News

The Oxford Go Tournament on February 18th attracted an entry of 70. Choi (5-dan) of Birmingham won, and for some reason a second prize was awarded to Matthew Neats. W. Brakes and M. Harvey secured the Dan and Kyu players places respectively in the Candidates Tournament. Other prize winners, with Kyu grades in brackets, were S. Hinsley (4), A. Thompson (8), D. Killen (10), M. Stevenson (11), C. Wright (12), L. Ratland (16), and P. Collins (17).

Cambridge University Go Society’s attempt to veil details of the Trigeminius Tournament (March 17th) in a cloak of secrecy was rather unsuccessful, as 55 players turned up. Terry Stacey (5-dan) was overall winner. M. Cumper and R. Borchers gained the Dan and Kyu players Candidates Tournament places respectively, and other prize winners were I. Marsh (3-kyu, Brenchley), S. Hood (6-kyu) and E. Roberts (16-kyu), both from Cambridge, and G. Cory (18-kyu) and L. Ratland (12-kyu) from Maidenhead.

Perceptive readers will have noticed an interesting change in entry strength for one Lee Ratland in the two tournaments. Lee, who is 15, and from Purze Platt Comprehensive School, is currently rated at 10-kyu. In the event of our being offered a place in the projected World Youth Go Championship in Taiwan, he will be our representative. The latest match results from the Purze Platt School Go Club (which has been in operation less than a year) is: played 13, won 8, drawn 3, lost 2. Any challengers?

Leeds Grammar School were once again the hosts for the British Go Association Schools Championship on April 1st, under the direction of Clive Fraser. The competition was fought on an even-gale teams-of-four basis. What turned out to be the final was between the home team, which took second place, and the eventual winners (yes, you’ve guessed it) Purze Platt Comprehensive School.

A new series of coloured diplomas relating to various strengths between 3- and 25-kyu will be available soon. It is hoped that they will be a source of encouragement to our younger players.

Two BGA Committee members will not be offering their services again next year: volunteers, suggestions etc. to the President please.

A new BGA Price List is enclosed with this Newsletter.

New BGA Analysis Service

Any BGA Kyu players who would like technical advice on their games by a Dan player are invited to send the game to Toby Bailey (address below) who will ensure that they reach someone of appropriate strength to comment. The questions can be of the “What shall I play?” or “Is this group alive?” sort, or complete games will be annotated. In the latter case, however, comments are likely to be fairly superficial unless the inquirer indicates which aspects he in particularly keen to have looked at.

Contact Addresses: Please note that the following addresses may become out of date following the elections at the AGM:

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Tournament Coordinator: Toby Bailey, Flat 1, 264 Iffley Road, Oxford (0865-241093.)
Forthcoming Events

April 13th-15th 1984: Congress, Old Hall Lane, Manchester M14 6HT. 6-Hour Manchester Tournament, plus limits 1 hour, Lightning Tournament on the Friday evening, and the EBC's Annual General Meeting. Clocks start 10.00 on Saturday. Tournament fee £5, Full Board accommodation £52, less if you don't have full board. Late fee £2. Entries to Peter Birch, 21 Easton Mount, Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5EP (0625-73925) by 30th March. Details payable to "British Go Tournament 1984".

May 5th-7th: Candidates Tournament at the Inter-Varsity Club, London. (Address below). Tournaments are to be plus qualifiers. Further details to Mike de Vries, 24 Drayton Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire G6J 4NG. Payment as on May 12th.

May 19th: Brocknell G6 Tournament. Three-round Monarch. Time limit 1 hour with 20 seconds by-yoh. Entry fee £5-00 including lunch and refreshments (£4-00 for those aged 16 or under. Late entry surcharge £1-50). We hope to have an open lunchtime. Registration 10-15 am. Entries with the usual details to Bob Lyon, 26 Welbeck, Brocknell, Beds MK14 4QO by May 13th. Entry forms enclosed.

May 26th-28th: NOT the Challengers' League. Toby Manning writes: "While eight of the nine strongest British players battle for the privilege of playing Matthew Kro told for the British Championship, the rest of us lesser mortals are invited to play in NOT the Challengers' League. This is open to all players. The top kyu player will hold the Geoffrey Gray Go bun for a year. It is a three-day six-round even game tournament: the limits 2 hours plus 30 seconds by-yoh. Venue is the Inter-Varsity Club, 3-5 The Piazza, Gower Garden, London WC1. Registration is at 9.30 am. Clocks start at 10.00 am and 2.30 pm on all days: entry is £4 (£3 youth members) including morning/afternoon tea/coffee. Details payable to "London G6 Club": entries to Toby Manning, 100 Newssle Avenue, London N22 (01-865-5247).


July 1st: Leicester G6 Tournament, The 66 Club, Albion Place, South Albion Street, Leicester. Three-round Monarch, 1 hour plus 20 seconds by-yoh. Prizes for 2nds and 3rds: two places in the Candidates Tournament available. Entry fee £2-00 (£1-00 U-15/under 15). Registration 10.00 am. Clocks start 11.00 am. Tournament should end by 5.30 pm. Entry fee £2, by June 29th to Maurice Rowland at the above address. (Tel: 0533-730670)

July 7th: The 1st European G6 Championship, sponsored by Equity and Law plc. High Wycombe. Closing date: 1st June. Details to be announced in Newsletter No. 15. Entry forms are available now but will be distributed in Newsletter No. 15.

July 21-August 4th: European G6 Congress, Porrentruy, Switzerland. Contact Marcel Schneider, 12 Rue de la Chapelle, CH 2300, La Chaux de Fonds. Accommodation about £150. Entry forms are now available: contact the Tournament Co-ordinator for further details. If interested in car-sharing or the possibility of a minibus ride to Switzerland contact Richard Granville.

October 26th: Wessex Tournament

December 9th: Blackpool International Tournament, Beach Sinton, St. Malvern.