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FORWORDS

NUMBER 19

qwed *Obs fm obs n qued*, in the sense of the Devil

qwede *var fm Obs n quide*, a will or bequest

qwedyr *Obs fm S & dial vb whither*, to rush: to tremble: to strike violently

qweer *obs fm n choir*

qwel *Obs fm adj/pron which*

qwele *obs S fm n wheel*

qwell *Obs S fm n wheel*

qweme *Obs fm obs vb queme*

qwene *obs fm n queen*

qwent *obs pa pple vb quench*

qwer *Obs S & dial fm adv/conj where*

qwere *obs fm n choir*

qwerf *Obs fm n wharf*

qwerk *var fm dial n quirk*

qwerle *Obs fm n whirl*

qwers *obs fm n quern*

qwert *Obs fm obs n/adj quart*

qwerte *Obs fm obs n/adj quart*

qwest *obs fm n quest*

qwesy *Obs fm adj queasy*

qwet *Obs S & dial fm n wheat*

qwete *Obs fm vb whet. Obs S & dial fm n wheat*

century writer noted its use for the bark from timber)

qweysye *Obs fm adj queasy*

qwha *obs S fm pron who*

qwhar *Obs S & dial fm adv/conj where*

qwhare *Obs S & dial fm adv/conj where*

qwharefore *Obs S fm adv wherefore*

qwharte *Obs fm n quart*

qwheet *Obs S & dial fm n wheat* (note: Unlisted anagram, qwhete)

qwele *obs S & dial fm n wheel*

qwhene *Obs fm n queen*

qwher *Obs S & dial fm adv/conj where*

qwhete *Obs S & dial fm n wheat* (note: Unlisted anagram, qwheet)

qwhil *obs S fm n while*

qwhit *Obs S fm adj white*

qwhois *obs S fm pron whose*

qwhoise *obs S fm pron whose*

qwhom *Obs fm pron whom*

qwhos *Obs S fm pron whose*

qwhy *obs fm S & dial n quey Obs S fm adv why*

qwhyet *Obs fm adj white* (note: Unlisted anagram, qwhyte)

qwhy *obs S fm n while*

qwhy *Obs fm adj white*



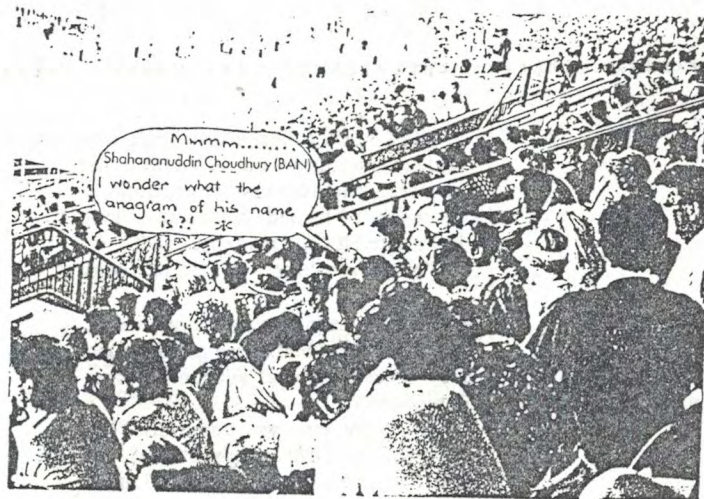
EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see we have a bumper edition this time, with lots of tournament results and items from Scrabblers all over the place. My apologies to those who have sent me material that I haven't been able to find room for in this issue. Don't worry, it will probably go in next time.

Congratulations to the North Shore Bays and Wellington clubs for hosting their enjoyable tournaments, and thanks to everyone who helped make the Masters and Nationals a success once again. I'm sure some of the 'acts' at Hamilton will be long remembered by all who were lucky enough to be there, and of course John Moore was as ever the ideal compere (the term 'wire brush' will never be quite the same again!)

Well done to Glennis Hale on a new tournament record score of 661 points at the North Shore Bays tourney - who will be the first to 700? A special mention also for Gil Quiballo from Lower Hutt who has earned promotion to 'A' grade at the Nationals only a year after playing 'E' grade. Look out all you 'top' notchers!

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff



GUESS WHO WAS SPOTTED AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN AUCKLAND IN JANUARY?

:-* 'Ah, Hindu do such a handy run' (to be spoken in a Bangladeshi accent)

A slight increase in the number of entries, including even two revised ones. The winner this time was Otarine Pants (né Ian Patterson) of the Dunedin Club with 682 points. Runner-up, somewhat behind, was Margaret White (Rodney) followed by Rhoda Cashman (Rodney) and Andree Prentice (Wang). Two other entries had to be disqualified for repetition and wrongly spelled words resp.

A 'best' score of 683 would be the following:

volvuliftoff	90	
octavolvox	79	
kloffal	68	
vetoff	57	
ooff	51	
vavo	43	(or oVAv)
viVolt	56	
boffOvea	71	
bouffEoffs	79	
zuffoLooftul	89	

Total: 683

So the much cited 'fluffyfot' and the most interesting looking 'foveoLAvolta' and 'witloffload' scored less than above.

A small prize is en route to Dunedin!

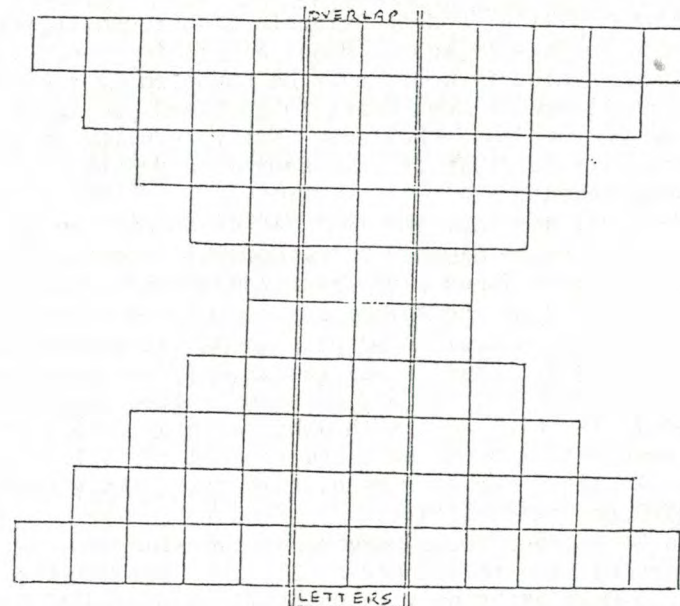
-GERALD WARNER

A RARE-BOOK collector met a man who said he'd just thrown out an old Bible that had been packed away for generations. "Somebody named Guten-something had printed it," the man explained. "Not Gutenberg!" gasped the book

lover. "You've just thrown away one of the most famous books ever printed. One copy recently sold at auction for over \$4 million!"

The other man was unmoved. "My copy wouldn't have brought a dollar," he said. "Some bloke named Martin Luther scribbled notes all over it."

- Tal Bonham. *The Treasury of Clean Jokes*



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

Each letter has a different value and the idea is to select words that give you the highest possible score. The Overlap letters count double as they occur in both words. There is to be no repetition, incl. singular and plural of the same word; but other derivatives are allowed, such as load, loaded, loading; hard, harder, hardest.

All words used in Overlap must be from the Chambers English Dictionary (1988 Edition) or the Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary.

SCOREBOARD: a-1; b-2; c-3; d-2; e-1; f-2; g-3; h-3; i-7; j-4; k-3; l-9; m-3; n-4; o-2; p-6; q-6; r-2; s-5; t-4; u-1; v-2; w-3; x-5; y-10; z-4.

Entries to be sent to Gerald Warner, Sandspit Rd., R.D.2., Warkworth by August 10th, 1990.

The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

fattilycopod 71
 yellowlery 61
 trillama 54
 etc.
 TOTAL: 645

N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD

When the "little" Rodney Scrabble Club recently issued a challenge to "mighty mouse" Mount Albert for the N.Z. Challenge Shield, it could only be compared to a Ranfurly Shield challenge by East Coast to Auckland. So, great was the elation when this challenge nearly resulted in an upset. Just that little grain of luck seemed to desert Rodney in the vital moments.

On Saturday morning, the last day of March, the Mt. Albert team consisting of Glennis Hale, Dorothy Pinner, John Foster and Peter Jones plus driver/adjudicator Bernice Vannini arrived at the Warner residence in Sandspit. Warkworth to find their opponents Rhoda Cashman, Margaret White, Glynis Jennings (newly recruited!) and Gerald Warner, with Anne Warner hosting and co-adjudicating.

Round 1: Two wins each with John catching Gerald on the final move with a bonus word and winning 389:387.

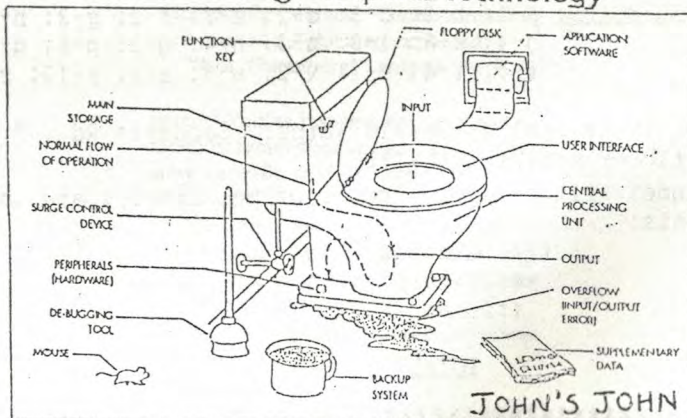
Round 2: Again two wins each, this time Glynis beating John by 5 points 424:419.

Round 3: Another level pegging of two wins each, with Glynis going down to Glennis by 354:358, and Margaret losing to Dorothy by only 11 points.

And so to Round 4, where luck really deserted Rodney: Glynis was beaten by Peter by one point - 389:390, and Rhoda, having left her opponent Glennis with three neat openings for her two blanks and her 'S', found Glennis taking the very one which would have allowed her to place 'CRAZIEST' for a N.Z. record score of 311. Tough!!

A most enjoyable day's play. More clubs should challenge for the Shield. There is no reason why meetings could not be arranged at halfway localities, if distance proves an obstacle.

Understanding Computer Technology



A CHALLENGE FOR READERS

As a spin-off from Forwards contest No 16 I have totalled the first two moves of the three 230-point solutions and my four 227-point solutions. They are as follows:

(Z)OOPHYTE - QUETZAL	86+230=316
JAMBEAU(X) - OXIDIZE	88+230=318
HYDROXY(L) - JEZEBEL	100+230=330
CHUTZPA(H) - KAJAWAH	116+227=343
JANIZAR(Y) - LIQUEFY	116+227=343
JANIZAR(Y) - LIQUIFY	116+227=343

As you see, each of my solutions has an identical 2-move score of 343, which I hereby declare to be the highest possible and challenge anybody to better it. I will even permit contenders to use blanks and esses if they wish.

AND.....

A QUESTION FOR THE COMPILERS OF O.S.P.D.

How can you have a COLESSEE and a COLESSOR if you can't COLEASE in the first place??

- John Foster

A lawyer is defined in one particular dictionary as 'one skilled in circumvention of the law'. This mysterious, murky realm of The Law gives us tautological archaisms like 'aiding and abetting', 'assault and battery' and 'last will and testament'. It also provides a host of legalistic co-nouns, such as co-assignee, co-auditor, codirector, comortgagee, copurchaser, colessee and colessor, without admitting the inferred verbs co-assign, co-audit, codirect, comortgage, copurchase and colease.

- Ed

WOODEN TILES

If anyone is short of a letter or two to complete a set I have quite a few spares.

Peter Jones, 34 Valley View Rd., Glenfield, Auckland.

NORTH OTAGO SCRABBLE CLUB

Hallo from Oamaru! Just to let you know, we have started a Scrabble Club. Our club came into existence in February 1989. We started with a bang on the first night - 32 people turned up, which was a big surprise. However, not everyone came back, and we now have 18 regular players.

We ventured into having our own tournament several weeks ago and it was enjoyed by all 16 players, in two grades. Next time we hope to invite other clubs. We have been to Christchurch and Dunedin for the South Island Championships and learned a lot from that. We became affiliated recently, so we keep in touch with what goes on in other clubs too.

We play on Monday and Friday afternoons. Please come and join us if you happen to travel our way. Phone 46420 or 48155. Well, that's all for now, good scrabbling and so long from Oamaru.

Laney de Gooyer
Secretary

DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB

On 7th April, the DUNEDIN SCRABBLE Club ran another successful tournament. It was an invitation tournament and for the first time in ages all top club members plus Alison Mudie (Oamaru) competed. The trophy was presented to Ian Patterson who was again supreme. Ian won 6 games, losing only to the bottom seed Bill Grigg. He scored 3053 points, Ave 436, Bonuses 11. Highest score 561. Lowest score 356. Alan Boyd was 2nd and Marian Ashley 3rd with 5 wins each. Peter Sinton was the outstanding bonus player with 16 in all. Some interesting words were played: BLOOPIES, ESERINE, KITHING, MAINING, SAULIES, STICKIES, TERBIAS and VARIENT. Imagine you are playing in the heat of a tournament and one of those words has been played, would you challenge any of them? Be honest! Answers at the end of this roundup. It was good to have Alison Mudie from Oamaru playing. Let's hope we have more of this interclub rivalry. Special praise to Jo Burnside (organiser) whose house was used for the tournament. Jo was ably assisted by Corale McDonald.

ANSWERS: (YES) ESERINE, KITHING, MAINING, SAULIES, STICKIES, TERBIAS.

(NO) BLOOPIES, VARIENT.

How many did you get right (truthfully)?

DUNEDIN RESULTS:

NAME	CLUB	WIN	SCORE	BONUS	AVE
1. Ian Patterson	Dunedin	6	3053	11	436
2. Alan Boyd	Dunedin	5	2795	9	399
3. Marian Ashley	Dunedin	5	2684	9	383
4. Peter Sinton	Dunedin	4	2844	16	406
5. Bill Grigg	Dunedin	3	2503	10	358
6. Carolyn Kyle	Dunedin	3	2490	7	356
7. Alison Mudie	Oamaru	2	2267	8	324
8. Peter Wilson	Dunedin	0	2324	9	332

Highest Winning Score (561) Ian Patterson
 Highest Losing Score (382) Peter Wilson
 Highest Turn Score (103) Marian Ashley
 Highest Combined Score (894) Ian & Marian
 Most Bonuses (16) Peter Sinton

-BILL GRIGG

DUNEDIN OPEN SESQUI TOURNAMENT

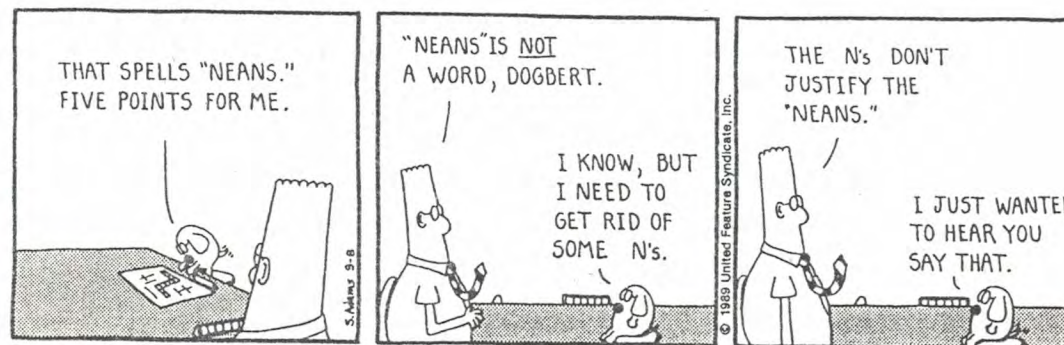
24 & 25 NOVEMBER 1990.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOVEMBER 1990

INQUIRIES: Dunedin Scrabble Club, c/o Marian Ashley,
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 or Corale McDonald. (024)772777

DILBERT BY SCOTT ADAMS



THE 7TH N.Z.MASTERS TOURNAMENT 1990

This years Masters tournament was hosted by the Mt. Albert Scrabble Club in Auckland over the Easter weekend - April 14,15 and 16.

The results are as follows:

Name	Wins	Score	B/W	Average
JEFF GRANT (HAST)	18	10435	50	453.70
MICHAEL SIGLEY (WANG)	18	10188	51	442.96
ANDREW BRADLEY (HAST)	16	9448	42	410.78
BLUE THOROGOOD (WAIROA)	14	9895	49	430.22
LYNNE BUTLER (N.P)	14	9814	44	426.70
GLENYSS BUCHANAN (L.H)	14	9253	32	402.30
PATRICK CARTER (M.A)	14	9149	31	397.78
GLENNIS HALE (M.A)	13	9238	29	401.65
LYNNE POWELL (NSB)	13	9135	37	397.17
JUNE MACKWELL (M.A)	13	8918	24	387.74
DENISE GORDON (WANG)	12	9393	42	408.39
MAY QUIGLEY (NSB)	12	9075	35	394.57
DOROTHY PINNER (M.A)	12	8952	46	389.22
ALAN BOYD (DUN)	12	8811	26	383.09
PETER JONES (M.A)	11	8781	34	381.78
GEORGIE OFFRINGA (NSB)	10	8792	26	382.26
JOHN FOSTER (M.A)	10	8610	29	374.35
GERALD WARNER (ROD)	8	8584	20	373.22
KEVIN EDGELER (TOK)	8	8363	25	363.61
LYNN WOOD (WELL)	8	8359	25	363.43
ANN CANDLER (NSB)	7.5	8267	22	359.43
GLYNIS JENNINGS (WHG)	7	9043	24	393.17
FLORENCE VELDUIZEN(TOK)	7	8361	23	363.52
ALLIE QUINN (NSB)	4.5	8105	25	352.39

Scoring Equipment for the tournament was Sponsored by Southmark Computers.

Aah Ree paw tit Hon the Mas tor ziz.

Con gur ate ule ate ion ziz two Jee eff Gur ant for bee cum eng
the Noo Zee eel and Mas tor ziz Cha amp ion!
Wat aah fab ule ose eff ort! Mig ell Sic lea may did see con did
won sis mor.
Eve ary bod dee had aah gur ate Eas tor inn Auk lah and.
The gur rub wos del ish ose, the cum pan nee eff err fez ant
and the pry ziz poz zit iff lea inn cur edh abb ill.
Eye con gur ate ule ate all pee ope ill con ser ned.
Aye loo ouk for war did too Has tin eng ziz inn Nye inn tea een
nye inn tee one.

Lin But lur

A Report On the Masters. (In 3-letter Words)

Congratulations to Jeff Grant for becoming the New Zealand Masters Champion!
What a fabulous effort! Michael Sigley made second once more.
Everybody had a great Easter in Auckland.
The grub was delicious, the company effervescent and the prizes positively incredible.
I congratulate all the people concerned.
I look forward to Hastings in Nineteen ninety one.
Lynne Butler

From Wanganui Scrabble Club

Did you read in Midweek where 'Mrs' Sigley came runner-up at the Masters Tourney during Easter?
Mike says that's par for the course. The engravers spelt his name wrong on the runner-up trophy for 2 consecutive years - in fact he had it engraved 'Mikaere Sigley' in 1988 because 'Michael' proved so hard for them to spell! We're waiting to see if 'Mikuli Siguli' appears this time.

-Andree Prentice

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KAURI GRADE

Name	Club	Wins	Sevens	Score	Average
Glennis Hale	Mount Albert	6	18	3298	471.14
Lynne Powell	N.S. Bays	6	16	3046	435.14
Patrick Carter	Mount Albert	5	8	2738	391.14
Betty Gibb	Hamilton	4	13	2815	402.14
June Mackwell	Mount Albert	4	10	2755	393.57
Ann Candler	N.S. Bays	3	11	2734	390.57
Glynis Jennings	Whangarei	3	7	2678	382.57
Alan Boyd	Dunedin	3	5	2574	367.71
Rita Moore	Hamilton	2	10	2629	375.57
John Moore	Hamilton	2	9	2619	374.14
Georgie Offringa	N.S. Bays	2	7	2595	370.71
Peter Jones	Mount Albert	2	9	2585	369.29

Best Combined Game - Glennis Hale & Georgie Offringa - 1003
 Highest Score - Glennis Hale - 661 Most Sevens - Glennis Hale

TOTARA GRADE

Roger Coates	Hamilton	6	10	2864	409.14
Bob Johnstone	N.S. Bays	5	11	2873	410.43
Gerald Warner	Rodney	5	7	2779	397
Andrew Coombes	Independent	5	7	2479	354.14
Marge Dalzell	N.S. Bays	4	9	2648	378.29
Joy Hunter	"	4	9	2610	372.86
Paul Patchett	Mount Albert	4	7	2576	368
Yvette Hewlett	"	3	14	2806	400.86
Rhoda Cashman	Rodney	3	8	2684	383.43
Bernard Flower	N.S. Bays	1	6	2436	348
Cathy Woods	Mount Albert	1	6	2384	340.57
Penny Headington	N.S. Bays	1	1	2164	309.14

Best Combined Game - Marge Dalzell & Yvette Hewlett - 884
 Highest Score - Rhoda Cashman Most Sevens - Yvette Hewlett

RIMU GRADE

Glenda Geard	Independent	6	9	2706	386.57
Marj Baillie	Hamilton	5	10	2914	416.29
Shirley Gifkins	Mount Albert	5	9	2748	392.57
Joyce Bourdot	N.S. Bays	4	9	2756	393.71
Alveen Seon	Mount Albert	4	8	2622	374.57
Anne Warner	Rodney	4	1	2556	365.14
Bev Barker	Mount Albert	4	6	2476	353.71
Fae Olson	Stratford	3	8	2652	378.86
Lorna Baulcomb	N.S. Bays	3	3	2472	353.14
Beryl Mace	"	3	5	2460	351.43
Mary Brett	"	3	8	2373	339
Cathie Sale	Pakuranga	3	3	2315	330.71
Reeva Pearson	Stratford	2	13	2610	372.86
Alice O'Callahan	N.S. Bays	0	1	2364	337.71

Best Combined Game - Reeva Pearson & Joyce Bardot - 914
 Highest Score - Fae Olson - 542 Most Sevens - Reeva Pearson

RATA GRADE

Name	Club	Wins	Sevens	Score	Average
Roy Vannini	Mount Albert	6	8	2732	390.29
Stan Skinner	Hamilton	6	7	2673	381.86
Joan Ball	Pakuranga	5	2	2680	382.86
Conny van Tilburg	"	5	5	2539	362.71
Margaret McKechnie	N.S. Bays	4	12	2684	383.43
Peggy Hebden	"	4	5	2404	343.43
Adrienne McKeown	Mount Albert	4	1	2370	338.57
Annette Coombes	Independent	4	5	2298	328.29
Dorothy Haining	Rodney	3	3	2382	340.29
Pat Johnstone	N.S. Bays	3	3	2288	326.86
Bernice Vannini	Mount Albert	2	8	2648	378.29
Lil Moore	"	2	3	2206	315.14
Jillian Greening	Hamilton	1	4	2043	291.86
Lesley Flodin	Mount Albert	0	5	2140	305.71

Best Combined Game - Bernice & Roy Vannini - 870
 Highest Score - Joan Ball Most Sevens - Margaret McKechnie

MANUKA GRADE

Joyce Gilbert	N.S. Bays	6	1	2576	368.00
Noreen Barritt	"	6	2	2325	332.14
Kate Wignall	Mount Albert	5½	2	2376	339.43
Leonora Cole	N.S. Bays	5	7	2474	353.43
Marje Hughes	Rodney	5	2	2463	351.86
Margaret Mourant	Mount Albert	4	3	2414	344.86
Olwen Skelton	Rodney	4	4	2301	328.71
Irene Hague-Smith	Mount Albert	4	2	2197	313.86
Lulu Holt	"	3	2	2311	330.14
Valma Gidman	Rodney	3	1	1971	281.57
Vivienne Williamson	"	2	2	2258	322.57
Ernie Gidman	Rodney	1	1	2073	296.14
Neville James	Independent	½	4	1798	256.86
Ed Olson	Stratford	0	2	1967	281.

Best Combined Game - Lulu Holt & Leonora Cole - 772
 Highest Score - Lulu Holt 437 Most Sevens - Leonora Cola

OSPD AMENDMENTS

Some soft-cover versions of The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (OSPD) contain errors which have been corrected in the hardback edition. Those of you who own softback OSPDS might like to make the following amendments where appropriate:

BEDIMPLIES	amend to	BEDIMPLES
CRESIVE	amend to	CRESCIVE
FARFAL	plural is	FARFALS
GAEN	add under	GAE
INTRADOS	plural is	-ES
INTRIGES	amend to	INTRIGUES
VODUM	amend to	VODUN

If any more errors come to light please let us know.

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 17

Only one person managed to solve all 20 anagrams - congratulations to Glennis Hale of the Mt Albert Club! Highly commended are Allie Quinn(18), John Foster(18), Lyn Toka(18), Alveen Seon(17), Rhoda Cashman(17) and Andree Prentice(16). Number 6 was the one to catch out most puzzlers. Here are the correct answers:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. tornado donator | 2. noisome moonies |
| 3. trounce counter | 4. staying stygian |
| 5. shorten hornets | 6. plusing pulings |
| 7. freesia faeries | 8. nastier retinas |
| 9. spoiled dipoles | 10. poorest stooper |
| 11. poofter foretop | 12. english shingle |
| 13. overfly flyover | 14. realest stealer |
| 15. pushing gunship | 16. semipro promise |
| 17. paction caption | 18. cistern cretins |
| 19. talcing catling | 20. rescued seducer |

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No 18

Correct entries were received from Andree, Glennis, Alveen, Rhoda and John. A draw was held and the winner is John Foster from the Mt Albert Club - well done!

H	O	U	Y	H	N	H	N	M
E		N	G	A	I	O		A
L	O	D	G	E	P	O	L	E
L		E	D	D	A	S		L
B	I	R	R		S	E	C	S
O		J	A	H		G	I	T
X	M	A	S		V	O	A	R
E		W	I	G		W	O	O
S	U	S	L	I	K	S		M

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 19

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

The closing date is August 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.

There are many words where the last 2 letters are the same, for instance STILL, BOO and FUSS contain examples for L, O and S. How many different letters of the alphabet can you find doubled at the end of words? Start with one ending in -aa and work through to -zz (there will be some gaps!). In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the entrant who submits (in my opinion) the most 'interesting' list of words.

NORTH SHORE BAYS TOURNAMENT 1990

Mount Albert's Glennis Hale, seeded number one in the top grade of the North Shore Bays tournament, had herself a field day when she scored 661 points in a game, thus breaking the New Zealand record which was previously held by Denise Gordon of the Wanganui Club with a score of 660. Glennis was playing against me and our total combined score was 1003. I was asked afterwards whether I felt like climbing the highest hill or having a good scream but it was an experience I thoroughly enjoyed and at no time did I feel intimidated; it was a very exciting game. Good luck, Glennis for the world record - I hope I am your partner then as well.

North Shore Bays' newly appointed President, Lynne Powell, can congratulate herself on a successful tournament which attracted 66 entries - Lynne was runner-up to Glennis too! Another Mount Albert lady who did very well was Lulu Holt who won the prize in her grade for the best game, best combined game and the 'Z' word. Congratulations, Lulu.

Thanks to everyone who came to our tournament and we hope to see you all again next year.

Georgie Offringa

WELLINGTON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A.GRADE

1. Glenda Foster(L.Hutt)	9	4467	406	17
2. Denise Gordon(Wang)	8	4664	424	21
3. Gil Quiballo(L.Hutt)	8	4438	403	21
4. Peter Jones(MtA)	7	4389	399	14
5. Allie Quinn(NSB)	5	4387	399	16
6. Gerald Warner(Rod)	5	4149	377	11
7. Lucy Bright(Mast)	4	4288	389	12
8. Karen Rogers(L.Hutt)	4	4279	389	11
9. Geoff Vautier(Wgtn)	3	3650	332	13
10. Glenyss Buchanan(L.Hutt)	2	4052	368	11

B GRADE

1. Leila Thomson(L.Hutt)	9	4387	399	17
2. Teresa Ferrari(L.Hutt)	8	4221	384	12
3. Andree Prentice(Wang)	7	4526	411	14
4. Marj Batchelor(Mast)	7	4124	375	7
5. Anne Stewart(Wgtn)	6	4087	371	11
6. Fae Olson(Strat)	5	4104	373	11
7. Anne Warner(Rod)	5	3777	343	7
8. Rosemary Cleary(Wang)	3	3726	339	9
9. Peggy Wallace(Ham)	3	3625	329	4
10. Reeva Pearson(Strat)	2	3909	355	18

C.GRADE

1. Kate Henderson(Wgtn)	8.5	3873	352	7
2. Gwen Kaiser(Wgtn)	8	4415	401	15
3. Doreen Davies(Mast)	7.5	3823	347	7
4. Nita Oldham(Wang)	6	3943	358	9
5. Olive Heath(L.Hutt)	6	3845	349	9
6. Sandra Stacey(Wgtn)	4	3945	359	5
7. Hilda Scott(Mast)	4	3837	349	4
8. Robyn Slater(L.Hutt)	4	3794	345	6
9. Jeff Owens(Wgtn)	4	3730	339	10
10. Betty Erikson(Wang)	3	3589	326	5

D.GRADE

1. Maree Hunt(L.Hutt)	10	4335	394	14
2. Thelma Chisholm(Wgtn)	8	3680	334	5
3. Vicki Moore(Por)	7	3864	351	11
4. Norman Wheeler(Wgtn)	7	3573	325	4
5. Grace Gillman(Wang)	7	3446	313	1
6. Edna Chandler(Wgtn)	5	3304	300	2
7. Jill Moon(Wgtn)	4	3340	304	4
8. Cecilia Bullott(Wang)	4	3305	300	1
9. Ed Olson(Strat)	3	3309	301	5
10. Leigh Montford(L.Hutt)	0	2950	268	1

WELLINGTON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MOST 7's

A	Denise & Gil
B	Reeva
C	Gwen
D	Maree

SPOTS

OPENING MOVE

Q	1	Peter
J	2	Leila
X	3	Marj
K	4	Glenda
Z	5	Reeva
V	6	Andree
C	7	Denise
	8	Maree
HIGHEST 7	9	Denise
LOWEST 7	10	Lucy & Gil
LAST TURN	11	Glenda

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE : PETER 597

HIGHEST SINGLE TURN : KAREN 212

UPCOMING TOURNEYS

NEW PLYMOUTH

AUGUST 4 & 5 Entry:\$20 Venue:SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
 Entries close: 23 July.1990.

HAMILTON

Sunday August 12 Entry:\$12 Venue:Senior Citizens' Rooms
 Entries close: 6 July. 1990.

1991 MASTERS TOURNAMENT

To be held in Hastings from Mar 30 - Apr 1 next year.
 Venue:Hastings Citizens Band Hall. Orchard Rd.

Motels: Elmore Lodge. Omaha Rd
 Frimley Motel. Pakowhai Rd
 Aparima Lodge. Pakowhai Rd
 (all within 1km of venue)

Also: Windsor Park Cabins. Windsor Ave
 (about 4km away)

A small number of billets will also be available.

Easter is generally a busy time in Hawkes Bay. so it is suggested that those who are fairly sure they will be attending this tournament get in and book early.

A CAPITAL TOURNAMENT

By car and by bicycle, by train and by plane, scrabblers arrived in the capital for the May 5th-6th tournament.

They do things differently in Wellington!

For a start the venue was hidden in the industrial area near the airport. The Stratford group who had been motoring since five o'clock were ready to send out a S.O.S.. A combined Masterton/North Shore carload went round in circles, driven by a scrabblers confused even before the games began. No harm done and soon we were all welcoming old friends and enjoying a cuppa before the real business began.

The second innovation was that a score sheet for each of the 11 games was provided with the usual games schedule. This of course required less running around before the games placing new score sheets on each table. I thought this was a great idea.

The original programme planned 7 games on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. The Saturday competition was played without a hitch and everyone went off to study, or relax before the Sunday rounds. Security arrangements with the Gas Company, whose premises we were using, meant a change in the programme to 8 games and 3. Everyone was told except one player who is the mother of one of the organisers. No communication in that family!!

The usual tea, coffee and biscuits were plentiful. Saturday lunch was fabulous, but the Sunday lunch, perhaps, did not score too highly.

Another Wellington innovation was to change the table numbers overnight. This was to either give more players a chance to sit in the sun, or give the runners a shorter trip between the adjudicators and grades 1 and 2 where the challenges originated.

Computers are indeed a great asset at competitions and Geoff Vautier did a fine job. He was producing up-to-date printouts between games and playing Scrabble between his stints behind the keyboard.

Well done Geoff, Lynn and the Wellington Club.

-OPEN JESTER.

LETTERS ON THE RACK

Any Scrabble player would be familiar with having picked up the Q and there being nowhere to play it, while another player may not be getting any E's. This article will give players an idea what to do with problem letters wherever they may be found.

- A - Eh!
- B - in your bonnet
- C - on the beach
- D - What should be on the hat you are wearing
- E - What to say if your opponent kicked you under the table
- F - If there were three of them I could make 'FLUFF'
- G - Gee, I'm glad you played 'GOD' in your turn
- H - Sneezed in if not played on the board
- I - Too many of them on your rack. Put them on the back of your head so you can see backwards
- J - It flew away
- K - I didn't see her
- L - There is Nowell in Christmas
- M - Hum it
- N - There should be plenty at the end of the game
- O - O Scrabble!
- P - I ate it with my meal
- Q - It should be used only for playing pool, billiards or snooker
- R - Ask the doctor to put the spatula down your throat
- S - Yes. ('Es) Scrabble President
- T - in a cup unless you drunk it
- U - is not as good as I. Me and Myself
- V - Vive le game of Scrabble if I win all my games
- W - Why not Double-Me?
- X - We should eat it for breakfast tomorrow morning
- Y - A one-word question to ask why we must not use dictionaries during a Scrabble tournament or if one player is meant to keep the score
- Z - Enough to make anybody go to sleep during the game
- BLANK - One between your ears or on top of your shoulders

The awkward letters CV on your rack - you need them when applying for a job.

Alan Boyd
Dunedin

1990 N.Z. NATIONALS RESULTS

Held at the Riverina Hotel, Hamilton on June 2 & 3, 1990.

Name	A Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Jeff Grant (Hast)	11	5331	28	444.25
2 Mike Sigley (Wang)	9	5517	26	459.75
3 Andrew Bradley (Hast)	9	5006	24	417.17
4 Glennis Hale (Mt Alb)	9	4963	16	413.58
5 Maurine Sullivan (Taur)	8	4950	17	412.50
6 Lynne Butler (New Ply)	7	5112	20	426.00
7 Denise Gordon (Wang)	7	4913	20	409.42
8 May Quigley (N/Sh Bay)	7	4834	18	402.83
9 Ian Patterson (Dun)	7	4713	23	392.75
10 Peter Jones (Mt Alb)	7	4639	13	386.58
11 Lynne Powell (N/Sh Bay)	5	5093	21	424.42
12 Glenda Foster (Low Hut)	5	4584	10	382.00
13 Kevin Edgeler (Tok)	4	4585	15	382.08
14 Betty Gibb (Ham)	4	4455	15	371.25
15 Dorothy Pinner (Mt Alb)	3	4283	20	356.92
16 June Mackwell (Mt Alb)	2	4621	18	385.08
17 Ann Candler (N/Sh Bay)	2	4381	16	365.08
18 Glynis Jennings (Rod)	2	4362	8	363.50

Highest Points: Mike Sigley 5517
 Highest Number Bonus Words: Jeff Grant 28
 Highest Aggregate Game: Denise & Mike 977
 Highest Individual Game: Lynne & Betty 578

Name	B Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Bob Johnstone (N/Sh Bay)	9	4560	11	380.00
2 Gil Quibalo (Low Hut)	8	5087	23	423.92
3 Leila Thompson (Low Hut)	8	4877	17	406.44
4 Florence Veldhuizen (Tok)	8	4781	19	398.47
5 Rita Moore (Ham)	8	4732	16	394.50
6 Georgie Offringa (N/Sh Bay)	7	4831	13	402.38
7 Roger Coates (Ham)	7	4763	15	396.92
8 Allie Quinn (N/Sh Bay)	7	4759	18	396.58
9 John Moore (Ham)	7	4735	18	394.50
10 David Pinner (Mt Alb)	6	4610	16	384.17
11 John Foster (Mt Alb)	6	4563	14	380.21
12 Lynn Wood (Well)	5	4497	13	374.76
13 Correne James (Mt Alb)	5	4425	13	368.77
14 Gerald Warner (Rod)	5	4421	9	368.44
15 Cathy Woods (Mt Alb)	4	4537	14	378.00
16 Yvette Hewlett (Mt Alb)	3	4380	18	365.00
17 Rhoda Cashman (Rod)	3	4121	16	343.44
18 Lois Kelly (Tok)	2	4184	8	348.67

Highest Points: Gil Quibalo 5087
 Highest Number Bonus Words: Gil Quibalo 23
 Highest Aggregate Game: Gerald & Gil 904
 Highest Individual Game: Gil 530

Name	C Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Lucy Bright (Mast)	10	4405	11	367.08
2 Andrew Coombes (Ind)	8	4577	12	381.42
3 Faye Cronhelm (Ind)	8	4563	18	380.25
4 Andree Prentice (Wang)	8	4547	7	378.92
5 Reeve Pearson (Strat)	7	4863	22	405.25
6 Bev Barker (Mt Alb)	7	4487	8	373.92
7 Marj Batchelor (Mast)	7	4210	9	350.83
8 Geoff Vautier (Well)	6.5	4233	9	352.75
9 Alette Hay (Mast)	6	4662	13	388.50
10 Alveen Seon (Mt Alb)	6	4125	8	343.75
11 Doreen Coyston (Ind)	5.5	3142	16	261.83
12 Ann Plested (Ind)	5	3928	3	327.33
13 Fae Olsen (Strat)	3	4628	14	385.67
14 Faye Leach (Ham)	3	4201	14	350.08
15 Marj Bailly (Ham)	3	4158	8	346.50
16 Mary Brett (N/Sh Bay)	3	3999	11	333.25

Highest Points: Reeve Pearson 4863
 Highest Number Bonus Words: Reeve Pearson 22
 Highest Aggregate Game: Alette & Fae 892
 Highest Individual Game: Bev 500

Name	D Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Glenda Geard (Ind)	9	4857	21	404.75
2 Hilda Scott (Mast)	9	4540	9	378.33
3 Roy Vannini (Mt Alb)	8	4488	15	374.00
4 Jan Jacobi (Tok)	8	4274	5	356.17
5 Betty Erikson (Wang)	7	4355	11	362.92
6 Carole Coates (Ham)	7	4337	13	361.42
7 Anne Warner (Rod)	7	4314	8	359.50
8 Joyce Bourdo't (N/Sh Bay)	7	4279	14	356.58
9 Bernice Vannini (Mt Alb)	5.5	4468	13	372.33
10 Elaine Moltzen (Ham)	5.5	4368	15	364.00
11 Doreen Davies (Mast)	5.5	4057	6	338.08
12 Pat Johnstone (N/Sh Bay)	4	4094	10	341.17
13 Daph Watson (Ham)	4	4062	2	338.50
14 Olive Heath (Low Hut)	3.5	3841	3	320.08
15 Gwen Kaiser (Well)	3	4020	5	335.00
16 Annette Coombes (Ind)	3	3866	9	322.17

Highest Points: Glenda Geard 4857
 Highest Number Bonus Words: Glenda Geard 21
 Highest Aggregate Game: Bernice & Elaine 839
 Highest Individual Game: Bernice 551

Name	E Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Rosalie Goldsworthy (New Ply)	11	4493	7	374.42
2 Sue McRae (Well)	9	4489	10	374.08
3 Stan Skinner (Ham)	7	4351	12	362.58
4 Shirley Morrison (Taur)	7	4343	10	361.92
5 Jeff Owens (Well)	7	4202	9	350.17
6 Leonora Cole (N/Sh Bay)	7	4183	13	348.58
7 Shirley Bonthron (Taur)	6.5	4590	11	382.50
8 Kate Henderson (Well)	6	4487	13	373.92
9 Lyn Toka (Ham)	6	4354	14	362.83
10 Isobel Zyp (Ham)	6	4227	4	352.25
11 Dorothy Haining (Rod)	6	4157	5	346.42
12 Martha Morgan (New Ply)	5	4153	6	346.08
13 Conny van Tilburg (How/Pak)	5	4146	5	345.50
14 George Autridge (New Ply)	3.5	3983	10	331.92
15 Lil Moore (Mt Alb)	3	3697	7	308.08
16 Doreen Poole (NP YWCA)	1	3668	2	305.67

Highest Points: Shirley Bonthron 4590
 Highest Number Bonus Words: Lyn Toka 14
 Highest Aggregate Game: Lyn & Kate 913
 Highest Individual Game: Shirley B 509

Name	F Grade			
	Wins	Points	Bonus	Average
1 Helen Gilbert (NP YWCA)	10	4524	4	377.00
2 Norman Wheeler (Well)	10	4510	11	375.83
3 Bridget French (Tok)	9	4252	3	354.33
4 Margaret Warren (Hast)	8	4164	8	347.00
5 Shirley Lykles (NP YWCA)	8	3940	4	328.33
6 Doreen Rowlands (NP YWCA)	7	4068	4	339.00
7 David Gunn (Ind)	6	4362	15	363.50
8 Margaret Mourant (Mt Alb)	6	4179	7	348.25
9 Irene Hague-Smith (Mt Alb)	6	3834	5	319.50
10 Jillian Greening (Ham)	5	3947	12	328.92
11 Robert Jones (Dun)	5	3774	13	314.50
12 Cecilia Bullot (Wang)	5	3702	1	308.50
13 Ed Olsen (Strat)	5	3618	2	301.50
14 Bruce Boyd (Wang)	4	3842	0	320.17
15 Edna Chandler (Aval)	1	3428	3	285.67
16 May Gale (Ham)	1	3283	1	273.58

Highest Points: Helen Gilbert 4524
 Highest Number Bonus Words: David Gunn 15
 Highest Aggregate Game: David & Doreen 781
 Highest Individual Game: Helen 498

Highest Single Word Score: Maurine Sullivan 149 PERTAINS

Highest Number Bonus Words: Jeff Grant 28

TEAM PRIZE: Hastings

SPOT PRIZES

Game	Winner
1 First Turn	Conny van Tilburg 76
2 Z	George Autridge 77
3 Left Top Corner	Glennis Hale 74
4 J	Rita Moore 102
5 Bottom Right Corner	Roy Vannini 87
6 K	Lyn Toka 69
7 Top Right Corner	Elaine Moltzen 95
8 Q	Lynne Powell & Margaret Mourant 104
9 Bottom Left Corner	Mike Sigley 83
10 X	Lynne Powell 72
11 Mystery	Shirley Lykles 328
12 Last Turn	May Quigley 95

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Once again the NZASP National Tournament held in Hamilton on Queens Birthday week-end was a great success. Meeting former opponents set the adrenalin flowing, so by the time play commenced on Saturday morning the air was abuzz with excited chatter.

For some (me in particular), trying not to think about performing in our concert on prize-giving night proved a bit of a problem - the butterflies in my stomach persisted in doing the highland fling. What had previously seemed a very good idea suddenly felt like a ghastly mistake!

The Hamilton club did not give any items last year so we decided to make the effort this time. I wasn't sure how my idea of forming a hillbilly band would be received but Jillian, Lyn and Elaine were enthusiastic when I mentioned it. The idea was to have similar instruments and clothes to those worn by a very entertaining group I had seen eight years previously. After unsuccessfully trying video outlets and radio stations for a tape of the group, I wrote to Air New Zealand. They had shown it when I had last travelled to Brisbane. A month later I had not heard from the airways so I approached the local country music club. They informed me there was a video in Warkworth and arranged to hire it on my behalf. While waiting for this elusive tape to arrive we went over the words of the song I had almost finished writing and decided to add another couple of lines. When the video arrived a week later (and turned out to be the wrong one) time was running out, so I had to rely on my memory to start getting our act together.

My guitar, which had hardly been touched in years was brought out and I worked out a tune. After we decided on the clothes to be worn I went in search of suitable items that could be turned into musical instruments for Lyn, Jillian and Elaine. My husband, Ray, cut off part of an old drum and painted it, and with the addition of a piece of wood and some wire, Jillian had her bass. Lyn's instrument was made from empty fruit tins and Elaine's from an old broom handle, nails and a large number of bottle tops.

By the time we hillbillies were due to perform, an enjoyable night's entertainment had us feeling more relaxed.

To those of you who would like to do an item next year but feel a bit nervous - give it a go. It's well worth the effort, if only for the fun to be had during practices.

Bonuses are not everything in Scrabble, but they sure are a lot! I believe the optimum should be about 2.0 bonuses per game. Higher than this and you're probably trying TOO hard (so will not actually WIN many games) but less than 2.0 and you're probably not getting as much value as possible from your tiles. Therefore I hope this may be a regular column, giving suggestions on how to improve your bonus rate, and as part of that including some useful selections of bonus words.

There are three main essentials in scoring bonuses:-

- (i) GETTING the correct 7 tiles.
- (ii) SEEING the word that they make.
- (iii) FINDING A PLACE to play the word.

This month I look at (ii), and offer some useful words. These are NOT based around any common 5 or 6-letter combinations (e.g. "ANTIIES") but instead are all words with the same ending. You need not memorise all these, but just browse through them, and think about each one. Then (hopefully) during a game when you see your tiles make "EELLIKE", but figure that "that COULDN'T be a word", you may remember EEL from the ---LIKE list, and can confidently play it.

This list contains EVERY legal word in each category, to my knowledge:-

These make a word with:	These make a word with:	These make a word with:
---"LESS"	"LESS" or "LIKE"	---"LIKE"
AGE CAR HUE MAT TOP	AIR GUM OAR WAR	ANT FAN JAW POT URN
AID DUE HIT NAP TAX	ARM HAT PEG WEB	APE FIN KID PUS WAX
ART EAR INN PIP TIP	BED HIP RIB	ASS FOX (MIS) RAT
ASH END IRE RAY TUG	BIB ICE ROD	BEE GEM NIB RUG
AIM EBB JOB RUN USE	BOW INK SAC	BOX HEN NUN SAW
AWE FEE JOY RIM (UNB)	BUD LAW SON	CAT HOB NUT SIC
AWN FUR JAG SAP WAY	EYE LEG SUN	CUP HOE OAK TAG
BAR GAS KEY SEX WIT	FAT LIP TOE	DOG HOG OAT TIN
BRA GUN KIN SIN VOW	GOD MAN TOY	(DIS) HUT OWL TUB
CAP HAP LID TIE	GUT NET WIG	EEL IVY PEA (UNA)

Next issue I'll give you all the best 6-letter stems to look for, starting from "AEINST" which gives a huge 97% chance of drawing one tile for a bonus.

Happy bonus-hunting,

OTARINE PANTS.

The suffixes -less and -like can theoretically be added to any noun, and larger dictionaries reflect this with examples such as DOCTORLESS, GNATLESS, DEDICATIONLESS, UNGOLDSMITHLIKE, CLOCKWORKLIKE and even the hyphenless WALLLESS and FRILLLESS.

-Ed

THE 700 GAME

Scrabble novices frequently score in the 250-300 range, and the first 400 game is quite a thrill. At the inaugural NZ Championships in Tauranga in 1980 eventual winner Sue Marrow stunned everyone by getting over 500 in one game, an unheard-of total to most at the time.

The highest score at the next National Champs was Paul Lister's 494, but over the following two years the 500 barrier was cracked several times, including 525 by Kevin Edgeler and 506 by May Quigley at the first Mt Albert tournament in 1982, and 533 by Dorothy Pinner at the first Tokoroa event in 1983.

The 600 mark was broken in tournament play for the first time at the 1983 Nationals, where yours truly managed 604. Significantly, the top scores in the other four grades were 557, 548, 533 and 532! Perhaps the most impressive feat though was Australian champ Marie Knight achieving four consecutive 500+ games on the final day. This is comparable to Glenyss Buchanan's remarkable effort in scoring over 400 in all 15 games at the 1985 Norfolk Island Scrabble festival. I believe both David Lloyd and Mike Sigley have since recorded sequences of over 25 straight 400+ games in tournament play.

The 1984 NZ Champs were embellished with an unprecedented display of high-scoring. Leading the way was David Lloyd with a record 628, followed by David Blumhardt (619), and David Pinner and Mike Sigley (both 611). Such a high number of 600 games has not been seen at any subsequent event.

Since the 1984 Nationals 600 scores in tournament play have been rather infrequent. There was my 601 in the 1984 Mt Albert event, David Lloyd's new record of 630 in the 1985 Nationals, which was beaten by Glennis Hale with 644 at the 1986 Masters (Mike had a 616 game there too). This also was subsequently surpassed by Denise Gordon's previous record of 660, set at the 1988 Nationals. High scores in 1989 included Alan Boyd's 613 at the South Island Champs and my 645 at the Nationals, where Aussie player Roger Blom also recorded a 600+ score. The new decade is off to a great start with Glennis's new record of 661 set at the North Shore tourney.

Of course the 600 mark has been broken many times in club play, the most noteworthy being Betty Gibb's score of 696 achieved at the Hamilton club on 10.2.87.

I am aware of only two people topping 700 in New Zealand. The most well-known is David Blumhardt's 708 scored in a 'friendly' game against Sue Marrow on 15.10.85. The finer details of this incredible score are outlined in 'Worthy Mentions' in Issue 2 of the Scrabble magazine Forwards.

The undisputed king of the 700s in New Zealand, however, is Wanganui's Mike Sigley, who has recorded no less than four of these huge scores in unofficial play. Mike first broke through the barrier several years ago when he managed 704 against Chris Shorter, who Mike believes would be one of our top Scrabblers if he played seriously. This was followed later by a 737 against Chris's wife Lili, then in January 1986 a score of 707 playing clubmate Denise Gordon. Unfortunately no record was kept of these three astronomical games, so it is not possible to analyse how the scores were achieved. Most other players would have probably taken a photo of the board and had it framed!

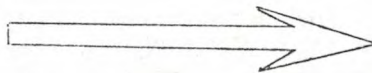
In May 1989 Mike scored exactly 700 in another game with Denise, who got a creditable 412 herself, making a combined total of 1112. Thankfully this time some details of the encounter were recorded. Mike scored his 700 in only 13 moves, not counting a first-time change and take-off points at the end. That's an amazing average of around 54 per move. There were five bonus words - ANTENNAL, MINORED, PALIEST, TORULAE and DISPUTER, the last being a triple-triple worth 176. Quite a game!

For a person to score 700 in any situation is a tremendous performance, and I bet every Scrabble player who hasn't had one would swap all their 500 and 600 games just to get one over 700. The challenge still remains though to

achieve the feat under the restrictions and pressures of serious competition.

It is not the NZ style to collaborate for contrived high-scoring plays, nevertheless I believe a score of over 700 in a tournament may well be attained in the near future. It just needs someone to get a substantial triple-triple, like the 284 for SEIZURES in David's 708, or to perhaps get down a high number of sevens and win some challenges.

To demonstrate how easy (?) it could be, here is a game based on a solitaire effort, where the winning score is 786-364. This game contains no triple-triples and no Brit-style set-ups. If a score of 786 is possible, 800 could surely be reached, but there we really are entering a scrabble dream world.



I
 KNOW THAT
 YOU BELIEVE YOU
 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU
 THINK I SAID, BUT I AM NOT
 SURE YOU REALIZE THAT WHAT YOU HEARD
 IS NOT WHAT I MEANT

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					Y	W E E P

PLAYER A		PLAYER B	
MISRULE	74	Challenge X	0
BLASTED	100	AJEE	27
Change 2 tiles	0	Change 6 tiles	0
ANTICIZE	114	FON,ZO,EN	40
AT,TEN,AZO	22	JO,OD	12
LUNK	18	JOIN	11
GO,BD	10	DISRATE	84
WEEP	52	BODY	39
INCITER	80	FAW,FAW,ATE,WEE	39
CLUNK,CH	30	ULVA	12
OUTREDS	87	MONG	27
Change 3 tiles	0	VULVA	11
LINGIER	74	Challenge X	0
PHONO	35	AH	10
REDE,ATE,FONE	38	XI,XI,IT	52
AQUA,AH	44		
	+ 8		
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	786		364

JEFF GRANT

Clive Spate, the 1985 Masters Champion, has scored an amazing 979 points in a recent witnessed friendly game against Ivy Dixon-Baird from Nottingham. This beats the previous high by 87 points which was ironically scored against Clive by Russell Byers (Onwords 53). The 979 score was obtained in the way one might have predicted - a great flowing game for one player who, having comfortably reached the 600 mark, recognizes the possibility of a mammoth 9-timer with the remaining letters and gets it! Brilliant Clive. Surely the 1000+ is no longer a dream?.

The board and move details are shown below. First a few words from the shell-shocked Clive....

I've tried to recall the full racks from memory but without much success. I can only remember being faced with a horrendous AACIIQV after my three changes. As you can see, it does help if your opponent overlooks 9-timers which you later use and Ivy's CANIEST instead of NICTATES or CANTIEST certainly fits that category. Her challenged word URS, which she needed to play SPLURGE, was very much a reaction move - playing to OSW will take some getting used to for everyone. My last move was obviously the key play. I'd firstly seen that an E for TEALING down the lefthand side would have been handy but as it turned out, I should have been hoping for the W!

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	Ivy	Clive		
1																change	0 0	change	0 0
2																IF	10 10	IFF EF	15 15
3																ID OD	10 20	change	0 15
4																change	0 20	OX OX	50 65
5																EL	2 22	change	0 65
6																AID	5 27	TITTERS	64 129
7																PO POX	16 43	TONGUED	68 197
8																GI	3 46	LOAMIER	84 281
9																CANIEST	72 118	QAT	22 303
10																BIFF BOX	24 142	VIN	12 315
11																OB OBI	18 160	QUITCH	40 355
12																ER EH	14 174	UNSAVED	78 433
13																challenge	- 174	JAR JOB	32 465
14																SPLURGE	73 247	INHALER	94 559
15																OCA	5 252	KOWS	81 640
16																ER EL	8 260	AN AN	6 646
17																YEW	27 287	WALTZING	320 966
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(from 'Onwords')

Some of you may have wondered how British Scrabblers manage to get such high game scores. Shown above is an extreme example of what the Brits euphemistically call their 'open' style of play. It is in fact pure collaboration, where triple-triples (9 timers) are opened up and then left in the hope that one or both players may be able to capitalize with a huge score. Getting two or even three triple-triples in a single game is not uncommon over there. It all happens because tournaments have been based on high scoring rather than winning games. I believe things may be finally changing, and about time too.

To illustrate the absurdity of 'collaborative' Scrabble, observe that in the above game the initial T in TITTERS was left exposed for 20 moves before it was finally hit (and how!) with WALTZING. Also note the L in LOAMIER and the D in TONGUED which stayed unused for more than half the game. Incredibly, the latest Guinness Book of World Records has seen fit to cite this friendly game as the highest competitive score ever made!

AMENDMENTS TO RAWLS

I am indebted to Ian Patterson of the Dunedin Scrabble Club for pointing out a number of mistakes in my latest edition of RAWL, the 2, 3 and 4 letter back word list. These are:

1. Non-words:(i.e. cross out)
TANH POWL THUN AGRO
2. Mistyped words:(i.e. correct)
UMPH HICK OCAS DIPS BELT
3. Omissions:(insert where indicated)
ALBA after ABBA
NIPA after TEPA
DARB after CARB
JEED after HEED
EHED after AGED
QAID after PAID
LOKE after JOKE
QUAI after UNAI
MAGI after DEFI
TALI after MALI
PULI after SOLI
GYRI after PURI
ANNO after WINO
GOOP after COOP
BUHR after MOHR
KAAS after BAAS
KEAS after CEAS
LUGS after JUGS
CRIS after ARIS
DEUS after ECUS
PRYS after DRYs

-GERALD WARNER

'O. do you like games?'
'Mainly playing Scrabble!'
Sentences lengthened, snowballing
Wordsmanship unsurpassable.....

(Can you continue this piece - sensibly?)

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	661 Glennis Hale (Mt Albert)	696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)
Lowest Game Score	185 Nola Kennedy (Wanganui)	123 Norma Keesing (Hastings)
Highest Losing Score	490 Alveen Seon (Mt. Albert)	515 Frank Robinson (Lower Hutt)
Lowest Winning Score	262 Lydia White (How-Pak)	169 Joan Osborne (Rodney)
Highest Drawn Game	422 Allie Quinn Ann Candler (NS-Bays)	458 Kevin Edgeler Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)
Lowest Drawn Game	328 Neville James(Ind) Kate Wignall (Mt Albert)	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	431 Jeff Grant (Hastings)	468 Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)
Highest Take-off	42 May Quigley (NS-Bays)	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)	?