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RESULTS

PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, 03/06/07. This year the Pair Go Championships, the 17th, were held again at the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill near Oxford. Last year's winners Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen beat Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke in the final, to take the championship for the eleventh time. In the 8-pair handicap group the winners were High Wycombe's Lydia Feasey (26 kyu) and Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu), at what was Lydia's first tournament. Best dressed pair again was Elinor Brooks and France Ellul and they also won the English Literature quiz with 39/40. Everyone who took part enjoyed the hot sunshine, the tasty buffet lunch and a choice of prize of oriental crockery and chopsticks.

SCOTTISH OPEN, 26/05/07-27/05/07. The Scottish Open stayed at the Mason's Hall in the centre of Dundee and had the same number of players as last at 38. The winner of the Open was the strong Chinese from Edinburgh, Shaoyou Ouyang (5 dan), who won all six. Second on four wins was Claas Roever (2 kyu Galway) and Neil McLean (1 kyu Elgin) was third like the last two years. Also with 4 wins in fourth place was Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes). The only player on 5/6 was Markus Guhe (8 kyu Edinburgh). Thanks to sponsor Real Time Worlds, there were generous prizes. One, a bottle of local Cairn O'Mhor wine, went to Japanese Consul-General Shuhei Takahashi who won all his three games and brought the news of visit of pro Kobayashi Chizu to the garden festival Edinburgh the following weekend.

BRACKNELL 20/05/07. Out of the 55 players only two players won all 3 games: winner Sam Aitken (3 dan Warwick) and Julien Corcessin (11 kyu Reims). Best kyu player was Marika Dubiel (1 kyu Lublin) and best beginner was Sam McCarthy (20 kyu St Albans). Francis Roads won the caption contest and Jonathan Green (10 kyu Leamington) won the Go Puzzle competition. Graham Philips (7 kyu Cambridge) won the 13x13 (with 6/7) and the team prize was won by Leamington (with 9/13).

MIDLANDS GEOGRAPHIC GO GALA, 19/05/07. 17 kids and a pair of parents took part in the first Midland Geographic Go Gala at King Edward VI School, Aston, in Birmingham. There was teaching in two groups in the morning and a 13x13 handicap tournament in the afternoon. Two Aston 26 kyus took the top prizes. Winner was Hamzah Retah with 5.5 out of 6 and second was Ismael Mustafa with 5. Brother and sister Matthew and Holly Hathrell (8 kyu and 25 kyu) from Coventry took the next two places with 4.5 and 4 wins. Also on 4 wins was Abdel Bedaway (30 kyu Aston). Harry Cutts (25 kyu Nottingham) got a prize for answering most questions during the teaching.

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT, CAMBRIDGE, 05/05/07-07/05/07. The Candidates' Tournament stayed this year on the May Bank Holiday weekend, at 6 rounds, and at Selwyn College in Cambridge. There were 23 players and four local ghosts taking part, from 2 kyu to 6 dan. Winner with a straight 6 was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) from Leamington. With 5 wins were Des Cann (5 dan) and Alex Selby (3 dan). The top four of the group on 4 wins also qualified for the Challengers' league: David Ward (4 dan), T.Mark Hall (4 dan), Will Brooks (3 dan) and Sam Aitken (3 dan). Tim Hunt was first reserve under the place last year tie-break. They will join Champion Bei Ge in the League in June.

BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE, 06/05/07. 18 players attended the Bar-Low kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge, part of the Mind Sports Olympiad weekend. Andrew Kay (1 kyu Cambridge) was the overall winner with 5 wins. Kay Dackombe (11 kyu Farnborough Village) and Ken Kneller (10 kyu Wanstead) won 4/5.

EAST OF ENGLAND GEOGRAPHIC GO GALA, 28/04/07. About 20 kids and parents took part in the second East of England Geographic Go Gala at Milton School near Cambridge. There was teaching and Hikaru to watch in the morning, and most kids took part in a 13x13 tournament in the afternoon. Age group winners were U18 Tung Nguyen, U14 Ken Dackombe, U11 Aoife McCaul and U8 Yao-Chih Kuo. Players winning 4/6 were Yasmin McMullon and Matthew Harris and those winning 3 got prizes too.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS, 15/04/07. Six teams attended the Nippon Club in Piccadilly for the spring International Teams match. The Central London Club were the victors for a fourth time in a row, with 10 points. However they only won on tie-break from China who also won 10 but had lost one more game. Other teams (points) were Cambridge (8), Reading (7), Wanstead (7) and Nippon (4). Unbeaten in all four games were Jaeup Kim, Francis Roads, Felix Wang and Matthew Reid. Alex Rix won 3/3, Ning Li 3/4 and Jonathan Chin 2/2.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, BOURNE END, 09/04/07. Six teams competed for a stand-in for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and a handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. Edwina Lee hosted the event again at Bourne End Community Centre on behalf of Maidenhead club. The team from West Surrey won the event (Steve Bailey, Mark Nubburt and Pauline Bailey). Second equal were Swindon and Royal Standard (aka Wanstead and Reading). Players on 3/3 were Elinor Brooks, Xinyi Lu, Steve Bailey and Mark Nubburt. Entering the 10x10 at 100 kyu and so winning his first event was the very young Oscar Selby.

BRITISH ON-LINE STUDENT TOURNAMENT, 03/03/07-30/03/07. The first British Online Student Tournament attracted 16 entrants from universities and colleges all over the UK, and was won by Will Brooks (3 dan, Hills Road College), with 3 wins out of 3. In second place, and the leading female entry, was Vickie Chan (1 kyu, University of Warwick). Also putting in an impressive performance, winning all of his games (and hence a prize), was Asaad Al Traifi (15 kyu, University of Nottingham).

NEWS

BRITS OVERSEAS The Amsterdam Tournament, 17/05/07-20/05/07 was a Pandanet Major in the new Pandanet Go European Cup and was held at the European Go Centre. 109 players took part this year including UK's Roger Murby (3 kyu) who won 4/6 and David Ward (4 dan) whose 4 wins placed him 9th earning 3 Cup points. Robert Rehm (5 dan) from Netherlands was winner on tie-break from fellow Dutchman Merlijn Kuin (5 dan) and Czechia's Ondrej Silt (6 dan). Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour Rankings: Cho Seok-Bin, the 7 dan from Korea who has been living in Germany, won the Tour with 130 points. Second and third were taken by Hungarians Csaba Mero and Pal Balogh. Best players resident in the UK were Li Shen and Ben He, both placed 14th.

STACEY TROPHY After the Scottish Open, Stacey points are: 1st Shaoyou Ouyang with 6 points; 2nd equal on 4 points Tim Hunt, Neil McLean and Claas Roever.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX Current leaders are: 1st William Brooks (3d Cambridge) 560 points; 2nd Ken Dackombe (10k Farnborough) 336; 3rd Bridget Johnson (30k Milton School) 189; 4th Owen Walker (18k Cambridge) 188; 5th Roella Smith (32k Milton School) 184; 6 tied Hai Xia (2k Birmingham), Mark Amery (25k Milton Keynes), Steven Donlon (9k Burton), Henry Mee (26k High Wycombe) and Thomas Meehan (20k Solihull), all 176.

BRITISH GO CONGRESS: Go clubs are needed to host future British Go congresses - 2009 and 2010 - in holidays near Easter. PLEASE would those interested contact SGBailey sgbailey@iee.org

CLUBS UPDATE

BELFAST now meets fortnightly on Tuesday nights, under the auspices of the Dragonslayers Club in the Queen's University Belfast. They meet in the Beech Room, on the first floor of the Student's Union, University Rd, Belfast, BT7 1NN. The Beech Room is open from 5:30pm to 11:00pm, a variety of other games are on offer as well as Go. Please check beforehand ian.davis29@btinternet.com or PHONE 07952 184010

BRACKNELL no longer meeting at the pub. Contact Clive Hendrie for new location.

BRISTOL From 4 July the Bristol Go Club will meet at the King George VI, corner Filton Avenue and Station Road, Filton, Bristol from 7.30 pm each Wednesday. Club contacts remain unchanged.

CORK Fridays 20:00 Various venues. <http://nethercorp.org/corkgo/>

NW LONDON New contact, Keith Rapley rapleykeith@hotmail.com



FORTHCOMING

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)

TAMESIDE, MANCHESTER, GO GALA Friday 19th June Event for schools in the North-West. Contact Peter Wendes, phone 02392 267648 pwendes@hotmail.com

NATIONAL GO WEEK: Starting on Sunday 1st July with BGA Picnic in Purbrook, Hampshire, and UK Go Challenge finals in Cambridge. The picnic will be similar to last year's, a day for both Go players and non-playing friends and family. The idea is a very relaxing day of Go, eating, drinking and interesting conversation. Please bring a picnic and picnic blanket. If you are coming by car, you might like to bring a Go set, and Go books and equipment to sell, swap or give away! Attractions include a facsimile of the Dunhuang Go Manual and a new Garden Room (if the weather disappoints). Children, pipesmokers, and exotic dress all welcome! Contact Peter Wendes, phone 02392 267648 pwendes@hotmail.com

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).

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, POTTERS BAR: Saturday 18th August - Monday 27th August.

Event Tournaments in a wide range of mental-skill games. Go events as listed on the BGA website are as follows:

British Small Board Tournament, Saturday 18th August.: National championships for 13x13 boards. Double elimination then handicap games. Non-nationals can win open title

MSO Open, Sunday 26th August: 4 round McMahon. 40 mins + 30 in 5 overtime. Top 8 nationals qualify for the Ambassador's Cup

MSO Rapidplay, Monday 27th August.: 5 round Handicap. 25 mins + 60 in 5 overtime.

Ambassador's Cup: Monday 27th August. 3 round Swiss. 60 mins + 20 in 5 overtime. For 8 qualifiers from MSO Open only. To select UK player for Korea Prime Minister Cup International Baduk Championships

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

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, Sunday 2nd September (provisional). Contact Chris Kirkham, 0161 903 9023. 201 Kentmere Rd, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 7NT.

CORNWALL, Saturday 8th September and Sunday 9th September. Registration by 13:30 (Saturday); 09:45 (Sunday).

Location Yacht Inn, Penzance.

Event Handicap Tournament takes place on Saturday. Open Tournament takes place Sunday. Three rounds.

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

SWINDON, Sunday 23rd September. 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 David King 01793-521625 swindongo@ntlworld.com

LATER EVENTS Milton Keynes Sunday 7th October; International Teams Autumn Match Sunday 14th October; Wessex Sunday 28th October; Three Peaks Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November; Wanstead 17th November; East Midlands Saturday 24th November; West Surrey Teach-in and Handicap Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December (provisional); Scottish Barlow Saturday 15th December; London Open Friday 28th-Monday 31st December 2007



BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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

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