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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

22nd London Open Go Congress: (EGP)

Friday 29th December - Monday 1st January

140 players, 40 percent of whom were from overseas, attended the annual four day tournament over the new year period in London. Mr Imamura from Hitachi presented the prizes including the camcorder presented to Matthew Macfadyen for winning the lottery. The event largely went well, run by Harold Lee and his team of helpers, apart from the first day when late registration and a software error on the computer delayed the first round. In the **Lightning Competition** the winner was Miyakawa (6d F) who beat Zhang (6d London) in the final. Marcus Keinappel (7k) was third by beating Matthew Cocke (4d). A **Rengo competition** was won by the 4 dan strength Team A: Rupel, Kashevnik, Rickard, Shepperson and Willems. At **13x13** the prizes went to Tom Blockley (9k) for 10/13 and to Emil Nijhuis (4d NL) for 5/5. In the **Main Tournament** after the 6th round the Grand Prix points were awarded to: Guo, Zhang, Miyakawa, Gerlach, Colmez, Macfadyen, Laatikainen, Danek, Shepperson and E. Nijhuis in that order. The top four players then played a knockout to determine the winner. Guo and Zhang survived to an exciting final which Shutai Zhang (the Chinese doctor from London) won despite losing their earlier match to Guo Juan. Three players were awarded joint third place: Miyakawa, Laatikainen and Danek. The only player to win all his games was Jamie Harrod (22k Brakenhale). S. Hurschka (16k D) lost only one. Prizes for 6 wins went to T. Roth (18k D), Richard Mullens (7k Stevenage), S. Kohonen (4k SF), K. Poggenklas (4k D), G. Bertram (4k D), S. Dühr (1d F), S. Dilger (2d D), C. Nijhuis (3d NL) and to Martin Solity (4k) for 5.5 wins. [Report by Tony Atkins].

Furze Platt Go Tournament:

Saturday 20th January

The overall winner from 80 players was Harold Lee. Other prizes for 3/3 went to: Simon Goss (1d Bracknell), Steve Bailey (2k W. Surrey), Bill Streeten (3k London), Wayne Walters (4k Wanstead), Joe Beaton (6k York), Ged Hoile (8k H. Wycombe), Tom Summerscales (12k Culcheth), Ged Farrimond (15k Epsom Downs), Tom Webber (23k Culcheth), Samantha Hughes (25k Brakenhale), and Oliver Edwards (35k H. Wycombe). Furze Platt won the team prize. Four prizes were awarded in the 9 x 9 to David Knight (Epsom Downs), David Bennett (Culcheth), Samantha Hughes (Brakenhale) and Ged Farrimond (Epsom Downs).

Youth Tournament:

Sunday 21st January

There were 23 entrants this year. The overall winner and **Youth Champion** is David King (1k). The runner up was Anna Griffiths. Results for each age group were: < 18 David King. < 16 Anna Griffiths and r/u Tom Summerscales. < 14 Emma Marchant and r/u James Harrod. < 12 Tom Blockley and r/u Samantha Hughes. < 10 Sophia Ellul. Prize winners in the **Handicap Tournament** were Francis Weaver and Neil Ings with 5/6, Graham Brooks and Alastair Brooks with 4/6. Prize winners in the **13x13 Tournament** were David King and Daniel Dowling with 4/4 and David Bennett with 7/9. The winning **School Team** was Brakenhale and they won the **Team Lightning Tournament** as well.

Wanstead Go Tournament:

Saturday 3rd February

There were 66 players at this event, and the winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6d Leamington) with 4/4. Francis Weaver (13k Brakenhale) and Andrea Smith (23k Cambridge) also won 4/4. Other winners with 3/4 were: Alistair Wall (4d Wanstead), T. Mark Hall (4d Bristol), Paul Smith (2d Cambridge), Simon Goss (1d Bracknell), Helen Harvey (1k Chester), Baron Allday (1k W. Wales), Dave Artus (1k CLGC), Tony Warburton (1k Cambridge), Steve Bailey (2k W. Surrey), France Ellul (3k H. Wycombe), Richard Mullens (6k Stevenage), Thomas Wolff (8k Wanstead), Emma Marchant (11k Brakenhale), J. P. Schille (15k Chester), Daniel Dowling (16k Brakenhale) and Samantha Hughes (21k Brakenhale). In the **Team Competition** there were two winning teams, both from Brakenhale and the **13x13** was won by Samantha Hughes. In the 'Exam for Young Players', top scorers were Samantha Hughes, Francis Weaver, and Carl Bate.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

For further details of overseas events contact Tony Atkins or me. EGP = Fujitsu European Grand Prix event.

Catching up with a few **European Grand Prix** results: **Copenhagen** was won by Christophe Gerlach (5d D). **Bucharest** was won by Sorin Gherman (5d Rom). **Bratislava** was won by Vladimir Danek (5d CZ). **Belgrade** was won by Viktor Bogdanov (6d Rus). **Brussels** was won by Guo Juan (7d NL) with Shutai Zhang (6d UK) second. **Kharkov (UKR)** was won by Dimitri Bogatskiy (5d UKR). **Gothenburg** was won by Vladimir Danek (5d CZ). **Zurich** was won by Rob van Zeijst (6d NL) with Shutai Zhang (6d UK) second.

Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 95/96 season:

Copenhagen (16-17 Sep), Bucharest (29 Sep-1 Oct), Bratislava (14-15 Oct), Belgrade (20-22 Oct), Brussels (28-29 Oct), Kharkov UKR (3-5 Nov), Gothenburg (11-12 Nov), Zurich (2-3 Dec), London (29 Dec-1 Jan), Prague (9-11 February), Milan (24-25 Feb), Vienna (8-10 Mar), Dublin (15-17 Mar), Paris (6-8 Apr), Bled (12-14 Apr), Budapest (3-5 May), Amsterdam (16-19 May), Hamburg (25-27 May), Helsinki (8-10 Jun), Warsaw (15-16 Jun), Kaliningrad RUS (5-7 Jul), European Go Congress @ Abano Terme (20 Jul-3 Aug).

US Go Congress: Cleveland Ohio 20-28 July.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oxford Go Tournament:

Sunday 18th February

Location: Freuds, Walton Street, Oxford. Parking nearby is not restricted on Sunday. Registration to 10:30. 3 rounds. Also Small Board.
Fees: £10. Students & under 18s £6. After 16th February add £2. The fee includes a £5 voucher that can be used towards food at Freud's.
Contact: Nick Wedd, Sunnybrook, 37 North Hinksey Village, Oxford OX2 0NA ☎ 01865 247403. E-mail: nick@maproom.demon.co.uk

Cambridge 20th Trigantius Go Tournament:

Saturday 24th February

Location: University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration to 10. 3 rounds. A separate Beginners' Tournament. Also Small Board.
Fees: BGA members £6, concessions £3. After 20th February £7 conc £3.50. British non-BGA +£1. The Beginners' Tournament is free.
Contact: Mark Wainwright, 27 Portugal Place, Cambridge, CB5 8AF ☎ 01223-300368.

International Team Go Tournament:

Saturday 9th March

Event: This is one of the regular matches between teams of British, Japanese and Chinese players. Clubs that can enter a suitably large and strong team can also take part. By invitation only, but check with David Ward if you would like to play. **Contact:** David Ward ☎ 0171-354 3285.

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Irish Open Championship in Dublin: (EGP)

Weekend 16-17th March

Location: The Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin 2. 5 Round main event on Sat/Sun. Also additional events on Friday and Monday.
Fees: IRE 15. Students/unwaged IRE 7. Extra IRE 5 for entries received after 8th March.
Accommodation: St. Patrick's Day weekend is very busy in Dublin, so book early. Contact Organisers for help, or for limited sleeping bag space.
Contact: John Gibson, 30 Lakelands Park, Terenure, Dublin 6W ☎ +353-1-4908779 (home) or +353-1-2843486 (work), Fax 2802238.
E-mail: Stephen Flinter at "Stephen.Flinter@cs.tcd.ie".

Coventry Go Tournament:

Sunday 24th March

Location: Midlands Sports Centre, Tile Hill, Coventry. Registration by 10:15. Provision for children, but check with Organisers.
Event: 3 round McMahon of 55 minutes plus overtime. Also side events including 13x13, Teams, and a lecture by Matthew Macfadyen.
Facilities: Swimming Pool, Table Tennis, Pool, TV room, Bar and Cafeteria. Buffet Lunch for £3.50, must be ordered before 19th March.
Fees: BGA members £5, non-members £6, juniors/unwaged/OAPs £2. Extra £2 for entries after 19th March.
Contact: Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ ☎ 01675-42753. Or e-mail Kirsty@jklmn.demon.co.uk

29th British Go Congress:

Weekend 12- 14th April

Location: Conference Centre, Van Mildert College, Durham. Registration 10:00 on Sat. First round at 10:30.
Lightning: The British Lightning Championship will be held on Friday evening. Registration 19:00.
Event: The Main Tournament will be a 6 round McMahon. The AGM of the BGA will be held on Saturday evening.
Fees: Discounted all-inclusive package £68, concessions £64. NB Friday dinner was unintentionally omitted from earlier information.
Alternatively, select from: Lightning £1 (conc 50p), Main tournament £8 (conc £4). Friday Dinner £7.50. B&B Friday night £17.50.
Saturday Lunch £6. Saturday Dinner £7.50. B&B Saturday night £17.50. Sunday Lunch £6. Late entry surcharge after 12 March.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Oxford (18 Feb), Cambridge (24 Feb), International Teams (9 Mar), Coventry (24 Mar), British Go Congress @ Durham (12-14 Apr), Anglo-Japanese 'B' (28 Apr), Candidates' Tournament @ Cambridge(4-6 May), Bracknell (11 May), Scottish Open @ Edinburgh (25-26 May), Ladies Championship (? 1-2 Jun), Challengers' League (? 8-9 Jun), Leicester (15 Jun), Anglo-Japanese (22 Jun), Pair Go (? 23 Jun), Barmouth (29-30 Jun), Devon (13 Jul), Northern (Probably 7-8 Sep), Milton Keynes (14 Sep), Shrewsbury (6 Oct), International Teams (13 Oct), Wessex (27 Oct), 3 Peaks (9-10 Nov), Swindon (24 Nov), West Surrey Teach-in (7 Dec), West Surrey Handicap (8 Dec), Anglo-Japanese (14 Dec), London Open (Around the New Year as usual).

Please let me know about any additions or changes.

NEWS

- ▶ **Promotions :-)** The Council has approved the following promotions: Shutai Zhang to 7 dan. Paul Smith to 2 dan. Paul Barnard, Paul Donnelly, Paul Hankin and Tony Putman to 1 dan.
- ▶ **Tournaments:** Most dates for the year are now settled, so check 'Dates for your Diary' for details.
- ▶ **Qualifiers for the Candidates' Tournament:** The current list is: C. Adams, B. Aldred, P. Barnard, S. Brown, J. Chin, S. Goss, P. Hankin, M. Harvey, M. Holton, C. Leedham-Green, A. Warburton, N. Wedd, D. Woodnutt.
- ▶ **Challengers:** There are some changes to the format planned for this year, and also the date will not be the usual end of May bank holiday. If this is relevant to you, and you want more details, please contact Tony Atkins.
- ▶ **Calling Strong Players:** The European Team Championship will be held in Luhcovice, Czech Republic, from 22 to 24 November 1996. We have been asked to send a team of 4 players. If you are able and willing to go, please contact Mark Wainwright on 05223-300368.
- ▶ **Go Tuition:** At present, both Matthew Macfadyen and Shutai Zhang are holding training sessions on a commercial basis. Matthew is holding a series of one day seminars aimed at three bands of grades: 10k to 5k, 5k to 1d, and 1k and stronger. For more details contact him on 01926-337919. Shutai is planning a number of 90 minute group sessions on weekends at the CLGC. For more details, contact him on 0181-445 5668.
- ▶ **The AGM of the BGA will be held at the British Go Congress.** The agenda will include: Election of Council Members, Reports, Consideration of accounts and NB a discussion and vote on changing membership classes and fees.
- ▶ **News about books:** Go World issue 75 will be sent out later than planned in mid-February. Four new books will also become available in February in time for the Cambridge tournament: "An Asian Paradigm" (£12), "Get Strong at Joseki 2" (£9), "Utilising Outward Influence" (£9), and "Tesuji and Anti-Suji of Go" (£10) (all prices post paid).
- ▶ **BGA Archives:** For several years, Keith Rapley has maintained the BGA Archives. He routinely collects British Go Journals and Newsletters. Also collected are Go Reviews and other sundries. If you have suitable material to send, it will be filed, but not acknowledged. Keith's address is Lisheen, Wynswick Road, Seer Green, Beaconsfield, Bucks. HP9 2XW.
- ▶ **BGA Membership:** A note from your editor: If you are wondering why you have not heard about BGA membership yet this year, it is because I overlooked sending out the membership renewal forms with the last Newsletter (tut tut). They will be included with this one for those unattached members to whom it is thought to be still relevant. Club members are enrolled by their club secretaries, who should contact Alison Jones directly. The current rates are: Club (full) £6; Club (student) £3; Unattached (full) £7.50; Unattached (student) £3.50; Family £12 (2 adults plus children); Overseas £10; Multiple year memberships, up to five years, can be obtained by paying in advance at current rates. Membership entitles you to: the quarterly British Go Journal, a bi-monthly newsletter, reduced entry fees for tournaments, playing equipment and books at moderate prices, and the games analysis service. The BGA promotes and publicises Go, assists the formation of new clubs, and supports young players. If you need more information, contact the Membership Secretary, Alison Jones on 0181-527 9846, or email: bga@acjamj.demon.co.uk
- ▶ **International Esperanto-Go-Ligue:** Matthias Reimann has sent this information: In March, a new world-wide International Correspondence Go Tournament begins. For more details write to him at: Am Markt 20, D-99755 Ellrich, Germany.

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