



# OLYMPIAD NEWS

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## ALL GOOD THINGS...

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### We want to do even better!

We are delighted at the response to the Mind Sports Olympiad that we have received from many of you who are here as participants or spectators. Next year we would like to make the Olympiad even bigger and at the same time to make it even more enjoyable for the participants. Can you help?

Please write to us after the Olympiad to tell us all the things that you liked about our event and any suggestions that you have to improve the Olympiad for next year. Please send your comments by letter to: Mind Sports Olympiad Ltd., PO Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF; or by fax to: 0171 482 0672; or by email to: DavidL@intrsrch.demon.co.uk.

### Make a Date!

2nd Mind Sports Olympiad  
24-30 August 1998

A week of frenetic activity drew to a close with the final medal ceremony honouring the many winners of the first Mind Sports Olympiad. There have been 65 events, 39 disciplines, and over 2,000 competitors from 58 countries. Players from age 6 to 88 have taken part, watched by television crews from Brazil to China.

Indeed, media coverage of the MSO has exceeded all expectations. One of the many Americans helping to keep the wheels turning and adding to the international flavour of the event is Wilma Ward. Wilma and her harried (yet charming) staff at Yemeyah Communications have had the tough job of managing the often tumultuous press room and ensuring that the multitude of reporters and TV crews get what they want.

'Yemeyah is an African name; it stems from the Yoruba language and means Goddess of water. It was chosen because it gives a sense of no boundaries, fluidity - and the flow of creative ideas.' Clearly an ideal name for the publicity branch of the MSO!

The sporting aspect of the event has attracted the most attention, but hopefully enjoyment, the sheer pleasure of playing, has been preserved as well. The philosophy behind the scenes has accentuated the healthy exercise of the mind, with equal emphasis on Olympiad competition and the fun of games.

The human element is perhaps best captured by one of the final disciplines. In an age of increasing competition between man and machine, Fujitsu have sponsored a more egalitarian event - computer programming. This competition emphasises interaction with technol-

ogy rather than confrontation.

Although the MSO has experienced one or two predictable labour pains, it has emerged healthy and with prospects for a bright future. Plans are already well advanced for future event(s), and the organisation welcome the impressions and suggestions of all of those who helped to make the inaugural event such a success.

### Mind Sports Olympiad Final Medal Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
England	29	40	40	109
Holland	9	3	4	16
Japan	4	5	1	10
USA	4	0	0	4
France	3	1	1	5
Barbados	3	0	0	3
Germany	2	2	4	8
China	2	2	1	5
Wales	2	0	1	3
Belarus	2	0	0	2
Ireland	1	2	0	3
S. Africa	1	1	0	2
Scotland	1	0	1	2
Antigua	1	0	0	1
Cyprus	1	0	0	1
Hong Kong	1	0	0	1
Latvia	0	3	1	4
Finland	0	2	1	3
New Zealand	0	2	1	3
India	0	1	2	3
Italy	0	1	1	2
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Guadeloupe	0	1	0	1
Malaysia	0	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	0	3	3
Czech Rep.	0	0	1	1
Estonia	0	0	1	1
Ghana	0	0	1	1







# MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD

## Abalone Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Tastet (France)      | gold   |
| 2 | A. Perelson (S. Africa) | silver |
| 3 | G. Cottogni (Italy)     | bronze |

## Backgammon Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | J. Clark (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | M. Barkwill (England) | silver |
| 3 | M. Barron (England)   | bronze |

## Backgammon Beginners

- |   |                     |        |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Biddle (USA)     | gold   |
| 2 | A. Baron (England)  | silver |
| 3 | P. Martin (England) | bronze |

## Backgammon Weekend

- |   |                          |        |
|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | G. Christofides (Cyprus) | gold   |
| 2 | S. Rimmer (England)      | silver |
| 3 | L. Geoghegan (England)   | bronze |

## Bridge Duplicate Pairs

- |   |  |        |
|---|--|--------|
| 1 | M. Gold/D. Higginson (England)         | gold   |
| 2 | P. Hecht-Johansen/K. Blakset (Denmark) | silver |
| 3 | M. Beyer/J. Tesselaar (Holland)        | bronze |

## Bridge Swiss Pairs

- |   |                                 |        |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Beyer/J. Tesselaar (Holland) | gold   |
| 2 | G. Horscroft/M. Walsh (England) | silver |
| 3 | M. Gold/D. Higginson (England)  | bronze |

## Bridge Team Ch'ship (Sat)

- |   |   |        |
|---|---|--------|
| 1 | S. Burn/P. King/T. Townsend/<br>N. Sandqvist      | gold   |
| 2 | S. Dannel/P. Shepperson/<br>M. Beyer/J. Tesselaar | silver |
| 3 | R. Eaton/A. Salem/Bharat/<br>T. Nnando            | bronze |

## Bridge Team Ch'ship (Sun)

- |   |  |        |
|---|--|--------|
| 1 | S. Burn/P. King/T. Townsend/<br>N. Sandqvist   | gold   |
| 2 | S. Mohandes/A. Bowles/<br>D. Stoev/H. Iukovici | silver |
| 3 | M. Gold/D. Higginson/<br>M. Beyer/J. Tesselaar | bronze |

## Chess 30-minute

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Adams (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | M. Sadler (England)   | silver |
| 3 | D. Gormally (England) | bronze |

## Chess 30-minute Junior Ch'ship

- |     |                        |        |
|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 1   | L. McShane (England)   | gold   |
| 2-3 | K. Chakraborty (India) | silver |
|     | D. Tan (England)       | silver |
| 4   | G. Jones (England)     | bronze |

## Chess 10-minute (Sat)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | W. Watson (England)   | gold   |
| 2 | K. Arkell (England)   | silver |
| 3 | J. Plaskett (England) | bronze |

## Chess 10-minute juniors (Sat)

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | G. Jones (England)   | gold   |
| 2 | D. Edwards (England) | silver |
| 3 | S. Ghasi (England)   | bronze |

## Chess 5-minute (Sat)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Adams (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | M. Sadler (England)   | silver |
| 3 | S. Conquest (England) | bronze |

## Chess 5-minute juniors (Sat)

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | D. Tan (England)       | gold   |
| 2 | T. Dougherty (England) | silver |
| 3 | N. Frost (England)     | bronze |

## Chess 10-minute (Sun)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | S. Conquest (England) | gold   |
| 2 | M. Adams (England)    | silver |
| 3 | M. Hebden (England)   | bronze |

## Chess 10-minute juniors (Sun)

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | G. Jones (England)      | gold   |
| 2 | M. Broomfield (England) | silver |
| 3 | T. Hebbes (England)     | bronze |

## Chess 5-minute (Sun)

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Hebden (England)  | gold   |
| 2 | M. Adams (England)   | silver |
| 3 | J. Hodgson (England) | bronze |

## Chess 5-minute juniors (Sun)

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | T. Hebbes (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | T. Dougherty (England) | silver |
| 3 | D. Tan (England)       | bronze |

## Chess Problem Solving

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | S. Conquest (England)  | gold   |
| 2 | M. Pein (England)      | silver |
| 3 | K. Chakraborty (India) | bronze |

## Chess Terafinal

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Cleveland (Wales) | gold   |
| 2 | N. Timms (England)   | silver |
| 3 | R. Jones (Wales)     | bronze |

*Non-Olympiad event*

## Chess Challenges

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | D. Hodge (England)      | gold   |
| 2 | L. D'Costa (England)    | silver |
| 3 | L. Broomfield (England) | bronze |

*Non-Olympiad event*

## Chinese Chess Championship

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | W.W. Cheung (France)   | gold   |
| 2 | F.Z. Chen (England)    | silver |
| 3 | P.L.B. Young (England) | bronze |

## Chinese Chess Euro Ch'ship

- |   |                     |      |
|---|---------------------|------|
| 1 | Say Ty Hua (France) | gold |
|---|---------------------|------|

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 2 | Woo Wei Cheung (France) | silver |
| 3 | Fa Zuo (England)        | bronze |
- Non-Olympiad event*

## Computer Programming Ch'ship

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Gardner (England)   | gold   |
| 2 | S. Smith (New Zealand) | silver |
| 3 | Hai Ying Liang (China) | bronze |

## Continuo Championship

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | O. Omodera (Japan)     | gold   |
| 2 | M. Nellthorp (England) | silver |
| 3 | J. Kwee (England)      | bronze |

## Creative Thinking Ch'ship

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | P. Bateman (S. Africa) | gold   |
| 2 | B. Birchall (England)  | silver |
| 3 | D. Holloway (England)  | bronze |

## Crossword Puzzles

- |   |               |        |
|---|---------------|--------|
| 1 | D. Howell     | gold   |
| 2 | A. Sutherland | silver |
| 3 | M. Wareham    | bronze |

*Non-Olympiad event*

## Decamentathlon

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Dyson (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | D. Hassabis (England) | silver |
| 3 | B. Jacobs (England)   | bronze |

## Draughts (8x8) Championship

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. King (Barbados)     | gold   |
| 2 | C. McCarrick (Ireland) | silver |
| 3 | D. Harwood (England)   | bronze |

## Draughts (8x8) 10-minute (Sat)

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. King (Barbados)     | gold   |
| 2 | C. McCarrick (Ireland) | silver |
| 3 | P. Raivis (Latvia)     | bronze |

## Draughts (8x8) 10-minute (Sun)

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. King (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | D. Harwood (England) | silver |
| 3 | H. Jahu (Estonia)    | bronze |

## Draughts (10x10) Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | H. Wiersma (Holland) | gold   |
| 2 | G. Valneris (Latvia) | silver |
| 3 | I. Kirzner (Ukraine) | bronze |

## Draughts (10x10) 10-minute (Sat)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Gantvarg (Belarus) | gold   |
| 2 | G. Valneris (Latvia)  | silver |
| 3 | I. Kirzner (Ukraine)  | bronze |

## Draughts (10x10) 10-minute (Sun)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Gantvarg (Belarus) | gold   |
| 2 | G. Valneris (Latvia)  | silver |
| 3 | I. Kirzner (Ukraine)  | bronze |

## Entropy Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Heasman (England) | gold   |
| 2 | P. Horlock (England) | silver |
| 3 | S. Tavener (England) | bronze |



# ROLL OF HONOUR 1997



## Gin Rummy Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Kelly (Ireland)      | gold   |
| 2 | J. Bosley (New Zealand) | silver |
| 3 | R. Hellman (England)    | bronze |

## Go (9x9) Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Z. Guo (Holland)      | gold   |
| 2 | D. Ward (England)     | silver |
| 3 | P. Margetts (England) | bronze |

## Go (13x13) Championship

- |   |                   |        |
|---|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | S. Zhang (China)  | gold   |
| 2 | Z. Guo (Holland)  | silver |
| 3 | D. Ward (England) | bronze |

## Go (19x19) Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Z. Guo (Holland)     | gold   |
| 2 | S. Zhang (China)     | silver |
| 3 | A. Goddard (England) | bronze |

## Go (19x19) Weekend

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Z. Guo (Holland)      | gold   |
| 2 | S. Zhang (China)      | silver |
| 3 | V. Danek (Czech Rep.) | bronze |

## Hare & Tortoise Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | C. Dickson (England)  | gold   |
| 2 | B. Croucher (England) | silver |
| 3 | S. Tavener (England)  | bronze |

## IQ Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Walker (Scotland) | gold   |
| 2 | M. Isaac (England)   | silver |
| 3 | J. McLeod (England)  | bronze |

## IQ 1-day

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Charisse (England) | gold   |
| 2 | B. Pridmore (England) | silver |
| 3 | P. Smith (England)    | bronze |

## IQ 1-day juniors

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | W. Lo (England)       | gold   |
| 2 | D. Leaf (England)     | silver |
| 3 | N. Eskuarzi (England) | bronze |

## Japanese Chess Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | E. Cheymol (France)  | gold   |
| 2 | A. Hosking (England) | silver |
| 3 | S. Lamb (England)    | bronze |

## Japanese Chess 15-minute (Sat)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Sandeman (England) | gold   |
| 2 | Y. Sumi (Japan)       | silver |
| 3 | D. Hassabis (England) | bronze |

## Japanese Chess 15-minute (Sun)

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Sandeman (England) | gold   |
| 2 | T. Shiose (Japan)     | silver |
| 3 | P. Smith (England)    | silver |

*Tie not broken - two silvers awarded*

## Jigsaw Puzzles Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Harwood (England) | gold   |
| 2 | A. Smith (England)   | silver |
| 3 | P. Wood (England)    | bronze |

## Lines of Action Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | F. Kok (Holland)        | gold   |
| 2 | R. Wikman (Finland)     | silver |
| 3 | J. Bosley (New Zealand) | bronze |

## Magic - The Gathering Ch'ship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | S. Dannel (England)     | gold   |
| 2 | C.J. Tongue (England)   | silver |
| 3 | K. Nicholson (Scotland) | bronze |

## Mah Jongg Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | P. Leung (Hong Kong)    | gold   |
| 2 | A. Tan (Malaysia)       | silver |
| 3 | R. Zuiverloow (Holland) | bronze |

## Mastermind Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Coull (England)    | gold   |
| 2 | D. De Toffoli (Italy) | silver |
| 3 | B. Croucher (England) | bronze |

## Mastermind 10-minute (Sat)

- |   |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | O. Omodera (Japan)     | gold   |
| 2 | Y. Sumi (Japan)        | silver |
| 3 | R. Franzkeit (Germany) | bronze |

## Mastermind 10-minute (Sun)

- |   |                     |        |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | K. Wilshire (Wales) | gold   |
| 2 | R. Wikman (Finland) | silver |
| 3 | W. Lo (England)     | bronze |

## Memory Skills Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | D. O'Brien (England) | gold   |
| 2 | A. Bell (England)    | silver |
| 3 | D. Thomas (England)  | bronze |

## Mental Calculations Ch'ship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | K. Galle (USA)        | gold   |
| 2 | R. Fountain (England) | silver |
| 3 | K. Wilshire (Wales)   | bronze |

## Mental Calculations Junior Ch'ship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Hao Wu (China)       | gold   |
| 2 | D. Summers (England) | silver |
| 3 | J. Keval (India)     | bronze |

## Othello Championship

- |   |                     |        |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Suekuni (Japan)  | gold   |
| 2 | T. Nakajima (Japan) | silver |
| 3 | M. Tastet (France)  | bronze |

## Othello Weekend

- |   |                     |        |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | D. Shaman (USA)     | gold   |
| 2 | T. Murakami (Japan) | silver |
| 3 | G. Edmead (England) | bronze |

## Owari Championship

- |   |                           |        |
|---|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 | J. Richards (Antigua)     | gold   |
| 2 | I. Pacquette (Guadaloupe) | silver |
| 3 | K. Bonsu (Ghana)          | bronze |

## Owari Junior Championship

- |   |                          |        |
|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | T. Low Ten Que (England) | gold   |
| 2 | N. Low Ten Que (England) | silver |
| 3 | M. Cornelius (England)   | bronze |

## Pentamind Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | K. Wilshire (Wales)   | gold   |
| 2 | D. Hassabis (England) | silver |
| 3 | R. Wikman (Finland)   | bronze |

## Rummikub Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | M. Naito (Japan)      | gold   |
| 2 | G. Hassabis (England) | silver |
| 3 | H. Kitajima (Japan)   | bronze |

## Rummikub British Championship

- |   |              |        |
|---|--------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Burley    | gold   |
| 2 | J. Marchant  | silver |
| 3 | A. Choudhary | bronze |

*British Championship - does not count for medal table*

## Scrabble Championship

- |   |                               |        |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | E. Simpson (England)          | gold   |
| 2 | H. Lamabadusuriya (Sri Lanka) | silver |
| 3 | M. Thompson (England)         | bronze |

## Scrabble Weekend

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | P. Appleby (England)  | gold   |
| 2 | A. Saldanha (England) | silver |
| 3 | A. Fisher (England)   | bronze |

## Skat Championship

- |   |                          |        |
|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | H.J. Schindler (Germany) | gold   |
| 2 | N. Schäfer (Germany)     | silver |
| 3 | Dr D. Beise (Germany)    | bronze |

## Speed Reading Championship

- |   |                      |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Jones (England)   | gold   |
| 2 | B. Mapp (England)    | silver |
| 3 | M. Isaac (England)   | silver |
| 4 | I. Stewart (England) | bronze |

## Stratego Championship

- |   |                           |        |
|---|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 | P. Van Bodegom (Holland)  | gold   |
| 2 | G. Franka (Holland)       | silver |
| 3 | E. Van den Berg (Holland) | bronze |

## Stratego Junior Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | R. Becks (Holland)      | gold   |
| 2 | P. Mullenders (Holland) | silver |
| 3 | F. Poppelaars (Holland) | bronze |

## Stratego Team Championship

- |   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | Holland | gold   |
| 2 | France  | silver |
| 3 | Germany | bronze |

## Twixt Championship

- |   |                       |        |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | A. Randolph (USA)     | gold   |
| 2 | D. Hassabis (England) | silver |
| 3 | G. Hassabis (England) | bronze |

## Zatre Championship

- |   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | S. Ludwig (Germany)     | gold   |
| 2 | W. Witkowski (Germany)  | silver |
| 3 | D. Steuerwald (Germany) | bronze |



**Missing in Action**

In the 10-minute chess tournament yesterday, nine-year-old Gawain Jones was drawn to play *The Daily Telegraph* chess correspondent, Malcolm Pein, in the first round. However, due to a misunderstanding Malcolm failed to appear. He had in fact entered the chess problem solving competition instead. The irony is that earlier this Gawain set the world record as the youngest player to defeat an international master in tournament play. His victim - the very same Malcolm Pein!

**Back to the Future**

One of the highlights of the 1st Mind Sports Olympiad was the Skandia Knowledge Café. Gunilla Nordqvist, who was responsible for much of the construction of this fascinating site,

explained the thinking behind it. 'Our main aim was to inform people about Skandia's products and especially about their concept of Intellectual Capital. Skandia is a very forward-looking company and so we set out to establish a techno-café to fit in with this image. Of course, it should also be fun!

'The brain is infinite in scope and so we wanted to create a "mind rest" area incorporating a listening wall, a massage facility and relaxation chairs, which have been specially designed by Back2 for stressed executives, housewives and anyone in need of revitalisation. The mind rest area acts as a perfect recuperation site for the competitors' hard-worked brains.'

*Below: Skandia's insurance policy for a memorable brain!*

**THE MSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK**

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Intelligent Research  
The Brain Foundation  
Chess and Bridge  
Hamleys  
Kasparov Chess  
Save the Children  
Rotary International (UK)  
The Royal Festival Hall  
Cresswell Associates  
LGT  
The Brain Trust  
Yemeyah Communications  
WTN  
Glass Distinction  
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