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DEADLINE for next Issue, Sunday 5th June 2005

RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, LEICESTER 08/04/05-10/04/05 Toby Manning, Peter Fisher, Stephen Bashforth and the others from Leicester Go Club ran the 38th British Go Congress at the very pleasant surroundings of Stamford Hall at Leicester University. The weekend featured the British Lightning, British Open and the BGA AGM. The British Lightning was won for a second year running by David M King (1 dan Swindon) who beat Francis Roads in the final. 24 players took part. The British Open had 62 players. T Mark Hall (4 dan London) failed to win it for a third year running, but settled with second with five wins out of six. The worthy winner on 6/6 was Tony Goddard (6 dan Sheffield). Also on 5/6 were Ken Dackombe (15 kyu Farnborough Village) and Andrei Sokolov (15 kyu Preston). The Nippon Club Team Trophy was won by the the Dackombe family's Farnborough Village team from Kent. Also Francis Roads collected the Terry Stacey Grand Prix trophy and David King collected his dan diploma.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, Swindon 28/03/05 Eight teams competed for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and a handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. Wycombe and Maidenhead A team (Paul Clarke, France Ellul and Edwina Lee) beat their B team in the final. Players on 3/3 were Alistair Wall, Paul Christie, Paul Clarke, Xinyi Lu. Xinyi Lu won the 10x10 on tie-break from Nicola Hurden (both had 7 wins).

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT 19/03/05-20/03/05 The Candidates' Tournament was held in Leamington Spa, but the parallel Leamington Tournament was cancelled due to staff shortages. 18 players took part. Jon Diamond, Kiyohiko Tanaka (both on 4 wins), T. Mark Hall, Alastair Wall and Des Cann (by nigiri from Alex Selby) (on 3 wins) qualified for the Challenger's League. They will join Matthew Cocke, Alex Rix and Dave Ward in the Challenger's League (an 8 player all-play all tournament to be held in early May).

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 06/03/05 73 players attended this years Trigantius, plus another 21 in the Novices event. Li Shen (6 dan London) was the winner for the second year running beating the next placed players: David Ward (4 dan Cambridge), Andrew Jones (3 dan Wanstead) and Yun He (7 dan LSE). The others winning all three were Brian Dackombe (3 kyu Bromley), Mike Pickles (5 kyu Norwich), Jonathan Tims (6 kyu Liverpool), Peter Allen (7 kyu Liverpool), Chris Barnett (12 kyu Durham), Stephen Chester (15 kyu Cambridge), Nathanael Chua (15 kyu LSE), David Ellmore (18 kyu Billericay) and Ken Dackombe (19 kyu Bromley). Best Kyu player was Mathieu Flinders and the Team Prize went to Cambridge A. Alistair Turnbull won the 13x13 and Matthew Harris got the youngest player prize (as Ken Dackombe had already won one). All players of 2 wins got a small prize. In the Trigantius Novices' tournament the winner was Zaichen Lu from Norwich School. There were various age-group, team and puzzle-solving prizes too.

LSE TOURNAMENT 26/02/05 The first LSE tournament was held at the London School of Economics and attracted 41 players. It has an unusual time system (20 minutes then overtime of 30 in 5), but was very professionally run by the students with the draw projected instantly in all the playing rooms. Local star Yun He (7 dan LSE) was the unbeaten winner. Runner up was Matthew Woodcraft (1 dan Cambridge) and Zaid Waqi (1 dan Imperial College) and Andrew Grant (3 dan Milton Keynes) also won 3/4. Winning prizes for 3/4 were Ivan Wong (4 kyu Oxford), Patrick Donovan (5 kyu Hastings), Anna Griffiths (6 kyu Epsom), Jonathan Englefield (8 kyu High Wycombe), Peter Welinder (15 kyu Imperial College) and Tevong You (19 kyu Imperial College). Photos.

OXFORD TOURNAMENT 19/02/05 75 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was the Chinese teenager player from London, Li Shen (6 dan). He beat two Wanstead players, Francis Roads and Alistair Wall and then Min Yang (4 dan Oxford) in the last round. Players on 3/3 were Joonghoon Jo (3 dan London), Paul Christie (2 dan Bath), Harry Fearnley (2 dan Oxford), David M King (1 kyu Swindon), Matthew Reid (1 kyu Cambridge), Barry Chandler (3 kyu Reading), Nick Krempel (4 kyu Cambridge), Will Segerman (5 kyu Bath), Alex Parsons (7 kyu Unattached) and Stuart Patterson (15 kyu Leamington). Prizes again were sponsored by Hoyles Games Shop.

8th CHESHIRE 12/02/05 33 players, including a large and successful team from Liverpool, attended the Cheshire Tournament which had been moved from Crewe to Wilmslow at short notice. This was because of the Chess Congress being cancelled, but Ashdene Primary School proved a good replacement. Winner of the open section was Toby Manning (3 dan Leicester); second was Tony Atkins (3 dan Bracknell). Winner of the handicap section was Jonathan Tims (8 kyu Liverpool) on 5/5; he beat club mate George Leach (2 kyu) in the final. Also on 4/5 were Chris Burke (6 kyu Liverpool) and David Biddulph (30 kyu Stockport). Neil Leavesley (25 kyu Liverpool) was best youth player with 3/5. 10x10 winner was 16-year old Andrea Sullivan (14 kyu Liverpool) with 7/10. Photos

NEWS

PROMOTIONS A new rating-based promotion system came into effect after 29/11/03. The BGA Council ratified the following dan grades on 08/04/05
1 dan - David M King, 1 dan - William Brooks, 3 dan - Jeremy Hawdon, 4 dan - Joong-hoon Jo

STACEY GRAND PRIX 2004-2005 With just the Congress to go Francis remained in the lead, though Alistair was closing the gap. Francis attended the British and scored more points to win him the Grand Prix trophy. The final points totals were: Francis Roads 34.5, Alistair Wall 26, Simon Goss 20.5, Alan Thornton 17.5, Li Shen 17 and Tony Goddard 16.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX The latest top scores, including the Congress, are: 1 Jonathan Englefield 8-kyu High Wycombe 547 points, 2 Maria Tabor 19-kyu Tunbridge Wells 428, 3 William Brooks 1-kyu Cambridge 400, 4 Ken Dackombe 19-kyu Bromley 342, 5 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 334 and 6 Kay Dackombe 17-kyu Bromley 306.

AGM This was held at the BGC at Leicester on 09/04/05. The existing council was re-elected, the accounts were approved and the subscriptions increase motion was passed. Afterwards bubbly and cake was consumed in celebration of 50 years of the BGA.

CLUB CHANGES

LIVERPOOL Jason Leather's email address is now jaybones@gmail.com.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON web site: <http://www.welinder.se/gosociety/>

MONMOUTH Please use the bga-books@britgo.org email address for Gerry, and web site no longer works.

FORTHCOMING

BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 8th May Registration by 09:30.

Location Netherhall Upper School and Sixth-Form College, Queen Ediths Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN.
Event Part of the Cambridge Mind Sports Olympiad. Kyu players only. 5 round McMahon tournament with 35 minutes time limit, no overtime.
Contact email preferred Mathieu Flinders mf308@cam.ac.uk otherwise phone Paul Smith 01223 563932
<http://www.gen.cam.ac.uk/msocam/index.html>

BRACKNELL, Sunday 22nd May Registration by 10.00

Location Woosehill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.
Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6 points Komi.
Contact Information: Clive Hendrie, 4 Arncliffe, Bracknell, RG12 7SA. Phone 01344 422502. Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk Entries: BGA Tournaments website, or Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD, Telephone: 01344 422296

KGS, The KGS GO SERVER, Wednesday 1st–Thursday 30th June <http://kgs.kiseido.com/>

DURHAM Saturday 4th–Sunday 5th June Registration by 12:45

Location Venue to be announced
Event 6 round McMahon, 45 minutes with overtime 40 stones in 5 minutes
Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk Jenny Radcliffe, 62 Albert Street, Durham, DH1 4RJ. Phone 07789 724 501

SCOTTISH OPEN, ABERDEEN, Saturday 11th–Sunday 12th June. Registration by 12:00

Location Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen, Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 3SW
Event 5 round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime.
Contact nir@global.co.za Nir Oren, 52 Linksview, Linksfeld Road, Aberdeen, AB24 5RG

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th June 2005. Registration by 1:00 pm

Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, The Promenade, Barmouth, LL42 1HW
Event 5 round McMahon, 50 minutes with overtime 20 stones in 5 minutes
Contact Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tarporley Road, Whitley, Warrington WA4 4DS. Phone 01925 730264 (work) or 01925 730583 (home – not after 9pm please), email tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

LIVERPOOL, Saturday 25th June Registration by 10:30

Location The Casa, 29 Hope Street, Liverpool, L1 9BQ.
Event The top eight graded/rated players may play in a three-round Swiss-style group to determine the Liverpool Open Go Champion. Other players will play in a five-round rapid play handicapped Swiss-style group to determine the Liverpool Rapid Go Handicap Champion. Top group 50 minutes each, with progressive overtime of 20/5, 40/5 and 60/5. Handicap group 30 minutes each, with overtime of 40 in 5 minutes.
Contact 2005@liverpool.goclub.info (preferably), or Jon Tims, 1 Hale Grove, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 1RN.

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOARS HILL, near OXFORD, Sunday 10th July Registration by 9:45

Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5DP.
Event A tournament for teams of one male and one female who play alternately with no conferring. 45 minutes sudden death. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section. Beginners are particularly welcome; there is a 'Novice' prize, for one or both partners around beginner standard and entering their first tournament. If you cannot persuade someone of the opposite gender to be your Go Partner, enter anyway; partners will be paired on a first-come-first-serve basis, and refunds given if a partner cannot be found.
Contact Francis Roads. 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL. Phone 020 8505 4381. Fax 020 8505 4381. francis@jfroards.demon.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, GREEN PARK, LONDON, Sunday 31st July 10.00am- 4.00pm. Members and non-members are invited to the BGA's 50th Anniversary Picnic in Green Park. Good inexpensive sushi is available to take away from the Japan Centre nearby or bring your own food and drink. Bring Go sets, and something to sit on. Please email me: pwendes@hotmail.com to 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 are currently: UK £15, Concessions £6, Family £20, Europe £17, World £20. New rates, from 1 July 2005 are: UK £18, UK concession £11, UK Family £24, Europe £20, Rest of World £24, UK School (full) £18, UK School (basic) £10. Members receive one years subscription to the British Go Journal and BGA Newsletter, can buy books and equipment, and get reduced tournament entry fees. Further details and application form <http://www.britgo.org/memberap.html>
Membership Secretary, Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292

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BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951140433