BRITISH GO CONGRESS MILTON KEYNES 02/04-04/04/03

Tune Hunt, Andrew Grant, Roger Peck and Fred Holroyd ran the congress in the very comfortable surroundings of the Holiday Inn at Milton Keynes. The weekend featured the British Lightning, British Open and the BGA AGM.

In the British Lightning were 19 players. None of them managed to score 5/5. On 4/5 were Steve Bailey (3k, West Surrey), Michael Charles (2d, St Albans), Jonathan Chin (1d, Cambridge) and David M King (1k, Swindon). David won on the CUSP tie-break.

The British Open had 67 players. T Mark Hall (4d, London) won it for the second year running with five wins out of six. Second on tie-break was Dan Gilder (3d, Manchester) with 4/6. Also on 5/6 was Frederic Smadja (13k, London), Martin Li (5d, Borlange, Sweden) and Fred Holroyd (4k, Milton Keynes) got 4/5. There were 14 people with 4/6 who all won Easter Eggs. They were: Andy Price (12k, Leamington), Jonathan Englefield (9k, Maidenhead), Anna Griffiths (7k, Epsom), Peter Fisher (5k, Leicester), Tom Widdecombe (2k, Devon), Helen Harvey (1k, Manchester), William Brooks (1k, Cambridge), Phil Bee (1d, Cambridge), Gerry Mills (1d, Monmouth), Jonathan Chin (1d, Cambridge), Michael Charles (2d, St Albans), Ulf Olsson (4d, Gothenburg, Sweden) and Young Kim (5d, London).

Azan Aziz Marwah (10k, London) scored 3/3. The Nippon Club Team Trophy was won by the Central London team of Piers Shепperton (5d), Mike Nash (1k), Frederic Smadja (13k), Mark Todkill (7k) and Azan Aziz Marwah (10k) by the narrowest of margins. They scored 16 wins out of 27 (59.26%). Second was Cambridge with 20 wins out of 34 (58.82%).

The Stacey Grand Prix Trophy was won by Young Kim with 26 wins above the bar during the year. Second was Francis Roads with 25 wins.

LEAMINGTON TOURNAMENT 21/03/04

31 players took part in the third four round rapid play event held at the Oddfellows in Leamington. Winner was Des Cann (4 dan Milton Keynes). Second and third with three wins were Paul Barnard (1 dan Swindon) and Nick Wedd (2 kyu Oxford). Both Nadeem Rahim (11 kyu) and Neil Dowse (16 kyu) won four wins for Aston School. Others on three wins were: Chris Kirkham (2 kyu Manchester), Ron Bell (4 kyu Reading), Peter Fisher (4 kyu Leicester), Nicola Hurden (11 kyu Bracknell), Ewart Shaw (14 kyu Leamington) and Zac Tsai 14 kyu Birmingham.

Between games games from the Candidates were analysed.

CANDIDATES’ TOURNAMENT 20/03/04-21/03/04

20 players from 2 kyu to 5 dan played in the Candidates’ Tournament in Leamington Spa. Piers Shепperton, Alex Rix, Min Yang, Tim Hunt and John Hobson (by tie-break from Andrew Jones and Alex Selby) qualified for the Challenger’s League. They will join Matthew Cocke, Dave Ward and Des Cann in the Challenger’s League an 8 player all-play-all tournament to be held in early May.

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 29/02/04

87 players attended last year’s winner, Young Kim (5 dan London), lost in the last round to Li Shen (5 dan London). This won the 12 year old 100 pounds. The other winners were Andrew Jones (1 dan Cambridge), Brian Brunswick (1 dan Epsom), Paul Taylor (best kyu player, 1 kyu Cambridge), Matthew Woodcraft (1 kyu Cambridge), Roger Peck (4 kyu Milton Keynes), Paul Russell (4 kyu Cambridge), Chris Goldsmith (6 kyu Cambridge), Tony Pitchford (7 kyu Cambridge), Darry Sturley (10 kyu Cambridge) and Richard Scholfield (13 kyu Milton Keynes). Nobody played in the continuous 13x13, CB1A from Cambridge won the team prize. Paul Smith also ran a Novices’ Tournament.

OXFORD TOURNAMENT 14/02/04

70 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was the Chinese player from Cardiff, Wennhao Li (5 dan). He beat two 5 dans, Young Kim and J.K. Shim, and then Alistair Wall in the last round. Players on 3/3 were Niall Cardin (1 dan Cambridge), David M King (1 kyu Swindon), Elinor Brooks (6 kyu Swindon), and Richard Scholfield (14 kyu Milton Keynes). William Brooks (2 kyu Cambridge) won the 9x9 side event with 3/4. Prizes were sponsored by Hoyles Games Shop.

7th CHESHIRE 07/02/04

Held during the Crewe Chess Congress, at Bentley Motors Works Restaurant, Pyms Lane, Crewe, Cheshire, 24 players attended. Winner of the open section was Andrew Morris (1 dan Lancaster); second was Baron Allday (1 dan West Wales). Winner of the handicap section was Ed Blockley (2 kyu Worcester) on 5/5. On 4/5 were Steve Bailey (3 kyu West Surrey) and John Nicholas (8 kyu Manchester). Paul Blockley (13 kyu Worcester) was best youth player with 3/5. 10x10 winner was Richard Newman-Thomson (9 kyu Lancaster) with 6/6.

PROMOTIONS

The new dan grading system produced its first promotions. Congratulations to: Young Kim for earning a 5 dan diploma, Masashi Sugiyama for earning a 2 dan diploma, and James Aspden for earning a 1 dan diploma.

BGA SUCCESSES OVERSEAS

Congratulations to Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke for coming 4th on tie-break with 4/5 at the European Pair Go Championships in Drobeta Turnu Severin. 24 of Europe’s top players took part in the Ing Memorial in Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad); 12 year old Li Shen representing the UK was placed 16th, which is an excellent result. The 16th Irish Open in Dublin was attended by 26 players from 13 countries. Toshio Nishimura from Japan won with 5/5. Second on 3/5 was Stephen Flinter (1 dan Ireland) on tie-break from David Ward (4 dan Cambridge), Noel Mitchell (2 dan Dublin) and Dan Gilder (3 kyu Manchester) all on 3/5. Claas Roever (4 kyu Dublin) won 5/5. Winner of the 13-player Irish Rapid was Dan Gilder (3 dan Manchester). Second was Colin Adams (1 kyu Lancaster).

YOUTH GRAND PRIX

Top scores were: William Brooks 1-kyu Cambridge 475 points, Jonathan Englefield 9-kyu High Wycombe 372, Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 328, Li Shen 5-dan CLGC 300.

YOUTH NEWS

There is a separate group youth-go@briitgo.org set up for discussion and announcements relating to Youth Go in the UK. See details on http://live.pairlist.net/mailman/listinfo/youth-go. The UK Go Challenge is a competition for schools, to be held in the summer term this year. See http://www.ukgochallenge.com or phone 01223 563932. Help is available to schools who are completely new to go.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Bexfield family who grew one larger on 02/02/04 with the addition of Hilary. Mother and baby reported as doing fine.

BGA OFFICIALS, NEW APPOINTMENTS

Secretary, Bill Streeter, phone 020 8926 6923; Webmaster, Tim Hunt, phone 01908 695778
BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE Sunday 2nd May Registration 9:30, first round 10:00
Location Parkside Community College, CB1 1EH at the North corner of Parkers Piece
Event For kyu players only: 5 rounds, 25 minutes no overtime. The invitation-only Challengers League will be taking place at the same time
Contact Charles Mattewes, 60 Glisson Road, Cambridge, CB1 2HF, phone 01223 350096, or Nick Krempel ndk24@cam.ac.uk

BRACKNELL Sunday 9th May Registration by 10:00
Location Wooseshill Community Centre, off the A329 (not the A329(M)), between Wokingham and Winnersh
Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.
Contact Enquiries to Clive Hendrie, 01344-422292, Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk Entries to Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Avenue, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD phone 01344 422296

NEW MALDEN AMATEUR OPEN BADUK CHAMPIONSHIP, Saturday 5th– Sunday 6th June to be confirmed.

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th December– Friday 31st December 2004

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 19th September
Hunt 208f North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3LQ, phone 01908 695778 secretary@britgo.org http://www.msoworld.com/

THE NORTHERN GO TOURNAMENT at the 8th MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, MANCHESTER, Saturday 21st to Monday 30th August
Contact Tim Hunt 208f North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3LQ, phone 01908 695778 secretary@britgo.org http://www.msoworld.com/

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 19th September. Contact Andrew Grant. aig@martingale.uklinux.net

WEST SURREY Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December. Contact Pauline Bailey, tel. 01483 561027. pab27@compuserve.com

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th December–Friday 31st December 2004. Contact Geoff Kianuk kui@kangeo.plus.com).