

**The 28th Welsh Open Go Tournament,  
Barmouth,  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**GOMAGIC**  
A MODERN WAY TO STUDY GO

**Venue:** The **Min-Y-Mor** Hotel, Marine Promenade, Barmouth LL42 1HW. Tel: 01341 – 280 555  
Email: info@minymor.com.

From the railway station, head towards the promenade, turn right, & the hotel is about 7 minutes' walk.  
Contact phone numbers to speak to the organisers on the weekend of the tournament are 07982 – 725 554  
or, if that is unavailable, 07848 - 816 738  
Barmouth is a picturesque “Blue Flag” resort on the Welsh coast, surrounded by the unrivalled splendour of  
the Snowdonia National Park. For more information on the town, go to [www.barmouth-wales.co.uk](http://www.barmouth-wales.co.uk)

**Tournament Schedule**

**Saturday**

10:15 Registration starts  
10:45 Registration ends  
11:00 Round 1  
**1:30 Lunch**  
Meals available at  
Min-Y-Mor  
2:15 Round 2  
4:30 Round 3  
Evening meal arranged (at extra cost) –  
your support would be appreciated.

**Sunday**

09:45 Registration **starts**  
09:55 Registration ends  
10:00 Round 4  
**12:30 Lunch**  
Meals available at Min-Y-Mor  
1:30 Round 5  
3:45 Round 6  
6:00 or soon after Prize-giving starts

**Rules**

This will be a six-round McMahon tournament, with Fischer timing of 30 minutes main time, plus 10 seconds per move bonus. Same start times of rounds, etc., as last previous. Single-day players are also most welcome. Any players wishing to miss certain rounds are welcome to do so. Komi is 7 points. Otherwise, BGA rules apply. Prizes will be awarded to those on 4.5 wins or above (extra prizes at organisers' discretion).

**Entry Fee**

£20: Standard entry fee for BGA members or members of a national Go association.

£26: Non-BGA member's entry fee.

£13: BGA member concession's entry fee – as follows:

Concessionary rates apply to UK residents who are:

- under 18 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, or
- under 26 and studying full-time at an approved educational establishment in the UK, or
- receiving an unemployment, disability or Pension Credit benefit

All the above are halved for people playing on only one of the days.

£3: Additional late entry fee (entries received after Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June).

Fees include free coffee, tea and biscuits.

**Entries**

The easiest way to enter is via the “Enter” button, on the [britgo.org](http://britgo.org) tournament calendar.

Alternatively, you may enter by telephone, call 07982 - 725 554, or by e-mail [harveymartin939@gmail.com](mailto:harveymartin939@gmail.com), including the details below.

Pay on the day at registration.

Name:

Tel:

Grade:

Email:

Club:

BGA Member?

Days attending: Pick Option (if known): (1) Sat. and Sun. (2) Sat. only (3) Sun. only

Fee:

Concession? (please state your case)



**"Go Magic" app & Welsh Open tournament prizes**

Helen and I, the organisers and Tournament Directors of the 2022 Welsh Open, are pleased to announce what we think is very good news, for contestants at the annual Barmouth Tournament, being held shortly - **25+26 June**. Following a great initiative by Dylan Carter, from Cardiff Go club, we've had a generous offer from "Go Magic". They will supply **nearly all contestants** with great discounts on their Go-learning software. In fact there are 2 main prizes up for grabs, offering free Go Magic membership. The 2 main prizes are for winning all 6 rounds, or winning 5 out of 6. Helen and I aim to provide modest additional prizes, for anybody winning 4.5 or more games, or 3/3 wins for somebody playing only 1 day.

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A bit about Go Magic (stylised as) & their web site <https://gomagic.org/> ...  
Go Magic is "A Modern Platform for Learning Go - Everything you need to up your game".

They supply online lessons, courses, quizzes and more - some free - to help Go players learn or improve at Go. Do please take a glance at their web site!

I've been impressed by several pages that show their concepts and a couple of other pages that caught my eye include:

- <https://gomagic.org/about/> - shows the team behind the project, and their ethos.
- <https://gomagic.org/premium/> - shows costs of membership, starting at \$22 for 3 months.

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Wow, this keeps getting better, for players at the Barmouth tournament this w/e. We've now heard, from the BGA secretary, that at Barmouth all contestants will receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> free prize. It's a deal the BGA have negotiated with the sponsor - <https://ai-sensei.com/> I'd recommend that any Go-player tries out AI Sensei, even in advance of this w/e, as it's a way to have AI tools show you how good your moves in a game are, and it's FREE to use their basic facilities, to show you how their system works. Full facilities need a paid membership, and players at Barmouth will get a code, giving them 7 days' full membership - a free trial of all the facilities, if you like. And so, of course it makes sense not to redeem you free 7 days, until you've sampled the basic concepts for free anyway. The company is founded by the German champion Benjamin Teuber (6-dan), and given a recommendation too from Artem Kachanovskyi, EGF Professional 2-dan, both of whom I've been privileged to meet.

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Please address any tournament issues to Helen or me. Having said that, Dylan adds that though unlikely, if there are any queries (or feedback) with regards to the Go Magic parts - or anything else for that matter - please contact him, as he's concentrating on the participant experience for the Welsh Open this year.

Looking forward to seeing everybody at Barmouth,  
Martin and Helen Harvey