

BGA NEWSLETTER No. 197. May 2014

The next Newsletter will be printed in the BGJ, and the deadline for contributions is 12th June
Please send contributions to the Newsletter Editor Jil Segerman at newsletter@britgo.org
If you wish to change your email address for receiving newsletters please contact the
Membership Secretary on mem@britgo.org .

NEWS

For the full set of recent news items see the BGA News Pages:
www.britgo.org/views/newsletterfull. If you prefer to scan the headlines and pick-and-choose
what to read, see www.britgo.org/views/news, which covers the last twelve months.

On-Line Study Group. This replaces the Shodan Challenge. It is designed to allow you to
arrange games with players of similar strengths, request help from stronger players and give
help to weaker players. All BGA members are encouraged to sign up (the current session is due
to run until mid-July), or contact Billy Woods for further information.
<http://www.britgo.org/node/4701>

BGA Youth Squad. Following on from the success of the European Youth Go Championship
2014 held in the UK, the British Go Association is forming a youth squad which is aiming to send
a UK national team to the 2015 youth championships to be held in the Netherlands. The youth
squad is for any junior who will be under 16 on 31 August 2014 and who has progressed past the
beginner stage (40 kyu -31 kyu) to reach at least novice stage (30 kyu and stronger).
<http://www.britgo.org/node/4697>

BGA Members' Web-Site Accounts.

We're planning on replacing the single account for BGA members for our website with individual
accounts for each member. This will take a while, so please don't be surprised if you get an
email from the website saying you've got an account set up for you. It will be given your name
(first name and surname as you've registered with us) and email address. This name will be
shown for any postings you make, so we're not planning to allow users to set their own user
names.

This will allow us to set up Members' Forums (Fora?) and allow you to comment on pages or
news items in the future. Watch this space (or the website) for more details...

FUTURE EVENTS:

Full details are in the BGA Tournament Calendar <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments>

Challengers' League, London, Saturday 24th – Tuesday 27th May
Scottish Open, Glasgow, Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th May
Durham, Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th June
Welsh Open, Barmouth, Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June
UK Go Challenge Finals, Cambridge, Saturday 21st June
Milton Keynes, Saturday 28th June
Mind Sports Olympiad, London, Sunday 17th – Monday 25th August
Belfast, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August
Northern, September (provisional)
Cornwall, Penzance, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September
Shropshire, Hinstock, Saturday 20th September
Swindon, Sunday 28th September
East Midlands, Thorpe Astley, Saturday 11th October
Wessex, Bath, Sunday 26th October
Cardiff, Sunday 9th November
Advance notices:

British Go Congress, Shrewsbury, Friday 27th - Sunday 29th March 2015.
Isle of Man Go Festival, 23rd – 28th August 2015

OFFICIAL VACANCIES: CAN YOU HELP?

There are several vacancies, for people to help with running the BGA. Web-links to some of these are given on <http://www.britgo.org/positions/vacancies> and some new vacancies are listed below. If you are interested in any of these please contact our President, Jon Diamond, or any member of Council.

- • **Marketing Manager:** following the successes at various events this year and discussions in Council, we'd like someone to be in charge of all our marketing efforts, so we've created a Marketing Manager position. Roger Huyshe is temporarily holding the fort in this area, but we really need someone to undertake the role permanently. Is there anyone interested in this (non-Council) role?
- • **BGJ Editor:** Pat Ridley has said that he want to retire as editor of the British Go Journal at the end of this year, so we're looking for someone who'd like to undertake the job. There are plenty of people who will continue to help with the BGJ, including Pat, but an Editor is needed to be responsible for putting it together. If you're interested please contact Pat, who will be more than happy to let you know what's involved; email journal@britgo.org.
- • **British Championship Organiser:** since Jenny Radcliffe retired as British Championship organiser after many successful years we've been struggling along with various people doing different jobs, but we really need someone to take overall charge and ensure better continuity. Is there a volunteer out there?
- • **London Open Organiser:** we need someone to replace Martha McGill, who's done a great job in the last couple of years, to manage the team of volunteers.
- • **Council Member:** we failed to find a replacement for the retiring Fred Holroyd this year, so we're short of a member of Council. If you're interested in helping with managing the organisation and steering its direction, you can join Council too, so please talk to me or one of the other Council members about what is involved.

CLUB CHANGES

Current information on clubs is posted on <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/map> and <http://www.britgo.org/clubs/list>