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DEADLINE for next Issue, Sunday 17th April 2005.

RESULTS

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 23/01/04, BIRMINGHAM A record 73 children attended this event at King Edward VI School, Aston. There were lots of locals, groups from Bloxham, Loughborough, others from many new schools around the country and even two players from Hong Kong. Winners [runners up] were: • Overall William Brooks (1d Cambridge) • Under 18 Jonathan Englefield (8k High Wycombe) [Alex Zhao (17k Loughborough)] • Under 16 William Brooks (1d Cambridge) [Jake Finnis (10k West Cornwall)] • Under 14 Sadhvik Vijay (23k Aston) [Alex Grant (17k Aston)] • Under 12 Chun-Hin Woo (12k Hong Kong) [Matthew Harris (24 Cambridge)] • Under 10 Chun-Yin Woo (6k Hong Kong) [Ken Dackombe (19k Bromley)] • Under 8 Thomas Meehan (35 kyu Solihull).
 Winner of the 13x13 group was Duncan Bell (35 kyu Balgowan). The Castledine Trophy was won again by Aston. The Junior School Trophy to Jurby, Isle of Man. The team with the most wins was Cambridge. Prizes were also awarded for 4 wins to Holly Hathrell (35k Finham), Edward Murray (30k Aston), Katie Livingstone (33k Nestles), Kay Dackombe (17k Bromley). Luke Betts (33k Cambridge), Luke Gymer (33k Cambridge), Wilson Hau (18k Loughborough), Jamie Wall (26k Aston), Prerak Thomson (25k Aston), Chris Emery (17k Leighton Park), Divyesh Mandania (32k Aston) and Jamie Ingram (26k Aston). Top at puzzle solving were Matthew Hathrell and Heather Dixon. The Pool competition was won by the Sharks (Ken and Kay Dackombe), ahead of the No Names (Robert Davies and Sadhvik Vijay). In a demonstration game on 6 stones, Youth Champion William Brooks (1 dan) beat British Champion Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) by resignation.

MAIDENHEAD 22/10/05 74 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd for the 14th Maidenhead Tournament. Winner for third year running was Chinese boy Li Shen (5 dan London), aged 13. Second was Kaisshu Hirahara (5 dan) who works for the sponsor HITACHI. Several players won 3/3 including Masuo Kikusui (2 dan London), Paul Taylor (1 dan London), Peter Fisher (5 kyu Leicester), Mark Todkill (5 kyu Wanstead), Christopher Price (6 kyu Cardiff), Matthew Scott (6 kyu Oxford), Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey), Stephen Bashforth (18 kyu Leicester) and Daniel Watson (24 kyu Maidenhead). In addition all on 2/3 won a prize thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI. Team winners were Cardiff and 9x9 winner was Xinyi Lu (8 kyu Maidenhead) on 7/8, with good attempts from William Brooks and France Ellul.

LONDON OPEN 28/12/04-31/12/04 134 players attended the 31st London Open. The main tournament was again a major in the Toyota-Pandanet European Go Tour.

Main Tournament: 1 Pei Zhao 6 dan Germany with 7/8 wins, 2 Radek Nechaicky 6 dan Czechia 6/8, 3 Christoph Gerlach 6 dan Germany 5/8, 4 Tony Goddard 5 dan UK 5/8, 5= Li Shen 5 dan UK 5/8, Antoine Fenech 4 dan France 5/8, Jun Tarumi 3 dan Germany 6/6.

Pair Go was won by Finland's Suvu Leppanen (3 kyu) and Teemu Rasio (1 dan) with 4/4. On 3/4 were Germany's Pei Zhao (6 dan) and Olivier Marteaux (1 kyu), London's Nuo Jia (2 dan) and Hao Wang (1 dan), and Edwina Lee (4 kyu) and "Erik".

Lightning Tournament. 54 players started in groups, winners going forwards to a knockout. Reaching the semi-finals were George Leach (5 kyu UK) and Radek Nechanicky (6 dan Czechia), but the finalists were Hichem Aktouche (7 kyu France) and Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany). It was the 6 dan who won.

Continuous 9x9: winner was Hichem Aktouche (7 kyu France) with 28/28 reported at the prize giving (but actually not as amazing), with Arnaud Knippel (2 dan France) getting an honorable mention.

3RD SCOTTISH BARLOW 11/12/04 30 players gathered at the UCW club in Edinburgh, nearly double last year's entry. This included a contingent of 8 from Durham, all in matching T-shirts. Best of the three shodans and recipient of the whisky was Gordon Guo (1 dan Edinburgh) with 4/4. Second was Jens Andersch (1 dan Newcastle) on 3/4. Nine other players scored 3/4, the prizes going to those who travelled from Durham: Jim Cook (2 kyu Edinburgh), Chris Morris (5 kyu Durham), Edwin Brady (5 kyu Durham), Rich Philp (5 kyu Dundee), Jenny Radcliffe (10 kyu Durham), Colin Doherty (12 kyu Dundee), Jennifer Gray (12 kyu Durham), Quinton Connell (14 kyu Glasgow) and Kian Mehrabi (18 kyu Edinburgh). It was decided that Scottish championship semifinals will be Allan Crossman v Rich Philp and Donald Macleod v Jim Cook.

NEWS

DEATH OF KATO MASAO 30/12/04 It is with great regret that we announce the death of Kato Masao, pro 9 dan and President of the IGF and Chairman of the Nihon Kiin. Mr Kato had been in hospital for a few weeks following a brain haemorrhage and operation, but passed away lunchtime (Japanese time) today. He was 57. This is a double blow as past President Toshimitsu Matsuo died on 09/11/04. Mr Kato was well known in the west through his many title wins and two books in English. He visited London for the Kisei match in 2001. He had been juggling a professional career with the role of Chairman/President since the spring. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

PROMOTIONS For the first time in BGA history, Council was able to issue two 6-dan certificates in one day. Congratulations to Tony Goddard and Li Shen who earned them. Congratulations also to Nuo Jia (3-dan), Nial Cardin (2-dan) and Clive Hendrie (2-dan).

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2004 Final Results: 1 William Brooks 1-kyu Cambridge 1423 points, 2 Jonathan Englefield 9-kyu High Wycombe 1360, 3 Ken Dackombe 22-kyu Bromley 662, 4 Kay Dackombe 18-kyu Bromley 644, 5 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 599, 6 Li Shen 5-dan CLGC 478.

2005 current standing: 1 William Brooks 1-kyu Cambridge 250, 2= Jonathan Englefield 8-kyu High Wycombe 232, Sam Leach 24-kyu High Wycombe 232, 4 Martin Burnham 24-kyu High Wycombe 212, 5= Duncan Bell 30-kyu Balgowan 200, Alex Grant 17-kyu King Edward VI, Aston 200, Sadhvik Vijay 23-kyu King Edward VI, Aston 200.

STACEY POINTS after Maidenhead / Furze Platt: 1st Francis Roads 29.5, 2nd Alistair Wall 21, 3rd Simon Goss 17.5, 4th Piers Shepperson 13, 5th Alan Thornton 12.5.

CLUB CHANGES

BELFAST Anyone wanting a game of Go in Belfast should contact Ian Davis ian.davis29@btinternet.com, mobile 07952 184010.

CHELTENHAM Go Club now meets on a Thursday.

CHESTER Dave Kelly has a new email address: crashxp@fsmail.net

DUNDEE Go Club now meets regularly on a Monday. The contact should be Rich Philp, richphilp@hotmail.com, 01382 202283.

DURHAM club now has a web site: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/go.club/> and email address: go.club@dur.ac.uk.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE New club at Imperial College: Meets Wednesday from 12:00 to 14:00 (during university term). Venue variable. Contact Jimmy Mao, jimmy.mao@ic.ac.uk.

LIVERPOOL club web site is <http://liverpool.goclub.info/>

NORWICH club venue changed to Café Rouge, 29 Exchange Street, Norwich, NR2 1DP.

SOUTHAMPTON Go club now only meets irregularly. To arrange a game, telephone Xinyi Lu on 0774 509 9411.

TAUNTON club has apparently ceased to function.

WARWICK Warwick University club added to the list. Meets Tuesday during University term 17:00-20:00 in room B2.09; and Saturday during University term from 12:00 in The Graduate (email first, this meeting does not always happen). The contact is Sam Aitken, S.J.Aitken@warwick.ac.uk. Club web page: http://www.sunion.warwick.ac.uk/portal/Default.asp?url=ORGANISATION&organisation_id=6560.



FORTHCOMING

LEAMINGTON GO TOURNAMENT, Sunday 20th March Registration from 9:30, round 1 begins 10:00

Location The Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace (situated at the corner of Warwick St. and Portland St.), Leamington Spa

Event 4 rounds of 30 minutes and sudden death. Following last year's successful format, the schedule will enable participants to watch some of the play in the Candidates' tournament, and in between rounds Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) will give a commentary.

Contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. phone 01675 442753. Entry form <http://www.britgo.org/>

BRITISH GO CONGRESS and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Leicester Friday 8th–Sunday 10th April 2005.

Location Stamford Hall of Residence of the University of Leicester

Event 6-round MacMahon Tournament on the Saturday and Sunday, with the British Lightning Tournament on the Friday evening. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday evening

Contact British Go Congress, 5 Barbara Avenue, Leicester, LE5 2AD. toby.manning@ntlworld.com

EUROPEAN PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS. Maidenhead, Saturday 23rd April–Sunday 24th April. Registration ends 09:30

Location Hitachi Europe Ltd, Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA.

Event European Championship for male-female pairs. 6 rounds, 45 minutes, sudden death. Official National pairs plus other pairs (who may be in handicap division). All UK pairs welcome. Friday evening Hotel Disco, Saturday evening Barn Dance. Finishes lunchtime Sunday for optional Windsor trip.

Contact: Anna Griffiths EPGC, 219 Merton Road, London, SW18 5EE, UK. Telephone enquiries to Anna Griffiths on +44-20-8879-7245 (work), or +44-7779-238047 (mobile) epgc@britgo.org <http://www.britgo.org/europaigo>

1st TRIANGLE TOURNAMENT. Maidenhead, Saturday 23rd April. Registration ends 10:15

Location same as European Pair Go

Event This is the first Go triangular tournament ever held, as far as we know. Enter individually. In groups of three players per Go board, play will be a pair against a solo individual.

Contact same as European Pair Go

BAR-LOW, Cambridge, Sunday 8th May (provisionally), Kyu players only. Contact Charles Matthews: charles.r.matthews@ntlworld.com

BRACKNELL, Sunday 22nd May. Contact Clive Hendrie, 4 Arncliffe, Bracknell, RG12 7SA. Phone 01344 422502. Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk,

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 10th July Contact Francis Roads. 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL. Phone 020 8505 4381. Fax 020 8505 4381. francis@jroads.demon.co.uk

KGS, The KGS Go server, Wednesday 1st–Thursday 30th June (provisionally). Contact Ian Davis. ian.davis@durge.org

WELSH OPEN, Barmouth, Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th June 2005. Contact tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, Praha, Czech Republic, Saturday 23rd July–Sunday 7th August. Contact egc2005@goweb.cz. <http://www.goweb.cz/egc2005>

BGA 50th ANNIVERSARY GO PICNIC. Members and non-members are invited to the BGA's 50th Anniversary Picnic in Green Park London on Sunday 31st July 10.00am- 4.00pm. Good inexpensive sushi is available to take away from the Japan Centre nearby or bring your own food and drink, Go sets, and something to sit on. Please email me: pwendes@hotmail.com so I can keep track of numbers. Further announcements on gotalk soon. See you there! Peter Wendes. Telephone: +44 (023) 9226 7648

EPSOM, Saturday 13th August. Contact Paul Margetts, phone 01372 723 268. epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk

SUMMER GO CAMP, Moretonhampstead, Devon, Saturday 13th - Friday 19th August Stephen Bashforth is organising a BGA week of go teaching and competitions. The event is open to all, and especially young players, complete beginners and families. The event is scheduled as a fair balance between Go in the mornings and time in the afternoons for family holiday activities and a 3 round tournament for "improvers". At this stage we are particularly interested in making links with schools and youth clubs to attract their interest - help in this matter is especially welcome. The success of this event will largely depend on having enthusiastic teachers - if you can fulfill this role please contact Stephen. Anyone interested in taking part, either as a student or a teacher, should contact Stephen Bashforth, Mayfield, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, LE9 2EN, phone 0116 239 5919 bashforths_mayfield@yahoo.com.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Manchester, Saturday 20th–Monday 29th August. Contact Tim Hunt, 208f North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3LQ. Phone 01908 695778. council-hunt@britgo.org



BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE: <http://www.britgo.org/>

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates: UK £15, Concessions £6, Family £20, Europe £17, World £20. Members receive one years subscription to the British Go Journal and BGA Newsletter, can buy books and equipment, and get reduced tournament entry fees. BGA members are entitled to receive weekly copies of the American Go Association's email newsletter. Subscribe via <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>.

MOBILE: Kathleen Timmins, Membership Secretary, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292
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