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EDITORIAL

The request for articles appearing in the Spring issue of the Journal has met with moderate response, unlike previous requests when nothing was forthcoming. The "Editors Four" express their thanks, but the plea is still for more, especially grand slam games. Articles for the Autumn issue are very thin at the moment; please help.

The phantom type and the blind proof reader have been at work in the Spring issue, with some surprising results. Page 12, heading "Go Biography by Derek Hunter" should have read "Go Biography of Derek Hunter, also in last issue of last "Oval" was well "Oval". Some mistakes are attributed to Derek Hunter for these two errors, and it is hoped that these have not caused too much embarrassment.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. The BGA hopes to have new stocks of both glass and plastic Go stones soon. Please write for details before ordering.
2. Please continue to send details of all BGA members old type or stronger to our corresponders in the grading list.
3. Copies of the JAL leaflet about the game "Go" Secretary at the modest price of 1/-.
4. Club members are reminded that they should send their club Secretary.
5. Club Secretaries are asked to keep the BGA Secretary informed of the details of their club, on a list of clubs to be given to all enquirers.

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Material is still urgently required; please send to Derek Hunter, attention of Editor.

Copy date next issue - 4th January, 1976. Editor - Toby Manning

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

I trust readers will forgive a somewhat personal note to this message as it is to be my last. I have decided that after over seven years on the BGA Committee I wish to take a rest from administration in order to concentrate more on other Go activities, and I shall not be standing for election at the next A.G.M.

After the sudden and tragic death of our Founder and First President John Barrs in January 1971, it was necessary for somebody to step into the breach and ensure that the organisation John had built up did not fall apart. I never sought the Presidency, but I happened to be the individual available at the time whom the then Committee saw fit to appoint as Acting President. Five A.G.M's have since done me the honour of electing me as President unopposed.

The BGA has changed greatly since January 1971. There has been a great growth in membership and club affiliations; the Go calendar, then very bare, is filling up well with events; the British Go Journal, perhaps the most important factor in uniting the Association, is now of good quality, and in very secure editorial hands; the London Go Centre has opened; and above all there are now many more individuals willing to help with administration. I thus now feel confident in handing over the Presidency to someone else.

Nominations for the post should be sent in to reach the Hon. Secretary by December 31st. I trust that whoever you elect as my successor will receive as much support and help from members as I have had during my term of office.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Since the last report, meetings have been held on September 3rd and October 1st.

A proposal that the 1976 European Go Congress be held at a hotel in Cliftonville, Kent, has been discussed at some length. Prices would have been some 30% lower, and the site suitable for family holidays, but the Committee decided to stick to its original intention to hold the Congress at Cambridge on grounds of greater prestige, greater suitability for adult holidays and an existing commitment to the Cambridge Go Club.

A BGA Lightning Championship and an Even-Game Knock-out Championship have been instituted, to be run by Reading Go Club and members of Woodford Go Club, respectively.

A sub-committee to organise local beginners' meetings is being set up; offers to organise a Northern League and the 1977 British Congress are under consideration; rules for the 1976 British Championship have been drawn up; and another batch of promotions recommended by the grading sub-committee has been approved.

As usual, the Committee has kept itself informed of and discussed recent happenings in the Go world. Members who wish the Committee to discuss specific items are reminded that meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday in the month, and that the agenda is sent out a fortnight in advance.

BGA EVEN-GAME KNOCK-OUT CHAMPIONSHIP 1976

The BGA Committee announces a new competition with cash prizes, designed especially for members with only limited time available to play matches. Each match will consist of a single game unless both contestants wish to play more, and time limits will be such that games can be finished in one evening.

The draw for this single round knockout contest will be made to suit the geographical convenience of entrants where possible, to avoid gross mismatches of strength by giving stronger players byes through some of the early rounds, and to seed the stronger players.

All BGA members of any strength are encouraged to enter. Weaker players should find it worth their while in order to gain experience of even games against strong players and to compete for special prizes for good performances by kyu players.

Half the entry fee will be retained for administration, the other half will be paid into a prize fund to be divided as follows:

BGA Knock-out Champion	40%
Losing finalist	20%
Losing semi-finalists	10% each
Special prizes	20%

Full rules and entry forms have been circulated to club secretaries, and will be sent to any unattached members on receipt of s.a.e. Entries, on forms or plain paper, will be accepted up to January 12th, 1976. They should include the player's name, address, club if any, BGA Membership No., strength, daytime and evening 'phone numbers, any information about preferred times and places for matches, and be accompanied by the entry fee of 60p.

The address for correspondence about the competition is: Martin Wells, 47 Ritches Road, London N.15. Martin, together with Richard Brady and Francis Roads, form a BGA Sub-committee to organise the competition.

The frequency and timing of rounds cannot be decided until all entries have been received, but is expected to play about one round every four weeks.

Please note that all subscriptions are due 1st January.

Future copies of the Journal will not be supplied unless subscriptions for 1976 are fully paid.

EGF DELEGATES' MEETING - SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

At this year's meeting, Geoffrey Gray was proposed as EGF President by our delegates and elected by a large majority. The retiring President, Mr. Schilp, was made an Honorary Vice-President of the Federation.

A modified British proposal for eligibility for the European Championship was accepted; the winners of the previous year's Championship and Master tournament plus two players of 4-dan and above nominated in advance by each member nation will be eligible in 1976. New rules for determining the form of the tournament are also in force. At future congresses there is to be an appeals procedure against organisers' decisions.

Italy has been admitted as a provisional member - she becomes a full member in a year's time. Holland has offered to hold the 1977 European Congress.

