BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 23/05/04
Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen retained the Pair Go Championship for a fourth year. This year at Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill near Oxford, they beat Natasha Regan and Matthew Cokce in the final. Third were Sue Paterson and Jim Sadler, Jackie Chai and Francis Roads. Helen and Martin Harvey got the fighting spirit prize. In the 5-pair handicap group the Guildford mother and son, Pauline and Steve Bailey, were runaway winners with 4/4. Best dressed pair were judged by a member of public as Natasha and Matthew. Geography quiz winners were Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins; Pair Go photo year quiz winners were Elinor Brooks and Erik Hall. Photos

BRACKNELL 09/05/04
Best of the 53 players was Jon Diamond (5 dan) who beat Piers Shepperson (5 dan) in the last round. Winners of 3 games were Williams Brookes (1 kyu Cambridge), Matthew Selby (3 kyu Epsom) and Nicola Hurden (10 kyu Bracknell). Williams Brookes also won the 13x13. Jim Clare won the Go Problems competition and Tony Atkins won the caption competition.

CAMBRIDGE MSO BARLOW 02/05/04
30 kyu players (including a 1 dan ghost) played the Barlow which was part of the Cambridge MSO weekend. Winner was Jong Ug Kim (1 kyu Epsom) with 5/5. The ghost, Matthew Woodcraft (1 dan Cambridge), scored 4/5 as might be expected only losing to the winner. A large group of 9 players who started above the bar (6 kyu) won 3/5 to come third. Best junior player was Kay Dackombe (18 kyu Bromley) who won 3 games. Other popular games at the Olympiad weekend were Tantrix and of course Chess, but the were only 6 shogi players for the British Championship.

CHALLENGER’S LEAGUE, CAMBRIDGE 30/04/04-03/05/04
The event was part of the Cambridge MSO weekend and played days 2 and 3 there, whilst days 1 and 4 were in Trinity College. This year the 8 players between 3 and 5 dan were quite evenly matched. Alex Rix won his first 5 games before losing to David Ward who was also doing well. Matthew Cokce lost early to Des Cann and later to Tim Hunt. In the last round Alex Rix lost to Matthew by half a point and David Ward won on time against Andrew Jones. So Matthew Cokce and David Ward had to play off for first place, selected ahead of Alex Rix on qualifying order (all on 5 wins). Piers Shepperson won 4, Alex Selby and Des Cann 3, Tim Hunt 2 and Andrew Jones 1. In an exciting play off David Ward won by half a point against Matthew Cokce, so becoming the new challenger to Matthew Macfadyen.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL MATCH 25/04/04
4 teams of 6 players attended the Nippon Club in Piccadilly for the spring International Match. The Out of Town team, headed by David Ward (4 dan Cambridge) and Jim Clare (3 dan Reading) won the match, beating Wanstead, Central London and Oriental teams.

DURHAM TOURNAMENT 17/04/04-18/04/04
38 players attended the first Durham Go Tournament, which was held to celebrate 10 years of Durham Go Club. Appropriately, the club’s founder Simon Shiu (4 dan Bristol) was the winner, with 6/6. Second was Gang Xiong (2 dan Durham) with 4/6. Also on four wins were Alan Thornton (2 dan St Albans), Paul Taylor (1 dan Cambridge), Daniel Gilder (3 dan Manchester), Williams Brookes (1 kyu Cambridge), Claas Roefer (3 kyu Dublin), Chris Morris (6 kyu Durham), Celia Marshall (11 kyu Isle of Man), Russell Haswell (15 kyu Newcastle) and James Liu (21 kyu Durham). The 13x13 tournament was won by Peter Nuttall (19 kyu Durham) with 4 wins, on a tie break from William Brookes. The lightning tournament was won by Matthew Holton (2 dan Teesside) with 3 wins. Durham Go Club also took the opportunity to publicly express their gratitude for a bequest of Go equipment and books they received earlier this year after the sad death of Brian Wilson, a keen local Go player.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, GUILDFORD 12/04/04
Six teams competed for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and a handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. Swindon’s Christian Scarff (2 dan), Paul Barnard (1 dan) and Matthew Selby (3 kyu Epsom) and Nicola Hurden (10 kyu Bracknell). William Brooks also won the 13x13. Jim Clare won the Go Problems competition and Tony Atkins won the caption competition.

EUROPEAN YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 30/04/04-02/05/04
The European Youth Championships were held in Cologne, Germany. 93 under-12 players and 184 under-18 took part and more would have been there if the large Ukrainian party had got their visa. UK’s William Brooks was 29th with 3/6 and Paul Blockley (13 kyu) also scored 3/6, both in the Under 18

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2004
This is now completed. In the semfinals, last year’s champion Jim Cook beat Colin Robertson 2-0 while Allan Crossman beat Donald Macleod 2-0. In the final Allan beat Jim 2-1. The trophy may be presented to Allan at the Edinburgh club meeting on 1 April. As always, the championship format is not set in stone – comments to Donald Macleod by September: 26 Preston Crescent, Inverkeithing, Fife, KY11 1DR, Telephone 01383 410405, donald.macleod284 at virgin.net

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Macfadyen and Kirsty Healey who were married on 4th June, to Des Cann and Wendy Adams married on 7th May, and to Former Oxford Go Club members Chris Pooley and Mihoko Isoda married in USA on 20th May.
NEW MALDEN AMATEUR OPEN BADUK CHAMPIONSHIP – Cancelled this year

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June.  Registration by 1:15 pm  Location  Barmouth Youth Centre, King Edward's Street, Barmouth LL42 1AD, by the railway station, opposite the Dolphin chip shop  Event  5 round MacMahon, 50 minutes time limit with overtime 20 moves in 5 minutes.  Lightning side tournament  Contact  Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tarporley Road, Whitley, WARRINGTON, WA4 4DS  Tel: Work/Day 01925 730264,  Home/Eve 01925 730583  Mobile: tony@lowbarsdirect.co.uk

BGA KGS TOURNAMENT 1 June to 31 July.  Internet tournament; details on the BGA website.

SCOTTISH OPEN, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July.  Registration by 10:45 am  Location  Pollock Halls of Residence (Lee House), University of Edinburgh.  Event  6 rounds MacMahon, 1 hour each plus overtime.  Contact  Donald Macleod, 26 Preston Crescent, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3JJ.

CZECH OPEN, PARDBUCE 16th to 18th July  http://www.czechopen.net  Sukova 1556, 530 02 Parbdicce, Czech Republic, tel./fax 420 - 466 535 200, e-mail: j.mazuch@avekont.cz

LITHUANIAN SUMMER GO CAMP, 17 to 23 July  http://lga.w3.lt/LSGC2004/index.html

LETCHWORTH Saturday 24th July  Registration by 10:00 am (9:45 if turning up on the day)  Location  The Ebbisham Centre, Letchworth, Herts.  Event  Three rounds, even game competition, 60 minutes no overtime  Mobile telephone number (on the day only): 07740 818575

EPSON Saturday 7th August  Registration by 9:30 (9:45 for people pre-registered)  Location  The Ebbisham Centre, Epson, Surrey.  Event  Three rounds, even game competition, 60 minutes no overtime  Contact  epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk,  Yvonne Margetts, 7 Ripley Way, Epsom, Surrey KT19 7DB.  Tel: 01372 723 268 (not after 9:00pm, please)


ISLE OF MAN Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th August  Location  The Cherry Orchard Hotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.  Event  The main tournament is a 5 round McMahon, 90 minutes plus 20 moves in 5 minutes.  There is also a 3-round 60-minute tournament, a handicap tournament, and various competitions and social events.  Contact  Leo Philips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Birch Hill Park, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD, British Isles.  tel. 01624 612294  leo@iomgo.org.uk

THE NORTHERN GO TOURNAMENT at the 8th MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, MANCHESTER, Friday 26 to Monday 30th August  Location  Renold Building at Manchester Conference Centre, just three minutes walk from Manchester Piccadilly station  Event  Friday: Beginners’ session, 13x13, 19x19 Lightning  Saturday and Sunday: Northern Go Tournament 60 minutes plus 5 minutes overtime  Monday: Rapidplay 30 minutes no overtime  Contact  Either use the online entry form (when it is ready), or request a printed entry form by sending a large self-addressed envelope to: Mind Sports Olympiad, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, EN6 3HA, or email entries@msoworld.com

MILTON KEYSNES Sunday 19th September.  Registration ends 10:15  Location  The Old Lecture Theatre, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA  Event  A three-round McMahon tournament with time limits of 60 minutes plus 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.  Contact  Andrew Grant, 34 Martingale Place, Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, MK14 7QN or via 01908 669883 or ajg@martingale.uklinux.net.  An alternative number for telephone entries is Fred Holroyd, 01908 315342

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 Kaniuk  kui@kangeo.plus.com).