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WAGC DEPARTURE

Firstly, I must apologise for the delay in issuing this newsletter. The reason is that the previous newsletter editor, John Kenny, has left us to spend a year (at least) in Japan, teaching English in a small town near Tokyo. He will also have a great opportunity to improve his Go playing strength and we expect him to return as a 2 or 3 dan at least! He has already won third prize in a competition in the school where he works.

THE 1991 WORLD AMATEUR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS (WAGC)

By the end of January, Ireland must provide the name of our representative to the WAGC. We are going to hold a competition open to 5 kyus and better. The organisation of the competition will depend on the number of entries. There will probably be a playoff between the top two to decide the winner. The winner gets an all expenses paid trip to Japan for two weeks where (s)he will meet most of the best amateur players in the world, as well as having an enjoyable time being feted around the host city (which, I think, is Nagoya this year). If you are interested in competing, give your name to one of the above listed people as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 11th.

GO IN DUNDALK

There has been a great flowering of interest in Go in the Regional Tech in Dundalk over the last few months. Interest was started originally by Henry Bacik and Maurice O'Reilly, both lecturers there. Now there are twenty or thirty enthusiastic students slugging it out over the Go board at lunchtime and sometimes in the local pub in the evening. While they are mostly beginners at the moment, we expect some fast improvement in three or four of them if they continue to play. To help encourage them, a small expedition was sent from Dublin for a day and a half. Isao and his wife, Yoko, along with myself, Damien, travelled up by train and spent that evening in the pub playing simultaneous games with seven or eight of the twenty who showed up. The Dundalk Go Club was presented with a lovely Go board and stones by Isao. Isao and Yoko were accommodated at a B&B provided by the Students Union which was very generous of them. I stayed at Maurice's where we had an interesting late night game. At lunchtime the next day, there was a further two hours play between classes. Although the Dublin players had fairly easy wins in the end, we only hope that we have increased the interest in and the desire to improve at this wonderful game of Go. If you're interested, contact Maurice O'Reilly (042-34785 work hours) or Martin Duffy (01-482018 evenings).



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