

## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

### READING

The third Reading Championship was won by Matthew MacFadyen, 4 dan, who defeated Ron Moss in a play off. Each year the winner has been one grade stronger – will it be won by a 5 dan this year?

### LONDON GO CENTRE

Although the restaurant at the Centre is now closed, the Go Centre itself is now providing refreshments – coffee, other hot and cold drinks, and a variety of snacks such as Japanese noodle soup and sandwiches are available.

### NOTTINGHAM

This recently formed club, although based at the University, is not exclusively so; a joint team with Charnwood has been entered for the Midlands League.

### ALNWICK

If one stone may be termed a group, two Go novices can claim to be an embryonic Club! In a dozen weekly sessions Alnwick Chess Club's top boards have advanced from losing the odd stone at 10 x 10 to the more difficult business of losing big one-eyed armies at 19 x 19. Come the breakthrough to 34th kyu, and we will be looking around for more members. Meanwhile greetings from the frozen North to Go players everywhere, especially Newcastle and Duns. Contacts with these close neighbours would be welcomed! (Tel. ALNWICK 2839).

Michael Trolan, 10 Victoria Crescent, Alnwick, NE66 1RG, Northumberland.

### BATH

A small group has started playing Go here: further details can be obtained from Dr Pamplin at the University.

### NORTHERN LEAGUE

Halfway through the season, Manchester have a clear lead in the northern division, ahead of Cleveland and Leeds.

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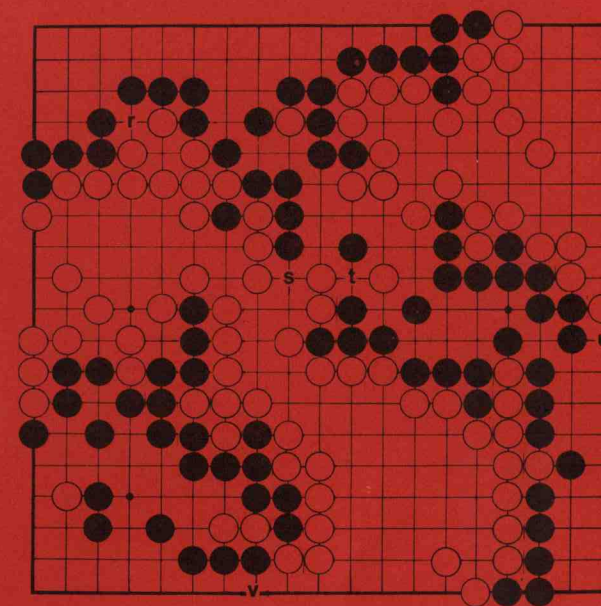


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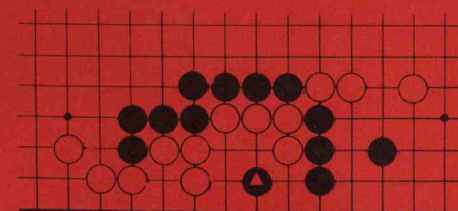
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**PROBLEM:** White to play. Should he play r, s, t, u, v . . . or somewhere else?



**PROBLEM:** Black has just played the marked stone. Where should white reply?

So Solutions on Page 14.

## EDITORIAL

In Britain there is a small number of hard working people who voluntarily give up a considerable amount of their time to the game of "Go". They include not only your club secretary, but the elected officials of the BGA, and people who run tournament, write articles for the Journal, and so on. You can help by either making their job harder, but much more rewarding, and introducing new members to your Club or the Association; or by volunteering to do some work. There is a continuing requirement for material for the Journal; this should simply be interesting and legible, not necessarily typed, although it does help the Editor if it is fairly spaciouly set out and only one side of the paper is used. Further, the tournament calendar is by no means full, so why not organise one? There are many other ways in which you can help.

The BGA is trying to find out more about its members and the services they seek, and the most immediate way in which you can help is by filling in and returning the questionnaire enclosed with this issue, and (if you have not already done so) **PAYING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**, to Derek Hunter.

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Reduced club rate for those in full time education	45p
Full club rate	75p
Unattached (UK & Eire)	£1.50
Overseas	£2.50

### Overheard:

"If I'd played there I would have won."  
"Well then, why didn't you play there?" JF

### For sale:

Go set with wooden bowls. Enquiries to Iain Matheson, Rudha Mor, Plockton, Ross-shire

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Bob Hitchens

Although this may be remembered as the "Year of the Penguin Books", your committee has been involved in an increasingly wide range of activities. Some have been successfully resolved: a revised constitution awaits presentation to the next AGM. John Fairbairn has kindly translated the Japanese Go Association's Rules of Go (although these await typing at present): a crisis of material for the Journal has been overcome. Further activities in hand include the production of Dan Diplomas and consideration of the Association's legal status and the ambition to publish, possibly in 1977, the first in a series of new books with John Fairbairn's help and involvement. In addition the Youth Committee has been established with John Pusey in the chair. They will endeavour to produce a scheme whereby, with commercial sponsorship, Go is introduced on a large scale into schools and other youth organisations, I feel that this is the start of the most important initiative that the Association has yet undertaken. Sponsorship will not be easy to find, and the whole operation must be timed correctly; but first our ideas must be right and in this connection I know that John Pusey will be very pleased to receive your suggestions.

The Association continues to widen the scope of its activities and this has brought two problems to a head. Firstly, no less than 14 sub-committees have been beavering away this year on your behalf. The monitoring and control of the activities of these sub-committees has severely and adversely affected the committee time available for policy-making. This is a growing pain for the BGA and it has hurt, causing great frustration in the committee. A reallocation of responsibilities is accepted generally as the remedy, and after much debate agreement on a suitable change looks imminent. Two steps towards overcoming the communication problem between individual committee members and the sub-committee have already been taken — the requests for written monthly reports and the drawing up of terms of reference. The former is essential to our communications and I urge sub-committee members to co-operate in this matter. The terms of reference will help towards a more efficient division of labour between sub- and main committee.

The other problem is financial. The committee have never been in a position to clearly assess the funds available for investment in new enterprises. It has been clear that cash levels were falling and as the Association is unable to borrow it was necessary to ensure that a sufficient float was maintained. We have been groping in the dark and after several frustrating months the first budget in the Association's history has been produced. Its news is not very welcome but at least it is clear. The BGA is likely to break even on Income and Expenditure this year, but our stock of books and equipment has risen (necessary with inflation and adverse exchange rates) so our bank balance has fallen accordingly. Although 1977 looks healthier and may produce a modest surplus there are insufficient funds for major new activities, and the committee therefore intends to put a proposal to the next AGM that 1978 subscriptions be raised above the level required to simply maintain present services so that new activities (which will be specified) can be undertaken.

All of us on the committee regret that Paul Prescott has felt obliged to resign as he widened considerably the spectrum of opinion on the committee. We thank him for all the work he has done and continues to do as chairman of the Grading Sub-committee. The committee have co-opted Toby Manning and John Pusey in his place.

