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DEADLINE for next Issue, Sunday 12th February 2006

RESULTS

WEST SURREY HANDICAP 04/12/05 30 players took part. Natasha Regan (1 kyu Epsom) was the winner, beating Brian Dackombe (3 kyu Farnborough Village) in the final. Paul Blockley (13 kyu Worcester) beat Pauline Bailey (17 kyu West Surrey) to also win 4 games. Also winning 3/4 were Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu London), Xinyi Lu (7 kyu Maidenhead), Neil Cleverly (8 kyu Bournemouth), Jonathan Englefield (8 kyu High Wycombe) and Edwina Lee (5 kyu Maidenhead). Two prizes were awarded in the 13x13 competition: Paul Margetts (1 dan Epsom) for 5/5 and Brian Brunswick (1 dan Epsom) for 60 percent. A team formed of Geoff Kaniuk, Natasha Regan and Matthew Selby won the London Underground quiz, correctly naming all the stations inside the Circle Line. On the previous day some 22 students were taught various subjects by teachers Brian Brunswick, Paul Barnard, Tony Atkins and Jon Diamond. Tony and Brian were the best at pits card game.

EAST OF ENGLAND GEOGRAPHIC GO GALA 27/11/05. The first ever UK Go Challenge Geographic Go Gala took place at Milton School, Cambridge, organised by Paul Smith. 32 children from the East Anglia area took part in a day of teaching and 13x13 competition. Best secondary school was Norwich and best primary school was Milton. Under-18 champion was Will Brooks. Under-15 was won by Luke Betts and under-13 by Matthew Harris. Oliver Robinson was under-11 champion; Aoife McCaul was under-9 and Roella Smith under-7. Owen Walker was the best at the puzzle competition. Other prizes went to Alice Lincoln, Zai-Chen Lu and Hibiki Kono for 4/5 and to Christopher Russell, Christian Roberts, Hugh Simpson, Richard Engel, Sam Smith-Howell and Sam Holman for 3/5.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT 20/11/05 The Swindon Tournament reappeared after a four year break. The 9th edition was held at the Even Swindon Community Centre. 44 entered and winner was Bei Ge (3 dan Milton Keynes). He beat Mike Charles (2 dan St Albans) in the last round. Trophies were awarded for three wins to Maria Tabor (9 kyu Epsom) and Nagin Patel (12 kyu Swindon), for two and a half to Neil Moffatt (6 kyu Cardiff) and David M King (1 dan Swindon). The continuous 13x13 event was won by Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff).

THREE PEAKS 12/11/05-13/11/05 Tony Goddard (6 dan Sheffield) held on to the Three Peaks title for a second year. He won all 5 games, including a win over Edmund Shaw (5 dan Bracknell) who was second with 4 wins. Again 51 players took part and a visitor from the Czech Republic, Martin Mlemsa (10 kyu Brno), won all 5 games. Those winning 4 were: Jamie Coulthard (8 kyu Sheffield), Tom Coulthard (7 kyu Newcastle), Chris Morris (5 kyu Durham), Edwin Brady (4 kyu St. Andrews) and John Walsh (3 kyu Lancaster). The tournament was held as usual in the Marton Arms in the beautiful North Yorkshire country.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD 06/11/05 The Cambridge Junior Chess and Go Club was again the hosts of this event at the Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge. 20 entered the main event and Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge) was winner of the national title on 13x13 boards. He beat Tim Hunt in the final. Prizes were awarded for best scores out of 8 (including handicap games). Greg Pallis (9 kyu Oxford) scored 6.5 and Maria Tabor (9 kyu Epsom) won 5. From Cambridge Ben Handley (3 kyu) won 6, David Ward (4 dan), William Brooks (1 dan) and Joe Walker (5 kyu) won 5. For the 52 Junior Chess players in the parallel event, there was also a Go problems competition won by Tom Daniel and a beginners 9x9 event won by Fraser Roebuck, with Benjamin Marrow second.

36th WESSEX TOURNAMENT 30/10/05 65 players took part in the 36th Wessex held as ever in Marlborough Town Hall, but possibly for the last time for the event in its traditional format. Wanstead won the team prize. Winner was Alex Rix (4 dan London) who beat John Hobson (2 dan Bath) in the last round. Two division 2 trophies were awarded, to Alan Thornton (1 dan St Albans) and Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff) who were both unbeaten. Winners of the trophies for the other divisions (some by tie-break) were: 3 Mark Todkill (3 kyu Wanstead), 4 Malcolm Hagan (5 kyu Winchester), 5 Daniel Debski (7 kyu Maidenhead), 6 David Davies (9 kyu Reading), 7 Paul Blockley (13 kyu Worcester), 8 Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey). Of these Mark and Dan won 4 and Pauline 3.5.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 23/10/05 The autumn team event was held at the ISH, home of the Central London Go Club. The Central London and the Wanstead Club teams proved the strongest and finished tied. Players winning 3/3 were Piers Shepperson and Zaid from the CLGC team and Andrew Jones and Paul Tabor from the Wanstead team.

WOMEN'S TRAINING WEEKEND 22/10/05-23/10/05 12 players from 1 kyu to 20 kyu took part in this event held at Sally Prime's house near Oxford. The trainer this year was Yuki Shigeno, the 2 dan professional who has been living in Italy. Winner of the mini-tournament was Helen Harvey (1 kyu Manchester) who won against Tamsin Jones (1 kyu Chester) and Edwina Lee (4 kyu Maidenhead) and drew with Sue Paterson (3 kyu Brighton). Maria Tabor (10 kyu Epsom) won three games in the handicap section.

FIFE 15/10/05 20 players from Scotland, the north of England, and even including one from Australia, took part in the first Fife Go tournament, which was held in the Age Concern Hall, Cupar. The winner, with 5 wins out of 5, was Robbie Miller (4 kyu Edinburgh). Prizes for 4/5 went to Stig Vilholm Petersen (14 kyu Dundee) and Eugene Wong Hung Chih (20 kyu Aberdeen). Five others won prizes for 3/5; these were Donald Macleod (3 kyu Glasgow), Chris Barnett (6 kyu Durham), Nir Oren (8 kyu Aberdeen), Donald Spy (15 kyu Dundee) and Zhuo Min Chong (25 kyu Aberdeen).

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 (5dan 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). The event was the first run on the Windows version 6 of Godraw by Geoff Kaniuk and using the BGA's new laptop and printer; it ran perfectly to time with no technical problems.

NEWS

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT BGA Council has bestowed the honour of Vice-President of the BGA on Peter Wendes. This in recognition of the work he has done for the last three years as a Go teacher and promoter and as the BGA Education Officer. Peter does a lot of contact making for the BGA in the embassies and among members of parliament, including the present Home Secretary, whom he has met twice (once as Education Minister and once in his current post).

YOUTH GRAND PRIX. After West Surrey: Maria Tabor 8-kyu Epsom Downs 1445, Jonathan Englefield 8-kyu High Wycombe 1309, William Brooks 1-dan Cambridge 893, Paul Blockley 13-kyu Worcester 811, Ken Dackombe 14-kyu Farnborough 668, Kay Dackombe 15-kyu Farnborough 578.

STACEY POINTS After Swindon these are:- Francis Roads 17 points, Alistair Wall 16, Tim Hunt and Toby Manning both 11, Tony Atkins 10.5

BGA ANALYST Whilst BGA Analyst David Ward is travelling extensively, Simon Goss has taken over the job temporarily. Games in sfg format should be emailed to the usual BGA analyst address for distribution to strong players for comment. Extra volunteer strong players should also contact Simon.

BGA SHODAN CHALLENGE In order to encourage players to improve their level, the BGA is about to launch its Shodan Challenge. Players will be able to set their target at a suitable level, up to 1 dan (shodan). More details available shortly.

BRITS OVERSEAS Three UK players attended the Tampere Tournament in Finland. Ian Davis won 2/5, Steve Bailey 1/5 and Pauline Bailey 2/5. The winner was Antti Törmänen. The first ever European Student Go Championships was held in Helsinki. 36 students from 15 countries took part. Winner was Jan Hora (5 dan Czechia) UK's Matthew Crosby (1 kyu Epsom) was 22nd. 23 players attended the Copenhagen Tournament. Unbeaten on 5 wins was the Korean from Germany, Cho Seok-Bin (7 dan). UK players were Mark Todkill and Vincent Corlaix (who won 3 games at 3 kyu).

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS All those who have 5 as the first digit of their number are due to renew.

CLUB UPDATES

BELFAST CLUB now meets regularly on a Thursday.

CAMBRIDGE GO CLUB Tuesday meetings have ceased. Monday meetings now start at 8:00pm. Informal meetings on both Saturday and Sunday.

CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR CLUB now meets on a Wednesday.

CENTRAL LONDON GO CLUB Secretary is now Jonathan Turner 07968 538881 (mobile), je_turner@hotmail.com

EDINBURGH The club now meets: Tuesdays 20:00. The Three Tuns Pub. 7 Hanover St, Edinburgh, EH2 2DL. Wednesdays 19:30. Alan Crowe's flat (1F1). 34 Haymarket Terrace. Thursday 19:00. Harlequin Cafe. Buccleuch Place, EH8 9LP.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE CLUB now meets: Thursday 12:00 - 14:00. Room 328, Blakett Building. Prince Consort Road, SW7 2BW.

NEW MALDEN BADUK HALL opened in south-west London on Friday 28th October. It will be open every day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There is an entry fee of £5 for the day, but it will be £2.50 for a regular meeting that will take place once or twice a month. Tea and coffee are free. The hall is at 9 Coombe Road, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PX, attached to a hair beauty shop called 'P&J Beauty Shop', right by New Malden train station. Contact phone numbers are JK Shim 07881 908 730 and Mr. Kim 07795 184 272. A tournament is planned for a weekend at the end of February.

NOTTINGHAM CLUB meetings now start at 19:30.

ST ANDREWS New club: Meets 20:00. Aikman's Cellar Bar. 32 Bell Street, St Andrews KY16 9UX. or any lunchtime by arrangement. Contact Edwin Brady, eb@dcs.st-and.ac.uk Club web page: <http://www.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~eb/StAndrewsGo/>

YORK UNIVERSITY New Club, Meets Tuesday from 20:15. Room G/045, Goodricke College, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD. Contact Joss Wright, joss@pseudonymity.net.

FORTHCOMING

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. Registration 09:30 to 10:30

Location Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.

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

Contact Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7DJ. Tel: 0118-9268143 Email: ajaxgo@yahoo.co.uk

OXFORD Saturday 18th February (provisional). Matthew Scott, Trinity College, Oxford. matthew.scott@trinity.ox.ac.uk

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Sunday 5th March (provisional). Sunday 5th March. Registration for main tournament: 10:15am to 10:45am

Location University Centre, Granta Place (off Mill Lane), Cambridge, CB2 1RU

Event Main tournament: 3 round McMahon with 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 3 minutes overtime. Parallel Novices' teaching and tournament. Events, suitable for anyone from beginners up to about 20 kyu.

Contact Alex Selby; Tel. 07810488300 trigant2006@pobox.com

IRISH OPEN Saturday 11th March and Sunday 12th March 2006; Rapid play evening of 10th March Contact john@mhg.ie

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRMINGHAM Sunday 19th March 2006

Location King Edward VI (Aston) School, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ (close to the Aston Villa football stadium)

Event This tournament is for young players of all strengths, and beginners are particularly welcome. Judging is in six age groups, U8 to U18.

Contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ (Tel. 01675 442753) mikelynn@barston92.freerise.co.uk)

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, LANCASTER, Friday evening 7th April, Saturday 8th April and Sunday 9th April

Location Lancaster Royal Grammar School, East road, Lancaster

Event Main tournament 6 round MacMahon tournament Sat and Sun. 1 hour time limits. Lightning tournament Friday evening will be at the Gregson Centre (home of Lancaster Go Club) (5 minutes walk from the school) AGM of the BGA will be on Saturday evening.

Contact Bob Bagot, The Grange, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria. CA17 4NG Tel. No. 01539623679 lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH. Saturday 10th–Sunday 11th June. Contact tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

DURHAM. Saturday 17th–Sunday 18th June Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk

ISLE OF MAN GO CONGRESS, PORT ERIN, Sunday 20th–Friday 25th August. Contact leo@manx.net

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 year's 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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