Prague GP, 6th - 7th February A four way tie on 45 was resolved with SOS to give 1. Radek Nechanicky (6 dan Czech Republic), 2. Adrian Paszow (4 dan Germany), 3. Leszek Sondan (6 dan Poland), and 4. Christoph Gerlach (5 dan Germany). 134 players.

Oxford Go Tournament, Saturday 13th February 98 players attended the Oxford Tournament held as last year in St. Edmund Hall. The time limits for the last round were cut, thanks to a late start. Main organiser Henry Segerman was rewarded by being one of the players to receive his shodan diploma after the tournament. The event was partly sponsored by Oxford Heritage, the nearby games shop, who had a sales stand present. Winner for the second time running was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington). Those also on 3½ were Niculae Mandache (2d Bristol), Matthew Woodcraft (1k Cambridge), Barry Chandler (2k Reading), Bill Rivers (2k Oxford), Malcolm Hagan (7k Portsmouth), Neil Moffatt (10k Portsmouth), Keith Osborne (11k Norwich), Jimmy Mao (1k Bristol), Nicola Hurden (15k Brakenhale), Shawn Hearn (20k Brakenhale), Lucie Elliot (24k Brakenhale), Ian McAnally (25k Manchester).

Barcelona GP, 12th - 14th February 7 dan took the first five places.

European Youth Championship @ Cannes, Under 18s, 19th - 21st February
In the Under 18 section, the top places went to: 1. Andrei Kulikov (2 dan Russia) 6½, 2. Diana Koszegi (5 dan Hungary) 5½, 3. Merlijn Kui (3 dan Netherlands) 5½, Tom Blockley (5 kyu Worcester) 3½, and 6. Haike R., (6 dan China) 2½.

In the Under 12 section, the winner was Natalia Kovaleva (3 kyu Russia) with 6½, and second was Timour Dougine (1 dan Russia) with 5½. 21 players.

European Pair Go Championship @ Cannes, 29th - 30th February
The British pair Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) and Kirsty Healey (1 dan) with 4 wins from 5, came second to the German pair Britta Trepczcz (1 dan) and Christine Gerlach (5 dan) with 5½. The French pair Marie-Claire Chaine (2 dan) and Farid Bencham (6 dan) came third, all on 4½. 15 countries.

Cambridge 23rd Tragantius Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Sunday 7th March
This year's tournament attracted 56 players, and was won by Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 3 wins from 3. There was then a 4 way tie for second place between: Dan Cann (4 dan Leamington), T Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol), Y K Kim (6 dan London), and Piers Shepperson (5 dan CLGC), all with 2½. Other players with 3½ were: Nick Wedd (1 kyu Oxford City), Jonathan Chin (1 kyu Cambridge), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Frank Visser (4 kyu Cambridge), Mark Daigamo (5 kyu Cambridge), Michael Thomas (9 kyu Cambridge), Shawn Hearn (19 kyu Brakenhale), and Daniel Calveo (25 kyu Brakenhale).

The Team competition was won by Brakenhale A team with 80%. They were Emma Marchant, Shawn Hearn, Emma Fairbrther and Daniel Calveo.

Candidates Tournament, Weekend 13th - 14th March The joint winners of the tournament were Toby Mannin and John Rickard, both with 4 wins from 4.

There were nine players with 3½ points were separated by SOS to give: 3rd = Simon Bexfield, Harry Fearnley, Alison M Jones; 6th = Andrew Grant, Robert Sailie: 8th = John Fairbairn; 9th Bob Bagot, 10th = Paul Margetts, Alex Rix. 34 Players

Inag. Cup 14th March The winner was Catalan Taraym, second was Lee Hyuk and third was Guo Juan. Matthew Cook was 23rd

European Team Go Championship @ Belgrade, 12th - 14th March This event was finally held with a somewhat limited selection of teams. From the 8 countries represented, the Russians (Alexei Lazarev, Victor Bogdanov, Roman Gatsouline and Sergei Ospenskii) won with 16/20. 2nd Romania with 15/20.

Dublin GP, 28th - 30th March 32 players from 14 countries attended the 10th Irish Open. The winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 5½. Second was Eduardo Herrero (6 dan Argentina) and third was Andrew Grant (2 dan OU) with 3½. There were many side events too. The Handicap competition was contested by 12 players and won by Ruud Stoeima (1 dan NL), and Ruud also won the Rapid Play contest from 22 players.

Coventry Go Tournament, Sunday 28th March
The Coventry Tournament returned this year and attracted 54 entrants. The winner on his home turf was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 3½. In second place was Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 2½. Prize winners with 3½ were: John Lowe (3 kyu Leamington), Thomas Erker (5 kyu Germany), and Michael Walker (10 kyu Worcester). Nicola Hurden (14 kyu Brakenhale), and Ian McAnally (25 kyu Manchester).

Velden GP, Austria, 27th - 28th March The joint winners were Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia) and Gabor Szabicz (5 dan Hungary), both on 4½. 68 players.

Paris GP, 3rd - 6th April A four way tie on 5½ was resolved with SOS to give 1. Guo Juan (7 dan Netherlands), 2. Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany), 3. Pierre Colmez (5 dan France), and 4. Farid Bencham (6 dan France). Piers Shepperson (5 dan) was 12th with 3½. 210 players.

32nd British Go Congress at Abingdon, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th April
The 32nd British Go Congress was held at Abingdon School and organised by the 'old boy' Steve Bailey. The first event was the British Lightning run by Tony Atkins and his exciting playing card draw system. The 38 players all vied to get the Ace of Hearts and the player with this lucky card at the end of five rounds was Seong June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 5½. Piers Shepperson (5 dan London) was second with 4½. Others with the cards for four wins were: T. Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol), Des Cann (4 dan Leamington), Simon Goss (2 dan Blacknall), and Chris Dawson (1 dan Maidenhead). In the special section, Ian McAnally (23 kyu Manchester) won 5½ and Daniel Calveo (25 kyu Brakenhale) won 4½. 80 players took part in the British Open. Seong June Kim followed his success in the lightning by winning all six games to take the British Open title. Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) won five to hold second place. The third and fourth places both won 4½ and were decided by SOS as 3½ T. Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol) and 4th Young K Kim (5 dan CLGC). Other players with a creditable 5½ were: Tim Hunt (1 kyu Cambridge), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Philip Beck (3 kyu Cambridge), Konrad Schelfer (4 kyu Cambridge), Theo Elliott (16 kyu Brakenhale), and Roger Peck (20 kyu). The Nippon Club Team Cup went to Cambridge who won 63% of their games. The winner in the continuous 13x13 was Nicola Hurden (13 kyu Brakenhale) and second was Daniel Calveo (25 kyu Brakenhale). Winner of the Terry Stacey Grand Prix for the most games won "above the bar" in the year was Matthew Macfadyen. Runner up was Francis Roads, thus reversing last year's position. Winner of the WKD title (most losses by a 2 dan) despite keen competition, was Alan Thornton.

BGA Officers. At the AGM in Abingdon, Alex Rix announced his retirement as BGA President after 7 years. I am sure that all BGA members would want to thank him for the tremendous contribution that he has made to British Go. Alison Jones was elected unopposed as the new BGA President.

T. Mark Hall and Tony Atkins were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Championship Organiser. Alex Rix is now the Championship Organiser. This covers the Candidates', the Challenger's and the title matches.

Publicity Officer. There is currently a vacancy for this position. Anyone who is interested should contact Tony Atkins.

Promotions: The Council has approved the promotion of David Woodnutt to 2 dan.

2000 British Open. Any clubs interested in organising the British Open in 2000 should contact a member of Council ASAP. Expressions of interest in subsequent years are also welcome.
Challenger’s Tournament at Cambridge, Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May
Bar-Low Go Tournament at Cambridge, Sunday 2nd May
Location: University Centre, Granita Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10. 5 rounds of 35 minutes.
Event: The Bar-Low tournament is designed to appeal to kyu players—in fact dan players are strictly forbidden.
Contact: R. H. N. H. W. 01223-565537. Email: twoodcraft@tpearsn.co.uk
Budapest GP, 8th – 9th May Contact: Tibor Rapai RapalTibor@posta.hu
Bracknell Go Tournament, Saturday 16th May
“Please Note that the date is the 16th not the 8th as reported previously”
Location: Wooshall Community Hall. Registration by 10.00. 3 rounds of 60 minutes + overtime. Also a 13x13 competition.
Contact: Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Avenue, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 0WD. 01344 422296
Amsterdam GP, 13th – 16th May Contact: EGCC 00-31-20-6456555, fax 00-31-20-6473661, egccxs4all.nl
Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 23rd May
Location: Catholic Church, St Mary Magdalene, 127 High St, Poole, Dorset. Registration by 10. 3 rounds.
Contact: Adam Boulton 01202 880026. Email: adam@boulton.co.uk
Scottish Open Go Tournament at Glasgow, Weekend 29th – 30th May
Location: Glasgow University Union, 32 University Avenue, Glasgow. Registration by 10.15 on Saturday. 6 rounds.
Contact: John O’Donnell, Computing Science Department, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ. 0141-330-5458 (work).
Email: jtd@dcs.gla.ac.uk Web: http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~jtd/go
Zagreb GP, 28th – 30th May Contact: Croatian Go Alliance +385-1-3641-042, +385-1-3840-413, croatia@european-go.org
Leicester Go Tournament, Saturday 12th June
Location: St. John’s Church, 26-28 High St, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Registration by 10.15. 3 rounds.
Contact: David O’Brien 07730 991466. Email: david.obrien@btopenworld.com
Warsaw GP, 19th – 26th June Contact: Janusz Kraszewski 00-48-22-8365129, 00-48-22-8426561, q3@studio-q.pl (Leszek Soldan)
The 7th Welsh Open Go Tournament, Saturday 27th June
Location: Barmouth Youth Centre. Registration from 11.00 on Saturday. 3 rounds.
Contact: Janusz Kraszewski 00-48-22-8365129, 00-48-22-8426561, q3@studio-q.pl (Leszek Soldan)
European Go Congress @ Podlaskie, Slovakia, 24th July – 1st August
Note: Slovakia has just Introduced a visa scheme
Contact: EGC 00-421-905-273777 (Rudolf Kusma), fax 00-421-7-936917, milian@rasax.sk (Jan Milan)
US Go Congress 1999 @ San Francisco State University, 31st July – 8th August Contact: Bill Camp. go@seattlego.org
Go Isle of Man 1999, Sunday 22nd – Friday 27th August
Location: Hingleton Hall, Hingleton, nr. Guildford, Surrey. Registration by 10.00. 3 rounds.
Contact: Steve Birt, 01483-740024. Email: steve@go.co.uk
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Challengers (1-3 May), Bar Low (2 May), Bracknell (15 May). Pairs (23 May), Scottish (29-30 May), Leicester (12 Jun), Barmouth (26-27 Jun), Portsmouth (4 Jul), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-29 Aug), Isle of Man Go Week (22-27 Aug). * = provisional.
FUJitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 1999 Season
Budapest (8-9 May), Amsterdam (13-18 May), Hamburg (22-23 May), Zagreb (29-30 May), Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tychyebasbin (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podlaskie, Slovakia (24 Jul-7 Aug).
For European Calendar see: http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html

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