

## **2016 QGS Annual General Meeting**

The third annual general meeting of the Queensland Go Society will be held at lunchtime on the first day of the thirty-sixth Queensland Go Championships. That is, at quarter to one in the afternoon on Saturday the nineteenth of March on level 4 of the Joyce Ackroyd Building, University of Queensland, St Lucia. The quorum for this meeting is ten members present and entitled to vote, there being 18 voting members and two life members enrolled as of Friday the eighteenth of March, 2016.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2015 annual general meeting.
2. Annual report of the general secretary of the Queensland Go Society.
3. Reports, if any, of the chapter convenors.
4. Election of a general secretary of the Queensland Go Society.
5. Election of a convenor for the Brisbane Go Club, the incumbent having resigned in February 2016.
6. Admission of the go discipline of the Bun Bu Ryo Do as the Toowoomba chapter of the Society.
7. Admission of the Lismore Go Club as a chapter of the Society.
8. General business.
9. Location and date of the next Queensland Open.

There is one items of general business so far: admitting Bill Leveritt to life membership of the society. You can notify the general secretary of further items beforehand, or make them as motions on the floor of the meeting. Items that do not come attached to motions will be summarily tabled: less meeting, more lunch.

## **2016 Annual Report – Queensland Go Society**

At the last Queensland Open, we had two chapters plus a nascent third. At the end of this Queensland Open, we will have four chapters, stretching from Toowoomba to Lismore. The last active membership list we updated the Australian Go Association with had two life members, 23 voting members and 24 registered players on it. This year's list promises to be even longer.

In December 2015 Queensland hosted the Australian Open; it was Brisbane's turn, and we held it on this campus. I am told it went well. Certainly I enjoyed that weekend, as did our guests from Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, a delegation from Korea (including Youngmin Yoon 2p and Sohyun Park 2p), Wang Qun 8p from China and An Younggil 8p as celebrity guest professional umpire. St Leo's College enjoyed having us. We had a go at the state's first pair go competition, which was great fun but only one round long. Next time, two!

Between the two we revived the Brisbane Spring tournament, played at the Go Lounge in Greenslopes, and continued with a lively and successful Gold Coast Classic. Unfortunately this was our last event at the Gold Coast Country Club courtesy of the developers who repurposed the land out from under them. Gold Coast go is now at the Links Hope Island golf club, and from what I've seen thriving there.

Jason Mackay is travelling overseas for a goodly chunk of this year, and has resigned from being the player who runs the Brisbane Go Club. We are in need of a replacement, and I hope someone will step forward. The weekly meetings at Stones Corner continue to run fluently, and the Go Lounge continues to be, as Edwin once said to me, a gift.

We have a standing invitation from the Chermside Critical Mass board gaming group to turn up with go boards when they meet on Friday evenings. Accordingly I want someone to take them up on it.

My goals for 2016 are the usual: get the players who can reach the clubs, in and playing at the meetings; get the players who can reach the tournaments, in and competing; and give the players who are too far away for that options (there's an Australian Digital tournament now,

played on the internet with prizes, and all of you are most welcome to enter in June). Still working on a five-year strategic plan, but you can assume it'll be more of the same, but larger.

...it's a lot of stuff. I would like to thank Mark Bell, Jason Mackay-Dwyer, Edwin Clarke, and Cindy Wong for all their hard work in making it happen, and you who read this, for playing.

## **2016 Annual Report – Brisbane Go Club**

Not so much.

### **2015-2016 Queensland Go Society Finances**

- The February 2015 Queensland Open had a turnover of \$912.83, and made a loss of \$12.83.
  - This includes payment of \$200 to the Australian Go Association for 2015 bulk subscriptions of our players.
  - This includes one nominal competitor who registered for membership.
- The 2015 Brisbane Spring tournament in September had nil turnover and profit.
  - The venue collected \$25/competitor for admission, lunch and a drink.
- The 2015 Gold Coast Classic in October had a turnover of \$760 and a profit of \$371.40.
  - I think I charged \$10/head too much.
- The 2015 Australian Open had a turnover of \$3883.70 and a total loss of \$103.70.
  - 65 cents of which was the main tournament.
  - The pair go was in profit by \$31.95.
  - We received, via the AGA, \$1000 donation from Raphael Shin to support Younggil An 8p as the celebrity guest professional umpire.
  - We have not yet received \$600 sponsorship pledged by the AGA for same.
- We spent \$202.17 for boards and stones for the University of Queensland go group in July.
- Just before the 2016 Queensland Open the account balance was \$3868.45, compared with \$4211.30 just before the 2015 Queensland Open. Of interest but not of concern.
- The society's funds are still kept in an ANZ Bank account with a Visa debit card.
  - I know where the cheque book is, and I do not miss using it in the slightest.
  - When we hit \$5000 in inactive funds I would like to put this in a term deposit.