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## RESULTS

**BRITISH GO CONGRESS 07-09/04/2006** Bob Bagot ran the 39th British Go Congress at Lancaster Grammar School. The British Lightning on the Friday evening was at the Gregson Community Centre, the local Go club venue. It was played with four tables of six and then knockout. Ben He (5 dan) from Glasgow won the British Lightning beating young Ken Dackombe (13 kyu) on high-handicap in the final. Losing semi-finalists were Chris Barnett (5 kyu Durham) and Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading).

The British Open had 48 players. Ben He was also clear winner of the Open with six wins. Equal second were Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes) and Alan Thornton (2 dan St. Albans). T Mark Hall (4 dan London) was fourth on tie-break. Winning 6/6 was Phil Ward-Ackland (6 kyu Barmouth) and winning 5/6 were Kay Dackombe (13 kyu Farnborough Village), Brian Timmins (5 kyu Shrewsbury) and Jenny Radcliffe (10 kyu Durham). Durham won the team prize, the Nippon Club Trophy. None of the top three in the Stacey Grand Prix were there, so Alistair Wall was the winner of the Stacey Trophy.

**LEAMINGTON 26/03/06** After a year gap the tournament was back in Leamington Spa. 30 players took part, with local star Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) giving a teaching lecture at lunch time. However Matthew was not the star of the tournament as he lost in the last round. Bei Ge (4 dan) from Milton Keynes was thus the victor adding another title to his list. Alex Parsons (5 kyu Staines) and Ewart Shaw (8 kyu Leamington) both won 3/3. The team prize went to the Leamington Beards (John Lowe, Ewart Shaw, Dave Buckley and Jonathan Green).

**BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, BIRMINGHAM 19/03/2006** The 2006 Youth Championships had 38 competitors aged from 8 to 17, with strengths from 3-dan to 32-kyu at King Edward VI School, Aston. Two new faces were a boy from Birmingham, Hai Xia (1 kyu), and a girl visiting from Hong Kong, Vanessa Wong (2 kyu), plus some new faces from the East Midlands. William Brooks played a demonstration game against Mr Julius Wong from Hong Kong, analysed at lunch time. Prizes and places went to: Overall winner: William Brooks (Cambridge) 2nd: Hai Xia (Birmingham), U18: William Brooks (Cambridge) 2nd: Jonathan Englefield (High Wycombe), U16: Maria Tabor (Epsom) 2nd: Kelvin Xu (Aston), U14: Hai Xia (Birmingham) 2nd: Matthew Harris (Cambridge), U12: Vanessa Wong (Hong Kong) 2nd: Ken Dackombe (Farnborough Village), U10: Dominic Boston (Loughborough), U8: Thomas Meehan (Solihull), Castledine Trophy: King Edward VI School, Aston, Team with most wins: Tent from Kent, Winner of 13x13 Sadhvik Vijay (Aston), Puzzle competition Matthew Hathrell (Finham Park), Liar Dice: Divyesh Mandania (Aston), Irish Go Association prize: Christie Kelly (High Wycombe), four wins: Matthew Harris, James Hoyle, Luke Gymer, Kelvin Xu, Kay Dackombe and Divyesh Mandania.

**CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 05/03/06** 66 players attended this years Trigantius, plus another 18 in the Novices event, held again at the University Centre. Li Shen (6 dan London) failed to win a third year running as he lost to Ben He in the last round. This gave Ben He (4 dan Glasgow) his second win in a week. Only two other players won all three games: best kyu player Paul Tabor (1 kyu Epsom) and Ingrid Jendrzejewski (18 kyu Cambridge). All on two wins were acknowledged with a choice of prize and everyone else was allowed to take a prize from the collection of Chinese objects on offer. The team prize went to the combined Harvey and Tabor team called Tabveys with 66 percent. Jenny Radcliffe (Durham) won the continuous 13x13 prize and Anna Griffiths (Epsom) won the origami swan competition. In the small board Trigantius Novices' tournament the winner was Tim Lachlan-Hope. The puzzle-solving prizes went to Varum Footring, Andrew Witcombe-Small and Philip Sansom.

**NEW MALDEN TOURNAMENT 25/02/06** The second New Malden Amateur Baduk Championship was held at St. John's Church Hall in South-West London and attracted 41 players. It had four quite fast games and a very tasty Korean buffet lunch. Glasgow's Ben He (4 dan) was the unbeaten winner getting the cash prize of £200, thanks to the local Korean sponsors. Runner up was Li Shen (6 dan London), on tie-break from Piers Shepperson (5 dan London). Players winning 3 out of 4 were: Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell), Byungil Suh (2 dan New Malden), Phil Beck (1 dan Cambridge), Paul Margetts (1 kyu Epsom), Hae Kueon Jeong (2 kyu New Malden), Peter Collins (2 kyu Bristol), Geoff Kaniuk (3 kyu London), Roger Daniel (4 kyu London), Edwina Lee (4 kyu Maidenhead), Peter Fisher (6 kyu Leicester), Xinyi Lu (7 kyu Maidenhead) and Jonathan Englefield (7 kyu High Wycombe).

## NEWS

**YOUTH GRAND PRIX and STACEY POINTS** After the British Open, Youth points: 1 Kay Dackombe 13k 506 points, 2 Ken Dackombe 13k 432, Jonathan Englefield 7k 427, 4 Will Brooks 2d 358, 5 Maria Tabor Epsom Downs 5k 312, 6 Li Shen 6d 245, 7 Matthew Harris 18k 236, 8= Owen Walker 22k 188, 8= Paul Blockley Worcester 188, 10 Matthew Hathrell 14k 184. Stacey points: 1st Alistair Wall with 24 points, 2nd Francis Roads 21, 3rd Bei Ge and Ben He 19, 5th Tim Hunt and Alan Thornton 16, 7th Li Shen 15.

**BRITS OVERSEAS European Pair Go Championships 07/05/06-09/04/06** A total of 42 pairs from 12 countries took part, including 4 pairs from the UK. Third on tie-break were the UK's Natasha Regan and Matthew Cocke. UK's official pair, Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen were 11th with 4 wins. **European Youth Go Championships 23/03/06-26/03/06** This took place in Saint Petersburg in Russia. 66 under-18s and 68 under-12s took part. UK's William Brooks (1 dan Cambridge) won 2/6. Chun Yin Woo (3 kyu) from Hong Kong and representing the UK was sixth with 4/6. **Ing Memorial, Sinaia 17/03/06-19/03/06** 24 of Europe's top players travelled to the Sinaia in Romania for the Ing Memorial. Representing the UK, Matthew Cocke won 1 game to place 22nd. **Irish Open 10/03/06-12/03/06**, part of the Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour. 33 players took part; Tony Atkins (3 dan Bracknell) came sixth. Held on the Friday evening was the 19-player Irish Rapid. Ian Davis (2 kyu Belfast) was the unbeaten winner with Dylan Carter (1 kyu Cardiff) and Claas Roever (2 kyu Dublin) second on 4/5. **Barcelona Tournament, 18/02/06-19/02/06** As usual Barcelona attracted some strong players, with 109 players in total. Best of the small UK team was Mark Todkill (2 kyu London) who won 3. **Toyota-Denso European Oza, Amsterdam, 09/02/06-12/02/06** 73 top players attended the third European Oza, which happens every two years at the EGCC in Amsterdam. Britain's Matthew Macfadyen got to the knockout stage. There he beat Geert Groenen, but lost to Guo Juan in the semi-final.

**BGA AGM 2006** T Mark Hall, Bill Streeten and Simon Goss stood down as BGA officers and the following were elected in their stead: President Ron Bell, Treasurer Steve Bailey, Secretary Fred Holroyd.

**BGA SHODAN CHALLENGE** In order to encourage players to improve their level, the BGA has launched its Shodan Challenge. Players are able to set their target at a suitable level, up to 1 dan (shodan). Each Challenger is assigned a mentor to assist and encourage them in their Challenge. Further details on the BGA website.

**NATIONAL GO WEEK** 2nd to 8th July 2006 has been declared British Go Week. Clubs are encouraged to organise public events during this period. The week will kick off with a BGA picnic in Purbrook, Hampshire, and various youth events are already planned. The week ends with the Epsom Tournament.

**SCHOOLS INTERNET LEAGUE** Three schools are playing so far in the new Schools Internet League. Norwich School beat Aston 4-2 early in December. The other school is Finham Park, Coventry. More schools welcome; contact Mike Lynn mikelynn@barston.freesev.co.uk

**BGA ORGANISERS' MATERIAL** A new version of the BGA Handbook is now available on the BGA website. Information on running go clubs, tournaments and youth events.

#### CLUB NEWS

**BATH:** Bath GO Club <http://www.bathgo.co.uk/> are holding a 'come & see & play' event in a local library, not part of GO week but it sounds a good idea... it will be interesting to hear how it goes

**OXFORD:** Oxford University new secretary Alex Ward [secretary@goplayer.org](mailto:secretary@goplayer.org) <http://www.goplayer.org/> Secretary of Oxford City (now Harry Fearnley 38 Henley Street, Oxford. OX4 1ES. 01865 248775(h), 01865 273928(w). [harry@goban.demon.co.uk](mailto:harry@goban.demon.co.uk)

## FORTHCOMING

**BAR LOW, CAMBRIDGE Sunday 7th May.** Registration by 09:30.

Location Netherhall Upper School and Sixth-Form College, Queen Ediths Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN.

Event Kyu players only. 5 round McMahon tournament with 35 minutes time limit, no overtime. Part of the Cambridge Mind Sports Olympiad.

Contact Johnathan Medlock, phone 01223 395550. [j.medlock@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.medlock@ntlworld.com)

**BRACKNELL, Sunday 14th May** Registration by 10:00

Location Woosehill Community Centre, Emmview Close, Wokingham, RG41 3DA.

Event 3 round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. 6 points Komi.

Contact Clive Hendrie, phone 01344 422502, [Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk](mailto:Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk). Emergency phone for day of tournament only is 07905 728212

**BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 21st May.**

Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5DP.

Event A tournament for teams of one male and one female who play alternately with no conferring. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section. Both groups play 45 minutes sudden death.

Contact Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London, E18 2NL. Email: [francis@jfroads.demon.co.uk](mailto:francis@jfroads.demon.co.uk)

**SCOTTISH OPEN, DUNDEE, Saturday 27th–Sunday 28th May.** Registration by 10:40 Saturday

Location Mason's Hall, 7 Artillery Lane, Dundee, DD1 1PE.

Event 6 round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 20 stones in 5 minutes overtime. Lightning on the Friday evening

Contact Rich Philip [richphilp@hotmail.com](mailto:richphilp@hotmail.com) phone **01382 202283** Phone helpline (during the tournament only please): 0795-229-6865.

**WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH. Saturday 10th–Sunday 11th June.** Registration by 13:00 Saturday.

Location Min-Y-Mor Hotel, The Promenade, Barmouth, LL42 1HW

Event 5 round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit with overtime of 20 stones in 5 minutes. 6 points komi

Contact Contact Tony Pitchford. [tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk](mailto:tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk) Telephone: 01925 730264 (Work) 01925 730583 (Night - not after 9pm please/ Meadow Brook, Tarpoley Road, Whitley, Warrington, WA4 4DS.

**DURHAM, Saturday 17th–Sunday 18th June** Registration by 12:45 Saturday.

Location to be confirmed

Event 6 Round McMahon, 45 minutes main time, plus 40 stones in 5 minutes Canadian overtime. Side events: Lightning, 13 x 13.

Contact Durham Go Club [go.club@dur.ac.uk](mailto:go.club@dur.ac.uk). Or phone Edwin Brady 01334 461629 (daytime) <http://www.dur.ac.uk/go.club/tourn2006.php>.

**BGA PICNIC, PURBROOK, HAMPSHIRE, Sunday 2nd July**

Location The house and garden of Peter and Sheila Wendes, and possibly Purbrook's beautifully restored Church Hall if numbers get big.

Event This is not a tournament, although people can run impromptu ones if they like. The idea is to have a day of fun - playing, teaching and nibbling. Children are welcome, as are non Go players. Further details on the BGA website

Contact Peter Wendes, 13 Stakes Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5LU, phone 02392 267648 [pwendes@hotmail.com](mailto:pwendes@hotmail.com)

**EPSOM, Saturday 8th July.** Entry by 09:30; Registration by 09:45

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Location The Ebbisham Centre, 6–7 The Derby Square, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8AG.

Event Three round Mc Mahon; 60 mins per player (no overtime).

Contact [epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk](mailto:epsomgo@yuhong.demon.co.uk) Yvonne Margetts, 7 Ripley Way, Epsom, Surrey KT19 7DB. phone: 01372 723 268 (not after 10:00pm)

**ISLE OF MAN GO CONGRESS, PORT ERIN, Sunday 20th–Friday 25th August.**

Location Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6AN

Event Main tournaments: 5 round McMahon, 90 minutes and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime, 3 round McMahon with 60 minutes and 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime, Handicap using the legendary 'Manx Handicap System' with 30 minutes sudden death. Other events: Quiz, 13 x 13 and Rengo tournaments, Musical evening, Barbecue.

Contact Leo Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD, British Isles. Tel: 01624-612294 [leo@manx.net](mailto:leo@manx.net)

**EUROPEAN WOMEN'S GOE CHAMPIONSHIPS, PORT ERIN, ISLE OF MAN, Sunday 20th – Tuesday 22nd August**

Event 5 rounds, 1 hour time limit. This tournament is alongside the Isle of Man Go Congress, so accompanying friends can play Go whilst the women are playing. In the evenings and on other days women can join in the other Go Week events too.

Location and Contact: as Isle of Man Go Congress

**MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD Saturday 26th–Sunday 3rd September, London.** Contact <http://www.msoworld.com/>

**THREE PEAKS, THORNTON in LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November.** Contact Bob Bagot, The Grange, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria. CA17 4NG Tel. No. 01539623679 email [lesbag@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:lesbag@fiscali.co.uk)

**LONDON OPEN, Thursday 28th December 2006–Sunday 31st December 2006.** Contact Geoff Kaniuk, [toyotatour.london@eurogofed.org](mailto:toyotatour.london@eurogofed.org)

## BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.britgo.org/>

**MEMBERSHIP:** Annual Rates: UK £18, UK concession £11, UK Family £24, Europe £20, Rest of World £24, UK School (full) £18, UK School (basic) £10. Members receive one year's subscription to the British Go Journal and BGA Newsletter, can buy books and equipment, and get reduced tournament entry fees. Further details and application form <http://www.britgo.org/memberap.html>

Membership Secretary, Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292

**AGA** BGA members are entitled to receive the American Go Association's email newsletter. <http://www.britgo.org/aga-ejournal/>.

**BGA MOBILE** For emergency phone calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951140433