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RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, Edinburgh, 9th – 11th April The 43rd British Go Congress was held in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. 74 players took part in the British Open, held at the University Union building, Teviot Row House. Andrew Kay (4 dan Cambridge) won with 6/6. Jon Diamond (4 dan Silver Springs) was in second place with 5/6. Also winning 5 was local player Boris Mitrovic (8 kyu). 17 others won prizes for winning 4 games. The Nippon Club Team Trophy was won by an Edinburgh team consisting of Matthew Crosby, Martha McGill and Yanzhao Zhang. On the Friday evening, 37 players took part in the British Lightning in the Canon's Gait, a public house on the Royal Mile. It was won by Nick Krempel (2 dan London) with 5/5, who beat David Lee (2 dan Dundee) in the final.

ARUNDEL, 28th March The second Arundel Tournament was held at the football club, in the shadow of the castle. 30 players took part and the winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington). Second was Matthew Cocke (4 dan Epsom) and third Alistair Wall (3 dan Wanstead). Steve Bailey (5 kyu West Surrey) and Malcolm Law (13 kyu Brighton) won 3/3 and Neil Cleverly (7 kyu Bournemouth) got a prize for winning his first 2. Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead) won the 9x9 and the Brighton Belles were the best team.

FIFE, 27th March 21 players took part in the 2010 Fife Tournament, held as usual in the Age Concern Hall in Cupar. The top three players had to be separated by a tiebreak. Winner on 3 wins was David Lee (2 dan Dundee); in second was Sandy Taylor (1 dan Durham) also on 3 wins, followed by Martha McGill (3 kyu Edinburgh) on 4 wins. Also on 4 wins was Jenny Radcliffe (5 kyu Durham) and on 3 wins was Donald Spy (10 kyu Dundee).

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 14th March The 2010 Youth Championships had 22 competitors aged from 6 to 19, with strengths from 1 kyu to 35 kyu. The library at Loughborough Grammar School served as a fine venue. Tian-Ren Chen from Loughborough retained the youth championship with 5 straight wins including beating Aston's Mazhar Warraich. Prizes also went to: U18: Jamie Taylor (Leeds) 2nd: Rony Cheng (Loughborough), U16: Tian-Ren Chen (Loughborough) 2nd: Mazhar Warraich (Aston), U14: Jack Drury (Aston) 2nd: Ibraheem Hussain (Aston), U12: Thomas Meehan (Solihull), U10: Barney Shiu (Bristol) 2nd: Roella Smith (Milton), U8: Sophie Broad (Surrey) 2nd: Anthony Ghica (Newmarket), 13x13 knockout event: Jamie Taylor (Leeds) 2nd: Hamzah Reta (Aston), Handicap: Langdon Truscott (Cambridge). The Castledine Trophy went to the Loughborough team who beat Aston 3-0 and Cambridge 3-0. The team with the most wins was Aston.

SKYE, 13th – 14th March The Isle of Skye Go Club hosted their first tournament at the Tongadale Hotel in Portree. 32 players took part in the main event, consisting of a mix of local players and players from Scotland, England and even Switzerland. Winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) winning all six games. Second on four wins were Yohei Negi and Francis Roads, both 3 dan. Another six players won four, but the only player to win five out of six was Philipp Reinhard (3 kyu) from Zurich.

NOTTINGHAM, 27th February Nottingham University hosted the 7th Nottingham after a 22 year break. 42 players took part. Winner was Alex Selby (4 dan Cambridge) despite losing his last game to Sandy Taylor (1 dan Durham). As well as Sandy, the players who won all 3 were Ben Ellis (6 kyu Leicester) and Pat Ridley (10 kyu Chester). Elliot Mintz from Nottingham University got the fighting spirit prize. The Go-word quiz was won by Ingrid Jendrzejewski and Alistair Turnbull from Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS, 20th February This year Cambridge moved back from March to February and from the hospital to a city centre location. 46 players attend the event at St. Colomba's Church. Romanian 6 dan player Robert Mateescu, now in Cambridge, won the tournament, beating Matthew Macfadyen in the final. Matthew was equal second with Tim Hunt. Players that won all three games were Baron Allday (1 kyu West Wales), Michael Pickles (3 kyu Norwich), Will Hornby (7 kyu Durham) and Alistair Turnbull (9 kyu Cambridge). Best Kyu Player was awarded jointly to Matt Reid (1 kyu Cambridge), Edwin Brady (2 kyu St Andrews) and Michael Pickles. Prizes in the continuous 13x13 tournament went to Peran Truscott (17 kyu Cambridge), Langdon Truscott (20 kyu Cambridge) and Tom Smith (19 kyu Norwich). The caption competition was won by Andrew Kay and the alphabetic sentences competition was won by Tim Hunt, but was awarded to the runner up Matthew Macfadyen since Tim had already left. There was also a Novices' tournament with six players, fewer than previously because of half term and strength improvements, and with a mixture of even and handicap games. There was an exciting finish as, in the crucial game between the two strongest players, Thomas Danes beat David Robson by a single point to win the event unbeaten.

NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010 The BGA AGM was held on the evening of Saturday 10th April 2010 at Teviot Row House in Edinburgh. The newly elected officers and Council members are: President: Jon Diamond, Treasurer: Simon Mader, Secretary: Jonathan Chin, Auditor: Alison Bexfield. Council Members: Edwin Brady, Brian Brunswick, John Collins, Geoff Kaniuk, Toby Manning. Congratulations to all those elected. Additionally, the three proposals, on membership rates, student membership and the levy policy, were approved.

NAKAYAMA SENSEI The Nihon Ki-in have announced that Noriyuki Nakayama, 6 dan professional, died on 16th February 2010 aged 77. He was a well-known and much loved professional teacher at many European and American Go Congresses and author of "The Treasure Chest Enigma".

STACEY WINNERS The annual competition was set up by the BGA in memory of Terry Stacey, 5 dan and twice British Champion, who was killed in a motorcycle accident on 29th February 1988. "Stacey Points" are awarded for above-the-bar wins in BGA tournaments throughout the year. Congratulations go to this year's winner Matthew Macfadyen. The final scores, after the Congress, were: 38 points Matthew Macfadyen, 34 Yohei Negi, 22 Sandy Taylor, 21 David Lee, 18.5 Toby Manning, 16 Jon Diamond, 15.5 Gerry Mills, 15 Alan Thornton, 14 Alex Kent and Matt Crosby.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2010 Current standings are: Jamie Taylor 5k Leeds 321 points, Langdon Truscott 19k Cambridge 256, Jack Drury 8k Aston 222, Roella Smith 14k Milton School 212, Owen Walker 15k Cambridge 208, Tian-Ren Chen 1k Loughborough 200, Kelda Smith 28k Milton School 192, Peran Truscott 17k Cambridge 184, Mazhar Warraich 1k Aston 176 and Barney Shiu 10k Bristol 152.

BRITS OVERSEAS: PARIS TOURNAMENT 3rd – 5th April The Paris Tournament was the finale of the Pandanet Go European Cup for 2009-2010. The only UK player was Yohei Negi who won 3/6. **EUROPEAN YOUTH GOE CHAMPIONSHIPS 4th – 7th April:** Congratulations to the UK representatives Anson Ng and Vanessa Wong! Anson Ng (1k) was the winner in the under-12, and Vanessa Wong (4d) came second in the under-16.

IRISH OPEN, Dublin, 5th – 7th March The 21st Irish Open was held as usual in the Teachers' Club in Dublin and again was part of the Pandanet Go European Cup. The attendance was 41, the strongest two being the winner Ondrej Silt (6 dan Czechia) and second placed Wei Wang from UCC. Third and fourth were members of the large Dutch contingent Willem-Koen Pomstra and Willem Mallon. Players winning 4/5 were: Bernd Sambale (1 kyu Germany), Michal Lukasiewicz (2 kyu Netherlands), Edwin Brady (2 kyu St Andrews), Sue Paterson (3 kyu Brighton) and Sonja Zaroba (9 kyu Berlin). The Irish Rapid handicap tournament on the Friday evening ended in a four-way tie. After breaking it, the winner was Edwin Brady.

BGA LEAGUE WINNERS The BGA League started on 28th October 2009. It is a team-based Go league, designed to be played in six-monthly seasons, mainly over the Internet. The purpose of the league is to encourage interaction between players in different areas of the country and to encourage online play amongst members of the BGA. In the first season, Cambridge were the winners in Division 1, with one round to spare, and therefore hold the newly donated GoGoD Shield.

BGA BOOKSHOP New books in April: SL70 Magic of the First Line - £12 OR31 Master of Haengma - £22.50 ZCL2 Creative Life & Death Vol. 2 - £20.00. Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW, tel. 01938 556484, bga-books@britgo.org

CLUB CHANGES

BIRMINGHAM, new website at <http://brumgo.proforums.org/>

GLASGOW, new temporary venue Tchai-Ovna tea house, 42 Otago Lane G11 9PB

FORTHCOMING

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

Location Whewell's Court, Trinity College, Cambridge CB2 1TQ

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 Wooshehill 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. Registration 10:00 – 11:00 Saturday

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

Event 6 round McMahon. The half-board lightning tournament will be on the Friday evening, starting at 19:30 and ending at 22:30

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

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, NEAR Oxford, Sunday 13th June

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 020 85054381 francis@jfroards.demon.co.uk

DURHAM, Saturday 19th–Sunday 20th June.

Location St John's College, Durham, DH1 3RJ.

Event 6 Round McMahon with 40 minutes time limit and Canadian overtime.

Contact go.club@durham.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN, Barmouth, Saturday 26th–Sunday 27th 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.

Contact Tony Pitchford 01925 730583 tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk.

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, Aston, Saturday 10th July. For schools that have entered the UK Go Challenge and children who could not play in a heat. Novices welcome. Contact Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 info@ukgochallenge.com

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

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Potters Bar, Friday 20th – Monday 30th August. Several Go events planned over bank holiday weekend.

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

Location Cherry Orchard, Port Erin, Isle of Man IM9 6AN

Event 10th edition - many events planned: Main Tournament mornings 22nd-24th/26th/27th, Afternoon Tournament 22nd-24th, Handicap Tournament afternoons 26th/27th, Die Hards or Day Trip 25th, Quiz, Rengo, Music, 13x13, closing dinner (evenings).

Contact Leo Phillips 01624 612294 leo@manx.net

NORTHERN Stockport, Sunday 5th September.

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

SWINDON Sunday 19th September (provisional).

BELFAST Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September. 5-round McMahon Tournament. Contact Ian Davis sivadnai@gmail.com

SHREWSBURY Saturday 2nd October. 3-round McMahon tournament. Contact Gerry Mills 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS Sunday 17th October. Contact Jonathan Turner je_turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX Bath, Sunday 31st October (provisional).

THREE PEAKS Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November (provisional).

EAST MIDLANDS Leicester, Saturday 27th November. 3-round McMahon Tournament. Contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN Saturday 4th December.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Near Guildford, Saturday 4th December. 4-round Handicap. Contact Pauline Bailey 01483 561027 pab27@stocton.org

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December. 7-round McMahon tournament. Contact Geoff Kaniuk geoff.kaniuk@yahoo.co.uk

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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