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World Amateur Go Championship, 7th – 11th June
55 countries took part in Oita, Japan. Winner was Jae-sung Yoo of Korea (6d) and second was Sakai of Japan (7d). Top European was Diane Koszegi of Hungary who was 9th with 6B. Britain’s Matthew Macfadyen was 18th on tie-breaking score 5½; he lost to Korea, South Africa (Victor Chow) and Romania (Cem Ghehrman). Ireland’s Noel Mitchell was 44th with 3½.

Leicester Go Tournament, Saturday 12th June
54 players attended the Leicester Tournament, again held in its church hall venue. A change from recent years was that the trophy actually arrived, after a rescue from Matthew Macfadyen’s trophy cupboard by Des Cann. Actually it was Des who took it away again as he was the winner. Playing at 4 dan, he did well to beat Seong June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) in the last round. Kim was second and David Ward (3 dan Cambridge) was third despite having to play two other Cambridge players including the 6 dan and beating the Bracknell winner Young Kim (5 dan London). Prizes of 30 went to Dan Mica (1 dan Reading), Steve Bailey (2 kyu West Surrey), Malcolm Walker (9 kyu Worcester), Theo Elliott (14 kyu Bracknell), Chris Jones (20 kyu Unattached) and Nick Calveo (29 kyu Bracknell). Dan Calveo (the elder brother) won the continuous 13x13 ahead of school mate Shawn Hearn.

Warsaw GP, 19th – 20th June
Won by Radek Nechanicki (6 dan Czech Republic) with 5, 2nd Andrei Gomenyuk (5 dan Russia), and 3rd Dmitriy Yatsenko (5 dan Russia). 64 players.

The 7th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth, Weekend 26th – 27th June
54 people also attended the Welsh Open at Barmouth. This was a record attendance possible caused by predictions of fine weather or by the events reputation for a fun atmosphere and the beautiful sea and hills around. As ever the winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Larnington). A creditable second place was Andrew Grant (2 dan Open University) who placed ahead of several 3 dan. Prize winners for 4½ were Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Tom Blockley (9 kyu Worcester), Peter Fisher (5 kyu Leicester), Richard Moulds (8 kyu), Jill Segerman (12 kyu Manchester), Shawn Hearn (15 kyu Bracknell) and Dan Calveo (17 kyu Bracknell).

Tchelybasinsk GP, 26th – 27th June
The winner by SOS was Alex Dinerstein (6 dan Russia) with 5, from 2nd Lee, Hyuk (7 dan Korea) and 3rd Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia). 70 players.

The 1st Portsmouth Go Tournament, Sunday 4th July
The first ever Pompey Tournament was held in the small village of Southwick high on the Downs above the city. 46 players attended and despite a large number of Brackenbales children turning up none ones prizes. May be this was caused by the distraction of football luring them away from the 13x13, Dan Mica (1 dan Reading) won this event earning himself one of the new BGA Books tokens. Winner of the event was local member Alistair Wall (4 dan) who won a go cabinet. Runner up was Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading). Those winning engraved glasses for three wins were Neil Moffatt (9 kyu Portsmouth); Greg Lane-Sert (10 kyu Winchester), Michael Davis (12 kyu Plymouth); Ian McAnally (18 kyu Manchester) and Garry White (28 kyu Wildridings School Bracknell). Kevin Drake (1 kyu Bournemham) also won a glass for 2 wins and a job. Portsmouth declined to win the fan that was the team prize and offered it to Winchester instead.

British Championship Match 1, Sunday 11th July
The Challenger’s Tournament ended with a three way tie between Matthew Cocke, Des Cann and John Rickard. Matthew won the subsequent play-off to become this year’s challenger to Matthew Macfadyen. The first match in the best-of-five championship series was won by Matthew Macfadyen. The second match will be played at the Milton Keynes Tournament.

Helsinhi GP, 3rd – 4th July
The winner was Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia) with 5½, and 2nd was Matti Silvola (5 dan Finland) with 4½. 30 players.

European Go Congress at Podbanske Slovakiia, 24th July – 7th August
Championship: 1st Alexander Dinerstein (6 dan Russia) 10½ (has studied in Korea). 2nd Ion Florescu (6 dan Romania). 3rd Dmitriy Surin (5 dan Russia) 8½. 4th Lee Hyuk (7 dan Korea). 5th Leszek Soldan (6 dan Poland) 7½. Weekend: 1. Lee Hyuk 5½; 2. A. Dinerstein. 3. Ion Florescu. 4–5 players. 10 UK players took part (there were no UK prize winners).

US Go Congress 1999 @ San Francisco State University, 31st July – 8th August
About 300 players took part, including about 50 in the children’s tournament. Three British players took part, including one resident in the US. Simon Butler was 3rd equal in the shodan band, and Francis Roads won the Bob High Memorial Song Competition.

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Promotions
The Council has approved the following promotions: Dan Mica and Granville Wright to 2 dan.
Team Championship in Guillin, China. Last year Liu Yueji, a 2 dan lady professional from the beautiful city of Guillin in southern China, came to the UK for 3 months, taught a lot of go and travelled around a lot. She is requesting that the UK sends a “London” team (a team is 2 plus a non-playing “leader”). There will be 10 to 16 cities invited from around the world. Accommodation is provided but travel is up to the participants. Dates are November 25-29. If you are a strong player based in London, please let Tony Atkins know asap if you are interested.

The … Fujitsu European Grand Prix will not be continued next year. The final placings for the last one are: 1. Viktor Bogdanov 84½; 2. Vladimir Danek 63; 3. Ion Florescu 63½; 4. Christoph Gerlach 61; 5. Guo Juan 60; Matthew Macfadyen was 24th.
The new Toyota European Go Tour starts January 2000, and selected major tournaments will be Tour events.
The status of the Stacey Competition is currently:-
1st Tony Atkins with 10 points, 2nd Alison Jones with 7, 3rd= Francis Roads, Simon Shiu and David Ward with 6.
Yuki Shigeno a 3 dan lady professional from Japan is planning to spend 10 days touring south-east England teaching children in the autumn. She plans to visit from 15-25/10/99. For those interested in developing youth go, Yuki will be ‘teaching the teachers’ at a session in the Wansstead area on Sunday 17th October. Contact Tony Atkins for details.
FORTHCOMING

26th Northern Go Tournament, Weekend 4th - 5th 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. Various B&B and lunch options available for Friday/Saturday/Sunday.
Contact: John Smith, 21 Gwynant Place, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 4AE. ☎️ 0161 445 5012 (home), 0161 275 4756 (work)
Email: j.s.smithman.ac.uk

11th Milton Keynes Go Tournament, Saturday 1st September
Location: The Refectory of the Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes. 3 rounds. Registration by 10:20. No smoking in the tournament hall.
Lunch: A Buffet lunch (including vegetarian dishes) is included in the standard fee.
Contact: Andrew Grant, 34 Martinia Place, Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK14 7QH ☎️ 01908 669683 or Fred Holroyd ☎️ 01908 315342. E-mail: ajg@honinbo.freeserve.co.uk

Shrewsbury Go Tournament, Sunday 3rd October
Location: The Gateway Center, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 3 rounds. Registration 10:00, first round at 10:30.
Contact: Brian Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3LY. ☎️ 01630 665272.
E-mail: brian@britgo.demon.co.uk

Wanstead Go Tournament, Saturday 10th October (also the UK Small Board Youth Championship, see below)
Location: Walthamstow Quaker Meeting House. 4 rounds. Registration by 10:15.
Note: Yuki Shigeno, a 3 dan lady professional from Japan will be visiting the tournament.
Contact: Alison Jones, 29 Forest Way, Woodford Green, IG6 0QF. ☎️ 0181 504 6444. E-mail: alison@acjam.demon.co.uk

UK Small Board Youth Championship, Saturday 10th October (same time / place as Wanstead Tournament above)
Location: Walthamstow Quaker Meeting House. 4 rounds. Registration by 10:30.
Contact: Alison Jones, 29 Forest Way, Woodford Green, IG6 0QF. ☎️ 0181 504 6444. E-mail: alison@acjam.demon.co.uk

30th Wessex Go Tournament, Sunday 31st October
Location: Marlborough Town Hall. Registration by 9:45. This will be a 4 round even game tournament. Also a 13 x 13 and Teams.
Food: Coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and high tea are included in the entry fee. Please notify if Vegetarian meal is required.
Contact: Henry Wright, 65 South Road, Portishead, Avon BS20 7QV. ☎️ 01275 842236 (before 10 pm)

7th/8th Three Peaks Go Tournament, Weekend 13th - 14th November
Location: The Marriott 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.
Contact: Toby Manning, 7 Oak Tree Close, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5YF. ☎️ 01926 868739.
Accommodation: This can be arranged by contacting the Marriott Arms ☎️ 015242 41281 and asking for Go Tournament accommodation.

Millennium London Open Go Congress (EGP), 31st December 1999 to 3rd January 2000
Location: Highbury Round House Community Centre, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5
Contact: Simon Bexfield. E-mail: simon@bexfield.demon.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Northern (4-5 Sep), Milton Keynes (18 Sep), Shrewsbury (3 Oct), Wanstead (16 Oct), UK Small Board Youth Championship (16 Oct), Wessex (31 Oct), 3 Peaks (13-14 Nov), UK 13x13 Championship @ Cambridge (21 Nov), Swindon (28 Nov), West Surrey Teach-in (4 Dec), West Surrey v Cambridge (5 Dec), Millennium London Open (31 Dec-3 Jan).

MAJOR EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS
Copenhagen (11-12 Sep), Bucharest (2-3 Oct), Bratislava (9-10 Oct), Belgrade (16-17 Oct), Brussels (30-31 Oct), Gothenburg (6-7 Nov), Kiev (27-28 Nov), Prague (20-21 Nov), London (31 Dec-3 Jan)
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