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11th Australian Championship

In this issue readers will find an entry form for this year's nations championship. The vital data are:

Venue: Peakhurst High School Library (entrance off Rona St.)Peakhurst, Sydney

Date: October 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Times: 9:30am; 1:00pm; 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday,
9:00am; 12:30pm Monday; presentation 3:00pm

Divisions: Division A - Open
Division B - 4 kyu to 1 dan
Division C - Up to 5 kyu

Rules: a) WAGC Rules apply.
b) Colours will be decided by nigiri, with white receiving 5 1/2 komi
c) Playing time is 75 minutes/player with 30 seconds byoyomi

Fees: \$15 for AGA-members
\$30 for non-members (which includes a joining fee)
Students half rate.

This year will be the first in which the Australian Champion will get to take home, for one year, a perpetual trophy. As well as determining the Australian and Australian Open Champions, this tournament is used to choose our representative for the World Amateur Championships, to be held next year in April in Nagoya. If you might be in line for the Australian Championship and the representatives position, you should be able to prove your Australian citizenship (a passport, birth certificate, or naturalization papers would be appropriate).

The 1988 annual general meeting will also be held during the tournament, so if you want to run for office, or just let us have your views on the running of the association, be there.

Visiting Professional

Hasn't every keen Go player dreamt of having an in-house Go teacher? Well for a short time the chance is here. Mr Isei Den, a 21-year old 2-dan professional from the Nihon Kiin in Osaka would like to visit Australia for one month next March. He would like to exchange Go lessons for accomodation while he studies English. He is happy to visit any part of Australia. If you are interested in this opportunity, please write to the secretary as soon as possible. (If you don't, Canberra will be quite happy to monopolise his services).

International News (thanks to Shirakami)

CHINA-JAPAN SUPER GO

The fourth Super Go match has seen an amazing run by the Japanese number 7 player Yoda. He has defeated but China's number 1 Nieh Wei Ping to give Japan a 6-nil lead. This gives China's 'iron goalkeeper' the almost impossible task of beating Yoda, Awaji, Hane, Shiraishi, Ohira, Yamashiro and Takemiya to preserve China's record in these matches. It must be remembered, however, that Nieh did win 5 in a row in the first match.

FUJITSU 'WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP'

In the quarter finals on June 4th, Nieh beat Kato, Rin beat Cho, Kobayashi beat Shiraishi, and Takemiya beat Ma. The semifinals on 2nd July saw 'Sumo' Rin beat the favourite Nieh, while 'Spaceman' Takemiya gained some revenge against the man who demolished him in the last Kisei, Kobayashi. In early September Rin and Takemiya should produce an interesting clash of styles.

IBM HAYAGO OPEN

IBM has entered the Go sponsoring game with this new tournament. A qualifying round on June 6 featured 37 professionals from shodan to 4 dan and 4 amateurs (2 Japanese, 1 American and 1 German). None of the amateurs survived the round.

INTERNATIONAL TENGGEN

A new competition matching the Japanese and Chinese Tengen title holders in a three game match has been instituted. The first such match was held on June 20/21 and was a 2-0 win for Cho over Liao.

HONINBO

Takemiya's title is in the balance. The match with Otake stands at 3-3 with the deciding game scheduled for late July.

MEIJIN LEAGUE

A close looking league has Cho in front with 5-2, followed by Rin and Kobayashi on 4-1 and Fujisawa Shuko on 4-2. Shuko's return to the leading ranks included a win over Cho.

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AGA Membership

The list of financial members has not grown much since last time.

Club	Financial Members
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Canberra	Stephen Reye, Jan Trevithick, Tony Purcell, Stephen Rosenberg, Stuart Garrett, Robin Garner, Tony McCulloch
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Personal	Paul Clay, Peter Edwards, Gary Wallington, Eng K. Ong, Paul McShane, Clive Davies, David Evans.
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ING'S WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The long awaited international championship sponsored by the Ing Foundation is to start in Beijing in mid-August. This tournament has been plagued by problems co-ordinating the itineraries of the various players, with the original venue Paris being replaced by Hamburg, then Hong Kong, and finally Beijing. Song-Sheng Wu will leave shortly to participate as Australia's representative. He is taking advantage of this tournament to take his family to Beijing for a month. He has a very hard task, since he will probably meet one of the Japanese title-holders in the first knock-out round. The AGA wishes him the best of luck.

Go on Computer

The following advertisement has been received from Poland for the 1987 European Computer Go Champion. We have no estimates of its playing strength, but from other products on the market I would guess it is somewhere in the 10 to 18 kyu range.

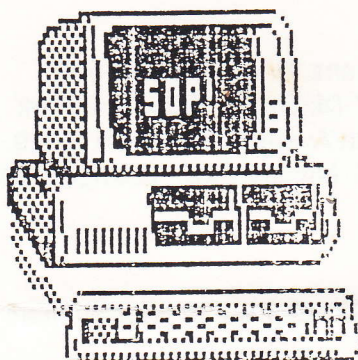
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