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RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS 03/04/09-05/04/09 Chester Go Club ran the 42nd British Go Congress in Chester. The British Lightning took place on the Friday evening in the Olde Custom House inn, with 36 players. The winner with 5 wins was Baron Allday (1 kyu West Wales). Winning 4 were Yohei Negi (1 dan St Andrews), Sandy Taylor (2 kyu Durham), Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead), Piers Shepperson (4 dan Epsom), Andrew Kay (3 dan Cambridge) and Xi Gao (5 dan China).

There were 61 players in the Open held at the Westminster Hotel. The winner was Xi Gao, a Chinese 5 dan from Liverpool, with 6/6. Second on 5/6 was Andrew Kay (3 dan Cambridge). Also on 5 wins were Yohei Negi (1 dan St Andrews), Richard Bentley (4 kyu Durham) and James Brownrigg (12kyu Chester). On 4 wins were Piers Shepperson (4 dan Epsom), Alistair Wall (3 dan Wanstead), Louise Bremner (1 kyu Isle of Man), Sandy Taylor (2 kyu Durham), Edwin Brady (2 kyu St Andrews), Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu Cambridge), Martin Harvey (3 kyu Manchester), Simon Mader (4 kyu Cambridge), Stephen Bailey (4 kyu West Surrey), Jenny Radcliffe (5 kyu Durham), Brian Timmins (8 kyu Shrewsbury) and Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon).

The Cheshire Open trophy was awarded to Martin Harvey and the Cheshire Handicap to Stephen Bailey (on Sos tiebreak from Brian Timmins), on the basis of most wins by those who had played recent Cheshire Tournaments. The Nippon Club Team Trophy went to Cambridge (Kay, Kaniuk, and Mader) on 78%.

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 22/03/09 The 2009 Youth Championships had 39 competitors aged from 6 to 18, with strengths from 1 dan to 35 kyu, at King Edward VI School, Aston. Tian Ren Chen from Loughborough was the new youth champion with 5 straight wins including beating London's Michael Webster (4 kyu). Prizes and places went to: Overall winner: Tian Ren Chen (Loughborough) 2nd: Michael Webster (London); U18: Michael Webster (London) 2nd: Matthew Hathrell (Coventry); U16: Mazhar Warraich (Aston) 2nd: Jamie Taylor (Leeds); U14: Tian Ren Chen (Loughborough) 2nd: Jack Drury (Aston); U12: John Cremin (Aston) 2nd: Thomas Meehan (Solihull); U10: Roella Smith (Milton) 2nd: Marie-Claire Grant-Adamson (St. Albans); Sophie Broad (Surrey) 2nd: Kelda Smith (Milton); Handicap Winner: Langdon Truscott (Cambridge); Trophy: Loughborough (beat Aston 2-1); Team with most wins: Weapon 'X' (Cambridge); 13x13 knockout event: U18 Jamie Taylor U16 Tian Ren Chen U12 Peran Truscott; Puzzle competition: Wenxuan Ouyang (China); Liar Dice: Matthew Hathrell

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 07/03/09 As there was no Cheshire because of the British, and no Oxford, Trigantius was the second tournament of 2009 in England. 53 players attend the event held at the Frank Lee Centre at Cambridge's Addenbrooke's Hospital. Winning his first tournament and having played for only 3 years was local player Andrew Kay (4 dan). He beat Jon Diamond in the last round. Players that won all three games were Matthew Hathrell (4 kyu Leamington), Atta Chui (5 kyu Cambridge), Danielle Ward (11 kyu Cambridge) and Pauline Bailey (17 kyu West Surrey). The 13x13 was won again by Danielle Ward. The Best Kyu Player prize was jointly won by Helen Harvey and James Murray. Steve and Pauline Bailey won the difficult competition of word puzzles.

In addition, 21 more took part in the teaching and novices' tournament run by Paul Smith in another room. Winner of the 17-player small board Cambridge Novices' tournament was Ricardo Couso, best older junior was Roella Smith and best smaller junior was Oscar Selby. Oliver Gerlach won 4/5 and all with 3 wins got a prize too. All the entry fees went to Comic Relief.

FIFE 21/02/09 There was a record turnout of 29 players for the 2009 Fife Tournament, held again at Age Concern Hall in Cupar. The favourite going into the tournament was Michael Marz (3 dan) from Leipzig in Germany and indeed he won the tournament with four wins from four games. He was awarded a pair of Go bowls, which were kindly donated by Aidan Karley. The joint runners-up were Yohei Negi (1 dan St Andrews) and Robert Miller (1 kyu Dundee), both on three wins. Other players on three wins were Eugene Kee-Onn Wong (5 kyu Aberdeen), Stig Peterson (8 kyu Dundee), Will W Taylor (9 kyu Durham), Andrew Thurman (10 kyu Durham), Matthew W Taylor (20 kyu Durham) and Alan Stewart (23 kyu Glenrothes). After the tournament, a group of players went for a well-deserved curry.

NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4/4/09 At the BGA AGM in Chester, reports were received from the officers and committees regarding achievements in 2008 and plans for 2009. Of special interest were the Shodan Challenge, ratings issues and the large decline in membership numbers. Ron Bell retired after three years as President and Steve Bailey retired as Treasurer. Jon Diamond and Simon Mader replaced them. Edwin Brady remained Secretary. The new council members are Toby Manning, Xinyi Lu, Brian Brunswick, Geoff Kaniuk and Graham Philips. As the annual accounts audit had not been completed there will have to be a Special General Meeting at a future tournament.

STACEY POINTS 2008-2009 With two events gone, Matthew Macfadyen shared the lead with Jaeup Kim on 3. Then the long tournaments started, with the Scottish Open players then leading the field. Durham evened things up a bit, followed by the Welsh and later Isle of Man. After London and Maidenhead, it was a three-way tie, but Yohei got ahead at Fife. After the final event, the British, Yohei Negi from St. Andrews, was the clear leader, with Yohei Negi on 29 points, Toby Manning 25, Matthew Cocke 22, David Ward 21, Alistair Wall 19.5, Tony Atkins 19, and Gerry Mills and Francis Roads both on 15.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2009 The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2008 London Open. After the BYGC, which counts double points, 50 young players had played in a tournament. After the British Go Congress, the leaders' scores were: Michael Webster 490, Danielle Ward 312, Matthew Hathrell 308, Langdon Truscott 276 and Oliver Gerlach 240.

OVERSEAS The 20th Irish Open was held as usual in the Teachers' Club in Dublin and again this year was part of the Pandanet Go European Cup. There attendance was 44, including two 7 dan Koreans from Germany. The Irish Rapid handicap tournament on the Friday evening had 18 players and was won by Oh Chi-Min (7 dan). Second was Anna Griffiths (8 kyu) and third was Javier Fernandez (3 dan). In the Open, the winner for a second time was Hwang In-Seong (7 dan) with 5/5. In second place was Oh Chi-Min with 4 wins. The group on 3 wins were Csaba Mero, Wei Wang and Javier Fernandez. Winning four games were: Albert Sanchez (1 kyu), Helen Harvey (3 kyu), Jonathan December (8 kyu), Milos Podpera (9 kyu) and David Horan (10 kyu). Anthony Pitchford (11 kyu) won all 5 games

NEW BOOKS New books: SL62 Workshop Lectures Vol 6 £10.00 and SL63. The Go Companion £25.00. The latter is written by our very own John Fairbairn and T Mark Hall. Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW. Tel. 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

CLUBS

ABERDEEN now meets weekly on Friday evenings (18:15 to about 22:30) at the Kilau coffee shop on Little Belmont Street, central Aberdeen.

DUBLIN URL changed to <http://www.irish-go.org/clubs-tournaments/Dublin/>

DURHAM UNIVERSITY Monday meetings now 20:30; Thursdays now meet in the pub 'The Elm Tree', in Crossgate.

FORTHCOMING

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 David Buckley, 27 Crosbie Road, Coventry, CV5 8FX. For urgent problems phone: 07790 456431

BARLOW, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 3rd May. Registration by 09:30.

Location Trinity College, Cambridge.

Event 5 round McMahon tournament for kyu players only. 35 minutes time limit with no overtime. Finish 17:30. Part of MSO Cambridge

Contact Andrew Kay ak524@cam.ac.uk or call 07792 165701

BRACKNELL, Sunday 10th May. Registration by 10:00.

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

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes, with overtime 30 moves in 5 minutes. Prize giving 18:45. Also afternoon Novices' Tournament.

Contact bracknell@kisekigo.com Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD 01344 422296

SCOTTISH OPEN, Saturday 30th May - Sunday 31st May. Registration on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00

Small board rapid on evening of 29th May.

Location Mason's Hall, 7 Artillery Lane, Dundee, DD1 1PE.

Event 6 round McMahon.

Contact Contact Pete Clinch p.j.clinch@dundee.ac.uk 01382 665322

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 7th 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 020 8505 4381

DURHAM, Saturday 13th–Sunday 14th June.

Location to be decided

Event 6 Round McMahon with 45 minutes time limit and 40 stones in 5 minutes Canadian overtime.

Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk or Jenny Radcliffe 07789 724501

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 20th–Sunday 21st 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. Prize-giving 15:30 Sunday.

Contact Tony Pitchford tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk 01925 730264

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, Saturday 27th June.

Location Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BL.

Event For schools that have entered the UK Go Challenge and children who could not play in a heat

Contact <http://www.ukgochallenge.com/about.html> info@ukgochallenge.com, or call 0118 926 8143

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, Sunday 6th September. Registration 09:45 to 10:00.

Location Stockport Masonic Guildhall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA. Large car park at rear, near to public transport links.

Event 3-round McMahon.

Contact Chris Kirkham chris@cs.man.ac.uk

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, Saturday 12th September and Sunday 13th September. Registration by 09:45.

Location The Yacht Inn, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4AU, tel. 01736 362787.

Events Handicap Tournament takes place on Saturday. Registration by 13:30.

Open Tournament takes place Sunday. 3-round McMahon. Buffet lunch. Prize giving 18:30.

Contact John Culmer 01326 573167 johnculmer@btinternet.com

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May, for qualifiers only contact championships@britgo.org

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE Friday 26th–Monday 29th June, for qualifiers only contact championships@britgo.org

DAN'S TRAINING WEEKEND, Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th July; training days with Guo Juan

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Saturday 22nd – Monday 31st August

SWINDON, Sunday 20th September, contact secretary@swindongoclub.org.uk

BELFAST, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September (provisional)

SHREWSBURY, Saturday 3rd October, contact Gerry Mills 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

WESSEX, Sunday 25th October (provisional)

MILTON KEYNES, Saturday 31st October

THREE PEAKS, Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th November, contact Bob Bagot 015395 32678 lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

EAST MIDLANDS, Saturday 21st November, contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December, contact Pauline Bailey, pab27@stocton.org, 01483 561027

LONDON OPEN, Monday 28th–Thursday 31st December 2009, contact Geoff Kaniuk council-kaniuk@britgo.org

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

WEBSITES: www.britgo.org [facebook.com/group.php?gid=2256642115](https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2256642115) twitter.com/britgo

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

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