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"Computer Go"

This is a new magazine which describes itself as "an international bulletin devoted to the generation and exchange of ideas about Computer Go." It contains discussions about various aspects of this subject, including programming ideas, articles on existing and developing programs, and information on computer go events. Correspondence (including articles for future publication, which should preferably be in a Macintosh- or IBM-compatible form) should be sent to the editor, David W. Erbach, 71 Brixford Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 1El, Canada. Phone (204) 256-2537.

World Amateur Championships

The BGA Council has devised a new scheme for their guidance when choosing the British representative. World Championship points will be awarded to everyone in the Challengers, 8 for the Challenger down to 1 for the person finishing 8th. The Challenger gets one more point for beating the Champion. The Champion gets 9 points if he defeats the challenger, otherwise he gets 4 points. Full details will be in the BGJ.

Tournament Results

In the British Championship, Terry Stacey beat Matthew Macfadyen by 3-1. Many thanks to the person who pointed out the error in the previous Newsletter, in which an intermediate stage was reported as the final result.

The Trigantius Tournament, held on 7th March at Churchill College, Cambridge, drew 79 players (a record for recent years). The Trigantius Trophy was won by Eddy Shaw (Oxford, 3 dan). Other prizewinners with 3/3 were: M Cumper (CLGC, 1 dan), A Wall (CLGC, 1 dan), A Thornton (Hemel Hempstead, 1 kyu), S Goss (Bracknell, 1 kyu), S Wathanasin (unattached, 4 kyu), P Jenkins (Cambridge, 8 kyu), G Neale (Cambridge, 12 kyu), C Stevens (Cheltenham, 13 kyu), S Beaton (Furze Platt, 21 kyu), C Dawson (Furze Platt, 22 kyu), and D Jones (Furze Platt, 23 kyu).

Forthcoming Events

10-12 April The ICL British Go Congress, to be held at Wells Hall, University of Reading. Accommodation: 2 nights £35-50. Friday 19:30 British Lightning Tournament. Saturday 19:30 AGM. Prizes in various categories. Travel bursaries for under 18's. Contact Tony Atkins (address below).

18-20 April Paris Tournament, to be held at Gymnase Japy, 2 rue Japy, 75011 Paris (near métro Voltaire). Registration Saturday 11:00-13:00, opening ceremony 13:30, first round 14:00, prizegiving Monday 16:00. The main tournament is 6 round Macmahon with time limits of 75 minutes and 30 seconds byoyomi. Players of 2 kyu or stronger with 5 or more wins will be entered into a draw for a trip to Korea, offered by Air France. A lightening tournament will be held on Saturday evening, its final on Sunday afternoon. A separate qualifying tournament for the World Youth Wei-Qi Championship (see

separate entry below) will be organised, open to anyone who will be under 18 on August 12th. Entry fee 120 FF, half rate for under 18's. Application and reservation to be sent to: Primo Garofalo, 24 rue Duméril, F-75013 Paris. Tel. (1) 43 54 07 41.

2-4 May Candidates Tournament. Anyone who has not received an invitation but thinks they should, please contact Mark Cumper (address below).

Saturday 16 May Bracknell Go Tournament. 3 round MacMahon, time limits 70 minutes with 5 seconds byoyomi. Registration by 10:15 - late arrivals will miss the first round. Entry fee £3-50 (£2-00 players aged 16 or under; British entrants who are not members of the BGA - surcharge £1-00; late entry surcharge £1-50). The fee includes coffee etc but not lunch; entrants are advised to bring a packed lunch as there are no pubs etc in reasonable walking distance. Contact Bob Lyon, 27 Welbeck, Bracknell, Berks RG12 4UQ. Entry forms enclosed.

23-25 May Challengers Tournament.

Sunday 21 June Leicester Go Tournament, to be held at The 66 Club, Albion House, South Albion Street, Leicester. Registration 10:00 to 10:30, first round 10:45. The tournament is a 3 round MacMahon with time limits of 60 minutes and 5 seconds byoyomi. Entry fee (including lunch) is £6-00, non-members £7-00, under-18's £4-00; with a £1-00 surcharge for entries received after 16 June. Cheques should be made payable to Leicester Go Club and sent to Eddie Smithers, 15 Loxley Drive, Melton Mowbray, Leics., LE13 0EY. Phone 0664 69023. Entry forms enclosed.

8-11 August World Youth Wei-Qi Championship 1987, to be held in Hong Kong. Qualifying tournaments are to be organised during the Paris and Amsterdam tournaments.

Sunday 11 October Ipswich

Sunday 25 October Wessex

Saturday 7 November Nottingham.

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