

BGA NEWSLETTER No. 199. August 2014

The next Newsletter will be printed in the BGJ, and the deadline for contributions is **Tuesday 16th September**.

Please send contributions to the Newsletter Editor Jil Segerman at newsletter@britgo.org
If you wish to change your email address for receiving these newsletters please contact the Membership Secretary on mem@britgo.org .

NEWS

For the full set of recent news items see the BGA News Pages:

www.britgo.org/views/newsletterfull. If you prefer to scan the headlines and pick-and-choose what to read, see www.britgo.org/views/news, which covers the last twelve months.

Student membership rate reduced dramatically

For some while Council has been focusing its Clubs and Membership recruitment and development attention on the building up of University clubs. For an extended trial period and with immediate effect, the Student membership fee will be reduced to £5 per annum and it will be the first online-only membership category.

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4750>

Game Review Service

Members are reminded of a benefit that few have taken up recently, perhaps in part because it was low down the website tree. The Game Review Service can be a very efficient way of improving your game as comments are tailored to the individual's strengths and weaknesses. So why don't you send in a game today?

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4749>

Nihon Ki-in and the Sasakawa Foundation invite young British Go players to Japan

There is a fantastic opportunity for three young British players to visit Japan in October for some extensive Go studying, with most of their expenses paid. They must be under the age of 24 and stronger than 8 kyu. If you are interested please contact Toby Manning or John Diamond without delay, as they have to provide names to the Nihon Ki-in by 20th August at the latest.

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4748>

Learn to Play Go Week

As most of you are probably aware there has been an announcement about an international Learn to Play Go week from GoGameGuru:

"On Saturday, September 13, 2014, we're going to go out into our local community and run a small Go teaching event. And we hope that you'll join us – by organising your own modest, local Go demonstration. If you already do this from time to time then you don't have to do anything new. All we're asking is that run your own demonstration on the same day as everyone else. September 13 will be the start of a new event called Learn Go Week."

We would like everybody involved in Go to create their own local events to support this concept. This could be a great publicity occasion for local club, so please get out, arrange an event and publicise it in your local press. It doesn't matter whether this is on the 13th or later. The Association will be helping you by providing brochures, posters, leaflets and publicising your activities, so please just ask for help. We'd like to share what you're doing with other participants and also the wider Go world, so please don't forget to let us know what you're doing in advance and then provide us with photos and reports of what you've actually done.

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4747>

New editions of our publications

We're pleased to announce that we've revised many of our existing publications and will shortly be reprinting these.

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4746>

New Officials

The following people have been appointed as Officials of our organisation:

Gerry Gavigan as the London Open Organiser

Maria Tabor as our new Marketing Manager

We welcome both of them on board - Please give them all they help they need.

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4743>

Having your club games included on the ratings list

<http://www.britgo.org/node/4741>

FUTURE EVENTS:

Full details are in the BGA Tournament Calendar <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments>

Mind Sports Olympiad, London, Sunday 17th – Monday 25th August. Go events Sunday 24th (9x9 and 13x13) and Monday 25th (19x19). Thanks to sponsorship cash prizes as well as medals are being awarded.

Japan Day, Monday 25th August, Manchester. The BGA will have a stand at the Manchester Japanese festival, a showcase for everything related to Japanese culture.

Belfast, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August

Northern, Manchester, Sunday 7th September

Cornwall, Penzance, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

Shropshire, Hinstock, Saturday 20th September

Swindon, Sunday 28th September

International Teams Autumn Match, London, Saturday 4th October

East Midlands, Thorpe Astley, Saturday 11th October

British Small Board, Cambridge, Sunday 19th October

Wessex, Bath, Sunday 26th October

Letchworth Garden City 1st Rapid Play, Saturday 8th November (provisional)

Three Peaks, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November

Coventry

South London, Saturday 6th December

Edinburgh Christmas, Saturday 13th December

London Open, Sunday 28th–Wednesday 31st December

Maidenhead-Hitachi, January 2015

Cheshire, Frodsham, Saturday 7th February 2015

Advance notices:

British Go Congress, Shrewsbury, Friday 27th - Sunday 29th March 2015.

Welsh Open, Barmouth, Saturday 20th June - Sunday 21st June 2015.

Isle of Man Go Festival, Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th August 2015

Isle of Skye Tournament, Saturday 5th March–Sunday 6th March 2016 (provisional)

OFFICIAL VACANCIES: CAN YOU HELP?

There are many ways that people can help with the running of the BGA. If you are able to spare some time, please consult <http://www.britgo.org/positions/vacancies> or contact any member of Council to see how you might help.

The most pressing requirements at the moment are:

- **Youth Development** Our most pressing requirement is for people to help with a number of activities in our Youth Development area. Some of these are smallish activities and can be done from your own home, so if you can spend some time please contact the Youth Committee Chair to discuss what he needs and how he can fit in with the time and sort of thing you can offer to do.
- **BGJ Editor:** Pat Ridley has said that he wants to retire as editor of the British Go Journal at

the end of this year, so we're looking for someone who'd like to undertake the job. There are plenty of people who will continue to help with the BGJ, including Pat, but an Editor is needed to be responsible for putting it together. If you're interested please contact Pat, who will be more than happy to let you know what's involved; email journal@britgo.org.

CLUB CHANGES

Current information on clubs is posted on <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/map> and <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/list>