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Addresses No prizes for spotting that my address has changed since the last newsletter. In addition, Newsletter #28 gave the wrong address for the Tournament Co-ordinator; the correct address is overleaf.

BCA membership is up by 3% over last year - the first increase since 1980. Also, the 1985/86 Accounts showed a small but healthy surplus of £135-75.

Promotions Harold Lee is promoted to 3 dan; Alex Rix to 2 dan; Bob Bagot and Gerry Mills to 1 dan. Congratulations all round.

A number of changes to the British Championship rules are in the offing. Qualifiers in the month before the Candidates Tournament can defer for 1 year. Other changes will be published in the BGJ.

Schools Brian Timmins is concerned that Go interest in schools seems to be declining. Any teachers out there fancy sparking off some new interest?

Notice to all BGA credit note holders The BGA is trying to rationalise its records of credit notes. Any note issued before 31/12/85 will be valid until 31/12/86, but may be exchanged for books/equipment or a new note up to that date. Any enquiries to the Book Distributor (address overleaf).

Tournament results

On 26 July, as part of the Anglo-Japanese Festival, the Central London Go Club played a friendly match with the Nippon Club (the London Japanese). 3 games were played over 11 boards, CLGC narrowly losing 17-16.

The North London Go Tournament on 24 August (the first London non-smoking tournament) was attended by 56 players. First prize went to T. Stacey (5 dan, CLGC) with 4/4. Joint second prize was awarded to Y. H. Ha (6 dan, Melior) and M. Mikami (6 dan), both with 2/4. Other players with 4/4 were I. Phillips (1 kyu, Norwich), A. Jones (7 kyu, Cambridge) and N. Webb (7 kyu, Oxford). Thanks to sponsorship from some Japanese visitors, all participants received a prize. Qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were A. Grant and I. Phillips.

The Northern Go Tournament held in Manchester on 30/31 August attracted 38 players. Winners were: Division 1 (dan players) and the Red Rose Shield, J-Y Lee, 6/6; div. 2 (1 kyu), R. Bagot, 3/6; div. 3 (2-4 kyu), Mike Cumpstey, 4/6, who also qualified for the Candidates Tournament; div. 4 (5-6 kyu), McKendrick, 5/6; div. 5 (7-11 kyu), J. Taylor, 4/6; and div. 6, K. Timmins, 4/6.

60 players attended the Wanstead Go Tournament on 27 September. Overall winner was T. Stacey (5 dan, CLGC) with 3/3. Other prizewinners with 3/3 were: S. Paterson (3 kyu, Melior); K. Roger (4 kyu, Wanstead); P. Burton (7 kyu); T. Moore (9 kyu, Three Counties); W. Bignell (16 kyu, Bournemouth); and P. Frost (24 kyu, Bournemouth). Qualifiers were B. Ellis (1 dan, Hemel Hempstead) and W. Conolly (1 kyu, Hemel Hempstead).

The Cheshire Go Tournament at Crewe on 5 October had 34 entrants, with a good spread of grades including three 20 kyu players. The Cheshire Go Tournament Go-ban, presented by N.M.W. Computers, was won by P. Shepperson (3 dan, Nottingham). Other prize winners with 3/3 were P. Margetts (6 kyu, CLGC) and

H. Sherwood (17 kyu).

Forthcoming Events

26 October Wessex Go Tournament, at Marlborough Town Hall. 4 round Macmahon. Registration 09:30-09:45, clocks start 10:00, prizeciving 19:25. Entry fee £6-50 by October 15 (£3-00 under 16, £1-50 late fee, £1-00 BGA non-member fee), including coffee, tea, lunch and high tea. Contact Steve Flucker, 37 Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Giffard, Bristol.

8 November Nottingham Go Tournament, to be held in the Portland Building, University of Nottingham. 4 round Macmahon, time limits 45 minutes, 10 secs. byoyomi. Registration 09:30, clocks start 10:00. Candidates places available. Entry fee £3-00 (students £2-00, £1-00 non-BGA fee). Entries to Mark Skinner, 100 Field Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5FE (Nott. 223446). Entry forms enclosed.

End November/early December (probably a Sunday) British Schools (Team) Championship, Maidenhead. Schools in the BGA will be informed of details, or contact France Ellul, 18 Perth Road, High Wycombe, HP13 6XX.

13/14 December Teach-in and 5th Black Bull Handicap Tournament, Somers Arms, Leigh Sinton. 4 round Swiss, with knockout for the top 16 players. Teach-in (Saturday) registration 10:45, to start 11:00; free entry for tournament participants, £1-00 others. Tournament (Sunday) registration 10:15, first round 10:45, prizegiving 19:20; entry fee £3-00 (students £1-80, £1-00 late fee). Contact Paul Manning, 31 Lower Chase Road, Malvern, Worcs. Entry forms enclosed.

1-4 January London Open Go Congress, IVC, Covent Garden. Eight rounds, even game. Entry fee £13, under 18's £7. Contact D. Vine, c/o IVC, 3-5 The Piazza, London WC2.

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