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Editorial

I have set the next copy date at August 6th in order to bring you hot news from Edinburgh - however, as I shall then be in the middle of a fortnight's holiday, copy arriving at my home address during the preceding week will miss Issue 10, and the issue itself may not appear as promptly as usual.

Perceptive readers will have noticed that the last issue came out a few days early in order to fulfil requirements for giving notice of the AGM. The first two news items in this issue did reach me by the copy date for Issue 8, and were excluded through no fault of their contributors. Apologies, Messrs. Smith and Whitehouse.

News

The 1982/83 Northern Go League was won by a combined Huddersfield and Sheffield team with 21 points. The other five teams with scores were Canute (18), Manchester (15), York (15), Nottingham (13½) and Leeds (7½).

The 1982 London Go League was won by Reading (14 points) from London Vegetarians (7), South London (6), NW London (6), Bracknell (5), CLGC (2), Hammersmith (2) and MELGoC (2).

The 1983 London League will be starting soon, and any clubs still interested in entering should contact Chris Whitehouse at 384 Queensbridge Road, London E8 3AR. (01-254 3167). Matthew Macfadyen won the British Go Congress (Coventry, 8-10 April) with 6/6. Jim Clare (2 dan) also did well with 5/6. Qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were John Hobson and Dave Artus. The Team Tournament was won by Leeds Grammar School, and as one of their members also won an individual prize innocent youngsters were seen leaving clutching bottles of booze. Total attendance was 96.

At the BGA AGM the new Committee was elected (see over), subscriptions left unchanged, and the Committee encouraged to spend more money.

The fifth Bracknell Tournament (May 7th) attracted 63 entrants. Prizes for 3/3 wins went to Jim Barty (4 dan), Jan Ruetten-Budde (2 dan, Cambridge), Vince West (1 kyu, Bracknell), S. Brown (5 kyu, Oxford), and L. Naef (5 kyu), and for 2½/3 to A. Rix (8 kyu, Oxford), and T. Wood (10 kyu, Harwell).

There has been a hole in the Go calendar at May Bank Holiday time ever since the holiday was instituted, and CLGC filled it this year with something of a heavyweight event. There were six rounds in three days with two-hour time limits. 22 stalwarts signed up, and a London Japanese, Mr. Fuji won with 5/6. Michel Gaboly from Paris scored a similar result and promoted himself to 1-dan in celebration.

The Candidates Tournament was also held at CLGC Headquarters over the Spring Bank Holiday. There were five places in the Challenger's League to be filled, and they went to Richard Granville (6/8), John Rickard (6/8), Gary Roberts (5½/8), and, on tie-break, Andrew Daly (5/8) and Des Cann (5/8). They will join Jim Bates, Jim Barty and Terry Stacey in a tournament to be held over the week-ends of 25-26 June and 2-3 July, once again at the Inter-Varsity Club, the winner to challenge Matthew Macfadyen for the British Go Championship.

The winner of the concurrent NOT The Candidates Tournament was Bill Brakes from Ahno Go Club. He wins a year's tenure of the Geoffrey Gray Go ban.

New BGA Publications

"How to Play Go" is eight pages of BGA wisdom intended for giving away to potential recruits. It replaces the old JAL leaflet. The "Organisers' Handbook" is more lavishly produced - it is still free to Club Secretaries and Tournament Organisers but £1 to everyone else. Order these from Matthew Macfadyen (address over).

Forthcoming Events

June 19th: York Go Tournament, three round Macmahon. Entry £2 to Mike White, 7 West Moor Lane, Heslington, York YO1 5ER. (0904-411048). ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

July 3rd: Leicester Go Tournament, three round Macmahon. Entry £4.75 including lunch to Eddie Smithers, 15 Loxley Drive, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 0EY by 27th June. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

July 23rd - August 6th: 1983 European Go Congress, Pollock Halls of Residence, Edinburgh University. Entry forms are now available, as are details of some somewhat cheaper accommodation. Contact Toby Manning, 110 Moselle Avenue, London, N22. (01-889 5247). Bookings for single weeks are accepted, as are those for the Weekend Tournament, (July 30 - 31). It is likely to be at least eight years before the European Congress comes to Britain again.

September 3rd - 4th: 1983 Northern Go Congress, Ashbourne Hall, Manchester University. Contact Andy Benyon, 28 Reddish Crescent, Lymm, Cheshire, UA13 9PT.

October 1st: Birmingham Go Tournament. Entry £4 to Andy & Stephanie Finch, 63A Russell Road, Mosely, Birmingham B13 8RH. (021-449 3143).

October 23rd: 14th Wessex Tournament, Marlborough Town Hall, Four round Macmahon tournament.

December 11th: Black Bull Tournament, Malvern. Four round handicap event organised by Richard Granville (address below).

December 30th - January 2nd: London Open Go Congress. Contact Toby Manning (address under European Go Congress).

Overseas Tournaments

The following information is additional to that in Issue 8. For further details of any tournament contact the Tournament Coordinator.

11-12 June: Olomouc (CS)

17-19 June: Regensburg (Bavaria)

25-26 June: Kiel (W.Germany)

10-11 September: La Chaux-de-fonds (CH)

29-30 October: Bremen (W. Germany)

18-20 November: Lodz (P)

17-18 September: Plzen (CS)

More News

A BBC Microcomputer 13x13 board Go tournament is planned during the London Open Congress, with a £1000 prize sponsored by Acorn. Time limits about 3 hrs., detailed rules to follow.

Chris Whitehouse and Terry Barker have been promoted to shodan.

Mr. Noriyuki (Pro.4 dan) will visit Reading, Birmingham, and Central London Clubs on 19th, 20th and 22nd July respectively before proceeding to Edinburgh. The Club Secretaries organising the events are Jim Clare, Andy Finch and Toby Manning respectively.

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