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## RESULTS

**CHESHIRE 13/02/10** Cheshire returned after a year gap for the British in Chester and ran again alongside the Frodsham Chess Tournament. In the top group David Ward (3 dan Cambridge) was the winner, beating Sam Aitken (3 dan Warwick) in the final. In the Handicap Section, the winner on 5/5 was Justin Neeves (7 kyu Manchester). On 4/5 were Jack Ley (8 kyu Warwick) and Brian Timmins (9 kyu Shrewsbury). Jamie Taylor (5 kyu York) was the top junior winning 3/5. 28 players took part.

**WANSTEAD 30/01/10** Wanstead returned to its old early year spot, but kept the same Wanstead House venue in East London. Matthew Macfadyen got his first tournament win of the year. Other players winning all three were: Mike Cumpstey (3 kyu Manchester), Eric Hall (5 kyu Swindon) and Gary Gibson (7 kyu Wanstead). 32 players took part.

**MAIDENHEAD FURZE-PLATT 23/01/10** 60 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd for the 19th Maidenhead Tournament. Jon Diamond (4 dan) was judged the winner on tie-break from David Ward (3 dan) and Tim Hunt (3 dan), all winning 2 games. Players winning 3/3 were Phil Beck (1 dan, Cambridge), Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu Cambridge), Fancisco Divers (5 kyu London), Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead) and John Collins (12 kyu St Albans). In addition all on 2/3 won a prize thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI. Team winner was the Central London team with 75 percent. There was no prize awarded in the 13x13.

**LONDON OPEN 28/12/09-31/12/09** The 36th London Open was held again at ISH, Great Portland Street. Special guest was again the teaching professional from Amsterdam, Guo Juan. The top one or two games were being broadcast live on Pandanet each round, but unfortunately the planned webcam was not in operation. 106 players took part in round 1; 115 took part in all. The Main tournament consisted of 7 rounds played over 4 days: The winner was Zi Wang, Chinese 6 dan, with 2nd Wei Wang, Chinese 6 dan. Tied in 3rd place were the young British star from Hong Kong, Vanessa Wong, 5 dan, and Matthew Macfadyen, British 6 dan. In 5th place was Yanqi Zhang, Chinese 6 dan, and 6th was Xi Gao, Chinese 5 dan. Alavaro Parra (2 kyu) from Spain won his first 6 games. Also winning 6 was Hichem Aktouche (3 kyu) from France. Evening events included Pair Go and Lightning Tournaments, and a lecture by Guo Juan. Winners of the Pair Go were Yanqi Zhang and Wei Wang; second were Alice Bradley and Andrew Simons. Also on 3 wins were: Jenny Radcliffe and Yohei Negi, Guo Juan and Geoff Kaniuk, Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen. The Lightning was won by Emeric Lemaire (3 dan), beating Yanqi Zhang in the final. Prizes were presented by Christopher Read from sponsors Winton Capital Management. All players on 5 or more wins won a paperweight and those on 4 got a certificate. Before the New Year evening meal there was an informal Rengo event.

**EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN 12/12/09** 39 players, ranging from Brighton to Skye, made their way through the icy fog to the Meeting House for the first Edinburgh Christmas Open, the emergence of several Scottish-resident dan players having killed off the Barlow. Top of the heap, and the only player on 4 wins was Alex Kent (1 dan Durham). On 3 wins were Yohei Negi (3 dan St Andrews), Matt Crosby (3 dan Edinburgh), Glynn Forsythe (2 kyu Glasgow), Rab Fulton (2 kyu Glasgow), Ron Bell (4 kyu Borders), Eugene Hung-Chik Wong (4 kyu Aberdeen), Andrew Thurman (7 kyu Durham), David Cantrell (10 kyu London) and Gregor Welsh (14 kyu Durham).

The 2010 Scottish Championship semifinals will be: David Lee versus 2009 Champion; Yohei Negi versus Matt Crosby. Subsequently Piotr Wisthal beat Robbie Miller 2-1 to retain the Scottish title and qualify for 2010.

## NEWS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010** The AGM will be held on Saturday 10th April 2010, at the British Go Congress in Edinburgh. For details see <http://www.britgo.org/files/agendaagm2010.pdf>.

**BGA COUNCIL** Several Council members are retiring for personal reasons, so we are actively seeking volunteers for election to the Council this year. Please contact the President or Secretary for more details: [president@britgo.org](mailto:president@britgo.org) or [secretary@britgo.org](mailto:secretary@britgo.org)

**CLIVE HENDRIE** Clive Hendrie died on 28th January 2010 at 6 pm in the Windsor hospice of Thames Hospicecare. Clive had been battling cancer for over a year and, despite treatment and operations, was taken worse just after the New Year. Uncle Clive, as he is known to Bracknell Go Club (because of his two nieces), will be sadly missed by those who knew and played against him.

**STACEY POINTS 2009-2010** After Cheshire these are: 1st Matthew Macfadyen 27 points; 2nd Yohei Negi 25; 3rd Sandy Taylor 17; 4th Gerry Mills 15.5; 5th Toby Manning 14.5; 6th Alex Kent and David Lee both 13; 8th Tony Atkins, Bob Bagot, Matthew Crosby and Alan Thornton 11

**YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2009** The Youth Grand Prix ended with London Open, but none of the top places changed: 1 Matthew Hathrell on 985 points; 2.Roella Smith 842; 3.Michael Webster 797; 4.Danielle Ward 602; 5.Owen Walker 452; 6.Peran Truscott 450; 7 Kelda Smith 426; 8 Langdon Truscott 388; 9 Jamie Taylor 386; 10 Tien-Ren Chen 380.

**BGA BOOKSHOP** New books now available include: Joseki Fundamentals Vol. 1 (£24), The Final Summit (£21), How Not To Play Go (£7), Cho Hun Hyun's Lectures Vol. 2 (£15), Graded Go Problems for Dan Players Vols. 1-3 (£14 each). Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW, tel. 01938 556484, [bga-books@britgo.org](mailto:bga-books@britgo.org)

### CLUB CHANGES

**BIRMINGHAM** New club now meets Saturdays at 13:30, at a tea cafe called Cha Cha Cha, <http://www.welovelocal.com/en/wm/birmingham/birmingham/cafes/cha-cha-cha-b25lh.html>

**BRACKNELL** Contact now: Ian Marsh on 01344 422296 [ianmarshgo@aol.com](mailto:ianmarshgo@aol.com) or

Laurence Anderson on 01276 686333 [laurence.anderson@ntlworld.com](mailto:laurence.anderson@ntlworld.com)

**BRIGHTON** The day is unsettled at present. Meeting either at the Battle of Trafalgar (in Central Brighton) as before, or at the Swan Inn, Middle Street, Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 9PD (just off the A27 near the University of Sussex campus). Sussex Uni club is no longer active.

**LINCOLN** New Club. Contact Richard Leedham-Green richard.leedham-green@ntlworld.com Meets 2nd Wed of the month 7pm to 10pm in the function room at The Victoria Pub near the castle ([www.victoriapub.net](http://www.victoriapub.net))

**LONDON CITY** New club has mailing list and website <http://www.citygoplayers.org.uk/>

Contact: David Carter-Hitchin david@carter-hitchin.clara.co.uk

**LONDON, CLGC and NIPPON CLUB IGO KAI** have resumed Fridays 7 pm to 11 pm (new hours) and also meet Saturdays from 2 pm to 9 pm. Board fees are on Fridays £3 per player, on Saturdays £4 for a non-member and £3 for a member. The annual membership is £10.

**MACHYNLLETH** meets every Tuesday in the White Lion from 5.30pm. Contact Jo Hampton for further details: 01654 700028 or 07990501060 doofy@clara.co.uk

**NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY** New location and contact details. Tuesday term-time 19:30-22:00, in the Trent Building.

Laurence Ogden, lexlo1@nottingham.ac.uk, 07504661223.

**OXFORD CITY** Tuesday and Thursday 19:00-22:30, usually at Freud's Cafe Restaurant, but check web-site for occasional changes of venue.

**YORK** No longer active

## FORTHCOMING

### ISLE OF SKYE, Saturday 13th March–Sunday 14th March.

Location Tongadale Hotel, Wentworth Street, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9EJ.

Event 6 round McMahon; also Novices League (Saturday).

Contact Carel Goodheir ruth.goodheir3@virgin.net 01478 612909

### BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Loughborough, Sunday 14th March.

Location Loughborough Grammar School, LE11 2DU.

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 Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 bygc@britgo.org

### EAST MIDLANDS TEACHING DAY, near Leicester, Sunday 21st March. 10:00 to 16:00

Location The Fieldhead Hotel, Markfield Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9PS.

Event Teaching day mainly for 2 to 10 kyu players by Matthew Macfadyen and Toby Manning.

Contact Toby Manning 01530 245298 teaching@britgo.org

### FIFE Saturday 27th March. Registration by 10:00.

Location Age Concern Hall, Provost Wynd, Cupar, KY15 5HE

Event 4-round McMahon tournament with 40 minutes time limit, then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Yohei Negi 07858187661 yohei@cs.st-andrews.ac.uk

### ARUNDEL, Sunday 28th March. Registration by 10:15. Prize giving by 18:30.

Location Arundel Football Club, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9PA

Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit sudden death.

Contact Sue Paterson 01903 889825 suepat812@btinternet.com

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

Location Friday: Canon's Gait, 232 Canongate, Royal Mile, EH8 8DQ Saturday, Sunday: Teviot Row House, 13 Bristo Square, EH8 9AJ.

Event Friday: Lightning Tournament, Registration 18:30-19:15.

Saturday, Sunday: 6 round British Open Tournament, 50 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Registration 09:15-09:45.

BGA AGM on Saturday evening at 18:30.

Contact Edwin Brady 01334 470585 eb@cs.st-andrews.ac.uk

### DANS' TRAINING WEEKEND, near Leamington Spa, Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th April.

Location Barford Village Hall, Church Street, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8EN and 22 Keytes Lane, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8EP .

Event Training weekend with Guo Juan, 5p, 10:00 to 17:00. Social activities Friday and Saturday evenings.

Contact Kirsty Healey 01926 624445 kirsty@jklmn.demon.co.uk

### BAR-LOW Cambridge, Sunday 2nd May. Registration by 09:30. Finish 17:30.

Location Whewell's Court, Trinity College, Cambridge

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

Contact Andrew Kay 07792165701 ak524@cam.ac.uk

### BRACKNELL, Sunday 9th May. Registration by 10:00. Prize giving 18:45.

Location Woosehill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA

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

Contact Ian Marsh 01344 422296 bracknell@kisekigo.com

**SCOTTISH OPEN & SMALL BOARD, Dundee, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th May.** Contact Pete Clinch 01382 665322 p.j.clinch@dundee.ac.uk

**DURHAM, Saturday 19th–Sunday 20th June.** Contact go.club@durham.ac.uk

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

**EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, TAMPERE, FINLAND, Saturday 24th July – Sunday 8th August.** <http://www.egc2010.fi/> finland@eurogofed.org

**MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, London, Friday 20th – Monday 30th August.**

**ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK, Port Erin, Sunday 22nd – Friday 27th August.** Contact leo@manx.net

**NORTHERN, Stockport, Sunday 5th September**

**CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS and TEACHING, Penzance, Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th September.** Contact 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](http://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/](http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/)

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