UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS  Aston, 26 June 2011.  Adan Mordcovich from London is the new champion of the UK Go Challenge. He also won the Under-18 Boys section forcing Aston's Mazhar Warraich to take second in the section and overall. Hamzah Reta, also from Aston, was third overall and Under-16 Boys Champion. Aston won the schools trophy and their Ibraheem Mustafa won the Under-12 Boys. Thomas Meehan from Solihull won the Under-14 Boys. Milton School players cleaned up in the younger age groups and won the Junior School Cup. Roella Smith was Top Girl winning the Under-12 and her sister Kelda won the Under-8s. Their brother Edmund, aged 6, won the Boys Under-8 and Mark Slater won the Boys Under-10. A special award of UK Go Challenge Meijin Organiser was given to Mr Mike Lynn for supporting the event from its start up to his forthcoming retirement.

DURHAM TOURNAMENT 18 June 2011 - 19 June 2011 42 players took part, a pleasingly high turnout, and for the first time the main, six-rounds tournament was won by a Durham player, recent acquisition Andrew Kay, who was the only player to win all six games. Another Durham dan player, Alex Kent, won five games, as did Andre Cockburn of Nottingham and Pat Ridley of Chester. On four wins were Yuhuan Jin of Teesside, Sandy Taylor of Durham, Alan Thornton of St Albans, Scott Owens of Cambridge, Robin Zigmund of Durham and Paul Taylor of Durham. The small board event was won by David Sinclair of Durham, with Ludan Fang of CGLC in second place. Andrew Kay managed to find the time to win the lightning side event as well as the main. 35 players and family visited a local restaurant on Saturday evening in Durham's traditional friendly manner. Sandy Taylor, who is about to graduate and leave the club, was awarded a Goat Ornament to celebrate his three years as President.

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Boars Hill, Oxford, 12 June 2011. Natasha Regan celebrated her 40th birthday by winning the British Pair Go Championship for a second year running with Matthew Cooke. This time they beat Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen in the final. The handicap winners from 2008, Sam MacCarthy and John Collins, won the handicap section again. Best dressed pair was Jenny Radcliffe and organiser Francis Roads. The language quiz was won by Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins with 33/40. Jil Segerman and Adan Mordcovich won the fighting spirit prize. Full report and other Pair Go news: www.britgo.org/files/pair11uk.pdf


SCOTTISH OPEN, Dundee, 28 May 2011 - 29 May 2011.  For the first time in many years, the Scottish Open was won this year not by a Scottish resident but someone Scottish-born - Sandy Taylor (2 dan Durham) - winning all five games to take his first tournament title. 23 players took part in total. A drop in local players was caused by the closure of long-term sponsor Real Time Worlds and a local wedding anniversary. A new mentor in this please email shodan-challenge@britgo.org Good luck to all participants!
YOUTH GRAND PRIX The top 10 players in the 2011 Youth Grand Prix after the UK Go Challenge Finals are: Adan Mordcovich 1d Wanstead, Roelia Smith 11k Milton School, Owen Walker 12k Cambridge, Tom Mehan 18k Solihull, Adam Ratcliffe 24k Aston, Mazhar Warrach 1k Aston, Anthony Ghica 25k Newmarket, Matei Mandache 6k Loughborough, Arjun Rai 17k Aston and Abdul Aziz 24k Aston.

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London-Japan Friendship Match, Nippon Club, London, 1 June 2011. The match between the party of visiting retired Japanese Go players and the BGA/London team ended very close. With one result to come in it was tied at 8 all. The outstanding game, the bottom board, decided it in Japan's favour 9-8. Winning for the British side were Nick Krempel, Alex Rix, Jonathan Chetwynd, Michael Webster, Jonathan Turner, Xinyi Lu, Jiri Keller and Roger Daniel. After the match most players then went on for a meal in China Town.

European Pair Go Championships, Istanbul, 28 May 2011 - 29 May 2011. Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocks took 11th place (the 9th best country) at the European Pair Go Championship in Istanbul, Turkey. They lost to Czechia, France and Germany, but beat Poland and two pairs from Turkey. Best of the 31 pairs taking part was the pair from Hungary, Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh. Czechia was second and Ukraine third

32nd World Amateur Go Championship, Shimane, Japan, 29 May 2011 - 1 June 2011. The UK representative was Alex Selby from Cambridge. He won 3 games to take 43rd place. His first game was a loss to former World Champion Hirata of Japan. He then lost to Nechanicky of Czechia and ‘Tripel of Switzerland, before beating Neville Smythe of Australia. He then lost to Minieri of Italy, beat the player from Azerbaijan, lost to Pedersen of Denmark and won the last game against Mexico. James Hutchinson of Ireland was 36th with 4 wins against Denmark, Argentina, Portugal and Brazil. The unbeaten Champion was Bai of China. Second was Choi of Korea. The group on 6 wins were Eric Lui (USA), Thomas Debarre (France), Hirata (Japan), Jun Fan (Canada) and Franz-Josef Dichhut (Germany). 57 countries took part at the Shimane prefectural hall in Matsue, a ancient castle town in the west of Japan

Pandanet Go European Team Championship (on-line) Final two rounds, 19 April and 17 May 2011: Jon Diamond, Des Cann, and Andrew Simons played both rounds, Jonathan Chin 19th April and Toby Manning 17th May; scratch teams on both occasions because Matthew Macfad-yen was unable to play. One win each to Jon and Toby, two wins to Andrew. Overall, the best we can say is that we managed to avoid relegation; hopefully we'll do better next year! Thanks to Will Brooks, as team captain, for organising our matches despite many difficulties.

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BELFAST Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August (provisional).
Location Belfast Boat Club, Lockview Road, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5FH.
Event 5-round McMahon Tournament.
Contact Ian Davis sivdni@gmail.com 07597070201

NORTHERN Sunday 4th September (date and location not finalised)
Event 3 round McMahon
Contact chris@cs.man.ac.uk 0161-903-9023

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.
For further details, check the tournament website, or contact johnculmer@btinternet.com 01326 573167

SWINDON Sunday 18th September (date and location not finalised) Contact Paul.Barnard@iprplc-gdfsuez.com 07989 492793

SHREWSBURY Sunday 2nd October.
Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB. Registration by 10:25; prize giving by 19:00.
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 65 minutes per round plus ‘inflated’ overtime: 20/5, then staying at 40/5.
Contact Roger Huyse roger.huyse@btinternet.com

WESSEX Sunday 30th October (provisional)

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 5th November. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving by 18:15
Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS.
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with 40/5 overtime

THREE PEAKS TOURNAMENT, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 12.45 Saturday.
Location Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY Tel 015395 32381
Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Time limits 50 minutes with increasing overtime (20/5, 30/5, 40/5, 40/5 etc).
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COVENTRY Saturday 19th November. Registration by 10.30. Prize-giving by 19:00
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LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December