US Go Congress 1998 at Santa Fe in New Mexico, 1st - 9th August

3 Brits attended the 14th US Go Congress in Santa Fe, New Mexico. High altitude meant dry heat to accompany the beautiful views, but the lack of air did not dampen the Brit's results. Tony Atkins won the 2 dan section, Francis Roads came 3rd in the 4 dan section and Jim Clarke came 3rd in the 5 dan section, despite being British 3 dan. Britain won the Team Tournament beating Canada in the final. Francis Roads was the highest from Britain, ahead of Martin Mueller. No less than 16 professionals were present. Francis Roads also won first prize in the Boz High Memorial Song contest. Joanne Phillips won the World Amateur Women's Championship place and also the Pair Go with Husband Neil.

1st Norwich Biennial Go Tournament, Saturday 8th August

Only 16 people attended this new biennial event in East Anglia's premier city. The venue was an old city centre church, a cool venue on a hot day, a location hoped to be good at attracting passers by. Winner of the dan section was Paul Smith (2 dan Cambridge) on 3/3. Matthew Woodcraft (2 kyu Cambridge) won the kyu section with 3/3 and also on 3/3 was Philip Beck (4 kyu Cambridge).

British Championship game 2of 5, Saturday 22nd August

The second game of this year's British Championship title match, was held at the Chess and Bridge Shop, Euston Road, near to Regent's Park in London. The outcome was that Matthew Macfadyen beat Challenger Edmund Shaw when Edmund resigned on move 145. Commentary on the game was provided by T Mark Hall and the players. The third of the best of five series will be on the 26th September at the Milton Keynes Tournament.

Maid Sports Olympiad at London, 24th - 30th August

 Held between 24/08/98 and 30/08/98 at the Novotel Hotel, Hammersmith, London, some 2500 players from 45 countries took part in many and various games. Events ranged from the ever popular bridge, chess and crossword solving, to the less popular mind mapping, creative thinking and puzzle solving. Media event of the week was the Runnymede Champion insisting on defending his title whilst relaxed in a bath and sipping champagne. Go was of course featured with a sales and teaching stand, manned by Adam Atkinson and friends, all week, four different tournaments and as one of the written tests in the document elimination. Unfortunately, due to lack of publicity, the numbers in the go events were rather low. Main 14, 13x13 9 (4 at first), 9x9 16 and weekend 22. Winners of non-go medals were Piero Steppani (mixed pairs bridge), Ezra Lutton (Continuous and Junior Pentathlon), Josiah Lutton (Junior Pentathlon), Dennis Hasselb (Continuous and Pentathlon) and Paul Smith (Puzzle Solving, Documentatiation, IQ, Entropy and Pentathlon). The go medals were:

- **Gold**
  - Main: Shuail Zhang
  - Weekend: Makau Hayashi
  - 13x13: Vladimir Danek
  - 9x9: Makau Hayashi
  - Shuail Zhang
  - Ezra Lutton
- **Silver**
  - Shuail Zhang
  - Makau Hayashi
  - Gerhard Stettner
  - Des Cann
  - Josiah Lutton
- **Bronze**
  - Vladimir Danek
  - Vladimir Danek
  - Reko Mouna
  - Francis Roads
  - Josiah Lutton

Worthy of special mention were Pavel Spacek (18 kyu) with 9/5 and arbiter Seong-June Kim's second placing (meal exempt) in the weekend event.

Obayashi Cup, 5th to 6th September

 Held at the European Go Congress in Amsterdam, the winner was Ben Malek (France) and in second place was Shuail Zhang.

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

47 people attended the two-day Northern Tournament in Manchester. From these, Michael Zhang (3 dan CLG) emerged the champion with 6/6 and John Rickard (4 dan Cambridge) took second place with 5/6. R. Houlds (13x Manchester) also scored a perfect 5/5. Prizes were given to the best of the 46 results: S. Jones (1 kyu Isle of Man), H. Sagarman (1 kyu Manchester), F. Holroyd (2 kyu Manchester), B. Timmins (3 kyu Shrewsbury), A. Plitchford (9 kyu Chester), J. Edwards (6 kyu High Wycombe), C. Beam (17 kyu Leamington).

10th Milton Keynes Go Tournament, Saturday 19th September

Whilst the British Championship was being decided in an adjacent room, 94 players competed in this year's Milton Keynes tournament which was won by Des Cann (5 dan Leamington). Prize winners with 30 were Frank Visser (4 kyu Cambridge), Alex Best (4 kyu Portsmouth), and Shaun Hearn (29 kyu Brahenale). Additional prizes were awarded to the best of the 2/3 results: Yvon Margetts (10 kyu Epsom Downs), Gary Beam (14 kyu Leamington), and Nicole Hurken (7 kyu Brahenale).

British Championship game 3 of 5, Saturday 24th September

The third game of this year's British Championship title match, was held in a separate room at the Milton Keynes Tournament. The result was a 1/2 point win for Matthew Macfadyen over challenger Edmund Shaw. With that, Matthew retains his title 3-0.

Copenhagen GP, 19th - 20th September

Vesa Laatkanen the 5 dan from Finland won with 5/5. Second was Vladimir Danek (6 dan Czech Republic) 4/5. 19 players.

Bucharest GP, 3rd - 4th October

The winner from 81 entrants was Dragos Bajenaru (5 dan Romania) 6/5, and second was Ion Florescu (5 dan Romania) 5/6.

Shrewsbury Go Tournament, Sunday 4th September

The Shrewsbury go-to-bon trophy which usually arrives and departs with Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) was destined to go elsewhere this year when Simon Shiu (4 dan Bリスト) managed to beat Matthew in the first round. However, when Des Cann (4 dan Leamington) beat Simon in the final round to win the tournament, the trophy did at last return to the same club. Other prize winners with 30 were: Nicolae Mandache (1 dan Bilbao), Henry Sagarman (1 kyu Manchester), Paula Mangel (17 kyu Birmingham), Darren Fairbrother (27 kyu Brekenale), and Shaun Hearn (29 kyu Brekenale). The team prize was shared by BrumGo and Brekenale. A final prize went to Ian Sharpe for being the first paid entrant.

**NEWS**

- **Promotions** - The Council has approved the following promotions: Michael Zhang to 3 dan and Steve Jones to 1 dan.
- **European Go Federation** - Eric Puyt is now the EGF President and Zoran Mutabjiga (1 kyu President) instead of Oleg Gavrilov. The 1999 EGC will be in Slovakia, 2003 is confirmed for Berlin. 2001 will be in Dublin.
FORTHCOMING

29th Wessex Go Tournament, Sunday 25th October
Location: Barnsborugh Town Hall. Registration by 9:45. Event: This will be a 4 round even game tournament. Also a 13x13 and Teams.
Food: Coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and hot tea are included in the entry fee. Please notify if vegetarian meal is required.
Contact: Terry Wright, 65 South Road, Portishead, Avon BS20 9DY. 01275 842258 (before 10 pm).
Brussels GP, 31st October - 1st November. Contact: Jan Bogartz 00-32-2-2879667. j.an.bogaerts@home.com
6th Three Peaks Go Tournament, Weekend 7th - 8th November
Location: The Marton Arms Hotel, Thornton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancashire LIA 3PQ.
Event: This will be a 5 round event. Registration by 15:00 on the Saturday, allowing the morning for traveling 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.
Contact: Toby Manning, 7 Oak Tree Close, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5YT. 01022 488739.
Accommodation: This can be arranged by contacting Colin Eldon at the Marton Arms. 01622 412811.
Gothenburg GP, 7th - 8th November. Contact: Per Kristensen +46-31-191161, ulf@distinctie.se (Olf Olsson)
Ing World Computer Go Championship, 21st - 22nd November
Contact: Nick Webb 01222-300362. E-mail nick@maproom.demon.co.uk
Swindon GP, Sunday 22nd November
Location: Even Swindon Community Centre, Jennings Street. Event: 3 round McMahon and 13x13.
Contact: Paul Barnard, 16 Braemer Close, Swindon, Wilts 01793 430856 (before 10pm). E-mail paul.barnard@nationalpower.com
British 13x13 GP Championship at Cambridge, 18th November
Location: Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton near Cambridge. Registration to 9:45, check with organisations about a bye for a later start.
Event: For Adults & Children. This is part of a chain of go events organized by the Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club, with a concurrent junior chess competition.
Contact: Paul & Andrea Smith, 2 Townsend Close, Milton, Cambridge, CB4 0DN. 01223 563032. E-mail: paul@paul.cox.co.uk
European Team Championships, 4th to 6th December
Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Contact Tony Atkins if interested in being part of the team (dan level).
West Surrey Teuch-in, Saturday 5th December
Location: Burpham Village Hall, (North of Guildford). Event: Instruction by several dan players. Suitable for all players from beginner to 1kyu.
West Surrey Handicap GP Tournament, Sunday 6th December
Location: Burpham Village Hall, (North of Guildford). Registration by 10:30.
Event: 4 round swiss tournament. The draw aims for handicaps of about 4 stones. Also a 13x13 competition.
Contact: Pauline Bailey, 27 Daggey Farm, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8DE. 01483-561027. E-mail: paul@compuserve.com
25th London Open Go Congress (EOG) sponsored by Hitachi, 31st December to 3rd January
Location: Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Roundhouse Road, London N5. Registration by 10:00 on Thursday 31st.
Event: 8 round McMahon main tournament and lighting tournament. The London Open is Britain’s representative in the European Grand Prix.
Contact: Geoff Kaniuk, 36 Clissumore Street, London SW18 5EU. fax and phone 0181-374 7862 (that’s +44 181 874 7862 from abroad).
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Wessex (25 Oct), 3 Peaks (7.8 Nov), Ing World Computer Go Championships (21-22 Nov), Swindon (22 Nov), West Surrey (5-6 Dec), London Open (31 Dec - 3 Jan), Oxford (*13 Feb), Cambridge (7 Mar), British Go Congress (1-2 Apr), Barrow (2 Apr), Leicester (12 Jun), Barmouth (25-27 Jun), Isle of Man Go Week (Aug), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-22 Aug).
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FUTJISU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 1999/2000 SEASON
Copenhagen (19-20 Sep), Bucharest (3-4 Oct), Bratislava (11-12 Nov), Belgrade (16-18 Nov), Brussels (31 Oct - 1 Nov), Gothenburg (7-8 Nov), Kiev (27-29 Nov), London (3 Dec - 5 Jan), Prague (13-14 Feb), Barcelona (20-21 Feb), Dublin (20-21 Mar), Vienna (27-28 Mar), Paris (25 Apr), Milan (17-18 Apr), Berlin (24-25 Apr), Bucharest (2 Oct), Amsterdam (13-14 May), Hamburg (22-23 May), Zagreb (29-30 May), Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tychy (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podbielsko, Slovaki (31 Jul - 2 Aug).
For European GP events see:
http://www.xs4all.nl/~eggc/egfgtour.html
For European Calendar see:
http://www.win.tue.nl/cm/angels/go/tourn.html

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BGA Membership
In the last journal it was erroneously stated that membership rates for 1999 are unchanged. In fact the ACM approved the following rates from January 1st 1999:
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