

BGA NEWSLETTER NO. 184

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The next issue will be distributed by email. The deadline for contributions is 24th November. Please use the contact link on the Editor's page www.britgo.org/node/3845.

IN BRIEF

For recent news items on the web, see www.britgo.org/views/news.

Tournament Levy: all rates, except the free category, increased by 50p on 1st September.

An error at Pentangle: it appears that the 15% members' discount has not been applied on some recent purchases from Pentangle. If you didn't get your expected discount after clicking on the link on our Members Discounts page (www.britgo.org/books/members), please contact Pentangle, who will be pleased to refund you the amount in question.

British Champion 2012: Andrew Kay has become the new British Champion, beating Nick Krempel 2-0 in the best-of-three match.

SHODAN CHALLENGE

Martha McGill writes: this year's Shodan Challenge is now under way. This time we have a teaching ladder system, whereby you can submit games for review and review other people's games. There's also an option to arrange friendly matches and teaching games. Our homepage is a Google group: groups.google.com/d/forum/shodan2012.

There's no need for any formal commitment – you can do as much or as little as you have time for. Andrew Simons will be giving audio reviews at 8pm on Thursdays in the KGS British Room. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact me (at martha.mcgill@hotmail.co.uk) or Billy Woods (his contact details are available via the Google group).

NEW BGA FLYER

Jon Diamond writes: our introductory BGA flyer, often referred to as the Trifold leaflet, has now been updated with the current membership rates and membership secretary information. It can be seen on our Promotional Literature page: www.britgo.org/covers/.

We've also taken the opportunity to bring the front of it into line with our other marketing literature and added a (very) brief introduction to the game of Go.

Toby Manning will have substantial numbers available at various tournaments this Autumn but, if you can't wait until then, please contact our Secretary, Jonathan Chin to get some posted to you.

Please don't use the old versions any longer, but don't throw them away – just recycle them. ▷

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Toby Manning writes: the BGA is regularly invited to nominate representatives to the World Amateur Go Championship and the Korean Prime Minister's Cup. It normally uses a 'points system'; players gain points in the British Championship (for the WAGC) or the British Congress (for the KPMC) and, provided they have gained points within the last five years, the player with the most points is selected: they then lose all their points. If a player declines, the person with the next highest number of points is selected. For the KPMC this system was used and, as a result, Toby Manning will be our representative in Korea in October. For the WAGC, Council has decided that the place in 2013 will be offered to the new British Champion, Andrew Kay.

EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, POLAND, 2013

Toby Manning writes: the BGA has some discount vouchers for the 2013 EGC. Four of these are available to those who need financial support: applications (by 15th December) should be made, in confidence, to any Council member. The other four will be offered as Prizes at the Wessex, Three Peaks, East Midlands and Edinburgh tournaments.

STRONG PLAYERS' WEEKEND

Martha McGill writes: as part of an aim to increase the number of British players above 4d, a weekend of intensive training for strong players will be held from November 16th-18th in Barford, Warwickshire. Guo Juan (5p) will be teaching. The maximum group size will be 14, and the cost will be £55, including accommodation (probably a sleeping bag option) and all meals. The event is open to all BGA members with an EGF rating of at least 2100 (or equivalent, e.g. KGS 2d). If your rating is slightly below 2100 but you are improving rapidly, you may be allowed to attend if there is space.

Please contact me (at martha.mcgill@hotmail.co.uk) for more details, or to register an interest in taking part.

FUTURE EVENTS

For the next six months, the Tournament Calendar (www.britgo.org/tournaments/index.html) features:

October

East Midlands, Sunday 14th October

International Teams Autumn Match, Sunday 21st October

Wessex, Sunday 28th October

November

Three Peaks Tournament, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November

Coventry, Saturday 24th November

December

Edinburgh Christmas, Saturday 8th December

London Open, Friday 28th – Monday 31st December

January

Maidenhead-Hitachi, Saturday 19th January 2013 (provisional)

February

Cheshire, Saturday 9th February

Oxford, Saturday 16th February (provisional)

Welwyn Garden City, Saturday 23rd February

March

British Youth, Sunday 17th March (provisional)

April

Thames Valley Team Tournament, Monday 1st April

British Go Congress, Friday 5th – Sunday 7th April

Tournaments not yet decided: **Trigantius** (March 2013).

GO CLUBS

Each Winter issue of the BGJ gives a full UK Clubs List. During the year, the club secretaries will, if they remember to do so, update the on-line information on www.britgo.org/clubs/list and www.britgo.org/clubs/map. For the benefit of non-internet people, our Newsletters will include these updates, but only in the print-version in the BGJ, not in the interim, email-only, Newsletters. To find a club and be sure of the time and place, it's generally best to check the on-line information if possible, and to contact the club secretary.

Here are the updates since December 2011, to supplement the list in BGJ Number 158, Winter 2011-12.

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BRIGHTON: Club forum at groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/brightongo.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY: Players of all abilities are welcome; we are very happy to teach beginners. We have no formal connection to the university, so you do not have to be a student of the university to join. Meets by arrangement, so don't just turn up.

ABERGELE: The venue is a bar that serves excellent food, but only until 8 pm. See www.facebook.com/DepLounge.

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BRADFORD: Not meeting every week. Please get in touch before turning up. Hopefully we should soon be back to our regular weekly meetings.

August 2012

GRIMSBY: Meets on 1st Thursday of each month (Please call to confirm time & location).

YORK: Meets weekly in the Moroccan Room at El Piano café (www.el-piano.com) – check on Twitter @yorkgoclub.

NORTHAMPTON: Meets every Wednesday at 7pm at the Blackcurrent Centre (www.blackcurrentcentre.org.uk).

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