewarded with his first prize by winning the Fred Gyout 3x13 competition. In the main tournament Tony Goddard showed his strength by winning, beating John Richard in the last round. The other division winners were: 2 Simon Goss (2 dan Braehen) 3 Gerhard Stehrer (1 dan CLGC). 4 Nick Mandle (1 kyu Bristol). 5 Barry Chamber (2 kyu Reading). 6 David Elsdon (3 kyu West Surrey). 7 Peter Johnson (7 kyu Hursley). 8 George Haig (6 kyu Swindon). 9 Graham Hursley (16 kyu West Surrey). 10 Emma Fairbrother (30 kyu Braehalke). Of these Simon, Barry and Graham won all 4.

The Go Players Tournament: Weekend 9-11th November
This was held at the Marton Arms in the Yorkshire Dales. This year it was won by Francis Roden (4 dan Wanstead) on tie break from organiser Toby Manning (3 dan Lancing).

25th Swindon Go Tournament: Sunday 23rd November
70 players attended the fifth Swindon, again held at the Allied Dunbar Club. Paul Barnard flew back from Pakistan in time to help Dave King run a well organised event. The winner was Simon Shiu (3 dan Bristol). Continuing Simon’s run of tournament victories. On 3/3 were: Dan Misra (1 dan Reading). Niculae Mandache (1 kyu Bristol). Chris Searff (1 kyu Swindon). David Knight (10 kyu Epson Downs). Grahame Brooks (12 kyu Swindon). Richard Hawkins (15 kyu Bristol) and Alistair Brooks (25 kyu Swindon). In the 12/13 Laura Cox (12 kyu Braehalke). won a silver trophy nearly as tall as herself for a score of 12/14. In the 10/12, Nicholas Hurd (16 kyu Braehalke).

British 13x13 Go Championship @ Cambridge: Sunday 30th November
The British Small Board Championship attracted 20 players to the car-friendly venue in North Cambridge. There were a few new faces this year. It was held as part of a Go-Go event with over 100 participants. At lunch time 23 children were instructed in Go. The winner was Yongsheng Shi of the Cambridge club, locally graded at 3 dan, who saw off the 4 dans John Richard and Francis Roden. William Brooks (5) of the Cambridge Junior club won at 17 kyu, losing only to Simon Goss. Handicaps were on the Cambridge system of one stone per 2.5 grade difference.

West Surrey Handicap Go Tournament: Sunday 7th December
There were 58 players at this year’s West Surrey Handicap Tournament at Buryham Village Hall near Guildford. The previous day around 30 pupils learnt a little Go (from a decent level of trainer) Tony Atkins, Des Cram, Simon Goss and Paul Margets. Topics studied were tesuji, yose, danger points, middle game and handicap technique. Winner of the tournament was David Ward (3 dan London) who beat Jim Clare (3 dan Reading) in the final. Also on four wins were Derek Molloy (1 kyudan Bristol). Anna Griffiths (6 kyu Fuzu Plate). and Alexander Burn (9 kyu Brisbane). Those on three wins as well as Jim Clare were Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading). Michael Charles (2 dan Stevenage). Marcus Bennett (1 dan Bournemouh). Jim Sadler (1 dan Bristol). Edward Blockley (2 kyu Winchester). Steve Ashing (7 kyu Winchester). Elijah Brooks (7 kyu Swindon). Steve Ashton (10 kyu Brighton). Philippe Boumez (11 kyu West Surrey). Graham Hursley (12 kyu West Surrey). Steve Smith (15 kyu Hursley). Kevin Ashmore (29 kyu Braehalke) and Aaron Dixon (32 kyu Braehalke). All other players were awarded a lolliepop. In the continuous 13 x 13 the prize winners were Paul Barnard (1 dan Swindon) for most wins. Tom Blockley (5 kyu Winchester) for best percentage and Francis Weaver (7 kyu Braehalke) for persistence. Steve Bailey’s silly competition this year was to come up with go terms that mention things botanical, zoological, biological or anatomical. Winner was Tony Atkins with 30 terms, ahead of Pauline Bailey and Neil Cleverley.

NEWS
- Nick Webb has taken over as the BGA Website Master.
- Club Coordinators. A requirement has been identified for someone to check club details and also become the main point of contact for club secretaries to notify changes which will then be passed on to the various interested parties (Membership Secretary, Journal, Website, Newsletter, etc). Nick Webb did this temporarily, but would like to hand over to another person. If interested in this post, contact Tony Atkins. In the meantime, please inform Nick (see BGA Addresses below) about changes.
- There is also a vacancy for the BGA Press Officer, who gets to hold (perhaps I should say use) the BGA fax machine. The job is to fax promptly reports of tournaments to local press unless organisers do it. Contact Tony Atkins (see BGA Addresses below) if you are interested or would like to know more.
- The new Decklands go club meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at the Henry Arlingdon pub on Canary Wharf.
- The Candidates and Challengers tournaments will be held at the Nippon Club in Piccadilly, London.
- Matthew MacLaverty en course at Marlborough College Summer School. Matthew is down to give a one week introductory course from 19 July. Encourage your beginner friends to go.
- BT Wireplay. A commercial go service for those with a PC and a modem, but not requiring Internet access, expected in the New Year. More information as it comes on the Wireplay website (www.wireplay.co.uk) under "Mind Games", or the BGA website; or from BT. Those who would like to help launch the service in a teaching role should contact Charles Matthews (charles@xlab.com.co.uk) for more details.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Fujitso European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 97/98 season
See EGCC Web pages: http://www.xlab.com.co.uk/eggcc and soon
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24th London Open Go Congress (EGP), Sponsored by Hitachi
Thursday 1st - Sunday 4th January
Location: (as last year) Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Rolands Road, London N5 18X. Registration by 10 am on the 1st.
Event: This will be an 8 round tournament sponsored by Hitachi. The London Open is Britain's representative tournament in the Grand Prix de Europe. Accommodation: A limited amount has been arranged. Contact the organisers.
Contact: David Ward 0171-354 8539 (thru 447 171 354 8539 from abroad). Email: david.ward@btinternet.com

Furze Platt Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi
Saturday 24th January
Location: Furze Platt, Maidenhead. Registration by 10:00.
Event: 3 round McMahon. All small board and team competitions.
Contact: Anna Griffiths, 28 Deverton Drive, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 8LB 01628-638847. Email: anna@bookeed.com, demson.co.uk

Oxford Go Tournament
Saturday 7th February
Location: Wolfson Hall, St Edmonds Hall, Oxford. The Park and Ride is recommended. Registration by 9:45. 3 rounds.
Contact: Nick Ferencsik, St Edmonds Hall, Oxford OX1 4AR. Email: joeskk@sable.ox.ac.uk or nicolas.ferencsik@ahm.ox.ac.uk

Cambridge 22nd Trigantius Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi
Sunday 1st March
Location: (as last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10.
Event: 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.
Contact: Tim Hunt, 63 Panton Street, Cambridge CB2 1JX. 01223-500789 (home). Email: tch10000@dastep.cam.ac.uk or Charles Matthews, 01223-350984. Email: charles@babaiki.demson.co.uk

31st British Go Congress, Sponsored by British Aerospace
Friday 17th - Saturday 19th April
Location: British Aerospace Building, Broughton, Chester. Registration by 10:15 on Saturday.
Events: The British Open will be held on Saturday, 2nd and 3rd May. Theodorashan Matthews will be held on Friday evening at 19:30. The Women's Championship will be held on Sunday.
Contact: Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tapley Road, Whitley, Warrington, WA4 4DS. 01925-736588. Fax: 01925-736005. Helen Harvey, 10 Shirley Drive, Grafton, Warrington WA2 7RA. 01625-652308.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

London Open (14 Jan), Furze Platt (24 Jan), Youth/Schools (25 Jan), Oxford (7 Feb), Cambridge (1 Mar), Candidates @ London * (14-15 Mar), Women's Coaching Weekend (26-28 Mar), Bournemouth * (4 Apr), British Congress @ Chester *(17-19 Apr), Challengars @ London * (2-4 May), Earls Court * (3 May), Bradf 10th, Paris * (17 May), Leicester (13 Jun), Barmouth (27-28 Jun), MIND sport, IT (21-26 Aug), Milton Keynes (19 Sep), Shrewsbury (4 Oct).
The * indicates a probable date that will be confirmed later.

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In a calendar year receive 4 British Go Journals and 6 newsletters, can purchase books and equipment and get reduced tournament entry fees. Contact: Alison Jones, 29 Forest Way, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0FF. 0181-504-6944. Email: bgas@acm.ac.uk

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