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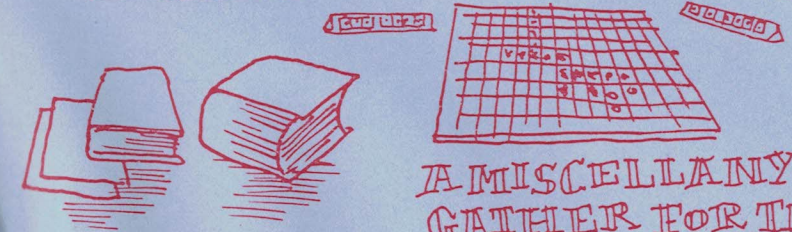
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH GLENNIS HALE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL TYPING—ED.

FORWORDS

MARCH 89



A MISCELLANY OF PEOPLE
 GATHER FOR THE EASTER
 MASTERS.

NUMBER 14

TOKOROA v TAUPO

INTER-CLUB FIXTURE

By Kevin Edgeler

One of Scrabble's newer clubs Taupo invited its neighbouring town Tokoroa to an inter-club fixture at the beginning of February.

Sunday February 5th dawned as ideal Scrabble weather in the central North Island - 'raining', as seems to have been the norm this summer, over most of the North Island.

Five players from Tokoroa made the trip to the lake-side club and although we struck an uneven number with six Taupo players (Tokoroa had a late withdrawal), this didn't detract from the games by having to play one triple.

In the final result Tokoroa won the encounter by 17 matches to 8.

Kevin Edgeler was top player for the day with 5 wins from 5 games, proving that his right ankle with six stitches in it was no handicap to playing Scrabble.

Jan Jacobi finished runner-up with 4 wins. May Bacon picked up a prize for the highest score of the day with a very fine 445 and also picked up 3 wins.

Bridget French also picked up 3 wins with Florence Veldhuizen not having the best of days with 2 wins.

Two of her losses were in very close games, losing by 4 points and 14 points respectively, thanks to getting stuck with everybody's bogey- the 'Q'.

Taupo's top player for the day was Margaret Parsons with 3 wins. Gwen Robb picked up 2, Phyl Wilson 2 and Ann Reeves 1.

GAME PROGRESS

Round 1. Tokoroa 4 Taupo 1

Round 2. Tokoroa 4 Taupo 1

Lunch break: A very fulfilling lunch had been prepared by the Taupo ladies and a walk around the block may have been more in order than playing Scrabble. Thank you very much, Taupo!

Round 3. Tokoroa 5 Taupo 0

Round 4. Tokoroa 2 Taupo 3

Round 5. Tokoroa 2 Taupo 3

Final Score: Tokoroa 17 Taupo 8

We now look forward to inviting Taupo back at a future date and renewing the new friendships that have been made and pouring over those Scrabble boards once again.

HOWICK-PAKURANGA 1989

Happy Scrabblers,

Well, the first tournament of the year is over, and thanks to all it was a great success. It was so very nice that Charlie and Daph lasted the day out after their recent illnesses. Good on you. After some LATE cancellations we had to find three other players to take their places. Thank God, Mount Albert came to my assistance.

Thanks to Peg Barrington, Shirley Gifkins and Catherine Purdie who helped me out.

Congratulations are in order for Catherine. She only joined Mount Albert last August and this was her very first tournament. We didn't know how she would stand up to the strain but she had six wins with 2770 points in Group 6. Well done!

A future A grader in the making.

One bad point however. Correne James, our adjudicator lost her Chambers Dictionary. Did anybody pick it up?

Please let us know. It had her name in it along with photos and other things important to Correne.

As well, an English de Luxe Scrabble set was left behind. We have no indication to whom it belongs other than a postcard addressed to Lily Shorter.

If anyone can help please contact our Secretary, Marion Jones, 225 Riverside Ave., PT.ENGLAND. Phone (09)5273565.

As you all know we are only a small club, but I must give my sincerest thanks to all my members for the lovely lunch they provided. I don't think there were any complaints.

I also want to thank the Mount Albert Club for all their help.

I wish you all good luck for future tournaments- and specially the Masters.

Happy Scrabbling,
Conny van Tilburg.
President,
Howick/Pakuranga Scrabble Club.

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HOWICK/PAKURANGA TOURNAMENT

28 JANUARY 1989

GROUP 1

1.GLENNIS HALE	MT.A	5	2994	428	12
2.DAVID LLOYD	MT.A	4	2981	426	10
3.MAY QUIGLEY	BAYS	4	2836	405	11
4.ANDREW BRADLEY	MT.A	4	2771	396	11
5.LYNNE POWELL	BAYS	4	2741	392	12
6.CHARLIE CURL	MT.A	3	2636	377	6
7.RITA MOORE	HAM	3	2589	370	11
8.DOROTHY PINNER	MT.A	2	2682	383	10

GROUP 2

1.JOHN FOSTER	MT.A	5	3159	451	17
2.ANN CANDLER	N.SH	5	2589	370	7
3.GERALD WARNER	ROD	4	2782	397	5
4.PETER JONES	MT.A	4	2583	369	10
5.BOB JOHNSTONE	BAYS	4	2581	369	4
6.JOHN MOORE	HAM	3	2661	380	11
7.LYNN WOOD	WELL	2	2518	360	7
8.JUNE MACKWELL	MT.A	1	2530	361	7

GROUP 3

1.PATRICK CARTER	MT.A	6	2892	413	10
2.CATHY WOODS	MT.A	5	2932	419	10
3.BERNARD FLOWER	N.SH	4	3083	440	16
4.RHODA CASHMAN	ROD	4	2754	393	9
5.REEVA PEARSON	STRAT	4	2575	368	12
6.FAYE CRONHELM	IND	2	2487	355	7
7.SHIRLEY GIFKINS	MT.A	2	2472	353	8
8.MARY BRETT	BAYS	1	2332	333	8

GROUP 4

1.MARJ BAILLIE	HAM	5	2693	385	7
2.GLENDA GEARD	IND	5	2629	376	10
3.BEV BARKER	MT.A	5	2521	360	7
4.BERNICE VANNINI	MT.A	5	2515	359	4
5.LORNA BAULCOMB	N.SH	4	2364	378	3
6.DAPH CURL	MT.A	3	2669	381	6
7.ROY VANNINI	MT.A	3	2535	362	9
8.JOYCE BOURDOT	N.SH	3	2496	357	8
9.CATHIE SALE	H/P	3	2470	353	4
10.ALICE O'CALLAHAN	BAYS	3	2445	351	2
11.ALVEEN SEON	MT.A	2	2358	337	8
12.OLGA CRAIGIE	H/P	1	2416	345	1

GROUP 5					
1. MARGARET CHERRY	H/P	6	2560	366	4
2. FAE OLSEN	STRAT	5	2655	379	8
3. PENNY DOLD	H/P	5	2468	353	7
4. PAT JOHNSTONE	BAYS	4	2683	383	4
5. JOAN BALL	H/P	4	2087	298	1
6. LESLEY HOWEY	MT.A	4	2485	355	6
7. JEAN O'BRIEN	STRAT	3	2494	356	10
8. LIL MOORE	MT.A	3	2485	355	6
9. PEG BARRINGTON	MT.A	3	1917	274	3
10. ANNE WARNER	ROD	2	2255	322	3
11. JEANETTE OWLER	H/P	2	2179	311	0
12. ADRIENNE McKEOWN	MT.A	1	2148	307	2

GROUP 6					
1. CATHERINE PURDIE	MT.A	6	2778	397	2
2. DORIS SHEARER	H/P	6	2450	350	3
3. LULU HOLT	MT.A	6	2440	349	3
4. NOREEN BARITT	BAYS	5	2491	356	3
5. LYDIA WHITE	H/P	4	2267	324	4
6. MARION ROSE	MT.A	4	2126	304	1
7. GRETA BRADLEY	MT.A	4	2113	302	0
8. BEV MORRIS	H/P	3	2229	318	1
9. PAULINE HAYES	MT.A	2	2033	290	1
10. MARION JONES	H/P	1	2041	292	3
11. PAT WARING	H/P	0	1948	278	1
12. ED OLSEN	STRAT	0	1412	202	0

BONUS WORDS

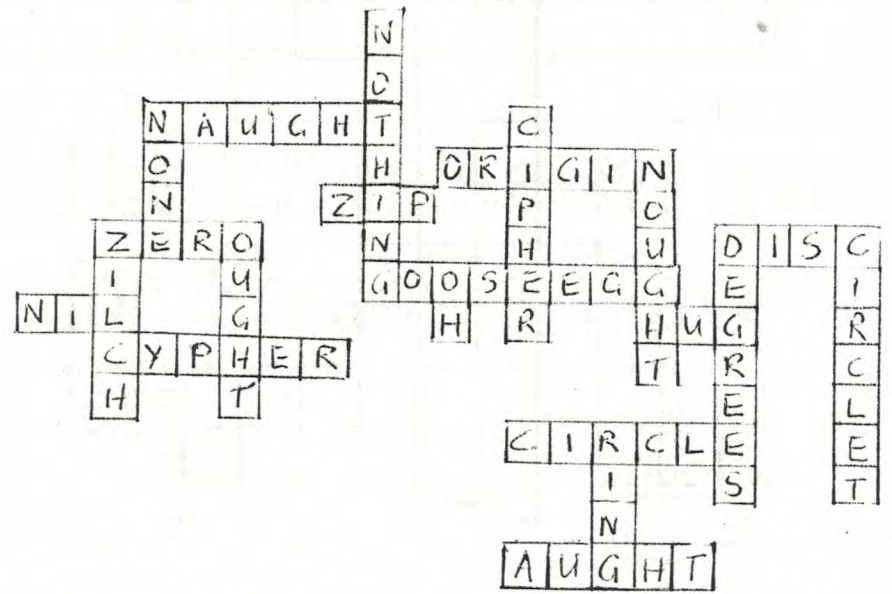
GROUP 1	GLENNIS HALE & LYNNE POWELL	12
GROUP 2	JOHN FOSTER	17
GROUP 3	BERNARD FLOWER	16
GROUP 4	ALVEEN SEON & JOYCE BOURDOT	8
GROUP 5	JEAN O'BRIEN	10
GROUP 6	LYDIA WHITE	4

SPOT PRIZES

GAME 1	LETTER Z	LYNNE POWELL	95
GAME 2	LETTER K	ROY VANNINI	76
GAME 3	LOWEST SCORE	ED OLSEN	117
GAME 4	LETTER X	RHODA CASHMAN	92
GAME 5	LETTER Q	DOROTHY PINNER	83
GAME 6	HIGHEST SCORE	GLENNIS HALE	471
GAME 7	LETTER J	DAPHNE CURL	88

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THE CROSSWORD WITH A DIFFERENCE : SOLUTION



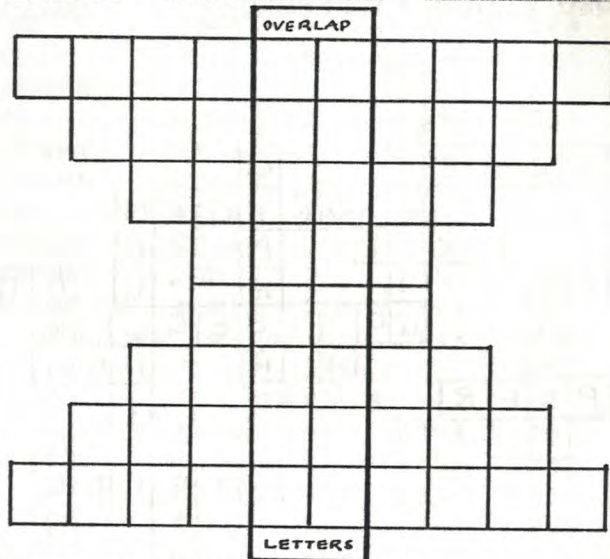
Above is the original solution as printed in MENZED. Two alternatives are permitted, viz.,
 1. for 6 across either zip or nix can be used.
 2. naught and nought are interchangeable.

Of the eight entries submitted, four had OXYGEN instead of ORIGIN for 4 across which was accommodated by transposing CYPHER and CIPHER. The reason this is not acceptable is that the clue for 4 across was qualified by the addition of '(math)', indicating a mathematical term.

Two correct entries were received, from Jeff Grant and Alan Duval, and Jeff won the prize on the flip of a coin. I had some difficulty finding a prize for a puzzle about nothing but finally happened on a slim volume by Michael Guy titled 'Fear and Loathing from the Beehive' which consists mainly of quotations from our beloved members of Parliament. - What could be more appropriate? - Congratulations Jeff.

JOHN FOSTER.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
 To PAUL & ROSLYN LISTER another son, Dominic.
 To ANDREW & ERIN BRADLEY a little daughter, Jessica.



The object of Overlap is simply to complete each line across with two words of your own choosing. But the second word on each line must begin with the Overlap letters, that is, the last two letters of the first word on the line.

Each letter has a different value and the idea is to select words that give you the highest possible score. The Overlap letters count double as they occur in both words.

All words used in Overlap must be from the Chambers 20th Century(1983 Edition) or the Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary.

SCOREBOARD: a-2; b-6; c-3; d-2; e-4; f-3; g-4; h-2;
i-1; j-10; k-2; l-4; m-3; n-1; o-2; p-3;
q-3; r-2; s-3; t-2; u-8; v-3; w-4; x-3;
y-2; z-10.

ENTRIES to be sent to Gerald Warner, Sandspit Rd., R.D.2. Warkworth. The winner will receive a book prize. Entries to be sent like this:

jejuNEbula 62
huzzAnja 57
fuZERo 43

etc. _____

TOTAL: 419

Don't forget name and address!

The following article was published in the Christchurch 'PRESS' late last year.

The ultimate weapon for Scrabble players

By NEIL CLARKSON

A hand-held spelling computer which went on sale last month may prove to be the ultimate Scrabble player's weapon.

The Franklin Spelling Ace has about 70,000 standard English words stored in its memory, compared with the 12,000-word vocabulary a student is likely to have by the time they leave high school.

The computer is reportedly selling well in schools, mainly because of its phonetic dictionary. The device can read a misspelt word phonetically and offer the correct spelling.

It is seen as a useful tool for pupils having trouble with reading and writing.

However, it is the computer's game functions which are likely to raise a philosophical storm among Scrabble players.

The computer can be given a jumble of letters, such as those on a Scrabble rack, and come up with words of the desired length.

Thus players after the 50-input bonus for using all seven tiles on their rack can expect some suc-

cess.

The computer, given a few samples, proved a formidable tool.

It produced "numbers" out of BMUNRES, "specific" out of CIPYSPE and "steamer" out of EASTMRE.

However, it could find no seven-letter words among RESPFAM, FRATCEF, QERSTVO or AIOBRET.

It can also find words with a selected ending. Asked for six-letter words ending with EASY, the computer came up with creasy, greasy, queasy and uneasy.

Crossword fans may also find it a useful ally. Asked for a word to fit — H — N, the computer replied "ASHEN."

Mrs Katherine Kerr Renwick, secretary of the Sydenham Scrabble Club, one of several local organisations devoted to the word game, was clearly impressed by the machine's potential.

"It sounds lovely. Where do I get one?"

Mrs Kerr Renwick said the device would be useful for studying at home to extend a person's vocabulary but would not be permitted in club or tournament

games.

The rules permit no use of aids and even dictionaries may be used only to check the spelling of a word in the case of a challenge.

"It sounds like the ultimate Scrabble weapon because Scrabble is the ultimate game.

"It's an obsession, this silly game."

Mrs Kerr Renwick, an avid player, said members were preparing for the South Island championship in Dunedin later this month.

The standard spelling reference works for Scrabble players are the Chambers 1983 Dictionary and the official Scrabble Players' Dictionary. The American dictionaries therefore allow American spellings such as mold for mould and labor for labour.

The club is the only local one affiliated to the New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players.

Mrs Phyllis Gallagher, an organiser for The Scrabble Club, another local group for players, said the computer was unlikely to take over from the club's standard reference, the Oxford Concise Dictionary.

NEW ZEALAND SCRABBLE RANKINGS, 1988

OUR TOP 10 & THOSE JUST BUBBLING UNDER

	NAME	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS	AV.	W/R	B/W	AV.P	RANKING Pts
1	MIKE S	Wang	66	52	14	29263	443	79%	2.13	2nd	156.14
2	JEFF G	Hast	66	53	13	28885	438	80%	1.83	2nd	155.36
3	DAVID L	Mt.A	87	63½	23½	36967	425	73%	1.91	2nd	142.95
4	GLENNISH	Mt.A	83	52	31	33719	406	63%	1.53	5th	125.15
5	HOWARD W	Well	46	28	18	18735	407	61%	1.33	5th	123.78
6	LYNNE P	Bays	80	43	37	32655	408	54%	1.74	6th	117.03
7	JAN R	Taur	35	19	16	14005	400	54%	1.31	8th	114.34
8	CHARLIE C	Mt.A	56	31	25	22205	397	55%	1.37	7th	113.96
9	GLYNIS J	Waha	80	45	35	31513	394	56%	1.05	7th	113.82
10	GLENDAF	Well	36	22½	13½	13480	374	63%	0.97	10th	112.28
	DENISE G	Wang	72	35	37	29151	405	49%	1.76	8th	110.56
	ANDREW B	Mt.A	53	24½	28½	21742	410	46%	1.67	9th	110.32
	MAURINES	Taur	35	16	19	13914	398	46%	1.40	12th	104.73
	JUNE M	Mt.A	69	30	39	26762	388	44%	1.63	9th	98.62
	JOHN F	Mt.A	73	35	38	27445	376	48%	1.35	8th	98.33

Here is my interpretation of our top Scrabblers judged on their performance throughout 1988. Nine tournaments were used to base my results: Pakuranga, Tokoroa, the Masters, North Shore, the Nationals, New Plymouth, Hamilton, Mt. Albert, and Wanganui.

The Columns are self explanatory except: the B/w column is the average no of bonus words per game, →

and the AV.P is the players average tournament placing in '88.

This system is open to argument, as always, but I do believe it to be quite accurate, although perhaps Jeff should have got the nod ahead of Mike for the No. 1 spot, on the basis of having won both the Masters & Nats, and with a higher win rate also.

See that the w/r's decline steadily without much real fluctuation down the chart, as with the Av. Score. The Bonus words, however are all over the place, suggesting that it is not always just bonuses that win you games.

Mike is the Bonus word champ just ahead of myself, with Jeff & Lynne 3rd and 4th. I've got to say that I think too much emphasis is placed on achieving bonuses in Scrabble, tho admittedly they do play a big part. The rankings here would be completely altered if the 50 point bonus rule didn't exist.

Glennis deserves 4th spot easily, tho she had a bit of a bum year, and her final ranking pts should be closer to 140, at least. The top 4 here are unchallenged, tho there are some high-flyers, I expect to see Denise & Glynis more established in the top placings this year. I haven't forgotten Glennys Buchanan either. She didn't make this chart, by way of a bad result at the Nats which stuffed up her averages. David Blumhardt seems to have retired, and I do →

know Howard has, he's gone to Oz. Andrew Bradley could rise up the rankings a lot more if he wanted to dedicate himself, but with a wife & a wee babie now, he might want to rest a bit this year.

Maybe with the publication of this Rankings chart, some of us will gain the extra incentive to improve more, to get into the top group. I see John and June down there on the bottom. Surely they must have some sort of motivation now, to climb the chart, and nestle in to the top ten.

In case you aren't aware of the ranking calculation, here it is:

Win rate as a percentage, plus average score reduced to a percentage, (av. score - 250 x 0.4 = %) 250 = 0%, 375 = 50% and 500 = 100%.

Mikes win rate is 78.79% and his av. score as a percentage is 77.35% These both total to 156.14.

There. All done.

1989 MASTERS TOURNAMENT

PREDICTIONS

by David Lloyd

An Auspicated Hallucination of those of us amalgamated at Easter after 23 unsympathetically callous Scrabble games. (all in good humour tho)

- 1st: David Lloyd. me. No apologies, sorry. One important ingredient you must mix in with words & tactics is to believe absolutely so that you can win 2nd will ~~lose~~ win. Now that's why I've put me here. Past Masters Results are 5th, 3rd, 4th, 1st, 4th.
- 2nd: Jeff GRANT. My word. Not a fine player. Practically unbeatable in top condition, and fairly seems to cruise thru some tournaments, and seldom ever breaks down. Stuns opponents with words like OTOLITH or THOLT, but you might catch him with an easy one like FONDLY (Remember 85 Nats Jeff? Sorry.) Never ever think you've won until you've signed the score sheets. Past Masters: 2nd, 1st, 1st, 5th, 1st.
- 3rd: MIKE SIGLEY. If you ever challenge a Mike Sigley word expect to lose, that is the norm. Quite a cool player, is Mike avoiding unnecessary commentary during a game. Can play Scrabble like not Steffi; can play tennis: BLOODY GOOD. Past Masters: 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd. (I'm happy to say, if my predictions ring true, then this unhappy sequence will at last be broken.)
- 4th: GLENNIS HALE. Well well well, then. There is a bit of a rivalry here between us two, a rivalry which is just short of legendary. I'm pretty sure I can deal with this one, this time tho, get her on the back foot early, have her panicking, fidgeting, and then whimpering all the way to the bottom of the score sheet. But however, Glennis seems to rise to the big occasions, and can be very dangerous, particularly at the Masters, where the last time I made her whimper was way back in '85. Past Masters: 12th, 18th, 5th, 3rd, 3rd.
- 5th: LYNNE POWELL. O Dear me. The screeched larff & the nut. Seems to either suffer migraines, hangovers, or whatever, and descend like a lead balloon, otherwise she is bloody fine, lays out six sevens, bang bang bang, and it's all over in eleven turns and all very easy for. Everybody seems to know that Lynne Powell bet ol' David Lloyd not five minutes after the games cessation. Spare me this year, please. Past Masters: 19th, 7th, 3rd, 13th, 13th.
- 6th: GLYNIS JENNINGS. Quite underestimated by a lot of people but Glynis know she can kill anyone. The nice quiet lady is a giant killer. Has a habit of scoring very well in situations where you, yourself would prefer to win. Past Masters: 18th, 14th, 13th, 8th, 5th. Not steady progress.

Avid readers of Forwards will be familiar with overspecialised words, for example Chambers lists KILFUD-YOKING, a fire-side disputation, and TAGHAIRM, inspiration sought by lying in a bullock's hide behind a waterfall.

Following is a collection of my personal favourites for each letter of the alphabet, A through to Z. These evocative, illuminating and downright bizarre words have been culled from a variety of primary and secondary works. A few of the terms will be known to devotees of the outlandish, but most will probably be a new experience. With one or two exceptions the oddities displayed here are clearly of no use to the average Scrabble player, nevertheless they do have the potential to greatly enhance the reputation of any word buff. Just imagine the awe-struck gazes of admiration when you slip a little gem like XENOGLOSSIA or LOROERIGESIS into your after dinner conversation!

- ATPATRUUS a great-grandfather's grandfather's brother.
 BUFFLE to rapidly tickle the stomach of a lover with one's moustache while mumbling 'buffle, buffle buffle.'
- CAPNOPNEA mild excitation experienced by some men on breathing the air of a room scented with the cigarette smoke of a beautiful woman.
- DHABB dried skink flesh used as a medicine.
 ERIFF a two-year-old canary.
 FEAGUE to make a horse lively and hold its tail well by putting ginger up its fundament.
- GENUGLYPHICS the practice of decorating the female knee to make it more erotic.
- HOLMGANG a duel fought on an island.
 IRRORATION the custom of watering a plant with the discharge of a sick person, to rid the person of the disease and give it to the plant.
- J'ADOUBOVITZ a chess player who annoys his opponent by making constant adjustments to the pieces. A tile-shifting Scrabbler could perhaps be called a CLACKOVITZ.
- KELEMENOPY a sequential straight line through the middle of everything leading nowhere.
- LOROERIGESIS the sexually stimulating effect of the sight of a brassiere shoulder strap.
- MALLEMAROKING a carouse of sailors on icebound whalers on one of the ships.

7th: LYNNE BUTLER: Lynne would be 13th on my Ranking chart if she had played the qualified number of games in 88. No 13, however, does not seem appropriate for Lynne, she deserves a number less than ten for sure, I know, and others will agree she possesses all the skills and savoir faire to knock us all off our little perches in 89. eek. (No Past Masters)

8th: DENISE GORDON A real high flyer this one. Holder of our National record, Six hundred and Sixty, and she seems to rain the board with sevens now, I've noticed. Has been the one player for me to have never lost against, but that was abruptly ended in Wanganui last year, inevitably, I guess, too. And has had me sweating since. Must wear wet weather gear this Easter, I've got to deter them sevens, and no jokes about rain dances please. Past Masters: 16th, 18th, 15th. (P.S. Denise also holds the combined scores record with Andrew of 1000.)

9th: CHARLIE CURL. The quiet achiever. Seems to do very well, wins lots of games, yet know one really hears about it. What modesty. I'm embarrassed. Long live the president. Past Masters: 16th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 7th.

10th: GLENNYS BUCHANAN: Apologies glennys/Glenyss regarding name spelling. You never know with this one. Performs like a yoyo, up and down, up and down. Very unpredictable, thus very dangerous. Yoyos have a habit of hitting you in the face if you can't use them properly. Past Masters: 8th, 5th, 11th & 10th. The Next 14 will sort them selves out.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

DRIP, DRIP, DRIP,
 HOWL AND BLOW
 EVERYTHING BUT WINTER SNOW.
 WOULD THAT I COULD RECOGNISE
 SUMMER FROM THESE LOWERING
 SKIES.

ANOTHER DAMP DAWN APPEARS,
 THERE'S A GLIMMER IN THE EAST
 DARE WE HOPE THE RAIN WILL
 PASS TO GIVE WARM SUN
 ON OUR BONES AT LAST.

PURR OF KETTLE, PURR OF ROLLY
 RATTLE OF THE SCRABBLE TILES
 DO SOME SEWING
 KEEPING BUSY
 WAIT UNTIL THE WEATHER SMILES.

NOSARIAN one who argues that there is no limit to the possible largeness of a nose.
 OPISTHOPOREIA walking backwards involuntarily.
 PAGOPHAGIA eating a tray of ice daily for two months to help offset iron deficiency.
 QUEZZAN to smother weeds by covering them with sand.
 RUMTIFUSEL a vicious, cunning beast that drapes itself over a stump to look like an expensive fur coat, and attacks anybody coming by for a close look, cleaning them to the bone in seconds with its deadly ventral sucking pores.
 SOOTERKIN a fabulous afterbirth induced by Dutch women sitting huddled over their stoves.
 TYROSEMIOPHILY the collecting of Camembert cheese labels.
 UCALEGON a neighbour whose house is on fire.
 VAIGLE a stake in the wall of a cow house.
 WASSAILING drinking to the success of an apple crop.
 XENOGLOSSIA understanding a language you have never learnt.
 YORKSHIRE-MAN a fly drowned in beer.
 ZOMOTHERAPY treating tuberculosis with the juice from raw meat.

SCRABBLE NEWS FROM THE SYDENHAM SCRABBLE CLUB.

" Readers would like to know that 7 of us went to Dunedin last November for the 'South Island Championships' - which we lost in, even though Ian Patterson wasn't competing but was the factotum.

Blotted my copybook during one game - when I'd finished early and was indulging my passion for spotting barbarisms on other boards; saw

D
O
T
Z
A

 and gave a horrified yell! (so Ian growled at me!)

Please let readers know that our Christchurch date for next years South Island Championships is

MAY 6, 1989.

This will be the only notification of the competition and of its date."

Katrine Kerr Renwick,
 Secretary,
 F2/137 Ollivier's Rd.,
 Christchurch.

SOLUTION SCRABBLE CONTEST No 12

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|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1. jo | 6. gu | 11. OK | 16. Ab | 21. as |
| 2. ai | 7. ca' | 12. bo | 17. 'll | 22. EO |
| 3. Ra | 8. pi | 13. Ib | 18. el | 23. no |
| 4. or | 9. by | 14. ax | 19. in | 24. pi |
| 5. Rh | 10. ye | 15. do | 20. os | 25. it |

The clear winner was Allie Quinn of the North Shore Club with 24 correct - a great effort! Highly commended were Glennis Hale, Gerald Warner and Val Frew, all with 23, and Joy Hunter and Doreen Bibby with 22. No-one got no. 25, which was admittedly a 'trick' question; 'od' is manifested in magnetism, light, hypnotism etc., but 'it' is (personal) magnetism.

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 13

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

The closing date is 29/5/89. The winner will receive a book prize - good luck!
 Entries to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd, R.D.2., Hastings.

For all triskaidekaphobes here is your chance to hit back by dissecting the dreaded number of this contest. How many allowable Scrabble words of 5 or more letters can you get from THIRTEEN? Each letter can be used only as many times as it appears in THIRTEEN, and in any order. For example, THREE and ENTER are allowed, but not RENTER or THINNER, because THIRTEEN has only one N and R.

CLUB RESULTS FROM 1988

BAYS SCRABBLE CLUB

	PLAYED	WON	WIN %	AVE	400+	500+	600+
LYNNE	149	117	78.5	433	88	22	1
MAY	147	105	71.4	417	62	5	
JUNE	113	79	69.9	442	56	3	1
PENNY	143	84	58.7	375	46	2	
FRANKIE	146	77.5	53	370	35		
MARGE	146	76	52	360	21		
BETTY	91	46	50.5	383	20		
ALICE	94	47	50	355	6		
JOY	73	36	49.3	372	26	2	
DORIS	37	17	45.9	323	3		
BERYL	104	47.5	45.6	340	10		
RACHEL	21	9	42.8	375	4		
JOYCE	57	24	42.1	349	13		
PAT	46	18	39.1	334	6		
NOREEN	119	46	38.6	334	7		
PEGGY	91	35	38.4	339	9		
KAYE	88	33	37.5	315	4		
DAWN	31	11	35.4	303			
KERRY	31	7	22.5	303	1		
IRENE	73	14	19.1	302			
ELEANOR	53	10	18.8	317	1		
EDIE	20	11	55	333	1		

Figures compiled by Frankie Wilkinson.

HAMILTON SCRABBLE CLUB

Winners of Club Trophies in 1988:

The Founders Trophy (Club Champion)	-	BETTY GIBB
Bonus Words Trophy	-	BETTY GIBB
Knock-out Trophy	-	JOHN MOORE
Ruth Laird Goblets (Most Improved Player)	-	STAN SKINNER
Moore Trophy (Round Robin Group 1)	-	BETTY GIBB
Gibb Trophy (Round Robin Group 2)	-	MARJ BAILLIE
Darby Trophy (Round Robin Group 3)	-	PEGGY WALLACE
Michelle Warsink Pot Luck Trophy	-	BETTY GIBB
Challenge Shield (Ladder Champion)	-	JOHN MOORE
Eileen Mead Bonus Words Trophy (Group 2)	-	STAN SKINNER
John Gibb Bonus Words Plaque (Group 3)	-	PEGGY WALLACE
Eileen Mead 100 Pointer Trophy	-	JOHN MOORE

NORTH SHORE SCRABBLE CLUB

It was the usual story for our end of the year - Lynne Powell coming out on top with the best aggregate points, best game, (644), best A Grade points, most bonus words, and the best combined game for the year (978) was played by Lynne and John Foster. May Quigley was runner up on points and John Foster on bonus words.

In our B Grade, Bernard Flower had the most points and most bonus words and runner up was Margaret McKechnie on both counts. Margaret is a relatively newcomer to the Club and is doing extremely well.

This year there was a prize for the person who had the most wins against Lynne and this went to John Foster.

Allie Quinn.

MT. ALBERT SCRABBLE CLUB

Shirley Gifkins has been named sportsperson of the year.

Awards went to Kate Wignall for the most improved player, Catherine Purdie for the most promising new player and Glennis Hale who took the win rate shield, with 80% wins.

Championship placings:

A GRADE	Ave Pts	Ave Score	Win Rate	Bonus Words
1. Glennis Hale	26.98	436	80%	197
2. John Foster	24.56	417	73%	224
3. June Mackwell	23.47	415	64%	185

B GRADE

1. Harriet Heilbron	20.67	381	61%	105
2. Cathy Woods	20.03	371	63%	94
3. Alveen Seon	19.28	366	52%	136

C GRADE

1. Conny van Tilburg	17.53	354	50%	81
2. Henry Woolf	17.15	344	49%	91
3. Lesley Howey	17.05	341	47%	89

D GRADE

1. Vicki Lawn	18.06	344	58%	40
2. Kate Wignall	16.71	327	55%	36
3. Ann Gill	16.00	324	40%	40

Bonus Word Placings:

A GRADE	1. Alan Duval	237	2. John Foster	224
B GRADE	1. Shirley Gifkins	173	2. Alveen Seon	136
C GRADE	1. Henry Woolf	91	2= Lesley Howey	89
			2= Lil Moore	89
D GRADE	1= Vicki Lawn	40		
	1= Ann Gill	40		

Compiled by John Foster.

DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB

1988's top scorers and their games summary.

SOCIAL GAMES

	AVE	MIN-MAX	RANGE	Last 10 games
IAN PATTERSON	408	276-606	330	406
ALAN BOYD	404	289-561	272	431
PETER SINTON	394	260-545	285	407
KARLEEN PENMAN	389	258-553	295	410
MARIAN ASHLEY	372	199-561	362	390

Compiled by Alan Boyd.

ROUND ROBIN GAMES

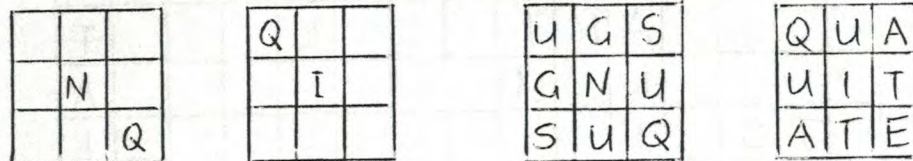
	WIN%	AVE	LO---HI	AVE BONUS
1. ALAN	74%	391	268-579	.9
2. IAN P.	64%	413	281-566	1.9
3. PETER S.	44%	379	232-541	1.7
4. MARIAN	56%	385	261-586	1.4
5. ANNE S.	52%	367	209-461	1.3

Highest Individual Score	MARIAN	586
Highest Game Score	MARIAN/PETER	942
Highest Average Round	IAN	502

Compiled by Ian Patterson

CLUELESS CROSSWORDS

In the last edition of 'Forwards' John Foster introduced us to an unusual type of crossword with every clue the same. Taking this concept a step further we have clueless crosswords, for example, in the 3x3 squares on the left below, where two letters are entered, only one solution can be deduced. The completed squares are shown at the right.



Would you believe a 4x4 square of this type is possible, with just 2 letters entered at the start? Solve that if you can, but if you have trouble try the crossword below where literally nothing is given as the clue for each word - there are no clues at all! Like the Menzed example, it may seem next to impossible on first glance, but closer scrutiny should reveal a number of ways to get started. All words are allowable in Scrabble.

Solutions can be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd., R.D.2. Hastings, and the winner will receive a small lagnappe.

