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RESULTS

MILTON KEYNES 07/10/07 59 players attended the Open University for the 19th Milton Keynes Tournament. Bei Ge was playing last year's winner Alex Selby in the Title Match so there was a new tournament winner. This was Shaoyao Ouyang (5 dan London) who beat David Ward (4 dan Cambridge) in the last round. Hui Wang (4 dan Nottingham) was equal second with David. Winning 3/3 were Andrew Simons (2 dan Cambridge), Paul Tabor (1 dan Epsom), Mark Todkill (3 kyu Wanstead), Edwina Lee (5 kyu Maidenhead), Peter Fisher (6 kyu Leicester), Gary Gibson (10 kyu Wanstead) and Dwayne McCormack (11 kyu Leicester). The best team was Wanstead. The MK Go winner was Reuben Magerison (18 kyu Leamington) with 7/8 and runner up was Jonathan Englefield (8 kyu High Wycombe) with a perfect 5.5. As well as the baked potato lunch, after the prize giving everyone was given a tasty Milton Keynes concrete cow biscuit before several players and organisers headed to a local Chinese buffet.

FIFE 06/10/07 The 2007 Fife Go Tournament in Cupar was the most successful event yet, attracting 28 players from all over the UK. Again, the tournament was run as a Swiss handicap, and for the first time used AGA rules. The strongest player on 4 wins, and therefore the winner on tie break, was Russell Ward (7 kyu Aberdeen). Also on four wins was Paul McKenzie (13 kyu Kinglassie). Prizes for three wins went to Gerry Mills (1 dan Swindon), Michael Smith (4 kyu Edinburgh), Jonny Kiehlmann (8 kyu St Andrews), Quintin Connell (12 kyu Glasgow) and Alex Robertson (20 kyu Edinburgh). After the tournament, several players enjoyed a curry and some informal go in a local pub.

SWINDON TOURNAMENT 23/09/07 The 11th edition of the Swindon tournament was held, like last time, at the Even Swindon Community Centre. This year it was switched from November in order to help spread out the autumn events. 45 players entered and the winner was Jaeup Kim, the Korean 5 dan living in Reading. Prizes for three wins went to Alex Bell (2 dan Oxford), Jim Clare (2 dan Reading) and Helen Harvey (3 kyu Manchester). Also a prize went to Fred Holroyd (6 kyu Milton Keynes) for 2 wins and a walk over.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS 08/09/07 - 09/09/07 18 players took part in the Cornish Handicap Tournament on the Saturday in Penzance. Winner of the Go Bowls trophy was Swindon's Eric Hall (5 kyu). He beat Bristol's Peter Collins (3 kyu) in the final. 20 players took part in the Cornwall Tournament on the Sunday. Winner of the tournament was Shige Uno (5 dan) who plays at the Nippon Club in London when in the UK. He would have received the Devon Go Stone but the trophy was not present. However, he did receive one of the usual wooden stones, as did Rob White (5 kyu West Cornwall) for 3/3 and Elinor Brooks (8 kyu Swindon) for 2.5. Elinor also received a fan as best lady and John Culmer received a fan as the organiser, special gifts from Mr Uno.

NORTHERN 02/09/07 The Northern was successfully revived as a one-day 3-round tournament in Stockport, at the Masonic Guildhall. 20 players attended on a rather damp day, and Gerry Mills brought the BGA bookstall. Matthew Ardron (10 kyu Sheffield) won a prize by winning all 3 games, but the overall winner was Norbert Bittner (1 dan Manchester) who also won all his games.

KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CUP 27/08/07 Held at the United Reformed Church in Potters Bar, Herts, the 11th MSO had several Go events. The final event on Bank Holiday Monday was the new Korean Ambassador's Cup. The top 8 UK players from the MSO Open battled over 3 rounds with a trip to Korea for the second Korean Ambassador's Cup at stake. Winner of the final was British Champion Bei Ge. Second was Matthew Cocke. Third on tie-break was Alistair Wall. They all received engraved crystal glass trophies from Mr Choi, Director of the Korean Cultural Centre at the Embassy.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAN RAPID 27/08/07 One event at the MSO on Bank Holiday Monday was the Rapid. Nine players played a five-round Swiss Handicap. Winner from Epsom was Matthew Selby (4 kyu), who was unbeaten. On 3 wins and taking the silver place and bronze places by tie-break were John Collins (17 kyu St Albans) and Xinyi Lu (5 kyu Maidenhead). Natasha Regan (1 kyu Epsom) was fourth and Matthew Hathrell (7 kyu Coventry) won the junior gold. This scored Matthew enough points to win the second place in the MSO Junior Pentamind. Second place in the adult Pentamind went to another Go player, Alain Dekker, who had played in the Small Board.

MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD OPEN 26/08/07 The main Open Go event at the MSO took place on the last Sunday. 26 players took part including some strong UK Chinese and two guests from Korea. It was the qualifying event for the Korean Ambassador's Cup (top 8 UK players). Winner with 4/4 was Kyung-Nang Kang, a 17-year old girl from Korea. Silver place went to Ben He (6 dan Glasgow) and bronze to Bei Ge (6 dan Milton Keynes). Others on 3 wins were Matthew Cocke, Felix Wang and Stuart Barthropp. Winner of the kyu division was Ron Bell (5 kyu Reading) with 4/4. Second was Nicholas Calderwood (8 kyu London) with 3 wins.

BRITISH SMALL BOARD 18/08/07 This year the Small Board Championship was held at the Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO) in Potters Bar. Natasha Regan (1 kyu Epsom) was winner of the national title on 13x13 boards. She beat Paul Smith in the final and took the gold MSO trophy for her 5 wins overall. Paul's 4 wins got him the silver trophy. Worthy winner of the bronze trophy and a gold junior MSO trophy was Oscar Selby (40 kyu Epsom), who is not yet 5 years old but won 4 games. 8 took part.

NEWS

DAN RECOGNITION In July 2007 the BGA recognised the new dan grades of: 4 dan Alex Selby, 4 dan Sam Aitken, 2 dan Matthew Crosby and 1 dan Ian Davis, and in January 2007: 6 dan Ben He, 3 dan Felix Wang, 3 dan Sam Aitken and 3 dan William Brooks. (Editor's apologies for lateness.)

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2007 The title match is between the top two in the Challengers' League: Alex Selby from Cambridge and defending champion Bei Ge from Bicester. Bei Ge beat Alex in the third game and went on to win the fourth game of the match at the Milton Keynes Go Tournament, thus winning the five game series by three games to one and making him British Champion for 2007.

STACEY POINTS 2007-2008 After Milton Keynes, 1st Matthew Cocke on 13 points, 2nd Tim Hunt, Shaoyou Ouyang and Alistair Wall on 9 points, and 5th Christopher Barnett, William Brooks, Andrew Jones, Francis Roads and Claas Roever on 6 points.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2007 After Milton Keynes Tournament the points were: 1 William Brooks (3 dan) 705, 2 Ken Dackombe (10 kyu) 426, 3 Matthew Hathrell (7 kyu) 358, 4 Steven Donlon (6 kyu) 320, 4 Maria Tabor (5 kyu) 308, 5 Hai Xia (2 kyu) 276, 6 Roella Smith (32 kyu) 264.

MIND SPORTS PETITION. BGA Publicity Chairman Peter Wendes has submitted a petition to the Prime Minister. It aims to give mind sports, such as Go and Chess, equal status with the physical sports, which would provide easier access to funding. If successful this will help promote Go in the UK, besides the general benefit to society. Please consider signing the petition: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Mindsports/> Please spread the word beyond the BGA, amongst e.g. people who play other mind-games, teachers, community helpers, healthcare professionals concerned with mental capacity.

BGA BOOKSHOP Gerry Mills, bga-books@britgo.org phone 01600 712934, sends information on new books recently arrived in stock: "Perceiving the Direction of Play" All the positions discussed are from actual games, and so I found them very relevant. There is a short section on the historical development of the theory, which could have been more interesting, but in general, a book I recommend. "All About Ko" Volume 6 in the "Mastering the Basics" series: this book should be studied by all mid-kyu players who, in my experience, know less about ko than any other aspect of the game. It starts with an exposition of ko theory and continues with over 100 problems. A "must" buy. Also: "Korean Style of Baduk Vol 1", "Contemporary Go Terms" and "Baduk Made Fun and Easy". During the next few months, the full BGA Bookshop is expected to be at the Wessex, East Midlands, Scottish Barlow and London Open tournaments. A limited display of books will be at the West Surrey Handicap tournament.

CLUBS The newly-appointed Club Development Secretary Xinyi Lu writes: As you know the BGA are keen to attract new members. Often the best way of doing that is through the local clubs where new players have a chance to play regularly. I am very keen to hear what plans each club has in place to attract new members. Please remember I am here to help you should you need it. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. I appreciate your co-operation in this matter and look forwards to hear from you.

BRACKNELL now meets Tuesdays at 20:00 in The Green Man, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, RG12 7DL.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY now meets through year, and is open to non-students. Leeds University Union Thursday 5-9pm.

LEICESTER Now meeting on Mondays

LIVERPOOL No longer meets

OXFORD CITY Contact is Harry Fearnley oxfordgoclub@goban.demon.co.uk

ST ANDREWS Tuesdays 19:00-21:00, The Salad Bowl, The Students Union. University students and staff only (running from November - December 2007). Wednesdays 20:30, Aikman's Cellar Bar, 32 Bell Street, St Andrews KY16 9UX. Any lunchtime, by arrangement, Colin Simpson, gosoc@st-andrews.ac.uk.

FORTHCOMING

WESSEX, BRISTOL Sunday 28th October Registration by 09:45.

Location JN Fear Institute, 30 High Street, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1DQ.

Event 3-round McMahon, 1 hour + overtime

Contact Bob Hitchens wessex-go-2007@joseki.org Tel. 01761 453496.

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON IN LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November Registration by 13:00 Saturday.

Location The Marton Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Yorkshire LA6 3PB.

Event 5-round McMahon

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

WANSTEAD Saturday 17th November Registration by 09:30.

Location Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London E11 2NT.

Event 4-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit without overtime.

Contact Gary Gibson, 12 Watermint Quay, Craven Walk, London N16 6DD. garyisok@hotmail.com Tel. 020 8211 7313

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 24th November Registration by 09:30.

Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS.

Event 4-round McMahon tournament. 50 minutes time limit without overtime

Contact stephen.bashforth@btinternet.com or Peter Fisher Tel. 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December Registration by 10:30 on Saturday, 10:15 on Sunday

Location Burpham Village Hall, Burpham Lane, Guildford.

Event Saturday: Teaching Workshops for kyu players. Sunday: 4 round handicap tournament.

Contact Contact Pauline Bailey, pab@stocton.org, tel. 01483 561027.

SCOTTISH BARLOW Saturday 15th December Registration by 09:45

Location Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL.

Event 4-round McMahon tournament, kyu players and shodans only. 45 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Includes qualifying for Scottish Championship.

Contact Contact Donald MacLeod, tel. 0141 8806169 donald.macleod284@virgin.net

LONDON OPEN Friday 28th to Monday 31st December 2007 Registration Friday 12:00 - 14:00

Location International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 5HD

Event Main tournament: 7-round. 90 minutes with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. A Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Lightning, Pair Go and Rengo tournaments.

Contact london-open@britgo.org Geoff Kaniuk, 33 Ashbury Close, Cambridge CB1 3RW Phone/fax: 01223 710582

MAIDENHEAD FURZE PLATT Saturday 19th January 2008 Eddie Best Maidenhead Go, 33 Dedmere Road, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1PE

edwin.best@homecall.co.uk Tel 01628 483967. **CHESHIRE**, Frodsham, Saturday 9th February Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7DJ Tel 0118-9268143 ajaxgo@yahoo.co.uk **IRISH GO CONGRESS, DUBLIN** Friday 29th February-Sunday 2nd March info@irish-go.org.

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRMINGHAM Sunday 16th March. **BRITISH GO CONGRESS, HASTINGS** Friday 4th - Sunday 6th April.

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 21st-Sunday 22nd June tony@towbarsdirect.co.uk

ISLE OF MAN GO WEEK Sunday 24th - Friday 29th August leo@iomgo.org.uk

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 £18.

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: Phil Beck, 41 Kingston Street, Cambridge, CB1 2NU. Phone 01223 367022 mem@britgo.org

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

BGA MOBILE: For emergency calls to tournament organisers on the day of most tournaments: **07506 555366**