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News

Matthew Macfadyen came fifth with 5/7 in the 6th World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo (April 7-13th). The Dutch player Ronald Schlemper was the only higher placed occidental player.

80 players attended the 17th British Go Congress at Ashburne Hall in Manchester. Prizewinners in the ten divisions, with strengths and numbers of wins, were as follows: 1; J. Diamond (6 dan, 5): 2; P. Shepperson (2 dan, 4): 3; C. Stevenson (1 dan, 4): 4; S. Heavens (2 kyu, 4): 5; P. Barton (3 kyu, 5): 6; A. Finch (6 kyu, 4½): 7; A. Thompson (7 kyu, 5): 8; A. McKendrick (9 kyu, 4): 9; G. Scott & I. Sharp, (both 12 kyu, 3): 10; D. Gilder (14 kyu, 6). Piers Shepperson won the lightning tournament.

The trustees of the Susan Barnes Trust made awards to Alistair Thompson (mentioned above) and to Simon Carter (7 kyu, 4 wins) who also was runner up in the lightning tournament.

At the AGM held on the Saturday evening, the three Officers of the BGA were re-elected unopposed, and Mike Harvey, John Hobson, Ian Carson, Stephanie Perks and Andy Finch were elected ordinary committee members, the last two being new to the committee.

The main topics of discussion were next year's subscriptions and the substantial loss made by the European Go Congress in Edinburgh. Subscriptions are to remain unchanged next year; on the other matter a motion of censure on the committee was defeated by the Chairman's casting vote.

Manchester Go Club oversaw domestic arrangements, and Mike Harvey directed the tournament.

The Bracknell Go Tournament on May 19th attracted a record entry of 72. Overall winner was Terry Stacey (3/3). The qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were Bob Thompson (1 dan, 3/3) and J. Bond (1 kyu, 2/3). Graham Clemow, (1-dan) was unlucky not to qualify with 3/3. Lee Rutland, whose interesting progress was reported in Newsletter No. 14, won 3/3 entering at 7 kyu. I have no further information about prizewinners because the organisers have not seen fit to communicate with me.

24 of those qualified to take part contested the Candidates Tournament at the Inter-Varsity Club in London over the May Bank Holiday week-end. J. Smith (2 dan) and R. Granville (3 dan) with five wins and A. Daly (3 dan) and F. Roads (3 dan) with four wins were the players who, after the use of the tiebreaking system, qualified for the Challengers League. Ian Carson directed, and broke a BGA tradition by starting on time.

The Challengers Tournament was held over the week-end 26 - 29/5. Terry Stacey won with 6/7. J. Bates and J. Barty both won 5/7 and will decide placings by play-off. J. Rickard won 4½, A. Daly 3, F. Roads 2, J. Smith ½. Not the Challengers running concurrently, was entered by 12 and organised by Richard Newton as a Handicap Tournament. Andy Finch (5 kyu) won with 5/5. Mike White and David Ward carried off the silver and bronze.

Club Secretaries are asked to take note of a communication from the BGA President enclosed with this Newsletter.

The Under 18 Championship has been postponed; please see over.

Forthcoming Events

June 17th: York Fathers' Day Go Tournament, Room GO 20, Goodricke College, University of York. Three-round Macmahon, 1 hour plus 15 seconds byo-yomi. Clocks start 10.30 am. Prizes for 3 wins: two Candidates Tournament places available. Entries £2.00 (£1.00 U-16/unemployed by June 8th to Jenifer Payne, Goodricke, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD. / continued over ...

Forthcoming Events (contd.)

July 1st: Leicester Go Tournament, The 66 Club, Albion House, South Albion Street, Leicester. Three-round Macmahon, 1 hour plus 20 seconds byo-yomi. Prizes for 2½ or 3 wins: two places in the Candidates Tournament available. Entries £5.50 (£2.75 U-16) inclusive of lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments by 25th June to Eddie Smithers, 15 Loxley Drive, Melton Mowbray, Leics., LE13 0RY. Closes 10.45 am.

July 7th: Owing to withdrawal of co-operation by the National Union of Teachers, it has proved necessary to postpone the BGA National Under 18 Championships to a date to be announced. Nevertheless, it has been decided that when the tournament is held, it will be open to all players attending school or sixth form college, as well as all players under 18 years of age on July 7th. There will still be under 18, under 16, and under 14 divisions, though all will play in the same tournament.

July 21-August 4th: European Go Congress, Perrentruy, Switzerland. Contact Marcel Schweizer, 12 Rue de la Chapelle, CH 2300, La Chaux de Fonds. Accommodation about £150. Entry forms are now available: contact the Tournament Co-ordinator for further details. If interested in car-sharing or the possibility of a mini-bus ride to Switzerland contact Richard Granville.

August 25-27th: IVC Tournament, The Piazza, Covent Garden, Central London. 6-round Macmahon, 80 mins. + 30 secs. plus lightning tournament. Entry £5.50 with reduction for students. Contact Dave Andrews 263 Mile End Road, Colchester, Tel: 0206 852338.

September 1st - 2nd: Northern Go Congress, Ashburne Hall, University of Manchester. Six-round Macmahon tournament, one hour time limits. Contact John Smith, Flat 1, 14 Victoria Road. Entrance in Victoria Grove, Manchester, M14 6AP.

October 6th or 7th: Birmingham Tournament, 3 round Macmahon.

October 28th: Wessex Tournament

December 9th: Black Bull Handicap Tournament, Leigh Sinton, Gt. Malvern.

Jeremy Roussak takes over from Toby Bailey as Tournament Co-ordinator and Grading Committee Chairman. His address appears below, but is temporary, until June only.

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1. Please send in contributions in writing well in advance of the copy date. I do not guarantee to be available to receive last minute phone calls.
2. Please send details of all Go events without awaiting a request from me. News of club matches, tournaments, etc. can all be used.
3. Details of tournaments are listed in every issue until the event. The earlier you commit yourself to a date the more listings you get.

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