

# Australian Go Association

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## NEWSLETTER 55

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### 1988 Australian Championship

The 1988 Championship was held from 1st to 3rd October at Peakhurst High School. Devon Bailey organized an ambitious 8 round event using the McMahon system. All games were played on even, with the system ensuring players weren't too badly mismatched.

The open championship was won by Yufei Wang 6-dan from Shanghai, who scored a perfect 8/8, with another Chinese Charlie Chou taking second place with 6/8. The Australian Champion is once more Dae Hahn, who will once again represent Australia in the World Amateur Championships in Nagoya. He came third on countback with 6/8.

Many prizes were awarded, with a new form of prize being lessons with Wu Song-Sheng. Devon did a splendid job which was much appreciated. Next year the championship will be hosted by the Brisbane club, probably in the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

### 1988 AGA General Meeting

This was held on the 2nd October. The existing executive was re-elected unchanged; i.e.

- President Clive Davies
- Secretary Jan Trevithick
- Treasurer Stephen Reye

Devon Bailey was re-elected as a committee member, with Clive Katerelos stepping down and being replaced by Dae Hahn.

Discussions were held regarding the next Go camp. It was agreed that Dr Geoffrey Gray and Tony Purcell would investigate the available alternatives and endeavour to organize one. It was also decided that the Sydney Korean Go Club should be formally approached to join the Association.

Fees were discussed, and the committee has agreed that a new system for club members will be tried for 1989. Each club will be asked to pay a flat rate of \$75 rather than the current system of \$15 per financial member. The rate for personal members will remain at \$20.



## Asian-Pacific Goodwill Cup

A new international amateur tournament has appeared on the scene. The town of Iwaki in Japan is to be the host of the Asian-Pacific Goodwill Cup in the first week of November. The AGA received its invitation in September, and a selection tournament was hastily organized in Canberra. The main restriction on the entrant was that they should not have represented Australia in the World Amateur Championship. Six players were able to attend and Stephen Reye emerged victorious with a score of 3/3. Australia will certainly be one of the underdogs in a tournament including Japan, China, Korea, Taipei, USA, Canada, West Germany (by special invitation) and Thailand.

## ACT Championship

The ACT championship is to be held in the last weekend in November at the Belconnen Library.

## International News (thanks to Shirakami)

### Fujitsu World Championship

On 3rd September Takemiya's grand style gave him an exciting win over Rin to take out this title. The game is given below.

### Ing World Championship

The first two rounds of this competition were held in Beijing in August. Wu Song-Sheng met the mighty Cho Chikun in the first round. After a very close game Wu went down by 1 point, a very creditable result which should lead to his receiving further tournament invitations. The other results were:

Kobayashi beat Oh Rissei

Cho Hun Hyun beat Oh Meiwen

Kato beat Liao

Fujisawa Shuko beat Ma

Jiang beat Takemiya

Rin beat Hashimoto Shoji

Nieh beat Redmond

In the second round Nieh beat Cho Chikun, Fujisawa beat Kato, Cho Hun Hyun beat Kobayashi and Rin beat Jiang. This leaves a very neat 3rd round, with 1 representative each remaining from Japan, China Korea and Taiwan (Rin represents Taiwan). The pairing of Nieh and the sentimental favourite Fujisawa Shuko should arouse a lot of interest.

### Kisei

In the long qualification process for the most lucrative title, 3 players remain. Cho scored an upset win over Kato, and will play either Takemiya or evergreen Sakata for the challengership.

### Meijin

Kato's challenger is Kobayashi, who won a playoff against Rin. Kato won the first game held in early September in Tokyo, but Kobayashi has come back to win the second and third games. Meanwhile two of the three vacant places in the next league have been taken by Honda and Kamimura, with the last place to be filled by either Kataoka or Awaji.

### Gosei

Kobayashi has taken this title from Kato with a score of 3-0.



### Oza

Takemiya has defeated Kobayashi to earn the right to challenge out of form Kato.

### IBM Open Haya Go

This tournament has been won by Ishida Yoshio with a half point win over Oh Rissei.

### Pro-Am Go

A housing company has sponsored a tournament featuring Japan's 8 best amateurs and young professional 3 to 5 dans. Of the amateurs, only Murikami and Miura won their opening rounds. Miura also won his 2nd round, but then lost the third. This seems to indicate a professional strength of around 3 dan for the top amateurs.

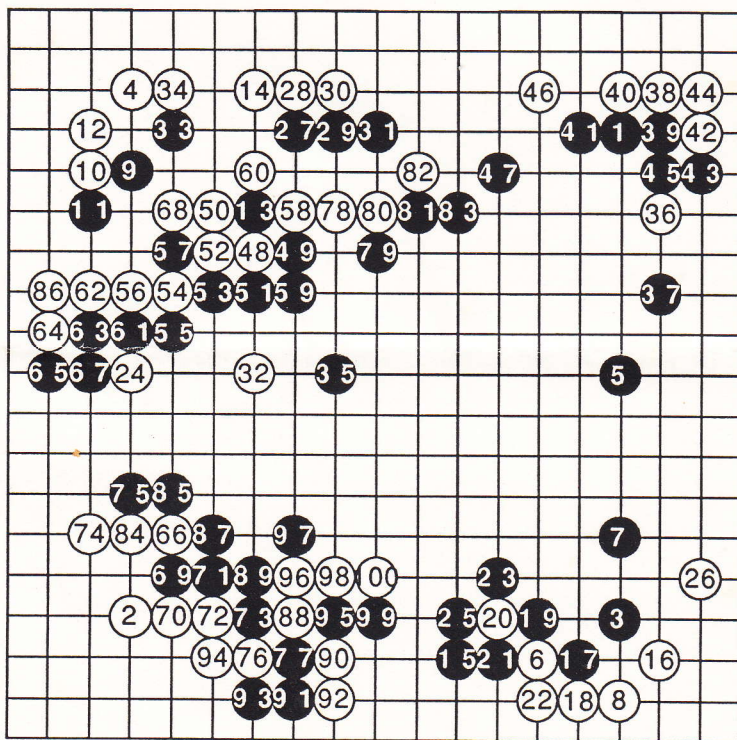
### WAGC

Japan has chosen its representative for the 11th World Amateur Championship to be held in Nagoya next May. It is to be Hirata, a 62 year old former pharmacy professor. This will be his fourth attempt at the title.

The Nihon Kiin has produced a book of last year's tournament with records of eighty games and professional commentary on the five most important games. They are selling this book for \$US15.

### China-Japan TV Championship

On 10th October the CCTV (China Central TV) champion played the NHK champion. This pitted China's latest 9-dan, 21 year old Qian Yu Ping, against Kato, and resulted in a win for the Chinese.

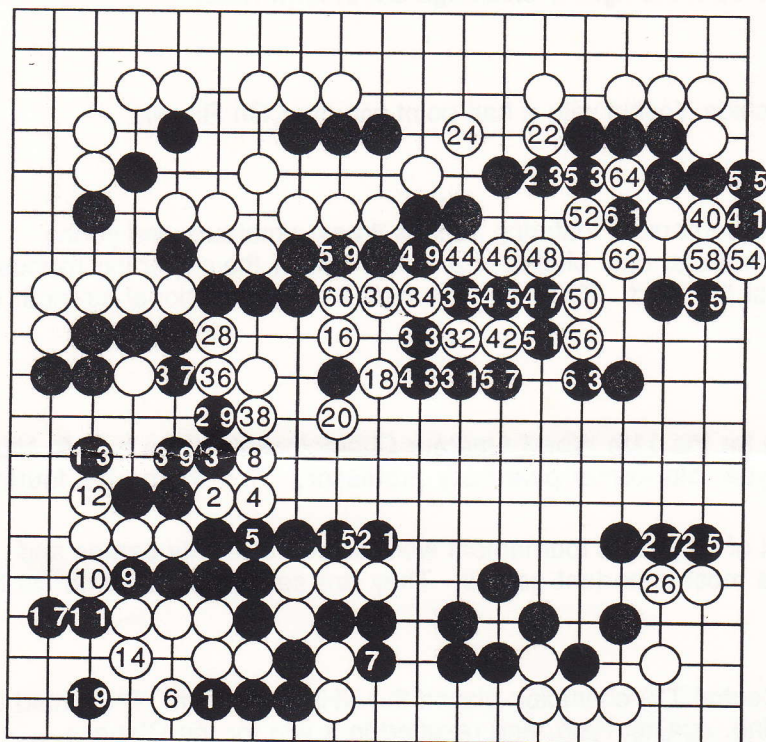


### Fujitsu World Championship

Tokyo, 3rd September

Black: Takemiya  
White: Rin

White resigns after move 165



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