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RESULTS

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, 10 July 2010. Roella Smith from Milton near Cambridge won this year's UK Go Challenge Finals. 29 of the best players from 5 school heats and other youngsters took part. Roella was also top girl. She beat the top boy, Barney Shiu, into second place by a half-point win in their game. Overall winners in each age-group were determined by a 7-rounds knockout system. In each age-group the winners were: U14 Boys - Peran Truscott (Cambridge), U12 Boys - Thomas Meehan (Solihull), U10 Boys - Barney Shiu (Bristol), U8 Boys - Mark Slatter (Milton, Cambridge), U12 Girls - Angel Jobson (St Mary's, London), U10 Girls & Top Girl - Roella Smith (Milton, Cambridge), U8 Girls - Kelda Smith (Milton, Cambridge). The Runners Up were: U14 Boys - Linden Ralph (Cambridge), U12 Boys - James Lee (St Ann's, London), U10 Boys - Vijayant Pannu (St Mary's, London), U8 Boys - Anthony Ghica (Kettlefields, Newmarket), U10 Girls - Samantha Castrillo (St Mary's, London). Overall place winners were: 1st - Roella Smith, 2nd - Barney Shiu, 3rd - Peran Truscott, on 5/7: Jason Prince and on 4/7: Filip Nykiel, Alexei Pierre-Davis, Gabriel Olatokun. Team prizes were: Champion Primary School - St Ann's, Challengers' School: St Mary's. Roella also got the puzzle-solving prize. Ernel Bodi (St Mary's, London) won the Challengers' Tournament and Janet Olatokun got the fighting spirit prize.

MILTON KEYNES, 4 July 2010. 30 players attended this year's MK, held at a new time of year and held in the newly built Hub and adjacent hall at the OU. Winner was Mathieu Delli-Zotti, a French 1 kyu now living in Brighton. Also winning three were Graham Philips (2 kyu) and Steve Bailey (4 kyu). The best team was Cambridge who won 2/3 of their games. Steve Bailey also won 4/5 games on the MK-Goban, but the prize went to Paul Smith for 5/9

WELSH OPEN, 26 – 27 June 2010. For the second weekend running, Yohei Negi ended a tournament equal on wins with two others at the top of the table. This time a tiebreaker was in use and so he won ahead of Matthew Scott and Sandy Taylor by one SOS point, retaining the Welsh Open title he won last year. Also finishing with 4 out of 5, below the bar, were Richard Mullens (6 kyu St Albans) and Richard Scholefield (10 kyu Milton Keynes). 39 players took part, an increase on last year. The weather was glorious, and players enjoyed paddling in the sea, walking along the beach, promenade and the hills at the back of Barmouth, and open-air Go in front of the venue, the Min-Y-Mor Hotel.

DURHAM, 19 – 20 June 2010. The biggest Durham Go Tournament ever saw 54 people gathering at St John's College, Durham for two days and a lot of Go. Having a mere one winner seemed paltry, so in the absence of meaningful tie-breaks, the tournament was won jointly by Matt Reid, Yohei Negi and Matt Crosby, all on five wins. Scott Owens from Cambridge was the only player with 6 wins, and the other players on five wins were Jamie Taylor and James Hadfield. Prizewinners with four wins were Luke Humphreys, Gregor Welsh, Dave Cantrell, Andre Cockburn, Will Taylor, Edmund Stephen-Smith, Sandy Taylor and Nick Krempel. The Small Board tournament was won by David Taylor, and the Lightning Tournament jointly between Edwin Brady (person on 100% with most wins) and Dave Cantrell (most wins overall). Additional prizes went to Susan Taylor, who baked shortbread in a Go board design, and Adam Watts, who baked very popular flapjacks. Finally, a special prize was awarded to Gerry Mills for his stalwart service providing the bookshop to the tournament over the years.

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, 13 June 2010. This year the Pair Go Championships, the 20th, were held again at the Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill near Oxford, thanks to new proprietor Gary Adams. Last year's winners Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen lost in round two to Alison and Simon Bexfield, but Alison and Simon lost the final. The winners were Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke, who took the championship for the first time in five years. In the 10-pair handicap group, the winners for the second year running were young Kelda Smith and her father Paul Smith, from Cambridge. The best-dressed pair competition again featured top-hatted winners: Sarah Wright and Alistair Turnbull won with reigning world best dressed champions, Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen, taking second spot. Paul and Kelda Smith also won the RE quiz with 20 points.

NEWS

EGM: There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the BGA on 27th November 1:30 pm at The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS. The agenda consists of one item: Consideration and approval of the 2009 Accounts. Copies of these will be made available at the meeting and in advance, following approval by Council, by contacting the BGA Secretary.

BRITS OVERSEAS

418 players took part in the EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS in Finland, 24th July – 7th August. Yohei Negi (3 dan) was best placed of the 17 from the UK, with 6/10 in 53rd place. Andrew Simons (2 dan) also won 6. In the Weekend Tournament Yohei Negi (3 dan), Martha McGill (3 kyu) and Huw Mort (13 kyu) each won 3, and Alice Bradley (10 kyu) won 4/5. The WORLD YOUTH GOE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 22nd – 28th July, were held on Penghu Island in Taiwan. Anson Ng, representing the UK, won 2 games in the under-12 and Vanessa Wong won 2 in the under-16.

WILL ADAMS FESTIVAL Gillingham, Kent, 11th September. This is a Japanese Festival and Peter and Sheila Wendes will be there representing the BGA. This is very colourful event and there will be people in costumes, ancient and modern, playing Go surrounded by dragons, samurai warriors, medieval Kentish characters etc. See <http://www.whatsonmedway.co.uk/site/whats-on-search/will-adams-festival-p454571>

BGA BOOKSHOP New books SL71: Understanding Dan Level Play £14.00, and SL72: 9 Dan Showdown £29.50. Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW, tel. 01938 556484, bga-books@britgo.org

NEW BOOKSELLER NEEDED Gerry Mills has indicated that he will be resigning at the end of November, after a period of 16 years and at the age of 80. We appreciate that it will be difficult to replace him, but we encourage people who would like to do all or part of what he does to contact Simon Mader. mader.simon@gmail.com 01223 240636 The new job will be constructed around what the volunteer or volunteers are prepared to undertake.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX The current top ten are: Roella Smith 13k Milton School with 460 points, Jamie Taylor 5k Leeds 411, Owen Walker 13k Cambridge 364, Kelda Smith 28k Milton School 358, Peran Truscott 14k Cambridge 343, Langdon Truscott 19k Cambridge 332, Barney Shiu 10k Bristol 244, Jack Drury 8k Aston 222, Tom Meehan 8k Solihull 211, Tian Ren Chen 1k Loughborough 200

STACEY POINTS Current standing (after Milton Keynes) is: 1st with 14 points Yohei Negi, 2nd equal with 8 Matthew Crosby and Sandy Taylor, 4th with 7 Matthew Scott, 5th equal with 5 Edwin Brady, Matthew Reid and Toby Manning

CLUB CHANGES

LONDON: CENTRAL LONDON GO CLUB New web page <http://londongo.org.uk/clgc/aboutus.php>

LONDON CITY Meets on Fridays 18:00, Melton Mowbray pub, Marlborough Court, 14-18 Holborn, London EC1N 2LE. (please phone or email to guarantee a table: dch888@gmail.com or phone 0781 266 2536)

READING New web page <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/reading.html>

MILTON KEYNES Tim Hunt is now the main contact: T.J.Hunt@open.ac.uk, 07850 119939

FORTHCOMING

6th EUROPEAN STUDENT GO CHAMPIONSHIP, DARMSTADT, GERMANY, Friday 10th - Sunday 12th September

Location The beautiful 'Bessunger Schlösschen' ('small castle') in Darmstadt, 35km south of Frankfurt am Main

Event 5 Rounds, McMahon Tournament. Students under the age of 30 are invited to take part. Thanks to sponsorship from Omikron, the first three players will share 500 euro prize money. The Korean professional Yoon Young Sun will be present and available for simultaneous games, game reviews and a lecture.

Contact More information can be found on <http://esgc2010.digoc.de/>. Please register as early as possible to ensure there is accommodation available

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

Location Queens Hotel, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4HG, tel. 01736 362371

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 with Buffet lunch.

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 - Sunday 26th September.

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

Event 5-round McMahon Tournament. 50 minutes time limit, 20 seconds 3 times overtime

Contact Ian Davis 07597070201 sivadnai@gmail.com

SHREWSBURY Saturday 2nd October. Registration by 10:25; prize giving by 19:00

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

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 65 minutes per round plus 'inflated' overtime: 20/5, then staying at 40/5. All entries will be acknowledged with details of Shrewsbury's hotels and attractions.

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

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH Sunday 17th October. 10:00 to 18:00.

Location Nippon Club, Samuel House, 6 St Albans Street, London, SW1Y 4SQ (near Piccadilly Circus).

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

Contact Jonathan Turner JE_Turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX Sunday 31st October. Registration by 09:45

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 01225 336369 davidking68@yahoo.com <http://www.bathgo.org/wessextournament.html>

COVENTRY Saturday 6th November. Registration by 10:30 Prize-giving by 19:00

Location B2.07 Science Concourse, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament.

Contact Wissen Lau: wissen.lau@gmail.com 07771 640857

THREE PEAKS Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th November. Registration by 12:45 Saturday.

Location Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY

Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Early entries welcome (£10 + concessions).

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk 015395 32381

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 27th November. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving by 18:15.

Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS.

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

Contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362 emgo2010@gmail.com

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN Saturday 4th December.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Saturday 4th December. Registration by 10:15. Prize giving 18:55.

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

Event 4-round Handicap tournament.

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

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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**