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British Go Week 22nd - 29th October

A polite reminder that your club's plans for this event should have reached Richard Granville by September 15th. He will however be grateful for any late announcements. The information is needed in case it proves possible to gain any national publicity.

News

A 4 kyu player has won a place in next year's Candidates' Tournament. It happened at the Northern Go Congress (September 3rd - 4th) where A. Bailey secured his place with a clean 6/6 result. The other place went to Mohammed Amin (1 dan).

Overall winner was local player John Smith (2 dan) with 6/6; second was Richard Granville (3 dan). Overall attendance was 60. The tournament organiser was Andy Benyon.

Matthew Macfadyen retained the British Lightning Championship at the Inter-Varsity Club, London, on September 17th with 7/8. Second was another 6 dan, Mr. Hosokawa, a London Japanese who has been seen at several tournaments recently. Harold Lee (2 dan) did well to come third with 5½/8. Attendance was only 16, so the organiser Bob Thompson had a fairly easy time of it.

He had an even easier time the following day, when there was supposed to have been a Rengo (team Go) tournament. Five players turned up; the organiser himself joined in to produce two teams of three. These played, and one team won. A record was set for the lowest attendance at a British Go tournament. Any challengers?

Your editor ventures the opinion that it is sad that British Go players are so conservative about attending Go events other than the traditional 3 games-per-day even-game full-board tournaments.

Stephanie Parks set a new style in her arrangements for the first Birmingham Go Tournament on October 1st. Colourful Draw and Results sheets, souvenir gifts for all players, and an intriguing timetable (e.g. Round 3:4.03pm) were among the happy innovations enjoyed by the 58 who attended, including 13 of dan strength. It was also good to see a good entry from players in the 18-22 kyu range: let us hope to see more of them.

Prizes for 3/3 wins went to Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan, CLGC), Sue Patterson (4 kyu, CLGC), Bob Cannard (12 kyu, Cheltenham), A. Thompson (14 kyu, Monmouth) and F. Macer-Wright (18 kyu, Monmouth), and for 2½/3 to two 1 kyu players, J. Roussak (Cambridge) and B. Aldred (Bath). The latter player won the kyu player's place in the Candidates' Tournament; the sho-dan place went to Toby Bailey (Oxford).

G. Clemow (Cambridge) has been promoted to Shodan.

Readers will be pleased to know that, following the tragic death of Sue Barnes in a road accident in Zimbabwe, as recorded in the BGJ, discussions are now under way on the provision of a suitable memorial. Details will be announced in due course.

Grading of Kyu Players - a Note from the BGA Committee

It is apparent on examining recent tournament results that there are many people playing at 1 kyu whose record strongly suggests that they would be more accurately graded at 2 kyu.

It is unfair on other players to enter tournaments at an inappropriate grade and so the BGA committee would like to ask all tournament kyu players to look closely at their recent results before sending in their next entry form. The committee hope that all players will cooperate so as to avoid the necessity of official control of 1st kyu grade.

### Forthcoming Events

October 8th: First match of the British Go Championship 1983; Current Champion: Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan); Challenger: Terry Stacey (5 dan). Spectators welcome at the Inter-Varsity Club, 3-5 The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8HF from 10.00 am onwards. Telephone Matthew himself (address below) for up-to-date details.

October 15th: Second British Championship match - details as above.

October 22nd: Third British Championship match - details as before. There will be commentary at this match, and publicity will be focussed on it as it falls in Go Week. If you can only spare one Saturday, make it this one.

October 22nd-29th: You know what.

October 23rd: Wessex Go Tournament. 4-round even game Macmahon tournament; time limits 55 minutes. Entry £5.50 including Lunch and Afternoon Tea (£2.50 for under 16's); late entry supplement £1.50. Entries with the usual details to P. Langley, 21 Mallard Close, Chipping Sodbury, Avon BS 17 6JA (0454-318813) by October 11th.

November 12th: Nottingham Go Tournament. Four round Macmahon tournament, time limits 45 minutes plus 15 seconds byo yomi, at Portland Building, Nottingham University. Candidates Tournament places available. Start time 9.50 am. Entries £2-50 including coffee/tea etc. to Mike Harvey, Devonshire House, 289 Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2DP.

December 10th: Teach-in for kyu players at The Somers Arms, Leigh Sinton, Malvern, Worcestershire. Lectures, individual tuition and simultaneous play led by dan players including Richard Granville and Matthew Macfadyen. Registration 10.45 am; entry free to those attending the Black Bull Tournament (see below), £1 for others. Entries to Richard Newton, 14 Tanhouse Lane, Malvern, Worcs. (Tel. Malvern 65626). ENTRY FORMS FOR TEACH-IN AND BLACK BULL TOURNAMENT ENCLOSED.

December 11th: Black Bull Handicap Tournament. Four rounds, time-limits 50 minutes plus 10 seconds byo yomi, handicaps around 4 stones. Entries £2.50 by December 4th if you want to avoid byes or a £1 surcharge. Registration 10.30 am; relevant addresses above. Strongly recommended for the weaker player.

December 30th - January 2nd: London Open Go Congress

Seven round even game tournament, Macmahon draw, time limits 1½ hours plus 30 seconds byo-yomi. Games will take place on the afternoons and evenings of 30th and 1st, morning and afternoon of 2nd, and morning only of the 31st, with a Lightning Tournament that afternoon, and a dinner planned for the evening. Further details from and entries to P. Polkinghorne, 268a Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 4JY.

January 28th: 1st Cheshire Tournament, Crewe. 3 round Macmahon. Meals and Coffee available; frequent buses from station; 20 mins. by car from M6, J17. Entry forms available November, or phone Brian Timmins, (Hodnet 292).

April 13th-15th: 1984 British Go Congress, Manchester.

Late July/Early August 1984: European Go Congress, Forrentruy, Switzerland.

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