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RESULTS

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS 27/06/09 The finals were in Cambridge again, at Milton Community Centre. 55 of the best players from 10 school heats and other youngsters took part in the finals and the new Challengers' section for beginners. £500 in cash prizes were provided thanks to Winton Capital Management. Winners were: U18 Boys - Matthew Hathrell (Finham Park School, Coventry), U16 Boys - Mazhar Warraich (King Edward VI, Aston), U14 Boys - Tian Ren Chen (Loughborough), U12 Boys - John Cremin (King Edward VI, Aston), U10 Boys - Akito Oyama (Cambridge), U08 Boys - Stefan Wiecek (St Mary's, London), U18 & Top Girl - Crystal Zhang (Grantham), U14 Girls - Danielle Ward (Cambridge), U12 Girls - Sijia Yao (Milton, Cambridge), U10 Girls - Roella Smith (Milton, Cambridge), U08 Girls - Sophie Broad (Bookham, Surrey). Overall place winners were: 1st - Tian Ren Chen, 2nd - Mazhar Warraich, 3rd - Matthew Hathrell, on 5/6: Jack Drury (Aston), Challengers' Tournament - Annalise Nwaodor (St Mary's), Champion School - Aston (beat Loughborough 2-1), Champion Primary School - Milton (beat St. Mary's 3-0). Renzhi Zhou won the puzzle competition.

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE 26/06/09-29/06/09 The Nippon Club, in Piccadilly London, was the venue for the long weekend of the Challengers' League. 8 top players from the Candidates' played to decide who would play this year's title match. Final rankings were: 1 Hui Wang, 2 Matthew Macfadyen, 3 Matthew Cocke, 4 T Mark Hall, 5 Matthew Crosby, 6 Stuart Barthropp, 7 Nick Krempel, 8 Harry Fearnley. Therefore, Matthew Macfadyen is defending his title against Hui Wang. Matthew won the first game on 26th July.

WELSH OPEN 20/06/09-21/06/09 Finally, after 16 tournaments and 79 games Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) lost a game at the Welsh Open. The 17th Welsh Open at Barmouth was won by Yohei Negi (2 dan St Andrews) who beat Matthew in round 2 and went on to win all 5 games. Matthew was second with 4 wins. Third place for a second year was Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell), topping the group on 3 wins. Local player Phil Ward-Ackland (4 kyu) was the only other of the 34 players to win 4 games.

DURHAM 13/06/09-14/06/09 The 6th Durham took part at the College of St Hild and St Bede alongside the Durham Regatta. 33 players took part, almost a half local. Winner from St Andrews was Yohei Negi (2 dan). Local Xuan Ma (9 kyu) won all 6. Yuhan Jin (1 dan Teesside) won 4/5 and John Shafer (9 kyu Durham) won 3/4. Prizes for 4/6 went to Pat Ridley (13 kyu Chester), Adam Prescott (12 kyu Durham), Ben Riddell (9 kyu Durham), Sandy Taylor (1 dan Durham) and David Lee (2 dan Dundee). The Lightning side event was won by Jamie Taylor (7 kyu), with a tenacity prize for Andrew Thurman (7 kyu Durham). The Small Board side event went to Adam Watts (6 kyu Durham). A special prize for Making the Tournament Director's Day went to 8-year-old David Taylor (27 kyu).

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS 07/06/09 This year the Pair Go Championships, the 19th, 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 and then Jenny Radcliffe and Francis Roads in the final, to take the championship for the 13th time. In the 8-pair handicap group the winners were Kelda and Paul Smith from Cambridge. Best-dressed pair was top-hatted Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. Sue Paterson and Granville Wright won the Art quiz with 26/40. Furthest travel prize went to Casey Alexander from Denver playing with Nicola Hurden from Bracknell.

NEWS

BGA EGM There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the British Go Association to ratify the accounts for 2008. It will be held alongside the Swindon Go Tournament, at Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BG, and will take place at 1:15 pm on Sunday 20th September 2009. The Agenda comprises: 1. Appointment of tellers, and 2: 2008 accounts.

STACEY POINTS 2009-2010 The results, after the Welsh Open, are as follows: 1st Yohei Negi 16 points, 2nd Sandy Taylor 11, 3rd Gerry Mills 9, 4th David Lee and Matthew Macfadyen both with 7, and 6th Alex Kent.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2009 Over 70 people are entered in the Youth Grand Prix. The current standings of the top 10 are: Michael Webster 4k London 646 points, Matthew Hathrell 3k Leamington 612, Danielle Ward 10k Cambridge 528, Roella Smith 22k Milton School 432, Langdon Truscott 22k Cambridge 388, Peran Truscott 17k Cambridge 362, Kelda Smith 35k Milton School 350, Jack Drury 8k Aston 318, and equal on 300 Oliver Gerlach 27k Cambridge and Tian Ren Chen 3k Loughborough. Full listing is on <http://www.britgo.org/junior/gprix2009.html>

BRITS OVERSEAS

US GO CONGRESS 01/08/09-08/08/09 The 25th US Go Congress was held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, near to Washington DC. The highest score from the UK party was Ian Davis with 5/6.

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS 25/07/09-08/08/09 The 53rd European Go Congress, sponsored by Zhuyeqing Tea, was held in Groningen in the north-east Netherlands. 13 British players took part. In the Main tournament, Martha McGill (4 kyu Belfast) was highest scorer with 7 wins and T Mark Hall, the only British dan player there, was the highest placed at 74 with 5 wins. In the Rapid, Richard Mullens (6 kyu St Albans) and Alice Bradley (15 kyu Lincoln) both won 5 games out of 9. In the Weekend Tournament, Kathleen Timmins (13 kyu Shrewsbury) won 4/5.

EUROPEAN GO FEDERATION At the AGM Martin Stiassny took over from Tony Atkins as President; Tony now is the Secretary replacing John Gibson. New Vice-Presidents are Jana Hricova and Leszek Soldan. EGC 2011 will be in Bordeaux in France and 2013 will be in Gdynia in Poland.

NEW BOOKS For beginners: "Level Up, Vols 1-5 and Review" £80.00. Elementary: "Speed Baduk, Vols 7-9 and Answers" £35.00.

Intermediate: "Inspiration of Pro" £25.00, "Kamakura" £30.00 and "Baduk Made Fun and Easy, Vol 3" £16.00.

Advanced: "Magic of Placements" £27.50 and "Creative Life and Death" £16.50.

Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW, phone 01938-556484, bga-books@britgo.org.

CLUB CHANGES

BATH Contact Ian Sharpe ian@iansharpe.com as contact, new site www.bathgo.org

BOLTON club no longer meets, but try contacting joestephenson@ntlworld.com.

CARDIFF new website <http://www.learn-go.co.uk/CardiffGo.html>

CHESTER new web page <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/chester.html> Tony Pitchford email now tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

EPSOM website <http://www.yuhong.co.uk/>

EXETER currently meeting every week on Wednesdays

HULL Mark Collinson's email is now micollinson@micollinson.karoo.co.uk

LEEDS new contact: Jitse Niesen e-mail jitse@maths.leeds.ac.uk phone 0113 3435870

Club website: <http://www.maths.leeds.ac.uk/~jitse/lugc.html>

LONDON, SOUTH LONDON new contact: David Cantrell david@cantrell.org.uk

LONDON, TWICKENHAM meets at the Alexander Pope Hotel (formerly the Pope's Grotto Hotel), Cross Deep, Twickenham.

MANCHESTER now meets at The Shakespeare pub - 16 Fountain Street, Manchester, M2 2AA phone 0161 8345515.

SWINDON now meets at The Check Inn, 79 Woodland View, North Wroughton, Nr Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 9AA

<http://www.thecheckinn.co.uk/index.php>

SHEFFIELD now meets at the Hillsborough Hotel, 54-58 Langsett Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, S6 2UB.

The time is still around 7:45 onwards every Sunday evening

ST ANDREWS temporary new venue. Wednesdays 8pm at The Whey Pat Tavern, 1 Bridge St, KY16 9EX.

Club contact is now Callum Young gosoc@st-andrews.ac.uk and Edwin Brady eb@cs.st-andrews.ac.uk

YORK Joss email now joss-britgo@pseudonymity.net

FORTHCOMING

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Friday 21st – Monday 31st August

Location Royal Horticultural Halls, Victoria, London.

Events Rapidplay Saturday 22nd, National Small Board Sunday 30th, Open Monday 31st

Contact follow links on <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/>

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

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

Events Handicap Tournament on Saturday. Registration by 13:30. Open on Sunday. 3-round McMahon. Buffet lunch. Prize giving 18:30.

Contact John Culmer, johnculmer@btinternet.com phone 01326 573167

SWINDON TOURNAMENT, Sunday 20th 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 Preferably by email to: secretary@swindongocub.org.uk Or contact Paul Barnard 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, SN3 1HY, or phone 01793 692408 evenings, before 21:30.

BELFAST TOURNAMENT, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September Registration 10:00 to 10:45

Location Belfast Boat Club, Lockview Road, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5FH

Event 4- or 5-round McMahon Tournament, 50 minutes main time, 10 seconds 3 times overtime

Contact Contact Ian Davis sivadnai@gmail.com mobile 07952184010 website <http://www.irish-go.org/clubs-tournaments/belfast/2009-belfast-open/>

SHREWSBURY, Saturday 3rd October Registration by 10:45

Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime.

Contact Gerry Mills gerry@27stars.co.uk phone 01938 556484

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH, LONDON, Sunday 18th October 10:00 to 18:00.

Event 3 or 4 rounds (45 or 30 minutes) depending on number of teams. Entry fee includes lunch.

Contact Jonathan Turner JE_Turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX, Sunday 25th October Registration by 09:45 GMT

Location St. Mark's Community Centre, St. Mark's Road, Bath BA2 4PA.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime.

Contact David King phone 01225 336369 davidking68@yahoo.com

MILTON KEYNES, Saturday 31st October Registration by 10:15

Location The Betty Boothroyd Library, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

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

Contact bill140347@btinternet.com (preferred) or 9 Henshaw Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 2AY, or phone 01933 223525.

THREE PEAKS, Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th November Registration 12:30 to 12:45 on the Saturday

Location The Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY Tel 015395 32381.

<<< NEW VENUE >>>

Grange over Sands is a delightful seaside town, a favourite resort in earlier times. It is on the north side of Morecambe Bay and retains many features - impressive gardens, large hotels, promenade - from its heyday. There are many walks in the area. It is on the edge of the Lake District and is only 2 miles from the famous Cartmel Priory. The Commodore Inn is in the centre of town overlooking the Bay.

Event 5 round tournament with 3 rounds on the Saturday and 2 rounds on the Sunday. A lightning or small board event may be organised for the Saturday evening depending on demand.

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk phone 015395 32678

EAST MIDLANDS, Saturday 21st November The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester. Contact Peter Fisher, phone 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December Burpham near Guildford.

Contact Pauline Bailey pab27@stocton.org phone 01483 561027

LONDON OPEN, Monday 28th–Thursday 31st December 2009, contact Geoff Kaniuk, london-open@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

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

AGA BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/

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