

# Australian Go Association

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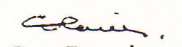
Fellow go addicts,

Over the past ten years or so the AGA has struggled to expand. Whilst it is true that we have encouraged and promoted the game of go as per the objective of our Constitution, our lack of membership growth has restricted our activities because of financial limitation and the number of personnel available.

Looking ahead I can see no indications that things are going to change for the better. Our chances of government assistance are remote because of our lack of size, we must increase our membership. It is not just a question of members volunteering to assist, what is needed is more members being prepared to arrange tournaments, training camps and utilizing our Hon. National Coach by inviting him to their club for teaching sessions and promotional activities. This will have a twofold effect, it will help members and help attract new players.

We have been fortunate in the number of international events that Australia has been invited to send representatives to. In the World Youth Championship this year we could not send a representative due to a number of problems, the main one being that we lack any junior players who are strong enough to meet the requirements set down for entry. If things continue as they are then it will not be long before Australia is not invited to send a junior to this event.

I and some others thought that after Song Sheng Wu (9 dan) came to live in Sydney that there would be an increase in activity across the Australian Go Community. Our expectations were shortlived and the reality is that our Hon. National Coach is struggling to support his family. When he came here he knew that as we had few players he could not teach go full time. He has never openly complained and is willing to help the AGA in every possible way. However I think that we owe him more support and assistance than has been shown to date. Our future is hard enough without losing the services of the strongest player residing outside the Orient.

  
C. Davies  
PRESIDENT



AUSTRALIAN GO ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The meeting was held in Sydney on Sunday 2 October 1988.
2. The meeting opened at 19:00 with the following members in attendance: Clive Davies (Chairman), Devon Bailey, Jongok Choi, Paul Clay, Glynn Devine, Joy Fletcher, Robin Garner, Geoffrey Grey, Dae Hahn, Yangil Jin, Michael Kyriakakis, Clive Katerelos, Won Joong Lee, Chris Manning, Hyun Joon Park, Michael Park, Tony Purcell, Stephen Reye, Hosik Shin, Neville Smythe, Jan Trevithick.
3. There were no proxy votes.
4. Minutes of the 9th AGM which had been previously circulated were confirmed. There was no business arising from the minutes.
5. The President's Report was presented. A copy is attached.
6. The Treasurer's Report was presented. A copy is attached. The Treasurer informed the meeting of the Committee's intention to amend in 1989 the method of charging fees for club members to a flat fee per club. This received support from the meeting.
7. The Membership Registrar's Report was presented. A copy is attached. A number of late membership registrations and renewals were made at the AGM and these are not reflected in the report.
8. The Secretary presented a verbal report.
9. All the above reports were accepted.
10. The Chairman called for nominations of members to serve on the council and the following were elected:

President	Clive Davies
Treasurer/	
Membership Registrar	Stephen Reye
Secretary	Jan Trevithick
Member	Devon Bailey
Member	Dae Hahn
11. The meeting accepted the offer of the Brisbane Go Club to host the 12th Australian Go Championships to be held in Queensland on the 1989 June Queen's Birthday long weekend.
12. It was agreed that the fourth Go Camp would be organised by Tony Purcell and Geoffrey Grey. Date and place would depend on the availability of a suitable venue which would be advised in the AGA Newsletter.
13. It was agreed to formally invite the Korean Club to join the Association.

# AUSTRALIAN GO ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT 01/10/88

### CREDITS:

Opening Balance:	\$1227.62	
Membership fees:	\$120.00	Canberra
	\$225.00	Sydney
	\$75.00	Brisbane
	\$162.00	Personal
Interest:	\$0.00	*
TOTAL:	\$1809.62	

### DEBITS:

IGF Affiliation:	\$224.62	1987 fees*
General expenses	\$178.58	
Perpetual trophy	\$0.00	*
TOTAL:	\$403.20	

### CLOSING BALANCE:

\$1406.43

### \*Notes:

Due to a clerical error on the part of the Commonwealth Bank, interest has not yet been credited to the Association account. We have been assured that this will be done before the next statement.

The IGF has not yet sent an account for 1988, so there is an outstanding debt of Y20,000 (about \$200). The association had fallen behind on its fees in earlier years.

The perpetual trophy is a special expenditure. Due to industrial action the cup has not yet been mounted, and so has not yet been paid for. The estimated cost is \$220.

With the above notes taken into account, the association shows a roughly stable balance.



## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Sydney:	15
Canberra:	9
Brisbane:	5
Personal:	9

Total:	38
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These figures do not accurately reflect the size of the clubs. They also do not include any members who have joined on the weekend of the national championship. Many club players have opted not to be part of the AGA. Thirty-eight is roughly half the number of members the association had before the increase in fees from \$6 to \$15. I still hope that some fees might be forthcoming from the Monash Go Club.

Rating details are not generally available. The rating system approved by last years AGM has not had any applications for promotion, and players have generally set their own ratings. Technically speaking, the only ratings recognized by the AGA are those which it recognized two years ago. Suggestions would be welcomed to rectify this situation.

James Pretzel in Adelaide has expressed interest in setting up a club. This would be a welcome addition to the association.

The Canberra Junior Go Club has failed, so there has been no need for the special junior category of membership agreed to at last years AGM.