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BGA Subscriptions

Once again I would like to remind club secretaries and unattached members to renew their BGA subscriptions for 1986. The rates are \$6-50 for an unattached member, \$5-00 for a club member (or unattached student) and \$3-00 for a student club member. The Membership Secretary is happy to receive club subscriptions in stages. Please note that non-members of the BGA for 1986 will not receive any further newsletters.

Annual General Meeting of the BGA

The AGM will be held on Saturday April 5th at Crewe & Alsager College, starting at around 1900. The agenda includes the following motion from the BGA Council: "Tournaments supported by the BGA (ie where the BGA provides any service) shall be open to BGA members and members of foreign Go associations only. A new class of membership, known as Temporary Membership, to last during a single tournament only, and to carry no benefits other than qualifying the member to participate in that tournament will be instituted. The fee for such membership shall be set initially at \$1 for adults and free for under-18 players." Apart from this, the agenda contains all the usual items, except for subscriptions, which will be decided by the Council and increased by a small amount (probably 50p).

News

Terry Stacey has won the British Championship from Matthew Macfadyen, the holder for the previous 7 years. In the best-of-five final, Terry won 3-1 and will now represent Britain in the forthcoming World Amateur Go Championship. All the games in the final will appear in the next BGJ.

62 people turned up for the Black Bull Handicap Go Tournament, held at Leigh Sinton on December 8th. The winner of the top section was Tony Atkins (1-kyu, Reading), who won all of his four games against dan players. Second was Toby Manning (2-dan, London) and third was Bob Bagot (1-kyu, Manchester). Other players with 4 wins were J Benjamin (10-kyu, Malvern), K Timmins (18-kyu, Crewe) and G Hollington (22-kyu, Culcheth).

The London Open Go Congress took place on December 28-31 and attracted 104 players. The overall winner was Andre Moussa (5-dan, Paris) with 7.5 wins out of 8 games. Equal second were Matthew Macfadyen and John Diamond (both 6-dan, London) with 6 wins. Other prize winners were B. Bouzy (4-kyu, Paris) with 7 wins, J Rade (3-kyu, Gothenburg), F Godin (6-kyu, Calais), J Mould (5-kyu, Nottingham) and S Perlo-Freeman (1-kyu, Woodroffe) with 6 wins and T Stacey (5-dan, London) and Q Mills (3-dan, Monmouth) with 5.5 wins, together with many players who won 5 games. Andre Moussa also won the Lightning tournament and A Wall (1-dan, London) was second. J Lewis (1-kyu, London) and M Amin (1-dan, Manchester) qualified for the Candidates Tournament.

The BGA Council has made the following promotions: Jim Lewis to 1-dan, Sam Perlo-Freeman to 1-dan, Alex Rix to 1-dan, Alistair Thompson to 2-dan and Eddie Shaw to 3-dan. Congratulations to all of these players.

Forthcoming Events

February 22nd: Oxford Go Tournament, at Rhodes House (corner of Parks Road and South Parks Road). Registration 1015, Round 1 1030, prizegiving 1900. 3 rounds, Macmahon system, time limits 70 minutes with 5 seconds byoyomi. Entry fee \$2-50 before Feb 20th; late fee \$1. Contact Chris Wright, St Anne's College, Oxford, OX2 6HS. Entry forms were enclosed with the last newsletter.

March 8th: Trigantius Go Tournament (Cambridge), in the Exhibition Hall, Churchill College. 3 rounds, Macmahon system, time limits 1 hour with 20 seconds byoyomi. Registration 1000, clocks start 1030. Entry fee \$2-50 (\$3-50 after March 1st). Contact Ben Keeping, 16 Portugal Street, Cambridge, CB5 8AW. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

April 4-6 : British Go Congress, at Crewe and Alsager College (Crewe Campus). British Lightning Tournament on the Friday evening. Main tournament is 6 rounds, Macmahon, time limits 1 hour with 10 seconds byoyomi. First round starts on Saturday at 1015 and prizegiving is at 1800 on Sunday. There may be a new trophy to award, presented by the Nippon Club. Cost is between \$6 (tournament fee only) and \$37-15 (includes 2 days full board). Contact Brian Timmins (address below). ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED. It is likely that the cost of option B will be reduced by about \$4, but entrants are asked to pay the full amount and receive a refund at the event.

April 20th: East Anglian Go Tournament, Town Hall, Ipswich. Sponsored by Cymbal Cars. 3 rounds, Macmahon system, time limits 1 hour plus 30 seconds byoyomi. Clocks will start at 1030. Entry fee \$3 before April 6th, late fee \$1, reduction of \$1 for unwaged. Contact Verrill Baldwin, 58 Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5SL (0473-79045). ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

May 3-5: Candidates Tournament (by invitation only).

May 17th: Bracknell Go Congress. 3-round MacMahon; other details in next newsletter. Contact Bob Lyon, 28 Welbeck, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 4UQ.

May 24-26: Challengers League (by invitation only). This will probably be held at IVC, Covent Garden, where an open event might also be organised.

July 19 - August 2: European Go Congress, Budapest, Hungary.

October 5th (provisional): Cheshire Go Tournament. Contact Brian Timmins (address below).

November 8th: Nottingham Go Tournament.

December 14th: Black Bull Handicap Go Tournament, Leigh Sinton.

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