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RESULTS

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS OPEN, 3 December. Yunlong Liu (3d Stirling) was the best of the 24 players attending, with Boris Mitrovic (1k Edinburgh) the runner-up on 3 wins. Prizes also to Eggert Fruchtenicht (13k) for 4 wins and Rob Payne (7k Edinburgh) for 3 wins.

WEST SURREY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, 3 December. Ten years after previously winning, Malcolm Hagan won the West Surrey Handicap Tournament. This was probably the last ever such event, with only the support of 13 players meaning it is not worth continuing. Malcolm (7k Winchester) beat Roger Daniel (6k London) in the final to win all 4 games. Also winning 3 were Ed Blockley (5k Worcester) and Colin Maclennan (10k Twickenham). Pauline Bailey (16k West Surrey) won the 13x13 competition with 8 wins, Tony Atkins won the lunch time Pits and Sue Paterson won the competition for writing 26-word passages where each word starts with a different letter.

COVENTRY TOURNAMENT, 19 November. Andrew Kay beat Matthew MacFadyen in their third-round game to allow Andrew to increase his current titles to five. Matthew got the prize for second and Chu Lu, from the University club, was third. Other players getting prizes for winning all three were David Killen (5k Cheltenham), James Brownrigg (6k Chester), Brent Cutts (9k Nottingham) and Reg Sayer (13k Stafford). Local University club members Anees Ahee (18k) and Ross Woodruff (25k) also won all three games. 47 players took part.

THREE PEAKS TOURNAMENT, 12 – 13 November. Andrew Kay stopped Matthew Cocke's run of three titles in a row at the Three Peaks Tournament in Grange-Over-Sands. Andrew beat Matthew in their fourth-round game to allow Andrew to increase his current titles to four. Andrew Simons also won four wins to come third, only losing to Matthew. Other players winning four out of five were Chris Kirkham (4k Manchester), Ron Bell (4k Borders), Adrian Abrahams (10k Lancaster) and Eggert Fruchtenicht (13k Lancaster). Tony Pitchford was given a special prize for helping out on day 1 when organiser Bob Bagot was not there. 38 players took part.

EAST MIDLANDS TOURNAMENT, 5 November. Chong Han (5d) from Loughborough was the winner beating Francis Roads, Jon Diamond and Tony Atkins along the way. Two other of the 40 players won all three games, namely Chris Bryant (9k) from St Albans club and Paul Reade (14k) from Leamington. Francis Roads and Alistair Wall were awarded plaques for supporting the small small-board side tournament.

WESSEX TOURNAMENT, 30 October. Yunlong Liu, (3d), a temporary student in Scotland, won the 42nd Wessex Tournament in Bath. He beat the defending champion Andrew Kay by 2 points in the final. The only other player of the 30 participants to win all 3 games was Dylan Carter, (2k), from Cardiff.

NEWS

BGA NEWSLETTER Our President writes "We're really grateful to all the people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the Newsletter to you six times a year for the past thirty years. Sadly, it just isn't practical for financial reasons to continue printing it and so Publication of the Newsletter will cease with the April 2012 edition. We are in discussion as to whether it will continue as an electronic publication. In any event you can keep up to date with our News from our website as an RSS feed, in your email mailbox. See our Help page and the next BGJ for more details."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. As usual this will take place during the British Go Congress, on the evening of 21 April. The Agenda will be circulated with the February Newsletter. Any proposals for inclusion in the Agenda should be received by the Secretary secretary@britgo.org by 31st December.

APPEAL FOR DAN LEVEL PAYERS In this year's Shodan Challenge there is an unfortunate lack of dan level mentors available, meaning some strong kyu players have not been able to have a mentor. It would be much appreciated if any dan players interested could send an email to the organiser, Chris Bryant, at simbatheionrules@hotmail.com

FIRST UK MIND SPORTS FESTIVAL, 17 November. The International Federation of Poker had booked the entire London Eye for the evening for their first international team championship for Duplicate Poker and invited the other UK games organisations to demonstrate their games to the UK and World media. This event marked a historic moment for UK Mind Sports with the first festival of all the games who are members of the International Mind Sports Association. The BGA participated, occupying 2 capsules (pods) with players varying in age from 8 to 73 for most of the evening. In one capsule players Michael Culver, Natasha Regan and Oscar Selby were joined by Jon Diamond, Thomas Hsiang (Vice President of the International Go Federation and Executive Director of IMSA) as well as other members of the US Mind Sports Association. In the other capsule were Toby Manning, Jenny Radcliffe, Adán Mordcovich and Nick Krempel. Thanks to all the players, the BGA organisers, Jon Diamond and Toby Manning, and the Nippon Go Club for lending the sets. Finally, thanks to Mind Sports Partners, headed by Don Morris, for organising the whole enjoyable event and providing excellent hospitality for all

GERRY MILLS It is with great sadness that we have to report that Gerry died on Monday 14 November after a year battling cancer. As you all know his grade was 1 dan, achieved in 1986, but much more importantly he was our Bookseller for more than 10 years. On his retirement from this role in 2010 he had been appointed a Life Member of the BGA. The BGA was represented at the funeral by our Treasurer, Toby Manning.

XINYI LU It is with regret that we have to report the very tragic death of Xinyi Lu at the age of 26. He was not just a Go player, but also an organiser and promoter of the game, being a BGA Council member from 2007 to 2010. Xinyi died in an accident, while on holiday in China, at the beginning of October. His parents have created a website in his memory, some of you may wish to add your condolences there: <https://sites.google.com/site/tributetoxinyi/> We offer our condolences to his parents and family.

BRITS OVERSEAS In the International Amateur Pair Go Championship in Tokyo on 19 – 20 November, the British Pair of Alison and Simon Bexfield topped the group on 2 wins to come 17th. They beat pairs from Philippines and Spain, but lost to Korea and two Japanese pairs. For the 6th time in a row Korea won, with Chinese Taipei in second this time. The top European pairs were Hungary in 9th and Czechia in 12th, both with 3 wins. Alison's participation was later reported in the BBC staff magazine "Ariel". In the Pandanet Go European Team Championship in 15 November, the UK team, Matthew Macfadyen, Bei Ge, Des Cann and Jon Diamond drew with Serbia 2-2. We're still near the bottom of the table, but a win in our next round could lift us to 3rd place. In the 6th KPMC in Pohang Korea, Andrew Kay, representing the UK, was placed 22nd. He beat Morocco, Slovenia and Hong Kong, but lost to France, Canada and Thailand to win 3/6. Also winning 3/6 below the dan-bar was Ireland's Rory Wales in 49th place.

CLUBS UPDATE A belated welcome to 3 new UK Clubs: Grimsby, Llansannan (North Wales) - now moved to Abergele - and Northampton. Also, welcome back to the resurrected club in York and the reopened location in Edinburgh following a fire earlier this year. There have also been some venue changes for Birmingham, Milton Keynes and Leeds; full information on the club list <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/list>

FORTHCOMING

LONDON OPEN, Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December 2011. Registration Wednesday 28th December, 12:00 – 14:00.

Location International Students House , 229 Great Portland Street , London , W1W 5PN.
Event 7 rounds McMahon, 90 minutes if either player is 19 kyu or stronger. Side events include: Pair Go, Lightning, Rengo.
Contact <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2011/logc> london-open@britgo.org D. Cantrell, Flat 2, 11 Beulah Road, London CR7 8JH, UK

MAIDENHEAD-HITACHI, Saturday 21st January 2012. 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 Attwell 01628 676792 wintergarden@talktalk.net

BRITISH SMALL BOARD Sunday 22nd January. Registration by 10:25. Prize giving 17:00.

Location Trinity Junior Parlour, Trinity College, Trinity Street, Cambridge CB2 1TQ.
Event 8-round 13x13, double elimination, then handicap, tournament. Time limit 15 minutes. Actually the belated 2011 championship!
Contact Paul Smith paul.smith25@ntlworld.com 01223 563932 2 Townsend Close, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6DN.

LONDON CITY Saturday 4th February Registration 9:00 – 10:00, prizegiving 18:00 – 18:30

Location Melton Mowbray pub in High Holburn, London EC1N 2LE.
Event Three rounds, time limits 60 minutes
Contact <http://www.citygoplayers.org.uk/> David Carter-Hitchin 0781 266 2536 dch888@gmail.com

CHESHIRE TOURNAMENT, FRODSHAM, Saturday 11th February. 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 Registration by 09:45.

Location St. Edmund Hall, Queens Lane, Oxford, OX1 4AR Registration by 09:45.
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. Time limit 50 minutes with 30/5 overtime. Extra prizes, and gifts, for Under-9s, Under-12s, Under-15s, and Under-18s. Additional (faster) Novices Tournament, in parallel.
Contact Harry Fearnley oxfordgotournament2012@gmail.com 38 Henley St, Oxford, OX4 1ES, UK
Only if you cannot write or email, please phone 01865 248775 but do not phone on the day.

NOTTINGHAM Saturday 25th February Registration by 9:45; prize giving 18:00

LOCATION Room LG11, Trent Building, University Park, University of Nottingham, NG7 2RD.
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with 40/5 overtime.
Contact Ben Haines ben-haines at hotmail.co.uk 07805 773460

THE CONFUCIUS CUP (REPLACES IRISH OPEN) 2nd - 4th March.

Location Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland.
Event Friday evening: Irish Rapid Play. Saturday and Sunday: Irish Open, 5 round McMahon. Time limit 60 minutes with 15/5 overtime.
Contact Contact Rory Wales rorywales@yahoo.com 25 Elm House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4, Ireland Phone: +353.87.133.0317

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS AND NOVICES' Saturday 10th March.

Location St. Columba's Church, Downing Place, Cambridge CB2 3EL.
Event Open Tournament and separate novices' event.
Contact Alex Selby trigant2012@pobox.com 07810 488300

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

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. Registration by 09:45. Prize-giving by 17:00.

Location Bloxham School, Bloxham, Oxfordshire OX15 4PE.
Event For players of all strengths, beginners especially welcome. Even and handicap games. Prizes in six age-groups: U8 to U18, besides overall British Youth Champion and Schools Team Champions.
Contact Tony Atkins 0118 9268143 bygc@britgo.org

WELWYN GARDEN CITY Saturday 24th March. Registration by 09:30. Prize giving 18:30

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 available.
Contact John Collins jmc@xisl.com John Collins at 3 Mandeville Rise, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7JT.

ARUNDEL Saturday 31st March (Provisional). Contact Sue Paterson suepat812@btinternet.com

THAMES VALLEY TEAMS TOURNAMENT Monday 9th April, Guildford. Teams of 3, or maybe join a scratch team. Contact SGBailey@iee.org

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

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS SPRING MATCH Sunday 29th April. Nippon Club, London.

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, Saturday 5th - Monday 7th May. International Student House, London. Qualifiers will receive invitations.

BRACKNELL Sunday 20th May Contact Ian Marsh bracknell@kisekigo.com 01344 422296 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD

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

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

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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