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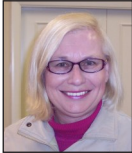
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Editorial

A couple of issues ago, our president Paul Lister, in his president's report, raised the question of whether or not the NZASP should take a stand on the issue of participating in major Scrabble tournaments being held in countries with poor human rights records. Paul had been alerted to the issue by an open letter sent to Scrabble associations in which the writer advocated for the Scrabble world to take a stand by boycotting major tournaments to be held in Kenya and Qatar in late 2017. We also published this open letter in the Autumn issue. We invited readers to write in with their own opinions. As we received no response to this invitation, I thought I'd take this opportunity to air my own (and please note that these are my personal opinions only) views on the matter.

New Zealand has a well-known history of controversy when it comes to mixing sport with politics. In 1976, New Zealand Olympic athletes found themselves in the middle of an international furore when 20 African nations boycotted the Montreal Olympics because New Zealand was allowed to field competitors. Earlier that year, the All Blacks had gone ahead with a scheduled tour of South Africa despite a United Nations decision embargoing all sports contests with the apartheid regime. And who could forget the Springbok Tour of 1981 when our normally peaceful nation was almost ripped in two by widespread protests and riots, again over rugby and race.

While I understand the view that politics should be left to itself, particularly where sport is concerned, I am fully of the belief that our actions and activities as a community cannot be so neatly compartmentalised. As individuals, we cannot (or at least should not) outwardly eschew homophobia or racism or sexism or any other kind of ism, but then turn around and, say, financially sponsor an organisation that aims to recriminalise homosexuality or fund eugenics programs or lobby for the disenfranchisement of women. While there is nothing directly in our constitution about this, I assume that the NZASP is an organisation that welcomes all members and players regardless of their sexual orientation, ethnicity and so forth. Similarly then, should we really turn around and implicitly or otherwise support an organisation or regime that actively mistreats certain categories of humans? I am, of course, referencing the fielding of a NZ team in the World Champs to be held in Kenya this year. Kenya is a country that not only does not allow rights to LGBT people, but actively criminalises homosexual activity.

At this point, let me set out several scenarios to highlight my argument.

1. If, at a tournament, a player loudly stated that they would forfeit all games with anyone who was openly gay, how do you think the tournament director should deal with the situation and, ultimately, would this be a matter that should be looked at by the NZASP's executive and membership generally?

2. If a club advertised a tournament but stated on their tournament entry form that anybody who was known to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender need not apply, would you as an individual attend the tournament yourself because, after all, it's just Scrabble? And how would you want the NZASP to respond?

3. And finally, if the NZASP membership decided to ban all players who fell into the category of LGBT, would you as an individual wish to continue your association with the NZASP by paying subscriptions to it and attending its events?

By this stage, I am certain that no-one is left with any doubt as to where I stand on the matter of mixing Scrabble with politics. I will make it clear, however, that I do not intend in any way for this editorial to be taken as expressing disapproval towards those individuals who have decided to participate in the Kenyan and Qatari tournaments. I wish only to highlight the importance of the question that Paul asked in his president's report: Should we, as an Association, declare any kind of position when it

comes to our collective view on LGBT rights, and our endorsement (or otherwise) of organisations and regimes that are known to treat certain groups *suboptimally? Or should we stay quiet in our safe little corner of the Scrabble globe because, after all, what impact could our views possibly have on the world stage anyway?

Olivia Godfrey



New Zealand team for the WESPA Championship 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya.



Nigel Richards

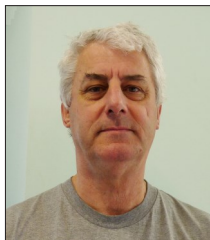


Howard Warner



Joanne Craig

President's report



Paul Lister

Exciting times - present and ahead!

We have had excellent tournaments hosted by Kiwi Club, Tauranga, and Mt. Albert.

Dunedin Club

members have selflessly canceled the club's annual November tournament due to a clash of dates with the World Scrabble Championships due to take place in Nairobi at that time, and to make way for and support the World Seniors Scrabble festival taking place on 18-23 November in Christchurch. Thank you to Dunedin Club for making that decision, and thank you, too, to those who had expressed interest in attending Dunedin's November tournament for putting up with the inconvenience.

We are putting the finishing touches on the Christchurch international tournament now. Included amongst these touches are: a banner, a welcoming ceremony which will involve a powhiri from a local Kapa Haka group, goody bags, and

organising possible transport for players from the motel to the playing venue and back. At the time of writing, we have 87 competitors including a presence from Australia, England, France, Japan, Nigeria, Pakistan, The Philippines, Wales, The United Arab Emirates, and USA. It is exciting to be hosting so many international visitors.

We wish the best to all of our NZASP members playing in the side tournaments or the main event of the World Championships happening in Nairobi in early November. I'm assured that tournament organiser, Daniel Machanje, will keep a close eye on all competitors' wellbeing, and there will be no incarcerations for plastic bag use, car jackings, holdups, etc. Our World Champs team of Nigel Richards, Joanne Craig, Howard Warner, Anderina McLean, Val Mills, Murray Rogers, and Lawson Sue are well-experienced travelers and they're streetwise - oh, and they're all brilliant Scrabble players as well...

...bring it on!



Lawson Sue



Anderina McLean



Val Mills



Murray Rogers

Word famous in New Zealand



Malcolm Graham



My full name is Malcolm David Graham. Born in Christchurch on 26-10-1957, I'm the first son of Alistair Nelson Graham and Peggy Graham (nee Were). I have an older sister (Barbara) and two younger brothers (Christopher and Stephen). The "Nelson" in dad's name (and his two brothers' names) comes from their mother who was a Nelson, understood to be descended from Lord Nelson's family. So, who knows? Despite all appearances, I may well be the product of English aristocracy!

I suspect that I was something of a disappointment to my parents. Instead of completing my studies in architectural draughting (a decision I made after I couldn't find a job in that field as the building industry was pretty quiet at that time), I followed my love of cars and got myself a job in the motor trade. So for the next 12 years I worked for NZ Motor Corporation selling motor parts in various locations in Christchurch.

Those 12 years were a busy time in many ways. During that period I met, married, and was divorced by my first

wife. I also lost my leg in a motorcycle accident - which incidentally didn't help the marriage any.

In 1988 Honda took over from Motor Corp everything to do with Honda in NZ. The new company only needed half of Motor Corp's staff, and I was one of the first redundancies. Luckily, I had something to fall back on because during the entire time that I was employed by Motor Corp, I was also running my own small business printing T-shirts. After my redundancy, I worked that business up from a little enterprise taking up a corner of my bedroom, moving to taking over the garage, and eventually growing it into a decent-sized business that needed a small warehouse in central Christchurch.

During the 1990s printed T-shirts were becoming passé, so I sold out to one of my competitors and, in 2001, my second wife and I decided to emigrate to England. During our time in England, we enjoyed many trips into Europe and beyond.



We went everywhere, from Egypt to Nordcapp and from Gibraltar to Moscow, and we probably saw more of the British Isles than most natives. After seven years though, we returned home to New Zealand as we were starting to feel as if we were repeating ourselves (places you visit are never quite the same the second time around).

If you were to ask me to pick the best place I've visited, I'd say that that's a really tough ask. After all, there are only two continents on the planet that I've never set foot on, and one of those is Antarctica! I remember staying aboard a houseboat in New Orleans, which was pretty good. Mind you, a holiday aboard a similar craft in Amsterdam was a great time too. If you can avoid the hurricane season, then New Orleans has better weather than Amsterdam, but then again there was more action going on around the houseboat in Amsterdam. Either place would've been a great location to play Scrabble - given a companion who plays Scrabble that is.

In terms of Scrabble, I took up club Scrabble after I saw a sign on the back fence of the Sydenham Community Centre (the boundary that backs onto Brougham St - one of ChCh's major thoroughfares). It was around Christmas time so I figured that the club probably had a break over Christmas. I therefore left it for a few weeks into January before I showed up at the appointed time on a Friday evening. However, the break turned out to be longer than I had calculated. I was a week early and walked into a euchre club gathering instead, carrying my Scrabble set. This caused a little disquiet for a few short moments. There was nothing for it but to put my Scrabble set away and spend the evening playing euchre. However, the euchre club usually met on a Saturday night so I admit that it didn't take long for me to tire of that. I carried on with the Scrabble though!

Those who know me, even a little, likely know that I love my cars. Currently I own a 2017 Holden SS-V Redline, which I bought new five weeks ago.



The new Holden

I also have a 2008 Mustang V8 convertible, a 1989 Falcon panel-van that I bought for my business in 1994 (the best vehicle I ever owned), and a 1972 Pontiac station wagon that I bought (as a one-owner Nevada car) sight-unseen through Ebay, which I used for a USA tour two years ago.

Despite my history with motorbikes, I still own a motorcycle, though I don't use it much these days. At my age now, I just can't be bothered getting dressed up and manhandling the thing out of the shed just for a 10-minute trip. I guess I just keep it so I can ride it if I ever get the urge.

Oh, and at the time of writing I've just bought a fifth car. The timing couldn't have been worse as it has only been a month since I purchased the 2017 Holden. But this next new car is something pretty special. Phil Kerr (Bruce McLaren's business partner) bought his Jaguar 420 new in 1968, and brought it home to Auckland with him when he retired from McLaren's in 1975. I've managed to buy this beauty (and this piece of history) from Phil Kerr's estate, and I'm looking forward to collecting it and driving it home to Christchurch when I fly up to attend the Mt. Albert tournament in early October. Combining Scrabble with cars... what more could I ask!



The old Jaguar

Feeling GLUMe because you don't KNOWe enough words?

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

BEARe WITHe me, GUYSe and BROSe, as I explain the purpose of my article in the following PARAE. I'll try not to BOREe the ARISe off you.

In the PASTe WEEKe, I've discovered a few surprising (to me!) end hooks for several common 4-letter words, namely AMENe, MOSTe, RAINe, and SHOPe. The discovery got me wondering if there are other ordinary 4-letter words I KNOWe to which an E could be added to FORMe longer words I *didn't* KNOWe before.

There are 501 4-letter words which can be extended WITHe an E. I already KNOWe a multitude of THEME, of course, and so do you: BRUTE, CHAVe, CURSe, DIXLe, FLAMe, GRADe, and so on. However, I've vowed to learn the unusual extensions in a fun way, by writing about the interesting examples. To avoid making the challenge too simple for myself or too confusing for you readers, I intend to write the article without using *any* 4-letter words which *can't* be extended WITHe an E.

[The singular of "words", "hooks", and the English translation for the Maori number "whā" could be an ongoing PROBe! But I enjoy writing, and consider myself a bit of a BARDe or BUFFe WITHe words, so I should be capable of finding a PLOYe to avoid using the problem words. I PLANe to use the meanings of the basic 4-letter words.]

I'll CRAMe in the MOSTe words I can, but I couldn't possibly include the whole lot – it would end up making the article too LONGe. And GEESe, JEEZe, I couldn't imagine anything drearier! However, I reckon you could learn about 160 of THEME effortlessly in a few minutes.

You would survive a challenge for DAUBe, RIFTe, SHOTe, SOOTe, TEENe, or VEALe, etc – but perhaps it would be easier for you to recall words if I present THEME systematically and not so randomly MIXTe up?

Let's start WITHe a dozen unique, mostly rhyming twins:

BARBe and GARBe
 CLOYe and PLOYe
 DOWLe and SOWLe
 JAMBe and GAMBe
 COURe and LOURe
 CHIVe and SHIVe
 BOMBe and COMBe
 MAILe and RAILe
 MOILe and TOILe
 PECKe and BECKe
 FUSEe and FUZEe
 FRIZe and GRIZe.

I'll continue
WITHe a few
useful triplets
before moving on
to RAREe words
(of which RAREe
is rarer THANe
MOSTe!)



JASPe

JAMBe, JASPe, and JINNe would
generate higher points because of
the J.

AREAE, AURAE, and AQUAE are
helpful for getting rid of vowels.

HEFTe, LEFTe, and WEFTe, are a
great threesome, as the H, L, and W
are front hooks for EFT.

FILLE, MILLe, and RILLe should
FILLE you WITHe joy if you've found a
bonus including an E.

Likewise, BITTe, BOTTe, and BUTTe.

And BOREe, DOREe, and SOREe.

PAIRE, MAIRE, and VAIRE are
similarly useful.

I was already familiar WITHe WITHe,
which is one of the quadruplets
KITHe, LITHe, SITHe, and WITHe.

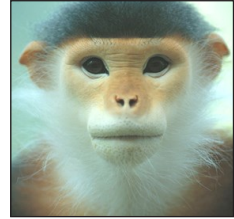
And I discovered a few quintuplets,
e.g. SCOPe, SHOPe, SLOPe,
STOPe, and TROPe.

I could go on at length, listing
increasingly larger groups.

I've LONGe since known the PAIRE of
homophones, DEERe and DEARE,
but was excited to discover all the
words in the DEARE format – BEARE,
DEARE, FEARE, GEARE, HEARE,
LEARE, PEARE, and SEARE (eight

altogether) – and to learn there are no
other words in the DEERe format.

The already mentioned DEERe and
BEARE are two animals among the
target group of words, but another
couple of dozen creatures qualify,
including two other bears (GRIZe and
URSAe) and another DEERe (a



DOUCe

STAGe). These
are all LANDe
animals, as are
ROOSE (which
are kangaroos, of
course). There's
a skunk
(ATOKE);
a monkey
(DOUCe); a rodent
(MARAe), and a donkey (MOYLe),
too.

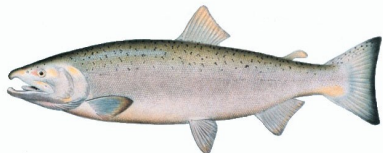
It's OK, dog-lovers, I haven't forgotten
the canines (ALANe, BRAKE, and
RACHE) – so you needn't SOOLE
THEME to attack me!

But WAITE... that's not all!!! The
weaselly weasel (MINKe) deserves a
special mention because it undergoes
a transformation and becomes a
whale after it has the E added!



*MINK
and
MINKe*

Talking of whales... SEISe are rorqual whales, too. And there are other various fishes and sea creatures (BASSe, CLAMe, COHOe, DOREe, EMYDe, FUGUe, and SHADe).



COHOe



MURRe

SELLe it to you. It's yours! No COSTe. No FEESe.

An assortment of birds (ANISe, GLEDe, GORSe, MERLe, MURRe, and TERNe) SOARe in the sky, and MOSTe of THEMe TWITe or PEEPe, and PECKe WITHe their beaks.

While I'm on the subject of "birds", I should mention my female friends, BARBe, BECKe, CHERe, and GLADe, my masculine mates, CARLe, CHASe, DIRKe, KENTe, MATTe, and MICHe, and my transgender pal, JESSE.

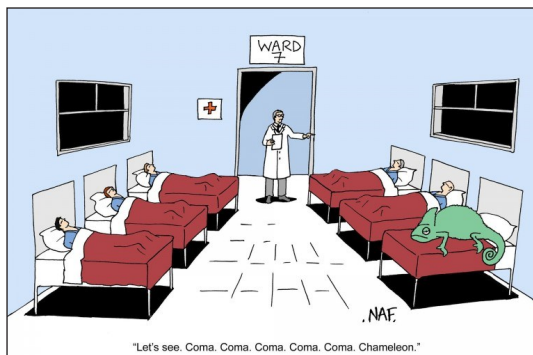
Surely my article includes at least one extension you've never noticed before?

I don't KNOWe of any SHOPe where you could RENTe or HIREe information as useful as the above. And I'm certainly not so MEANE as to

If you reckon I've DONEe a GUIDe job, I'll be all AGOGe to HEARe any HERYe you fancy lavishing on me. But if you think I'm out of WACKe, don't RAILe at me or write FOULe or RANKe messages saying my article's PUREe SHITe or CRAPe or CRUDE. Correspond politely by MAILE, please.

I'm hopeful I've SOWNe the seeds, and you're now SOLDe on my system. I recommend you continue the exercise for yourself – the TOILe and MOILe is worth it!

It's timely for me to STOPe now. I've rambled on LONGe enough, and you've DONEe enough learning. It would defeat the purpose if I SENTe you off in a COMAe!



Twenty years ago in *Forwards*

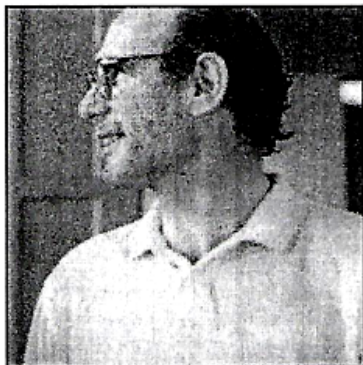
by John Foster, Independent

This account of Mark Landsberg's 770 game was published in *Forwards* issue 48. It is of particular interest to me because it was the same year that I achieved my own personal best of 763, which still stands as a NZ club record.

Mr 770

"I'm not all that crazy about competing. I hate what winning and losing does to people." A familiar sentiment to the thousands of social and family Scrabble players in the country and around the world. The only strange thing is that it was uttered by Mark Landsberg, a 59 year old player from Laguna Hills, California. Mark holds the record for the highest competitive Scrabble game. In 1993 at the 5th Annual Eagle Rock Club Tournament in Pasadena, California, Mark scored 770 points in one game of Scrabble.

Tournament Director, George Hussenstamm, takes up the tale. "One of my co-directors came up and whispered that something truly extraordinary was happening in the game between Mark and Alan Stern, himself a highly rated expert. He said that Mark had had an opening bonus, two triple-triples and a double-double in his first five moves." In fact after the fifth move Mark's score was an amazing 512 including plays of SHAMEFUL (69), WOBLIER (176), INTRADAY (98) and UNCINATE (131 — meaning 'hooked at the end'). 10 moves



Mark Landsberg

later Mark had entered the history books.

It was a fitting accolade for a man whose whole life has been involved in games. Mark has invented over 200 games, 8 of which were produced commercially. He has played Scrabble for many years but it was in the early 1970s that he first impressed players at the Westwood Club, UCLA (one of the first official Scrabble clubs) with his ability, and thereby hangs another tale.

After countless requests from local players, Mark created the first Scrabble strategy book. He sent the manuscript to the then US licenceholders — Selchow and Righter (S&R) — who were so impressed that they entered negotiations to publish his book with a view to giving all members a copy. The project stalled but 2 years later S&R published a book themselves which bore a remarkable similarity to Mark's original manuscript. The case went to law and it was 12 years before a court decided in favour of Mark, awarding nearly \$800,000 damages and setting a precedent which is quoted in many intellectual property cases to this day.

After a fascinating life, Mark still competes occasionally, but purely for enjoyment not achievement. He lives in 'Leisure World' — a retirement complex for those interested in sport and games and drives a black Mercedes with the number plate — MR. 770.

(NB The Guinness Book of Records does list a record of 1,049 by Phil Appleby, 1991 British National Champion, but this was scored under high score play conditions and not in a competition)

From UK *Scrabble Club News*,
July 1997

Club News

In the previous issue of *Forwards*, it was reported that Christchurch and Dunedin tied for the team prize at the Nationals in Christchurch. It has since been calculated that, although both teams achieved the same number of wins, it was the Dunedin team who had the higher cumulative spread. Congratulations once again to Ruth Groffman, Peter Sinton, and Scott Chaput.



Team Dunedin: Ruth Groffman, Peter Sinton and Scott Chaput

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A player was asked by her local branch of Age Concern to contribute a piece about their club. An edited version is reproduced below.

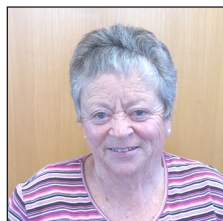
It's catching

by Suzanne Harding, Whangarei

Hi, my name is Suzanne and I have an addiction. Many people have the same addiction. All around the world, all races, all ages; men, women, and children are addicted to SCRABBLE.

The Whangarei Scrabble Club was formed in 2005 by an addict who

moved to our city and was dismayed to find that there was nowhere for him to play Scrabble. I joined the club back then and have been a member ever since.



Suzanne Harding

Scrabble is more than words. Addition and multiplication are an integral part of the game (our club's top player is an accountant). It is also very tactical.

At home you will have "Scrabbled" with friends and family. Maybe four or five of you have played together and argued over words and/or spelling. At the club we play in pairs and any discussion is resolved by the official Scrabble Dictionary. We use the dictionary and word lists most of the time. Only one game out of three is a "challenge" game, and newbies are allowed to use dictionaries for those games until they gain more confidence.

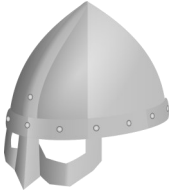
I never thought when I joined the club that it would lead to so many friendships and so much travel. Most of the clubs in New Zealand hold an annual tournament, which is not as daunting as it sounds. We all have a ranking, and play in a grade against people of similar ability. This just leads to more friends with the same addiction!

Battle of the gorge, an original poem

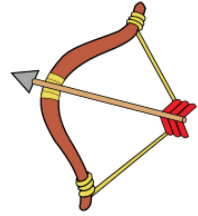
by Joanne Morley, Rotorua

Hear ye, hear ye
We heard the cry

Our armour we have polished
Hauberks, breastplates and chausses
In chariots we arrived
With swords, rapiers and cutlasses
We came to defend the ROCK.



Our leader in her brigandine,
Ruth with her wizard pipe,
Viking helmet worn by Anne,
Jenny wears a medieval type
We came to defend the ROCK.



Who is disguised with gauntlets,
Lamella, brooches and charm
Woodland peasants wearing anklets
Or our secret weapons Jan and Pam?
We came to defend the ROCK.

With the horsemen, archers, and the king
Marches Marge with her trumpet
Is it a victory song she'll sing
Or will she console us in defeat?
We came to defend the ROCK.

Two endings has this battle—
Instead of polishing armour
Some word knowledge—just a little—
May have been our saviour
We came to defend the ROCK.

This is the alternative ending
If the success had been ours:

Two endings has this battle,
Dazzled by our armour,
Skill and word knowledge—just a little—
THIS TIME has been our saviour
We came to defend the ROCK!

The Battle of the Gorge

by Heather Landon, Tauranga

Rotorua and Tauranga have battled it out again at the Gorge Challenge. Held at Diamond Sands, Papamoa on 29/09/2017, the two teams of seven players each had a fun, friendly time playing in earnest to win this challenge.

The day ended with an original and stirring poem written and read by Rotorua Club's president, Joanne Morley, in which she likened her teammates to Medieval warriors.

Tauranga Scrabble Club, as hosts, provided large and varied

morning and afternoon teas, although Heather forgot to bring the crackers to go with the yummy cheeses!

A number of players from each team enjoyed their first experience of playing Scrabble outside of their own clubs, and they were very successful judging by the closeness of the final margin. Tauranga eventually managed to take the trophy with 27 wins against Rotorua's 22 wins.

Rotorua, as last year's winners, presented the trophy (The Rock) with all due pomp and ceremony to Tauranga Club, and we all look forward to next year's challenge which will be hosted by Rotorua.

Kiwi Club Obit to Jo Jackson

Kiwi Club members are saddened by the recent death of Jo Jackson, who was a member of the Hamilton Scrabble Club for many years, and then later a member of Kiwi Scrabblers. Following her and her husband's retirement, she moved to Raglan so she could no longer attend our club's weekly meetings. However, she quickly instigated the "Raglan Classic", a one-day tournament which she hosted at her Raglan home annually. The "Raglan Classic" continued for 11 or 12 years, and it was an event that was keenly anticipated and enjoyed by Jo and all of us Kiwi Scrabblers members. Unfortunately, as Jo's health declined, she could no longer carry on with it.

Jo spent some time in hospital before her death, but although her body was failing, her mind with its love of words and figures remained as active as

ever. Many of our club members attended Jo's funeral, and I quote the following anecdote as told by one of her granddaughters to demonstrate this.



Jo Jackson

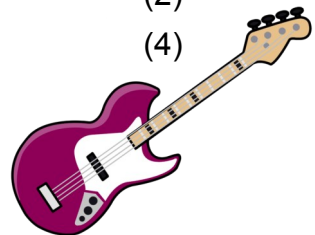
"On my phone I have a word game which I enjoy playing. I had got to level 220 and was pretty chuffed with myself. Grandma expressed interest in playing the game so I lent her my phone for the weekend. On Monday when I went to retrieve my phone, the game was up to level 800 and something, and it was much too hard for me to play anymore. Thanks Grandma!"

Kiwi Club Cryptic Band Quiz

Those of us who have attended Kiwi Club's annual tournament held in August each year will be familiar with the fact that Jennifer Smith has, for the past several years, run a pub-style quiz on the Saturday night of the tournament. Jennifer comes up with the quiz questions herself and, as a regular participant myself I can say that her quizzes are most entertaining.

This year, the so-called "table questions" (to be worked on throughout the duration of the quiz, e.g. in between rounds) were a set of "Cryptic Pop Bands". Jennifer has kindly provided us with a copy of these for inclusion in this issue's Club News, as we felt they may well be enjoyed by a wider audience.

- Used by a carpenter to join 6x4s together? (4, 4, 5)
- Product of an oyster to out on your toast? (5, 3)
- Buddhist state of enlightenment (7)
- The British Unemployment Benefit form (4)
- OTT? (4)
- Inventor of the seed drill (6, 4)
- Essential in your con carne (example of tautology, too)
(3, 3, 5, 7)
- Sounds like a heavy balloon (3, 8)
- A medieval torture device (4, 6)
- They gather no moss (3, 7, 6)
- Very dreary Sunday (5, 7)
- Humphry Davy may have made this ensemble (8, 5, 9)
- German submarine (2)
- A Syrian cloth of camel's hair (4)





Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is her name	(5)
Caress with the lips	(4)
“Pigs!”	(3, 6)
Sounds like the reproductive organ in plants	(3, 3, 7)
Safety police in ski resort?	(4, 6)
<i>The Winter’s Tale</i> , perhaps?	(8)
Appreciative zombies?	(8, 4)
Could be any point of the compass	(3, 9)
We hear it’s the bane of hairdressers	(5, 3)
This is when the mice will play	(4, 3, 4, 4)
A serving of alphabet soup?	(7, 1)
It sounds like a flypast	(6, 2, 3, 9)
Undergarment for a fabulous bird	(3, 7, 10)
Weapons and flowers	(4, 1, 5)
They’re on our birth certificates	(3, 5, 3, 3, 5)
They keep things in or out	(3, 5)



Answers will be provided in the Summer issue of Forwards (otherwise it'd be too easy for you to cheat. My team had them all figured out within a couple of hours, you should be able to get them over the course of a month or so!)

A garden for the Scrabbler

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My daughter Annabelle has recently been asking me to read a book to her called The Nickle Nackle Tree written by Lynley Dodd, who is better-known for her Hairy Maclary books. I read this book everyday for about three weeks. It's a counting book. The Nickle Nackle Tree is full of brightly-coloured birds: "One ballyhoo bird kicking up a din, two squawking scritchets birds with legs so twiggy thin" etc., all the way to "fourteen pink fandango birds dancing in the sun". The tree eventually becomes so "jammed and crammed" that all the birds tumble out in a cheerful heap. Anyway, with spring progressing on apace, I was inspired to write this piece based on Lynley Dodd's Nickle Nackle Tree. Hopefully it should put a spring in the Scrabble of all you gardening folk out there.

Note that NACKLE and SCRITCHET are not allowable Scrabble plays.

Last year, in my Scrabble garden
There were only loads of weeds,
So I determined that, this year,
I would sow some Scrabbly seeds.



And when I looked last weekend,
After all the rains and showers,
Where once was only ivy
Now blossomed these Scrabble flowers.

One sweet ALYSSUM flower
All purply-pink of bloom,





Two fragrant BORONIA flowers
To dispel the wintry gloom,



Three light pink DIANTHUS flowers
Often called CARNATION,



Four blue or white ERYNGIUM flowers
Representing admiration,



Five herbaceous FEVERFEW flowers
For curing your aching head,



Six cascading AMARANTH flowers,
In deepest, natural red,



Seven spectacular IPOMOEA flowers
With names like Morning Glory,

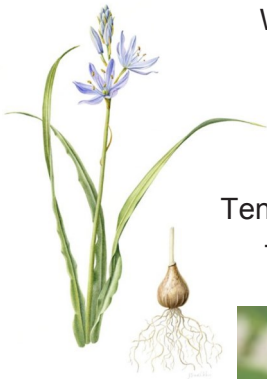




Eight hardy HELLEBORE flowers
With a background that's quite gory,



Nine modest MYOSOTIS flowers—
We call them Forget-me-nots,



Ten nutritious QUAMASH flowers—
Their bulbs cook well in pots,



Eleven showy SPIRAEA flowers
Densely packed but tiny,



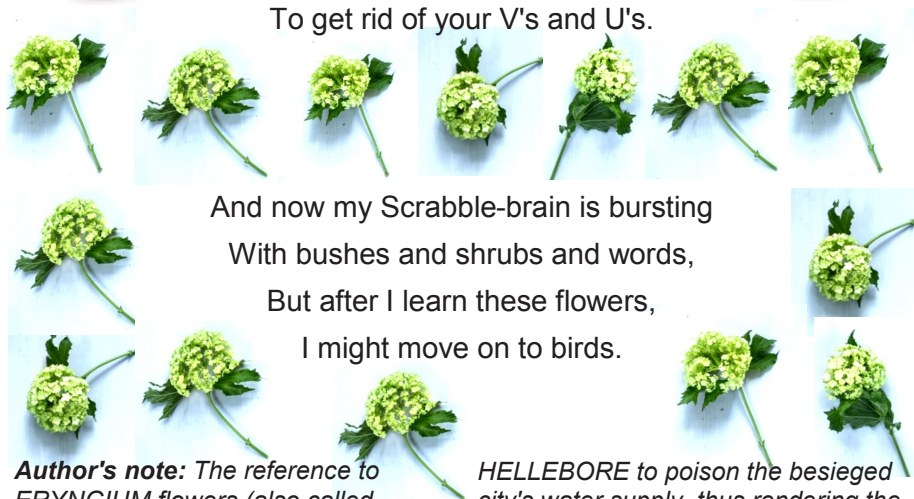
Twelve majestic KINGCUP flowers—
Wild and gold and shiny,





Thirteen ornamental PRIMULA flowers
Appear in many hues,

And fourteen stylish VIBURNUM flowers
To get rid of your V's and U's.



And now my Scrabble-brain is bursting
With bushes and shrubs and words,
But after I learn these flowers,
I might move on to birds.

Author's note: The reference to ERYNGIUM flowers (also called ERYNGO or ERINGO) representing admiration is due to the fact that, in the Language of Flowers, ERYNGIUMS apparently represent exactly that, admiration.

All parts of the HELLEBORE plant are poisonous and can cause anything from an eczema reaction, to diarrhoea, to death by drastically slowing down the heart rate. The flower does indeed have some "gory" legends attached to it. It was apparently used by witches to assist in the calling up of demons. In the siege of Kirrha in 585 B.C., it was reported that the Greeks used

HELLEBORE to poison the besieged city's water supply, thus rendering the city's people so ill that they were unable to fight back. And one rather sad tale says that a species of HELLEBORE, called the Christmas rose, is so-called because it sprang from the tears of a young girl who wept into the snow when she did not have a gift to bring to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

The QUAMASH flower (also commonly known as CAMAS or CAMASH flower) grows from a bulb. Those bulbs were used by native American peoples as a nutritious food item. Apparently boiled or pit-cooked QUAMASH tastes like sweet potato.

Cellphone Scrabble Apps: so long Zarf and thanks for all the words

by Dylan Early, Independent

Recently Apple has discontinued support for 32 bit apps with the latest version of their operating system, iOS 11. Normally I wouldn't care about such technical minutiae, but for a hardened Scrabblor this is a potential disaster. The upgrade means that the much beloved iPhone and iPad Scrabble app called Zarf no longer works on devices running iOS 11. If, like me, you kept saying "NO" every time your iPhone prompted you to upgrade, you will appreciate this article. After politely declining for the umpteenth time, I awoke one fine morning to find that my iPhone had sanctimoniously upgraded itself during the night. And guess what - my Scrabble apps no longer worked! Goodbye Zarf. Goodbye Zyzzyva. With disappointment levels rivalled only by Hillary Clinton's, I set about finding a solution with utmost urgency.

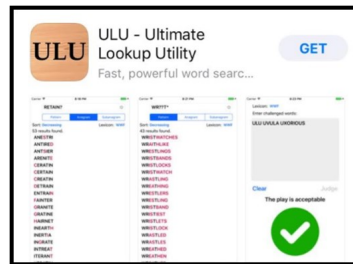
Thankfully, a US programmer and avid Scrabble player, Seth Lipkin, has written an app similar to Zarf called ULU (Ultimate Lookup Utility) which is available at no cost on the app store. In my opinion Zarf is still the best app for looking up words, but ULU comes a very close second. See, below, a comparison of features and instructions on how to install ULU.

Download ULU for Apple Users (iPhone and iPad)

Step 1: Go to the App Store

Step 2: Type "Ultimate Lookup" in the search field. You should see something like this.

Step 3: Click "GET" to download and install ULU. It's free.



Step 4: Once the download has completed, click "OPEN". You will notice the default lexicon is WWF (Words With Friends) which needs to be changed.

Step 5: In order to change the default lexicon to CSW15, click Settings > Lexicons > Add lexicon.

Step 6: In the Lexicon URL field, type "<https://thejeopardyfan.com/scrabble/CSW15.txt>"

Step 7: In the Lexicon Name field type CSW15, then click "Add Lexicon" in the top right corner. Provided you have an internet connection, this will download the CSW15 dictionary.

Step 8: On the Search screen, ensure Lexicon is set to CSW15 and you are all set to go.

Feature Comparison Between Zarf and ULU

Feature	Zarf	ULU
Search pattern	Yes	Yes
Search anagram	Yes	Yes
Search build	Yes	Yes
Sort search results by length	Yes (increasing & decreasing)	Yes (increasing & decreasing)
Sort search results alphabetically	Yes (increasing & decreasing)	Yes (increasing & decreasing)
Sort search results by novelty	Yes (increasing & decreasing)	No
Sort search results by probability	Yes (increasing & decreasing)	No
Sort search results by value	Yes (increasing & decreasing)	No
Display hooks in search results	Yes	No
Multiple searches in one	Yes	No
Lexicon	Any (including CSW15)	Any (including CSW15)
Fast search as you type	Yes	Yes
Judge	Yes	Yes
Clock	Yes	No
Compatible with iOS <11	Yes	Unknown
Compatible with iOS >=11	No	Yes
Compatible with android	No	No
32 bit application	Yes	No
64 bit application	No	Yes
Approved for WESPA tournaments	Yes	Not yet but plans are afoot
Cost	Free	Free

Ed. note: After following Dylan's extremely clear instructions, I downloaded and installed ULU onto my iPhone 6, which is currently running iOS version 10.3.3, i.e. the version prior to iOS 11. I've so far managed to resist Apple's dictatorial insistence that I upgrade. To my delight, I discovered that ULU works perfectly on my phone, too, so there's one question answered... ULU DOES operate on iOS versions earlier than 11. Better still from my point

of view as a blind user, ULU is accessible to someone who needs to use the voice-over function on Apple products so that they can have the screen read to them by the phone. Obviously for me, this is a huge advantage that ULU has over Zarf because Zarf was completely inaccessible. Yay to people who think about disabled users when they write apps!

Hall of Fame

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

Wassup?

My name is Alan Gelfand. Nowadays I own a bowling centre, and run the largest business servicing German vehicles and SUVs in Florida, USA. I have raced cars (especially Volkswagens), winning many of the Sports Car Club of America races, the World Karting Association Grand National Championship in 1987, and the Grand Am Cup (driving a Porsche) in 2001.

But none of that's why I'm featuring in your Hall of Fame.

I was born in New York in 1963, but my family moved to Florida when I was nine. Two years later, my father bought me my first skateboard and I started skateboarding. In 1976 I won the South Florida Skateboard Championships, the same year that the first concrete skateboard parks [or SKATEPARK(S)] began to appear in the United States.

In 1978 I learned to perform the skateboarding trick where the rider and board leap into the air without the use of the rider's hands. This is achieved by raising the front of the board gently and using a scooping motion to keep the board with the feet. For those of you with any knowledge of skateboarding, it's basically the

combination of popping, sliding, and jumping on the skateboard all at the same time.

I originally used it in vertical skateboarding (I had to, because the park where I skated was far from perfect!). It's used to leap onto, over, or off obstacles, or over gaps of unfriendly terrain such as grass or stairs.

Because it's not intuitively obvious how the liftoff is achieved, the trick is visually striking. By the way, we skateboarders use the word "trick" for a skateboard maneuver (to us yanks) or manoeuvre (to you Kiwis).

By the mid-1980s, my maneuver had transformed trick skating in its three disciplines of vert, freestyle, and street. Most other skateboarding tricks depend on my jump, e.g. the KICKFLIP, so it's often the first trick learned by a new skateboarder.

I have to thank two photographer friends and fellow skaters for my fame. Firstly, there's Craig Snyder, who took the first of many photographs of me performing my trick, and secondly, there's Scott Goodman, who gave me my original nickname of Ollie. That is why my trick is named the OLLIE.



Ollie Gelfand in action

The most common variation of the OLLIE is the “nose OLLIE” or *nollie for short (which, I’m sorry to tell you, is **not** a Scrabble word), where the rider reverses the roles of the two legs so that the front foot pops the nose to the ground, and the rear foot lifts and guides the tail.

In the late 1990s OLLIE became an official entry in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, with the origin listed as unknown. But after my ex-wife submitted citations that proved I was the first person to OLLIE, they gave me the credit. In 2006, MERRIAM-WEBSTER also added OLLIE to its dictionary.

I stopped skateboarding in 1981 because of knee injuries, general burnout, and the shutdown of most US skateparks during the previous year.

Please remember me, Alan “Ollie” Gelfand, when you play OLLIE, OLLIES, OLLIED, and OLLIEING.



Nick Capamaggio demonstrates the ollie by jumping over a chair

Jennifer says: *I discovered the wonderful word OLLIEING when I was looking up OLEINE in our word list.*

It took my fancy because it's such an unlikely-

*looking word, and because OLLIES has 12 – that's **twelve!!!** – front hooks, just about the most of any six-letter word apart from ARKING and ASHING (both 13), and EARING and INKING (both also 12). It takes C, D, F, G, H, J, L, M, P, R, T, and W. Such a shame *NOLLIES is not allowed!*

However, the singular, OLLIE, only takes four front hooks, C, M, R, and T.

While reading about Ollie and his skateboarding feats, I also discovered the words FAKIE /FAKEY (riding backwards on a skateboard), KICKFLIP (already mentioned), TAILSLIDE (sliding the tail end of the board on a ledge), GRIPTAPE (used on boards), and LONGBOARD.

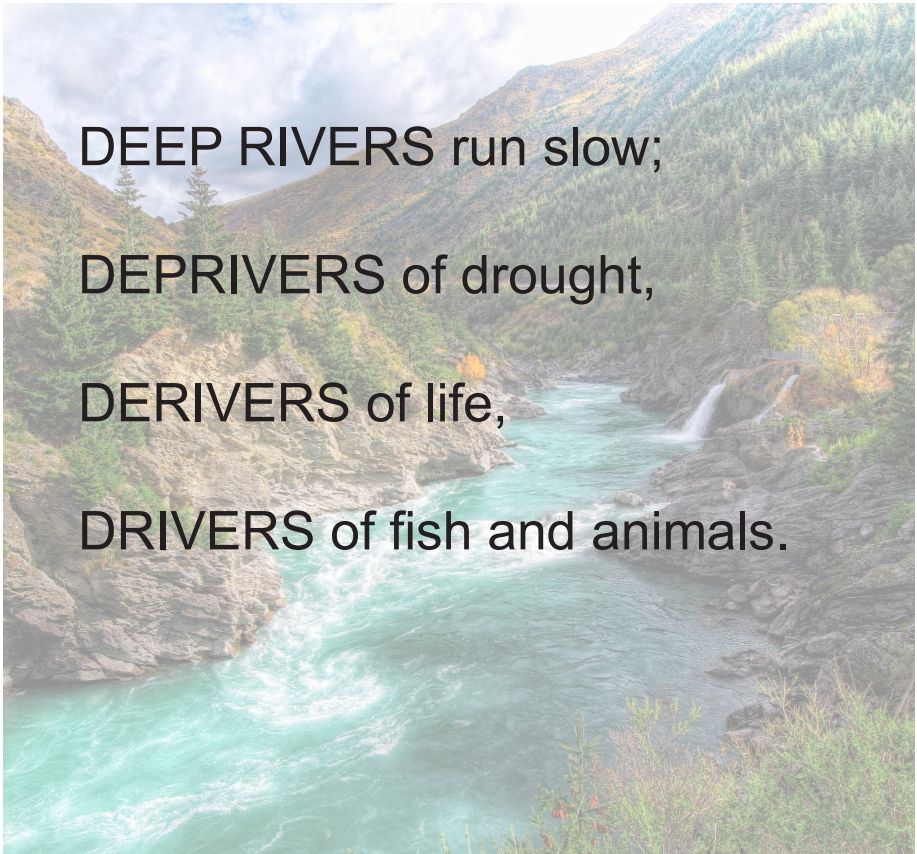
And I can't resist mentioning the delightfully named “ollie-pop” (an OLLIE with a roll of the board in the middle).



Ollie Gelfand in action

River

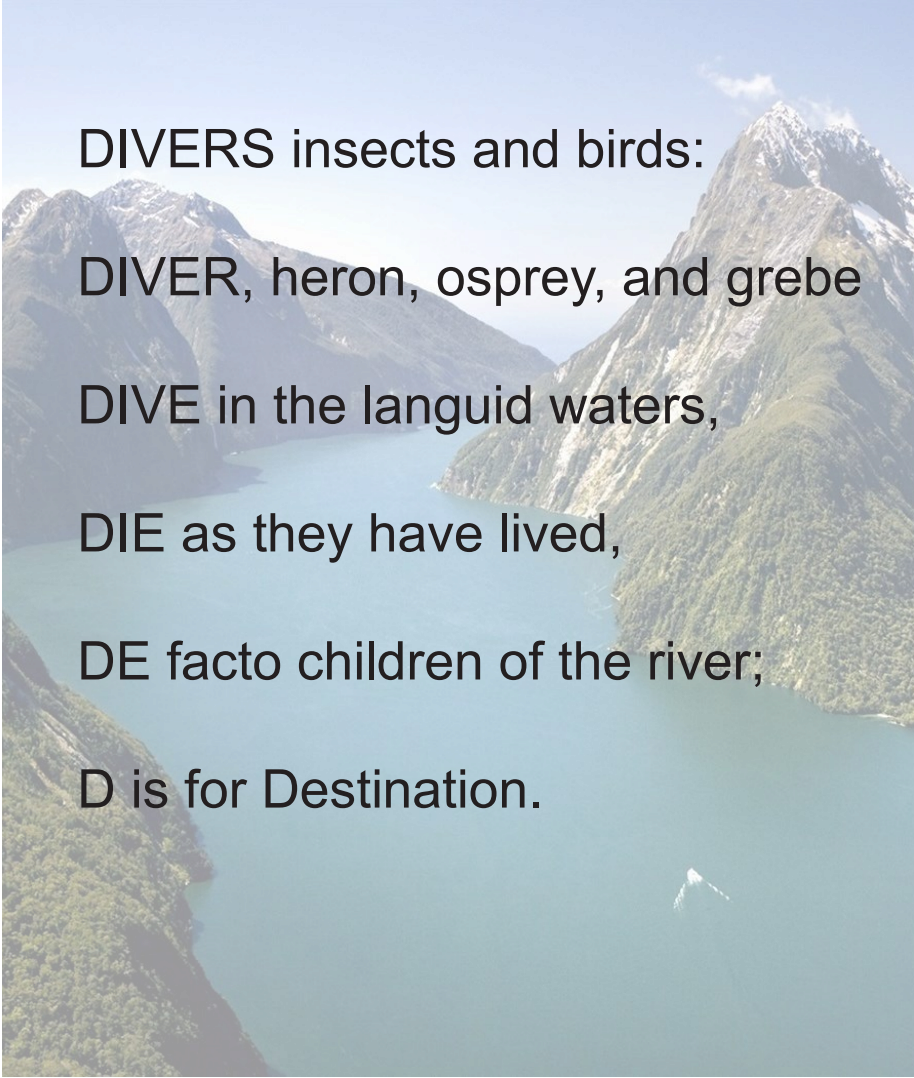
by Jeff Grant, Hastings



DEEP RIVERS run slow;
DEPRIVERS of drought,
DERIVERS of life,
DRIVERS of fish and animals.

Author's note: I thought up this little poem while lying in bed one morning. It is based on progressive single-letter deletions from a particular phrase, in this instance, "DEEP RIVERS". All the words that have subsequently been derived from that phrase are valid in Scrabble (except for the single letter D of course).

There are a couple of words whose use may puzzle some readers. I have used the word "DIVERS" to mean "sundry" rather than as the noun meaning a person who dives under the water. Also, a "DIVER" (also known as a DIVERSE) is a kind of waterbird.



DIVERS insects and birds:
DIVER, heron, osprey, and grebe
DIVE in the languid waters,
DIE as they have lived,
DE facto children of the river;
D is for Destination.

Ed. note: Jeff has set the bar pretty high with the above poem, but here's a challenge for readers: can you write your own composition based on progressive single-letter deletions? Maybe it is even possible to write one based on progressive single-letter additions? If you decide to give it a whirl, send it into us for publication. We know there's a lot of talent in our Scrabble community, so come on guys!

Mailbox



In our last issue, the editors published a joint editorial reminding readers that this is “your” magazine and that readers should continue to contribute to it (see pp. 3-4 of Forwards Winter 2017). We were therefore delighted to receive this “letter to the editors” written by Jennifer Smith, one of our regular contributors, in response to our editorial.

Jennifer writes:

Great issue, the Winter 2017 issue of *Forwards*!

I particularly enjoyed reading about Lorraine’s life, finding out so many Disney character names are Scrabble words, Jeff’s thoughtful *Curfuffle over COVFEFE*, and Howard’s witty and memorable *U gotta be kidding*.

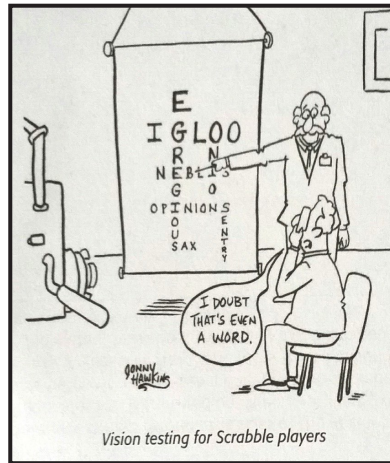
Not counting the editors, I counted at least 19 people had contributed to this great issue. So that got me wondering: did the editorial somehow get into the wrong issue?

It seemed to me that the two-page, three-Grumps editorial contradicted the other 50 pages of sparkling, varied and interesting articles and comments from a cross-section of readers. At this rate (of 19 people contributing to each issue), there would be 114 contributions over the 18 months or six issues you mentioned, which represents 33% of the total membership (340) of NZASP. You asked for 25%.

Realistically, though, we shouldn’t expect non-subscribers to contribute. So, just looking at 155 subscribers, 19

contributors for each of six issues represents 73% – a heap more than the number you thought should be contributing. Wow! Your fairy godmother granted an instant fulfilment of your wish – you should have wished that you’d win Lotto!

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Joanne Craig sent in this page from her doctor’s calendar, spotted when she went in to get her immunisations in preparation for her upcoming trip to play in the World Scrabble Championships to be held in Kenya:



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Lyn Toka from Kiwi Scrabblers told us about this flash of brilliance/stroke of luck during one of her recent games. Lyn writes:

While playing a club game against Kim (Yoon Kim Fong), I was holding a bonus on my rack. With DO open on the board, I was hoping to play

OPIATES/DOS. Kim promptly plonked down LOAMING/DOG. After my initial gasp and whinge, I realised that I could still play, directly under and parallel to, LOAMING:

OPIATES/LO/OP/AI/MA/IT/NE/DOGS. Horray!!!

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Congratulations to our Association president Paul Lister, who became a proud first-time grandfather to Evan Lister, born 4 September 2017.



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Su Walker, Independent, sent in the following snippet, which her colleague came across at work:

Etymology of *GHOTI

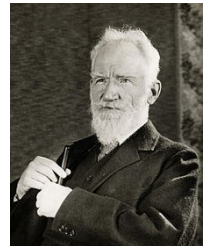
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950); polymath, playwright, Nobel Prize winner, and the most prolific letter-writer in history, was an advocate of English-spelling reform. He was reportedly fond of pointing out its

absurdities by proving that "FISH" could be spelled "G-H-O-T-I", that is "GH" as in "ROUGH", "O" as in "WOMEN", and "TI" as in "PALATIAL".

Su does caution that GHOTI is not an allowable Scrabble word.

After reading Su's snippet, I was inspired to come up with some spelling absurdities of my own. How about spelling "VISUAL" as "F-O-U-T-I-O-O-L", that is, "F" as in "OF", "OU" as in "HEINOUS", "TI" as in "STATION", and "OOL" as in "SCHOOL"?

Can anyone else come up with some other Shaw-like spellings? Send them in so we can see just how creative we Scrabblers can be with our English spelling.



George Bernard Shaw

Su also sent us this photograph, with the comment that, "I took this photo of the TV, while I was watching the programme Hoarders. I think this couple were enjoying their Scrabble games so much, they forgot to tidy up!"



The great return: the story of a Scrabble comeback

Reproduced below is a Facebook post that was brought to our attention by Howard Warner. Harshan Lamabadusuriya writes about his experience of returning to the top echelons of Scrabble competition after a prolonged hiatus from the game. He astonished himself by making it to the finals of the MSI World Champs held in Nottingham this year, where he eventually lost to David Eldar of Australia. Howard tells us that Harshan is one of the "Scrabble world's greatest gentlemen".

What an incredible 12 months.

A serene, content, and blissful five-year retirement from Scrabble ended last year when Michelle noticed me avidly following Brett Smitheram's triumph at the World Scrabble championship in Lille.

I finally had some spare time on my hands after finally completing my training and qualifying as a Consultant Paediatrician, after six years of medical school and 11 long years of intensive postgraduate training.

Michelle could see that I was pining after the game, and encouraged a Scrabble comeback.

What followed was a journey of self-discovery and an emotional rollercoaster of epic proportions culminating in a date with David Eldar in the World Scrabble Championship final a year later.

Michael Tang had resurrected the Causeway Challenge (a giant, highly prestigious, big money international Scrabble tournament) for November 2016 after a gap of many years, so I embarked on a program of intensive word study from scratch using Zyzzyva (a software program using the Leitner Cardbox system). The

dictionary had been updated twice since I last played, and there were numerous additions to contend with. Entries into a few domestic UK tournaments resulted in a warm welcome from the Scrabble community ("where have you been for the last five years?") and mixed results, including a failure to qualify for the 2016 National Scrabble Championship (well-known Scrabble troll: "Harshan, you're having a really terrible tournament, aren't you?") and a subsequent 7-0 win at the Ilford Open.

A miraculous fourth place finish at the Causeway Open against a world class field followed, despite shaky word knowledge and an abundance of cobwebs. The international Scrabble community was enormously welcoming, and it seemed like I had never left. My biggest competitive advantage was a fresh enthusiasm for the game and a relaxed mindset due to zero expectations of success.

Adding large numbers of words to Zyzzyva's Cardbox system leading up to the Causeway Challenge required a significant daily commitment to clear the backlog over the subsequent few months. Michelle commented that she had never seen me applying myself to

a task so consistently before.

The UK record for the highest word score (329 points for the nine-timer KREUZERS) was broken at the March Swindon tournament. A last minute entry into the Easter Matchplay resulted in objectively my best performance of the year and a runaway 18-4 win.



Harshan Lamabadusuriya at the MSI World Champs 2017

Photo credit: Mindsports Academy

Months of consistent Cardboxing started to bear fruit with tournament wins at Ilford (8-0), Luton (7-0), and Milton Keynes (7-0). My UK rating gradually rose to 190, approaching its peak prior to my retirement.

This brings us to this year's MSI World Scrabble Championship in Nottingham. A nervy 4-4 start on Day One resulted in a sleepless night and a poorly-played and inconsistent Day Two. I was able to hold on and recover to finish in third place after 35 rounds with a 23-12 record. The highlights were well played wins over Brett Smitheram, Mark Nyman, Nigel Richards, and Paul Gallen, and overturning a 100 point deficit on a closed board against Neil Scott with **HARDFACE** (110+5) in the penultimate game. I found playing on the televised RFID board nerve-wracking, and word uncertainty due to a combination of overstudying and sleep deprivation was a problem throughout.

It was very obvious looking around the room how much this game meant to those present. The reactions of those who had just missed out on the top eight after investing huge amounts of time, effort, and energy leading up to the tournament was heartbreaking to behold. Emotional outbursts during the games were not uncommon. Even Nigel reportedly looked annoyed after losing to Eldar in the quarterfinals.

I played and drew well to overcome Mark Nyman in the quarterfinal (2-0), and Austin Shin in a tense semifinal (3-2). Austin was incredibly gracious in defeat, and was a credit to himself and the game in terms of his play, sportsmanship, and conduct. He is likely to make a great ambassador for the game as a future World Champion.

This brings us to the Final. In summary, David Eldar played extremely well and put me under a lot of pressure from an early stage, resulting in two catastrophic errors.

Words and decisions which seem obvious under normal circumstances become fuzzy when under the cosh. In my opinion he is a very deserving World Champion, based not just on his near faultless performance in the finals, but also on a fantastic work ethic and many years of consistent results.

What have I learned over the last year? Playing Scrabble at the highest level is extremely demanding intellectually, financially, and emotionally. There are no nett financial rewards (even Nigel loses money), and the amount of work required to maintain a consistently high standard of play is equivalent to a part time job. It is an infuriating, all-consuming, addictive, wonderful game, which is easy to learn and very difficult to master. A good proportion of top Scrabble players are perfectionists (myself included) who would be unhappy with anything less than consistent success and/or near faultless performances. The degree of

success is unpredictable due to variance and a high degree of competition.

The emotional rewards of playing Scrabble with such a perfectionist mindset are questionable, which explains the relatively poor longevity of the top players (Pakorn, Cappelletto, Kenji, Chris May, Naweem Fernando, Craig Beevers, Phil Appleby, Ganesh). The biggest competitive edge at the top level is likely the ability to maintain an emotional equilibrium and a consistently high standard of play under pressure.

I've had a fantastic and very fortunate year back playing Scrabble, with results well beyond my wildest expectations. With a baby on the way, I hope to maintain a lower, more sustainable, non-Icarus-like level of Scrabbling activity and expectations in the future.

Harshan

Website refresh - Update

by Clare Wall, Independent



Clare Wall

The website refresh project is underway. Thanks to everyone who completed the online survey recently. I was delighted to see that there's a lot of enthusiasm for updating the site, and

many of you sent me great suggestions.

There were 41 responses to the survey. The greater majority of respondents have been playing organised Scrabble for more than five years. The most common reasons that people use the NZASP website are:

- To check ratings
- Find tournament entry forms
- See tournament results

- Find links to other Scrabble websites.

Many of the respondents play Scrabble online, with the most common sites being ISC, various games on Facebook, and Gladi8tors/ Chez Moi.

As well as the NZASP website, respondents most commonly visit the WESPA site, the national association websites for Australia, the UK, and the US, and the Victoria Scrabble Club. These sites offer information on international tournaments, playing tips, annotated games, and resources such as word lists.

In terms of requests and suggestions for the new NZASP site, common themes are:

- Expanded playing resources such as word lists and playing tips
 - More information on management meetings, AGMs, and Exec meetings
 - Links to overseas Scrabble news
 - More tournament resources, such as scoresheets and draw sheets
 - Links to overseas tournament calendars and results
 - Member profiles or the 'human' side of NZ Scrabble.
- Ease of setup and maintenance for the Website Coordinator. I want a system that anyone with a moderate amount of internet knowhow can manage. I want whoever comes after me as Website Coordinator to hit the ground running with minimal training!
 - An up-to-date look and feel.
 - Ease of use and navigation for users. The current site is easy to find your way around. This is essential in the new site too so that all our users can find the information they need quickly.
 - Cost effectiveness. You can get a lot for free with website platforms these days. Will we need to pay for essential features for our site? Hopefully not!

This is all going to take some time. As well, I'm educating myself along the way. So I can't promise a date by which the new site will be live, but I'll be beavering away in the background as fast as work, family, and other commitments allow.

In the meantime, I'll keep the current site maintained. If you notice a broken link or something else not right on the site, please email me at scrabble.clare@gmail.com and I'll fix it.

My task now is to select a website platform for our site, then plan the content and layout. Once the Exec has okayed the plan, I'll build and release it. My criteria for evaluating website platforms are:

Thanks to Glenda we have a great website already, and I look forward to developing this resource further to meet our changing needs.

An easy-peasy guide to hyphenated compounds

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

Recently my opponent played *HELTER – “as in helter-skelter”, she said. I challenged it off.

Later, when I recalled that I have had HOITY as in HOITY-TOITY challenged off in the past, I decided to look further into words that appear in similar hyphenated phrases.

Firstly, I thought of 50 common phrases:

ARGIE-BARGIE
ARTY-FARTY
BOOGIE-WOOGIE
EASY-PEASY
FIDDLE-FADDLE
FUDDY-DUDDY
FUZZY-WUZZY
HANKIE-PANKIE
HANKY-PANKY
HAPPY-CLAPPY
HAREM-SCAREM
HARUM-SCARUM
HEEBIE-JEEBIES
HELTER-SKELTER
HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY
HOCUS-POCUS
HOITY-TOITY
HOLY-MOLY
HODGE-PODGE
HOTCH-POTCH
HOKEY-POKEY
HOKY-POKY
HOLOS-BOLOS
HOLUS-BOLUS



HURDY-GURDY
HURLY-BURLY
INCY-WINCY
ITSY-BITSY
ITTY-BITTY
JIGGERY-POKERY
LOVEY-DOVEY
LOVIE-DOVIE
MUMBO-JUMBO
NAMBY-PAMBY
NITTY-GRITTY
OKEY-DOKE
OKEY-DOKEY
PALSY-WALSY
RAGGLE-TAGGLE
RAZZLE-DAZZLE
ROLY-POLY
RUMPY-PUMPY
SHILLY-SHALLY
SUPER-DUPER
TEENY-WEENY
TOPSY-TURVY
WALKIE-TALKIE
WALKY-TALKY
WILLY-NILLY
WISHY-WASHY.

Incy-Wincy Spider



Then I disregarded the words that (in my opinion) even the most inexperienced Scrabble players wouldn't question: i.e. BOOGIE, ARTY, EASY, FUZZY, FIDDLE, HAPPY, HANKIE, HANKY, HAREM, HOLY, PODGE, POKEY, POKY, BURLY, BITSY, BITTY, LOVEY, JUMBO, GRITTY, PALSY, RAZZLE, DAZZLE, SUPER, TEENY, and WILLY. That left 75 words to be considered.

Of those, 50 are **NOT** in our word list, namely: *ARGIE, *BARGIE, *WOOGIE, *FARTY, *PEASY, *WUZZY, *CLAPPY, *PANKIE, *PANKY, *SCAREM, *HARUM, *SCARUM, *HEEBIE, *JEEBIES, *HELTER, *HIGGLEDY, *PIGGLEDY, *POCUS, *HOITY, *TOITY, *HODGE, *HOKEY, *HOKY, *HOLUS, *HURDY, *INCY, *WINCY, *JIGGERY, *POKERY, *ITSY, *ITTY, *DOVEY, *MUMBO, *NAMBY, *PAMBY, *TOPSY, *TURVY, *OKEY, *DOKEY, *DOKE, *WALSY, *ROLY, *PUMPY, *SHILLY, *SHALLY, *TAGGLE, *WALKIE, *WALKY, *NILLY, and *WISHY.

These figures show that 66% of the contested words were wrong. **So, if the only justification you can think of for playing a word is that it's part of a hyphenated compound, you should realise that it's far more likely to be wrong than right!**

Some of the correct words may surprise you however: FUDDY,

DUDDY, FADDLE, SKELTER, HOCUS, MOLY, HOTCH, POTCH, HOLOS, BOLOS, BOLUS, GURDY, HURLY, LOVIE, DOVIE, NITTY, POLY, RUMPY, DUPER, RAGGLE, WEENY, TALKIE, TALKY, and WASHY.

Of course, if you actually already know some of these correct words, the percentage is different. For example, if you knew eight of the words in the previous paragraph, then there are only 67 words under consideration. Since 50 of them are incorrect, there is a 75% likelihood that a word you don't know is incorrect, *i.e. even more likely to be wrong than right.*

Incidentally, whether the word is the first or the second half of the pair of words seems to have no bearing on its correctness. Twenty-six pairs have a dud in the first position, and 25 have a dud in the second position.

Interestingly, only 11 pairs consist of two correct words, and 11 pairs have both words incorrect.

And just one other point of interest: HOKEYPOKEY, HOKYPOKY, OKEYDOKE, OKEYDOKEY, and SHILLYSHALLY are all correct if you leave the hyphens out.



The Executive trivia quiz - answers

by *Dianne Cole-Baker, Mt. Albert*

In the previous issue, we published a trivia quiz based on the secret lives of the Executive members (see p. 40 of *Forwards Winter 2017*). NZASP treasurer Dianne Cole-Baker collated the quiz, and here she is with the answers and announcement of the winner:

Here's the result of the executive quiz, and obviously we kept people guessing as the winning entry only scored 75%. That entry came from Liz Fagerlund, a former National President and National Secretary and, it seems, someone who keeps a close eye on all the National Exec members! So Liz wins the prize of a year's subscription to *Forwards* in 2018. Congratulations Liz!

Here are the answers:

1. It was **Paul** who won a medal in the 4x400 relay at the NZ Track and Field events in 1980. No surprises there really.



2. **Clare** who can recite the alphabet backwards in under 10 seconds; she may demonstrate this if she is asked nicely.



**Z, Y, X, W, V, U, T,
S, R, Q, P...**

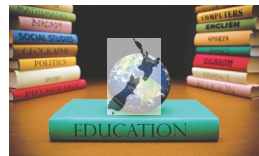
3. **Ruth** admits to being an Australian citizen.
4. **Paul** played in the 1988 World French Scrabble Championships.



B₃ **O**₁ **N**₁ **J**₈ **O**₁ **U**₁ **R**₁

5. **Paul**, again, who had four family members play in the Dunedin Scrabble Open.

6. The person educated in Taumarunui, Levin, and Waipukurau is **Dianne**.



7. Whose family refuse to play word games with her? It's **Glenda**.



8. And it is also **Glenda** who admits to greatly enjoying computer games.

9. **Ruth** is the Exec member who was born in Europe. She's a real world citizen!



Clare as a child

10. Which exec member went to five different primary schools? It's **Clare**.

11. It was **Dianne** who held a share-broking license during the 1980s (and remembers the horrors of the 87 crash very well).



12. And it is **Clare** who attended a Buckingham Palace royal garden party.

Liz got eight answers correct, getting it wrong on questions 7, 9, 10, and 11. We hope this gives you a completely different perspective on your executive members.

Strewth! Scrabble gets a makeover Down Under as Australia gets first slang edition

By Peter Vincent, Sydney

The article below was originally published in the UK Telegraph and has been reprinted. To read the original article visit:

www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/09/14/strewth-scrabble-gets-makeover-australia-gets-first-slang-edition

Howard Warner first brought this event to our attention when he forwarded an email to us attaching a small piece printed in an Australian paper (he himself apparently was forwarded the article by Joanne Craig who resides in Australia). We were inspired to hunt for a more detailed article, which we duly found in "The Telegraph".

On the topic of Mattel marketing a new Australian slang Scrabble set, Howard comments:

"It's just a cynical ploy by Mattel to sell more sets in an already saturated market. In fact, choice of words has nothing to do with the box set. Most of these words are already in CSW15 anyway. And Aussie competitive players are not about to switch to Macquarie Dictionary just because Mattel says so. What next? A newly packaged, expensive Scrabble set for New Zealanders telling us that Maori words are OK?"

A new version of the favourite family [word game Scrabble](#) has been launched in Australia with a glossary that allows local colloquialisms such as "cozzie", "flanno" and "schnitty" to be played legally.

The new version even awards [bonus points](#) for the placing of an Australianism.

If you are a Scrabble purist, and feel a conniption coming on, might we suggest not wasting your "arvo" being a "wowser" over the change - because it only applies to limited edition Scrabble sets sold in Australia.

To avoid any chance of a "biffo", the Australian Scrabble Players' Association was consulted over the

new version. Scrabble's rule-makers update its word bank every three years or so, based on changes to the Collins dictionary.

In 2015 new additions included "lolz", "bezy" (best friend) and "shootie" (a shoe which covers the ankle).

The Australian version – which is believed to be the first country-specific Scrabble – comes after David Eldar, a 27 year old from Melbourne, who works as an estate agent in London, beat Sri Lankan-born Harshan Lamabadusuriya to win Scrabble's World Championships.

Mattel's Australian marketing manager, Jacinta Whitehead, said her favourite local slang addition is "biffo",



which would earn you 23 points, including the bonus.

"Only Aussies can make a fight sound friendly," said Ms Whitehead. The top-scoring Australian slang word is "prezzy", which would have most players licking their lips, especially as a single conventional Scrabble set contains only one "z".

The word is worth a princely 39 points – although that would be magnified if it were placed on a double or triple word score.

The 250 new words were chosen after a social media campaign which encouraged 20,000 local followers and fans of the game to suggest their favourite Australian slang.

The most popular made the new version of the game, which was launched in Australia yesterday/Thurs, in conjunction with Jetstar. The budget airline will also have the game available for passengers.

"A lot of filtering was required as there are a lot of alcohol and gaming references in Australian slang," said Whitehead. The Australian version also includes "strewth cards", with which players pick up extra tiles for an extended play.

If you did get tricked into a game of Aussie Scrabble while on holiday Down Under, chances are you would

stand a fair chance. Many of the new words featured are used across the English-speaking world, such as "moolah", "sickie", "lippy", "wuss" and "stonkered".

Furthermore, classic Australian words like: 'Gday', 'strewth', 'footy', 'ocker' and 'barbie' won't trouble most players. While most new entries can be easily deciphered – such as 'prezzy', 'footy', 'straya' – some of the lingo might confuse.

For instance 'ekka' refers to the annual Brisbane show, 'devo' is a shortened version of devastated and a 'flanno' is a woven shirt. An 'ambo' is an Australian ambulance driver, a 'uey' is a U-turn and 'salvos' is local slang for the Protestant Christian church and global charity The Salvation Army.

Similarly 'vinnies' refers to St Vincent de Paul, the Catholic voluntary organisation. It is believed to be the first time a country-specific version of Scrabble has been produced in the game's 69-year history.

It was originally conceived by an out-of-work New York architect, Alfred Mosher Butts, in 1948. Collins, who produced the list which governs which words can be used in the game, is planning to update it again in the next couple of years.



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TELEGRAPH

Tournament results

Kiwi

5-6 August 2017

13 games (B-D), 14 games (A)

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Alastair Richards	IND	11	1525	472
2	Lyres Freeth	IND	11	880	433
3	Cicely Bruce	WRE	9	417	409
4	Anderina McLean	MTA	8	92	417
5	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	7	166	413
6	Val Mills	PAK	5	-471	389
7	Jennifer Smith	KIW	3	-1090	354
8	Shirley Martin	KIW	2	-1519	343

B Grade

1	Jean O'Brien	IND	9	484	395
2	Lynn Wood	WEL	9	453	390
3	Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	356	390
4	Pam Robson	IND	8	196	408
5	Roger Coates	KIW	8	193	412
6	Su Walker	IND	8	142	395
7	Helen Sillis	WAI	7	300	394
8	Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	7	-147	374
9	David Gunn	WKP	7	-255	386
10	Jena Yousif	WRE	5	-64	379
11	Glenda Geard	IND	5	-518	366
12	Shirley Pearce	KIW	4	-369	387
13	Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	-431	349
14	Mary Gray	MTA	2	-340	385

C Grade

1	Carolyn Kyle	IND	10	917	411
2	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	10	636	412
3	Joan Thomas	HAS	10	72	379
4	Mary Curtis	HAS	9	661	421
5	Lyn Toka	KIW	9	435	408
6	Faye Cronhelm	IND	9	374	376
7	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	7	96	394
8	Suzanne Harding	WRE	7	-280	379
9	Barney Bonthron	KIW	5	48	399
10	Leanne Field	IND	5	-219	355
11	Rosemary Wauters	TGA	4	-510	347
12	Sharron Nelley	KIW	3	-326	351
13	Bernie Jardine	PAP	2	-671	361
14	Annette Coombes	WKP	1	-1233	320

D Grade

1	Tim Henneveld	ROT	10	597	346
2	Wendy Anastasi	ROT	9	853	359
3	Karen Stewart	KIW	9	380	359
4	Lynn Thompson	WRE	9	274	372
5	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	8	435	334
6	Ruth Godwin	ROT	8	291	355
7	Jillian Greening	KIW	7	229	330
8	Jan Kite	ROT	7	61	366
9	Janny Henneveld	ROT	6	63	337
10	Rodney Jardine	PAP	6	33	343
11	Faye Leach	KIW	4	-31	370
12	Hannah Roberts	PAP	4	-277	290
13	Tricia Kenyon	ROT	4	-440	314
14	Margery Dawson	ROT	0	-2468	188

Tauranga

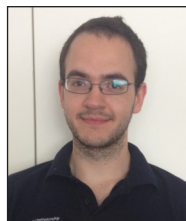
26-27 August 2017

13 games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Alastair Richards	IND	13	1497	464
2	Lyres Freeth	IND	11	1185	457
3	Howard Warner	IND	9.5	686	450
4	Jeff Grant	IND	9	548	421
5	Glennis Hale	IND	7	241	395
6	Cicely Bruce	WRE	6.5	-447	403
7	Lawson Sue	PAK	6	-19	391
8	Jennifer Smith	KIW	6	-103	406
9	Lois Binnie	CHC	6	-438	388
10	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	-428	381
11	John Foster	IND	4	-415	391
12	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	4	-464	382
13	Val Mills	PAK	2	-853	384
14	Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-990	353

B Grade

1	Stan Gregec	IND	10	551	404
2	Vicky Robertson	WEL	9	606	403
3	Lynn Carter	IND	9	31	403
4	Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	8	305	394
5	Ruth Lilian	TGA	8	79	380
6	Delcie Macbeth	IND	8	45	392
7	Roger Coates	KIW	6	367	418
8	David Gunn	WKP	6	78	396
9	Helen Sillis	WTA	6	27	379
10	Anne Goldstein	CHC	6	-240	369
11	Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-374	385
12	Heather Landon	TGA	4.5	-135	376
13	Fran Lowe	HAS	3.5	-455	358
14	Rosalind Phillips	TGA	1	-885	340



*Tauranga winners:
Alastair Richards & Stan Gregec*

C Grade

1	Lyn Toka	KIW	10	563	417
2	Mary Gray	MTA	10	506	401
3	Glenda Geard	IND	8	111	386
4	Faye Cronhelm	IND	8	47	385
5	Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	586	393
6	Shirley Pearce	KIW	7	216	389
7	Allison Torrance	CHC	7	11	376
8	Carole Coates	KIW	7	-6	380
9	Chris Day	TGA	7	-299	376
10	Margaret Bullen	TGA	6	-252	380
11	Barney Bonthron	KIW	5	-42	391
12	Barbara Dunn	TGA	4	15	378
13	Malcolm Graham	CHC	3	-706	353
14	Leanne Field	IND	2	-750	344

D Grade

1	Tei Ngatai	TGA	9.5	331	372
2	Joanne Morley	ROT	9	614	406
3	Shirley Morrison	TGA	9	566	366
4	Antonia Aarts	MTA	9	223	376
5	Geoff Bonser	TGA	7.5	9	379
6	Bernie Jardine	PAP	7	142	381
7	Tim Henneveld	ROT	7	-165	337
8	Bev Henderson	TGA	6.5	-239	345
9	Suzanne Harding	WRE	6	-143	359
10	Pat Wood	TGA	5	-297	356

D Grade

11	Rosemary Wauters	TGA	4.5	-213	358
12	Sandra Cowen	TGA	4	-262	345
13	Suzanne Liddall	WRE	4	-492	353
14	Sharron Nelley	KIW	3	-74	348

E Grade

1	Anne Scatchard	WRE	10	716	348
2	Janny Henneveld	ROT	10	460	360
3	Noelene Bettjeman	TGA	9	289	338
4	Ruth Godwin	ROT	9	288	337
5	Jacqueline Cold- ham-Fussell	KIW	7	254	355
6	Val Isherwood	ROT	7	210	342
7	Dael Shaw	TGA	7	195	340
8	Rodney Jardine	PAP	7	172	352
9	Valerie Scott	TGA	7	79	339
10	Jan Kite	ROT	7	-101	334
11	Jillian Greening	KIW	6	38	334
12	Hannah Roberts	PAP	6	-33	305
13	Fay Wenzlick	TGA	5	-231	323
14	Ray Young	TGA	5	-269	312
15	Merilyn Anderson	TGA	2	-728	291
16	Diane Pasco	ROT	0	-1339	274

**Canterbury Open
9-10 September 2017
14 games**

	Name	Wins	Spread
1	John Baird	11	640
2	Lewis Hawkins	10	391
3	Murray Rogers	10	377
4	Blue Thorogood	9	1454
5	Peter Johnstone	9	292
6	Anne Goldstein	9	-186
7	Irene Smith	8	564
8	Jean O'Brien	8	392
9	Lois Binnie	8	253
10	Allison Torrance	8	117
11	Paul Lister	8	98
12	Shirley Hol	8	-49
13	Malcolm Graham	7	269
14	Carolyn Kyle	7	178
15	Gabrielle Bolt	7	-34
16	Marian Ross	7	-88
17	Colleen Cook	7	-113
18	Marilyn Sinclair	7	-188
19	Hanna Dodge	6	399
20	Phyllis Paltridge	6	197
21	Joanna Fox	6	59
22	Mo Wetere	6	-58
23	Noeline Monsef	6	-216
24	Andrew Campbell	6	-552
25	Kathleen Mori-Barker	6	-580
26	Mandy Thorogood	5	-111
27	Ray Goodyear	5	-358
28	Aroha Wetere	5	-498
29	Nari Wetere	5	-519
30	Trish Fox	0	-2130



*Tauranga winners:
Lyn Toka & Anne Scatchard*



Canterbury Open winner. John Baird

Mt. Albert**7-8 October 2017****13 games**

	Name		Wins	Spread	
A Grade					
1	Alastair Richards	IND	13	1536	481
2	Cicely Bruce	WRE	9	803	436
3	Lyres Freeth	IND	9	730	433
4	Jeff Grant	IND	9	344	419
5	John Foster	IND	8	302	413
6	Olivia Godfrey	WAN	7	412	397
7	Andrew Bradley	MTA	6	93	405
8	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	6	-35	403
9	Glennis Hale	IND	5	-153	404
10	Scott Chaput	DUN	5	-204	404
11	Murray Rogers	NEL	4	-801	364
12	Pat Bryan	MTA	4	-868	379
13	Val Mills	PAK	4	-1063	348
14	Paul Lister	CHC	2	-1096	343

B Grade

1	Karl Scherer	IND	10	378	401
2	Hazel Purdie	MTA	10	342	413
3	Jennifer Smith	KIW	9	631	422
4	Lynn Wood	WEL	9	625	414
5	Lorraine Van Veen	IND	8	229	398
6	Shirley Martin	KIW	7	196	389
7	Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	6	174	446
8	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	6	54	399
9	Lynn Carter	IND	6	-2	386
10	Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-323	361
11	Roger Coates	KIW	5	-520	367
12	Pam Barlow	IND	4	-221	371
13	Allie Quinn	WRE	4	-339	391
14	Delcie Macbeth	IND	1	-1224	334

C Grade

1	Glenda Geard	IND	10	39	386
2	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	9	634	395
3	Mary Gray	MTA	8	600	405
4	Su Walker	IND	8	361	408
5	Jean O'Brien	IND	8	293	387
6	Joan Thomas	HAS	8	222	378
7	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	8	36	386
8	Margaret Bullen	TGA	6	-347	372
9	Betty Eriksen	WAN	5.5	-49	366
10	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5.5	-160	377
11	Carole Coates	KIW	5	-123	381
12	Heather Landon	TGA	4	-400	351
13	Malcolm Graham	CHC	4	-542	356
14	Faye Cronhelm	IND	2	-564	356

D Grade

1	Bernie Jardine	PAP	10	848	402
2	Joanne Morley	ROT	9.5	310	389
3	Merelyn Fuemana	MTA	9	522	397
4	Suzanne Harding	WRE	8	257	372
5	Junior Gesmundo	PAP	8	173	375
6	Jenny Litchfield	WRE	7	74	376
7	Anne Scatchard	WRE	7	-141	341
8	Rodney Jardine	PAP	6.5	-75	370
9	Ruth Godwin	ROT	6	79	355
	Jacqueline				
10	Coldham-Fussell	KIW	6	-249	348
11	Antonia Aarts	MTA	5	-399	341
12	Margaret Toso	WRE	5	-441	323
13	Joan Beale	PAP	4	-308	345



*Glenda Geard, 1st in C grade at
Mt. Albert*

E Grade

1	Jillian Greening	KIW	10	626	354
2	Jackie Reid	MTA	9	189	333
3	Judy Cronin	MTA	8	122	325
4	Hannah Roberts	PAP	7.5	280	348
5	Joan Stanners	PAP	5.5	-186	317
6	Valerie Smith	MTA	5	-219	323
7	Joyce Mowbray	PAP	4	-196	325
8	Susan Schiller	MTA	3	-616	300

**Whanganui
21-22 October 2017**

14 Games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Howard Warner	IND	11	963	461
2	Mike Sigley	WAN	9	277	431
3	Dylan Early	IND	7	434	448
4	Steven Brown	KAP	7	85	422
5	Lynne Butler	IND	6	-112	413
6	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	6	-314	390
7	Olivia Godfrey	WAN	5	-605	383
8	Anderina McLean	MTA	5	-728	398

B Grade

1	Glenda Foster	WEL	9	464	398
2	Rosie Cleary	WAN	9	97	379
3	Lynn Wood	WEL	8	468	401
4	Vicky Robertson	WEL	8	28	385
5	Jennifer Smith	KIW	8	12	380
6	Helen Sillis	WTA	5	-350	365
7	Nola Borrell	WEL	5	-524	355
8	Clare Wall	IND	4	-195	387

C Grade

1	Betty Eriksen	WAN	10	607	382
2	Sheila Reed	WEL	10	429	370
3	Joan Thomas	HAS	10	221	382
4	Jean O'Brien	IND	9	872	394
5	Suzanne Ford	WAN	7	-48	373
6	Malcolm Graham	CHC	5	-162	352
7	Judy Driscoll	KAP	3	-808	323
8	Robyn Stansfield	WAN	2	-1111	301



*Whanganui winners:
Howard Warner, Glenda Foster
& Betty Eriksen*

Tournament Calendar 2017-2018

Tournament	Place	Dates
Rodney	Warkworth	11 November
Mt. Albert	Auckland	12 November
Early Bird Competition (open entry, all ages)	Christchurch	18-19 November
World Senior Championships (WESPA) (Open entry, 55 and over)	Christchurch	21-23 November
Side Competition (open entry, under 55s)	Christchurch	21-23 November
Wellington	Wellington	20-21 January
Nelson	Nelson	10-11 February
Rotorua	Rotorua	24-25 February
# Masters	Nelson	30 March - 1 April
Nationals	Auckland	2-3 June
Whangarei	Whangarei	30 June - 1 July
Tauranga	Tauranga	25-26 August
Papatoetoe	Auckland	22-23 September
# Restricted entry		

Rankings list as at 22 October 2017

	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%		Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Alastair Richards	2258	182.5	225	81%	42	Peter Johnstone	1534	203	385	53%
2	Howard Warner (GM)	2157	2141	2848	75%	43	Lorraine Van Veen	1516	944.5	1896	50%
3	Lyres Freeth (GM)	2062	477.5	716	67%	44	Karl Scherer	1490	112	192	58%
4	Joanne Craig (GM)	2055	389.5	583	67%	45	Pam Robson	1485	593.5	1304	46%
5	Peter Sinton (GM)	2046	769	1074	72%	46	Hazel Purdie	1477	1221	2476	49%
6	Jeff Grant (GM)	1958	1729	2300	75%	47	Shirley Martin	1475	1031.5	2048	50%
7	Glennis Hale (GM)	1923	1553.5	2808	55%	48	Julie Atkinson	1471	264.5	501	53%
8	Patrick Carter (GM)	1905	789.5	1258	63%	49	Lynn Carter	1457	787.5	1520	52%
9	Blue Thorogood (GM)	1876	687.5	973	71%	50	Selena Chan	1448	347.5	688	51%
10	Cicely Bruce (E)	1876	596.5	1073	56%	51	Clare Wall	1442	332	640	52%
11	Nick Cavenagh (GM)	1873	410.5	682	60%	52	Helen Sillis	1437	748	1516	49%
12	Andrew Bradley (GM)	1863	888	1681	53%	53	Anne Goldstein	1426	165	326	51%
13	Mike Sigley (GM)	1852	1013	1465	69%	54	Yoon Kim Fong	1423	660	1304	51%
14	Lawson Sue (GM)	1829	970	1780	54%	55	Roger Coates	1415	846	1771	48%
15	Lynne Butler (GM)	1804	938.5	1547	61%	56	Nola Borrell	1414	510.5	937	54%
16	John Foster (GM)	1802	1638.5	2885	57%	57	Pam Barlow	1413	787.5	1568	50%
17	Anderina McLean (GM)	1794	826.5	1530	54%	58	Shirley Hol	1389	742	1596	46%
18	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1786	1340	2549	53%	59	David Gunn	1386	1375	2785	49%
19	Steven Brown (GM)	1770	938	1761	53%	60	Allie Quinn	1380	1135	2334	49%
20	John McNaughton (GM)	1744	157	248	63%	61	Delcie Macbeth	1371	984.5	1891	52%
21	Olivia Godfrey	1710	855	1643	52%	62	Ruth Groffman	1364	613	1225	50%
22	Lewis Hawkins	1706	235.5	384	61%	63	Glenda Geard	1359	1155.5	2345	49%
23	Denise Gordon (E)	1699	735.5	1525	48%	64	Yvette Hewlett	1340	493.5	1033	48%
24	Scott Chaput (E)	1696	285	489	58%	65	Su Walker	1340	1132.5	2212	51%
25	Nick Ascroft	1687	187	349	54%	66	Jean O'Brien	1337	1256.5	2470	51%
26	Murray Rogers (E)	1683	943.5	1788	53%	67	Leila Thomson	1336	612.5	1327	46%
27	Paul Lister (E)	1663	869.5	1574	55%	68	Rosalind Phillips	1325	609	1179	52%
28	Val Mills (E)	1661	1385	2877	48%	69	Roger Cole-Baker	1322	649	1251	52%
29	Lois Binnie	1657	103	207	50%	70	Mary Gray	1312	655.5	1323	50%
30	Pat Bryan	1631	279	516	54%	71	Lyn Toka	1280	603.5	1153	52%
31	Jennifer Smith	1618	1193	2488	48%	72	Joan Thomas	1270	1185	2384	50%
32	Irene Smith	1616	232	466	50%	73	Bev Edwards	1263	276.5	529	52%
33	Anna Hough	1605	777	1562	50%	74	Betty Eriksen	1256	1552.5	3068	51%
34	John Baird	1598	286	513	56%	75	Mary Curtis	1252	365	690	53%
35	Glenyss Buchanan	1594	705.5	1517	47%	76	Jena Yousif	1251	537	1074	50%
36	Margie Hurly	1589	360	711	51%	77	Carolyn Kyle	1247	937	1901	49%
37	Glenda Foster (E)	1581	1117.5	2252	50%	78	Shirley Pearce	1235	121	247	49%
38	Rosemary Cleary (E)	1575	841	1822	46%	79	Heather Landon	1227	631.5	1253	50%
39	Jeanette Grimmer	1561	213	413	52%	80	Margaret Bullen	1211	148.5	274	54%
40	Lynn Wood	1548	2018	4204	48%	81	Marian Ross	1210	625.5	1222	51%
41	Vicky Robertson	1536	392.5	806	49%	82	Dianne Cole-Baker	1206	610.5	1186	51%

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83 Mo Wetere	1182	76.5	132	58%	124 Ruth Godwin	746	417	925	45%
84 Allison Torrance	1181	496	959	52%	125 Kathleen Mori-Barker	728	408	823	50%
85 Lyn Dawson	1173	402	763	53%	126 Suzanne Liddall	727	28	52	54%
86 Carole Coates	1147	720.5	1478	49%	127 Judy Driscoll	725	242	617	39%
87 Faye Cronhelm	1128	924	1855	50%	128 Mandy Thorogood	719	57	113	50%
88 Barbara Dunn	1108	346.5	600	58%	129 Sharron Nelley	715	62	130	48%
89 Barney Bonthron	1105	58	106	55%	130 Hanna Dodge	712	130.5	265	49%
90 Julia Schiller	1100	284	617	46%	131 Barbara Cornell	706	68.5	160	43%
91 Sheila Reed	1081	296	614	48%	132 Janny Henneveld	698	540	1118	48%
92 Chris Handley	1077	412.5	812	51%	133 Anne Scatchard	695	484.5	949	51%
93 Karen Miller	1072	585	1170	50%	134 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	682	695	1429	49%
94 Joanne Morley	1070	105	181	58%	135 Rodney Jardine	675	124.5	242	51%
95 Tei Ngatai	1066	70.5	124	57%	136 Dorothy Bakel	666	50	129	39%
96 Gabrielle Bolt	1046	484	943	51%	137 Anne-Louise Milne	660	160	479	33%
97 Jean Boyle	1043	583.5	1105	53%	138 Marilyn Sinclair	652	119.5	259	46%
98 Ray Goodyear	1042	259.5	541	48%	139 Margaret Toso	644	128.5	305	42%
99 Judith Thomas	1040	248.5	500	50%	140 Joan Beale	635	340.5	664	51%
100 Malcolm Graham	1034	555	1105	50%	141 Jillian Greening	633	392	811	48%
101 Leanne Field	1034	186	357	52%	142 Wendy Anastasi	624	28.5	44	65%
102 Colleen Cook	1025	410.5	839	49%	143 Valma Gidman	616	722.5	1446	50%
103 Suzanne Ford	1021	231	425	54%	144 Noelene Bettjeman	591	360.5	774	47%
104 Roto Mitchell	1019	784.5	1564	50%	145 Judith Bach	515	178.5	330	54%
105 Tony Charlton	999	309.5	618	50%	146 Phil Andrews	485	14	41	34%
106 Jenny Litchfield	995	89	160	56%	147 Judy Cronin	484	142.5	382	37%
107 Shirley Morrison	994	201	417	48%	148 Lynn Thompson	478	338	784	43%
108 Merelyn Fuemana	993	59	114	52%	149 Frances Higham	474	245	661	37%
109 Suzanne Harding	984	531	1051	51%	150 Jan Kite	468	32	58	55%
110 Bernie Jardine	981	122	256	48%	151 Jackie Reid	462	32	63	51%
111 Jo Ann Ingram	970	269	529	51%	152 Ray Young	440	35	108	32%
112 Junior Gesmundo	967	169	330	51%	153 Gill Charlton	437	53	186	28%
113 Geoff Bonser	962	105.5	189	56%	154 Joan Stanners	378	47.5	107	44%
114 Jill Paterson	955	97	171	57%	155 Joyce Mowbray	374	29	86	34%
115 Joanna Fox	911	155	287	54%	156 Hannah Roberts	342	23.5	64	37%
116 Yvonne McLaughlan	862	525.5	1094	48%	157 Karen Brookes	226	31	137	23%
117 Sandra Cowen	839	91.5	201	46%	158 Margaret Peters	165	52	189	28%
118 Phyllis Paltridge	837	102.5	226	45%	159 Susan Schiller	128	51	280	18%
119 Antonia Aarts	831	301.5	641	47%	160 Valerie Smith	127	62	262	24%
120 Tim Henneveld	820	519	1136	46%	161 Trish Fox	35	38	303	13%
121 Betty Don	782	264.5	558	47%					
122 Pat Wood	767	167.5	315	53%					
123 Annette Coombes	752	822	1783	46%					

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