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RESULTS

WELWYN GARDEN CITY TOURNAMENT, 16 April 2011. St Albans club held the first Welwyn Garden City Tournament in the Bridge Room at Gosling Sports Centre. 17 players took part but nobody won all three games. A tie at the top was partly split leaving Alison Bexfield (2 dan Letchworth) and Alan Thornton (1 dan St Albans) as equal winners, 1 SOS point ahead of Andrew Simons (3 dan Cambridge). Only player unbeaten was Paul Taylor (1 dan St Albans) who took a bye in round one; he received the free membership of Alex Dinerchtein's Insei League as a prize.

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, 8 - 10 April 2011. The Swindon Go Club hosted this year's British Go Congress in the delightful historic town of Malmesbury. The Friday Evening British Lightning had 18 players, by a fortunate coincidence, thus making the draw easy – 3 tables of six for the round robin. A further happy coincidence was a tie for first place on one table, generating 4 winners for the knockout stage. In the final, Andrew Kay beat Sandy Taylor. Chong Han (5 dan Loughborough) won the main tournament on a SOS tie break from Andrew Kay and Vanessa Wong. Prizes also went to everyone on 5 wins (there were none on 6), and those on 3 out of 3 on the first day. The tournament was blessed with two jigos, so four additional prizes were awarded to the happy participants in the two "perfect games". 48 players took part. The Nippon Club team cup was won by Durham, narrowly ahead of Manchester.

ARUNDEL TOURNAMENT, 27 March 2011. The winner was Matthew Cocke (5 dan Epsom) who was the best of the 26 players. Winning all three games were Michael Webster (1 kyu London) and Adan Mordcovich (5 kyu Wanstead). All those on two wins received prizes including runner up Francis Roads (3 dan Wanstead).

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, 20 March 2011. The 2011 Youth Championships had 24 competitors aged from 7 to 18, with strengths from 2 dan to 30 kyu. The new library block at Bloxham School served as a great venue. Mazhar Warraich from Aston won the youth championship with 4 straight wins including beating Tian-Ren Chen from Loughborough. Silas Yufu Shi, 2 dan, from Loughborough was the strongest player taking part, but he has Chinese nationality; his only loss was against Mazhar in a rematch of the first round. Prizes and places went to: Overall winner: Mazhar Warraich (Aston) 2nd: Tian-Ren Chen (Loughborough), U18: Mazhar Warraich (Aston) 2nd: Jamie Taylor (Leeds), U16: Tian-Ren Chen (Loughborough) 2nd: Matei Mandache (Loughborough), U14: Aidan Putman (Swindon) 2nd: Thomas Meehan (Solihull), U12: Roella Smith (Cambridge) 2nd: Ibraheem Mustafa (Aston), U10: Not contested, U8: Anthony Ghica (Newmarket), Open/Handicap Winner: Silas Yufu Shi (Loughborough), Castledine Trophy: Loughborough (beat Aston 3-0). Thanks to Pelican Books and author Chris Bradford the main prize winners received copies of "The Ring of Water". The proceeds from the event, together with a collection, raised £150 for the Red Cross Japan Tsunami Appeal.

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS, 12 March 2011. David Ward (3 dan) won his local tournament, the Cambridge Trigantius, without having to share the title as he did in 2000. 36 players took part at St Columba's Church in the centre of the city. Other players winning all three games were Michael Charles (1kyu St Albans), Brook Roberts (4kyu Cambridge) and Jan Poslusny (6kyu Prague). The 13x13 was won by Juan Leonardo Martinez-Hurtado (15 kyu Cambridge) and the animal puzzles were solved by Patrick Batty (South London). Nine novices, including four complete beginners, attended the parallel novices' event. No prize was awarded, because the tournament turned into another teaching session instead, but special commendations must go to Jack Chen, Sam Austin and Mark Slatter for their progress during the day.

8th NOTTINGHAM TOURNAMENT, 26 February 2011. Chong Han (5 dan Loughborough) won his first UK tournament by taking with ease the 8th Nottingham. Also winning 3 were Roger Daniel (5 kyu London), Maria Tabor (6 kyu Nottingham), David Crabtree (9 kyu Chester) and Andrew Russell (12 kyu Birmingham). Mike Charles won the 9x9 prize and Toby Manning the quiz prize.

NEWS

AGM REPORT The Annual General Meeting was held on 9th April in Malmesbury. An EGM to approve the Accounts will follow. Colin MacLennan and Paul Smith joined Council; Simon Mader, Edwin Brady and Geoff Kaniuk stood down. Toby Manning became Treasurer. The substantial cost of sending out the newsletter was raised and options debated. Francis Roads reminded members the Castledine-Barnes Trust welcomes applications for financial support from under-eighteen players. Gerry Mills received life membership. Full report: <http://www.britgo.org/council/agm2011>

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE The BGA is not organising a specific fund for people to donate to the relief operations. However, we are pleased to direct you to the one organised by the Japanese Ambassador. http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/en/wm/mar_earthquake.html Donations to this fund will be forwarded to the Japanese Red Cross Society. Our thoughts and sympathy are with the Japanese at this time and we hope for a speedy recovery.

STACEY GRAND PRIX 2010-11 This year's winner is Alistair Wall, the final scores being: 28 points Alistair Wall, 26 Toby Manning, 24 Andrew Kay, 19 Nick Krempel, 18 Francis Roads, 16 Sandy Taylor, 15 Tony Atkins, 14 Yohei Negi, and tied on 12 points: Matthew Cocke, Alex Rix and David Ward.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX Following the first few tournaments of 2011 and the Youth Championships, which count double points, the first 2011 points table was issued (see <http://www.britgo.org/junior/gprix2011.html>). Out of 24 contestants, the top three are: Adan Mordcovich (5k Wanstead) with 312 points, Matei Mandache (6k Loughborough) 236 and Owen Walker (13k Cambridge) 232.

BRITS OVERSEAS and INTERNATIONAL ON-LINE

TransAtlantic Youth Go Match, KGS (on-line), 17 April 2011. This event provides the opportunity for youth players to get top-level playing experience and make new go friends. This year it was organized as a team match with eleven players per side, with players being invited to by their national or continental Go associations. Vanessa Wong was selected as UK representative for Europe. She played Hugh Zhang (aged 14) and won by 10 points. Overall, Europe won for the first time, beating the USA and Canada by 6 games to 5.

European Youth Go Championships, Brno, Czechia, 11 - 13 March 2011. Vanessa Wong was second at the EYGC for a second year running. She lost, as last year, to Mateusz Surma from Poland who retained the under-16 title. Also travelling to the beautiful setting of the lakeside Santon Hotel in Brno, Czechia, were sisters Kelda and Roella Smith from Cambridge. In the under-12s Roella won 2 games at 11k to place 13th and Kelda won 3 at 20k to place 41st. Vladyslav Verteleckyi from the Ukraine was the under-12 champion.

Irish Open, Dublin, 5 - 6 March 2011. Finland's Antti Tormanen (6 dan) tied with Wei Wang (6 dan) in the 62 player Irish Open. This was Antti's fourth tournament win of the Pandanet Go European Cup, which put him top in the points table with 57. Wei Wang, studying in London but being Chinese, is ineligible for Pandanet points, so the next points went to Slovakia's Lisy Pavol (5 dan) and Czechia's Ondrej Silt (6 dan) in equal third. This put Csaba Mero and Ondrej Silt equal second in the Pandanet points table on 51. The other point places went to Willem-Koen Pomstra from the Netherlands, Juri Kuronen from Finland, Quentin Mills from the UK, Gavin Rooney from Ireland and Germany's Bernd Sambale.

Irish Rapid Tournament, Dublin, 4 March 2011: As usual, many of the players in Dublin for the Irish Open congregated in the Teachers' Club on the Friday night for the Irish Rapid handicap tournament. The 26 players had to cope with the decreasing time limits and the handicap-plus-one games. Best at coping was Ian Davis (1 dan) from Belfast. Second, losing to Ian in the fifth round, was Jan Reichelt (1 kyu) from Germany. Also winning 4 were Cork's Gavin Rooney (2 dan) and France's Jean-Philippe Leduc (1 dan).

Pandanet Go European Team Championship, Pandanet (on-line)

UK vs. Croatia, 6 March 2011: Team leader Will Brooks lost again, but the team still beat Croatia thanks to wins from Matthew Madfadyen, Andrew Simons and Nick Krempel. The 3-1 win puts the UK in a much safer position for avoiding relegation, nearing the end of the season.

UK vs. Austria, 23 March 2011: Wins on boards 2 and 4 for the UK ensured the honours were split evenly between the UK and Austria. Captain Will Brooks finally broke his duck, and Jon Diamond did his duty as president, while misfortune befell Matthew Macfadyen and Andrew Simons.

UK vs. Slovenia, 19 April 2011: With a somewhat more scratch team than usual (Matthew couldn't play and Jonathan Chin stepped up last minute) we lost 1-3 against Slovenia. The season is now nearing its end with only one more match, vs. Spain. For more details, see the BGA Euroteams page.

BOOKS We have finalised an agreement with Pentangle Puzzles and Games to be our preferred supplier of Go books and sets. BGA members receive 15% discount on purchases of all Go books and equipment from their catalogue. <http://www.pentangle-puzzles.co.uk/> Phone 01691 649123

As a new service to the Go world, we have started providing a number of Book Reviews online as part of our website. They are available via the Book Reviews link in the Books and Sets section. These will typically be copies of reviews that have been previously published in the British Go Journal (BGJ), or the American e-Journal, but have now been brought together in one easy accessible place.

"The Ring of Water" is the fifth book in the Young Samurai series of teenage novels by Chris Bradford. It was published by Puffin on 3rd March 2011. Its hero is an English boy stranded in 17th Century Japan who has learnt to be a Samurai in order to survive. In this book he has to play a game of Go against a Japanese lord in order to gain freedom for him and his friends.

CLUBS We've implemented a new way of updating our clubs list and map, by allowing club secretaries to be in control of their own details and update them as soon as they change. This means that the club list and map are going to be more up to date and more reliable than ever before. The downside is that it's no longer feasible to maintain the "Clubs Updates" feature in the Newsletter. There have recently been a significant number of corrections to the details about many clubs, so if you're planning to visit a new area of the country the best information is on <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/list> Another helpful site is <http://igolocal.net/> which includes more than individual 130 UK players. For people without internet, there are the club contacts in the BGJ, or if that fails, contact our Membership Secretary Phil Beck on 01223 367022.

FORTHCOMING

BRACKNELL Sunday 15th 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 Dundee Friday 27th - Sunday 29th May Main tournament registration from 09:30 – 11:00 on Saturday.

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

Event 3 games on Saturday and 2 on Sunday and a bar set according to the entry. Time is set at 80 minutes per player with sudden death. These timings mean it will be an "A" class BGA tournament. Half-board lightning tournament on the Friday evening.

Contact <http://www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~pjclinch/dundeegoclub/tours.htm> Pete Clinch p.j.clinch@dundee.ac.uk phone 01382 665322

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

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Oxfordshire Sunday 12th June. Registration 10:00 to 10:25.

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, 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL 020 85054381 francis.roads@gmail.com

DURHAM Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th June. Registration by 11:30 Saturday. Prize-giving by 17:00 Sunday.

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

Event 6 Round McMahon. Time limit 40 minutes, with progressive overtime (20/5 etc).

Contact Durham Go Club go.club @ durham.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN Barmouth Saturday 25th–Sunday 26th 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. Time limit 50 minutes with 20/5 overtime.

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

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, Sunday 26th June (provisional)

Location King Edward VI Aston School, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ

Event 13x13 tournament for school children qualified from UK Go Challenge heats and also for those who were unable to play in a heat.

Contact info @ ukgochallenge.com

MILTON KEYNES Saturday 2nd July. Registration by 10:15. Prizing giving 18:30.

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

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 65 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Tim Hunt 07850119939 t.j.hunt @ open.ac.uk

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD London, 27th, 28th August <http://www.boardability.com/>

THREE PEAKS Grange-over-Sands Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November.

CORNWALL Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December

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