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RESULTS

OXFORD TOURNAMENT, 12 February 2011. After a two year gap the Oxford Tournament returned, on the same day as the Cheshire, and attracted 51 players. Andrew Simons beat off three London players to win the event. Others winning three games were Sue Paterson (4 kyu), Brook Roberts (6 kyu), Peter Harold-Barry (6 kyu), Richard Wheeldon (9 kyu), Julia Woewodskaya (9 kyu) and Kieran Smith (24 kyu). 51 took part.

CHESHIRE TOURNAMENT, 12 February 2011. The Cheshire tournament was rather small this year, thanks to a clash with the Manchester football derby and other factors, but much enjoyed by those who attended. In the top group Alex Rix (3 dan London) was the winner, beating Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading) in the final. In the Handicap Section, the winner on 4/5 was Matt Marsh (7 kyu Sheffield). On 3/5 were Brian and Kathleen Timmins (9 kyu/14 kyu Shrewsbury) and Reg Sayer (13 kyu Stafford). 14 players took part.

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT, 5 February 2011. The postponed Edinburgh Christmas Open saw a slightly reduced turnout at 33 players. Having earlier been presented with the 2010 Scottish Championship trophy, David Lee (2 dan Dundee) also triumphed on the day. Runners up on 3/4 were Andrew Kay (4 dan Durham) and Matthew Scott (2 dan Newcastle). Also receiving prizes for 3 wins were Jenny Radcliffe (4 kyu Durham), Eevi Korhonen (7 kyu Tampere), Rob Payne (9 kyu Edinburgh), Andrew Bate (10 kyu Durham) and William Grayson (12 kyu Edinburgh), who was 3/3 as a ghost. The Scottish championship 2011 semi-finals were decided to be David Lee v Martha McGill and Piotr Wisthal v Glynn Forsythe.

MAIDENHEAD, 22 January 2011. Andrew Simons (3 dan) from Cambridge won the tie-break that separated the top players at the 56-player Maidenhead-Hitachi Tournament. Second was Tom Brand (3 dan) from Reading and third was Nick Krempel (3 dan) from London. Winning 3/3 were David Ward (2 dan), Baron Allday (1 kyu), David Hall (8 kyu), Pat Ridley (11 kyu) and Jan Poslusny (9 kyu) from Prague. The DAGG team from Cambridge won the team prize, but nobody won the 13x13 prize.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP On Sunday 16th January, Matthew Macfadyen beat Vanessa Wong in the fourth game of the 2010 British Championship match. This put Matthew 3-1 ahead in the 5-game match. Matthew is therefore the 2010 British Champion.

LONDON OPEN, International Student House, London, 28 December 2010 - 31 December 2010. The London Open was again sponsored by Pandanet and Winton Capital Management, but attendance was a little down this year, no doubt due to the extremely cold weather and snow-related travel difficulties that immediately preceded Christmas. Luckily this had disappeared by the time the London Open started and 99 players turned up to play in this, by now traditional 4 day event, finishing on New Year's Eve.

Wang Wei (6 dan), who had just moved from Cork to London (but is originally from China) was thought to be the favourite for the Open being the previous year's runner up. Indeed after four rounds only Wang Wei and Antti Tormanen (6 dan) from Oulu in Finland were unbeaten at the top - they played in round 5; Antti won after an epic battle. Antti then won his last two games to be unbeaten and take first place. Wei Wang also won the rest of his games to end on 6 wins and take second place.

Guo Juan from Amsterdam was again resident professional, providing game commentaries and lectures throughout the time, but not playing in the Open. However, she played in the Pair Go Tournament and won, partnered by Ian Davis from Belfast. Guo has also kindly provided €100 sponsorship for this year's London Open on her audio site. Certificates are given to 5 young deserving players, each worth 20 audio lectures.

The Lightning was won by Jukka Jylanki (9 kyu from Finland), who beat Andrew Kay (4 dan from the UK) in the final.

The prizes were presented by Emma Watkins from Winton, with thanks extended to all those involved, especially Geoff Kaniuk and Jenny Radcliffe as main organisers, ably supported by chief referee Nick Wedd, Tony Atkins and many others.

In parallel with the London Open was the Man-Machine Challenge, sponsored by the British Go Association, which ended in a comprehensive 4-0 victory for the Man - John Tromp, 2 dan, who went away \$1000 richer courtesy of Darren Cook, who was using Many Faces of Go on his laptop. John said that he wasn't going to repeat his bet, as he expected to probably lose in a couple of years time if the computer was going to continue improving at the current rate. He felt that the result didn't reflect the closeness of the games.

The final Go event was a casual Rengo event after the tournament proper had been closed, and before the New Year party, which was won by Frenchmen Arnaud Knippel and Michael White; they attribute their success to brand new hats worn throughout!

This was Geoff Kaniuk's last year as London Open Tournament Director, after many years of extraordinarily dedicated service and hard work. Congratulations to him on his retirement.

ONLINE LEAGUE SEASON 2, KGS, 1 May 2010 - 18 December 2010 The second season of the online team league has now been concluded. Congratulations to Dundee on winning the Championship - the eventual outcome depended on Yohei Negi beating Yangran Zhang on 15th December. This left CLGC A close second, with Edinburgh not far behind. In Division 2, Billericay Dickies just clinched the title on "goal difference" (one more game won) over St Albans to take the lead and win promotion. In Division 3, CLGC B convincingly took the lead and the promotion spot. Second place was Cambridge B. In Division 4, Edinburgh 2 convincingly won promotion to Division 3. Cambridge Junior B was second. Relegated from Division 1 was Leamington, relegated from Division 2 was Durham Blue and from Division 3 was Tiger's Mouth. The next season will extend through the year, with any "play-off" matches amongst teams tied or nearly tied for promotion or relegation to be held during November and December.

NEWS

PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2010/2011 This new competition started in late 2010 and replaced the previous European Team Championships. It is played online on Pandanet (IGS) in its own room called "EuropeanTeamChamp". The League is supported by Pandanet, and they also support the top four teams attending over-the-board finals at the European Go Congress. The British Go Association has entered a UK team under captain William Brooks. Matches are four players a side, made up of available players from the registered team. Current score is 1 win 3 losses 1 draw: Sunday 21st November - Lost to Poland 1:3, Monday 13th December - Beat Belgium 3:1, Tuesday 4th January - Drew with Denmark 2:2, Tuesday/Wednesday 25th/26th January 2011 - lost to Israel 1:3, Tuesday 15th February 2011 - lost to Sweden 0:4.

STACEY POINTS Current standing (after Chester/Oxford): 1= 20 Toby Manning and Alistair Wall, 3= 17 Andrew Kay and Nick Krempel, 5= 14 Yohei Negi and Francis Roads, 7. 13 Sandy Taylor, 8. 12 Alex Rix, 9. 11 Tony Atkins, 10= 10 David Lee and Matthew Scott

YOUTH GRAND PRIX A total of 69 young players took part in qualifying tournaments. The final scores in the 2010 Grand Prix are unchanged since the previous Newsletter, with Roella Smith in 1st place, Jamie Taylor 2nd and Kelda Smith 3rd.

BOOKS Following the closing of our bookshop operation we have signed an agreement with Pentangle Puzzles (01691 649123 <http://www.pentangle-puzzles.co.uk>), who were our main wholesaler, for them to supply all Go books and equipment to our members at a 15% discount on their normal retail prices. There are some technical issues outstanding, so please see our website for exact details of the arrangements (<http://www.britgo.org/books/members.html>).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The AGM of the BGA will be held in the Malmesbury Town Hall on Saturday 10th April at 7:30pm, The agenda is:
1. Election of tellers 2. Reading of the minutes of the previous AGM and EGM 3. Discussion of matters arising from the minutes
4. Receipt of and consideration of Officers', Membership Secretary's and Auditor's written reports 5. Election of Officers and Auditor
6. Election of ordinary Council members 7. Consideration of and voting upon any proposals received 8. Any other business

CLUB UPDATES

BRIGHTON now meets fairly regularly on Wednesday evenings at The Swan in Falmer. For latest information go to <http://groups.google.com> and enter brightongo in the search box.

CAMBRIDGE new contact John Richardson jwr38@cam.ac.uk and website fixed.

CHELTENHAM GO CLUB contact now Adam Watts 07403475573.

GLASGOW CLUB now meets at The Blind Pig, Byres Road G12 8TB, even during holidays

LONDON, NIPPON CLUB tanaka @ gokichi.org.uk, 07956 594040 (mobile).

MANCHESTER CLUB now meeting at The Shakespeare in Fountain St

NOTTINGHAM CITY now meeting at Bugman's Bar only on the 1st Wednesday of the month. For all other Wednesdays we meet at The Last Post.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY contact now Maria Tabor maria_tabor1989@hotmail.co.uk

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FORTHCOMING

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS Saturday 12th March Registration by 10:45. Prize-giving by 18:40.

Location St Columba's Hall in central Cambridge

Event Three-round McMahon, time limits approximately one hour, details to be decided. Novice events probably be similar to last year

Contact Main tournament Alex Selby 07810 488300 trigant2011@pobox.com For Novices, Paul Smith 01223 563932 paul.smith25@ntlworld.com

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 20th March

Location Bloxham School, Oxfordshire OX15 4PE.

Contact Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 bygc@britgo.org

ARUNDEL Sunday 27th March Registration by 10:20. Prize giving about 17:45.

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

STRONG PLAYERS TRAINING (Rating > 2100), Letchworth Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd April

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

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, Malmesbury 8th - 10th April Registration by 19:15 on Friday and by 10:30 Saturday. Prize giving 17:35 on Sunday.

Location The Town Hall, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9BZ.

Event 6-round British Open McMahon tournament (Saturday/Sunday). British Lightning (Friday evening). BGA AGM (Saturday evening)

Contact Paul Barnard 01793 692408 evenings before 9.30pm; secretary@swindongoclub.org.uk

WELWYN GARDEN CITY Saturday 16th April Registration by 09:45. Prize giving 17:30

Location Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club room, Gosling Stadium, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XE..

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with 20/5 overtime. Buffet lunch.

Contact John Collins 01707 883174 jm@xisl.com

CANDIDATES, Cambridge Saturday 30th – Monday 2nd May

Event Invitations will be sent to qualified players

BAR-LOW Sunday 1st May Registration by 10:00

Location Walters Room, Selwyn College, Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DQ.

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

Contact John Richardson 07866 563410 jwr38@cam.ac.uk

BRACKNELL Sunday 15th 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 Dundee, Saturday 28th May - Sunday 29th May

MATCH AGAINST JAPANESE TOURISTS Wednesday 1st June. Nippon Club, London, Contact Jonathan Turner JE_Turner@hotmail.com

DURHAM Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th June. Contact Durham Go Club go.club@durham.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN Barmouth Saturday 25th–Sunday 26th June. Contact Tony Pitchford 01925 730583 tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

MILTON KEYNES Saturday 2nd July. Contact Tim Hunt 07850119939 t.j.hunt@open.ac.uk



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