RESULTS

WEST SURREY HANDICAP 03/12/06 24 players took part. Ken Kneller (11 kyu Wanstead) was the winner, beating Matthew Crosby (2 dan Bristol) in the final. As well as Matthew, Andy Price (11 kyu Leamington) won his first three games but lost the last. Also winning 3/4 were Tony Atkins (3 dan Bracknell), Edwina Lee (3 kyu Maidenhead), Xinyi Lu (6 kyu Maidenhead), David Hall (7 kyu West Surrey) and Kay Dackombe (11 kyu Farnborough Village). The prize in the 13x13 competition went to Ken Dackombe (11 kyu Farnborough Village) for 8 wins. The language quiz would have been won by Miguel Carrión, but he had left, so the prize went to Tony Atkins. The geography quiz was won by Ken Kneller. On the previous day some 14 students were taught various subjects by teachers Brian Brunswick, Christian Scarff, Tony Atkins and Matthew Crosby. Ron Bell was the best at Pits card game.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD 26/11/06 Cambridge was again the host of this event at the Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge. 19 entered the main event and William Brooks (3 dan Cambridge) was winner of the national title on 13x13 boards. He beat Paul Smith in the final. Prizes were awarded for best scores out of 9 (including handicap games). Paul Smith (2 dan Cambridge) and Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge) scored 6.5, Ruth Horry (24 kyu Cambridge) and Nick Krempel (1 dan Cambridge) won 6. Ken Dackombe (11 kyu Farnborough Village) won 5.5, and Andrew Kay (5 kyu Cambridge) and Matthew Harris (17 kyu Cambridge Juniors) won 5. For the 60 Junior Chess players in the parallel event, there was also Go teaching and a competition organised by Ben Morris.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT 19/11/06 The 10th edition of the Swindon tournament was held, like last time, at the Even Swindon Community Centre. Swindon club ran it well, despite a late start and early hot water shortage, and despite original organiser Paul Barnard not being available due to recent serious injury of his daughter. 53 players entered and were able to watch previous winner Bei Ge playing Matthew Macfadyen in the fourth British Championship game (won by Matthew). Trophies were awarded for three wins to Matthew Crosby (2 dan Bristol), Alan Thornton (2 dan St. Albans), Paul Tabor (1 dan Epson), Peter Collins (3 kyu Bristol), Brian Dackombe (3 kyu Farnborough Village), Gary Gibson (11 kyu Wanstead), Paul Tipper (11 kyu Lancaster) and Reg Sayer (19 kyu, Unattached). The winner on SOS tie-break, despite losing to Matthew Crosby, was Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge), with William Brooks (3 dan Cambridge) the runner up.

THREE PEAKS 11/11/06-12/11/06 Tony Goddard (6 dan Sheffield) made it three in a row at the Three Peaks. He won all 5 games, including a win in round 2 over Edmund Shaw (5 dan Bracknell) who was second with 4 wins, like last year. 50 players took part and Paul Trebbett (6 kyu Walsall) won all 5 games. Those winning 4 were: Claas Roever (2 kyu Ireland), Helen Harvey (3 kyu Manchester), Roger Murbry (4 kyu Cambridge), Richard Bentley (10 kyu Teesside) and Karl Naylor (13 kyu Edinburgh). The tournament was held as usual in the Marton Arms in the beautiful North Yorkshire country.

WESSEX 29/10/06 The Wessex Tournament saw a new three round format and a new venue of the J.N. Fear Institute in Keynsham near Bristol. It was, however, still the day the clocks went back. Winner was Mike Charles (2 dan St Albans). Second was Matthew Crosby (2 dan) tied with Natasha Regan and Matthew Cooke as playing as a pair. Players winning 3/3 were Helen Harvey and Martin Harvey (both 3 kyu Manchester), Steve Bailey (5 kyu West Surrey), Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading), Andrew Smith (7 kyu), Duncan Fowler (12 kyu) and Patrick Ridley (16 kyu Chester). 48 players took part.

FIFE 07/10/06 The second Fife Go tournament attracted 16 players to the Age Concern Hall in Cupar, a perfect number for a four round handicap tournament. The deciding match saw Neil McLean (1 kyu Elgin) defeat Pete Clinch (12 kyu Dundee) in a hard fought 9 stone+24 komi game; other players winning prizes for 3/4 were Donald Macleod (3 kyu Glasgow), Phil Blamire (8 kyu Edinburgh) and Karl Naylor (12 kyu Edinburgh). The third game of the British Go Championship title match was taking place at the same time in Cambridge. Many players took a keen interest in this game between rounds, with the match being relayed to Cupar with the help of KGS, Geoff Kaniuk, Ian Davis and a makeshift network connection.

JOHN HALL Sadly John Hall has died. John ran the small but friendly Newcastle Go Club from his home, where folk met to play go, talk rubbish and partake of John’s excellent coffee and cakes. Those who remember John from tournaments or Monmouth Club, will join Newcastle Club in saying “We will miss a true English gentleman”. Newcastle Go Club no longer meets.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 Following a rule change, the top two players from the Challengers’ League played the best-of-5 Title match. These were Bei Ge and Matthew Macfadyen. Bei Ge won the match no longer meets.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2006 AND STACEY POINTS Top 10 Youth Grand Prix points after Swindon: 1 Ken Dackombe 1152, 2 Will Brooks 1074, 3 Kay Dackombe 1022, 4 Jonathan Englefield 723, 5 Maria Tabor 468, 6 Li Shen 345, 7 Matthew Hatherell 284, 8 Matthew Harris 236, 9= Paul Blockley and Owen Walker 188. Stacey points after Swindon: 1 William Brooks with 18 points, 2 David Ward 13, 3 Simon Goss 12.5, 4= Alan Thornton and Alex Selby 11.

BRITS OVERSEAS World Pair Go Championships, 18/11/06-19/11/06 UK pair Natasha Regan and Matthew Cooke won two out of five (against South Africa and Hungary) to place 21st out of 32. Korea Prime Minister Cup International Baduk Championship, 22/10/06-25/10/06 This new event was won by Korea, with China second. UK’s T Mark Hall (4 dan) was 32nd with 4/8 and Ireland’s Ian Davis won 3 to come 55th. In the Doubles tournament Geoff Kaniuk was 4th playing with Ting Li. John Fairbairn was also there at the 4th International Conference On Baduk, presenting a paper on the history of rule changes. Tony Atkins was representing the EGF and Geoff Kaniuk was running the draw for organiser Seong-June Kim (formerly of Cambridge). Tampere Tournament, 14/10/06-15/10/06 UK players at this event in Finland were Mark Todkill and Tuong Nguyen (both 2 kyu London), William Brooks (2 dan Cambridge) and Ian Davis (3 kyu Belfast). The latter two both won 3/5.
FORTHCOMING

Location  International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 5HD
Event  A TOYOTA-IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour: The main event is a 8 round McMahon tournament: 90 minutes time limit with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. When both players are 20 kyu or weaker, the time limit is 60 minutes. Side events include Lightning and Pair Go tournaments.
Contact  Entry via BGA website is preferred. Geoff Kaniuk, 3 Strathcarron Court, Cambridge, CB4 2UZ. Tel/Fax 01223 710 582
toyotatour.london@european-go.org

BRANNKELL  Sunday 20th May
Location  Woosheill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.
Event  3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.
Contact  cline hendrie@freenet.co.uk

NATIONAL GO WEEK  Sunday 1st - Saturday 7th July.
Events  (provisional) Sunday 1st July - BGA Picnic in Purbrook, Hampshire, Sunday 1st July - UK Go Challenge finals, Friday 6th - Sunday 8th July - Japanese Festival, Masham, Yorkshire, Saturday 7th July - NAGTY Workshop, Purbrook, Hampshire

FRIENDS OF THE LONDON OPEN

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS  Sunday 25th February.
Location  The University Centre, Granta Place, (off Mill Lane), Cambridge CB2 1RU.
Event  3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 3 minutes overtime. There will be two parallel events for novices’ (below 20 kyu): training 11:00-13:00 and tournament 14:00-16:00
Contact  Alex Selby; email trigant2007@pobox.com; Tel. 0781 0488300

IRISH OPEN  Saturday 17th February (Provisional)
Contact  Alex Selby; email trigant2007@pobox.com; Tel. 0781 0488300

BRITISH GO CONGRESS  Friday 9th– Sunday 11th March.
Location  Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland.
Event  Friday evening: Irish Rapid Play. Saturday and Sunday: Irish Open, 5 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 15 moves in 5 minutes overtime.
Contact  Olivier Deme: info@irish-go.org

BRITISH GO CONGRESS  Friday 30th March to Sunday 1st April.
Location  Selwyn College, Cambridge.
Event  6 round British Open Tournament. British Lightning on Friday evening. BGA AGM on Saturday evening
Contact  William Brooks

MAIDENHEAD – FURZE PLATT  Saturday 20th January.
Location  Hilachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA.
Event  3 round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes plus overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes. Flexible komi, players bidding to play black.
Contact  http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2007/maidenhead.html Eddie Best, 33 Dedmere Road, Marlow, SL7 1PE. Tel: 01628 483967

CHESHIRE Saturday 10th February.
Location  Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.
Event  Three round open (top 8 players) and 5 round handicap.
Contact  http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2007/cheshire.html Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. Tel: 0118 9268143

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