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## RESULTS

### 7th Women's Amateur Go Championship in Japan, 8th - 9th November

Somehow I mixed up the report on this, in the last newsletter, with the Pair Go [-ES]. So here is the correct account:

Helen Harvey (1k) was Britain's rep and came 12th with 3/6. Winner of the Sotetsu Cup was Japan's Chifumi Yamashita, second North Korea, third South Korea, fourth China and fifth Singapore.

### Brakenhale School Party, Wednesday 9th December

28 kids battled on 13x13 boards, solved problems, ate and enjoyed this year's raffle. Tournament winners were Claire May (now 30k), Theo Elliott (now 24k) and Lucie Elliott (now 28k). Quiz winners were Elizabeth Wayte and her 8 year old sister Laura.

### Fujitsu Finals, 12th - 13th December

The Fujitsu Cup in Amsterdam was won by Guo Juan who beat Catalin Taranu (3p) in the final. Losing semi-finalists were Gerlach (5d) and Pietsch (2p).

### 25th London Open Go Congress (EGP) sponsored by Hitachi, 31st December to 3rd January

This was again sponsored by HITACHI and attended by 150 players at the usual venue the Highbury Round House community centre. This year two lady professionals were present: Liu Yajie from China and Nam Chihyoung from Korea. The top group of players was quite strong this year. After six rounds the European GP points were awarded to Lee Hyuk (15), Guo Juan (12), F. von Arnim (10), V. Chow (8), J. Finke and M. Cocke (5.5), E. Nijhuis (4), S. Zhang (3), M. Macfadyen (2), and J. Rickard (1). Lee, Guo, Zhang and von Arnim made the cut. Guo beat her earlier vanquisher Lee in an exciting final so top five places went to: 1 Guo, 2 Lee, 3 Felix von Arnim, 4 Emil Nijhuis, 5 Vincent Chow. Players on 7/8 were Theo Elliott (24k UK) and P-E. Martin (3k S). On 6/8: Shawn Hearn (23k UK), Walter Wandel (4k NL), G. Kreuz (4k D), D. Mechtenberg (3k D), David Woodnutt (1d UK). All players on 5/8 got a certificate. The Lightning Tournament was won by South Africa's Vincent Chow (5d), second was last winner Emil Nijhuis (5d NL). Continuous 9x9 winners were Kai Gogl, Jonathan Chetwynd, Tim Hunt and Shawn Hearn (Under 13).

### Furze Platt Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Saturday 16th January

78 players attended this year's HITACHI sponsored Furze Platt Tournament, held as usual in Hitachi's plush European headquarters in Maidenhead. The Furze Platt School Club may be no more but the former pupils and local Maidenhead members ran a good event as usual.

Winner this year was C.S. "Charlie" Park (4d Wanstead), a Korean businessman spending three months in London. He beat London Korean Y. Kim (5d CLGC) in the last round. Winners of 3/3 were Damir Nola (3k CLGC), Graham Lamont (4k Portsmouth), Malcolm Hagan (8k Portsmouth), Roland Halliwell (14k Epsom Downs), Si Chan (22k Furze Platt), Ian McAnally (28k Manchester). Bottles of wine went to all on 2 wins: Y. Kim (5d CLGC), Piers Shepperson (5d CLGC), T.M.Hall (4d Bristol), Andrew Jones (3d Wanstead), Michael Zhang (CLGC), Mike Charles (2d St. Albans), Tony Atkins (2d Reading), Jo Hampton (2d Barmouth), Alan Thornton (2d St. Albans), Dave Artus (1d CLGC), Dan Micsa (1d Reading), Marcus Bennett (1d Bournemouth), Simon Bexfield (1d CLGC), Gerry Mills (1d Monmouth), David Woodnutt (1d OU), Mathias Kegelmann (1k Birmingham), Barry Chandler (2k Reading), Sue Paterson (2 kyu CLGC), Jiri Keller (2k CLGC), Brian Brunswick (3k Epsom Downs), David Pemberton (3k Epsom Downs), Nick Rogers (4k OU), Hiroshi Sakata (5k Japan), Iain Attwell (5k Maidenhead), Ron Bell (5k Reading), Pauline Bailey (11k West Surrey), Neil Moffatt (12k Portsmouth), Graham Brooks (12k Swindon).

Not surprising from the list of winners the best club team were Portsmouth. Aaron Dixson (21k Bakenhale) won the continuous 9x9.

### Youth / Schools Go Tournament, Sunday 17th January

35 children attended Brakenhale School, Bracknell, for the 1999 BYGC. Attending for the first time were Bloxham School; teacher Hugh Alexander accepted a special prize box of sweets on their behalf. Professional Liu Yajie was on hand to give teaching games to players receiving byes. France Ellul, Simon Goss Tony Atkins and Paul Smith were the main organisers. Brakenhale School were awarded the Castledine Trophy for the seventh time, unchallenged again. The Youth Champion was Tom Blockley again, with runner up Francis Weaver.

#### Age group

U18	Philip Tedder (6k Epsom Downs)
U16	Tom Blockley (4k Worcester)
U14	Theo Elliott (20k Brakenhale)
U12	Tom Eckersley-Waites (12k Cambridge)
U10	William Brooks (13k Cambridge)
U8	Luise Wolf (35k London)

#### Runners Up

Emma Marchant (8k Brakenhale)
Francis Weaver (6k Brakenhale)
Shawn Hearn (20k Brakenhale)
Adam Eckersley-Waites (12k Cambridge)
Paul Blockley (32k Worcester)
Alex Cherry (35k Bracknell)

Prizes for 4/5: Darren Fairbrother (20k Brakenhale), James Donald (20k Cambridge), Nick Calvello (34k Brakenhale), Lucie Elliott (24k Brakenhale), Lizzy Wayte (31k Brakenhale), Francis Weaver, Tom Blockley, Luise Wolf, William Brooks and Theo Elliott. 3/5: Shawn Hearn, Adam and Tom Eckersley-Waites. Quiz winners: Emma Marchant (16/18) and Nicholas Calvello (best low-grader).

## NEWS

- **The AGM of the BGA** will be held at the British Go Congress at Abingdon School on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 20:00.
- **British PGPP** (Pair Go Promotion Partner). A person with the following qualifications is welcome as a British PGPP member:
  - Is enthusiastic about spreading Pair Go in Britain. Understands that Pair Go is a pair game for ladies and gentlemen who greatly value etiquette.
  - Appreciates the pleasure of playing Go. However a high level of ability is not necessary.
 To join, a minimum donation of £50 is required per year. Membership benefits will include:
  - One free (transferable) entry for the British Pair Go Championship for that year. Named as a British PGPP in the British Go Journal and the official booklet of the British Pair Go Championships. Priority on receipt of promotional material from Japan. Satisfaction of having financially supported the British Pair Go Championships allowing the event to take place in a pleasant venue with decent prizes.
  - To join send your donation (cheques payable to British Go Association) to Tony Atkins (see BGA Contacts overleaf).
- **New York Times**: There was an article in the New York Times (24 Dec) about go and playing on the internet. The article is on the web at: <http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/98/12/circuits/articles/24gogo.html>
- **BGJ Index**: The British Go Journal Index has been improved and updated to issue 112. Electronic version only available as .DOC or .TXT files. Send a 2MB (1.4MB) disc to Tony Atkins to receive a copy or down load via the BGA web site.

# FORTHCOMING

## Cambridge 23rd Triganthus Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Sunday 7th March

**Note:** At the time of printing, the Hitachi sponsorship has not yet been confirmed, and so the prizes of recent years can not guaranteed.  
**Location:** (As last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10.  
**Event:** 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.  
**Contacts:** Matthew Woodcraft / Matthew Reid, 1 Leete Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 9HB. ☎ 01223-565537.  
**Email:** mattheww@chiark.greenend.org.uk  
Or Charles Matthews, ☎ 01223-350096. **Email:** charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk

## Candidates' Tournament, Weekend 13th - 14th March

The 1999 Candidates' Tournament, which is a qualifying competition for the British Championship, will be held in the Daiwa Foundation, 14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 on 13 and 14 March. There are four rounds with time limits of 90 minutes. Entry is by invitation to dan players and selected kyū players. All players entitled to play should receive an invitation by post from the Championships Organiser, Charles Matthews. Queries and entries to him at 01223-350096 (am best), charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk, 60 Glisson Road Cambridge CB1 2HF. The draw will be run by members of CLGC. There will be a fee of £5 to cover table hire and coffee. No side event this year.

Under new rules, posted in full in the BGA web site and available on request from Charles, four players will be entitled to go forward from the Candidates' to the Challengers; then five will be selected from the British Open at Abingdon (6 rounds with 60 minute time limits); then one player will be chosen on Stacey points; and any reserves then needed will be taken from the Candidates'. The system is intended to produce the strongest possible Challenger's of 24 players. To that end also the BGA would like to include in its invitation list for the Candidates' any players of suitable strength, who are not British nationals but are members and satisfy a five year residence condition. Since the BGA has no way to keep residence records, Charles would be very grateful to have drawn to his attention any neglected qualifying player.

## Dublin GP, Friday 19th - Monday 22nd March

**Irish Rapid:** 5 Rounds, Friday from 7 pm. **Grand Prix:** 5 Rounds, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. **Irish Handicap:** 3 Rounds, Monday 10.00 am  
**Location:** Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Sq., Dublin 1. **Entry fees:** Open £16, Rapid £6, Handicap £9.  
**Accommodation:** A limited amount of private accommodation is available; we also have beds booked at £15-20 on Parnell Sq.  
**Contact:** John Gibson, home ☎ 00-353-1-4908779, work ☎ 00-353-1-2843486, mobile ☎ 00-353-88-2555420, john@mhg.ie

## Coventry Go Tournament, Sunday 28th March

**Location:** Midlands Sports Centre, Tile Hill, Coventry. Registration by 10:15. 3 round McMahon.  
**Contact:** Mike Lynn, "Hillcroft", Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JZ. ☎ 01675-442753.  
**Email:** mikelynn@barston.freeserve.co.uk

## Vienna GP, 27th - 28th March

**Contact:** Alfred Effenberg ☎ 00-43-1-8776956, gofred@netway.at

## Paris GP, 3rd - 5th April

**Contact:** Antoine Roche ☎ 00-33-1-47861825, goparis@mygale.org

## 32nd British Go Congress at Abingdon, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th April

**Location:** Abingdon School. Registration by 9:30 on Saturday. The AGM will be held on Saturday evening.  
**Events:** The British Open will be a 6 round McMahon on Saturday and Sunday. The British Lightning will be held on Friday evening at 19:30.  
**Contact:** Steve Bailey, 49 Stockton Road, Guildford, GU1 1HD. ☎ 01483-533748  
sgbailey@iee.org **Web:** <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sgbailey/bgc99.htm>

## Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 23rd May

**Location:** Stokenchurch near High Wycombe. The venue is about ½ mile from junction 5 of the M40.  
**Event:** As this is a special (3<sup>2</sup>) anniversary the organisers are seeking a minimum of 50 pairs. To make this easier to achieve, unpaired players should contact the organisers and they will attempt to arrange partners for them (on a first-come first-served basis).  
**Contact:** France Ellul ☎ 01494 452047 or Elinor Brooks.

## Go Isle of Man 1999, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oxford (13 Feb), Cambridge (7 Mar), Candidates (13-14 Mar), Coventry (28 Mar), British Go Congress @ Abingdon (9-11 Apr), Challengers (1-3 May), Bar Low (2 May), Bracknell (15 May), Pairs (23 May), Scottish (29-30 May), Leicester (12 Jun), Barmouth (26-27 Jun), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-29 Aug), Isle of Man Go Week (22-27 Aug). \* = provisional.

## FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 98/99 SEASON

Dublin (20-21 Mar), Vienna (27-28 Mar), Paris (3-5 Apr), Milan (17-18 Apr), Bled (24-25 Apr), Budapest (8-9 May), Amsterdam (13-16 May), Hamburg (22-23 May), Zagreb (29-30 May), Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tchelyabinsk (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podbanske, Slovakia (24 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>

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