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stic on July fair Sunday. Origin of the custom unknown.
'hey're gan to put down the fair, so we'll hac nae mair fun frin'
'rab apples,' LUCKLEY *Albwick Lang.* [*Vuedo, fructus arbutii,*
scrab-*aple, DUNCAN Elym.* (1595).]
SCRAB, *v.* and *sb.*² Sc. Irel. Yks. Nhp. e.An. [skrab,
kræb.] 1. *v.* To scratch, scrape, claw.
Arg. I scrabed at mysel' thestrean. And could not bab an e'e,
OLVILLE *Vernacular* (1899) 5. N.I.¹ The cat near scrabbed his
yes out. s.Don. SIMMONS *Gl.* (1890). Nhp.¹, e.An.¹ Suf.¹ A dog

6. To disagree; to quarrel.
Oxf.¹ Let 'um scrabble, *MS.* add.
7. *sb.* A scratching. Not.¹, Lei.¹, War.² 8. A scramble,
a contest in gathering things up from the ground on
hands and knees. w.Yks.², Not.¹, Lei.¹, War.² 9. A
scribbling. Not.¹, Lei.¹, War.²
SCRABBLICH, see Scrabble, *sb.*¹
SCRABE, *sb.* Sc. n.Cy. [skrēb.] The Manx shear-
water. *Puffinus anglorum.*

FORWORDS

4. To gather potatoes when turned up by ploughing:

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SCRABBED-EGGS, *sb. pl.* e.An.¹ [skræ'bd-egz.] A
Lenten dish; see below.
Composed of eggs boiled hard, chopped and mixed, with a
seasoning of butter, salt, and pepper.
SCRABBLE, *sb.*¹ Sc. Nhp. Also in form scrabllich
Bnff.¹ [skræ'bl.] 1. A stunted tree or shrub; thorns
and briars. Bnff.¹ (s.v. Scrab), Nhp.¹ Cf. *scrab*, *sb.*¹
2. A thin, shrivelled limb. Bnff.¹ 3. A puny, shrivelled
person. *ib.* 4. A small, scraggy animal. *ib.*
SCRABBLE, *v.* and *sb.*² Sc. Lakel. Cum. Yks. Lan.
Not. Lin. Lei. Nhp. War. Wor. Glo. Oxf. Brks. e.An. Sus.
Hmp. Som. Dev. Cor. Amer. [skræ'bl, skræ'bl.] 1. *v.*
To scratch; to paw; to make clutching movements with
the hands; to make a scratching noise. Cf. *scrab*, *v.*
Lakel. (B.K.) Cum. To make a noise as rats and mice do
when running behind a wainscot or over a ceiling (E.W.P.).
Not.¹, Lin.¹ n.Lin.¹ Th' broon cat's scrabblin' at th' winda' to be
letten' in. Lei.¹, War.², Brks.¹, e.An.¹ (s.v. Scrab). Hmp.¹
Rats scrabble. Dev. Scrabble with 'n under the hearthstone,
BARING-GOULD *J. Herring* (1888) 100.
2. To scrape up from off the ground; to grub about; to
crawl about on hands and knees; to scramble; to climb;
to procure with difficulty; also used with *away* and *up*.
Cf. *scraffle*, *scraggle*.
Cum. And scrabbles up to make his speech, NELSON *Farmer's*
Blunder, 15. w.Yks.² A generous juvenile 'scrambles' a hand-
ful 'o' peas, which are instantly 'scrabbled' for, to his lordly
satisfaction. s.Lan.¹ Midl. We'd scrabble oop by the cliffs,
BARTRAM *People of Clopton* (1897) 203. Not.¹, Lei.¹, Nhp.¹,
s.Wor.¹ Glo. BAYLIS *Illus. Dial.* (1870); Glo.¹, Oxf. (M.W.)
Brks. He scrabbed up all the money he could (E.G.H.). Suf.
There ain't many chicks what scrabble for the aud hen, e.An. *Dy.*
Times (1892). Sus. HOLLOWAY. Hmp.¹ Little Billy's scrabbling
about house. Som. (HALL.) Cor. While the women were
scrabbling-away, and all was a mingle-cum-por, O'DONOGHUE
St. Knighton (1864) xiii; Cor.² [Amer. *Dial. Notes* (1896) I. 19.]
3. To tease wool. Sc. (JAM., s.v. Scribble). 4. To
scribble, scrawl.
Cum.¹, Not.¹, Lei.¹ Nhp.¹ To make unmeaning marks, as boys
often do with chalk on a wall or gate. War.² Dev. So with his
finger dipp'd in blood, He scrabbed on the stones, BARING-GOULD
& SHEPPARD *Sngs. West* (1889) pt. ii. 17.
5. *Fig.* To struggle on, 'rub along'; also used with
along or *on*.
Nhp.¹ I have hard work to get a living, but I hope I shall
manage to scrabble on. War.² We've had a lot o' bad luck, but
we shall scrabble on, I expect; War.², s.War.¹, Oxf.¹ Brks.¹ Us
hopes to scrabble along somehow.

fen-bank, in order to prepare it the better to stand an
apprehended overflow.
All loose materials within reach are rak
additions as are to be had are procured
heighten and strengthen the upper part
flood.
SCRADYIN, *sb.* Sc. Irel. Also
scrawdyin Sc. (JAM.) 1. A diminutive
Wxf. Is there no particularly ugly, insi-
scraeden in the room? KENNEDY *Banks Bo.*
2. A puny, sickly child. Per. (JAM.,
potatoes. n.Ir. (A.J.I.) Cf. *scadyin*.
[Ir. *scraidin*, a small scrap; a diminutive little fellow
(O'REILLY).]
SCRAE, *sb.*¹ and *adj.* Sc. Also written scray, skrae
(JAM.) S. & Ork.¹; and in form scrae (JAM.). [skrē.]
1. *sb.* A shoe, esp. one that is old and shrivelled.
Sc. 'Mickle sorrow comes to the scrae, ere the heat comes to
the tea [toe]' Spoken when one holds his shoe to the fire to
warm his foot, KELLY *Prov.* (1721) 251. s.Sc. Wae be t' scrae,
ere heat win to tae (JAM.); A certain shoemaker, from his
making shoes of bad leather, which were apt to shrivel and
become hard, got the nickname of Scrimple-hard-scraes (*ib.*).
Dmf. CARLYLE *Lett.* (July 24, 1836); (JAM.)
2. A thin, skinny person or animal; anything thin and
shrivelled; a skeleton. Cf. *scrab*, *sb.*¹ 3.
Sc. Yon poor shaughlin' in-kneed scrae of a thing, R. DALTON
(1823) III. 119 (JAM.). Bnff.¹ Abd. Applied to a badly-fed cat.
'Get off, ye ugly scrae' (G.W.). Arg. I'm a poor cruihach,
spalyin' scrae, COLVILLE *Vernacular* (1899) 6. s.Sc. But gin
scho say, 'Lie still, ye skrae,' SCOTT *Minstrelsy* (1802) IV. 347,
ed. 1848.
3. Fish dried in the sun without being salted; also in
comp. Scrae-fish. Cf. *scraw*, *v.*²
Ork. The gables of the cottages here were . . . hung round with
hundreds of small coal-fish, called pillocks, strung upon spits, and
exposed to dry, without salt. The fishes dried in this manner
are called scrae-fish, NEILL *Tour* (1806) 78 (JAM.); S. & Ork.¹,
Cal.¹
4. *Fig.* An ill-natured, fault-finding person. Ayr. (JAM.)
5. *adj.* Spare, meagre, lean.
Sc. Banes so very skrae, DRUMMOND *Muckomachy* (1846) 56.
Hence Scrae-shankit, *ppl. adj.* having long, slender legs.
Slk. You shall hae . . . the grimy Potts, and the skrae shankit
Laidlaws, HOGG *Perils of Man* (1822) II. 232 (JAM.). Dmf. If so
be as this skrae-shankit laddie here'll face me right now, HAMIL-
TON *Mawhin* (1898) 241.
[5. Cp. EFries. *schrä*, *schräe*, miserable, poor, thin,
dried up (KOOLMAN).]
SCRAE, *sb.*² Sh.I. Also written skrae S. & Ork.¹
[skrē.] A crowd, multitude, swarm. Cf. *scrow* (e).
Old people spoke of having seen numbers of puny beings
dancing round a fairy knowe. These were spoken of as a 'scrae
o' henkies,' SPENCE *Fik-Lore* (1899) 39; S. & Ork.¹



EDITOR'S NOTE

Firstly, many thanks for all the positive feedback from the last magazine. Keep those contributions rolling in!

On the admin front, Roy Vannini has taken over from Charlie Curl as President of the NZ Association. Daphne has decided to stay on as Secretary until the Nationals. I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking Charlie and Daphne for all their hard work over the years, and hoping that Charlie's health improves. You are both very much in our thoughts at the moment.

Roy and Bernice have settled quickly into the organisational side of Scrabble, with Roy recently securing a computer deal which should greatly assist with results compilation at tournaments.

Speaking of tourneys, congratulations to Howick-Pakuranga and Tokoroa clubs for once again hosting their enjoyable one-day events. There's lots of Scrabble coming up - don't forget the Norfolk Island Festival later this year. As anyone who's been before will tell you, it's a great place for a Scrabbling holiday. Think about it!

From time to time this magazine will reprint articles that have appeared in the American journal 'Word Ways' and the Australian newsletter 'Tile Talk'. The latter is edited by top Aussie Scrabbler John Holgate, who is hoping to make it over for our Nationals this year.

Some of you will have already seen the article on David Lloyd. It looks like he has made an early impact on the UK Scrabble scene, falling afoul of OSW it seems. Keep at it, David, and have a good time in Africa! We look forward to further news of our Kiwi abroad.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff.

TOURNAMENT SCORING

A computer program, using Microsoft Excel, has been developed for scoring tournaments. Sponsorship has been arranged whereby the necessary computer and printer are being made available to utilise the program at tournaments.

Southmark Computers Limited of Auckland have agreed to provide a computer and printer to the NZASP through myself. Those organisers of tournaments wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact me prior to their tournament.

The system has been used for two tournaments, Mt. Albert and Howick/Pakuranga and is able to provide progress results throughout tournaments. It is very simple to operate.

ROY VANNINI

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FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

N.Z. MASTERS:

To be hosted by the Mt. Albert Scrabble Club.
On April 14, 15, 16 at the Senior Citizen's Rooms,
New North Rd., Mt. Albert.

NORTH SHORE BAYS:

To be held at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion St.,
Takapuna on Saturday April 28th.

WELLINGTON:

This will be a 2 day tournament to be held on May 5 &
6 in the Eastern Suburbs.

CHRISTCHURCH:

To be held at the Sydenham Community Centre, in
Hutcheson St., on Saturday May 19th.

N.Z. NATIONALS:

At the Riverina Hotel on Queen's Birthday weekend,
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 June.

WELCOME TO FRIENDLY GAMES

The Christchurch Scrabble Club - formerly Sydenham - will have their annual open tournament on Saturday, May 19, at the Sydenham Community Centre, Hutcheson St. from 9 till 5. Seven games will be played. Entry costs \$5.00.

Lunch, snacks and prizes are provided at no extra charge. If billets are wanted you're welcome.

For entry forms, contact M. Lyall, 43 Parklands Drive, Chch 2.

No further notification of this event will be made. Entries close May 11.

N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD

The N.Z. Challenge Shield was the centre of attention once again for the NSBays and Mt. Albert Scrabble clubs last month.

On Tuesday Feb 13th, the Mt. Albert Club travelled to Allie Quinn's Birkdale home with their 5-man team of Glennis Hale, Dorothy Pinner, June Mackwell, Peter Jones and Patrick Carter to endeavour to win back the coveted N.Z. Shield. Bernice Vannini went, along to adjudicate.

The NSBays team of May Quigley, Lynne Powell, Ann Candler, Allie Quinn and Penny Headington were ready and waiting. Leonora Cole was there to share the adjudicating.

Once again it was to be another very close match right throughout the evening. Tied at 12-all it was down to the wire in the last with Mt. Albert taking the edge at 13-12. What a great night it was! The next challenge will be made by the Rodney Club - then who? Come on fellow scrabblers, let's keep this shield on the move. Send your challenge to Bev Barker, 2/7 Flavia Place, Lynfield.

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No 16

The highest score achieved was 230 points. Margo Bailey, Lynne Butler and Dorothy Haining all got this when their opponents opened with OOPHYTE (E on centre star), and they were able to play QUETZAL/ZOOPHYTE. John Bailey found another way to score 230 when his opponent started with JAMBEAU (J on centre star), and he played OXIDIZE/JAMBEAUX. Yet another way to obtain 230 is using HYDROXY(L)/JEZEBEL. Highly commended are John Foster, who found 4 different ways to score 227, Glynis Jennings who got 218, and Gerald Warner who managed 181 with a double double. A draw was held and the winner is Margo Bailey from the Wanganui Scrabble Club - congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 17

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used for reference are Chambers English Dictionary (1988 Edition) and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

The closing date is May 18th, 1990 and the winner will receive a book prize - good luck!

Entries to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd., R.D.2., Hastings.

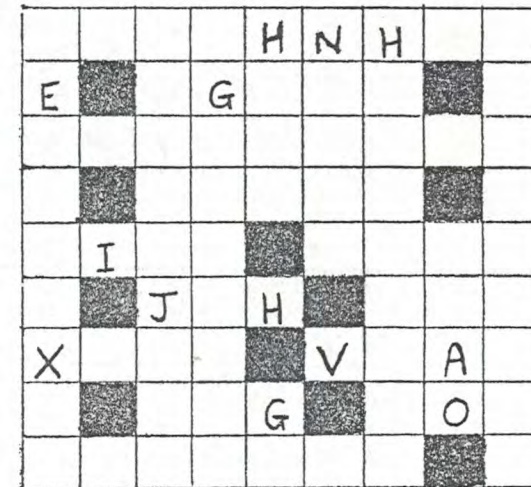
Most Scrabblers are good at anagrams, but would like to be better. Have you ever ferretted out a superb bonus word on your rack and been unable to play it, then found out later there was an anagram that would have gone down? Don't worry, you're not alone! It's sometimes easier to remember anagrams if you make a phrase of the words, for example thinking of 'red wines' leads to SCARLET CLARETS, and 'buck teeth' to SLANTED DENTALS. Contest no. 14 was very popular, so here are some more transposers for you. All words in the answers contain exactly 7 letters.

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| 1. whirlwind giver | 2. disgusting fools |
| 3. severely beat the adder | 4. remaining gloomy |
| 5. draw in wasps | 6. increasing whines |
| 7. pixies in the iris | 8. eviller eye-parts |
| 9. ruined aerals | 10. sorriest bender |
| 11. gay before the mast | 12. put side on roofing slate |
| 13. outsoar the high road | 14. most genuine thief |
| 15. enterprising armed vessel | 16. part-timer's pledge |
| 17. treaty heading | 18. idiots in the tank |
| 19. powdering the kitten | 20. saved debaucher |

SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 18

Forwords issue no. 10 contained no Scrabble puzzle, and because of this the contest number has ever since been one behind the number of the magazine. To put things straight, here is a bonus puzzle - a clueless crossword along the lines of the example in issue no. 14, but somewhat more difficult. Note that all words are in Chambers or OSPD, but a number are capitalised, and therefore not allowed in Scrabble.

Solutions can be sent to Jeff Grant, and the winner will receive a small fairing. Happy hunting and good luck - you may need it!



Scrabbler in a scrap!



ACE Kiwi scrabble player David Lloyd had a few choice words to say when officials at an international competition hit him with a new set of rules.

David — New Zealand's top scrabble player in 1987 — finished way

down the list at the recent tournament in London.

"I was playing perfectly legitimate words but they weren't in the dictionary the judges were using in the competition," said 26-year-old David, pictured above, from West London.

"Everywhere else I've played I've been able to use Chambers English Dictionary and the American Scrabble Dictionary.

"But over here they only use a list of words taken from Chambers. That really threw me off.

"The problem with this book of words is that it's incomplete compared to the actual dictionary the words are taken off. There's so many omissions that it's not even funny," said David who reads dictionaries then memorises words.

"The judges didn't let me have levo, variest or bi. It was a case of playing by

From SCOTT CORDES in England

a new set of rules which I had to adjust to."

David had his sights set on the prestigious English match play scrabble champs in August but has had to abandon his crack at the title because it conflicts with his travel schedule to Africa.

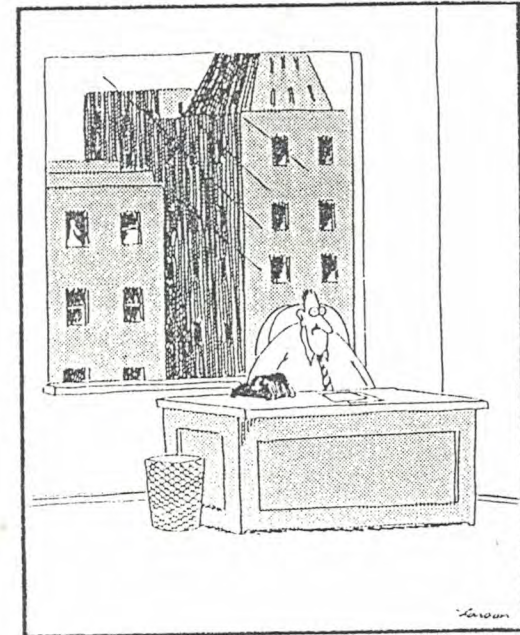
For those of you who aren't familiar with every word in the English language, levo means 'in composition, on, or to, the left. Variest is the comparative word from of vary, and bi means two.

* Perhaps 'vairiest' is meant.

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PHOBIA FOLLOW-UP

Q-PHOBIA
SUFFERER



Anatidaphobia: The fear that somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching you.

PAKURANGA TOURNAMENT

RESULTS

Group Four

Group One

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
1 Mike Sigley	Wanganui	7	3041	14	434.43
2 Jeff Grant	Hastings	6	2978	9	425.43
3 May Quigley	NthShore/Bays	4	2703	10	386.14
4 Glennis Hale	Mt. Albert	4	2648	7	378.29
5 Lynne Powell	NthShore/Bays	2	2798	11	399.71
6 Denise Gordon	Wanganui	2	2561	12	365.86
7 Glynis Jennings	Whangarei	2	2458	6	351.14
8 Anne Candler	NthShore/Bays	1	2466	8	352.29

Group Two

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
1 Peter Jones	Mt. Albert	5	2612	8	373.14
2 Gerald Warner	Rodney	4	2730	6	390.00
3 Allie Quinn	NthShore/Bays	4	2629	7	375.57
4 Cathy Woods	Mt. Albert	4	2514	8	359.14
5 John Moore	Hamilton	3	2824	15	403.43
6 Rita Moore	Hamilton	3	2482	8	354.57
7 Lynn Wood	Wellington	3	2452	7	350.29
8 June Mackwell	Mt. Albert	2	2491	5	355.86

Group Three

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
1 Roger Coates	Hamilton	7	2931	12	418.71
2 Catherine Purdie	Mt. Albert	5	2799	5	399.86
3 Reeve Pearson	Stratford	4	2643	14	377.57
4 Faye Leach	Hamilton	4	2608	10	372.57
5 Andree Prentice	Wanganui	3	2564	7	366.29
6 Marj Baillie	Hamilton	2	2485	7	355.00
7 Rhoda Cashman	Rodney	2	2336	4	333.71
8 Fae Olsen	Stratford	1	2380	6	340.00

Name Club Win Score Bonus Average

1 Bev Barker	Mt. Albert	6	2468	3	352.57
2 Roy Vannini	Mt. Albert	5.5	2626	8	375.14
3 Bernice Vannini	Mt. Albert	4	2669	8	381.29
4 Anne Warner	Rodney	4	2543	5	363.29
5 Alveen Seon	Mt. Albert	3.5	2289	5	327.00
6 Alice O'Callahan	NthShore/Bays	3	2461	2	351.57
7 Margaret Cherry	How/Pak.	3	2387	2	341.00
8 Shirley Gifkins	Mt. Albert	2	2404	10	343.43
9 Lorna Baulcomb	NthShore/Bays	2	2220	4	317.14
10 Cathie Sale	How/Pak.	2	2213	2	316.14

Group Five

Name Club Win Score Bonus Average

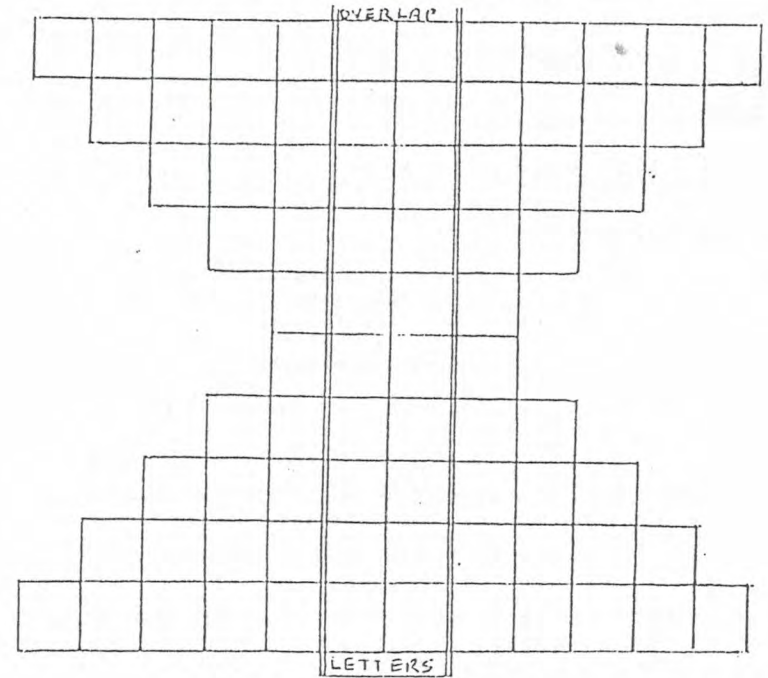
1 Stan Skinner	Hamilton	5	2762	8	394.57
2 Olga Craigie	How/Pak.	5	2508	4	358.29
3 Conny van Tilburg	How/Pak.	4.5	2440	2	348.57
4 Dorothy Haining	Rodney	4	2464	5	352.00
5 Carole Coates	Hamilton	4	2406	5	343.71
6 Lil Moore	Mt. Albert	4	2396	4	342.29
7 Joan Ball	How/Pak.	3.5	2674	4	382.00
8 Leonora Cole	NthShore/Bays	3	2341	2	334.43
9 Lesley Flodin	Mt. Albert	3	2264	4	323.43
10 Noreen Barritt	Nth Shore/Bays	2.5	2285	2	326.43
11 Jillian Greening	Hamilton	2	2291	6	327.29
12 Kate Wignall	Mt. Albert	1.5	2270	0	324.29

Group Six

Name Club Win Score Bonus Average

1 Pauline Hayes	Mt. Albert	6	2397	1	342.43
2 Margaret Mourant	Mt. Albert	5	2361	1	337.29
3 Marj H	Rodney	4	2410	2	344.29
4 Jeanette Owler	How/Pak	4	2279	2	325.57
5 Bev Morris	How/Pak	4	2147	4	306.71
6 Pat Wareing	How/Pak	4	2141	2	305.86
7 Cathie R	rod	4	2073	0	296.14
8 Lulu Holt	Mt. Albert	3	2165	1	309.29
9 Marion Rose	Mt. Albert	3	2026	3	289.43
10 Valerie Holbrook	How/Pak	2	2186	2	312.29
11 Irene Hague-Smith	Mt. Albert	2	1961	0	280.14
12 Ed Green	Stratford	1	1787	0	255.29

OVERLAP PUZZLE COMPETITION No.3



WHO IS THIS?

CHAZ R PEWTERS or ZAC WHERPSTER or ESTHER C ZWARP...
or ?

CLUE: The compiler of a very useful Scrabble book!

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OVERLAP COMPETITION NO. 2

There were a few more entries in Forwards No. 17's Overlap Competition. My feedback tells me that many more people attempt the puzzle, but are afraid to send in their entries. This time all entries, after correcting some adding mistakes, were between 828 and 821. The winner was Rhoda Cashman from the Rodney Club, while Andree Prentice from the Wanganui Club was only one point behind. Other creditable entries were received from Bob Johnson (North Shore/Bays), Jeff Grant (Hastings and Dorothy Haining (Rodney).

A composite answer made up from entries and my own research shows a possible score of 831. This would be:

	nonetTInting	113
	tannINtent	103
	tanTItan	84
	tiTInt	74
	tINn	56
(or nITs or nITa)	aNIt	50
	anTIIts	64
(or jinNInon)	tutTIinct	82
(OR INTine)	attaINning	95
	quintINstant	110
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		831

More entries next time, please! Meanwhile a small book prize is on the way to Rhoda.

Gerald Warner

SCOREBOARD: a-3: b-4: c-3: d-1: e-3: f-10: g-3: h-1: i-2: j-
k-4: l-5: m-3: n-2: o-7: p-2: q-4: r-1: s-3: t-5
u-2: v-10: w-4: x-5: y-2: z-2.

ENTRIES to be sent to Gerald Warner, Sandspit Rd., R.D.2, Warkworth, by May 26th, 1990. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

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evolVELour	66
fiVelo	50
etc.,	
TOTAL:	639

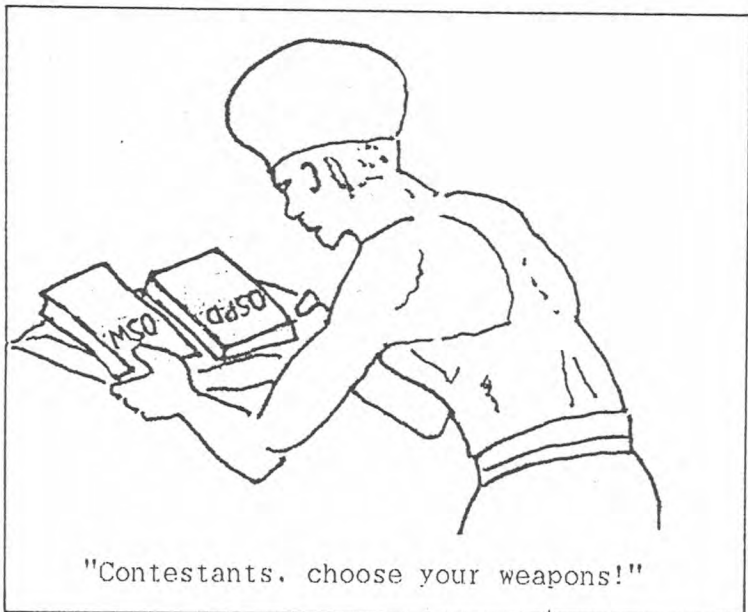
Don't forget your name and address, as well as your club.

WORD LISTS AVAILABLE

The following word lists are available on request from Ian Patterson, P.O. Box 3067, Dunedin. They are each printed individually by computer, and are up to date, and accurate.

- "3" All allowable 2 and 3-letter words. (This list also shows which can have an "S" added, and also those which can't take ANY single letter).
- "AWS" All allowable 4-letter words.
- "SWAF" Same words as FAWS but sorted from the LAST letter instead of the first. This shows instantly, for example, every letter that can go in front of a word like "LAW" (BLAW,CLAW,FLAW,SLAW).
- "LPS" ("Low Point Sevens") - This lists alphabetically, all allowable 7-letter words containing ONLY letters worth 1 or 2 points (ADEGILNORSTU). A useful time saver, but not nearly as useful as . . .
- "LPS" ("ANAGRAMS of Low Point Sevens") - Those same words, sorted by their component letters. So RETINAS will appear under "AEINRST" (along with its 9 anagrams). The perfect answer - and learning aid - to the eternal question "I wonder what THESE letters make!". Simply arrange the letters in alphabetic order, and LOOK IT UP.

23	2 pages	50c	PLUS \$1
FAWS	5 pages	\$1.50	<u>PER ORDER</u>
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LPS	5 pages	\$1.50	COVER
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Bernice Vannini's impression of the Melbourne 'duel' dictionary tournament.

See 'Future Tournaments' in FORWORDS Number 17.

5-LETTER STEMS

Since about last March I have been (and still am, on a continuing basis) compiling a library of useful 6-letter "stems" (e.g. "SETINA/ANTIES/AIENST") of which I now have about 300 which offer a greater than 50/50 chance of a bonus, and from this I'm now also doing 5-letter stems.

The 5-letter ones take over 3 hours each, but for one who is keen on chasing bonuses it is time well spent - for instance if you get AEOSTRU, should you toss out just the U or the U and the O? My figures tell me that UO is the best, as AERST is 71% chance while AEORST is only 62%.

Alternatively, having ADERSTU only the U should go, as ADERST is 76% - 5% better than just AERST.

For your interest I list the 5-letter stems I have done so far, each with its probability. (It's probably 98% accurate, so in some cases where I haven't caught up with a particular obscure 7 the percentage quoted may be too low, but I don't believe any would change by more than about 1% now).

DGLMNPQRST-AEIOU (mnemonic) %-

	RST AE	RATES	71%		PRST E	PREST	52%
	N ST EI	TINES	68%	D	RS E O	RODES	52%
	RST EI	RITES	66%		N ST A I	STAIN	52%
	RST E O	ROTES	65%		N R T EI	INTER	52%
L	ST EI	LITES	62%		RST E U	RUTES	52%
L	RS AE	LASER	62%		N RS AE	SANER	51%
	N ST AE	TANES	61%		N RS E O	SNORE	50%
	N RST E	STERN	60%		N ST E O	STONE	50%
	RST EE	RESET	60%		N R T AE	ANTER	49%
D	RS AE	DARES	60%	M	ST EI	TIMES	49%
L	ST AE	LATES	59%	L N	S AE	LANES	48%
D	RS EI	RIDES	59%		RST A I	STAIR	49%
	N RS EI	RINES	59%	D	RST E	TREDS	47%
L	RS EI	RILES	54%	M	RS AE	MARES	47%
G N S	EI	SINGE	54%		RS AEI	RAISE	46%
D N S	EI	DINES	54%		ST AEI		43%
G N R	EI	INGER	54%	M N	S AE	MANES	43%
L	RST E		53%		N S AEI		38%
L N S	EI	LINES	53%	G N	T EI	TINGE	38%
C	RS AE	RACES	53%		N T AEI	INATE	38%
	PRS AE	RAPES	53%	L M	S EI	MILES	37%

But B E W A R E !! - these probabilities only apply if you KNOW all the hundreds of 7-letter words involved. If say you know only about half of the RATES ones, but you happen to know ALL of (!?) STONE, then for YOU there may be a 15% better chance FOR YOU, to go for STONE.

But anyway, seeing these figures in cold black and white is, I find, far better than having to rely on your "gut feeling" all the time. For example I think most people initially feel that ER is better than ET (thinking of all the RE-----and -----ER words.

By Kevin Edgeler.

But according to these figures, the reverse is probably true - "T" may not be as obtrusive as "R", but it's usually there anyway, probably sitting in the middle of words quietly doing its job!

(A further caution - these figures will tend to favour "low value" tiles, as virtually all their words are found in ALPS. For M's, P's etc my dictionary searching is fairly thorough, but there will still be a few slip through the net).

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ANOTHER WORD LIST

Also available on request from Ian Patterson, PO Box 3067, Dunedin, is the recently compiled ASHY - Anagrams of Sevens with High-value letters. This has 53 pages containing around 25000 words, and may be used in conjunction with ALPS. For example, if your rack contained AABCERT reference to ASHY would reveal ABREACT, BEARCAT and CABARET. Copies of ASHY are \$12.50 plus \$1 postage.

DN SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT
HELD 24 FEBRUARY

	NAME	P	W	L	BON	POINTS	AVE
1st	IAN PATTERSON	7	7	-	18	3533	505
2nd	CAROLYN KYLE	7	5½	1	10	2806	401
3rd	ALAN BOYD	7	5	2	8	2750	393
4th	JO BURNSIDE	7	4	3	15	2581	369
5th	KARLEEN PENMAN	7	3½	3	10	2545	364
6th	ROBERT JONES	7	2	5	6	2143	306
7th	DAISY MADDEN	7	1	6	4	2270	324
8th	ALICE DOUST	7	-	7	-	2048	293
<u>MOST BONUSES AVERAGE</u>		<u>MOST BONUSES IN GAME</u>		<u>HIGHEST LOSING SCORE</u>			
IAN (18)		CAROLYN (4) JO (4)		DAISY (412)			
<u>HIGHEST SCORE</u>		<u>HIGHEST TURN SCORE</u>		<u>HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE</u>			
IAN (574)		IAN PATTERSON (107)		CAROLYN KYLE (995)			

Although the Northeners felt the cool start to Feb 24th, the day of Tokoroa's annual Scrabble tournament, the day was more suited to the beach than Scrabble.

Fifty-two hopefuls participated with ten players in the first three groups, twelve in group four and ten in group five.

The A grade was without such top players as Mike Sigley, David Lloyd and Glynis Jennings and Jeff Grant was assisting local organisers with his top class adjudication once again.

Glennis Hale and Lynne Butler were level after the first three games when they met in Round four. Glennis won in a close game, 395 - 380. This win gave Glennis a one game lead going into the last game. While Lynne picked up another win Glennis lost a nail biting game against Betty Gibb by a mere 7 points. This left both players on 6 wins with Lynne winning on a points countback. Hamilton's Rita Moore picked up third place with 4 wins.

The B grade was even closer with the top three players all recording 5 wins. Peter Jones' big win over Lesley Edgeler by 504/261 in the second to last game was enough to give him the edge on the points countback. Andree Prentice (Wanganui) sneaked through to pick up second ahead of Tokoroa's Lois Kelly.

The Stratford Club picked up the quinella in the C grade with Fae Olson on 6 wins and clubmate Reeva Pearson on 5 wins. Nita Oldham (Wanganui) a late replacement did well to take third spot.

Mt. Albert's Bernice Vannini took out the D grade from Rodney's Anne Warner and Hamilton's Lyn Toka.

The E grade provided the local club with its main title hopes. Bridget French, after a third last year took the top spot this year. After losing the first game to Jan Jacobi, Bridget didn't drop another game to be a clear winner with 6 wins. A former Tokoroa player, now of Papamoa, Willie van Hasselt took second place ahead of another Tokoroa player, Jan Jacobi.

A Grade	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W
1. Lynne Butler	6	3162	452	17
2. Glennis Hale	6	3053	436	12
3. Rita Moore	4	2900	414	13
4. Gerald Warner	4	2815	402	6
5. Betty Gibb	4	2789	398	16
6. John Moore	4	2712	387	9
7. Georgie Offringa	2	2570	367	6
8. Lynne Powell	2	2559	366	11
9. John Foster	2	2446	349	6
10. Lynn Wood	1	2610	373	6

<u>B Grade</u>	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W
1. Peter Jones	5	3025	432	14
2. Andree Prentice	5	2690	384	5
3. Lois Kelly	5	2670	381	10
4. Cathy Woods	4	2596	371	10
5. Lesley Edgeler	4	2517	360	4
6. Rhoda Cashman	4	2484	355	5
7. Correne James	3	2705	386	7
8. Lucy Bright	2	2523	360	8
9. Roger Coates	2	2424	346	7
10. Allie Quinn	1	2382	340	5

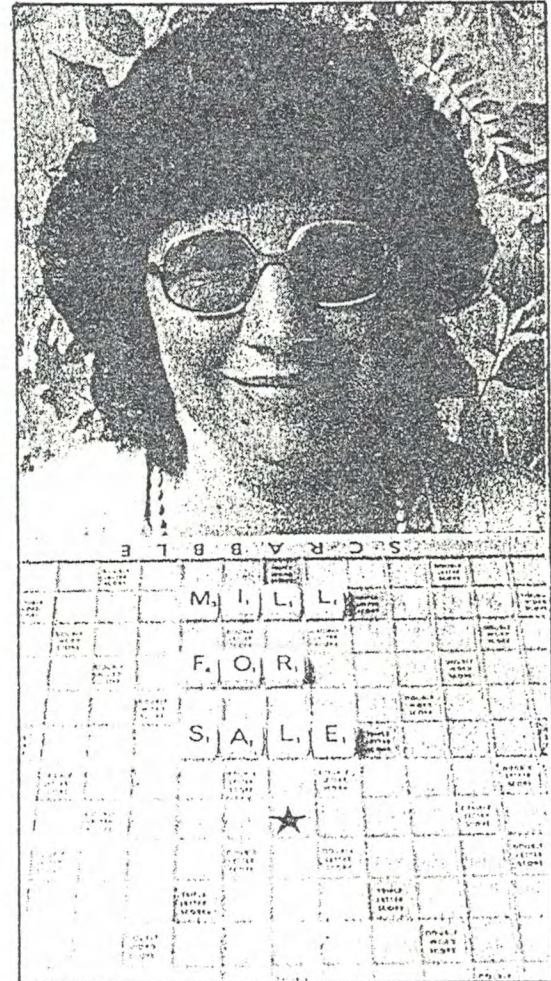
<u>C Grade</u>	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W
1. Fae Olson	6	2751	393	8
2. Reeva Pearson	5	2849	407	17
3. Nita Oldham	5	2723	389	9
4. Marge Baillie	5	2648	378	5
5. Rosemary Cleary	4	2619	374	7
6. Glenda Geard	3	2478	354	9
7. Faye Leach	2	2479	354	7
8. Bev Barker	2	2397	342	4
9. Mary Brett	2	2272	325	4
10. Alveen Seon	1	2428	347	8

<u>D Grade</u>	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W
1. Bernice Vannini	6	2825	404	10
2. Anne Warner	5	2729	390	5
3. Lyn Toka	5	2540	363	6
4. Conny van Tilburg	5	2487	355	3
5. Stan Skinner	4	2586	369	9
6. Roy Vannini	4	2584	369	10
7. Betty Eriksen	4	2452	350	6
8. Daph Watson	4	2428	347	4
9. Annette Coombes	2	2278	325	3
10. Kate Wignall	2	2194	313	1
11. May Bacon	1	2291	327	0
12. Gwen Robb	0	2212	316	3

<u>E Grade</u>	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W
1. Bridget French	6	2581	369	1
2. Willie van Hasselt	5	2428	347	4
3. Jan Jacobi	5	2405	344	4
4. Dorothy Haining	4	2380	340	3
5. Margaret Parsons	4	2292	327	1
6. Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	4	2045	292	5
7. Phyl Wilson	3	2345	335	2
8. Anne Reeves	2	2186	312	0
9. Irene Hague-Smith	2	2185	312	5
10. Ed Olson	0	1849	264	1

Spot Prizes

First turn	Lynne Butler	76
Q	Irene Hague-Smith	88
X	Peter Jones	77
J	Roger Coates	75
Z	Marge Baillie	124
K	Rita Moore	95
Blank	Reeva Pearson	88
<u>Highest Game</u>		
A. Lynne Butler	536	
B. Peter Jones	504	
C. Reeva Pearson	507	
D. Anne Warner	471	
E. Willie van Hasselt	430	



Lesley Edgeler is all smiles after her recent success in the Tokoroa Scrabble Tournament held recently. She also knows how to keep her scrabble board up with the news.

1989 CLUB RESULTS

The Hamilton Scrabble Club held their annual prize-giving and Social evening on their last December Club night.

Major prize-winners were:-

The Founders Trophy (Club Champion) - JOHN MOORE

Bonus Words Trophy (most Bonus words in relation to games played) - JOHN MOORE

Knock-out Trophy - JOHN MOORE

Ruth Laird Goblets (for the most-improved player) - JILLIAN GREENING

Moore Trophy (Round Robin Division 1 winner) - RITA MOORE

Gibb Trophy (Round Robin Division 2 winner) - PEGGY WALLACE

Darby Trophy (Round Robin Division 3 winner) - LYN TOKA

Michelle Wansink Pot Luck Trophy (Highest % of wins) - JOHN MOORE

Challenge Shield (Ladder Champion) - MAREE HUNT

Eileen Mead Trophy (for most bonus words by Division 2 player) - STAN SKINNER

John Gibb Plaque (for most bonus words by Division 3 player) - LYN TOKA

Eileen Mead 100 Pointer Trophy (most 100 point words) - BETTY GIBB

DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB

1989 Round Robins - S U M M A R Y

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	Total W-L	S C O R E			BONUS Ave	AveScore v. 198
												Ave	LO-HI	Ave		
1 IAN P.	A1 6-2	A1 6-2	A1 5-1	A3 4-5	A1 6-2	A2 5-3	A2 5-3	A2 5-3	A2 6-2	A1 7-1	55-24	70%	414	295-548	2.0	+1
2 PETER S.	A2 5-3	A2 5-3	A3 2-4	A2 6-3	A2 5-3	A1 7-1	A1 5-3	A1 6-2	A1 6-2	A3 3-5	50-29	63%	409	220-637	1.9	+30
3 ALAN	A3 4-4	A3 4-4	A2 4-2	A1 6-3	A3 4-4	A3 3-5	A4 4-4	A4 3-5	A3 4-4	A2 6-2	42-37	53%	384	280-544	0.9	-7
4 MARIAN	A4 4-4	A4 4-4	B2 3-3	B1 7-1	A4 3-5	A4 3-5	A5 1-7	B1 5-1	A5 1-6	B2 2-1	33-37	47%	374	240-472	1.6	-11
5 BILL G.	E4 2-2	E1 4-0	D2 2-2	D2 6-2	C1 6-2	B1 4-2	A3 5-3	A3 3-5	A4 2-5	A4 3-5	37-28	57%	359	262-574	1.2	-2
6 BILL W.	B1 5-1	A5 1-7	B1 4-2	A4 2-7	B3 3-3	B3 2-3		C2 4-2	B1 5-3	A5 1-7	27-35	44%	332	191-485	0.7	-2
7 KARLEEN	C3 1-4	C2 3-2	C2 4-2	B2 6-2	A5 2-6	B4 1-3	B2 2-4	A5 3-5	B2 4-4		26-32	45%	370	201-544	1.3	+23
8 JOHN	B3 2-4	B2 3-3	B3 3-2	B3 4-4	B1 5-1	A5 2-6	B3 1-3	B4 2-3	*D2 3-2	C...	25-28	47%	340	215-463	0.5	+12
9 YVONNE	C1 6-0	B1 4-0	A4 1-5	B5 1-7	C2 4-1	B...					16-13	55%	361	283-467	0.4	+25
10 ARTHUR	B2 3-3	B4 1x2x	C1 5-1	B4 2-6	B4 1-5	C 1-2	B4 1-2	C4 1-4		C3 1-1	15x26x37%	332	179-425	0.9	-14	
11 GLENNIE	C2 3-2	C3 2-2	D1 3-1	C1 3-0	B2 3-3	B2 3-2	B1 5-0				22-10	69%	372	278-483	0.6	-10
12 PETER W.	B4 2-4	C1 3-2	B4 1-4	C3 0-3	C3 3-4	C 1-0	*D3 2-2	C1 4-2	B4 4-4	B4 1-3	21-28	43%	354	233-481	1.1	-11
13 DAISY	A5 1-7	B3 1x3x	C3 0-6	C2 2-2	C5 2-6	D1 3-0	*D2 3-1	B3 2-4	B5 3-5	C2 1-1	18x35x34%	350	253-527	1.1	+9	
14 CAROLYN	E1 3-1	D1 3-1	D3 1-3	D1 6-2	C4 2-4	C...	*D1 4-1	B2 2-3	B3 4-4	B1 3-1	28-20	58%	359	269-480	0.7	.
15 JO	C4 0-4	D2 2-2		C...						D1 5-1	7-7	50%	362	230-488	1.4	+28
16 LESLEY	D1 5-0	C4 2-4	D...	D3 3-4	D1 3-1	C 1-1		C3 2-3	*D1 4-2	B3 1-2	21-17	55%	357	260-547	1.0	.
17 JAN S.	D3 2-1	D...									2-1	67%	285	244-318	.	-21
18 PAUL				D4 2-5	D...						2-5	40%	335	220-433	1.1	.
19 GLEN			F1 3-0	E1 5-1	D3 1-3	D...	*F3 2-3	*F1 5-0	*D3 2-3	C1 2-2	20-12	63%	333	253-434	0.4	.
20 CORALE								*F2 4-1	*D4 2-4	D2 4-2	10-7	59%	352	255-401	0.4	.
21 MARGARET	E2 3-1	E3 2-2	E1 3-0	D5 2-6	E1 1-1	D2 1-2	*D4 1-2	D1 4-1		D3 2-4	19-19	50%	332	254-430	0.4	+24
22 IAN R.	D2 2-2	D3 1-3	E3 2-2	E2 4-2	D2 2-2	D3 1-3	*D5 1-2	D3 1-2	*F4 1-3	E3 2-3	17-24	41%	303	209-391	0.7	+4
23 JENNY G.										E1 5-1	5-1	83%	356	280-418	0.7	.
24 ALICE D.	D4 0-6	E2 2-2	E5 0-4	F1 5-1	E2 1-1	F1 5-1	*D6 1-4	D4 1-3	*F1 4-0	D4 1-5	20-27	43%	300	231-388	.	-3
25 JESSIE	F1 2-0	E4 1-3	E2 2-1	E3 3-3	E...						8-7	53%	307	256-373	.	.
26 ROBERT	E3 3-2	E5 1-3	F2 2-1	F3 2-4	F1 2-2	F3 2-4	*F2 4-2	D2 2-2	*F3 2-2	E4 0-6	20-28	42%	292	169-487	0.3	+40
27 DOROTHY E.	E6 0-3	F1 2-0	E4 1-1	E4 0-6	F...						3-10	23%	250	208-296	.	+5
28 KRISTINE								*F3 2-3	*F2 2-2	E2 4-1	8-6	57%	310	220-413	0.3	.
29 ANDRE					F2 2-2	F2 3-3	*F1 4-1				9-6	60%	333	253-475	1.5	.
30 PERCY		F2 1-1	F3 1-2	F2 3-3	E...					F1 2-1	7-7	50%	269	211-356	.	+53
31 HEATHER								*F4 2-3	*F...	F2 2-1	4-4	50%	264	201-347	0.3	.
32 MURRAY								*F5 1-4	*F...		1-4	20%	253	207-291	.	.
33 PAT								*F6 1-4	*F5 1-3	F3 1-1	3-8	27%	227	146-273	.	.
34 JANE	E5 0-2	F...	F...		F3 2-2	F4 2-4	*F4 0-4			F4 1-3	5-15	25%	253	190-357	0.1	+33
35 EDNA		F3 0-2	F4 0-3	F4 2-4	F...						2-9	18%	258	218-308	.	.
36 ANDREW	F2 0-1										0-1	0%	252	252-252	.	.
Totals	25	23	23	25	22	19	19	23	19	24						

NOTES:-
SEQUENCE - Players are ranked in order of their performance over the WHOLE year.
 "A1 7-1" means this player came 1st in A grade, scoring 7 wins and 1 loss.
 "... " means this player was scheduled for this grade in this month, but played no games.
 "x" represents a HALF (i.e. a drawn game).
 GRADES - Some grades (marked "~") have been retrospectively redesignated, to provide a more realistic spread from A to F throughout.

NZ SCRABBLE RECORDS

Shown below is an updated list of N.Z. Scrabble records. It is still not complete, so if anyone can fill in a gap, improve on or correct any of the entries, please let me know.

	TOURNAMENT	CLUB
Highest Game Score	660 Denise Gordon (Wanganui)	696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)
Lowest Game Score	185 Nola Kennedy (Wanganui)	123 Norma Keesing (Hastings)
Highest Losing Score	472 Glennis Hale (Mt. Albert)	515 Frank Robinson (Lower Hutt)
Lowest Winning Score	262 Lydia White (How-Pak)	169 Joan Osborne (Rodney)
Highest Drawn Game	458 Kevin Edgeler Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)	?
Lowest Drawn Game	?	312 Elsie Tucker Audrey Nelson (Hastings)
Highest Single Turn Score	203 Andrew Bradley Correne James (Mt. Albert)	239 Joyce Bourdot (NS-Bays)
Highest Combined Score	1006 Rita Moore(Ham) & Howard Warner (Wellington)	1054 Lynne Powell & June Mackwell
Lowest Combined Score	457 Ed Olson (Stratford) & J. Coldham-Fussell	326 Joan Osborne, & Norah Cox (Rodney)
Largest Winning Margin	421 David Lloyd (Mt. Albert)	468 Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)
Highest Take-off	?	68 Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	———	13 David Lloyd (Mt. Albert)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	———	1761 Glenyss Buchanan (Lower Hutt)
Lowest 3-Game Aggregate	———	538 Chris Williams (Hastings)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5 Allie Quinn (NS-Bays)	?