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RESULTS

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS Aston, 26 June 2011. Adan Mordcovich from London is the new champion of the UK Go Challenge. He also won the Under-18 Boys section forcing Aston's Mazhar Warraich to take second in the section and overall. Hamzah Reta, also from Aston, was third overall and Under-16 Boys Champion. Aston won the schools trophy and their Ibraheem Mustafa won the Under-12 Boys. Thomas Meehan from Solihull won the Under-14 Boys. Milton School players cleaned up in the younger age groups and won the Junior School Cup. Roella Smith was Top Girl winning the Under-12 and her sister Kelda won the Under-8s. Their brother Edmund, aged 6, won the Boys Under-8 and Mark Slatter won the Boys Under-10. A special award of UK Go Challenge Meijin Organiser was given to Mr Mike Lynn for supporting the event from its start up to his forthcoming retirement.

DURHAM TOURNAMENT 18 June 2011 - 19 June 2011 42 players took part, a pleasingly high turnout, and for the first time the main, six-rounds tournament was won by a Durham player, recent acquisition Andrew Kay, who was the only player to win all six games. Another Durham dan player, Alex Kent, won five games, as did Andre Cockburn of Nottingham and Pat Ridley of Chester. On four wins were Yuhan Jin of Tees-side, Sandy Taylor of Durham, Alan Thornton of St Albans, Scott Owens of Cambridge, Robin Zigmond of Durham and Paul Taylor of Durham. The small board event was won by David Sinclair of Durham, with Ludan Fang of CGLC in second place. Andrew Kay managed to find the time to win the lightning side event as well as the main. 35 players and family visited a local restaurant on Saturday evening in Durham's traditional friendly manner. Sandy Taylor, who is about to graduate and leave the club, was awarded a Goat Ornament to celebrate his three years as President.

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Boars Hill, Oxford, 12 June 2011. Natasha Regan celebrated her 40th birthday by winning the British Pair Go Championship for a second year running with Matthew Cocks. This time they beat Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen in the final. The handicap winners from 2008, Sam MacCarthy and John Collins, won the handicap section again. Best dressed pair was Jenny Radcliffe and organiser Francis Roads. The language quiz was won by Anna Griffiths and Tony Atkins with 33/40. Jil Segerman and Adan Mordcovich won the fighting spirit prize. Full report and other Pair Go news: www.britgo.org/files/pair11uk.pdf

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE, ISH, London, 27 May 2011 - 30 May 2011. Matthew Macfadyen, the British Champion 2010, will be playing Nick Krempel (3 dan London), who won five games in the League, in a best of 3 final. Hui Wang and Alistair Wall just missed out on playing for the title by one win each.

SCOTTISH OPEN, Dundee, 28 May 2011 - 29 May 2011. For the first time in many years, the Scottish Open was won this year not by a Scottish resident but someone Scottish-born - Sandy Taylor (2 dan Durham) - winning all five games to take his first tournament title. 23 players took part in total. A drop in local players was caused by the closure of long-term sponsor Real Time Worlds and a local wedding anniversary. A new sponsor, Denki (games software), ensured that, as ever, all players took away a jar of Dundee's famous marmalade. Prizes were also awarded to David Lee (2 dan Dundee) and Dieter Daems (9 kyu Leuven) for four wins out of five, and to Martha McGill (2 kyu Edinburgh), Boris Mitrovic (2 kyu Edinburgh), Tom Croonenborghs (1 dan Antwerp), Eugene Kee-Onn Wong (4 kyu Glasgow) and Andrew Thurman (7 kyu Durham) for three wins. Edwin Brady (1 kyu St Andrews) and Sandy Taylor (2 dan Durham) jointly won the Lightning tournament with three wins out of four.

BRACKNELL TOURNAMENT, Wokingham, 15 May 2011. The organiser of the Bracknell Tournament was also the winner: Ian Marsh (1 kyu Bracknell) was the best of the 28 players. Also winning all three were Xinyi Lu (4 kyu Maidenhead) and Laurence Anderson (7 kyu Bracknell). Poland's Marcel Zantman (6 kyu) won two and then had a last round jigo. Bahareh Afshari won the problem solving, Mike Charles won the 13x13 and Peter Collins won the caption contest.

BAR-LOW TOURNAMENT, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1 May 2011. 14 players took part in the Cambridge Bar-Low. The only players winning 4 games were in equal first: Graham Lamburn (1 kyu), John Richardson (1 kyu) and Adan Mordcovich (2 kyu).

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 30 April 2011 - 2 May 2011. 28 players from 2 kyu to 5 dan attended the Candidates' Tournament held at Selwyn College in Cambridge. Andrew Kay (4 dan) was unbeaten winner and Des Cann (4 dan) won five out of six. The rest of the qualifiers, on 4/6, were Hui Wang (5 dan), Alan Thornton (1 dan), William Brooks (3 dan), Nick Krempel (3 dan) and Alistair Wall (3 dan). The reserves, also on 4/6, were David Ward, Richard Hunter and Paul Taylor.

THAMES VALLEY TOURNAMENT, Woodley, 25 April 2011. Guildford-based West Surrey Go Club won the Thames Valley Team Tournament for a second time, winning ahead of teams from Maidenhead, Bracknell and Reading. Mark Nubbart from West Surrey led his team by being the only player with three wins. The winners in the traditional 10x10 side event were Xinyi Lu with 7 wins and Tony Atkins with 4/4

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Phil Beck has given us nine months notice that he wishes to give up being Membership Secretary in April next year. We're obviously looking for a replacement and if you're interested in the job please contact the President (Jon Diamond) or one of the other Council members.

SHODAN CHALLENGE 2011-12 The Shodan Challenge is scheduled to start on 1st July. We've got a new organiser, Chris Bryant, who's working hard with some new ideas to stimulate the players involved and help with ensuring that everybody improves. So please sign up now; further information and the entry form are on www.britgo.org/events/shodan If you've already registered your interest it's possible that we've lost your information during the transfer to the new organiser, so could you register again, just to be sure we don't miss you. If you want to be a mentor in this please email shodan-challenge@britgo.org Good luck to all participants!

STACEY GRAND PRIX 2010-11 Current placings (after Barmouth): 1st Alex Kent, 2nd Sandy Taylor, 3rd David Phillips and Alan Thornton, 5th Andrew Kay, 6th Yuhan Jin and Ian Marsh.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX The top 10 players in the 2011 Youth Grand Prix after the UK Go Challenge Finals are: Adan Mordcovich 1d Wanstead, Roella Smith 11k Milton School, Owen Walker 12k Cambridge, Tom Meehan 18k Solihull, Adam Ratcliffe 24k Aston, Mazhar Warraich 1k Aston, Anthony Ghica 25k Newmarket, Matei Mandache 6k Loughborough, Arjun Rai 17k Aston and Abdul Aziz 24k Aston.

BRITS INTERNATIONAL

London-Japan Friendship Match, Nippon Club, London, 1 June 2011. The match between the party of visiting retired Japanese Go players and the BGA/London team ended very close. With one result to come in it was tied at 8 all. The outstanding game, the bottom board, decided in Japan's favour 9-8. Winning for the British side were Nick Krempel, Alex Rix, Jonathan Chetwynd, Michael Webster, Jonathan Turner, Xinyi Lu, Jiri Keller and Roger Daniel. After the match most players then went on for a meal in China Town.

European Pair Go Championships, Istanbul, 28 May 2011 - 29 May 2011. Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke took 11th place (the 9th best country) at the European Pair Go Championship in Istanbul, Turkey. They lost to Czechia, France and Germany, but beat Poland and two pairs from Turkey. Best of the 31 pairs taking part was the pair from Hungary, Rita Pocsai and Pal Balogh. Czechia was second and Ukraine third

32nd World Amateur Go Championship, Shimane, Japan, 29 May 2011 - 1 June 2011. The UK representative was Alex Selby from Cambridge. He won 3 games to take 43rd place. His first game was a loss to former World Champion Hirata of Japan. He then lost to Nechanicky of Czechia and Trippel of Switzerland, before beating Neville Smythe of Australia. He then lost to Minieri of Italy, beat the player from Azerbaijan, lost to Pedersen of Denmark and won the last game against Mexico. James Hutchinson of Ireland was 36th with 4 wins against Denmark, Argentina, Portugal and Brazil. The unbeaten Champion was Bai of China. Second was Choi of Korea. The group on 6 wins were Eric Lui (USA), Thomas Debarre (France), Hirata (Japan), Jun Fan (Canada) and Franz-Josef Dickhut (Germany). 57 countries took part at the Shimane prefectural hall in Matsue, a ancient castle town in the west of Japan

Pandanet Go European Team Championship (on-line) Final two rounds, 19 April and 17 May 2011; Jon Diamond, Des Cann, and Andrew Simons played both rounds, Jonathan Chin 19th April and Toby Manning 17th May; scratch teams on both occasions because Matthew Macfad-yen was unable to play. One win each to Jon and Toby, two wins to Andrew. Overall, the best we can say is that we managed to avoid relegation; hopefully we'll do better next year! Thanks to Will Brooks, as team captain, for organising our matches despite many difficulties.



MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD 15th, London, Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th August.

Location University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1 7HY

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MSO Go, Small Board, Saturday 27th August, 14:15 to 17:45. 13x13 boards. Go introduction 10:30

MSO Go, Open, Sunday 28th August, 10:00 to 17:45. 4-round McMahon. 40 mins + 30 in 5 overtime.

Contact <http://www.boardability.com/> preferred. Alternatives: mindsportsolympiad@gmail.com 07939 592820

BELFAST Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August (provisional).

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

Event 5-round McMahon Tournament.

Contact Ian Davis sivadnai@gmail.com 07597070201

NORTHERN Sunday 4th September (date and location not finalised)

Event 3 round McMahon

Contact chris@cs.man.ac.uk 0161-903-9023

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.

For further details, check the tournament website, or contact johnculmer@btinternet.com 01326 573167

SWINDON Sunday 18th September (date and location not finalised) Contact Paul.Barnard@iprplc-gdfsuez.com 07989 492793

SHREWSBURY Sunday 2nd October.

Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB. Registration by 10:25; prize giving by 19:00.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 65 minutes per round plus 'inflated' overtime: 20/5, then staying at 40/5.

Contact Roger Huyshe roger.huyshe@btinternet.com

WESSEX Sunday 30th October (provisional)

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 5th 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. Time limit 60 minutes with 40/5 overtime

THREE PEAKS TOURNAMENT, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 12.45 Saturday.

Location Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY Tel 015395 32381

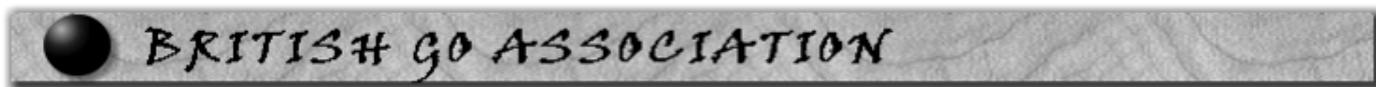
Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Time limits 50 minutes with increasing overtime (20/5, 30/5, 40/5, 40/5 etc).

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

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

WEST SURREY HANDICAP and EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS both in December.

LONDON OPEN Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December



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