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DEADLINE for next Issue, Sunday 1st December 2005

RESULTS

WANSTEAD 08/10/05 42 players attended Wanstead. With less players than normal, especially in the top group there was the possibility of a tie, especially as Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead) lost in round 2 but beat Des Cann (5 dan Milton Keynes) in round 3. However Des survived a nail-biting last round game against Matthew Reid (1 dan Cambridge), to come out first by sos tie-break. Francis came second with Matthew Reid and also Christian Scarff (1 dan Swindon) winning 3 out of 4. Paul Barnard (1 kyu Swindon) was top player with a perfect 4/4, a score also managed by Xinyi Lu (8 kyu Maidenhead) and Ken Dackombe (15 kyu Bromley). Richard Almond (15 kyu Hastings) narrowly missed getting 4 as he had a drawn game. Other players winning chocolates or wine for 3 wins were: Sam Aitken (1 kyu Warwick), Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu London), Frank Visser (4 kyu Cambridge) and Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading).

MILTON KEYNES 25/09/05 65 players attended the Open University for the 17th Milton Keynes Tournament. Ge Bei, the local oriental 3 dan, was the tournament winner, beating Francis Roads, Alistair Wall and Alex Rix (all 4 dan). Others winning three wins were: Mike Cockburn (1 dan St Albans), Phil Beck (1 dan Cambridge), Anna Griffiths (7 kyu Epsom), Xinyi Lu (9 kyu Maidenhead), Elizabeth Abbott (13 kyu Oxford) and Peter Harold-Barry (19 kyu St Albans). The best team was the Forbidden team (Brian Brunswick, Anna Griffiths and Jenny Radcliffe) with 77.7 percent. The MK Go winners were: William Brooks for best percentage with 7/9 and Sadhvik Vijay for most wins with 5/7. In addition 4 beginners played a separate tournament in the afternoon. Winner was Ed Murray (Aston) with 6/6, second was Clari Hunt (Milton Keynes) with 4/6, and equal third were Zoe Nash and Emma Nash (Woodley).

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS 17/09/05 - 18/09/05 20 players took part in the Cornish Handicap Tournament on the Saturday in Penzance. Winner of the Go Bowls trophy for the second year running on 4/4 was young Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu High Wycombe). He beat another teenager, Jake Finnis (6 kyu West Cornwall), in the final. Winning 4/5 were Rob Churchill (17 kyu West Cornwall) and Maria Tabor (11 kyu Epsom). 20 players took part in the Cornwall Tournament on the Sunday. Winner of the Devon Go Stone for the first time was Ian Marsh (1 dan) from Bracknell who beat Wanstead's Alistair Wall (4 dan) in the final. The players who each won a wooden stone for 3/3 were Eric Hall (5 kyu Swindon) and Rob Churchill (17 kyu West Cornwall).

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD RAPID 29/08/05 Held at the Renold Building at Manchester University, the 9th MSO had Go events over three days of the last weekend. The main event of the weekend was the Northern and the Bank Holiday Monday had the Rapid to finish the weekend. Six players played all-play-all in the Rapid with reduced handicap but with stones and komi after nine stones. A four way tie was split by mutual game results to give the Gold to Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes). Silver went to Paul Blockley (13 kyu Worcester) and his father Ed Blockley (2 kyu Worcester) got the Bronze. Placed fourth was Hana Kvapilova (14 kyu) from the Czech Republic.

NORTHERN 27/08/05-28/08/05 11 players attended the Northern at Renold Building, UMIST, in Manchester. It was held as part of the MSO. Gold medal winner was Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead). Silver was won by Paul Smith (2 dan Cambridge) and for the second year running the Bronze was won by Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes). Prizes for 3 out of 5 (and a bye) went to Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading) and John Nicholas (4 kyu Manchester).

EPSOM 13/08/05 The fourth Epsom Tournament attracted 50 players; this year the day started fine but ended a little wet. Winner for the second year running was young Li Shen (6 dan CLGC). He beat Jon Diamond in the last round. All players on two and three wins got prizes thanks to sponsor Forbidden Technologies. Those with three were: Alex Parson (5 kyu London), David Hall (6 kyu Bracknell), Miguel Carrion-Alvarez (10 kyu Leytonstone), Maria Tabor (14 kyu Epsom) and Richard Almond (18 kyu Hastings). Best team was the three players of the Guildford Four. Sponsor Stephen Streater (10 kyu) won the 9x9; Daniel Debski (8 kyu Maidenhead) won the 13x13. Ning Li won the spot the move contest and Pauline Bailey was the best at completing the slogan about the sponsor.

NEWS

YOUTH GRAND PRIX. After Milton Keynes Maria has overtaken Jonathan Englefield and zoomed into the lead. Scores now stand at: 1 Maria Tabor 10-kyu Epsom Downs 1072, 2 Jonathan Englefield 7-kyu High Wycombe 1019, 3 William Brooks 2-dan Cambridge 745, 4 Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 626, 5 Ken Dackombe 15-kyu Farnborough 498 and 6 Kay Dackombe 16-kyu Farnborough 438.

STACEY POINTS After Wanstead:- 1st Francis Roads 16 points, 2nd Alistair Wall 14, 3rd Tim Hunt 9 pts, 4= Tony Atkins and Toby Manning 8 pts.

10,000 GO PLAYERS. Peter and Sheila Wendes's Go introductions recently topped 10,000. It took about 4.5 years, with the average age of the new Go players around 10 ¾. This is a splendid achievement: many of these young people have continued to play go, and there are many more who have tried it, and so are more likely to be interested if they come across go again at some time in the future

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2005 Matthew Macfadyen, 6 dan from Leamington, is the British Champion for the 21st time. The 2005 Challenger was Des Cann from Milton Keynes, who was promoted to 5 dan during the title match. All games were broadcast live on KGS, some with professional commentary in parallel. The first game in the best of 5 challenge match was played near Oxford on 9th July. Matthew won by resignation. The second game was played at the Epsom Tournament on 13th August, and again Matthew won, this time by 19.5 points. The third game was played at the Milton Keynes Tournament on 25th September. Matthew won by 18.5 points to retain the British Champion title.

ATOM BOMB GAME EXHIBITION, 05/08/05-08/08/05 Thanks to the Nihon Kiin, GoGoD the Imperial War Museum an exhibition on the Atom Bomb Game and Go Workshops took place at the IWM in London. A goban was displayed with the position when the bomb dropped on Hiroshima and there were photos of the players Iwamoto and Hashimoto. Guest of honour was pupil of Iwamoto, Ms Hiroko Shinkai 5p, and also Yuki Shigeno 2p visited. Peter and Sheila Wendes and some helpers ran four days of Go teaching to many hundreds of visitors

BRITS OVERSEAS US Go Congress 06/08/05-13/08/05: In the 4 dan section Francis Roads (UK) came fourth. He also won the song section of the Bob High Memorial Contest and both first and second in the poetry section of the same. The 49th European Go Congress was held in Prague in the Czech Republic. Over 700 players played in the main tournament. A small party of 20 British players was among them, including most of the Isle of Man club. Top placed Brit was Piers Shepperson in 71st. Steve Bailey (3 kyu) won his first 4 games and ended on 6/10. At the weekend the top Europeans played in the European Masters; David Ward was placed 53rd out of 373 players.

CLUB UPDATES

ABERDEEN now meets Room 405, Zoology building, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ. All other details the same.

BIRMINGHAM club no longer meets.

BRIGHTON Go Club now meets in the Queens Head, 69 Queens Rd, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 3XD (near Brighton Station)

EDINBURGH now meets Tuesdays from about 20:00 in The Three Tuns Pub, 7 Hanover St, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH2 2DL. Not Thursdays as previously.

WOODLEY near READING New club aimed at beginners. Meets some Saturdays and Sundays 18:00. Contact Tony Atkins, kisekigo@yahoo.co.uk, 0118 9268143. Club Web Page: <http://www.kisekigo.com/woodley.html>



FORTHCOMING

WESSEX, Sunday 30th October Registration by 9:45am.

Location The Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA.

Event 4 round McMahon tournament with 50 minutes time limits and 30, then 60 stones in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Bob Hitchens, Thistledown, Wells Road, Hallatrow, Bristol, BS39 6EN. Tel. 01761 453496 wessex-go-2005@joseki.org

NATIONAL SMALL BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 6th November Registration by 9:45

Location Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharines Road, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ

Event At least 9 rounds, 13 x 13, 15 minutes sudden death. Top players even games, others handicap. All are welcome, juniors and novices as well as experienced players.

Contact Paul Smith, 2 Townsend Close, Milton., Cambridge, CB4 6DN. Phone 01223 563932 paul.smith25@ntlworld.com

THREE PEAKS Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 1:00 Saturday.

Location The Marton Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Yorkshire.

Event 5 round McMahon tournament.

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. Registration by 10:30

Location Burpham Village Hall, Guildford.

Event Teaching Workshops for kyu players.

Contact Pauline Bailey, pab27@compuserve.com Tel. 01483 561027.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Sunday 4th December. Registration by 10:15

Location and contact as for West Surrey Teach-in

Event 4 rounds, aimed at 4-stone handicaps. Time 50 minutes adjusted according to handicap – sudden death. Total beginners are welcome if they attend the Saturday Teach-in.

SCOTTISH BAR-LOW Saturday 10th December. Registration by 9:45

Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL

Event 4 rounds MacMahon, 45 mins each + 30 stones/5 mins overtime.

Contact Donald MacLeod, 2 Nether Kirkton House, Neilston, Glasgow G78 3QQ. Telephone 0141 8806169. donald.macleod284@virgin.net

LONDON OPEN Wednesday 28th December–Saturday 31st December.

Location International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 5HD

Event 8 round McMahon tournament. 90 minutes time limit with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ komi. Pair go and Rapid tournaments. Yuki Shigeno, Professional 2p will be available for teaching, do record your games and ask her for comments, no matter what your strength!

Contact Geoff Kaniuk, 35 Clonmore Street, London SW18 5EU Tel/fax: 020 8874 7362 kui@kangeo.plus.com

MAIDENHEAD – FURZE PLATT Saturday 21st January. Registration by 10:00am.

Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead.

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.

Contact Contact Eddie Best, 33 Dedmere Road, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1PE Telephone: 01628 483967 edwin.best@homecall.co.uk

CHESHIRE Saturday 11th February.

Location Bentley Crewe or Frodsham Community Hall, Cheshire.

Event Three round open (top 8 players) and 5 round handicap.

Contact Tony Atkins

OXFORD Saturday 18th February (provisional). matthew.scott@trinity.ox.ac.uk

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Sunday 5th March (provisional). trigant2006@pobox.com

IRISH OPEN Saturday 11th March and Sunday 12th March 2006 john@mhg.ie

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRMINGHAM Sunday 19th March 2006 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 mikelynn@barston92.freemove.co.uk).

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, LANCASTER, Saturday 8th April and Sunday 9th April lesbag@tiscali.co.uk



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>

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