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REPORT ON THE IRISH OPEN GO TOURNAMENT

3-5-90

The tournament started shortly after 10 am on Sunday 18th in Power's Hotel Most players had come along early although people continued to drop by all day. Not everyone could enter in the full tournament, as in the case of the players from the Isle Man who couldn't stay all day, so there was plenty of informal Go playing.

Various prize categories had been suggested, first place, youngest player, the tournament, etc. But as we didnt have any prizes this didnt come to be to the Hopefully our summer tournament (see coming events) will be a different story.

The tournament was advertised in the national newspapers and we were sheed to hear from players in Trim (see Go venues section) and Bray who we had not contacted. In all 26 people attended. Countries represented include choolovakia, England, Ireland, Israel and Japan.

About 8 pm the final round finished up, 1st and 2nd place coming as no suprise.

First Isao Toshima 2nd Dan Second Noel Mitchell 1 Kyu Third Paul Eustace 5 Kyu

Special thanks go to Power's Hotel's manager Mr. Bernard Connaughton for his port, to John Gibson for lending us the Chess clocks and to Damien Lynch for his efforts in producing our logo.

ISLE OF MAN CHALLENGE

The Isle of man players arrived in Dublin on Saturday evening. After a warmup in college park we broke for dinner. Play resumed later with David Phillips, Roly, and Leo on the Isle of Man side and Noel, Ken, Damien and Paul Eustace on the Side. The result was a draw with two wins for each side. The next round will be nament the next morning but had to leave at lunchtime to catch their flight home. The players were at the hope their next visit will be less hurried and that they get a better chance to see a lireland.

1990 WORLD AMATEUR GO CHAMPIONSHIP (WAGC)

This year for the first time Ireland will be represented at the WAGC! The news the International Go Federation (IGF) is willing to accept an Irish representative year reached us just before the tournament on St. Patrick's weekend. Based on the ament results and by unanimous assent Noel Mitchell was selected.

The WAGC, organised by the Nihon Ki-in, will be held in Hiroshima from the 19th 26th of May. All entrants recieve free return flights to Japan as well as meals and modation. Ireland is the 22nd European country to enter the WAGC since it started

BEGINNING GO

Solution to Teaching Problem" by Francis Roads - British Go Journal 78 - Spring.

Anyone who has taught much Go Knows the immense benifits of keeping the player on smaller boards. In summary, they are (a) quick games, (b) standable strategy and (c) offer the possibility of very large handicapps. The spend most time actually playing re-emphasises once more the need to play quick games on small boards, rather than spending a whole evening agonising a whole evening agonising

How do you select moves for commentary? You may decide in advance to comment marily on moves that (1) could only work if white made no reply, (2) are necessary defensive moves, (3) miss a chance to attack weaknesses in white's soil, (4) fail to make two eyes at the appropriate moment, or (5) are good.

If the beginner dosen't come back to the club after the first lesson for a second your lesson was a failure, however clear may have been your exposition of the second joseji. We ignore the feelings and impressions with which we leave our new their part.

1990 BRITISH GO CONGRESS

Five Irish players attended this years tournament in Salford, one of the results of sixth is that our library of Go literature has expanded considerably. A report on the series by one of the above would be welcome.

COMING EVENTS

Midsummer lightning Go Tournament An evening of Lightning Go. 15 minutes per player with 5 seconds byo yomi. Mid June. Final details in the next newsletter.

The Isle of Man challenge, round 2. Douglas - Isle of man. No date yet.

DO VENUES

Saturday morning sessions are from 10 am to 2 pm, in the Board Games room on the 4th floor of house 4, front square, Trinity College.

The second Wednesday evening of each month. The White Horse Bar, Burgh quay. Phone Eugene Mallon (6)792406.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Brogan's Hotel, Trim. Phone Justin Wallace (0405) 57155

PROBLEMS

and clockwise, starting upper left)

What is the best way for white to capture the black stone on £17.

How can black capture the three stones on line R.

Black to play and live.

From this position what does white do next.

