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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Cambridge Go Tournament, Sunday 1st March

69 players took part in this year's event held, as usual, in the University Centre, on a pleasant sunny day. The strongest players were attracted by the prize money supplied by Hitachi and going to the winner and best kyu player. The tournament was won jointly by Matthew Cocke (5 dan), the defending champion, and by Des Cann (4 dan, Leamington Spa). They both beat local Korean players Seong-June Kim (6 dan) and Yongcheol Shin (4 dan). Matthew's third win was against Francis Roads (4 dan, Wanstead) and Des's was against Charles Matthews (3 dan, Cambridge). There were two winners as the organisers elected to have more than eight players above the bar. The best kyu player was Ian Marsh (1 kyu, Bracknell). The other prize-winners (for 3/3) were Martin Harvey (2 kyu, Manchester), Jim Edwards (7 kyu, High Wycombe), Sarah Jackson (8 kyu, Hursley) and James Murray (18 kyu, Cambridge). The team competition was won yet again by a Cambridge team. The "Untouchables III" were Mark Daigarno (5 kyu), Matthew Woodcraft (2 kyu), Mark Worthington (7 kyu) and Robert Salkeld (1 kyu). They finished on exactly 50% which was enough to beat the other 2 teams who bothered to enter. The continuous 13x13 competition was won by the national under-12 champion William Brooks (14 kyu, Cambridge). He won a massive 15 wins out of 18 and came close to winning a prize in the main tournament too. In the 12-player beginner tournament the winner was Simon Bray.

Barcelona GP, 21st - 22nd February

Three British players attended the new Spanish GP and met again the tour party that had visited London. Martin Smith (1 dan, London) played very well to win 4/5.

Ing Chang Ki Memorial Tournament and Ing Youth Championships, 28th February - 1st March

Tony Atkins wrote:

>Hi Matthew (Macfadyen), did you have a nice time in Cannes?

Yes, very. Winter doesn't seem to be a concept on the Riviera.

>How did you get on?

I finished 7th with 4/6, losing to Guo Juan and Gilles van Eeden (NL, 5dan), but beating M. Eykhout (NL), L. Soldan (POL), T. Pocsai (HUN), R. Nechanicky (CZE). These 4 are graded 5, 5, 6 and 6 dan, but I've probably listed them in decreasing order of strength (Eykhout beat Guo in the Dutch Championship this year).

> Who won?

Nobody won all; Guo, Lee Hyuk and Miyakawa won 5/6, with Guo ahead on SOS.

>What about the Youth?

Brits were Tom Blockley and Paul Hyman. They got 3/7 and 2/7 which I would regard as pretty good considering the current state of European grades around 5 and 12 kyu. Many of their opponents are in large clubs of rapidly improving players. Overall winner was Dimitri Bogatskii (Ukr, 6 dan); there were 11 Ukrainians. Rides to China went to Hungary, Russia, Netherlands and I can't remember the rest (probably available on EGCC page).

International Teams match, Saturday 7th March

The winning team was Cambridge.

Cambridge vs Oxford varsity match, Saturday 7th March

A much-improved Oxford team travelled to Cambridge on 7 March to win the 1998 Varsity match 6-3. Oxford were led by Henry Segermann (1 kyu) and Nick Fortescue (4 kyu).

Candidates' Tournament, Weekend 14th - 15th March

The top placed players were: 1: M. Smith, 2: J. Clare, 3: P. Achard, 4= T. Atkins, W. Brakes, J. Rastall

9th Irish Open in Dublin (EGP), 20th - 23rd March

The winner was Matthew Macfadyen with 5/5 from runner up Cristoph Gerlach (5 dan D).

Bournemouth Go Tournament, Saturday 4th April

There were 38 players at this year's Bournemouth, and the winner was Alan Thornton (2 dan St Albans). Runner up was Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading). Players with 3/3 were: A. Bell (4 kyu Portsmouth), J. Edwards (6 kyu High Wycombe), and D. Smeed (14 kyu Hursley).

TTTTT Go Tournament (Tony's Tideless Thames 'n Tributaries Team Tournament), Monday 13th April

Ten teams of three took part in this local event. High Wycombe (Paul Clarke, France Ellul, & Jim Edwards) beat Swindon 'Beehive' in the final.

31st British Go Congress at Chester, Friday 17th - Sunday 19th April

The winner was Matthew Macfadyen with 6/6. Other leading players were: 2: Francis Roads, 3: X. Shi, 4: Des Cann, 5: T. Mark Hall.

NEWS

- * **Membership secretary:** Kathleen Timmins has taken over this post after Alison Jones retired from it owing to pressure of work.
- * **1999 British Congress:** will be held in Abingdon, Berkshire on 9th - 11th April. The organiser is Steve Bailey Email: sgbailey@iee.org
Some information on the school is available from <http://www.rmpc.co.uk/eduweb/sites/abschool/index.html>
- * **Email mailing list:** The BGA has commissioned email mailing lists, to which one subscribes and signs off in an automated way, through the good offices of Dave Cohen. All BGA members may join "bgagolist", which is intended to carry tournament announcements and other information. To do so email to listserv@dcs.rhnc.ac.uk a message without subject reading: sub bgagolist [Your Name]. The current national list "Ukgo" will be transferred to the same location as "ukgolist", and will be open to all. Messages will be sent to Ukgo inviting subscription to ukgolist. These two lists are owned by Charles Matthews. A further closed list for BGA business is owned by the BGA Secretary.
- * **BT Wireplay:** The BT Wireplay go service is now available. You need a Win95 PC and modem, but do not need Internet access. The required go software comes either as a 4 Mb download from the Wireplay web site, or on a free CD-ROM available by post (call 0800-800-913). A Wireplay client program is also needed. This is a commercial service charging a premium phone rate, or a monthly 9.95 plus local call charges. Terry Wright and Paul Smith are interested players who are offering to support it.
- * **BGA Tournament Levy:** This is an announcement for tournament organisers. The levy will be increased by 25 % from 1st July. Contact T. Mark Hall for details (see BGA Addresses section).
- * **The Korea National Tourism Organisation** are hoping to run a go-tourism holiday from 30/8 to 5/9 visiting Seoul and Kyongju. There will be visits to ancient sites/parks, go clubs, matches and the Women's World Amateur. Cost will be about 500 usd + airfares (cheap rates being negotiated). Contact Charles Matthews or Tony Atkins for more details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bar-Low Go Tournament at Cambridge, Sunday 3rd May

Location: University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10.

Event: The Bar-Low tournament is designed to appeal to kyu players—in fact dan players are strictly forbidden. The time limit of 35 minutes and no overtime means that you get 5 rounds in the day and since the McMahon bar will be set no higher than 3 kyu (it was 5 kyu last year) it might be your chance to win a tournament outright. There will be prizes for 4/5 wins and better. Also for best junior, and maybe others.

Fees: £6. Concessions £3. Add £1 for non-BGA and £1 for late entry after 16th April.

Contact: Tim Hunt, 63 Panton Street, Cambridge CB3 9ET. ☎ 01223-500769. Email: tjh1000@damp.cam.ac.uk

Bracknell Go Tournament, Saturday 9th May

Location: Brownlow Memorial Hall, Bracknell. Registration by 10:00. 3 rounds of 60 minutes + overtime. Also a 13x13 competition.

Fees: BGA members £5, 16 or under £1. British non-BGA add £1. Entry after 7th May add £2.

Contact: Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Avenue, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 0WD. ☎ 01344 422296

Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 17th May

Location: Weedon, Northants.

Contact: Matthew Macfadyen ☎ 01926 337919. Email: matthew@jklmn.demon.co.uk

Scottish Open Go Tournament at Glasgow, Weekend 23rd - 24th May

Location: The Dining Room, Glasgow University Union, 32 University Avenue, Glasgow. Registration by 10:15 on 23rd. 6 rounds at 60 mins.

Fees: BGA members £15, concessions £8. Add £2 if non BGA, and £2 for registration after May 20th.

Contact: John O'Donnell, Computing Science Department, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ. ☎ 0141-330 5458 (work).

Email: jtod@dcs.gla.ac.uk **Web:** <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~jtod/Scottish-Open-1998.html>

Leicester Go Tournament, Saturday 13th 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: BGA members £5, non-members £6, concessions £3. Late entries + £1.

Contact: Peter Fisher, 8 Belfry Drive, Leicester. ☎ 0116 2871362. Email: peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk **Web:** <http://www.>

or: Richard Thompson ☎ 0116 2761287. Email: jrt@cix.compulink.co.uk

The 6th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth, Weekend 27-28th 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: £10. 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, 1, Glan-y-Don, High Street, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DW. ☎ 01341-281336. ***Note changed address.***

The 4th Devon Go Tournament, Sunday 5th 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 or 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 or: Tom Widdicombe ☎ 01364 661470.

The Sanilhac Go Camp in France, 5th - 18th July

Information about the Sanilhac Stage de Go is at <http://bat710.univ-lyon.fr/~ffg/1998/STAGE/Welcome.html>

European Go Congress 1998 at Mamaia in Romania, 25th July - 7th August

Location: Mamaia is a holiday resort on the Black Sea adjacent to Constantza. **Contact:** robert@cnfis.sfos.ro

US Go Congress 1998 at Santa Fe in New Mexico, 1st - 9th August

Location: The University in the state capital. High altitude makes the weather pleasant. **Contact:** Grant H Franks ghfranks@clark.net

Mind Sports Olympiad at London, 24th - 30th August

Web: <http://www.mindsports.co.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Challengers @ London (2-4 May), Bar-Low (3 May), Bracknell (9 May), Pairs (17 May), Scottish (? 23-24 May), Leicester (13 Jun), Barmouth (27-28 Jun), Devon (5 Jul), Norwich (8 Aug), Mind Sports (24-30 Aug), Northern (12-13 Sep), Milton Keynes (19 Sep), Shrewsbury (4 Oct).

FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 97/98 SEASON

Budapest HUN (9-10 May), Amsterdam NL (21-24 May), Hamburg D (30-31 May); Zagreb CRO (13-14 Jun), Warsaw PL (20-21 Jun), Helsinki SF (27-28 Jun), St Petersburg RUS (4-5 Jul), European Go Congress ROM (25 Jul - 7 Aug).

For European GP events see: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~egcc/egf/gptour.html>

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

For American Calendar see: <http://www.usgo.org/usa/tournaments.html>

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