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 DEADLINE for next Issue, Sunday June 1st 2003

RESULTS

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, PENZANCE 04/04/03-06/04/03 John Culmer and the West Cornwall Go Club welcomed 50 players to a very sunny weekend of seaside and Go playing at the Queen's Hotel. The weekend featured the British Lightning, British Open and the BGA AGM. The British Lightning had 34 players and was dominated much of the way by Bracknell Club who had 3 out of 4 semi-finalists. It turned out, however, that nobody could beat T.Mark Hall, 4 dan from London, and he took the title on 5 wins. Those on 4 wins were Tony Atkins (3 dan Bracknell), Toby Manning (3 dan Leicester), Clive Hendrie (1 dan Bracknell), William Brooks (6 kyu Cambridge) and Francis Roads (4 dan Wanstead). The British Open had 50 players and was dominated for much of the way by related Go players. A pair of Harveys and Mills were unbeaten after the first day, but again none could beat T.Mark Hall (4 dan) who convincingly won the British Open with a straight 6. Quentin Mills (3 dan London) won 5 to come second (ahead of Francis Roads). Fourth was 1 kyu player, David M. King from Swindon on 5. Others on 5 were Martin Harvey (4 kyu Manchester), James Collier (4 kyu Devon), Bill Streeten (5 kyu Wanstead) and William Brooks (6 kyu Cambridge). The local junior player Jake Finnis (17 kyu) won all 6 games. Best team for the third year were Wanstead and Tim Hunt collected the Terry Stacey Trophy for most wins in the last year.

LEAMINGTON TOURNAMENT 23/03/03 41 players took part in the second four round rapid play event to be held at the Oddfellows in Leamington. Winner was Des Cann (4 dan Milton Keynes). Second and third with three wins were Alan Thornton (2 dan St Albans) and Niall Cardin (1 dan Oxford). Both Ben Swann (7 kyu Manchester) and Tim Lamont-Smith (18 kyu Worcester) won all four games. Others on three wins were: Kyeong Yun Jeong (1 kyu Leicester), Matthew Piatkus (3 kyu Oxford), Malcolm Walker (7 kyu Worcester), Emma Marchant (8 kyu Bracknell) and Alex Beman (25 kyu Leamington). Between games National Trainer Matthew Macfadyen analysed games from the Candidates (Hunt v Hall and Hobson v Cockburn).

CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT 22/03/03-23/03/03 16 players of grade 1 dan to 4 dan took part in the first stage of the British Championship at the Oddfellows Hall in Leamington. Winner of all four games was Quentin Mills (3 dan London) who beat Alex Rix in the fourth round. Players with three wins were Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead), Alex Rix (4 dan London), David Ward (4 dan Cambridge) and Andrew Jones (3 dan Wanstead). Because Seong-June Kim will not be playing the championship this year as he is back in Korea, there were six places available in the next stage. The Challenger's League will be held in Cambridge in May, where the above five will be joined by Des Cann and Matthew Cocke (pre qualified), and by John Hobson (2 dan Bath) who won the nigiri against Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes) to decide the best player on two wins.

CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS 02/03/03 75 players attended. Winner was Young Kim (5 dan London) who beat Tim Hunt (3 dan Open University) in the last round. Also on 3/3 having arrived late was Li Shen (4 dan London). The others winning all three were Niall Cardin (1 dan Oxford), Bernt Schmidt (2 kyu Cambridge), Erwin Bonsma (6 kyu Ipswich), William Brooks (7 kyu Cambridge), Andrew Gardner (7 kyu Cambridge), Ian Davis (12 kyu Cambridge), Pauline Bailey (14 kyu West Surrey). James Aspden (Oxford) won the best 1 kyu prize. In the continuous 13x13 Stephen Burgess (7 kyu Cambridge) won with 7/8. Oxford won the team prize with 10/12. The Beginners' Tournament was won by Ken Dackombe (Bromley).

VARSIITY MATCH 22/02/03 The 2002 Varsity match took place in Cambridge, with Cambridge beating Oxford 6-4 over two rounds, one more (even) less serious round taking place after that (reports Charles Matthews). Cambridge players first. Most games played even.

OXFORD TOURNAMENT 15/02/03 85 players attended the Oxford Tournament at St. Edmund Hall. Winner was the Chinese boy Li Shen (4 dan North London). Players on 3/3 were Michael Charles (2 dan St Albans), Claas Roever (4 kyu Newcastle), Malcolm Hagan (5 kyu Winchester), John Pusey (5 kyu Oxford), Phil Hand (7 kyu Cambridge), Steve Burgess (9 kyu Cambridge), George Leach (10 kyu Liverpool), Jonathan Englefield (13 kyu High Wycombe) and Abhijit Saraswat (28 kyu Maidenhead). You can see photos thanks to Tim Hunt at <http://www.timhunt.me.uk/go/2003/oxford/>

STACEY POINTS The winner of the Stacey "Grand Prix" 2002-2003 was Tim Hunt (3 dan Milton Keynes) on 27.5 pons. David Ward came very close 2nd with 27 pts, followed by Francis Roads 25 pts, Young Kim 19 pts and Toby Manning 18.5 pts.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2003 Standings for 2003 Grand Prix following the Leamington tournament are as follows: 1 Jonathan Englefield 11-kyu High Wycombe on 430 points, 2 William Brooks 7-kyu Cambridge 320, 3 Li Shen 4-dan CLGC 300, 4= Ken Dackombe 25-kyu CLGC, Shawn Hearn 5-kyu unattached and Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol all on 240 points. The Youth Grand Prix is a competition for players under 18, which runs throughout the year. You can score points in the Grand Prix by playing in Go tournaments during the year. You score points for each tournament you enter, and more points for each game that you win. The full rules of the Grand Prix are here. [Http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/gprix.htm](http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/gprix.htm)

NEWS

BGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The AGM was held during the British Go Congress in Penzance. The existing officers were reelected with four of the existing council members. Alison Bexfield was appointed auditor after Toby Manning stepped down. The motion to amend the constitution clause on dissolution was passed and the accounts were approved.

PROMOTIONS. The BGA Council ratified the following promotions on 23/02/03: 4 dan Li Shen, 3 dan Tony Atkins, 2 dan Christian Scarff, 1 dan Brian Brunswick.

THE GIRL WHO PLAYED GO

Published on 01/05/03 by Chatto & Windus (ISBN 0701174115) this new novel by Shan Sa (translated by Adriana Hunter) has been very successful in original French and in German. It tells of a love affair between a Chinese girl champion and a Japanese during Japan's Occupation of China. 280 pages hardback £12.99 - can be ordered from amazon.com

CLUB UPDATES

BRISTOL: Paul Atwell's email now Paul5Bristolgo@aol.com

CARDIFF: Contact now Neil Moffatt, 0292-041-2539, neil.moffatt@ntlworld.com

DURHAM: Now also meets Mondays, 8pm, the Victoria Hotel on Hallgarth St. Thursday meetings continue as usual. Contact now Jenny Radcliffe, jenny@durge.org

LEAMINGTON: Web page now <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/toby.manning/leamingtonclub/>
LEICESTER: Now has web page: <http://www.leicestergoclub.org.uk>
NORWICH AND NORFOLK: Now meets at The Louis Marchesi, Tombland, Norwich.
NOTTINGHAM: Contact now Clive Wright (clivewright113@hotmail.com)
PURBROOK: Now meets on Thursdays (was Wednesdays)
SHERBORNE AND YEOVIL: Now meets at 7:30 p.m.. New contact, J Andrew Evans GoYeo@supaworld.com

FORTHCOMING

BARLOW and CHALLENGERS LEAGUE at MSO 2003, CAMBRIDGE, Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th May, registration 9:30 - 10:00 both days

Location Parkside Community College, Cambridge. (Friday venue to be announced)
Events BARLOW Sunday 4th May A tournament for beginners and kyu players, 35 minutes no overtime.
 DANS' EVENT Monday 5th May, 35 minutes no overtime.
 JUNIOR 13x13 for players under 18, format to be decided.
 BGA CHALLENGER'S LEAGUE (invitation only) and MSO CAMBRIDGE will be taking place at the same venue, on all three days.
Contact BGA events: Charles Matthews, 60 Glisson Road, Cambridge CB1 2HF. Phone 01223 350096 charles.r.matthews@ntlworld.com

MSO Cambridge, 2 Townsend Close, Milton, Cambridge CB4 6DN. phone 01223 563932

andreapaul@andrea-paul.freeserve.co.uk

BRACKNELL Sunday 11th May, registration by 10:00

Location Wooshehill Community Centre, (near Safeways), Wooshehill
Event 3 round McMahon, 1 hour + 30 stones in 5 minutes. 13 x 13 tournament.
Contact Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave., Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD. phone 01344 422296 Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk

BRITISH PAIR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOARS HILL, Sunday 25th May, registration 9:45 for 10:30 start

Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5DP.
Event A tournament for teams of one male and one female who play alternately with no conferring. 45 minutes no overtime. The top 8 pairs play for the title. Remaining pairs play in the handicap section. Single players may apply; partners are arranged on a first-come first-served basis. Side event: Pair Go Quiz.

Contact Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, S. Woodford, London, E18 2NL. Phone 020 85054381 francis@jfroards.demon.co.uk

STRONG PLAYERS' TRAINING DAY, MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 1st June 2003

Location CMR 1, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. CMR stands for Christodoulou Meeting Rooms. They are very close to the Lecture theatre, where the Milton Keynes Go Tournament takes place.

Event Mainly for players at about 2 or 3 dan level; strong kyu players are welcome but no special effort will be made to explain points they don't understand. The basic idea is to have a group study day, based around the records of games played in the Challenger's and Candidates' Tournaments, which form part of the British Go Championship. There will be four sessions, each lasting just over an hour. Between the sessions there will be tea/coffee breaks, and lunch. Each session will be led by a different person who will have selected some games, or positions from games, to discuss; and who may have thought up a theme for the discussion. Our ideas may evolve a bit as this is our first event like this. Suggestions are welcome. The day will cost £15, which includes the cost of the lunch.

Contact Tim Hunt, 208F North Row, Milton Keynes, phone 01908 695778. Tim@timhunt.me.uk

LEICESTER, Saturday 14th June. Registration ends 10:15

Location Church of all the Martyrs, off Narborough Road, Leicester
Event 3 round McMahon, 1 hour + 30 stones in 5 minutes. 13 x 13 tournament.
Contact Peter Fisher phone 0116 2871 362 peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk Richard Thompson, 8 Belfry Drive, Kirby Frith, Leicester LE3 6UU,

phone 0116 2871362

WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th June. Registration ends 1:30

Location Barmouth Youth Centre, near railway station opposite the 'Dolphin' chip shop, Barmouth
Event A five round Macmahon tournament. 50 minutes + 20 stones in 5 minutes. Lightning and 9x9 tournaments. Evening Backgammon tournament (Sat) if enough interest (please state interest on entry & bring BG set along)
Contact Philip Ward-Ackland, tel. 01341 280612. 1 Fron Oleu Villas, LLanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1YY Phone 01341 280612 Philip@linnet2.demon.co.uk

SCOTTISH OPEN, EDINBURGH, Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th July. Registration ends 10:45

Location Pollock Halls of Residence (Lee House), University of Edinburgh
Event 6 rounds MacMahon, 1 hour each + 30 stones in 5 minutes. Continuous 13 x 13 possible. Asian restaurant on Saturday night.
Contact Donald MacLeod. Dmacleod@epsedin.co.uk <http://www.dogma.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/Go/Scottish2003.html>

SEVENTH MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD, MANCHESTER 16-25 August 2003 For further information visit us from time to time at www.msoworld.com or e-mail us at: entries@msoworld.com. Alternatively, make telephone enquiries to 01707 659080.

MILTON KEYNES, Sunday 21st September, a-grant2@talk21.com

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON IN LONSDALE, Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th November, Bob Bagot. lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN and HANDICAP Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th December, Pauline Bailey, tel. 01483 561027. pab27@compuserve.com

LONDON OPEN Sunday 28th - Wednesday 31st December, Contact Geoff Kaniuk phone 020 8874 7362 geoff@kaniuk.demon.co.uk

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EUROPEAN EVENTS <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tour.html>

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, 19th July - 2nd August 2003, Oleg Gavrilov, Kuznetsovskaya 15-46, St petersburg, 196128, Russia. phone 7 (812) 389 1473 <http://www.egc2003.sp.ru> egc2003@mail.wplu.net

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

US GO CONGRESS, HOUSTON, TEXAS, Saturday 2nd - Sunday 10th August, The Houston Go Club, P.O. Box 590962, Houston, TX 77259, USA.
<http://www.houstongoclub.org/USGC2003.html>

WEBSITE: <http://www.britgo.org/>

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Rates UK £15, Concessions £6, Family £20, Europe £17, World £20.

Kathleen Timmins, Membership Secretary, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. Phone 01630 685292

MOBILE PHONE For emergency calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments: 07951 140433