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RESULTS

CITY OF LONDON WINTER TOURNAMENT 4 February. Andrew Kay (4d, South London) won the first ever City of London Winter Go Tournament. Also on three wins was Phil Smith (5k) who is not affiliated to a club. Andrew Kay also won our new Xinyi Lu 13x13 Cup. The event was well attended, with 37 players braving the cold weather and threats of snow. The hospitality of the Melton Mowbray pub and the kindness of the staff helped to blow away any Winter blues.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD 22 January. Andrew Simons won the slightly delayed 2011 British Small Board Championship to hold on to his title won in 2010, by beating Tim Hunt, despite losing to him in their first game. Unfortunately though Andrew still has not received the trophy as the delay in passing it on last time was repeated when the organiser brought the wrong trophy along. Nevertheless all else was organised well, including the cooking by Paul Smith's family. Youth prize winner was Melchior Chui who won all 8 games. Best Junior was Anthony Ghica with 6/8, and best under-8 player was Edmund Smith. Other junior prizes went to Peran Truscott and David Robson. Also winning prizes were Andrea Smith and Stanislav Klajn.

MAIDENHEAD-HITACHI 21 January. Xinyi Lu, former organiser, was remembered at the 2012 Maidenhead Tournament. The tournament was honoured by the presence of both Xinyi's parents and several family friends. 49 players took part in the tournament and it was fitting that it was a Chinese player, Chu Lu 5d, who was the winner. She beat Bei Ge in the final. Also winning three were Mike Charles, 2k, and Dave Storkey, 8k. As usual, thanks to Hitachi who provided lunch as well as the venue, all players with two wins won a prize. Alistair Wall, 2d, won the 13x13 with 3/4 and Awesome Epsom won the team prize with 8/12.

LONDON OPEN 38 - 31 December 2011. The London Open kicked off with more than 100 players from 23 countries in round one and more than 120 players in total. On hand to do teaching was Korean Professional Miss Ko Joyeong. Nobody could beat Young-Sam Kim who took the first place. Five players ended on five wins in the next positions: Lingjun Miao (4d China), Yunlong Liu (3d China), Chong Han (5d, UK), Andrew Kay (4d UK) and Ching-Nung Lin (6d Taiwan). The second-third and fourth-fifth places were tied. Winning six games were Rafael Mello (11k Durham), Carl Roll (7k Nottingham) and Martha McGill (2k Edinburgh). All players with five wins got a prize selected from the prize table and all with four wins got a certificate. The 16 team Pair Go was won by Ko Juyeong and Chong Han. Young-Sam Kim also proved he could play fast as well as slow by winning the Lightning, beating David Lee in the final. Young-Sam Kim continued his tradition of not losing by winning the Rengo, taking Sandro Poldrugo and Yoshiho Ikuta with him. They beat Tom Urasoe, Wen Hao Goh and Yunlong Liu in the final.

ONLINE TEAM LEAGUE 2011. Winners of the online team league, taking the GoGoD shield, were Central London Go Club A. Winning Division 2 and promotion to division 1 were St Albans Go Club team. Winning Division 3 and promotion to division 2 were the Chester A team. Winning Division 4 and promotion to division 3 were the South London team.

ONLINE INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE 2011. At the time of his death, Xinyi Lu had attained an unassailable position at the head of division 2 in the first full season of the Online Individual League, having had a 100% record of wins in all of his games. As a small token in memorial to him, and with the kind agreement of his parents, we are going to henceforth call the prize given to the winners of each division in each season of the Individual League the "Xinyi Lu Prize". The winners of the Xinyi Lu Prize for 2011 were: Andrew Simons in Division 1, Xinyi Lu himself in Division 2 and John Collins in Division 3. Andrew and John have agreed to donate the value of their prizes to Xinyi's parents to assist them with their legal costs in connection with his death.

NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The AGM will be held during the British Go Congress, at Dunelm House, Students Union, Durham University at 18:30 on Saturday 21st April 2012. Agenda: 1. Election of Tellers, 2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM, 3. Matters Arising, 4. Officers, Membership Secretary and Auditors reports, 5. 2010 and 2011 Accounts, 6. Election of Officers and Auditor, 7. Election of Ordinary Council Members, 8. Subscription Rates, 9. Priorities for 2012, 10. Any Other Business

BGA NEWSLETTER. Issue 1 of the BGA Newsletter appeared in February 1982, so this is our 30th Anniversary. The next issue, April 2012, will be our last in the present format. We are planning on continuing with an electronic-only Newsletter. I will continue as editor, but the exact format is still under discussion. The British Go Journal will continue to be a printed magazine and will in future include a section on Forthcoming Events, so that people who don't have access to the Internet will still know about future UK tournaments and other events.

Part of the reason for the ending of the Newsletter is that the electronic version essentially duplicates what's been available as a News feed from our website for the last year or so, or via the "News" link at the top of every page of our website. Please see the British Go Journal, Winter 2011-12 page 36, which has information on various ways to get our News. Visit the web pages listed there, and ask for help if you don't understand or you have problems. We particularly would like members to fill in the survey on www.britgo.org/newssurvey so that we can find out more about how you access our news. Or, if you are unable to complete this on-line survey, you may mail a note to me, and I will forward an electronic copy to Council. Mail to: Jil Segerman, Corner Cottage, Barn Close, Kingston, East Sussex, BN7 3PH.

ALLAN SCARFF. With regret we report that Allan Scarff, pioneer Go programmer, died from cancer on 9th December 2011, aged 65. Allan had what he called a cellular automaton idea to produce a Go program which could run on a small PC like BBC Acorn. Microgo1 came on the market in 1984 and Microgo2 followed; it won places in various competitions between 1985 and 1989. BPS IGO for the Nintendo sold 140,000 copies in Japan. In 1990, Allan and his wife Liz moved to Newcastle upon Tyne, where he continued to play Go, at Newcastle Go Club, and continued to research Go theory, publishing his Global Connectivity Strategy in 2000, and to investigate artificial intelligence and how a Go-learning program might operate, working on the specification for an Acolyte Neural Net System.

BOOKS. Pentangle have recently added many Go books to their website www.pentangle-puzzles.co.uk. Most of the books that were previously available from the BGA bookseller are now listed and there are several new books published in the last year. Remember to use the code BGAMEMBER or the link from the BGA website to get the 15% members discount.

AUDIO LECTURES ON KGS. Andrew Simons (3 dan) is giving a series of audio lectures online as part of the BGA's Shodan Challenge. All are welcome to attend, the target audience is around 10 kyu to 1 kyu. They are fortnightly at 8pm on Thursdays in the British Room on KGS (<http://www.gokgs.com>) under the account 'Uberdude'.

PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. The 2011-2012 series kicked off in September 2011, and will run with one match per month until the end of May 2012. In December the UK team lost to Israel, our only win being Andrew Simmons 3 dan against Leonid Entin 3 dan. In January they drew against Switzerland, our two winners being Des Cann 3 dan against Lorenz Trippel 2 dan, and Alex Selby 3 dan against Felicien Mazile 1 dan.

ENTERING YOUR FIRST TOURNAMENT. A new web-page with helpful information: <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/1st>

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - CAN YOU HELP? Our most pressing requirement is for people to help with a number of activities in our Youth Development area, helping Paul Smith. Some of these are smallish activities and can be done from your own home, so if you can spend some time please contact Paul on youth-devel@britgo.org to discuss what he needs and how he can fit the time you have available and the sort of thing you would like to do into his programme of activities.

FORTHCOMING

2012 ONLINE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL LEAGUES We intend to start the next season of the online leagues very soon (possibly before you receive this Newsletter). Please check the announcement on <http://www.britgo.org/node/3549> even if you have already registered.

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@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. Registration by 10:15. Prize-giving by 18:40.
Location St. Columba's Church, Downing Place, Cambridge CB2 3EL.
Event Open Tournament 3 round McMahon. Novices' teaching from 10:30 and Tournament 14:00
Contact Alex Selby trigant2012@pobox.com or novices2012@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 bygc@britgo.org 0118 9268143

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 <http://stalbins-go.org.uk/tournament.php> jmc@xisl.com John Collins at 3 Mandeville Rise, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7JT.

ARUNDEL Saturday 31st March. Registration 10:00 - 10:50, Prize giving 18:00 (ish!)
Location Arundel Football Club, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9PA
Event 3 round McMahon
Contact Sue Paterson suepat812@btinternet.com 01903 889825 Mobile phone on the day: 07549 898376

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

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS SPRING MATCH Sunday 15th April. Nippon Club, Samuel House, 6 St Albans Street, London, SW1Y 4SQ

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, DURHAM, Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd April.
Events BRITISH LIGHTNING, Friday 20th April at Durham School, Quarry Heads Lane, Durham DH1 4SZ.
BRITISH OPEN, 6 round British Open Tournament, Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd April at Dunelm House (Student Union), New Elvet, Durham DH1 3AN. AGM Saturday 21st April at 18:30
Contact Website in preparation: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/go.club/britishopen/> andrew@thurman.org.uk Andrew Thurman, Durham Castle, Durham, DH1 3RW Mobile phone during the tournament 07789 724501

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

BAR LOW Sunday 6th May.
Location Whewell's Court, Trinity Street, Cambridge CB2 1TQ.
Event 5 round McMahon tournament for kyu players only. 35 minutes time limit with no overtime.
Contact Brook Roberts br297@cam.ac.uk 07981 905024

BRACKNELL Sunday 20th May Registration by 10:00. Prize giving 18:45.
Location Woosheill 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 bracknell@kisekigo.com 01344 422296 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 10th June, Boars Hill, near Oxford. Contact francis.roads@gmail.com 020 85054381

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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