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Jeff Ansell

It is extremely sad to report the death of Jeff Ansell, the BGA Treasurer, who died suddenly during the night during the Amsterdam Tournament. Jeff will be sorely missed as a quietly efficient treasurer, as a constant source of help and advice on the BGA Council, and above all as a friend to all those who came to know him, whether in committee, over the board, or over a beer. M.T.

News The East Anglian Tournament on June 9th is cancelled - see overleaf for details of an alternative tournament on the same day. Enter soon - time is short.

70 players attended the British Go Congress at Worcester. Matthew Macfadyen went home laden with Black Bull perry, having won both the main tournament with 6/6 and the British Lightning Championship. Players with 5/6 were C. Wright (4 kyu, Nottingham), I. Docherty (17 kyu, Crewe), and I. Hopping (20 kyu, Stevenage.) Candidates Tournament qualifiers were Alistair Thompson, 1 dan, and Chris Kirkham, 1 kyu.

The BGA AGM, held during the British Go Congress, adopted the new constitution. Two of the more important changes are the abolition of the cumbersome postal voting system for an EGM, and the indexing of subscription rates.

Your new Council members are Norman Tobin (President), Tony Atkins (Secretary), and Mark Cumper, Mike Harvey, France Ellul, Justine Lattimer and Andrew Macpherson. Jeff Ansell had been re-elected as Treasurer, and his duties have now been taken over by Andrew Macpherson. Mark Cumper is serving as Tournament Co-ordinator following the resignation of Jeremy Roussak.

The Candidates Tournament, held as usual at IVC in London, attracted 24 entrants including the former British Champion Jon Diamond, 6 Dan, who won first place. Five Challengers League places were available, as Jim Bates is unavailable this year, being our representative in the World Amateur Go Championship in Tokyo. They went to John Smith, Alistair Thompson, Brian Chandler, Tim Hazelden, and Jon Diamond, with Neil Symes and Bill Brakes as reserves. Richard Granville came second in the tournament but like Jim Bates was due for the trip to Japan.

The 7th Bracknell GO Tournament was held on 18th May. The winner was Jim Clare (2 Dan, Reading) with 3/3. Other players with 3/3 were - A. Williamson (5 Kyu), A. Martin (6 Kyu, C. London), S. Atwell (7 Kyu, Bristol), K. Koskuba (12 Kyu), A. Tripp (17 Kyu, 3 Counties). Prize winners with 2/3 were - T. Atkins (1 Kyu, Reading), A. Summerville (9 Kyu, Reading), P. Volsey (10 Kyu, C. London), T. McCurrach (15 Kyu).

Places in the Candidates were won by - M. Cumper (1 Dan) and T. Atkins (1 Kyu). The number of players (57) was slightly down on last year, but there was an encouragingly large entry from the DFK's.

The Challengers League (25-28 May) produced an amazingly symmetrical score sheet - in the final placings each player had defeated all those placed below himself. The order was Terry Stacey (1st), John Smith, Jon Diamond, Jim Barty, John Rickard, Neil Symes, Alistair Thompson, and Tim Hazelden, John Smith (2 dan) did very well to become our no. 3 player for this year.

CLGC failed miserably in their attempt to beat their own record for the lowest attendance at a tournament. Despite the almost total lack of advance publicity, and the failure even to provide an organiser, eight players turned up for NOT The Challengers League on 25th May. Your editor appointed himself tournament director and a three round fudged Swiss system handicap tournament was played. Peter Bell (4 kyu) won with 3/3.

Results from the Thames Valley Go League: Reading Royals 3, Bracknell Romans 1; Reading Rebels 3, 3 Counties A 1; Bracknell Greeks 1, Reading Rebels 3.

CLGC report a change of Secretary; David Andrews of 263 Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5DZ, (Tel: 01-381-7318 work, 0206-852338 home) takes over from Toby Manning.

Mike Harvey, the Membership Secretary, has trained his computer to produce membership lists, if you want one.

Forthcoming Events

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

June 9th: NCT The East Anglian Go Tournament (replacing the tournament which was to have been held at Ipswich, now cancelled) at Inter-Varsity Club, 3-5 The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Register before 10.30 am; clocks 10.45 am; prizegiving about 7.00 pm. Entry £3 on or before 8th June, £4 on the day, students/unemployed/pensioners deduct £1. Cheques payable to "London Go Club"; send entries to Francis Roads, 61 Malmesbury Road, London E18 2NL p.d.q. (Tel. 01-505-4381).

June 23rd: Leicester Tournament, at the 66 Club, Albion House, South Albion Street, Leicester. Register before 10.30 am; clocks 10.45 am. Entry £5.50 (Cheques payable to Leicester Go Club) to include lunch etc., £2.75 for the under 16's, £1 surcharge for entries received after 17th June, to Eddie Smithers, 15 Loxley Drive, Melton Mowbray, Leics., LE13 OEY.

July 7th: DGA Junior Championships, sponsored by Equity and Law plc, High Wycombe, at Furze Platt Comprehensive School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Categories for beginners, U-14, U-16, U-18, and over 18 but still attending school or 6th form college. Entry £2 to include tea and coffee etc., but not lunch.

Candidates Tournament place available, and everyone wins a prize. Four rounds, time limits 45 minutes, registration 10.15 am, clocks start 11.00 am. There is a possibility that this event may be affected by NUT strike action, so please contact the organiser if you are thinking of entering. Entries to France Ellul, Furze Platt Comprehensive School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire (Tel: Maidenhead 33007 school, High Wycombe 21556 home).

July 20th - August 3rd: European Go Congress, Terschelling, Netherlands. B & B plus entry approx. £146 hotel, £74 youth hostel, £62 camping. Contact address: Annabelle Bousquet, Rapenburg 47, 1011 Amsterdam. Tel. 020 - 241171/264874, or the Tournament Coordinator.

September: Northern Go Congress (two day event). Mystery date; probably the first weekend.

September 28th: Wanstead Tournament, at Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, London E.11. Register before 10.30 am; clocks 10.45 am; prizegiving about 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).

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.

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

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Congratulations: to Mick Webber and Kirsty Healy on the birth of a daughter (Jennifer) and to Terry Stacey and Kay Maclaurin on the birth of a son. As I go to press, similar news is awaited from Dave Andrews.