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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

30th British Go Congress

18th - 20th April

Players of the Thames Valley hosted the 30th British Go Congress at Royal Holloway College, Egham. In the Open Matthew Macfadyen lost to Alex Rix who in turn lost to Des Cann. On SOS tie-break Alex kept the championship for a second year. Others on 5/6 were David King (1 kyu Brakenhale), Paul Clarke (2 kyu High Wycombe), Mike Bending (8 kyu Hursley) and Paul Hyman (14 kyu Brakenhale). On 4/6 were Jay Rastall (2 dan London), Mike Harvey (1 dan Hursley), Jonathan Chin (1 kyu Reading), Simon Rosenblatt (2 kyu North London), Jackie Chai (2 kyu Bournemouth), Joe Beaton (5 kyu Furze Platt), Richard Thompson (6 kyu Leicester), David Cohen and Justin Pearson (both 17 kyu Royal Holloway). Hursley won the Nippon Club Cup.

The British Lightning was won by Des Cann. On 4/5 were Paul Hyman, Jonathan Chin, T. Mark Hall, Francis Roads, Colin Southern and Simon Goss. The continuous 10x10 prizes went to Emma Marchant, Jonathan Chin, Jo Hampton, Graham Brooks and Tony Atkins.

Grand Prix 1996-1997

The Stacey Trophy for most games won above the MacMahon bar was won by John Rickard. The Weak Knee Dan (two dan losing the most games) went to Simon Goss. There was no Youth Grand Prix so a special prize went to Thomas Blockley.

Pair Go

27th April

Held again at the Crossroads Hotel Weedon this was won by Kirsty Healey and Matthew Macfadyen, who get to play at the new Euro-Pairs in Amsterdam. On 2/3 were Alison Jones and Tony Atkins, Jackie Chai and Francis Roads, Sue Paterson and Des Cann. Alison Cross and John McLeod will be going to Japan. In the handicap section the best of the 14 pairs were Yvonne and Paul Margetts, Jenifer Healey and Toby Manning. Best dressed pairs were Alison and Tony, Laura Coe and Paul Hyman. Best (only) beginners were Sue Pitchford and Martin Harvey. Des Cann won the mascot competition with his and hers bunnies.

The Candidates' Tournament @ Cambridge

Bank Holiday Weekend 3rd-5th May

This tournament is the first rung of the British Championship competition. It is open to all dan players and to selected 1 kyu players who have 'qualified' by their performances in tournaments. There are no handicap games, and in the early stages you are liable to be drawn against any player. Some players attend for the opportunity to play high quality opposition, but the ultimate prize is to win a place in the Challengers Tournament from which the Challenger to the British Champion will be selected. The results were: 1 (6/6) Des Cann, 2 (5/6) Alex Rix, 3 (4/6) Simon Shiu, 4 Francis Roads, 5 David Ward, 6 Alistair Wall, 7 Edmund Shaw, 8 (3/6) Bob Bagot, 9 Matthew Holton, 10 Alex Selby & Alison Jones, 12 Alan Thornton. Reserves (2/6) Ian Marsh, David Woodnutt and Simon Goss.

Bar-Low Go Tournament at Cambridge

Sunday 4th May

33 kyu players competed in the adjacent room to the Candidates. Winner was Jonathan Chin (1 kyu Reading). On 4.5 was Robert Jack (18 kyu Cambridge). On 4/5 were Nick Wedd (1 kyu Oxford), Emma Marchant (9 kyu Brakenhale) and Cambridge players Mark Worthington (8 kyu), Matthew Reid (12 kyu), David Firth (17 kyu) and Stephen Wells (15 kyu). Jean Michel did lunch time game analysis of the Candidates games.

Bracknell Go Tournament

Saturday 17th May

This tournament was attended by 79 players from whom Antonio Moreno (3 dan Bristol) emerged the winner with 3/3. Prizes for three wins also went to: Nick Mandache (1 kyu Romania), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Ross Inglis (2 kyu Bracknell), Mike Nash (3 kyu London), Mark Graves (10 kyu Reading), Dave Cohen (15 kyu Royal Holloway), Yvonne Margetts (16 kyu Epsom Downs), and Carl Bate (22 kyu Brakenhale). Carl Bate also won the 13 x 13 competition.

Scottish Open Go Tournament at Glasgow

Weekend 24-25th May

33 players attended this tournament and the overall winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 6/6. The runner up was Andrew Jones (3 dan Wanstead) with 5/6, third was Colin Adams (1 dan Preston) 4/6 and fourth was Paul Margetts (1 dan Epsom Downs) 4/6. The mid-kyu prize was won by Jun-Young Kwon (3 kyu Stirling), and the low kyu prize went to Phil Cash (10 kyu Dundee). Also on 4/6 were Nick Bethell (9 kyu Dundee) and Gordon Reid (10 kyu Dunfermline).

NEWS

- **Promotions :-)** The Council has approved the following promotions: David Ward to 3 dan, Paul Hankin to 2 dan and Jim Sadler to 1 dan.
- **British Championship.** Shutai Zhang will not be contesting the title this year, so the top two players from the forthcoming Challengers Tournament will compete for it.
- **World Amateur Go Championship.** Matthew Cocke will be our representative in Japan this year in place of T. Mark Hall who is unable to attend.
- **Go Teaching.** Some volunteers are needed who would be willing to instruct beginners on Go during the Japanese Day in London on the 19th of July. There will be a similar need during the Mind Olympics on the 18th to 24th August. If you would like to help on any of these days, please contact Tony Atkins ☎ 0118-9268143.
- **Dundee Go Club Meets weekly.** Contact Rich Philp ☎ 01382-202283 or Bruce Primrose ☎ 01382-669564.
- **Stirling University Go Club.** Contact Duk-Hyun Yoon, Inst of Aquaculture, University of Stirling ☎ & fax 01786-470058.
- **The American Jim Kerwin** is holding a Go Summer Camp in British Columbia on 13th to 19th July. More details are available from Tony Atkins.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

European Results

Vienna, Bled and Milan were all won by Alexei Lazarev of Russia. Paris was won by Guo Juan ahead of Shutai Zhang and Andre Moussa. Francis Roads was 13th out of 253. Under 12 Youth champion is Antoine Fenech (1kyu France). Under 18 Champion is Dmitri Bogatsii (5 dan Ukraine).

Fujitsu European Grand Prix Tournaments for the 96/97 season

Copenhagen DK (14-15 Sep), Bucharest ROM (21-22 Sep), Bratislava SQR (12-13 Oct), Belgrade YU (18-20 Oct), Brussels B (2-3 Nov), Kharkov UKR (8-10 Nov), Gothenburg S (16-17 Nov), Locarno CH (7-8 Dec), London GB (29 Dec-1 Jan), Prague CZ (7-9 Feb), Barcelona E (22-23 Feb), Dublin IRL (14-16 Mar), Vienna A (22-23 Mar), Paris F (29-31 Mar), Bled SLO (11-13 Apr), Milan I (19-20 Apr), Budapest

H (2-4 May), Amsterdam NL (8-11 May), Hamburg D (17-19 May), Warsaw PL (13-15 Jun), Helsinki SF (28-29 Jun), Petrosavodsk RUS (4-6 Jul), European Go Congress @ Marseilles F (19 Jul-2 Aug).

Other European Events: European Pairs, Amsterdam (21-22 Jun).

European Go Congress 1997: Marseilles, France. (19 Jul-2 Aug). Email: go-congress@imag.fr Web: <http://www710.univ-lyon.fr/~ffg>

US Go Congress 1997: At Lancaster, PA. (16-23 Aug). Email contact: szimmerman@cpcnet.com (Sam).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Leicester Go Tournament

Saturday 14th June

Location: Church Hall, Church of the Martyrs, Shaftesbury Rd, Leicester. Registration by 10:15. 3 rounds.

Note: Smoking and alcoholic drinks are not allowed on the premises.

Fees: In advance: BGA members and Overseas £5, non-members £6, juniors/unwaged/OAPs £2. On the day: £7.

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The 5th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth

Weekend 28-29th 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 3pm).

Fees: £9. Check for concessions. After 22nd June add £2.

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

Contact: Jo Hampton, 5 Handlith Terrace, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1RD. ☎ 01341-281425.

The 3rd Devon Go Tournament:

Sunday 13th July

Location: Moorlands Hotel, Haytor Vale, Dartmoor. The hotel phone number is 01364-661407. Registration by 10:15. 3 rounds.

Fees: £10 or £7 if age 16 and under. A Buffet Lunch is included in the fee. Vegetarian lunches by prior arrangement.

Accommodation: available at tournament venue, or for the more intrepid, free camping 400 yards away in Tom's field (no hot showers).

Contact: Tony Putman ☎ 01803-555676. Email: tony@putwet.demon.co.uk

Go Isle of Man:

17-22nd 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

Mind Sports Olympiad

18-24th August

Event: This is an Olympiad for "thinking" games where the competitors will play each other at a variety of strategy games, such as Go, Chess, Bridge, etc. There will be more than 30 tournaments during the week, including 4 for Go. **Location:** The Royal Festival Hall, London.

August 18-22, from 10am to 2pm, a 19x19 tournament, with 90 minutes per player plus overtime.

August 18-22, from 4pm to 8pm, a 13x13 tournament, with 15 minutes per player plus overtime.

August 23 (both sessions) and August 24 (10am-2pm), a 19x19 tournament, with 45 minutes per player plus overtime.

August 24 (4pm-8pm), a 9x9 tournament, with 10 minutes per player for all the moves.

Contact: Mind Sports Olympiad, P.O. Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF. Fax: 0171 482 0672. Web site <http://www.mindsports.co.uk/>

23rd Northern Go Tournament:

Weekend 6-7th September

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

Event: This will be a six round McMahon tournament. Closing date for entries is Saturday August 30th. Late entries (if accepted) +£5.

Fees: £10. Under 18 £5. Not Go Association members +£3. Various B&B and lunch options available for Friday/Saturday/Sunday, extra.

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Challengers * (7-8 Jun), Leicester (14 Jun), Barmouth (28-29 Jun), Youth Pairs (6 Jul), Devon (12 Jul), Isle of Man (17-22 Aug), Northern (6-7 Sep), Milton Keynes (13 Sep), Bank of China Cup (21 Sep), Shrewsbury (5 Oct), Wessex * (26 Oct), 3 Peaks * (8-9 Nov), Swindon * (23 Nov), West Surrey (6-7 Dec), London Open (29 Dec-1 Jan).

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

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