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RESULTS

NATIONAL SMALL BOARD GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Cambridge, 14th October

There were 17 players this year. Just like last year, the tournament was played in a mixed format. The higher ranked players started off in an even game tournament for the championship; once they were eliminated by losing two games they joined the other players in the handicap section. John Rickard (4 dan Cambridge) won all his games in the even game event to take the title. In the handicap tournament, the top players were two juniors - Shawn Hearn (6 kyu Berkshire Youth) and Paul Blockley (20 kyu Worcester). They both ended on 7½ points.

In the 9x9 beginners’ tournament for juniors the top three places, all from King’s School, Cambridge, were: 1st - Richard Vannce - 7 wins, 2nd - Zach Roney – 5½ wins and 3rd - Venice van Someren - 4 wins. There was also a Go problems competition for the juniors. There were 11 completely correct entries, so the winner selected randomly turned out to be 8-year-old Harry Marsh.

WESSEX, 28th October


THREE PEAKS, 10th and 11th November

A record 58 players took part in the ninth Three Peaks Tournament. Tim Hunt (2 dan Open University) won the tournament with 4½. Runner up was Alastair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) with 3/4 and a bye in the first round. Also with 4 wins were Mark Collinson (1 kyu Hull), Mike Cumpsty (2 kyu Manchester), Martin Harvey (4 kyu Manchester), Ron Bell (4 kyu Reading), Michael Pickles (8 kyu York) and Stephen Streater (15 kyu Epsom).

FUJIFILM CUP, AMSTERDAM 30th November - 2nd December

Won by Fujifilm van Zeijst (7 dan NL), second - Alexandre Dinechelein (7 dan Ru). UK’s Matthew Macfadyen reached the last 8, beating Franz-Josef Dickhut (6 dan D) and losing to Stefan Shisko (6 dan Ru).

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND Handicap GO TOURNAMENT, Guildford, 1st and 2nd December

Saturday: 24 students were at the Teach-In, with grades ranging from 25 kyu to 1 kyu (including honorary 1 kyu - Natasha Regan newly 1 dan). Four teachers: (Simon Goss, Tim Hunt, Andrew Grant, Paul Clarke) covered Counting, Fuseki, middle game projects, Semeai, hard life and death. Wayne Walters taught juggling in the lunch break, good fun.

Sunday: 40 entrants ranged from 5 dan to 32 kyu. The revised rules award the cup to the strongest on 4/4 wins. The winner was Malcolm Hagen, 5 kyu, Winchester. Also on four wins: Toby Anderson, 9 kyu, Bournemouth and Andy Burwell, 25 kyu, Twickenham. On three wins: Des Cann, 4d, Leamington, Mike Charles, 2d, St Albans, Natasha Regan, 1d, Epsom, and Paul Clarke, 1d, Maidenhead, Matthew Selby, 3k, Epsom, Martin Harvey, 4k, Manchester, Philippe Bourre, 4k, West Surrey, David Denholm, 5k, Maidenhead, Roland Halliwell, 9k, Epsom, and Howard Sykes, 10k, UA. The 13x13 side event was indisputably won by Francis Roads with 7½. Best percentage was Howard Sykes on 60%. Persistence (wins *= played) went to Shawn Hearn with a factor of 28. The AJAx side event was a Meaning of Life competition, won by an Epsom consortium with 15/20.

Any comments on how to improve the teach-in or tournament would be welcomed for next year, including specific topics students - contact Steve Bailey SBailey@lee.ie.

STACEY POINTS AFTER THREE PEAKS (tournament awarded annually for the most games above the bar in British tournaments)

1st Francis Roads 16 points, 2nd David Ward 15 points, 3rd= Matthew Macfadyen 14 points and Alistair Wall.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX

Top positions and scores are: 1 Paul Blockley 1213, 2= Lasse Jakobsen & Ian McNally 920, 4 Shawn Hean 786, 5 Jimmy Mao 676, 6 Oscar John 436.

CAMBRIDGE KOREA MATCH, 3rd November

The Cambridge club issued a challenge on eight boards to the Korean club recently set up in London by the flamboyant Pak Sae-young (who learned go five years ago from Paul Margetts). The Korean side were missing Kim Young, and his place was taken by a Japanese ringer, the top woman player on Hokkaido, Nakamura Taeo 6 dan. Cambridge drew a team from as far away as Norwich and Milton Keynes, as well as contributing Ryoo Sang-cheol from the Economics Department to the visitors. The first round gave the Koreans the black stones, and went very badly for the home side, who won only the last game to finish and that by a single point. Cambridge did come back in Round 2, which had an extra board as stragglers turned up. In the end Mr. Pel’s club were convincing winners 11-6.

NEWS

PROMOTIONS TO 1-DAN Congratulations to: Phil Beck, Jimmy Mao and Natasha Regan.

BGA RATINGS LIST The BGA ratings list, designed by Geoff Kaniuk, has now gone live. It will be updated each month when the European Ratings List is updated. You can find the first list (based on the October British Go ratings) at www.britgo.org/rating/list.html Before deciding what to do with the information you find there, it is advisable to read the FAQ at www.britgo.org/rating/faq.html.

YOUNGEST BGA MEMBER Congratulations to Noemi Kegelmans, daughter of Paola Maneglia and Mathias Kegelmans, born on September 30, 2001 and still not too aware about how to give atari!

CLUB UPDATES since the latest British Go Journal no.124 Autumn 2001

BRACKNELL No meetings over the holidays. Back to normal on Thursday 8th January at the usual venue. (Duke’s Head Wokingham 8.30 p.m.)

CAMBRIDGE Mondays from 19:30, Kingston Arms, Kingston Street (left turn off Mill Road just before the bridge). Other days unchanged.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Web page no longer exists

PENANCE West Cornwal now meets Thursdays (was Tuesdays). Other details unchanged.

PURBROOK (NR. PORTSMOUTH) Most Wednesday evenings at Peter Wednes’ house, ring and check 02392-267648 pwendes@hotmail.com

ST. ALBINOSS Richard Mullens’ telephone: 01707-323829 (h), 078163-72001 (m). (was 01707 352343)

JAPANESE PRO-AM TOUR Magari and Haruyama toured London, Cambridge, Bristol and Oxford as planned. About 20 players at each venue saw lectures, played a game or a few simultaneous games. A vote of thanks to all who helped organize this, including the Nihon Ki-in.

MATSURI The season of Japanese festivals continued on 08/09/01 in Gunnersbury Park, which featured a go match, at Cheltenham and finished in Reading on 28/10/01.

12th WORLD AMATEUR PAIR GO UK’s Matthew Macfadyen and Kirsty Healey were the top western pair taking 12th place on 3/6. Winners were China, second Korea.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES The BGA council has agreed some minor revisions to the rules governing the British Go Championship. Full details of all the changes made, including complete text of the old and new rules, is available on the BGA web site at http://www.britgo.org/bchamp/index.html#rules
FORTHCOMING

LONDON OPEN, Friday 28th – Monday 31st December
Location: International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London W1Y 5PN.
Event: 8 round MacMahon tournament. 90 minutes then 20 stones in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ komi. Part of the Toyota European Go Tour. Sponsored by Toyota.
Contact: Geoff Kanikuk, 35 Clonmore Street, London SW18 5EU. 020 8874 7362. GeoffKanikuk@democ.co.uk

KISEI '2001 TITLE MATCH, LONDON, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th January 2002
Location: Montcalm Hotel, Gt. Cumberland Place, London W1.
Event: Title game between O Rissei Kisei and Ruyi Shikun Tengen. The public can watch by CCTV, there will be teaching games, and professional commentary on the match.
Contact: None (just turn up). More detail: http://www.britgo.org/events/kisei2002/

PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLGC, LONDON '2001', Saturday 12th January 2002
Event: teaching by Michael Redmond 9p and Yuki Shigeno 2p
Contact: Bill Streeten, 3 Wellington Court, Wellglen St, London E11 2AT. 020 8626 6923 william.streeten@ntlworld.com

YOMIURI SHUMBUN YOUTH GO TOURNAMENT '2001', Sunday 13th January 2002
Location: Nippon Club, Samuel House, 6 St. Albinos St., London SW1.
Event: 5-round knockout for large prizes, plus handicap section. Michael Redmond 9-dan and Yuki Shigeno 2-dan will be present
This event qualifies for double Youth Grand Prix points.
Contact: Simon Goss, 4 Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6QY. 01344 777963 simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk

MAIDENHEAD - FURZE PLATT, Saturday 19th January
Location: Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead.
Event: Three round McMahon style tournament, 60 minutes plus over time of 30 stones in 5 minutes. Flexible komi will apply with players bidding to play black.
Contact: Eddie Best, 33 Dedmere Road, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1PE. 01628 483967 best@vfree.com

CHESHIRE GO TOURNAMENT, CREWE, Saturday 9th February
Location: Rolls Royce and Bentley Motors Works Restaurant, Pyms Lane, Crewe, Cheshire.
Event: Top 8 players: 3-round Swiss-style contest. Others: 5-round rapid-play handicap. Continuous 10x10 tournament.
Contact: Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. 0118 6285134 ajaxgo@yahoo.co.uk

OXFORD, Saturday 16th February
Location: St. Edmund Hall, Queen's Lane, Oxford.
Event: 3 round MacMahon, 50 minutes
Contact: Niall Cardin, Corpus Christi College, Oxford. OX1 4JF. 01865 280015 ext. 26714 Niall.Cardin@ccc.ox.ac.uk

TRIGANTIUS, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 3rd March
Location: University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge.
Event: 3 round McMahon. 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. Continuous 13x13 tournament. Beginners' tournament.
Contact: Alex Selby, 67 Woodhouse Drive, Cambridge, CB4 1YR. 01223 512013 a.p.selby@pobox.com
http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cugos/compete/trigant.htm

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 10th March 10th
Location: Bloxham School, near Banbury, Oxfordshire.
Contact: Simon Goss, 4 Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6QY. 01344 777963 simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, EDINBURGH, Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th March
Location: Pollock Halls of Residence (South Hall), University of Edinburgh.
Event: Main event: 6-round McMahon, 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. British Lightning, 12 minutes. AGM Saturday evening.
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COVENTRY, Sunday 7th April mailto:mikeleynn@barston.freeverse.co.uk

CAMBRIDGE MSO and BARLOW, DANN'S SWISS and CHALLENGERS, Saturday 4th to Monday 6th May http://www.gen.cam.ac.uk/msocam02/

BRACKNELL Sunday 12th May 01344 422502 mailto:clive.hendrie@free.net

WELSH OPEN Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th June Philip Ward 01341 286612 philip@linnet2.demon.co.uk

ISLE OF MAN Sunday 15th to Friday 20th August Steve Jones, 9 Eastfield, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4UR. 01624 624680 info@iomgo.org.uk

PROVINCIAL Pair Go (19 May). Leicester (8 Jun).


BGA MEMBERSHIP Rates for one year, from July: UK £13, Concessions £5.50, Family £18.50, Europe £15, World £18.50
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