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RESULTS

CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 03/10/09 A new junior event was held in Cambridge at Milton Country Park; it was attended by 15 young players. Owen Walker was the winner. Jennifer Johnson won the younger age group and best of the new players was Jennifer Burgess.

SHREWSBURY TOURNAMENT 03/10/09 The Shrewsbury Tournament was held again at The Gateway and 34 players took part. Adding to his clutch of tournament titles was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) who last won it in 1997. His wife Kirsty Healey (2 kyu Leamington) also won 3/3, as did Eric Hall (6 kyu Swindon) and David Horan (8 kyu Chester). Helen Harvey (3 kyu Manchester) won 2.5.

BELFAST TOURNAMENT, 26/09/09-27/09/09 Matthew Crosby, now playing 3 dan, was never in serious trouble during the Belfast Tournament. He emerged as the winner with a perfect score of 4/4. In second place on 3 wins was Laurens Spijker (1 kyu), who travelled from the Netherlands. Local player James Hutchinson (2 kyu) took third on tiebreak ahead of Gerry Mills (1 dan), Colin MacSweeney (1 kyu) and Rory Wales (2 kyu). Other players with 3 wins were Jakub Flasz (6 kyu Poland), Chris Cohrs (6 kyu) the strongest Chess player in Ulster, Donagh Maguire (9 kyu Dublin) and Patrick O'Feich (9 kyu Dublin). 17 players took part in the event held at the Belfast Boat Club.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT, 20/09/09 The 13th edition of the Swindon tournament was held, like the last few, at the Even Swindon Community Centre. 43 players played and the new winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington). Second was Simon Shiu (4 dan Bristol). Prizes for 3 wins went to Christian Scarff (1 dan Swindon), Stephan Thober (1 dan Bath), Zaichen Lu (4 kyu Oxford), Edwina Lee (5 kyu Maidenhead), Andy Price (11 kyu Leamington) and Pauline Bailey (15 kyu West Surrey). Leamington won the team prize and young Barney Shiu (22 kyu Bristol) won the 13x13. Special prizes went to Casey Alexander for being from Oregon, and to Jim Clare and Toby Manning for sharing a jigo. The Special General Meeting of the BGA was postponed as correct copies of the accounts were not available.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, 12/09/09 - 13/09/09 20 players took part in the Cornish Handicap Tournament on the Saturday in Penzance. Winner was Ian Marsh (1 kyu) from Bracknell. He beat Swindon's Elinor Brooks (7 kyu) in the final. Earlier in the day a BGA teaching session had been held; it concentrated on analysing the British Championship which was being played in Derby. 21 players took part in the 10th Cornwall Tournament on the Sunday. Winner of the newly renamed Devon and Cornwall Go Stone trophy was Paul Massey (1 kyu). He became the first Cornish winner of the event by beating Tony Atkins (2 dan). Also winning the usual wooden stones were Jil Segerman (8 kyu Brighton) and Sam Foster (4 kyu West Cornwall) for winning five games over the two days.

NORTHERN, 06/09/09 The Northern was held again at the Masonic Guildhall in Stockport and was attended by 22 players. Players came from as far north as the Scottish borders and from as far south as Bristol. Gerry Mills also brought the BGA bookstall. Overall winner, winning all three games and for the 2nd year running, was Bob Bagot (1 kyu). Also winning prizes were: Alberto Adriasola (4 kyu) for winning all three games, and Brian Timmins (8 kyu) for winning two and getting a Jigo in the other.

BGA KGS TOURNAMENT, 01/08/09-31/08/09 27 out of the 40 players who registered for this online event played one game or more. The winner with an impressive 9/9 was Alex Kent. Second with 12/15 was Andrew Kay and third was Andrew Simons with 3/3.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, 22/08/09, 30/08/09 and 31/08/09 Seven players took part in the Mind Sports Olympiad Rapid, a handicap tournament, including a visitor from Japan. Winner, as last year, was Tony Atkins (2 dan), who was unbeaten. Taking the silver place was Felix Wang (3 dan London), and bronze place Matthew Hathrell (3 kyu Leamington), after a play-off game.

The Small Board Championship (13 x 13) was won by Matthew Cocke (Epsom) Second equal, only losing twice to the winner, were Alex Selby and Nick Krempel. Winner of a Junior Gold was Oscar Selby with 3/6. 10 took part.

The main Open Go event at the MSO took place on the Bank Holiday Monday. 11 players took part. Gold went to Felix Wang (3 dan) who won 3/3. Second was Paul Tabor (2 dan), who beat third placed Alistair Wall (4 dan), both on 3/4. A Junior Gold went to Roella Smith (18 kyu Milton) with 2/4.

NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING There will be an EGM of the British Go Association to ratify the accounts for 2008. It will be held alongside the East Midlands Go Tournament, at The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS, and will take place at 12:15pm on Saturday 21st November 2009. The Agenda comprises 1. Appointment of tellers, and 2. 2008 accounts. Full accounts are available from the Treasurer.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 The first game of the best of five-title match between Matthew Macfadyen and Hui Wang was held in Warwickshire on 26th July. The game was broadcast live on KGS from 10:00. It was won by Matthew Macfadyen by resignation. The second game was played in Derby on 12th September. It too was won by Matthew Macfadyen. The third game was played in Cambridge on 26th September. It was a very close finish - the first game between the pair to be counted. Matthew Macfadyen, playing white, won by 3.5 points. Thus Matthew Macfadyen retains the British Championship.

STACEY POINTS 2009-2010 After the Belfast and Shrewsbury events, Yohei Negi has 16 points, Matthew Macfadyen and Sandy Taylor equal with 13, Gerry Mills 12.5, Bob Bagot 9, Tony Atkins and David Lee equal with 7, Alex Kent and Felix Wang equal with 6.

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. Michael Webster increased his lead at the British Go Congress. At the UK GO Challenge, the top 4 players all scored 80 points. After the Northern Matthew Hathrell was in the lead and increased it with a trip to Cornwall and Swindon: Matthew Hathrell had 985 points; Michael Webster 646; Roella Smith 616; Danielle Ward 528; Langdon Truscott 388; Peran Truscott 362; Kelda Smith 350; Jamie Taylor 326; Jack Drury 318; Oliver Gerlach and Tian Ren Chen equal 300.

BRITS OVERSEAS

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S GOE CHAMPIONSHIP, MIKULOV, CZECHIA, 18/09/09-20/09/09 Twelve women from seven countries fought for the title. The winner of the European Women's Goe Championship 2009 was Rita Pocsai (4 dan) from Hungary. UK's Natasha Regan (1 kyu) won 2 games.

NEW BOOK Games of Go by Neil Moffatt (elementary) £12.50

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

CLUB CHANGES

ISLE OF MAN Leo Phillips email correction leo@manx.net

NORTH LONDON Temporarily meeting at Lymington Road Residents' Association Hall, Dresden Close, NW6 1XP. Hoping to move back to back to Hampstead Parish church very soon. Check the website, or Kevin Campbell 01442-262251 nlgoclub@gmail.com

NORTH SHROPSHIRE/CHESHIRE/STAFFS Roger Huyshe acting as contact for details of local players in the area. Tel. 01952 550361 or email roger.huyshe@btinternet.com

NOTTINGHAM (city club) - Now meets every Wednesday evening, between 6.30pm and 10pm, at Bugman's Bar at Games Workshop, Willow Road, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2WS. You do not have to be there for the whole time! Come and go as you please. For new members or visitors please check with Brent the club secretary before attending, as sometimes a Wednesday meeting is cancelled. brent.cutts@boots.co.uk

OXFORD UNIVERSITY New web page www.britgo.org/clubs/oxford_u

FORTHCOMING

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 tel. 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 tel. 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 tel. 015395 32678

DURHAM TEACHING DAY, Sunday 15th November 10:00 to 16:00

Location Post Graduate Common Room, College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham, DH1 1SZ.

Event BGA Teaching Day aimed at players in the range 1 kyu to 15 kyu, though both stronger and weaker players should benefit too. The structured teaching will incorporate reviewing participants' games, so bring something along for review!

Contact go.club@dur.ac.uk or tel. Jenny Radcliffe 07789724501

EAST MIDLANDS, Saturday 21st November Registration by 09:45.

Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester.

Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit with overtime

Contact Peter Fisher, tel. 0116 2871362, emgo2009@googlemail.com

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

Location Burpham Village Hall, Burpham Lane, Guildford, GU4 7LP.

Event Saturday Teach-in: registration by 10:30, small groups of high or low kyu players get personal training from Dan players. Come along and get stronger instantly! Sunday Tournament, registration by 10:15, 4-round Handicap tournament

Contact Pauline Bailey pab27@stocton.org tel. 01483 561027

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN, Saturday 12th December. Registration by 09:45.

Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.

Event 4-round McMahon tournament. 45 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Includes qualifying for Scottish Championship.

Contact Donald MacLeod donald.macleod284@virgin.net tel. 0141 8806169

LONDON OPEN, Monday 28th–Thursday 31st December, Sponsored by Winton Capital Management. Registration 12:00 - 14:00

Location International Students House, Great Portland Street, London.

Event McMahon tournament with 7 rounds, 90 minutes time limit, and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Teaching sessions with Guo Juan 5p. Pair Go, Lightning and social events

Contact <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2009/logc> Geoff Kaniuk london-open@britgo.org 33 Ashbury Close, Cambridge CB1 3RW, tel./fax: 01223 710 582. For room bookings at ISH email David Wilde D.Wilde@ish.org.uk Any problems contact Geoff.

MAIDENHEAD – FURZE PLATT Saturday 23rd January, 2010. Registration by 10:00. Supported by Hitachi Europe Ltd.

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.

Contact Eddie Best edwin.best@homecall.co.uk or tel. 01628 483967

WANSTEAD Saturday 30th January 2010.

CHESHIRE, Saturday 13th February.

IRISH OPEN, Dublin, Friday 5th March–Sunday 7th March, contact secretary@irish-go.org

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, Edinburgh, Friday 9th–Sunday 11th April.

DURHAM, Saturday 19th–Sunday 20th June go.club at durham.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN, Barmouth, Saturday 26th–Sunday 27th June, tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK, Port Erin, Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th August.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS and TEACHING, Penzance, Saturday 11th–Sunday 12th September, johnculmer@btinternet.com

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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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. 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**