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RESULTS

WEST SURREY HANDICAP 02/12/07 31 players took part this year. Shawn Hearn (6 kyu Bracknell) won all his games, beating Francis Roads (3 dan Wanstead) in the final. Ken Kneller (8 kyu Wanstead) also won all four games beating Andrew Bell (25 kyu London) in the last round. As well as Francis and Andrew, Andy Price (11 kyu Leamington), Mark Nubbett (4 kyu West Surrey), Neil Cleverly (8 kyu Bournemouth), Chia Hung Lin (6 kyu York University) and Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey) all won 3. The prize in the 13x13 competition went to Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead). The Monopoly board quiz was won jointly by Malcolm Hagan and Pauline Bailey (aided by Gerry Mills). The James Bond theme tune quiz was won by Tony Atkins. On the previous day some 16 students were taught various subjects by teachers Bill Brakes, Francis Roads, Tony Atkins and Paul Tabor. Melissa Ridderhof was the best at Pits card game.

EAST MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT 24/11/07 The National Space Centre in Leicester was again the venue for the second East Midlands Tournament. The 54 players could look at the exhibits for free between games or eat lunch under the jets of a rocket. Winner was a Chinese player from Nottingham, Hui Wang (4 dan); he beat Rujun Yang (3 dan) from Worcester in the last round. Some of the group from Aston School won all three: Hamza Reta (18 kyu) and Mazhar Waraich (14 kyu). Also on three were Jonathan Green (9 kyu Leamington) and Alban Chauvin (3 kyu Teesside). Leicester Club won the team prize as two of their number won three: Ben Ellis (8 kyu) and Peter Roberts (18 kyu Derby).

WANSTEAD TOURNAMENT 17/11/07 After a year break, the Wanstead Tournament was back on with new organisers at the usual venue of Wanstead House, the community centre in East London. A rush of late entries saw 46 players take part. Winner with 4/4 was the Chinese player living in London, Shaoyou Ouyang (5 dan). Trophies were awarded for three wins to Felix Wang (3 dan London), Jaeup Kim (5 dan Reading), Phil Beck (1 dan Cambridge), Roger Daniel (4 kyu Wanstead), Fred Holroyd (6 kyu Milton Keynes), Ed Wormington (6 kyu St Albans), Aurimas Jasulaitis (8 kyu), Richard Scholefield (11 kyu Milton Keynes) and Michael Webster (14 kyu London).

THREE PEAKS 10/11/07-11/11/07 Tony Goddard (6 dan Sheffield) made it four in a row at the Three Peaks by winning all 5 games again. The tournament was held as usual in the Marton Arms in the beautiful North Yorkshire country and was the biggest for five years with 62 players taking part. Those winning 4 games were: Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes), Edwin Brady (3 kyu St. Andrews), Frank Visser (5 kyu Cambridge), Andre Cockburn (8 kyu Nottingham), Brian Timmins (8 kyu Shrewsbury), Anna Griffiths (9 kyu Epsom), Justin Neeves (12 kyu Manchester) and Jiang Beck (15 kyu Cambridge).

WESSEX 28/10/07 The Wessex Tournament repeated its new three round format and venue of the J.N. Fear Institute in Keynsham near Bristol, on the day the clocks went back. Regrettably it didn't get the support it deserved with only half the previous attendance at 24. As well as the BGA selling books, Bristol Club was selling off old sets and magazines. Winner was Jaeup Kim (5 dan Reading). He was the only player with 3/3 and beat Paul Christie (3 dan Bath) in the last round. Players winning the lower divisions were Ian Sharpe (2 kyu Bath), Neil Moffatt (5 kyu Cardiff) and Pauline Bailey (17 kyu West Surrey). Peter Collins won the Fred Guyatt 13x13 competition and Reading won the team trophy.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 14/10/07 The autumn team event was held at the ISH, home of the Central London Go Club. The Central London Go Club team failed to use the home advantage this time and came last with 6 points. The winners instead were the Nippon Club with 9 points. China and Friends (8) and Wanstead (7) took the other two places. Players winning all 3 games were Shaoyao Ouyang, Andrew Jones and Hiroshi Tamura.

BELFAST TOURNAMENT 13/10/07 After a short interval of 15 years the Belfast Go Tournament returned. 22 players took part in the rather rapid event, held at the Crescent Arts Centre. It was won by co-organiser Ian Davis (1 dan Belfast) on 4/4. In Second place, on tiebreak, was Noel Mitchell (2 dan Dublin), ahead of Claas Roever (1 kyu Galway). Also on 4 wins was Costin Camarasu (17 kyu), while Arthur Cater (8 kyu) won 3 games. Many competitors opted to take a bye to play simultaneous teaching games with visiting 5 dan professional, Catalin Taranu.

NEWS

STACEY POINTS 2007-2008 The long events are a good way to score points; Tim Hunt's second at the 5-round Three Peaks saw him catching Matthew Cocke. After East Midlands the top scores are: 1 Tim Hunt with 15 points, 2 Matthew Cocke and Shaoyou Ouyang both 13, 4 Alistair Wall 11, 5 Jaeup Kim 10, 6 Claas Roever, Francis Roads and Phil Beck all with 9.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2007 The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2006 London Open. The BYGC counted double points. After West Surrey the points were: 1. William Brooks (3 dan) 705 points, 2. Ken Dackombe (9 kyu) 566, 3. Matthew Hathrell (7 kyu) 438, 4. Hai Xia (3 kyu) 356, 5. Hamzah Reta (18 kyu) 342, Steven Donlon (6 kyu) 320, 7. Maria Tabor (5 kyu) 308, 8. Costas Televantos (12 kyu) 294 and 9. Roella Smith (30 kyu) 264.

NEW BOOKS available from the BGA book seller Gerry Mills, bga-books@britgo.org *New address and phone no* 11 Bridge Street, Llanfyllin, SY22 5AU 07836 602167. 100 Tips for Amateur Players, Vol 1 (pub. Oromedia) £12.50. Catching Scent of Victory (pub. Hinoki) £15.00. All About Ko (Mastering the Basics Vol 6) (pub. Kiseido) £10.00. The Workshop Lectures Vol 3 (pub. Slate and Shell) £9.00. Contemporary Go Terms (pub. Oromedia) £15.00

BRITS OVERSEAS KOREA PRIME MINISTER CUP INTERNATIONAL BADUK CHAMPIONSHIP 66 countries were represented at the second International Baduk Championships in Suwon, Korea. Winner with a clear 8 points was Korean student Kang Chang-Bae (7 dan). UK's Bei Ge was 19th with 5/8 and Ireland's John Gibson won 3 to come 56th. Bei lost to Belgium, Australia and a 10-year old from New Zealand.

CLUBS

BELFAST meets within the (<http://www.tabletopnorth.org/>) Table Top North society on Monday nights from 7:00pm. The venue is the function room of Belfast Boat Club (BT9 5FJ). Ian Davis ian.davis29@btinternet.com, 07952 184010 (mobile). Club web page: <http://uk.geocities.com/ian.davis29@btinternet.com/igo.html>

BRACKNELL Now meeting regularly at new venue: The Green Man, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, RG12 7DL from 8:00 on Tuesdays.

EDINBURGH Wednesday meetings now confirmed and regular.

EPSOM DOWNS Now meeting at Paul and Yvonne's new house, contact Paul for directions

EXETER David Storkey has taken over the running of the club. The club meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm, upstairs at Georges Meeting House, South Street, Exeter. email davestorkey@netscape.net or phone 01392 461182 to confirm.

LONDON, GREENWICH Go players are welcome at Charlton Chess Club on Tuesday evenings. As well as chess, the club encourages other board games of skill. Venue: Charlton House, Charlton Road, London, SE7 8RE, every Tuesday from 7:30pm to 10:00pm. Club website: <http://www.communigate.co.uk/london/charltonchess/> Tony Stebbings charltonchess@yahoo.co.uk

LONDON, PUTNEY New club meets Thursdays, around 7:30pm, Queen Adelaide Pub, Putney On the corner of Oakhill Road and Putney Bridge Road. <http://www.thequeenadelaide.co.uk/> Anna Griffiths ahgriffiths@googlemail.com

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Go Society now meets at The Old Refectory, Wadham College, Oxford. Alex Webb is no longer the secretary - players should check the website (<http://www.goplayer.org/>) for up-to-date contact details.

FORTHCOMING

LONDON OPEN Friday 28th to Monday 31st December 2007. Registration Friday 12:00 - 14:00.

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

Event Main tournament: 7-round. 90 minutes with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. A Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Lightning, Pair Go and Rengo tournaments.

Contact london-open@britgo.org Geoff Kaniuk, 33 Ashbury Close, Cambridge CB1 3RW Phone/fax: 01223 710582

MAIDENHEAD FURZE PLATT Saturday 19th January 2008. Registration by 10:00.

Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA.

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. Thanks to generous support by Hitachi Europe Ltd, there will be a huge range of attractive prizes and of course the FREE lunch.

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

CHESHIRE Saturday 9th February. Registration by 10:30.

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

Event 3-round open (top 8 players) and 5-round handicap.

Contact Tony Atkins. 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7DJ Tel: 0118-9268143 ajaxgo@yahoo.co.uk Emergency Number on the day (or day before): 0788-0795473

OXFORD Saturday 16th February. Registration by 09:45.

Location St. Edmund Hall, Queens Lane, Oxford, OX2 0BY

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Ryan Lothian, Merton College, Merton Street, Oxford. OX1 4JD ryan.lothian@merton.ox.ac.uk

IRISH GO CONGRESS Friday 29th February–Sunday 2nd March.

Location Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Events Friday evening: Irish Rapid Play. Saturday and Sunday: Irish Open, 5 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 15 moves in 5 minutes overtime. A tournament in the Pandanet Go European Cup.

Contact Olivier Deme info@irish-go.org Or write to: The Irish Go Association, C/O Noel Mitchell, 31 Chalfont Avenue, Malahide, Co. Dublin, Ireland

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Saturday 8th March. Registration by 10:45.

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

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour time limits and 40 moves in 3 minutes overtime.

There will be two parallel events for novices' (below 20 kyu): training 10:30-13:00 and tournament 14:00-16:00

Contact Alex Selby email trigant2008@pobox.com; Tel. 0781 0488300 Graham Philips graham@grahamandamy.com for Novices

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 16th March.

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

Event 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 Team Champions. A mixture of even and handicap games. Beginners and those new to the game will be made particularly welcome.

Contact Mike Lynn michael.lynn@keaston.bham.sch.uk Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ, Tel. 01675 442753) Please provide all the details as requested on the web-based entry form <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2008/youth.html>

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT Monday 24th March. Guildford.

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, HASTINGS Friday 4th - Sunday 6th April.

Location Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1EX.

Event 6 round British Open Tournament. 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Registration Saturday 09:00-10:00. Round 4 Sunday 09:15. Prize giving 17:00. British Lightning on Friday evening from 19:00 (registration 18:15-18:45). BGA AGM on Saturday at 18:30

Contact Steve Bailey, 3 Pound Place Close, Shalford, Guildford, GU4 8HL. SGBailey@iee.org

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 21st–Sunday 22nd June. Registration by 12:30 Saturday

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

Event 5-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with overtime of 20 stones in 5 minutes.

Contact tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd August.

NOTE CHANGED DATE AND LOCATION

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Events 5-round Open McMahon tournament. Afternoon, Rengo, Die Hard, Handicap, 13x13, Continuous Lightning Tournaments, plus Social events (Quiz, Steam Train Excursion, Music, Buffet and Prizegiving).

Contact Leo Phillips leo@iomgo.org.uk. Isle of Man Go Club, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Birch Hill Park, Onchan, Isle of Man IM3 3HD

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 calls to tournament organisers on the day of most tournaments: **07506 55366**