

# BGA NEWSLETTER NO. 200

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The next Newsletter will be distributed by email. The deadline for contributions is 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please send them to the email address above (please DO NOT use bganewsletter@gmail.com).

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## NEWS

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- **Annual Awards.** Like some other sports organisations we have decided to initiate some British Go Association awards in order to encourage players and organisers. We have selected the following categories for this year:
  - Player of the year
  - Club of the year
  - Loss of the year (of a game)
  - President's award for services to Go.

Your nominations in each category are solicited by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, with a citation of a maximum of 150 words supporting the nomination.

- **New Version of Cartoon Booklet.** The cartoon booklet *Go, An Introduction*, where the Chess pieces learn to play from the Go stones, has been reissued ([www.britgo.org/node/4774](http://www.britgo.org/node/4774)).
- **Game Review Service.** Association members are reminded of a benefit that few have taken up recently, perhaps in part because it was low down the website tree. The Game Review Service can be a very efficient way of improving your game as comments are tailored to the individual's strengths and weaknesses. So why don't you send in a game today? (See advertisement on page 10).

## FUTURE EVENTS

For the next six months, the Tournament Calendar ([www.britgo.org/tournaments](http://www.britgo.org/tournaments)) features:

**Letchworth Garden City 1<sup>st</sup> Rapidplay**, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
**Three Peaks**, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
**Coventry**, University of Warwick, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
**South London**, Croydon, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
**Edinburgh Christmas**, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**London Open**, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
**Maidenhead-Hitachi**, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
**Cheshire**, Frodsham, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
**Oxford**, February (provisional)  
**Trigantius**, Cambridge, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
**British Go Congress**, Shrewsbury, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
**Welwyn Garden City**, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

*Advance notices:*

**Welsh Open**, Barmouth, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015  
**Isle of Man Go Festival**, Port Erin, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
**Isle of Skye Tournament**, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (provisional)

## **OFFICIAL VACANCIES: CAN YOU HELP?**

Vacant posts are listed at [www.britgo.org/positions/vacancies](http://www.britgo.org/positions/vacancies).

**We need volunteers for:**

- BGJ Editor (this could be shared between Joint Editors).
- Championships Organiser
- Council (one vacancy)
- Regional Youth representatives (three vacancies)

If you are interested in any of these, please contact our President, Jon Diamond, or any member of Council.

*A special plea from Jon Diamond: If we don't recruit a volunteer to replace Pat, then sadly the British Go Journal is extremely likely to cease publication. As the original editor I would be especially sad to see this stop just short of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We've had problems with editors over the years, but have always overcome them, and hopefully we will now. So a volunteer is needed by the end of the year. Please help!*

## **CLUB CHANGES**

A complete list of clubs was included in [BGJ 166](#), and changes were noted in [BGJ 167](#) and [BGJ 168](#). Since then, the following changes have been reported:

**Abergele**: not active. Contact Mike Vidler, 01745 870353.

**Brighton**: meets on Tuesday evenings as before. The club now also meets at 20:00 on Mondays. The Monday meetings are run by Felix Shardlow, 07940 973406.

**Epsom**: no longer meets.

**Oxford University**: now meets in Merton College on Thursday evenings. Contact Toby Cathcart Burn, 07821 199649

**St Albans**: contact Brian Ellis, 01727 872575 or Mike Cockburn, 01727 834035.

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