

N.Z. SCRABBLE CLUBS - NORTH TO SOUTH

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It is with great pleasure that I write this introductions to FORWORDS. I am sure that you will find it enteraining and informative - FORWORDS that is, not my introduction.

FORWORDS will bring you news of Clubs and personalities from the world of Scrabble, both nationally and internationally.

It will seek to entertain with puzzles and brain-teasers.

It will seek to improve your game with helpful hints on play.

Above all, the purpose of the magazine is to bring about a sense of unity between the Scrabble Clubs of New Zealand and to create new friendships.

We are indepted to Sue Marrow for conceiving the idea of a magazine and for her efforts in bringing it to reality.

The Norfolk Island Festival was a great success and I congratulate Dorothy & David Pinner for their immaculate organisation.

Congratulations to Jeff Grant, Lynn Wood and Lucy Bright who won their grades.

One of the pleasing spin-offs from the Festival was meeting Australian players and establishing lines of communication that will produce several benefits in the future.

If you are planning to visit Australia there are many Clubs there that will welcome your visit. why not plan your trip around one of their tournaments?

Write to me for details.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Mt. Albert Tournament.

Charlie Curl



## FROM THE BEGINNING.

Mrs Noel Maisey has been enjoying Scrabble for some twenty years. It all began in about 1964 with a small group of 6 - 8 people who would meet at Noel's home on the outskirts of Hamilton to play Scrabble. When Noel moved to Tauranga she was keen to get a club started and placed an ad in the 'Bays Sun' on 28th August 1976. On 2nd September 1976 the Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts Club held it's first meeting. Noel didn't stop there - she was eager to know if there were other groups of this kind in New Zealand. A letter to the editor of the N.Z. Herald drew attention from interested Scrabble players, but alas, no clubs. At this stage Tauranga was the only Scrabble club in New Zealand. In March 1977 an article and photo of the Tauranga club appeared in the N.Z. Herald and in August 1977, the N.Z. Womens Weekly included a story and photo. This attracted more interest. Noel set her sights further afield and contacted a group in U.S.A. - 'The Scrabble Crossword Players Inc of New York'. They informed her of a lady in Rockhampton, Queensland, who was keen to form a club. Noel wrote to her. In May 1978 Noel travelled to Lower Hutt and met with Glenyss Buchanan. They discussed rules, dictionaries etc. She also travelled to Sydney and met with a Scrabble club there. By 1979 Scrabble clubs had started popping up all around the country - Christchurch, Lower Hutt, Hastings, Tokoroa, Waiheke Island, Auckland North Shore and Bays. Noel began sending out a regular newsletter, three or four times a year. This included a mail contest - 'Find the Highest Score', which proved to be very popular and resulted in some very high scores. On Queens Birthday weekend 1980, the Tauranga Scrabble club hosted the First New Zealand National Scrabble Championships. The event attracted about eighty players from all over New Zealand and also three ladies from Rockhampton

Queensland.

The two day tournament was a great success and it was decided to be an annual event. The following year at the conclusion of the Second National Championships, 1981, the inaugural meeting of the New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players was held. David Pinner was elected President, and Dorothy Pinner, Secretary/Treasurer. On their return to Auckland, they set up the Mt Albert Scrabble club, the largest club in the N.Z.A.S.P. David and Dorothy worked extremely hard over the years to promote the growth of Scrabble in N.Z., and with the foundation set by Noel and the Tauranga club, they have brought Scrabble to the height it has reached today.

Next year is the 10th birthday of the Tauranga Enthusiasts Scrabble club, and they plan to hold a tournament to celebrate the 'Decade of Scrabble'. A definite date has not yet been decided.

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CHAMBERS WORDS Edited by J. Simpson, 1985.

Question: How long does it take to get from Ab to pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis?

Answer: An exceptionally long time if you have to revise, update, expand and check about 120,000 items in between.

The result of these labours at the linguistic mill is the new edition of Chambers 'Words' based on the 20th Century Dictionary. It retails at \$19.95 or \$16.00 if ordered through Dorothy Pinner.

As in the old edition, the words are arranged according to length (from 2 to 45 letters) and then in alphabetical order.



CHAMBERS WORDS Continued.

Each letter has the same width, which makes rapid scanning of columns much easier. It is set in lower-case type with upper-case for instant identification of proper nouns. Noun, verb and adjective endings are included.

Be careful of those asterisks though. They indicate words not allowed under U.K. rules. What we need is for some enterprising person or group to go through the book revising those asterisks for New Zealand.

Another warning - There are errors - despite all care taken. Some nouns do not have their plurals indicated and some words have been left out altogether. So it cannot be used for Scrabble adjudication. It should be used in conjunction with our two dictionaries - not instead of.

Despite these drawbacks it has other excellent qualities. There is a computer generated list of some 5000 words featuring the letters J, Q, X, and Z. These letters are not only at the beginning of words as they are in the Chambers Dictionary and the main text of 'Words'. So under J6 comes 'bunjie' and 'hanjar' which could be easily overlooked in normal dictionary use.

David Pinner.

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STOP PRESS!!!

A new three letter word to add to your list.

pre

If you look in Chambers you will see it says:-  
Used without hyphen as preposition. The use of  
this word has been approved by the N.Z.A.S.P.

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SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 1.

By Jeff Grant

Unless otherwise specified, the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century Dictionary (1983 Edition), and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

Entries are to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Road, R.D.2., Hastings, by 8th November

The winner will receive a book prize. Good Luck!

QUESTION 1.

Unscramble the following 7 - letter words.

- (a) EEMORST
- (b) DEOPRWY
- (c) BEGINOS

QUESTION 2.

Can you make two 7 - letter words from the tiles DEELOT plus a blank?

QUESTION 3.

Name an acceptable 7 - letter word that is impossible to play in a game of Scrabble.

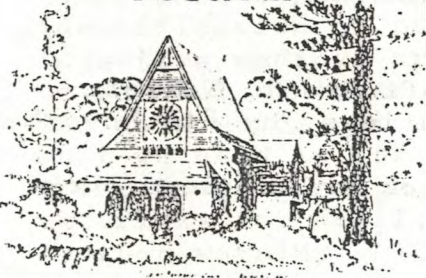
QUESTION 4.

Your opponent starts the game with UNREELS, (L on the centre spot), and you have the letters EIOORSS. What is your best move?

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## Norfolk Island SCRABBLE® Festival



The First Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival was a stupendous success. The Scrabble was excellent. Jeff Grant won the A grade and became an International Champion. New Zealand won the first ever Test Match, between N.Z. and Australia, (in four grades) - 33 to 24. 1985 N.Z. National Champion, Michael Sigley, won the Handicap Knock Out, scoring 664 in the final.

Alveen Seon of Mt Albert won the Consolation Knock Out. The B grade was won by Heather Booth of Bendigo, Victoria. Lynn Wood won both the C grade and the Lightning Championships. Lucy Bright of Carterton won the D grade. The venue, the Duchess of Norfolk restaurant overlooking the South Pacific Hotel pool, was the best anybody had ever experienced. The weather was fine and sunny - except when the N.Z. party arrived after a mere 1½ hours jet flight.

The food was superb. The introductory dinner cost \$9.00 for entree, main course, sweet and coffee. Where else can you get a meat salad lunch - as much as you can eat, for \$4.00?

The outings were excellent. When asked what was the highlight of the week, answers ranged from the Island dinner at Bishopscourt, the sound and light show, the glass-bottomed boat trip and the half-day tour.

Everybody agreed, however, about the Presentation dinner. It was an exciting and extremely enjoyable occasion with good food, many excellent trophies, (non returnable!) and prizes, good entertainment, dancing and good fellowship. Some of our N.Z. items will long be remembered. Michael Sigley as a New Guinea witch doctor turned on by clickety-click, (Scrabble to you). Peg with her stories

and Alice in the dark, (we had a power cut), telling her update of Cinderella. The social life was one big party and mannequin parade. This was especially true where the Aussies were, at Hibiscus Aloha. The shopping was marvellous. Our N.Z. dollar stretched, and there were bargains galore. We all know about the \$23.00 jazzercise set! Lynn Wood led the raid on the shoe shop. Electrical goods, toys, clothes (especially Chinese embroidered blouses and pure wool jumpers), cameras, watches, makeup and jewellery were the prime targets. The evaluation sheets are a valuable guide to the organisers and it is clear that there is great demand for another Festival next year - 10 days so that everything can be squeezed in. Glenyss Buchanan summed it up in her inimitable way - she had no time to wipe her .... !

Dorothy and David Pinner



Jeff playing Charlie at Norfolk. The game turned into a disaster for both players. Jeff won with 317 to Charlie's 273!



IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIRST NORFOLK ISLAND SCRABBLE  
FESTIVAL. By Glynis Jennings.

My Norfolk Island holiday adventure began when I boarded an Auckland-bound bus on the afternoon of Saturday 31st August. I was pleased and grateful to be met by Charlie, and to stay at his and Daph's home overnight. Jeff Grant, too, was their guest. 4.45am on Sunday saw us rising and preparing for our departure. Arriving at the airport around 6.30am. The flight itself was smooth and brief with a tasty breakfast served en route. Our first sight of Norfolk Island airport was of Dorothy, David and Lynn Wood with a banner - "Welcome to the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival". In the afternoon the Australian contingent arrived and were welcomed by the Kiwis. The evening gave us the opportunity to further our Australian/N.Z. friendships at an Introductory Dinner. Apart from the Scrabble itself, the highlight for many people was exploration of the shops in a continual search for novel items and bargains to be triumphantly displayed to fellow Scrabblers. Daph, Charlie and I had our stay entertainingly punctuated by a tap on the door heralding the arrival, usually of Lynne Powell or Lynn Wood modelling the latest acquisition in dress or footwear, with an exclamation of "Five dollars", "Ten dollars" or whatever. Lynnes's impromptu performance of aerobics in her new jazzercise outfit - "Twenty-three dollars", will long be remembered.

Two organised trips were included in the price of the holiday. One was a tour of the island with afternoon tea at the colonial home of the owner of the tour company. The bus I was in was driven by one of the seemingly countless descendants of the leader of the Bounty mutiny. We started with an exploration of the convict settlement ruins with an account of it's grisly history



made even more graphic on a subsequent 'Sound and Light' bus tour at night, when actors re-created scenes from the past to a recorded background commentary.

Our other sightseeing trip was aboard a glass-bottomed boat from the beautiful beach of Emily Bay (the only part of the coast safe for swimming) out to the off-shore coral reef to view the myriad life-forms of an underwater world. How lovely to see clear, unpolluted water and watch the fish come to the surface for bread thrown by our boatman, Mac. We tried to memorise the strange names of fish, with which to confound future Scrabble opponents, but for me, the recall was sadly, short lived.

Before we knew it, the time had come for the presentation dinner to reward those who had won, and to say heartfelt thank-yous to Dorothy and David for their untiring efforts in carrying their dream through from it's inception, to a highly successful reality, and to Correne for her able and continual adjudication and dealing efficiently with endless minor crises - "We haven't got a



Norfolk Island  
SCRABBLE  
Festival

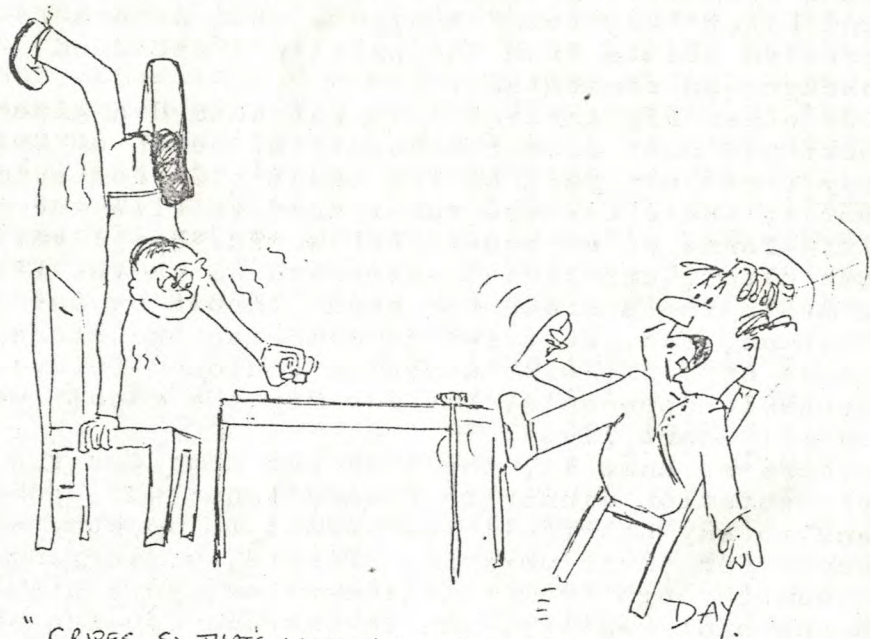
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board", and "There's a tile missing".

The hotel chef had made a beautiful cake, shaped and iced like a Scrabble board which put the crowning touch to a memorable evening.

I met a very charming gentleman at Norfolk Island - Monty, the Scrabble computer. Although not a brilliant player, he is always willing for a game of Scrabble and invariably complimentary about his opponent. For someone like me, who has few opponents, his is a friendship worth cultivating, and I'm seriously considering a more permanent acquaintance.

At some future date I'm sure we should all want to take part in another Scrabble festival, and to those who couldn't make on this occasion, I say, "Please try and go next time - it's well worth it".



"CRIPES, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN BY  
PLAYING UPSIDE DOWN!"

THE N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The N.Z. Challenge Shield was kindly presented to the N.Z.A.S.P. by John Schischka and Terry Darby. This prestigious trophy was first held by The Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts Club who withstood three challenges in 1981/82, before losing it to Mt Albert Club.

Mt Albert's very strong team held the shield for 18 months, contesting eight challenges before the North Shore club won it from them in April 1984, on their third attempt. North Shore then lost the shield to the Hamilton Club, and Hamilton in turn, lost it to Tauranga.

Challenges are invited from the Tauranga Club, although they do have a match against Mt Maunganui in the near future. In the event of losing to Mt Maunganui, challenges would be passed on along with the shield.

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N.Z. RECORDS.

At this stage it looks as though Mt Albert dominate the scene on the records to hand so far, although as yet I haven't received information from all the clubs.

Most 7-letter words (3 games) David Lloyd (MA) 10  
Lynne Powell (BYS) 1

Highest aggregate (3 games) David Pinner (MA) 1628

Highest individual game David Pinner (MA) 632

Highest word score Joyce Bourdot (NS) 239

Highest combined game Glennis Hale & Alan Duval (MA)  
1007



## THE JENNY WARD MEMORIAL SHIELD.

This shield is dedicated to the memory of the late Jenny Ward. Jenny was a founder member of the North Shore Scrabble Club when it first began in 1978. She then became a regular player at the Bays Scrabble Club on a Tuesday morning. Just prior to her death, Jenny joined the Mt Albert Club, her commencement of work made it impossible to play on a Tuesday at the Bays. Jenny enjoyed her Scrabble and travelled from her home at Northcote Point to Mt Albert on Friday nights. It was at the Mt Albert Club that she met and befriended an elderly lady - Miss Mary McCulloch. Mary was very fond of Jenny and deeply saddened when she learned that Jenny had died tragically in a motor vehicle accident. Mary decided to donate a shield in Jenny's honour - not just any shield, but a shield that had sentimental value to Miss Mary McCulloch. This particular shield was made by Mary's brother as a project in his Woodwork class at Auckland Boys Grammar School. He was killed in World War II. The Mt Albert and Bays Clubs challenge each other regularly for the Jenny Ward Shield, and it is always a most enjoyable occasion when the two clubs meet. Each club takes turn to host and provide a delicious luncheon, while the other supplies the prizes.

The teams have some very exciting battles, and the last match was no exception. It was a real 'cliff-hanger'. The Bays ladies thought they had retained possession by just one game, but on a last minute check by the adjudicators it was discovered an error had been made in Mt Alberts favour, and Mt Albert won the Jenny Ward Shield by one game. Mt Albert 32½ games - Bays 31½. The amazing fact was, that the two teams each consisting of 16 players, had played 64 games in all, and the final points were Mt Albert 22,884 to the Bays 22,880 - only four points difference. The next challenge is due in December.

## TOURNAMENT SCENE.

### NORTH SHORE TOURNAMENT FOR TELTHON.

The North Shore Scrabble Club held a tournament on 29th June to raise funds for Telethon. The generosity of local businesses with donations of prizes helped make the day a success. Special thanks to Thomas Lothian for the kind donation of the 20th Century Chambers Dictionary, which was raffled. Together with donations from the Bays and Mt Albert clubs, the North Shore club was pleased to pledge \$315.00 to Telethon.

The winners were:

- A grade: 1. Ann Candler, (NS), 2. Charlie Curl, (MT A), 3. Sue Marrow, (NS).  
B grade: 1. Joy Hunter, (HAM), 2. Marge Dalzell, (BAYS), 3. Beryl Mace, (BAYS).  
C grade: 1. Peggy Hebden, (BAYS), 2. Roni Sigley, (NS), 3. Stephen Dennerly, (NS).

### THE THIRD HAMILTON TOURNAMENT.

The ever popular Hamilton Tournament was held on Sunday 11th August, and was a great success. Unfortunately the size of the venue restricts entries to 48, so you have to be in quick for this one.

The winners were:

- Group 1: 1. Glennis Hale, (MT A), 2. Jeff Grant, (HSTGS), 3. Lynne Powell, (BAYS).  
Group 2: 1. Dorothy Pinner, (MT A), 2. Kevin Edgeler, (TOK), 3. Ngaire Steel, (MT M).  
Group 3: 1. Lois Kelly, (TOK), 2. Joy Hunter, (HAM), 3. John Gibb, (HAM).



## HAMILTON TOURNAMENT Continued.

Group 4: 1. Daphne Curl, (MT A), 2. Florence Veldhuizen, (TOK), 3. Jackie Yare, (MT A).

Group 5: 1. Allie Quinn, (NS), 2. Alveen Seon, (MT A), 3. Joycelyn Miller, (HAM).

Group 6: 1. Joy Maxwell, (HAM), 2. Shona Shaw, (HAM), 3. Faye Leach, (HAM).

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## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

### CHRISTCHURCH: SYDENHAM.

The 1982 National Tournament in Tauranga was advertised in the Canterbury Public Library. That was my first, and I'm 'hooked'. I booked my accommodation weeks in advance.

Bill McCavitt joined me in Hamilton in 1985 - two Southerners.

There are eight members of the Sydenham Scrabble club, five of which supported a 24 hour 'Scrabble-athon'. We raised \$80.00.

One of our club members, Hilary, on holiday in England, got herself invited to a London club. She played with A.J. Simmons - scores: Alan 450, Hilary 399. Not too bad!

Doreen Ogsten

### EASTERN SUBURBS (WELLINGTON).

The newly formed Eastern Suburbs Scrabble Club is the brainchild of Lynn Wood, former Bays club member. Lynn is the newcomer that 'cleaned up' the E grade at this years National Championships. This was hardly surprising, as she had spent last summer on Takapuna Beach playing Scrabble

## EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB Cont.

obsessively with Bays A grade player, Lynne Powell. When Lynn returned to Wellington she decided to set up a Scrabble club in the Capital. After advertising in the paper a couple of times, the Eastern Suburbs Scrabble Club was formed, and have a regular attendance of ten to fourteen players.

Lynn intends to run regular tournaments for clubs in the lower part of the North Island.

### TOKOROA.

Tokoroa Scrabble club has a membership of nine, keen, skillful players. They fared very well at the recent Hamilton tournament. The club celebrate it's 6th birthday recently, and they all went out to dinner to mark the occasion, and also to present their club awards.

Here are the results for the 1984/85 Club Titles:

Most wins	Lois Kelly
Most bonus words	Kevin Edgeler
Highest game score	Lesley Edgeler 611
Highest aggregate 3 games	Lesley Edgeler 1455
Highest word score	Kevin Edgeler 167

'Ann Plested Trophy' for competition night points was won by Lesley Edgeler with 100 points.

'Betty Price Salver' for club championships was won by Kevin Edgeler. Pepi Farrar was runner-up.

The 1986 Tokoroa one-day tournament is set for 15th February next year. This is three weeks earlier than usual. The reason for this is that Easter is earlier next year, and therefore the Masters Tournament will be in March.

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A QUESTION FROM 'QIBLA'.

I have a question if someone could answer it for me please. We do have a problem from time to time by having an odd number of players present. Because our membership is so small we don't like anyone having to sit out a game, so we play a three-handed game. We have tried with Lesley or myself playing two boards at once, but one game a night was enough - too taxing on the brain! To give players in the triple a chance to get a score equivalent to the two-handed game, we add half to their score, e.g. 300 in a triple becomes 450. Has anyone a suggestion as to how to overcome this playing a triple problem?

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PUZZLE: THOSE BOVVER V's.

See how many words you can find where two V's come together, not counting derivatives. David Pinner has found 17 so far.

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QUESTION: In what kind of dictionary does the word ZEBRA come before BISON?

ANSWER: This will be revealed very soon! Wait for it!

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OOPS!

My apologies to the Mt Maunganui club for my mis-spelling their name on the back cover.

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FROM THE EDITOR.

Well, that's it folks! The first edition of the N.Z.A.S.P.'s magazine - 'Forwards'. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed preparing it. Thanks to everyone that has sent in articles, puzzles and news items. Without such contributions this magazine would not be possible. However, if your submission has not appeared in this copy - don't despair - I will endeavour to include it in the next issue which is due out in December.

I will most gratefully receive any material for future editions of 'Forwards', big or small, whether it be an article, club news, personal news, a funny story, a photo, words of wisdom, or even just a question.

Your answers to the Scrabble contest should be sent to Jeff. Your answers to any other puzzles that appear in the magazine, can be sent to me. Could club secretaries or individuals please inform me as the N.Z. records are broken or equalled, and I will give an update in subsequent issues.

On the back cover of each issue you will find the whereabouts and meeting times of clubs around the country, so if you're ever out of town and feel like a game of Scrabble, there may be a club close by. This list is incomplete as you will see. At the time of printing I had not received all the particulars from each club. I'm sorry if your club has been omitted or if the details are incorrect or incomplete. Please send me all relevant details. Also if there are changes in venue, contact numbers etc., please inform me. Post to:

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