

2017 QGS Annual General Meeting

The fourth annual general meeting of the Queensland Go Society will be held at lunchtime on the first day of the thirty-seventh Queensland Go Championships. That is, at noon on Saturday the eighteenth of March at Club Sosay, 2 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington. The quorum for this meeting is eleven members present and entitled to vote, there being 18 voting members and three life members enrolled as of Saturday the eleventh of March, 2017.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2016 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.
6. Consideration of more university chapters of the Society.
7. General business.
8. Location and date of the next Queensland Open.

There are no items of general business so far. 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 three 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 three life members, 18 voting members and 39 registered players on it, which compares favourably with last year's two life members, 23 voting members and 24 registered players.

Allan Hunt had a good, if quiet year as supreme high overlord of the Brisbane Go Club. You will notice the club is in new premises here at Club Sosay, and planning and arrangements for the move went smoothly. I would like to propose a vote of thanks to Cindy Wong, the proprietor of the Go Lounge where the club had met since 2012.

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. Allan has been taking them up on it every month or two. I commend it to you all as a meeting that is not on a work night, in a library (not a commercial venue) and not too far south. If anybody would like to start something on one of the Saturday nights each month at Sunnybank Hills club, do feel free.

My goals remain the same as 2015's: get the players who can reach the clubs, playing at the meetings; get the players who can reach the tournaments, competing; and give the players who are too far away for that options. Last year's five year plan is still in planning. It has been a good year for Queensland go, nonetheless. I would like to thank Allan Hunt, Sun Woo Nam, Edwin Clarke, Yoko Usami, Erli Qiu, 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

This last year, due to the sad closing of the GO Lounge, our home of a little over 2 years, we relocated to Club Sosay in Paddington. We also extended a hand to the Northside by the establishment of the mostly-monthly Critical Go event in partnership with Critical Mass Chermside Board Games group.

In September we held the Brisbane Spring Tournament, which was well-attended by kyu players, and one dan player (thankfully, we had a rogue Canberra player show up so it wasn't a win by default).

Further, we had an informal tournament kindly hosted by Edwin Clarke, including the traditional game of four-colour Go.

In the last few weeks, we have had a member, Ken Xiao, volunteer to try to get a UQ Go club off the ground, and Miriam Marz express an interest in starting a Griffith chapter in the second half of this year. Getting either or both of these clubs would be both good in themselves, as well as making things cheaper and logistically easier for organising tournaments. So anyone associated with or lives near those universities who likes playing Go, or has anything helpful to offer, contact the relevant person.

2016-2017 Queensland Go Society Finances

- The March 2016 Queensland Open had a turnover of \$750, and made a profit of \$31.89. This includes payment of \$200 to the Australian Go Association for 2016 bulk subscriptions of our players.
- The 2016 Brisbane Spring tournament in September had nil turnover and profit. The venue collected \$25/competitor for admission, lunch and a drink.
- The 2016 Gold Coast Classic in October had a turnover of \$719.77 and made a loss of \$189.77.
- We have received \$600 sponsorship pledged by the AGA for the 2015 Nationals we hosted.
- We donated \$300 to assist Amy Song with being the Australian representative to the World Go Championship and the World Pair Go Championship in 2016.
- Just before the 2017 Queensland Open the account balance was \$3185.40, compared with \$3868.45 just before the 2016 Queensland Open, and \$4211.30 just before the 2015 Queensland Open.
- The society's funds are kept in the same ANZ Bank account with a Visa debit card as last year.