

American Go Honor Society
2023-2024 Spring & Summer

About AGHS

The American Go Honors Society (AGHS) strives to provide a supportive environment to develop Go skills, confidence, and self-growth regardless of age, gender, or location. We serve to empower a new generation of American Go players to stand alongside powerhouses of Asian nations in Go. Visit our website [here](#).

The AGHS General Board consists of 10 - 15 North American Go players between grades 8 - 12. The American Go Federation (AGF) fully funds AGHS, providing the AGHS with the necessary funding to offer prizes, organize tournaments, and other initiatives. The AGHS hosts annual tournaments, notably the Young Lions Go Tournament in November, and monthly events, like the Youth League and Weekly Go Problems.

Community Engagement and Outreach

In our numerous new initiatives, we sought to collaborate with our community to make our work more engaging and impactful.

As we lacked access to the logins of previous years' socials, we had to start from scratch to build our presence. We continued to expand our new Instagram page, surpassing 100 followers for the first time. Our Instagram page, managed by 2023-2024 AGHS Media Marketing Manager Julia Zhang, featured monthly posts with thematic color schemes and font styles for a cohesive look. Our posts covered topics such as AGHS Logo Design Contest, AGHS School Team Tournament results and more.

This year, we also introduced AP style press releases to the position of Secretary. Our 2023-2024 AGHS Secretary wrote increasingly detailed press releases throughout the year. His news release on our annual Young Lions Go Championship, accessible [here](#), incorporated quotes from several AGHS officers, organizers and players.

We announced the first-ever AGHS Youth of the Month, Al Tang of Michigan. We celebrated Al for his remarkable achievements as a strong Dan player and promoter of the game in an underrepresented Go state. Al was among the players at the Evanston Invitational, an invite-only event for strong Dan players in the Midwest. As the AGHS Youth of the Month, Al received a gift card from the leading online Go service BadukClub.

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In our AGHS Logo Design Contest, co-planned by our 2023-2024 AGHS Design Manager Kylie Xu (our youngest officer!) and AGHS Media Marketing Manager Julia Zhang, we invited young artists ages 22 and under to design a new logo for our organization. The champion artist Bonnie Luo received \$200 off the 2024 U.S. Go Congress — equivalent to free registration. Her winning logo design featured orcas to symbolize the “(energetic) youth that AGHS hopes to inspire.”

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logo design contest ANNOUNCEMENT

and the winner is...



BONNIE LUO

**short snippet of their
design statement:**

Orcas are energetic and represent the youth that the AGHS hopes to inspire. They are very intelligent animals like go players. Their body color resembles the black and white stones. They are skilled hunters, like go players to win games.

Instagram post announcing Bonnie Luo's winning logo design. Post by Media Marketing Manager Julia Zhang.

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Team Bonding

Later in the season, we realized the importance of emphasizing teamwork and leadership. We wanted to make sure next year's Executive Board (presidents and vice presidents) are best prepared for their roles.

In March, we designed and enforced a new idea: the team bonding project. Each non-senior officer was given a Google Form to complete indicating their preferred project type. Then, we assigned the non-senior officers to small groups of four based on the Google Form responses, making sure not to assign officers with officers they had already worked with. Each group was required to come up with a team name, agree on a project of choice related to Go and outline their timeline with self-made deadlines for us presidents to approve.

Team XTVG (Grace Chen, Xiayang Huang, Victoria Xie and Tony Yang) chose to plan a Go-themed Creative Writing Contest and team Godrapule (Jake Kim, Regina Kim, Kylie Xu and Steve Zhang) innovated a Guess the Rank Charity Contest. While we did not require either team to complete the project, we were overjoyed to see that team members became closer to one another from collaborating on the project. Our team meetings became less awkward and more interactive.

The image shows two Instagram posts side-by-side. The left post is for a 'GUESS THE RANK CHARITY EVENT'. It features a QR code with the text 'LINK TO REGISTER' next to it, a trophy icon, and the text 'You're Invited!' and '@AGHS.OFFICIAL'. Below the main title, there are two sections: 'about' and 'prizes'. The 'about' section states that the AGHS team will compile several games for participants to guess the rank of the player who played the game, and that all ages of ranks are welcome to participate, with a recommended donation to the Wounded Warriors Project. The 'prizes' section states that participants will enter as part of the Dan or Kyu division based on their own ranks, and the top guesser of each division will win a trophy. The submission deadline is Thursday, May 16, 11:59pm PT. The right post is for a 'CREATIVE WRITING + ARTWORK CONTEST 2024'. It features a watercolor palette and a pencil icon, and the text '2024 aghs' and '@AGHS.OFFICIAL'. Below the main title, there are two sections: 'RULES' and 'PRIZES'. The 'RULES' section lists three rules: all Go players living in North America are eligible to participate; any artistic or writing mediums are acceptable, but writing must be in English; and AI-generated work is not allowed. The 'PRIZES' section states that 3 winners will be awarded \$50 each. Below the rules and prizes, there are two QR codes labeled 'REGISTER' and 'MORE INFO'.

Instagram posts of the two team bonding projects. Post by Media Marketing Manager Julia Zhang.

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Charity Event

Graphic design featuring the four team members of Team Godrapule. Graphic by Design Manager Kylie Xu.

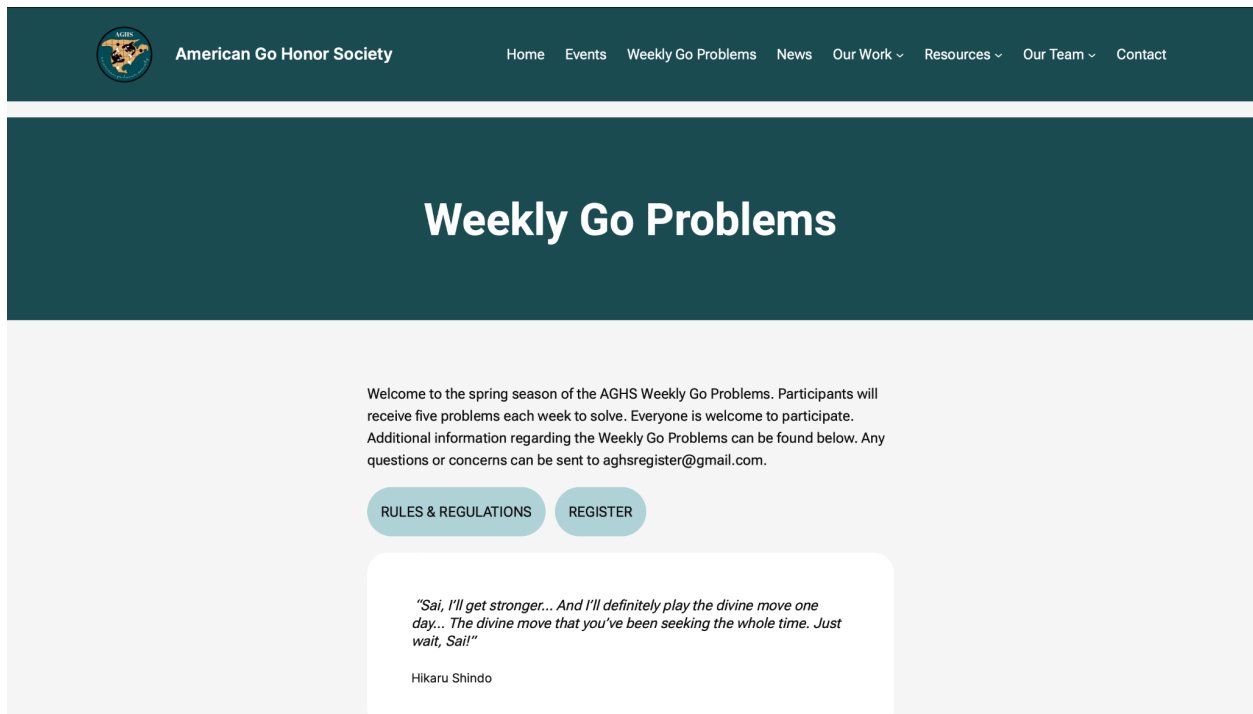
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Style Guideline

Our 2023-2024 AGHS Media Marketing Manager Julia Zhang created a style guideline [here](#). We hoped that a style guideline would bring professional branding.

Website

Our 2023-2024 AGHS Website Manager Victoria Xie, sister of AGHS alumnus Katherine Xie, updated our website with a fresh new look. Victoria integrated our new AGHS thematic colors and fonts into the website. She also added a new contact form.



Website’s “Weekly Go Problems” page. In 2023-2024, the “Weekly Go Problems” — a long-standing AGHS tradition — was managed by Vice President of Treasury Liya Luk, Treasurer Regina Kim and Website Manager Victoria Xie. Website by Website Manager Victoria Xie and President Jamie Tang.

YouTube Channel

Our 2023-2024 AGHS Head Tournament Director Steve Zhang launched an AGHS YouTube Channel. Steve made two tutorials to help youth players navigate KGS, the most popular-used Go server for AGHS tournaments. See the AGHS YouTube Channel [here](#).

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Training

Recognizing our struggles with our lack of knowledge in other areas of AGHS, we presidents decided that we wanted to expand training efforts to best equip our AGHS officers. In early spring, we started encouraging our officers to try each other's positions to learn more about AGHS operations. This initiative helped us grow the skillset of our AGHS officers and identify those who were more interested in taking on an Executive Board position (president or vice president).

Our 2023-2024 AGHS Tournament Director Tony Yang tried his hand at writing news releases while 2023-2024 AGHS Secretary Xiayang Huang practiced tournament directing. See Tony Yang's news release on the AGHS School Team Tournament [here](#), which featured quotes from his email interview with father and long-time AGA member Yixian (Michael) Zhou.

Bylaws

We did not learn that AGHS Bylaws existed until March. Since the AGHS Bylaws had not been updated since 2016, we decided to rewrite the entire bylaws for the General Board to ratify. We integrated several changes to the bylaws: revised the terminology, updated positions, recognized press releases, established a four strike system and clarified the responsibilities of the AGHS Advisor. We also mandated all AGHS officers to have access to and read the bylaws prior to their term. The revisions received an affirmative vote from the 2023-2024 General Board, making the proposed AGHS Bylaws effective starting June 26, 2024. Read the 2024-2025 AGHS Bylaws [here](#).

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Our Team

- Grace Chen - Tournament Director
- Xiayang Huang - Secretary
- Jake Kim - Tournament Director
- Regina Kim - Treasurer
- Liya Luk - Co-Vice President
- Jamie Tang - President
- Victoria Xie - Website Manager
- Kylie Xu - Design Manager
- Kevin Yang - Co-Vice President
- Tony Yang - Tournament Director
- Julia Zhang - Media Marketing Manager
- Steve Zhang - Head Tournament Director



Jamie Tang



Liya Luk



Kevin Yang

See our full biographies [here](#).

Thank you.