WEST SURREY HANDICAP 07/12/08 24 players took part this year. Alan Thornton (1 dan St Albans) won the tournament for the second time in five years. Also winning all 4 was Hugo Wainwright (20 kyu Farnborough Village). Mike Charles (2 dan St Albans), Philippe Bourrez (3 kyu West Surrey), Ken Dackombe (9 kyu Farnborough Village), Max Bourre (10 kyu West Surrey) and Adrian Howarth (11 kyu CLGC) all won 3. The prize in the 13x13 competition went again to Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead), with 7/9. The cat quiz was won by Sue Paterson and the number plate word game by Tony Atkins. On the previous day, some 11 students were taught various subjects by teachers Sam Aitken, Nick Krempel, Tony Atkins and Paul Barnard.

EAST MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT 22/11/08 The National Space Centre in Leicester was again the venue for the third East Midlands Tournament and had 54 players like last year. Winner was David Ward (4 dan) from Cambridge; he beat Toby Manning in the last round. As last year, Hamzah Reta (10 kyu) and Mazhar Warraich (5 kyu) from Aston won all three. Also on three were Taka Obita (1 kyu Cambridge), Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff), Laurence Ogden (8 kyu Nottingham) and Stephen Bashforth (12 kyu Leicester). The 13x13 prizes were awarded to Ocean Ho Phuong and Hamzah Reta, both from Aston.

THREE PEAKS 08/11/08-09/11/08 Matthew Cocke (5 dan York) finally stopped Tony Goddard's run at the Three Peaks by winning all 5 games. Tony was second. The tournament was held at a new venue of the Old Station Inn in Giggleswick, near Settle, but still in the beautiful North Yorkshire country. Again it proved popular with 52 players taking part. Those winning 4 games were: Danielle Ward (15 kyu Cambridge), Eric Hall (7 kyu Swindon), Jenny Radcliffe (7 kyu Durham).

WANSTEAD TOURNAMENT 08/11/08 32 players gathered at Wanstead Go Club's venue on a very wet Saturday in November for four rounds of Go. Susumu Yoshimura (2 dan London) won the tournament, and was the only player on five victories. Kiyohiko Tanaka (4 dan Nippon) was runner up with three wins. Also on three wins were Michael Charles (2 dan St Albans), Alan Thornton (2 dan St Albans), Peter Collins (3 kyu Bristol), Michael Webster (5 kyu London), Peter Harold-Barry (6 kyu St Albans) and Gary Gibson (8 kyu Wanstead). Michael Webster also won the prize for most improved on the year, having risen an impressive nine grades since Wanstead 2007.

WESSEX 26/10/08 The Wessex Tournament moved to a new venue near to the centre of Bath. St Mark's Community Centre, a Victorian former church, proved a good venue. Also much appreciated were the doughnuts and real coffee that greeted the 32 players. Winner was Chi Feng Cheung (4 dan Bournemouth), who is from Hong Kong. He beat Paul Christie (3 dan Bath) in the last round. Players winning 3/3 lower down were Alexander Juanes (8 kyu Bath) and Jack Drury (9 kyu Aston).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 19/10/08 The autumn team event was held at the Nippon Club, home of their Igo Kai and the Central London Go Club. As expected, the strong Chinese team was the winner with 15 points. Second was Wanstead with 12, third Nippon Club with 6 and Cambridge scored 3. Winning 3 for China were Qing Du, Shi Tang, Yangran Zhang, Felix Wang and Stuart Barthropp. Takuya Ogino was the only player winning 3 not on the Chinese team.

MILTON KEYSNES 12/10/08 40 players attended the Open University for the 20th Milton Keynes Tournament. David Ward (4 dan Cambridge) won the final this year against Sam Aitken (4 dan Warwick). Also winning all three were David Buckley (1 kyu Warwick), Graham Philips (3 kyu) and Andre Cockburn (7 kyu Nottingham). Unfortunately the MK Go Boards were too small for the stones and so the side event was cancelled. However there were still Concrete Cow Biscuits to give all a taste of the local culture.


BRITISH OVERSEAS Korea Prime Minister Cup International Baduk Championship, 09/11/08-11/11/08: The UK's Francis Roads was one of the special prize winners. He beat Azerbaijan in round 1, but then lost 4 in a row due to jet lag (to Czechia, Australia, Spain and Indonesia). On the last day he beat Mexico, Bosnia and Turkey to end on 4 wins. Ireland's Terence McSweeney won 3 by beating Colombia, Chile and Mongolia.

WORLD MIND SPORTS, BEIJING The 1st World Mind Sports Games was held in Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008. As expected, more than 2500 players from 150 countries and regions participated. Five sports were involved - Go, Bridge, Chess, Chinese Chess and Draughts. With generous sponsorship from Winton Capital Management, the British Go Association sent as strong a team as possible to the event with 11 men and 7 women, in addition to 3 team officials. The Chinese hosts provided accommodation and food in China free of charge to all participants, and thanks to Air China, also supplied a small number of airline tickets free of charge.

In the Women's Individual competition Helen Harvey won 2/7, and Maria Tabor and Sue Paterson both won 3/7. In the Men's Individual, Simon Shiu and Paul Tabor both won 2/6, Piers Shepperson and Jonathan Chinn 3/6, and Matthew Macfadyen 5/6, narrowly failing to qualify for the knock-out stage. In the Open Individual, Matthew Cocke and Tony Goddard both won 3/7. In the team competitions, the UK women's team: Alison Bexfield, Vanessa Wong and Natasha Regan won 4/7 and went through the finals but lost to Korea. Our men's team, Tony Goddard, Jon Diamond, Alex Selby, Alex Rix and John Hobson, won 3/7. In the Pair Go Matthew Macfadyen and Kirsty Healey won 4/7.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP The 2008 British Championship match was between Matthew Macfadyen and Hui Wang. The first game was won by Hui Wang by resignation. The second was won by Matthew by resignation, as was the third. Matthew also won the fourth to regain the title from Bei Ge.

BGA TEACHING PANEL The BGA Teaching Committee consisting of Toby Manning, Tony Atkins, Anna Griffiths, Ron Bell and Brian Brunswick is setting up a "Teaching Panel". All BGA members are invited to apply to join, irrespective of strength. It is the intention that, in any formal events, students will always be taught by people who are at least 4 stones stronger than them. In 2009 the BGA will be running a number of teaching events around the country: the first of these is scheduled for Frodsham in Cheshire on Saturday February 14. Anyone interested in teaching, please contact Toby Manning for further details: toby.manning@dsl.pipex.com 26 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0HH. Tel 01530 245298.
FUTURE EVENTS

August.
Northern Tournament, Stockport, Sunday 6th September.
Cornwall Tournaments Saturday 12th September and Sunday 13th September.

Oxford
Event 6-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Part of the British Go Congress. Round 4 Sunday 30th August 09:15. Prize giving 17:00. BGA AGM on Saturday evening at 18:30.
Contact Eddie Best edwin.best@homecall.co.uk Telephone: 01628 483967

Event Teaching day for players from 2 kyu to beginner. Session starts 10:30 ends 16:30.
Location Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.
Contact Contact teaching@britgo.org

BGA TEACHING DAY, CHESHIRE, Saturday 14th February.

BGA MOBILE

MEMBERSHIP

BRITISH OPEN, Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April.
Location Ye Olde Custom House, 65-67, Watergate St, Chester, Cheshire CH1 2LB.
Contact Olivier Deme info@irish-go.org

Event Youth titles at U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 will be contested, in addition to the titles of overall British Youth Champion and British Schools Team Champions. A mixture of even and handicap games. Beginners and those new to the game will be made particularly welcome.
Contact Mike Lynn michael.lynn@keaston.bham.sch.uk

Event Scottish Open. Move 15 minutes per player with 5 minutes overtime.
Location Edinburgh Leisure Complex, Roman Road, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6EF.
Contact For emergency calls to tournament organisers on the day of most tournaments: 07790 456431

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FORTHCOMING

MAILHEADEN – FURZE PLATT, Saturday 17th January 2009. Registration by 10:00.
Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA. Registration by 10:00.
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes plus overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes. Flexible komi with players bidding to play black.
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OXFORD

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Contact Contact teaching@britgo.org

BGA MOBILE

MEMBERSHIP

BRITISH OPEN, Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April.
Location Ye Olde Custom House, 65-67, Watergate St, Chester, Cheshire CH1 2LB.
Event 5 rounds. Part of the British Go Congress.

BRITISH OPEN, Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April.
Registration Saturday 09:00-10:00.
Location Westminster Hotel, City Road, Chester CH1 3AF.
Event 9-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Part of the British Go Congress. Round 4 Sunday 30th August 09:15. Prize giving 17:00. BGA AGM on Saturday evening at 18:30.
Contact Patrick Ridley, Lee Brook, Wood Lane, Sutton Weaver, Runcom WA7 3EN or patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com

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