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News

The Black Bull Handicap Tournament (Dec. 9) attracted an entry of 67. The new rules, in which White is handicapped by stones, time and komi proved effective in that 49% of games were won by Black, as against 33% last year. First was T. Barker, 1 dan, with 4/4, 2nd was R. Granville, 3 dan, 3/4, and 3rd A. Thompson, 2 kyu, 3/4. Other prizes for 4/4 wins went to E. Blockley, 4 kyu, P. Macer-Wright, 12 kyu, and J. Cobbold, 20 kyu.

142 people, including 46 from overseas, attended the 11th London Open Congress (Dec. 28-31). The Korean player Lee Choon Sub, 6 dan, won overall with 8/8, and also won the lightning tournament. Equal second were Mark Gooskens, 4 dan NL, and Andre Moussa, 5 dan F, with 6/8. The following also won prizes for 6/8 wins; R. Huggins, 20 kyu GB, P. Diamond, 12 kyu GB, Sue Lolljoc 12 kyu D, Jeug Stark, 10 kyu D, R. Vitek, 7 kyu D, R. Mirko, 6 kyu Y, E. Blockley, 4 kyu GB, C. Ribbs, 3 kyu F, A. Thompson, 2 kyu GB, A. Rix, 1 kyu GB, X. Mostajio, 1 dan F, and F. Mizessyn, 1 dan F, and for 5½ wins to F. Godin, 1 dan F. The management team was Peter Polkinghorne (director), Dave Andrews, Jon and Peter Diamond, Toby Manning, and David Vine.

The 2nd Cheshire Go Tournament was attended by 34 players, slightly more than last year. Richard Granville, 3 dan, won the Go ban trophy. Other prizewinners were J. Hall, 7 kyu (Wormouth), P. Timmins, 9 kyu (Crewe and Nantwich), and A. Marson 18 kyu (Nottingham). Jim Metcalf, 1 kyu (unattached) won a Candidates place.

Furze Platt Comprehensive School Go Club have been busy again, losing a match 8-4 with Malvern and drawing 6-3 with Bracknell respectively.

Included with this Newsletter is a quiz in the unmistakable literary style of Stephanie Parks. She forgot to mention the price of the new BGA sweatshirts: they are £8.99 by post, or £8.50 by hand, for example at the Schools Championship or Trigantius Tournaments when the BGA shop will be in operation.

Brian Timmins is the new BGA Publicity Officer, Andy Finch is in charge of Go in schools, and Stephanie remains Book Distributor for the time being. Addresses elsewhere.

Are you satisfied with the way the BGA is run? If not, now is your chance to improve matters. At least two new committee members will be required for next year (see notice below). More committee news overleaf.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place at 7.30 pm on Saturday April 13th at the British Go Congress (details elsewhere). The agenda will be:-

- Election of Tellers
- Reading of minutes of last AGM and any EGM held since
- Discussion of matters arising from minutes
- Receipt and consideration of Officers' written reports
- Address by candidates and election of Officers in order of seniority
- Address by candidates and election of ordinary committee members
- Consideration of and voting upon any proposals received
- Any other business

Two proposals from the committee will be on the agenda. One would set the 1986 subscription rates at £3, £5, £6, £7 & £8 for student, club, unattached, overseas and overseas members who want the Newsletter respectively. The other would adopt a new constitution.

The proposed new constitution would be 20% shorter than the present one. It involves many amendments, including changing the name of the committee to "Council", providing for subscriptions to be set in real terms, variable with NPI, abandoning the unwieldy postal voting system for EGMs, providing for honorary Life Members, removing provisions that do not need to be part of the constitution, such as the minimum size of a club, and specifying some items that are missing, such as the casting vote of the Chairman at general meetings.

The proposed shorter constitution is about 2000 words. It will be posted at the beginning of the British Go Congress; advance copies can be obtained from the BGA Secretary on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Forthcoming events

Tournaments have three rounds per day, one hour time limits and a Macmahon draw except where specified otherwise.

February 24: The Oxford Go Tournament has been cancelled.

March 10th: British Schools Team Championship, Furze Platt School, Maidenhead, sponsored by Equity and Law plc. No entry fee, prizes available and a BGA voucher for all teams. Enter as many teams as you like. Contact France Ellul, tel. 0494-21556 home, Maidenhead 25308 school. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

March 16th: Trigentius Tournament, Upper Dining Hall, Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Register at 10 am, clocks 10.30 am. Entry £2.50 or £3.50 after 9th March, lunch £1.30. Contact P. Dorey, Queens' College, Cambridge CB3 9BT. Cheques; "Cambridge University Go Society". ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

April 12-14th: British Go Congress, Worcester College of Higher Education, Oldbury Road, St. Johns, Worcester. Six round tournament plus lightning tournament plus the BGA's AGM (see elsewhere). Register for main tournament 9 am Saturday, clocks 9.45 am. Full Board from dinner Friday to Sunday afternoon £32-50 normal, £24-50 student, with cheaper options for fewer meals, nights, etc. There may be a £1 per night surcharge - Richard Granville is trying to make sure there isn't. Contact Paul Manning, 31 Lower Chase Road, Malvern, Worcs., WR14 2BX. Tel. Malvern 2990. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

May 4-6th: Candidates Tournament, six rounds, 90 minute time limits. Qualifiers only. IVC, Covent Garden, London.

May 18th: Bracknell Go Tournament. Contact Bob Lyon, 28 Welbeck, Bracknell, RG12 4UQ.

May 25-27: Challengers League, qualifiers from Candidates Tournament and from last year, venue as for Candidates. Also, NCT The Challengers League, open to all other players. Both tournaments six rounds with 2 hour time limits.

June 10th: Ipswich Go Tournament. Contact V. Baldwin, 58 Heath Road, Ipswich IP4 5SL. Tel. Ipswich 79045.

June 23rd: Leicester Tournament. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

July 20th - August 3rd: European Go Congress, Terschelling, Netherlands. B & B plus entry approx. £146 hotel, £74 youth hostel, £62 camping. Contact address; Annabelle Baysaquet, Bepenburg 47, 1011 Amsterdam. Tel. 020 - 241171/264874, or the Tournament Coordinator.

September: Northern Go Congress (two day event). Mystery date; probably the first week end.

September 28th: Wanstead.

October 27th: Wessex - four rounds at Marlborough.

November 9th: Nottingham - four rounds.

November 23rd: Edinburgh.

December 8th: Black Bull Handicap Tournament, Leigh Sinton, Malvern. Four rounds.

The Committee has slightly altered the qualification conditions for the Candidates Tournament. Full details will appear in the BGCJ, but the effect will be to ensure that players of 1 dan - 2 kyu strength who return a particularly good result at a congress will not be excluded because someone else did even better.

If a school wishes to buy a computer Go programme (Microgol, or Acornsoft when it appears) they should apply to the Treasurer for a 50% subsidy.

85 is membership drive. Two incentives are on offer; (i) offer someone a "gift subscription" - reward; 50 envelope stickers, and (ii) clubs that double their membership over at least 5 in 1984 are offered a £5 BGA gift voucher.

Clubs who have yet to pay their 1985 subscriptions will receive this Newsletter. If they want to get the next one they'd better hurry up with the cash.

Changes of Address (all other contact addresses as previously listed):

Publicity Officer: Brian Timmins, The Hollies, Wellerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3LY. Tel. Hodnet 292.

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