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Editorial

This is the twenty-second and last issue of the Newsletter under my editorship. Richard Granville, another retired President, takes over from the next issue. I am taking on the job of Publicity Officer, and, subject to the approval of the existing members, to be co-opted to the Council after an absence of nine years. Brian Timmins takes over from Mike Harvey as Membership Secretary. The relevant addresses appear elsewhere.

Please support your new editor by sending him details of forthcoming events, however sketchy, as far ahead as possible, by sending him prompt written reports of any Go event, even if only of a local nature, and by making sure that the Newsletter is distributed to members as promptly as he will no doubt be producing it. F.R.

News

Jim Bates, our man at the World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo, returned a respectable result by coming 12th with 4/7. Top four places went to Orientals, but Charles Huh (USA) came fifth and Andre Moussa (France) 6th. The draw was a fudged Swiss, administered by Tom Goodey and our own Richard Granville. The first Japanese Macmahon tournament can't be far off now!

At the European Go Congress in Terschelling, Holland, history repeated itself when Matthew Macfadyen had a play off with Pierre Colmez of France after the last round. Unfortunately this time it wasn't for first place; Matthew won his play off to come second overall to the Dutch 7 dan and former insei Ronald Schlemper.

Thirteen British players attended; most returned with four or five wins out of nine in the main tournament. Jim Clare and Brian Chandler won prizes in minor tournaments.

Meanwhile back in London on August 4th fourteen British players played a Japanese team in a marquee in Dattersea Park. This was part of the Anglo-Japanese Festival, an event which included Morris Dancing, Tea Ceremony, Pearly Kings, a Japanese Folk-singer etc. This time the Brits didn't do so well - over three rounds we could only muster eighteen wins.

Sam Perle-Freeman of Woodroffe School retained the Under 18 Championship at Furze Platt School on July 7th. Last year's Under 14 Champion, Nicola Oswald of Furze Platt School, this year won the Under 16 title, and the Under 14 title went to Jason Cobbold of Culcheth High School. Angela Mills of Furze Platt won the prize for the best beginner. Equity and Law plc generously sponsored the prizes. Organisation was by the indefatigable France Ellul.

Attendance at this year's Leicester Tournament was slightly down at 36 (June 23rd). Prizes went to Brian Chandler (2 dan, Manchester), Dan Gilder, (4 kyu, Nottingham), William Hullen, (10 kyu, unattached), Andrew Jones, (11 kyu, Cambridge), and Ian Docherty, (14 kyu, Crewe). Gerry Mills was the 1 kyu Candidates Tournament Qualifier - no shodan qualified. A novel feature was the 5 second byo yomi, which kept the tournament strictly to time table. Quietly efficient organisation was by Eddie Smithers.

NOT The East Anglian Go Tournament attracted thirty players - a rather good turn out for a tournament arranged at thirteen days notice (June 9th). Piers Shepperson (3 dan, CLGC) was overall winner with 3/3; the only other 3/3 result was from Robert Taillefer (14 kyu, Cambridge). Prizes also went to Verrill Baldwin, (3 kyu, Ipswich), Jim Barty (4 dan, CLGC), Francis Roads (2 dan, Wanstead), Mark Cumper, (1 dan, unattached), Tony Atkins, (1 kyu, Reading), Andrew Jones (12kyu, Cambridge), and the Candidates qualifiers were Neil Symes (1 dan, CLGC) and John Dawson (1 kyu, CLGC). David Andrews directed.

Recent promotions to 3 dan, John Smith and Quentin Mills, to 2 dan, Neil Symes, and to 1 dan, James Pond and Brian Ellis.

Matthew Macfadyen, Jim Barty, Richard Granville and John Rickard have been selected to represent Britain in the first European Team Championship in Warsaw in September.

Forthcoming Events

September 7 - 8th: Northern Go Congress, Ashburne Hall, Old Hall Lane, Manchester. Clocks start both days at 10.00 a.m. Six divisions; prize in each division and Candidates places available. Accommodation Friday night - Sunday lunch £28; Saturday lunch - Sunday lunch £20; Lunches only £7.50; Tournament fees £9.90 over 18, £4.90 under 18, late fee £3. Entries by 28th August to John Smith, 21 Gwynant Place, Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 9AE (061-445-5012). Cheques payable to "Northern Go Congress". Entry forms have been sent to clubs but are enclosed for unattached members.

September 28th: Wanstead Tournament, at Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London, E.11. Time limits 70 minutes each with 5 secs byo yomi. Register before 10.30 am, clocks start 10.45 am, Round 2 at 2.00 pm, Round 3 at 4.30 pm. Prizegiving 7.00 pm. Entry £3.00 before September 27th, £4.00 on the day, students/unemployed/pensioners, deduct £1. Cheques payable to 'Wanstead and East London Go Club'. Send entries to Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL. (Tel: 01-505 4381). ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

October 27th: Wessex - four rounds at Marlborough.

November 9th: Nottingham - four rounds

November 23-24th: Edinburgh Congress, 5-6 rounds. Contact Jim Cook, 27 Marchburn Drive, Penicuik, Midlothian.

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

December 28-31st 1985: 1986 New Year Tournament, IVC, Covent Garden, London. Eight rounds, 90 minute time limits. Contact David Andrews, 263 Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5DZ (0206-852338).

April 4th - 6th 1986: British Go Congress, Crewe.

April 20th 1986: East Anglian Go Tournament, Ipswich. Contact Verrill Baldwin, (0473-79045). Sponsored by Cymbal Cars.

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

Please

Norman Tobin writes: "A volunteer is urgently needed to take over the job of Book Distributor, as Stephanie Perks and Andy Finch no longer have the time. The basic job is running a mail order service in books and equipment. Steph and Andy have also run stalls at tournaments, which is very valuable, but not essential. Also needed is someone to look after schools, for the same reason".

Thanks

Have you noticed at tournaments that many of the BGA's stock of boards are losing their lines through years of hard use? Ian Sharpe of Nantwich Go Club has undertaken the task of re-lining them. I understand he has decided not to use the traditional Japanese method of a samurai sword dipped in lacquer, but even so those of us who find it hard enough to find the right points even when we can see them have good reason to be grateful to him.

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