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RESULTS

BGA KGS SUNJANG BADUK TOURNAMENT 01/07/07-15/07/07 Sunjang Baduk, the ancient Korean variant of Go, with a fixed starting position, was the battlefield for this year's BGA online tournament. Of the 20 players competing, Norwegian player Roy-Andre Kirkebo was the winner. In second place was Oxford student Mark Nubbert, just ahead of Matthew Crosby. Steven Donlon won the prize for best player under 5 kyu.

EPSOM TOURNAMENT 07/07/07 The sixth Epsom Tournament attracted 51 players, including two strong young ladies from the Baduk Department of Myongji University in Korea, who were staying the summer in St Albans. They ended up having to play in the final, in which Gook-Hwa Park (6 dan) beat Bin-na Park (4 dan). All players on two and three wins got prizes thanks to sponsor Forbidden Technologies. Those with three were: Steve Bailey (4 kyu West Surrey), Andrew Cohen (14 kyu Cambridge) and Peter Harold-Barry (15 kyu St Albans). Ingrid Jendrzejewski (8 kyu Cambridge) won 2.5. St Albans won the team prize. Paul Tabor won the 13x13 side event with 3/3, and the 9x9 was won by Anna Griffiths.

UK GO CHALLENGE FINALS 01/07/07 53 of the best players from 10 school heats and other youngsters met for the finals of the fourth UK Go Challenge at Meadows Community Centre in Cambridge. Section winners were: U18 Boys - Tung Nguyen (Greenwich Community College), U16 Boys - Matthew Hathrell (Finham Park School, Coventry), U14 Boys - Hai Xia (King Edward VI, Aston), U12 Boys - Ken Dackombe (St. Olave's), U10 Boys - Peran Truscott (Cambridge), U8 Boys - Ibrahim Mustafa (Birmingham), U18 Girls - Kay Dackombe (Darrick Wood, Bromley), U12 Girls - Christiane Walker (Milton, Cambridge), U10 Girls - Hayley Baines (London Meed, Burgess Hill), U8 Girls - Roella Smith (Milton, Cambridge). Overall place winners: 1st - Hai Xia, 2nd - Ken Dackombe, 3rd - Matthew Hathrell. Top Boy: Hai Xia (6/6). Top Girl: Hayley Baines (5/5). On 5/6: Hamzah Reta, Abdel Badawy, Matthew Harris and Maria Tabor. Champion School - Wellington School, Somerset (beat Aston 2-1). Champion Primary School - London Meed, Burgess Hill (beat Milton 4-3). Aoife McCaul got the puzzle-solving prize and prizes were also awarded in an East Anglian Youth Grand Prix: 1. Matthew Harris, 2. Aoife McCaul, 3. Oliver Gerlach, 4. Owen Walker, 5. Roella Smith.

WELSH OPEN 23/06/07-24/06/07 The 15th Welsh Open at Barmouth was won as always by Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) putting him on 73 wins unbeaten at that event. Matthew Cocks (5 dan York) was second and Alistair Wall (4 dan Wanstead) was third, both on 4 wins. Prize winners with five wins were Vaughan Hughes (10 kyu) and Richard Bentley (7 kyu Durham). On 4 wins were Sheffield's Kester Sandbach (13 kyu) and Tom McNeeney (10 kyu), Manchester's Martin Cook (6 kyu) and Bristol's Peter Collins (4 kyu). 37 players took part and enjoyed the venue of the Min-Y-Mor Hotel and especially the carvery meal on Saturday evening, despite the generally rainy weather.

CHALLENGERS' LEAGUE 15/06/07-18/06/07 The home of BGJ Editor Barry Chandler in Winnersh (Berks) was the venue for the long weekend of the Challengers' League. The top players from the Candidates' joined with British Champion Bei Ge to decide who will play this year's title match. Bei took an early lead and won all seven games to take first place. Surprisingly Matthew Macfadyen only won 4 games; his losing scores only totalling 4.5! Alex Selby lost his first game, but then won his next 4 and the last one to end on 5 wins and clear second place; his wins against Matthew Macfadyen and Sam Aitken were both half-pointers. So Alex will challenge Bei Ge for the British Champion's title. This is only the second time since 1977 that the final will not involve Matthew Macfadyen, who ended third. Also on 4 wins was David Ward, on 3 Des Cann, 2 T Mark Hall and William Brooks, and on 1 Sam Aitken. Tony Atkins was referee and ensured all went well and with Barry's help four games at the weekend were broadcast live on KGS.

DURHAM 09/06/07-10/06/07 Durham, at St. John's College, attracted an attendance of 38, including some players from Norway. Guest lunch speaker Matthew Cocks (5 dan York) won all six games to take the first prize. Young Will Brooks (3 dan Cambridge) only lost to him to come second. Norway's Sveinung Fjaer (13 kyu) was unstoppable winning all 6 and Lars Eirik Danielsen (11 kyu) won 4. Also on 4 were dan players Tim Hunt, Christian Scarff, Allan Scarff and Andrew Jones. Sveinung Fjaer won the Lightning and Durham's Rich Bentley (7 kyu) and Andrew Thurman (12 kyu) jointly won the 13 by 13. Prizes were bottles of local Durham Brewery's best

NEWS

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP 2007 The title match is between the top two in the Challengers' League, Alex Selby from Cambridge and defending champion Bei Ge from Buckingham. Game 1 was held in Oxford on 21/07/07, with live commentary by Matthew Macfadyen on KGS. It was won by Alex. Game 2 was held in Cambridge on 04/08/07. It was won by Bei Ge by 11.5 to equal the match at one all. This guarantees game 4 at Milton Keynes in October will be a crucial game.

BRITS OVERSEAS

The third **European Student Go Championships** was held in Stockholm, Sweden from 06/08/07-08/08/07. 31 students from 11 countries took part in a six round McMahon. UK's Vickie Chan (1 kyu) and Xinyi Lu (5 kyu) ended on 2 points each.

The 51st **European Go Congress** was held at Villach in the south of Austria from 14/07/07-28/07/07. 573 players took part in the main tournament, including some strong Koreans. Open champion was Hong Seok-Ui on 9/10, second and third were Park Jong-Wook on 8/8 and Cho Seok-Bin on 8/10, all from Korea. The new European Champion is Ilya Shikshin (Russian 6 dan) who won 7 games and was placed ahead of Alexandr Dinerchtein by second tie-break (SOSOS). Top Brit was T Mark Hall in 47th with 5/10. Paul Blockley (12 kyu) won 6/10. The 366-player Weekend Tournament was won by Hong Seok-Ui with 5 wins (the top three was as in the Open). Of the other Brits, Sue Paterson (4 kyu) won 4/5 and Peter Harold-Barry (14 kyu) won 5/5.

World Amateur Go Championships, 28/05/07-31/05/07. 68 countries took part. It was held at Nihon Kiin in Tokyo. After 4 rounds China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan were unbeaten, and these went on to take four of the top five places. Unbeaten champion was Shan Ziteng, the 13-year old from China. UK's Bei Ge was in 16th on five wins. He lost to 16-year old Andy Liu in round 1 but then beat Chile, Norway and Spain, lost to Russia, beat Slovakia and Germany, and lost to Korea. Ireland's Noel Mitchell ended 44th on three wins (against Morocco, Costa Rica and Slovenia).

STACEY POINTS 2007-2008 With four events since the start of the season the Scottish Open, Durham and Welsh Open dominate. After Epsom: Matthew Cocke on 10 points, Tim Hunt on 8, Shaoyou Ouyang, Claas Roever and Alistair Wall on 6, William Brooks, Bob Bagot and Matthew Macfadyen on 5.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2007 The Youth Grand Prix started after the 2006 London Open. The BYGC counted double points. After Barmouth the points were: William Brooks (3 dan) 650, Ken Dackombe (10 kyu) 336, Steven Donlon (8 kyu) 240, Bridget Johnson (30 kyu) 189, Owen Walker (18 kyu) 188 and Roella Smith (32 kyu) 184.

NEW BOOKS Available from the BGA Bookseller Gerry Mills bga-books@britgo.org phone 01600 712934: Pure and Simple: Takao's Astute Use of Brute Force (pub. Hinoki) £15.00, Dictionary of Basic Tesuji Vol 4 (pub. Slate and Shell) £17.00

CLUBS UPDATE

ABERDEEN New location: Cafe Kilau, Little Belmont Street, Aberdeen.

BILLERICAY Meets at 7:30pm

EPSOM. Now meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm at Matthew and Natasha's house. Call Matthew on 07752 301096 for further details.

LEEDS Meets Sundays 12.30 at Tampopo, 15 South Parade, Leeds, LS1 5QX. Contact Graham Leigh, grahaml@maths.leeds.ac.uk

MILTON KEYNES, OPEN UNIVERSITY Monday 12:30. New venue: The Cellar Bar. New contact Clari Hunt C.H.Hunt@open.ac.uk

SOUTHAMPTON No longer meets



FORTHCOMING

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, Sunday 2nd September Registration 09:45 to 10:00

Location Stockport Masonic Guild Hall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA.

Event 3-round McMahan, 50 minutes + overtime

Contact Chris Kirkham, chris@cs.man.ac.uk 201 Kentmere Rd, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 7NT. Tel. 0161 903 9023

CORNWALL, Saturday 8th September and Sunday 9th September. Registration by 13:30 (Saturday); 09:45 (Sunday).

Location Yacht Inn, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4AU

Event Handicap Tournament takes place on Saturday. Open Tournament takes place Sunday. 3-round McMahan.

Contact John Culmer john.culmer@exception.co.uk Tel. 01326 573167.

SWINDON, Sunday 23rd September. Registration by 10:15

Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 2BG.

Event 3-round McMahan Tournament. 60 minutes time limit + overtime.

Contact David King swindongo@ntlworld.com Tel. 01793 521625

FIFE, Saturday 6th October (provisional).

Event 4-round Handicap tournament with 45 minutes time limit, then 40 stones in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Edwin Brady eb@dcs.st-and.ac.uk or eb@cs.st-andrews.ac.uk

MILTON KEYNES Sunday 7th October. Registration by 10:15. Registration 09:30 – 10:15

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

Event 3-round McMahan tournament. 60 minutes time limit with 30 moves in 5 minutes overtime.

Contact Tim Hunt t.j.hunt@open.ac.uk 208F North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3LQ. Tel. 07727 633159

WESSEX, BRISTOL Sunday 28th October. Registration by 09:45.

Location JN Fear Institute, 30 High Street, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1DQ.

Event 3-round McMahan

Contact Bob Hitchens wessex-go-2007@joseki.org Tel. 01761 453496.

THREE PEAKS, THORNTON IN LONSDALE, YOUKSHIRE, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November. Registration by 13:00 Saturday.

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

Event 5-round McMahan

Contact Bob Bagot lesbag@tiscali.co.uk

WANSTEAD Saturday 17th November. Registration by 09:30.

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

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

Contact Gary Gibson, 12 Watermint Quay, Craven Walk, London N16 6DD. garyisok@hotmail.com Tel. 020 8211 7313

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AUTUMN MATCH Sunday 14th October International Student House, London. Contact Jonathan Turner

je_turner@hotmail.com

EAST MIDLANDS Saturday 24th November. The National Space Centre, Leicester. Contact stephen.bashforth@btinternet.com or Peter Fisher

Tel. 0116 2871362

WEST SURREY TEACH-IN AND HANDICAP Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December

SCOTTISH BARLOW Edinburgh, Saturday 15th December; 4 round McMahan for kyu players and shodans only. Contact Donald MacLeod, donald.macleod284@virgin.net Tel. 0141 8806169.

LONDON OPEN Friday 28th – Monday 31st December 2007 Contact Geoff Kaniuk. geoff.kaniuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 01223 710582



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