

# The Rising Star

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## 2009 Tournament Season Kicks off with High School Team Tournament



The 2009 Ing Team Go Tournament kicks off this weekend with the first round of preliminary play. Held online, this tournament is the largest school go tournament in the Western Hemisphere, drawing over two hundred competitors from eighteen states and provinces. The Open Division features the 2007 National Champions Stuyvesant HS (New York), the 2008 National Finalist Orange County Go Club

(California), and the 2008 National Champions Mission San Jose HS (California) – offering a highly tensioned field as they seek to become only the second team in tournament history to win multiple grand national championship titles. Other returning tournament champions include 2008 Junior Varsity's Manlius Pebble Hill School (NY) and Intermediate's Milpitas Christian's School (CA), squaring off in the same division this year, with Novice's Cary Chinese School (NC) also seeking to make it two wins in a row. Tournament Director Matt Mallory says, "I'm looking forward to seeing enjoyable and interesting games from students all over the country." Games will be played on the

Kiseido Go Server in the Sabaki Go Club room with pairings and game times available at [www.aghs.cc](http://www.aghs.cc)

### **2008 CHAMPIONS LIST STATES CUP: CALIFORNIA**

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Mission San Jose HS (CA)

VARSITY DIVISION  
Punahou School (HI)

JUNIOR VARSITY DIVISION  
Manlius Pebble Hill (NY)

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION  
Milpitas Christian (CA)

NOVICE DIVISION  
Jackson JH (WV)

BEGINNER DIVISION  
Cary Chinese School (NC)

Will you become the next on the roll of champions?

## HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN GO HONOR SOCIETY

The very first ING Team Championships (formerly known as the Sea Otter Cup (2001-03), then the RSC Cup (2003-07) had a total of three competing schools of six teams, each

with five members and two alternates. However, seven years later, the tournament size would develop almost eight times the size. Go's popularity is definitely on the rise!



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### Meet the Officers

- President: Matthew Mallory
- Vice-President: Wren Chan
- Secretary: Christopher Vu
- Treasurer: Kevin Chang
- Public Relations: Jordan Hoang
- Webmaster: Tim McCaffery



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*"The universe does not have laws—it has habits, and habits can be broken."*

*~ Fortune Cookie*

## Fireside Chat: Words with Matt

It is exciting to see so many of you register for the tournament. Last year I had a lot of fun watching everyone's games. American go is growing with the help of you, the youth. It was amazing to see so many go players from such a diverse set of backgrounds and cultures honorably face off against each other. This year will be even better with more players and more teams. It is my wish to see everyone show up and participate in their games.

Meet with your opponents and discuss your games. Games will be held every weekend, and I encourage everyone to become spectators and teach all of your peers. This is what go is all about. Hope to see you all out on the battlefield.

*Matthew Mallory is the fifth president of the American Go Honor Society, succeeding the fourth in 2007.*

by Matt Mallory



## AGHS MAKES WAVES ABROAD

Due to a generous sponsor, the American Go Honor Society awarded its first Overseas Scholarships to those who wish to pursue the knowledge of go studies abroad. In the 2008-09 school year, the two students selected were 19-year old Boris Bernandsky (NY) and 18-year old Scott Jankowski (OH). They were selected for

their past commitments to the development of Go in the United States, working hard to establish numerous local clubs and spread the passion of excellence to youth throughout the ages. Boris received the maximum amount awarded by AGHS to study at the International Baduk Academy in Seoul, South Korea and is currently

by Hwang Moo-Ryong

studying already, follow his progress at <http://notquitepro.blogspot.com>. Scott received a partial scholarship to spend a semester at King's Institute in Seoul, South Korea. Good luck and I hope you both gain strength!

*Hwang Moo-Ryong is an advisor for International Affairs for the American Go Honor Society*

## Advisor's Corner: Running the Club I

For many, go is a new and strange pastime. I recall when the call for entries into the first Team Tournament came, my team members roped our favorite teacher to be our advisor, who had no idea what go was. Even though we did really well, I regret that we weren't able to share our troubles and our strengths with the teacher who helped us through all

our trials without truly knowing what the issue was. The Advisor's Corner will help give answers to questions on how to become a **s t r o n g** advisor for your local go club. First, what does an advisor do? A high school student, though passionate he may be, will still need your guidance to grow and develop as a human being.

by Christopher Vu

Choosing an activity, like go or sports, is good since it gives the mind and body a good exercise—but students still need someone to offer guidance, a comforting hand, or a heavy hand should the need arise. So I ask you, please be the advisor to help lead forward our youth to a stronger tomorrow. *Christopher Vu was the youngest AGHS national officer, elected at*



Boris studying abroad in Korea. Next year, I want to go!



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**Mission Statement**

A prediction once stated that it would take the Western nations one century to catch up to the strength of Asian countries. The American Go Honor Society was established to break this prediction and help the go players of the world rival the players from the Orient.

**Brief History**

In 2000, a manga scanlation team brought Hikaru no Go into the English-speaking world for the first time. It became such a hit, that the team created an online go club to play with each other. But in 2002, when the manga had been completed for the first time, the members dwindled. Three high school students from

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**HEY, VOLUNTEERS! AMERICAN GO HONOR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU**



The American Go Honor Society is an organization dedicated to providing only the best support and the resources for the youth in America, not only for go, but also for promoting leader potentials and

But we can't do this without your help! The American Go Honor Society needs you to enter the ranks and become the next leaders for the American Go community! After all, we're not getting any younger...

**CLASS 2009 AGHS YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—OPEN**

Select participants will work together with past and current national officers on what it takes to successfully organize a national program.

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

- Seminars from past and present officers
- Internship with different departments of AGHS
- Networking opportunities
- International opportunities

**OTHER PROGRAM AREAS**

**OFFICIATING**—Our tournaments rely on staff to make sure that all events are run efficiently and to handle disputes.

**FUNDRAISING**—We are a completely donation driven non-profit, so we are always looking for people to help us come up with programs to run our events.

**COMMUNICATIONS**—This team takes care of public relations, including this newsletter, the website, and dealing with the public.

**EDUCATION**—We are trying to develop numerous programs to create teaching programs for our members of the AGHS in both go and leader skills.

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