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FORWORDS

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Table of Scrabble words and abbreviations. Columns include various word forms (e.g., AEHNPRT, AEHNPST) and corresponding words (e.g., HANGERS, HANGERS, HANGERS). Includes a circular logo with 'NZASP' text.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Well done to the Howick/Pakuranga and Tokoroa clubs for hosting their recent enjoyable tournaments. It was my pleasure to once again adjudicate at Tokoroa, where some of the best words played were ETHERION, PICKETED, DYELINES, TOUTIER, DIACTINE, POLEAXED and PISSOIR. The most novel try was TICKITAC.

Congratulations to another bunch of TV personalities Lynne Butler made it onto 'Sale of the Century', Andrew Coombes appeared on 'Wheel of Fortune', and how many saw the close-up of Lois Kelly (knitting) at the cricket test in Hamilton?

The World Scrabble Champs are all go for London in late September. Unfortunately it now looks as if New Zealand will be allowed 2 positions. Both OSPD and OSW2 will be used, with the single challenge rule applying. The latter stages of the competition will be run on a knock-out basis. Our entrants will be selected by the Executive Committee based on performances over the past couple of years.

On the subject of OSW2 (2nd Edition), supplies are expected in New Zealand before long, and we hope to adopt this new reference after the Nationals. Extensive checks indicate that all errors and omissions that blighted the first edition have been fixed up, and OSW2 is now a very accurate work indeed.

It's great to hear that Correne James has made such a speedy comeback after a recent spell in hospital, winning all three games on the first night back at the Mt Albert Club. Keep it up, Correne!

Finally, thanks to all the people who have sent material for Forwards (we would still like more though), and thanks to Glennis for the excellent typing.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

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What a year 1990 was. Our first club tournament in Feb was won by Ian Patterson. He repeated the dose in April. The S.I.Champs in Christchurch in May was won by Bill Grigg. The Sept tournament was won by Peter Sinton. Highlight of the year had to be our Nov Tournament. This was the best and strongest field we have had to date. Mike Sigley, Denise Gordon, Allie Quinn and Andree Prentice, to name a few made the competition tough. Mike Sigley(WNG) was first. Denise Gordon(WNG) was second and our own Peter Sinton was third. Mike showed us why he is number one in the country. He lost only one game to Ian Patterson(DN). If you have not heard yet Mike set a NZ tournament record of 717 v Norman Goodger(DN) who was playing in his first ever tournament. Sorry, Norman, you must get sick of reading about this game, don't worry one day your turn will come. Daisy Madden(DN) won the B Grade with Carolyn Kyle(DN) second and Corale McDonald(DN) third. A grand time was had by all.

A quiz...here are some words played during the tournament. Would you dare challenge any of them? FAINTIER, OBANGS, PALLAGERS, RUC, SCAY, TARSIIERS, PELOTAS, LATTERS, PESSING, REEFINGS, SEALION. (Answer at the end of the newsletter)

Next highlight had to be the effort of the 1990 CLUB CHAMPION, Peter Sinton! He played 75 games, won 63, lost 12, 33075 points, 441 average, 2.2 bonuses per game. For the first time in the Club's history, Peter won the A Grade in every month's competition Feb - Nov. He also scored the highest game score (639), the highest average for a round(503), and a club record 647 tournament game. Well done, the Club salutes your grand effort. Alan Boyd and Bill Grigg were second and third respectively. Marian Ashley, our founder member married fellow Scrabbler Ian Ross. Also married were Edna Smith and Percy Wilkins. Alas, the latter couple have left the Club to pursue other activities. Jo Burnside has gone into the food business with an eating establishment called CHEW CHEW CABOOSE and we wish her well in her new venture. Thank you one and all for making 1990 such a good year. Mark the calendar for Nov 23-24, 1991! Wishing all Scrabblers a merry 1991, good health and enjoyable Scrabble.

Quiz answers.. YES FAINTIER, OBANGS, RUC, TARSIIERS, PELOTAS, REEFINGS. NO PALLAGERS, SCAY, LATTERS, PESSING, SEALION. Honestly, how many did you get right? All the best for 1991!

-BILL GRIGG

Should the word BEDU not be on the 4-letter word list? Chambers states it means the same as BEDOUIN, which together with variants BEDUIN and BEDAWIN can be spelt without capitals, thus usable in Scrabble. Your enlightened opinion on this matter would be greatly appreciated. -Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

Thank you for your interesting question. In essence, the reason we don't allow BEDU is because Chambers doesn't give it the notation 'also without cap.' The dictionary indicates BEDOUIN, BEDUIN and BEDAWIN may all be uncapitalized, but because of the layout for this entry we can't infer that BEDU may also be spelt without a capital.

Many dictionaries do not accept BEDOUIN and variants without an initial capital. On the other hand a couple do admit BEDU in lower case, including the Oxford English Dictionary which lists the following citation:

'We.. took with us a bedu wounded in the foot by stones.' Maybe the Chambers people would consider extending the 'also without cap.' notation to BEDU in the next reprint of the dictionary. It doesn't seem too unreasonable to me. Perhaps you could drop them a line about it. You never know, your submission could result in an extension to the Scrabbler's arsenal! -Ed

P.S. If anyone has a query on words, whether Scrabble-related or not, please write to me.

STATE THE ORIGIN

Can you correctly identify the country where the following terms originated, and the approximate date they first appeared. Answers at back of magazine.

- | | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. kon-tiki | 6. tycoon |
| 2. pavlova | 7. computer |
| 3. O.K. | 8. chunder |
| 4. talkback | 9. kangaroo court |
| 5. truckie | 10. corporatize |

MT ALBERT SCRABBLE CLUB

On 14 December 1990, our Club held its A.G.M. Annual Prizegiving and Xmas party. The following members were elected onto the new Committee.
 President: Roy Vannini Secretary: Bev Barker
 Treasurer: Joan Pratt
 Committee: Correne James, Bernice Vannini, John Foster Irene Hague-Smith, Maureen Holliday, Patrick Carter

Championship placings for 1990:

GRADE	AVE PTS	AVE SCORE	WIN RATE	B/W
1. Glennis Hale	25.87	433	78%	191
2. Dorothy Pinner	25.08	419	69%	233 (1st)
3. June Mackwell	24.19	420	69%	195 (2nd)
2 GRADE				
1. Shirley Gifkins	20.20	375	49%	162 (1st)
2. Alveen Seon	19.45	368	57%	122 (2nd=)
3. Tony Nicholls	19.43	385	57%	91
4. Roy Vannini				122 (2nd=)
1 GRADE				
1. Daphne Parker	18.44	362	49%	97 (1st)
2. Lil Moore	16.37	344	39%	93 (2nd)
3. Adrienne McKeown	15.97	338	48%	57
3 GRADE				
1. Maureen Holliday	18.10	350	57%	42
2. Margaret Mourant	17.28	342	44%	50 (2nd)
3. Kay Buffalora	16.78	329	44%	51 (1st)

June Mackwell was elected the most valued member and Tony Nicholls was named sportsperson of the year. Glennis took the win rate shield with 78% wins.

Awards went to Maureen Holliday for the most improved player and the most promising new member.

The basketful of groceries was won by Peg Barrington, wine and glasses by Dawn Kitzen and cheeseboard by Patrick Carter.

1990 HAMILTON CLUB RESULTS

The Hamilton Scrabble Club held their annual prize-giving and social evening on December 18.

Winners of Club Trophies in 1990 were:

The Founders Trophy (Club Champion)	-John Moore
Moore Trophy (Round Robin Group 1)	-John Moore
Gibb Trophy (Round Robin Group 2)	-Roger Coates
Darby Trophy (Round Robin Group 3)	-Stan Skinner
Annette Coombes Knockout Trophy	-John Moore
Michelle Wansink Pot Luck Trophy	-John Moore
Bonus Words Trophy (Most 7-letter words)	-John Moore
Eileen Mead Group 2 Bonus Words Trophy	-Roger Coates
John Gibb Group 3 Bonus Words Plaque	-Stan Skinner
Challenge Shield (Ladder Champion)	-John Moore
Pyramid Trophy	-Rita Moore
Eileen Mead 100 point words Trophy	-John Moore
Ruth Laird Goblets (Most Improved Player)	-Carole Coates

Prizes were awarded also to Rita Moore for breaking the Club Record for one word (212 points) and Rita also shared in the new Club record aggregate with Lyn Toka (987).

RATINGS

Included in this copy of the magazine is a Rating list for all players. This list is based on the performance of players over the period from immediately after the 1988 National Championship up to and including the 1991 Tokoroa Tournament. The list shows the player's Name, Rating, Number of Tournaments played, Games played, Games won, and winning percentage. It has been decided to include all players who have played a minimum of three Tournaments in the above period with at least one in the last 18 months. For those players not listed who have played in this period a rating has been calculated but is not included until the above criteria are met. The system is based on that used in the USA. An explanation of the system was sent to all clubs late last year.

If there are spelling mistakes, errors, omissions or queries please contact me for corrections or explanation.
 RK Vannini

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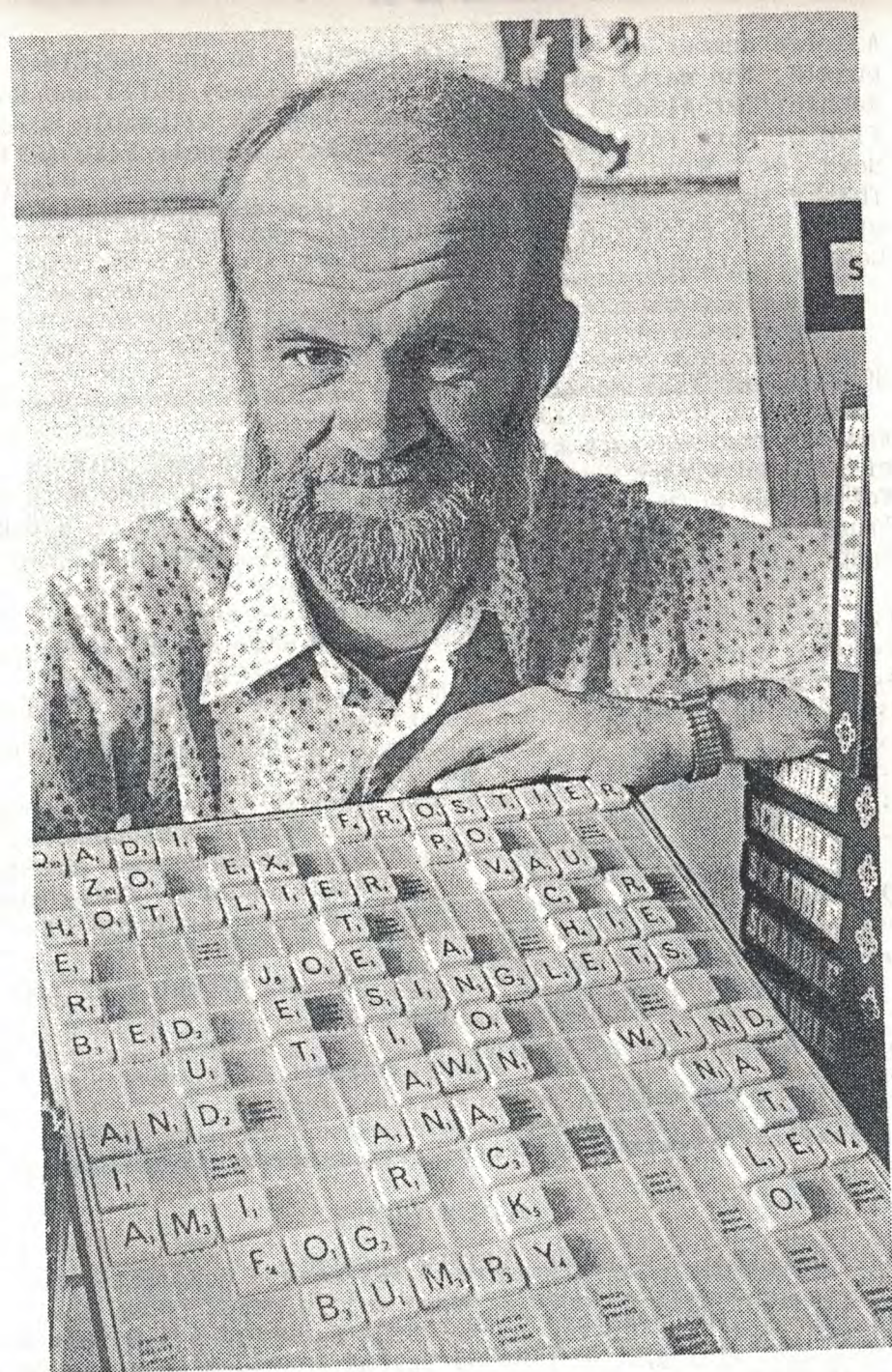
I generally don't stockpile these lists, but print them individually on receipt of each order. And whenever any error may be found my computer is then updated, so you can always be assured of the most up-to-date information possible.

To keep the number of pages to a minimum (to avoid your Clearfile coming too cumbersome) each list is printed fairly compactly, while still I believe being easy to read.

Once you have your lists, then after EVERY game if possible do refer to these and CHECK what words you may have missed, or been unsure of. Such diligence is sure to markedly improve your Scrabble vocabulary, and therefore increase your personal enjoyment of our great game.

Grateful thanks to Jeff (7's) and Mike (5's) for their invaluable assistance in adjudicating on the many "marginal" words used in compiling these lists. I'll be very surprised now if anyone finds even ONE error.

H A P P Y S C R A B B L I N G ! !
OTARINE PANTS



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A large number of entries were received in the CHRISTMAS puzzle. Top marks go to Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt) and Roy Vannini (Mt Albert). both of whom found 88 allowable words of five or more letters. Close behind were Glennis Hale (87), Alan Boyd (84), Blue (82), Rhoda Cashman (81) and Andrée Prentice (80) Thanks to everyone who had a go. A draw was held and the winner of Contest 21 is our worthy President Roy Vannini. Congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 22

What do the initials stand for in the following? This is a test of your knowledge and spelling. It shouldn't be too hard to follow; as an example 'dalai l (high priest)' and 'Z Brooke (rugby player)' would lead to the answers 'lama' and 'Zinzan'. Happy hunting!

- 1. M Ali (boxer)
- 2. Mount N (N. Island volcano)
- 3. A disease (dementia)
- 4. Ben J (English poet)
- 5. M Celeste (ghost ship)
- 6. short s (brusque treatment)
- 7. G Buchanan (Scrabbler)
- 8. Die F (Strauss operetta)
- 9. Ras T (Jamaican cultist)
- 10. Arnold S (American actor)
- 11. P Rico (Spanish island)
- 12. de r (in fashion)
- 13. Harry S Truman (US President)
- 14. Y Kiang (Chinese river)
- 15. just d (comeuppance)
- 16. Nikita K (Soviet leader)
- 17. F Wake (Joycean novel)
- 18. I cheese (beery cheddar)
- 19. Alexander S (Gulag author)
- 20. k pilot (suicide flier)

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

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

THREE-LETTER RECORD ?

June Ward of the Hastings Club recently scored 105 points by placing just 3 tiles on the board. Has anyone else achieved a similar feat ?

Can You Count? (or a plea for sanity)

This is a plea from those of us who do the scoring at Tournaments. Whilst you are all undoubtedly good Scrabble players your ability to fill in score sheets and to add them up leaves a lot to be desired.

You would be surprised at the number of score sheets turned in that have to be corrected. Please, please make sure that the person who starts has their name in the left hand side of BOTH score sheets. At the end of the game, when you and your opponent are signing your score sheets, check the following details: NAMES are in the correct sequence on the sheet and in the same sequence on both sheets; TOTAL SCORE for each player is the same on both sheets; AGGREGATE for the game is the same on both sheets; BONUS WORDS are written on both sheets under the correct players; SPOT PRIZES are written on the bottom of both sheets, clearly identifying who scored the points.

A number of people have missed out on spot, bonus word, and even placing prizes because the scorer could not easily identify who to attribute the appropriate points to. Often when under pressure the scorer may not have time to fully check both sheets and assumes that as the players have signed the sheets they have checked them. Therefore it is assumed that the top sheet of a pair handed in will contain the correct information. With most Tournaments having 60+ players their is sufficient to do without having to check everyone's ability to add and transcribe.

To all clubs it would not hurt to actually show members how to correctly fill in score sheets and to remind them from time to time. Also at a recent Tournament a triple triple was only scored at six times word value rather than nine, someone missed out by not being made aware of the proper way to score. Writing clearly would also go a long way to helping, some score sheets make a good imitation of a dog's breakfast by the end of a game.

With the Nationals coming up and the need to score 100+ players per round that gives about 30 seconds per person before the next round needs to be scored. So think about the scorer next time you hand in your score sheet.

NB Just in case you think these mistakes only occur in the lower grades or with new players at a recent Tournament all but one of the problems occurred in A, B and C grades!!!.

PS I'm sure adjudicators would also request that challenges are written legibly in capitals and underlined to avoid errors and some words being read upside down! i.e. SOON.

WORTHY MENTION

Glennie Jamieson scored 221 in a single turn playing in the 'A' grade round robin at the Dunedin Club on 11th February. The high-scoring word was ACQUAINT on a triple-triple, which lifted Glennie's score from 282 to 503! Her hapless opponent was Alan Boyd, who will no doubt be hoping no-one does that to him at the Masters.

PAKURANGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Held on January 26th. 1991.

Hello Scrabblers!

Well, the Pakuranga Tournament is over. Thanks to everyone who participated in it, and I tell you it was a great success!

It was so nice to see so many new faces, and I hope you all enjoyed it.

The fact that everything went well gave me great satisfaction. I thank my daughter, Sue for the lunch preparation, and Thelma and Peg for all their help. Thanks also to Roy and Bernice Vannini for their help with the computer and adjudication.


Once again, thanks to you all, till next year.
 Conny van Tilburg
 Pakuranga Howick Scrabble Club.

Aries					Cancer						
Grant	Hastings	6	3094	13	442.0	Andrew Coombes	Independet	5	2695	8	365.00
er Jones	Mt Albert	5	3046	13	435.1	Marj Batchelor	Masterton	5	2642	5	377.43
ne Powell	Nth Shore/Bays	4	3002	16	428.9	Rhoda Cashman	Rodney	4	2729	8	329.86
nis Hale	Mt Albert	4	2758	12	399.7	Fae Olson	Stratford	3	2900	10	414.29
Moore	Hamilton	3	2900	13	414.3	Glenda Geard	Independent	3	2732	10	390.29
y Quigley	Nth Shore/Bays	3	2838	12	412.6	Cathy Woods	Mt Albert	3	2730	9	390.00
id Pinner	Mt Albert	2	2847	11	406.7	Reeva Pearson	Stratford	3	2644	15	377.71
othy Pinner	Mt Albert	1	2571	11	367.3	Marj Baillie	Hamilton	3	2642	8	377.43
						Penny Headington	Nth Shore/Bays	3	2506	6	358.00
						Lucy Bright	Masterton	3	2435	3	347.86

Taurus					Leo						
n Foster	Mt Albert	7	3163	14	451.86	Anne Warner	Rodney	7	2619	5	374.14
e Mackwell	Mt Albert	6	2856	10	408.00	Richard Solomon	Mt Albert	5	2607	5	372.43
n Moore	Hamilton	4	2806	14	400.86	Shirley Gifkins	Mt Albert	5	2532	6	361.71
Johnstone	Nth Shore/Bays	4	2739	9	391.29	Alveen Seon	Mt Albert	4	2678	8	382.57
Quinn	Nth Shore/Bays	3	2691	10	384.43	Stan Skinner	Hamilton	3	2629	11	375.57
e Candler	Nth Shore/Bays	3	2625	7	375.00	Margaret Cherry	How/Pak	3	2443	3	349.00
ald Warner	Rodney	3	2428	6	346.86	Betty Erikson	Wanganui	3	2329	2	332.71
er Coates	Hamilton	2	2677	13	382.43	Daph Curl	Mt Albert	2	2332	5	332.14
n Wood	Wellington	2	2538	6	362.57	Mary Brett	Nth Shore/Bays	2	2323	7	331.86
Hunter	Nth Shore/Bays	1	2429	5	347.00	Pat Johnstone	Nth Shore/Bays	1	2221	1	317.29

PAKURANGA SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average				Spot Prizes
Virgo									
Leonora Cole	Nth Shore/Bays	7	2612	9	373.1				
Joan Ball	How/Pak	5	2415	1	345.0				
Maureen Halliday	Mt Albert	4	2720	8	388.6	Game 1	Z	Allie Quinn	63
Carole Coates	Hamilton	4	2696	8	385.1	Game 2	K	John Foster	75
Jeanette Owler	How/Pak	4	2425	1	346.4	Game 3	HLS	Rita Moore	430
Annette Coombes	Independent	4	2401	2	343.0	GArme 4	X	Bob Johnstone	55
Jean O'Brien	Stratford	3	2659	8	379.9	Game 5	Q	Paul O'Connell	68
Alice O'Callahan	Nth Shore/Bays	3	2542	2	363.1	Game 6	HWS	May Quigley	550
David Gunn	Independent	3	2269	5	324.1	Game 7	J	Joan Pratt	76
Margaret Bundock	Rodney	2	2327	2	332.4				
Cathie Sale	How/Pak	2	2250	1	321.4				
Dawn Kitzen	Mt Albert	1	2254	3	322.0				
Libra									
Paul O'Connell	New Plymouth	7	3281	12	468.7				
Lil Moore	Mt Albert	6	2585	7	369.3				
Andrea O'Connell	New Plymouth	4	2570	9	367.1				
Margaret									
McKecknie	Nth Shore/Bays	4	2474	6	353.4				
Margaret Mourant	Mt Albert	4	2435	5	347.9				
Adrienne McKeon	Mt Albert	4	2269	1	324.1				
Irene Hague-Smith	Mt Albert	3	2456	4	350.9				
Pauline Hayes	Mt Albert	3	2397	3	342.4				
Jillian Greening	Hamilton	3	2172	5	310.3				
Dave Godman	Independent	2	2379	8	339.9				
Kay Buffalora	Mt Albert	2	1967	1	281.0				
Patricia Waring	How/Pak	0	1937	2	276.7				
Pisces									
Joan Pratt	Mt Albert	7	2698	10	385.4				
Jacqueline									
Coldham Fussell	Hamilton	6	2398	6	342.6				
Ernie Gidman	Rodney	4	2307	2	329.6				
Valma Gidman	Rodney	4	2215	1	316.4				
Valerie Holbrook	How/Pak	4	2181	3	311.6				
Ed Olson	Stratford	3	2141	0	305.9				
Lulu Holt	Mt Albert	3	2102	1	300.3				
Lorraine van Veen	How/Pak	3	2094	1	299.1				
Cathie Roxburgh	Independent	3	2084	0	297.7				
Marion Rose	Mt Albert	3	1906	2	272.3				
June Ward	Independent	2	1911	1	273.0				
Leah Ward	Nth Shore/Bays	0	1911	2	273.0				



 "On the other hand, I'm
 unlucky at Scrabble!"

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RESULTS : OVERLAP NO 5.

The winner was, once again, Jeff Grant with a score of 614. He was closely followed by Leila Thomson from Lower Hutt with 612. Then followed Rodney's Rhoda Cashman (603), Dorothy Haining (602), Andrew Bradley (599) and Christchurch's Katrine Renwick brought up the rear with a most welcome entry.

Two interesting points were the inclusion of the word KIKUYU which, though followed in Chambers by a bracketed word, is nevertheless admitted. An interesting though not too highly scoring contribution came from Dorothy with her zakusKakodyl. What words!

A composite solution of 615 would read as follows :

squawKYlikes	80
quokKAYaks	72
quaKYack	65
yuKYle	52
sKYe	37
yUKe	39
kuKUru	53
yukKYley	67
kikuYUKked	74
equerRYepeck	76

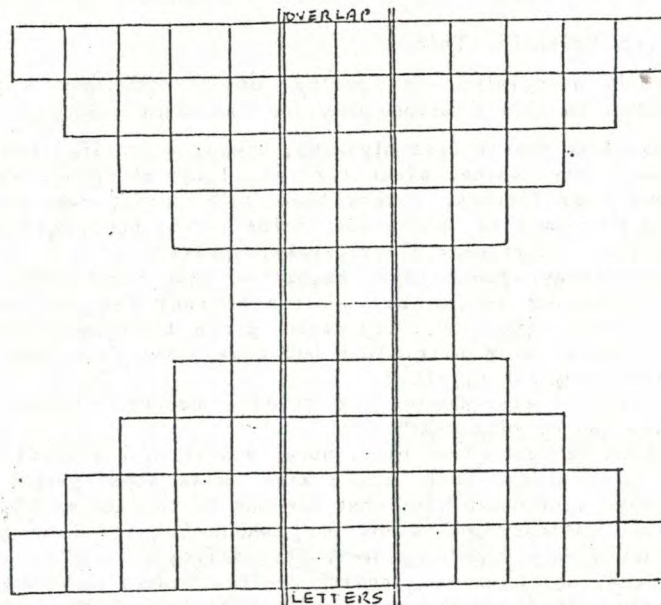
ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example CAT to ACT, HORSE to SHORE and CACTOID to OCTADIC. On a higher level, there is a SCHOOLMASTER in THE CLASSROOM, and JIM BOLGER reveals MR JOE GLIB.

This corner will feature anagrams of half-a-dozen Scrabble players each issue. Keep watching and maybe your name will appear!

DORIS SHEARER	A HORSE'S RIDER
DAWN KITZEN	NAKED NZ WIT
ROGER TOZER	GREET ZORRO
IAN ROSS	IRON ASS
BLUE THOROGOOD	HE GOT OUR BLOOD
REEVA PEARSON	AN OPERA VERSE

OVERLAP COMPETITION NO 6



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

Entries to be sent to Gerald Warner, Sandspit Rd, R.D.2, Warkworth by MAY 11th, 1991. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

monofILlogic	71
acajOUtlaw	62
outDolor	64
etc	
TOTAL :	612

Rhymatic Fever: A Valentine Tale

Rhyme is usually associated with poetry, but it sometimes appears in prose, as shown in this passion play for Valentine's Day:

Free, we drive. I've passed fast highways, byways - soaring, roaring. Then when we see a way, space, place for car, I try stopping, hopping out. Route shows rose flowers, towers blooming, looming over clover. Talking, walking to view tree, she holds, folds my shy hand, and squeezes, eases fingers - lingers near clear creeks, speaks:

"Those clothes, honey. Funny rags, bags; but what tacky khaki! You do need tweed. What nut tries, buys rotten cotton? Fad, bad taste! Waste your sure sense, dense buy. Try clean, green dance pants, better sweater. Choose shoes, wear pair. That hat coax jokes from some cool jewel! I'll smile, stay a bit, sit."

"My, I feel real stupid, Cupid. I'd tried - bought, thought they may please, ease. You're sure mad!"

"Lad, you do know, though. True blue. Sure, you're my guy still."

Will she flee, stand and turn, spurn kiss, miss lips' grips? Yes, dress makes, breaks warm charm. But what can man do to date mate? Travel gravel alleys, valleys, and stand out, shout "Do you love glove, zoot suit. Sigh, why do you care, wear shirts, skirts - both?"

Quoth I "My dear, hear: you do require desire. Beauty's duties come from loose truths. They say bare air pushes bushes, heaves leaves, makes quakes in thin grass, lass, while style seizes breezes, messes dresses, whacks slacks, wrecks sex. Here, Dear Valentine, Ballantine pale ale. Drink, think of love. We'll steal this kiss, where there are star-studded, budded flowers."

Hours go, flow through two hearts' darts. I spy her fur, wonder under lovers' covers. Bees' trees hold gold: more pour sunny honey by my girl's pearls, whose shoes shine fine. See? She feels, peels hose, glows by my car far from some dark park.

"Go slow, gentle lentil. Whee!" she breathes, seethes, quaking, making joy's noise. Why tie shoes, choose which stitch brightens, lightens over clover, rocks? Socks stay gray, creamy, steamy. Royal soil feeds needs, and hand places laces by my tacky khaki.

"Such touch burns, turns hot, not cold. Hold tight. Night comes, drums beat, heat our power high," I say. "Day glistens, listens under thunder by dry wood."

"Should we be here, dear?"

"Yes! Dress may lay on lawn, though."

"Go bare? Passion's fashions dare wear less?"

"Guess so."

"No bra?"

"Ah!"

Day's rays set, let moon soon loft soft light. "Night," I cry. "Lose shoes now. Wow! Yet let all fall to dew. Lie by dusk musk. Do you need tweed to do this, Miss?"

"Oh, no. Gee!"

She hugs bugs, sees bees, hears cheers. Warm arm and hand touch much. I spy star far away, astray, where air shimmers, glimmers. Fair hair leaves, weaves down gown to view hill's thrills through two skins' sins. Exotic, erotic dancers, answers to new lust! Just lewd nude? Buff stuff? Oh, no! Night's flights carry merry time's rhymes.

- Word Ways, Feb 1991



Try not to let her ruin
your concentration, Kev.

If you think English has some awkward words. consider the Wubuy aborigines of Northern Territory. who have to say 'jirribanjjawanjjangaj' to indicate a cockroach. or even worse the Yao people of Thailand and Laos with unpronounceable - looking oddities like 'mbnxmb-txpq' (ears that bend over). I wonder if they play much Scrabble over there ?

TACTICAL TIPS FROM JOHN HOLGATE
(TILE TALK, SEPT 1989)

THE OPENING MOVE

Going first

The drawing of tiles to see who goes first is actually the first "move" of the game. There is a distinct psychological and tactical advantage in going first - you have use of the double word star, you can pass or exchange tiles and still remain even on score but most importantly your positioning of the first word can control your opponent's reply. Remember that (given equal skill and luck) the player who makes the first move will win 60% of the time.

Horizontal or vertical?

I usually play my first word down the board - it is harder for my opponent to visualise (and sometimes provokes a challenge). However, a horizontal play is safer against somebody who is good at eight-letter words since it is more difficult to "see" an eight running vertically through the word on the board. Try varying the direction of your initial word from game to game.

The strategy of the opening move

The positioning of your first word is often vital to the outcome of a game. Try to put into practice these basic rules:

- i. Avoid the "double cross" - this is what the Americans call a move which scores both ways on any of the four double-letter squares around the star. It is unwise to place a vowel next to these squares on your first move and give your opponent an extra 20 or thirty points for the X J or Z.
- ii. Watch out for left and right "hooks" giving access to the double word files. If you can find a word which can't take an S, D, A, E or Y extension play it (even if it scores five or six points less). Be careful of the double-double bonus hooking onto your first word.
- iii. If you play a word of five letters or longer try and land a medium or high scoring tile on the double letter square (above or below the star) for this quadruples its face value. But be careful of costly "extensions". I once opened with FIGHT for 32 against John Ozag (author of the "Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble") with the F on the double letter square - he replied with GUNFIGHT off the triple for 48! He could also have played DOGFIGHT or OUTFIGHT. Some of the prefixes and suffixes to watch for are: OUT- PRE-SUB- -ING -ERS & -EST.

- iv. Another consideration in the placing of your first word is your opponent's access to the double word file closest to the star. If you have a choice of words play the one which puts an awkward letter in his or her path - say a G or a D instead of an R or T, a U or I instead of an A or E. It may prevent a double-double word score and save you valuable points.

The Tactics of the Opening

Go for the score

Generally the move that scores the most is the best move. Try and find a seven-letter word on your opening rack. Take plenty of time to move the tiles to and fro, try different prefixes and suffixes like RE- OUT- UN-, -ING -IER -ATE. Time spent here is well worth while since statistically the player who plays the first bonus word is more likely to win the game. If you have a choice of sevens play the one that is best defensively or that is more unusual. For example, play SANDIER rather than SARDINE, CLAIMED (or better still MALICED) rather than DECIMAL. If you can play an unexpected word (or one with an unusual extension) you may gain a psychological advantage at this early stage or even set up a spot for a hook (if your opponent is not sure if the opening word takes an S or a D). Sometimes you will even take a lesser score for the sake of a better defensive move.

Tile Turnover

Knowledge of 5- and 6-letter words containing medium to high scoring letters is a distinct advantage in the opening since you can score well and play away more tiles (with a greater chance of picking up the S's and blanks). Try and use up as many tiles as possible on the first move (use up all seven if you can!). Build up a store of fives and sixes containing K Y F V or W - those awkward letters which can mess up your rack.

Rack management

Keeping a balance of vowels and consonants on your rack is very important at this stage since you want to optimise your chances of forming a seven. If you have a rack like B-E-P-R-S-T-Y you might be better off keeping your E and playing BY for 14 instead of PREYS for 26. You are sacrificing 12 points but the leftover E-P-R-S-T is much more conducive to a seven next go than B-T.

The best move is very often a compromise between optimal score, strategic considerations, tile turnover and rack management. The degree of risk you take in the opening depends on the quality of your opponent. For example, if he or she is good at finding bonus words keep the board closed. Whereas if you have the edge in that department you should give yourself opportunities for sevens and eights and try to leave at least two spots open.

Passing

Passing on the first turn in the hope your opponent will give you an extra letter for an eight is not advisable. You're better off playing away two tiles or even exchanging since a pass telegraphs the message "I have great letters here".

WRITING A LETTER

In his book The New Official Rules (Addison-Wesley, 1989), Paul Dickson has collected a large number of aphorisms, mainly of the following varieties:

- 1) rueful reflections on how nature conspires to thwart you: if anything can go wrong, it will.
- 2) cynical advice to the naive on how to deal with those who are at best indifferent to your welfare, and at worst are actively trying to promote their own at your expense.

Here are some examples from the section on letter-writing:

There are more Js and Zs on the typewriter keyboard than the English language requires.

If you accidentally put the carbon paper in backward, you will type a perfect letter.

The key always goes on Saturday night.

Self-sealing envelopes don't, except when you have accidentally left the letter out.

Troublesome correspondence that is postponed long enough will eventually become irrelevant.

When you are ready to reply to a letter, you will lack at least one of the following: (1) a pen (or pencil or typewriter), (2) stationery, (3) postage stamp, or (4) the letter you were answering.

When writing a personal letter, as soon as you begin a new sheet of paper, you will run out of things to say.

Always address recipients of typed correspondence as 'Dr.' - you will either be correct or flattering.

There is no reference in the book to Scrabble, but the following observation could easily be adapted:

Just as some art exists only for its own sake, some words exist only for the sake of crossword puzzles...(and Scrabble?!)

- Jaffer Gentry

Although I heard of several attempts made at the 15-minute Shelling Peas Challenge, only our worthy President, Roy Vannini, was game enough to send in his 'test paper'.

Roy achieved a score of 27 by finding words like YAPP, POPPET, PERIDOT and DIOPETER. In fact there was only one disallowed term - I had to deduct 2 points for POTEPE, which Roy thought had something to do with Egyptian kings. Perhaps the word sought is HOTEPE (peace) which is affixed to the names of numerous ancient rulers of Egypt, such as AMENHOTEPE, IMHOTEPE and RA-HOTEPE.

This particular test was given to a number of word buffs in Britain and their scores ranged from 13 to 26 points, the highest mark being that of ex-UK Scrabble champ Russell Byers - so well done, Roy!

A score of 33 was gained by the winner of a Shelling Peas competition run by a British newspaper, but the current World record stands at an amazing 51 points, achieved by New Zealand's own Glennis Hale early last year.

After the quarter-hour effort Roy had a look at various dictionaries and found an additional 28 points, using words like EPOPT, PALPED and the only 4-P term allowed - PEPPERPOTS.

What are the maximum scores possible in the Shelling Peas Test? A score of only 51 is attainable using words that appear in our Scrabble references. 63 can be achieved with current non-dialect words using open sources, and the ceiling score for all terms (including obsolete, dialect, etc.) presently stands at 129 points!

Jeff Grant

CALLING NATIONALS PERFORMERS!!

I'm sure you will remember how we all enjoyed the entertainment at Queen's Birthday weekend last year. Let's do it again!

Would any persons willing to 'perform' at the Nationals Dinner this year please write to:

John Moore,
19A Waimarie St.
Hamilton.

B O N U S B A B B L E

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What bad luck! At last you HAVE a bonus word on your rack, but would you believe there's nowhere to put it.

Well, if Scrabble was "easy" then it wouldn't be half as much fun. But hang on . . . is this REALLY "bad luck", or perhaps slightly bad play?

If your "BlankEIKRSV" (which make SKIVERS/SKIVIER) is unplayable then that is rather bad luck - IF you'd kept KV and have just picked up the other 5. But - if you KEPT BlanKEIRS, and have just picked up KV, then THAT sad situation is probably of your own making.

At any time, a board can be either very OPEN or very CLOSED. (And these terms may apply either to bonuses OR to other - non-bonus - high-scoring plays). These conditions of the board, and whether they suit YOU at a particular time, are definitely not just determined by blind fate. YOU have chances to help fate along a little (as does your opponent too, of course).

So, if YOU are close to a bonus - or more importantly if you suspect you are CLOSER THAN YOUR OPPONENT - you should endeavour to leave the board open for bonuses. Alternatively, if you're leaving say KV on your rack you should assume you're a long way from a bonus, and consequently try to minimise bonus spots.

READING THE OPPONENT - How can you judge your opponent's rack?

(A) By her last turn. If she played OX for 11, she's probably close to bonus, and jealously guarding those other 5 tiles. But if she played OX for 52 you should NOT assume this, but assume she may have even ruined her rack to get the good score. Another pointer is if she's played 4 or more tiles. If so, even if she kept Blank, E, S, the chances of a bonus next turn are not great.

(B) By the scores. If she is well behind then she probably IS (or should be!) at least TRYING for a bonus. The general rule is that the leading player keeps the board fairly tight, to prevent nasty 70-point surprises, while the trailing player must open everywhere possible, and then hope to get "lucky".

(C) By what tiles remain out. With only a few tiles left in the bag, and few S's or Blanks in sight, chances are SHE has one, or more. So she is likely to be close to a bonus.

TYPES of BONUS-HOOK - Possible hooks for bonuses range from excellent (where say there must be an E or an A ANYWHERE in your bonus) to lousy (where say the 6th letter must be an O). For the former, ANTIES plus another tile will still have its usual 97% chance, but for the latter - 0%! - even ATONIES won't fit.

A hook requiring say S as the last letter is middling. Again using ANTIES as an example, the maximum 97% is now trimmed to only 56%.

So be very aware of exactly how "bonus-friendly" each board really is.

MAKING/KILLING BONUS-HOOKS - Suppose you have ANTIES+Y, on a tight board. If you are well ahead you should not consider a bonus, but otherwise you should try to make a hook with the Y. One ideal hook would be a YU with a space in front. This only takes an A, and you have one (if you're lucky your opponent hasn't). Ideally there should be 6 spaces available either side of the A, for maximum flexibility.

The opponent of course should "smell" your situation instantly, and (again ideally) pop something unhealthy like VAC on that spot. But if no "A" she could play something nearby, to at least limit the length available to you (so maybe your A now has to be the 5th, 6th, or last letter - oops, you're down to 59%).

But in so doing she may have to ruin her own rack/score, and she may even open a NEW hook for your excellent letters.

Failing a nice AYU hook ANY hook is worth considering, but try to avoid approaching high-scoring squares if possible. Handing the opponent a 37 for her QUA can be very painful.

Another useful (but potentially dangerous) technique is to sprinkle throughout the game bonus-hooks that your opponent WON'T RECOGNISE. Learn a few "fancy" words, like EVET, that you HOPE won't be known. Then if you get a chance to play VET, then protect the space around it until your bonus arrives, you're in clover.

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Now for those without access to good Word Lists, here are the "answers" from List #2 last issue. I only show ONE possible answer for each, though in some cases there are others too.

SUBLATE	BAILIES	ETALONS	ANESTRA	VINEGAR	DISABLE	WINDBAG	SABERED	EBRIATE
INBREED	GERBILS	BIOGENS	MARCELS	DRASTIC	CATERAN	NOTICES	HEROICS	UTRICLE
STATUED	BEDRITE	FETIDER	DETENUS	REDSKIN	INDITER	TRITIDE	TORNADE	DITONES
TOGATED	AUDILES	CRUSTED	ERUDITE	SUEDING	AGNISES	LENTIGO	ENACTER	CENSORS
PEAHENS	OVERNET	FILACER	RAFTERS	REFILMS	FRIABLE	FRISTED	OURSELF	LEGLANS
SIRGANG	GREIGES	REGLETS	LIEGERS	CLANGER	GODETIA	GARDANT	PIETISM	FRIANDE
HAMLETS	STARTLE	HALIDES	INHALES	LAMSTER	INARMED	matrons	LAMENTS	GERMINS
GEMINIS	MURICES	STIMIES	METRIST	MOISTEN	ANGARIA	RIGHTEN	ACETOUS	STOUTEN
VENATOR	SPANNER	PEDRAIL	TIPLESS	INSTEPS	SPONGER	LEPTONS	TEAPOTS	ROADIES
GRECIAN	EMERODS	ENDORSE	CEILERS	ROSETTE	OVERSET	REUSING	CEROONS	ANISOLE
IDEATES	GREISEN	STANDEE	KINDEST	KINDLES	PURLERS	SLIMIER	RISSOLE	STOITER
STELLAR	STARVES	KINDEST	TREMORS	DEBTORS	RESIDUE	NIDUSES	BLASTER	SOUTANE
REGATTA	AERIEST	ITERATE	STANNIC	DOATING	ISOLATE	OILLETS	AMATEUR	DURANCE
SURANCE	INSURED	peanuts	GRANULE	MURINES	ONEROUS	TUNIEST	NUTRIAS	ELUANTS
MINUTED	PERITUS	SIRUPED	TREVETS	CAWKERS	WASTREL	SPAWING	TWAITES	

Until next time, happy bonus-hunting,

OTARINE PANTS

A SCRABBLE WOR(L)D TOUR

On close perusal our Scrabble dictionaries really seem to very well fill the role of ATLASES too. So I wonder if a world tour can be arranged?

As a Scrabbler, what better place to start than BLUFF! Then drive to GORE, BURNSIDE, CLARENCE then NELSON. Crossing COOK STRAIT we visit Jeff & Co in HASTINGS before driving via GALATEA and MATAMATA to the QUEEN CITY (where we would stay in NEWMARKET or DEVONPORT).

Aussie yields BURNIE, WOOMERA and CAIRNS before trying JAPAN and CHINA, then JAVA, SUMATRA, MANILA, GOA, MADRAS, KASHMIR then up through MECCA, MUSCAT, to the Biblical TYRE and GALILEE and on to BURSA in TURKEY.

Thence Africa, where we fly to NATAL then overland to ZAIRE, CONGO, CHAD, LOME (in Togo), MALI, UPPER VOLTA, GAMBIA, GUINEA, MADEIRA and the CANARIES, FEZ (in MOROCCO of course), and TRIPOLI.

Catch a ferry (?) to LEGHORN in Italy and visit GENOA and BOLOGNA then UCERNE, and arrive in NICE for tea. Next day pop down to SPAIN, then our BURGUNDY and CHAMPAGNE before reaching PARIS. Then via DELFT in HOLLAND (as Brussels in Belgium is unfriendly to us, although they do say LIEGE is pleasant) to COLOGNE and through SAXONY and BOHEMIA to reunited BERLIN. In this cosmopolitan city we rub shoulders with FRENCH, POLISH, DUTCH, GERMAN, GREEK, JEW, GENTILE, even a few CHINESE, but none of them can play in ENGLISH so we head for the UNITED KINGDOM.

Landing at DOVER in KENT we have just time to take a day trip from ILBURY to JERSEY and SARK. Next day we can't find BRANDRETH so we travel to WALES via FULHAM, SURREY, READING, OXFORD, and BRISTOL. In the North we find DERBY, HULL, and YORK, then over the PENNINES to BARROW, before it's across to ULSTER, then down to LIMERICK and CORK (both in MUNSTER).

A transatlantic flight (hopefully over the ARCTIC) lands in BOSTON then we drive through BUFFALO, MOBILE, TEXAS, and PHOENIX then over the SIERRAS to PORTLAND to once again sight the PACIFIC. En route to ALASKA we visit CANADA - specifically SASKATOON, REGINA, and VICTORIA, then hop down to COLON, PANAMA.

A Latin American tour starts in CURACAO and includes the ARGENTINE, the AMAZON in BRAZIL, CAYENNE and BOLIVIA before we finally leave from LIMA or home, via TONGA, just in time to play in the 1991 Nationals!

OTARINE PANTS

TWO-LETTER WORDS

Two-letter words are the connectors, or stepping-stones, of our language. Of the 100 most common words used in written English, no less than 24 are bilaterals:

am, an, as, at, be, by, do, go, he, if, in, is, it, me, my, no, of, on, or, so, to, up, us, we

If you could go back in time to the year 1765 and play a game of Scrabble using Dr Samuel Johnson's Dictionary as reference, all of the above would be allowed as well as:

ah, ay, bo, fy, ha, ho, la, lo, mo, ne, oh, ox, wo, ye

A grand total of only 38 two-letter words.

Moving forward a hundred years to play another game you could then use the original Cedric - Chamber's Etymological Dictionary. It contains all the words from Dr Johnson's Dictionary except mo and ne, but adds eh. With only a third of the two-letter words we have today available, hooking on those bonus words would be much more awkward.

Let's move on to 1910 and play another game, this time using Chamber's Twentieth Century Dictionary. All Dr Johnson's words are usable, as well as:

ae, ax, ee, eh, em, hi, io, ky, li, ma, mi, na, od, os, pa, pi, re, si, ti, ug, ur, yo

Now we have 60 two-letter words at our disposal.

On to 1952 and Scrabble is really starting to take hold! Chamber's Mid-Century Edition gives us even more two-letter words, including one (gu) which doesn't seem to be listed in another dictionary, and another (ch) which never stands alone. Here are the new twoers:

ad, ai, ar, ch, da, ea, el, en, er, ex, fa, gu, id, jo, ka, mu, nu, ny, ob, oe, oo, ou, ow, oy, st, ta, te, un, ut, xi, yu, zo

That's better! Now we've got 92 little beauties to call on.

In 1991 things are pretty good for Scrabblers. Using the new Cedric and OSPD there are an impressive 111 allowable 2-letter words. How many more will the dictionaries see fit to include in the future? There is still plenty of room for expansion, larger works contain such terms as ak, fo, ie, ja, mn, qi, uv, and zs. Think how handy they would be. In fact, the present corpus of 2-letter Scrabble words could quite easily be doubled! Whether this would be beneficial to the game is a matter of opinion.

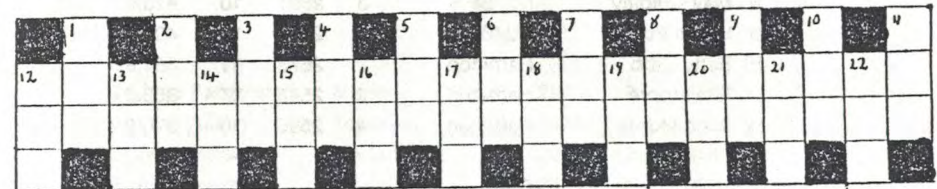
As updated editions of our references are published there will inevitably be new words to learn. We should all be familiar with ko now (even if we don't like it), and there will be another one to deposit in the old memory-bank when Oswald Mk 2 comes out (Latin plural of deus).

CURIOUS CROSSWORD

For all you crossword fans, here is a chance to try an unusual form, as well as maybe improve your knowledge of 3-letter words for Scrabble.

The object is to find the two 22-letter horizontal words (non-Chambers) by solving the 22 vertical 3-letter words. Note that the 22 letters not forming part of the long horizontal words are all different. There are also two 3-letter terms that are not allowed in Scrabble.

Send your completed grids to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd, R D 2, Hastings. The winner will receive a small prize.



Down

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. old uncle | 12. continues |
| 2. conifer | 13. devoted lady |
| 3. informed | 14. fabulous bird |
| 4. undergarment | 15. expression of disgust |
| 5. doctrine | 16. aircraftsman |
| 6. relative (shortened) | 17. consume |
| 7. sickness | 18. reynard |
| 8. to jerk | 19. to pull |
| 9. recreation | 20. by way of |
| 10. oriental cymbal | 21. small horse |
| 11. ___chology | 22. illicit |

COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?

Bababadalgharaghtakamminarronkonn
bronnontonnerronnntuonnthunntrovarrhoun
awnskawntooohooordenenthurnuk is a
100 letter word from Finnegans Wake
by James Joyce - a symbolic
thunderclap representing the fall of
Adam and Eve.

Now you pronounce it.....

TOKOROA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

FEBRUARY 23. 1991

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
A					
1 John Foster	Mt Albert	5	2895	13	413.6
2 Peter Jones	Mt Albert	5	2828	11	404.0
3 Patrick Carter	Mt Albert	5	2796	9	399.4
4 June Mackwell	Mt Albert	4	2982	13	426.0
5 Michael Sigley	Wanganui	4	2892	12	413.1
6 Andrew Bradley	Hastings	4	2616	6	373.7
7 Allie Quinn	NS/Bays	4	2506	8	358.0
8 May Quigley	NS/Bays	3	2891	10	413.0
9 Lynne Powell	NS/Bays	3	2856	11	408.0
10 Betty Gibb	Hamilton	2	2673	11	381.9
11 Rita Moore	Hamilton	2	2545	9	363.6
12 John Moore	Hamilton	1	2596	10	370.9

B					
1 Georgie Offringa	NS/Bays	6	2898	10	414.0
2 Kevin Edgeler	Tokoroa	5	2715	5	387.9
3 Andrée Prentice	Wanganui	5	2620	7	374.3
4 Lesley Edgeler	Tokoroa	4	2845	11	406.4
5 Lynn Wood	Wellington	4	2661	7	380.1
6 Roger Coates	Hamilton	3	2826	12	403.7
7 Rhoda Cashman	Rodney	3	2753	13	393.3
8 Fae Olson	Stratford	3	2700	12	385.7
9 Lois Kelly	Tokoroa	2	2458	3	351.1
10 Marj Batchelor	Masterton	0	2338	2	334.0

C					
1 Lucy Bright	Masterton	6	2983	9	426.1
2 Elain Moltzen	Hamilton	5	2759	10	394.1
3 Glenda Geard	Independent	5	2703	10	386.1
4 Stan Skinner	Hamilton	4	2743	9	391.9
5 Reeva Pearson	Stratford	4	2694	14	384.9
6 Roy Vannini	Mt Albert	4	2429	3	347.0
7 Faye Cronhelm	Independent	3	2650	8	378.6
8 Mary Brett	NS/Bays	3	2516	6	359.4
9 Jeff Owens	Wellington	3	2424	5	346.3
10 Annette Coombes	Independent	2	2559	7	365.6
11 Betty Erikson	Wanganui	2	2461	3	351.6
12 Leonora Cole	NS/Bays	1	2279	5	325.6

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
D					
1 Peggy Wallace	Hamilton	6	2647	4	378.1
2 Jean O'Brien	Stratford	5	2675	8	382.1
3 Lyn Toka	Hamilton	5	2671	7	381.6
4 Kate Henderson	Wellington	4	2541	5	363.0
5 Dave Godman	Independent	4	2517	8	359.6
6 Daph Watson	Hamilton	4	2470	5	352.9
7 David Gunn	Independent	3	2649	11	378.4
8 Vicki Lawn	Porirua	3	2523	4	360.4
9 Margaret Parsons	Taupo	3	2509	6	358.4
10 Willie van Hasselt	Mt Maunganui	2	2404	5	343.4
11 Jan Jacobi	Tokoroa	2	2350	4	335.7
12 Gwen Robb	Taupo	1	2218	3	316.9

E					
1 Jane Pemberton	Marton	6	2919	8	417.0
2 Phyl Wilson	Tokoroa	6	2478	1	354.0
3 Anne Wilson	Marton	6	2208	3	315.4
4 Ann Reeves	Taupo	5	2324	0	332.0
5 Kayrn Harraway	Taupo	5	2201	0	314.4
6 Jillian Greening	Hamilton	3	2324	9	332.0
7 Kath James	Wanganui	3	2276	1	325.1
8 Neville James	Independent	3	2035	2	290.7
9 Jacqueline Coldha	Hamilton	2	2295	10	327.9
10 Frances Katene	Porirua	2	1848	2	264.0
11 Ed Olson	Stratford	1	2040	1	291.4
12 Val Worth	Tokoroa	0	1737	0	248.1

Spot Prizes

Game 1	First Turn	77	Rhoda Cashman
Game 2	X	54	Mary Brett
Game 3	J	56	Betty Erikson
Game 4	Q	84	Roy Vannini
Game 5	Z	86	Andrew Bradley
Game 6	K	77	Glenda Geard
Game 7	Last Turn	39	Andrew Bradley

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1991 SCRABBLE TOURNAMENTS

Here is a list of tournament dates for 1991. The brackets indicate fixed times each year for your convenience. All dates have been confirmed by participating clubs. Mark them on your calendar now and look forward to a great Scrabble year!

PAK/HOWICK (Auck Anniversary Weekend) Jan 26

TOKOROA (Last Sat in Feb) Feb 23

NZ MASTERS (Easter) Mar 30.31 Apr 1!

NTH SHORE BAYS (Anzac Weekend) Apr 27

CHRISTCHURCH Sat May 4

NATIONALS (Queen's Birthday) Jun 1.2

RODNEY Sun Jun 30

NEW PLYMOUTH Jul 20,21

HAMILTON (2nd Sun in Aug) Aug 11

MT ALBERT (3 weeks before Lab Wknd) Oct 5.6

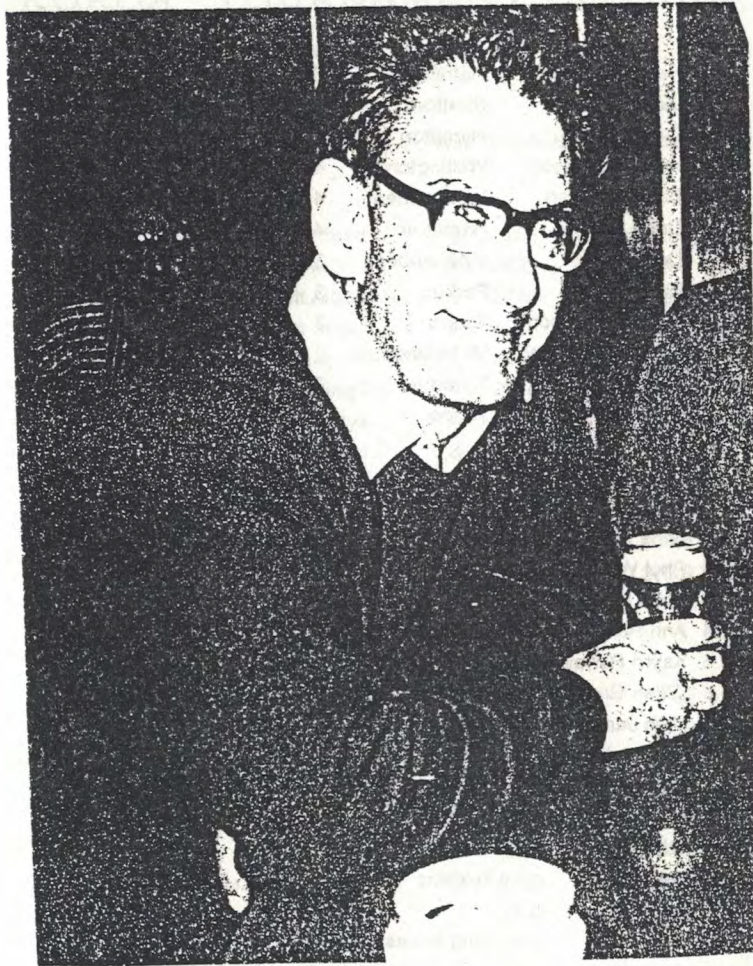
WANGANUI (Labour Weekend) Oct 26.27

DUNEDIN Nov 23.24

1991 MASTERS TOURNAMENT

This year's Masters is being held in Hastings and runs from March 30 to April 1. THE VENUE is Hastings Citizens' Band Hall, Orchard Rd. It is a blue building, 2nd in from the corner of McLeod St going towards Maraekakaho Rd., opp. cemetery. If participants are able, it would be appreciated if they could provide a small prize, as we will try to ensure that everyone takes home a memento from the tournament.

HAPPY SCRABBLING TO ALL !



TOKOROA WINNER JOHN FOSTER(S)

John has made a great start to the year, going unbeaten through the 'B' grade at Howick-Pakuranga, and then upsetting the predictions with a win in the 'A' grade at Tokoroa.

Did you know that since tournament Scrabble started in New Zealand back in 1980, over 500 different people have participated at one time or another?

The Punning Alphabet

- A for 'orses
- B for mutton
- C for thighlanders
- D for ential
- E for Adam
- F for vescent
- G for Police
- H for respect
- I for get
- J for oranges
- K for teria
- L for leather
- M for sis
- N for a dig
- O for the wall
- P for a penny
- Q for the pictures
- R for mo
- S for you
- T for two
- U for me
- V for le France
- W for a Siamese ram
- X for breakfast
- Y for Pete's sake?
- Z for breezes

-submitted by Alan Boyd
Dunedin Club.

STATE THE ORIGIN ANSWERS

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. NZ 1955 | 6. Japan 1860 |
| 2. NZ 1925 | 7. England 1645 |
| 3. US 1840 | 8. Australia 1950 |
| 4. England 1930 | 9. US 1850 |
| 5. Australia 1960 | 10. NZ 1985 |

STOP PRESS!! Congratulations to Leanne Cutfield
on the birth of her twins.