



Australian Go Association Inc.

David Mitchell, Secretary-General,
1, Wilshire Ave,
Cronulla, NSW, 2230

Tel: (+61) 02 9523 0283
mob: 0413 080 900
email: secretary@AustralianGo.asn.au

Wednesday, 16 November 2022

AGA Secretary-General's Report for 2021/22

Go activities in Australia are beginning to return to pre-Covid levels. Clubs are beginning to open again and face to face tournaments are returning. The Victorian Open and Korean Ambassador's Cup tournaments attracted a good turn out – in the case of the KAC there were almost fifty players which, given the circumstances is good.

The AGA continues to support Go players around Australia. New clubs such as Townsville have been given Go sets and other assistance. All clubs received a donation of books earlier in the year to help improve the skill levels. There are also lessons for DDK players and other lessons from time to time. Details of all events and opportunities are emailed to all members in the AGA News email and of course on the AGA website.

Apart from tournaments and club meetings Go players are finding ways to recruit more people and spread news of the game. Colton Tinkey, in Townsville has not only created a club from scratch but has also held an online charity Go Tournament which raised over \$1,700 for Rare Cancers Australia.

The AGA is also assisting clubs such as the University of Sydney with teachers. Weekly lessons for beginners have been a great help to the club. Also, public libraries and festivals have proved to be a good way of promoting Go. The Townsville club use their library; the Brisbane club promoted Go at a cultural festival. The Sydney Go Club have a schedule of beginner lessons at the Double Bay Library in January 2023.

International tournaments are beginning to resume. Amy Song 5d played in Korea at the Korean Prime Ministers Cup. There were over fifty players from around the world and Amy came 16th – an excellent result. News of this and other tournaments are included in the AGA News email.

An Younggil's Live Lessons are held every Friday. For the majority of 2022 Live lessons have been free to all members thanks to the support of the Korean Baduk Association, which has also helped with beginner books and Go sets. From the beginning of 2023 the Friday Live lessons will be for Sustaining members only – subscriptions from Sustaining members pay for the lessons. The AGA also finance pro simul games for clubs across Australia using Zoom and a Go server (usually online-go.com).

AGA fund raising is by donation, there is no membership fee for full members. AGA activities to support the donation model including the publication of books. In July, the AGA published the



Australian Go Association Inc.

David Mitchell, Secretary-General,
1, Wilshire Ave,
Cronulla, NSW, 2230

Tel: (+61) 02 9523 0283
mob: 0413 080 900
email: secretary@AustralianGo.asn.au

first volume of "Double Trouble" as an e-book. Volume 2 was released in August and the third volume is in the pipeline. The e-books are free but people are encouraged to make a donation to the AGA. Income from the two Diabolical books is not fantastic but it is a steady flow of funds to the AGA.

All the things mentioned above are the result of people taking the bull by the horns and doing things. The AGA is not a corporation or major supplier of resources and money. Go clubs and Go lessons exist thanks to the enthusiasm of a small group of people.

The people who deserve recognition in 2022 are:

- Colton Tinkey, for establishing and growing the Townsville Cup and running the DakTech Cup tournament.
- Amy Song, for organising and growing the University of Sydney Go Club and being a very active member of the AGA committee.
- An Younggil, not just for the regular Friday lessons, but also for presenting the AGA's case to the KBA which resulted in finances for 6 months of live lessons, Go sets and Go books
- Horatio Davis and Alan Hunt for their tireless dedication and work to keep face to face Go alive and well in Brisbane.
- Neville Smythe for his continued committee work but also for the innovations with Agatha enabling it to publish tournament information including results on the Internet as they happen.
- James Kaaden for his part in helping produce the "Diabolical" and "Double Trouble" series of problem books.

Nothing happens unless somebody does something. So, if you want a Go club in your area, want to hold a tournament or have lessons from strong players, contact the AGA for advice, guidance, and as much assistance that the AGA can give.

David Mitchell,
Secretary-General,
AGA Inc