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RESULTS

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE, 28th – 31st May 2010, Nippon Club, London. Young Vanessa Wong, currently studying in Shrewsbury, is to play the British Championship Title Match against reigning champion Matthew Macfadyen. Both players earned their places at the Challengers' League held over a long weekend at the Nippon Club in central London. Matthew convincingly won all 7 of his games, beating Vanessa in the last round. However Vanessa had earlier lost to Nick Krempel in round 3, so, when Richard Hunter only lost to Matthew and Vanessa, there had to be a play-off between Vanessa and Richard, which Vanessa won. Nick Krempel, Tim Hunt and Andrew Simons ended with three wins, Matthew Scott with 2 and Kiyohiko Tanaka, who was also acting as host, ended on 0. Thanks go to him for hosting and to Nick Wedd for acting as referee. The Title Match will be scheduled on various weekends over the coming months, often alongside a tournament

SCOTTISH OPEN, 29th – 30th May 2010, Dundee. Yohei Negi from St. Andrews made it three in a row with his win at the 2010 Open. Second this year was Chi Pan Yau from Hong Kong, who only lost to Yohei. All the players on three wins also got prizes, which consisted of cash plus a bottle of Cairn O'Mohr local fruit wine. 27 players took part, all going away with traditional pot of marmalade. In the Friday evening rapidplay, Jennie Radcliffe got the prize for the best win/games ratio with 5/7, and Robbie Goetschalckx took the endurance prize having played a dozen or more games.

BRACKNELL TOURNAMENT, 9th May 2010, Community Centre, Woosehill, Wokingham. 42 players took part. Winner was Felix Wang who beat previous winner Jon Diamond in the last round. Felix became the first holder of the new trophy given in memory of former organiser Clive Hendrie Also winning three were Helen Harvey (3 kyu Manchester), Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon) and Malcolm Law (10 kyu Brighton). Neil Cleverly won the caption contest and Jim Clare won the Go Puzzle competition again. Michael Harrington (17 kyu Bracknell) won the 13x13 and the team prize was won by Swindon. Gerry Mills got a special prize for supporting the event with the bookshop over many years.

CAMBRIDGE BAR-LOW TOURNAMENT, 2nd May 2010, Whewell's Court, Trinity College. 19 players from 1 kyu to 19 kyu attended the Bar-Low kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge. This year it was again part of the Cambridge mind sports weekend.. James Murray (2 kyu London) was the winner with four out of five. Second on tie-break was Graham Philips (1 kyu Cambridge), who only lost to the winner. Third was Benjamin Ellis (5 kyu Leicester) who actually beat the winner but lost to two other players. Roella Smith (14 kyu) from the Cambridge juniors also won 4 games.

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, 1st – 3rd May 2010, Selwyn College. 34 players took part in the first stage of the 2010 British Championship at the Diamond at Selwyn College; 26 of the players joined in a meal at the Bella Italia restaurant. Vanessa Wong (5 dan) won the tournament at her first attempt, winning all 6 of her games. This was Vanessa's first UK adult title, having previously won the Under-12 Championship. Andrew Simons (2 dan Cambridge) and Matthew Scott (1 dan Newcastle) both won five games proving the next generation is starting to snap at Matthew Macfadyen's heels. Matthew, as champion, did not have to play, but was on hand for intensive analysis of games. Richard Hunter (4 dan Bath), Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes) and Nick Krempel (3 dan London) took the next three places in the Challenger's League. The final place went to Kiyohiko Tanaka (3 dan London) who just squeezed out Alex Selby (4 dan Cambridge) on second tie-break.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS SPRING MATCH, 25th April 2010, Nippon Club, London. Unfortunately Cambridge had to withdraw at short notice, so only two teams competed: "Oriental" and "Occidental". Each team member played all the members of the other team. It was the Oriental team of Chinese and Japanese players that were the best. Their players Felix Wang and Gunji Takao won all 5 games and they won 17 games overall. The Occidental team scored 8 and settled for second place.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, 5th April 2010, Bourne End Community Centre. In this handicap event the winners were Bracknell (3/3); runners up were Maidenhead (2/3). Players winning 3/3 were Ian Marsh, Edmund Shaw and France Ellul. Tony Atkins won the 10x10 side tournament.

NEWS

DAN DIPLOMAS The BGA Council awarded dan diplomas on 8th May to: Andrew Kay 4 dan, Andrew Simons 3 dan and Matthew Scott 1 dan

BGA COUNCIL MEETING, 8th May. Jenny Radcliffe was unanimously co-opted to Council. A trial-membership scheme for students is being introduced. An electronic linkup with Guo Juan for the Strong Players Weekend worked well, and the BGA will investigate other on-line teaching opportunities. BGA procedures are being developed for compliance with the "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" legislation. Tournament rules are to be amended to emphasise that a game is lost by a player if their flag falls in overtime. Arrangements are underway to hold a computer/human Go match during the upcoming London Open. The full minutes of this meeting are available from the BGA Secretary on request

RADIO 4 PROGRAMME On 13th May BBC Radio 4 broadcast a programme called "Why Go?" <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00s9g0b>

BGJ BACK NUMBERS The BGJ archive is now available in PDF form. Remaining past issues will be available free to members at tournaments. There is no charge but we request a donation to the Barnes-Castledine Trust which supports needy youth players in the UK. So far £50 has been raised.

2010 – 2011 SHODAN CHALLENGE The Shodan Challenge is the BGA's one-to-one mentoring scheme where kyu players are encouraged to improve with a personalised course of dedicated study. If you are a BGA member and a kyu player (of any strength) who would like to improve, sign up now! Contact Jenny Radcliffe or see <http://www.britgo.org/events/shodan/entry>

BRITS OVERSEAS: World Amateur Go Championship, 26 – 29 May, Hangzhou, China: The WAGC returned to China after more than 25 years. 60 countries took part. T Mark Hall, playing for the UK, was 41st beating Malaysia, Switzerland and Slovenia. John Gibson of Ireland was 52nd beating Peru and Turkey.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX At the start of June: Langdon Truscott 19k Cambridge 332 points, Jamie Taylor 5k Leeds 321 points, Roella Smith 14k Milton School 300, Owen Walker 15k Cambridge 284, Peran Truscott 14k Cambridge 260, Jack Drury 8k Aston 222, Tian Ren Chen 1k Loughborough 200.

STACEY POINTS The winner of the Scottish Open, Yohei Negi, took an early lead for 2010-2011 on 5 points.

CLUB CHANGES

BRIGHTON Now meets most weeks but not on a regular day. See <http://groups.google.co.uk/group/brightongo/web/next-meeting>

LONDON, NIPPON CLUB Friday meetings have been replaced by the new **CITY GO CLUB**, see <http://www.citygoplayers.org.uk/> meets on Fridays at the Melton Mowbray pub on High Holborn from 18:00 until closing time.

LONDON, NORTH Wednesdays at Lymington Road Residents' Association Hall, Dresden Close NW6 1XP, <http://lrra.org.uk> (temporary)

LONDON, WANSTEAD New web site www.wansteadgoclub.org.uk New contact Ken Kneller 020 8853 3749 Email: sec@wansteadgoclub.org.uk

NEWCASTLE Now meets on Thursdays.

MILTON KEYNES Clari Hunt now Clari Gosling and new email address C.H.Gosling@open.ac.uk.

READING New address for our venue Eclectic Games is 36 Market Place, Reading RG1 2DE (0118 9598520), from 21st June.

SKYE For summer, meet at Givendale Guest House at 7.30 on Tuesday nights. Contact: givendale@gmail.com, or call Jurriaan Dijkman at 01478

612183/07554 434215

WARWICK UNIVERSITY New contact Anees Ahee email gou@uwcs.co.uk



FORTHCOMING

WELSH OPEN Saturday 26th–Sunday 27th June. Registration by 12:30 Saturday. Prize-giving 15:30 Sunday.

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.

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 4th July. Registration 09:30 - 10:15. Prize giving 18:30

Location The Hub Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

Event Three rounds. BGA rules. 65 minutes time limit. 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. McMahon system (even games where possible).

Contact Tim Hunt, T.J.Hunt@open.ac.uk, 07850 119939

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS Saturday 10th July. From 11:00 to 16:00

Location St Mary's Priory RC Junior School, Hermitage Road, Haringay, London, N15 5RE

Event For schools that have entered the UK Go Challenge and children who could not play in a heat. Special section for beginners.

Contact Contact Tony Atkins; info@ukgochallenge.com 0118 9268143.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD Saturday 21st – Monday 30th August.

Location Soho Theatre. Dean Street, London, W1D 3TN

Event Small Board Go afternoon of Friday 27 August; Olympiad Championship on Sunday 29th August

Contact MSO website: <http://boardability.com>

ISLE OF MAN Sunday 22nd - Friday 27th August.

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

Event Main Tournament mornings 22nd-24th/26th/27th, Afternoon Tournament 22nd-24th, Handicap Tournament afternoons 26th/27th, Die Hards or DayTrip 25th, Quiz, Rengo, Music, 13x13, closing dinner (evenings).

Contact Leo Phillips 01624 612294 leo@manx.net

NORTHERN Sunday 5th September. Registration: 09:45 – 10:00

Location Stockport Masonic Guildhall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA

Event 3 rounds, McMahon

Contact Chris Kirkham Email preferred chris@cs.man.ac.uk Or phone 0161 903 9023 (after 30th August) between 19:00 and 21:00 week days, or between 14:00 and 21:00 on 4th September.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS AND TEACHING Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th September. Registration by 09:45. Buffet lunch. Prize giving by 18:30.

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

Event BGA Teaching Event Saturday morning, 10:00 to 12:30. Handicap Tournament Saturday afternoon, registration by 13:30. Open Tournament Sunday, 3-round McMahon.

Contact John Culmer 01326 573167 johnculmer@btinternet.com

SWINDON Sunday 19th September. Registration by 10:15. Prize giving 18:15.

Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 BG

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

Contact Preferably by email or mail to Paul Barnard (for email see club page) 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, SN3 1HY, but phone entries will also be accepted on 01793 692408 evenings before 21:30.

BELFAST Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

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

Event 4 or 5-round McMahon Tournament.

Contact Ian Davis 07597070201 sivadnai@gmail.com

SHREWSBURY Saturday 2nd October. Contact Gerry Mills 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH Sunday 17th October. Nippon Club, London Contact Jonathan Turner JE_Turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX Sunday 31st October (provisional). Bath.

THREE PEAKS Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November. Grange-over-Sands. Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 27th November. Leicester. Contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN Saturday 4th December.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Saturday 4th December. Burpham near Guildford. Contact Pauline Bailey 01483 561027 pab27@stocton.org.

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



BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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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**