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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

International Teams Tournament

Sunday 13th October

Seven teams of six players played in this event held at the Nippon Club in London. Unfortunately there was no Korean team and the Chinese had to borrow a few of the weaker Londoners. Playing for the first time Reading surprised themselves by winning 16/24 games to take the trophy. Second on 13 points were Nippon 1, Nippon 2 and CLGC 2; Wanstead got 12, CLGC 1 got 10 and China 8. The only player to win four was Shutai Zhang (7 dan China). Those on 3/4 were K. Okubo, B. Okamura, N. Uda, H. Naka, U. Nagoa, Piers Shepperson, David Ward, Martin Smith, Andrew Jones, Jim Clare, Tony Atkins, Simon Goss and Clive Hendrie.

27th Wessex Go Tournament

Sunday 27th October

106 players battled through the drizzle to a newly refurbished Marlborough Town Hall for the 27th Wessex. Winner was John Rickard of Cambridge (4 dan) whose stamina coped with the four rounds and the end of summer time. The other 9 division prizes (engraved tankards) went to: Jo Hampton (2 dan West Wales); John Hobson (1 dan Bath); Christian Scarff (1 kyu Swindon); Jackie Chai (2 kyu Bournemouth); Pauk Clarke (3 kyu High Wycombe); David Stephenson (6 kyu HP Bristol); Pete Johnson (8 kyu Hursley); Keith Osborne (12 kyu Reading); Michael Talyanski (15 kyu High Wycombe). Of these winners divisions 5, 8, 9 and 10 won all 4 games. Not suprisingly High Wycombe won the team prize. Young Carl Bate (25 kyu Brakenhale) won the Fred Guyatt prize for 13x13. Both Jackie and Christian qualified for the 1997 Candidates' Tournament.

Three Peaks Tournament

Weekend 9-10th November

The joint winners were Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) with 4/5 and Henni Groot Lipman (1 dan) who started below the bar but won 5/5.

Swindon Go Tournament

Sunday 24th November

86 players attended the tournament which was won by Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol) with 3/3. Other prize winners with 3/3 were: Paul Clarke (3 kyu High Wycombe), Mike Talyanski (12 kyu High Wycombe), Darrell Sturley (21 kyu Monmouth), Yvonne Margetts (21 kyu Epsom Downs) and Youngik Kim (30 kyu Brakenhale) who also won the 13x13 competition. The lightning was won by Jiri Keller (CLGC).

West Surrey Handicap Tournament

Sunday 8th December

The tournament was preceded, as usual, by a teaching day on the Saturday in which 26 players were instructed by 4 senior players. The tournament itself aims for handicap games of about four stones and uses a scheme that favours black. Nevertheless, the player who emerged the champion from the 50 competitors was Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol) with 4/4. Other players with 4/4 were: France Ellul (3 kyu High Wycombe) and Alistair Brooks (27 kyu Swindon). Also mentioned in despatches were the players with 3/4: John Rickard, Tony Atkins, Gerry Mills, Clive Wright, Eddie Blockley, Paul Clarke, Colin Weeks, S. Ashing, Mike Talyanski, G. Farrimond, Neil Ings, O. Edwards and J. Ballentyre. The kyu section quiz was won by Anna Griffiths and the dan section by Tony Atkins. The 13x13 competition was won by Elinor Brooks.

British Championship:

The fourth game of the British Championship was played at West Surrey and Shutai Zhang emerged the winner to retain his title by a 3-1 margin.

NEWS

- ▶ **BGA membership.** Subscriptions for 1997 are now due. For 1997 the BGA has decided to convert to the direct mailing of newsletters and journals to all members. For those who were not at the AGM earlier in the year, the reasons for this include:
 - A better service for members who will receive journals regardless of their (or their club secretary's) attendance at club meetings.
 - Easier distribution for the newsletter and journal editors.
 - Better contact information about members enabling contact to be re-established with lapsed members who have stopped attending local clubs
 The new membership rates for 1997 are:
 - UK adult £9, UK junior, unemployed or OAP £4.50, Overseas Europe £10, Overseas other £12, Family £14. Family membership allows up to two adults and their children to enjoy all the benefits of membership whilst receiving just one copy of the journal and the newsletter.
 Benefits include: 4 journals and 6 newsletters a year, the ability to purchase books and equipment, and reduced tournament entry fees.
- ▶ **The BGA Web Page** has moved. It is now to be found at: <http://www.britgo.demon.co.uk/index.html>
- ▶ **BGA Contacts.** As a general observation, when corresponding with BGA or club contacts, it would be helpful if you would bear in mind the following. There are no paid officers of the BGA; they all give their time to it on a voluntary basis. Sometimes they may be particularly busy at work. Perhaps they are preoccupied with family matters. They could be away on business or holiday. They are aware of the need to reply as promptly as possible, but please be realistic in your expectations.
- ▶ **Please note** the correction to Nick Wedd's Email address in the BGA Addresses list (the one quoted in the last issue is out of date).
- ▶ **The European Go Journal.** This is issued quarterly by the European Go Centre and is a good quality publication of around 48 pages. If you saw the first few issues and were put off by the quality, particularly of the diagrams, please note that they are now as good as the BGA Journal. It covers top European events and some professional games together with news from around Europe. There is little overlap with the British Go Journal. Gerry Mills stocks a limited number for the BGA bookshop but direct subscriptions are recommended through the EGCC as follows: one year - air mail DM25, or one year - delivery at major tournaments DM15. Multiple year subscriptions are accepted. Payment can be made:
 - In cash at tournaments (Rob Kok will be at the London Open), in sterling or other currencies at prevailing mid-rate to DM.
 - By Visa card (quote expiry date) to EGCC (tel 00 31 20 645 5555, fax 00 31 20 647 3209), but not Mastercard/Access.
 - By bank transfer to: Tokai Bank Amsterdam a/c 27.01.51.281 (bank charges to be borne by the remitter).

NEWS FROM ABROAD

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

Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 96/97 season

Copenhagen DK (14-15 Sep), Bucharest ROM (21-22 Sep), Bratislava SQR (12-13 Oct), Belgrade YU (18-20 Oct), Brussels B (2-3 Nov), Kharkov UKR (8-10 Nov), Gothenburg S (16-17 Nov), Locarno CH (7-8 Dec), London GB (29 Dec-1 Jan), Prague CZ (7-9 Feb), Barcelona E (22-23 Feb), Dublin IRL (14-16 Mar), Vienna A (22-23 Mar), Paris F (29-31 Mar), Bled SLO (11-13 Apr), Milan I (19-20 Apr), Budapest H (2-4 May), Amsterdam NL (8-11 May), Hamburg D (17-19 May), Warsaw PL (21-22 Jun), Helsinki SF (28-29 Jun), Petrosavodsk RUS (4-6 Jul), European Go Congress @ Marseilles F (19 Jul-2 Aug).

Other European Events: Ing Cup (7-9 Mar), European Pairs, Amsterdam (14-15 Jun).

European Go Congress 1997: At Marseilles, France. (19 Jul - 2 Aug). Email contact: go-congress@imag.fr

US Go Congress 1997: At Lancaster, PA. (16-23 Aug). Email contact: szimmerman@cpnet.com (Sam).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd London Open Go Congress (EGP)

Sunday 29th December - Wednesday 1st January

Sponsored by Hitachi. The London Open is one of Europe's leading Go events and is a good opportunity to meet players from abroad.

Location: (as last year) Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5 1BX. Registration by 10 am on the 29th.

Event: This will be an 8 round McMahon tournament. The London Open is Britain's representative tournament in the Grand Prix de Europe. Optional Lightning competition on Sunday evening. Optional New Year's dinner on Tuesday evening.

Accommodation: A limited amount has been arranged. Contact the organisers.

Fees: Main event £20, students/unwaged £10. Lightning FREE. Entries received after 20th December +£5.

Contact: Harold Lee, 42 Leicester Road, Barnet, EN5 5DB. ☎ 0181-440 1001 (that's +44 181 440 1001 from abroad). Fax: 0181-449 9949.

Also: Geoff Kaniuk ☎ 0181-874 7362 and Dave Ward ☎ 0171-354 3285.

Furze Platt Go Tournament

Saturday 18th January

Location: Hitachi Europe Ltd. (as last year), Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead. Registration by 10:00. 3 rounds.

Fees: BGA members and overseas £5, British non-members £6, under 18/unwaged/senior citizens £2. After 15th January extra £2.

Contact: Anna Griffiths, 26 Derwent Drive, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 6LB ☎ 01628-38847. Email: Anna@boobook.demon.co.uk

Wanstead Go Tournament

Saturday 1st February

Location: Mornigton Hall. The Green Walk, Chingford, London E4. Walking distance from Chingford BR station.

Event: 4 round McMahon, 45 minutes with overtime. Non-smoking. Side events: Self-pairing 13x13 and (inevitably) Mornigton Crescent.

Lunch: Plenty of nearby sources of food.

Fees: £6 in advance, £8 on the day. Plus £2 for non-BGA. Everything half-price for under 18's.

Warning: We are not allowed more than 80 people in the hall. Usually we get 50-60 but ... you have been warned!

Contact: Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, E18 2NL ☎ and fax 0181 505 4381. Email: Francis@jfroads.demon.co.uk

Oxford Go Tournament

Sunday 16th February

Location: Freuds, Walton Street, Oxford. Parking nearby is not restricted on Sunday. Registration by 10:30. 3 rounds. Also Small Board.

Lunch: To avoid the counter queues of last year, the tournament fee this year will include a buffet lunch and tea & coffee.

Fees: £10. Unwaged £6. After 14th February add £2.

Contact: Nick Wedd, Sunnybrook, 37 North Hinksey Village, Oxford OX2 0NA ☎ 01865 247403. E-mail: nick@maproom.demon.co.uk

Cambridge 21st Trigantius Go Tournament

Sunday 2nd March

Location: (As last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10. Sponsored by Hitachi.

Event: 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.

Fees: BGA members £6, concessions £3. After 26th February £7 conc £3.50. British non-BGA +£1. The Beginners' Competition is free.

Contact: Tim Hunt, 63 Pantons Street, Cambridge. ☎ 01223-500769 (home). Email: tjh1000@damtp.cam.ac.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

London Open (29 Dec - 1 Jan), Furze Platt (18 Jan), Youth/Schools (19 Jan), Wanstead (1 Feb), Oxford (16 Feb), Cambridge (2 Mar), Coventry * (23 Mar), British Congress @ Egham * (18-20 Apr), Candidates @ Cambridge (3-5 May), Bracknell (May), Scottish Open @ Edinburgh * (24-25 May), Challengers (7-8 Jun), Leicester (14 Jun), Barmouth (28-29 Jun), Devon (12 Jul), Isle of Man (17-22 Aug).

The * indicates a probable date that will be confirmed later.

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