

BGA NEWSLETTER NO. 186

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The next issue will be distributed by email. The deadline for contributions is 11th February – please send them to the email address above.

IN BRIEF

- BGA News Pages: for the full stories see 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.
- Cho U's 4 by 4 Go Puzzles for iphone and ipad: released in English – see www.britgo.org/node/4047.
- Strong Players' Teaching Weekend: report of a recent training event, with teaching by Go Juan, at www.britgo.org/node/4095.
- Congratulations to Vanessa Wong for becoming our sixth player with a 6-dan certificate, Martha McGill for becoming our 200th dan player and Dylan Carter the 201st!

FUTURE EVENTS

For January to July, the Tournament Calendar (www.britgo.org/tournaments/index.html) features:

Maidenhead-Hitachi, Saturday 19th January 2013
Cheshire, Frodsham, Saturday 9th February
Oxford, Saturday 16th February
Welwyn Garden City, Saturday 23rd February
Trigantius, Cambridge, Sunday 10th March
British Youth, Birmingham, Sunday 17th March
Strong Players Training, Sunday 31st March and Monday 1st April
Thames Valley Team Tournament, Monday 1st April
British Go Congress, Stevenage, Friday 5th – Sunday 7th April
International Team Spring Match, Sunday 14th April
Birmingham, Saturday 20th April (provisional)
Candidates' Tournament, Saturday 4th – Monday 6th (provisional)
Bar-Low, Cambridge, Sunday 5th May (provisional)
Bracknell, Sunday 12th May
Scottish Open – not yet decided
Challengers' League, Friday 24th – Monday 27th May (provisional)
Durham – not yet decided
Welsh Open, Barmouth, Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd June
UK Go Challenge Finals – not yet decided
Milton Keynes – not yet decided.

WHAT'S THE NEWSLETTER FOR?

Earlier this year, we changed the method of delivery of the Newsletter, mainly to save on postage which had become very expensive. We now produce eight Newsletters a year, alternating between a printed version in the BGA Journal and an email-only version.

Clearly there would have to be some changes in the purpose and content of the Newsletters. At first, we (the Newsletter and Journal Editors) figured out what to do as we went along. Now that we pretty much know what we're doing, we'd like to share this with the members – call it the 'NEWSLETTER POLICY' if you like. We welcome suggestions; please contact the Editors or any member of Council.

GENERAL CONTENT

- All content is subject to approval by Council
- In both the email and BGJ versions there are reminders and 'calls-to-action' (e.g. the Future Events list).
- In the email-Newsletters contributions of any length are welcome and should be sent to the Newsletter Editor. In the BGJ Newsletters space is limited, so contributions will need to be brief.
- These Newsletters supplement the BGJ-proper as a catch-all of information for our non-internet members, and will include some of the material that has already appeared in the previous email-Newsletter. They can also include items that have missed the deadline for inclusion in the BGJ-proper.

CLUB CHANGES

- Once a year the BGJ includes a full list of BGA clubs.
- The BGJ-Newsletters (but not the email-Newsletters) will include a list of subsequent changes. This is mainly for our non-internet members; better information is on the club list or map pages.

NEWS/VIEWS

- In the Journals, the two Editors collaborate to provide the information that is important to all our members, especially those without internet access.
- The email-Newsletters will highlight particular items of interest, giving just the web-links to the full details. □