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## RESULTS

**BRITISH GO CONGRESS: BRITISH LIGHTNING and BRITISH OPEN, 20-22 APRIL** On the Friday evening, 30 players gathered in the magnificence of Durham School's dining hall, for the British Lightning. This year held as a five-round handicap Swiss tournament, the last round saw two former Durham players battling it out to win: Andrew Kay (4d, now of South London) was ultimately victorious over Alex Kent (2d, now in Bristol). On Saturday morning 63 players congregated in the more prosaic concrete environment of the Students' Union for the British Open itself. After three rounds of Go, the BGA held its AGM; no doubt reports will be provided by officials, so the important thing to note from the tournament perspective are that the meeting was so unexpectedly short that San Marco's restaurant, booked for a meal for 30 players to follow the AGM, wasn't yet ready when we arrived! Sunday's games provided some unexpected results, as a player new to the UK, Malcolm Pang of Teesside, entered below the bar, looked fit to win all his games when no one above the bar was able to do so. However, Andrew Kay fought to a narrow victory over Malcolm, and was declared the winner over Andrew Simons (3d, Cambridge), who was also on five wins out of six, by tie-break. Not content with winning both the British Lightning and the British Open, Andrew Kay also won the Durham Lightning self-paired side event, and was on the London team who won the Nippon Club Cup with a 73% win rate (his teammates there were Andrew Simons, Richard Mullens who was also on five wins, Ludan Fang and Julia Woewodskaya). The Small Board side event was won by Alice Ambrose-Griffith of Durham; Richard Mullens and James Brownrigg (Chester) also won prizes for five wins, and Alex Kent was finally awarded his 2d certificate. Results The participants thanked Jenny Radcliffe for running the draw and Andrew Thurman and Alice Ambrose-Griffith for organising the tournament, and after reminding ourselves to go to Stevenage for next year's British Go Congress, we repaired to the pub.

**INTERNATIONAL TEAMS TOURNAMENT, 15 April.** The spring London International Team Tournament was very closely contested this year with Nippon (3 team wins and 8 individual wins) pipping Cambridge (3 team wins and 7 individual wins) in second and China (2 team wins but 8 individual wins) in third. In the handicap division South London Go Club won with 4 team wins and 10 individual wins. In the Open division only Felix Wang managed to win all 4 games, whilst in the Handicap division Rippei Hayashi, Gerry Gavigan, Colin McClennan, Dan Peace and Paul Langley all won 4 games and extra prizes. Overall 36 players in 12 teams took part and two divisions took part.

**THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, 9 April.** The Wanstead team of Francis Roads, Adan Mordcovich, Richard Leedham-Green and Roger Daniel only lost one game to win the Thames Valley Team Tournament. Second was the home team, West Surrey, with Bracknell third and Lottie's Lovers from Swindon fourth.

**ARUNDEL, 31 March.** Paul Tabor, 1d, was the surprise winner at Arundel, when he beat tournament favourite Andrew Kay in the second round and then beat Tony Atkins (who had previously beaten Jon Diamond) in the final. Jonathan Reece, 2k Oxford, won the 9x9 side event and Jil Segerman (in a team with Roger Daniel) won the inventions quiz. 22 players took part.

**WELWYN GARDEN CITY, 24 Match.** Andrew Kay, 4d South London, was the best of the 22 players at the second Welwyn Garden City Tournament. Also winning three games were Ludan Fang, 4k London, and Jon Robson, 10k Swindon. Prizes were presented by Barbara Kime from the local Bridge club, whose room was used for the tournament.

**SKYE, 17-18 March.** Matthew Macfadyen (6d Leamington) was the best of the 30 players at the second Skye Tournament in Portree. He again won all six games to win the tournament. Second with four wins was Francis Roads (2d Wanstead) and third was Edwin Brady (1k St Andrews) with three wins. Colin Maclennan (11k Twickenham) won five games, and winning four were Ludan Fang (4k London), Quintin Connell and Wilf Dell (both 9k Glasgow). A large cheer went up at prize giving when it was announced the event would hopefully be run again in two years time.

**BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIP, 18 March.** The 2012 Youth Championships had 13 competitors aged from 6 to 18, with strengths from 2 dan to 30 kyu. The library block at Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, served again as a great venue. Tian-Ren Chen from Loughborough regained the youth title, the previous year's winner not contesting it this year. Silas Yufu Shi, 2 dan, from Loughborough was the strongest player taking part, but he has Chinese nationality; he won all his games. Prizes and places went to: Overall winner: Tian-Ren Chen (Loughborough), 2nd Adan Mordcovich U18: Tian-Ren Chen (Loughborough), 2nd Adan Mordcovich U16: Aidan Putman (Swindon) U14: Thomas Meehan (Solihull), 2nd: Richard Showler (Bloxham) U12: Dylan Zhu-Dong U10: Anthony Ghica (Newmarket) U8: Edmund Smith (Milton) Open/Handicap Winner: Silas Yufu Shi (Loughborough) Castledine Trophy: Loughborough (beat Bloxham 3-0).

**TRIGANTIUS, 10 March.** The Trigantius Tournament was won by Andrew Simons (3d Cambridge), beating Alex Rix (3d London) in his last game. Also on 3 out of 3 were Sue Paterson (4k, Brighton), Roger Daniel (5k, CLGC) and Richard Mullens (6k, St Albans). Frank Visser won the furthest travelled prize (coming from Amsterdam). Anna Griffiths won the quiz by identifying landmarks, visible and invisible; Simon Bexfield came an honorable second and also won a prize. Alistair Turnbull won the continuous 13x13 tournament. The Novices' Tournament was won by Anthony Ghica of Newmarket.

**CONFUCIUS CUP (IRISH OPEN), 3-4 March.** Csaba Mero, 6d Hungary, won the European Cup event in Dublin. This year the Irish Open was the Confucius Cup, because of a new sponsor. Second with four wins out of five was Guochen Xie, 6d China. Kim Ouweleen, 3d Amsterdam, was third and Chu Lu, 4d Warwick, was fourth, both on 3 wins. Taken the fifth place and final grand prix place was Vit Brunner, 4d Brno. Winning four games were Diana Blaszczyk, 4k Warsaw, Frank Tan, 9k Dublin, Marek Gutkowski, 9k Warsaw, and Paul Kelly, 11k Belfast. The British player with most wins, three, was Patrick Ridley, 10k Chester. Prior to the event on the Friday evening was the Irish Rapid won this time by Julien Renaud, 1d France.

**NOTTINGHAM, 25 February.** Sin Voon Chin, 3d Birmingham, won the 9th Nottingham Tournament. The student from Brunei beat Toby Manning in an exciting game in the last round. Out of the 34 players the others winning all three were Laurence Ogden, 4k Manchester, David Wildgoose, 11k Sheffield, and local players Carl Roll, 5k, and Brent Cutts, 8k. Jonathan Green got a special mention for entering the quiz.

**OXFORD vs. CAMBRIDGE GO MATCH, 19 February.** The Oxford team won, narrowly beating Cambridge by 8 games to 7.

**OXFORD, 18 February.** This year's Oxford was the largest UK tournament apart from the London Open for 4 years. 87 players of all strengths took part, including a large contingent from Cambridge who would play the varsity match the following day and many young players encouraged by the included novices' event. Winner in a Cambridge-Oxford final was Lingjun Miao (4d) who beat Korean player Yousang Baik (4d). Players on 3 wins receiving book token prizes thanks to sponsor Hoyle's Games were: Paul Barnard (1k Swindon), Bogdan Ghica (3k Newmarket), Julia Woewodskaya (8k London), David Crabtree (9k Chester), Yvonne Margetts (15k Epsom), Pauline Bailey (16k West Surrey) and Edmund Smith (28k Milton). Junior prizes were awarded, thanks to GoGoD who donated 3 CDs, to Adan Mordcovich and Roella Smith in the U18 section, Anthony Ghica, Kelda Smith and Hammood Munir in the U15, Edmund Smith, and Rebecca Margetts in U12 and Isabelle Margetts in U9. The novices event was won by Kelda Smith (19k), ahead of Anthony Ghica (19k), Rebecca Margetts (35k), and Edmund Smith (28k). The main tournament winner also got his entry for free as he won the early-entry lottery.

**CHESHIRE, 11 February.** Kath Timmins, 13k, became the oldest winner of a Cheshire tournament when she won the 8-player Cheshire Handicap with 4/5. Best of the 8 players in the top group was event organiser, Tony Atkins 2d, winning the Open title.

## NEWS

BGA NEWSLETTER. President Jon Diamond writes: It's with sadness that I open this issue of the Newsletter by saying that it is the last printed one, after 30 continuous years of publishing, as was announced a little while ago. As you're probably all aware the BGA has been under financial pressure and we decided that the cost of the Newsletter was too much in this digital age, given that our website is delivering the news that was a regular feature here almost instantaneously. I'd like to thank all the editors over the years, starting with Francis Roads who's just written an article about the history of this publication in the BGJ, and ending with Jil Segerman who's edited it for an astonishing 11 years. Jil will be continuing with an electronic one, delivered by email, extracting the best from the website and reminding you what's coming on our calendar. I hope you will find this replacement newsletter a useful supplement to our website in the future. Jil writes: The best part of the Editor's job has been finding interesting items of Go news on the web, which I would otherwise be far too lazy to do. This will continue much as before, except that selected web-links will now replace much of the old-style newsletter. For the other side of the job; I will continue to remind, cajole and occasionally harangue our tournament organisers, to get their publicity material out in good time.

REMINDER: future newsletters will be sent to your email address as registered with [mem@britgo.org](mailto:mem@britgo.org) or (for new members) on the membership application form <http://www.britgo.org/join/form>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Maria Tabor is elected to Council, following Jenny Radcliffe's retirement. Phil Beck is elected as Auditor to replace Alison Bexfield who retires after 9 years. [Paul Barnard is appointed as Membership Secretary to replace Phil Beck.] The accounts for 2010 and 2011 were approved. New subscriptions rates were approved, as listed in the final section of this Newsletter. The concessionary rate for people over the State Retirement Age was dropped and replaced by one for those receiving the Pension Credit.

PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. On-line competition. The UK is now 5th in the table, with the final round next month against 6th-placed Denmark.

2nd WORLD MIND SPORTS GAMES. The International Mind Sports Association is pleased to announce that the 2nd World Mind Sports Games will be held in Lille (France) at Lille Grand Palais - 9th to 23rd August 2012.

ALLAN SCARFF'S LEGACY. The family of the late Allan Scarff has generously made publicly available a number of files of Allan's work in the area of Go-playing software and Artificial Intelligence. For details, see <http://www.britgo.org/Scarff/legacy> Allan was a pioneer of computer Go, writing a number of award-winning programs for BBC Acorn microcomputers in the 1980s (see his obituary and in British Go Journal 159, Spring 2012 for details) and a highly successful program for a Nintendo Games Machine.

## FORTHCOMING

BRACKNELL, Sunday 20th 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 [bracknell@kisekigo.com](mailto:bracknell@kisekigo.com) 01344 422296 47 Hope Ave, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD

GALWAY, Saturday 26th May - Sunday 27th May. Registration by 10:50 Saturday. Prize-giving 17:00 Sunday.

Location Bridge Club, St Mary's Road, Galway City, Ireland.

Event 5 round McMahon. 50 minutes with 20 second byoyomi.

Contact Claas Roever [claas.roever@nuigalway.ie](mailto:claas.roever@nuigalway.ie) or Rick Brennan +353-91-555878

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 10th June.

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](mailto:francis.roads@gmail.com)

DURHAM, Saturday 16th June. 3-round McMahon tournament. Evening meal. Social events on the Sunday. Contact [go.club@durham.ac.uk](mailto:go.club@durham.ac.uk)

WELSH OPEN, Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th 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](mailto:tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk)

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, Sunday 24th June (provisional). Cambridge

MILTON KEYNES, Saturday 30th June. Registration by 10:00. Prizing giving 18:30.

Location Sports Pavilion, 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](mailto:t.j.hunt@open.ac.uk)

CHISWICK, LONDON, July (provisional - **NEW TOURNAMENT** - hoping to find a venue), see <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/index.html>

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, 18-26 August

Location University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY.

Events 25 August, 14:15 to 18:00. 13x13 boards; Go introduction in the morning.

26th August. 10:00 to 18:15. 4-round McMahon. 40 mins + 30 in 5 overtime.

Contact <http://www.boardability.com/>

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