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RESULTS

SHREWSBURY TOURNAMENT, 2 October. The winner of this year's Shrewsbury tournament was Toby Manning, after a long struggle with Baron Allday. Kathleen Timmins also won three games. Although numbers were down on last year, those present enjoyed the tournament and commented that the shift to Sunday had made travel and parking troublefree.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT, 18 September. The Swindon Tournament went well and attracted 36 players. Winning again after a gap of six years was Bei Ge (5 dan), who beat Francis Roads in the last round. Francis led the Wanstead club to victory in the team prize. The only other player to win all three games was young Aidan Putman (12 kyu) from Swindon, so a special prize went to Adan Mordcovich (2 kyu) for two good wins.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL, CAMDEN, LONDON, 17 September. In an exciting third and deciding game Matthew Macfadyen killed a group early on and held on against everything Nick Krempel could throw at him. Eventually Nick had to resign allowing Matthew to be champion for another year. The records of all three games are on the BGA website. Guo Juan has kindly commented all three games and has created free audio lectures which are linked from the BGA site.

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, 11 September, Richard Moulds won this year's Northern tournament. Although there were only 21 players, there were four other prize winners on maximum wins, namely: Ron Bell, Roger Huyshe, James Brownrigg and Brian Timmins. Also noteworthy is the fact that Adan Mordcovich from Wanstead, the youngest player to attend, was placed second overall.

CORNWALL TENZANCE, 10 – 11 September. Sue Paterson won the Cornish Rapid Handicap on the Saturday and Ian Marsh won the Cornish Open on SUNDAY, 20 people took part in all over the weekend that included a teaching session as well as the two tournaments.

BELFAST TOURNAMENT, 27 – 28 August. Andrew Simons was unbeaten winner at this year's 22-player Belfast Tournament. Matthew Crosby was second with 4 wins, only losing to Andrew. Also winning 4 were Poland's Justyna Kleczar and Marek Gutkowski. Winning 3 to come third was local player James Hutchinson.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, LONDON, 27 – 28 August, In the 13 x 13 tournament Matthew Cocke proved the best of the 8 players. Silver place went to Francis Roads winning 6 but losing to Matthew. Bronze place went to Henry Manners with 4 wins on tie-break from Xinyi Lu and event arbiter Tony Atkins. Matthew then went on to collect his second MSO Gold in two days, by winning the 16-player Open. Silver went to Adam Pirani who lost to Matthew in the last round. Equal Bronzes were Francis Roads and Chu Lu from China. Paco Garcia from Spain was fifth.

NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MIND SPORTS ASSOCIATION. On 17th November at the County Hall London, the IMSA is planning to make an announcement about the award to a host city for the 2012 World Mind Sports Games. London is unlikely; Manchester is a possibility, or it may be some other place in Europe. Watch for the announcement... To coincide with this event, the IMSA is organising a first "UK Festival of Mind Sports". This is being driven by the ISP's first official poker "World Championship" with the opening day being held in the London Eye on 17th November: <http://uk.pokerfed.org/>. There are proposals to hold a Go exhibition on the same day, which will almost certainly involve the exclusive use of two pods on the London Eye. We'll keep you up to date with the latest information on the BGA website, our Facebook group and the Gotalk mailing list.

STACEY GRAND PRIX, Current placings (after Shrewsbury): 1 Alex Kent, 2 Andrew Simons, 3= David Phillips, Francis Roads, Sandy Taylor and Alan Thornton, 7 = Toby Manning and Ian Marsh, 9 Andrew Kay, 10 = Tony Atkins, Peter Collins, Helen Harvey, Boris Mitrovic and Alistair Wall.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX The 2011 Youth Grand Prix points table has been updated to include the Northern, Cornish and Swindon tournaments. Adan stays in the lead following his second place at the Northern and two wins at Swindon. We welcome two teenagers from West Cornwall who have scored their first points. The top ten are: Adan Mordcovich 2k Wanstead on 690 points, Roella Smith 11k Milton School 406, Owen Walker 12k Cambridge 312, = Tom Meehan 18k Solihull, Adam Ratcliffe 24k Aston and Mazhar Warraich 1k Aston 256, Aidan Putman 12k Swindon 252, Anthony Ghica 25k Newmarket 238, Matei Mandache 6k Loughborough 236 and Arjun Rai 17k Aston 212.

PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2011/2012 This is the second season of a team competition played online on Pandanet (IGS) in its own room called "EuropeanTeamChamp". Pandanet sponsor the League and the top four teams attending over-the-board finals at the European Go Congress. The British team for this year's team event, starting on 27th September, is (in Rating List order as of 8th September): Matthew Macfadyen, Bei Ge, Vanessa Wong, Chong Han, Simon Shiu, Des Cann, Alex Selby, Jon Diamond, Nick Krempel, Andrew Simons, David Ward and David Lee. The British team lost their first match in the new season. Their fixture against Belgium ended as a 3-1 defeat. The team of Bei Ge, Des Cann, Alex Selby and Andrew Simons battled hard, but only won on board 4. Further details: <http://www.brit-go.org/events/euroteams2011.html> (Will Brooks, no mention here because not playing.)

SPORT ACCORD WORLD MIND GAMES QUALIFIER, PRAGUE, 26 - 28 August. Vanessa Wong beat Svetlana Shikshina in the last round of the Sport Accord Qualifier to get the women's place on the European Union team for Beijing in December. She will play Pair Go with Catalin Taranu. The other team members will be Cornel Burzo, Christian Pop and Ilya Shikshin. Vanessa won three games in all including a win over Matthew Macfadyen who ended on two wins.

BOOK REVIEWERS WANTED Message from the BGJ editor Pat Ridley: A few months ago I appealed for volunteers to write book reviews for the British Go Journal and BGA website. A small number of people volunteered, and they have now been sent free review copies kindly provided by Slate and Shell and Pentangle Games. This is not intended to be an exclusive club: reviews of any Go-related material - books (including e-books and fiction), software, websites ... - from anyone will be welcomed! But if you are interested joining the 'panel' and being offered a book to review from time to time, please email Pat at: journal@britgo.org

FORTHCOMING

WESSEX TOURNAMENT, BATH. Sunday 30th October. Registration by 09:45 GMT; prize giving about 18:00.

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 www.bathgo.org/wessextournament.html davidking68@yahoo.com
David King, 75 Locksbrook Road, Bath, BA1 3ES

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.
Contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362 eastmidlandsgo2011@gmail.com

THREE PEAKS TOURNAMENT, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 10.45 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; email preferred: lesbag@tiscali.co.uk 01539 532678. 35, Kirkhead Road, Grange over sands, LA11 7DB

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

Location Science Concourse, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL
Event 3 round McMahon tournament. Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 19:00.
Contact B.T.Akperi@warwick.ac.uk 07816478250 169 Fletchamstead Highway Coventry, CV4 7BA

WEST SURREY HANDICAP Saturday 3rd December. Registration by 10:15. Prizegiving 18:55

Location Burpham Village Hall, Burpham Lane, Guildford, GU4 7LP.
Event 4--round Handicap tournament. Time limit 50 minutes adjusted for size of handicap..
Contact Pauline Bailey 01483 561027 pab27@stocton.org.

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS, Saturday 3rd December. Registration by 09:45. Prizegiving 18:00.

Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.
Event 4-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 45 minutes with 30/5 overtime.
Contact Donald MacLeod donald.macleod284@virgin.net 0141 8806169

LONDON OPEN, Tuesday 28th--Friday 31st December. Registration Wednesday 28th December, 12:00 – 14:00.

Location International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5PN.
Event On Tuesday 27, you can play Go in the Cyber-Cafe.
Main Tournament: 7 rounds McMahon, 90 minutes if either player is 19 kyu or stronger, 60 minutes otherwise. Canadian Overtime 20 moves in 5 minutes. Side events: Pair Go, Lightning, Rengo.
Contact On-line entry preferred, via <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2011/logc#entry>
David Cantrell, Flat 2, 11 Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, London CR7 8JH, United Kingdom

MAIDENHEAD-HITACHI, Saturday 21st January 2012 (provisional). Registration by 9:45. Prize giving by 19:00

Location Hitachi Europe Head Office at Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8YA.
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with increasing overtime (10/5, 20/5 etc). Flexible komi.
Contact Iain Atwell 01628 676792 wintergarden@talktalk.net

LONDON CITY Saturday 4th February 2012.

Location Melton Mowbray pub in High Holburn, London EC1N 2LE.
Contact David Carter-Hitchin 0781 266 2536 dch888@gmail.com

CHESHIRE TOURNAMENT, FRODSHAM, Saturday 11th February 2012. Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 18:30.

Location Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.
Event 3-round open (top 8 players) and 5-round handicap. Time limits 60 mins and 30 mins, with 40/5 overtime.
Contact Tony Atkins 0118-9268143 cheshire@kisekigo.com.

OXFORD, Saturday 18th February

ISLE OF SKYE TOURNAMENT, Saturday 17th March--Sunday 18th March 2012.

Location Tongadale Hotel, Wentworth Street, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9EJ.
Event 6 round McMahon. (Possibly a small board event Friday evening.)
Contact John MacDonald 01478 611207 or Carel Goodheir 01478 612909 carelgoodheir@gmail.com

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, Sunday 18th March 2012. Bloxham, Oxfordshire. Contact Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 bygc@britgo.org.

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, DURHAM, Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd April 2012.

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th June 2012.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, LONDON, Saturday 18th – Sunday 26th August 2012. <http://www.boardability.com/>

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BGA MOBILE: For emergency calls to tournament organisers on the day of some tournaments: 07506 555366