British Go Association Newsletter #29 - October 1986

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Addresses: No prizes for spotting that my address has changed since the last newsletter. In addition, Newsletter #28 gave the wrong address for the Tournament Co-ordinator; the correct address is overleaf.

BCA membership is up by 3% over last year - the first increase since 1980. Also, the 1985/86 Accounts showed a small but healthy surplus of £135-75.

Promotions: Harold Lee is promoted to 3 dan; Alex Rix to 2 dan; Bob Bagot and Gerry Mills to 1 dan. Congratulations all round.

A number of changes to the British Championship rules are in the offing. Qualifiers in the month before the Candidates Tournament can defer for 1 year. Other changes will be published in the BGG.

Schools: Brian Timmins is concerned that Go interest in schools seems to be declining. Any teachers out there fancy sparking off some new interest?

Notice to all BGA credit note holders: The BGA is trying to rationalise its records of credit notes. Any note issued before 31/12/85 will be valid until 31/12/86, but may be exchanged for books/equipment or a new note up to that date. Any enquiries to the Book Distributor (address overleaf).

Tournament results:
On 26 July, as part of the Anglo-Japanese Festival, the Central London Go Club played a friendly match with the Nippon Club (the London Japanese). 3 games were played over 11 boards. CLGC narrowly losing 17-16.

The North London Go Tournament on 24 August (the first London non-smoking tournament) was attended by 56 players. First prize went to T. Stacey (5 dan, CLGC) with 4/4. Joint second prize was awarded to Y. H. Ha (6 dan, Melior) and M. Mikami (6 dan), both with 2/4. Other players with 4/4 were I. Phillips (1 kyu, Norwich), A. Jones (7 kyu, Cambridge) and N. Webb (7 kyu, Oxford). Thanks to sponsorship from some Japanese visitors, all participants received a prize. Qualifiers for the Candidates Tournament were A. Grant and I. Phillips.

The Northern Go Tournament held in Manchester on 30/31 August attracted 38 players. Winners were: Division 1 (dan players) and the Red Rose Shield, J-Y Lee, 6/6; div. 2 (1 kyu), R. Bagot, 3/6; div. 3 (2-4 kyu), Mike Cumpetsey, 4/6, who also qualified for the Candidates Tournament; div. 4 (5-6 kyu), McKendrick, 5/6; div. 5 (7-11 kyu), J. Taylor, 4/6; and div. 6, K. Timmins, 4/6.

60 players attended the Wanstead Go Tournament on 27 September. Overall winner was T. Stacey (5 dan, CLGC) with 3/3. Other prizewinners with 3/3 were: S. Paterson (3 kyu, Melior); K. Roger (4 kyu, Wanstead); P. Burton (7 kyu); T. Moore (9 kyu, Three Counties); W. Bignell (16 kyu, Bournemouth); and P. Frost (24 kyu, Bournemouth). Qualifiers were B. Ellis (1 dan, Hemel Hempstead) and W. Conolly (1 kyu, Hemel Hempstead).

The Cheshire Go Tournament at Crewe on 5 October had 34 entrants, with a good spread of grades including three 20 kyu players. The Cheshire Go Tournament Go-ban, presented by N.M.W. Computers, was won by P. Shepperson (3 dan, Nottingham). Other prize winners with 3/3 were P. Margetts (6 kyu, CLGC) and
Forthcoming Events

26 October Wessex Go Tournament, at Marlborough Town Hall. 4 round McMahon. Registration 09:30-09:45; clocks start 10:00; prizegiving 19:25. Entry fee £6-50 by October 15 (£3-00 under 15, £1-50 late fee, £1-00 BGA non-member fee), including coffee, tea, lunch and high tea. Contact Steve Flucker, 37 Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.

8 November Nottingham Go Tournament, to be held in the Portland Building, University of Nottingham. 4 round McMahon, time limits 45 minutes, 10 secs. byoyomi. Registration 09:30, clocks start 10:00. Candidates places available. Entry fee £3-00 (students £2-00, £1-00 non-BGA fee). Entries to Mark Skinner, 109 Field Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5FE (Nott. 223446). Entry forms enclosed.

End November/early December (probably a Sunday) British Schools (Team) Championship, Maidenhead. Schools in the BGA will be informed of details, or contact France Ellul, 18 Ferth Road, High Wycombe, HP13 6XX.

13/14 December Teach-in and 5th Black Bull Handicap Tournament, Soners Arms, Leigh Sinton. 4 round Swiss, with knockout for the top 16 players. Teach-in (Saturday) registration 10:45, to start 11:00; free entry for tournament participants, £1-00 others. Tournament (Sunday) registration 10:15, first round 10:45, prizegiving 19:20; entry fee £3-00 (students £1-80, £1-00 late fee). Contact Paul Manning, 31 Lower Chase Road, Malvern, Worcs. Entry forms enclosed.


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Unattached members. 1987 subscriptions (£5-50, due on 1st January) may be paid now. Early replies are appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to the British Go Association and sent to the Membership Secretary.

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