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## RESULTS

**WEST SURREY HANDICAP 07/12/08** 24 players took part this year. Alan Thornton (1 dan St Albans) won the tournament for the second time in five years. Also winning all 4 was Hugo Wainwright (20 kyu Farnborough Village). Mike Charles (2 dan St Albans), Philippe Bourrez (3 kyu West Surrey), Ken Dackombe (9 kyu Farnborough Village), Max Bourget (10 kyu West Surrey) and Adrian Howarth (11 kyu CLGC) all won 3. The prize in the 13x13 competition went again to Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead), with 7/9. The cat quiz was won by Sue Paterson and the number plate word game by Tony Atkins. On the previous day, some 11 students were taught various subjects by teachers Sam Aitken, Nick Krempel, Tony Atkins and Paul Barnard.

**EAST MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT 22/11/08** The National Space Centre in Leicester was again the venue for the third East Midlands Tournament and had 54 players like last year. Winner was David Ward (4 dan) from Cambridge; he beat Toby Manning in the last round. As last year, Hamzah Reta (10 kyu) and Mazhar Warraich (5 kyu) from Aston won all three. Also on three were Taka Obita (1 kyu Cambridge), Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff), Laurence Ogden (8 kyu Nottingham) and Stephen Bashforth (12 kyu Leicester). The 13x13 prizes were awarded to Ocean Ho Phuong and Hamzah Reta, both from Aston.

**THREE PEAKS 08/11/08-09/11/08** Matthew Cocke (5 dan York) finally stopped Tony Goddard's run at the Three Peaks by winning all 5 games. Tony was second. The tournament was held at a new venue of the Old Station Inn in Giggleswick, near Settle, but still in the beautiful North Yorkshire country. Again it proved popular with 52 players taking part. Those winning 4 games were: Danielle Ward (15 kyu Cambridge), Eric Hall (7 kyu Swindon), Jenny Radcliffe (7 kyu Durham).

**WANSTEAD TOURNAMENT 08/11/08** 32 players gathered at Wanstead Go Club's venue on a very wet Saturday in November for four rounds of Go. Susumu Yoshimura (2 dan London) won the tournament, and was the only player on four victories. Kiyohiko Tanaka (4 dan Nippon) was runner up with three wins. Also on three wins were Michael Charles (2 dan St Albans), Alan Thornton (2 dan St Albans), Peter Collins (3 kyu Bristol), Michael Webster (5 kyu London), Peter Harold-Barry (6 kyu St Albans) and Gary Gibson (8 kyu Wanstead). Michael Webster also won the prize for most improved on the year, having risen an impressive nine grades since Wanstead 2007.

**WESSEX 26/10/08** The Wessex Tournament moved to a new venue near to the centre of Bath. St Mark's Community Centre, a Victorian former church, proved a good venue. Also much appreciated were the doughnuts and real coffee that greeted the 32 players. Winner was Chi Feng Cheung (4 dan Bournemouth), who is from Hong Kong. He beat Paul Christie (3 dan Bath) in the last round. Players winning 3/3 lower down were Alejandro Juanes (8 kyu Bath) and Jack Drury (9 kyu Aston).

**LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 19/10/08** The autumn team event was held at the Nippon Club, home of their Igo Kai and the Central London Go Club. As expected, the strong Chinese team was the winner with 15 points. Second was Wanstead with 12, third Nippon Club with 6 and Cambridge scored 3. Winning 3 for China were Qing Du, Shi Tang, Yangran Zhang, Felix Wang and Stuart Barthropp. Takuya Ogino was the only player winning 3 not on the Chinese team.

**MILTON KEYNES 12/10/08** 40 players attended the Open University for the 20th Milton Keynes Tournament. David Ward (4 dan Cambridge) won the final this year against Sam Aitken (4 dan Warwick). Also winning all three were David Buckley (1 kyu Warwick), Graham Philips (3 kyu) and Andre Cockburn (7 kyu Nottingham). Unfortunately the MK Go Boards were too small for the stones and so the side event was cancelled. However there were still Concrete Cow Biscuits to give all a taste of the local culture.

## NEWS

**STACEY POINTS 2008-2009** After East Midlands: Toby Manning 19 points, Matthew Cocke 18, Tony Atkins 16, Yohei Negi 15, David Ward 14, Gerry Mills 13, Alistair Wall 12.5 and Matthew Macfadyen 12.

**YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2008** After West Surrey: Danielle Ward 810 points, Matthew Hathrell 779, Jack Drury 756, Ken Dackombe 738, Huw Talliss 546, John Perkins 472, Stewart Smith 442, Roella Smith 438 and Owen Walker 412. It ends at the London Open.

**BRITS OVERSEAS Korea Prime Minister Cup International Baduk Championship, 09/11/08-11/11/08:** The UK's Francis Roads was one of the special prize winners. He beat Azerbaijan in round 1, but then lost 4 in a row due to jet lag (to Czechia, Australia, Spain and Indonesia). On the last day he beat Mexico, Bosnia and Turkey to end on 4 wins. Ireland's Terence McSweeney won 3 by beating Colombia, Chile and Mongolia.

**WORLD MIND SPORTS, BEIJING** The 1st World Mind Sports Games was held in Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008. As expected, more than 2500 players from 150 countries and regions participated. Five sports were involved - Go, Bridge, Chess, Chinese Chess and Draughts. With generous sponsorship from Winton Capital Management, the British Go Association sent as strong a team as possible to the event with 11 men and 7 women, in addition to 3 team officials. The Chinese hosts provided accommodation and food in China free of charge to all participants, and thanks to Air China, also supplied a small number of airline tickets free of charge.

In the Women's Individual competition Helen Harvey won 2/7, and Maria Tabor and Sue Paterson both won 3/7. In the Men's Individual, Simon Shiu and Paul Tabor both won 2/6, Piers Shepperson and Jonathan Chin 3/6, and Matthew Macfadyen 5/6, narrowly failing to qualify for the knock-out stage. In the Open Individual, Matthew Cocke and Tony Goddard both won 3/7. In the team competitions, the UK women's team: Alison Bexfield, Vanessa Wong and Natasha Regan won 4/7 and went through the finals but lost to Korea. Our men's team, Tony Goddard, Jon Diamond, Alex Selby, Alex Rix and John Hobson, won 3/7. In the Pair Go Matthew Macfadyen and Kirsty Healey won 4/7.

**BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP** The 2008 British Championship match was between Matthew Macfadyen and Hui Wang. The first game was won by Hui Wang by resignation. The second was won by Matthew by resignation, as was the third. Matthew also won the fourth to regain the title from Bei Ge.

**BGA TEACHING PANEL** The BGA Teaching Committee consisting of Toby Manning, Tony Atkins, Anna Griffiths, Ron Bell and Brian Brunswick is setting up a "Teaching Panel". All BGA members are invited to apply to join, irrespective of strength. It is the intention that, in any formal events, students will always be taught by people who are at least 4 stones stronger than them. In 2009 the BGA will be running a number of teaching events around the country: the first of these is scheduled for Frodsham in Cheshire on Saturday February 14. Anyone interested in teaching, please contact Toby Manning for further details: toby.manning@dsl.pipex.com 26 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0HH. Tel 01530 245298.

**CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR GO TOURNAMENT** Cambridge Go Club held a junior tournament in the visitor centre at Milton Country Park. There were 23 players aged from 5 to 15. The section winners were all girls: Overall winner: Danielle Ward, Under-11s: Roella Smith, Under-8s: Sophie Broad. There were other prizes for everyone with 3 or more wins and in a puzzle competition.

**BGA BOOKSHOP** New books: SL61The Style of Takemiya £10.00, H08 Zone Press Park £19.50, H09 Breakthrough Attacking Power £19.50, H10 This is Go the Natural Way £19.50, H11 Shuko: the Only Move, Vol 1 £19.50. Due to the weakness of the pound, from 1st December there have been many price increases. For details see BGA website.

#### CLUBS

**ARUNDEL** Sue Paterson's contact details now 0754 9898376, suepat812@btinternet.com

**BRIGHTON** now meets Tuesday 20:00, at The Battle of Trafalgar, 34 Guildford Rd, Brighton, BN1 3LW. We meet most weeks, contact Jill 07920 865065 or 01273 470346 or Sue, 0754 9898376 or Marcus, 01243 514128.

**BRISTOL** The club is lacking active members. A decision about its future will be taken in the new year. Please Contact Paul or Bob before travelling.

**CORK** now meeting Wednesday 19:00 - 22:00 at: UCC (University College Cork) <http://www.corkgo.org/>

**DUBLIN** now meets at Larry Murphy's on the corner of Baggot Street and Fitzwilliam Street. Monday and Wednesday evenings (except Bank Holiday Mondays) from about 20:30/21:00 onwards. [dublin@irish-go.org](mailto:dublin@irish-go.org) <http://www.irish-go.org/clubs-meetings/dublin-go-club/>

**GALWAY** now meets every Tuesday at the Westwood House Hotel in the bar Richard Brennan [richardkbrennan@eircom.net](mailto:richardkbrennan@eircom.net)

**ISLE OF MAN** now only meet on Sundays, 20:00. Contact [leo@manx.net](mailto:leo@manx.net) and [celia@manx.net](mailto:celia@manx.net), also Leo's mobile is 07624 473688.

**LEEDS** club now meets on Tuesday evenings 17:30 - 20:00 at the University of Leeds. Please contact [graham1@maths.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:graham1@maths.leeds.ac.uk) for more information. Non-students, beginners and strong players are always welcome.

**NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY** Meets Tuesdays during term time from 19:30 until 22:00, usually in the Portland building. Contact Laurence Ogden, [leyalo@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:leyalo@nottingham.ac.uk), 07847534862 <http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/studentgroups/society/Gosoc/> Also a new web page at <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/nottsgoclub/>

**SOUTH LONDON** now meets at Balham Bowls Club, Thursdays.

**SKYE** Winter season - from now until at least the end of March (with a short gap around Christmas/New Year), will meet on Thursday evenings, at 19:30, in the bar of the Caledonian Hotel, in Wentworth Street, Portree, Isle of Skye. The contacts for the club are Carel Goodheir, 01478 612909, and John MacDonald, 01478 611207. From April on, not sure yet where it will meet.

**TWICKENHAM** new web page <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/twick.html>



## FORTHCOMING

**MAIDENHEAD – FURZE PLATT, Saturday 17th January 2009.** Registration by 10:00.

Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA. Registration by 10:00.

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 Eddie Best [edwin.best@homecall.co.uk](mailto:edwin.best@homecall.co.uk) Telephone: 01628 483967

**BGA TEACHING DAY, CHESHIRE, Saturday 14th February.**

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

Event Teaching day for players from 2 kyu to beginner. Session starts 10:30 ends 16:30.

Contact Contact [teaching@britgo.org](mailto:teaching@britgo.org)

**OXFORD** Date (usually February) and place are not yet announced; please check the BGA website.

**TRIGANTIUS, CAMBRIDGE, Saturday 7th March (provisional).** This will include a separate tournament and teaching for Novices. However we cannot confirm the venue or date yet, so please check the BGA website over the next few weeks, or phone 07810 488300.

**BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 22nd 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](mailto:michael.lynn@keaston.bham.sch.uk)

**IRISH OPEN, Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March.**

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

Event 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 Pandanet Super Tournament in the Pandanet Go European Cup.

Contact Olivier Deme [info@irish-go.org](mailto:info@irish-go.org)

**BRITISH LIGHTNING, Friday 3rd April.** Registration 18:15 - 18:45.

Location Ye Olde Custom House, 65-67, Watergate St, Chester, Cheshire CH1 2LB.

Event 5 rounds. Part of the British Go Congress.

**BRITISH OPEN, Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April.** Registration Saturday 09:00-10:00.

Location Westminster Hotel, City Road, Chester CH1 3AF.

Event 6-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Part of the British Go Congress. Round 4 Sunday 09:15. Prize giving 17:00. BGA AGM on Saturday evening at 18:30

Contact Patrick Ridley, Lee Brook, Wood Lane, Sutton Weaver, Runcorn WA7 3EN or [patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com](mailto:patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com)

**COVENTRY, Sunday 26th April.** Registration by 10:00. Prize-giving by 18:30.

Location Library and Science Concourse, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 1 hour time limits and 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime

Contact [gotournament@bucko.me.uk](mailto:gotournament@bucko.me.uk) David Buckley, 27 Crosbie Road, Coventry, CV5 8FX. For urgent problems phone: 07790 456431

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Bracknell Sunday 10th May. Welsh Open Saturday 20th–Sunday 21st June. Mind Sports Olympiad Saturday 22nd – Monday 31st August. Northern Tournament, Stockport, Sunday 6th September. Cornwall Tournaments Saturday 12th September and Sunday 13th September.



## BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

**WEBSITE:** [www.britgo.org](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 [www.britgo.org/membership](http://www.britgo.org/membership)

**Membership Secretary:** Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Tel. 01223 367022 [mem@britgo.org](mailto:mem@britgo.org)

**AGA** BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. [www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/](http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/)

**BGA MOBILE:** For emergency calls to tournament organisers on the day of most tournaments: **07506 555366**