

Editor: Francis Roads, 61 Mainesbury Road, London E18 2NL. (01-505 4381)

Copy dates: Issue 13 - January 28th; Issue 14 - March 31st.

News

Richard Granville's interview on Woman's Hour appears to have been the major publicity achievement of British Go Week. Derek Hunter has reported an influx of enquiries. Many clubs have still to report on what success they have had, so a full report will have to await the BGA's next appearance. However, it will be difficult for any club to equal Aberdeen Go Club's achievement in trebling their membership. Emergency supplies of BGA Go sets had to be rushed to Aberdeen!

On October 22nd Matthew Macfadyen won his third Championship game against Terry Stacey, retaining the title with a clear 3-0 record, and earning the right to participate in next year's World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo. The following Friday he began his attempt to break the record set by David Mitchell in 1977 for non-stop lightning Go. His result was, with David's in brackets: Time; 68 hrs (46 hrs); Games played: 191 (152); Wins: 124 (119). Guinness Book of Records conditions were adhered to.

Yet another Macfadyen achievement was winning the Wessex Tournament on October 23rd. 63 players attended. I understand that the Bristol Go Club's secretary is moving house, which perhaps explains why I have not received any further details.

The Nottingham Go Tournament on November 12th was, like the Wessex, a four round event. It attracted an entry of 34. Overall winner was Brian Chandler (2 dan) with 4/4; 2nd was John Smith (2 dan) with 3/4. Both are from Manchester, which club also won the team prize with 78.5%. Another good result was local player M. Skinner (17 kyu) with 4/4. Qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were Graham Clemow (1 dan, Cambridge) and Chris Kirkham (1 kyu, Manchester).

Furze Platt Comprehensive School Go Club

The following material was received in time for the previous issue. Having held it over, and because it seems to set an example worth following, I now give it full coverage.

"The club was set up by Franco Bilul at the start of Summer Term 1983.  
First club night 25 April.

Incidentally, this is the second club I have set up. The first was Equity and Law Go Club, High Wycombe, which I set up with Albert Gardner. The Equity and Law club is still functioning very successfully and it was against them that my school Go club played its first match. We drew this match with 5 wins each. Our next match is against N.W. London Go Club, on Wednesday 19th October, for Go Week.

Hopefully, we shall be taking at least one team to the National Schools Go Tournament next year. I would be happy to arrange fixtures - including 3-way matches - for local clubs who would be willing to travel to Maidenhead or High Wycombe. I can be contacted at 18 Perth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. (Tel. 0494 21556)".

This contribution was accompanied by a well illustrated article from the Maidenhead Advertiser, refreshingly free from journalistic claptrap.

Are you missing out?

As well as publishing the British Go Journal and this Newsletter, your Association publishes posters, beginners' leaflets and a Tournament Organisers' Handbook; lends clocks and Go sets to clubs for tournament use, and the cheap pon-nuki sets on more extended loan to help new clubs become established; sells books and equipment to members at favourable prices; and will send a strong player to teach or help in any other way at your club. This isn't all that the BGA does, but it is worth having such facts at your fingertips to quote when collecting BGA SUBSCRIPTIONS, WHICH BECOME DUE AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR!

### Forthcoming Events

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).

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, or phone Brian Timmins, (Hodnet 292). This event is being sponsored by NFW Computers plc, who have presented a Gostelow No. 1 Go Ban as first prize, to be retained for a year. ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

February 18th: Oxford Go Tournament. Three round Macmahon, time limits 1 hour plus 15 secs. byo-yomi. Registration 10.00 am. Entries to Mike Albert, Magdalen College, Oxford, £2.00 before 11th February or £3.00 afterwards.

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

July 1st: Leicester Go Tournament, three round Macmahon.

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

October 28th: Wes ex: Tournament.

### The 1983 London League

Chris Whitehouse writes: "With a tighter schedule than usual because of a late start, the League's leaders at the half way stage are the London Vegetarians. There has been one early drop-out - the Kingston Casuals, and one late entrant - the Ahno club from Baldock. All team coordinators are asked to play their remaining games as quickly as possible".

Current scores, with number of matches played in brackets are: London Vegetarians 10 (6), Bracknell 5 (5), Hammersmith 5 (3), Reading 3 (3), WELGOC 2 (4), AHNO 2 (3), South London 2 (2), North West London 2 (1), and Central London 0 (3).

### Contact Addresses:

President: R.J. Granville, 11 Mulberry Drive, Fruitlands, Malvern, Worcs., WR14 4/T. (06845-67494 home, 06845-2733 X2920 work.)

Treasurer: J. Ansell, 4 Sydenham Road South, Cheltenham. (0242-23627).

Secretary: N.R. Tobin, 10 Westcommon Road, Uxbridge, Middx. (0895-30511).

Membership Secretary: D.G. Hunter, 60 Wantage Road, Reading, RG3 2SF. (0734 581001).

Book Distributor: A.E. Finch, 63A Russell Road, Mosely, Birmingham B13. (021 449-3143).

Tournament Coordinator: T. Bailey, 3 Olney Court, Marlborough Rd., Oxford.(0865-725969).

Journal Editor: M.R. Macfadyen, 44 Fitzalan Road, London N3 (01-346 6141).

### A Flea for Help

A correspondent asks if any reader can help in identifying the current secretary of Hammersmith Go club. Replies (in confidence) to the Editor.