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RESULTS

World Amateur Go Congress, 2nd - 6th June

T. Mark Hall (4 dan) was the British representative this year based on his Japan-points accumulation (the BGA scheme for rotating the place amongst the top players), and he came 24th with 4/8. How did the rest of the world do? Well, there were another 49 of them. The winner was Kim Chan Woo (7 dan Korea) with 8/8, 2"d Hiraoka Satoshi (7 dan Japan) 7/8, and 3"d Zhao Won Dong (7 dan China) 6/8. The top European country was the Netherlands at 7th, represented by Frank Janssen.

Leicester Go Tournament, Saturday 13th June

54 players attended Leicester this year. A change of main organisers saw the end of the popular quiz but a well run event just the same, Winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Learnington) who remembered to return the cup this time. Second was Simon Shiu (4 dan Bristol) and third was Andrew Grant (2 dan Open University) who won 3/3. Fourth was Cao Xinjin from China. Helen Harvey (1 kyu Manchester) and Michael Marz (1 dan Birmingham) won 3/3; Learnington won the team prize with a 70 percent record.

British Championship Game 1, Sunday 14th June

The first game of this year's championship was played at the Daiwa Foundation overlooking Regent's Park in London. Matthew Macfadyen won against challenger Edmund Shaw. The second in the best-of-five series will be on 22nd August at the Chess and Bridge shop, Euston Road, London.

Zagreb GP 13-14/6

Won by Leon Match (5 dan Slovenia), and 2nd Vladimir Danek (6 dan Czech). 18 players.

Warsaw GP 20-21/6

Won by Vladimir Danek (6 dan Czech), and 2nd Csaba Mero (5 dan Hungary). 61 players.

The 6th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth, Weekend 27-28th June

Only 38 players attended this year's Welsh Open at Barmouth; it was a pity that more lower graded players were not there (with or without their families) as the weather was the best it has been in recent years. Winner as usual was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Learnington). Winners of tasteless male Hells Angels statuettes were Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead), Ruud Stoelman (1 dan NL), Steve Jones (1 kyu isle of Man), Kirsty Healey (1 kyu Leamington) and Bill Streeten (4 kyu Wanstead). The continuous lightning was won by Alison Jones (2 dan Wanstead) ahead of Bill Streeten. As usual nowadays, Learnington won the team prize.

Helsinki GP 27-28/6

Won by Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia), and 2rd Vesa Laatikainen (5 dan Finland). 29 players,

The 4th Devon Go Tournament, Sunday 5th July

22 players mostly from the South-West of England attended the fourth Devon Tournament held again at Dartmoor's Woodlands Hotel under the shadow of Hay Tor. The winner was as last year Antonio Moreno (4 dan Bristol). Runner up was Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading), Winning three out of three were John Culmer (1 kyu West Cornwall) and Richard Helyer (8 kyu Oxford). Also winning a polished wood go stone was youngest player David Collins (30 kyu South Cotswold)

Stacy Grand Prix Points

After Devon the leaders are: 1st Matthew Macfadyen 14 pts, 2nd Michael Marz 9 pts, 3rd Francis Roads 8 pts.

St. Petersburg GP 4-5/7

Won by Lee, Hyuk (7 dan Korea), 2nd Alexei Lazarev (6 dan Russia), and 3nd Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia). 36 players.

European Go Congress 1998 at Mamaia in Romania, 25th July - 7th August

The main tournament was won by Lee, Hyuk (7 dan Korea) with 10/10, 2nd Robert Mateescu (6 dan Romania) 8/10, 3rd Franz-Josef Dikhut (6 dan Germany) 8/10, 4th Sumikura, Yasuyuki (6 dan Japan) 7/10, and 5th Christophe Gerlach (5 dan Germany) 7/10. 362 players, but very few Brits. Piers Shepperson was the best of them. Steve Bailey represented the BGA at the Euro AGM. The weekend tournament was also won by Lee, Hyuk, and 2nd Sumikura, Yasuyuki, both with 5/5.

1st Norwich Biennial Go Tournament, Saturday Sth August

The winner was Paul Smith (2 dan Cambridge) with 3/3. Prizes also went to Matthew Woodcraft (2k Cambridge) for best kyu player, and to Phillip Beck (4 kyu Cambridge) for 3/3.

NEWS

- Promotions:-) The Council has approved the following promotion: Michael Marz to 2 dan.
- Ing (World) Computer Go Championship: This will be held in London in November. Contact Nick Wedd (see BGA addresses) for details.
- Korean Go/Tourism Trip: Unfortunately this has been cancelled for 1998 due to the economic situation in Korea
- Korean Women's World Championship: This also has been cancelled but a replacement Japanese event has been arranged. Alison Jones was to have been our representative but the timing of the Japanese event is not convenient for her, so Helen Harvey will carry the flag for British women.
- World Amateur Pair Go Championship: The British representatives are Des Cann and Sue Patterson.
- EGM announcement: There will be an EGM of the BGA held at the Northern Go Tournament on September 12th. The purpose is to make some changes to the constitution. The main one is to change the definition of membership period so that a subscription can run for a year from the enrolment time rather than just for a calendar year. More details will be posted on the BGA web site.

FORTHCOMING

2nd Mind Sports Olympiad at London, 24th - 30th August

Location: The Royal Festival Hall, London.

The go competitions will be: 19x19 Championship, 24-28 August am, £25 / £10; 19x19 Weekend , 29 August whole day, 30 August am, £20 / £8; Go 13x13, 24-28 August pm, £25 / £10; Go 9x9, 30 August pm, £13 / £5. The entry fees are full price / concessionary, and reflect the prizes. The Mind Sports web site is at www.mindsports.co.uk/index.html It features a full schedule of all events in all games, and also provides an electronic entry form. You can write to Mind Sports Olympiad Ltd., PO Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF, for more details and an entry form for all events. The contact email for queries is: dlevy@intelligent-group.com

24th Northern Go Tournament, Weekend 12th - 13th September

Location: The Allen Hall, Wilmslow Road, Manchester. Registration by 10:00 on Saturday. 6 rounds.

Event: This will be a six round McMahon Tournament. Closing date for entries is Saturday September 5th. Late entries (if accepted) + £5.

Fees: £10. Under 18 £5. Not Go Association members +£3. Various B&B and lunch options available for Friday/Saturday/Sunday, extra.

Contact: John Smith, 21 Gwynant Place, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 4AE. \$\mathbb{\mathbb{R}}\$ 0161 445 5012 (home)., 0161 275 4756 (work)

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10th Milton Keynes Go Tournament, Saturday 19th September

Location: The Refectory of the Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes. Registration by 10:20. No smoking in the tournament hall.

Event: This will be a 3 round McMahon tournament.

Lunch: A Buffet lunch (including vegetarian dishes) is included in the standard fee.

Fees: £7 (incl. lunch). Under 18, OAP or UB40 £2 (not including lunch which is available for extra £4). On the day +£2.

Contact: Andrew Grant, 34 Martingale Place, Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK14 7QN 🕿 01906 669883

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Shrewsbury Go Tournament, Sunday 4th October

Location: The Gateway Center, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. Registration 10:00, first round at 10:30.

Event: This will be a 3 round McMahon tournament.

Fees: BGA adult members £5, Non members £7, Under 18s £2.50. Unnotified arrivals on the day £9. Contact: Brian Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3LY. ★ 01630 685292.

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29th Wessex Go Tournament, Sunday 25th October

Location: Marlborough Town Hall. Registration by 9:45.

Event: This will be a 4 round even game tournament. Also a 13 x 13 and Teams.

Food: Coffee, lunch afternoon tea and high tea are included in the entry fee. Please notify if Vegetarian meal is required.

Fees: BGA members £11, non members £13, 16 years old or less £5. Closing date 22rd October. Late entry fee £3.

Contact: Terry Wright, 65 South Road, Portishead, Avon BS20 9DY. 2 01275 842258 (before 10 pm).

6th Three Peaks Go Tournament, Weekend 7th - 8th November

Location: The Marton Arms Hotel, Thornton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 3PB.

Event: This will be a 5 round event. Registration by 13:00 on the Saturday, allowing the morning for travelling or exploring the local scenery.

Toby Manning will be leading a short walk on that morning to explore some of the spectacular limestone scenery of North Yorkshire.

Fees: BGA members £9, full time education £4.

Contact: Toby Manning, 7 Oak Tree Close, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5YT.

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Accommodation: This can be arranged by contacting Colin Elsdon at the Marton Arms.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mind Sports (24-30 Aug), Northern (12-13 Sep), Milton Keynes (19 Sep), Shrewsbury (4 Oct), Wessex (25 Oct), 3 Peaks (7-8 Nov), Swindon (22 Nov), West Surrey (5-6 Dec), London Open (31 Dec - 3 Jan).

FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 98/99 SEASON

Copenhagen DK (19-20 Sep), Amsterdam NL (21-24 May), Vienna A (26-27 Sep), Bucharest ROM (3-4 Oct), Bratislava SLQ (10-11 Oct), Brussels B (31 Oct-1 Nov), Kiev UKR (21-22 Nov)...

OTHER EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS

Obayashi Cup, EGCC Amstelveen, NL, +31-20-6455555 (5-6 Sep). European Team Championships, probably in Yugoslavia (28-29 Nov). Fujitsu Finals, EGCC Amstelveen, NL, by invitation only, (11-13 Dec).

For European GP events see: http://www.xs4all.nl/~egcc/egf/gptour.html
For European Calendar see: http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html
For American Calendar see: http://www.usgo.org/usa/tournaments.html

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