

## NEWS AROUND THE CLUBS

New Clubs started since last issue of the Journal:

Southampton Technical College - Hon. Sec. Alan Dean

Hampstead - Hampstead Go Club meets every Thursday evening between 7.00 and 11.00 p.m. at the Church Hall in Christchurch, Hampstead Square (just up Heath Street from Hampstead Tube Station).

Visitors are welcome. Coffee is served. For more information contact Stuart Dowsey, 25A Carlingford Road, N.W.3. Telephone: 01 794 9881

Croydon - Hon. Sec. R. Lane, 9 Sandilands, Croydon CR0 5DE.

## READING NEWS FROM LATEST NEWS LETTERS

Brian Castledine becomes the Reading open champion after four-way tie between Derek Hunter, Ron Moss, and David Sutton.

The evening classes on 'Go' at Tilehurst have now been completed. These were instigated and given by Laurie Hamilton. It is hoped that these pupils will be now making appearances at the Club.

## LONDON

As many of you will know, the L.G.C. has Dan players in excess, but what you may not know is that if you want, some of these players can visit your club. This was done twice last year when Jim Bates and myself visited the Sittingbourne club, and along with Mark Hall visited the Leicester club. It is hoped that this year we can extend this facility to other clubs as well as those I have mentioned. It does not matter what size your club is or what strength, we will be glad to visit, teach and give demonstration games for one evening or a weekend, depending upon the demand.

If your club or group of unattached members wish to play a few dan players, please do not hesitate to contact me. (As this matter may cause a little money being paid for travelling expenses, could only the Secretary of the club contact me.)

Letters to: Mr. D. Mitchell, 17 Grove Road West, Enfield, Middlesex.  
BRISTOL

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Nina Thomas from the Committee, due to domestic reasons, Toby Manning has been co-opted to take her place.

## BRITISH NATIONAL GO CHAMPIONSHIP - SELECTION OF CHALLENGER

The selection of a challenger for the British National Champion will be established by the winner of a challengers 8 player league. The league will consist of Loser of the 1974 National Champion Title Match, 4 top players from the London Open Tournament and 3 top players from the Annual British Go Congress to be held in April.

All Club Secretaries with possible qualifiers will be sent full details.

## JAPANESE VISIT

Kobayashi Tadashii, amateur 2 dan, spent three weeks in London in October. He is an employee of The Nihon Kiin and has just completed work on Honinbo Shusai's Complete Games, 755 in all. He used to work on Go Review and now helps edit Kido Yearbook.

He visited the London Club on several occasions and also the Edinburgh Club with John Tilley. After a game with Francis Roads (which he inadvertently lost) he remarked that both Mr. Roads and English beer are very strong.

We hope that his impressions of Go in Britain will lead to further professional visits.

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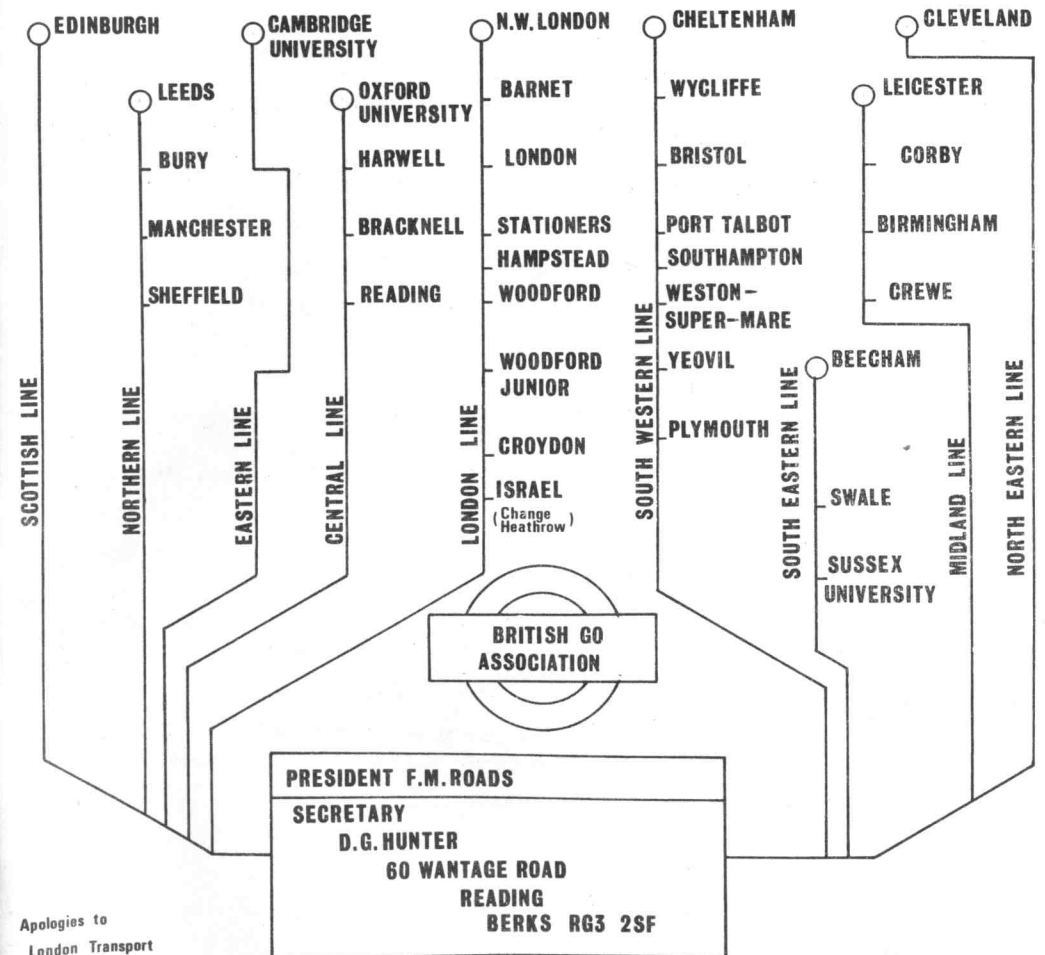


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## EDITORIAL

This is the 7th Edition that has been published under the "Editors Four" basis. The system appears to run without major problems. Each Editor in turn can plan his particular issue several months ahead, but this is only possible if a quantity of material is stored. Please send any material to the Editor, c/o Derek Hunter.

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Student professional of the Western World - read about this on page 11.

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## SECRETARY'S NOTES from Derek Hunter

### Warning

This is the last BGJ that 1974 subscribers will receive unless they pay the 1975 subscriptions.

The annual subscriptions were raised at an EGM held in Marlborough on the 20th October, 1974, and are as follows for 1975:

Overseas members (sea mail)	£2.00
Unattached members	£1.00
Club members	50p
Club members undergoing full time education	30p

Please send your subscription to Derek Hunter.

Please remember that orders for books and various other material that is now in stock should be sent to:

John Allen, BGA Book Distributor, 7 Lordship Road, Cheshunt, Herts EN7 5DR.

## COMING EVENTS

### The Annual British Go Congress

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The Congress will be held at Alsager College of Education from 11th to 13th April, 1975. Alsager is 6 miles from Crewe, 6 miles from Stoke-on-Trent between exits 16 and 17 on the M6.

As usual the main games will take place on the Saturday and Sunday.

A VOICE FROM BRACKNELL

THE OBVIOUS MOVE NEED NOT BE WRONG

## PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE - Francis Roads

1974 has been another successful year for the Association. More British people than ever have now heard of Go through the Open Door TV programme and the publicity resulting from our fruitful relationship with JAL, and there is now actually a choice of British made Go sets on the market.

The resulting flow of new members has brought its own problem as many of them are unattached to clubs, and therefore throw a disproportionate extra burden onto our hard pressed Secretary. I urge all unattached members to form themselves into clubs, however tenuously constituted, for their own satisfaction and for ease of BGA administration.

Welcome additions to the BGA calendar have been the Cambridge one-day tournament, and the London Open Congress scheduled to take place as you receive this journal. I hope that in 1975 further clubs will follow the example set by Bristol, Cambridge and London Go Clubs in organising their own events, especially those outside the South of England.

I wish all members a successful year teaching and playing Go. Stuart Dowsey especially deserves all our support and good wishes for his project to open the London Go Centre this year.

I hope to see as many members as possible at the 1975 British Go Congress at Alsager College.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

Two meetings have been held since the last report. The most important discussion was on 'General Policy'; we defined our collective views on a number of important administrative matters as follows:-

1. Sales of books and equipment: In the long term we hope to phase out the sale of material easily available from other sources. As membership increases, it should be possible to reduce the subscription (in real terms), and the need for extra income from sales will decrease.
2. Sponsorship: On balance, the relationship with JAL has been successful, and we hope that commercial sponsorship will be a continuing feature of BGA affairs.
3. Tournaments: The Committee has the right and the duty to take direct interest in the organisation of any national tournament advertised as being sponsored by the BGA.
4. Distant members: While we appreciate the problems of clubs and members distant from the main centres of Go activity, we see no additional action that the Committee can take to help them at present.
5. Communications: We hope that present efforts to promote good communication between members and the Committee will avoid the misunderstandings that have arisen previously. The Committee continues to welcome suggestions and constructive criticism (preferably in writing) which will always be discussed and replied to.
6. Equipment: A large proportion of BGA capital is invested in importing playing equipment from the Far East. British manufacturers are showing increasing interest in producing equipment, and we are doing all we can to encourage the trend.
7. British Go Journal: While the possibility of altering the format will be kept under review, the present arrangements are working so well that we hesitate to make any change.

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