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RESULTS

MILTON KEYNES 24/09/06 46 players attended the Open University for the 18th Milton Keynes Tournament. Ge Bei, the local oriental 5 dan, was playing Matthew Macfadyen in the Title Match so there was a new tournament winner. This was Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge) who beat Granville Wright (2 dan Brighton) in the last round. Winning 3/3 were Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell), Phil Beck (1 dan Cambridge), David Buckley (3 kyu Leamington), Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon) and Kay Dackombe (12 kyu Farnborough Village) and on 2.5 was Xinyi Lu (6 kyu Maidenhead). The final game to finish decided that the best team was Farnborough Village (Brian, Kay and Ken Dackombe) with 7/9, just ahead of Cambridge on 10/14. The MK Go winner was Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu High Wycombe) with a perfect 7/7. In addition Sam Aitken was awarded his 1 dan and his 2 dan diploma, earned in April and June respectively, and at lunch time T.Mark Hall gave a talk on how to study professional games, as part of the Shodan Challenge.

EAST MIDLANDS 17/09/06 With the help of several of the clubs in the East Midlands area, this was a new event that took place at the National Space Centre in Leicester. 36 players took part and had a chance to visit the exhibitions as well as play Go. Winner was Simon Shiu (4 dan Bristol), who often had won the former Leicester Tournament. Second were Alan Thornton (2 dan St. Albans) and Sam Aitken (1 dan Warwick). Two other players won 3/3 namely Edwina Lee (4 kyu Maidenhead) and Ken Dackombe (12 kyu Farnborough Village).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 16/09/06 The autumn team event was held at the ISH, home of the Central London Go Club. The Central London Go Club team proved the strongest and won the event for the fourth time in a row, scoring 11 points. Cambridge scored 8, Nippon Club 6 and Wanstead 5. Winning all three games were Jim Clare, Nick Krempel and Barry Jay.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS 09/09/06 – 10/09/06 23 players took part in the Cornish Handicap Tournament on the Saturday in Penzance. Winner of the Go Bowls trophy was local player Robert Churchill (16 kyu). He beat another local, Rob White (17 kyu West Cornwall), in the final. Five players won 3/4. Also 23 players took part in the Cornwall Tournament on the Sunday. Winner of the Devon Go Stone for the first time was Edmund Shaw (5 dan) from Bracknell who beat local John Culmer (1 kyu) in the final. Players winning 3/3 were Eric Hall (5 kyu Swindon) and Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon).

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD OPEN 02/09/06 Held at the University of Westminster, the 10th MSO had Go events on two days. The main Open Go event took place on the last Saturday. 16 players took part, including the arbiter Tony Atkins, which was disappointingly less than played Scrabble (according to the organisers). Winner again was Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) with 3/3. Silver place and Junior Gold went to William Brooks (2 dan Cambridge). Bronze went Brian Dackombe (3 kyu Farnborough Village) after beating Andrei Sokolov in the last round. Two lads from Norwich School took the other Junior places: Zaichen Lu (4 kyu) took the Silver and Henry Anderson Brown (10 kyu) took Bronze and also the prize for best kyu player on 3/3.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD RAPID 28/08/06. Six players played all-play-all in the Rapid. Winner from Spain was Paco Garcia de la Banda (3 dan). In an exciting battle for Silver, Andrei Sokolov (3 kyu London) won by 3.5 points against Brian Dackombe (3 kyu Farnborough Village). Also in the morning was a beginners' event with three competitors, won by 17 year old Nicholas Calderwood from London, who had only be playing 5 days.

ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK 19/08/06-26/08/06 47 players took part in the main tournament of the Isle of Man Go Week. After five rounds players unbeaten were the winner for the third time in a row, Piers Shepperson (5 dan London), and Ingrid Jendrzewski (14 kyu Cambridge). Players winning a wooden Go stone for four wins were: Simon Billouet (3 dan) and Anne Dicky (1 kyu) from France, Edmund Stephen-Smith (3 kyu Epsom), Edwina Lee (4 kyu Maidenhead), Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading), Wim Verstegen (5 kyu Netherlands), and Jenny Radcliffe (9 kyu Durham). The 33 player afternoon tournament was won by Matthew Cocks (5 dan York) who was the losing finalist in 2004; this time he beat William Brooks (2 dan Cambridge) in the final. Only two others won all three games, namely Stuart Barthropp (2 dan London), placed second, and Wim Verstegen (5 kyu Netherlands). The Handicap Tournament was split by SOS tie-break as four players won 4 out of 5. The winner was Simon Billouet (3 dan France), second was Demian Walvisch (11 kyu Belgium), third was Christian Scarff (2 dan Swindon) and fourth was Alex Selby (3 dan Cambridge). The Rengo (Pair Go) winners were Matthew Cocks (5 dan York) and Jenny Radcliffe (9 kyu Durham); they beat Geoff Kaniuk and Sue Paterson in the final. The 13x13 winner was Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu High Wycombe) and in the Continuous Lightning Demian Walvisch (11 kyu Belgium) won the play-off beating William Brooks (2 dan Cambridge) and stopping his four year reign on this title. The quiz was won by "Off We Go" (Bailey, Bailey, Bell, Pusey and Kaniuk). Paul Barnard won the first entry prize and Charlotte Bexfield won the Sand Castle Competition. Running in parallel to the Afternoon Tournament was the European Women's Go Championship (see below).

NEWS

YOUTH GRAND PRIX and STACEY After Milton Keynes, Stacey points are: 1st William Brooks 16, 2nd David Ward 13, 3rd Simon Goss 10 and 4th Alex Selby 9. Youth points, top places: 1 Ken Dackombe 1032, 2 Will Brooks 994, 3 Kay Dackombe 862 and 4 Jonathan Englefield 723. .

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP The tournament system for the British Championship 2006 was changed. The Candidates' Tournament reverted from 4 to 6 rounds over 3 days, and the qualification level was relaxed. The title match was between the top two in the League, Bei Ge from Milton Keynes and defending champion Matthew Macfadyen from Leamington. The first game was at the Epsom Tournament on 08/07/06, with live commentary by Guo Juan on KGS. It was won by Bei Ge. The second game was held at Milton Keynes on 24/09/06 and won by Matthew by resignation. It was also live on KGS with commentary by Guo Juan.

BRITS OVERSEAS European Women's Go Championship, 20/08/06-22/08/06, took place in Port Erin during the Isle of Man Go Week. Unfortunately some of the countries such as Russia and France had to withdraw because of transport and other difficulties, so only 8 players (half from the UK) took part over three rounds. Winner was Kara Zaloudkova (1 dan) from Czechia. Second was Natasha Regan (1 kyu) and third Sue Paterson (2 kyu) both UK. The 22nd US Go Congress was held in Black Mountain, North Carolina, with over 400 in attendance. UK's T.Mark Hall won 4 out of 6 to place 5th in the 4 dan section.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BGA President Ron Bell writes: "Could I draw all BGA members' attention to the following two jobs where the person currently doing them would like to hand over to someone new, and ask you to consider volunteering. Very many thanks". The two posts are: Membership Secretary and Gotalk moderator. (Gotalk is the computer mailing list maintained by the BGA for general public discussion about Go in the UK). There are ALSO vacancies in the areas of: BGA membership recruitment, Club development, Journal contributions seeking, Teaching in clubs, and Teaching events. The full description of job vacancies, and who to contact, is at <http://www.britgo.org/officers/helpbga.html> People who do not have internet, should write to Ron Bell at Silver How, 18 Autumn Walk, Wargrave, Berkshire, RG10 8BS or phone 0118-940 6232.

CLUBS

BARMOUTH/WEST WALES Contacts Baron Allday 01341 280365 and Philip Ward-Ackland wardackland@yahoo.co.uk
CARDIFF Address: County Bar, Back of County Hall, Wharf, Cardiff Bay
EDINBURGH Discontinued Tuesday meetings. Wednesday meeting not sure.
LEICESTER Thursdays, Mayfield, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester
OXFORD CITY Time 1900, email oxfordgoclub@goban.demon.co.uk
ST ANDREWS Edwin Brady's email. eb@dcs.st-and.ac.uk.
SHORBORNE AND YEOVIL Renamed "Yeovil", Thursdays 19:45, Mason's Arms, 41 Lower Odcombe, Odcombe, Yeovil, BA22 8TX, email GoStone@gmail.com
YORK Changed to every Wednesday, El Piano cafe, Grape Lane, York

FORTHCOMING

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON in LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November. Registration by 13:00 Saturday
Location The Marton Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Yorkshire LA6 3PB.
Event 5 round McMahon tournament. 55 minutes with overtime 30 stones in 5 minutes. Sat. Rounds 1, 2 and 3; Sun. Rounds 3 and 4.
Prize giving by 3.30 pm.
Contact Bob Bagot, The Grange, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria, CA17 4NG. Tel. 01539 623679 email lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

SWINDON, Sunday 19th November. Registration by 10:15. Phone on the day: 07989 492793.
Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BG.
Event 3 round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit + overtime. 13 x 13 side event
Contact Paul Barnard, preferably paul@psaa.me.uk or 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, SN3 1HY. Tel. 01793 692408 evenings before 9.30pm.

BRITISH 13 x 13 GO CHAMPIONSHIP, Sunday 26th November. Registration 9:30-9:45
Location Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharine's Road, Cambridge CB4 3XY
Event 15 minutes sudden death, aim for at least 9 rounds. Those in contention for the top prize play even games, others play handicap games.
Contact Paul Smith, 2 Townsend Close, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6DN. Tel. 01223 563932. junclub@chessgo.org.uk

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. Registration by 10:30 Saturday, 10:15 Sunday
Location Burpham Village Hall, Burpham Lane, near Sainsbury's north of Guildford. Grid reference TQ013523
Events Saturday 10:45 to 16:45 Teach-In. This will be given by several dan players, and will be suitable for any level of player from total beginner to 1 kyu. Small groups of similar kyu level players will be grouped for each session which will have a theme such as: Openings, Counting, Endgame, etc. It is informal and the groups are small enough that the teacher can comfortably cope with individuals questions.
Sunday: 10:35 to 18:55 Tournament: A Swiss tournament, where opposing players normally have the same number of wins. The draw will aim for 4-stone handicap games. This scheme makes it possible for a kyu player to win the cup. Total beginners are welcome to enter the tournament if they attend Saturday's teach-in
Contact P.A. Bailey, 27 Dagley Farm, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8DE. Phone: 01483 561027. email: pab27@stocton.org

SCOTTISH BARLOW, Saturday 16th December. Registration by 09:45.
Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.
Event 4 round McMahon tournament, kyu players and shodans only. 45 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.
Contact Donald MacLeod Tel. 0141 880 6169. donald.macleod284@virgin.net

LONDON OPEN, Thursday 28th December 2006–Sunday 31st December 2006.
Location International Students House , 229 Great Portland Street, London , W1N 5HD
Event A Major Tournament in the TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour: The main event is a 8 round McMahon tournament: 90 minutes time limit with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6½ komi. When both players are 20 kyu or weaker, the time limit is reduced to 60 minutes. Side events include Lightning and Pair Go tournaments.
Contact Entry via BGA website is preferred. Geoff Kaniuk, 35 Clonmore Street, London SW18 5EU United Kingdom. Tel./fax: 020 8874 7362 (phone and address will change in October – check web site for details) toyotatour.london@european-go.org

FUTURE MAIDENHEAD - FURZE PLATT Saturday 20th January 2007. **CHESHIRE (Frodsham)** Saturday 10th February.
IRISH GO CONGRESS, DUBLIN Friday 9th–Sunday 11th March. **BRITISH GO CONGRESS, CAMBRIDGE** Friday 30th March to Sunday 1st April.

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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AGA BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>

BGA MOBILE For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments (but not all events): 0795 1140433