

# The Canadian Go Newsletter Dec 2013



Mark Wong: Newsletter editor

The next newsletter will come around Feb 22th. Submit your articles by Feb 15th.

## A Note from the President

Hello CGA members,

As this is our final issue of 2013, it is a good time for me to ask for your support, and to look back at what has happened in 2013. Please have a look at the articles, **Appeal for Donations** and **2013 Year in Review**. As always I've enjoyed interacting with and/or playing go with many of you throughout the year, and am excited to see what we can accomplish together in 2014.

Sincerely,

James Sedgwick  
Canadian Go Association President

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## **2013 Year in Review**

By: James Sedgewick

As 2013 started, we were preparing for a big change in how the executive operates. Chuck Elliot was looking to retire from the CGA executive. Some history of Chuck's contribution's to the CGA may give you an idea of what he has meant to us.

Chuck joined the executive in 2005. He had been involved with the CGA in the 1980's, but since then had concentrated on Go in Alberta, in particular being the driving force behind the active Sabaki club in Alberta. Upon joining, he immediately took on membership and ratings administration; effectively all the CGA records keeping. A couple years later, he pushed for the creation of the online league play, and started publishing electronic news letters (with a league play focus).

From his time at Sabaki through his work administering records for the CGA, he has built up a complex database and suite of associated programs for managing all the CGA records. He has a back ground running his own software consulting company, and this was a perfect fit with his expertise. The only limitation of this system from the CGA perspective is the system was not coupled to the web site, so for example we could not easily allow users to update their contact information online.

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For several years we have been looking to build a records keeping system more integrated with web site. An assortment of volunteers have intended to take it on, but either found they don't have the time needed or been daunted by the complexity and backed out. So with Chuck's imminent retirement, we were motivated to take more drastic action. Nick Prince was paid to do 150 hours of work on the site(which he did at a substantially discounted rate from his normal fee). He has been volunteering as web site administrator already, and he does consulting work building web sites, so this was a good fit.

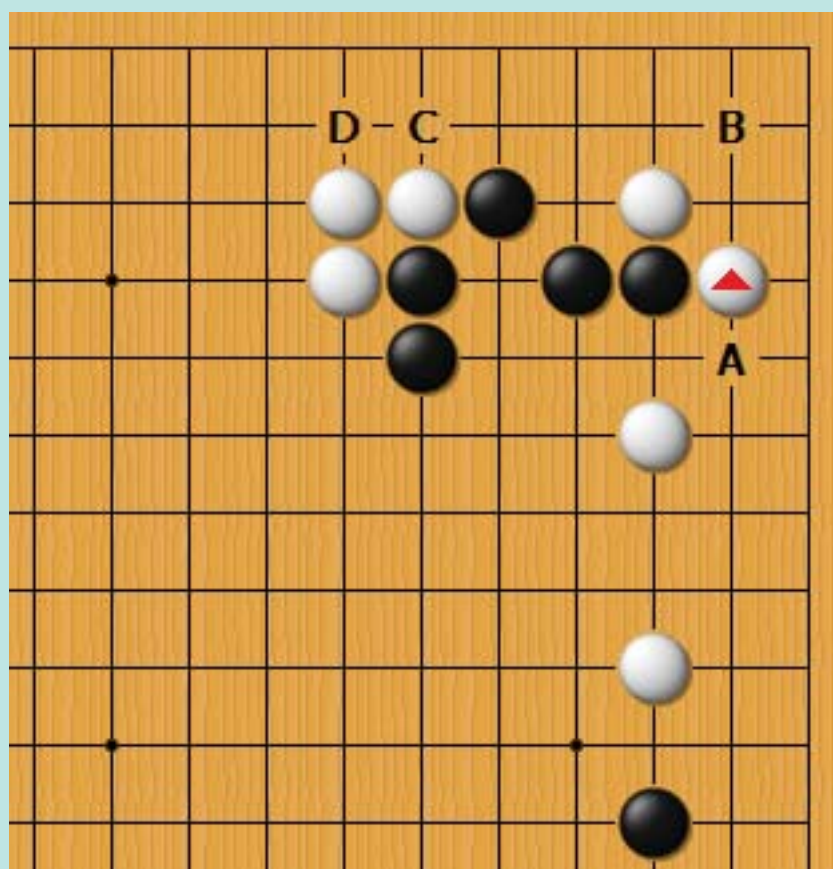
This summer his new system went live. He has completed his paid work, and is now continuing to enhance the site on a volunteer basis. The new system gives each CGA member his own log in to the site, those participating in league play can schedule and record their own games, and can update their own membership information as required.

There are still some big gaps from what we could do with the old system. At the top of the list is the ability to feed any results other than the league play results in to ratings. Nick is working now on building the external input interface. Also tools for viewing the membership beyond a single alphabetical list, tools for emailing sub sets of the membership, and various required administration viewing capabilities.

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## Obsolete Joseki 2

By: James Sedgwick



James Sedgwick 6D has given us another review of an obsolete joseki.

You can find the SGF attached to the newsletter email.

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## **The 2nd Forest City Go Cup**

By: Matt Mennie

The 2nd Forest City Go Cup was held in London, Ontario on October 20th, 2013. I organized the event, and we had a total of 15 players attend. The time settings were 25 minutes main time, and 10 minutes/25 stones Canadian over time. The tournament was free to attend and donations were encouraged. Everyone enjoyed a traditional Korean meal for lunch at a local London restaurant.

The highlight of the tournament was the match between James Sedgewick 5 Dan, and defending champion, Han-Yuan Chen 5 Dan. The Canadian Go Association President, James Sedgewick travelled from Toronto for the event. Through an intense battle of wits, James pulled ahead to win against Han-Yuan Chen 5 Dan, winning the tournament.

When asked about how the game went Han-Yuan Chen told me “I wished I practiced more”. He has been busy with school, and could not compete as well as he had hoped. With any luck we will have more games between these two great players in the future.

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Some other notable players in the tournament were Mark Wong 3 Dan, and John Dew 1 Dan. John Dew travelled from St. Catherine's for the event. I look forward to hosting more tournaments like this and plan on doing so in May of 2014.

Stay tuned to the CGA newsletters and email announcements for the date of the event. More information about the event can be found at the Forest City Go club's blog:

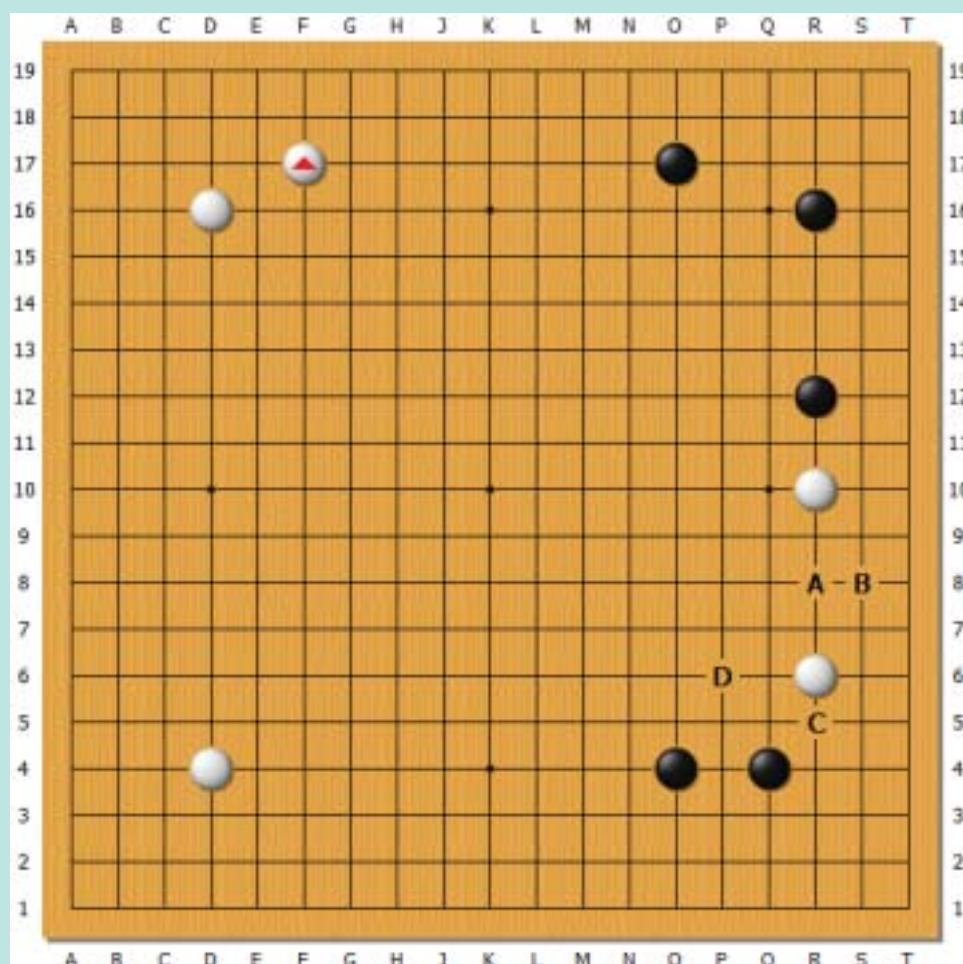
<http://www.forestcitygo.wordpress.com>.

*Editor's disclaimer: The ranks posted here were for match-making purposes, and might not be the same as the Canadian Go Association's ranking system.*

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## The Evolving Joseki 3

By: James Sedgwick



James Sedgwick shows us for the third time how joseki has evolved in this particular fuseki.

You can find it attached to the email.



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## **Appeal for Donations**

By: James Sedgwick

Dear Canadian Go Association members,

The CGA needs your support. For almost 2 years now, the CGA has been membership fee free. This means we depend 100% for donations to operate. We have over 700 members, and the CGA can function with 2500\$/per year, so if everyone kicks in only 5 dollars, our financial situation will be very good. I was inspired at the US Go Congress, where two teenage CGA members spontaneously made three figure donations to the CGA; I hope you will as well.

How to donate & suggested donations amounts: See the web page on the CGA site [go-canada.org/donate](http://go-canada.org/donate)

At a high level, you can think of the CGA funds going to three equal buckets.

- Grant programs to support new clubs and Go promotional activities in Canada
- Dues for the international go federation (entitles Canadian's to participate in international events)
- Prize funds for Canadian league play, and CGA operating costs (web site hosting, printed promotional materials, etc).

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If we could succeed in increasing the funds the CGA has available, we'd really like to:

- Pay for some newsletter content. We have professional Go players in Canada; the CGA would love to be able to support them making money at their profession. Paying Gansheng, Svetalana, Cathy or Xiaoren to produce content the news letter would be a great way to do this.
- Issue grants to teaching programs.
- Pay for more web site work. There are many exciting things we'd like to build in the web site. Many things that will take years to make available in the time volunteers can find in their evenings/weeks could be finished in weeks/months if they could be worked on full time.
- We all benefit when the whole Canadian Go Community is part of the CGA, and we can see that we have more than doubled membership by eliminating fees. The CGA is fully dependent on your donations for operating costs and it will push us to do work that excites you. But to make it work we all need to step up and contribute. We all want to see the Go community grow in Canada; I think an active and well funded CGA is a key to making that happen. Please have a look at the other article "2013 Year in Review" for more details on what the CGA is doing for you and for our members.

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## **Baduk TV News**

By: Matt Mennie

BadukTV has revised their internet streaming service to feature high definition streams and VODs. English VODs are available and are included as a promotional deal for one month when purchasing one month of live streaming until Dec. 11th. After Dec. 11th, the VODs are priced at \$10/month. BadukTV has also changed their website layout to make it more helpful for English speakers to view their content with nice big coloured buttons. I hope everyone can enjoy this new amazing service for \$7/month. Now that it is in high definition it is certainly something that is worth the price, even if the live stream is in Korean.

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## **Obituary: Abe Ravinsky**

By: Steven Mays

A touching obituary was written for Abe Ravinsky, who has done a lot for Go in Canada. Please take your time to read it. It is attached to the newsletter email.

## **Newsletter Administration**

We are looking for more submissions.

If you want to advertise your club, an upcoming tournament, or if you think you have any news, send them over to my e-mail at [markwong14@hotmail.com](mailto:markwong14@hotmail.com).

Submissions cannot be longer than 500 words, unless if you get prior permission.

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## Acknowledgments

James Sedgwick



Matt Mennie



I would like to thank James Sedgwick for his consistent joseki reviews.

Also thanks to Matt Mennie for his article on the Forest City Go Cup.

Please feel free to give feedback for the newsletter.

-Mark Wong