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RESULTS

SCOTTISH OPEN, 27/05/06-28/05/06 The Scottish Open moved south again this year to the Mason's Hall in the centre of Dundee. A big increase in attendance saw 38 players take part, with lots of new local players, as well as players from North-East England and some from even further away. The night before the tournament, a 14-player lightning small board handicap event was won by Peter Clinch with 8 out of 9. The winner of the Open the strong Chinese from Glasgow, Ben He (5 dan), who won all six. Second on five wins was Jiang Dongming (1 dan Glasgow) and Neil McLean (2 kyu Elgin) was third like last year with 4 wins and a jigo. Players on 5/6 were Jean-Michel Fustin (11 kyu Aberdeen), Colin MacLennan (15 kyu Twickenham), Peter Clinch (16 kyu Dundee) and Markus Guhe (17 kyu Edinburgh). Thanks to sponsor Real Time Worlds, there were generous book token prizes and everyone went home with Dundee marmalade and jam.

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, 21/05/06 This year the Pair Go Championships happened as usual at the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill near Oxford. The plants selected as prizes by organiser Francis Roads were cacti and bamboo to avoid wilting, though it did not matter as the sun did not appear until it was time for the group photo at the end. Last year's winners Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke lost in round two to Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen. These two managed to hang on, beating new pairing Jenny Radcliffe and Tim Hunt in the final, to take the championship for the tenth time. Lizzy Abbott and Matt Scott got the fighting spirit prize at their first appearance. In the 7-pair handicap group the winners were Bournemouth's Jackie Chai and John Johnstone. Francis deserved the handicap fighting spirit prize for playing solo against the 23 kyu pairing, but it went to that pair, Pip and Patrick Ridley from Cheshire, for easily beating him on 26 stones. Best dressed pair was Elinor Brooks and France Ellul. Music quiz winners were Pauline and Steve Bailey with Jil Segerman with 35/40, and second was Alex Selby with 31.

BRACKNELL, 14/05/06 Best of the 50 players was Roman Pszonka, the Polish 3 dan from Maidenhead. Second place (also on three wins) was local player Clive Hendrie (2 dan). The other winners of 3 games were Steve Bailey (5 kyu West Surrey), Stuart Parsons (7 kyu Staines), Ken Dackombe (13 kyu Farnborough Village) and Ruth Horry (26 kyu Cambridge). William Brooks won the caption contest and Jim Clare won the Go Puzzle competition. Ron Bell won the 13x13 and the new team prize was shared by Maidenhead and Brighton.

BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE, 07/05/06 17 players (plus a dan-grade ghost) attended the Bar-Low kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge, part of the Mind Sports Olympiad weekend. Paul Tabor (1 kyu Epsom) was the overall winner with 5 wins. Ukrit Mankong (2 kyu) from Cambridge, came second with 4 wins. Third place was taken by Maria Tabor (5 kyu). Ken Dackombe (13 kyu Farnborough Village) won 4/5.

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, CAMBRIDGE 29/04/06-01/05/06 The Candidates' Tournament moved back to the May Bank Holiday and back to 6 rounds under the modified Championship system. Also reduced was the qualifying level, so that 28 players took part having achieved a rating at or above 1900 after an event in 2005. The venue this year was Cambridge, in Selwyn College. Winner with a straight 6 was Bei Ge (4 dan) from Milton Keynes. With 5 wins were Des Cann (5 dan) and Alex Rix (4 dan). The top four of the group on 4 wins also qualified: Matthew Cocke (5 dan York), Paul Christie (2 dan Bath), Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead) and Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead). Reserves are Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge) and Sam Aitken (2 dan Warwick).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 23/04/06 Four teams of five players attended the Nippon Club in Piccadilly for the spring International Teams match. The Central London Club players were the victors again, with 11 points, ahead of Cambridge (8), Nippon (7) and Wanstead (4). Piers Shepperson, Alex Rix, Stuart Barthropp, Brian Brunswick and Matthew Woodcraft won all 3 games.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, BOURNE END, 17/04/06 Eight teams competed for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and a handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. Edwina Lee hosted the event at Bourne End Community Centre on behalf of Maidenhead club who graciously combined their two teams to make an even number. They won the event, with a team selected from Paul Clarke, France Ellul, David Denholm and Xinyi Lu; they beat a guest team from Cambridge in the final (Alex Selby, Ingrid Jendrzewski and Ruth Horry). Players on 3/3 were Alex Selby and Francis Roads; all on two wins had prizes too. Xinyi Lu won the 10x10 again, with 9.5 out of 11, and with other prizes going to Paul Margetts, Anna Griffiths and David Hall.

NEWS

YOUTH GRAND PRIX and STACEY At the end of May the leaders were: 1 Ken Dackombe (13 kyu) 602 points, 2 Kay Dackombe (13 kyu) 582, 3 William Brooks (2 dan) 508, 4 Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu) 507, 5 Maria Tabor (5 kyu) 388, 6 Li Shen (6 dan) 245. After the Scottish Open the Stacey points are: 1st Ben He with 6 points. 2nd Jiang Dongming 5 and 3rd Neil McLean 4.5

BRITS OVERSEAS Amsterdam Tournament, 25/05/06-28/05/06 100 players took part including again UK's Mark Todkill (3 kyu) who won 3/6. **Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour Rankings.** Best players resident in the UK were J-K. Shim in 20th and Ben He and Bei Ge in 26th.

WORLD AMATEUR, 28/05/06-31/05/06 This year it was held at Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Sasebo near Nagasaki. 68 countries took part. Winner on tie-break was Hiraoka Satoshi (Japan), second was China, third North Korea and fourth South Korea. The group on 6/8 were: Hong Kong, Joey Hung from USA, Cristian Pop (Romania), Ondrej Silt (Czechia), Christoph Gerlach (Germany) and Canada. UK's Des Cann ended in 30th on four wins (against Uruguay, Ecuador, Mexico and Bosnia) and Ireland's Stephen Flinter ended in 60th on two wins (against Morocco and Ecuador).

NEW MALDEN BADUK HALL The New Malden Baduk Hall opened in south-west London in October 2005. It was planned to be open every day, but is now closing until further notice due to lack of support. On 9th December local MP Edward Davey (then Lib Dem shadow Education Secretary) attended to learn about Baduk (Go) and how it might be used to help integrate the local Korean population into general society, especially the children.

KOREAN PROS VISIT On Thursday 6th April, two young lady professional 2 dans from Korea visited Oxford. In the company of Professor Hahn of Myongji University, Miss HaeWon Han and Miss HaJin Lee were at the Engineering Science Department playing 20 simultaneous games. The previous day, they were guests of the Korean Baduk Hall in New Malden. Miss Han and Miss Lee played simultaneously 8 games each.

MEETINGS WITH CHARLES CLARKE Peter and Sheila Wendes have been meeting with the former Home Secretary, Charles Clarke. He thinks it's a good idea to aim for a Go event, including Blind Go to coincide with the 2012 London Olympics. Other ideas include: a 'photo-opp' visit to a London School, a seminar for senior figures e.g. Directors of Education and Social Services, Police, Prison Officers, and central government funding for Go similar to that currently provided for Chess. Peter would keen to discuss other ideas you may have. pwendes@hotmail.com phone 02392 267648.

GO BOARDS WANTED. Peter also writes: "In the afternoons of our workshops Sheila and I have taken to offering opportunities to play Pair Go. Everyone always wants to try this, just for the experience of playing on a 'proper' board- even the infants! I know this is quite crazy in pure Go terms, but

the amount of talking about Go which happens has to be seen to be believed." Ideally they could use about 25 19x19s in the workshops, and any extras can be given to new school clubs. Please contact Peter (see above) if you have any unwanted boards. The condition is immaterial; Peter can fix them up, and can probably arrange collection.

CLUBS

WALSALL: New club; meetings by arrangement. Can cover Birmingham to Wolverhampton and points above & below. Contact Paul on paultrebbett@blueyonder.co.uk or 01922 429349.

BELFAST: meets during lunch at work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays. The address is 9 Lanyon Place, Belfast, but you will need to contact Ian Davis to gain admission to the building. Other meetings are by arrangement, usually on Thursday Evenings. Again, please contact Ian for details on ian.davis29@btinternet.com or 07952 184010.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON: Not running for exam term and over summer

NEW MALDEN BADUK HALL, LONDON. Closed until further notice.



FORTHCOMING

NATIONAL GO WEEK 2nd July – 8th July.

BGA PICNIC, PURBROOK, HAMPSHIRE, Sunday 2nd July.

Location The house and garden of Peter and Sheila Wendes, and possibly Purbrook's beautifully restored Church Hall if numbers get big.

Event This is not a tournament, although people can run impromptu ones if they like. The idea is to have a day of fun - playing, teaching and nibbling. Children are welcome, as are non-Go players. Further details on the BGA website

Contact Peter Wendes, 13 Stakes Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5LU, phone 02392 267648 pwendes@hotmail.com

EPSOM, Saturday 8th July. Entry by 09:30; Registration by 09:45

Location The Ebbisham Centre, 6-7 The Derby Square, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8AG.

Event Three round Mc Mahon; 60 minutes per player (no overtime).

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

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, ROME, ITALY, Saturday 29th July–Saturday 12th August. <http://www.figg.org/euro2006.html> Contact figg@figg.org

ISLE OF MAN GO CONGRESS, PORT ERIN, Sunday 20th–Friday 25th August.

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6AN

Event Main tournaments: 5 round McMahon, 90 minutes and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime, 3 round McMahon with 60 minutes and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime, Handicap using the legendary 'Manx Handicap System' with 30 minutes sudden death. Other events: Quiz, 13 x 13 and Rengo tournaments, Musical evening, Barbecue.

Contact Leo Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD, British Isles. Tel: 01624-612294 leo@manx.net

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S GOE CHAMPIONSHIPS, PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN, Sunday 20th – Tuesday 22nd August.

Event 5 rounds, 1 hour time limit. This tournament is alongside the Isle of Man Go Congress, so accompanying friends can play Go whilst the women are playing. In the evenings and on other days women can join in the other Go Week events too.

Location and Contact: as Isle of Man Go Congress

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, LONDON Saturday 26th August –Sunday 3rd September.

Location University of Westminster campus on Marylebone Road, London

Event MSO Rapidplay Go, Monday 28th August. From 09:30 to 17:30. 6 round McMahon tournament. 30 minutes with no overtime.

MSO Beginners' Go, Monday 28th August. From 09:30 to 13:30. Tuition and small board tournament for beginners. No entry fee.

MSO Open Go, Saturday 2nd September. From 09:30 to 17:30. 3 round McMahon. 60 minutes with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact <http://www.msoworld.com/>

PENZANCE GO TOURNAMENT, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September. Registration by 1:30 Saturday, or 9:45 Sunday

Location The Yacht Inn, The Promenade, Penzance

Event Saturday: A rapid handicap tournament; several rounds of 20min each, sudden death.

Sunday: A three round McMahon tournament. 1hr each and 25 stones in 5min overtime.

Contact John Culmer, john.culmer@exception.co.uk tel. 01326 573167.

MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 24th September. Registration by 10:15.

Location The Old Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ points komi.

Contact Fred Holroyd: f.c.holroyd@open.ac.uk

WESSEX, BRISTOL, Sunday 29th October.

Location Fear Institute, 30 High Street, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1DQ.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour + overtime.

Contact Paul Atwell: Paul5BristolGO@aol.com

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON in LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November.

Location The Marton Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Yorkshire LA6 3PB.

Event 5 round McMahon tournament.

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

SWINDON, Sunday 19th November. Registration by 10:15

Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BG.

Event 3 round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit + overtime..

Contact Paul Barnard, preferably paul@psaa.me.uk or 16 Braemar Close, SWINDON, SN3 1HY. Phone: 01793 692408 evenings before 9.30pm.

LONDON OPEN, Thursday 28th December 2006–Sunday 31st December 2006. Contact Geoff Kaniuk, toyotatour.london@eurogofed.org



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 £18.

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

AGA BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>.

BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments (but not all events): 07951140433