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RESULTS

SCOTTISH, DUNDEE, 30/05/09-31/05/09 Best of 27 players was Yohei Negi (2 dan St Andrews). Second was Sandy Taylor (1 kyu Durham) and third was Paul Christie (3 dan Bath). Winning all 6 was Carel Goodheir (14 kyu Skye).

BRACKNELL 10/05/09 Out of the 32 players, four players won all 3 games: winner Jon Diamond (4 dan), Peter Collins (3 kyu Bristol), Neil Cleverly (8 kyu Bournemouth) and Harris Cook (12 kyu Twickenham). Simon Goss won the caption contest and Jim Clare won the Go Puzzle competition on the toss of a coin from Felix Wang. Xinyi Lu (6 kyu Maidenhead) won the 13x13 and the team prize was won by Twickenham with 7/9.

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, CAMBRIDGE 02/05/09-04/05/09 22 people gathered in Cambridge for the 2009 Candidates' tournament. They enjoyed communal meals in Cambridge restaurants on Saturday and Sunday, and the excellent lunch fare at the Selwyn College cafeteria. The seven players going through to the Challengers' League are: Matthew Cocke 6 wins, Hui Wang 5 wins, and T Mark Hall, Desmond Cann, Stuart Barthropp, Alex Rix and Matthew Crosby on 4 wins. Matthew Crosby beat Nick Krempel on SoS by the narrowest possible margin so Nick is first reserve. Alex Kent from Durham deserves special mention as being the only 1 kyu and winning an impressive 3/6, beating a 1 dan, a 2 dan and a 3 dan.

BGA STUDENT TOURNAMENT 06/04/09-03/05/09 22 took part in the BGA Student Tournament, which was played online over 4 weeks. Winner with 4 wins was Shu Tang (4dan Westminster) Runner up was Chi-Fung Chueng (Brockenhurst). Third on tie-break (only losing to the top two) was Andrew Kay (Cambridge).

BAR-LOW, CAMBRIDGE 03/05/09 28 players attended the Bar-Low kyu-players only tournament in Cambridge. This year, again part of the mind sports weekend, it was held in Whewell's Court of Trinity College. Edwin Brady (2 kyu St Andrews) was clear winner with 5/5. The only player winning 4 was Andrew Cohen (12 kyu).

COVENTRY 26/04/09 Best of the 37 players at the University of Warwick was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington). Matthew Hathrell (4 kyu Leamington), Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon) and Pauline Bailey (16 kyu West Surrey) also won 3/3. Leamington was best club and Chester best team.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL TEAMS 19/04/09 Four teams attended the Nippon Club in Piccadilly for the spring International Teams match. The Cambridge won all their matches 4-1 to become champions. The China and Central London Club team was second with 8, Wanstead scored 7 and Nippon Club 3. Unbeaten in all three games were Felix Wang, David Ward, Lloyd Smith and Matt Reid.

THAMES VALLEY TEAM TOURNAMENT, BOURNE END 13/04/09 Eight teams competed for the Broken Go Stone Trophy and the handmade chocolate egg by Annie Hall. The team from Maidenhead hosted the event and won the event for a second time running. They beat Wanstead in the final. Players on 3/3 were Francis Roads, Matthew Macfadyen, Ian Marsh and Xinyi Lu. The winner of a closely contested 10x10 event was Eric Hall.

NEWS

STACEY POINTS 2009-2010 The annual Stacey Competition starts after the British Go Congress. Current scores, after the Scottish Open, are: 1st Yohei Negi with 6 points, 2 Sandy Taylor 5, and equal 3rd points Paul Christie, Gerry Mills and Tony Atkins all with 4 points.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2009 After Bracknell the scores were Michael Webster 566, Matthew Hathrell 532, Danielle Ward 388, Langdon Truscott 328, and Peran Truscott and Roella Smith equal on 292.

SHODAN CHALLENGE The 2008/09 season is now finished, with an average improvement of a grade across all the students involved and the highest achievers gaining 3 stones or more in strength! We'd like to begin the next season as soon as possible, so if you are interested in being a student or a mentor, please email the co-ordinator Graham Phillips: shodan-challenge@britgo.org with "Shodan Challenge Application"

BRITS OVERSEAS

The 30th WORLD AMATEUR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS was held in Japan, at the Ecopa Arena in Fukuroi city. 66 countries took part. Unbeaten winner was Yuqing Hu of China. UK's Matthew Cocke won 4 games to take 33rd. Ireland's Brian Gallagher was 52nd with 3 wins.

The AMSTERDAM TOURNAMENT was a Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup with 81 players. Winner was the Korean 7 dan from Germany, Oh Chi-Min. Good results were achieved by Galway's Claas Roever (5 wins) and Cambridge's Matthew Ried (4 wins).

PARIS PANDANET GO EUROPEAN CUP FINALS 347 players took part. Oh Chi-Min was the clear winner. The only Brit was Andrew Kay, who got a good result with 3 out of 6 at 3 dan. Ondrej Silt was the winner of the Pandanet Go European Cup.

BGA COUNCIL MEETING The BGA Council met on 9th May 2009. The main topics discussed were the decline in membership numbers, player development, and the rating system. Additionally, Joss Wright was co-opted onto Council and will continue working on the new inter-club league which is planned to begin this autumn. The accounts are still being audited, but it is planned to hold an EGM to approve them at the Swindon Tournament (20th September). A detailed report of this meeting is available on <http://www.britgo.org/news/enews3.html#council> Full Council minutes are available to BGA members by writing to the Secretary (secretary@britgo.org).

NEW BOOK H12 "Shuko: the Only Move, Vol. 2" £19.50 Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW. Tel. 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

CLUB CHANGES

BATH temporary new home: The Dolphin Inn, 103 Locksbrook Road, Bath BA1 3EN, meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. email ian@iansharpe.com

EXETER meets on Wednesdays

MIDDLESBOROUGH Contact is now Matthew Holton, M.D.Holton@tees.ac.uk, but not known to be meeting.

NORTH LONDON GO CLUB is relocating for the summer. Hampstead Parish Church is closed to groups until September. Until then we will be relocating to the Lymington Road Residents' Association Hall in Dresden Close NW6 1XP, <http://lrra.org.uk> and switching to meeting on Wednesdays from 7pm.

ST ALBANS <http://stalbans-go.org.uk/> Secretary Alain Williams 0787 668 0256, 01923 676157, addw@phcomp.co.uk

WARWICK <http://www.warwickgo.co.uk/> contact David Buckley (go@bucko.me.uk)

FORTHCOMING

DURHAM, Saturday 13th–Sunday 14th June Registration by 09:30 Saturday (to be confirmed)

Location Caedmon Hall, College of St Bede and St Hilda, Durham, DH1 1SZ
Event 6 Round McMahon with 45 minutes time limit and 40 stones in 5 minutes Canadian overtime. Players may take a bye in round 1.
Contact Email go.club@dur.ac.uk or Jenny Radcliffe phone 07789 724501

STUDY DAY, CAMBRIDGE, Saturday 13th June

Location Umney Lounge, Robinson College, Cambridge, CB3 9AN
Event Study day led by Jeff Chang (9 dan KGS). From 10:00 to 18:00, with optional dinner after.
Contact Andrew Kay, email ak254@cam.ac.uk

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 20th–Sunday 21st June Registration by 12:30 Saturday.

Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, The Promenade, Barmouth, LL42 1HW
Event 5-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with overtime of 20 stones in 5 minutes. Prize-giving 15:30 Sunday.
Contact Tony Pitchford, email tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk phone 01925 730264

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE Friday 26th–Monday 29th June, at Nippon Club, for qualifiers only

CENTRAL LONDON TEACH-IN WEEKEND, Saturday 27th–Sunday 28th June

Location Nippon Club Salon, 2nd floor, Samuel House, 6 St Albans Street [off Jermyn Street], London SW1Y 4SQ.
Event Teaching day for kyu players on Saturday (places limited) and handicap tournament on Sunday
Contact David Carter-Hitchin, email dch888@gmail.com phone 07812 662536.

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS, Saturday 27th June

Location Milton Community Centre, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BL
Event For schools that have entered the UK Go Challenge and children who could not play in a heat
Contact Tony Atkins, email info@ukgochallenge.com phone 0118 9268143

DAN'S TRAINING WEEKEND, CAMBRIDGE Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th July

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, Saturday 22nd – Monday 31st August

Location TBA in London.
Events Provisionally Rapid 22nd, National Small Board 30th, Open 31st August.

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, Sunday 6th September Registration 09:45 to 10:00.

Location Stockport Masonic Guildhall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA. Large car park at rear, near to public transport links.
Event 3-round McMahon.
Contact Chris Kirkham, email chris@cs.man.ac.uk

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, Saturday 12th September and Sunday 13th September Registration by 09:45.

Location The Yacht Inn, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4AU, tel. 01736 362787.
Events Handicap Tournament takes place on Saturday. Registration by 13:30.
Open Tournament takes place Sunday. 3-round McMahon. Buffet lunch. Prize giving 18:30.
Contact John Culmer, email johnculmer@btinternet.com phone 01326 573167

SWINDON TOURNAMENT, Sunday 20th September Registration by 10:15

Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BG transport links.
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit + overtime.
Contact Preferably by email to: secretary@swindongoclub.org.uk Or contact Paul Barnard 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, SN3 1HY, or phone 01793 692408 evenings, before 21:30.

SHREWSBURY, Saturday 3rd October Registration by 10:45

Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB.
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime.
Contact Gerry Mills email gerry@27stars.co.uk phone 01938 556484

THREE PEAKS, Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th November Registration 12:30 to 12:45 on the Saturday

Location The Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY Tel 015395 32381. <<< NEW VENUE >>>
Grange over Sands is a delightful seaside town, a favourite resort in earlier times. It is on the north side of Morecambe Bay and retains many features - impressive gardens, large hotels, promenade - from its heyday. There are many walks in the area. It is on the edge of the Lake District and is only 2 miles from the famous Cartmel Priory. The Commodore Inn is in the centre of town overlooking the Bay.
Event 5 round tournament with 3 rounds on the Saturday and 2 rounds on the Sunday. A lightning or small board event may be organised for the Saturday evening depending on demand.
Contact Bob Bagot, email lesbag@tiscali.co.uk phone 015395 32678

BELFAST, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September (provisional)

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH, LONDON Sunday 18th October

WESSEX, Sunday 25th October (provisional)

MILTON KEYNES, Saturday 31st October

EAST MIDLANDS, Saturday 21st November, contact Peter Fisher, phone 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December, contact Pauline Bailey, pab27@stocton.org, 01483 561027

LONDON OPEN, Monday 28th–Thursday 31st December 2009, contact Geoff Kaniuk, email council-kaniuk@britgo.org

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates: UK £18, UK concession £11, UK Family £24, Europe £20, Rest of World £24, UK School £18.

Members receive one year's subscription to the British Go Journal and BGA Newsletter, can buy books and equipment, and get reduced tournament entry fees. Further details www.britgo.org/membership

Membership Secretary: Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Tel. 01223 367022 mem@britgo.org

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

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