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RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS 30/03/07-01/04/07 William Brooks, Phil Beck and others from Cambridge ran the 40th British Go Congress at Selwyn College, Cambridge. The **British Lightning** took place on the Friday evening, played on the Swiss system. Phil Beck (1 dan Cambridge) and Dave Buckley (1 dan Leamington) were unbeaten after 5 rounds; Phil went on to win the title. Afterwards many retired to the pub to play Pits and so on. The **British Open** attracted 98 players, including several 5 and 6 dans. The sunny weather afforded a chance to review some games outside amongst the cherry blossom. At the end of the first day the leader was Sam Aitken (3 dan) who had beaten the past two British Champions. The winner was decided by tie-break in the end. Sam Aitken won ahead of Matthew Macfadyen, both on 5 wins. Also on 5 wins were Claas Roever (2 kyu Galway), Pawel Szymczek (4 kyu Poland), Andrej Sokolov (4 kyu Preston), Richard Bentley (8 kyu Durham), Ben Ellis (10 kyu Leicester) and Colin MacLennan (13 kyu Twickenham). Graham Phillips (10 kyu Cambridge) won the 13x13 and Sheffield won the Nippon Club Trophy for best team.

BRITISH ONLINE STUDENT TOURNAMENT: William Brooks won, Vickie Chan (1 kyu) was top female and Asaad Al-Traifi (15 kyu) won a prize.

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 25/03/07, Loughborough Grammar School The 2007 Youth Championships had 38 competitors aged from 7 to 17, with strengths from 3-dan to beginner. Prizes and places went to:

Overall winner: William Brooks (Cambridge) 2nd: Hai Xia (Birmingham),

U18: William Brooks (Cambridge) 2nd: Maria Tabor (Epsom),

U16: Matthew Hathrell (Coventry) 2nd: Costas Televantos (Aston),

U14: Hai Xia (Aston) 2nd: Steven Donlon (Burton),

U12: Ken Dackombe (Farnborough) 2nd: Tian-len Chen (Loughborough),

U10: Thomas Meehan (Solihull) 2nd: Bridget Johnson (Milton),

U8: Roella Smith (Milton).

Castledine Trophy: King Edward VI School, Aston, Team with most wins: Reading School, Winner of 10x10 side event: Emma Nash (Woodley),

Puzzle competition: Winner: Reuben Margerison (Rugby), Fighting Spirit Prize: Samantha Paine (Woodley).

Four wins: Mark Amery (Milton Keynes) and Henry Mee (Wycombe Grange). 3.5: Hercules Pang (Loughborough) and Yoshiyuki Iizuka (Reading).

IRISH OPEN 09/03/07-11/03/07 The 18th Irish Open, held in the Teachers' Club in Dublin, was the biggest ever with 47 participants from 15 countries, despite several of the regular supporters being missing. Winner by tie-break was local Korean player DK Kim (2 dan). Second was Roman Pszonka (3 dan Poland) and third was Milan Jadrón (1 dan Slovakia). Ambassador Hayashi of Japan attended to present the new Japanese Ambassador Cup. Winning all 5 games were Julio Martinez (5 kyu Barcelona) and Patrik Macek (8 kyu Bratislava). Winning 4 were Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon), Dave O'Reilly (9 kyu Ireland), Tony Pitchford (10 kyu Chester), Joni Tammi (15 kyu Finland) and Patrick Ridley (16 kyu Chester). Held on the Friday evening was the 27-player Irish Rapid. After five rounds, Roman Pszonka (3 dan Poland) was the unbeaten winner. On 4 wins were Claas Roever (1 kyu Galway), Edwin Brady (3 kyu St Andrews) and Julio Martinez (5 kyu Barcelona).

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 25/02/07 56 players attended this year's Trigantius, plus another 14 in the Novices event, held again at the University Centre. Jaep Kim (5 dan Reading) was the new winner of the event, beating Andrew Jones (3 dan Wanstead) in the last round. Several players from Cambridge won all three games: Yuanliang Chu (2 dan), Suzanne Low (1 dan), Taka Obita (2 kyu), Andrew Kay (3 kyu) and Andrew Cohen (18 kyu). Also winning 3 were Michael Pickens (4 kyu Norwich) and Asaad Al-Traifi (20 kyu Nottingham). All on two wins were acknowledged with a choice of prize too. The Best Kyu Player cash prize was shared between Mathieu Flinders, Ukrit Mankong and Taka Obita. Ingrid Jendrzewski won the caption competition. In the small board Cambridge Novices' tournament the winner was Tessa Holden from Milton Keynes. The previous day the first BGA invitational training event for children was held with 18 kids taking part.

OXFORD 17/02/07 69 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was Sam Aitken (3 dan Leamington) winning his first open event. He beat Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) in the last round. Players on 3/3 were Jim Clare (2 dan Reading), Paul Tabor (1 dan Epsom), Martin Harvey (3 kyu Manchester), Roger Daniel (4 kyu London), Paul Trebbett (5 kyu Walsall), Simon Eve (7 kyu Oxford), Colin Morey (10 kyu KGS), Alistair Turnbull (10 kyu Cambridge), Jonathan Green (12 kyu Leamington) and Anette Jensen (23 kyu Oxford). Prizes again were sponsored by Hoyles Games Shop.

CHESHIRE 10/02/07 Despite wintry weather preventing some from attending, 27 players again attended the Cheshire Tournament. This year, the 10th, it remained with the Chess Congress at Frodsham Community Centre. Winner of the Open section was Lianpeng Zhang (3 dan) who was visiting Nottingham from Xuzhou city in China; second was David Ward (4 dan Cambridge). Winner of the Handicap section for the second time was Robin Hobbes (3 kyu Manchester) on 5/5. On 4/5 were Joe Stephenson (5 kyu Bolton) and Reg Sayer (17 kyu Stafford). Joseph Harper (Stockport) won the beginners/youth prize. 10x10 winner was Pat Ridley (16 kyu Chester) with 4 out of 7.

NEWS

KOREAN PROS VISIT Two Korean Baduk professionals visited the UK from 5th to 10th March 2007, following a hectic European tour. The two players were An Youngkil (5p), and Lee JungWoo (6p). Both players are in their mid 20s, have been professionals for about 10 years, and are keen to make contact with Go players in the UK. Starting in the Spring, Mr An is planning to live here for a year, both to study English language, and to continue with his work as a Baduk professional. During most of their tour of UK they were accompanied by Prof Hahn Sang-Dae, who visited the UK last year with two other Baduk professionals. Visits were arranged to south-east Go clubs - Oxford on 6th, St Albans on 7th, Nippon Club London on 9th and New Malden, south-west London, on 5th and 8th.

STACEY TROPHY Final Stacey points (for most above-bar wins in 2006-2007) were: 1st Will Brooks on 30 points, 2nd David Ward on 23, 3rd Francis Roads on 17, 4th equal Sam Aitken and Alan Thornton on 16.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX Current leaders in the 2007 Youth Grand Prix are: 1st William Brooks (3d Cambridge) on 500 points, 2nd Ken Dackombe (10k Farnborough) on 336, 3rd Bridget Johnson (30k Milton School) on 189, 4th Owen Walker (18k Cambridge) on 188. Tied in 5th on 176 are Hai Xia (2k Birmingham), Mark Amery (25k Milton Keynes), Steven Donlon (9k Burton), Henry Mee (26k High Wycombe) and Thomas Meehan (20k Solihull).

AGM The AGM was as usual held during the British Go Congress. Stephen Bashforth has taken over as BGA secretary from Fred Holroyd. Kathleen Timmins has retired as Membership Secretary, after carrying out the job with incredible efficiency for a great many years. We owe Kathleen a big thank-you for all the work she has done. **Phil Beck is our new Membership Secretary; contact details are below, please note.**

CLUBS UPDATE

BRISTOL now has its own web site: <http://bristolgo.co.uk/>

CARDIFF New location, Ocean Palace Chinese Restaurant, 48 Tudor Street, Riverside, Cardiff, CF11 6AJ. Meets Tuesdays 7-11pm.

Neil Moffatt, neil.moffatt@ntlworld.com Phone 029 2041 2539

GUILDFORD, WEST SURREY: Secretary Pauline Bailey email now pab27@stocton.org

LONDON IMPERIAL: dormant club, hoped to start up soon. Contact Yu-Xi Chau, yu.chau@imperial.ac.uk

LONDON NIPPON CLUB IGO KAI: New club. Meets Fridays 17:30-21:00, Nippon Club Salon, 2nd Floor, Samuel House, 6 St Alban's Street, London, SW1Y 4SQ, behind Mitsukoshi Department Store on Lower Regent Street. At the entrance, ring the bell for Nippon Club to get in. Board fee still £3.00 per player.

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday 19:30, Tom Coulthard's house, 17 Curtis Road, Fenham, Newcastle Upon Tyne. tomcoulthard@hotmail.com Phone 0191 2260014.

SWINDON: secretary@swindongoclub.org.uk



FORTHCOMING

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May. (For qualifiers only)

Location Selwyn College, Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DQ.

Contact Geoff Kaniuk championships@britgo.org

BAR-LOW CAMBRIDGE MSO Sunday 6th May. Registration by 10:00 am

Location Netherhall Upper School and Sixth-Form College, Queen Ediths Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN.

Event For kyu players only, a 5 round McMahon tournament, 35 minutes time limit with no overtime.

Contact Contact j.medlock@ntlworld.com by 4th May

UK GO CHALLENGE – MIDLANDS GEOGRAPHIC GO GALA, Saturday 19th May. Starts 10:30 until 4:30

Location King Edward VI School, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ.

Event Mix of teaching, fun events and small board tournament for schools and children in the Midlands.

Contact Mike Lynn, mikelynn@barston92.freeseve.co.uk

BRACKNELL Sunday 20th May. Registration by 10:00 am

Location Woosheill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.

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

Contact clive.hendrie@freenet.co.uk Phone 01344 422502 Emergency phone for day of tournament only is 07905 728212.

Registration on-line or to Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD, Phone 01344 422296.

SCOTTISH OPEN, DUNDEE Friday 25th to Sunday 27th May.

Location Masonic Hall, 7 Artillery Lane, Dundee, DD1 1PE.

Event Friday May 25th will see a "Lightning" not-too-serious half-board bijou-tournamentette for anyone that's about and up for it, with the main tournament on the Saturday and Sunday, with 3 games on each day.

Contact Rich Philp richphilp@hotmail.com Phone 01382 202283

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 3rd June. Registration 10:00 to 10:25

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. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section.

Contact Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London, E18 2NL. francis@jfroards.demon.co.uk

DURHAM Saturday 9th–Sunday 10th June (provisional). Check the website, or contact the Regional Representative North-East,

Matthew Holton, 71 Baydale Road, Darlington, DL3 8JT. Phone 01325 354773

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH Saturday 23rd–Sunday 24th June. Registration by 1:00 pm

Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, Marine Promenade, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1HW

Event 5 round McMahon, time limit of 50 minutes plus overtime of 20 stones in five minutes. Lightning side tournament.

Contact Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Tarporley Road, Whitley, Warrington, WA4 4DS.

Phone 01925 730264 (Work), 01925 730583 (Night - not after 9pm please)

NATIONAL GO WEEK: Starting on Sunday 1st July with BGA Picnic in Purbrook, Hampshire, and UK Go Challenge finals in Cambridge.

EPSOM Saturday 7th July. Registration is by 9:30 am for those who did not pre-register. Registration closes for others at 9:45 am

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

Event Three round McMahon; 60 mins per player (no overtime).

Contact epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk or Yvonne Margetts, 7 Ripley Way, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 7DB. Phone 01372 723268 (not after 9:00pm).

LATER EVENTS Milton Keynes Sunday 7th October; Wessex Sunday 28th October; Three Peaks Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November; East Midlands Saturday 24th November; Scottish Barlow Saturday 15th December; London Open Friday 28th–Monday 31st December 2007



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: Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Phone 01223 367022 mem@britgo.org

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): 0795 1140433