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CANDIDATES’ TOURNAMENT, CAMBRIDGE 03/05/08-05/05/08 The Candidates’ Tournament was again on the May Bank Holiday weekend and in the Diamond at Selwyn College. There were 26 players from 6 dan to 2 kyu taking part. At the halfway point, the players on three wins were Matthew Macfadyen, Matthew Cokee and Hui Wang. In round 5 the two Matthews played and Cokee won and also won his last to come first. Macfadyen came second with 5 and, having lost just his first game, Nick Krempel came third. Hui Wang lead the group on 4 wins. Equal fifth were Des Cinn, T Mark Hall and David Ward. Alex Selby, also on 4 wins, joins the above seven in the Challengers’ League, as Bei Ge has decided not to defend the title.

BGA STUDENT TOURNAMENT 07/04/08-04/05/08 28 students from 3 dan to 30 kyu (and two ghosts) took part in the BGA Student Tournament, which was played online over 4 weeks. Winner with 4 wins was William Brooks (Trinity Cambridge). Runners up were Dave Buckley (University of Warwick) and Mark Nubbert (St Annes’s Oxford). Adam Prescott (Durham) won 4/4. There were also good results (3/4) for Maria Tabor, Jonny Kiehlmann, Sandy Taylor, Colin Simpson, David Szotten and James Hadfield.

BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE 04/05/08 23 players attended the Bar-Low kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge. This year, part a smaller mind sports weekend, it was held in the Junior Parlour of Trinity, apart from the other events. Ed Wormington (4 kyu St Albans) and Natasha Regan (1 kyu Epsom) both won 4 out of 5; Ed was declared the winner based on SOS and received a box of chocolates as a prize. Other notable results were Hugo Wainwright (25 kyu St Olave’s) with 5 wins and David Carter-Hitchin (17 kyu London) and Danielle Ward (19 kyu Cambridge) on 4 wins.

COVENTRY 26/04/08 46 players took part in the Coventry Tournament at the University of Warwick. Winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington). Ewart Shaw (5 kyu Leamington) and Jun Aih (14 kyu Aston) also won 3/3. Leamington won the team prize and two Aston boys won the 9x9 and 13x13: Sam Muxlow and Callum Healey.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 12/04/08 Four teams attended the Nippon Club in Piccadilly for the spring International Teams match. The joint China and Central London Club team was the victor, with 13 wins out of 20. Cambridge, Nippon and Wanstead all won 9/20. Unbeaten in all three games were Ben He (6 dan), Felix Wang (3 dan), Shi Tang (3 dan), David Ward (4 dan) and Jini Keller (2 kyu).

STACEY POINTS 2008-2009 With two events gone (Coventry and Bracknell), Matthew Macfadyen shared the lead with Jaeup Kim on 3. Then the long tournaments started, with the Scottish Open players then leading the field: 1= Robert Miller and Yohei Negi on 5; 3= Ron Bell, Gerry Mills and Andrew Smith all on 4.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2008 The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2007 London Open. After the BYGC, which counts double points, 50 young players had played in a tournament. With a strong showing from Aston at Coventry and from Cambridge at the Bar-Low, it has become a contest between the two clubs. The points after Bracknell are: 1 Danielle Ward 416, 2. Owen Walker 352, 3 Matthew Hathrell 336, 4 John Perkins 332, 5 Peran Truscott 304, 6 Huw Tallis 296, 7 Langdon Truscott 292 and 8 Ken Dackombe 288. After the Pair Go, Roella Smith moved up to 5 (308).

BRITS OVERSEAS World Amateur Go Championships, 28/05/08-31/05/08 Again 68 countries took part. It was held at the Nihon Ki in Tokyo. After 2 rounds UK’s Matthew Macfadyen had won both games (against Vietnam and Lithuania). Ireland’s Ian Davis had lost both games. In round 3 Matthew lost to Jan Hora of Czechia and Ian got his first win against Peru. In round 4 Matthew lost to Australia and Ian to Chinese Taipei. On day 3 Matthew beat Belarus and Cuba to end they day at the bottom of the group of 4 wins. Ian got his second win, against Bulgaria, and lost to Mexico. At the top unbeaten are Sung Bong Ha of Korea and Fernando Aguilar of Argentina who has been known to beat pros in competition. In round 7 Matthew lost to the USA and beat Slovenia in the last round to end on 5 wins in 20th place. Ian lost to Lithuania but beat Azerbaijan in the last round to get 3 wins and 52nd place. Ha beat Aguilar in round 7 and hung on in round 8 to become the first Korean to win the WAGC whilst unbeaten. Second was Guo of China and third Aguilar of Argentina both on 7 wins, the best ever western result. Then on six wins were Hong Kong, Japan and Burzo of Romania, Mozheong Guan of the USA, Barbiy of Hungary, Dick of Germany, Chinese Taipeh and Chinese Taipei.

SHODAN CHALLENGE If you are interested in joining this year’s Shodan Challenge (http://www.britgo.org/events/shodan/) as a mentor or mentee, please email T.J.Hunt@open.ac.uk.
BRITISH GO JOURNAL  The next issue is in preparation, and we are seeking contributions on any topic related to Go, from players of any grade. Some ideas for articles we think BGA members would like to read are: * Reports of club events (mini tournaments, picnics, visits to other clubs), * Book reviews (whether a new book, or an older one you have recently read), * Novel teaching and recruiting ideas, * Technical articles (e.g. something you discovered that caused a leap in strength, your favourite tesuji, your favourite joseki), * Game reviews, * Travelogues. Please remember that you do not have to be an expert even to write a technical article. Articles on technical matters written from the perspective of a double digit kyu are interesting to at least as many people as articles written by a professional. Photographs for use with articles and news and for the front and inside covers are also particularly welcome. Anyone interested in contributing, or helping production, please contact Editor Barry Chandler, journal@britgo.org

CLUBS

DUNDEE  Primary contact is now Peter Clinch, p.j.clinch at dundee.ac.uk or 'phone 01382 665322) and the club web page is now http://www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~pclinch/dundeegoclub/

EDINBURGH  Thursday meeting location currently varying - check website

EXETER  now meets on Mondays.

GLENROTHES  New club: Contact Alan Stewart on 01592 777247. Wednesdays about 19:00 at 63 Braemar Gardens, Glenrothes, Fife KY6 2RF.

LEICESTER  now meeting on Thursdays (and not Mondays).

TWICKENHAM  now has web site at http://www.britgo.org/clubs/twickenham

WEST CORNWALL  Thursday 20:00, Rose-in-Vale, Gweek, Helston, TR12 7AD, John Culmer, johnculmer@btinternet.com 01326 573167. Club web page: http://www.johnculmer.btinternet.co.uk/go/wgc.html.

NATIONAL GO WEEK  Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th July: GO PICNIC, Sunday 13th July. 13 Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hampshire, PO7 5LU. Bring your own lunch and some Go Art. Also Go film and slide shows. Contact Peter Wenges pwenges@hotmail.com Tel. 02392 267648

UK Go Challenge Finals  Sunday 6th July. For school heat qualifiers and individual youth players who could not play in a heat. See www.ukgochallenge.com

Location Milton Community Centre, Cambridge

EPSOM  Saturday 19th July.  Entry by 09:30; Registration by 09:45. Location The Ebisham Centre, 6–7 The Derby Square, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8AG.

Event Three round McMahon: 60 mins per player (no overtime). Generous sponsorship thanks to Stephen and Vicky Streater.

Contact Contact Yvonne Margetts, 48 Ewell Downs Road, Epsom. Surrey KT17 3BN. epsom2008@yuhong.co.uk Tel. 020 83932627

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD  Saturday 16th – Monday 25th August.

Location Victoria, London

ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK  Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd August.

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Events 5 round Open McMahon tournament. Afternoon, Rengo, Die Hard, Handicap, 13x13, Continuous Lightning Tournaments, many social events.

UK/USA TEAM TOURNAMENT.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES.  Further details and application form http://www.britgo.org/memberap.html

WINDSOR TOURNAMENT  Sunday 21st September.


Contact Peter Wendes pwendes@hotmail.com  Tel. 02392 267648

SWINDON TOURNAMENT  Sunday 21st September.

Location Swindon Community Centre, Jewings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BD

Event 3 round McMahon.

Contact preferably by email or mail to Paul Barnard, paul@psaa.me.uk 16 Braemar Close, SWINDON, SN3 1HY, but phone entries will also be accepted on 01793 692408 evenings before 21:30. Further details http://www.swindongoclub.org.uk/

ARUNDEL, Sunday 28th September. Contact Sue Paterson suepat@freeuk.com, Tel. 01903 889825 or 07740 376209.

SHREWSBURY, Saturday 4th October. Contact Gerry Mills gerry@27stars.co.uk Tel. 01938-556484

FIFE, October. Contact Edwin Brady, eb@dcs.st-and.ac.uk Tel. 01334 470585

MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 12th October. Contact Bill Brakes bill140347@btinternet.com

INTERNATIONAL TEAM AUTUMN MATCH, Sunday 19th October. Nippon Club, London. Contact Jonathan Turner je_turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX, Bath, Sunday 26th October. Contact Paul Christie ccpbch@bath.ac.uk, Tel. 01225 428995

WANSTEAD, Saturday 8th November.

THREE PEAKS, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November. Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

EAST MIDLANDS, Leicester, Saturday 22nd November.

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN and HANDICAP, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December (provisional).

SCOTTISH BARLOW, Edinburgh, Saturday 13th December. Contact Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net Tel. 0141 8806169.

LONDON OPEN, Sunday 28th–Wednesday 31st December. Contact Geoff Kaniuk geoff.kaniuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 01223 710582

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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