

N.Z. SCRABBLE CLUBS - NORTH TO SOUTH

WHANGAREI Contact Glynis Jennings PH(089)4350037  
 RODNEY MON(alt) 1pm & 7.15pm. Mostly at Totara Park.  
 Warkworth. PH RHODA CASHMAN (09)4256018

N.SHORE BAYS Tues 10am Campbell's Bay Methodist Church Hall  
 Thurs 7pm Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall  
 PH ALLIE QUINN(09)437806 or MARGE DALZELL(09)4786248

MT ALBERT Fri 7.15pm Mt Albert Senior Citizens' Hall  
 PH BEV BARKER (09)676830

PAK/HOWICK Thurs 7pm St Matthias Church Hall. Panmure  
 PH JEANETTE OWLER(09)5344453

HAMILTON Tues 7.30pm Civil Defence Rooms. W.C.C.  
 PH BETTY GIBB (071)79049

MT MAUNGANUI Mon 7pm PH NGAIRE STEEL (075)421035  
 TAURANGA Thurs 7.15pm Matua School Staffroom  
 PH NOEL MAISEY (075)63218

TOKOROA Wed 7.15pm PH LOIS KELLY (07)8867201  
 TAUPO PH GWEN ROBB (074)89409

NEW PLYMOUTH PH GEORGE AUTRIDGE (067)511202  
 STRATFORD PH REEVA PEARSON (0663)6222  
 HASTINGS PH JEFF GRANT (06)8786654

WANGANUI Mon 7pm Cosmopolitan Club, Ridgeway Street.  
 PH ANDREE PRENTICE (06)3456898

MARTON Thurs 7pm Centennial Pavilion, Marton.  
 PH JOHN BAILEY (0652)8433

MASTERTON Thurs 7.15pm Camera Club Rooms  
 PH ALIETTE HAY (059)83273

AVALON Thurs 1pm PH OLIVE HEATH (04)676943  
 LOWER HUTT Tues 7.30pm Senior Citizens' Rooms, Queensgate  
 PH GLENYSS BUCHANAN (04)695433

PORIRUA PH FRANCES KATENE (04)377615  
 WELLINGTON Tues 7.30pm Kilbirnie Plunket Rooms  
 PH LYNN WOOD (04)872581

CHRISTCHURCH Fri 7pm Sydenham Community Centre  
 PH EUNICE ROBERTS (03)895077

NORTH OTAGO PH LANEY de GOOYER (03)4348155  
 DUNEDIN Mon 7pm Otago Chess Club Rooms  
 PH CORALE McDONALD (03)4772777

NZASP Secretary :- PETER JONES PH(09)4444293  
 34 VALLEY VIEW RD. GLENFIELD. AUCKLAND.

\*\*\*\*\*

EDITOR: 'FORWORDS':-JEFF GRANT PH(06)8786654  
 WAIPATU SETTLEMENT RD.  
 R.D.2.. HASTINGS.

# FORWORDS

## NUMBER 21

every smile, big hottem  
 ser, such as he was, he  
 broke down on the mootherhead, getting quite jerry  
 overpowered by himself with the love of the tear  
 he twined through her hair for, sure, he was the soft se  
 slob of the world with a heart like Montgomery's in his sho  
 and harvey loads of feeling in him and as innocent and undesign-  
 ful as the freshfallen calef. Still, grossly unselfish in sickself, he  
 dished allarmes away and laughed it off with a wipe at his pud-  
 gies and a gulp apologetic, healing his tare be the smeyle of his  
 oye, oogling around. Him belly no belong sollow mole pigeon.  
 Ally bully. Fu Li's gulpa. Mind you, now, that he was in the  
 dumpest of earnest orthough him jawr war hoo hleepy hor halk  
 urthing hurther. Moe like that only he stopped short in looking  
 up up upfrom his tide shackled wrists through the ghost of an  
 ocean's, the wields of pansiful heathvens of joepeter's gaseytotum  
 as they are telling not but were and will be, all told, scruting fore-  
 back into the fargoneahead to feel out what age in years tropical,  
 ecclesiastic, civil or sidereal he might find by the sirious pointstand  
 of Charley's Wain (what betune the spheres sledding along the  
 lacteal and the mansions of the blest turning on old times) as ere-  
 while had he craved of thus, the dreamskhwindel necklassoed him,  
 his thumbs fell into his fists and, lusosing the harmonical balance  
 of his ballbearing extremities, by the holy kettle, like a flask of  
 lightning over he careened (O the sons of the fathers!) by the  
 mightyfine weight of his barrel (all that prevented the happering  
 of who if not the asterisks betwink themselves shall ever?) and,  
 as the wisest postlude course he could playact, collaspsed in en-  
 semble and rolled buoyantly backwards in less than a twink-  
 ling *via* Rattigan's corner  
 curious mode of slipashod



# DECEMBER 90



## EDITOR'S NOTE

The 700 mark has finally been broken in tournament play. Mike 'The Dictionary' Sigley achieved this historic feat with a fantastic 717 at the recent Dunedin event. He made the national news on the radio and in the press! This caps off a great 1990 for Mike, who has not been worse than runner-up in any of the tournaments he has played in this year - a phenomenal performance!

On the subject of high-scoring tournament games, a couple of corrections to the 'Top 10' list in the last edition: Glennis's 644 was at the 1987 Masters, and Alan's 613 at the 1989 Christchurch tourney.

Well done to the Mt Albert, Wanganui and Dunedin clubs for hosting their recent successful tournaments, and congratulations to the 'Sale of the Century' competitors Geoff Vautier (Wgtn) and Glynis Jennings (Whangarei). Have we missed anyone? Glynis tells me that it was pretty nerve-wracking, but a memorable experience nevertheless.

Further to Kevin's piece on the 15-letter word, Christchurch Club president Katrine Kerr Renwick has told me of another friendly game where this occurred. Details are sketchy, but apparently the word KNOW was progressively built up to the 15 letter ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, covering 3 triple-word scores.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has sent in items for the magazine, and to Glennis who has somehow found time to do all the typing. Thanks also to Denise Gordon (Wanganui) for the entertaining cartoons; you'll see more of them in subsequent issues.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year filled with plenty of SATIRE and ESSES and BLANKS. Just a couple of thoughts to leave you with:-

If the human brain was simple enough for us to understand we'd be so simple we couldn't.  
and remember... don't drink and drive, you might hit a bump and spill your drink.

Happy Scrabbling  
Jeff

\*\*\*\*\*

SCRABBLE is a registered trademark of J.W.SPEAR & SONS,  
PLC Enfield, Middx.  
under licence in NZ to THOS. HOLDSWORTH & SONS.

\*\*\*\*\*



# A WORTHY MENTION FROM TOKOROA

By Kevin Edgeler

One of the club records of the small Tokoroa Scrabble Club tumbled recently when Florence Veldhuizen combined with Kevin Edgeler to break that magical figure with a 1001 combined score.

Although not a national record, a worthy score nevertheless considering the previous record was in the mid-950 range.

Florence had one of those games that all Scrabble players dream about getting in tournament play. Starting with OBLIQUE worth 104, and with Kevin putting an R on the end of that and getting 72, the stage looked set for a close tussle. By the 5th and 6th turn, that changed, with Florence playing 2 consecutive sevens and a further 76 for the Z Kevin was looking down the barrel of a big hiding. Turn 9 for Florence saw her gaining a further seven with LUXATING for another 100 points. At this stage the score read 529 to 242.

With some steady scoring Kevin clawed back to a more respectable 364 and together with Florence's 637 the 1000 point margin had been passed, albeit only just.

\*\*\*\*\*



from Wanganui Club Newsletter

# NEW PLYMOUTH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A GRADE	SCORE	AVE	WINS	B/W
1. LYNNE BUTLER (N.P.)	3906	434	8	14
2. MICHAEL SIGLEY (WANG)	3885	431	6	16
3. PETER JONES (MT.A.)	3573	393	6	13
4. LYNNE POWELL (NS/B)	3729	414	4	18
5. MAY QUIGLEY (NS/B)	3630	403	4	15
6. DENISE GORDON (WANG)	3592	399	4	12
7. LYNN WOOD (WELL)	3372	374	4	12
8. DOROTHY PINNER (MT.A.)	3362	373	4	14
9. GLENYSS BUCHANAN (L.H.)	3569	396	3	12
10. GLENDA FOSTER (L.H.)	3484	387	2	11

B GRADE	SCORE	AVE	WINS	B/W
1. LEILA THOMPSON (L.H.)	3487	387	7	9
2. DAVID PINNER (MT.A.)	3612	401	6	13
3. FAE OLSON (STRAT)	3566	396	6	11
4. ANDREE PRENTICE (WANG)	3339	371	6	4
5. ROSALIE GOLDSWORTHY (N.P.)	3336	370	6	8
6. LUCY BRIGHT (MAST)	3557	395	4	11
7. SUE McRAE (WELL)	3349	372	4	12
8. GEORGIE OFFRINGA (NS/B)	3297	366	4	9
9. REEVA PEARSON (STRAT)	3391	376	2	20
10. ALIETTE HAY (MAST)	2832	314	0	5

C GRADE	SCORE	AVE	WINS	B/W
1. JEFF OWENS (WELL)	3277	364	8.5	9
2. HILDA SCOTT (MAST)	3391	376	8	6
3. RUTH O'NEILL (N.P.)	3157	350	5	7
4. GEORGE AUTRIDGE (N.P.)	3098	344	4	6
5. MARTHA MORGAN (N.P.)	3094	343	4	3
6. TONY NICHOLLS (MT.A.)	3226	358	3.5	6
7. KATE HENDERSON (WELL)	3387	376	3	7
8. BETTY ERICKSON (WANG)	3041	337	3	8
9. HELEN GILBERT (N.P.)	2926	325	3	2
10. NORMAN WHEELER (WELL)	2923	324	3	6

D GRADE	SCORE	AVE	WINS	B/W
1. S. BOLTON	3466	385	8.5	6
2. JEAN O'BRIEN (STRAT)	3541	393	7	17
3. JENNY SATTLER (N.P.)	3338	370	6	6
4. A. STEWARD	3051	339	5.5	8
5. SHIRLEY LYKLES (N.P.)	2907	323	5.5	3
6. HILDA DAWSON (N.P.)	3021	335	4	4
7. MARGARET BELL (N.P.)	2817	313	4	3
8. DOREEN POOLE (N.P.)	2922	324	3	2
9. ED OLSEN (STRAT)	2509	278	1	1
10. CECILIA BULLOT (WANG)	2698	299	0.5	0

E GRADE	SCORE	AVE	WINS	B/W
1. DOREEN DAVIES (MAST)	3151	393	8	3
2. TANIA PEARSON (STRAT)	3026	378	7	15
3. ROGER TOZER (N.P.)	2806	350	6	3
4. PAUL O'CONNELL (N.P.)	2819	352	5	4
5. ANDREA O'CONNELL (N.P.)	2624	328	5	2
6. JUNE WHITEHEAD	2291	286	2	0
7. JAN WHEELER (WELL)	2121	265	2	1
8. FRANCES KATENE (PORIRUA)	2191	273	1	2
10. M. GARNER	2105	263	1	2



## ALPHABETIC VERSE

The first word in an alphabetic poem starts with A, the second with B, and so on. This form of verse has its origins around the middle of the 19th century. They're fun to write, so choose a theme and have a go! The Christmassy example below was calligraphed by Bernice Vannini.

Annually Bing Crosby's Dream  
Echoes Forth,  
Giving Hope,  
Invoking Joy, Kinship, Love;  
Magic Night of Peace,  
Quiet!..... Reindeer..... Santa!  
The Universal Visitation,  
White Xmas  
Yuletide Zinger!

## SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.20

The highest score is achieved by making MISTUTOR for a triple-triple worth 149 points. This solution was found by Rhoda Cashman, Gaye Norgren, Glynis Jennings, Dorothy Haining, Andrew Bradley and Ian Patterson. Ian was disappointed he couldn't use the higher-scoring SORMUTTI, which purportedly means 'diseases such as attacked the great Caruso, which cause inflammation of the throat leading to inability to speak.' Frankly I have doubts about this term's legitimacy, particularly as it isn't listed in the Dictionary of Italian Operatic Disorders (1904). A draw was held and the winner of Contest 20 is Andrew Bradley of the Hastings Club. (No, it wasn't a jack-up!)

## SCRABBLE CONTEST No.21

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

The closing date is February 18th, 1991 and the winner will receive a book prize - good luck!

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

How many allowable Scrabble words of five (5) or more letters can you get from CHRISTMAS? No plurals allowed, and each letter can be used only as many times as it appears in CHRISTMAS. For example, CRASS and MATCH are allowed, but not START or HARSH, because CHRISTMAS has only one T and H.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Scrabbling for space

AN EVENT guaranteed to have brought an air of civilisation and harmony to the Gulf region has become the latest victim of Saddam Hussein's policies.

The first Gulf Scrabble competition, scheduled for next month in the United Arab Emirates, has now been cancelled because the

hotels are packed with Kuwaiti refugees. The devastated president of the UAE's Fujairah Scrabble Club said he had made every attempt to avoid cancellation, but it had become inevitable.

Now, I fear, the consequence could be a three letter word scoring six points.

War.

International Express 5.10.90



## THE PAST YEAR

Here we are only just short of Christmas and I find I have not written anything about the Masters and the Nationals, so perhaps a perspective of the past twelve months is in order.

Having only just taken over the President's job late last year the first challenge was the Masters. The organising of this event is fortunately fairly straight forward as it is relatively small and involves experienced competitors. That is not to say that things don't go awry. Getting everybody together on the Saturday morning proves no problem (except for those that forget their medication!!). Into the first game and at the end of it Jeff decides that he wants to carry his average forward for the tournament i.e. 650 for the first game. After 5 games Lynne Powell decides that she wants a souvenir of the results (she's leading at this stage). Lunch on first day and everyone is very impressed as they continue to be throughout with the standard of the food. Special thanks here to all those Mt Albert members who prepared and presented it. At the end of the first day Jeff holds the lead with Andrew and Patrick. Second day and all goes well except for the scoring (the computer decides it has had enough and runs out of memory just like some of the competitors) by the end of the day Mike has made a run and is now equal in wins to Jeff and has slipped ahead on average. The third day and some of the competitors have started to flag a little from all the pressure. What a finale!. It all comes down to the last game between Mike and Jeff, Mike having taken the lead by one win during earlier games. Jeff wins and also wins the Masters on points from Mike. Congratulations to all who took part. From an organisers point of view the competitors made life easy and the helpers kept me on the straight and narrow throughout.

On to the Nationals. Quite a different order of organisation. The fun starts as soon as the entries are received. Then find that the personnel at the Hotel have changed so they know as little as we do. Placing everybody into their grades and then reorganising as players withdraw can give one gray hairs. Then the trip to Hamilton, car loaded with what we hope are all the necessary bits and pieces. Set up as much as possible on the Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday arrives all too soon. Find first mistake in minutes, have got Lynn Wood in wrong grade apologise and carry on, set up scorers, welcome everybody and it's all on. Thanks again must go to all the competitors for there co-operation and patience with the minor problems that occur, like two games drawn for the one table. They are sometimes a little hard to get away from the bar for the next game but all goes reasonably well. Spend the evening sorting out the scoring where the computer has again thrown it's claw in. Get the

Association AGM away and then relax. Next morning all starts well until Doreen Ogsten is missed. Rush up to Hospital to find her eager to be let out but being told to stay put. Pleased to report that she has since made a full recovery following surgery and we hope to see her next year. At the end of the playing day the work starts with determining all the prize winners checking them all and getting ready for the Dinner/Prize-giving and as seems almost inevitable with over 100 competitors irrespective of the amount of checking find some mistakes so it's apologies again and try to do better next year. The after dinner entertainment went off very well and special thanks to John Moore for keeping the show moving and everyone entertained. Thanks to all who took part and particularly to those who assisted with the organisation, scoring, running and the clean up at the end. Congratulations to all the prize-winners and hope that everyone returns next year. It is the major association Tournament for the year and it is very gratifying to see the number who attend, not just the regulars but the tyros as well. I commend it to all.

On to more general matters, this has been a good year for Scrabble players and the Association. We continue to increase the number of clubs and individuals affiliated. The support of the clubs and their officers makes it much easier to organise and run at a National level. The Tournaments run by clubs are growing both in number and also in size. We have just received notice from England that the first World Tournament (it should perhaps as Jeff has pointed out be called the First English language World Tournament as apparently the French have been holding one for some time) will be held there in October next year. Apparently four places have been reserved for New Zealand so hopefully we can have representation there. A considerable amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the Association, to ensure the continuing growth of the game, to mediate and consider change. Don't forget that the Executive is here for your benefit and any ideas you may have to improve and expand our organisation are welcome.

Finally it was with deep regret that we farewelled Charlie and extended our sympathy to Daphne. Without their assistance the transition to a new President and organisation of the Association run Tournaments would have been very difficult. I would also like to thank Bernice for keeping me on track and Glennis and Jeff for their counsel. Best wishes to you all for a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Roy Vannini

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE DYSLECTIC INSOMNIAC AGNOSTIC ?

HE LAY AWAKE AT NIGHT WONDERING IF THERE REALLY  
WAS A DOG .



## CHAMBERS COMPARISON



The U.S. Nude Cross-country Scrabble Team in action. (They were later disqualified after the Judges Ruling — UILNSOIN is not a proper word.)

I recently acquired a copy of Chambers 20th Century Dictionary published in 1910. Naturally, it doesn't contain some words we are allowed in Scrabble today, however it does include a good number of older terms which have at some stage regrettably been deleted, presumably because they were deemed obsolete or unworthy by the learned lexicographers. To illustrate the changing face of our language, here are two lists of 4-letter words starting with Q - the one on the left is taken from Chambers 1910 edition and the other from Chambers English Dictionary that we are Scrabbling with now, eighty years on.

QUAB	QUID	QADI	QUID
QUAD	QUIN	QATS	QUIM
QUAG	QUIP	QUAD	QUIN
QUAP	QUIT	QUAG	QUIP
QUAT	QUIZ	QUAT	QUIT
QUAY	QUOB	QUAY	QUIZ
QUEY	QUOD	QUEP	QUOD
QUIB	QUOP	QUEY	QUOP

\_QUENTIN McHUGH

\*\*\*\*\*

### Letter perfect

MILLIONS OF BRITONS regularly play Scrabble, estimates Leonard Hodge, coordinator of the country's Scrabble clubs. Here are some of his hints for high-scorers:

Zymurgy (a branch of chemistry) scores 25 points on its own, muzhik (Russian peasant) 24 points and janizar (Turkish soldier) 23.

Words using the letter "q" but not requiring a "u" include qaddish (a Jewish prayer), qadi (a Muslim magistrate) and qalamdan (a Persian writing-case), qanat (tunnel) and qintar (Albanian currency).

High-scoring words with the "qu" include quetzal (Central American bird) and quean (harlot). Umquhile (formerly) and Sequoia (tree) also make good use of it.

Others recommend yex (hiccup), zho, dzo or zo (Himalayan oxen), zarf (coffee-cup holder), vug (hollow) and ai (three-toed sloth).

— Ian Brown in *Daily Mail*, London

This piece appears in the January 1990 edition of 'Readers Digest'. All the words quoted are from Chambers English Dictionary, but Qaddish is capitalized and therefore not allowable in Scrabble, either here or in Britain.

\*\*\*\*\*





## SCRABBLE AMERICAN STYLE

In Forwards No 20 we all read of David Blumhardt's Scrabble experiences in England. Now, for your interest (with some arm-twisting from our Editor) are some details on playing our beloved game on the OTHER side of the Atlantic.

In the U.S.A. there is only ONE way to play Scrabble - you play to win! Competition is fair and fierce across the board, but all are super-friendly outside of the Tournament room.

However there are many differences between the Yanqui and the Kiwi game.

In England David had to forget all his OSPD words: in the U.S.A. Chambers has to be unlearnt. There are only 86 two-letter words in OSPD so all of a sudden you can't play ZO, MO, YO, GU, UG, UR, UM, OO, OI, IO, OU, EE, EA and many others. Not to mention the hundreds of three-letter words etc, etc. (I've played in the U.S.A. a number of times so am starting to get used to which word is in which dictionary.)

There, if a tie for the number of wins occurs in a Tournament, the winner is decided by the "cumulative margin" by which you win/lose each game.

e.g. Game 1 you win 460 - 395, your margin is +65

Game 2 you lose 380 - 420, your margin is -40

Your cumulative margin at Game 2 is +25

This makes an enormous difference in match play. You don't worry about getting a high score, just winning. Therefore many close, exciting, defensive games are played.

Their challenge rule is similar to ours except that you may challenge one or all words played in a single turn. The Word Judge (adjudicator) checks all challenged words then announces that the play is either "acceptable" (ALL words played are valid) or "unacceptable" (one or more words are invalid). You are not told which word/words are incorrect.

As we do here in N.Z., the Americans allow 50 minutes per game but use chess clocks to ensure that both players have 25 minutes each to complete all plays. This enables you to utilise your time to your greatest benefit.....How many games have you played taking 30 seconds, 1 minute, 1½ minutes per move and your opponent meantime takes 3 minutes, 2½ minutes, 3 minutes per move? Then you get SATINE plus a Blank and have to look for an 8 or 9 letter play to save the game?

## SCRABBLE AMERICAN STYLE

Wouldn't a few of those extra minutes you haven't used be handy now? With a chess clock you spend your time as you wish. You can take 10 seconds or 10 minutes for a turn if you need to. Should you go overtime you deduct from your score 10 points per minute or part thereof. (This happens infrequently).

I have had previous experience with chess clocks in Australia and in my opinion, their use is an excellent way of ensuring each player has a fair and equitable division of the allotted 50 minutes. (Jeff, you ask me to write an article: you have to let me get on my soap-box.)

Another variation in the land of Alfred Mosher Butts (the inventor of Scrabble - I met him in Boston) is the rule for drawing too many tiles from the bag. If the new tiles have not been placed on the rack, the opponent draws one (two or three or whatever the case may be) and returns it to the bag. If the new tiles have been placed on the rack, the opponent removes two, (three or four etc) tiles from the rack, looks at them, then returns one tile to the rack and the balance to the bag. It's amazing how careful you become when drawing tiles with this system.

There are other differences in rules, jargon, organisation etc but they are too numerous to go into here.

In general I love playing Scrabble in America (let's face it - I'd play Scrabble hanging upside-down over a pit of venomous vipers with Jack the Ripper!). I've played once in Boston, twice at the Grand Canyon and twice at Reno, Nevada. Every time I've been there I've been overwhelmed by the friendliness and the helpfulness of the U.S. players. And what a novelty ---- between games in Boston you can meet Mr. Butts; at the Grand Canyon you can marvel at the wonders of Nature (or contemplate jumping in if you've had a bad run); and in Reno between games you can marvel at the wonders of blackjack and crap tables and the roulette wheels. Or, if you want to, you can get divorced and married (or indeed, married and divorced).

I have many contacts in the States so if anyone is contemplating heading "Up Over" let me know and I'll be happy to supply you with some names and addresses.

LYNNE BUTLER

\*\*\*\*\*

Lynne finished an excellent 9th at Reno this year. - Ed.



Let's be a little bit negative for a change. This month we have a list of bonus words that AREN'T! While I would hope everyone is far more excited by words that "ARE", it is still useful to know some that definitely aren't. . . .

Suppose you have AEEINRS, which certainly looks promising. You may either juggle and juggle, wearing your poor brain to a frazzle, and come up with NOTHING, or even worse you may find something like EARNIES, or maybe SEANIER, and decide to play it (then no doubt spend your NEXT turn contemplating those same tiles - back on your rack!).

Alternatively, if you "know" that "EARNIES" is one of the "makes nothing" combinations, you can either play a cheat DELIBERATELY, or else discard an "E" and get on with the game.

So the first list is all "words" which are not legal, AND which make absolutely nothing by themselves (your only chance is to make an "8"). Some, like EARNIES, are purely made up words (but will hopefully appear while you perform your standard juggling, putting IES at the back, trying RE at the front, etc.).

Others, like TREMENS or BOATIES, are words you may well - mistakenly - think are genuine. By all means PLAY them if you wish - you may well get away with it (especially if your opponent doesn't read Forwards!!) - but it's far better to be able to play a crook word DELIBERATELY (if the time is right) than to play it in HOPE that it may be legal - or worse still, being quite "sure" it's legal.

\* \* \*

Now, the SECOND list:-

This is again "non-words", although again some may appear fairly genuine. However the important difference is that every "word" in the second list, while illegal as shown, can be transposed into a LEGAL 7-letter word. So for example with ADEHILS you should eventually find LEADISH. You may like to try it, but if familiar with this list you'll remember that LEADISH is a "non-word", BUT - that in fact it makes the odd HALIDES.

Just for fun, try giving a friend AENPSTU or AMNORST or AEILOST to unravel. They each make very common words, that most 5-year olds would know. Some non-Scrabblers can solve them instantly, but very few good Scrabblers can, as the letters simply don't lie the way we'd expect. Even once you "know" them, they may be missed in the heat of battle. But for the former you'd at least find UNPASTE (and desperately wonder if that's O.K.). Some familiarity will soon enable the right - remember, totally simple, and quite unarguable! - word to instantly hit your brain from the UNPASTE trigger.

I was going to include the CORRECT words for List #2, but might leave that till NEXT issue, just to let you have the fun of unravelling them yourselves first. (For those with ALPS/ASHY - don't just look 'em up - T-H-I-N-K over each one first. When you have to WORK for a word then it may STICK!).

Some, like FARTERS, will be very easy, but it's still useful to have it at the back of your mind as a "NON-word", in case either RAFTERS won't fit so you try FARTERS instead, or if you simply "see" FARTERS - assume it's O.K., - and play it with no more thought.

Incidentally, don't be fazed by the size of these lists. Each of us is different, so probably some of these words will not "suit" you personally, but there are sure to be SOME which may be specially useful, just for YOU. LEARN, LEARN, LEARN !!

And keep uppermost in your mind throughout, that every one of these is a "NON-word". Unless sure that your memory can cope you may be better (seriously!) to steadfastly avoid even LOOKING at the next page . . .

WARNING: -

To those just BROWSING through this magazine, please note, N-O-N-E of the 7-letter "words" listed here are legal Scrabble words. (I personally always record such "non-words" in LOWER CASE and "real" words in CAPITALS, so if ever I vaguely remember seeing, say, "Oralise" listed somewhere and try to play it, I'll hopefully remember it was in a LOWER CASE list so is therefore just a "cheat"!).

FIRST LIST  
These all make  
N O T H I N G !!

- Analise Ligater
- Anlisse Malined
- Atonied Mantler
- Beaners Misfeed
- Beautie Montier
- Boaties Nardile
- Braized Braized
- Brassen Niblets
- Brokest Oasters
- Cablars Oralise
- Calixes Outbear
- Carmens Penting
- Curlies Podders
- Deeders Recages
- Dentier Rediate
- Dermist Resites
- Dishers Rockies
- Ditters Sautiers
- Duetist Sautier
- Earnies Silkers
- Enditer Skimper
- Enjails Skitted
- Ensuite Soapers
- Enuries Spinned
- Exlters Steeler
- Failers Suetier
- Farries Swirler
- Fastner Tanless
- Felsted Teenies
- Flander Tegulas
- Follers Tenious
- Forders Termine
- Gianted Toadler
- Goldies Tongies
- Gowners Towners
- Gristed Tremens
- Harding Trinder
- Insuree Trivias
- Intered Unbaits
- Jobster Unraise
- Kelsted Versate
- Knowest Waldies
- Kroners Winless
- Lamites Wooders
- Latined Yarders
- Leaners Yonders

SECOND LIST  
These all make S O M E T H I N G,  
(but not the "word" shown).

- |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ablutes   | Geigers   | Senated   |
| Alibies   | Gelters   | **Skinted |
| Alonest   | Girlees   | *Slinked  |
| Antares   | *Glancer  | Slurper   |
| **Avering | Goatied   | **Smiller |
| **Baldies | Gradant   | *Soilers  |
| *Bawding  | Implest   | Sottier   |
| Beaders   | Infared   | Staller   |
| Beattier  | *Lameths  | **Stavers |
| Bendier   | **Latters | **Stinked |
| Bilgers   | Leadish   | *Stormer  |
| Bingoes   | *Leanish  | *Strobed  |
| Calmers   | *Malters  | *Suedler  |
| **Cardist | Marined   | Sundies   |
| Carnate   | **Martons | *Tablers  |
| **Coniest | *Mentals  | Taneous   |
| *Coshier  | Mersing   | *Tartage  |
| Cultier   | Mingles   | Tearies   |
| Dautest   | Miscuer   | Teatier   |
| Debiter   | Mistles   | Tincans   |
| Deftier   | Mitters   | Toading   |
| Detunes   | *Monties  | *Toalties |
| *Dinkers  | Niagara   | Tollies   |
| Dintier   | Nighter   | *Traumae  |
| Dittier   | Outaces   | Uncared   |
| Donater   | Outsent   | Uncares   |
| Doniest   | Overtan   | *Undries  |
| Dottage   | **Panners | *Unpaste  |
| Dualise   | Parlied   | *Unregal  |
| **Ducters | Pitless   | Unrimes   |
| *Duettier | *Pitness  | Unroose   |
| Dungies   | *Pongers  | Unsites   |
| Easings   | Pontles   | Unstair   |
| Eloting   | **Postate | Unsteal   |
| Encrate   | Radloes   | Untimed   |
| *Encross  | Reacing   | Uprites   |
| *Enshape  | Redomes   | Uprised   |
| Everton   | *Redones  | Vettiers  |
| Faciler   | Reslice   | Wackers   |
| **Farters | Retotes   | Walters   |
| Filmers   | Revotes   | Wasping   |
| Firable   | *Rungles  | Watties   |
| Firsted   | Scooner   |           |
| Foulers   | Sealion   |           |
| Gangles   | Seatied   |           |
| Gasring   | Seering   |           |

\* - Answer is a COMMON word.  
\*\* - Answer is VERY common word.

Next issue will have the "answers" for List #2, and also perhaps a few thoughts on "board management", i.e how to exert YOUR influence to control the board to your advantage, especially considering how close you are to your next bonus, and what form you may expect it to take.

Until then,

Happy bonus-hunting,



# MT ALBERT SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Gold				Bronze			
Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W	Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W
Lynne Butler (New Plymouth)	9	4758	432.55	Roger Coates (Hamilton)	8	4290	390.00
Lynne Powell (N.Shore/Bays)	8	4784	434.91	Tony Nichols (Mt Albert)	8	3854	350.36
Patrick Carter (Mt Albert)	8	4568	415.27	Faye Leach (Hamilton)	7	4224	384.00
Peter Jones (Mt Albert)	8	4465	405.91	Rhoda Cashman (Rodney)	6	4224	384.00
Glennis Hale (Mt Albert)	7	4663	423.91	Lesley Edgeler (Tokoroa)	6	4140	376.36
Jeff Grant (Hastings)	6	4502	409.27	Glenda Geard (Independent)	6	4110	373.64
Glynis Jennings (Rodney)	5	4090	371.82	Fae Olson (Stratford)	5	4115	374.09
May Quigley (N.Shore/Bays)	4	4378	398.00	Reeva Pearson (Stratford)	5	4027	366.09
Dorothy Pinner (Mt Albert)	4	4180	380.00	Marj Baillie (Hamilton)	5	3993	363.00
Blue Thorogood (Mt Albert)	3	4409	400.82	Faye Cronheim (Independent)	4	4145	376.82
Rita Moore (Hamilton)	3	4077	370.64	Lucy Bright (Marsterton)	4	3819	347.18
Andrew Bradley (Hastings)	1	3993	363.00	Paul Patchet (Mt Albert)	2	3803	345.73

Silver				Platinum			
Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W	Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W
David Pinner (Mt Albert)	8	4913	446.64	Penny Headington (N.Shore/Bays)	9	4325	393.18
Joy Hunter (N.Shore/Bays)	8	4425	402.27	Mary Brett (N.Shore/Bays)	7.5	4258	387.09
Bob Johnstone (N.Shore/Bays)	7	4097	372.45	Stan Skinner (Hamilton)	7.5	4257	387.00
Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)	6	4369	397.18	Alveen Seon (Mt Albert)	6.5	4185	380.45
Allie Quinn (N.Shore/Bays)	6	4252	386.55	Bernice Vannini (Mt Albert)	6	3993	363.00
Lynn Wood (Wellington)	6	4168	378.91	Elaine Moltzen (Hamilton)	6	3989	362.64
Cathy Woods (Mt Albert)	5	4043	367.55	Bev Barker (Mt Albert)	6	3886	353.27
Ann Candler (N.Shore/Bays)	4	4235	385.00	Pat Johnstone (N.Shore/Bays)	5.5	3932	357.45
John Foster (Mt Albert)	4	4231	384.64	Carole Coates (Hamilton)	4	3937	357.91
John Moore (Hamilton)	4	4137	376.09	Lyn Toka (Hamilton)	3	3923	356.64
Georgie Offringa (N.Shore/Bays)	4	4109	373.55	Daph Curl (Mt Albert)	3	3786	344.18
Kevin Edgeler (Tokoroa)	4	3862	351.09	Shirley Giffkins (Mt Albert)	2	3826	347.82

Copper				Pewter			
Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W	Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W
Annette Coombes (Independent)	9	3955	359.55	Roger Tozer (New Plymouth)	10	4305	391.36
Dorothy Haining (Rodney)	8.5	4004	364.00	David Gunn (Independent)	10	4279	389.00
Bridget French (Tokoroa)	8	4248	386.18	Kay Buffalora (Mt Albert)	6	3663	333.00
Peggy Wallace (Hamilton)	7	4005	364.09	Irene Hague-Smith (Mt Albert)	5	3754	341.27
Jean Ball (Pak/Howick)	6.5	4211	382.82	Ed Olson (Stratford)	5	3476	316.00
Conny van Tilburg (Pak/Howick)	6	3787	344.27	Neville James (Independent)	4.5	3391	308.27
Doris Shearer (Pak/Howick)	6	3624	329.45	Lisa Burkes (Mt Albert)	4	3664	333.09
Leonora Cole (N.Shore/Bays)	5	4187	380.64	Joan Pratt (Mt Albert)	4	3648	331.64
Jean O'Brien (Stratford)	5	3857	350.64	Dave Godman (Independent)	4	3413	310.27
Lorna Baulcomb (N.Shore/Bays)	3	3942	358.36	June Ward (Independent)	2.5	3308	300.73
Margaret McKechnie (N.Shore/Bays)	1	3489	317.18				
Lesley Flodin (Mt Albert)	1	3470	315.45				

Zinc				Highest Combined Score:			
Name	Wins	Points	Average Bonus W	Spot Prizes	Lynne Butler and Lynne Powell 954		
Daph Parker (Mt Albert)	9	3878	352.55	First Turn	Kevin Edgeler 84		
Dawn Kitzen (Mt Albert)	8	3932	357.45	Implement or Tool	Rhoda Cashmore 43		
Maureen Holliday (Mt Albert)	7	3753	341.18	Game or Sport	John Moore		
Olwen Skelton (Rodney)	7	3717	337.91	Food	Mary Brett 9		
Margaret Bundoock (Rodney)	6	3873	352.09	Christian Name	Lucy Bright 64		
Nancy Haaker (Mt Albert)	6	3856	350.55	Medical Term	Roger Coates 79		
Joyce Gilbert (N.Shore Bays)	6	3641	331.00	Colour	Shirley Giffkins 76		
Adrienne McKeown (Mt Albert)	6	3469	315.36	Element	Tony Nicholls		
Margaret Mourant (Mt Albert)	4	3680	334.55	Verb	Margaret Mourant 106		
Pauline Hayes (Mt Albert)	4	3474	315.82	Body Part	Maureen Holliday 24		
Jil Moore (Mt Albert)	3	3664	333.09	Last Turn	Rita Moore 66		

81 players took part in this year's Mt Albert tournament. Once again it was a superb tournament. Congratulations to all those involved in the running and participation of this wonderful event. We all look forward to Mt Albert 1991!

\*\*\*\*\*



## SHELLING PEAS

The game of Shelling Peas is described in Pears Word Games, by English word buff Peter Newby. It was devised by the author's son, Hollywood film and TV actor, Maxwell Caulfield.

Shelling Peas is intended as a challenge to a group of people, or an individual, to produce the greatest number of valid words within a given time. It has been played in the United Kingdom not only by gatherings of word-game enthusiasts, but also as a BBC radio contest for its listeners. In other countries it has been played as a solitaire challenge.

The game is simplicity itself. A word such as LOY is the base, and the letter P is transadded to this word one or more times. For every P you can 'shell' to LOY, a point is scored. For example, PLOY scores a point and so does POLY. POLYP is harder to find, but adds a further 2 points. What about LOPY, YOLP or LOPPY - are any of them real words? Does PLOPPY exist? If it does, you could score a further 3 points (one for each P), but if it doesn't, not only do you fail to score, but its three Ps are deducted from the total. This stops too many wild guesses.

Only solid-form, uncapitalised words are allowed, such as would be acceptable in Scrabble. However, for the purposes of this exercise, words found in any English dictionary are permitted, so you will have to carefully consider reasonable looking specimens and ask yourself 'Is this likely to be a word?' It could be an obsolete spelling, dialectic variant, or just a very obscure term in some large unabridged lexicon.

For fun, have a go at the following Shelling Peas challenge. Nine base-words are given below - without referring to a dictionary, see what words you can find in 15 minutes. You will be in direct competition with wordsmiths in both the United Kingdom and the United States, but the current record-holder comes from much closer to home. These are the nine words which other enthusiasts have faced: IT, AT, TO, AY, ALE, TOE, DEAL, EDITOR, STEREO  
Write them down the left side of a piece of paper with a small gap in between, set the clock and away you go.

Remember that the base-word can be transposed in any way before adding the Ps, for example the first word IT quickly yields PIT and TIP. There's a start for you - 2 points already!

Send your completed lists to me (address on back of magazine), even if you don't think you've done too well. We won't embarrass anyone! If there is sufficient response perhaps we may provide an analysis in the next issue.

Jeff Grant

## NEW VENUE FOR WANGANUI CLUB

Last month the Wanganui club shifted from the National Party rooms to the Cosmopolitan Club in Ridgeway Street. Andrée says that members seem to enjoy the cosiness and ambience of their new abode. Meals are served, drinks can be bought, and money can be won - one lucky Scrabblor walked out with \$50 from a bandit-machine! In spite of the distractions, Scrabble is being played as usual in very comfortable surroundings at the 'Cosy' Club.

\*\*\*\*\*

## UNOFFICIAL RECORD

VIVIENNE WILLIAMSON of the Rodney Club scored 311 in a recent friendly game with CROQUETS in the bottom left-hand corner, using the R already on the board for 29 triple-triple plus 50 bonus points.

The final score of the game between Vivienne and Olwen Skelton was 673 / 336 making a total game score of 1009!

Well Done. Ladies !

\*\*\*\*\*

## ONOMATOPOETIC

Do you have a favourite word where sound conveys the meaning ? Mine is SUSURATION, which conjures up the picture of small waves whispering on the shore with a sighing sound.

-Cecily Crampton (Hastings)

\*\*\*\*\*

## THAILAND

Globetrotting Brit Mark Nyman was second in the Thailand National Championships in February (after his second in the U.S. Nationals last year). He was beaten in a playoff by Charlie Goldstein (a sometime poker player cum real estate agent from San Francisco). In Thailand they use OSPD and the game is very popular. The event was sponsored by Nescafe, carried a first prize of US\$2500 and was kicked off by the country's Deputy Prime Minister who made the symbolic first move.



# WANGANUI TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Wanganui Scrabble Club held its annual tournament on Labour Weekend. As usual it was most enjoyable. The food was never-ending and the Saturday night dinner at the Waireka Estate was great.

Mike Sigley (pictured below) repeated his last year's performance in winning the A Grade. He amassed 6100 points over the 13 games, averaging 469 per game and making 33 bonus words! Well Done, Mike!



A GRADE					
Rank	Name	Points	Ave	Wins	
1.	MIKE SIGLEY (WANG)	6100	469	10	33
2.	JEFF GRANT (HAST)	5566	428	10	21
3.	LYNNE POWELL (NS/B)	5495	423	9	23
4.	LYNNE BUTLER (N.P.)	5513	424	7	24
5.	GLENNIS HALE (MT.A.)	5208	401	6	25
6.	DENISE GORDON (WANG)	5111	393	6	22
7.	GLENYSS BUCHANAN (L.H.)	4961	382	6	25
8.	PETER JONES (MT.A.)	4911	378	6	19
9.	GIL QUIBALLO (L.H.)	4948	381	5	17
10.	MAY QUIGLEY (NS/B)	4826	371	5	14
11.	GLENDA FOSTER (L.H.)	4906	377	4	15
12.	KAREN RODGERS (L.H.)	4882	376	4	13

B GRADE					
Rank	Name	Points	Ave	Wins	
1.	RHODA CASHMAN (ROD)	5256	404	10	20
2.	GAYE NORNGREN (WANG)	5273	406	9	22
3.	FAE OLSON (STRAT)	4875	375	9	19
4.	REEVA PEARSON (STRAT)	5211	401	8	16
5.	LYNNE WOOD (WELL)	5202	400	8	16
6.	JOHN BAILEY (MARTON)	4908	378	7	13
7.	ROSALIE GOLDSWORTHY (N.P.)	4829	371	7	13
8.	ANDREE PRENTICE (WANG)	5171	398	6	13
9.	ALLETTE HAY (MAST)	4980	383	5	17
10.	LUCY BRIGHT (MAST)	4973	383	5	18
11.	JENNY SATTLER (N.P.)	4330	333	3	7
12.	NITA OLDHAM (WANG)	4679	360	1	16

C GRADE					
Rank	Name	Points	Ave	Wins	
1.	MAREE HUNT (WELL)	4981	383	9	16
2.	GWEN KAISER (WELL)	4664	359	9	8
3.	BETTY ERICKSON (WANG)	4753	366	8	11
4.	DOREEN DAVIES (MAST)	4741	365	8	12
5.	ROGER TOZER (N.P.)	4686	360	8	6
6.	HILDA SCOTT (MAST)	4782	368	7	6
7.	PHILIP SPRING	4717	363	6	12
8.	PAUL O'CONNELL (N.P.)	4588	353	6	12
9.	JEAN O'BRIEN (STRAT)	4729	364	5	18
10.	MARTHA MORGAN (N.P.)	4460	343	5	7
11.	JEAN WALSH (WANG)	4560	351	4	11
12.	ROBYN SLATER (L.H.)	4321	332	3	6

D GRADE					
Rank	Name	Points	Ave	Wins	
1.	KATE HENDERSON (WELL)	5035	387	10	11
2.	JEFF OWENS (WELL)	4879	375	10	11
3.	ANDREA O'CONNELL (N.P.)	4729	364	10	10
4.	JANE PEMBERTON	4628	356	9	9
5.	SUE OSBORNE (WANG)	4224	325	7	3
6.	JILL MOON (WELL)	4185	322	5	7
7.	KATH JAMES (WANG)	3974	306	5	3
8.	GRACE GILLMAN (WANG)	3778	291	4	0
9.	FRANCES KATENE (PORIRUA)	3350	258	4	3
10.	ROBYN HEENAN (WANG)	2955	227	0	2

E GRADE					
Rank	Name	Points	Ave	Wins	
1.	NORMAN WHEELER (WELL)	4786	368	12	6
2.	DAVE GODMAN (WELL)	4176	321	9	7
3.	JOYCE HARVEY	3860	297	8	0
4.	CECILIA BULLOT (WANG)	4122	317	7	3
5.	ANNE WILSON	3902	300	7	5
6.	ED OLSON (STRAT)	3890	299	7	2
7.	JILLIAN WEBSTER	3735	287	6	2
8.	JAN WHEELER	4025	310	5	7
9.	MYRA PARK	3516	270	3	1
10.	NOLA KENNEDY (WANG)	3257	251	1	0

\*\*\*\*\*



NZ CHALLENGE SHIELD

On Tuesday 20 November the North Shore Bays Club travelled to Bev Barker's home with their team of Lynne Powell, May Quigley, Allie Quinn, Ann Candler and Georgie Offringa to win back the shield.

The Mt Albert team of Patrick Carter, John Foster, Peter Jones, Glennis Hale and June Mackwell were waiting with Bev, the adjudicator.

It was a very close match with the fourth game being 10 all. Mt Albert fought hard and won 14 - 11.

Any Clubs wishing to challenge Mt Albert for the Shield please send your challenge to Bev Barker, Unit 3, 7 Flavia Place, Lynfield, Auckland 4. We look forward to receiving more challenges!!

THE FIRST TWO MOVES

Blue has discovered a third 351 - point solution to the two-move problem :

MEZQUIT(S) - HIJACKS 124 + 227 = 351

\*\*\*\*\*

DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT

Our big November Tournament held 24-25 Nov. 1990 attracted the best field ever; Mike Sigley, Denise Gordon, Andree Prentice (Wanganui), Allie Quinn(N/S/Bay), plus our own Ian Patterson, Alan Boyd, Peter Sinton, and not forgetting Chch and Oamaru players.

Mike Sigley showed us why he is Number One in the country. Mike set a N.Z. record of 717 in his first game. Spare a thought for his luckless opponent Norman Goodger of Dunedin playing in his first tournament. A game I bet he will remember the rest of his life. So will we!

Mike won ten of his eleven games, losing only to Ian Patterson (Dn). He scored (5360) points, average (487), bonuses (31), including six in his game against Norman. Second was Denise Gordon (Wgn), third was Peter Sinton (Dn)

Daisy Madden (Dn) won the 'B' grade, winning ten of her 11 games with (3970) points, average (361), bonuses (10). Second was Carolyn Kyle (Dn), third was Corale MacDonald (Dn).

We appreciate and congratulate all those players and helpers who made it a marvellous weekend. Now for some interesting words played. Would you dare challenge them? Evocated, etaeric, lysates, louters, querida, tortise, stipple, introns. The crook ones were louters and tortise.

Happy Scrabble,

Bill Grigg (Dn)

DUNEDIN OPEN SCRABBLE 1990 SESQUI TOURNAMENT

24th-25th NOVEMBER 1990

A GRADE

PLACE	NAME	SEED	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	BON
1.	Mike Sigley	1	Wanganui	10	5360	487	31
2.	Denise Gordon	2	Wanganui	9	4462	406	17
3.	Peter Sinton	5	Dunedin	7	4518	410	20
4.	Alan Boyd	4	Dunedin	7	4415	401	11
5.	Ian Patterson	3	Dunedin	7	4146	377	18
6.	Andree Prentice	7	Wanganui	6	4336	394	13
7.	Bill Grigg	8	Dunedin	6	4094	372	15
8.	Doreen Ogston	9	Ch/church	5	3783	343	12
9.	Allie Quinn	6	N/S/Eays	3	4294	390	13
10.	Anna Harraway	11	Oamaru	3	3444	313	3
11.	Norman Goodger	12	Dunedin	2	3408	310	9
12.	Jo Eurnside	10	Dunedin	1	3456	314	15

Highest Winning Score: (717) Mike Sigley (New Zealand Record)  
 Highest Losing Score: (452) Allie Quinn  
 Highest Turn (185); Most Individual Bonuses, Single Game (6);  
 Most Bonuses (31): Mike Sigley  
 Highest Combined Score: (941) Mike Sigley/Norman Goodger

'B' GRADE

PLACE	NAME	SEED	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	BON
1.	Daisy Madden	4	Dunedin	10	3970	361	10
2.	Carolyn Kyle	2	Dunedin	9	4218	323	17
3.	Corale MacDonald	7	Dunedin	8	3968	360	5
4.	Anne Stewart	1	Dunedin	7	3832	348	11
5.	Hillary Ruscoe	3	Ch/church	5*	2521	360	7
6.	Margaret Lyall	6	Ch/church	5	3955	360	13
7.	Laney De Gooyer	8	Oamaru	5	3765	342	10
8.	Katrine Renwick	5	Ch/church	5	3722	338	4
9.	Maria Barnes	9	Dunedin	4	3381	307	1
10.	Ian Ross	10	Dunedin	4	3301	300	8
11.	Shirley Murcott	13	Oamaru	4	3240	295	2
12.	Monica Fitzgerald	11	Oamaru	3*	2164	309	1
13.	Nancy Buchanan	12	Oamaru	3	3310	301	2
14.	Alice Eoust	14	Dunedin	1	3227	293	-

\* Hillary Ruscoe (Ch), Monica Fitzgerald (Oam) played 7 games only\*

Highest Winning Score (487); Highest Losing Score (408);  
 Highest Turn Score (101): Margaret Lyall  
 Most Individual Bonuses Single Game: (3) Carolyn Kyle/Hillary Ruscoe  
 Most Bonuses: (17) Carolyn Kyle  
 Highest Combined Score (822): Daisy Madden/Margaret Lyall



# FAMOUS SCRABBLE QUOTES

JOHN HOLGATE  
Sydney, Australia

Some famous people have dabbled in Scrabble: Richard Burton, King Farouk, Omar Sharif, President Nixon and Martina Navratilova, to name a few. But there are many other celebrities who, in the course of a game, have uttered immortal comments which have since become part and parcel of the Scrabble player's vernacular.

SOCRATES I have HEMLOCK but I can't get it down.  
RICHARD THE THIRD (playing Henry Tudor on Bosworth Field) Gad-zooks, I'm stuck with the Q!  
ANNE BOLEYN (playing her torturer in the Tower of London) Damn this rack! I can't get any E's.  
SAINT AUGUSTINE (on his death-bed) Lord, did I miss something?  
MICHELANGELO I can't make anything with these tiles.  
CASANOVA It's hard to score with a tight board.  
MARTIN LUTHER (playing Clement the Seventh) I challenge POPE.  
COUNT DRACULA I prefer to play upside down.  
WILD BILL HICKOK Let's draw to see who goes first.  
KARL MARX I'll change the lot.  
ALBERT EINSTEIN Can we check the score? I think I've added up wrong.  
CAPTAIN ROBERT SCOTT (playing in a tent near the South Pole) That's life -- finally you have TRIUMPH on your rack and then somebody takes your spot.  
H.G. WELLS Oh, I'm over time on my clock.  
HENRY FORD I play a defensive game. On my board no one gets a 50-point bonus.  
KING EDWARD VIII I pass my turn.  
DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE (playing Stanley in the Congo with E-G-I-M-P-S-Y on his rack) I just know there's something in here somewhere.  
MAE WEST (playing with Cary Grant) If you were a gentleman, sweetie, you wouldn't have blocked my opening.  
REVEREND WILLIAM SPOONER (last words) Are there any betters left in the lag?  
ADOLF HITLER (playing with Neville Chamberlain in Munich) Do you mind if I take back my word?  
NELLIE MELBA (playing with the Duke of Orleans) I can't get used to these French letters -- in America CON can take an I-hook at the front and the back.  
AL CAPONE So? Taking out more than seven is a crime?  
GROUCHO MARX I wouldn't play in any Scrabble tournament agreeing to have me as an adjudicator.

HARRY HOUDINI This game is so closed not even I can find somewhere to go.

JUAN FANGIO I win. My flag just dropped.

JACK BENNY All I get is I's O's and U's.

ORSON WELLES Is ROSEBUD one word or two?

ARCHIE MOORE (playing Rocky Marciano in 1955) I'll turn you into CORKY MACARONI.

HAROLD STEPTOE (playing his father) You dirty old man! You never change! But when I dump a rackful of vowels I just pick up more rubbish.

HENRY KISSINGER (playing Nixon on the flight back from China) What I said, Richard, was 'Peking's in the bag, okay' not 'Peeking in the bag's okay'.

RONALD REAGAN (playing Gorbachev in Geneva) Is it your move or mine?

JOHN McENROE (sending back a challenge slip at Wimbledon) You've got to be joking, you nerd! What do you mean, there's a hyphen in MOTHERF-----?

HUMPHREY BOGART No smart guy's gonna beat me at this game, see. I'll make him eat his words.

SAMUEL GOLDWYN Success in Scrabble means drawing a blank.

GEORGE BURNS I used to play Scrabble with Gracie. It was the only way I could get a word in edgewise.

JAMES CAGNEY (caught with F-B-I-F-B-I-Q at the end of the game) You dirty rack!

ALFRED BUTTS I called my dog Bingo because I can never find the critter when I want him and he always makes a mess of my lettuce trying to dig up a 50-point bonus.

— from Word Ways, Nov 1989.



"I'm sorry for losing my temper Muriel. Oh Good! I see they managed to remove the scrabble rack"



## WORLD (ENGLISH) SCRABBLE CHAMPS

The first World Scrabble Championship, in English, is to be held in London in late September 1991.

The organizers hope to get 48 entrants, including 8 from both U.S.A. and the U.K., 4 each from Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and others from such places as Sierra Leone, Israel, Philippines, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda and the Gulf States, all of which have Scrabble clubs that play in English.

The Championship format will involve eight groups of 6 in a five-game round robin, with the top 2 in each group going through to the finals, and the remaining 32 players competing in the Plate event. Results are to be calculated on a win basis, not high points. Just how post-section play will be run is not known at this stage.

Playing rules should be circulated with entry forms and further information in the New Year. The main points of interest will be the dictionary or dictionaries adopted, and how the challenge rule is applied.

\*\*\*\*\*



BATWOMAN

Rude words get  
public airing

**BAWDY** word-smiths have threatened to turn the British Scrabble finals blue—by using four letter words.

And judges can do nothing about it because the rules allow "saucy or rude" words.

One judge said: "There's an unofficial code of conduct that bad language is not used, but we had to agree it was permissible."

There will be no sparing of blushes during the 20th annual contest at London's Connaught Rooms—for the first time, the audience will share the word play on giant video screens!

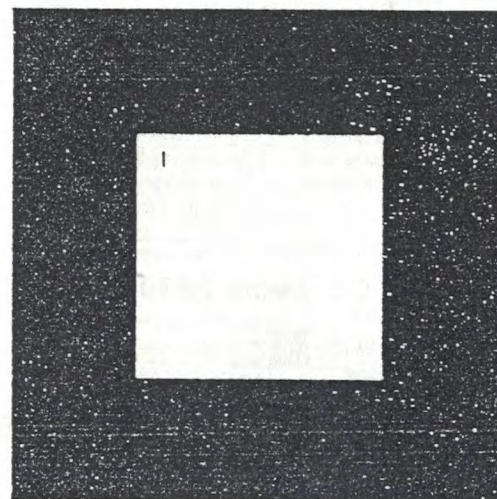
## BRITISH SCRABBLE CHAMPS

This year's British Championship was run as a straight knockout tourney once the entrants had been reduced to 64 through the five regional events. Sounds rather cut-throat, doesn't it?

The final game was shown on closed circuit TV to an audience of Scrabble fanatics and the general public in an adjoining hall, with commentary by Gyles Brandreth and ex-champ Mike Goldman. The match provided a nail-biting encounter with Philip Nelkon eventually prevailing to win his third title by 389-374 over Phil Appleby. It looks like the days of the artificial super-scores may finally be passing.

# MAMMOTH CROSSWORD

(Readers are advised to allow themselves no more than one hour for completing this crossword. And they are recommended not to refer to the dictionary. Ed.)



## Clues Across

(1) First letter of the alphabet.

## Clues Down

(1) Indefinite article.



If you found the foregoing crossword too easy, this could be just the thing to test your mettle.

Crossword 7,890,405

**OVIDIAN**  
SET BY ATAHUALPA

The numbered squares are the cornerstones of an acrostical anti-clockwise cypher. Each down light must be anagrammatized before insertion, and those containing allusory or reticulated references to polymolecular unsaturated rhizomes must be set aside to await insertion in a NW-by-W direction, after being transliterated phonetically into Iraqi patois, of the across lights. Remove the remaining across lights from the grid, and beat firmly with a stout elm or mahogany pargeter's coving tool until melded. Add the parsley choppings, the clove of garlic and nubbo (or Duke's swort) to taste. Garnish with anchovies. Serves 2. All words appear in Davidson's Lexicon of Ahami Badinage and Hen-tending Terms (York Press 1896).



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 As Niobe to the fleshpots. (6)                                      | 8 Quark-a-day. (4)  |
| 2 Coruscate 'daintily'. (5)   | 9 Notary-pokery, perhaps? (1, 7-12)   |
| 3 Bloke in Barchester? Not bloody likely. (7)                         | 10-28 You have to make these up yourself, I'm not giving you any more clues. I've practically given it away already. (-Atahualpa) |
| 4 Whinnet-shaped so m'fellow has it. (9)                              | 29 Wastewater, says Thomas, and a', then turns to dubbin. (0)   |
| 5 Sit old pogo rod on dim raffia newel-post. Hey nonny! (3, 1, 1, 29) | 30 Scud - the satrap loves him! (19)  |
| 6 Inevitably, Tycho, you Brahe like a donkey. Or Mule, God wot. (2)   |   |
| 7 '... turning in the gyre' with malice aforethought? (8)             |   |

**Solution to Crossword 7,890,404**

切	反	动	派	是	纸	老
虎	看	起	来	反		
动	派	的	样	子	是	
可	怕	的	但	是	实	
际	上	并	没	有	什	
么	了	不	起	的	力	
量	从	长	远	的		
观	点	看	问	题	真	正

Prizewinners  
Atahualpa  
14 The Cuttings  
Howick  
Mrs Atahualpa  
14 The Cuttings  
Howick

(From Not! The Nine O'Clock News)

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	717 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)
Lowest Game Score	159 Jenny Knight (Hamilton)	123 Norma Keesing (Hastings)
Highest Losing Score	490 Alveen Seon (Mt. Albert)	521 June Mackwell (Bays)
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	493 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	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)	



T  
 WAS  
 THENI  
 GHTBEFO  
 RECHRISTM  
 A SWHENAL L  
 THR OUGHT HEH  
 OUSEN OTA CREAT  
 UREWASS T IRRINGN  
 OTEVENAMO USETHESTO  
 C KINGSWE R EHUNGBY T  
 HEC HIMNE YWI THCAR EIN  
 HOPES THA TSAIN TNI CHOLA  
 SSOONWO U LDBETHE R ETHECHI  
 LDRENWERE NESTLEDAL ISNUGINTH  
 E IRBEDSW H ILEVISI O NSOFSUO A  
 RPL UMSDA NCE DINTH EIR HEADS AND  
 MAMMA INH ERKER CHI EFAND IIN MYCAP  
 HADJUST S ETTLEDD O WNFORAL O NGWINTE  
 RSNAPWHEN OUTONTHEL AWNTHAREA ROSESUCHA  
 C LATTERI S PRANGFR O MMYBEDT O SEEWHA W  
 HAT WASTH EMA TTERA WAY TOTHE WIN DOWIF LEW  
 LIKEA FLA SHTOR EOP ENTHE SHU TTERS AND THREW  
 UPTHESA S HTHEMOO N THEBREA S TOFTHEN E WFALLEN  
 SNOWGAVEA LUSTEROFM IDDAYTOOB JECTSBELO WWHENWHAT  
 T OMYWOND E RINGEYE S SHOULDA P PEARBUT A MINIATU R  
 ESL EIGHA NDE IGHIT INY REIND EER WITHA LIT TLEOL DDR  
 IVERS OLI VELYA NDQ UICKI KNE WINAM OME NTITM UST BESTN  
 ICKMORE R APIDTHA N EAGLESH I SCOURSE R STHEYCA M EANDHEW  
 HISTLEDAN DSHOUTEDA NDCALLEDT HEMBYNAME NOWDASHER NOWDANCER  
 N GWPRANC E RANDVIX E NONCOME T ONCUPID O NDNONNER A NDBLITZ E  
 NTO THETO POF THEPO RCH TOTHE TOP OFTHE WAL LNOWD ASH AWAYD ASH  
 AWAYD ASH AWAYA LLA SDRYL EAV ESTHA TBE FORET HEW ILDHU RRI CANEF  
 LYWHENT H EYMEETW I THANOBS T ACLEMOU N TTOTHES K YSOUPTO T HEHOUSE  
 TOPTHECOU RSERSTHEY FLEWWITHA SLEIGHFUL LOFTOYSAN DSTNICHOL ASTOOANDT  
 H ENINATW I NKLEIHE A RDNOMTHE R OOFTHEP R ANCINGA N DPAWING O FEACHLI T  
 TLE HOOFA SID REWIN MYH EADAN DWA STURN ING AROUND DDO WNTH CHI MNEYS TNI  
 CHOLA SCA MEDIT HAB OUNDH EWA SDRES SED ALLIN FUR FROMH ISH EADTO HIS FOOTA  
 NDHISCL O THESWER E ALLTARN I SHEDWIT H ASHESAN D SOOTABU N DLEOFTO Y SHEHADF  
 LUNGNONHIS BACKANDHE LOOKEDLIK EAPEDDLER JUSTOPENI NGHISPACK HISEYESHO WTHEYTWIN  
 K LEDHISD I MPLESHO W MERRYHI S CHEEKSW E RELIKER O SESHISN O SELIKEA C HERRYHI S  
 DRO LLLIT TLE MOUTH WAS DRAWN UPL IKEAB OWA NDTHE BEA RDNONH ISC HINWA SAS WHITE AST  
 HESNO WTH ESTUM POF APIPE HEH ELDTI GHT INHIS TEE THAND THE SMOKE ITE NCIRC LED HISHE  
 ADLIKEA W REATHIHE H ADABROA D FACEAND A LITTLER O UNDBELL Y THATSHO O KWHENHE L AUOHEDL  
 IKEABOWLF ULLOFJELL YHEWASCHU BBYANDPLU MPARIGHTJ OLLYOLDEL FANDILAUG HEDWHENIS AWHIMINS P  
 I TEOFMYS E LFAWINK O FHISEYE A NDATWIS T OFHISHE A DSOONGA V EMETOKN O WIHADNO T HINGTOD R  
 EAD HESPO KEN OTAWO RDB UTWEN TST RAIGH TTO HISWO RKA NDFIL LED ALLTH EST OCKIN GST HENTU RNE  
 DWITH AJE RKAND LAY INCHI SFI NGERA SID EOPHI SNO SEAND GIV INGAN ODU PTHEC HIM NEYHE ROS EHESP  
 RANGTOH I SSLEIGH T OHISTEA M GAVEAWH I STLEAND A WAYTHEY A LLFLEWL I KETHEDO W NONATHI S TLEBUTI  
 HEARDHIME XCLAIMASH EDROVEOUT OFSIGHTHA PPYCHRIST MASTOALLA NDTOALLAG OODNIGHTP OEMBYCLEM ENTMOORE

1823 1990

THIS MOST  
 FAM OUS  
 YU LE  
 PO EM  
 OBSE RVES  
 THIS XMAS

ITS 167 TH ANNIVERSARY  
 AND BRINGS IN THE FORM OF A XMAS TREE  
 GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM FORWORDS FOR  
 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A  
 \*\*\*  
 MERRY  
 \*\*\*\*\*

CHRISTMAS

T

O

YOU

This famous poem, A Visit From St. Nicholas, was first published anonymously in the Troy (NY) Sentinel on the 23rd of December, 1823. Its author, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863), wrote it for his children in 1822

A  
 \*\*\*  
 HAPPY  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NEW\*\*YEAR  
 T  
 O  
 ALL