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RESULTS

Devon Go Tournament, Sunday 18th April

The fifth Devon Tournament moved west to the ancient sea port of Plymouth. The venue was a pub, the Three crowns, on the Barbican. Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading) took his first even game title. Losing finalist was Tony Putman (1 dan Swindon). The best of the bottom half of the 16 were Corrina Finnis (12 kyu West Cornwall) and Richard Helyer (7 kyu Oxford) who beat Corrina in the last round.

Milan GP, 17th - 18th April

The winner was Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany) with 5/5, and 2nd was Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia) with 4/5. 43 players.

Bled GP, 24th - 25th April

The winner was Vladimir Danek (6 dan Czech Republic) with 5/6. A bunch of players on 4/6 were separated by SOS to give 2nd Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia), 3rd Dmitry Yatsenko (6 dan Ukraine). 62 players.

Challenger's Tournament at Cambridge, Saturday 1st - Monday 3rd May

This was again a 24 player tournament, held as last year at the Nippon Club in Piccadilly. 12 players from last year, anyone 5 dan or stronger and those qualified from the Candidates' Tournament, the British Open or the Stacey could take part. Making a welcome reappearance this year was the British Champion from the sixties and seventies, Jon Diamond. A three way tie between Matthew Cocke, Des Cann and John Rickard will mean a play-off having to be arranged. Those on 4/6 taking places 5 to 8 were: Charles Matthews, T Mark Hall, Piers Shepperson, David Ward and Jim Clare.

Bar-Low Go Tournament at Cambridge, Sunday 2nd May

The Barlow tournament for kyu players was held at the usual venue of the Cambridge University Centre. The number of players taking part was the same as the last three years at 32 plus the organiser. Cambridge's 1 kyu Jonathan Chin won all five games against his fellow kyu players to end in first place. Phil Beck ended second as a 3 kyu by winning 4/5. Two other prize winners were Brakenhale's Briony Stanes (27 kyu) and Emma-Jayne Fairbrother (22 kyu).

Oxford vs Cambridge Varsity Match, Saturday 8th May

The 1999 Go Varsity Match took place on Saturday 8th May 1999 in Chequers (a pub) in Oxford. The Cambridge team car, driven by Rob Jack, got to Oxford in time for lunch. Then after a brief wrangle over grades, during which several of the Oxford players seemed to get two grades stronger, we settled down to the go playing. We started round one sitting outside in the sun, but had to hastily move under umbrellas when the heavens opened. The round ended up tied two-all. Good sense then prevailed and we went into the warmth and dry of the pub for the second round. This time Cambridge won all four games and so the final score was 6-2 to Cambridge. The Oxford team were: Henry Segerman, David Pearce, Matt Piatkus, and Edward Laird. The Cambridge team were: Tim Hunt, Rob Jack, Paul Russell, and Andrew Spray. Handicaps were used where appropriate. - Report by Tim Hunt.

Budapest GP, 8th - 9th May

A four way tie on 4/6 was resolved with SOS to give 1. Dmitry Bogatsky (6 dan Ukraine), 2. Leszek Soldan (6 dan Poland), 3. Tibor Pocsai (5 dan Hungary), and 4. Bela Nagy (4 dan Romania). 60 players.

Bracknell Go Tournament, Saturday 15th May

70 players attended at the new venue which was actually in Wokingham and not Bracknell. Winner was Y.K. Kim (5 dan CLGC) who beat S-J. Kim (6 dan Cambridge) in the last round. Winners on 3/3 were Simon Bexfield (1 dan CLGC), Granville Wright (1 dan Brighton), Alan Metz (2 kyu Portsmouth), Tony Lyall (7 kyu Norwich), Thomas Wolf (9 kyu Twickenham), Neil Moffat (10 kyu Portsmouth), Richard Barnes (15 kyu), Ian McAnally (22 kyu Manchester) and Andrew Gale (29 kyu Brakenhale). The 13x13 winner was Daniel Calvelo (21 kyu Brakenhale).

Amsterdam GP, 13th - 16th May

The winner was Franz-Josef Dikhut (6 dan Germany) with 6/6. He beat second place Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany) 5/6, and local star Guo, Juan (7 dan Netherlands) 5/6. Piers Shepperson (5 dan) was 2nd. 143 players.

Anglo-Chinese Friendship match

The Cambridge club played a match against the Chinese Scholars and Students Association, made up of visiting Chinese scholars at the University. It took place on 20 May and 27 May under a Chinese system of 'double meeting', both times on eight boards. Chinese rules were used for the first round, making little difference since only one game required counting, and Japanese rules for the second round. That allowed a drawn game, rare under Chinese counting. Since the CSSA players didn't have grades, Cambridge put out a team with seven dan players first time round, winning 6-2. The team for the second encounter had an average strength on the 1 kyu - 2 kyu boundary, and this time the match was much closer, going 4.5-3.5 to Cambridge with all depending on the top board game that eventually came out as jigo. Liu Yunkang of the Chinese team is now recognised as 2 dan for club purposes, and four others of the CSSA, including the energetic Professor Chen Caiyu (visiting the Department of Anglo-Saxon) who set up the match, as 1 kyu.

Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 23rd May

31 Pairs attended the Championships held this year at Stokenchurch near High Wycombe. Competition was in three sections: the British Championship, the Open Handicap and Youth Handicap. Winners of the Youth were Brakenhale's Nicola Hurden and Shawn Hearn, with the runners up being a scratch team of Andrew Gale and Gary White. Handicap winners were Jini Williams and Fred Holroyd, with runners up Yoko Sone and John McAnally. In the Championship section winners for the third year running were Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen, with runners up Alison Jones and Tony Atkins. It looks like the latter pair will be our representatives in the World Pairs Championships in November. Other pairs on two wins were Emma Marchant and Simon Goss, Sue Paterson and Des Cann. Best dressed pairs were Silvia Kalisch and Richard Parkins, Luise Wold and Thomas Wolf; Emma-Jayne Fairbrother and Tom Blockley had the best dressed feet. Various prizes were awarded in the top ten go songs competition.

Hamburg GP, 22nd - 23rd May

A three way tie on 5/6 was resolved with SOS to give 1st Guo, Juan (7 dan Netherlands), 2nd Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany), and 3rd Franz-Josef Dikhut (6 dan Germany). 122 players.

Scottish Open Go Tournament at Glasgow, Weekend 29th - 30th May

23 players attended this year's Scottish Open, held for the third time at Glasgow University. Winner this year was Simon Shiu (4 dan Bristol) who won all 6. Second on 5/6 was Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading). Ian McAnally (20 kyu Manchester) also won 5/6.

Zagreb GP, 29th - 30th May

The winner was Leon Match (5 dan Slovenia) with 5/5, and 2nd was Milan Zakotnik (5 dan Slovenia) with 4/5. 28 players.

NEWS

- **Promotions** ☺ The Council has approved the following promotions: Niculae Mandache to 3 dan. Jonathan Chin, Tim Hunt, and Nick Wedd to 1 dan.
- **Mind Sports Olympiad.** The timetable for this is given under Forthcoming Events below. Note that there is a prize fund for Go events of £8500. Volunteers will be needed to help man the go stall. Please contact Tony Atkins if you can help.
- **Publicity Officer.** There is still a vacancy for this position. Anyone who is interested should contact Tony Atkins to find out more.

FORTHCOMING

Warsaw GP, 19th – 20th June Contact: Janusz Kraszek ☎ 00-48-22-8365129, fax 00-48-22-8429561, q3@studio-q.pl (Leszek Soldan)

The 7th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth, Weekend 26th - 27th June

Location: Barmouth Youth Centre. Registration by 1:30 on Saturday. 5 rounds (3 on Saturday to about 8:30 and 2 on Sunday to about 3:30).

Accommodation: This is cheap and plentiful in Barmouth. Contact Jo for details. Check with Jo if you wish to arrive earlier.

Contact: Jo Hampton, 1 Glan-y-Don, High St, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DW. ☎ 01341-281336, jo@barmouthbay.freereserve.co.uk

Tchelyabinsk GP, 26th – 27th June Contact: Eugenii Panyoukov ☎ +7-3512-132258, ponuki@chel.surnet.ru

The 1st Portsmouth Go Tournament, Sunday 4th July

Location: D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, Portsmouth. Registration by 10:00. 3 rounds.

Contact: Neil Moffatt, 28 Lowcay Road, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 2QA. ☎ 01705-643843 (before 10 pm), NMoffat@aol.com

Helsinki GP, 3rd – 4th July Contact: Matti Siivola ☎ 00-358-9-874 4283, fax 00-358-9-191 27533, Matti.Siivola@helsinki.fi

European Go Congress at Podbanske Slovakia, 24th July – 7th August

Note: Slovakia has just introduced a visa scheme

Contact: EGC '99 ☎ 00-421-905-273774 (Rudolf Krusina), fax 00-421-7-839917, milian@rasax.sk (Jan Milian)

US Go Congress 1999 @ San Francisco State University, 31st July – 8th August

Contact: Bill Camp. go@seattlego.org

3rd Mind Sports Olympiad at London, 21st – 29th August Web: <http://www.mindsports.co.uk/>

Location: Olympia London. There is a prize fund for Go events of £8500.

Events: Saturday 21st 13 X 13 for 10 rounds. Sunday 22nd AM 9 X 9 for 8 rounds. Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th Main Event, 6 rounds with 90 minute time limits. Sunday 29th Rapid play with handicaps, 6 rounds with 30 minute time limits.

Contact: Email: mso@dickson.demon.co.uk ☎ Alison Jones on 0181-504 6944

Go Isle of Man 1999, Sunday 22nd – Friday 27th August

Location: Orchard Room, Cherry Orchard Hotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Event: Combine a holiday with go playing. Lots of options for combining them in different proportions. There is a 5 round main tournament, with 1 round a day in the mornings. There is also a 3 afternoons tournament and a 2 afternoons handicap tournament. Also several other special events. More information about options, transport and accommodation is available from the organisers.

Contact: Leo & David Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD. ☎ 01624 612294. Email: ldphillips@advsys.co.uk

25th Northern Go Tournament, Weekend 4th – 5th September

Location: The Allen Hall, Wilmslow Road, Manchester. Registration by 10:00 on Saturday. 6 rounds.

Event: This will be a six round McMahon Tournament. Various B&B and lunch options available for Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

Contact: John Smith, 21 Gwynant Place, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 4AE. ☎ 0161 445 5012 (home), 0161 275 4756 (work)

Email: J.H.Smith@man.ac.uk

Millennium London Open Go Congress (EGP), 31st December 1999 to 3rd January 2000

Location: Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5.

Contact: Simon Bexfield E-mail: simon@bexfield.demon.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Barmouth (26-27 Jun), Portsmouth (4 Jul), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-29 Aug), Isle of Man Go Week (22-27 Aug), Northern (4-5 Sep), Milton Keynes (* 18 Sep), Shrewsbury (3 Oct), Wessex (* 24 Oct), 3 Peaks (*6-7 Nov), Swindon (* 21 Nov), West Surrey Teach-In (4 Dec), West Surrey h/cap (5 Dec), Millennium London Open (31 Dec-3 Jan). * = provisional.

FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 98/99 SEASON

Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tchelyabinsk (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podbanske, Slovakia (24 Jul-7 Aug).

For European Calendar see: <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html>

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