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Incidentally, since I have been using e-mail more fully, the quantity and quality of my received information has improved dramatically. Thankyou to all.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### International Teams Match:

Sunday 12th October

In September Cambridge, as Sonoyama League champions, took on and beat Reading, Thames Valley Champions, by four boards to two. As they had also won the previous London International Team Tournament, all eyes were on them at the autumn edition at the Nippon Club in October. Indeed their top board S. Kim and Oliver Riordan headed the team to victory by winning all four games. The team's 16 points put them ahead of the 13 of the CLGC Oldies, the 11 of Wanstead and Reading and 10 of the CLGC Upstarts and Nippon A. Winners of three games were Messrs. Selby, Shaw, Goss, Leenders, Goddard, Hall, Fairbairn, Ward, Uda, Oe and Takahashi (Ayzen). In the 1997 Sonoyama League Cambridge were again the champions beating Wanstead, Stevenage, CLGC and OU scoring 37 wins out of 50.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Wessex Go Tournament:

Sunday 26th October

According to tradition the day the clocks went back was the day for the annual pilgrimage to Marlborough Town Hall for the Wessex. Only 100 players attended this year despite the arrival of a new batch from Brakenhale School. One of them, Darren Fairbrother, was rewarded with his first prize by winning the Fred Guyatt 13x13 competition. In the main tournament Tony Goddard showed his strength by winning, beating John Rickard in the last round. The other division winners were: 2 Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell); 3 Gerhard Stettner (1 dan CLGC); 4 Nick Mandache (1 kyu Bristol); 5 Barry Chandler (2 kyu Reading); 6 David Elsdon (3 kyu West Surrey); 7 Peter Johnson (7 kyu Hursley); 8 George Haig (8 kyu Swindon); 9 Graham Horsley (16 kyu West Surrey); 10 Emma Fairbrother (30 kyu Brakenhale). Of these Simon, Barry and Graham won all 4.

### Three Peaks Tournament:

Weekend 8-9th November

This was held at the Marton Arms in the Yorkshire Dales. This year it was won by Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead) on tie break from organiser Toby Manning (3 dan Leamington).

### 5th Swindon Go Tournament:

Sunday 23rd November

70 players attended the fifth Swindon, again held at the Allied Dunbar Club. Paul Barnard flew back from Pakistan in time to help Dave King run a well organised event. The winner was Simon Shiu (3 dan Bristol), continuing Simon's run of tournament victories. On 3/3 were: Dan Misca (1 dan Reading), Nicolae Mandache (1 kyu Bristol), Chris Scarff (1 kyu Swindon), David Knight (10 kyu Epsom Downs), Graham Brooks (12 kyu Swindon), Richard Hawkes (15 kyu Bristol), and Alistair Brooks (25 kyu Swindon). In the 13 x 13, Laura Coe (12 kyu Brakenhale) won a silver trophy nearly as tall as herself for a score of 12/14; the runner up was Nichola Hurden (18 kyu Brakenhale).

### British 13x13 Go Championship at Cambridge:

Sunday 30th November

The British Small Board Championship attracted 20 players to the car-friendly venue in North Cambridge. There were a few novel features this year. It was held as part of a Chess&Go event with over 100 present. At lunch time 23 children were instructed in go. The winner was Yongcheol Shin of the Cambridge club, locally graded at 3 dan, who saw off the 4 dans John Rickard and Francis Roads. William Brooks (8) of the Cambridge Junior club won 5/6 at 17 kyu, losing only to Simon Goss. Handicaps were on the Cambridge system of one stone per 2.5 grade difference.

### West Surrey Handicap Go Tournament:

Sunday 7th December

There were 58 players at this year's West Surrey Handicap Tournament at Burpham Village Hall near Guildford. The previous day around 30 pupils learnt better go techniques from dan level teachers: Tony Atkins, Des Cann, Simon Goss and Paul Margetts. Topics studied were tesuji, yose, danger points, middle game and handicap technique. Winner of the tournament was David Ward (3 dan London) who beat Jim Clare (3 dan Reading) in the final. Also on four wins were Derek Molloy (1 kyu Brighton), Anna Griffiths (8 kyu Furze Platt), and Alexander Bruckner (8 kyu Brighton). Those on three wins as well as Jim Clare were: Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading), Michael Charles (2 dan Stevenage), Marcus Bennett (1 dan Bourne-mouth), Jim Saddler (1 dan Brighton), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Steve Ashing (7 kyu Worcester), Elinor Brooks (7 kyu Swindon), Steve Ashton (10 kyu Brighton), Phillippe Bourrez (11 kyu West Surrey), Graham Horsley (12 kyu West Surrey), Steve Smith (15 kyu Hursley), Kevin Ashmore (29 kyu Brakenhale) and Aaron Dixon (32 kyu Brakenhale). All other players were awarded a lollipop. In the continuous 13 x 13 the prize winners were Paul Barnard (1 dan Swindon) for most wins, Tom Blockley (5 kyu Worcester) for best percentage and Francis Weaver (7 kyu Brakenhale) for persistence. Steve Bailey's silly competition for this year was to come up with go terms that mention things botanical, zoological, biological or anatomical. Winner was Tony Atkins with 30 terms, ahead of Pauline Bailey and Neil Cleverly.

## NEWS

- **Nick Wedd** has taken over as the BGA Website Master.
- **Club Coordinator.** A requirement has been identified for someone to check club details and also become the main point of contact for club secretaries to notify changes which will then be passed on to the various interested parties (Membership Secretary, Journal, Website, Newsletter, etc). Nick Wedd is doing this temporarily, but would like to hand over to another person. If interested in this post, contact Tony Atkins. In the meantime, please inform Nick (see BGA Addresses below) about changes.
- **There is also a vacancy** for the BGA Press Officer, who gets to hold (perhaps I should say use) the BGA fax machine. The job is to fax promptly reports of tournaments to local press unless organisers do it. Contact Tony Atkins (see BGA Addresses below) if you are interested or would like to know more.
- **Stacey Trophy** points following Swindon are: 1. Francis Roads 19, 2=. Matthew Macfadyen, Simon Shiu, David Ward 17.
- **The new Docklands go club** meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at the Henry Adlington pub on Canary Wharf.
- **The Candidates and Challengers** tournaments will be held at the Nippon Club in Piccadilly, London.
- **Matthew Macfadyen** course at Marlborough College Summer School: Matthew is down to give a one week introductory course from 19 July. Encourage your beginner friends to go!
- **BT Wireplay.** A commercial go service for those with a PC and a modem, but not requiring Internet access, expected in the New Year. More information as it comes on the Wireplay web site ([www.wireplay.com](http://www.wireplay.com)) under "Mind Games", or the BGA web site; or from BT. Those who would like to help launch the service in a teaching role should contact Charles Matthews ([charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk](mailto:charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk)) for more details.

## NEWS FROM ABROAD

### Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 97/98 season

See EGCC Web pages: <http://www.xs4a11.nl/~egcc> and so on

London GB (1-4 Jan), Prague CZ (7-8 Feb), Barcelona E (21-22 Feb), Dublin IRL (21-22 Mar), Vienna A (27-29 Mar), Paris F (11-13 Apr), Bled SLO (17-19 Apr), Milan I (25-26 Apr), Budapest HUN (9-10 May), Amsterdam NL (21-24 May), Hamburg D (30-31 May), Zagreb CRO (13-14 Jun), Warsaw PL (20-21 Jun), Helsinki SF (27-28 Jun), St Petersburg RUS (4-5 Jul), European Go Congress ROM (25 Jul - 7 Aug).

European Go Congress 1998: will be held at Mamaia in Romania on the 25th July to 7th August.  
 Cannes Game Festival: 27 Feb - 1 Mar 1998 will host the European Youth Championship and the Ing Cup  
 Contact: Francois Lapeyre, 141 Chemin de L'Avere, F-06580 PEGOMAS, France. I 00-33-04-93 42 81 63. Fax: 00-33-04-93 34 28 133.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 24th London Open Go Congress (EGP), Sponsored by Hitachi** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 Location: (as last year) Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5 1BX. Registration by 10 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 Event: This will be an 8 round McMahon tournament. The London Open is Britain's representative tournament in the Grand Prix de Europe.  
 Accommodation: A limited amount has been arranged. Contact the organisers.  
 Contact: David Ward ☎ 0171-354 8539 (that's +44 171 354 8539 from abroad). Email: davidmward@msn.com
- Furze Platt Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
 Location: Hitachi Europe Ltd. (as last year), Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead. Registration by 10:00.  
 Event: 3 round McMahon. Also small board and team competitions.  
 Contact: Anna Griffiths, 26 Derwent Drive, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 6LB ☎ 01628-638847. Email: Anna@boobook.demon.co.uk
- Oxford Go Tournament** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
 Location: Wolfson Hall, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. The Park and Ride is recommended. Registration by 9:45. 3 rounds.  
 Contact: Nick Fortescue, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford OX1 4AR  
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- Cambridge 22<sup>nd</sup> Triganthus Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
 Location: (As last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10.  
 Event: 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.  
 Contact: Tim Hunt, 63 Panton Street, Cambridge CB3 9ET. ☎ 01223-500769 (home). Email: tjh1000@damtp.cam.ac.uk  
 Or Charles Matthews, ☎ 01223-350096. Email: charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk
- 31<sup>st</sup> British Go Congress, Sponsored by British Aerospace** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 Location: British Aerospace Building, Broughton, Chester. Registration by 10:15 on Saturday.  
 Events: The British Open will be a 6 round McMahon on Saturday and Sunday. The British Lightning will be held on Friday evening at 19:30.  
 The Women's Championship will be incorporated in the British Open. The AGM will be held on Saturday evening.  
 Contact: Tony Pitchford, Meadow Brook, Taporley Road, Whitley, Warrington WA4 4DS. ☎ 01925-730583 Fax: 01925-730005  
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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

London Open (1-4 Jan), Furze Platt (24 Jan), Youth/Schools (25 Jan), Oxford (7 Feb), Cambridge (1 Mar), Candidates @ London \* (14-15 Mar), Women's Coaching Weekend (28-29 Mar), Bournemouth \* (4 Apr), British Congress @ Chester (17-19 Apr), Challengers @ London \* (2-4 May), Barlow \* (3 May), Bracknell \* (16 May), Pairs \* (17 May), Leicester (13 Jun), Barmouth (27-28 Jun), Mind Sports (24-30 Aug), Milton Keynes (19 Sep), Shrewsbury (4 Oct).

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

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### BGA SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1998

BGA subscriptions for 1998 are now being accepted. Early completion is greatly appreciated as it eases the work load on the Membership Secretary at the beginning of the year. A remittance advice is provided below for your convenience.

In the UK only £10 for a year's membership, all UK members receive direct mailing. UK OAP/Student/Child/Unemployed £4.50. UK Family £15.  
 Overseas: Europe £12 World £15 (plus bank charges). To reduce the impact of bank charges multiple membership of up to five years is possible.  
 Stirling cheques or drafts only, VISA / email transfer not yet available. USA members may join by sending 25 dollars to the AGA.

In a calendar year members receive 4 British Go Journals and 6 news letters, can purchase books and equipment and get reduced tournament entry fees. Contact: Alison Jones, 29 Forest Way, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0QF ☎ 0181-504-6944. Email: bga@acjamj.demon.co.uk

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