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# FORWORDS

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cially resembles a true scorpion. 3. a

scotch /skɒtʃ/, v.t. 1. to injure so as to make harmless. 2. to cut, gash, or score. 3. to put an end to; stamp out; suppress. 4. to block or prop with a scotch. -n. 5. a cut, gash, or score. 6. a block or wedge put under a wheel, barrel, etc., to prevent slipping.

Scotch broth /- 'brɒθ/, n. a thick soup made from beef stock and pearl barley.

Scotch egg /- 'eg/, n. a hard-boiled egg enclosed in sausage meat, coated with egg and breadcrumbs and deep fried.

Scotch tape /- 'teɪp/, n. -sticky tape.

Scotch thistle /- 'θɪsl/, n. a large biennial thistle, *Onopordum acanthium*, widespread in Europe and western Asia, and introduced into Scotland where it became the national emblem.

scot-free /'skɒt-'fri/, adj. free from penalty or payment; unhurt.

scotia /'skouʃə/, n. a concave moulding, as at the base of a column or the angle between the wall and the ceiling.

scotoma /'skɒ'toʊmə/, n., pl. -mata -mətə. loss of vision in a part of the visual field; a blind spot.

scotopia /'skɒ'toʊpiə, skə-,/ n. the ability of the eyes to adjust to darkness.

scotty /'skɒti/, adj. bad-tempered.

scoundrel /'skaʊndrəl/, n. an unprincipled, dishonourable man; a villain. -scoundrelly, adj.

scour<sup>1</sup> /'skauə/, v.t. 1. to cleanse or polish by hard rubbing. 2. to remove (dirt, grease, etc.) from something by hard rubbing. 3. to clear out (a channel, drain, etc.). 4. to purge thoroughly, as an animal. 5. to clear or rid of what is undesirable. 6. to remove by, or as by, cleansing; get rid of. -v.i. 7. to rub a surface in order to cleanse or polish it. 8. to remove dirt, grease, etc. 9. to become clean and shining by rubbing. 10. to be capable of being cleaned by rubbing. 11. (of animals, esp. cattle) to have diarrhoea. -n. 12. act of scouring. 13. the place scoured. 14. an apparatus or a material used in scouring. 15. (pl.) persistent diarrhoea in animals, esp. cattle. -scourer, n.

scour<sup>2</sup> /'skauə/, v.t. to range over, as in search.

scourge /skɒdʒ/, n., v., scourged, scourging. -n. 1. a whip or lash, esp. for

a fellow. -v.i. 7. to act as a scout; reconnoitre. -v.t. 8. *Colloq.* to search for (usu. fol. by out).

-scouting, n.

scout<sup>2</sup> /skaut/, v.t., v.i. to scorn; flout.

SCOW /skau/, n. a large, flat, unpowered vessel used chiefly as mud or coal; a low-grade barge.

scowl /skaul/, v.i. 1. to draw down contract the brows in a sullen or angry manner. 2. to have a gloomy or threatening look. -n. 3. a scowling expression, look, or aspect. -scowler, n. -scowlingly, adv.

scrabble /'skræbəl/, v., -bled, -bling, n. -v.i. 1. to scratch or scrape, as with the claws or hands. 2. to scrawl; scribble. 3. to struggle to gain possession of something. 4. to scratch or grope about clumsily or blindly. -v.t. 5. to scratch at. 6. to write hurriedly; scribble. -n. 7. a scuffling or scramble. 8. a scrawled character, writing, etc. 9. a game similar to anagrams and crossword puzzles in which 2 to 4 players use counters of varying point values to form words on a playing board.

scrag /skræg/, n., v., scragged, scragging. -n. 1. a lean person or animal. 2. the lean end of a neck of mutton, etc. -v.t. 3. *Colloq.* to wring the neck of; hang; garrote.

scraggly /'skræɡli/, adj., -glier, -gliest. irregular; ragged; straggling.

scraggy /'skræɡi/, adj., -gier, -giest. 1. lean or thin. 2. meagre. 3. irregular; jagged. -scraggily, adv. -scragginess, n.

scram /skræm/, v.i., scrambled, scrambling. *Colloq.* to get out quickly; go away.

scramble /'skræmbəl/, v., -bled, -bling, n. -v.i. 1. to make one's way hurriedly by use of the hands and feet, as over rough ground. 2. to struggle with others for possession; strive rudely with others. 3. *Mil., Navy, etc.* (of the crew of an aircraft, submarine, etc., or the craft itself) to prepare for immediate action, as in intercepting the enemy. -v.t. 4. to collect in a hurried or disorderly manner (fol. by up, etc.). 5. to mix together confusedly. 6. to cook (eggs) in a pan, mixing whites and yolks with butter, milk, etc. 7. *Electronics.* to transmit (a radio signal) in a garbled form, so that it can be decoded only by a





## EDITOR'S NOTE

We have another packed magazine for you with results from no less than five tournaments. Well done to North Shore Bays, Christchurch and North Otago clubs for running their recent successful events. Despite the odd scoring 'glitch' I'm sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Isn't it great to see so much activity in the South Island?

It was our pleasure to host the 1991 Masters in sunny Hastings. Thanks to local club members for their support, and to Roy, Bernice and Kevin for the scoring and adjudication. I hope all players have happy memories of a great Scrabbling weekend.

Another Nationals has come and gone. Thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation and running of our largest tournament. Your work is greatly appreciated. Perhaps we may have a new venue next year as things at the old Riverina seem to have gone downhill a bit.

The World Scrabble Champs are scheduled for Sept 26-30 in London. The good news is that we now have three positions, and the players chosen to represent New Zealand are Mike Sigley, Lynne Butler and myself (after a little persuasion). Holdsworth's have very kindly offered to pay a large proportion of the expenses, so it's all go! We have three months to practise using time clocks, single challenges, tile tracking and various other minor rules variations.

At the AGM in Hamilton, OSW2 was adopted as our official reference, to go with OSPD. Supplies are expected any time, but we won't use it for adjudication until copies have been distributed. However, you should be aware that di and viae will soon be allowed, and echs, moed, rhys and yahs will go.

How many of you followed Trevor Kitson to his great win on 'Sale of the Century'? I have written to Dr Kitson on many occasions over the years. He has been most helpful with some of my word projects, including a humorous piece in which 2278 points are scored in a single move during a solo Scrabble game, using the coined scientific term BENZHYDROXYQUIN.

My thanks to Andr e for regularly sending me the Wanganui newsletter. It's good to see the club going so well, and still boosting the funds with their efforts in the local quiz events I see. Finally, thanks to Glennis who managed most of the typing for this issue despite being 'armless' for a while.

Happy Scrabbling  
Jeff

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DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

In February four of our lady members competed in the Oamaru Tournament, which may be unique as it was for women only. Players were invited from Dunedin, Christchurch and Oamaru. Our Club President, Marian Ross won the "A" Grade. Marian won all her seven games; 2971 points, average 427, 12 bonus words. Daisy Madden made it a double for the club by winning "B" grade, winning 6 games; 2530 points, average 361, 8 bonus words. This is the second consecutive "B" grade tournament Daisy has won. Keep this up and you will be testing the "A" grade players soon, Daisy. Our players had a great and enjoyable time in Oamaru. Many Thanks Ladies.

February Round Robin	Won	Ave	B/W	Win %
"A" Peter Sinton	6	375	12	88
"B" Jo Burnside	6	389	11	63
"C" Anne Stewart	5	394	8	83
"D" Carolyn Kyle	5	439	10	100

In "A" grade in February, Glennie Jamieson scored 221 for a single turn (acquaint on a triple triple). Well done! The Club welcomes new members this year; Colleen Hartley, Elaine Loughlin, Fiona Dyall, Irene Murphy, Jenny Chapman, Harry Thoms, Kathleen Barker, Michael O'Brien and from last year, Elvira Steel. We trust they keep coming.

March Round Robin	Won	Ave	B/W	Win %
"A" Peter Sinton	7	425	17	75
"B" Marian Ross	5	392	10	86
"C" Corale McDonald	5	407	6	100
"D" John Bell	3	402	2	100

A recent visitor to our club, Daphne Forbes from Invercargill, is interested in starting a club down there and we hope this dream turns to reality.

April:- Alan Boyd represented our club at the Masters Tournament recently, finishing 18th in this toughest of New Zealand tournaments, although his placing wasn't as high as the previous year. Ian Patterson, playing as an independent, finished in 17th place.

Alice Doust, a club stalwart, turned 78 recently. Happy Birthday, Alice!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Daisy Madden was recently playing in a tournament game, when her opponent, who was behind on points, mentioned she might have a bonus word on her rack. To Daisy's amazement, opponent takes rack to adjudicators' table, where word is confirmed, returns to board and plays it! Daisy, in mild shock, accepts word and proceeds to win game. This is the second time this has happened to Daisy.

DUNEDIN OPEN TOURNAMENT

23rd - 24th November 1991

Happy Scrabble to you all,

Bill Grigg (Dunedin)

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NORTH OTAGO SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

The North Otago Scrabble Club held their first open tournament on 23 February in Oamaru. Twenty keen players took part, including several who made the trip from Christchurch and Dunedin.

After a few initial headaches with the draw everything fell into place and a good time was had by all. Next year we hope to attract a North Island player or two.

For your information, the North Otago Club has an enthusiastic bunch of around 14 regular Scrabblers. A pretty good turnout for a town the size of Oamaru.

-Laney de Gooyer

NAME	club	wins	scores		bonuses
			min	max	
<u>A GRADE</u>					
1. MARION ROSS	DN	7	390	455	12
2. DOREEN OGSTON	CC	5	306	387	5
3. MARGARET LYALL	CC	5	287	442	10
4. ANNA HARRAWAY	OU	4	285	387	0
5. JO BURNSIDE	DN	4	219	387	6
6. HILDA RICHARDSON	OU	3	275	359	1
7. KATRINE RENWICK	CC	3	223	430	4
8. HILARY RUSCOE	CC	3	287	446	4
9. SHIRLEY MURCOTT	OU	2	247	374	3
10. CAROLYN KYLE	DN	2	288	402	7
11. ALISON MUDIE	OU	2	227	386	9
12. LANEY DE GOOYER	OU	2	243	410	4
<u>B GRADE</u>					
1. DAISY MADDEN	DN	6	260	421	9
2. ANN BRADY	OU	5	290	367	0
3. MONICA FITZGERALD	OU	5	295	450	3
4. EDNA HANBURY	OU	4	295	369	0
5. CECILY BROCKY	OU	3	247	315	1
6. MERLYN LITTLE	OU	3	286	330	0
7. EDNA MORGAN	OU	2	240	318	0
8. DORRY FRAME	OU	0	171	296	0

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE:	A M. ROSS 455	B M. FITZGERALD 450
MOST BONUSES:	A M. ROSS 12	B D. MADDEN 9
HIGHEST TURN SCORE:	A H. RUSCOE 101	B D. MADDEN 91
MOST BONUSES (single game):	A A. MUDIE 3	B D. MADDEN 2
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE:	A 824 M. ROSS (436) & K. RENWICK (388)	
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE:	B 717 D. MADDEN (411) & A. BRADY (306)	



Results of Overlap Competition No. 6:

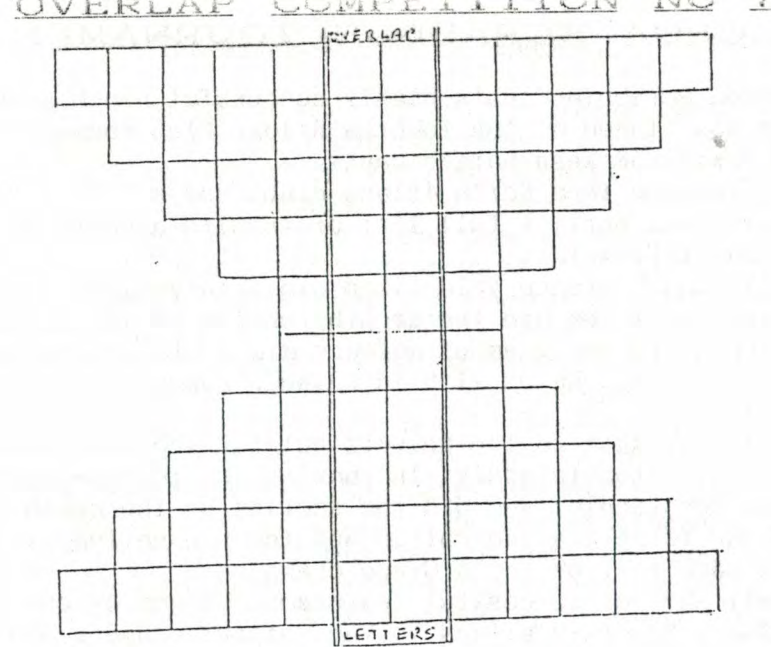
An encouraging number of entries for this quite difficult combination of letters given. The winner was once again Ian Patterson from Dunedin who scored 741 points. Runner-up with 739 points was Leila Thomson from Lower Hutt, followed one point behind by Andrée Prentice from Wanganui. Dorothy Haining from Rodney gave unfortunately a non-word though she made up for it with some quite strange plus words. Next was Lyn Toka from Hamilton with 734, followed by Rhoda Cashman (Rodney) with 729, and a strange Bunny from Waikikamukau with 722 who "allways injoys my competitions" (sic(k)). Congratulations also to Dawn Kitzen from Mount Albert for an encouraging entry. Congratulations, Ian! A computer dictionary is en route south.

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The winning entry was as follows:

muumuUSurøus	97
zoozOolong	88
vouLUlus	76
zuLUll	64
looM	48
mOUd	47
clOUzo	63
ovoLOlog	73
lucumOduLo	88
quomoDOomful	97
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	<u>741</u>

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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-3; b-2; c-1; d-3; e-9; f-2;

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

Entries are to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Ave, Algies Bay, Warkworth by August 12th, 1990. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

highesTStreets	69
bleacHetaH	65
belCHleep	59
etc	

Total: 030

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



# TOKOROA SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

The Tokoroa Scrabble Club's highly successful ninth annual tournament was staged at the Tokoroa Bridge Club rooms on 23 February with 58 keen participants.

Players from fourteen North Island clubs and a number of independents took part. A full list of results appears in the last edition of Forwards.

Lois Kelly and Florence Veldhuizen did a marvellous job with the organisation to ensure the smooth running of the event. Bridget French and her team of helpers did a mighty job in the kitchen also, providing us with in-between games drinks and a fantastic lunch.

Special thanks must go the helpers outside the Club who travelled to Tokoroa to assist in running the tournament: Bernice and Roy Vannini who did the scoring on the computer, and Jeff Grant for his adjudication and the presenting of a cup to be held each year by the A Grade champion.

All in all another successful tournament staged by one of the smaller clubs. Congratulations to the various winners and placegetters, and to those who tried but didn't quite make it, your turn may come in the next tournament.

-Kevin Edgeler

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AVALON SCRABBLE CLUB  
LOWER HUTT

On February 28th we celebrated our eighth birthday with spot prizes and a special afternoon tea. Three of our original members were present; Mavis Pincott, Dulcie Simpson and Val Frew, founder of the club.

On the same day we held our A.G.M and elected the following committee

President/Treasurer: Olive Heath  
Secretary: Eileen MacLennan  
Recorder of games: Agnes Burck

We now have twenty-six members, some of them travelling long distances to play Scrabble.  
Champions for 1990:

Best average: Gwen Kaiser 370

Best bonus word: Elizabeth Pynenburg 203

Most improved player: Pat Hughes

The club record for the highest score is still held by Olive Heath 627

We meet every Thursday at 1pm Holy Trinity Church, Avalon, Lower Hutt. Visitors are always welcome.

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# THE NEW-LOOK ENGLISH LANGUAGE

If English is to become a truly international language it should be modified so everybody can speak it fluently. This would mean that certain consonant sounds be eliminated, for example 'th' would be replaced by 'd' and 'f', so that the is pronounced 'da' and thin 'fin'. The j and z would both be eliminated as it is simpler to pronounce words beginning with 'j' as 'd', for example jag as 'dag'. All words beginning with 'z' would be replaced by 'y', as in zoo to 'you'.

If a word has a 'z' which is not an initial letter it would be replaced by 's' as in ancient manuscripts. Although all 'r' words would be replaced by 'w', the 'r' would be still kept towards the end of the word. The same applies to the 'v' which would be replaced by a 'b'. 'sh' and 'ch' would both be replaced by 's', though 'ch' would still be used if pronounced as a 'k' sound, as in chemistry. Of the vowel sounds 'ew' would be replaced by 'oo' to make it easy on the tongue. All words beginning with 'h' would be pronounced without the consonant and all words beginning with 'sp' would be replaced with 'f'.

Although c, q and x are not used in phonetics, they would still be used in the modified English language. The differences are that q is pronounced 'koo' and the new name for w, because it would become a common letter, is 'wuv'.

I will give you a quiz on the new improved English language. Example: A winner = samp (champ)

All 'new-look' English words are allowable in Scrabble.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. not cooked               | 6. what to use one's head for |
| 2. to avoid                 | 7. moisture on the ground     |
| 3. small cabin              | 8. container for liquid       |
| 4. animal larger than mouse | 9. a big boat                 |
| 5. despite the fact that    | 10. early morning             |

Answers at the back of the magazine.

- Alan Boyd  
(Dunedin)

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## CHANCE IN A MILLION ?

What are the chances of two players from the same club travelling away together to a tournament and ending up with an identical points tally over 12 games? Hastings Scrabblers Jeff and Andrew did it at the Nationals, where they tied for the A-grade points trophy with 5177 points each!

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Dictionaries under arms,  
 And good luck charms,  
 They gathered in Hastings,  
 All hoping to win.  
 24 people and a couple to spare,  
 With secret words, not to share,  
 From north and south, east and west,  
 Each one hoping he,s thg best.  
 Jeff and Andrew are on home base,  
 They won"t want to lose their place.

The lady from Masterton, Lucy by name,  
 Will be tough and shrewd and looking for fame.

Blue from Wairoa may be a winner,  
 And so could Mr or Mrs Pinner.

And Glenda and Glynis and Glennis and Glenyss,  
 All of these ladies could be a menace.

Allie and May from over the shore,  
 Know heaps of words and still want more.

While John and Peter are very shrewd,  
 They put down words both mild and rude.

Watch out for Leila and Georgie too,  
 They may look innocent but, they"re after you.

From Wanganui we have Denise and Mike,  
 Studying all week, waiting to strike.

And Lynne from New Plymouth is very astute,  
 While Lynn from Wellington knows 10 ways to spell cute.

Lynne Powell reads lists while on the train,  
 And June studies words while watching the rain.

Ian and Allan from so far away,  
 Will be doing their best every day.

So, to each player we wish you the best,  
 Put your word lists to the ultimate test.

Mrs. Open Jester

## 1991 Masters Tournament

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	19.5	10126	44	440.26
2 Blue Thorogood	MTA	18	10113	43	439.70
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	16	10134	46	440.61
4 Glenyss Buchanan	LHU	15.5	9696	44	421.57
5 Glenda Foster	POR	15.5	9613	36	417.96
6 John Foster	MTA	15.5	9335	36	405.87
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	15	9465	42	411.52
8 Lynne Powell	NSB	14.5	9636	37	418.96
9 Denise Gordon	WAN	14	9575	34	416.30
10 Lynne Butler	NPL	12.5	9289	36	403.87
11 Peter Jones	MTA	12	9088	40	395.13
12 David Pinner	MTA	11	9289	45	403.87
13 Andrew Bradley	HAS	10.5	9399	34	408.65
14 June Mackwell	MTA	10	9145	45	397.61
15 Glynis Jhnings	WHA	10	8815	27	383.26
16 Lucy Bright	MAS	10	8500	21	369.57
17 Ian Patterson	IND	9	9042	41	393.13
18 Alan Boyd	DUN	8.5	8278	23	359.91
19 Georgie Offringa	NSB	8	8528	26	370.78
20 May Quigley	NSB	7	8609	30	374.30
21 Allie Quinn	NSB	7	8395	27	365.00
22 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	6	8532	43	370.96
23 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	8384	23	364.52
24 Leila Thompson	LHU	5	8277	22	359.87

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# MASTERS WRAP-UP

By Kevin Edgeler

The eighth NZ Masters Scrabble Championships were held over Easter weekend in sunny Hawkes Bay. Twenty four competitors from throughout NZ gathered in the Hastings Citizens Band Hall for the torture and torment (or pleasure, depending on how you look at it) of playing 23 games over three days.

After day 1 Mike and Blue had clean slates with eight wins each with Glenda on 6½ and Glenyss Buchanan on 6 close behind.

Day 2 saw Mike carry on his winning way until the final game of the day when Glennis Hale took him down. Although Blue suffered a couple of losses he was still in clear second place on 14 wins. John joined Glenda on 11½ with Jeff making his customary late charge on 11.

Day 3 saw a number of upsets with all the leaders taking a loss or two, but Mike was able to go to the lunch break with a two game lead over Blue. The first game after lunch saw Mike tumble to David and set the stage for a vital clash in the second to last game between Mike and Blue. Mike prevailed in this tension filled game to take an unassailable two-game lead with only one game to play, and in so doing assured himself of his second Masters title.

Blue held on to second place with Jeff sneaking through to third half a win ahead of Glenyss, John and Glenda.

Away from the playing side the Hastings Scrabble Club must be congratulated on the way they organised the event with a suitable venue and kept all players and officials supplied with refreshments throughout the three long arduous days of tournament play. Well done Hastings.

Thanks also must go to our two Executive Officers, President Roy and Treasurer Bernice Vannini who did the scoring and the many other tasks that go with running a successful Scrabble tournament.

Grateful thanks also to Kevin for adjudicating

-Ed

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Masters Tournament 1991

Easter at Hastings saw beautiful sunshine and perfect Scrabbling weather for three days on end. Of the 24 assembled who would find the lucky breaks?

Day 1 saw Blue and I have an unbeaten day with 8 wins whereas other top contenders such as Jeff fell early with 4 losses. Most of my games on Saturday were solid wins with my best perhaps against Peter Jones. He started with CHARIOT and then had WAXED. I had CINEREA in hand but nowhere to go was able to use a D for DERACINE. Later on, against the run of letters I had TARNIATK and win with 504 to 402.

Against Lynne Powell I got by with a narrow win after being allowed CANTLESS, when I should have played SCANTLES. In my next game Lynne Wood could have beaten me perhaps, but she "essed" TWICE to make TWICES when she should have "erred" it to make TWICER.

Early on Day 2 Blue had two early hiccups leaving me 2 games in front. I was very naughty in the morning when I played a dud word hoping it might be pluralized. When my opponent didn't, I drew an "S" and pluralized it myself.

Jeff and I had a nail-biter later in the morning- I have a chance to get further ahead and he has a chance to "reel me in". Towards the end of the game I play UPRESTS near a triple to go 50 ahead. He is unable to capitalize. I play GRICE to blot out any chances. Having hardly any vowels I can make FYRD and AGAZED. (Is AGAZED a word? Both of us think so). I play GURNY but I'm wrong. It should be GURNEY and he challenges it off and gains 38 with WHIZ. With only a 12 point margin and holding YRRNGUU I'm not very comfortable, but I can go out in 3 moves with DRY, GAU and RUN to win with Jeff's leave 00□, 407 to 404.

Against Ian we each start with a bonus word. I can use an O for WORKINGS but then no more. I can finish with FODGEL which blocks all possible openings. My luck continued to hold against Glynis Jennings after a slow start, but then a recovery with ROMAINE and 2 other bonuses. Last game of the day however I crack against Glennis Hale and can't play PIQUANT or anything for that matter.

After 2 days my twins are good but I'm hard pressed by Blue, who is only one game behind. Against Georgie I cruised out to a good lead, but then the board got blocked. With IGNITER etc in hand I can't move so I used an ION on the board for REIGNITION- Nice try, but she challenged it off. Against Dorothy I had a nice start when I used an E on the board and I can make a bonus word with IURSTT.

Playing Denise I came terribly unstuck when I challenged CREEPIES. She insisted on keeping it there even though it didn't mean what she said it was. Next against David Pinnor I stayed unstuck when I threw 114 points at him for his DEBRIEF.

Fortunately for me, Blue also ran into trouble, but even so it boils down to whoever wins the next game, the penultimate game, between him and me. I got off to a good start with FIKED, MONY and VARECS, then drew a blank. I have a choice of playing ZAIRE for 40 or SUZERAIN, but the latter sits against the double word. I opt for ZAIRE and my draw is 'nt wonderful but I have JOURNOS, SOJOURN, but I can use an E for OUTSNORE. Later I can play MONISH and DRAGNET, for a comfortable win.

The Tournament is mine now but it would be nice to finish on a win against Andrew. I had a nice start with LINEATE but then APHANITE is blocked. Later I draw rubbish with the Q and we finish with an agreeable tie on 404.

Mike S

A revealing look at the play of a Master Scrabbler - thanks Mike. Incidentally, REIGNITION could have been our first 10-letter word in tournament Scrabble. It is listed in some dictionaries, but not Chambers - which doesn't even allow REIGNITE (but OSPD does).

-Ed



## THAI SCRABBLE

Earlier this year Betty Eriksen of the Wanganui Club went to Thailand. She didn't come back talking about the Golden Triangle, reclining Buddhas, ornate pagodas or the pollution and awful traffic in Bangkok. No, she was fascinated by the interschool Scrabble competition played while she was there. Here is Betty's report:

'Saturday 12 January was Children's Day in Nakhon Ratchisima, a province in northeast Thailand. Thousands of students converged on the Teachers College for a day's cultural and sporting activities. The Interschool Scrabble Championships were the focus of my attention. Players were permitted to have a partner, and while some quietly discussed the moves with their partners, other partners just filled the rack after each turn, and one player preferred to go it alone. An adjudicator sat at each board and teachers quietly observed games, often sitting in at the more crucial ones. All participants and observers sat on the floor in the traditional Thai style. The OSPD was the only reference used. As English is a compulsory subject in Thai secondary schools and in Grades 5 and 6 in elementary schools, Scrabble is a popular student pursuit.' Thanks for the info Betty.

- from Wanganui Club Newsletter, March 1991

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### AUSTRALIAN MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Jim Warmington has written with details of the Australian Masters Championship, also held over the Easter Weekend. A cut-throat struggle was expected, and so it proved to be in the 18-round event. Just look at how close the top 10 finishers were.

1. Lena Boyd (NSW)	13½/7480	(wins/total points)
2. Glenys Lowrie (WA)	13/7544	
3. Geoff Wright (V)	13/7375	
4. John Holgate (ACT)	12/7398	
5. Alistair Kane (V)	12/7348	
6. Paul Cleary (V)	12/7101	
7. Steve Sunter (V)	11½/6822	
8. Roger Blom (V)	11/7249	
9. Jean McGiffen (NSW)	11/7221	
10. Lesley Mack (V)	11/7061	

Thanks for the information, Jim.

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THE MASTERS QUINELLA

### In memory of PAM BARDELL .

The Pakuranga/Howick Scrabble Club wish to express our sympathy and regret in losing one of our treasured members.

Pam passed away at the age of 49 years, on the 2nd of April, after a short illness.

Some people might remember her as she has played in three tournaments.

She was a very enthusiastic member of our Club and improving her game all the time.

We will miss her, she was too young to leave us.  
Let us remember her.

Conny van Tilburg,  
President.



- CHRISTCHURCH SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT -

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS, 4TH MAY, 1991.

"A" GRADE: (7 Games).

Place:	Name:	Seeded:	Club:	Wins:	Points:	Ave.:	B/W.	Hi - Lo.
1	LYNN WOOD	2	Wgtn.	6	2893	413	6	483 - 369
2	BILL GRIGG	7	Dn.	6	2632	376	10	458 - 291
3	CAROLYN KYLE	10	"	6	2558	365	7	415 - 309
4	ALAN BOYD	1	"	5	2774	396	8	476 - 313
5	NORMAN GOODGER	8	"	5	2368	338	6	389 - 289
6	JUNE THOMASCN	3	Ch.	4	2689	384	7	461 - 325
7	HILARY RUSCOE	14	"	4	2527	361	5	408 - 267
8	JO BURNSIDE	13	Dn.	3	2587	370	15	463 - 275
9	ANNA HARRAWAY	6	Oa.	3	2229	318	-	352 - 261
10	MARIAN ROSS	5	Dn.	2	2407	344	8	410 - 288
11	DAISY MADDEM	12	"	2	2284	326	8	372 - 264
12	DOREEN OGSTEN	4	Ch.	2	2241	320	5	408 - 248
13	VERONICA MIDDLETON	9	"	1	2264	323	2	489 - 247
14	BILL McCAVITT	11	"	-	2331	333	3	363 - 273

H/W/Sc. (423) Lynn Wood.	Spot Prize (1) X	Veronica W. (58)
H/L/Sc. (387) Alan Boyd.	" (2) F/W	Jo B. (82)
H/C/Sc. (831) Lynn W. & Bill McC.	" (3) C/F	Marian (362) & Lynn (361)
Most B/W. (15) Jo Burnside.	" (4) Q	Alan B. (61)
	" (5) F/W	Lynn W. (21)
	" (6) J	Doreen O. (42)

"B" GRADE.

1	DAVE GODMAN	6	Wgtn.	6	2807	401	11	479 - 215
2	ANNE STEWART	2	Dn.	6	2588	370	8	501 - 225
3	MARGARET LYALL	5	Ch.	5	2645	378	7	542 - 231
4	KATRINE K. RENWICK	4	"	5	2580	369	7	507 - 311
5	GORDON PINCHIN	10	"	4	2345	335	3	406 - 300
6	ALLETTE HAY	1	Mast.	3	2527	361	6	403 - 276
7	ROBERT JONES	11	Dn.	3	2301	329	10	376 - 263
8	MARY PINCHIN	3	Ch.	3	2146	307	-	346 - 270
9	IAN ROSS	7	Dn.	3	2073	297	6	369 - 158
10	SHIRLEY HOL	9	Ch.	2	2126	304	3	362 - 286
11	GARY MINTROCM	12	"	2	2075	296	-	319 - 214
12	EUNICE ROBERTS	8	"	-	2024	298	1	369 - 248

H/W/Sc. (542) Margaret Lyall	Spot Prize (1) X	Allette Hay (34)
H/L/Sc. (395) " "	" (2) F/W	Anne S. (70)
H/C/Sc. (811) Dave G. & Allette H.	" (3) C/F	Mary (338) & Katrine (311)
Most B/W. (11) Dave G.	" (4) Q	Gordon (46)
	" (5) F/W	Eunice (67)
	" (6) J	Shirley (45)

ADJUDICATORS: Margaret Pascoe.  
Nola Caird.  
ORGANISER: Margaret Lyall.

The trend in modern English seems to be anti-hyphen. Dictionaries now permit such spellings as REEQUIP, NONFATAL, SEMIARID and DEAIR, which would have been invariably hyphenated in days gone by.

This can lead to problems. Take the word UNIONIZED - does it mean 'formed into a union' or 'not changed into ions'? It can actually be either!

On the lighter side, is MISTRACE a sprint through the fog, or PREENACT something a bird does? A BEDRAIL is a rail on a bed, so what about BEDRUG and BEDRAPE? And who could be blamed for thinking COWINNER was the inside of a cow? Incidentally, it seems strange that Scrabblers can use COWINNER and COWORKER, but not COWRITER (someone involved in bovine rituals?).

The word SNOTRACK gained some publicity in linguistic circles a few years back. It isn't what you might think, but a brand of snowmobile! Finally, what do you make of BOWLEGGED SUNDAY? An annual picnic for bandy people, a gathering of retired cowboys, or perhaps an end-of-week rodeo? No, it's a Lancastrian expression for Easter Sunday, when hard-boiled eggs are bowled in the fields for amusement. I'm sure they must have other forms of entertainment as well.

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ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example CRATE to REACT and FLUVIAL to VIALFUL. On a higher level ELEVEN + TWO = TWELVE + ONE and ALEC GUINNESS reveals GENUINE CLASS.

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

KAY BUFFALORA	A BARFUL OF YAK
ROGER COATES	ROSE TO GRACE
DORRY FRAME	DREARY FORM
ERNIE GIDMAN	I'M ENDEARING
GLYNIS JENNINGS	JENNY'S GIN-SLING
FAE OLSON	SANE FOOL

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This month - STEMS (again!). I cannot overstate the importance of understanding the concept of "stems", and of knowing roughly which stems are good and which are not.

A stem is a combination of 6 (or 5, or even 4) letters, which makes bonuses through addition of certain other letters (like different leaves branching off the initial stem). AENST is the very best 6-letter stem, as it will produce a bonus word with addition of ANY letter except Q and Y. So if your first rack is AEINQST don't play QAT and congratulate yourself on quitting that nasty tile. You have also just played away an almost certain bonus on the next turn. Instead, swap - just the Q. This leaves a stem on your rack with a 97% chance of a bonus from whatever tile you draw.

But if your first rack was AEGINQT, then swapping the Q leaves "EATING" which hopefully you realise is NOT a good stem (actually a disastrous 38%). So in THIS case playing QAT (to leave EGIN) is probably better. (Depending on the exact game situation it may be better still to hold the "E" and boldly SWAP 6!).

How can I possibly learn all the good stems? It's hard enough just learning all the bonus words themselves.

Obviously you start on one or two, then build on that. One idea is to just concentrate on the "RETINAS" letters. Start with AENST ("ANTIES"), then add AENRST (ASTERN), AEIRST (SATIRE), and EINRST (INSERT) to your arsenal. You are now familiar with 4 of the best 10 6-letter stems available! Then learn AEINRT (RETINA), AINRST (TRAINS), and AEINRS (SARNIE).

Having learnt what each of these stems makes (if anything) with addition of each of the 26 letters, you will then KNOW that if your rack includes any 6 letters of the word "RETINAS" then you have a combination that you should KNOW.

Then in the same way as you use these 6-letter stems in order to reach 7's, you can roughly use 5-letter stems to reach these 6's. If you play a turn leaving ENOST you KNOW that next turn you CANNOT have one of the special bonus words that you've studied. But if you could manage to leave AENST instead, you know you WILL have that chance.

In fact during a game you would often normally leave 4 tiles, or maybe 5, on your rack. So knowing some relative values of stems at that level may well let you modify your turn slightly in order to keep a much higher chance of a bonus on the NEXT turn.

All the best 6's are listed in Forwards #20, while the best 5's were in #18 (though please add DEERS-60% and ERSTT-59%). The best 4-letter stem is ERST, giving a 56% chance of drawing 3 tiles for a bonus. This one appears to be by far the best 4, as nothing else exceeds 44%.

Learning stems, and learning bonus words, can be a tedious pastime. You wonder if you are really achieving much, as you maybe play a couple of games and find no chance to USE what you've learned.

I strongly recommend you try "SOLBONABBLE" (a name derived from "SOLO BONUS SCRABBLE"). While very simple in concept it can be an absorbing game in itself, but can also help you assess (and improve) both your knowledge of useful bonus words AND your ability to actually GET those words - on your rack.

SOLBONABBLE was first outlined in Forwards #12, but I feel it may be worthy of repetition now. All you need is a bag of tiles and a dictionary (or preferably, your 7-letter word lists, e.g ALPS & ASHY).

TRY IT !! . . > > >

SOLBONABBLE

1. Draw 7 tiles.
2. If you can make a 7-letter word, go to step 6.
3. If not, swap some tiles.
4. Add 1 to your score.
5. Return to step 2.
6. Once you have a word, check the dictionary. If your word is OK go on to step 9.
7. If wrong, add 3 (penalty points!) to your score.
8. Return to step 4.
9. Return your 7 tiles to the bag.
10. Write down your word. If you haven't yet done 10 words then return to step 1.
11. Once you have completed 10, divide your score by 10, and relax!

Under 3.0 is a good score, and probably indicates you would average 2.0 bonuses per game in REAL Scrabble. But whatever your score, you should see it steadily improve as you become more proficient.

If you're really keen, record your letters every turn (and also show which letters you swapped). Then you can check afterwards for any bonuses you MISSED, or notice any "bad" stems (like "EATING"?!) you've been hanging on to, which don't give as much joy as you'd expect.

If you miss a lot of bonuses this way, then you should swot up on 7's a bit. Alternatively, if you don't "miss" many, but still don't score down as low as 3.0 or so, that probably indicates that you are tending to hang on to "bad" stems.

A SAMPLE GAME:  
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E I L N O O K		
" T N B H C E		
" " I R A G C		(Oops - missed one here - CIGARET)
" " " " * L W	=	TWIRLED 3
* N O C N X V		
" " " S T A H		
" " " " " A	=	SONATAS 2
E R S T G R E	=	REGRETS 0 (good- a "quickie" helps the average)
T H O O R I X		
E W A R Y A U		
" S J O F E M		
" " T O W I B	=	BOWTIES (WRONG!! - 3 penalty points)
" " " I N E P	=	PENTISE 4+3
E T I L B V N		
" " R A I L O		
" " " " " O		
" " " " " I	. . .	Sick of this! Let's toss the "L" away, too.
" " " " " Z E	.....	Oh dear. Who invited HIM?
" " " " " W Q	. .	Good grief! - Toss out 4 and we may get an "S".
" " " O N E R		
" " " T * O I	=	POTTIER 7 That was tough! Maybe we shouldn't have got so excited by AEILRT. But I find later it's a 65%, so conclude we were just a wee bit . . UNLUCKY!

SUMMARY:

19 swaps - for 5 words  
 equals a score of 3.8

Till next issue, enjoy your fishing,  
OTARINE PANTS.



The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary was first published in America in 1978. There have been rumours of an update for some time and now the news is official. Lynne Butler has informed us that the American 'Scrabble News no. 83' contains some information on the new dictionary.

OSPD2 was to be published in the northern Spring, and becomes the official U.S. reference in October this year. There are about 3000 new words included plus their inflections, and a small number of deletions, some being misprints we have already adjusted.

Many of the new words are familiar to us because they are listed in Chambers, for example :

ne, biz, qat, vac, zek, zit, exon, jiao, quin,  
temp, vibe, pager, gelato, diskette, frabjous

Other terms may look strange at first, but no more so than some we are already using. English is constantly changing, with new terms being assimilated daily into the language. The additional words in OSPD2 are all taken from the latest editions of standard medium-sized American references, such as Webster's New World Dictionary. Here are a few more examples to whet your appetite.

Don't start using them yet!

Modern slang

detox, ditzzy, gonzo, prez, tranq

Exclamations

aargh, brrr, hm, hunh, mm, uh

Technical

defang, gratine, oxo

Variants

ick(ich), kaf(kaph), luv(love),  
peh(pe)

Monetary

hao, lwei, toea, ouguiya(!) In case  
you didn't know, 1 ouguiya is worth  
5 khoums in Mauritania.

There are also 35 new words starting with anti- and at least 45 with non-. No doubt there will be more un- and re- words as well..

By the time we have come to grips with Oswald 2 and OSPD2 it should be a long while before the need again arises to incorporate so many new terms into our Scrabble vocabulary.

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WORTHY MENTION

Ann Imber has broken the Hastings Club record for a single move. On 11th April she scored 203 for the word BREAKAGE on a triple-triple. A great effort from one of the club's newest members.

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Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average	Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
						Kauri					
1 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	3200	17	457.1	1 Joan Ball	PAK	7	2713	4	387.6
2 Jeff Grant	HAS	5	3005	12	429.3	2 Daphne Curl	MTA	6	2528	7	361.1
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2876	12	410.9	3 Roger Tozer	NPL	5	2673	6	381.9
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	2814	10	402.0	4 Annette Coombes	IND	4	2440	5	348.6
5 Joy Hunter	NSB	4	2526	5	360.9	5 Conny van Tilburg	PAK	3	2546	6	363.7
6 Andrew Bradley	HAS	3	2679	11	382.7	6 Bernice Vannini	MTA	3	2482	7	354.6
7 Betty Gibb	HAM	3	2655	9	379.3	7 Pat Johnstone	NSB	3	2457	4	351.0
8 Georgie Offringa	NSB	3	2648	9	378.3	8 Leonora Cole	NSB	3	2316	6	330.9
9 June Mackwell	MTA	3	2600	10	371.4	9 Cathie Sale	PAK	3	2228	2	318.3
10 Rita Moore	HAM	2	2739	13	391.3	10 Lyn Toka	HAM	2	2376	5	339.4
11 Glynis Jennings	WHA	2	2605	7	372.1	11 Carole Coates	HAM	2	2350	4	335.7
12 May Quigley	NSB	2	2459	5	351.3	12 Dorothy Haining	ROD	1	2281	2	325.9

						Totara					
1 Ann Candler	NSB	7	3063	10	437.6	1 Maureen Holliday	MTA	6	2823	7	403.3
2 Gerald Warner	ROD	5	2934	10	419.1	2 Joyce Gilbert	NSB	5	2528	4	361.1
3 Cathy Woods	MTA	5	2790	8	398.6	3 Dawn Kitzen	MTA	5	2501	6	357.3
4 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	2645	5	377.9	4 Nancy Haaker	ROD	5	2436	4	348.0
5 Roger Coates	HAM	4	2626	6	375.1	5 Norman Wheeler	WEL	4	2579	7	368.4
6 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	3	2915	15	416.4	6 Beryl Mace	NSB	4	2471	3	353.0
7 John Moore	HAM	3	2713	12	387.6	7 Lorna Baulcomb	NSB	3	2436	1	348.0
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2636	10	376.6	8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	2221	6	317.3
9 Fae Olson	STR	2	2587	6	369.6	9 Alice O'Callahan	NSB	2	2469	5	352.7
10 Andrew Coombes	IND	2	2378	3	339.7	10 Jean O'Brien	STR	2	2430	8	347.1
11 Penny Headington	NSB	2	2219	7	317.0	11 Jeannette Owler	PAK	2	2313	0	330.4
12 Marje Dalzell	NSB	1	2335	3	333.6	12 Lil Moore	MTA	1	2094	2	299.1

						Rimu					
1 Stan Skinner	HAM	6	2638	10	376.9	1 Margaret McKechnie	NSB	5	2749	11	392.7
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	2948	17	421.1	2 Pauline Hayes	MTA	5	2508	3	358.3
3 Alveen Seon	MTA	5	2689	11	384.1	3 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	2402	2	343.1
4 Mary Brett	NSB	4	2817	13	402.4	4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	2372	0	338.9
5 Roy Vannini	MTA	4	2674	7	382.0	5 Kay Buffalora	MTA	3	2643	6	377.6
6 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2588	6	369.7	6 Joan Pratt	MTA	3	2489	7-	355.6
7 Glenda Geard	IND	4	2578	10	368.3	7 Jacqueline Coldham	HAM	3	2480	11-	354.3
8 Bev Barker	MAS	3	2651	8	378.7	8 Jillian Greening	HAM	3	2462	9	351.7
9 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	2285	2	326.4	9 Marje Hughes	ROD	3	2415	5	345.0
10 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	2517	6	359.6	10 David Gunn	IND	3	2374	4	339.1
11 Faye Cronhelm	IND	1	2380	7	340.0	11 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	2236	2	319.4
12 Faye Leach	HAM	1	2262	5	323.1	12 Dave Godman	IND	2	2551	9	364.4

						Kowhai					
1 Vivienne Williams	ROD	7	2626	6	375.1						
2 Valerie Holbrook	PAK	6	2441	4	348.7						
3 Kaye Bland	NSB	6	2293	0	327.6						
4 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	4	2397	1	342.4						
5 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2122	0	303.1						
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	2255	0	322.1						
7 Ed Olson	STR	3	2205	1	315.0						
8 Neville James	IND	3	2110	5	301.4						
9 June Ward	IND	2	1961	1	280.1						
10 Marjorie Scott	ROD	2	1834	0	262.0						
11 Lynda Moe	MTA	2	1774	1	253.4						
12 Cathie Roxburgh	IND	0	1930	0	275.7						

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A						D					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	10	5177	25	431.42	1 Ruth O'Neil	NPL	9	4676	15	389.67
2 Mike Sigley	WAN	10	5087	19	423.92	2 Stan Skinner	HAM	9	4491	10	374.25
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	8	4996	14	416.33	3 Gwen Kaiser	IND	9	4366	4	363.83
4 Blue Thorogood	MTA	8	4826	20	402.17	4 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	8	4587	15	382.25
5 Denise Gordon	WAN	7	4819	18	401.58	5 Anne Warner	ROD	8	4465	10	372.08
6 Peter Jones	MTA	7	4737	19	394.75	6 Jeff Owens	WEL	7	4355	10	362.92
7 Bob Johnstone	NSB	7	4704	13	392.00	7 Roger Tozer	NPL	7	4290	11	357.50
8 Andrew Bradley	HAS	6	5177	22	431.42	8 Pat Johnstone	NSB	7	4270	7	355.83
9 Glynis Jennings	WHA	6	5016	18	418.00	9 Peggy Wallace	HAM	6	4413	9	367.75
10 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	4915	24	409.58	10 Carole Coates	HAM	6	4358	9	363.17
11 Glenda Foster	POR	6	4539	13	378.25	11 Doreen Davies	MAS	5	4183	7	348.58
12 May Quigley	NSB	6	4519	17	376.58	12 Betty Erikson	WAN	5	4113	9	342.75
13 Ann Candler	NSB	5	4503	16	375.25	13 Annette Coombes	IND	4	4291	17	357.58
14 June Mackwell	MTA	4.5	4587	19	382.25	14 Nita Oldham	WAN	4	4274	8	356.17
15 Glenn Hale	MTA	4	4756	17	396.33	15 Jenny Sattler	NPL	3	3937	5	328.08
16 Glenyss Buchanan	LHU	4	4639	18	386.58	16 Jan Jacobi	TOK	3	3871	7	322.58
17 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	2	4429	22	369.08	17 Joyce Bourdot	NSB	2	2200	8	366.67
18 Betty Gibb	HAM	1.5	4179	12	348.25	E					
B						1 Margaret Parsons	TPO	11	4804	11	400.33
1 Georgie Offringa	NSB	9	4984	19	415.33	2 Isobel Zyp	HAM	8	4706	12	392.17
2 Gerald Warner	ROD	9	4867	16	405.58	3 Norman Wheeler	WEL	8	4630	17	385.83
3 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	8	4806	18	400.50	4 Kate Henderson	WEL	7	4721	14	393.42
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	8	4789	19	399.08	5 Dawn Kitzen	MTA	7	4449	14	370.75
5 David Pinner	MTA	8	4627	20	385.58	6 Jane Pemberton	MAR	7	4393	14	366.08
6 Gaye Norgren	WAN	7	4787	18	398.92	7 Dave Godman	WEL	7	4106	9	342.17
7 Lucy Bright	MAS	7	4745	16	395.42	8 Martha Morgan	NPL	6	4401	10	366.75
8 Correne James	MTA	7	4655	14	387.92	9 Leonora Cole	NSB	6	4194	8	349.50
9 John Foster	MTA	7	4568	22	380.67	10 Margaret Warren	HAS	6	4148	7	345.67
10 Leila Thomson	LHU	6	4599	14	383.25	11 Liz Catchpole	MTA	6	4138	7	344.83
11 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	4564	14	380.33	12 George Atridge	NPL	6	4125	8	343.75
12 Rita Moore	HAM	5	4680	12	390.00	13 Bridget French	TOK	6	4055	5	337.92
13 John Moore	HAM	5	4369	16	364.08	14 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	4293	7	357.75
14 Cathy Woods	MTA	5	4274	15	356.17	15 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	4211	6	350.92
15 Roger Coates	HAM	4	4489	16	374.08	16 David Gunn	IND	5	4162	7	346.83
16 Andrew Coombes	IND	4	4403	12	366.92	17 Lyn Toka	HAM	4	4318	12	359.83
17 Jo Jackson	HAM	3	4385	9	365.42	18 Jo Burnside	DUN	4	4304	16	358.67
C						19 Lil Moore	MTA	4	4051	8	337.58
1 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	10	4813	16	401.08	20 Margaret Maurant	MTA	2	3778	8	314.83
2 Marj Baillie	HAM	8	4532	10	377.67	F					
3 Roy Vannini	MTA	8	4363	17	363.58	1 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	12	5109	18	425.75
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	8	4274	13	356.17	2 Margie Hurley	WAN	11	4649	4	387.42
5 Reeve Pearson	STR	7	4802	25	400.17	3 June Ward	HAS	10	4431	9	369.25
6 Glenda Geard	IND	7	4574	15	381.17	4 Win Heaven	HAM	9	4522	4	376.83
7 Mary Brett	NSB	7	4401	13	366.75	5 Jillian Greening	HAM	8	4280	15	356.67
8 Fae Olson	STR	6	4799	18	399.92	6 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	7	4052	7	337.67
9 Bev Barker	MTA	6	4257	7	354.75	7 Jill Moon	MAS	6	4312	11	359.33
10 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	5	4660	17	388.33	8 Cathy Casey	MAS	6	4305	19	358.75
11 Andre Prentice	WAN	5	4656	13	388.00	9 Jacqueline	HAM	6	4235	15	352.92
12 Aliette Hay	MAS	5	4596	14	383.00	Coldham-Fussell					
13 Lois Kelly	TOK	5	4562	9	380.17	10 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	6	3839	5	319.92
14 Hilda Scott	MAS	5	4403	8	366.92	11 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	3738	0	311.50
15 Alveen Seon	MTA	5	4339	15	361.58	12 Susan Ball	MAS	5	3699	2	308.25
16 Ann Plested	MTM	4	4311	12	359.25	13 Elsie Pugh	HAM	4	4098	7	341.50
17 Doreen Ogston	CCH	4	4022	10	335.17	14 Val Worth	TOK	4	3790	3	315.83
18 Geoff Vautier	WEL	3	4131	13	344.25	15 Ed Olson	STR	4	3598	4	299.83
						16 Joyce Harvey	MAR	2	3343	0	278.58
						17 Jessie Kiu	MAR	2	3334	2	277.83

The coveted Team Trophy was won by Hastings for the second year in a row. They amassed 32 wins. Congratulations to Doreen (12), June (10) and Jeff (10) for their wonderful effort!

Grade	Points Trophy	Bonus Words	Aggregate Score	Individual Score
A	Jeff Grant/ Andrew Bradley 5177	Jeff Grant 25	Lynne Butler/ Lynne Powell 979	Glynis Jennings 571
B	Georgie Offringa 4984	John Foster 22	Gerald Warner/ Lucy Bright 953	Georgie Offringa 541
C	Rhoda Cashman 4813	Reeva Pearson 25	Doreen Ogston/ Aliette Hay 886	Andre Prentice 530
D	Ruth O'Neil 4676	Annette Coombes 17	Pat Johnstone/ Roger Tozer 871	Pat Johnstone 535
E	Margaret Parsons 4804	Norman Wheeler 17	Norman Wheeler/ Jo Burnside 930	Norman Wheeler 613
F	Doreen O'Shea 5109	Cathy Casey 19	Doreen O'Shea/ Elsie Pugh 842	Jacqueline Coldham- Fussell 511
Highest Individual Score Trophy			Norman Wheeler	
Bonus Words Trophy			Jeff Grant / Reeva Pearson	

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Don't you feel a certain nostalgia, Mildred, for the days when we spent Saturday evening playing Scrabble?  
Denise



## BRITISH SCRABBLE NEWS

Sue Marrow has sent us a clipping from the English Observer of 10th February, with a feature on one of Britain's top Scrabblers, Phil Appleby. You may be interested in a few excerpts.

'Serious Scrabble isn't so much a way with words, more a matter of memorising collections of vowels and consonants.'

'The game is finally holding its first World Championships in London...with a possible prize of £10,000. If, that is, a common ground can be found between the three franchisers, four dictionaries and some of the contenders who have been having a few of their own words with the organisers about selection of competitors and rules.'  
(Let's hope they can sort it all out soon.)

Phil says that last year in a tournament he won a fortnight's holiday to Israel and took Mark Nyman (another top Scrabbler). They decided to play the best of 25 games for a prize of £50. 'Towards the end we almost fell out. It was incredibly tense, a real face-to-face, but that's how it should be?'  
(The pros and cons of playing for money.)

'Collusion (to gain a highest overall score in a series of games) has been replaced with combat; it's the win which now counts.'  
(A frank admission from the player who is listed in the Guinness Book of Records with the highest competitive(?) game score of 1049.)

For those who don't know, Sue was our first National Champion in 1980. She and her husband Paul are keen trampers and recently climbed Mt Ruapehu. Sue tells me she still enjoys the occasional game of Scrabble, although she has no urge to return to tournament play. Thanks for the information, Sue.

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Overheard on an Air New Zealand flight to London in September.

First passenger is carrying a copy of Men in Black, a history of NZ rugby.

Second passenger is carrying a copy of Chambers English Dictionary.

1st passenger. How is your book?

2nd passenger. Really good. I'm looking forward to the game.

1st Are you going to the World Champs?

2nd Yes, meeting the new opposition should be worth the travelling.

1st There will be some close games over there.

2nd Definitely. Some results will depend on the last move.

1st I like the way the North Americans play.

2nd They will certainly need watching on their opening moves.

1st Do you think the South Africans will be there?

2nd Not a "word" has been heard from them.

1st The Welsh play is the most difficult to understand.

2nd Yes, instead of using pass they can cwm.

1st Will the Scots be a pushover?

2nd Well worth a challenge!

1st Will the main scoring threat from the Irish come from the centres?

2nd I think it more likely they will play wide and open and use the outside edges.

1st See you at Twickenham for the World Rugby final.

2nd No, see you at the World Scrabble final.

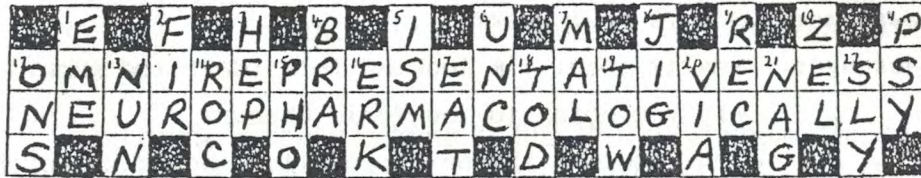
-Open Jester

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CURIOUS CROSSWORD SOLUTION

\* - non-Scrabble - \*



Completed grids were received from Dorothy Haining, Val Frew, Rhoda Cashman, Anne and Gerald Warner, Glennis Hale, Lyn Toka and Leila Thomson. A draw was held and the winner is Leila Thomson of the Lower Hutt Club. Congratulations!

SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 22

- |    |                       |    |                        |
|----|-----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1  | Muhammad Ali          | 11 | Porto Rico             |
| 2  | Mount Ngauruhoe       | 12 | de rigueur             |
| 3  | Alzheimer's disease   | 13 | Harry S Truman         |
| 4  | Ben Jonson            | 14 | Yangtze Kiang          |
| 5  | Mary Celeste          | 15 | just deserts           |
| 6  | short shrift          | 16 | Nikita Khrushchev      |
| 7  | Glenyss Buchanan      | 17 | Finnegans Wake         |
| 8  | Die Fledermaus        | 18 | Ilchester cheese       |
| 9  | Ras Tafarian          | 19 | Alexander Solzhenitsyn |
| 10 | Arnold Schwarzenegger | 20 | kamikaze pilot         |

Lots of entries for this puzzle. I suspect a host of reference books were scoured in search of the answers - nobody got them all correct though. Andrée was the only one to suss out no. 11: before 1932 Puerto Rico was Porto Rico. The S in Harry S Truman did not actually stand for any name, there is no apostrophe in

## Misprint: An Apology

We apologise for a misprint in our last edition. It should have read 'Misprint; Ad Apology' and *not* 'Mispring: An apology'. Sorry.

Finnegans Wake, and sorry, Blue, I couldn't accept Intoxicating Cheese! Anyway, the outright winner with a score of 19 is Lyn Toka of the Hamilton Club. Well done! Other worthy entries came from Glennis Hale with 18; Rhoda Cashman, Leila Thomson and Anne and Gerald Warner with 17; and Andrée Prentice and Bernice Vannini with 16. To all the others who entered - thanks. Keep trying, it could be your turn next time.

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SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 23

Palindromic phrases read the same, letter by letter, backwards as forwards. You have twenty 2-word phrases to solve, with the clue being a brief description and the number of letters in the palindrome. For instance, the clue 'half-dozen Greek letters (6)' leads to SIX XIS and a 'stupid trend (7)' is a DAFT FAD.

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|----|------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | highest place (7)      | 11 | damp goulash (7)        |
| 2  | rotten fish (6)        | 12 | naked conflict (6)      |
| 3  | number of nights (9)   | 13 | solar antelope (7)      |
| 4  | royal beer (10)        | 14 | recent rune (6)         |
| 5  | greedy prima donna (8) | 15 | thirsty militia (7)     |
| 6  | erotic cases (9)       | 16 | lofty pillar (7)        |
| 7  | new slave (9)          | 17 | penniless band (9)      |
| 8  | large cat (6)          | 18 | mad drinking vessel (7) |
| 9  | fonged fool (9)        | 19 | angry sea-killer (8)    |
| 10 | dull poet (8)          | 20 | astral rodents(8)       |

The closing date is August 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.

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SUBS NOW DUE - \$8



The word fell out of the dictionary

! uxorious

"excessively fond of ones wife"

What use could this word be put to?

! I hold it

up to the sun! it shimmers!

by gregory o'brien.

scripsit bernice vannini.

Bernice wanted to know what the opposite of UXORIOUS is. Excessive affection for your husband is MARITALITY (a much rarer term than 'uxoriousness'), so you could say 'displaying maritality'. Apart from that there is an old nonce-word MARITORIOUS, which simply means 'fond of one's husband'.

-Ed

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### Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



### NZ SCRABBLE RECORDS

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

	TOURNAMENT	CLUB
Highest Game Score	717 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)
Lowest Game Score	158 Ian Ross (Dunedin)	71 Melanie Neilsen (Dunedin)
Highest Losing Score	490 Alveen Seon (Mt Albert)	521 June Mackwell (Bays)
Lowest Winning Score	225 Anne Stewart (Dunedin)	142 Elvira Steel (Dunedin)
Highest Drawn Game	456 Lynne Butler (NP) & Glenyss Buchanan (L.Hutt)	458 Kevin Edgeler Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)
Lowest Drawn Game	328 Neville James (Ind) & Kate Wignall (MtAlbert)	312 Elsie Tucker Audrey Nelson (Hastings)
Highest Single Turn Score	203 Andrew Bradley Correne James (MtAlbert)	239 Joyce Bourdot (NS-Bays)
Highest Combined Score	1006 Rita Moore (Ham) & Howard Warner (L.Hutt)	1054 Lynne Powell & June Mackwell
Lowest Combined Score	383 Anne Stewart & Ian Ross (Dunedin)	259 Elvira Steel Melanie Neilsen (Dunedin)
Largest Winning Margin	493 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	468 Andrew Bradley (Mt.Albert)
Highest Take-off	42 May Quigley (NSBays)	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)	



## Jack Gets Laid Off

The following story is made of one-word sentences. Most are mental commands given by Jack, the protagonist, to himself. The words in quotes are exceptions. If full sentences were used, the story would be eight to ten times as long. This distillation saves writing and reading time, not to mention the cost of paper. How much sense can a word make? How much of a sentence can it make? Behold:

Wake, Yawn. Stretch. Wash. Dress. Eat. Drink. Leave. Drive. Stop. Go. Stop. Wait. Wait. "Damn!" "HONK!" Accelerate. Pass. "Idiot!" Decelerate. Signal. Turn. Enter. Park. Leave. Walk. Enter. Climb. Turn. Open. Enter. Close. "Morning." "Morning." "Busy?" "No." "Here." "Oh." Nod. Sit. Write. Erase. Type. Work. Smile. Work. Frown. Work. Yawn. "Jack?" "Yes." "Hurry!" "Okay." Work. Groan. Daydream. Forget. "Ring!" Answer. "Hello?" "Faster!" "Right!" "Now!" "Yes!" Work. Write. Work. Erase. Work. "Finished!" Break. Walk. Turn. Walk. Sit. Relax. "Jack!" "What?" "Coffee?" "No." "No?" "Nope." "Alright." Slouch. Daydream. Daydream. Daydream. "Jack!" "Huh?" "Here!" "Now?" "Immediately." Stand. Walk. Turn. Walk. Sit. Type. Type. Type. Correct. Type. Type. Remove. Proofread. "Lucy." "Yes?" "Photocopy." "One?" "Three." Watch. Admire. Desire. "Jack!" Turn. "Huh?" "Ready?" "Yes." "Where?" "There." Point. "Oh." Wait. Watch. "Here." "Thanks." "Sure." "Lucy?" "Yes?" "Lunch?" "Busy." "Dinner?" "Tomorrow." "Okay!" Smile. Daydream. Work. Daydream. Work. Finish. Rise. Deliver. "Jack!" "Sir?" "Lunchtime." "Oh." Turn. Open. Close. "Dpwn?" "Yes." Open. Leave. Walk. Turn. Enter. "Menu?" "No." "Order?" "Eggs." "Toast?" "Fine." "Bacon?" "Ham." "Coffee?" "No." Wait. Daydream. "Here!" Smell. "Yum!" Bite. Taste. "Delicious." Chew. Swallow. Bite. Chew. Daydream. Choke. Swallow. Finish. Pay. Tip. Leave. Turn. Walk. Climb. Turn. Enter. Sit. Work. Forget. Remember. Work. Work. Work. Yawn. Drift. Doze. "Jack!!!" Wake. "Sir?" "Asleep?" "Well..." "Well?" "Yes." "YES!?" Worry. Think. Pause. Listen. "Jack?" "Sir?" "Fired!" "What?" "Fired!" "Why?" "Leave." "Now?" "Immediately!" Rise. Pack. Walk. Open. Slam. Turn. Walk. Sigh. Think. Chuckle. Laugh. Guffaw. "Freedom!" Snicker. Walk. Remember. Walk. Turn. Search. Find. Lift. Dial. "Ring!" Wait. "Ring!" "Hello." "Lucy?" "Yes." "Fired." "Oh." "Dinner?" "No." "Please." "Sorry." "But-" "Bye." Walk. Wonder. Walk. Fantasize. Walk. Walk. Walk. Walk. Walk.

- Word Ways, Nov 1990.

## Answers to New-Look English Quiz

1. waw
2. sun
3. ut
4. wat
5. dough
6. fink
7. doo
8. dug
9. sip
10. sunwise

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