

# for words



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**With Christmas tournaments coming up around the world, Santa brushes up on his twos, threes and fours.**

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## From the editor

Jennifer Smith



To whom do you owe your love of Scrabble?

I owe my love of words to my mother. We were a poor household, but we always had a dictionary and were encouraged to use it. I can remember as a young teenager saying to Mum, "How long until teatime - I'm ravished." Mum's reply was "Go and look that word up in the dictionary while you're waiting, and you'll never say that again."

We played word games in the car on long journeys. My favourite was the "adverb game", which involved using an adverb in a sentence in a punning way, always with the same sentence structure. ("Get in the back of the boat," he said sternly.)

Mum had an amazing general knowledge, and was a great educator. She had an apt turn of phrase, and was very competent with the written word. Play Scrabble against her, and she knew all sorts of words that nobody else did, as well as their meaning. Look them up in the dictionary, and she'd be spot on.

I **also** learnt how NOT to be a poor sport from my mother, who was terrible to play with! Sunday nights for years saw my grandfather and me playing five hundred against my mother and stepfather. Mum would bitch at and complain about her partner all the time, and every week, as my grandfather was leaving, he'd whisper to me, "We'd better change partners next week," - but we never did! (Neither of us wanted to partner Mum!) My stepfather,

on the other hand, took it all in good spirit. Come to think of it, perhaps I learnt how to play nicely from him!

From a very young age, I learnt gamesmanship from my grandmother, over countless games of canasta, euchre and crib.

But I owe most to my Scrabble friends, who are such fun to play with, so passionate about the game, and so willing to share their knowledge.

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Well, this is my last issue as editor.

I want to say a big thank you to all readers who have ever commented, sent in material, or read our mag. Without you, *Forwards* wouldn't be as interesting as it is. I know you will all continue to support Olivia and Anderina as they carry on with the job.

And an even bigger thank you to the layout experts I've worked with, Glenda Foster and Vicky Robertson. They have made my job easy and fun with their skills, good humour, and willingness to get things just right.

I have loved every moment of the job. But I must say, I'm looking forward to becoming just an appreciative reader and occasional contributor again!

When, in answer to my daughter's question to me on the phone yesterday - "Would you like to come to Chile and the Easter Island with me for four weeks: I'm paying?" - it was absolutely wonderful to not have to think about how that would fit around the *Forwards* schedule!



## *From our president*

*Val Mills*



Well, the end of 2013 draws closer by the day, and even though we get caught up with all that is going on at this time of year, it's good to take time to reflect on the year and the good things that have happened.

As I write, members of our team for the Scrabble Championships Tournament are making their way to Prague for this contest which is from 3-8 December. We congratulate Nigel, Howard, Blue, Peter, Joanne and Nick for making the team. We will really be looking forward to getting the results and seeing how you all go. Best wishes to Cicely and Lewis who are also going to Prague and playing in the open competition.

And now for the thank-yous!

A big thanks to the members of the Christchurch club for hosting the Nationals and the Whangarei Club for hosting the Masters. I appreciate the work that went into making these two events happen and I certainly enjoyed attending them both.

Another big thanks to all the executive members. Frances, our capable and efficient secretary, Clare, our careful treasurer, Glenda our creative web master, Ruth, our enthusiastic youth Scrabble coordinator. Together we work as a team, ensuring that the Association is well run. We rely heavily on the work done by Steven Brown in keeping the ratings and rankings up to date and we appreciate the hours he puts in, often working within tight time constraints to provide expectancies prior to a tournament and then updating the records following a tournament; so thanks Steven!

However the biggest thanks of all has to go to the magazine team - Jennifer Smith, our editor, Vicky Robertson, our layout and design person, and Lynn Wood, in charge of mailing. Don't we have a great magazine? Who doesn't read it from cover to cover the minute it arrives? It's always informative, interesting, and entertaining. At the time of writing my last report we were still looking for someone to replace Jennifer and Vicky who had both expressed their wish to pass the baton to someone else at the end of 2013.

For those of you who don't know yet, Anderina McLean and Olivia Godfrey, together, have offered to take on the job of the editor and Glenda Foster has agreed to take on the layout and design side of things (again). The executive is extremely grateful for the willingness of these people to carry on from Jennifer and Vicky. I encourage all of you to support the new magazine team in whatever way you can.

There will be more to come on Jennifer and Vicky's efforts in the next magazine but for now I just want to say a huge thanks for all your efforts over the past eight years for Jennifer and three years for Vicky. We have all benefitted greatly from all of your hard work and you have made us proud of a world class magazine that we can call our own.

Seasons Greetings, happy and safe holidaying, and happy scrabbling!

# Mailbox

Dear Jennifer

What a great job you have done with the mag. Thank you so much for all the effort – it has been a pleasure to receive and distribute such a good publication.

Scrabble takes on many shapes and forms, and we indeed play in a very small world. Imagine my surprise to be playing Anne McGinnes at Norfolk Island and discovering her daughter works at the Melbourne Aquarium where Woody now lives. Anne duly found out about Woody for me and passed on the information and the photo. He is due to be a father any day with his partner Roxy. The aquarium staff think he is a bit of a stud, as he has a girlfriend, Lilly, on the side. How naughty is that Woody?



All joking aside, Woody helped me through some very rough patches in my life. I am grateful to the staff member who got a namesake for me, and so pleased to be living still. The prognosis is good and I hope to be around for years to come, to keep winning the Eileen McLean trophy and playing Scrabble in NZ and overseas.

This year I will have completed 48 flights by 31 December, and 95% of those flights were Scrabble related. Not bad for someone who was written off in 2009.

Happy scrabbling and a wonderful Christmas and New Year to you all. We'll meet on the Scrabble circuit in 2014.

**- Lynn Wood, Wellington**

Dear Jennifer and Vicky

Hope you have a great last issue – though I won't get to see it till I return from Europe, on 21 December.

It's been an awesome read throughout your tenure. I've thoroughly enjoyed it. So, thanks, Jennifer and Vicky!

**- Howard Warner, Independent**

Dear Jennifer and Vicky

On behalf of the Mt. Albert Scrabble Club members and committee, and especially those who buy the magazine, can I say how much we have enjoyed the magazine during the time you have been editor and Vicky has been doing the layout.

Clever, witty, topical – somehow you have always managed to produce something new and stimulating and visually appealing for the Scrabble community to read and enjoy.

So thank you for the many hours of unpaid work and for the thought and effort you and Vicky have put in. Enjoy your new freedom, and your Scrabble, I am sure you will continue to be keen contributors. Even though the magazine will be in good hands with the new editors, we will miss your special touch.

Best wishes on behalf of the Mt. Albert Scrabble Club. Hope we see lots more of you both at our tournaments and other tournaments also.

Happy scrabbling

**- Dianne Cole-Baker**

**Secretary, Mt. Albert Scrabble Club**

*[Thanks from Vicky and me to all the people who have given us similar comments about Forwards. - Ed.]*



# Hall of Fame (or infamy)

***As this is my last issue of Forwards as editor (but not my last "Hall of Fame" article), I'm going to have a bit of fun writing about some fanciful Hall of Fame subjects whose eponyms are worth knowing.***

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In an earlier life I was a maiden in Norse mythology, known for my beauty. Because I was so beautiful, I was courted by many Norse gods, but I never succumbed to their overtures, and always rejected any gods who courted me. Once, when I was waving goodbye - very vigorously - to a particularly attentive but obnoxious suitor, I put my arm out of joint.

You will be more familiar with me in this life as the president of the NZASP, but many of the words you play in Scrabble came about because of me.

**VALERIAN(S)** is a hardy perennial flowering plant, with heads of sweetly scented pink or white flowers that bloom in the summer. I think it is appropriate that it takes my name, as I love the summer. (I wouldn't be so vain as to think the herb got my name because it is beautiful and fragrant.) Hence **VALERIC**.

**VALETE(S)** is a farewell. Apart from saying "get lost" to my suitors, I was saying, according to its literal meaning in Latin, "Be well, stay strong".

**VALGOUS** and **VALGOID** refer to an abnormal position of a joint.

And, of course, **VALKYRIE** is a maiden in Norse mythology.

Remember me, Val Mills, when you play any of my words. I bid you valet!

\* \* \*

Hello. I'm writing this to everyone on our NZASP mailing list, because that's my job as secretary of the NZASP. It's a hectic job at times, as you'll appreciate - and I've tried to find an appropriate word to



describe the tizz I get into around the time of the AGM and the National Championships. "Frenzy" doesn't quite do it.

However, my eponym, **FRANZY**, captures it perfectly. And I'm lucky that **FRANZIER** and **FRANZIEST** are also words that can be used when the situation worsens!

However, they're not the words I'm best known for. I must say, I'm a bit embarrassed to feature in the "Hall of Infamy" for two words. Understandably enough, I'm not prepared to tell you how the words **FRANGER(S)**, Aussie slang for a condom, and **FRANION(S)**, an illicit lover, came to be named after me. But I'm sure you all have vivid enough imaginations to fill in the gaps and to realise that the two are connected.

Fortunately, I have a sense of humour, so I know you'll laugh and remember me, Fran(ces) Higham, when you play one of my words.

\* \* \*

Hello, everyone. And a special hi to all you young people out there.

You all know me - I'd rather run tournaments for young people than for adults;

I'd rather cook a nice meal than eat out; I'd rather play Scrabble than any other game; and I'd rather live in Dunedin than anywhere else.

So the word that's popular in America, **DRUTHERS**, as in "if I had my druthers" (if I had a free choice), is particularly appropriate for me. Not only does it derive from the shortening of "I'd rather", but it has my name, Ruth, in the middle. Word experts reckon it originated in the late nineteenth century, but it couldn't have, because I'm not **that** old!!

Those of you who have attended tournaments in Dunedin will know I'm not a bad cook, so I was delighted with my eponym **KASHRUTH** - nothing to do with cash, but to do with food. It might really have been named for my relatives, since Groffman is a Jewish surname, and **KASHRUTH** is the Jewish laws of diet and food preparation.

Remember me, Ruth Groffman, when you play my **RUTH** words ruthlessly.

\* \* \*

As a mother of young children, working full time, and being the treasurer of NZASP, I'm kept frantically busy. (Can I use your franzy word, too, Frances?) So all my eponymous words relate to the ways I relax.

First of all, I like to soak in a bath suffused with the aromatic herb **CLARY** (plural **CLARIES**), **CLARETING** a glass of **CLARET**, listening to the **CLARINO** (**CLARINOS**, **CLARINI**) of a symphony CD, and smoking a **CLARO** (**CLAROS**, **CLAROES**).

The highest notes of the trumpet, and the soothing smoke of the mild cigar put me in a good frame of mind, so by the time I'm completely **CLARETED** (it's actually a verb, but I like to use it as a euphemistic adjective

for tipsy!), it's much easier to **CLARIFY** the accounts.

Remember me, Clare Wall, when you play any of my words. Oh, and please also remember me next time you are opening a good bottle of claret!

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Hello. After reading all the words that have made my fellow committee members famous, I feel a little peeved that I haven't received similar honours. After all, I have been on the committee for longer than any of them.

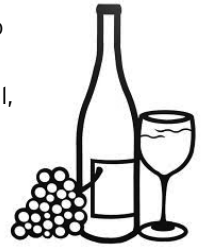
Like Val, I too was a mythical creature in an earlier life, variously described as a "heavenly sprite", "beautiful sprite" and "good spirit". Sadly, though, my eponym is too long to ever come in handy when you're playing Scrabble: **GLENDOVEER** - though perhaps you could play it around VEE or END.

A US navy vessel in commission from 1917-19 was also named **GLENDOVEER** after me, but I'd prefer to be remembered as a heavenly sprite than as a battleship, thank you!

There is, however, a useful word that's derived from the anagram of my name. **LEGEND(S)** is goods or wreckage thrown into the sea or attached to a buoy for future recovery. **LAGA(S)** and **LIGAN(S)** mean the same.

Remember me, Glenda Foster, when you play **LEGEND(S)**, and thank me for the extra 5 points if you get a challenge because people think you meant to play LEGEND.

*[I understand how you feel Glenda. But just be thankful you're not me - my eponym, JENNY, is synonymous for a common ass. -Ed.]*



## What have I got left?

I'm a wreck, because I've lost my:

### (six letters)

muscle co-ordination	ABASIA
will power	ABULIA
speech	ALALIA
ability to read	ALEXIA
ability to speak	ALOGIA
ability to recognise musical sounds	AMUSIA
full eyesight	ANOPIA
supply of oxygen to my tissues	ANOXIA
ability to urinate	ANURIA
muscle co-ordination	ATAXIA
ability to conceive	ATOCIA
full use of my muscles	ATONIA

### (seven letters)

willpower	ABOULIA
desire to eat	ABROSIA
bile	ACHOLIA
self control	ACRASIA
will to drink	ADIPSIA
sense of taste	AGEUSIA
ability to recognise familiar objects	AGNOSIA
willpower to stick to my moral values	AKRASIA
ability to withstand pain	ALGESIA
mental ability	AMENTIA
memory	AMNESIA
ability to feel pain	ANALGIA
energy	ANERGIA
full vision	ANOPSIA
sense of smell	ANOSMIA
ability to digest properly	APEPSIA
ability to swallow	APHAGIA
lens of the eye	APHAKIA
ability to express thoughts in words	APHASIA
voice	APHONIA
organ	APLASIA



ability to perform voluntary body movements	APRAXIA
ability to stand	ASTASIA

### (eight letters)

arms	ABRACHIA
physical strength	ADYNAMIA
tongue	AGLOSSIA
power to write	AGRAPHIA
ability to sleep	AGRYPNIA
voluntary movement	AKINESIA
hair	ALOPECIA
appetite	ANOREXIA
love of food	APOSITIA
regular heartbeat	ARYTHMIA
ability to produce sperm [pretending I'm male for a moment]	ASPERMIA
strength	ASTHENIA

What have I got left? You may well ask!

Well, it leaves me with a very useful list of Scrabble words that start with A- and end with -IA ...

...except ...

ANERGIA and ABOULIA mean I don't have the energy or willpower to learn them, and even if I did, AMNESIA would stop me from being able to play them!

(At least that's enough to rid me of my ADIPSIA.)

*Notes: There are other A-IA words, not concerned with the dysfunction or missing part of the body.*

*All of the above can be pluralised with S.*





# Club News

## Dunedin

### Otago Lion Open

This was the first tournament I had organised entirely on my own, although I hope that wasn't the reason for the small number of entries. (I guess several people were protecting their ratings, hoping for a crack at the Masters next year.) Anyway, all went well, apart from a double booking of the room on Saturday afternoon, when a bunch of bridge players retired to a different room on being told that we had not only booked and confirmed the venue, but also that we had paid for it.

For the first time we had a caterer doing the lunches, and they were magnificent (at least the vegetarian option was, and the meat-eaters seemed happy too.)

The numbers meant that we had a mixed draw and 14 games – the A grade played almost a triple Round Robin, the B grade played a full double Round Robin. See the results at the back of *Forwards*.

**Chris Handley**

## Mt Albert

63 stalwarts gathered for our two-day tussle over the Scrabble boards. Words were the theme of the tournament with the spot prizes centring on parts of speech. Heated discussions about what constituted a compound word – only a double noun like oxtails, or a preposition and verb like co-opts? Fortunately the judge's decision is final and all grumbles are ignored!!

Having earlier decided on the 'best word for the America's Cup' for a spot prize when we thought NZ would win, the committee stuck to their guns and the resultant long list of words had some lovely flights of fancy 'EMEROIDS – (they got the shits)' was one of the more imaginative from Joan Thomas! The winner, Lorraine Van Veen, took the day with her extensive list of seven words that included ENVIOUS, SHUDDERS, FURIOUS and OUTWILED. All very fitting! We look forward to seeing everyone and more back next year. Dates are already set – again the first weekend in October (4th and 5th), so mark your diaries now.

In conclusion, the Mt Albert Club would express their most extravagant thanks to Jennifer for her marvellous work as editor of *Forwards* over recent years.

## Papatoetoe

As you know, we have been known as Papatoetoe Holy Cross Scrabble Club. However, two years ago, our association with Holy Cross Church terminated because of rebuilding uncertainties, and we moved to the Hunters Corner Bowling Club venue, which is absolutely perfect for our needs in all ways.

We decided that our club should be now known as Papatoetoe Scrabble Club. I see the results sheets at tournaments etc are still showing PHC although we enter as Papatoetoe only.

Could people update their records for the future please. Could we now be abbreviated as PAP, please?

## Battle of the Gorge

*Kevin Edgeler, Rotorua*

The annual "Battle of the Gorge" across the boards was held recently in Papamoa, when Tauranga and Rotorua Scrabble Clubs locked horns in the annual clash.

Rotorua, who won for the first time last year, were hoping to retain the trophy but it was not to be. Tauranga were comfortably ahead at lunch time, leading 16 - 12 after four rounds and extended that to 30.5 - 18.5 at the conclusion of the seventh and final round.

Heather Landon (Tauranga) did a great job of organising the draw, results sheets and everything else that goes into running a successful Scrabble event. Hosts Margaret and Lindsay Bullen also did a marvellous job in opening up their home to us to hold the event.

Ruth Godwin (Rotorua) thanked the hosts and Tauranga Club for staging the event and hoped to see them again next year when it will be staged in Rotorua.

Heather Landon of Tauranga was the top player for the day with 6 wins.

Kevin Edgeler was Rotorua's top player with five wins, followed by Ruth Godwin with four and a half.

## And the odds are ...?

*Margaret Cherry, Pakuranga*

In a recent game of Scrabble with my daughter Janice, she played the word UNSAFER - the R was a blank. Straight after this play, with only 17 tiles left in the bag, she picked out the same letters again, but this time, with the R not the blank.

Unfortunately, she was unable to play this word a second time.

We wonder what the odds are of this happening.



*Tim Henneveld of Rotorua presenting the Battle of the Gorge trophy to Heather Landon of Tauranga*



*The Tauranga and Rotorua teams.*

# Hastings Tournament

*Joan Thomas, Hastings*

The Hastings Club was asked to run a tournament to mark the occasion of Jeff Grant's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jeff was the founder of the Club in the early nineteen-eighties and we were pleased to resurrect our tournament to celebrate his birthday.

Because his actual birthday clashed with the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival, the weekend of the 21 and 22 September was chosen for the tournament. (His birthday was celebrated on Norfolk on the 23 October).

Thanks go to Jeff's wife Pat who did a lot of fundraising to keep the costs for entrants down and to provide quality raffles.

There were 44 entrants from as far afield as Whangarei and Wellington and some enjoyed an extended visit to explore Hawkes Bay.

We welcomed two new players in rated tournaments, Myrtle Travis from our club and Jamie Adams from Wellington. Also competing for the first time in several years were Yvonne Wilson, Doreen O'Shea and Tracy Ivamy from Hastings.

The tournament was held at the Hastings RSA and there were many accolades

from players regarding the RSA facilities and the food. All the staff went the extra mile to ensure that everything ran smoothly,

for which we were very grateful.

Most players joined Jeff, Pat and Jeff's dad Ted for a smorgasbord dinner at the venue on the Saturday evening.

Although we originally regarded this as a one-off tournament it went so well that we may hold another one next year.



*The birthday boy with his wife Pat and father Ted [Photo by Val Mills]*



*Talk about Wearable Art! - Vicky Robertson models a Scrabble board cover as a hat. [Photo by Sheila Reed]*



*Dinner at the RSA [Photo by Val Mills]*

## Rotorua

In September we celebrated Tim  
Henneveld's 80th birthday with a shared  
lunch at the home of Christine Doolan in  
Ngongotaha.

### Ode to Tim

He came, this man from the Netherlands,  
To settle in our town.

His wife and family by his side  
He had travelled up and down.  
He brought with him some talents rare  
And his skill with wood he wished to  
share -

From renovations to a jewellery box  
Intricate detail, intricate locks -  
The same great care was given to all  
Projects, no matter how large or small.

He trained as a teacher and by-and-by  
He scored a position at Rotorua High.  
After building a home in Barraud Place.  
He could've adopted a less hectic pace  
But not our Tim.

To help in his street he thought t'would  
be good

To take on Support for the  
Neighbourhood;  
He entered his road in the annual race  
To be the neatest street - and they  
gained first place

In 2012 - oh, such a treat!  
His endless accomplishments are quite  
a feat.

At the Poly Spa he is well known  
He visits 'most every day  
To ease his aching body - not just for  
rest or play.

From all that Tim does we too could  
learn

A lesson that's not new:

Enjoy, and live life to the full -  
Make the most of what we do.

His generous heart and zest for life  
He shares with friendly voice,  
And to improve his English  
Made Scrabble his game of choice.  
He loves the game and wished to share  
His choice with others - who were soon  
aware

Of his desire to set up a Scrabble Club  
Making his home the focus - or should  
we say hub? -

Of Thursday meetings from 9 till 12  
Where enthusiasts gather to dig and  
delve

For words to help them win their games  
And add to the 'bonus' list their many  
names.

When morning tea-time comes around  
With biscuits, cakes and toffee,  
We all appreciate another skill  
He makes the bestest coffee!

At organisation he's a whiz  
Running our tournament is his biz;  
It brings in folk from far and wide  
Who enjoy the company and the game  
But also appreciate the name  
Tim has for the preparation and pride  
He takes in getting things 'just right'.  
So when the players go home each night  
They think about their enjoyable day -  
Tim's organisation made it that way

So many of us in this club can find  
Endless examples of just how kind  
Tim has been in every way  
And we acknowledge this today

So we gather here, Tim, and we reflect  
On the role you've played in our lives.  
We've learnt all about the little words

Not just the sevens and fives!

The friends we've made are because of you  
You've taken in all-comers too,  
And given many who had an empty  
place  
Something worthwhile to do.

So, we all say 'thank you' President Tim  
Your gift has not been small  
This message is not a passing whim  
'Happy Birthday from us all'

**Ruth Godwin**  
**edited by Val Isherwood**



*The birthday cake.*



*Tim with some of the club members at his birthday lunch at Christine Doolan's home.*

## Squabblers

**Margaret Cherry, Pakuranga**

A local woman has created a game which she has called Squabblers, and this is now available at toy stores throughout New Zealand. She has had articles in two local papers about the creation which uses tiles as in Scrabble, but with different values, and the game is not played on a board.

Apparently, she and her husband used to play Scrabble, a game which she now describes as tedious, unsatisfying and too restrictive!!

After those comments she had the nerve to ring and ask if she could bring her game along to club night to demonstrate how it was played. She was very persistent.

To her surprise, we didn't take her up on her offer!

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## Obituary: Cathie Sale

Cathie had lived in a rest home for a few years so had not recently belonged to a Scrabble club, but she was a member of the Papatoetoe Holy Cross Club for some years.

Her enthusiasm for Scrabble never waned, and right up to the end she eagerly looked forward to weekly visits by Tony Turner from the Papatoetoe Club so they could indulge in their favourite game.

Cathie always kept a record of all the games she played - who they were against, scores and bonus words. It was a well-filled notebook.

Cathie died peacefully at age 93.

**- Margaret Cherry**

## Online Kiwi Knockout

*Patrcick Carter, Independent*

I was thinking that it would be a good idea to use online Scrabble play to have a competition for all kiwi scrabblers. It is always more fun playing somebody online when you know them as something other than a name like surfdog472.

My idea is for it to be in the form of a knockout competition which is limited only to kiwis and ex-kiwis such as Kristian Saether or Sheryl Davidson.

Whatever number of people were interested in participating could be divided up into groups of 16 players and they would follow a knockout format like a tennis tournament with the winner going on to play in the next round and the loser being knocked out of the competition. They would then wait for the next knockout competition to start about a month to 6 weeks later.

Of course people would hopefully make more acquaintances online and would probably play more games amongst themselves just as a result of being part of the same online 'club'. That is, of course, one of the main aims for people to have more fun together, not just winning or losing the monthly or bi-monthly competitions.

I am proposing an interesting number of games for each knockout match. I think they should be best of 4. That may seem like a stupid number because it is quite possible the score might be 2-2 at the end of 4 games, but that is actually all part of my idea because matches that are 2-2 are decided on total points.

In playing knockout matches before I have found that because only wins and losses count that some games became uninteresting at the end because you were

70 points behind with a few tiles in the bag and the letters on your rack of AGIIPUW were clearly not going to provide a bingo. Just imagine how different that situation is if you are playing the 1st match of a best of 4 knockout. Even though you know that this particular game is unwinnable you had better fight for all you are worth to keep the point spread as low as possible because it could be crucial if you win 2 of the next 3 games. In other words the format adds interest to a situation that might otherwise have been unexciting.

With the younger generation doing more and more online maybe this will also encourage more young kiwis to get involved in Scrabble.

At the moment I am just tossing this idea up for discussion, but if it gets a good response I would be interested in co-ordinating a competition along these lines. I would also be happy with someone who has better IT skills than myself taking the idea over if they wanted to.

Tell me what you think, Patrick [tripack@xtra.co.nz]

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## Winners, young and old

Within a space of a month or so records were set for the oldest and youngest players to win tournament A grades.

John Foster won at Tauranga at the end of August, aged 74 years, and Lyres at Mt Albert early in October, aged 24. That makes a spread of exactly 50 years.

Such a close coincidence of events needs mentioning.

## We live and learn

**Joan Thomas, Hastings**

The computer played ROSBIF against me recently. Methinks - is that a South African word for roast beef? What else could it be?

Oh dear, according to Zyzzyva the meaning is - a French term for an English person!

This ROSBIF was mortified!

However, I have since found a recipe in a French cookbook for ROSBIF COCOTTE, where beef is roasted in a heavy cast iron pot with a lid, called a COCOTTE, on the top of the stove. So, you see, my first instinct that the definition of ROSBIF was roast beef was correct.

I consulted zyzzyva to see if COCOTTE is allowable and lo and behold it lists COCOTTE as a prostitute!

\* \* \*

The computer also played COWBIND. I immediately imagined a cow with constipation writhing in agony.

Not so, COWBIND is a species of climbing plant.

\* \* \*

The computer also played AZERTY the other day - an unconventional computer keyboard layout instead of QWERTY. (Well, it would know!)

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We have all heard of tetanus - a disease due to bacillus. Do you know what TOTANUS is?

Zyzzyva says it is a bird. Wikipedia says it is a generic term for shorebirds, eg the REDSHANK, and is derived from the Italian word for a bird, totano\*.

\* \* \*

Do you know that there is an anagram of BAZAAR with the same meaning, ie BARAZA? How bizarre !

According to Zyzzyva, BIZARRE is a strangely striped flower (anagram BRAZIER). How very bizarre!

Whoops, I've found it on the internet in the Merriam Webster dictionary - BIZARRE as a noun is a flower with atypical striped marking - first known use circa 1754.

BIZARRE as an adjective is French from the Italian word bizzarro\* - first known use circa 1648. However another site says it is from the Spanish word bizzaro\*, which is probably from the Basque word bizar\* (beard). How very, very bizarre!

Enough. I'd better buzz off now.

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## What a doozy!

**Mary Gray, Mt Albert**

I had read and been impressed by Jennifer Smith's wonderful article in the last *Forwards* about trying out vowels for starting bonus words when you are looking for anagrams.

So when DOOSIES\* turned up on my rack I knew 1) - that it wasn't correct and 2) that it had a correct anagram starting with a vowel - now what was it???? IODOSES\* was my first go. After ODIOSSES\* was also challenged off, I gave it away and resorted to asking Jennifer after the game was lost.

"That's it on your paper," says Jennifer. There it was - ISODOSE written down as a possibility on my scoresheet - just not played!

Now what was that Jennifer said about learning your words?



# Brain power

## HOLIDAY PUZZLE 1

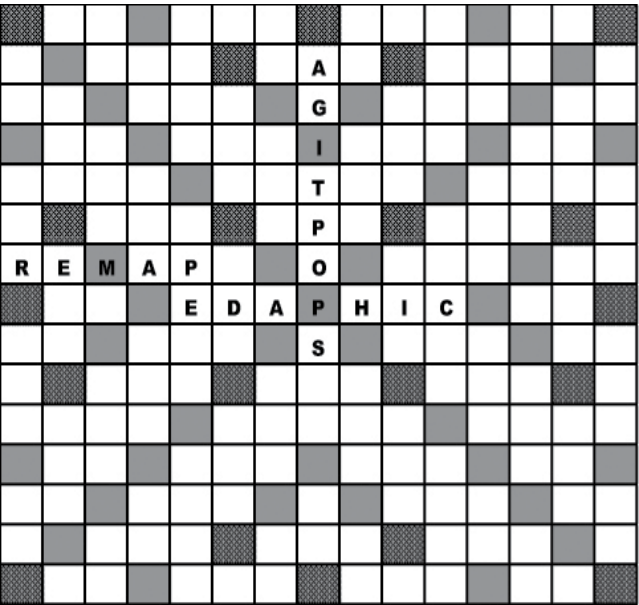
### Finding a home for a bingo

*Patrick Carter, independent*

It can be really frustrating when you have found a 7-letter word on your rack, but it doesn't fit onto the board.

On the board below there would be no problem if EDAPHIC would take an S. How many of us would have tried to place our bingo there only to see it challenged off? [Only about one-fifth of -IC words take an S. - Ed.]

However when you've got to go, you've got to go, and there are in fact 10 different bingos you can play on this board. Take as much time as you like and see how many of those 10 you can find.



## HOLIDAY PUZZLE 2

### Song for Scrabblers

*Jennifer Smith/Kiwi*

This is the Scrabble players' version of part of a song in a stage musical. Can you name the song?

- ... puccoon and croceate and celadon and sinopia
- And nacarat and piceous and tenny and titian
- And stammel and corbeau and cattleya and greige
- And ianthine and xanthic and burnet and gridelin
- And fulvid and ponceau and griseous and vermell
- And caerule and jessamy and filemot and liard
- And purple and niveous and castory and jacinthe
- And smalt.

*Solution on page 36-37.*

U R I N A L S

*Answers on page 37.*



## HOLIDAY PUZZLE 3

### Post a letter

*Jennifer Smith, Hamilton/Kiwi*

Twenty-six words, and 26 letters of the alphabet!

The challenge is to insert one letter into each of the following words, without changing the order of the letters in the basic word, to make a new Scrabble word. (Pretend you want to play the word, and find a letter it could wrap around. For example, JACKIES would make JACKSIES if wrapped around an S.)

You may use each letter for one answer only, so your first idea for a word might not be the one that enables you to solve the whole challenge.

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. AERATE   | 22. REARGUE |
| 2. AFFIES   | 23. SHEELS  |
| 3. AGREES   | 24. TANGLES |
| 4. ALINES   | 25. TUNNELS |
| 5. ANOPSIA  | 26. VITAE   |
| 6. ARRESTS  |             |
| 7. ATELIC   |             |
| 8. ATROPIA  |             |
| 9. BARE     |             |
| 10. BAZARS  |             |
| 11. BEADED  |             |
| 12. CAREEN  |             |
| 13. CHANGED |             |
| 14. CHAPTER |             |
| 15. FOOLED  |             |
| 16. GALLIOT |             |
| 17. LOWLIER |             |
| 18. MOOLI   |             |
| 19. PERCENT |             |
| 20. QUESTS  |             |
| 21. QUICHES |             |

*Solutions on page 37.*

## HOLIDAY PUZZLE 4

### Wordinary

*Jennifer Smith, Hamilton/Kiwi*

Relifeit has released "Wordinary", a new word game for for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch devices. Wordinary is described by its makers as "the original Scrabble-like game that allows you to learn a lot of new incredible words". It's a game of concatenated or linked words, in which you think of a word beginning with the last two or three letters of the previous one. You have to create the longest chain with the most difficult words.

Players form as many words as they can before time expires. Play single games or shifts in three rounds of one minute each. Login with Wordinary or use your Facebook account to challenge your friends online. Device Requirements: iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch, requires iOS 6.1 or later, 30.0 MB. Wordinary 1.0.57 is free and available worldwide exclusively through the App Store in the Games category.

**This game first caught my eye because of its clever name. But then I started playing on my own, and it was fascinating. Try the string-of-consciousness approach, and see how far you go before you reach a dead end. (No repetitions!)**

**3-letter linkage:**

**CONSTABLE, BLESSED, SEDENTARY, ARYTHMIA, MIASMA, SMATTERING, INGOT, GOTTEN, TENACIOUS, OUSTITI, ITINERARY, ARL, RYL????**

## The making of Queen Qwerty

*Vicky Robertson, Wellington*

This year I again entered the Wearable Arts Show in Wellington.

The garment I entered was called Queen Qwerty (an easy word to type!) and was made from 15,000 computer keys. I started making her in October last year, when I began gathering old keyboards. These were sourced from Trash Palace in Porirua for 50c each. Then each keyboard was taken apart and each key was washed and sorted. (Later I was able to get free keyboards from Nola Borrell's son).

The keys were attached to rubber yoga matting which had been cut and sewn into the shape of the garment. The skirt framing was hula hoops and steel rods plus wheels from office chairs for mobility. She needed to be on wheels due to her weight - around 12kg. The dog K9, was made from an old steam cleaner with a plastic Santa boot for his head. A device for safe steering was developed at this stage.

Hundreds of hours were spent gluing the keys to the matting, line by line. (With a couple of hidden messages incorporated)

While it was a huge undertaking she was fun to make and it was amazing to see Queen Qwerty slowly emerge.

The deadline for the NZ designers is just after Queens Birthday weekend each year, which means, unfortunately, that signing up for the Nationals is not a good idea!

After she was shipped off (with screeds of paperwork) it was another six weeks before finding out if she had been chosen for the show. (My youngest daughter had also auditioned as a dancer in the children's section and we were waiting for confirmation of that too). Eventually we both got good news via email.



Then finally Awards night arrived and we were seated in the designers section with so much excitement in the air. The prize-winners are a closely guarded secret and winners are announced following the show.

I was absolutely stunned to win an award - the Shell Sustainability award. Heading up to the stage to receive the certificate and cash prize from Dame Suzie Moncreiff and shaking hands with Mayor Celia Wade Brown was like a surreal dream sequence. The prize was acquisitional, meaning WOW owns her once I receive the prize money - which was quite a relief as I had no idea where I could put her (she didn't even fit through the front door!) So now she will travel the world in future shows and exhibitions, and be displayed in the Nelson

Museum which sounds like a great life!

Ideas for future garments continue to swim in my head - a Scrabble tile garment may be in the pipeline but more tiles (of all colours) are needed. Thanks to those who've already given me their incomplete or worn out sets. Keep them coming - I will need around 100 bags, so it's probably a project for 2015.

*Thanks also to everyone who has sent messages of congratulations and who told me they'd voted - the Scrabble community really are quite special!*



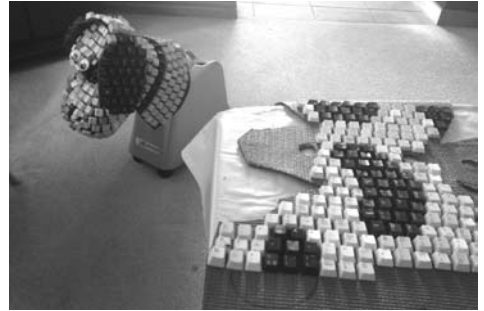
*The bodice - computer keys attached to yoga matting*



*The inner working of Queen Qwerty - the skirt framework is hula hoops and steel rods. There are 8 office chair castors and I'm told the model wore roller skates!*



*K9 the dog - his body was made from a steam cleaner and a santa boot*



*K9 the dog - a coat of keys*

## STOP PRESS

As this issue goes to press, we have just heard that Lewis Hawkins got second in the Under 18 section of the Last Chance Tournament in Prague.



As its name implies, the eight-game tournament gave the chance for the top four to compete in the Worlds tournament, plus one place for the best finisher aged under 18. Lewis almost won that place. He got second. Wow! What an achievement. Our congratulations to you, Lewis.

Lewis will now compete in the Open section as planned.

Incidentally, Howard Warner reports Lewis has been a real hit, getting interviewed by TV "and all".

# Twenty years ago

**John Foster, Independent**

This article on an early game named Scrabble appeared in *Forwards* No 33.

I wonder what the name of our game would have been if that totally different game had been marketed as a boxed set with registered trademark protection.

I am reminded that Scrabble was originally marketed in USA and the UK without worldwide patent protection and that Holdsworth & Sons patented and produced in NZ an identical game under the name "Funworder".

Many of us older players played for many years on Funworder sets before even seeing a genuine Scrabble set. Indeed, when I started playing at the Mt Albert club a tad over 30 years ago, Funworder sets outnumbered genuine Scrabble sets on club nights.

The following piece appeared in the British APSP Newsletter of August 1993. It was submitted by Neil Darbyshire who found it in an old book of children's games (*The Jolly Book of Playcraft*, by Patten Beard, published in 1918 and dedicated "to all little children") — it gives an idea of Scrabble before Alfred Butts.

## *The Game of Scrabble*

*MATERIAL—A small shallow box lid with rims not more than a quarter of an inch deep, two long pencils with rubber at the ends, six flat white buttons and six flat black buttons*

**T**HE Game of Scrabble is played by two players upon a long table that is covered with a thick cloth.

Place the small shallow box lid that you wish to use for play at one end of the table opposite the starting place at the other end. All buttons, both black and white, are put in a row at the starting place.

At a given signal, each player starts his buttons, one at a time, toward the goal, using nothing but the rubber end of his pencil to guide them.

Any button that falls off the table must be started at the beginning again when picked up from the floor.

By pressing the rim of buttons hard with the rubber end of the pencil, buttons may be made to hop up and into the shallow box lid at the goal.

The first to get his six buttons into the goal wins.

Play is not made in turn. It is as rapid as can be. No player may touch his button with fingers unless taking it from the floor where it has rolled.

More than two players may play, if sufficient different kinds of buttons may be found. If a bit of coloured thread is sewed in the holes of the buttons, this will be a good way to distinguish them when more than two play.

Some pencils and some buttons,  
A box lid—and just see  
How these will make a jolly game  
And fun for you and me!

## I do

**Val Mills, Pakuranga**

*The Editor's recent efforts have inspired me to write a U-hook story. You can put U in front of all the highlighted words.*

**"Tis the nite" sed Don to Lex.**

**Lex dons** his **plaid** and tells **Don** to **neaten** his **sable**. They **prate** nervously, **prolling** the room. **Don** fingers the **plook** that erupted on his chin overnight. **Lex loses** the ring in his anxiety, but finds it in the pocket of his jacket, which he had to **rent** for 10 **rial**. They both **redo** their hair.

**"Are you sure?" sed Don.**

**"Nary surer" said Lex.**

**"Ta, sweetheart" sed Don.**

**Tis** for **real** - the **nite** for **pleading** their **plight!!** They had **phanged** the **rare** opportunity **pending** the **lama's** visit.

As they **neared** the **vae** on the **sward** of the **res**, they saw both their **pas** had come for the ceremony.

**Roses**, the **les**, **sings** a song of **praise**, the **lama preaches sage rites** and reads from a book of **prose**. **Neath** the **rubus** they **plead** their **plight**. **"I do"** they both **sed**.

**Roses** then **plays** a **rare** sitar - **plinking** **"Do, re, te, do re te"**.

**Playing** their guests with food, the happy couple **rates** the **dal** and **veal** the best they've ever tasted. The guests **rase** the savouries. **Mm!!**

In his speech, **Don sed**, "We are **nowed!!**"

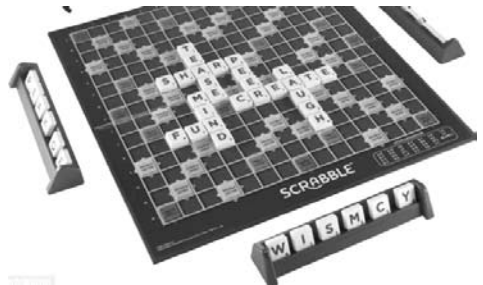
And **Lex** added, "No one can **prise** us apart now."

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## Unsatisfactory graphic

When a Scrabble story is featured in the press or on the internet, the publisher often sets up a Scrabble board with relevant wording to accompany their article. Sometimes the article itself reveals the writer's ignorance about Scrabble, and sometimes the graphic does.

Here is an example from an publication (unnamed, to spare them embarrassment) - a Scrabble player would have put seven tiles on the racks, not six:



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## An amazing sentence

**Sourced by Vicky Robertson, Wellington**

*I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting; nevertheless extraordinary pharmaceutical intellectuality, counterbalancing indecipherability, transcendentalizes intercommunications' incomprehensibleness.*

In this sentence, the first word is one letter long, the second word two letters long; the third word is three... and so on. The twentieth and last word is twenty letters long.

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## Playing more slowly

**Selena Chan, Christchurch**

One of the things I know I need work on, is to play more slowly. Associated with ensuring that I use up the allotted 25 minutes for the game more effectively, is to be less impetuous with my moves. I have been working on slowing down and thinking twice before making a move for most of this year.

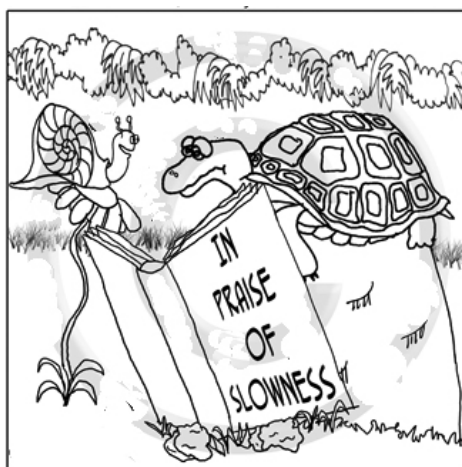
The decision to try to play more slowly and to carefully evaluate each move came through reflecting on my game by studying score sheets from several tournaments. On my score sheet, I record the words played in each turn, next to the word score and total score. From this information, I can usually replicate the game at home. I have found the time taken to do post-game analysis to be useful in informing me about how I make decisions. Through post-game analysis of several close games, taking the time to weigh up more options would have delivered a better alternative option.

I have always been a 'fast player' and envy players who take their time to work through various permutations and finish the game with seconds to spare. I tend to start getting anxious when I have five minutes left! Playing 10 minute on-line games against human or computer opponents has also caused me to play fast. I have now desisted from playing games with short time limits.

I realise this year, through playing more slowly, that five minutes is still lots of time for the endgame to run its course. As with last issue's article on 'eureka moments', one has to trust one's intuition. However,

doing a quick re-think to temper intuitive 'eureka moments' may interfere with things!! So how do you slow down thought processes without compromising your Scrabble intuition? Here are a few things you might like to try out:

- 1) Put into practice the evaluative/reflective cycle.** That is, re-think the initial 'ah ha' solution and if appropriate, work at coming up with alternative solutions. The beauty of this is that you continually practise decision-making. Your brain can then build up more solid networks to the rarely accessed parts of your memory.
- 2) Record insights so you can keep track of them.** In the heat of the moment, I find I forget my first few insights! So, I now jot down various alternatives, as they spin through my brain. The added advantage here is that you construct a record of your progressive decision-making sequence and you can then study these in your post-game analysis. When I compare my initial to alternative thoughts, I find I prefer some words



"Who knew we would be trend setters?"

to others, perhaps because they are more familiar. Areas I am weak in with regards to word knowledge, strategic play and tile tracking analysis are then identified for further work.

**3) Practise the recording of the process in 2).** Interrupting your thought and decision-making process can hinder the natural way you go about making game play decisions. However, as with tile tracking, recording the words as they come into your mind, can become an automatic process through repetitive routines. You can then record words, as they come to you, just like you tile track. It is important to NOT study and interrupt the decision-making process during the game but to do a post-game analysis instead.

**4) Keep notes of your post-game analysis** so that you can use these to assess if the review process is working for you. Again, you need to 'learn' how to best make use of the information derived from the analysis.

I will do an overview of the post-game analysis process in the next issue.

Have fun in the slower lane.

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## Words that spell themselves

VEEPEE	(VP) vice-president, same as VEEP
EMCEE	(MC) master of ceremonies
JAYCEE	member of Junior Chamber of Commerce
JAYVEE	junior varsity player
ABCEE	the alphabet
ELPEE	the old LP, long-playing record
DEEJAY	DJ, disk jockey, announcer of recorded music
VEEJAY	VJ, announcer of musical video
OKAY (verb)	you know this one
KAYO (verb)	KO, knock-out

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## High on humour

Overheard at Wellington Scrabble club one night ...

Player 1: **Gak... Gak ? - it's one of those drugs isn't it?**

Player 2: **It's not one I use.**

Player 1: **Which drug do you use?**

[Player 2 meant it's not a **word** she's used!]

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## I've been reading

### *Hoard Warner, Independent*

*Shalimar the Clown, by Salman Rushdie:*

This fascinating novel ranges across Vienna, London and Los Angeles. But it is mostly the sections set in Delhi and a Kashmiri village that yield most of the following haul of Scrabble-allowable words:

ALOO, ALU = (Hindi) potato

AZAN = Muslim call to prayer (also ADHAN)

BACHA, BACHCHA = (Hinglish) a young child

BAGH = an Indian garden

BANDH, BUNDH = (Hindi) a general strike

BARASINGA, BARASINGHA = a deer

BHAJAN = a Hindu religious song

BHOOT, BHUT = a small whirlwind

BRINJAL = aubergine, eggplant

BUBO, pl. BUBOES = a swelling of the lymph gland

BULBUL = an Indian songbird

BUND = an embankment

CHAPPAL = an Indian open sandal

CHARAS = hashish

CHENAR, CHINAR = an Indian tree

DJINNI = a supernatural being in Muslim mythology (also DJIN, DJINN, DJINNY, JANN, JIN, JINN, JINNEE, JINNI)

FAKIR = (Hindu) a religious ascetic in India (also FAKEER, FAQIR, FAQUIR)

FEDAYEE, pl. FEDAYEEN = an Arab commando

GHAZAL = a Persian or Arabic verse form (also GAZAL, GHAZEL)

GHEE, GHI = a liquid butter for cooking

GODOWN = an oriental warehouse

JAGGERY = a coarse dark sugar (also JAGGARY, JAGGHERY, JAGRA)

JAWAN = an Indian soldier

KALAM = a branch of Muslim theology

KAMEEZ, KAMIS = a South Asian loose tunic

KARAKUL = a central Asian sheep, whose new-born lambs yield a soft, curly black wool (also: CARACUL)

KEFFIYEH = a red-and-white checked Arab or Palestinian headdress (also KAFFIYAH, KAFFIYEYH, KEFFIYAH, KUFIYEH)

KORMA = a mild curry, with cream and almonds (also QORMA)

KHURTA, KURTA = an Indian loose-fitting tunic

KULFI = an Indian dessert made with frozen milk, nuts and cardamom seeds

LAKH = the sum of one hundred thousand

LASHKAR = an East Indian sailor (also LASCAR)

LINGA, LINGAM = a Hindu phallic symbol

MAIDAN = an open plain

MASALA = a mixture of ground spices used in Indian cookery

MEHNDI = the art of painting patterns on the skin with henna

MUGHAL = an important person in India (also MOGHUL, MOGUL)

MULLA = a Muslim religious leader or teacher (also MOLLA, MOLLAH, MULLAH)

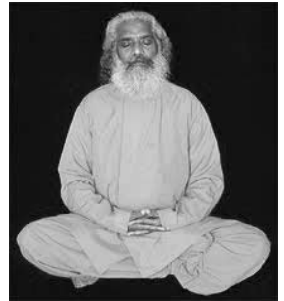
NEEM = an East Indian tree

NULLAH = a steep ravine (also NALLA, NALLAH, NULLA)

NUMDAH = an embroidered felt rug made in India



*Numdah*



*Samadhi*



NAUCH, NAUTCH = a dancing exhibition in India

PAISA (pl. [PAISAS or PAISE]) = a coin of Pakistan

PALAIS = (Fr.) palace

PALAZZO

(pl.

PALAZZOS or PALAZZI)

= an impressive building (It. for palace)

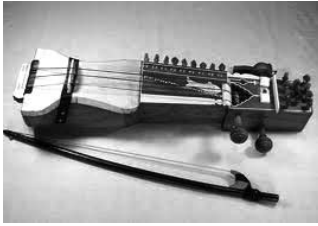
PANCHAYAT = a village council in India (f. Sanskrit for 'five', because originally had five members)

PANDIT = an Indian wise man (same as PUNDIT, which has come to mean one who speaks knowledgeably on a subject)

PUJA = a Hindu worship practice (also POOJA, POOJAH, PUJAH)

PUKKA = durable (also PAKKA, PUCKA)

PULAO = a Central Asian dish made from seasoned rice and meat (also PILAF, PILAFF, PILAO, PILAU, PILAW, PILLAU, PILOW)



*Sarangi*

QUENELLE = a dumpling

RAGA = a Hindu musical form

RAKSHAS, RAKSHASA = an evil spirit

RUTABAGA = a thick, edible root (similar to a squash)

SADDHU, SADHU = a Hindu holy man

SAMADHI = a yogic meditation

SAMITE = a silk fabric

SANTOOR = a Persian stringed instrument (also SANTIR, SANTOUR, SANTUR)

SARANGI = an Indian stringed instrument

SARPANCH = the head of an Indian village

SHAHTOOSH = a soft wool from a protected Tibetan antelope

SHALWAR = Indian loose-fitting trousers

SYCE = a young male servant in India (also SAICE, SICE)

TIFFIN = lunch

TOPEE, TOPI = a sun helmet



*Shalwar*



## Lifetime awards

Any additions to the list of lifetime awards recipients are made at the end of each calendar year.

The NZASP heartily congratulates the following two players on achieving their new rankings during 2013

**Liz Fagerlund - Grand Master**

**Lyres Freeth - Expert**

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## Lateral thinking

The class chemistry test asked, "If  $H_2O$  is water, what is  $H_2SO_4$ ?"

The student thought for a time, and finally wrote down, "For drinking, washing and cleaning."

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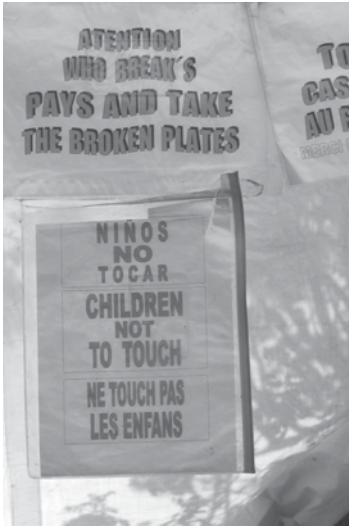
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Tournament	Place	Dates
Pakuranga	Auckland	25-26 January
Nelson	Nelson	22-23 February
Rotorua	Rotorua	22-23 February
Wellington	Wellington	15-16 March
Mt Albert	Auckland	29-30 March
Dunedin Lion Open	Dunedin	5-6 April
Masters	Hamilton	19-21 April
Kapiti	Kapiti	3-4 May
Christchurch	Christchurch	10-11 May
Hamilton	Hamilton	9-10 August
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island	21-28 September
Mt Albert	Auckland	4-5 October
Wanganui	Wanganui	25-26 October
Otago Lion Open	Dunedin	15-16 November

## Word photography

Val Flint, Kiwi, took all but one of these photos of signs on her recent trip to the UK and Europe.

A Spanish market warns us not to touch the children



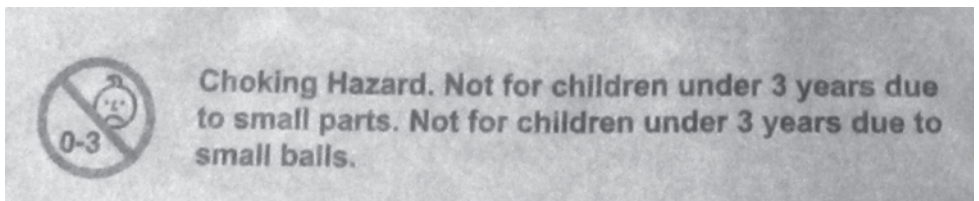
Abby Robertson sent us the photo of the "brid" shelf sign



Lincolnshire village (actually, "spital" comes from the word "hospital")



Taken in France: French lunch



## Norfolk

### Wayne Willis, Australia

Once again New Zealand and Australia battled over the tiles on beautiful Norfolk Island for the 25th Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival.

This year was also special as it was the last tournament for our founding adjudicators. Glennis Hale and Jeff Grant, who have been running this event for 25 years, have decided to take a break. Great achievement to you both and thank you for all that you have done towards Scrabble and Norfolk Island. I am sure there are many who have great memories!

This year the weather was fantastic, blue skies and warm temperatures. We had 9 Australian and 19 Kiwis playing 21 games each group, and it was congratulations to the Australian team winning by one point, NZ 69 points, Australia 70 points.

The Australian Champion for 2013 is Trish Brighton, the New Zealand Champion is Lynn Wood.

## Results

### Anson Bay Group

1. Trish Brighton (Aus) 15 wins 24 BW.
2. Lynn Wood (NZ) 13 wins 21 BW
3. Rene Chelton (Aus) 13 wins 21 BW
4. Anne McGinnes (Aus) 12 wins 28 BW
5. Delcie Macbeth (NZ) 11 wins 26 BW
6. June Mackwell (NZ) 9 wins 29 BW
7. Joan Thomas (NZ) 7 wins 22 BW
8. Hazel Purdie (NZ) 4 wins 20 BW

### Ball Bay Group

1. Monica Dwyer (Aus) 13 wins 15 BW
2. Jenan Yousif (NZ) 13 wins 20 BW
3. Carolyn Kyle (NZ) 12 wins 19 BW
4. Correne James (NZ) 12 wins 20 BW
5. Glenda Geard (NZ) 11 wins 23 BW
6. Rosalind Phillips (NZ) 11 wins 22 BW
7. Trish Shelvey (Aus) 11 wins 14 BW



*Trish Brighton, Australian Champion, Lynn Wood, New Zealand Champion and Jeff Grant, retiring adjudicator.*

8. Colleen Cook (NZ) 9 wins 11 BW
9. Sheila Reed (NZ) 8 wins 17 BW
10. Jean Boyle (NZ) 5 wins 18 BW

### Cascade Bay Group

1. Robyn Woodward (Aus) 15 wins 16 BW
2. Phyllis Paltridge (NZ) 15 wins 27 BW
3. Yvonne McLaughlan (NZ) 15 wins 23 BW
4. Wayne Willis (Aus) 14 wins 14 BW
5. Maria Clinton (NZ) 13 wins 15 BW
6. Rosalie Tobin (Aus) 11 wins 21 BW
7. Frances Higham (NZ) 9 wins 9 BW
8. Joan Beale (NZ) 8 wins 15 BW
9. Margaret Stoddart (Aus) 4 wins 6 BW
10. Myrtle Travis (NZ) 1 win 1 BW

### Highest Individual Game Score (548)

- Robyn Woodward (Aus)

**Highest Scoring Word (109)** - Phyllis Paltridge (NZ)

**Most Unusual Word (UHURU)** - Hazel Purdie (NZ)

**Sports Person award** - Margaret Stoddart

**Team Trophy:** Australia. Trish Brighton, Robyn Woodward, Wayne Willis, Rene Chelton, Monica Dwyer.

Well done, everyone. I will be taking over as adjudicator and I hope to see you all again in 2014.

## Trademark dispute

A judge has laid down a letter of the law in a High Court row involving the maker of the Scrabble word game.

Mattel claimed that rival Zynga's online game "Scramble With Friends" infringed its trade mark rights to the word "Scrabble". Zynga disagreed.

The judge ruled the word "Scramble" did not infringe Scrabble trade marks, since the key was Zynga's use of an "M on its side". But he added: "Zynga's present logo with the M on its side gives the impression that the word is Scrabble when one looks at it quickly and has the propensity to confuse."



## Cynicism

On its website, [The Daily Mail.co.uk](#) reviews Wordplay expert Barry Grossman's book titled *101 Ways to Win at Scrabble*:

Grossman suggests the more words in a person's vocabulary, the better, and knowing the more rare and unusual words can benefit the most in Scrabble ... and that two-letter words are important because they can be used to get rid of tiles towards the end of the game, but they can also be used to connect words.

Not a very interesting article, but a couple of "Comments" on it were more amusing:

- What happens when both opponents read this article??
- Thanks for the tips, 'Johnny Obvious'!



## Portrait of a Scrabble player

*From Nola Borrell, Wellington*

*Business Insider (Australia)* reports that photographer Roger Cullman, who has played competitive Scrabble for 12 years, began taking portraits of top players four years ago at a tournament in Canada. The portraits, which feature players holding up their names or initials in Scrabble tiles, went viral as soon as they were posted.

They wrote: "Scrabble's elite look a lot like you and me, with some quirkiness including the enormous ginger beard of the reclusive Kiwi maths genius Nigel Richards, the World Scrabble Champion who once restricted his reaction to winning the title to the four-letter word 'Nice'".

Cullman told *Business Insider*: "I found it fascinating to observe the cross-section of players and variety of faces that I was able to capture."

This is Cullman's photo of our Nigel. The caption describes him as the reigning World Scrabble Champion, and says that fellow players jokingly call him "the computer with beard".

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# Overseas News

## Prayers for the Philippines

New Zealand Scrabblers would like to send our thoughts to our NZ scrabblers from the Philippines - Rogelio Talosig, Junior Gesmundo, Isobel Zyp, Lyres and Melody Freeth and any other players who have friends and family members in the Philippines. We hope that all your friends and family members there are safe.

Our thoughts are also with Scrabble players and all who live in the Philippines.

## Malaysia

### Penang International

1. Nigel Richards, New Zealand
2. Thacha Koowirat, Thailand
3. Hubert Wee, Singapore

## Nigeria

Chief Godswill Akpabio has been conferred with "Pillar of Scrabble in Africa" award by Pan-African Scrabble Association. Chief Akpabio, who drew a game with Nigel Richards in the tournament, was also awarded "Most Valuable Scrabble Player" at the 7th Godswill Akpabio International Scrabble Classics.

Receiving the awards, he dedicated them to Scrabble players and the entire people of the state, and stressed the need for corporate organisations and other Nigerians to play Scrabble to sharpen their intellect. He said he believed that Nigeria would one day win the World Scrabble Championship.

## Pakistan

Javeria Mirza won the qualifiers for the World Youth Scrabble Championship (WYSC) with a dramatic win against Mohammad Inshal in the final round. Trailing by almost 100 points, Javeria pulled out a bingo in her last move to win 453 to 452, pushing him to the third position. But the comeback queen of the day was undoubtedly Javeria Salman. After finishing the first day on a disappointing 19th position, she struggled her way up the order and mounted a serious challenge at the title. The two Javerias, former



*Governor Godswill Akpabio (left), presents the trophy to the champion, US-based Sani Okosagah. 419 players participated in the tournament.*

classmates and born only four days apart, were locked in a spectacular battle of wits and vocabulary before the senior Javeria edged ahead. Javeria Salman finished second.

The Pakistan team of 10 selected for the World Champs went through intensive training supervised by national champion Waseem Khatri before leaving for Dubai in December.

### **Pakistan Scrabble Association ranking tournament**

1. Waseem Khatri
2. Mohammad Inayatullah
3. Moizullah Baig

### **Singapore**

#### **National Championships**

1. Wong Zhi Yuan, Singapore
2. Hubert Wee Ming Hui, Malaysia
3. Toh Weibin, Singapore

### **Sri Lanka**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sri Lanka Open**

1. Nigel Richards, New Zealand
2. Thacha Koowirat, Thailand
3. Sherwin Rodrigues, India

### **Thailand**

#### **28<sup>th</sup> Brands King's Cup**

1. Nigel Richards, New Zealand
2. Komol Panyasophonlert, Thailand
3. Gerald Carter, Thailand



### **United Kingdom**

The five-game final of the 42nd National Scrabble Championship was fought out early in November by Allan Simmons (left, above), a Scrabble consultant from Coldingham Village in the Scottish Borders, and Paul Allan, a teacher from Rushden, Northamptonshire.

**Winner:** Allan Simmons

The final came down to the last match, which Allan won 503-389. Paul won last year's title.

### **Zambia**

The Scrabble Association of Zambia (SAZ) was appealing for donations from well-wishers to help the association send a team of the three players for the 2013 World Championships.

SAZ president Sydney Kalema said that the association had so far only managed to raise one sixth of the money required. "We are appealing to the corporate world to come on board and help us raise these funds so that we can send three players for the World Championships in December."

## Checklist for winning tournaments

**Wong Zhi Yuan, Singapore**

Wong Zhi Yuan is Singapore's new National Champion. Writing in the *SA News* (Singapore newsletter), he gave the following checklist for winning tournaments, based on what he had been



doing leading up to the Singapore National Scrabble Championships:

- Memorise engineering formulas. (Well, maybe not...)  
*[He had been sitting engineering exams at Oxford]*
- **REST** and **RELAXATION**
- Take advantage of long journeys to do **WORD LISTS**
- Tennis (or other **EXERCISE**)
- **EAT** well (note the frequent food references)
- **CARD BOX** on Zyzzyva
- Play **ANAGRAMS** with top players
- **WATCH NIGEL** and learn
- Wear whatever (you think) brings you luck. Lots of players have **LUCKY SHIRTS**. Note: Washing shirts does not wash away luck.  
*[His shirt said, "I'd rather be LUCKY than GOOD"]*
- **PLAY** lots of tournaments!

*[He played 13 games in the Scottish Open, 29 games in the King's Cup, 31 in the Penang Open and 10 games at East Meadows in the weeks before his big win.]*

## Scrabble horror stories

*From SA News (Singapore newsletter)*

- In a game against Toh Weibin, Ricky Puromo realised that playing BOBA/AW (finishing on top of the W of WAUR) would win him the game. He then placed his letters incorrectly to play BOAB/BW\*.
- In a game against Liew Kian Boon, Michael Tamg would have won by playing CHEW?, which he did. But he disastrously nominated the blank as W, viz CHEWW\*.

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## Overheard in a London store:

- A. "What can I get Harold for Christmas?"  
B. "How about a nice book?"  
A. "He's got a book."



A Scrabble fanatic.



## English, but not as we know it

In an incredible piece of research in *Across The Board* (the Australian newsletter), Jan Serisier has featured many obscure, almost obsolete, words. The following is merely an *extract(!)* from her scholarly and thorough article:

My nown favourite list comprises words that don't pluralise, and aw for the samen reason: they are irregular past tenses of verbs, i.e. irregular preterits. As there woudest proball be nah chance that techies are hable to access a compleat list, thir words are mair likely anerly to be noticed by clotpolls dweeby enough to read dictionaries instead of word lists.

Irregular preterites and their past participles ofttimes become separated from the infinitive in ourn word list. They stroom aff to a nother page, faur aways frae their minnies, puir saikless leetle thangs. I like to reskue thaim. They sodaine mak sense. They are nary forgat gif putten intil a sentence:

'Who brung *her*? Youse oughted not to hae luiten her come.'

'He scand the lantskip in the darkmans but misteuk the brights of a datto for a ufo as it glode owre the broo.'

'He plongd intil the oggin but nearlier drownedd when a noah updove and mawn hisn ancle. The noah wast anerly a monodont sae he wast spard.

'The barra we boughten at the chippie wast sae yucko I spet it oot. It wast aff. It moste hae been in a malfed chiller.'

On the outhur hond, you could scribe an intire paragraph:

'When my granfer and grandam clomb the steepeup stayres they'd baith ronne oot of breath afore they rought the

halfpace. Puir gutcher wast mawbound and hadden podagra in hisn taes withal. They haed a needment to waite awhile. My granfer grypt and imbrast the newel or he wouldst certy hae slaid aw the way doun, on hisn heinies: hisn hurdies, i.e. hisn jaxy: jaxie: keister: kiester: keester: wazoo: hisn patootie. Or worser. On hisn heid. Gor anerly knows whatna mought hae misfalne him.'

'I rong the bell. My stepdame, JEAN, accoyld me at the door: 'Gif I'd acknowne you were coming I'd hae baken a cake,' she grutten me. 'But I'm aff oot to play quino. I haven't hong oot the claes or been to the biffy yet sae I maun spang. I'm on the viretot,' she chuntered, and shet the door in my groof.' Oh, atweel. Whae recks?

'The doors were steekit and lucken but a ladron brast thro the *ouvert* windore. My dearling LIONEL shotted him, stane cauld deid. Li was pitten in darbies and tane aff to the compter, i.e. a tronk for reallie horribles. I've faan in lurve with DANNY BENNET, noo. Danny's a scaffie. He's reallie strang and haes sich a lovely mansuete mainour. He's sae soote.'

Believe it or not this is ENGLISH, ourn mother tongue, elsewise thir palabras wouln't be in our English dictionaries. Are you familiar with mony of the nigh unkent irregular preterits?

The table was **courd** in dust ... I **prefard** not to gae ... We **keight** a railbus ... Some chuddy **stickit** to my shoon ... I **coft** some breid and a pinta (a pinta milk) ... The bell **chynde** when I **rong** it. They **tyde** the knot ... It **renforst** whatten I'd been saying ... I **wrate** a letter of gramercy ... The oragious wedder **mard** the chirren's picnic. They **gotten drent: drookit:** reallie **droukit** ... I

**gript** it with my plench but it **sprong** back ... It **strack** me as being straunge ... The decision was **uphudden** ... The ruling was **renverst** in their favour ... They **chode** me for not ganning ... Its heid was **shope** like a napiform parsnep ... The platband was **overren** with weeds ... Ourn suivante, ABIGAIL, haed **baken** a reamy *genoise* and **carven** the *boeuf*. She'd **poukit** a chookie; **sprent** it with sal and **souct** it in palinka and soote chutnee for twal howres: *yummo!* ... It **betight** that we **forгат** to go ... I **wate** not whatten I haed **misdonne** ... The tarnal noyes **drave** me nertz ... He **unlast** hisn kletts ... I was sae affrayed I **quooke** ... We was **rubbit** ... It sodaine **dawen** on me ... I was **dismayd** ... That nointer, that bratling, shouldst hae been **skelpit** ... It was **dought** nought ... As pundonor he **teld** her whaten truthy **mishapt** ... I was **amearst** for double parking ... The trouch and aw the ither crapola was **remoud** fra the derry, whilk was siccan a dissight it haed been **dempt** a teardown ... Our chockos **foughten** and **hwan** the warre but mony were **kild**, nathemo to return ... He **coost** a spell ower her ... He **liggen** to me, the leear ... We **plaste** ourn bets at the racino ... Ourn abutter, an apiarian, was **stong** by an alveary of bees and carked it, puir sod ... The alpinist **dress** in a dirndl **trild** sangs as she **clambe** every montane and **crost** every rivulet ... That rudesby **hote** me a doilt nidget ... The clock **strooke** one, sae the ickle mousie **ronne** doon, while the the kow **luppen** ower the moonbow and the leetle guffie weeweed aw the way heame ... The keffel **traikit** back to the ferm, **surbet** ... The rikishi (sumotori) aw **waide** too mucho ... Her eyen were **swoln** frae screeting ... The path was **strown (strawn**

**strewn)** with rose petals ... I **curst** the day it **betight** ... The coiffeur **bedyde** my heare ... They **behote** him with a crore of wonga ... when he **sau** hisn dowsabel after being awayes for a towmont he **haulst** and **imbrast** her, *mwah! mwah!* ... The huns in their bloncket feldgrau **flemit** their foen ... 'You and a twirp of a beefcake will congreet and marrow', she **extold** as she **scryde** into her crystal ball ... 'You're late. Whatna **befeld** you?' ... The puir leetle bacha **catchen** morbilli ... Coomy claes were **disprad** aw owre the occies ... The fishers **keppit** some morwong and luderick with their dipnets ... **Putten** yfere the colors **blent** weel ... I **lefte** the faan braunch of a rampole to see whatten straunge critturs were snowking unneath ... He'd **sweert** on the Bible sae he **confest**, yeah, he **sware** on the Bible ... I **meynt (ment meint)** my medcinal pilulae with wai, as my sawbones **telt** me to dae ... Ane of thae men whae we maun noo hete 'an indigene person' **loupit** aff the clift into a gnamma hole, *splatch!* ... The indigene person **holden** a hielaman in ane danny and **huden** a churinga in tother donny ... As a savegard the undergrowth was **tynde** and **ybrent** by the firies ... He **accoied** hisn nerves by taking a roofie ... We **hadden** ourn malkin **spayd** ... I **feard** for him ... The mongery and an ould chorrie were **blawn** to smithers in the maihem ... He **mawn** his scaff sae belive that people were advewing him with degout ... Add a **hept** spoonful of goorie ... We were **spard** the trouble ... She **pookit** the zithern strings to a landler ... PELL haes, forsooth, not been **purtraid (purtrayd pourtrayd)** as a saunt ... The scudler **address** the gathered thrang: 'Laydeez, gemmen and eximious guestens' ... The venewe **hild** a

mille people ... When that hugy boatel,  
 that floatel for grockles and rosbifs, *Costa  
 ConWhatsis*, **strak** a bommie, about thretty  
 emmets **perst** ... He **hong** his heid in pudor  
 ... I **relide** on him ... The lioncel was **paysd**  
 predy to lowp ... The kinchin **stroken** the  
 saft vair on the kitling ... Wearing her  
 dalmahoy she **agrate** the occasion ... The  
 nocent was too **shent** to admit he haen  
**stown (stealt)** the imprest ... We **rade** our  
 bykes to the seabank ... My rouncy, Black  
 Caviarie, was **plast** second. She was anerly  
**ybet** by a hauf heid ... We **leuchen** hartely  
 at the cutup's facetiae ... We **miswent** our  
 way but finally **arraught** a heimish onstead  
 with smeek blawing oot of the chimla:  
 forswunk: **forspent** ... The souldiers **salewd**  
 then **stude** to attention ... He **cleekit** her  
 spules (her shouthers) and **thiggit** her not  
 to aband him ... They'd **uprisen** rearly and  
**catcht** the trayne ... I **slove** on a valonia  
 then **doen** a somerset and **faan** flatlong:  
 gadarene intil a stobie pole ... The tweener  
**hadden** her ears **pearst** and her nostrils  
**percen** withal. Neist thang she'll be haeing  
 her bazoo **pierst** ...

The domine **shakt** Doris's hond and **grat**  
 her *Bonsoir!*

'And goddens to you, too, Dominie,' she  
**upsake**.

'*Abide with me,*' quethe the dominee,  
 with the smoyle of a lecher aw ower hisn  
 grufe. Doris **doen** as she was **tauld**. She  
**abid** with him. And haes **abidden** with him  
 evermore. Amen.

*Obiter dictum:*

I'm verra soz, guys. I was gwine to yeve  
 ye my intire ragment of past tenses sae  
 ye can test your ainsells, but I'm affeard  
 ya gonna hae to waite. It's gotten 470  
 palabras in it.

## Who's playing Scrabble

### James Hoyle, a man NOT to play Scrabble with

A violent Liverpool criminal who stabbed  
 a man to death "to see what murder felt  
 like" has been jailed for life. James Hoyle  
 had only just been released from a five-  
 year jail sentence for battering a homeless  
 man with a metal bar when he stabbed  
 another man to death. For no obvious  
 reason and without warning he plunged  
 two knives into his victim's chest and neck,  
 with one of the blades snapping off. One  
 knife struck the heart, another severed his  
 jugular vein, and he died at the scene.

The murderer told police: "He just  
 p\*\*\*\*ed me off so I thought sod it and got  
 a knife and stabbed him." He showed no  
 remorse when the police interviewed him,  
 and uttered the chilling comment that  
 empathy and sympathy were "just words  
 on a Scrabble board".

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### Heston Blumenthal, world-famous chef

He has revealed his ideal Christmas:  
 roast potatoes done to a perfect crisp,  
 Scrabble after dinner, the Queen's speech  
 on television and a family film followed by  
 a walk in the fresh air.



## Brain power solutions

### Joseph's coat (solutions from page 16)

You should have recognized "Joseph's Coat" from *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, lyrics by Tim Rice, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The coat had 29 colours:

It was red and yellow and green and brown  
 And scarlet and black and ocher and peach  
 And ruby and olive and violet and fawn  
 And lilac and gold and chocolate and mauve  
 And cream and crimson and silver and rose  
 And azure and lemon and russet and grey  
 And purple and white and pink and orange  
 And blue.

The substituted names for colours are below (not all of them perfect colour matches, but most of them near enough!):

PUCCOON(S) blood-root; dark red colour  
 CROCEATE saffron-coloured  
 CELADON(S) pale green  
 SINOPIA(S) reddish-brown colour, also preparatory drawing for a fresco; also SINOPIE  
 NACARAT(S) bright orange-red, also a fabric  
 PICEOUS reddish black, like pitch  
 TENNY orange-brown, TENNIES  
 TITIAN(S) brownish orange. Named for the 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian artist Tiziano Vecellio, called Titian, who depicted women with distinctive brownish-orange hair.  
 STAMMEL(S) coarse woollen fabric, usually dyed red; bright red colour  
 CORBEAU(S) blackish-green  
 CATTLEYA(S) medium purple, from an orchid named for William

GREIGE(S)

IANTHINE  
 XANTHIC  
 BURNET(S)  
 GRIDELIN(S)  
 FULVID

PONCEAU

GRISEOUS  
 VERMELL(S)

CAERULE

JESSAMY  
 FILEMOT(S)

LIARD(S)  
 PURPURE(S)  
 NIVEOUS  
 CASTORY

JACINTHE(S)  
 SMALT(S)

Cattley, a patron of botany whose enthusiasm for orchids helped fuel a British craze for the flowers in the 1700s. grey-beige, colour of natural fabric. [I love this one - a combination of GREY and BEIGE?]  
 violet-coloured  
 yellow; yellowish  
 dark brown, also a herb  
 violet-grey  
 dull yellow, tawny, FULVOUS  
 poppy red, PONCEAUS or PONCEAUX  
 pearl-grey or blue-grey  
 bright red or vermilion colour; gilded silver, also VERMEIL(S)  
 sky blue, dark blue, sea-green, also CERULE, hence CERULEAN  
 yellow, like jasmine  
 dead leaf colour, dull brown, also PHILAMOT, PHILOMOT  
 grey; dapple-grey  
 heraldic colour purple  
 snowy; white  
 pinkish-brown, dye derived from beaver pelts  
 orange  
 deep blue, from the blue glass of the same name, made by melting potassium carbonate, silica, and cobalt oxide together. From the German word meaning "to melt".

## Other unusual words for colours

### Browns

AENEUS	shining bronze colour, also ANEOUS
BADIOUS	chestnut coloured
FUSCOUS	brown, tawny, dingy colour
BISTRE(S)	warm brown [is this why "Bisto" is the gravy brand name?], also BISTER(S)

### Greens

LOVAT(S)	grey-green or blue-green (colour in tweed)
VIRIDIAN(S)	chrome green

### Blues

MAZARINE(S)	rich blue or reddish-blue colour
WATCHET(S)	pale blue

### Reds

CRAMOISY	crimson, also a red cloth. CRAMESY, CRAMOISIE(S)
KERMES	brilliant red colour; a red dye derived from insects, takes S
MADDER(S)	reddish or red-orange, dye from brazil wood. Also herb.
MINIUM(S)	vermillion; red lead
MODENA(S)	crimson

### Yellows

GAMBOGE(S)	reddish-yellow colour, from gum resin
ICTERINE	yellowish or marked with yellow
LUTEOUS	golden-yellow

## "Post a letter" (solutions from page 16)

AERATE	ACERATE
AFFIES	AFFIXES
AGREES	AGREGES
ALINES	ALKINES
ANOPSIA	ANOOPSIA
ARRESTS	ARMRESTS
ATELIC	ASTELIC
ATROPIA	ATROPHIA
BARE	BARYE
BAZARS	BLAZARS
BEADED	BEJADED
CAREENS	CARBEENS
CHANGED	CHAUNGED
CHAPTER	CHAPITER
FOOLED	FOOZLED
GALLIOT	GALLIPOT
LOWLIER	LOWLIFER
MOOLI	MOOLVI
PERCENT	PERCEANT
QUESTS	QUEESTS
QUICHES	QUINCHES
REARGUE	REDARGUE
SHEELS	SHEQELS
TANGLES	TWANGLES
TUNNELS	TRUNNELS
VITAE	VITTAE

## Finding a home for a bingo (solutions from page 17)

CISLUNAR, DIURNALS, LUNARIES,  
SINGULAR, SILURIAN, MURLAINS,  
PURSLAIN, INSULARS, LUNARIST,  
SUPERLAIN

If you didn't find the words, at least go  
back and see if you can find where to play  
them now!

\* \* \*

## A very punny Christmas

Jennifer Smith, Hamilton/Kiwi

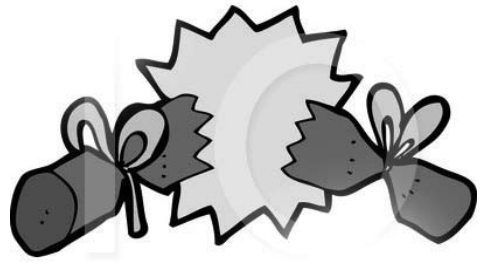
Christmas is a time when everyone gets Santamental.

There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Did you know that according to the song, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee."

The shortest puns are the ones that come in our Christmas crackers. So what **is** the secret of a good Christmas cracker joke?

Julian Reed, of Robin Reed Hand-Made Crackers (UK), has been seeking out the best since 1975. He explains: "The whole point is that they are not meant to be that funny - they are groan-inducing. The bigger the groan, the better the joke. We encourage folk to email us with the corniest cracker jokes they've ever heard and if they're really bad enough we'll use it."



Upper Crust Crackers (UK) also specialise in handmade delights and their clients include Sir Elton John, the Orient Express and the world's swankiest hotels. A spokesman said: "The gags have to be politically correct these days and we have to make sure there isn't anything that might offend a range of cultures. Throughout the year we amass a shortlist of jokes and the staff vote on the best. We usually end up with about 50. As far as jokes go, the cheesier the better."

Britain's biggest cracker makers, Swantex, makes more than 25 million crackers a year. They insist simple jokes work best. Managing Director David Byk told the *Daily Mirror*: "It's definitely panto-style humour. All jokes are tested out on Swantex families and if they don't elicit a groan, they don't go into the cracker. I'm always surprised what makes people laugh but in the end it's a gut feeling which ones to choose."

A survey by *Nuts* magazine claimed this is the most groan-inducing gag of all time.

"What is Santa's favourite pizza? One that's deep pan, crisp and even."

Andrew Linn, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Sheffield, said: "The essence of a fine joke is clever and original use of language, often exploiting some sort of ambiguity. "This joke has been voted the worst Christmas cracker joke because it is almost too clever."

So, here is my selection of some of the best and worst gags ever to land on the festive table... real crackers and total turkeys!

What did Cinderella say when her photos didn't arrive on time? One day my prints will come.

What do you call two happy mushrooms? Fun guys.

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy.

What's round and bad tempered? A vicious circle.

Why don't ducks tell jokes when they're flying? Because they would quack up.

What did the inflatable teacher at the inflatable school say to the inflatable child caught holding a pin? You let me down, you let your friends down, you let your school down but most of all... you let yourself down.

What is the nearest thing to Silver? The Lone Ranger's bottom.

What did Mary Poppins want from Santa? Supercalifragilisticexpialisnowshoes!

Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E? Because the angel had said, "No L!"

Why is Santa not allowed to go down chimneys any more? Because it was declared unsafe by the Elf & Safety Committee.

What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine? This will sleigh you!

My favourite of all the jokes I found when researching this article is not a pun, and not PC, but I love it! (I spend a lot of my editorial life trying to be PC, so for once I'm going to throw caution to the wind.)

Why does Santa wear pink underwear? Because he's a man. He did all his laundry in the one load.

## Christmas wreath for Scrabblers

*Here's a great way of using up some old tiles.*

*This clever Christmas wreath hangs on Val Mills' front door - she made it herself.*



*(And, of course, the remaining tiles will be given to Vicky Robertson for a future Wearable Arts project.)*

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## Unusual sight

*This unusual layout of the first two moves of a game was spotted at a Kiwi Scrabble Club night recently.*



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## Take care with end hooks



"No, I distinctly remember sending you to a SEMINAR."

## Quotes about Christmas

Merry Christmas, nearly everybody!

- **Ogden Nash**

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

- **Charles Dickens**

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.

- **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind.

- **Mary Ellen Chase**

My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

- **Bob Hope**

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

- **Norman Vincent Peale**

In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it 'Christmas' and went to church; the Jews called it 'Hanukkah' and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say 'Merry Christmas!' or 'Happy Hanukkah!' or (to the atheists) 'Look out for the wall!'

- **Dave Barry**

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

- **Bob L. Smith**

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living



room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

- **Andy Rooney**

When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things - not the great occasions - give off the greatest glow of happiness.

- **Bob Hope**

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

- **Phyllis Diller**

Christmas is a time when you get homesick - even when you're home.

- **Carol Nelson**

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

- **W T Ellis**

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

- **Janice Maeditere**

Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.

- **Author unknown**

Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money.

- **Author unknown**

Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money.

- **Author unknown**

No matter how carefully you stored the lights last year, they will be snarled again this Christmas.

- **Robert Kirby**

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

- **Burton Hillis**



# Rankings

NZASP Rankings  
as at 30 November 2013

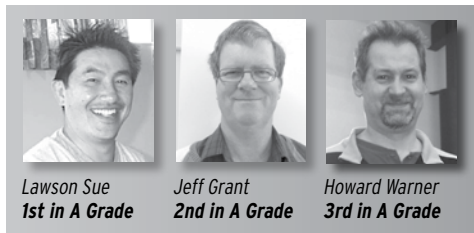
Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games
1	Howard Warner (GM)	1997	1749	2343
2	Blue Thorogood (GM)	1982	544.5	776
3	Jeff Grant (GM)	1936	1576	2079
4	Joanne Craig (GM)	1890	316.5	481
5	Peter Sinton (GM)	1873	655.5	908
6	Mike Sigley (GM)	1871	929	1328
7	Lyres Freeth (E)	1863	168.5	255
8	Karen Richards	1857	35.5	55
9	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1847	1015.5	1947
10	Nick Cavenagh (GM)	1841	275.5	469
11	Lawson Sue (E)	1833	608.5	1154
12	John Foster (GM)	1830	1440	2507
13	Denise Gordon (E)	1820	674.5	1393
14	Glennis Hale (GM)	1817	1412	2526
15	Patrick Carter (GM)	1815	722.5	1153
16	Andrew Bradley (GM)	1801	786	1503
17	Rogelio Talosig (GM)	1772	445	751
18	Val Mills (E)	1761	1111.5	2305
19	Lynne Butler (GM)	1758	868	1422
20	Debbie Raphael (E)	1755	570	952
21	Cicely Bruce	1738	320.5	566
22	Vicky Robertson	1724	257	508
23	Glenda Foster (E)	1713	948.5	1893
24	Steven Brown (GM)	1711	878	1642
25	Scott Chaput	1704	172.5	281
26	Anderina McLean (E)	1702	551	1026
27	Rosemary Cleary (E)	1701	697.5	1516
28	Shirley van Essen	1688	394.5	775
29	Lynn Wood	1668	1592	3340
30	Paul Lister (E)	1668	774.5	1372
31	Chris Hooks (E)	1653	921	1897
32	Olivia Godfrey	1640	596	1112
33	Glenyss Buchanan	1636	645.5	1382
34	Janice Cherry	1628	372.5	722
35	Pat Bryan	1616	215	382
36	Murray Rogers (E)	1613	670	1300
37	Marianne Bentley (E)	1610	295.5	666
38	Margie Hurly	1607	329	633
39	Anna Hough	1574	570	1149
40	Roger Coates	1572	692.5	1454
41	Pam Robson	1568	537.5	1171
42	Helen Sillis	1559	707	1418
43	Katy Yiakmis	1558	164	341
44	Karyn McDougall	1550	664	1289
45	Karen Gray	1540	263.5	500
46	Jennifer Smith	1533	953.5	1968
47	Faye Cronhelm	1527	808	1613
48	Shirley Hol	1522	607.5	1325
49	Lynne Powell (E)	1521	906.5	1829
50	Lorraine Van Veen	1518	836.5	1635
51	Alex Leckie-Zaharic	1510	120	212
52	Kadda Mohamed	1503	111.5	168
53	Yoon Kim Fong	1487	501	973
54	Selena Chan	1483	278.5	523
55	Jeanette Grimmer	1481	95.5	159
56	Peter Johnstone	1475	141.5	260
57	Allie Quinn	1466	1004	2077
58	Delcie Macbeth	1457	815.5	1553
59	John Baird	1443	176	329
60	David Gunn	1438	1163	2388
61	Shirley Martin	1434	812.5	1580
62	Jean O'Brien	1411	1014.5	1994
63	Herb Ramsay	1406	143	228
64	Andree Prentice	1396	927.5	1820
65	Pam Barlow	1392	641	1275
66	Margaret Cherry	1353	465.5	939
67	Hazel Purdie	1348	994.5	2034
68	Chris Higgins	1324	101.5	173
69	Irene Smith	1324	168	340
70	Leila Thomson	1320	539.5	1187
71	Yvette Hewlett	1315	426.5	895
72	Minuri Undugodage	1304	23	50
73	June Mackwell	1302	791.5	1743
74	Glenda Geard	1289	969	1977
75	Kaite Hansen	1287	315.5	585
76	Heather Landon	1275	439	855
77	Nola Borrell	1274	321.5	591
78	Joan Thomas	1273	925	1859
79	Carolyn Kyle	1265	717	1433
80	Gabrielle Bolt	1264	373.5	729
81	Lynn Carter	1263	593	1154
82	John McNaughton	1238	54	84
83	Clare Wall	1238	257.5	497
84	Fran Lowe	1228	94.5	167
85	Lyn Dawson	1212	387	720
86	Rosalind Phillips	1211	524	1015
87	Ray Goodyear	1206	215	449

**GM - Grand Master E - Expert**

88	Sheila Reed	1201	202	401	135	Ruth Godwin	791	236.5	553
89	Roger Cole-Baker	1187	436.5	841	136	Maria Clinton	784	216	453
90	Marianne Patchett	1162	292.5	575	137	Judy Driscoll	776	126	366
91	Ernie Gidman	1160	378	760	138	Betty Don	749	82	226
92	Su Walker	1155	912.5	1826	139	Chris Guthrey	746	60	164
93	Lois Kelly	1153	62.5	161	140	Leighton Gelling	742	89	171
94	Mary Curtis	1151	229.5	430	141	Jaiden Tucker	737	39	59
95	Mary Gray	1148	453	896	142	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	734	558	1170
96	Ruth Lilian	1141	35	49	143	Alison Vautier	709	70.5	191
97	Jena Yousif	1127	386	770	144	Phyllis Paltridge	703	20	70
98	Lewis Hawkins	1123	75	101	145	Anne Scatchard	687	307	605
99	Marian Ross	1106	507	1004	146	Margaret Toso	686	63.5	132
100	Shirley Pearce	1100	36	80	147	Valma Gidman	681	660.5	1323
101	Karen Rodgers	1089	138	341	148	Sandra Cowen	677	49	84
102	Julia Schiller	1087	175	380	149	Linda Moore	668	97.5	197
103	Ruth Groffman	1081	444	932	150	Sam Thompson	660	38	88
104	Chris Handley	1076	361.5	708	151	Anne-Louise Milne	648	119	369
105	Connie Flores	1074	153	255	152	Antonia Aarts	631	173	369
106	Carole Coates	1068	581.5	1188	153	Anne Goldstein	630	27	42
107	Jean Boyle	1065	509.5	966	154	Pauline Smeaton	613	318	612
108	Chris Day	1062	109.5	193	155	Jean Craib	589	379.5	797
109	Lyn Toka	1053	519.5	993	156	Pat Wood	582	122	229
110	Dianne Cole-Baker	1050	405.5	782	157	Noelene Bettjeman	581	283	616
111	Jo Ann Ingram	1047	209	405	158	Tim Henneveld	574	367.5	814
112	Betty Eriksen	1039	1238.5	2396	159	Steve Pearson	574	33	53
113	Kathleen Mori-Barker	1033	348.5	696	160	Judith Bach	543	124.5	231
114	Agnes Rowland	1022	105	196	161	Frances Higham	541	95	294
115	Karen Miller	1002	484	983	162	Elaine Ware	538	372.5	728
116	Colleen Cook	1001	307.5	611	163	Janny Henneveld	528	383	811
117	Barbara Dunn	990	246	422	164	Gordon Pinchin	527	189	369
118	Alison Holmes	976	224.5	410	165	Di Barritt	453	69.5	209
119	Suzanne Harding	962	329.5	633	166	Alan Henley	443	58	136
120	Shirley Morrison	956	142.5	307	167	Sue Mayn	437	184	446
121	Allison Torrance	947	386	736	168	Joan Beale	428	154	304
122	Michael Groffman	906	258	523	169	Margaret Peters	417	21	73
123	Josie Parkin	896	39	80	170	Hanna Dodge	387	52.5	138
124	Malcolm Graham	895	354	727	171	Judy Cronin	380	37.5	126
125	Elaine Moltzen	895	549	1099	172	Margaret Miller	367	127.5	325
126	Catherine Henry	887	423.5	812	173	Bev Allen	366	52.5	176
127	Yvonne McLaughlan	877	470.5	966	174	Kasi Mooney	348	15	61
128	Bev Edwards	871	200.5	398	175	Corey Symon	345	19	44
129	Tony Charlton	865	202.5	404	176	Lynn Thompson	289	248.5	562
130	Margaret Bullen	862	59	100	177	Valerie Smith	179	9	49
131	Joanna Fox	862	27	42	178	Trish Fox	89	25	191
132	Judith Thomas	829	177.5	344	179	Susan Milne	70	26	177
133	Annette Coombes	825	648	1417	180	Marilyn Anderson	57	13	102
134	Roto Mitchell	818	675	1342					

# Tournament Results

## Hastings Tournament 21-22 September 2013



*Lawson Sue*  
**1st in A Grade**

*Jeff Grant*  
**2nd in A Grade**

*Howard Warner*  
**3rd in A Grade**

GRADE A	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Lawson Sue	PAK	12	793	424
2	Jeff Grant	IND	9	1057	432
3	Howard Warner	IND	8	576	440
4	Glenda Foster	WEL	8	259	409
5	Cicely Bruce	WRE	8	-47	392
6	Lynn Wood	WEL	7	126	401
7	Nick Cavenagh	HAM	7	37	399
8	Anderina McLean	MTA	6.5	62	403
9	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	6	-370	375
10	Val Mills	PAK	5	12	408
11	Janice Cherry	IND	4.5	-525	385
12	Vicky Robertson	WEL	4	-369	388
13	Helen Sillis	NPL	3	-803	366
14	Peter Jones	HAM	3	-808	366



*Yvonne Wilson*  
**1st in B Grade**

*Jennifer Smith*  
**2nd in B Grade**

*Heather Landon*  
**3rd in B Grade**

GRADE B	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Yvonne Wilson	HAS	11	469	402
2	Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	1002	423
3	Heather Landon	TGA	9	479	404
4	Andree Prentice	WAN	9	-9	381

5	Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	549	396
6	Margaret Cherry	PAK	7	-97	363
7	Pam Barlow	PAK	6	-44	378
8	Sheila Reed	WEL	6	-97	373
9	Joan Thomas	HAS	6	-313	365
10	Nola Borrell	WEL	6	-314	359
11	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	4.5	-244	361
12	Doreen O'Shea	HAS	3	-99	377
13	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-713	360
14	Karen Miller	IND	2.5	-569	338



*Fran Lowe*  
**1st in C Grade**

*Barbara Dunn*  
**2nd in C Grade**

*Jean Boyle*  
**3rd in C Grade**

GRADE C	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Fran Lowe	HAS	10	663	401
2	Barbara Dunn	TGA	9	894	406
3	Jean Boyle	WAN	9	515	385
4	Roto Mitchell	WAN	9	434	366
5	Lyn Toka	IND	9	332	381
6	Judith Thomas	IND	8	553	369
7	Suzanne Harding	WRE	8	524	374
8	Anne Scatchard	WRE	8	134	335
9	Tracy Ivamy	HAS	7	209	373
10	Elaine Moltzen	KIW	6	485	388
11	Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	159	352
12	Catherine Henry	TGA	6	21	344
13	Noelene Bettjeman	WRE	5	-395	334
14	Judy Driscoll	KAP	4	-226	341
15	Jamie Adams	WEL	0	-2012	272
16	Myrtle Travis	HAS	0	-2290	250

## Mt Albert Tournament 5-6 October 2013



*Lyres Freeth*  
**1st in A Grade**

*Liz Fagerlund*  
**2nd in A Grade**

*Lawson Sue*  
**3rd in A Grade**

GRADE A		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Lyres Freeth	IND	10	1181	439
2	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	10	363	420
3	Lawson Sue	PAK	9	78	397
4	Jeff Grant	IND	8	431	430
5	Cicely Bruce	WRE	7	48	410
6	Val Mills	PAK	7	-39	400
7	Nicholas Cavenagh	HAM	7	-337	405
8	Lynn Wood	WEL	6.5	155	399
9	John Foster	IND	6	-134	391
10	Pat Bryan	MTA	5	-209	383
11	Glennis Hale	IND	4.5	17	400
12	Anderina McLean	MTA	4	-1	413
13	Steven Brown	KAP	4	-421	383
14	Roger Coates	KIW	3	-1125	352

GRADE C		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Jean O'Brien	IND	11	584	403
2	Roger French	MTA	10	354	397
3	Clare Wall	WEL	9.5	569	401
4	Fran Lowe	HAS	8	350	396
5	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	8	162	379
6	Su Walker	MTA	7	123	395
7	Ernie Gidman	ROD	7	34	377
8	Julia Schiller	MTA	7	-196	369
9	Mary Gray	MTA	6.5	56	387
10	Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	300	387
11	Carole Coates	KIW	6	-79	378
12	Suzanne Harding	WRE	5	-67	365
13	Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	-107	376
14	Jena Yousif	KIW	5	-170	375
15	Mike Currie	MTA	5	-483	347
16	Karen Miller	IND	4	-311	354
17	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	4	-614	340
18	Khin Saw Khine	MTA	3	-513	353



Lorraine Van Veen  
1st in B Grade



Jeanette Grimmer  
2nd in B Grade



Anna Hough  
3rd in B Grade

GRADE B		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Lorraine van Veen	IND	9	405	414
2	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	9	312	400
3	Anna Hough	IND	9	113	389
4	Lynne Powell	IND	8	717	427
5	Shirley Martin	HAM	8	383	397
6	Allie Quinn	WRE	8	74	381
7	Joan Thomas	HAS	7	418	412
8	June Mackwell	IND	7	53	384
9	Pam Barlow	PAK	6	-160	391
10	Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-281	375
11	Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	-230	390
12	Heather Landon	TGA	4	-275	355
13	Lynn Carter	IND	4	-479	364
14	Rosalind Phillips	TGA	1	-1032	333



Betty Eriksen  
1st in D Grade



Valma Gidman  
2nd in D Grade



Chris Guthrey  
3rd in D Grade

GRADE D		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Betty Eriksen	WAN	13	1539	385
2	Valma Gidman	ROD	11	646	330
3	Chris Guthrey	MTA	11	407	339
4	Ruth Godwin	ROT	9	636	337
5	Anne Scatchard	WRE	9	389	320
6	Margaret Toso	WRE	8	137	316
7	Jenny Cummins	ROD	8	63	322
8	Antonia Aarts	MTA	6	135	345
9	Elaine Ware	MTA	6	-1	347
10	Noelene Bettjeman	IND	6	-138	299
11	Frances Higham	PHC	6	-254	294
12	Joan Beale	PHC	5	-66	335
13	Junior Gesmundo	PHC	5	-328	325
14	Judy Cronin	MTA	5	-500	289
15	Lynn Thompson	WRE	4	-536	295
16	Val Smith	MTA	3	-1021	259
17	Susan Schiller	MTA	2	-1095	252



Jean O'Brien  
1st in C Grade



Roger French  
2nd in C Grade



Clare Wall  
3rd in C Grade

# Wanganui Tournament

26-27 October 2013

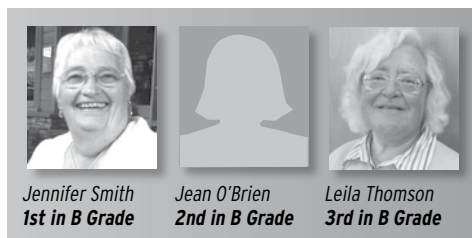


*Howard Warner*  
**1st in A Grade**

*Mike Sigley*  
**2nd in A Grade**

*Vicky Robertson*  
**3rd in A Grade**

GRADE A	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Howard Warner	IND	13	1345	478
2	Mike Sigley	WAN	9	593	431
3	Vicky Robertson	WEL	8	117	403
4	Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	61	396
5	Glenda Foster	WEL	5	-172	392
6	Anna Hough	IND	5	-549	374
7	Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-731	370
8	Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	-664	376



*Jennifer Smith*  
**1st in B Grade**

*Jean O'Brien*  
**2nd in B Grade**

*Leila Thomson*  
**3rd in B Grade**

GRADE B	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Jennifer Smith	HAM	11	779	418
2	Jean O'Brien	IND	10	580	399
3	Leila Thomson	LOH	7	-19	397
4	Heather Landon	TGA	6	38	382
5	Fran Lowe	HAS	6	-230	379
6	Nola Borrell	WEL	6	-509	360
7	Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-96	396
8	Suzanne Ford	WAN	5	-543	372



*Lewis Hawkins*  
**1st in C Grade**

*Betty Eriksen*  
**2nd in C Grade**

*Jean Boyle*  
**3rd in C Grade**

GRADE C	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Lewis Hawkins	CHC	11	369	390
2	Betty Eriksen	WAN	10	532	382
3	Jean Boyle	WAN	10	505	386
4	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	9	304	377
5	Shirley Morrison	TGA	7	73	363
6	Judy Driscoll	KAP	7	-167	366
7	Josie Parkin	TGA	7	-178	371
8	Judith Thomas	IND	6	-291	376
9	Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	-447	326

# Rodney Tournament

9 November 2013 (7 games)

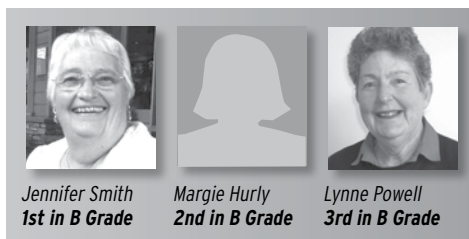


*Glennis Hale*  
**1st in A Grade**

*Patrick Carter*  
**2nd in A Grade**

*John Foster*  
**3rd in A Grade**

GRADE A	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Glennis Hale	IND	6	506	450
2	Patrick Carter	MTA	4	76	395
3	John Foster	IND	4	17	397
4	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	4	-27	388
5	Cicely Bruce	WRE	3	61	405
6	Anderina McLean	MTA	3	-57	405
7	Lawson Sue	PAK	2	-247	363
8	Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-329	368



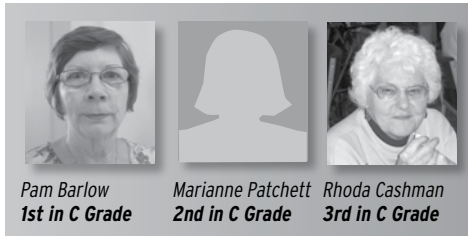
*Jennifer Smith*  
**1st in B Grade**

*Margie Hurly*  
**2nd in B Grade**

*Lynne Powell*  
**3rd in B Grade**

GRADE B	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	309	406
2	Margie Hurly	WRE	5	127	424
3	Lynne Powell	IND	4	51	406

4	Pat Bryan	MTA	4	-107	383
5	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	3	-16	406
6	Stan Skinner	TGA	3	-200	358
7	Shirley Martin	HAM	2	-29	386
8	Katy Yiakmis	MTA	2	-135	386



*Pam Barlow*  
**1st in C Grade**

*Marianne Patchett*  
**2nd in C Grade**

*Rhoda Cashman*  
**3rd in C Grade**

GRADE C	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Pam Barlow	PAK	5	293	396
2	Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	20	369
3	Rhoda Cashman	IND	4	302	377
4	Hazel Purdie	MTA	3.5	264	407
5	Lynn Carter	IND	3	-144	375
6	Su Walker	MTA	3	-366	342
7	Chris Higgins	PAK	2.5	-193	367
8	June Mackwell	IND	2	-176	353

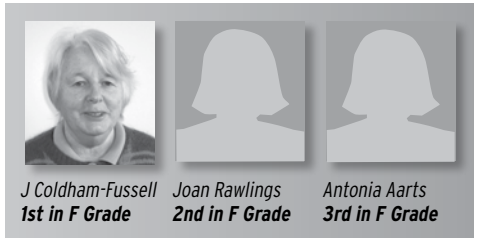


*Khin Saw Khine*  
**1st in D Grade**

*Lyn Toka*  
**2nd in D Grade**

*Margaret Bullen*  
**3rd in D Grade**

GRADE D	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Khin Saw Khine	MTA	6	451	409
2	Lyn Toka	KIW	6	430	399
3	Margaret Bullen	TGA	4	11	350
4	Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	-32	371
5	Suzanne Harding	WRE	4	-155	376
6	Bev Edwards	WRE	3	-88	365
7	Jenny Litchfield	WRE	1	-238	368
8	Valma Gidman	ROD	0	-379	335



*J Coldham-Fussell*  
**1st in F Grade**

*Joan Rawlings*  
**2nd in F Grade**

*Antonia Aarts*  
**3rd in F Grade**

GRADE E	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	6	529	414
2	Joan Rawlings	ROD	5	259	373
3	Antonia Aarts	MTA	4	24	344
4	Linda Moore	ROD	4	-28	355
5	Noelene Bettjeman	IND	3	-92	329
6	Anne Scatchard	WRE	3	-253	260
7	Tim Henneveld	ROT	2	-32	341
8	Jenepher Cummins	ROD	1	-364	328

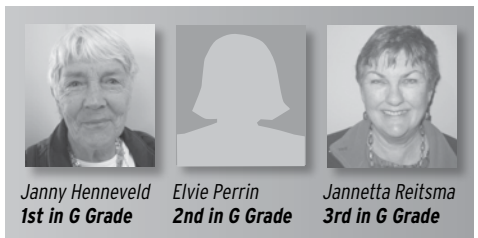


*Ruth Munnings*  
**1st in F Grade**

*Frances Higham*  
**2nd in F Grade**

*Janet Snelgar*  
**3rd in F Grade**

GRADE F	CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE	
1	Ruth Munnings	ROD	7	298	368
2	Frances Higham	PHC	4	144	339
3	Janet Snelgar	ROD	4	121	344
4	Rob van Slyke	ROD	4	-53	337
5	Elaine Ware	MTA	3.5	-18	355
6	Joan Beale	PHC	2	23	329
7	Sue Mayn	ROD	2	-112	356
8	Eveline Seddon	ROD	1.5	-403	315



*Janny Henneveld*  
**1st in G Grade**

*Elvie Perrin*  
**2nd in G Grade**

*Jannetta Reitsma*  
**3rd in G Grade**



GRADE G		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Janny Henneveld	ROT	6	365	351
2	Elvie Perrin	ROD	5	62	326
3	Janetta Reitsma	ROD	5	57	319
4	Merle Spinetto	ROD	4	129	329
5	Margaret Peters	WRE	4	89	325
6	Kasi Mooney	PHC	3	-4	318
7	Margaret Miller	IND	3	-135	304
8	Kate Leslie	ROD	2	-19	319
9	Lynn Thompson	WRE	2	-210	318
10	Susan Schiller	MTA	1	-334	290

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*Shirley Hol*  
**1st in A Grade**

*Karyn McDougall*  
**2nd in A Grade**

*Alex Leckie-Zaharic*  
**3rd in A Grade**

GRADE A		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Shirley Hol	CHC	10	561	417
2	Karyn McDougall	DUN	10	161	404
3	Alex Leckie-Zaharic	DUN	8	23	410
4	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	8	-89	380
5	Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	5	170	390
6	Chris Handley	DUN	1	-826	342

*Alison Torrance*  
**1st in B Grade**

*Joanna Fox*  
**2nd in B Grade**

*Betty Don*  
**3rd in B Grade**

GRADE B		CLUB	WINS	SPRD	AVE
1	Alison Torrance	CHC	13	1323	403
2	Joanna Fox	CHC	11	1012	388
3	Betty Don	NEL	9	117	358
4	Madelaine Green	CHC	7	117	358
5	Sam Thompson	DUN	7	-159	355
6	Marilyn Sinclair	CHC	4.5	-444	317
7	Bev Allen	DUD	2.5	-1080	308
8	Dorothy Latta	IND	2	-886	329

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 (just to name the – clever – people who got places in tournaments during the last year, but who could not be pictured in *Forwards* because we do not have a mugshot of them)

## REWARD

Reward of \$0,000,000 for the digital “capture” of them by anyone in their Scrabble Club.  
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