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Editorial

I made a decision when I took on the editorship of this magazine that I was not going to ever let it stress me out – if it was late, it was late; if there weren't many contributions, then it would just be a small issue; if I couldn't think of anything to write in my editorial there wouldn't be an editorial or I would ask someone else to write it.

Thanks to Lyres and her hard work, we got four issues out last year, which is what subscribers had paid for and we'll do our best to get four out this year as well. I'm continually amazed and grateful to our regular contributors, to those of you occasionally contribute and to those who front up with something when I ask them. But as for this issue's editorial, I drew a blank. Usually there is *something* that has sparked my interest in the last couple of months – but no, zilch!

Then I remembered Anderina's advice to me when I took over – as well as saying to make note of editorial ideas when I had them, she said, if all else fails, look to the content in the magazine and get inspiration there.

So here goes. I am very proud and excited to be able to feature Alastair Richards in this issue. His win was amazing and created so much media interest for Scrabble. I really enjoyed Kim Hill's interview with him and I'm sure you could still listen to it by searching RNZ's website. I had decided to put Alastair on the cover and profile him in *Word Famous*. But totally unsolicited, Dylan then said he would like to analyse the last and winning game of the competition, the Phantom came up with his Alastair-related article and Jeff Grant sent in

the word play on Alastair's name. I love it when things fit together like that.

I have Lyres and Alastair to thank for getting me into *cardboxing. I remember the Trans-Tasman in Melbourne – firstly for being in the unbelievable situation of being able to play the same triple-triple word in two places in a game against Alastair and knowing he couldn't block both places, but also for wondering what he was doing between games, tapping away on his laptop. When I investigated, I found out he was *cardboxing! Lyres and Alastair helped me get started on *cardbox about six months before the World's in Nairobi. This is when I started doing some systematic study, and I haven't stopped since then.

I think I've written before, about how I like pairs of anagrams that go together. That's why the *Harmonic Omniarch* article fascinates me and also why I'm interest in doing Patrick's *Triples* puzzle.

Dylan wrote to me saying he was a closet cruciverbalist – look it up. I had to! It seems that cryptics and scramble go together for a lot of our members. I like that Patrick sent me *Bird Cryptics* to go along with his Bird article and I know that lots of you will have fun solving them. Dylan is compiling cryptic clues with a view to writing a cryptic crossword book. He has sent me his list of clues compiled so far, and I will be thinking about how to use these in the future.

Well, that's enough about the mag – it's time for you to get on and read it – enjoy!

Val Mills

Words from the President

by Howard Warner, Scrabble Wellington

Pandering to the pandemic

I like to write these columns about positive developments. Unfortunately this one is a departure. My main topic is that tiresome, ongoing but hard-to-ignore-because it's-everywhere-you-turn COVID pandemic. It's a difficult and emotive issue – as the recent furore over Novak Djokovic at the Australian Tennis Open showed.

In the New Zealand scene, we have many players who are elderly or immune-compromised and at great risk from COVID. We have players who do not believe in or are wary of vaccination. We may even have players who have already contracted COVID at some time over the past two years.

With booster shots, My Vaccine Passes and rapid antigen testing, New Zealand is into a whole new stage of managing the pandemic. So how does that affect our Scrabble play?

The association hasn't wanted to be pushy about it. We trust that common-sense and the innate decency of Kiwis will prevail. New Zealand has a well-communicated COVID regime. Unlike our friends across the Tasman, we don't have to juggle a minefield of state and federal approaches. We all know how to look up the Ministry of Health's COVID page (www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-

[and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus)), which summarises all the current government COVID orders. Of course, the information changes often as the pandemic evolves and the government Zealand adjusts its strategy.

My suggestions to clubs are:

- For club nights, refer to the government's COVID advice, find out the policy of your venue (whether in someone's home or somewhere external), and discuss with all members. Always bear in mind the age and immunocompromised status of your members. If necessary, download a My Vaccine Pass reader. You'll only have to check each player's status once.
- For club tournaments, it's pretty much the same – except that you'll have more people gathered together in one place than for a club night. And some of those will have driven or flown from elsewhere.
- If you are partnering with your local Ryman village (more on this below), remember that these places contain some of the most vulnerable people.
- Bottom line, it's up to each club to decide what's best for them.

At national level, we are following a similar process. For the Masters in

Wellington, the venue (Kairangi Bridge Club in Miramar) gave us free rein. Though they mandate that their own members must be fully vaccinated, they are not so stringent with other users of the club premises. As a compromise, we considered whether to allow unvaccinated players who could show evidence of a recent negative test (e.g. 48 hours before).

Nick Ascroft, the organiser, canvassed views of all potential entrants, to see how they felt about playing alongside unvaccinated players. Quite a few were adamant that they would withdraw rather than make such a concession. Others felt conflicted, knowing that our unvaccinated players are still part of the happy Scrabble family. So we reached the difficult decision to make the Masters available to My Vaccine Pass holders only.

Meanwhile, we all need to hang in there and keep on enjoying our game. Try to stay as safe as possible. And go easy on others whose views might not be exactly the same as yours.

Ryman bows out

Another unfortunate note is the end of Ryman's national sponsorship. They have advised us that they will not be renewing it in 2022. Clubs that have a relationship with their local village may continue that. But I'd suggest you make sure to give as much as you take in that relationship. Also, NEVER ask them for money to cover club or tournament expenses.

We are very grateful to Ryman for some great financial help over the past few difficult years. But now we'll have to find another national corporate sponsor. Any thoughts are most welcome.

Dictionary developments

On a final note, we are now using the New Zealand Lexicon 2021 (NZL21) as our official word source. It's the same as CSW19, so the good news is that you don't need to do anything. Just continue using the same word lists, books, programs and apps.

There is now a zyzzyva app available for mobile phones, the 'NASPAzyzzyva', which is compatible with CSW19. You can download it from your app store. And Dylan Early's Zebra app (using NZL21) will soon be available. He had hoped to launch it at the start of this year, but there are still a few kinks to iron out. It will come with a very thorough set of installation instructions.

We don't know how many countries or states are adopting the heavily expurgated CSW22, as espoused by Mattel. When we find out more, we'll let you know. If you intend to play overseas, you must follow whatever dictionary source is set. If that is CSW21, then you'll just to unlearn words for the duration. Ask Liz (scrabbleliz@kinect.co.nz), Dylan (earlydylan@gmail.com) or me (thathowardguy@gmail.com) for a copy of the expurgations list.

Word Famous: Questions for a Champion

Get to know a bit more about Alastair Richards, newly crowned World Scrabble Champion.

Alastair was born in Queensland, Australia. He has been playing Scrabble since he was a child, and entered his first tournament at the age of seven.

Alastair first studied Food Science and Nutrition at university, before deciding on a degree in Medicine. He moved to New Zealand in 2016 to begin his medical career and married fellow scrabbler, Lyres, in 2017.

Alastair currently works as a doctor in the Auckland region, specialising in renal (kidneys). While Alastair works in a demanding job, he finds Scrabble to be fun and relaxing in his spare time!



Alastair Richards

Here are some questions submitted by Olivia En, inspired by her kids.

1. **What's your superpower?**

I don't have a superpower, but I'm good at absorbing information!

2. **Have you read the whole dictionary?**

Not as such, but I have studied all the words up to nine letters.

3. **Did your mum let you play swear words when you were little?**

Yes, they are only a way to earn points and aren't being used in an offensive manner.

4. **What's the yukkiest thing you ever had to do as a doctor?**

You don't want to know!

5. **What's your favourite spell in Harry Potter?** (My daughter Annabelle is a bit obsessed with Harry Potter at the moment and is reading the series again for the third time). *Wingardium Leviosa!*

6. **What would you have as your nickname if you were a gamer?**

(That one's from Callum who would spend his life playing computer games if I let him). *Rospo - my handle on Woogles.*

Quick Questions

Submitted by Anderina McLean and Olivia En, Whanganui

An A-Z of quick questions Inspired by the Sunday Star Times

A: ~~Adventure~~/**Staycation**?

B: **Book**/~~Film~~?

C: **Consonants**/~~Vowels~~? - It's hard to score with all vowels!

D: ~~Disposable~~/**Reusable**?

E: ~~Exercise~~/**Rest**?

F: **Fiction**/~~Non-fiction~~?

G: ~~Garfield~~/**Snoopy**?

H: ~~Humanities~~/**Sciences**?

I: ~~Intuition~~/**Logic**?

J: ~~Juice~~/**Water**?

K: ~~Koalas~~/**Kiwis**?

L: **Letters**/**Numbers**? - both! I've always enjoyed the maths side of Scrabble too.

M: ~~Monopoly~~/**Chess**? - neither, Scrabble is competitive enough.

N: ~~Neon~~/**Pastel**?

O: **Online**/**Across the board** - both have their advantages.

P: **Pizza**/~~Burger~~?

Q: **Quality**/~~Quantity~~?

R: ~~Rugby~~/**Tennis**? - neither, I'm not much of a sports fan.

S: ~~Sweet~~/**Savoury**?

T: ~~Takeaway~~/**Dine-in**? - although not at the moment!

U: **Underdog**/~~Favourite~~?

V: **Visual**/~~Audio~~?

W: **Walk**/~~Bike~~?

X: ~~Xbox~~/**Wii**?

Y: ~~Yachting~~/**Skiing**?

Z: ~~Zoom~~/**Face-to-face**?



A young Alastair



Lyres and Alastair on their wedding day

Bluebird's the Word

by **Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert**

An advertising campaign for a well-known potato chip company got me thinking about BIRD words for scrabble.

Eight Letter Bird Words

Obviously these could be very useful if the first play was BIRD finishing on the centre square or if someone played BIRD into a corner on the right hand side of the board. 4 letters in front would reach the triple word square for a very nice score. There are 18 genuine bird words that fit that pattern:

BELLBIRD, BLUEBIRD, COCKBIRD, FERNBIRD, FIREBIRD, HANGBIRD, KINGBIRD, LOVEBIRD, LYREBIRD, OVENBIRD, PUFFBIRD, RAINBIRD, REEDBIRD, RICEBIRD, SNOWBIRD, SONGBIRD, SURFBIRD and WHIPBIRD

However there are another 6 words without any feathers at all:

GAOLBIRD and JAILBIRD

Inveterate convicts

HOMEBIRD *Someone reluctant to leave their home or hometown*

LADYBIRD *Small brightly coloured beetle*

RAILBIRD *Racing enthusiast*

YARDBIRD *Army recruit*



Seven Letter Bird Words

If the first word on the board was BIRDS you would want a three letter extension at the front to reach the triple word square. There are 12 genuine bird words:

ANTBIRD, AWLBIRD, AXEBIRD, CATBIRD, COWBIRD, FATBIRD, JAYBIRD, MAYBIRD, OILBIRD, REDBIRD, SEABIRD and SUNBIRD

And there are three more words with other meanings:

BOOBIRD *A fan who boos players of the home team*

WARBIRD *A vintage military aircraft no longer in active use*

WOSBIRD *A vulgar term of abuse meaning a whore's child*

I have to stop here for a moment and ask what sort of idiot boos players of the home team and even if they did, why would you call them a fan?

Types of birds

Bonus bird words of seven or eight letters you might play that are tits, wrens, jays, hawks, finches, crows, cocks, hens or fowl are:

TOMTITS, BLUETIT, BUSHTIT, COLETIT and WRENTIT

GNATWREN

BLUEJAY and POPINJAY

**LYREBIRD**

DORHAWK,
GOSHAWK,
MOPEHAWK and
SEAHAWK

HAWFINCH

GORCROW

DAWCOCK,
GAMECOCK,

GORCOCK, MOORCOCK,
PEACOCK and WOODCOCK

DAKERHEN, GORHENS, GRAYHEN,
GREYHEN, HAZELHEN, MOORHEN,
MUDHENS, PEAHENS, WATERHEN
and WOODHEN

BATFOWL, GAIRFOWL,
GAMEFOWL, GAREFOWL,
MOORFOWL, PEAFOWL, SEAFOWL
and WILDFOWL

This time I will not mention any non-bird words in these categories. There are just too many such as stopcock, toughen, or lengthen. One particularly interesting word not included above which was BALLHAWK -- a verb meaning to act as a good defensive player.

Two of the words which were included above had interesting meanings:

BATFOWL *To catch birds at night by confusing them with lights*

POPINJAY *A bird shaped target used by archers.
(Also a conceited person)*

Beaks, bills and wings

GROSBEEK and
HALFBEEK

BLUEBILL,
BOATBILL,
HORNBILL,
SAWBILL,
SHOEBILL, WAXBILL
and WRYBILL

BLUEWING, LAPWING, REDWING
and WAXWING

Some words in these categories with non-feathered meanings:

HORNBEAK	<i>Fish</i>
DUCKBILL	<i>Platypus</i>
HAWKBILL	<i>Turtle</i>
BEESWING	<i>Crust that forms on old wines</i>
BIRDWING	<i>Butterfly</i>
BITEWING	<i>Dental X-Ray Film</i>
CORKWING	<i>Fish</i>
GAYWING	<i>Herb</i>
LACEWING	<i>Insect</i>

Tails

BOATTAIL,
BRANTAIL,
FANTAIL,
FORKTAIL,
PINTAIL,
REDTAIL, SILKTAIL, WAGTAIL

**WAGTAIL**

Those are all birds, but there were a lot of interesting words in this category. Here are some TAIL bingos you might not have known:

AVENTAIL *Movable front of a helmet (also VENTAIL)*

**SHOEBILL**

BANGTAIL	<i>Horse with the ends of the tail squared</i>
BUCKTAIL	<i>Fishing lure</i>
CATTAIL	<i>Various types of plant such as the reed-mace</i>
DOGTAIL	<i>Grass with spiky flower heads (also DOGSTAIL)</i>
FOXTAIL	<i>Tail of a fox</i>
GOLDTAIL	<i>Moth</i>
HAIRTAIL	<i>Fish</i>
HARDTAIL	<i>Motorbike with no suspension on the rear wheel</i>
LOBTAIL	<i>Verb describing a whale slapping its tail on the water</i>
MILLTAIL	<i>Channel in which the water runs away below a mill</i>
MOCKTAIL	<i>Cocktail with no alcohol</i>
PLOWTAIL	<i>End of a plough where the handles are</i>
RAGTAIL	<i>Ragged or shabby</i>
RATTAIL	<i>Deep water fish</i>
RINGTAIL	<i>Animal with ringlike tail markings</i>
WHIPTAIL	<i>Lizard</i>

Eyes

The only bird-related EYE bonus is WAXEYES.

Unless you go to nine letters for GOLDENEYE or SILVEREYE.

Although GOLDENEYE is a duck, the shorter GOLDEYE is a fish.

Curiously, BIRDSEYE is a flower.

Foot

The only bird-related FOOT bingo is FINFOOT.

That is a bird which pluralises only by adding an S.

There are two FOOT words that sound like birds, but are not.

CROWFOOT is a plant. Both CROWFOOTS and CROWFEET are allowed.

DUCKFOOT is a type of quotation mark and can't be pluralised either way.

Necks and Backs

There are two bird names ending in NECK. The RINGNECK and the WRYNECK.

The only likely bird bingo involving BACK is the PUFFBACK.

Unless you can manage 10 letters for the CANVASBACK duck.

The Little Auk

This might seem like an odd category but the legal names for this bird seemed interesting:

ROCH, ROTCH, ROTCHE, and ROTCHIE

They look like useful words. Have you played any of them?



Little Auk

WESPA Gladiator World Championships 2021: Finals Game 7

*Analysed by Dylan Early, Scrabble Wellington
in discussion with Alastair Richards, Independent*

Alastair Richards has kindly agreed to share his thinking on each move in the final game of a best-of-7 playoff with David Eldar. The comments reflect his thoughts.

Simulations were done using Quackle, 1,000 iterations (2 ply).

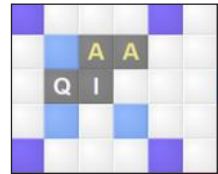
Link to the game on Woogles (<https://woogles.io/game/6fCgQVeP?turn=1>)

Turn 1: Alastair's rack - EEIJQSS

Play: QI, 22 points.

Comment: Alastair saw JESSIE (42) and JESSE (40) but declined them both, wanting to get rid of the Q as soon as possible. He reasoned that "the J gives flexibility" as it would be quite easy to get a decent score with JS next turn. He favoured QI over QIS because if David played QIN, Alastair could play QINS for a good score. He did not want to give away any easy floaters as Alastair is not likely to bonus next turn. He summed up by saying, "It's a safe start."

Simulation: Best move.



*End of turn 1:
Alastair 22 vs David 5*

Turn 1: David's rack - AAEOPRS

Play: AA, 5 points.

Simulation: Third best move. Exchanging AO was best.

Turn 2: Alastair's rack - AEEJOSS

Play: SOJA, 25 points.

Comment: Good score and a good leave (SEE). Alastair wanted to take out the easy lane above AI, forcing David to open a TWS if he bonused above SOJA. AJEE above AA (29) scored highest, but would put an E in the double-double lane which would be too risky.

Simulation: Best move



*End of turn 2:
Alastair 47 vs David 21*

Turn 2: David's rack - EEOPRSU

Play: OUP, 16 points.

Simulation: Second best move. QUOP is marginally better.

Turn 3: Alastair's rack - EEHHLST

Play: SHH, 31 points.

Comment: Alastair was hoping for a floating I (SHITHEEL) or R (THRESHEL). Ultimately, he went for score while keeping the board reasonably tight.

Simulation: 11th best move. HETH at J7 for 24 was best.

Turn 3: David's rack - EEIMNRS
 Play: ERMINES, 78 points.
 Simulation: Best move.

Turn 4: Alastair's rack - EEILTTZ
 Play: ZE, 46 points.
 Comment: Alastair took the highest score while keeping good letters (TITLE) that would probably play well through a floater if David took one of the TWS spots.
 Simulation: Best move.



*End of turn 3:
 Alastair 78 vs David 99*

Turn 4: David's rack - ALLNNRW
 Play: WALER, 24 points.
 Simulation: Second best. AWNER in the same position was marginally better.

End of turn 4: Alastair 124 vs David 123

Turn 5: Alastair's Rack - EEFILTT
 Play: FILE, 32 points.
 Comment: Alastair commented that he was not far away from FILTRATE or FLATTIES. He was hoping to pick one of the 4 unseen Ds for HEFTED (51), but sadly the Ds would elude him for a while. FILE scores best with a decent leave (TET). By opening a lane under FILE, Alastair reasoned that he is keeping the board flexible so that if David bonuses with one of the two unseen blanks, he has a chance to respond with a bonus of his own. (*Notice how Alastair opens the board as his rack improves*).
 Simulation: Best move.

Turn 5: David's rack - ILNNOOS
 Play: ONOS, 15 points.
 Simulation: Second best move.
 HOLONS (30) at 8J simulated best.

Turn 6: Alastair's rack - AAEITT?
 Play: SATIATE, 73 points.
 Comment: Alastair considered AETATIS above PO for 69 because SATIATE provides a good opening for David with SATIATED or SATIATES. But this threat is somewhat neutralised as there was already an easy spot under FILE for David to bonus.
 Simulation: Best move.



*End of turn 5:
 Alastair 156 vs David 138*

Turn 6: David's rack - AILNSV?
 Play: SALVING, 78 points.

Simulation: Fourth best move.
HALVAS (39) was best.

Turn 7: Alastair's rack - CIINRRY
Play: YIRR, 18 points

Comment: Alastair was disappointed not to pick one of the 7 Es or 4 Ds. He commented that the game was starting to get very difficult with lots of potential for things to go wrong. He was eyeing the HA- spot for the TWS but couldn't find anything (*There isn't anything*). He considered YIRR under SALVING but deemed the SATIATE spot too dangerous. Playing YIRR to the right of SATIATE, although scores highest (25), would open a DWS for a 9-letter word ending in ERED (*shows respect to David*) so he declined that and played to the left instead. At this point, Alastair's strategy became focused on keeping control of the board and protecting his slim lead as David's options were limited.

Simulation: Seventh best. YIRR (25) under SALVING was best.



*End of turn 6:
Alastair 229 vs David 226*

Turn 7: David's rack - ABEEEGO

Play: GEO, 21 points.

Simulation: Best move.

End of turn 7: Alastair 247 vs David 237

Turn 8: Alastair's rack - CDIMNRT

Play: MIND, 32 points

Comment: Alastair noted that David was playing one and two-point tiles so assumed he was close to a bonus and therefore did not want to provide any floaters by playing HARMIN (36) onto the HA- triple. He decided MIND was a good score while keeping the board quite closed.

Simulation: Best move.



*End of turn 8:
Alastair 279 vs David 263*

Turn 8: David's rack - ABEEGNO

Play: BEG, 26 points.

Simulation: Best move.

Turn 9: Alastair's rack - CGIPRRT

Play: CREPT, 24 points.

Comment: Continuing his lack of Ds and Es, Alastair remarked that this was his

most stressful move of the game because David's previous play of BEG opened an –ED bonus lane with HAMED. A bonus would almost certainly give David the win, and with so many bonus-friendly letters in the bag, it seemed likely (2,110 bonuses with the unseen letters). Nevertheless, Alastair decided to stick to his strategy of keeping the board tight, so opted to take out the floating Rs of YIRR and the TIGE lane.

Simulation: Best move. ANERGIC at B8 (20) was a close second.

Turn 9: David's rack - ABDENOV

Play: VAN, 27 points.

Simulation: Second best. VADE/HAMED (36) was best.

End of turn 9: Alastair 303 vs David 290

Turn 10: Alastair's rack - CDGIRRU

Play: CID, 27 points.

Comment: Alastair was very happy with this rack (not many people could make lemonade from this drek) because it gave him the chance to kill the main bonus line (column N) while keeping the scoring momentum and the lead. He was not worried about keeping two Rs because they were the last two left and he felt that a 40 point lead was defensible.

Simulation: Fourth best move. GUID/HAMED was marginally better.

Turn 10: David's rack - BDDEEFO

Play: FED, 17 points.

Simulation: Seventh best move. JAILED was best.

End of turn 10: Alastair 330 vs David 307

Turn 11: Alastair's rack - GLORRTU

Play: GOUT, 16 points.

Comment: GOUT was the highest scoring and most blocking moved Alastair could find. Thinking ahead as usual, Alastair realised that if David took the 12 o'clock triple, GOUT would render row two *un-bonusable. The focus was now on keeping the board as closed as possible.

Simulation: Second best. TOUR (13) in the same spot was marginally better because of the leave (GLR vs LRR).



**End of turn 11:
Alastair 346 vs David 323**

Turn 11: David's rack - BDEOOTY

Play: BE, 16 points.

Simulation: Fourth best move. A great opening, holding the last 2 Os. OBEY (27) above GOUT was best.

Turn 12: Alastair's rack - LNRRUUW

Play: WULL, 21 points.

Comment: Before playing what seemed like an obvious move, Alastair was careful to check whether David could play TEAKWOOD through the W (*this is the only bonus with the 13 unseen tiles*). After deciding it was safe, Alastair was very happy to play WULL and break up the dreaded WU combination.

Simulation: Best move. Interestingly, NUR at 2L above GOUT was second as it gave Alastair the option of NURL and the TWS.



End of turn 12: Alastair 367 vs David 351

Turn 12: David's rack - DIOOTTY

Play: OY, 28 points

Simulation: Second best. DITTO/OBE (26) was best.

Turn 13: Alastair's rack - AEENRRU

Play: ENURE, 17 points.

Comment: With one tile in the bag, Alastair had less than five minutes on his clock and he took over four minutes to make his move. Those of us watching at home (over 100 spectators online) were on tenterhooks, watching the clock tick down and fearing the worst. Meanwhile, Alastair, cool as a cucumber, had already spotted ENURE and was just taking his time to check all permutations. He reasoned that David could outscore him with the 'heavies' and that playing out in two moves was the best

strategy. He calculated that he had a win under all scenarios except if the X was in the bag. Alastair was also happy with his previous play of CID due to the options afforded by ACID. Simulation: Fourth best. JAILER (20) at H6 simulated best.

Turn 13: David's rack - DEIOTTX

Play: DETOX, 42 points.

Simulation: Best move.

End of turn 13: Alastair 384 vs David 393

Turn 14: Alastair's rack - AKR

Play: ARK, 16 points

Comment: The winning move.

Simulation: Best move.



The final board:

Alastair 406 vs David 393

Two Letter Word Poems

Ed: Following on from my request for poems about the two-letter words, here are five poems submitted by Mike Currie, Mt Albert.

First a correction from the last magazine!

GU

A Scottish violin is called a GU.

A Japanese judo suit is called a GI.

Last issue I was thoroughly confused.

My GUDness I went gaga over these.

DA

Da means dad, pops and poppa,
the old man who is off his rocker.

Mentioned twice by babies-dada

Yet only half of mama and papa

EE

'Ee by gum ! Put kettle on,'

Said Yorkshire dad to cousin Tom.

'Ee, lad! Did I just hear thy tummy rumble?

Sit thyself down and 'ave some crumble.

YU

A YU's a Chinese drinking pail,

An ornamental pitcher

And if YU drank dry a wine-filled YU

YU wouldn't know what hit ya.

OK

From 'oll korrekt' we get OK,

A glorious misspelling.

A new addition in Scrabble play

Whose frequency is swelling.



YU



Hall of Fame

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi Scrabblers

My name is Muldoon. That's a name that you Kiwis will be familiar with! But I was a citizen of California, not New Zealand. And I wasn't a good man – certainly not good enough to be a Prime Minister.



I was a leader though – of a gang of toughs who plagued California during the last part of the 19th century harassing Chinese labourers particularly.

In 1871, a San Francisco newspaper reporter was assigned to cover the felonious activities of me and my gangster followers, an assignment that undoubtably put the reporter's safety in jeopardy. Certainly, if I'd got wind of it, I would have dealt with him in the time-honoured way of thugs!

The ingenious reporter dreamed up an unusual way of guarding against reprisal from us – he spelt my name backwards, and reported the

criminality of a person called Noodlum.

The newspaper's compositor read the initial N as H, and so the word HOODLUM was born and in due course became part of every dictionary. Today small-time, and big-time crooks as well, are known as HOODLUMS or, shortened, as HOODS.

Unusually for the likes of me, I must be honest here and tell you that there are other versions of how the word hoodlum came about. One version came from a Bavarian word 'hodalump' with precisely the same meaning – at that time, Germans were a large proportion of the community.

I just happened to like the version involving me better! I hope you remember me when you play the word HOODLUM/S. You can extend it later to HOODLUMISH or HOODLUMISM/S.



The Secret to Becoming a Scrabble World Champion

by *The Phantom*

It's official and it's simple. Follow this rule:

Move to New Zealand, change your surname to Richards, and become a champion.

It's that easy!

Facts

On the WESPA website, in the World Honour's Board list, Nigel Richards (NZL) has six World Titles (of sorts), on record. These were won between 2007 – 2019. He is the legend and Greatest of all time (GOAT) of world Scrabble, and we know there is more to come when he chooses to compete again.

In December 2021, Alastair Richards (NZL) has reigned supreme to become the 2021 Gladiators WESPA Champion. The inaugural victor of what will be the Virtual Scrabble World Championship.

Steps to Become a Richards

1. Be born a Richards and instead of playing with Lego, swap out those tiles for scrabble ones;
2. Change your surname to Richards by deed poll – it has to be official. Emigrate to NZ and be the best in the land (not necessarily a prerequisite); or

3. Marry one and take on their surname (hyphenated or double-barrelled surnames with Richards being one of them are acceptable).

Why New Zealand?

- To date, it is factual that both Richards have and are representing NZ;
- The scrabble fraternity here are very supportive & encouraging of our champions. Moreso the female supporters - to put it succinctly they like D..ks (haha!);
- NZ's air is fair & clear. NZ gives you space, to face the race, at a pace at whatever speed you wish to chase, with grace, in order to finish in first place.

There you have it. Not so hard is it and now the secret is out.



The Tale of the HARMONIC OMNIARCH

Submitted by Dylan Early, Scrabble Wellington

Here is the second installment of this tale, featuring pairs of eight-letter words.



Unfortunately, rock water CLABBERS, so they had to SCRABBLE with an UPTHURST of THRUPUTS they could use as CRUSTOSE SCOUTERS, carefully PRESSING the SPRINGES [+SPERSING] so as not to be INTERRED in a TRENDIER manner. UNLOOSED, the last NODULOSE layer of MUDSTONE



MUDSTONE

DEMOUNTS fairly easily, but they felt like SILTIEST ELITISTS and FARCEURS as they each became a SURFACER in turn through the PRICIEST PICRITES in the top of this APPARENT TRAPPEAN prison. Each DEPARTEE REPEATED [+EPATERED] his vow to abolish the PREMORSE of evil EMPERORS.

It was then that our hero noticed an OVERIDLE EVILDOER nearby using a LITTORAL TORTILLA as bait in AMASSING SIAMANGS – SIZEABLE but SEIZABLE and BEFLEAED but FEEDABLE, and who bared their GHETTOED DOGTEETH as they UNLOADED their DUODENAL remains, despite their MUTENESS and TENESMUS. On this particular day, INTENSER INTERNES with their PLASMOID DIPLOMAS had

SAFARIED in order to FARADISE and, while waiting for a SHILOAD of HAPLOIDS, were busy ABLATING a BANGTAIL. He GRIMACED when given a DECIGRAM of a CRATONIC NARCOTIC as a SEDATIVE (this DEVIATES from a TETANOID ANTIDOTE), a CEREBRUM CUMBERER which caused a state of ASTONIED SEDATION. What he needed was to have his CURLIEST UTRICLES SIPHONED around his SPHENOID [+DIPHONES], and SECONDLY have his CONDYLES removed to help RECOUPLE the OPERCULE. Instead the medics, in a CAPTIOUS and AUTOPSYC fashion, decided to DIAGNOSE this AGONISED critter as a MIGRAINE IMAGINER and an ASSIGNEE of AGENESIS [+AGENISES] with a RESINOUS NEUROSIS, “an HISTORIC case of ORCHITIS” and they laid him on TEACARTS and started to CASTRATE! Using an OSTIOLAR ISOLATOR to INNOVATE a new VENATION, they INTERCUT with TINCTURE through his SCLEROUS CLOSURES and along the GONADIAL DIAGONAL. Along with the BEADIEST DIABETES ever,

this procedure alone ENTIRELY caused LIENTERY and ADENITIS of the DAINITIES, and was met with TANGIBLE BLEATING [+BELATING] and angry ROARINGS from a nearby GARRISON.



Having become ANTI BOSS while being held in the BASTIONS, the HARMONIC OMNIARCH [+CHOIRMAN] LOITERED by a DOLERITE, and then having disguised himself as RUBEOLAR LABOURER, TREATING the GNATTIER [+ARETTING] skin, as well as the SICKLIED and DISCLIKE SCIURINE INCISURE of this poor beast by ridding the ASHINESS of his old HESSIANS and using a new CLOTHIER type of CHLORITE (of various WHEATENS) to ENSWATHE him. To keep his patient UNGALLED at the swollen GLANDULE on his TESTICLE, he distracted him with a TELESTIC (such TRISEMES will often gently MISSTEER [+MEISTERS]). Then, at the right moment, our hero snuck a RANSOMED horse out from under the MADRONES [+ROADSMEN] and guided him to the much more PLEASANT PLATANES, into a LOCALITY where he could mate COITALLY with the others. Once having done this good deed, he felt he had truly gone from being an ENFRAMED to being a FREEDMAN. Given the RAINIEST INERTIAS, he

took many VITAMINS (saved from earlier NATIVISM), but it was still tough not to OUTWEARY on the ROUTEWAY and TERMINAL TRAMLINE on the long journey home.

The HARMONIC OMNIARCH [+CHOIRMAN] BLEARILY but RELIABLY

[+BERYLLIA] STURDIED himself in the RUDDIEST fashion PREPARED to be DAPPERER – but alas, what the ex-ruler came home to was not much better than his exile. The walls of his DEACONRY had become CRAYONED with obscenities, MISHEARD and etched onto the SEMIHARD walls in APLASTIC CAPITALS and MENSURAL NUMERALS by RIFTLESS STIFLERS who MISWROTE the WORMIEST ideas, MISSPELT even the SIMPLEST words and added the SARKIEST ASTERISK he had ever seen – and all in SANSERIF of little FAIRNESS [+SERAFINS]. It was then that he noticed the PEERLESS SLEEPERS [+SPEELERS] in the crowded pews, such as the poorly TAILORED IDOLATER, snoring while his UNDERAGE girlfriend tried fixing his DUNGAREE [+RENAGUED +UNAGREED +UNGEARED] (SPINDLED in a SPLENDID manner, given the PILELESS ELLIPSES of her FAULTIER FILATURE) and PATCHING his NIGHTCAP. But these BEDTIMES were BEMISTED by SPORADIC PICADORS, who drank

MUSCATEL and toked CALUMETS filled with SMOKABLE ABELMOSK. Though STINGIER IGNITERS [+GIRNIEST +REISTING +RESITING +STRIGINE], they had ruined the NICENESS of the INCENSES.

Turning to the vestry, the angry ex-leader was aghast to see his LEVIRATE RELATIVE, the ORGANIST, ROASTING a GULLIBLE BLUEGILL, an UPCOILED CLUPEOID and a TORTOISE with the ROOTIEST herbs (which he was having his SERVITOR OVERSTIR). This OVERRUDE DEVOURER, after using his OILSTONE in the LOONIEST way, sliced OXHEARTS, THORAXES and a SANDWORM just like a SWORDMAN, jabbed a STRAYING STINGRAY with a STEPLIKE SPIKELET, RAGINGLY caught a GRAYLING with his TIRELESS LEISTERS [+RITELESS] and sized up a FLUSHING LUNGFISH, UPSTREAM TEMPURAS and CAPELANS on a SCALEPAN, as SEAWEEDES SEESAWED in his CRUNODAL CAULDRON. His hot oily spices, the SAUCIEST in his SUITCASE, were enough to combat the ARIDNESS of the SARDINES and to SATURATE the TUATERAS.

“All these have been IMMERSED and SIMMERED with ESPECIAL CALIPEES and just a SMIDGEON of MENDIGOS, and are now crispy SAUTEING in UNITAGES. I’m sure you are a CONSUMER of MUCRONES, so I will GLADLIER

serve you these on a GRILLADE, with a few PIMENTOS each quill to show my NEPOTISM [+EMPTIONS].” He winked his WEASELly WALLEYES, revealing the ACHROMAT on his TRACHOMA, and continued: “And I’m no BLUESMAN about leaving out the ALBUMENS, nor am I a RARERIPE REPAIRER or SORBOSES OBSESSOR; never mind the COATLESS LACTOSES [+ALECOSTS +SCATOLES], the extreme RIPENESS of the EREPSINS, the LACINESS of the SANICLES, the FOULNESS of the SULFONES, the SPOILING of the PIGNOLIS, the ATROPIISM of the PASTROMI, or even the fact that I OVERSALT LEVATORS – the EROTICAL LORICATE and SERRANID will act as DRAINERS (ERODIBLE when REBOILED, you will see). I will add some APRICOTS I got from my PISCATOR [+PATRICOS], combine it all into a ESCALLOP souffle and COLLAPSE it with the LARDIEST DILATERS [+REDTAILS] you ever saw into a SPECTRUM of CRUMPETS [+CRUMPEST] – they will be delicious DESSERTS,” he STRESSED [+DESTRESS]. “Most certainly a



PIMENTOS

URANYLIC and CULINARY delight – the JUICIEST a JESUITIC cook could ever make.”

Clutching his stomach, his DISTASTE the STAIDEST it had ever been, the stunned ex-ruler choked back his CITREOUS OUTCRIES. He reeled from the vestry and gaped in horror as VESTURAL VAULTERS CHEERLED LECHERED and SPERMOUS SUPREMOS, who encouraged VIRGINAL RIVALING with their UNCHASTE NAUTCHES and SECRETIN ENTICERS [+CENTRIES +ENTICERS +SCIENTER] and BREACHED the ethics of a BERDACHE. Due to an OVERLATE ELEVATOR, a POSTURAL PULSATOR was BOOSTING a BONGOIST, a SITARIST SATIRIST and a CITHARAS ARCHAIST (the MOLDIEST MELODIST [+MODELIST] of all time) onto the balcony. A nearby SQUATTER suggested QUARTETS from his BLOTTIER LIBRETTO and soon they all joined the OVERTURE of a TROUVERE (who had never been able to MONETISE even a SEMITONE), and TABOURED with OBDURATE rhythm in NECROTIC CONCERTI, with ARISTATE ARIETTAS shrilly sung by a CANONESS whose SONANCES and SNOTTIER TRITONES [+TENORIST] still violently RESONATE on every EARSTONE. Near the altar, a NEBULOSE BLUENOSE (who wore a SEPTICAL TIECLASP [+PLICATES]) – a MILEPOST for any POLEMIST) and his

COMPADRE
COMPARED notes
with the
BREASTED
DEBATERS



STICKPIN

[+BETREADS] – an odd bunch, including a SISTERLY STYLISER who MONISHES HOMINESS, a SENORITA with her NOTARIES [+ANOESTRI +ARSONITE +NOTARISE +ROSINATE], a CANEPHOR with her CHAPERON [+CARPHONE], a LICKSPIT with too much LIPSTICK and an ORIENTAL RELATION [+TAILERON] of hers (an even STUPIDER DISPUTER who still spends her time GUESSING which SNUGGIES to put on and NITPICKS over which STICKPIN to wear).

Wait for part three in the next edition of Forwards.

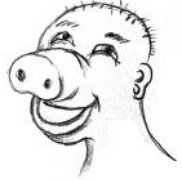
The 100 Scrabble tiles arranged in a square as ten 10-letter words.
All words from CSW19.

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A Nosepiece

*by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi Scrabblers
Illustrated by Vicky Robertson, Scrabble Wellington*

Support groups like the Amputees Federation of NZ, Alzheimers NZ, Alcoholics Anonymous, UpsideDowns for kids with Down syndrome, and the Cancer Society provide an amazing service in the community, offering support, advice and guidance, and a place where sufferers and their loved ones can meet without prejudice, judgement, discrimination or ridicule – an organisation that welcomes and accepts them, no matter what their problem or disability. One such organisation - that nobody has ever heard of until now - is the NOSEAN Society.



HOGNOSE

We asked the President of the NOSEAN Society to tell us about her organisation:

We call our group a club because that's a friendly word. We exist for people who suffer, for one reason or another, because their NOSE is different from mainstream NOSES.



BULLNOSE

We accept as members anyone whose nose is a health/disability or a cosmetic/image problem - we don't use words like "ugly", "deformed" or "impaired" here.

The most important feature of our organisation is that it's completely anonymous – we don't even use people's given names; instead, members choose a personal pseudonym to match their nose's appearance or personality. This helps them to accept and love their nose just as it is.

The President – that's me at the moment – is given the honorary title of LANOSE, from the French "la nose".

NOSEAN was formed by two people who had been friends since childhood. One of them was born with a bright blue nose, and the other a dark brown nose, so they had suffered from bullying, teasing, ridicule, and taunts all through their schooldays. As adults, BLUENOSE and BROWNOSE met CYANOSE, and the understanding and acceptance they found in the company of another with a similar affliction led them to form a support organisation for people like themselves.

We have a membership of 49 at the moment.



BROWNOSE

Some people are here as the result of an accident. LAMINOSE,

for example, worked in a printery until she had a workplace accident with a laminator, and CARNOSE was involved in a car accident where her face smashed into the windscreen. ANGINOSE disfigured his nose when he collapsed during an angina attack, and ACINOSE was the victim of an acid attack while on holiday overseas.

Others, like BULLNOSE, HAWKNOSE and HOGNOSE, have a perfectly naturally formed nose which has caused them embarrassment all their lives. HAWKNOSE has a large curved beak, HOGNOSE has an upturned snout, and BULLNOSE, who is into body piercing, has celebrated his flaring nostrils by getting a NOSERING. It so happens that they are all animal lovers, so we refer to them collectively as the ZOONOSES!

RHAMNOSE is also an animal lover. In his youth, he worked in a bird sanctuary in Chile, and he chose his name because "rhamphoid" is the adjective for the shape of a toucan's beak.

HOOKNOSE, however, doesn't care for animals – he's a retired butcher.

The most common cause of NOSELIKE abnormalities is an unsightly growth on the nose. Some of our more, shall I say, "prominent members" are BOTTLENOSE, SHOVELNOSE, STARNOSE, PANNOSE,



PRODNOSE

CONENOSE and TUBENOSE. They all suffer from growths, but our Society is lucky to have the services of specialists who can DIAGNOSE and PROGNOSE cancerous tumours.

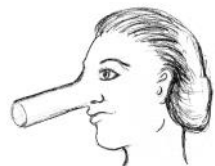


SHOVELNOSE

PANNOSE is often accompanied to meetings by his twin brother MANNOSE, who has a perfectly normal, manly nose. Support persons and carers are welcome at our meetings, of course. We serve a nice supper on club nights – LIGNOSE always volunteers to organise the free food, drinks and entertainment.

VENENOSE has a poisonous nose, so we have to be very careful when we greet her with a kiss. A hongki is definitely hazardous! HARDNOSE is the only member impervious to her nose; he suffers from early onset rigor mortis of the nose. PYRANOSE has to be careful when he smokes, as his nose is inflammable. Such rare afflictions provide our nosey (but much loved) PRODNASE with plenty of conversation topics.

Many of our members have chosen their pseudonym with great care, paying particular attention to the meaning of the word, so it matches their proboscis. These are the members who enjoy word games like



TUBENOSE

**LICHENOSE**

crosswords and Scrabble – unsurprisingly, there are a couple of retired schoolteachers in this group! ARENOSE has a nose whose skin has a very sandy texture;

SPINOSE has a nose covered with thorns; VENOSE has a convoluted mass of veins all over hers; and LACUNOSE has pockmarks like shallow depressions all over the skin of his schnoz.

I'm a retired schoolmarm myself. I always put a lot of make-up on my nose to cover its blemishes, so when my term as president is finished, I'll go back to calling myself PRUINOSE, which means having a powdery covering.

When he joined our club, CRINOSE toyed with the idea of calling himself FURANOSE, but decided he preferred the literal meaning of CRINOSE, ie.

**CRINOSE**

hairy. His nose is so hairy – not just inside, but outside as well – that a hairdresser has to trim it every few weeks; and LICHENOSE has a fungus growing all

over his, and it has to be sprayed every ten days. FARINOSE has trouble with his nose continually discharging a flour-like substance. It

doesn't pay to be around him when he sneezes – which he does frequently. You should see everyone scatter when he looks as if he's about to sneeze!

Yes, it's funny! And that's probably the most important aspect of our club; we have lots of fun. Even with all our afflictions, there's always plenty to laugh about.

Sometimes we laugh until we pee, and that can be problematic for URINOSE. She has a nose that's

**URINOSE**

always runny, but not with snot, as you might have guessed. Sometimes it's so bad, she needs to have a catheter tube and tap fitted, and then we call her BLADDERNOSE, and that only makes us laugh more!!!

If you are embarrassed by or have health problems with your nose, do come along. PRODNOSE and LIGNOSE will welcome you and introduce you to other members. Don't be self-conscious. I assure you, you won't stand out in our crowd – and you certainly won't have any trouble remembering our names!

Author's note: All seven and eight letter -NOSE words are included in this article, but I've been selective with the longer ones.

**FARINOSE**

Alastair Richards Word Play

by Jeff Grant, *Independent*

Alastair Richards of Auckland is the new World Scrabble Champion. Here are some observations on word play aspects of his name. Note that the most common English letter, E, is absent, which can limit possibilities. The only longer E-less Scrabblor on the NZ ranking list is Salisha Kunaratnam.

Anagrams

*ALASTAIR = SALARIAT, the salary-earning class collectively

+U = *AUSTRALIA

*RICHARDS plural of *Richard, an old (posher) version of 'dick', slang for a dictionary. Rather appropriate for a top Scrabble player!

*RICHARDS = *CHARRIDS, mythical humanoid warrior creatures. There is no allowable Scrabble transposal.

+U = CHURIDARS, tight-fitting trousers worn by Indian men and women.

ALASTAIR RICHARDS anagrams to 'Has radical art, sir!' (He has certainly mastered the 'art' of Scrabble).

Word Surgery

A last air,
rich ards. (ARDS are simple ploughs)

Divided into four 4-letter words: ALAS, *TAIR, RICH, ARDS (*TAIR is a Scots form of the verb 'tear')

Palindrome

Alastair Richards (Dr.):
'Ah, cirri at Sala.'
(Admiring cloud formations at Sala, Latvia?)

Squares

A	L	A	S	*T	A	I	R
G	A	L	E	A	B	R	I
A	R	E	S	W	E	E	P
R	I	C	H	A	R	D	S

Word Stairs

Alastair is a doctor, so we have created a word stairway using (mainly) medical terms. Each step contains the letters in the previous one plus another letter.

A symbol for argon

AL symbol for aluminium

ALA winglike part of a bone

ALAR pertaining to an ala

TALAR of the talus or ankle

ATRIAL of an atrium, heart cavity

TALARIA wings on the ankles

***ALASTAIR** (*TARSALIA instep bones)

ASTRAGALI plural of ASTRAGALUS, the ankle bone

GASTRALGIA pain in the stomach

Other long medical words containing the letters in *ALASTAIR include TARSALGIA, SCARLATINA, TULARAEMIAS and PARABLASTIC.

Longer words containing *RICHARDS include ARCHDRUIDS, DISCHARGER, ORCHARDIST and HARPSICHORD.

Word Ladder

Finally, here is a transposal word ladder connecting *ALASTAIR and *RICHARDS. It is made by changing one letter each step before transposing.

*ALASTAIR

DIASTRAL of a stage in mitosis

TRICLADS aquatic flatworms

DECRIALS acts of condemnation or blame

CHALDERS old Scots dry measure (plural)

CHRESARD available water in the soil

*RICHARDS

Twenty years ago in *Forwards*

From *Forwards* edition 66, March 2002

A Theoretical 1782-Point Move

by Jeff Grant, Hastings

A theoretical single turn scoring 1781 points was shown on p5 of the December 1997 edition of *Forwards*. This move uses words found in either British or American Scrabble references (SOWPODS), which are allowable in countries like New Zealand and Australia, as well as at the World Champs.

With a bit of juggling, I have been able to rearrange the board to eke out one more point when the letters O, Y, P, B, A, Z and E are played. The final words formed are OPACIFYING (63), YEARLIES (11), PREFORMATIVE (25), BLITHESOMENESS (63), AQUIVER (19), ZINKED (30), EJACULATING (63), and the 27-timer

OXYPHENBUTAZONE (1458). With the 50-point bonus this makes a new record total of 1782 points. Can anyone improve on this?



Only Diminutives - lets have a good look at -LET

By Mike Currie, Mt. Albert

At first glance, English seemed to be at the back of the queue when the lexical gods were parcelling out diminutives. The French were at the front of the queue and were handed CIGARETTES, *literally 'little cigars'*, COURGETTES, *small gourds*, and OUBLIETTES, *literally 'small forget'*, and actually *'a secret dungeon with access only through a trapdoor in its ceiling.'*

Italians were graced with CAPPUCINO, PALOMINO and BAMBINO. CAPPUCINO means 'little hood' from the brown hood worn by the Capuchin monks. Capuchin monkeys came later. So first were the monks, then the monkeys, then the coffee.

Spanish got handed MARGARITA, SENHORITA and INCOGNITA (or INCOGNITO depending on your gender).

In my twenties, I spent three years teaching English and beach bumming in Brazil. I drank many a *CAEPIRINHA- cachaca rum with limes, sugar and ice. The word *caipirinha is the diminutive of the word *caipira, which in Brazilian Portuguese refers to someone from the countryside (specifically, someone from the rural parts of south-central Brazil), similar to a hillbilly. Sadly, this

hasn't made the cut, unlike MOJITO, which is of dubious etymology. Possibly *'little sauce'*, *'a little moistening (of the lips)'*, or even *'little spell'* as in *'he's lost his mojo.'*



MOJITO

However, on second glance, we have been endowed with 268 words terminating in the diminutive suffix -LET (even though this originally came from the French -ET or -ETTE as in COLLARET/ MOULINET but not INTERNET and VEDETTE/DINETTE/TOILETTE.)

Most of the -LET words have a Chaucerian or Wordsworthian feel to them and are quite earthy, relating to nature, and self-explanatory like CLOUDLET, FLAMELET, FRUITLET, HEARTLET, PLANTLET, BULBLET, COVELET, DROPLET, LAKELET, MOONLET, RIVULET, TWIGLET, WAVELET, RAYLETS and RUNLETS, *small streams*. Others have been adopted by the medical profession, like blood PLATELETS, *little plates*, describing the disk-shaped corpuscles in mammalian blood, or VEIN(U)LETS, *any small vein or VENULE*.

Others still may be more familiar as drawn from the animal world, namely SWIFTLET, TROUTLET, DEERLET,

DOVELET, TOADLET, AUKLET, EAGLET and of course PIGLET. Even (H)OWLET is playable as is CHEVALET, which at first, I thought would be a little horse but turns out to be a trestle support used in woodwork. I suppose it looks like a little horse, given a fair quota of imagination.

Those pertaining to fashion come chiefly from French, unsurprisingly, like GAUNTLET, DOUBLET and EPAULET(TE). An ANNULET is literally a small ring but is used to describe a small band encircling a column.

You can have a KINGLET, a QUEENLET and a CROWNLET; a HAMLET, a STATELET and a TOWNLET; a PISTOLET, a BOMBLET and a LANCELET. An

EYELET, EYALET or ISLET.

Now let's have a good look at LET.

Some -LET words are part of our everyday lives and lexis: BOOKLET, PAMPHLET, LEAFLET, OMLET(TE), TRIPLETS. Some don't seem small at all.

BALLET is a diminutive of **ballo*, a dance, from the Latin **ballare*.

CHALET is a diminutive of the Old French **chasel*, a farmstead.

An APPLET is a little app. A BUGLET a little bugle. A BOBLET a two-man

bobsleigh. Now that's cute. Two of my favourites are GURGLET and SPROGLET. Go figure.



SPROGLET

I'm familiar with the rack TINGLES/GLISTEN/SINGLET/SNIGLET. But what is a SNIGLET? Apparently a SNIGLET is a neologism defined as "any word that doesn't appear in the dictionary but should." I'm sure that appeals and applies to certain challenges.

TOILET is not a little toy but an anglicisation of TOILETTE, which started off life as a little French cloth, which is why toilet water can refer to what is slapped on your face as well as, well, water from a toilet-

"And toilet water, don't forget, is not the same as *eau de toilette*.

Toilette was once a little cloth on which to lay your toiletries and then the act of washing, quashing stench and sweat from toil with ease. It then became the room itself, your toiletries upon the shelf.

And now it is the porcelain throne so see how something in your home can change and rearrange itself from cloth to perfumes,

washing to washrooms with its end use ironically a refuse repository."

Ed – funny where inspiration for poetry can come from!



5G for Scrabblers

by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi Scrabblers

I finally got around to investigating what 1G, 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G actually mean. (Visit <https://www.lifewire.com/1g-vs-2g-vs-2-5g-vs-3g-vs-4g-578681> if you'd like to know as well). So simple and straightforward, actually, and I no longer feel like a tech virgin or tech ignoramus.

So, just for fun, I'm writing a simple 5G article that's got absolutely nothing to do with mobile technology. Here it is – the five most interesting G-words I could find in our word list, inspired because I discovered the first two accidentally:



1. GAPEWORM

We've all heard of the TAPEWORM. A GAPEWORM, on the other hand, is a worm that inhabits the throats of domesticated or aviary birds – chickens, turkeys, finches and canaries – and causes a disease called “the GAPES” that affects their respiratory tract.

I'd be prepared to bet it got its name as a pun on “tapeworm”, but I can't find any evidence that this is so. The worms are also known as ‘red worms’ due to their red colour, and/or ‘forked worms’ because males and females are joined together in a state of permanent copulation forming, a Y shape!

If you just GAGGED (all three Gs for you), don't worry – it doesn't affect humans.

2. GAPESEED

At first, I thought this might have been a misprint for GRAPSEED (as in the oil)!

In fact, the word GAPESEED is *itself* a GAPESEED, and it turned *me* into a GAPESEED as well. (It means anything that causes stares, or a person who stares).

3. GRANFER

A word for grandfather. (Its anagram is **FRANGER**, Australian slang for condom.) If you always use a FRANGER, you'll never become a **GRANFER!**

4. GUMBOTIL

A love this word because it's GUMBOIL with a T inserted. Play the letters of **GUMBOIL** around a **T** on the board. It's a dark, sticky clay.

5. GARDYLOO

I hope you never hear this word in real life – it's a warning cry in Scotland when slops are about to be thrown from a window, as in: “Watch out! **G(u)ard your head** – I'm throwing the contents of our **loo** out the window.” That's how I'll remember it, anyway!

Signs

Submitted by Dylan Early, Wellington

A sign in a shoe repair store:

"We will heel you,
We will save your sole,
We will even dye for you!"



Sign over a gynaecologist's office :

"Dr. George, at your cervix";

At an eye clinic :

"If you don't see what you're looking for,
You've come to the right place.";

On a plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed";

On an electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts";



In a non-smoking area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and
will take appropriate action";

On a maternity room door:

"Push. Push. Push.";

At a car dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.";

At the electric company:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time.
However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.";

In a restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry;
come on in and get fed up.";

In the front yard of a funeral home:

"Drive carefully.
We'll wait.";



Last but not least and I LOVE THIS.....

Sign on the back of septic tank truck:

"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

RIP Keri Hulme, Author and Scrabbler

by Howard Warner, Scrabble Wellington

You may have read about New Zealand's great Booker Prize-winning writer Keri Hulme, who died in late December 2021. Much of the coverage mentioned her being an avid Scrabbler.

I discovered that aspect of the Hulme legend myself many years ago. At the time, I was a feature writer at the Evening Post newspaper in Wellington. Having just read Hulme's prize-winning book *The Bone People*, I decided to find out how this prestigious award, which she had won a year before, had changed her life.

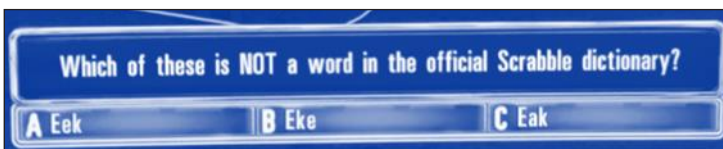
I arranged to spend three days with her at her quaint little beach house in remote Okarito, on the wild West Coast. I turned up one afternoon, after two flights and a long drive, only to find she wasn't there. Nor had she left a message. Her neighbours kindly phoned around and reported back that Keri was busy with an intense family Scrabble 'tournament' in Christchurch. She expected this to go on all night. And she'd see me the next day.



Keri Hulme
Credit: Stuff

She did eventually turn up. We chatted about words and language and, yes, Scrabble. (She did have a phenomenal word knowledge, I recall. And quite a collection of Scrabble-related books.) She took me whitebaiting. She produced a very fine whisky and drank the townie under the table. And we sat around a bonfire on the beach with the other locals (all eight households of them!) as she spun yarn after improbable yarn.

She was a dream to write about. The eventual profile won me a national award and more praise from readers than anything else I'd written. Unfortunately I never got to play her at Scrabble.



Spotted on The Chase

The Word on Wordle

by Dylan Early, Wellington



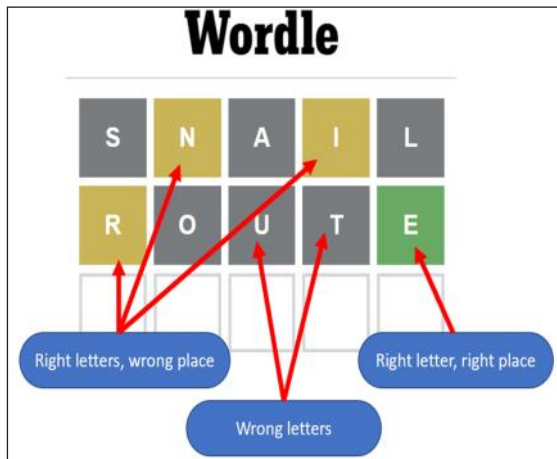
Hi. My name is Dylan and I'm a Wordle addict.

The latest word game sweeping the internet and social media is called Wordle. It's an online version of the original boardgame Mastermind in which players must guess a hidden five-letter word, receiving clues about the accuracy of each guess as they work their way through the puzzle. The goal is to deduce the hidden five-letter word within six tries. It's an online game, no downloads required, just a browser, no fancy apps. And it's free. A new puzzle is released every day at midnight.

Josh Wardle, a software developer, created the game to play with his puzzle-loving partner in June 2021. It quickly grew from two players to over two million within seven months and was eventually purchased by the New York Times for a seven-figure sum in February 2022. Not a bad return on investment for a weekend project.

How to Play

To illustrate the rules of the game, here's the Wordle from 5 March 2022. I entered two words (SNAIL and ROUTE) and received colour-coded clues telling me the solution contains EINR plus one other letter. It also told me that only the E is in the correct place. There are only two possible solutions. See if you can find them both and guess the correct answer. (See answer on page 49).



E	A	R	O	T	L	I	S	N	U	C	Y	H
46%	39%	36%	29%	29%	28%	28%	27%	24%	20%	19%	18%	16%
D	P	G	M	B	F	K	W	V	X	Z	Q	J
16%	15%	13%	13%	12%	9%	9%	8%	6%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Wordle Letter Frequency

What's a Good Score?

One of the most frequently asked questions from Wordlers is, "What's a good score?" The owner does not provide any data so we are left to draw our own conclusions.

Barry Smyth, Professor of Computer Science at University College Dublin, analysed three million Wordle score tweets posted over a month and determined that the average (mean) score was 4.1 attempts per puzzle. This kind of self-reporting on social media is likely to be biased as people generally don't advertise their failures, so the actual score is probably higher than that. Alex Selby, a mathematician living in Cambridge, UK, wrote an algorithm to find the optimum method of solving the puzzle. 2 days and thousands of simulations later, he was able to prove that the best possible score is 3.4, when measured over a significantly large number of attempts. My personal score is an average of 3.9 over 54 games. As they say in Wordle parlance – four is par, three is a birdie.

Tips and Strategy

To formulate a good strategy, it helps to know what words are used in the game and the letter frequencies

involved. A simple inspection of the source code on the Wordle site reveals that there are 2,315 words in the solution set. So, if you ever want to know what tomorrow's word is, you can look it up and irritate you friends. Here is a link to my analysis and all 2,315 words, including frequency distribution and pattern analysis: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cpJkrRtcC7a5e1Y32KJwIGTxU2-rlQ7m/edit#gid=174898278>

For my analysis, I downloaded all the words in the solution set and ran them through Zyzzyva to obtain the following data in the above table.

The table shows how frequently each letter appears in the solution set. 46% of words have an E, 39% of words have an A, and so on. This suggests that ORATE is the best starting word. However, that forces you to pick a sub-optimal second word like SULCI or INCUS because there are no valid words to be made with LISNU. It therefore makes sense to pick two 5-letter words that use all the top 10 letters (EAROTLISNU) for example SNAIL ROUTE or ALIEN TOURS and start every game with those 2 words. If you need a third word, just continue down the list of frequencies, for example DUCHY (the domain of a



SALET

duke) or DAYCH (to thatch). You can have a lot of fun with the Internet Anagram Server (<https://>

wordsmith.org/anagram/advanced.html) to find the most entertaining five-letter words.

According to computer simulations, the best starting word is SALET (a type of medieval helmet) but the second word, calculated by an algorithm, is often quite obscure and not easily deduced, so this approach is not very useful for humans. You can read about Alex Selby's elegant algorithm online at this link (http://sonorouschocolate.com/notes/index.php?title=The_best_strategies_for_Wordle#Top_105_first_guesses_in_normal_mode). It guarantees that every puzzle will be solved.

Another interesting method is to use 25 letters in five turns, practically guaranteeing a solve on the sixth turn. This is a lot of fun but not very efficient.



25 Letters in five Turns

Archives and Variants

Wordle has inspired a veritable cornucopia of similar puzzles:

6-letter Wordle: Seems a bit easier than the five-letter variety, or is it just me? <https://wordlegame.org/6-letter-words-wordle>

Word Race: Race against an opponent for the fastest solve. <https://metzger.media/games/word-race/>

Custom Word: Create your own Wordle to challenge friends. Here's one I could not get. <https://metzger.media/games/custom-word/?puzzle=95844>

Quordle: Wordle on steroids! Four simultaneous puzzles. <https://www.quordle.com/#/>

Octordle: Quordle on steroids! Eight simultaneous puzzles. <https://octordle.com/>

Worldle: Guess the country from its silhouette, using distance and direction clues. <https://worldle.teuteuf.fr/>

Mathler: Like Wordle but with numbers. <https://www.mathler.com/>

For a game that is free, demands very little data and is impossible to binge - how did it ever catch on? And yet here I am, reaching for my cellphone at midnight, ready to solve the next puzzle.

Ed: Patrick Carter has put me onto NERDLE – another numbers Wordle, and Jennifer Smith recommends ABSURDLE – along the same lines as Wordle but with an interesting twist.

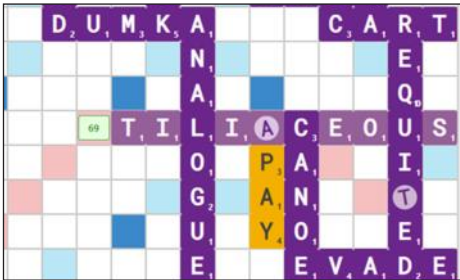
Only on a Scrabble board

Not Even Nigel!

By Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert

I was in this position recently and was pleased to go out with EGOITIES through the G. There is also EGOISTIC in the same place, and MOIETIES coming down from the M, as well as MOYITIES in the same place which I didn't know.

But look at the top computer suggestion.....



TILIACEOUS is belonging to the linden family (lime trees) 10 letters through three separated letters making the blank an A to hook in front of PAY.



Ten Moves Each

By Jeff Grant, Independent

At the Mt. Albert Optimists tournament Jeff Grant and Glennis Hale had only ten moves each in their third-round game. Jeff won 583-357, which means the average score per turn over the twenty moves was 47 points.

Déjà vu

By Sheila Reed, Scrabble Wellington

At the Janniversary tournament in Wellington, Patricia Bennet and I were due to play the last game before lunch. We got to the last turn and I needed one more point for a win but alas that one point was too elusive and it was a draw, 350 each. We laughed and thought it was a very fair result for the tight game we'd had.

After lunch we were down to play again, due to the particular quirks of

that day's draw. Again, a mighty tussle and on the last turn I needed one more point for a win, but déjà vu, and I couldn't find it anywhere. So another draw, 340 each.

At the start of the day we'd joked that a game each would be fair, but didn't expect two draws.

What are the odds on two consecutive draws with the same player on the same day? Astronomical I'd have thought!

Enraptured!

By Su Walker, *Independent*

At the recent Optimists tournament in Auckland, I was lucky enough to pick up RAPTUR? and played RAPTURE on the board. Imagine my surprise when my opponent Betty played RAPTURES, using my 'P' directly after!



In the News

Welsh word cwтч used in Parliament for first time

From The BBC Website,
published 11 January 2022:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-59957245#:~:text=The%20popular%20Welsh%20word%20cwтч.of%20Commons%20on%205%20January>

The popular Welsh word cwтч has been used for the first time in the UK Parliament.

It commonly means a hug or cuddle but has no literal English translation.

Brecon and Radnorshire MP Fay Jones said cwтч while questioning Prime Minister Boris Johnson in the House of Commons on 5 January.

It is the only time the word has been recorded in Hansard, which publicly publishes a record of all parliamentary debates verbatim.

Cwтч - the hug invented by the Welsh.

The Conservative politician was criticising Wales' Covid regulations

last Wednesday and said: "On Friday, I will be holding my team meeting in the local pub because under Welsh government rules we are not allowed to go to our socially distanced office.

"We cannot do Parkrun and we cannot watch outdoor sport on the touchline - but we can cwтч up together in the clubhouse to watch it.

Ms Jones tweeted: "Absolutely delighted to learn this morning that my use of the word 'cwтч' in the Commons last week was the first time that word has ever been used in Parliament."

In 2019, another Welsh MP, Rhondda's Chris Bryant, was making an ultimately unsuccessful run for election as Commons Speaker when he said that MPs "need more of a cwтч" - although he said it in interviews outside the chamber.

Golden Bay: Scrabble in Schools

By Murray Rogers, Independent

This year I added some new exercises to the repertoire that I start the learning sessions with.

I write on a whiteboard the combination of letters that make words one each from two to seven letters, such as, NO, OTP, AECR, OOLPS, etc. and the children call out what they can decipher. I was amazed at how well they did and a great exercise to get the brain moving.

Another exercise is making separate lists of adjectives that don't take a back S hook and a list each of nouns and verbs that both do. Then finding exceptions, so they get a feel of the use of the ubiquitous S, for example COLD can be COLDS, and FISH and REACH do not take an S. I continue



The Primary Schools Scrabble Tournament

with asking them to find a word ending in S whereby it can be taken from the end and added to the beginning as in MILES becomes

SMILE. This can also be done with ER but reversed as in FORMER becomes REFORM.

The annual Primary Schools Scrabble Tournament took place on the 10th of November, 2021, with three schools participating. There were six students from each school which made it easy to organise and have all students always playing someone from a different school. There were three grades with two players from each school in every grade. For the first time, the six A Grade players played four games each so they could play everyone once from the two other schools. This worked very well and they did fine with a shortened break between games compared to the two other grades that had the normal three games. Wirimu, who won the tournament last year as a year 5 student, won it again this year, the only student with four wins. His School, Motupipi Primary, which somehow always wins the



Kids at play

tournament, won again with 15 wins out of a possible 20. There were two bingos, SPRAYED, which Wirimu played joining the E and D to the W and A in WAVE and another lad who played DOLPHIN, a good find. He hooked the P on top of RE to make PRE.

Interestingly enough, when I do exercises during practice sessions I take the letters for five seven-letter words and the students need to unscramble them on their racks. One day I used DHILNOP, so it must have stuck. It probably helps that they can occasionally be spotted in the nearby ocean!

As usual, there was good concentration on the day and the children enjoyed giving their best.



*Wirimu on the left,
tournament winner two years running*

Reworking Old MacDonald

Submitted by Jennifer Smith, Kiwi

Bill Bailey, UK's comedian/musician was a guest on *Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown*, where he performed a reworking of a classic nursery rhyme.

The first two verses of his Old MacDonald were:

Old Macdonald, sick of the farm,
Wants a new life, a new place to go,
But if you strip away the consonants of **REINVENTION**
You get E I E I O.

Old Macdonald tried to give up the booze
Should have tried this a long time ago
But if you suck out the consonants of **BEST INTENTIONS**
You get E I E I O.



Mailbox



Letter to the Editor

From Heather Landon

As usual, I enjoyed reading the latest Forwards magazine.

And, as a self-confessed lexophile, I enjoyed the 'Word Games' submitted by Dylan Early.

There used to be one on the wall of a large commercial building in Auckland which was easily seen while driving by. It read, 'Unemployment is not working'.

For some time now, I have thought that it would be great if more members had access to the Forwards magazine as so much work goes into it with superb results.

An electronic copy could be made available to all affiliated members as a right of membership. There could be a charge to cover (or partially cover) extra costs for those who still wish to receive a printed copy. Others costs, if recovered by increasing affiliation fees, would be spread over all members instead of just those who currently subscribe. Therefore, for each member, these would be minimal.

If this move was implemented, more members would be able to keep up to date with what is happening Scrabble-wise in the RONZ as well as in their own clubs. And enjoy some good reading, to boot.



Tournament Calendar 2022		
Tournament	Location	Dates
Christchurch	Christchurch	7-8 May
Mt Albert	Auckland	14 & 15 May
Nationals	Christchurch	4-6 June
Whangarei	Whangarei	2-3 July
Kiwi Scrabblers	Hamilton	6-7 August
Tauranga	Tauranga	20-21 August
Dunedin	Queenstown	17-18 September
Mt Albert	Auckland	8-9 October
Whanganui	Whanganui	22-23 October
Dunedin	Dunedin	12-13 November

A Dozen Disallowed

by Jeff Grant, *Independent*

Newly crowned World Scrabble champ Alastair Richards of Auckland was asked in an interview following his victory to name a word he thought should be allowed in Scrabble. Alastair picked the Kiwi classic

*JANDAL/S, which is perversely now capitalised in both Collins and Chambers dictionaries. They are apparently worried about it being a trademark. However, the word has been used generically for thongs or flipflops for decades and is uncapitalised in many other references, including the Oxford and Macquarie dictionary. Just Google "wearing jandals" and you will see that *jandals is uncapitalised around 90 percent of the time.



***JANDAL/S**

There are other common NZ words not allowed in Scrabble. Here are a dozen of my 'favourites'.

- *CIDERIES plural of cidery (which is OK as an adjective), a place where cider is made
- *FARMLET a small farm
- *GRUNTY having lots of 'grunt', raw power
- *HOIHO the yellow-eyed penguin
- *HOUSIE another name for the game of bingo
- *MAIMAI a duck-shooter's hide (from Aboriginal, not Maori)
- *PITSAWN of timber, cut with a pitsaw
- *POUNAMU greenstone
- *RANTAN a drinking spree
- *REPILE to replace a building's piles (the Aussie equivalent restump is allowed)
- *SCONED also *SCONING, from the verb 'scone', to hit on the head
- *SOOKIE a sook, a sissy



***HOIHO**

Puzzle Pozzy



Triples

By Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert

Since I made up these little puzzles, you will need an example:

Question: What happened if you got hitched to a more petulant devotee?

Answer: You MARRIED a MARDIER ADMIRER

Yes, one of the words may have an unfamiliar meaning, but you can see how it works.

Hint: the answers are all triples of 7-8 letter word anagrams.

1. What do you do if you give drinks to a liberated cat before he goes out on the town?
2. What is both evil and possessed by evil, but also funny?
3. What do you call a string of call centres intended for tribal use?
4. What are you if you precisely keep track of the winners of three horse races?
5. If you are counselling to make sure flowers are not overwatered what are you doing?
6. If you ran faster than a professor of jet engine technology what did you do?
7. If he looks after the extra names of authors what does he do?
8. Charges for the delivery of secret police stews are what?
9. What would a powerful ruler who was also a wonderful singer be called?
10. If you injure the strangest nature lovers what do you do?



Answers on pp. 44-45.

Bird Cryptics

By Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert



Here are some "bird" cryptic clues for solving. They are all the ANAGRAM-type of clues and the answers mostly have two words. Answers on page 45.

1. Alleged gone astray but still as majestic as ever.
2. Not a bird you would expect to find in the outer veldt, but that might change.
3. Leaping enforcer changes to become a diving enforcer.
4. Twisted lounge breather makes this bird sound as though it lives in a swamp. Right on!
5. This bird may compose unwieldy open elegy but it is much more graceful in its element.
6. Barge welders not in order for this bird that would not be found on the water.
7. Converted trailers, bandwagons are a surprising place to find this bird.
8. Unscrew cat around in a desert to find a bird.
9. Arranges cattle organised for a bird found in both American continents.
10. Nasal children adjust the sound of this bird. Found more in freshwater than on the beach.
11. Confused blueberry drips does not do justice to this handsome bird.
12. If you cannot find this bird infect whimsy shift will give a clue to its location.
13. Kittenish elf girl when changed has a much more varied diet than you would imagine.
14. Outfitted mutes in a different fashion to find this little bird.
15. Quirk launched around the water would describe this bird well.
16. Change reflects patchy dot to cover the whole bird.
17. This bird can be found either on the tundra or twisted in a wallowing armpit.
18. Disoriented reawakened mortals would appreciate the sound of this bird.
19. Deferrable radios piss off can be a beautiful bird, but not the most beautiful.
20. Bright rum bum dehydration changes the focus of this bird's name.



Find the Best Moves

By Patrick Carter, Mt. Albert

I was delighted to bang down SAXONITE (on the “S” of ABIOSIS) as the first word I saw and scoring 108 points.

However there are nine possible plays scoring more than 100 points.

Find the nine plays worth more than 100 points.

Answers on page 47.



Puzzle Pozzy Solutions

Triples

From page 42.

- 1 You PRELOAD a PAROLED LEOPARD
- 2 A DAEMONIC, DEMONIAIC COMEDIAN
- 3 An ETHNICAL CHATLINE CHAINLET
- 4 You are a LITERAL TRIELLA TALLIER

5 AREADING on GARDENIA DRAINAGE

6 You OUTRACED an AERODUCT EDUCATOR

7 He MANAGES SAGAMEN AGNAMES

8 GESTAPO POTAGES POSTAGE

9 A HARMONIC CHOIRMAN OMNIARCH

10 You CONTUSE UNCOEST ECONUTS



Bird Cryptics

From page 43.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1 GOLDEN EAGLE | <i>anagram of ALLEGED GONE</i> |
| 2 TURTLE DOVE | <i>anagram of OUTER VELDT</i> |
| 3 PEREGRINE FALCON | <i>anagram of LEAPING ENFORCER</i> |
| 4 GREAT BLUE HERON | <i>anagram of LOUNGE BREATHER</i> |
| 5 YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN | <i>anagram of UNWIELDY OPEN ELEGY</i> |
| 6 SEDGE WARBLER | <i>anagram of BARGE WELDERS</i> |
| 7 WANDERING ALBATROSS | <i>anagram of TRAILERS BANDWAGONS</i> |
| 8 CACTUS WREN | <i>anagram of UNSCREW CAT</i> |
| 9 SCARLET TANAGER | <i>anagram of ARRANGES CATTLE</i> |
| 10 SANDHILL CRANE | <i>anagram of NASAL CHILDREN</i> |
| 11 SUPERB LYREBIRD | <i>anagram of BLUEBERRY DRIPS</i> |
| 12 CHIMNEY SWIFT | <i>anagram of INFECT WHIMSY</i> |
| 13 LITTLE KINGFISHER | <i>anagram of KITTENISH ELF GIRL</i> |
| 14 TUFTED TITMOUSE | <i>anagram of OUTFITTED MUTES</i> |
| 15 HARLEQUIN DUCK | <i>anagram of QUIRK LAUNCHED</i> |
| 16 SPOTTED FLYCATCHER | <i>anagram of REFLECTS PATCHY DOT</i> |
| 17 WILLOW PTARMIGAN | <i>anagram of WALLOWING ARMPIT</i> |
| 18 EASTERN MEADOWLARK | <i>anagram of REAWAKENED MORTALS</i> |
| 19 LESSER BIRD OF PARADISE | <i>anagram of DEFERRABLE RADIOS PISS</i> |
| 20 RUBY-THROATED | <i>anagram of BRIGHT RUM BUM
DEHYDRATION</i> |

Tournament results

Janniversary - Saturday

22 January 2022

7 games

Name	Wins	Spread
A Grade		
1 Howard Warner	6	660
2 Lawson Sue	5	181
3 Gil Quiballo	4	95
4 Dylan Early	3	179
5 Anderina McLean	3	-127
6 Stanley Ngundi	3	-292
7 Olivia En	2	-290
8 Cicely Bruce	2	-406

B Grade

1 Val Mills	6	626
2 Yvette Hewlett	5	282
3 Rosemary Cleary	5	129
4 Helen Sillis	3	177
5 Anne Goldstein	3	-216
6 Jean O'Brien	3	-262
7 Lynn Wood	2	-239
8 Nola Borrell	1	-497

C Grade

1 Dianne Cole-Baker	6	428
2 Betty Eriksen	5	115
3 Gabrielle Bolt	4	309
4 Jena Yousif	4	88
5 Shirley Hol	3	3
6 Chjris Bell	3	-123
7 Carolyn Kyle	3	-152
8 Marcus Henry	0	-668

D Grade

1 Roger Cole-Baker	6	267
2 Malcolm Graham	5	549
3 Tara Hurley	5	380
4 Sheila Reed	5	277
5 Neil Price	5	55
6 Judy Driscoll	4	41
7 Patricia Bennett	3	39
8 Colleen Cook	3	-10

9 Tony Charlton	2	-220
10 Summer Worsley	2	-407
11 Genie Em	1	-316
12 Graham Stronach	1	-655



Clare Wall models the latest in Scrabble fashions, at the Janniversary tournament in Wellington.

Janniversary - Sunday

23 January 2022

7 games

Name	Wins	Spread
A Grade		
1 Howard Warner	5	450
2 Lawson Sue	5	31
3 Dylan Early	4	278
4 Anderina McLean	4	84
5 Cicely Bruce	3	-83
6 Gil Quibalo	3	-159
7 Nick Ascroft	3	-159
8 Stanley Ngundi	1	-483
B Grade		
1 Val Mills	5	435
2 Rosemary Cleary	5	341
3 Helen Sillis	4	124
4 Yvette Hewlett	4	77
5 Olivia En	3	-107
6 Anne Goldstein	3	-178
7 Lynn Wood	2	-329
8 Clare Wall	2	-363

C Grade

1	Jena Yousif	5	216
2	Shirley Hol	5	172
3	Dianne Cole-Baker	4	52
4	Betty Eriksen	4	-35
5	Chris Bell	3	59
6	Carolyn Kyle	3	-111
7	Jean O'Brien	2	-170
8	Nola Borrell	2	-183

D Grade

1	Roger Cole-Baker	7	463
2	Sheila Reed	5	474
3	Tara Hurley	5	9
4	Tony Charlton	4	250
5	Patricia Bennett	4	116
6	Gabrielle Bolt	4	111
7	Colleen Cook	4	86
8	Malcolm Graham	3	-21
9	Marcus Henry	3	-188
10	Judy Driscoll	2	57
11	Genie Em	1	-741
12	Megan Bibby	0	-616

FIND THE BEST MOVE - ANSWERS

From page 44.

The best find is TETRAXON on the double double for 102 points.

The rest score 108 points through the S with the X on the triple letter and getting the double word.

GEOTAXES
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HATBOXES
NONTAXES
SAXONITE
STORAXES
TEABOXES
THORAXES

Optimists**29-30 January 2022**

14 games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Jeff Grant (GM)	IND	10.5	920	440
2	Howard Warner (GM)	WEL	9	624	457
3	Cicely Bruce (GM)	WRE	7.5	152	433
4	John Foster (GM)	IND	7	-38	405
5	Val Mills (E)	MTA	7	-293	393
6	Glennis Hale (GM)	IND	6	-355	400
7	Patrick Carter (GM)	MTA	6	-358	397
8	Lawson Sue (GM)	MTA	3	-652	389

B Grade

1	Jason Simpson	WRE	8	457	414
2	Pam Barlow	IND	8	108	398
3	Lorraine Van Veen	IND	8	66	389
4	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	8	64	391
5	Mike Currie	MTA	7	-181	405
6	Lynn Wood	IND	6	99	386
7	Margie Hurly	WRE	6	-183	396
8	Jennifer Smith	KIW	5	-430	377

C Grade

1	Jena Yousif	WRE	10	459	398
2	Mary Curtis	WRE	9	654	409
3	Su Walker	IND	9	283	399
4	Mary Gray	MTA	8	301	400
5	Bernie Jardine	MTA	7	-570	373
6	Chris Higgins	IND	6	181	385
7	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5	-491	368
8	Betty Eriksen	WAN	2	-817	360

D Grade

1	Merelyn Fuemana	MTA	11	480	373
2	Anne Scatchard	WRE	11	125	339
3	Cathy Casey	MTA	9	459	373
4	Jackie Reid	MTA	9	313	341
5	Antonia Aarts	MTA	9	-19	355
6	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	7	531	377
7	Rodney Jardine	MTA	7	-143	356
8	Junior Gesmundo	PAP	6	-39	354
9	Ruth Godwin	ROT	6	-247	330
10	Frances Higham	PAP	5	-254	322
11	Graeme Quinn	WRE	4	-506	310

Nelson**19-20 February 2022**

15 games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Lynn Wood	IND	10	670	393
2	Helen Sillis	WTA	8	189	387
3	Jean O'Brien	IND	8	-179	362
4	Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	-265	354
5	Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-147	369
6	Carolyn Kyle	IND	6	-268	364

B Grade

1	Marian Ross	DUN	14	1267	398
2	Llane Hadden	NEL	12	822	381
3	Judy Cronin	MTA	8	-7	331
4	Genie Em	NEL	7	-583	308
5	Karen Brookes	NEL	4	-749	281

Rotorua**26-27 February 2022**

13 games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Andrew Bradley (GM)	MTA	10	720	446
2	Cicely Bruce (GM)	WRE	10	472	439
3	Howard Warner (GM)	WEL	9	928	455
4	Lawson Sue (GM)	MTA	7	111	405
5	Jason Simpson	WRE	7	-6	399
6	Val Mills (E)	MTA	6	59	407
7	Glennis Hale (GM)	IND	6	-12	391
8	Margie Hurly	WRE	6	-54	414
9	Jeanette Grimmer	ROD	6	-414	384
10	Jennifer Smith	KIW	6	-449	383
11	Lynn Wood	IND	5	-214	399
12	Stanley Ngundi (GM)	WEL	5	-272	391
13	Anderina McLean (GM)	WAN	4	-236	392
14	Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-633	377

**B Grade**

1	Lorraine Van Veen	IND	9	860	416
2	Mike Currie	MTA	9	541	434
3	Helen Sillis	WTA	9	281	406
4	Bernie Jardine	MTA	8	83	413
5	Mary Curtis	WRE	7	460	408
6	Suzanne Liddall	WRE	7	-20	380
7	Jean O'Brien	IND	7	-180	371
8	Heather Landon	TGA	6	19	392
9	Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-80	389
10	Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-117	374
11	Jenny Litchfield	WRE	5	-515	376
12	Jena Yousif	WRE	5	-643	348
13	Merelyn Fuemana	MTA	4	-503	368
14	Su Walker	IND	3	-186	396

C Grade

1	Judith Kuchler	ROT	11	508	366
2	Cathy Casey	MTA	10	955	402
3	Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	10	679	381
4	Antonia Aarts	MTA	9	360	371
5	Rodney Jardine	MTA	7	18	350
6	Jackie Reid	MTA	7	-66	356
7	Anne Scatchard	WRE	6	-257	318
8	Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	5	331
9	Dorothy Bakel	TGA	5	-210	351
10	Val Isherwood	ROT	5	-400	328
11	Janny Henneveld	ROT	4	-192	334
12	Pam Fulton	TGA	4	-325	323
13	Dael Shaw	TGA	4	-507	324
14	Fay Wenzlick	TGA	4	-568	319



*Above, HAWKNOSE, left: STARNOSE
Read more about –NOSE words on pp. 23-25.*

Whangarei Autumn**13 March 2022**

8 games

	Name	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade				
1	Jason Simpson	7	657	435
2	Cicely Bruce	6	634	448
3	Margie Hurly	6	378	413
4	Jenny Litchfield	2	-226	371
5	Jena Ypusif	2	-873	335
6	Bev Edwards	1	-570	330
B Grade				
1	Jill Paterson	7	556	397
2	Sue Harding	6	-1	359
3	Suzanne Liddall	5	839	440
4	Margaret Toso	4	-183	341
5	Anne Scatchard	3	-123	312
6	June Dowling	3	-133	336
7	Lynn Thompson	3	-298	329
8	Margaret Peters	1	-667	300

Wordle Answer:*From page 33.*

The two possible solutions are
BRINE and CRINE. The answer for
this particular puzzle is BRINE.

Dunedin**2-3 April 2022**

15 games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Lynn Wood	IND	10	437	393
2	Peter Johnstone	CHC	10	399	383
3	Shirley Hol	CHC	9	272	387
4	Helen Sillis	WTA	7	4	371
5	Jean O'Brien	IND	5	-355	373
6	Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	-757	350
B Grade					
1	Tobias Devereux	DUN	11	286	386
2	Carolyn Kyle	IND	8	435	396
3	Chris Handley	DUN	8	-45	359
4	Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	-34	363
5	Grant Paulin	DUN	6	-407	354
6	Marian Ross	DUN	5	-235	377
C Grade					
1	Hanna Dodge	CHC	10	556	380
2	Malcolm Graham	IND	10	446	378
3	Sharon Teasdale	DUN	9	417	384
4	Sue Hensley	DUN	9	325	353
5	Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	9	39	329
6	Sharon McKenzie	CHC	8	-314	330
7	Marc Van Hoeke	DUN	5	-719	324



*Participants in the November 2021 Dunedin
Tournament*

Ruth Groffman says that on the first day she beat Helen Sillis by one point, and the next day, the opposite happened – what are the chances of that!

New Zealand Scrabble Records as at 1st January 2022

NZ Performances at the World Scrabble Championships, now WESPAC (held since 1991)

World Champion		Alastair Richards	2021 (online)
		Nigel Richards	2007, 2011, 2013, 2019
In the top 10 (other than first)	7th	Mike Sigley	1993
	3rd	Jeff Grant	1995
	6th	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)	1997
	8th, 2nd, 3rd	Nigel Richards	1999, 2009, 2017
Most frequent competitor	11 times	Jeff Grant, Howard Warner	1991-2015 1999-2021

NZ Performances at the World Youth Championships

Highest place	7th/120	Lewis Hawkins	2014
Most frequent competitor	4 times	Lewis Hawkins	2013-2017

Trans-Tasman Challenge

Challenges won by NZ	3		1998, 2000, 2010
Individual winners	Peter Sinton		1998
	Jack Dymond (Kendall Boyd)		2000
	Howard Warner		2002
	Joanne Craig		2010
	Dylan Early		2018

Highest ten on international (WESPA) rankings

Nigel Richards	1st
Alastair Richards	8th
Howard Warner	25th
Virgilio Quiballo	38th
Dylan Early	72nd
Blue Thorogood	74th
Joanne Craig	98th
Jeff Grant	112nd
Lyres Freeth	144th
Steven Brown	145th

500 international games

Nigel Richards	4005
Alastair Richards	2234
Joanne Craig	1975
Howard Warner	1330
Liz Fagerlund	775
Betty Eriksen	740
Jeff Grant	625

NZ Masters (held since 1984)

Most games won	21/23	Jeff Grant Mike Sigley	1993, 1997 2002
Highest spread	2529	Alastair Richards	2021
Most times winner	12 times	Howard Warner	2003-04, 2006 2008-13, 2018
Most frequent competitor	37/37	Glennis Hale	1984-2021
Youngest competitor	12 years, 104 days	Lewis Hawkins	2017
Oldest competitor	84 years, 288 days	June Mackwell	2008

National Championship (held since 1980)

Most times National Champion	16 times	Jeff Grant	1990-91, 1993-96, 1998, 2000-01, 2007-08
Youngest competitor	8 years, 151 days	Lewis Hawkins	2013
Oldest competitor	88 years, 359 days	June Mackwell	2012

Tournament Records

Highest game score	756	Dylan Early	April 2019
Highest losing score	514	Pam Barlow	Jun 2010
Highest drawn score	487	Debbie Raphael & Lynn Wood	Feb 2004
Highest single turn	302	Lynne Butler	Oct 2011
Highest single turn non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neil	Nov 1997
Highest combined score	1078	David Lloyd & Howard Warner	Mar 1997
	1078	Alastair Richards & Lyres Freeth	Mar 2019
Highest winning margin	493	Mike Sigley	Nov 1990
Highest add-on	58	Jeff Grant Lynn Wood	Mar 2012 May 2015
Most consecutive bonus words	5	Allie Quinn	Jun 1989

Most bonus words in a game (individual)	6	Nigel Richards	Aug 1998
	6	Yvette Hewlett	Nov 2001
	6	Howard Warner	Aug 2010
Most bonus words in a game (combined)	8	Mike Sigley & Glenyss Buchanan	Pre 1997
	8	Nigel Richards & John Foster	Aug 1998
	8	Paul Lister & Shirley Hol	May 2013
	584	Nigel Richards	Jan 1997
Highest average in a tournament	5079	Lynn Wood	
Most tournament games played	2444.5	Howard Warner	

Milestones		2000 tournament games won	
5000 tournament games played		Howard Warner	2487.5
Lynn Wood	5079	Lynn Wood	2431
3000 tournament games played		1000 tournament games won	
Betty Erikson	3865	Jeff Grant (GM)	1859.5
Val Mills (E)	3388	Betty Eriksen	1955
Howard Warner (GM)	3301	John Foster (GM)	1811.5
John Foster (GM)	3232	Glennis Hale (GM)	1753.5
Glennis Hale (GM)	3208	Val Mills (E)	1647
David Gunn	3175	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1591
Jean O'Brien	3139	David Gunn	1562
Liz Fagerlund	3082	Jean O'Brien	1586.5
2000 tournament games played		Jennifer Smith	1387.5
Jennifer Smith	2892	Su Walker	1353.5
Glenda Geard	2646	Glenda Geard	1310.5
Su Walker	2657	Joan Thomas	1245
Joan Thomas	2503	Allie Quinn	1210
Allie Quinn	2487	Lawson Sue (GM)	1280
Jeff Grant (GM)	2503	Carolyn Kyle	1226.5
Carolyn Kyle	2485	Shirley Martin	1176.5
Shirley Martin	2363	Murray Rogers (E)	1206.5
Lawson Sue (GM)	2367	Delcie Macbeth	1149.5
Murray Rogers (E)	2297	Lorraine Van Veen	1115.5
Delcie Macbeth	2234	Andrew Bradley	1049
Lorraine Van Veen	2262	Anderina McLean	1005
Rosemary Cleary (E)	2078	Olivia En	1005
Annette Coombes	2143		
Roger Coates	2041		

Club Records

Highest game score	763	John Foster	Mt Albert	Jan 1993
Highest losing score	522	Stanley Ngundji	Scrabble Wellington	Aug 2019
Highest drawn score	482	Jeff Grant & Margaret Warren	Hastings	Mar 1994
Highest single turn	347	Neil Talbot	Wellington	Oct 2003
Highest single turn, non bonus	261	John Foster	Mt Albert	Jan 1993
Highest combined score	1106	Chris Hooks & Dawn Kitzen	Papatoetoe & Mt Albert	Mar 1992
Highest winning margin	590	Paul Lister	Christchurch	Nov 2008
Highest add-on	68	Andrew Bradley	Mt Albert	Pre 1990
Most consecutive bonus words	5	John Foster Patrick Carter Paul Lister	Mt Albert Mt Albert Christchurch	Apr 1992 Apr 2003 Aug 2010
Most bonus words in a game (individual)	7	Jeff Grant	Independent	Sept 1997
Most bonus words in a game (combined)	8	Chris Hooks & Dawn Kitzen	Papatoetoe & Mt Albert	Mar 1992

Grandmasters

Alastair Richards (GM) Lawson Sue (GM)
Howard Warner (GM) Cicely Bruce (GM)
Lyres Freeth (GM) Lynne Butler (GM)
Joanne Craig (GM) John Foster (GM)
Dylan Early (GM) Anderina McLean (GM)
Patrick Carter (GM) Steven Brown (GM)
Jeff Grant (GM) Glennis Hale (GM)
Blue Thorogood (GM) Liz Fagerlund (GM)
Peter Sinton (GM) Stanley Ngundi (GM)
Andrew Bradley (GM)

Experts

Lewis Hawkins (E)
Murray Rogers (E)
Nick Ascroft (E)
Scott Chaput (E)
Rosemary Cleary (E)
Olivia En (E)
Paul Lister (E)
Val Mills (E)
Karen Richards (E)

Rankings as at 4 April 2022

	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%		Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Alastair Richards (GM)	2372	443.5	556	80%	35	John Baird	1562	384	711	54%
2	Howard Warner (GM)	2302	2516.5	3342	75%	36	Lynn Wood	1561	2466	5150	48%
3	Dylan Early (GM)	2157	237	357	66%	37	Shirley Martin	1540	1176.5	2363	50%
4	Blue Thorogood (GM)	2134	816	1158	70%	38	Anna Brouwer	1539	906.5	1842	49%
5	Jeff Grant (GM)	2121	1870	2517	74%	39	Rosalind Phillips	1527	705.5	1380	51%
6	Patrick Carter (GM)	2113	950.5	1490	64%	40	Pam Barlow	1526	943	1874	50%
7	Lyres Freeth (GM)	2091	741.5	1132	66%	41	Yvette Hewlett	1522	566.5	1169	48%
8	Andrew Bradley (GM)	1944	1059	1994	53%	42	Delcie Macbeth	1518	1153.5	2247	51%
9	Cicely Bruce (GM)	1934	958	1756	55%	43	David Gunn	1510	1562	3175	49%
10	Gil Quiballo	1922	81.5	135	60%	44	Lorraine Van Veen	1492	1129.5	2289	49%
11	Lawson Sue (GM)	1906	1300	2408	54%	45	Roger Coates	1476	969.5	2041	48%
12	Nick Ascroft (E)	1891	301.5	551	55%	46	Mike Currie	1475	74	122	61%
13	Anderina McLean (GM)	1876	1016	1903	53%	47	Helen Sillis	1473	956	1945	49%
14	Steven Brown (GM)	1869	995	1857	54%	48	Stan Gregec	1472	217	406	53%
15	John Foster (GM)	1866	1818.5	3246	56%	49	Anne Goldstein	1437	320	644	50%
16	Stanley Ngundi (GM)	1852	84.5	159	53%	50	Paul Freeman	1434	126.5	227	56%
17	Liz Fagerlund (GM)	1849	1591	3082	52%	51	Shirley Hol	1431	884.5	1865	47%
18	Scott Chaput (E)	1836	360	637	57%	52	Mary Curtis	1420	552.5	1062	52%
19	Glennis Hale (GM)	1803	1765.5	3235	55%	53	Mary Gray	1409	870	1751	50%
20	Herb Ramsay	1779	284	474	60%	54	Bernie Jardine	1399	342	636	54%
21	Murray Rogers (E)	1761	1206.5	2297	53%	55	Yoon Kim Fong	1393	793	1552	51%
22	Val Mills (E)	1756	1671	3429	49%	56	Clare Wall	1379	404	800	51%
23	Rosemary Cleary (E)	1723	978	2092	47%	57	Jena Yousif	1374	699	1392	50%
24	Lois Binnie	1716	202.5	405	50%	58	Bev Edwards	1350	369	717	51%
25	Olivia En (E)	1686	1010	1954	52%	59	Chris Higgins	1345	164.5	301	55%
26	Jason Simpson	1674	110	197	56%	60	Lynn Carter	1343	916.5	1773	52%
27	Paul Lister (E)	1659	929	1698	55%	61	Jean O'Brien	1334	1611.5	3196	50%
28	Jane Walton	1642	272	548	50%	62	Barney Bonthron	1328	155.5	275	57%
29	Karen Gray	1622	350.5	664	53%	63	Su Walker	1323	1365.5	2684	51%
30	Jennifer Smith	1614	1398.5	2919	48%	64	Jenny Litchfield	1318	241.5	443	55%
31	Peter Johnstone	1610	336.5	640	53%	65	Dianne Cole-Baker	1307	771	1518	51%
32	Margie Hurly	1607	470	951	49%	66	Selena Chan	1303	412.5	830	50%
33	Vicky Robertson	1586	465	974	48%	67	Chris Bell	1297	69	140	49%
34	Jeanette Grimmer	1567	387	783	49%	68	Nola Borrell	1285	653	1246	52%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
69 Ruth Groffman	1273	804.5	1631	49%	105 Tony Charlton	877	443	935	47%
70 Karen Miller	1257	727	1418	51%	106 Judy Driscoll	876	378.5	933	41%
71 Carolyn Kyle	1254	1246.5	2529	49%	107 Antonia Aarts	874	424	902	47%
72 Suzanne Liddall	1239	195	347	56%	108 Hanna Dodge	864	276.5	521	53%
73 Heather Landon	1239	797	1593	50%	109 Michael Groffman	812	311	634	49%
74 Betty Eriksen	1226	1986	3936	50%	110 Malcolm Graham	803	810.5	1635	50%
75 Joanne Morley	1221	213	408	52%	111 Jacqueline				
76 Lyn Toka	1209	680.5	1317	52%	Goldham-Fussell	781	837.5	1698	49%
77 Merelyn Fuemana	1205	248	464	53%	112 Ruth Godwin	749	617.5	1308	47%
78 Joanna Fox	1191	265.5	522	51%	113 Sue Hensley	741	37	73	51%
79 Karl Scherer	1180	182	364	50%	114 Megg Hewlett	736	29	50	58%
80 Tobias Devereux	1176	68	96	71%	115 Anne Scatchard	726	732	1437	51%
81 Faye Cronhelm	1170	987	1982	50%	116 Steve Wood	702	24	45	53%
82 Megan Scherer	1135	55	84	65%	117 Rodney Jardine	676	277	579	48%
83 Marian Ross	1086	736.5	1433	51%	118 Margaret Toso	654	197	442	45%
84 Roger Cole-Baker	1086	821.5	1611	51%	119 Sharon McKenzie	651	65.5	135	49%
85 Sharron Nelley	1081	160.5	302	53%	120 Sharon Teasdale	648	70	139	50%
86 Chris Handley	1077	472.5	932	51%	121 Jackie Reid	634	176.5	389	45%
87 Grant Paulin	1058	89.5	185	48%	122 Tim Henneveld	622	585.5	1282	46%
88 Alison Holmes	1057	263.5	473	56%	123 Dorothy Bakel	604	135	301	45%
89 Sheila Reed	1053	396	821	48%	124 Anne-Louise Milne	596	221	608	36%
90 Joy Jones	1052	33.5	55	61%	125 Jillian Greening	544	495	1018	49%
91 Jill Paterson	1051	132	239	55%	126 Judy Cronin	497	258.5	611	42%
92 Colleen Cook	1042	493	1011	49%	127 Frances Higham	487	357.5	932	38%
93 Marcus Henry	1039	14	50	28%	128 Janny Henneveld	480	609.5	1265	48%
94 Carole Coates	1037	825.5	1700	49%	129 Dael Shaw	472	55	107	51%
95 Glenda Geard	1036	1310.5	2646	50%	130 Margaret Peters	469	92	265	35%
96 Julia Schiller	1021	413	891	46%	131 Pam Fulton	469	47	103	46%
97 Patricia Bennett	1006	37	78	47%	132 Graeme Quinn	468	17.5	48	36%
98 Michael Hyndman	993	217.5	409	53%	133 Annette Coombes	457	983	2143	46%
99 Suzanne Harding	979	765	1518	50%	134 Faye Leach	402	187	455	41%
100 Cathy Casey	923	87	162	54%	135 Lynn Thompson	362	389	921	42%
101 Marilyn Sinclair	909	238.5	481	50%	136 Genie Em	233	9	56	16%
102 Tara Hurley	908	113	206	55%	137 Cheryl Parsons	158	11.5	74	16%
103 Llana Hadden	906	92.5	193	48%	138 Susan Schiller	6	100	534	19%
104 Junior Gesmundo	894	382.5	779	49%					

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