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News

Thank you Bristol Go Club for the copy of your own Newsletter, enabling me to reprint the following report:

"In spite of falling attendances at tournaments this year the 13th Wessex attracted 68 entrants, confirming it as one of the most important and largest of the one-day tournaments.

Division One and overall winner was Matthew Macfadyen, 6-Dan, with four straight wins. Bob Hayes, playing for Bath, won Division Two also with four straight wins...

Thanks are due to Britisol Chairman Pete Langley who... organised the tournament so ably that by prizegiving time we were actually running ahead of schedule..."

Falling attendances have also hit the British Lightning and Scottish Open Championships. The former (Wanstead, October 9) was yet another victory for Matthew Macfadyen, with a clean sweep of 8/8. His nearest rival Terry Stacey dropped three games, all on time. The other two prizewinners in a field of 20 were Messrs. Bailey and Borchers, both graded 1-kyu, from Oxford and Cambridge respectively. They had six wins each.

A Japanese entrant rated at 4-kyu, Mr. Osamu, won the Scottish event with 4/5, a fairly remarkable result considering that second place went to Piers Shepperson, 2-dan.

A new type of organisation was tried at the CLGC Tournament over the week-end of 20/21 November. Games in which the points margin was 6, 7, or 8 points were regarded as jigo, and the traditional SOS tie-breaking system was replaced by one related in concept to the promotion point system. Members familiar with the London Go scene will already have guessed that the Tournament Director was Jim Bates.

Terry Stacey came first overall with 5/5, Frank May 4-dan returned to form with 4/5 and 2nd place, and after due calculation Simon Clark 2-dan came 3rd with 3/5. Attendance was 40.

Apologies

This Newsletter is produced in great haste, and errors are unavoidable, but Issue 5 had more than its share. Our hardworking Book Distributors are Andy and Stephanie Finch, and not as printed; Richard Granville's telephone numbers are as follows: 06845 (Malvern) 67494 (Home) and 2733 Extn. 3807 (Work), and the Grading Sub-Committee do not make promotions, but only recommend them to the Full Committee.

More serious were distribution errors: some clubs did not receive as many copies as they should have, and some clubs nearly got forgotten altogether. I received no complaints, so I assume I am forgiven. (Indeed, I receive very few communications of any kind at all relating to the Newsletter, which is now a year old).

Resignations

Two Committee members who have done sterling work for the BGA over the years will not be offering themselves for re-election at the next AGM. Replacements are required for our President, Toby Manning, and our Publicity Officer Stuart Dowsey. Members may like to start considering whom they would like to replace these stalwarts, bearing in mind that enthusiasm and reliability are all-important, and that Go strength and length of membership are irrelevant.

Go Week 1983:

Another national publicity event is planned for late October 1983. Clubs might like to start racking their brains now as to what contribution they can most usefully make in their own area.

Forthcoming Events

December 12th: The Black Bull Handicap Go Tournament, The Somer's Arms, Leigh Sinton, Near Malvern, Worcestershire. Registration 10.30 am; Prizegiving 7.30 pm. Entries (£2) to Richard Newton (to whom cheques should be payable), 14 Tanhouse Lane, Malvern, Worcestershire (Malvern 65626).

December 19th: BGA Committee Meeting. Items for discussion to the BGA Secretary, Norman Tobin, 10 West Common Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex (Uxbridge 30511).

January 1 - 4th: 9th London Open Go Congress, 3-5 The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Registration 12.00 noon on Jan. 1st; prizegiving 7.00 pm on Jan 4th. Two rounds per day, time limits 90 minutes plus 45 seconds byo yomi. Entries (£9.00, or £5.00 if in full time education) to 9th London Open Go Congress, Toby Manning, 110 Moselle Avenue, London N22 6ET (01-889 5247).

February 11 - 13th Prague Tournament; details from Richard Granville.

February 20th: BGA Small Board (13x13) Championship, Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London E11. Eight rounds, Registration 10.45 am; prizegiving 7.00 pm. Entries (£2) to Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL. (01-505 4381).

February 26th: Oxford Go Tournament, Lower Lecture Room, Lincoln College, Turl St., Oxford. Registration 10.00 am; prizegiving 7.30 pm. 3 round Macmahon tournament, time limits one hour plus 20 secs byo yomi. Entry £2 (cheques payable to Oxford University Go Society) to T. Bailey, Mathematical Institute, 24-29 St. Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LB by Feb. 12th. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

March 12th: Trigantius Tournament, Cambridge. (3 round Macmahon).

April 9 - 11th: British Go Congress, Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry. 6 round Macmahon, Lightning Tournament, and the BGA's Annual General Meeting.

July 23rd - August 6th: 1983 European Go Congress, Pollock Halls of Residence, Edinburgh University. Further Details from Stuart Dowsey, 18a Parkhill Road, London NW3 (01-267-1975).

October 23rd: 14th Wessex Go Tournament, Marlborough Town Hall.

Promotion:

The BGA Committee has promoted Toby Bailey of Oxford Go Club to Shodan. Toby is celebrating by introducing a new tournament into the Go calendar, advertised elsewhere. (Well, not completely new; your editor remembers a one-afternoon congress in Oxford in 1967).

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