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RESULTS

BRACKNELL 22/05/05 Best of the 58 players was Heung-Soon Kwak, a Korean 5 dan from Bournemouth; he beat Kaisshu Hirahara (5 dan Maidenhead) in the last round. Winners of 3 games were William Brooks (1 dan Cambridge), Paul Tabor (2 kyu Epsom), Mark Todkill (4 kyu London) and Stuart Parsons (7 kyu Staines). Miguel Carrion Alvarez (13 kyu London) won the 13x13. Stuart Parsons won the Go Problems competition and Toby Manning won the caption competition.

CAMBRIDGE MSO BARLOW 08/05/05 26 players attended the Barlow kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge, reports Phil Beck. It was held as part of the Mind Sports Olympiad weekend. Local Cambridge player Matthew Reid (1 kyu) was the overall winner with 5 wins. Mathieu Flinders (1 kyu), also from Cambridge, came second with 4 wins. Third place was taken by a visitor from Romania: Tiberiu Gociu. No handicaps were played and towards the end the draw produced some daunting ties; nevertheless Christian Roberts (22 kyu) from Norwich and Maria Tabor (16 kyu) from Epsom did well to beat opposition 7 and 5 grades stronger than themselves in even games. The weather also played its part. A violent thunderstorm caused a power cut for half an hour, but the draw computer's battery survived until power was restored.

CHALLENGER'S LEAGUE, CAMBRIDGE 29/04/05-02/05/05 The event was held again in Cambridge but in the Junior Parlour of Trinity College and not at the MSO weekend. The room pleasantly looked out over the gateway to Trinity and the nice weather gave rise to a soothing babble from the throngs of tourists outside. Des Cann won all his games to become the Challenger to Matthew Macfadyen. 2nd with 5 wins Matthew Cocke (+ Wall, Diamond, Tanaka, Rix and Ward) on last position tie break from 3rd placed T. Mark Hall (+ Wall, Tanaka, Cocke, Rix and Ward), also on 5 wins. 4th on 4 wins was Alex Rix (+ Wall, Diamond, Tanaka, Ward); 5th on 3 wins was John Diamond (+ Wall, Hall and Tanaka); 6th with 2 wins was David Ward (+ Diamond and Tanaka); 7th on 2 wins was Alistair Wall (+ Tanaka and Ward); Kiyohiko Tanaka playing in his first Challenger's failed to win any. No play offs were necessary.

PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, HITACHI, MAIDENHEAD 23-23/04/05 24 pairs from 12 countries including 12 pairs from the UK took part in the European Pair Go Championships held at Hitachi in Maidenhead, UK. After four rounds of tournament the leaders were the Czech pair of Jana Hricova and Ondrej Silt and Germany's Lisa Ente and Benjamin Teuber. Results at <http://www.britgo.org/results/2005/epgc.txt> The Germans won their clash in round 5 only to lose to the second German pair Manja Lindemeyer and Michael Marz in the last round. Also in the last round Czechia lost to the young Russians Natalia Kovaleva and Timur Sankin. So both Germany pairs and Russia ended on 5 wins. The tie was split by sos/sodos to make Ente/Teuber first, Lindemeyer/Marz second and Kovaleva/Sankin third. Czechia topped the group on 4 wins. Highest placed of the group on 3 wins overnight was UK's Matthew Cocke and Natasha Regan; they won one more to be fifth. Close behind were another UK Pair: Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen in sixth. Winners of the handicap section by close tie break were UK's Maria Tabor and Paul Tabor. Nudged into second were Italy's Alessandra Zarcone and Davide Minieri. The other prize in this section went to Portugal's Ines Teles de Menezes and Jose Telses de Menezes. All the top board games were broadcast live on IGS-PandaNet and video streamed (available at <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2005/europairgo/live.html>).

TRIANGLE TOURNAMENT, MAIDENHEAD 23/04/05 The first ever Triangle Tournament (2 plays 1) was held alongside the European Pair Go Championships. 14 players took part which meant that one game each round had to be 1 on 1. Nobody won 3 games so the lowest graded player winning two in a pair was judged the winner. This was Paul Blockley (13 kyu Worcester) and second was Jonathan Englefield (8 kyu High Wycombe). Third for winning his first two games was Ed Blockley (2 kyu Worcester). Runners-up who got go baseball caps were Xinyi Lu, Daniel Debski, France Ellul and Nick Wedd. Getting the fighting spirit prize was Chuwen Teng, a young lady from Hitachi who learnt Go specially to take part.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH, NIPPON CLUB SALON, LONDON 17/04/05 Four rounds were played by Swiss draw. Team results were: 1 Central London Go Club, 2 Wanstead, 3 Reading, 4 Cambridge, 5 Nippon (Defending Champions), 6 Mars. Individuals with four wins were: Akiko Sato (CLGC) and Stijn van Dongen (Cambridge), and three wins: Alex Rix and Jonathan Chetwynd (CLGC), Alistair Wall, Francis Roads and Andrew Jones (Wanstead), Alan Thornton, Simon Goss and Ian Marsh (Reading), Matt Reid (Cambridge) and Tetsuya Miyagawa (Nippon). Following the tradition, everyone received a prize (a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates) to take home.

NEWS

PROMOTIONS Awarded on 7th May 2005: 4-dan Joong-hoon Jo, 3-dan Jeremy Hawdon, 1-dan William Brooks and David M. King

YOUTH GRAND PRIX points: 1 Jonathan Englefield 8-kyu High Wycombe with 707 points, 2 Maria Tabor 14-kyu Epsom Downs 640, 3 William Brooks 1-dan Cambridge 615, 4 Ken Dackombe 15-kyu Farnborough 498, 5 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 474, 6 Kay Dackombe 16-kyu Farnborough 438

STACEY GRAND PRIX 2004-2005 After Bracknell, with the new season just begun, Heung-Soon Kwak is in the lead, and tied in second place are Jim Clare, Kaishu Hirahara, Toby Manning and last year's winner Francis Roads.

CLUB CHANGES

CARDIFF Go Club web site now at <http://www.cardiffpubs.co.uk/Go/>

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE, near BROMLEY New club. Meetings by arrangement. Contact Brian Dackombe, briandackombe@hotmail.com, 01689 857944.

SOUTH WOODFORD club no longer meets.

FORTHCOMING

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 Entry forms are available on request.

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. Registration by 9:30 (extended to 9:45 for people pre-registered)

Location The Ebbisham Centre, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 3AG

Event This will be a three round, even game competition. The time limits will be 60 minutes for each player (sudden death – no overtime). There will also be 13 x 13 and 9 x 9 side tournaments. Generous prizes will be provided by our sponsor. As an added attraction, the second game of the 2005 British Go Championship will be held along side this tournament.

Contact epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk or Yvonne Margetts, 7 Ripley Way, Epsom, Surrey KT19 7DB. Tel: 01372 723 268 (not after 10:00pm, please)

SUMMER GO CAMP, August. Please note that the BGA Summer Go Camp originally planned for August in Devon is now cancelled. It is hoped to be able to run a camp in 2007.

SUMMER GO CAMP, VISEGRAD, HUNGARY 12th to 21st August 2005 <http://mge.eqnet.hu> .

GO EVENTS at 9th MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Manchester, Saturday 20th–Monday 29th August.

Location Renold Building at Manchester Conference Centre, just three minutes walk from Manchester Piccadilly station

Events Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August: Northern Go Tournament: 60 minutes plus 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime
Monday 29th August: Rapidplay 30 minutes no overtime

Contact Accommodation <http://www.msoworld.com/2005/accommodation.html>

Contact details and entry form <http://www.msoworld.com/2005/entries.html>

PENZANCE, Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th September Handicap and Cornish Open. Contact John Culmer john.culmer@exception.co.uk tel. 01326 573167. more information soon.

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 25th September. Contact Andrew Grant, ajg@martingale.uklinux.net

WANSTEAD Saturday 8th October (provisionally). Contact Bill Streeten neteertsew@ntlworld.com tel. 020 8926 6923

WESEX, Sunday 30th October (Provisional)

THREE PEAKS Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Contact Bob Bagot. lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

SWINDON, Sunday 20th November.

Location Even Swindon Community Centre in Jennings Street Swindon, SN2 2BG, (next to the Outlet Village)

Event Three rounds McMahon with 1 hour time limit; more details to follow

Contact Christian Scarff, info@swindongoclub.org.uk

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN Saturday 3th December. Burpham Village Hall, Guildford. Teaching Workshops for kyu players. Contact Pauline Bailey, pab27@compuserve.com Tel. 01483 561027. BK more information

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Sunday 4th December. Location and contact as for West Surrey Teach-in

SCOTTISH BAR-LOW Saturday 10th December. Contact Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net

LONDON OPEN Wednesday 28th December–Saturday 31st December. Contact Geoff Kaniuk, kui@kangeo.plus.com

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates: 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

AGA BGA members are entitled to receive weekly copies of the American Go Association's email newsletter. Subscribe via

<http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>.

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