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RESULTS

EPSOM TOURNAMENT 19/07/08 The seventh and possibly last Epsom Tournament was held at the usual venue and was supported by Vicky and Stephen Streater, so all 51 players won something. Winner again after a year gap was Li Shen (6 dan); he beat Alistair Wall in the last round. Those with three wins were Graham Philips (5 kyu), Michael Webster (7 kyu London), Gary Gibson (8 kyu Wanstead), Karsten Starke (10 kyu Epsom) and Jonathan Green (9 kyu Leamington). The 13x13 was won by Xinyi Lu. The 9x9 was won by Oscar Selby. The Team tournament was won by "OGS Team", comprising Graham Philips, Jonathan Green and Andrew Cohen. The booby prize was won by a delighted Pauline Bailey.

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS 06/07/08 The finals were in Cambridge again, at Milton Community Centre. 42 of the best players from 10 school heats and other youngsters took part. Winners were: U18 Boys - Matthew Hathrell (Finham Park School, Coventry), U16 Boys - Hai Xia (King Edward VI, Aston), U14 Boys - Ismael Mustafa (King Edward VI, Aston), U12 Boys - Stewart Smith (King Edward VI, Aston), U10 Boys - Thomas Danes (Cambridge), U16 Girls - Cher Bachar (Ruislip), U12 Girls - Danielle Ward (Cambridge), U10 Girls - Sijia Yao (Milton, Cambridge), U8 Girls - Roella Smith (Milton, Cambridge). Overall place winners: 1st - Matthew Hathrell, 2nd - Hai Xia, 3rd - Stewart Smith, Top Boy: Matthew Hathrell, Top Girl: Cher Bachar, On 5/6: Tung Nguyen, Jun Hoe Ahn, Renzhi Zhou. Champion School - Aston, Champion Primary School - Milton (beat London Meed, Burgess Hill 2-1). All section winners also got a framed certificate showing their achievement and some nice prizes. Owen Walker got the puzzle-solving prize and Ellie Ripley-Duggan got the fighting spirit prize. Cambridge beat Aston in a friendly match.

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE 27/06/08-30/06/08 The Nippon Club, in Piccadilly London, was the venue for the long weekend of the Challengers' League. 8 top players from the Candidates' played to decide who will play this year's title match. After 4 rounds, Matthew Macfadyen and Hui Wang were unbeaten, but on day 3 Hui lost to TMark. As Hui then beat Matthew both ended on 6 wins and will play the title match.

WELSH OPEN 21/06/08-22/06/08 The 16th Welsh Open at Barmouth was won as always by Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) putting him on 78 wins unbeaten at that event. Matthew Cocke (5 dan York) was again second with 4 wins. Third place was Simon Goss (1 dan Bracknell), topping the group on 3 wins. Prize winners with four wins were Sheffield's Kester Sandbach (12 kyu), Shrewsbury's Brian Timmins (8 kyu) and Bangor's Vaughan Hughes (7 kyu). 39 players took part and enjoyed the venue of the Min-Y-Mor Hotel and the seaside setting.

DURHAM 14/06/08-15/06/08 This time the Durham Tournament had 34 players. Andrew Jones (3 dan Wanstead) was the winner with 5 out of 6. Second placed Alistair Wall (3 dan Wanstead) and third placed Mathieu Flinders (1 kyu York) both got 4.5, after a triple ko in the last round. Winning 5 games was Keith Chapman (19 kyu) from Norwich.

NEWS

STACEY POINTS 2008-2009 After Epsom the ranking is: 1 Yohei Negi with 12 points, 2 Toby Manning 9, 3 Alistair Wall 8.5, 4 Matthew Macfadyen and Andrew Jones both with 8, 6 Gerry Mills 7, and 7 Matthew Cocke 6.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2008 As all the top players were at the UK Go Challenge only the order changed, however Ken and Jack both scored points at Epsom: Current standing is: 1 Danielle Ward with 486 points, 2 Ken Dackombe 438, 3 Jack Drury and Matthew Hathrell both with 436, 5 Owen Walker and John Perkins 412, and 7 Roella Smith 388.

BRITS OVERSEAS European Go Congress, 26/07/08-09/08/08 The 52nd European Go Congress is being held in Leksand in the centre of Sweden. The week started sunny and the congress has had a great holiday atmosphere. 667 players took part in the first week of the main tournament, including some strong Koreans as usual. Lai Yu-Cheng of Taiwan was in first place after the first five games. The Brits were doing quite well with best results in the first week to Helen Harvey and Kath Timmins on 4/5. 96 pairs took part in the Pair Go Championships. The final was won by Daniela Trinks and Lee Seung-Geun, beating Kurebayashi Meien (2 dan pro) and Marc Stoehr by a small margin. At the rather damp weekend, 421 players were also playing the weekend tournament. Winner was Kim Joon-Sang from Korea. Best Brit was John Cassidy, who lives in Leuven, with 4/5. Winner of the European Masters was Franz-Josef Dickhut. The Rapid was won for a second year running by Hong Seok-Ui. In the end 718 played in the main event. Open winner was Park Jong-Wook with 9/10. Second with 8/10 was Hong Seok-Ui. European Champion was Catalin Taranu for the first time. He topped the group on 7 wins by 1 sos point ahead of Dinerchtein, Shikshin and Balogh. Brits winning 6 were Paul Blockley, Kevin Cole and Martin Harvey.

WORLD MIND SPORTS The 1st World Mind Sports Games are being held in Beijing, China from 3rd to 18th October 2008. Details on www.britgo.org/events/wmsg The British Go Association is sending as strong a team as possible with 12 men and 8 women. The team is sponsored by Winton Capital Management.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP The best of five Title Match is between Hui Wang and Matthew Macfadyen. On 10th August Hui Wang won the first game by resignation. The remaining games are planned for 30th August in Cambridge, 13th September in Oxford, 1st November on Cambridge and 16th November in Leicester. All will be broadcast live on KGS from 10:00 and limited spectators can attend. Details are on the championship webpage.

BGA BOOKSHOP New items (June 2008) Magnetic Go Set £15.00, Jujube Go Bowls £25.00, New book: The Way of Creating a Thick and Strong Game (pub. Hinoki) £15.00 Contact Gerry Mills, 7 Belan Fields, Guilsfield, Welshpool, SY21 9NW. Tel. 01938 556484 gerry@27stars.co.uk

CLUBS

ARUNDEL Sue Paterson's new email address suepat812@btinternet.com

BRISTOL now meets at King George VI, Filton Av.

CANTERBURY now confirmed dead.

EDINBURGH Mondays from 19:00, the Meadows Bar on Buccleuch Street. Wednesdays from 19:30 in Alan Crowe's flat (1F1) at 34 Haymarket Terrace. No longer meeting on Thursdays. Club web page: www.edinburghgoclub.co.uk

EPSOM now meeting Monday or Wednesday, by arrangement.

GLENROTHES New go club! Contact Alan Stewart Tel. 01592 772247. Wednesdays from around 7:00 pm at 63 Braemar Gardens, Glenrothes, Fife KY6 2RF Web site www.glenrothesgoclub.co.uk

LONDON NW (GREENFORD) sadly ceases to exist.

LONDON TWICKENHAM now has web site at www.britgo.org/clubs/twick

OXFORD UNIVERSITY club no longer meeting regularly

READING has moved to Eclectic Games, at the base of Thames Tower, 37-45 Station Road, Reading, RG1 1LX (opposite Reading station) where it meets on Mondays (except bank holidays) from 18.30.

SWINDON also meets on Sunday nights in the Beehive on Prospect Hill,

FORTHCOMING

NORTHERN GO TOURNAMENT Sunday 7th September Registration 09:45 to 10:00

Location Stockport Masonic Guild Hall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA. Large car park at rear, near to public transport links.

Event 3-round McMahon.

Contact Chris Kirkham chris@cs.man.ac.uk or register by phoning 0161 9039023 between 19:00 and 21:00 weekdays after 25th August or between 14:00 and 21:00 on 6th September.

CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, PENZANCE Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September.

Location The Yacht Inn, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4AU, tel. 01736 362787. Buffet lunch. Prize giving 18:30.

Event Handicap Tournament on Saturday. Registration by 13:30. Open Tournament on Sunday. 3-round McMahon. Registration by 09:45.

Contact johnculmer@btinternet.com Tel. 01326 573167

SWINDON TOURNAMENT Sunday 21st September Registration 09:45 to 10:15

Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BD

Event 3 round McMahon, self paired 13 x 13 tournament and a team tournament,

Contact preferably by email or mail to Paul Barnard, paul@psaa.me.uk 16 Braemar Close, SWINDON, SN3 1HY, but phone entries will also be accepted on 01793 692408 evenings before 21:30. Further details www.swindongoclub.org.uk

ARUNDEL, Sunday 28th September. Registration by 10:15. Prize giving by 18:30

Location Norfolk Arms Hotel, High Street, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AB.

Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit sudden death.

Contact Sue Paterson suepat812@btinternet.com Tel. 01903 889825.

SHREWSBURY, Saturday 4th October. Registration by 10:45; prize giving by 19:00.

Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime.

Contact Gerry Mills gerry@27stars.co.uk Tel. 01938 556484 All entries will be acknowledged with details of Shrewsbury's hotels and attractions.

MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 12th October. Registration by 10:15. Prizing giving 19:00.

Location The Old Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Note: No lunch provided

Contact Bill Brakes bill140347@btinternet.com Tel. 01933 223525

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH, Sunday 19th October. Nippon Club, London. Contact Jonathan Turner je_turner@hotmail.com

WESSEX, Bath, Sunday 26th October. Registration by 9:45 GMT (clocks go back); prize giving about 18:00.

Location St. Mark's Community Centre, St. Mark's Road, Bath BA2 4PA.

Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime

Contact Paul Christie p.christie@bath.ac.uk, Tel. 01225 428995

WANSTEAD, Saturday 8th November. Registration by 9:30; prize giving 18:00.

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

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

Contact Ken Kneller email preferred: wanstead2008@mac.com Or write to: Wanstead 2008, 43 Dinsdale Road, London SE3 7RJ

THREE PEAKS, Thornton in Lonsdale, near Ingleton, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November. Registration by 13:00 Saturday.

On the day entries not accepted.

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

Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Early entries welcome (£10 + concessions).

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk Tel. 015395 32678 Bob Bagot 35, Kirkhead Road, Kents Bank, Grange over Sands, LA11 7DB

EAST MIDLANDS, Leicester, Saturday 22nd November. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving by 18:15.

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

Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit with overtime.

Contact Peter Fisher 2008emgo@tiscali.co.uk Tel. 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN and HANDICAP, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

SCOTTISH BARLOW, Edinburgh, Saturday 13th December. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving 18:00.

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 Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net Tel. 0141 8806169.

LONDON OPEN, Sunday 28th–Wednesday 31st December.

Location International Student House (ISH), 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5HD.

Event Pandanet Major in the Pandanet Go European Cup. Thanks to sponsorship by Winton Capital Management, Guo Juan will attend the tournament and there will be additional cash prizes. Main tournament 7-round McMahon 90 minutes with overtime 20 moves in 5 minutes. Please see www.britgo.org/tournaments/2008/logc for more details.

Contact Geoff Kaniuk geoff.kaniuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 01223 710582

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE: 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 www.britgo.org/membership

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

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

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