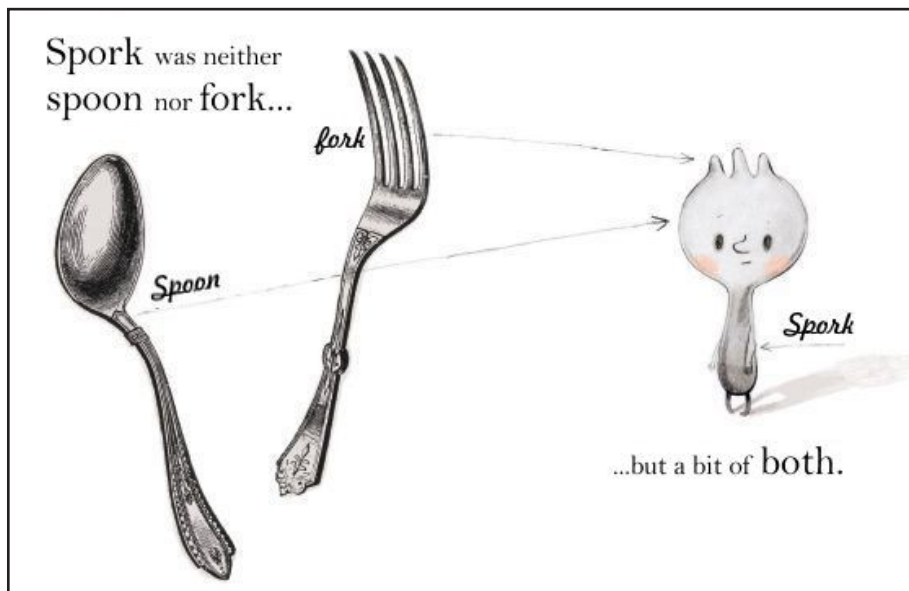


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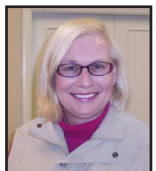
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Editorial

Why are men always on top?

Something about the New Zealand Scrabble scene has puzzled me for a long time now: Why is it that the top ranks of Scrabblers are so heavily dominated by male players?

Consider the following statistics. There are currently 169 players listed on the NZASP rankings list. Of those, only 38 are male, yet 12 of those males appear in the top 20. That means that almost a third of the men who consistently play in tournaments could be considered top players. More notably still, eight of the top 10 players are men while, of the 15 Grand Masters, 11 are male. The only statistic where women outdo men is in the ranks of the Experts. There are currently 10 Expert players and, of them, eight are female.

Given the above stats, the obvious question is “why?” I don’t like to think that it’s due to something inherently inferior about the female brain when it comes to anagramming, strategic planning, or pattern recognition. I wonder whether it has anything to do with the sexes’ differing levels of competitiveness? Are men simply more competitive than women and therefore more likely to rise to the top, or to drop out of the scene if they fail to do so? However, for such a theory to hold any water at all, we would surely find, at least anecdotally, that clubs get an equal number of men and women coming for a few evenings’ worth of games, only to have most of their male visitors stop

fairly quickly while more women would stay on. In my experience with the Dunedin and Wellington clubs, however, this does not appear to be the case. I would be extremely interested to hear from any clubs who have had this experience though.

Another, but related, theory could be that Scrabble serves a different function for women and men. Could it be that women tend to view Scrabble-playing (both at club and tournament level) more as an opportunity for social engagement, while for men it’s a chance to come, see, and conquer? In other words, maybe the majority of women see Scrabble as just something fun to do, but the majority of men see it as serious business. I know for myself that half the joy of my involvement with Scrabble has been the opportunity that it has afforded me to make some wonderful friends across New Zealand. Like a sailor, I have a friend in every port thanks to Scrabble (and I do mean “friend” here), at least in every port where Scrabblers can be found.

Of course, this doesn’t mean that I am uncaring as to whether I win or lose. Naturally, I always want to win, and I must confess to a secret, guilty delight when I get one of those “flop ‘em out” games where everything falls onto my rack and flows magically onto the board. However, I suspect that my enthusiasm for the competitive scene would have waned somewhat if we played our tournaments in taciturn silence. Staring at our boards

morosely with only the odd score or challenge dropped in to remind us that Scrabble is a game played by humans is very unappealing to me. If this means that I'm doomed to languish in the ranks of the "not-quite-theres", well c'est la vie. I'll still love Scrabble because it brings me joy and excitement, intellectual challenge and,

most of all, the love of friends who love Scrabble too.

Now men, the ball is in your court. Come on one of you, be brave and send in a few paragraphs on why you think there are so many people sporting Y-chromosomes at the top of our Scrabble empire.

CSW15 is on its way!

It was recently announced by WESPA that a new Collins Official Scrabble Words would be published this year. As very little detail was provided in the official WESPA announcement, the editors decided to write directly to members of WESPA's Dictionary Committee to seek more information. Here is the very warm response that we received:

Hi Olivia,

I'm Darryl Francis, chair of WESPA's Dictionary Committee, and one of the compilers of the new Collins Official Scrabble Words, which I'll abbreviate to CSW15.

Determining the new words for CSW15 was completed at the end of 2014. The official publication date by Collins has been set at May 7 2015 for quite a while, but just today I have found out that it will now be postponed to May 21 2015. This is because there is a UK general election on May 7. Collins' view was that any press publicity around the new book would be lost amongst all the hullabaloo in the run-up to the general election, and the immediate reporting of the election results. However, I am assured by Collins that any preorders and stock out to stores should still be happening before the May 7 date anyway.

In brief, the new book contains exactly 6500 new words, of lengths 2-15

letters. There are no deletions at all. There are no new two-letter words, there are 31 new three-letter words, there are 99 new four-letter words, etc etc. Alphabetically, the first and last new three-letter words are AJI and YEZ.

An Initiation Kit highlighting the most useful new words has already been prepared, and will be available in electronic form only from the WESPA website at the same time as publication of CSW15 — but I need to confirm whether that will still be May 7, or whether it will go back to May 21.

The WESPA Committee has agreed unanimously that all WESPA-rated events should use CSW15 from September 1 2015 onwards, although other tournament organisers may wish to use it before then.

I'm happy for you to publish any or all of the above in your upcoming issue of *Forwards*.

I hope you enjoy learning the new words and playing with them. Best wishes to all your readers and other NZ players.

Regards, Darryl Francis

So the next question is, when is CSW15 coming to New Zealand?

It was decided at the January 2015 management meeting that the NZASP will officially adopt CSW15 at the 2015 Nationals with Whangarei being the first tournament where any new words can be legitimately played. Preorders for the new word list can be made through Book Depository (go to www.bookdepository.com). And, of course, keep an eye out on the WESPA website (www.wespa.org) for the initiation kit mentioned in the above email from Darryl Francis.

Errata

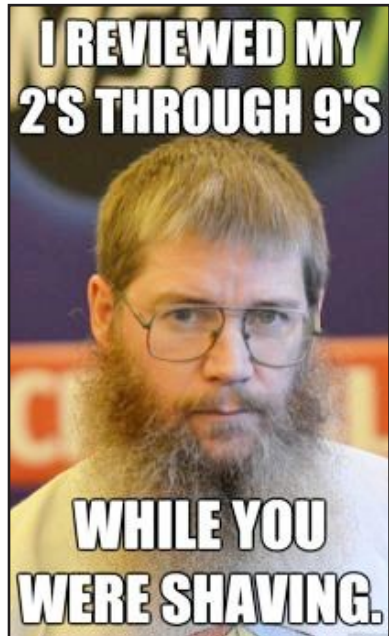
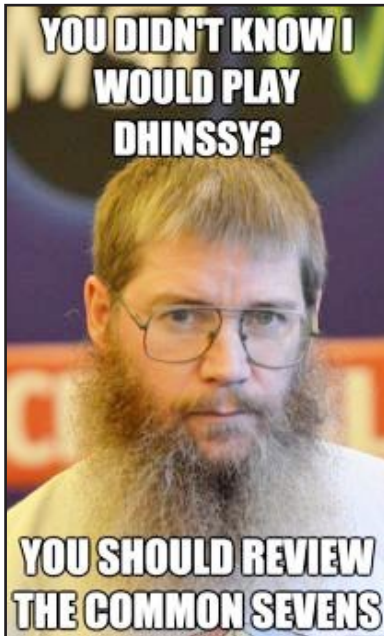
The editors apologise for the following errors which were published in the previous edition of *Forwards*:

p. 43 Tournament Calendar: The correct date for Rodney Club's one-day tournament is November 7th.

p. 47 Scrabble quiz answers: The Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival was actually started by David and Dorothy Pinner.

p. 54 Tournament results: Only some of the results from Mt. Albert's one-day tournament for Roger's birthday were published. The full results appear in the relevant section of this magazine (p. 46).

Thanks to those eagle-eyed readers who have notified us of these inaccuracies so that we can publish the correct information this time.



President's report

Happy New Year everyone, and here's to another great year of Scrabbling! It's hard to believe that we are into our third month of the year already and that, after a long, hot summer, autumn is upon us.

The tournament schedule has well and truly begun. Wellington kicked the year off, with Pakuranga close on its heels, and Nelson following not long after. Please support the tournaments that are being held by your clubs.

If you can travel even further afield, then I really encourage you to do so. This year, for example, the World Scrabble Championships is being held in Perth. Several side tournaments will be held at the same time, and they will be open to everyone and anyone who isn't playing in the 'main event'. This means that, if you can get together with friends and make it over there, you will have a prime opportunity to have some fun playing in an international tournament while also being there to support our team.

Recently, I had a weekend away with a group of friends, one of whom casually mentioned to me that she was playing 'Words With Friends' on Facebook with her sister. I showed her the app that I use for playing Scrabble online and, next minute, she had downloaded it and we were having a game! It turns out that she is a really good player! Even though she has known about my involvement in Scrabble, she has never expressed an interest in playing in a more formal setting, and I had no idea that she was so good. She has no



Val Mills

problem accepting the word list, and comes out with lots of bonuses and other high-scoring plays. The point here is that I know there are many people like her, but how do we get them interested in joining a club or playing face to face? Do any of you know of people who have moved from playing online to joining a club, and what suggestions do you have for facilitating this?

For those of you who have not discovered the joys of playing Scrabble on your phone or laptop, I really recommend it. I have renewed many friendships with 'old' Scrabblers, for example Sheryl Davidson in Brisbane. I also play regularly with family members overseas — it's a great way to keep in touch.

Clare Wall has flagged her wish to step down as treasurer this year so the Exec is looking for someone to take over. Clare has managed the Association's finances really well, and has put in place excellent systems for her successor. If you think you have the skills and time to take on the treasurer's role, please, I urge you to seriously consider doing so. I am sure Clare will be happy to discuss the role further with anyone who is interested.

Happy Scrabbling everyone!

Let's go to Perth!

November 2015



In conjunction with the WESPA Championship (invitation only), there are six days of international Scrabble open to all players, three one-day open tournaments, and one three-day open tournament. New Zealand Scrabblers are strongly encouraged to make the most of the proximity of this amazing opportunity, to play against international competitors and to support our Championship team.

Last Chance Qualifier

November 3rd (Tuesday)

Eight games

Entry fee AUD 50

Top 4-8 finishers play in the Championship!

Venue TBC

Perth Scrabble International

November 4th-6th (Wed-Fri)

24 games

Entry fee AUD 150

Saturday Open November 7th Sunday Open November 8th

2 x one-day tournaments

Eight games each day

Entry fee AUD 50 each

Registration is open now. There is no official closing date for entries but we advise getting in there before the spaces all fill up.

The lexicon will be *Collins Official Scrabble Words 2015*, which will be published in May 2015 and adopted by WESPA on 1 September 2015.

The rules will be WESPA rules version 2. The penalty for an incorrect challenge will be five points per word challenged.

The venue for most of the events (including the Championship!) is the Golden Nugget Room at Gloucester Park. The official address of the venue (for Google maps) is 3 Nelson Crescent, East Perth, WA 6004

The tournaments are not linked with accommodation in any way. You must make your own arrangements. You could comfortably get any accommodation in the central business district of Perth / East Perth as there is an easy walk and/or free public transport from those areas to the venue.

You can expect the weather to be in the mid-20s (°C) with low humidity and lots of sunshine.

Lots more information is available at <http://scrabble.org.au/events/15WSC/index.html>

and also at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1523994504543328/>



Wood famous in New Zealand: Tim Henneveld



Janny Henneveld told me, “for his 80th birthday, I wrote down 80 good things about Tim. And it was **easy**.” Married for 55 years (or, as Tim figures it, around 19,000 cups of tea in bed!), there is no mistaking this couple’s mutual respect and adoration for each other. As I interviewed Tim during fifteen minutes of the afternoon tea break of Pakuranga’s Sunday tournament, there were many instances where he deferred to Janny’s opinion, or where she was called upon to verify information.

In their native Holland, Tim and Janny would play Scrabble in Dutch with family and friends. At this time Tim had no English. It was intended that a private tutor be engaged, but somehow things got busy and the tutor never eventuated. After an enjoyable holiday in New Zealand, the couple decided to emigrate. This was about half Tim’s life ago now, and their three children were then aged 14, 12, and 10.

Tim was thrown in the deep end, needing to develop his English skills rapidly. To achieve this, he and Janny immersed themselves in newspaper reading, *Coronation St* watching (a quick husband-wife conference revealed the name of the barmaid whose oral English they particularly admired: Annie Walker), and Scrabble playing. As the primary purpose was language enhancement, they played those games initially using a dictionary to find words and thereby to extend their vocabulary.



*Tim in his natural habitat
— the workshop.*

It is impossible to spend very long talking to Tim without knocking into his lifelong passion, woodworking. All Tim’s forebears in a direct line on his father’s side as far back as memory can recall have been woodworkers, cartwrights, cabinetmakers, and carpenters. Tim and Janny’s youngest son has likewise established his career as a builder. In addition to his birthright as an artificer, Tim has also sought academic qualifications in woodworking. Imagine his disappointment not long after arriving in New Zealand, when he discovered that the trade certificate he had obtained in Holland was not recognised here, and he would have to retrain in order to practise his profession.



Tim's chopping boards, lovingly created from a variety of woods seamlessly combined for the visual effects produced by their different colours and textures.

Undaunted, Tim took this opportunity to apply for Teachers' College ("I took him to the interview," says Janny, "but I didn't want him to get in. A year in Auckland, while I was stuck at home with three kids, without him?"). His application was successful, and Tim ultimately became a teacher of "manual", comprising woodwork and technical drawing. He remembers his teacher training year as a steep learning curve; although a highly skilled craftsman, he was still coming to terms with the language, and knew nothing about the New Zealand education system, which apparently is quite different from the Dutch system.

However, he went on to teach at Lakes High for 18 years (minus a one year exchange to teach in Sydney after his own children had completed school) before switching fully to building 20 years ago.

Tim has strong opinions about others' work in his creative field: "I hate modern architecture.

Nothing in nature is

square, but buildings these days! All those sharp corners... even something like a table. You see this?" (Here Tim disparagingly yanks up the cover from the card table in the Bridge Club where we sat as I interviewed him) "... a child runs into that, they could really hurt themselves. Why not make it rounded?"



This is the house that Tim built. This is the wife who drank the tea in bed in the house that Tim built.

When asked what his favourite, most satisfying carpentry project had been, Tim answered with very little deliberation, "our own house". Tim designed and built the home in which he and Janny now live, in accordance with his own standards and Janny's specifications, complete with rounded walls and round windows. She glowingly informs me that it is "perfect". Tim's skill, and his devotion to providing the finest in shelter for his wife, extends even beyond life itself: Tim has already completed work on both his own and Janny's coffins, crafted from painstakingly restored mahogany.

Despite the increasing physical constraints of his advancing years, Tim continues to spend hours in his workshop every day. This Christmas all his children and grandchildren received individually handcrafted gifts such as tables, jewellery boxes, etc.

When following up my initial interview, I visited the Hennevelds at home in Rotorua, and Tim showed me around his home and workshop. On one of several benches rests a magazine clipping showing a wooden device to sort jigsaw puzzle pieces, which a granddaughter has requested Tim to reproduce for her. His eyes are alight as he tells me about the unique challenges this current project presents.

In addition to woodworking, Tim is also a conscientious

gardener, and their freezer is always full to the brim with preserved produce from their garden. Tim's bountiful nature means that his neighbours, too, are regular recipients of the edibles their garden produces. When I enquired as to whether the garden existed exclusively for sustenance, or whether it also served an ornamental purpose, I was told that yes, he also grows flowers and ornamental foliage, "... but no lawn. Lawn mowing is a waste of time!"

The above profile was written by Anderina following a couple of interviews with Tim and Janny Henneveld.



Tim contemplates his gerberas and his swan plants. Can you spot the butterfly in this picture?

The coming of the PORTMANTOCALYPSE*

In last autumn's *Forwards*, Olivia enriched your word power with Lewis Carroll's famous poem, *Jabberwocky*. In *Through the looking glass*, Alice initiates a conversation with Humpty Dumpty, a character who has strong opinions about the way words can and should be used. It is Humpty who, at Alice's request, explains the meaning of some of the confusing vocabulary in the *Jabberwock* poem. He is also the first to use the word "portmanteau", originally meaning a suitcase, to describe a particular kind of word: "You see it's like a portmanteau—there are two meanings packed up into one word".



Humpty Dumpty

"Portmanteau words" are words that combine two, or occasionally more, words to produce a single new word. The meaning of that new word is a combination of the meanings of each of the contributing words. The simple



Marionette + puppet = MUPPET

application of a prefix or suffix to an existing root word is not enough to create a portmanteau; it must be formed by combining two whole words. However, portmanteaux differ from compound words in that a portmanteau cannot be separated again into stand-alone words. This is because only part of each contributing word is used in the final product.

It has often been observed that "there is nothing new under the sun". Why invent a whole new word when combining existing ones conveys the intended meaning so succinctly? Olivia herself coined PAMMOLLIFY*: to administer a brand of Paracetamol to a young child to calm it down when all the usual techniques have failed. This word has already taken root in my personal vocabulary.

The entertainment industry is especially prone to creating neologisms of this type. Journalists have an inexplicable tendency to refer to celebrity couples by a single moniker that combines both their names. Now that marriage and taking the husband's surname are not quite so much in fashion, instead of



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, now known collectively as “Brangelina”

“Mr. and Mrs. (Surname)” we have, for example, “Brangelina” or “Bennifer”. Movie and television production also proliferates new words as genres are mixed and matched; consider, for instance, DRAMEDY, EDUTAINMENT, DOCUSOAP, ROMCOM, and MOCKUMENTARY. Nor is the creation of portmanteaux limited to English-language root words: Japanese KARAOKE plus MOVIE gives us MOVIEOKE, the acting out of movie scenes by amateur participants as a social pastime.

Modern maladies may be named by combining the name of an actual disease with the common factor causing the ailment. AFFLUENZA is a syndrome suffered by those who have inherited large sums of wealth and don’t know what to do with it, while a TANOREXIC has a compulsive obsession with the tone of their skin. BLXPLOITATION describes the exploitation of African-Americans, particularly within the aforementioned film industry.

The word alcoholic has been grafted onto many words to describe other forms of addiction. Allowed in Scrabble

are the afflictions of the SHOPAHOLIC, the WORKAHOLIC, the SEXAHOLIC, and (so dire, or so entrenched, that it gets two spellings!) the CHOCAHOLIC or CHOCOHOLIC. Preoccupations that are so intense that they may seem like illnesses are also fertile ground for portmanteaux creation: a LACTIVIST is one who promotes breastfeeding, while a FEMINAZI is a feminist who expresses her views in an especially militant manner.

Sexuality, too, lends itself to the creation of portmanteau words, as concepts associated with one gender (or orientation) manifest in another. Thus, a HIMBO is a male bimbo, while a METROSEXUAL is a man who is not gay, but exhibits many stereotypically homosexual characteristics and preferences. In a similar vein, a HASBIAN is a former lesbian; a DYKON is a celebrity much admired by



During the time this article was being compiled, Anderina was empowered to make this play, a non-bonus worth 47 points (including the challenge). GAYDAR is “the ability to detect homosexuality in another”.

lesbians (although the dykon may not necessarily be gay herself); and a SEXPERT is fairly self-explanatory (as are SEXERCISE and SEXPLOITATION)!

Many modern coinages are clumsy and indelicate, being synthesised from overused stems that are beginning to seem like suffixes in their own right. Again, the press must shoulder the blame for the proliferation of words ending in —gate for any kind of scandal; -licious, -rific, and -tastic for expressions of magnitude and wonder; and -trocious -pocalypse, or -mageddon for degrees of negativity and disaster. Of these, BOOTYLICIOUS, SHAGTASTIC, CHAVTASTIC and MIRIFIC have so far found their way into our Scrabble lexicon, though I am especially impressed by the expressiveness of the not-yet-allowed VOMITROCIOUS*.

Plenty of other portmanteau neologisms are in current usage, and it remains to be seen which of the following I have heard in recent weeks may be adopted by the Scrabble dictionaries of our future: BELFIE, BRIDEZILLA, BROMANCE, CHILLAX, COSPLAY, CRAPTASTIC, CRONUT, FRENEMY, HANGRY, JEGGINGS,



Zebrule

VOLUNTOLD. (Curious readers with strong stomachs are directed to the indescribable resource [urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com) for assistance in decoding each of these terms).

The following websites, articles and resources were helpful in the compilation and creation of this feature:

www.Electricka.com

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<http://users.tinyonline.co.uk/gswithenbank/portmant.htm>

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/compost/post/just-say-no-to-portmanteaus/2012/06/21/gJQAQfqtV_blog.html

Some animal combos that are allowed in Scrabble:

Cow + buffalo = BEEFALO

Camel + llama = CAMA

Goat + sheep = GEEP

Tiger + lion = LIGER, TIGLON, LIGON

Whale + dolphin = WHOLPHIN

Zebra + mule = ZEBRULE

And thanks to Su Walker (Mt. Albert) for igniting my interest in this fascinating category of words!

The picture on the cover of this issue of Forwards comes from the delightful picture book Spork, by Kyo Maclear and Isabelle Arsenault



THE FIRST BOOK OF ÆLFRÆD, called the Genesis of our Game

CHAP. I

- 1 The creation of the game, 4 of the tile distribution, 6 of the firmament, 8 of the premium squares, 13 of the blanks, 20 and made fruitful, 24 the appointment of a Champion



In the beginning, Alfred created the game.

2 And the game was without form, and void, and

darkness was upon the face of the markets.

- 3 And Alfred said, Let there be Lexiko, and there was Lexiko.
- 4 And Alfred saw the game, that it was good; and counted the letters in the newspapers.
- 5 And Alfred called the letters Tiles and valued them, and he called the game christcross words, and

the Tiles and the Game were the first day.

- 6 And Alfred said, Let there be a firmament, and let a star divide the quarters from quarters.
- 7 And Alfred made the premium squares from the squares which were on the firmament, and it was so.
- 8 And Alfred called the firmament the Board, and the Triple and Double squares were the second day.
- 9 And Alfred said, Let the tiles be gathered together into one place, and let seven tiles be drawn, and it was so.
- 10 And Alfred put the tiles into a Bag, and the seven tiles so drawn called he the Rack, and he saw that it was good.
- 11 And Alfred said let the Rack bring forth Words on to the Board, the Words yielding a Turn, and the

- Turn yielding a Score, and Alfred saw that it was good.
- 12 And the bag and the turn were the third day.
- 13 And Alfred said, let there be Blanks, in the bag of tiles
- 14 And let them stand for any letter of the Bag, to add more spice unto the game, and it was so.
- 15 And Alfred made two Blanks.
- 16 And Alfred put them in to the bag of tiles, to add chance unto the game.
- 17 And a place gave he for writing down the First blank, and a place for writing down the Second blank, and he saw that it was good.
- 18 And the First and Second Blank were the fourth day.
- 19 And Brunot saw the game and saw that it was good and Alfred sold the right to make the game unto Brunot.
- 20 And Brunot called the game Scrabble®, and Macy's saw that it was good, and the game was fruitful and multiplied.
- 21 And Brunot and Macy's were the fifth day, or nineteen fifty-two.
- 22 And Brunot sold the rights unto Selchow, and Selchow was bought by Coleco which brought forth abundantly dolls from the cabbage patch, and Coleco went under and Hasbro saw that it was good, and then bought they Coleco.
- 23 And Selchow sold the rights for the rest of the earth unto Spears, Mattel saw that it was good and bought they Spears.
- 24 And Mattel and Hasbro said, let us have a World Championship for our own image, let the earth bring forth players, and let them form associations and hold qualifiers.
- 25 And Hasbro and Mattel said, Behold players, we have given you a World Championship, which is upon the face of all the earth; to you it shall be for meat.
- 26 And Mattel and Hasbro saw the Championship that they had made and, saw that it was very good for the image, and the first Championship was in nineteen ninety-one.
- 27 And on the seventh day, the players ended the Championship which they had played, and they rested on the seventh day from their games, except the finalists only.

A Scrabble player (who wishes to remain anonymous) recently found a yellowing scroll inside the box of an old Scrabble set purchased at a market in Singapore. When the ancient script was translated into English, this was the result, which our Singaporean colleagues have been kind enough to share with us.

Hall of Fame

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

Harken unto me! I am the God you read about in the Bible.

In her prayers recently, a Scrabblor asked me to enlighten her about biblical people whose names have become eponyms that she could use in her games. This is how I answered her prayer:

First of all, you may be surprised to learn that JESUS is not always spelt with a capital letter, and so it's an acceptable Scrabble word. Strictly speaking, I'm not sure that it's an eponym – I think it's more like an adjective. (But don't quote me on that – I may be God, but I don't know everything about grammar!) It describes a size of paper used in France right up until 1967 when they adopted the international system of naming page sizes. The paper's actual size was 56x76cm, and it was water-marked with Jesus' monogram, JHS, the first three letters (iota-eta-sigma) of His Greek name. The product was developed by its (no doubt!) devout manufacturers, Canson. There was also a size known as "double jesus". Some people might find it blasphemous, but we all know my beloved son's name has been used in much worse ways!

You can play the words BENJAMIN and JOSEPH, both of which describe overcoats, so they are eponymous of other JOSEPHS and BENJAMINS, not the ones in my Bible – even though Joseph was known for his coat of many colours. There are probably lots of other biblical names (like RUTH, LOT, JAMES, MARK, LUKE, JOHN) that are

acceptable as Scrabble words, but they, too are just coincidences.

There are more colourful biblical characters in your Scrabble word list, including characters in the New Testament.

JUDAS is a traitor, after Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Christ by identifying him for the Roman soldiers.

SIMONY is the act of buying or selling ecclesiastical office, after Simon, who offered to pay the apostle Peter to teach him how to perform miracles.

From the story of Lazarus the leper has come the word LAZAR for a leper, and LAZARET, LAZARETTO, and LAZARETTE



“Yes! That’s right! The answer is Wisconsin! Another 50 points for God, and ... uh oh, looks like Nigel, our current champion, hasn’t even scored yet.”

for a leper colony administered by a Christian order.

But probably the most colourful characters appear in my Old Testament.

There's NOAH, for example. He has obviously captured the imaginations of Australians – they use the word NOAH as a slang word for shark, copying the cockney idea of rhyming slang (ark/shark). Even non-religious people know who Noah was, but are probably not acquainted with Noah's great grandson, NIMROD. He was a mighty hunter, so NIMROD became a word for a very skilled hunter. I'm sorry for Nimrod, though, because his word has come to mean a person with less noble characteristics, like a socially inadequate person, and even a rebel.

JEZEBEL is a wicked woman, after the wife of King Ahab, who became one of the most wicked kings of Israel under her influence.

ABIGAIL is a lady's maid, supposedly after the wife of Nabal in the *Book of Samuel*.

Jeremiah was a prophet of doom in the *Book of Lamentations* who predicted the downfall of the Kingdom of Judah. Because of him, you can play the word JEREMIAD, meaning a tale of woe, or a tirade.

And then there's my devout and long-suffering servant Job. He not only suffered the taunts of the devil, but he had to endure the long and tedious scolding and criticism of his friends. From this has come the verb JOBE, to reprimand tediously. I know all you Scrabble players know this word, and

play it often.

JEROBOAM, REHOBOAM and BALTHAZAR are big words for big wine bottle sizes named after influential people, usually kings, in the Old Testament. (I know I'm supposed to be all-knowing, but why SOLOMON*, MELCHIOR*, MIDAS* and METHUSELAH* – also wine bottle sizes – are not accorded the same Scrabble honour is beyond even my understanding! SOLOMON* and MIDAS* especially have much-used and well-understood everyday meanings, but still don't appear in your official word list.)

My supplicant often finds adjectives far more interesting than nouns. So in a recent game, I answered her prayers with the tiles for the bonus MAUDLIN, meaning tearfully emotional, a word she knows well. She now knows its meaning has arisen from Mary Magdalene's name (it's often pronounced "maudlin"), after the traditional practice of representing her in paintings weeping, with eyes swollen and red. MAGDALENE is also acceptable, often used as a word for a repentant prostitute.

Behold these wonderful words: JOBE(S), JOBED, JOBING, LAZAR(S), LAZARET(S), LAZARETTE(S), LAZARETTO(S), NOAH(S), NIMROD(S), ABIGAIL(S), JEREMIAD(S), JUDAS(ES), MAUDLIN, MAUDLINLY, MAUDLINISM, MAGDALENE(S), SIMONY, SIMONIES, SIMONIAC, SIMONISE, SIMONIZE, SIMONIST, JEZEBEL(S) and JESUS, and remember my people of the past when you play any of them.

Learning using flashcards

by Selena Chan, Christchurch

One of the enjoyable parts of my job as an educational developer is to assist teachers to find better ways to help students learn. As my teaching background is in the trades, the majority of my 'clientele' (AKA tutors) teach in the vocational / trades areas. In the course of my job I have learnt heaps about how houses are built, techniques used by painters and decorators working on a variety of surfaces, the history of plumbing (including interesting insights into Roman plumbing systems), the world class electricity supply system we have in the South Island, etc.

This year I have been working with our science and engineering tutors to ensure lab sessions are not merely about 'doing the experiment' but are problem- or inquiry-based sessions. The main sticking point with tutors teaching in content-heavy disciplines is their need for students to master the basics before they are able to make the most of problem- or inquiry-based learning. One solution is to use a 'flip classroom' approach, whereby the students access content-rich resources online before they get to class. Often, students are required to pass a quiz to show they have completed their pre-class preparation. So students need to have learnt the content (jargon, parts of anatomy, uses of equipment, organic chemistry molecules, thermodynamics principles etc.) before they front up for lab sessions. Flashcards are one way to quickly learn a large amount of information within a short timeframe. They can be

used initially to introduce a topic and then be followed up with repetitions for students to familiarise themselves with the cards' contents.

As Scrabble players, many of us will have constructed our own flashcards to learn words. In pre-digital times, small handheld cards would have been used. Most of us now probably utilise Zyzzyva's 'cardbox*' system, which generates digital quizzes for self-directed revision of hooks, anagrams, high-probability bingos, etc.

The academic journal paper which prompted me to write this short article studied the differences between 'spacing' and 'massing' behaviours when studying using flashcards. In the study, 'spacing' students would work through a whole stack of cards (say 20) before a repeat of one of the cards in the stack occurred. Students would repeat this 'spaced' stack daily for four days. When 'massing', students divided the stack of 20 cards into four smaller stacks. They then worked through these smaller stacks, one stack on each day. By the end of four days, they would have worked through the 20 cards. The authors provide interesting explanations as to why 'spacing' was more effective than 'massing'. 'Cramming' – going through the stack many times in one sitting, just before exams – was especially ineffective! So what can we Scrabblers learn from the above?

- Firstly, flashcards are effective learning tools if deployed meta-cognitively.
- Secondly, to retain information it is

better to go through a flashcard stack completely and repeat the cycle several times over a period of time.

- Thirdly, avoid breaking the stack up into small sets so that the time between getting back to reviewing each small set is too long (perhaps a week or so?). When setting up your Zyzzyva cardboxes*, try to not make them too large. This way, you are able to go through them in each learning session and repeat each cardbox* over several days until the content is familiar. Set a target percentage of correct answers – I usually go for at least 95%. Then, and only then, move on to the next cardbox*.
- Finally, remember to NOT cram before tournaments! Happy flashcarding*!

The full paper is available on Google Scholar.

Kornell, N. (2009). Optimising learning using flashcards: Spacing is more effective than cramming. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 23, 1297-1317.



NEITHER you nor I know enough Scrabble words, and THEREIN lies the reason we're not high up in the Scrabble rankings.

What is the name given to people who keep CAIMANS as pets? – MANIACS!!

Many couples believe that RETIEING the knot by renewing their wedding vows will REIGNITE their love.

Because their sense of SONSHIP is strong, they help their criminal father when he SIPHONS petrol from parked cars.

When the front row OFFENDS in the scrum, the referee applies the SENDOFF rule.

People who believe that MEDIUMS are genuine are DUMMIES. (It can't be coincidence that they are anagrams!)

Recent visitors to Rotorua have been treated to a lakefront sculpture with a Scrabble theme. First displayed at Bondi Beach in 2008, this work has previously travelled throughout Europe and Australia. The artist is Australian Emma Anna.

Of course, being in town for their tournament at the end of February, many Scrabblers took advantage of this special photo opportunity. And as you can tell from these photos, the weather was wonderful!

Antonia Aarts (Mt. Albert)



Janny and Tim Henneveld



Anderina McLean (Mt. Albert)



Judith Kuchler (Rotorua)



Scrabblers at Rotorua



L-R: Bev Henderson, Tauranga; Ruth Lillian, Tauranga; Ruth Godwin, Rotorua; Heather Landon, Tauranga; Susan Schiller, Mt. Albert

Lynn Wood (Wellington)



Olivia Godfrey (Wanganui)



Carole Coates (Kiwi)



Val Mills (Pakuranga)



Chris Guthrey & Julia Schiller (Mt Albert)



Special thanks to Ruth Godwin for assistance with many small matters relating to these pages!

Forwards editors



Club news

Kiwi prize-giving 2014

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

Kiwi Scrabblers had the traditional potluck dinner and prize-giving in December. This year, awards were distributed fairly widely among the Club members.

Club Champion was Roger Coates, with Yoon Kim Fong runner-up, and Jennifer Smith third. The Ladder was won by Val Flint, with Jennifer the runner-up, and Betty Gibb third; and the Pyramid was won by Betty, with Jennifer runner-up, and Kim third.

Betty was the winner of Group Two championship points (Best Average Player), while Margaret Penniket took out the Group Three championship points (Achievement Trophy).

The three groups of the Round Robin competition were won by Peter Jones, Kim, and Faye Leitch, while the three groups of the Potluck competition were won by Kim, Val, and Jillian Greening.

The two groups of the Knockout competition were won by Roger Coates and Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell. Roger also won the most bonus words (1.66 per game) and the most 100-point words (6).

Most improved player was Sharron Nelley.



Jennifer Smith presents awards to Faye Leitch (top) and Margaret Penniket



Kiwi Club members with Elaine Moltzen on her last night with the Club

Elaine makes her move

by Lyn Toka, Kiwi

Elaine was the founder of Kiwi Scrabblers, and has been the main driving force behind the success of this club. She has been ably assisted by Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell, Betty Gibb, Carole and Roger Coates, among others, (and me), but hers has been the impetus that saw the club hit the ground running and never falter in its success. We have had several successful tournaments, where Elaine had taken the initiative in finding a suitable venue and in generally overseeing the event to ensure enjoyable days.

On a personal note, I have known Elaine for nearly 30 years and have found her to be a kind and caring friend, always interested in the minutiae of family ups and downs, and also ready to share her tragedies and triumphs. We have travelled to tournaments and shared motels so many times, and have had some great laughs over the years. Her generous nature is shown by the fact that, on her retirement, unlike me and most other people, she did not look to increase her hobbies or sporting interests, but immediately searched for opportunities to volunteer in the community.

She has had a few health issues, sometimes resulting in temporary driving bans (infuriating!), but has not allowed these to slow her down or to interfere with her love of our great game. In playing, she is always gracious in victory and in defeat.

She is also a mad cow, which is good as people need some failings to be



Lyn and Elaine

Photo taken by Carole Coates

human. One of Elaine's is her propensity for losing or mislaying things. We went all the way to Wellington once without her handbag, a tragic separation for a woman! That was not altogether her fault I must say as she thought that everything that was piled up in the garage had been packed in the boot. Another time, she gave me a box of bits and bobs left over after a tournament in the Hamilton East hall: Christmas wrap, cardboard, scraps of ribbon etc. This was thrown into my garage. Months later I decided to tidy it, and found Elaine's good shoes that she had been missing for ages! But it's the small things that she has real trouble with: house keys, car keys, credit cards, they just disappear. Somewhere there is a parallel universe containing a vortex of Elaine's possessions, spinning round lost.

Her long-suffering, patient, and loving husband, Tony, is her rock in the background, always supportive and always ready over the years to help the Scrabble club by giving a hand moving tables and setting up halls

and, several times now, driving a group of us to tournaments in Wellington. Elaine and Tony have also opened their home many times for Scrabble afternoons, for mini tournaments such as the Kaimai Challenge, and for a couple of fundraising garage sales.

We will miss both of them, and we wish them all the best in their new Bay of Plenty life.

Nelson Tournament Report 2015

by Tony Charlton, Nelson

This year, we had 24 entrants in the tournament, which worked well as a double round robin with three grades. With no other tournaments on the same weekend, this was our highest number of entrants in quite a few years. By closing date, we had 23 entries, so we were pleased to get a late entry from Barbara Cornell from Golden Bay, who had competed in Nelson a few years ago. We had two new competitors from Nelson: James Flynn and Yolande Taylor, both entering their first Scrabble tournament. Several other competitors hailed from Christchurch, three from the Wellington area, Betty Eriksen from Wanganui, Jo Ann Ingram from Tauranga, Karen Rodgers from Picton, and Dorothy Latta from Dunedin.

This year we were allocated the larger Ken Ching Room at our usual venue of the Nelson Suburban Club, so there was plenty of room for everyone. A new system of preordering lunches was introduced, meaning that everyone who chose to eat in the Club Café was able to get a meal with the minimum delay.



Judy Driscoll and Tony Charlton competing in Nelson

We were pleased to have Lynley Jenness as our scorer this year, and were delighted when she used her expertise in spreadsheets to smooth over a minor problem with our system. Lynley brought her 10-year-old son, Lewis Hawkins, to compete in Nelson for the first time.

After the first couple of games, Lewis was in the lead in Grade A, Malcolm Graham in B, and Phyllis Paltridge in C. At the end of game four, Murray Rogers had moved into top place in A, while the other two stayed at the top of their grades. Murray stayed in first place for the remainder of the tournament. Malcolm was pipped at the post in the last couple of games by Allison Torrance, who was the ultimate winner of B Grade. In Grade C, Betty Don moved up the ranks and, by afternoon tea time on Saturday, had taken the leading position, where she remained to finish in first place with a comfortable 12.5 wins.

The local press turned up on Saturday morning. They took several photos and conducted a few interviews, so we were expecting quite a substantial article. When it came out on Monday, Lewis was the star of the show, with a quarter



Karen Rodgers and Murray Rogers

page colour photo right on the front page of the *Nelson Mail*.

Thanks to all those who came to Nelson to make this one another successful tournament. We will be having next year's at the same time, the last full weekend in February, so please enter the 27th and 28th February 2016 in your calendar.

[If you would like to read the full article about Lewis competing in this tournament, see <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/66530714/Lewis-Hawkins-the-Scrabble-maestro>]

Another Nuptial

Mt. Albert Club congratulates members Julia Schiller and Chris Guthrey on their wedding this Valentine's Day. How romantic!



The newlyweds were kind enough to share some of their wedding cake with the Mt. Albert Club, and a different layer with participants at Rotorua's recent tournament.



Julia's son Nicolas and mother Susan are also becoming familiar faces around the Scrabble tournament scene.

Auckland regional knockout competition

by Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert

In addition to organising the usual rated tournaments, Auckland used to have an unrated Auckland Home Championship that was a round robin within a grade, a mini-tournament, if you will. That worked for a while, but it had to adhere to a time schedule with one competition being held across the entire year. As people's commitments changed there would always be someone who had trouble completing all their matches.

The Auckland Home Championship has been in abeyance for several years now, but I have recently commenced a new version, which is a knockout event. There is no particular time limit for each matchup, so the event has the advantage of being able to proceed at whatever pace the players want to organise their games. I predict that it will probably take around three months to complete a full knockout, but if more time is needed, that doesn't matter. When the event is completed, the plan is to start the whole process all over again.

My current competition was envisaged for people ranked 1400 and over, although I let in a couple of players who were close to that in order to boost player numbers to 14. Because it is intended to be a fun event, the draw is completely random, so the lower ranked players aren't guaranteed to be matched against a top seed in their first round. Each matchup will consist of four games, although if one player wins the

first three games, then the fourth game doesn't have to be played.

There are two reasons for choosing best of four games. The first is practical: when players are organising their particular matchup, they know approximately how much time to set aside. The other reason is that it means that the scores for each individual game are crucial; even if the outcome of a particular game seems clear, you still need to strive for the highest score possible so as to minimise your spread. This is because, in the event of the four games being won two apiece, the matchup is decided by spread. There is a tiebreak rule to decide the winner of the matchup in the unlikely event of the players having exactly the same spread.

There is some background history to my deciding to have an even number of games for a knockout competition. In the earlier version of the Auckland Home Championship, matchups were "best of five" or "best of seven". The rules required an extra game to be played if the players had drawn one of their games and were therefore tied on the number of wins. Under those conditions it seemed pointless to complete that extra game if there were six tiles left in the bag, you were 127 behind, and were staring at AAIUVWW. I used to play Chess, and there is certainly nothing wrong with resigning at Chess when your position was clearly lost; indeed, it is considered to be the honourable thing to do. However, when

I brought up the possibility of resigning in Scrabble, I couldn't believe the reaction. I would have expected a calmer response if I had driven a combine harvester through someone's flower garden! Apparently, you don't resign a game of Scrabble under any circumstances, whether it matters to the overall score or not. Anyway, to cut a long story short, part of the reason I set up this event as a "best of four" knockout is so that the score that you achieve for individual games does matter, because your spread matters.

When we have completed this first knockout competition and are setting up a subsequent one, it is intended that the draw for that next competition will be almost random. The only restriction is that you will not be matched up against the same player who knocked you out of the first event.

While the current event is for 1400 plus players, I am hoping that we will be able to set up an event along the same lines for a second grade of players, perhaps 1000-1400. If that is also successful, then we can look at having a third grade as well.

The scores so far:

Janice Cherry	Val 2-2 (1630-1482)	
Val Mills		Lawson 2-2 (1537-1470)
Lawson Sue	Lawson 3-0 (1422-1158)	
Hazel Purdie		
Pat Bryan	Pat 3-0 (1424-1168)	
Patrick Carter		
Rogelio Talosig	Rogelio 2-2 (1550-1437)	
Julie Atkinson		
Glennis Hale	Katy 2-2 (1607-1502)	
Katy Yiakmis		Anderina 2-2 (1718-1698)
Anderina McLean	Anderina 3-0 (1372-997)	
Mary Gray		
	Liz Fagerlund	
		Andrew 3-0 (1171-1040)
	Andrew Bradley	

In the beginning was WHAT??

In the most recent issue of *Forwards*, we published a piece by Jennifer Smith about surprise endings, in which she listed words that take an unexpected back hook (see page 15 of *Forwards* Summer 2014). Jennifer's article got me thinking about the fascinating words that have truly astounding beginnings; those words that are so improbable or so ridiculous that you just want to play them to show off to your opponent that you know them. GJETOST, for example: I get excited whenever I see a G, J, and two T's on my rack. Could this be the day that I get to floor my opponent with a word beginning with GJ- that isn't GJU?

Following, then, is a list of words that I desperately want to play, one for each letter of the alphabet. But if I disclose this top-secret list, you have to promise me you'll still pretend to be impressed if I ever play one of them against you.

AHCHOO: this can also be spelled ACHOO but it's so much more interesting with the extra H. Neither form takes an S.

BDELLIUM: Surely this was just entered into the dictionary wrong? Someone's fingers must have slipped when they



Bdellium — a gum resin

typed in the extra B or D? Nope, neither BELLIUM* nor DELLIUM* are allowed, so we can't blame BDELLIUM on a misprint.

CNEMIAL: If you're fiddling with this rack and you see MELANIC then by all means play it, but you might get an extra five points if you play its much more interesting anagram instead.

DVANDVA: Don't despair if you find a rack full of A's, D's, and V's. Help is at hand; toss in an N and you have a word that looks like a Polish toddler's first attempt at spelling. Thank you Su Walker from Mt. Albert Club for putting me onto this one.

EOBIONT: This word actually comes up in Lexpert's list of 1000 most probable seven-letter words but, honestly, doesn't it just look like a spelling error?

FJORDIC: Interestingly, while the word FJORD (the root word of FJORDIC) can also be spelled FIORD, do not fall into the trap of thinking that you can play FIORDIC*.

GHRELIN: The letter G contributes to so many words with interesting beginnings that I had some difficulty picking which one to include in this list. In the end I settled for this one because I've actually played its anagram, HERLING, before I knew about GHRELIN.

HRYVNIA: This can also be spelled HRYVNIA and HRYVNA. I came very

close to being able to play this word once but, sadly, I had an E instead of an N so, as I recall, I settled for boring old HIVER instead.

IJIHAD: Thanks to Lawson Sue of Pakuranga for teaching me this one. Left to my own devices, I would have probably just played HADJI or JIHAD with that rack and congratulated myself on a good find.

JHATKAS: With that sort of rack, wouldn't you be tempted to just play TAJ or KAT, or even KHAT? Keep looking!

KGOTLAS: This is truly incredible. Who starts a word with KG-? Yes, you guessed it: Lawson has!

LHERZOLITE: OK so this is a 10-letter word and therefore I'm unlikely to ever get a chance to play it, but what if there's a ZOL or a HER on the board? We can all dream of being Nigel someday, right?

MGANGA: Which bears no meaningful relation whatsoever to MBAQANGA, so don't go mixing them up, OK?

NHANDUS: I've played UNHANDS more than once and never even thought that there would be an alternative option. To be honest, I only found this word when researching to find a good N word for this article. See *Forwards* issue 106 for a picture and further information about the NHANDU.

OUISTITI: I have actually played this word. During the 2014 Nationals, I was sitting on IIOUST and was about to toss my toys out of the cot (well,



This is an OUISTITI, a marmoset of the genus Callithrix (also WISTITI). The TITI monkey is from the genus Callicebus, and OUSTITI is something completely different.

some of my tiles back into the bag, anyway). Then I spotted the free T... ah, it was a moment of pure Scrabble ecstasy!

PHTHISIS: I came across this word when I was a finalist in a spelling bee competition at intermediate school, way before I started playing competitive Scrabble. Hopefully it will one day win a game of Scrabble for me, just as it won me the spelling bee.

QWERTY: Unless you've been living under a technological rock for the last 50 years, you'll know that this word refers to the standard computer keyboard used by most English language computer users. The word derives from the order from left to right of the top row of letters on the keyboard. Interestingly, the plural can be spelled both QWERTYS and QWERTIES.

RHYTHMI: I know everyone is aware of the word RHYTHM so RHYTHMI might seem a boring word to include,

but I mention it, partly because R doesn't really contribute to any particularly interesting beginnings (though I will be happy to be proven wrong should anyone want to write in with a gem of a R-word), and partly because it looks like you really meant to play RHYTHMIC and just forgot the C. RHYTHMI, however, is the plural of RHYTHMUS.

SVARAJ: It's strange enough to find a word beginning with SV-, but one that ends with J as well ... that is Scrabble gold!

TCHICK: Next time I see the word meaning a baby bird on the board, I am hooking a T in front of it come hell or high water!

UINTAITE: The only time this word has been played against me, I couldn't believe my eyes (well, my fingers anyway) and immediately challenged with complete confidence that the word would come off. I mean, what self-respecting word starts with UI-?

VRAIC: This word looks like a verb since VRAICS, VRAICKING, and VRAICKER are all allowed. But beware- neither VRAICED nor VRAICKED are valid.

CWTC: OK, so this word doesn't actually start with a W but I couldn't find anything particularly interesting featuring W as the first letter. Therefore, I've used some poetic license and chosen a word where W is the second letter in the unusual starter combo. Besides, how many five-letter words are there in which there is not a single vowel or even the letter Y to be found? The only other one I can think of off the top of my head and without

consulting Zyzzyva is CRWTH, but I would be very happy to be corrected.

XOANON: I discovered this word when I tried to pluralise XOANA, a word I had learned when studying my list of five-letter words containing X. XOANAS* came off because it turns out that a singular XOANA is a XOANON.



XOANA – primitive statues

YPLIGHT: There are actually a multitude of words beginning with Y followed by some improbable second letter. I'm listing this particular one because I discovered it after I tried PLIGHTY* and found out after putting that rack through Zyzzyva that I just needed to put the Y on the front of PLIGHT to pull off an improbable victory.

ZWIEBACK: I came across this word in primary school when I was reading the dictionary (I know, I must have been a very boring child, but it was the first time I had been given access to a braille dictionary ... anyway it was 47 volumes long so I skipped to the last volume because I wasn't **that** boring). Much to my astonishment, though, a few weeks after spotting it in the

dictionary, it popped up again in a book I was reading written by Judy Blume. Here's hoping I'll see it a third time, in a Scrabble-appropriate setting.



ZWIEBACK - a type of sweet bread

So there you have it, 26 of my greatest desires ... in the Scrabble context anyway. Now, on the count of three, you have to forget them all, because you've promised to be impressed if I ever pull one of them out against you, remember?

Scrabble general knowledge quiz No. 2

by Howard Warner, Independent

There is a total of 10 points on offer. See how many you can get without using references.

Answers on page 42.

1. Who are the three women who have won either of the New Zealand majors (i.e. National Championship or NZ Masters)? (1 point — but you must get all three answers right)
2. In 2012, young Singaporean player Toh Weibin broke the record for the highest tournament score with what score? (Hint: it's a round number) (1 point)
3. What was the long-standing highest score held by American veteran Mark Landsberg from 1993 to 2011? (Hint: it's also a round number) (1 point)
4. What does someone who suffers from AIBOPHOBIA fear? (1 point)
5. Which two other languages besides English have a world Scrabble championship? (1 point)
6. Which British great whose name is an anagram of 'English Open' has won that event? (1 point)
7. Mike Goldman, a player in Britain, famously took to court the organisers of a tournament in which he came fourth. Why? (1 point)
8. What do you call it when someone watches and interjects in another player's game? (1 point)
9. Which company owns the rights to sell and market Scrabble in North America? (1 point)
10. Which of these former World Champs finalists has **not** written a book about Scrabble:
 - a) Andrew Fisher
 - b) Joel Wapnick
 - c) Adam Logan
 - d) Mark Nyman (1 point)

Mailbox

Fran Lowe, Hastings, writes:

My husband Dennis and I have just returned from the trip of a lifetime, which included a road trip across the southern states of America. It was terrific; we collected national parks, national monuments, and state parks. We also threw in Las Vegas, Venice Beach, New Orleans, and New York (what a great place, I loved it, with all its warts and grandeur).

We left Payson, Arizona, and were approaching the wee twin towns of Pine and Strawberry!! I saw on the map Hardscrabble Mesa and when we saw this sign, we just had to stop and take a pic. We did not venture to the MESA, as I prefer my Scrabble easy (or would the correct antonym be soft)? Someone no doubt will know the origin of this usage; presumably the word "scrabble" has a geologic or colloquial meaning. Who says holidays are just about conspicuous consumption?!



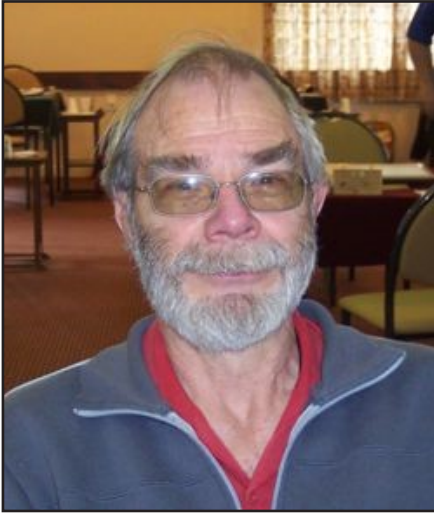
Long word challenge

In *Forwards* issue 117, Chris Handley of Dunedin challenged players to cogitate about "the longest word you can find where each pair of letters forms a valid word".

We have received the following contributions to this discussion:

Phyllis Paltridge, Christchurch, asks: "Has anyone come up with a longer word than CHARIOTEER?" (answer: While CHARIOTEER contains five consecutive allowable two-letter words, it is regrettably irrelevant for the purposes of this enquiry because it also contains the pairs RI* and OT*)

Scott Chaput, Dunedin, writes: "Quite a few sevens and eights came straight to mind. I liked UNOPENED most. At club on Tuesday, Alex Leckie-Zaharic was shooting off some longer words and I felt I needed to get going. While watching my wife do an open water swim in the temperate waters of the Otago Harbour, I thought of REDENOMINATION*, alas it is not valid. Pondering the root word, I thought about religion and "nondenominational" sprung to mind. Of course it fails to meet the criteria – no "ND". So I chucked away the first prefix and by golly DENOMINATIONAL is the one! A 14-letter word that works! There are likely many more that are equally as long, but I doubt if a 15-letter word will be dredged up."



Chris Handley

Before Scott sent his observations to the ScrabbleTalk list, John Foster, Independent, had sent the following email privately to the *Forwards* editors:

"Alas, Chris the idea is not new and TOMATOES is far from being the longest such word. Refer to my article on Perfect Words, *Forwards* issue 97, page 21. The longest I found was the 14-letter DENOMINATIONAL, although I found and listed a total of 16 words with 12 or more letters."

Scrabble – good for our brains, but what about our physical health?

Dianne Cole-Baker, Mt. Albert, writes:

Having recently undergone a medical procedure on the veins in my legs, I began to question the long periods we spend sitting at Scrabble, both in practice and in tournament play. It's no different of course from an extended

period of sitting at a computer. Legs aren't the only problem; I am sure many of us have sore backs, poor circulation and other problems similarly exacerbated both by the aging process and by extended periods of sitting! Can we do better for our health?

And what about the amount of sweet delicious food we consume at tournaments – not the best brain food surely? Pakuranga provided some very healthy food options as well as ice creams!

My doctor's recommendation for my legs is to wear support stockings (such as we wear on long flights) whenever I play at a tournament, and this I will try to do (though I found it very hot at Pakuranga).

Can we somehow encourage players to move around more between games? Could the timetable be extended by five minutes per game to provide a slightly longer period to move about, and to get outside for a breath of fresh air? Any other ideas?

Maybe one day we will be playing at standing desks (these are now provided in many offices). Meanwhile, let's remember the older Scrabble player is a threatened species, not necessarily in danger of extinction but in need of care and cosseting to ensure many more years of healthy living and quality play.

Happy Scrabbling and good health to us all.

Clare Wall, NZASP treasurer, writes:

Hi everyone,

I will be stepping down as treasurer of NZASP at this year's AGM in May. I will have completed five years in the role and want to pursue other interests. I will still be playing and enjoying Scrabble.

I encourage members who have an interest in finance and/or bookkeeping to consider standing as treasurer. The time commitment required varies, depending on the time of year, but is not onerous. You can be located anywhere in NZ.

The NZASP is in excellent financial health. We have good systems in place and the Exec works well together for the benefit of members. I've always had fantastic support from the other Exec members and the wider membership.

I will provide all the handover information required. You will need a computer, email and basic bookkeeping knowledge. We run simple systems.

I am happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

[Ed note: Clare's contact details, and those of all other Executive members, can always be found inside the front cover of Forwards magazine, or on the NZASP website.]

Golden Bay news

Murray Rogers, Independent, writes:

I continued working with primary school children in Term Four of 2014 with a 90-minute session one day a week. We finished the year with an intramural tournament. There were six children in the oldest group and four each in the

other two age categories, so everybody played three games. The oldest group had a version of a Swiss draw, while the other groups played round robins.

No clocks were used, but there was a time limit for the entire game, and players were encouraged to make each play within two minutes.

I implemented a new challenge rule, whereby if a player's word was challenged and was good there was no five-point addition, and if the word was disallowed it would be removed with no penalty (and another go). If a second word challenged was good, still no five-point addition, but if the word was disallowed it would be removed and the player would lose a turn. I told them this was a cross between Australian and New Zealand rules. This way encouraged the children to try words they were not sure of (remember their vocabulary is fairly limited at this age) without being penalised, gave the opponent the option of challenging without repercussion, and obliged the player to be reasonably confident of the second try.

The day was a great success with everyone enjoying the activity, and I have been asked to continue this year. I will also start sessions at the local high school, giving those who have participated in the past an opportunity to continue, as well as enticing some newbies to the game. I have to schedule the college students during their lunch break and into their free reading time. I will start implementing clocks in the high school and will keep the challenge rule used in the tournament till I feel they are ready to adopt our standard five-point challenge rule.

Doggone it

Anderina McLean, editor, writes

Just to make a change from some board pictures we have deemed newsworthy in the past, which have typically been slightly smutty, here's an amazing example of a parallel play by Su Walker of Mt. Albert Club (against Anderina McLean, also MTA). CANINE was on the board, which had then been extended to make CANINES.

Apparently taking inspiration from this theme, Su played FOXIE alongside, scoring over 50 points for her five-letter play (FOXIE is a derivative of fox terrier, a breed of canine). Howl!



[Ed note: Do you have an example of two or more words on the board being thematically linked? We'd love to publish some more, especially if you've managed to take a photo, too!]

NZ Junior MindGames Triathlon: Auckland, April 25 and 27, 2015

The NZ junior Mindgames Championships will be held in Auckland over ANZAC weekend in 2015. This is the end of week one of term two. The championships will take place on Saturday 25 April, and Monday 27 April (a public holiday) at Ferndale House, 830 New North Rd, Mt. Albert.

There will be a small Swiss draw tournament in each of four disciplines: Scrabble, Backgammon, Draughts, and Chess. In addition competitors will be able to play either Vaki* puzzles or Sudoku* online against the software. Competitors will earn points in each discipline (max 100 per discipline) and their top three scores will be their triathlon score (with their fourth score used as a tiebreaker).

There will be an entry fee of \$40 per competitor. The championships will run in three grades - under 14 (born in 2001 or later), under 16 (born in 1999 or later), and under 18 (born in 1997 or later). Competitors are entered into all age groups for which they are eligible.

Do you know a young person who might want to participate in this event? Entry numbers are limited, but there is no specific closing date for entries. For further information see <http://www.mindgames.nz/anzac2015.php> or contact mindgames@xtra.co.nz



2015: Year of the Sheep

by Val Mills, Pakuranga
in collaboration with Olivia Godfrey

Were you born in 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, or 2003? If so, then this is your year, the Year of the Sheep which may also be called the Year of the Goat. You are gentle and calm, tender, polite, filial, and fond of quiet living — a bit like Tobias, Heidi's grandfather. This year Tobias will have a large flock to take up the mountain for summer grazing, for not only will he have his usual goats, but there'll be ewes and rams as well.

Luckily this year there have been no cases of BLACKLEG, ECTHYMA, ROUNDWORM, ICTERUS, KETOSIS, or LACTIC ACIDOSIS, despite both sheep and goats' particular susceptibility to these diseases. Tobias is also satisfied with the low mortality rate of his GOATLINGS and LAMBKINS this year. That is because there have been no OVICIDES (agents that can attack ovum cells), or RINGWOMB (a condition whereby the labouring sheep's or goat's cervix completely fails to dilate). This absence of disease has meant that he has had very few MORLINGS (unscheduled fatalities –his goatherd friend calls them MORTLINGS or MORKINS) on his hands. So, all in all, it has been a fortunate year.

Tobias wends his way up the Swiss mountainside, gazing at the beautiful scenery that never fails to move him. His heart is singing because Heidi is due to come home from school in Frankfurt soon. He can't wait to show her all the new YEANLINGS (lambs and kids), HOGGERELS and TEGS (one-

year-old sheep), GIMMERS and THEAVES (young ewes), and BIDENTS (two-year-old sheep). He even has a couple of WETHERS (gelded male sheep), and one rather grumpy DINMONT with him. A DINMONT is a ram that is in between SHEARINGS, and Tobias hopes that Heidi's sweet nature can convince this old ram to be shorn before the weather gets too hot. After all, the child managed to get through the crusty armour of her solitary old widowed grandfather, who was more curmudgeonly than several rams put together.

As he climbs, his old joints protest a little, but he ignores the little twinges, for the whole world is unfolding below him like a map drawn by God's perfect hand. He gazes proudly at his OVINE and CAPRINE FURKIDS. They, too, are a kind of godly map, because he has gathered them from the four corners of the earth. From Africa and Sardinia he



has collected wild varieties of sheep called the AUDAD (also AOUDAD) and the MOUFLON (also MOUFFLON); he has brought the KARAKUL (also CARACUL) from Central Asia, and the Himalayas have given him the URIAL (also OORIAL) and the BURRHEL (also BHARAL or BURRELL). He went to Britain to add the CHEVIOT to his flocks, and to France to find the RAMBOUILLET. He longs to obtain some MERINO, but New Zealand is too far to go, even for sheep. Of course, his goats have come from all over the planet as well, but he knows he's a little biased. He loves his ALPINES, his CHAMOIS, and his GRISONS the best because like him they are natives of Switzerland. Even so, he keeps LANDRACES from Scandinavia, golden GUERNSEYS from the Channel Islands, some MYOTONIC goats (also known as FAINTINGS) from the USA, and even a black DUAN goat from China.

As he drives his flock ever upward, Tobias admires their superb TOISONS. With all those beautiful fleeces ranging



in colour from cotton-wool white through shades of brown, pied, and black, it seems as if this will be a bumper year for SHEEPSKINS, LAMBSKINS, CABRETTA, CHAMOIX (also CHAMMY or SHAMMY), KIDSKIN, and GOATSKIN. The sheep are already producing plenty of SUINT and LANOLIN (also LANOLINE), natural greasy substances found in their wool that will be excellent for soothing the skin of his cracked carpenter's hands. Given how well the nannies and ewes have fared this year, he should also have plenty of milk from which to make Heidi's favourite goat's milk cheese, CHEVRET (also CHEVRETTE). He himself prefers the stronger-tasting PECORINO cheese made from his sheep's milk.

With so many animals to look after this year, he knows that he will have to be diligent about keeping his charges free of BRAXY, GID, SCRAPIE, RINDERPEST, BLUETONGUE, and FLYSTRIKE. These diseases can decimate flocks within weeks. He'll have to eliminate DAGLOCKS as well so that there's less chance of his flock attracting BOTFLIES. Ah well, the work will be worth it!



High in the Alps, soaking up the peace and the summer sun, he has time to ponder on how helpful his flocks have been for his Scrabble game. He taught Heidi his favourite game the last time she was home, and he believes she will soon surpass him. He proudly recalls that, in a recent letter, Heidi had informed him that, while BAAING takes an ess, strangely, MAAING does not.

He can't wait to try out some of the new compound words he has learned involving sheep and goats! Why, the words FOLD, COT, COTE, DOG, MAN, HEAD, LIKE, SKIN and WALK can all follow SHEEP- to make wonderful plays. And after WOOL- he can add FAT, HAT, MAN, FELL, LIKE, PACK, SACK, SHED, SKIN, WARD, WORK, and LILY (well, of course he knows that WOOLLILY is an adverb and therefore not a compound, but it tickles him to visualise a woolly flower)! His goats, too, offer plenty of Scrabble scope. The words BUSH and SCAPE can precede -GOAT, while FISH, HERD, LIKE, SKIN, SUCKER, and WEED can all follow GOAT-. Even KID produces lovely

words including KIDLET, KIDSTAKES, KIDULT, and KIDVID. Oh, and even though these words have nothing to do with sheep, their BAAINGS help him to remember words like BAALIM, BAALISM, BAASES, BAASKAP (also BAASKAAP and BAASSKAP), BAALEBOS, and OUBAAS.

Oh, his joints may be telling him that his years are weighing heavily upon him, but his lungs are full of fresh summer air, his heart is light with joy because soon he will be seeing his beloved GRANDKID cum SCHOOLKID cum WONDERKID, and his brain is abuzz with Scrabble words all inspired by the Year of the Sheep (or is it the Year of the Goat?).



Twenty years ago in *Forwards*

by John Foster, *Independent*

Some readers may think that a 20-year-old commercial advertising personalised word lists is a rather prosaic subject to comment on. I have chosen it because it illustrates how much impact technology has had on our game in such a short time. Nowadays nobody would want to purchase such lists, because they have Lexpert or Zyzzyva installed on their PC and can readily produce lists for themselves. Twenty years ago it was a different story and there was still an aura of mystique surrounding the few who could actually use computers in this way.

The “enormous work” claim was not an exaggeration; I recall that Robot Blatter actually manually entered the entire word base, one word at a time, over a period of several months. The word lists were purchased by many players, myself included, and were a very useful tool to have at that time.

Finally, for those newbies who are wondering who Robot Blatter and Background Mater could possibly be, they are anagrams of Robert Talbot and Margaret Bundock.

Powerful Robots Harnessed...

...for the continuing edification of NZASP members!

Robot Blatter and Background Mater, both experienced robot tamers, have combined their talents and their pet computers in a venture known as *Robot Banter* which will see Kiwi Scrabblers supplied with current and innovative word lists.

Many hours are being expended in updating a database in anticipation of the upcoming AGM ruling on official dictionaries. The first lists are scheduled to be available for order at the National Championships at Hamilton and in the June issue of *Forwards*.

The objective of the *Robot Banter* team is to produce accurate lists in a print format which balances readability with compactness. The price will be affordable and good value. The editor of *Forwards* has already supplied valuable help in ensuring accuracy and it is hoped that customer feedback will continue this process. Each list

supplied will be a laser printed original dedicated to the purchaser.

The "classical" lists such as 2, 3 and 4 letter (and their reverse alphabetic listing) and low point anagrams (7 letter) will be produced as quickly as possible. Other lists such as 5 and 6 letter, full anagram lists for any length words and the more innovative hook lists suitable for creative study and personal list-making will follow.

The work involved in creating these lists is **enormous**. If the two Scrabblers who have contributed their skills, time, equipment and materials into producing them are to remain motivated then their intellectual property in the lists must be respected.

Below are the **planned** prices of what we expect to be the earlier lists. Please do not send money to anyone yet, just start saving up! The final prices will be published in June *Forwards*.

Description	Approx no of sides A4	Approx Price \$
2, 3, 4	8	2.00
2, 3, 4 reversed ie reverse alphabetic order	8	2.50
2, 3, 4 standard and reversed	16	4.00
All the 5s	12	4.50
Reverse 5s	12	5.00
Low point 7s in alphabetic order	6	2.00
LP7s grouped by anagrams in component letter order	10	4.00
All 7s grouped by anagrams in component letter order	50	16.00

A scorer's point of view

by Leighton Gelling, Independent

In *Forwards*, you'll read many player accounts about their games, bonus words and how they narrowly snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. However, you'll likely not have seen an article written from the scorer's point of view.

I've twice had the privilege of being a tournament scorer, and more often provided 'behind the scenes' assistance in drawing up the spot charts.

The first major input I had with the scoring was devising an Excel spreadsheet for the first 'promotion-demotion' tournament, held in Hamilton some years ago. The nature of the tournament mechanics meant that it was not a simple matter of just totting up the scores. It involved a lot of complex joining of data from previous rounds and nested IF statements, and inevitably a few errors sneaked in, though none bad enough to drastically change the eventual outcome – I hope!

The first time I was the active scorer was the Masters tournament in 2014, held in Hamilton. The text-based program *Au Pair* was used for this, and it made scoring so much simpler with its 'double entry' system, ensuring that scores would need to be input only once for each pairing. It also provides the ability to export the scores and rankings to be printed. However, this can only be done if one has a suitable printer – three people brought

printers, and none of them would work with my Windows 8 laptop! I had to resort to saving the exported file to a USB flash drive, plugging it into Lawson Sue's laptop, and using his ancient HP laser printer to print out the scores for each round.

The second time I played scorer was for the Hamilton club's final tournament. It was promotion-demotion again, and *Au Pair* worked brilliantly for this, once I introduced a 'dummy' player to balance the numbers. I was very pleased that at the end of it all, I'd had only one mistake, which was simply a transposition of the numbers on a score slip. For one game I even got up to ask if a slip was correct, as the player had previously walloped her opponent for over 500, and in this game she'd dropped to barely over 200.

For both tournaments the scoring kept me on tenterhooks right to the last round, which decided who the overall winner would be. It was just like Eurovision scoring, except without the predictable voting, but it was no less exciting.

At this point I expect to be the scorer for Kiwi's August tournament, and I look forward to seeing old and new faces then. As much as I love to play, I also like the scoring as well – and it means I don't have to lose any games!

Scrabblish* titbits

by *Howard Warner, Independent*

Did you know that TIDBIT is an American spelling of TITBIT — ‘corrected’ because it sounded less rude than the accepted English spelling? I learned that from the wonderful TV show *QI*. This tradition of American linguistic censorship has been perpetuated in recent times by Hasbro, arbiter of the OSPD and later Tournament Word List (TWL). As you can see from the title above, I don’t share the Americans’ prudery.

Jandal scandal

This is à propos* of something Anderina wrote in her last editorial. In Christmases and birthdays past, my family and friends have bestowed upon me the entire gamut of Scrabble-related gimmickry — enough to last two lifetimes.



However, this Christmas my Scrabble gifts came with a rather lateral twist. My family still recall when I was interviewed by the media a couple of years back about Collins’ shameless excision of our word ‘jandal’. So this is what I received:

- One tea-towel covered with various New Zealand-flavoured words (PAUA, KINA, POHUTUKAWA, IWI, PAVLOVA, TOGS, FLAX and – yes – JANDALS*), spelt out in linking Scrabble tiles
- A pair of ceramic jandals to put on the wall (next to my giant Scrabble-tile paintings: H and W, of course)

- An actual pair of jandals (black, of course).

Can’t wait for next Christmas!

Consonantal clutter

These days I work as a subeditor for Fairfax-owned newspapers in Australia. I found myself ‘subbing’ a story by a *Melbourne Age* reporter called Goya Dmytryschchak. Surely this surname breaks some kind of record — 11 consonants in a row! The first name is easier.

Scrabble variants

Most of us play one version of the Beautiful Game only — though some play it obsessively. However, plenty of other versions exist.

Browsing online, I came across a Wikipedia page describing all the Scrabble variants. There were 14 that use “standard board and/or tiles”, including Anagrab, Clabbers, Speed Scrabble, Duplicate and Trickster (aptly named, because it was Mattel’s minor tweaking of the dictionary rules and repackaging of the boxed set, to try to persuade everyone to buy another set). There were another 13 using “non-standard equipment”, including WildWords, Scarabeo (the Italian name for Scrabble), Scrabble Junior and WordSquared. And various other related “number-word game” variants.

Interestingly, this list does not yet include other significant variants invented by — and widely played by — international competitive Scrabble players, such as If Only and Lonify.

Tournament Calendar 2015	
Tournament	Dates
Dunedin	28-29 March
Masters#	4-6 April
Kapiti	18-19 April
Christchurch	9-10 May
Nationals	30-31 May
Whangarei	4-5 July
Kiwi	8-9 August
Tauranga	23-24 August
Christchurch	5-6 September
Mt. Albert	3-4 October
Wanganui	24-25 October
Rodney	7 November
Otago	14-15 November
# restricted entry	

Scrabble general knowledge quiz No 2 Answers

1. Glennis Hale, Joanne Craig, Lynne Butler
2. 850
3. 770
4. Palindromes
5. French, Spanish
6. Helen Gipson
7. They restarted his clock before he had come back from a toilet break, so he lost four minutes
8. Kibbitzing
9. Hasbro
10. c) Adam Logan

A Gentle Reminder

Some of the more observant among you may notice that nothing has changed in the tournament and club records sections of the Scrabble records since they were published this time last year. This is because the editors have not been notified of any record-breaking games or individual performances. Please keep a look out for any records that you break or see broken during 2015, and please let the *Forwards* editors know so that we can include them in next year's publication of the Scrabble Records. Remember, these are **your** records, and while we editors try very hard to give you accurate information, we can only publish something if we're told about it.

New Zealand Scrabble Records

As at 16 February 2015

NZ Performances at the World Scrabble Championships (held since 1991)				
World Champion		Nigel Richards	2007	
		Nigel Richards	2011	
		Nigel Richards	2013	
Most frequent competitor	10 times	Jeff Grant	1991 — 2009	
In the top 10 (other than 1st)		7th	Mike Sigley	1993
		3rd	Jeff Grant	1995
		6th	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	1997
		8th, 2nd	Nigel Richards	1999, 2009

NZ Performances at the World Youth Championships			
Most frequent competitor	2 times	Lewis Hawkins	2013-14
Highest Place	7 th / 120	Lewis Hawkins	2014

Trans-Tasman Challenge			
Challenges won by NZ	3	1998, 2000, 2010	
Individual winners		Peter Sinton	1998
		Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	2000
		Howard Warner	2002
		Joanne Craig	2010

Masters Tournament (held since 1984)			
Most games won	21/23	Jeff Grant	1993, 1997
		Mike Sigley	2002
Highest aggregate	11,103	Nigel Richards	1999
Most bonus words	61	Nigel Richards	1998
Highest spread	2454	Howard Warner	2012
Most times winner	11	Howard Warner	2000-2001 2003-2004, 2006 2008- 2013
Most frequent competitor	31/31	Glennis Hale	1984-2014
Youngest competitor	12 yrs & 112 days	Alex Leckie-Zaharic	2013
Oldest competitor	84 yrs & 288 days	June Mackwell	2008

Grand Masters
 Andrew Bradley
 Blue Thorogood
 Glennis Hale
 Howard Warner
 Jeff Grant
 Joanne Craig
 John Foster
 Liz Fagerlund
 Lynne Butler
 Lyres Freeth
 Mike Sigley
 Nick Cavenagh
 Patrick Carter
 Peter Sinton
 Rogelio Talosig
 Steven Brown

Experts
 Anderina McLean
 Chris Hooks
 Cicely Bruce
 Debbie Raphael
 Denise Gordon
 Glenda Foster
 Lawson Sue
 Lynne Powell
 Marianne Bentley
 Murray Rogers
 Paul Lister
 Rosemary Cleary
 Val Mills

The Nationals (began 1980)			
All games won	15	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	2002
Most times National Champion	16	Jeff Grant	1990-91 1993-96 1998 2000-01 2007-08
Youngest competitor	Age 8 yrs & 151 days	Lewis Hawkins	2013
Oldest competitor	Age 88 yrs & 359 days	June Mackwell	2012
Tournament records			
Highest game score	717	Mike Sigley	Nov-90
Highest losing score	514	Pam Barlow	Jun-10
Highest drawn score	487	Lynn Wood & Debbie Raphael	Feb-04
Highest single turn	302	Lynne Butler	Oct-11
Highest single turn, non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neil	Nov-98
Highest combined score	1078	Howard Warner & David Lloyd	Mar-97
Largest winning margin	493	Mike Sigley	Nov-90
Highest add-on	58	Jeff Grant	Mar-12
Most consecutive bonus words	5	Allie Quinn	Jun-89
Most bonus words in game (individual)	6	Nigel Richards Yvette Hewlett Howard Warner	Aug-98 Nov-01 Aug-10
Most bonus words in game (combined)	8	Mike Sigley & Glenyss Buchanan Nigel Richards & John Foster Paul Lister & Shirley Hol	Pre 1997 Aug-98 May 13
Highest average in a tournament	584	Nigel Richards	Jan-97
Highest average spread in a tournament			
Highest opening play			
Longest word			
Most tournament games played	3586	Lynn Wood	
Most tournament games won	1848	Howard Warner	

Highest 10 on International (WESPA) rankings 2015

Nigel Richards	1st	Blue Thorogood	206th
Howard Warner	41st	Nick Cavenagh	212th
Joanne Craig	135th	John Foster	237th
Patrick Carter	147th	Peter Sinton	247th
Mike Sigley	188th	Glenda Foster	352nd

Club records				
Highest game score	763	John Foster	Mt. Albert	Jan-93
Highest losing score	521	June Mackwell	Mt. Albert	Jan-89
Highest drawn score	482	Margaret Warren & Jeff Grant	Hastings	Mar-94
Highest single turn	347	Neil Talbot	Wellington	Oct-03
Highest single turn, non-bonus	261	John Foster	Mt. Albert	Jan-93
Highest combined score	1106	Dawn Kitzen & Chris Hooks	Papatoetoe & Mt. Albert	Mar-92
Largest winning margin	590	Paul Lister	Christchurch	Nov-08
Highest add-on	68	Andrew Bradley	Mt. Albert	Pre 1990
Most consecutive bonus words	5	John Foster Patrick Carter Paul Lister	Mt. Albert Mt. Albert Christchurch	Apr-92 Apr-03 Aug-10
Most bonus words in a game (individual)	7	Jeff Grant	Independent	Sep-97
Most bonus words in a game (combined)	8	Dawn Kitzen & Chris Hooks	Papatoetoe & Mt. Albert	Mar-92
Highest opening play				
Longest word				

Milestones

3000 tournament games played

Lynn Wood 3586

2000 tournament games played

John Foster 2621

Glennis Hale 2603

Betty Eriksen 2592

David Gunn 2505

Howard Warner 2481

Val Mills 2452

Liz Fagerlund 2119

Allie Quinn 2147

Hazel Purdie 2159

Jean O'Brien 2165

Jeff Grant 2093

Glenda Geard 2081

Jennifer Smith 2074

Joan Thomas 2027

1000 tournament games won

Howard Warner 1848

Lynn Wood 1703

Jeff Grant 1624

John Foster 1499.5

Glennis Hale 1440

Betty Eriksen 1327.5

David Gunn 1225.5

Val Mills 1178

Liz Fagerlund 1108

Jean O'Brien 1103.5

Hazel Purdie 1050.5

Allie Quinn 1042.5

Joan Thomas 1016.5

Glenda Geard 1010

Jennifer Smith 1007.5

500 international games (WESPA-rated)

Nigel Richards 2500

Howard Warner 850

Joanne Craig 839

Jeff Grant 502



Glenda Geard has joined the 1000 wins group.

Tournament results

Mt. Albert

15 November 2014

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade			
1 Lyres Freeth	6	640	447
2 Andrew Bradley	4	-80	406
3 Lawson Sue	3	277	440
4 Val Mills	3	73	407
5 Chris Hooks	3	-111	415
6 Pat Bryan	3	-190	376
7 Liz Fagerlund	3	-223	395
8 John Foster	3	-386	382

B Grade

1 Janice Cherry	6	404	405
2 Jennifer Smith	4	203	395
3 Katy Yiakmis	4	82	385
4 Delcie Macbeth	4	34	401
5 Pam Barlow	3	-120	386
6 Hazel Purdie	3	-271	381
7 Shirley Martin	2	-22	378
8 Roger Coates	2	-312	374

C Grade

1 David Gunn	6	516	431
2 Margret Cherry	6	164	406
3 Karl Scherer	5	292	405
4 Roger Cole-Baker	3	86	396
5 Lynn Carter	3	-48	383
6 Glenda Geard	3	-170	376
7 Su Walker	2	-186	381
8 Julia Schiller	0	-654	351

D Grade

1 Karen Miller	5.5	158	382
2 Marianne Patchett	5	359	412
3 Elaine Moltzen	4	86	394
4 Shirley Pearce	4	48	380
5 Dianne Cole-Baker	3.5	122	372
6 Carole Coates	3	-6	367
7 Khin Saw Khine	3	-141	378
8 Annette Coombes	0	-626	336

E Grade

1 Antonia Aarts	7	555	402
2 Junior Gesmundo	5	185	349
3 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	5	34	364

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave
4 Jill Paterson	4	327	400
5 Joan Beale	4	193	383
6 Frances Higham	3	106	348
7 Elaine Ware	3	26	363
8 Sharron Nelley	3	13	336
9 Glenis Jones	3	-297	302
10 Judy Cronin	2	-24	348
11 Val Smith	2	-572	296
12 Susan Schiller	1	-546	295

Wellington

17-18 January 2015

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade A				
1 Joanne Craig	IND	10	1125	461
2 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	9	328	417
3 Jeff Grant	IND	8	271	426
4 Howard Warner	IND	7	335	428
5 Glenda Foster	WEL	6	-173	398
6 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	6	-556	369
7 Murray Rogers	IND	5	-627	383
8 Nick Ascroft	WEL	5	-703	389

Grade B

1 Olivia Godfrey	WAN	9	101	402
2 Stan Gregec	IND	8	263	416
3 Leila Thomson	LOH	8	69	403
4 Anna Hough	IND	7	98	392
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	37	390
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	7	-342	394
7 Vicky Robertson	WEL	6	183	398
8 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	-409	394

Grade C

1 Clare Wall	WEL	12	756	403
2 Nola Borrell	WEL	9	280	378
3 Colleen Cook	CHC	8	206	372
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	45	356
5 Jean O'Brien	IND	7	-8	356
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	-163	362
7 Carolyn Kyle	IND	5	-274	365
8 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	-842	339

Grade D

1 Sheila Reed	WEL	12	694	335
2 Malcolm Graham	CHC	9	299	320

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
3	Jean Boyle	WAN	8	132	322
4	Tony Charlton	NEL	7.5	266	318
5	Judith Thomas	IND	7.5	50	302
6	Karen Donaldson	IND	6	-340	278
7	Judy Driscoll	KAP	6	-401	279

Pakuranga 24 January 2015

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade A					
1	Nick Cavenagh	KIW	5	612	456
2	Patrick Carter	MTA	5	412	423
3	Cicely Bruce	WRE	4	-109	402
4	Pat Bryan	MTA	4	-168	394
5	Howard Warner	IND	3	-165	400
6	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-185	371
7	Anderina McLean	MTA	2	54	409
8	Rosemary Cleary	WAN	2	-451	362

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade B					
1	Val Mills	PAK	5	211	357
2	Katy Yiakmis	MTA	5	83	332
3	Olivia Godfrey	WAN	4	219	354
4	Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-13	342
5	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	4	-41	339
6	John Foster	IND	3	-148	341
7	Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	-304	319
8	Jennifer Smith	KIW	0	-7	

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade C					
1	Rosalind Phillips	TGA	5	307	437
2	David Gunn	WKP	4.5	86	393
3	Pam Barlow	PAK	4.5	36	389
4	Roger Coates	KIW	4	-30	383
5	Joan Thomas	HAS	3	30	392
6	Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-1	407
7	Allie Quinn	WRE	2	-116	395
8	Chris Higgins	PAK	2	-312	361

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade D					
1	Jean O'Brien	IND	6	249	395
2	Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	279	396
3	Mary Gray	MTA	5	56	387
4	Lynn Carter	IND	3	91	390
5	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-31	367
6	Su Walker	MTA	3	-246	353
7	Glenda Geard	IND	2	-193	360
8	Faye Cronhelm	IND	1	-205	344



*Nick Cavenagh,
1st in Grade A at Pakuranga*

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade E					
1	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	6	169	380
2	Anne Goldstein	CHC	5	174	397
3	Heather Landon	TGA	4	244	406
4	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	4	83	381
5	Mary Curtis	HAS	4	75	394
6	June Mackwell	IND	3	278	405
7	Julia Schiller	MTA	1	-412	332
8	Roto Mitchell	WAN	1	-611	347
Grade F					
1	Suzanne Harding	WRE	7	335	375
2	Carole Coates	KIW	4	182	377
3	Anne Scatchard	WRE	4	179	341
4	Junior Gesmundo	PAP	4	156	373
5	Janny Henneveld	ROT	4	98	361
6	Khin Saw Khine	MTA	2	-153	362
7	Ruth Godwin	ROT	2	-342	329
8	Annette Coombes	WKP	1	-455	323
Grade G					
1	Jill Paterson	MTA	5.5	291	379
2	Joan Beale	PAP	5	368	388
3	Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	309	359
4	Noelene Bettjeman	TGA	5	249	354
5	Frances Higham	PAP	5	179	351
6	Joyce Mowbray	MTA	4	63	366
7	Margaret Toso	WRE	3	156	348
8	Patricia Wareing	PAK	3	14	330
9	Valerie Smith	MTA	3	-198	328
10	Susan Schiller	MTA	1.5	-454	291
11	Judy Cronin	MTA	1	-431	316
12	Lynn Thompson	WRE	1	-546	307

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Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade A			
1 Howard Warner	IND	6 768	452
2 Anderina McLean	MTA	4 319	448
3 Cicely Bruce	WRE	4 142	420
4 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3 -157	388
5 John Foster	IND	3 -165	385
6 Pat Bryan	MTA	3 -338	376
7 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	3 -346	372
8 Nick Cavenagh	KIW	2 -223	396
Grade B			
1 Roger Coates	KIW	6 311	420
2 Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	5 342	426
3 Rosalind Phillips	TGA	5 234	384
4 Olivia Godfrey	WAN	4 362	425
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	3 208	401
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3 -388	384
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	1 -465	393
8 Joan Thomas	HAS	1 -604	361
Grade C			
1 Mary Gray	MTA	6 295	397
2 David Gunn	WKP	5 407	445
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	4 392	415
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4 -126	360
5 Allie Quinn	WRE	4 -228	368
6 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	2 -182	389
7 Betty Eriksen	WAN	2 -267	353
8 Faye CronheLm	IND	1 -291	356
Grade D			
1 Carolyn Kyle	IND	6 336	407
2 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5 288	405
3 Lynn Carter	IND	5 277	391
4 Heather Landon	TGA	4 208	388
5 Karen Miller	IND	4 4	384
6 Su Walker	MTA	2 -330	363
7 Glenda Geard	IND	1 -381	351
8 Anne Goldstein	CHC	1 -402	338
Grade E			
1 Suzanne Harding	WRE	6 252	392
2 June Mackwell	IND	5 170	380
3 Carole Coates	KIW	4 266	390
4 Ernie Gidman	ROD	4 -107	359
5 Khin Saw Khine	MTA	3 81	395
6 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3 -5	358
7 Mary Curtis	HAS	2 93	415
8 Julia Schiller	MTA	1 -750	320

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade F			
1 Ruth Godwin	ROT	5 327	373
2 Annette Coombes	WKP	5 96	365
3 Anne Scatchard	WRE	4 -66	326
4 Janny Henneveld	ROT	3 1	365
5 Junior Gesmundo	PAP	3 -28	342
6 Jill Paterson	MTA	3 -48	376
7 Antonia Aarts	MTA	3 -86	338
8 Valma Gidman	ROD	2 -196	316
Grade G			
1 Tim Henneveld	ROT	6 457	354
2 Frances Higham	PAP	6 431	362
3 Joan Beale	PAP	5 96	344
4 Noelene Bettjeman	TGA	5 17	323
5 Joyce Mowbray	MTA	4 204	346
6 Jenepher Cummins	ROD	4 162	354
7 Margaret Toso	WRE	3 78	341
8 Judy Cronin	MTA	2 -65	320
9 Patricia Wareing	PAK	2 -233	313
10 Valerie Smith	MTA	2 -278	306
11 Susan Schiller	MTA	2 -724	276
12 Lynn Thompson	WRE	1 -145	321

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Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade A			
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	11 323	386
2 Murray Rogers	IND	10 241	391
3 Lewis Hawkins	CHC	9 220	401
4 Anne Goldstein	CHC	6.5 -82	374
5 John Baird	CHC	6 379	169
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6 -121	372



Murray Rogers, 2nd in Grade A at Nelson

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
7	Karen Rodgers	IND	5	-213	367
8	Nola Borrell	WEL	2.5	-537	341

Grade B

1	Allison Torrance	CHC	11	715	386
2	Malcolm Graham	CHC	10	690	396
3	Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	9	248	364
4	Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	6	-94	355
5	Judy Driscoll	KAP	6	-299	355
6	Joanna Fox	CHC	6	-341	343
7	Tony Charlton	NEL	5	-190	352
8	Maria Clinton	IND	3	-729	330

Grade C

1	Betty Don	IND	12.5	1085	378
2	Phyllis Paltridge	CHC	11	758	360
3	Barbara Cornell	IND	9.5	465	355
4	Dorothy Latta	IND	8	260	351
5	Marilyn Sinclair	CHC	6	-224	319
6	Gill Charlton	NEL	5	-777	291
7	Yolande Taylor	IND	4	-300	308
8	James Flynn	NEL	0	-1267	279

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	Name	Club	Win	Spread	Ave
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A Grade

1	Paul Richards	O Seas	10	550	416
2	Lawson Sue	PAK	9	414	413
3	Nick Cavenagh	KIW	8	795	436
4	Anderina McLean	MTA	8	494	419
5	Cicely Bruce	WRE	8	119	400
6	Lynn Wood	WEL	8	-94	391
7	Karen Richards	O Seas	6	123	423
8	Roger Coates	KIW	6	-40	401
9	Olivia Godfrey	WAN	6	-63	405
10	Val Mills	PAK	6	-191	402
11	Janice Cherry	IND	6	-235	401
12	Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	14	406
13	Jennifer Smith	KIW	3	-471	365
14	David Gunn	WKP	2	-1415	343

B Grade

1	Heather Landon	TGA	9	404	393
2	Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	9	186	405
3	Ruth Lilian	TGA	9	117	372
4	Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	-159	370
5	Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	156	383
6	Allie Quinn	WRE	7	-68	373

	Name	Club	Win	Spread	Ave
7	Mary Gray	MTA	6	250	383
8	Chris Day	TGA	6	-121	370
9	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-152	380
10	Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	-9	382
11	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	5	-15	385
12	Shirley Martin	HAM	5	-156	379
13	Lynn Carter	IND	5	-167	380
14	Karen Miller	IND	4	-266	352

C Grade

1	Lyn Toka	KIW	10	546	403
2	Faye Cronhelm	IND	9	263	387
3	June Mackwell	IND	8	483	374
4	Jena Yousif	KIW	8	355	393
5	Su Walker	MTA	7.5	-149	365
6	Karl Scherer	IND	7	288	385
7	Shirley Pearce	KIW	7	263	392
8	Barbara Dunn	TGA	7	139	373
9	Glenda Geard	IND	7	-155	373
10	Mary Curtis	MTA	5.5	59	378
11	Carole Coates	KIW	5	-217	363
12	Suzanne Harding	WRE	5	-297	368
13	Geoff Bonser	TGA	4	-410	353
14	Judy Driscoll	KAP	1	-1168	338

D Grade

1	Ruth Godwin	ROT	11	525	364
2	Antonia Aarts	MTA	9	382	363
3	Jill Paterson	ROT	8	439	382
4	Julia Schiller	MTA	8	361	378
5	Philippa Medlock	ROT	8	310	352
6	Annette Coombes	WKP	8	296	363
7	Junior Gesmundo	PAP	7	-122	340
8	Anne Scatchard	WRE	7	-228	321
9	Sandra Cowen	TGA	5	-47	344
10	Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	-135	336
11	Chris Guthrey	IND	5	-303	333
12	Janny Henneveld	ROT	4	-164	333
13	Jillian Greening	HAM	4	-654	338
14	Val Isherwood	ROT	2	-660	325

E Grade

1	Joanne Morley	ROT	11	869	364
2	Josie Parkin	TGA	10	813	393
3	Judith Kuchler	ROT	7	356	353
4	Bev Henderson	TGA	7	57	329
5	Judy Cronin	MTA	7	-59	339
6	Susan Schiller	MTA	4	-790	294
7	Dorothy Bakel	TGA	3	-609	314
8	Ray Young	TGA	3	-637	305

Rankings list as at 2 March 2015

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Blue Thorogood (GM)	2061	599.5	842	71%
2	Joanne Craig (GM)	1949	346.5	524	66%
3	Jeff Grant (GM)	1946	1624	2145	76%
4	Lyres Freeth (GM)	1932	236.5	356	66%
5	Howard Warner (GM)	1890	1848	2481	74%
6	Patrick Carter (GM)	1862	746.5	1190	63%
7	Peter Sinton (GM)	1857	690.5	961	72%
8	Andrew Bradley (GM)	1851	821	1561	53%
9	Mike Sigley (GM)	1832	950	1365	70%
10	Lawson Sue (E)	1802	713.5	1337	53%
11	Rogelio Talosig (GM)	1798	473	803	59%
12	Nick Cavenagh (GM)	1789	342	576	59%
13	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1777	1108	2119	52%
14	Cicely Bruce (E)	1772	388	688	56%
15	Anderina McLean (E)	1763	618.5	1146	54%
16	Scott Chaput	1743	202.5	334	61%
17	Karen Richards	1738	54.5	97	56%
18	Pat Bryan	1736	249	445	56%
19	John McNaughton	1719	101	143	71%
20	Rosemary Cleary (E)	1717	769	1654	46%
21	Glenda Foster (E)	1713	1002.5	2002	50%
22	Denise Gordon (E)	1702	700.5	1446	48%
23	Paul Lister (E)	1699	802.5	1430	56%
24	Glennis Hale (GM)	1682	1440	2590	56%
25	John Foster (GM)	1670	1498.5	2620	57%
26	Val Mills (E)	1657	1184	2465	48%
27	Glenyss Buchanan	1652	661.5	1410	47%
28	Janice Cherry	1648	397	768	52%
29	Lynn Wood	1648	1722	3613	48%
30	Katy Yiakmis	1632	180	367	49%
31	Lynne Powell (E)	1628	915.5	1843	50%
32	Murray Rogers (E)	1614	753	1444	52%
33	Olivia Godfrey	1606	671	1279	52%
34	Steven Brown (GM)	1605	894	1679	53%
35	Jeanette Grimmer	1605	121	211	57%
36	Roger Coates	1597	742.5	1571	47%
37	Lois Binnie	1577	24	44	55%
38	Shirley van Essen	1571	406.5	812	50%
39	Pam Robson	1562	556.5	1213	46%
40	Karyn McDougall	1550	664	1289	52%
41	Selena Chan	1548	294.5	566	52%
42	Vicky Robertson	1541	297	593	50%
43	Delcie Macbeth	1537	875.5	1669	52%
44	Karen Gray	1527	276.5	530	52%
45	Anna Hough	1524	612	1220	50%
46	Leila Thomson	1517	567.5	1243	46%
47	Rosalind Phillips	1516	560	1069	52%
48	Peter Johnstone	1513	155.5	288	54%
49	Alex Leckie-Zaharic	1510	120	212	57%



Shirley Hol

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
50	Kadda Mohamed	1503	111.5	168	66%
51	Shirley Hol	1499	645	1411	46%
52	Jennifer Smith	1493	1010.5	2087	48%
53	Lorraine Van Veen	1479	840.5	1649	51%
54	Irene Smith	1433	183	368	50%
55	Helen Sillis	1429	718	1448	50%
56	Yoon Kim Fong	1417	552	1083	51%
57	Yvette Hewlett	1416	454.5	950	48%
58	Pam Barlow	1410	696.5	1381	50%
59	Joan Thomas	1409	1016.5	2027	50%
60	David Gunn	1408	1227.5	2518	49%
61	Lewis Hawkins	1402	123.5	174	71%
62	Clare Wall	1397	293.5	555	53%
63	Hazel Purdie	1382	1058.5	2172	49%
64	John Baird	1370	217	401	54%
65	Ruth Lilian	1362	54	77	70%
66	Herb Ramsay	1360	150	242	62%
67	Jean O'Brien	1344	1103.5	2165	51%
68	Heather Landon	1341	498	964	52%
69	Allie Quinn	1337	1049.5	2160	49%
70	Mary Gray	1329	530.5	1061	50%
71	Chris Higgins	1320	115.5	207	56%
72	Shirley Martin	1300	858.5	1697	51%
73	Betty Eriksen	1295	1340.5	2619	51%
74	Dianne Cole-Baker	1250	465	898	52%
75	Chris Day	1235	127.5	234	54%
76	Colleen Cook	1232	344.5	682	51%
77	Carolyn Kyle	1230	801	1620	49%
78	Margaret Cherry	1226	490.5	999	49%
79	Marian Ross	1219	538	1048	51%
80	Lynn Carter	1218	651.5	1270	51%
81	Lyn Toka	1214	540.5	1021	53%
82	Lyn Dawson	1212	387	720	54%
83	Anne Goldstein	1212	88.5	158	56%
84	Fran Lowe	1211	129.5	238	54%
85	Roger Cole-Baker	1205	500.5	971	52%

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
86	Faye Cronhelm	1186	842	1708	49%	124	Tony Charlton	863	258	518	50%
87	Karen Miller	1162	533.5	1066	50%	125	Kathleen Mori-Barker	856	356.5	724	49%
88	Ruth Groffman	1158	493.5	1010	49%	126	Antonia Aarts	851	224.5	450	50%
89	Lois Kelly	1153	62.5	161	39%	127	Catherine Henry	847	444	853	52%
90	Nala Borrell	1152	391.5	722	54%	128	Yvonne McLaughlan	839	488.5	1009	48%
91	Allison Torrance	1125	428	820	52%	129	Julia Schiller	829	217	482	45%
92	June Mackwell	1124	822.5	1817	45%	130	Annette Coombes	807	705	1546	46%
93	Andree Prentice	1121	949.5	1889	50%	131	Betty Don	804	156.5	341	46%
94	Su Walker	1117	985	1957	50%	132	Jill Paterson	799	68	117	58%
95	Barbara Dunn	1113	298	505	59%	133	Judy Driscoll	786	161.5	448	36%
96	Margaret Bullen	1110	110	194	57%	134	Anne Scatchard	767	351	688	51%
97	Jena Yousif	1104	437.5	859	51%	135	Phyllis Paltridge	765	44	112	39%
98	Chris Handley	1101	378.5	738	51%	136	Maria Clinton	762	245	512	48%
99	Sheila Reed	1093	234	471	50%	137	Junior Gesmundo	757	59.5	119	50%
100	Marianne Patchett	1089	306.5	597	51%	138	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	717	578	1206	48%
101	Glenda Geard	1080	1017	2094	49%	139	Madeleine Green	668	85.5	172	50%
102	Malcolm Graham	1073	400.5	810	49%	140	Sandra Cowen	666	56.5	111	51%
103	Shirley Pearce	1067	60	129	47%	141	Chris Guthrey	666	81	218	37%
104	Gabrielle Bolt	1048	408	800	51%	142	Valma Gidman	660	683.5	1370	50%
105	Leanne Field	1048	149	276	54%	143	Frances Higham	660	143	412	35%
106	Ray Goodyear	1041	229	484	47%	144	Tim Henneveld	655	419.5	908	46%
107	Suzanne Harding	1020	388.5	743	52%	145	Sharron Nellay	650	34	63	54%
108	Michael Groffman	1019	279	560	50%	146	Janny Henneveld	622	434	905	48%
109	Mary Curtis	1003	260	499	52%	147	Joan Beale	622	215	423	51%
110	Bev Edwards	1002	239.5	453	53%	148	Pauline Smeaton	613	325	625	52%
111	Ernie Gidman	987	403	807	50%	149	Jillian Greening	609	297.5	638	47%
112	Carole Coates	983	622.5	1290	48%	150	Judith Bach	608	145.5	259	56%
113	Roto Mitchell	960	733	1453	50%	151	Noelene Bettjeman	595	312	670	47%
114	Elaine Moltzen	950	562	1120	50%	152	Dorothy Latta	587	136	337	40%
115	Jean Boyle	949	529.5	1006	53%	153	Elaine Ware	581	381.5	747	51%
116	Ruth Godwin	945	292.5	663	44%	154	Josie Parkin	571	73	150	49%
117	Jo Ann Ingram	933	229	447	51%	155	Anne-Louise Milne	546	135	405	33%
118	Judith Thomas	927	207	400	52%	156	Jean Craib	529	395.5	825	48%
119	Khin Saw Khine	925	43.5	91	48%	157	Margaret Toso	508	87.5	188	47%
120	Geoff Bonser	924	71	122	58%	158	Jamie Adams	502	4	43	9%
121	Shirley Morrison	913	153	335	46%	159	Faye Leach	502	27	97	28%
122	Joanna Fox	893	61	114	54%	160	Marilyn Sinclair	489	35.5	86	41%
123	Sam Thompson	865	66.5	138	48%	161	Hanna Dodge	480	70.5	166	42%
						162	Sue Mayn	437	184	446	41%
						163	Judy Cronin	431	73.5	214	34%
						164	Gill Charlton	429	26	115	23%
						165	Margaret Peters	428	32	116	28%
						166	Valerie Smith	315	27	111	24%
						167	Bev Allen	257	58	212	27%
						168	Susan Schiller	245	15.5	120	13%
						169	Lynn Thompson	232	255.5	590	43%
						170	Dorothy Bakel	220	14	52	27%
						171	Ray Young	180	12	54	22%
						172	Trish Fox	39	28	219	13%



Shirley Morrison

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