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ABASH	ACTS	MAGMA	AIRTS	ALBS	ALOE	ANAL	ANTA	MARCS	FARMS
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CABLE	ADZE	AIDE	AJEE	YALES	SALTS	NANCE	KANTS	WARED	DARTS
FABLE	ADZES	WAIDE	AKED	ALEW	ALUM	PANCE	LANTS	AREDD	FARTS
GABLE	AEON	AIDED	BAKED	ALEWS	ALUMS	RANCE	PANTS	AREDE	HARTS
HABLE	PAEON	AIDER	CAKED	ALFA	AMAH	ANDS	RANTS	ARES	KARTS
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ABLET	AFARA	MAIDS	AKEE	ALIT	RANDS	APAYD	LARES	ARTY	
ABLY	AFFY	RAIDS	RAKEE	ALLS	SANDS	APAYS	MARES	PARTY	
ABUT	BAFFY	SAIDS	AKEES	BALLS	AMEN	WANDS	APED	NARES	TARTY
ABUTS	DAFFY	AILLS	AKES	CALLS	AMEN	FANES	RAPED	WARES	LARUM
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ABYES	AFRO	FAILLS	CAKES	GALLS	AMENT	LANES	APES	CARET	ARVO
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FACED	AGAR	JAILS	HAKES	MALLS	AMIDE	PANES	GAPES	ARETS	ARYL
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FACES	AGED	TAILS	WAKES	PALLY	CAMIS	ANKH	APOD	MARID	HASHY
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MACES	GAGED	WAILLS	LAKIN	SALLY	RAMIS	ANNA	APODS	ARILS	WASHY
PACES	PAGED	AIMS	TAKIN	TALLY	TAMIS	CANNA	APSE	ARIS	ASKS
RACES	RAGED	KAIMS	AKING	WALLY	AMISS	MANNA	LAPSE	DARIS	BASKS
TACES	WAGED	MAIMS	ALAE	ALLYL	AMLA	NANNA	APSES	SARIS	CASKS
ACHE	AGEE	SAIMS	ALAP	ALMA	AMLAS	TANNA	APTS	ARISE	HASKS
CACHE	RAGEE	AINE	JALAP	HALMA	AMMO	ANNAL	AQUA	ARISH	MASKS
NACHE	AGEN	DAINE	ALAPA	TALMA	AMMON	ANNAS	AQUAE	ARKS	TASKS
RACHE	AGENE	FAINE	ALAPS	ALMAH	AMMOS	ANNAT	AQUAS	BARKS	ASPS
TACHE	AGENT	RAINE	ALAR	ALMAS	AMOK	ANNO	ARAK	CARKS	GASPS
ACHED	AGES	SAINE	MALAR	ALME	AMPS	ANNOY	ARAKS	DARKS	HASPS
ACHES	CAGES	AINEE	TALAR	ALMEH	CAMPS	ANNS	ARAR	HARKS	JASPS
ACHY	GAGES	AIRN	ALARM	ALMES	DAMPS	BAINNS	ARARS	JARKS	RASPS
ACID	MAGES	BAIRN	ALARY	ALMS	GAMPS	CANNNS	ARBA	LARKS	WASPS
ACIDS	PAGES	CAIRN							
ACME	RAGES	AIRNS							



EDITOR'S NOTE

Well done to Rodney, New Plymouth, Dunedin and Hamilton clubs for hosting their successful tournaments recently. I believe there has been some activity on the interclub front as well. How about some write-ups? Closer to home, a social group of half-a-dozen keen Scrabblers is now meeting in Waipukurau. Look it up if you don't know where it is!

Thanks to all those who have wished us well for the upcoming World Scrabble Championship. Mike, Lynne and I will be doing our best for New Zealand, and Denise will be there too to lend moral support. Some of the countries taking part are Malta, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Gulf States, South Africa, Uganda, Israel, Eire, Philippines, Japan, Kenya and Malaysia. The youngest contestant is only 13 and the oldest 61. Occupations include chef, chemist, vet, coin dealer, music professor, architect, housewife, bank clerk, attorney and crossword compiler.

The Australian, Canadian and US guns will be all there, but only one of the eight UK entrants is rated in their top ten. This unfortunate situation has arisen because a limited 6-game knockout format was used to determine the qualifiers. You can imagine the frustration and anguish of the top-rated British players who have not been given the chance to compete in these first World Champs. Particularly missed will be Mark Nyman, who is internationally recognised as one of the very best exponents of the game.

Sticking with the overseas scene, this issue's cover is an extract from the latest Scrabble publication Official Scrabble Lists (OSL). Retailing in the UK for £15, OSL should be available in New Zealand in the not-to-distant future (we hope!). It contains many useful lists, covering such things as anagrams, hook words, bingos and words with lots of vowels or consonants. OSL is a very comprehensive and accurate work, and should be of great benefit to all Scrabblers.

The enclosed Ratings List has been updated, overhauled, checked and rechecked. If you have any queries, see Roy.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Forwards, particularly Glennis for all the typing.

Closing Date for the December issue is November 30.

Happy Scrabbling

Jeff

"ENTERTAINMENT"

In 1989 the NZASP nominated me Nationals Entertainment Organiser. That year we had a great cast of performers. There was 'Sadie the Cleaning Lady', 'North Shore and their Flea-bitten Tramp' and 'The lady from Wanganui with the beautiful voice' and so on.

And in a class of his own, our very talented master of ceremonies, Mr John Moore.

In 1990, Hamilton Club excelled with acts befitting a cabaret, North Shore with their version of Scrabble was most entertaining and there was a special treat from Glyn Jennings playing beautiful music on guitar.

In 1991 only one club rendered an item, but thanks must go to the expertise of our master of ceremonies. He had us rolling in the aisles. "I'm sure I saw Rita blush!"

The item, a combined Masterton and Wellington affair had us in hysterics with their rendition of the 'Guppies' Mating Call' (I think) and the NSB news readers, a last minute entry, wowed us all, thus ending another great Prizegiving dinner.

"And what of 1992?" That, fellow Scrabblers, is over to you. John needs more supporting acts, so how about it folks! Let's support him and treat ourselves to an unforgettable night of FUN & LAUGHTER.

"Catch you later,"
Georgie.

ANIMAL CORNER

The AARDVARK, or African ant-bear, has gained more recognition than it possibly deserves, because its unusual spelling makes it the first animal in the dictionary, coming just before AARDWOLF. However, do you know which animal is the last? No, it's not the ZEBRA or the ZEBU. Read Val Worth's piece 'Zos at the Zoo' to find the answer.

If you have CHAINED on your rack and can't place it on the board, try ECHIDNA. Australia's spiny anteater was given the name as a reference to classical mythology. Echidna was a monster - half woman, half serpent - who was mother of a range of odd creatures: chimera, sphinx, gorgons. The echidna, with its spines, narrow sensitive snout, extensible sticky tongue, and egg-laying behaviour obviously appeared to early scientists to be a combination of many animals.

- Based on a piece in the Wanganui Newsletter, July 1991

ANTI BONUS BABBLE

I was interested to read the latest Bonus Babble in FORWARDS 23. What caught my eye was the claim that with an opening rack of AEINQST it is far better to swap the Q with a 98% chance of getting a bonus word on the next turn than to play QAT for 24 points. It seems a convincing argument, particularly to anyone who habitually plays for bonus words, but in a tournament, where winning is paramount, I would prefer to start with the humble QAT. Here are my reasons:

- (1) 24 points is a good start that hopefully puts your opponent in the position of playing 'catch up'
- (2) EINS are good tiles. You could easily pick up a bonus word on your next turn or make an 8 letter word using one on the board. This way you get your bonus word plus 24 points as well.
- (3) If you pick up only high scoring tiles you may not be able to get a bonus word, but the 30 points or so that you score will leave you not much worse off than a change and a bonus while still hopefully retaining good letters for the next draw. Whereas if you have just played your bonus word you must take 7 new tiles from the bag. (Does CIINUVW look familiar?)
- (4) Your opponent will probably score less from QAT (played in the centre so the A is not next to a double letter score) than if you change and let them have the double word and double letter squares. If he plays JIVER for 46 points, or perhaps FOLDING for 82 points you can be sure that you made the wrong opening move.

Don't get me wrong. Because AEINST is such a good stem this is probably a close decision and may well be a matter of personal style. I'm really only trying to provide you with food for thought, but if you remain unconvinced perhaps you might consider what you would do with AEILQST or AEEQRST or even AEIQRST.

-Patrick Carter

OTAGO SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

DUNEDIN - 22nd June, 1991. (7 games)

NAME	CLUB	WINS	PTS	AVE	B/W	HI	LO
1. IAN PATTERSON	IND	6	3036	434	16	551	329
2. ANNE STEWART	DUN	6	2883	412	9	512	363
3. BILL GRIGG	DUN	5	2891	413	10	526	359
4. ALAN BOYD	DUN	5	2801	400	9	456	333
5. MARIAN ROSS	DUN	5	2691	384	8	464	263
6. PETER SINTON	DUN	4	2980	426	12	596	294
7. CAROLYN KYLE	DUN	3	2481	354	5	448	310
8. DAISY MADDEN	DUN	3	2469	353	5	393	231
9. ROBERT JONES	DUN	3	2386	341	9	426	261
10. IAN ROSS	DUN	3	2364	337	6	399	226
11. ALICE DOUST	DUN	3	2089	298	0	340	235
12. NORMAN GOODGER	DUN	2	2433	348	10	394	288
13. KATHLEEN BARKER	DUN	1	2051	293	0	356	238
14. ELVIRA STEEL	DUN	0	1299	186	0	232	124

Highest W/Score	(596)	PETER SINTON
Highest L/Score	(393)	DAISY MADDEN
Highest C/Score	(914)	IAN PATTERSON & ANNE STEWART
Highest Win/Av	(434)	IAN PATTERSON
Most B/W	(16)	IAN PATTERSON
Highest Turn Sc	(117)	ANNE STEWART
Highest First Sc	(76)	BILL GRIGG

SPOT PRIZES

Z	42	KATHLEEN BARKER
J	31	ROBERT JONES
TRIP RHS	42	PETER SINTON

SILLY CROSSWORD (from Dunedin)

	1	2	3	4	5	(DOWN)
1						1. -----and Judy
2						2. Tool
3						3. Strike
4						4. Drink
5						5. English magazine
						(ACROSS)
						1. Vegetable
						2. Female sheep
						3. Chickens
						4. Oceans

A SCRABBLE TRIVIA QUIZ

- Who invented the game of Scrabble?
- What is the only anagram of the word SCRABBLE in ASPAL?
- Which company currently makes and distributes Scrabble sets in the U.S.A.?
- What is the given name of Alfred Butts's wife?
- What kind of saw did Alfred Butts use to cut his first set of tiles?
- In 1982 Dr. Saladin Karl Khoshnaw of Manchester scored 392 to set a world record for the highest-scoring move in competitive play. What was the word he played?
- Which jazz musician once said "Playing bop is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing"?
- To the nearest dollar how much did Alfred Butts receive in his first royalty cheque in 1949?
- How many points is the Z worth in German Scrabble?
- What did Alfred Butts first call his game later known as Scrabble?
- Who invented the 50 point bonus in Scrabble?
- What was Alfred Butts's profession?
- What is Alfred Butts's middle name?
- In which U.S. state is there a town called Scrabble?
- What is the name of Alfred Butts's other game released in 1985?
- What two-letter name did Alfred Butts once give his new game in the 1930's?
- In which of Goldie Hawn's films is a game of Scrabble played by two little old ladies?
- In which film did William Holden play Scrabble with Martha Hyer?
- How many tiles are normally held on the rack in a game of German Scrabble?
- Which foreign language Scrabble set contains two Z's?
- What is the highest possible score on the first move of a game using an allowable word in ASPAL?
- How many grey squares are there on a standard Scrabble board?
- About which of his Scrabble opponents did Richard Burton say "She's stupendously intelligent but she can't bear to lose"?
- Which former British Monopoly Champion has written several books on Scrabble?
- How many times does the word SCRABBLE appear on the board of a deluxe Scrabble set?
- From which language does the word SCRABBLE derive?
- To the nearest inch what is the length of a standard Scrabble rack?
- According to the 1989 Guinness Book of Records what (to the nearest hour) is the world endurance Scrabble record for a game between two players?
- Which Australian journalist and television personality wrote "The Scrabble Book" in 1978?
- Which country refuses to allow swear words to be played or uttered at its National Scrabble Championship?



WORLD SCRABBLE[®] CHAMPIONSHIP

The inaugural World Scrabble Championship (WSC) is being held in London from 26-30 September. New Zealand will be represented by Mike Sigley, Jeff Grant and Lynne Butler, with Denise Gordon chief supporter. Holdsworths have kindly made a generous contribution towards the travel and accommodation expenses.

Here are some particulars about the event:

FORMAT Forty-eight players divided by a random draw into 8 groups of 6. Players can end up in the same pool as their countrymen. Each group plays a round robin (5 games) and the top 2 (16 players in all) progress to the knock-out stage where it is head-to-head over best of 3 games. Players not in the top 2 after the first day's round robin go into a consolation Plate event. This rather limited format has been criticized as relying too much on luck. The champion could play as few as 13 games over 3 days (there is a rest day!) to win the title.

DICTIONARIES OSPD and OSW2 will be used, with single challenge.

A player may thus challenge any word or words formed during a move without fear of losing a turn.

TIME CLOCKS Competitors will operate mechanical clocks which tick off 25 minutes per player in each game. The penalty for exceeding the allowed time is a 10-point deduction for every minute or part of a minute by which the time limit is exceeded.

SCORE SHEETS The players have to record every word they make in each turn. Also, the score sheets are printed with the 100 Scrabble letters on the bottom so that tile-tracking can be carried out. This removes some of the mental agility required in the game, and is illegal in New Zealand where you can only track mentally.

PRIZES Nine people will receive monetary prizes, from \$US 10,000 for the winner, and \$US 5,000 for the runner-up, down to \$US 200 for the player coming 4th in the Plate event.

TV Games can be watched (and analysed) by interested Scrabblers and members of the public on closed-circuit TV.

There are other differences from our rules. For instance, no tile may be moved once it has been played, and if someone draws a blank for the start of play both players must redraw.

We all wish Mike, Jeff and Lynne all the best for their London trip. Let's hope the tile gods are smiling!

Rodney Scrabble Club 1991 Tournament

June 30th 1991

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average	Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
						Dionysus					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	2898	12	414.0	1 Joyce Gilbert	NSB	6	2590	2	370.0
2 May Quigley	NSB	5	3148	13	449.7	2 Jean O'Brien	STR	5	2709	11	387.0
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	3024	16	432.0	3 Leonora Cole	NSB	5	2330	5	332.9
4 David Pinner	MTA	4	3051	12	435.9	4 Bernice Vannini	MTA	4	2781	10	397.3
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	4	2962	16	423.1	5 Roger Tozer	NPL	4	2634	6	376.3
6 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	2888	11	412.6	6 Dawn Kitzen	MTA	4	2546	8	363.7
7 Glynis Jennings	WHA	3	2756	8	393.7	7 Isobel Yorke	ROD	4	2514	5	359.1
8 June Mackwell	MTA	2	2781	14	397.3	8 Nancy Haaker	ROD	3	2298	2	328.3
9 Peter Jones	MTA	2	2551	11	364.4	9 Connie van Tilburg	PAK	3	2284	2	326.3
10 Georgie Offringa	NSB	0	2503	7	357.6	10 CLyde Titchener	ROD	2	2376	1	339.4
						11 Daphne Parker	MTA	2	2188	4	312.6

						Bachus					
1 Ann Candler	NSB	5	2947	10	421.0	1 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	2636	4	376.6
2 Correne James	MTA	5	2636	7	376.6	2 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	2496	2	356.6
3 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	4	2974	14	424.9	3 Alice O'Callahan	NSB	4.5	2364	3	337.7
4 Joy Hunter	NSB	4	2650	10	378.6	4 Marje Hughes	NSB	4	2645	3	377.9
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	4	2590	8	370.0	5 Wyn Mitchell	MTA	4	2386	3	340.9
6 Cathy Woods	MTA	4	2588	8	369.7	6 Lesley Flodin	MTA	4	2349	7	335.6
7 Margaret White	ROD	4	2511	6	358.7	7 Lil Moore	MTA	4	2349	8	335.6
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2600	8	371.4	8 Adrienne McKeown	MTA	3.5	2289	2	327.0
9 Marge Dalzell	NSB	2	2459	6	351.3	9 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	2427	4	346.7
10 Reeva Pearson	STR	0	2602	13	371.7	10 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	2297	1	328.1

						Cupid					
1 Fae Olson	STR	6	2941	13	420.1	11 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	2	2254	3	322.0
2 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	5	2832	10	404.6	12 Margaret Mourant	MTA	1	2172	1	310.3
3 Roy Vannini	MTA	5	2616	9	373.7						
4 Penny Headington	NSB	4	2758	10	394.0						
5 Mary Brett	NSB	4	2658	7	379.7						
6 Alveen Seon	MTA	3	2664	8	380.6						
7 Joan Ball	PAK	3	2513	3	359.0						
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	2460	2	351.4						
9 Bev Barker	MTA	2	2547	6	363.9						
10 Peggy Hebden	NSB	0	2238	3	319.7						

						Faunus					
						1 Ernie Gidman	ROD	6	2309	7	329.9
						2 Eileen McLennan	IND	5	2451	5	350.1
						3 Eleanor Markwick	NSB	5	2068	1	295.4
						4 Joan Pratt	MTA	4	2402	7	343.1
						5 Irene Hague Smith	MTA	4	2395	5	342.1
						6 June Ward	IND	4	2330	4	332.9
						7 Ralph White	ROD	4	2262	1	323.1
						8 Ed Olson	STR	4	2210	2	315.7
						9 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2201	3	314.4
						10 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	2364	1	337.7
						11 Ngaire Colville	ROD	3	2027	0	289.6
						12 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	2164	1	309.1
						13 Kath Davies	MTA	1	2112	1	301.7
						14 Marjorie Scott	ROD	0	2061	1	294.4

						Spot Prizes		
						Game 1	Yvette Hewlett	83
						Game 2	Paggy Hebden	75
						Game 3	Eleanor Markwick	274
						Game 4	Ann Candler	53
						Game 5	Alveen Seon	87
						Game 6	Penny Headington	96
						Game 7	Yvette Hewlett	67

OVERLAP COMPETITION No.7

An amazing number of different words were found this time, making my judging much more interesting. And an additional twist was provided by many entrants in their inability to add up correctly!

A clear winner this time was Andrée Prentice from Wanganui with 772 points who managed to pick the eyes from the next three, Rhoda Cashman (Rodney) with 767 points, a certain R.Bunny from Hastings and Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt) with 766 points. 5th place went to Blue Thorogood (Mt Albert) with 760 points, followed by keen newcomer Val Worth from Putaruru (Tokoroa Club) with 738 points and her clubmate Lois Kelly with 727 points. Other entries were commendable, but not quite up to the standards of the place-getters.

I actually managed to get 773 points with the following combination:

estheTEheed	99
teethEEhaw	93
weeTEhee	79
heTHee	65
eWEe	49
tHEw	50
whEEch	64
hyTHEeze	80
weewEEched	91
wheezLEechee	103
	<u>773</u>

A small prize will land in Andrée's mailbox shortly.

Gerald Warner,
Warkworth

LOST FOR WORDS

Enjoyed the article in February's *North & South* on *Mr Murder* — Mike Bungay QC. He certainly is "good with words" — so reads the caption under a photo of him playing scrabble with his stepson.

A sneaky turnaround of the magazine to pick up some "sure things" for my next game, revealed such classics on the board as PZAO, AKI, OAANO, AELEE, XRET and not to mention the unforgettable, unpronounceable LGHAE, VOA E and of course LEAIE!

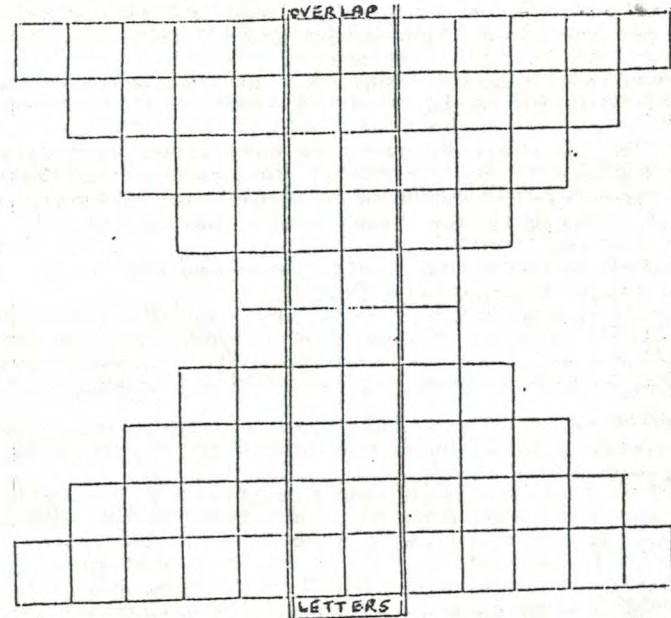
No wonder he takes the breath away with his courtroom oratories — wonder who won that game...?

HELEN MCFARLANE

Christchurch

'NORTH AND SOUTH' - April 1990

OVERLAP COMPETITION NO 8



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

Entries are to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Ave. Warkworth no later than October 24th, 1991. Entries are to be sent like this:

copaiBastard	77
amoeBatman	75
panDAube	62
etc Total:	<u>651</u>

You get a 50-point bonus whenever you make a 7-letter word. Right ?? WRONG!! You get the bonus whenever you PLAY 7 letters, so the word you make will have a MINIMUM of 7 letters.

Probably over 90% of bonuses ARE 7's, but this month we look at those others - mainly 8-letter words.

For all of us there are bound to be many times when we have a 7 on the rack but nowhere to go. Firstly, do you know ALL the words your letters make (your INSERTS can also be SINTERS or ESTRINS).

Next, check thoroughly for "odd" hooks (maybe your "T" will go on that innocent looking "GAN"?).

Check for obvious hooks that you'd overlooked (of course! - that VENT poking out at the left can become EVENT).

Check for multiple overlaps - don't just assume you will only overlap one letter. As an example, assume your opponent starts the game with "BONUSES", and you are lucky to have AEINRST. Do you realise you can play your bonus to make a 7-way overlap (forming seven 2-letter words)?

Having exhausted all those standard possibilities then all that remains is to embark into the the world of EIGHTS (or 9's, 10's, etc, but that's another story!)

By far the easiest and most common eights are simply singular 7's with an "S" added. For example, your INSERTS (or SINTERS/ESTRINS) won't go down, but you notice a free "L" on the board. Mentally exchange the "L" for an "S" on your rack. Now what does INSERT_L make? SNIRTLE and LINTERS. Obviously LINTERS won't take an(other) "S" on the end, but SNIRTLE sounds like it would (I dunno what the heck it MEANS either, but who cares??!).

So your unplayable 7 has turned into a playable 8 - SNIRT(L)ES - and you've never even studied any 8's as such!

Another example - ADENORS. You consider ROADENS, REASOND (gosh, I wonder if there's a free "E" anywhere!), ANDROSE, but decide you have no 7. There's a free "M" on the board. Mentally exchange your "S" as before, to get ADENORM. You may know this makes MADRONE and ROADMEN. ROADMENS sounds unlikely, but MADRONES should be O.K.

BUT - to stretch the example a bit - let's say there's only room for 5 letters AFTER the "M" on the board. What a shame! But sometimes you can exchange an "R" or a "D" in the same way as an "S". The "R" gives ADENORMS which makes a few words, but none of which can then have an "R" added at the end.

Exchanging the "D" gives AMENORS. This makes ENAMORS, MOANERS, and DARMEN, none of which could take a "D". I wonder if it also makes RANSOME, but no, I think Arthur Ransome was a children's author, and the normal word RANSOM has no "E". But eureka! - maybe RANSOME isn't a legal word by itself, but of course it WILL be if we add a "D" to it. So once again a good knowledge of SEVENS, plus a little judicious juggling, has given us an EIGHT - RANSO(M)ED.

So - you don't have to STUDY 8's in order to GET 8's. But sooner or later you'll come across a combination like AEGILORS which will yield absolutely NOTHING by the jiggery-pokery described above. Yet it does make three different words - all what I call "genuine" 8's. The only way to get a bonus from these 8 letters is to have studied 8's in the same way as you no doubt study lists of 7's.

To whet your appetite (and hopefully improve your Scrabble, at least slightly) here are a couple of stems for 8's. (To make 7's, you use 6-letter stems. Similarly, to make 8's you graduate to 7-letter stems).

The first is RETINAS, simply because it's the "best", or the most common, and yields a lot of useful words. The other is the dreaded

EARNIES which I find the very best batch of letters that make absolutely NOTHING on their own. So if you get EARNIES, and are familiar with this as a stem for 8's, you can maybe find a free "C", "D", "G", etc, and come up with a bonus after all.

Pay special attention to the underlined words in these lists. They are the "genuine" 8's, which cannot generally be arrived at just by "stretching" 7's, and are therefore especially useful to KNOW.

Also take note of the combinations for which EVERY word is underlined (*). Anyone into 7's can at least make ATEBRINS out of RETINAS+B but RETINAS+A will be impossible that way. So even if you don't try to learn EVERY word, at least pick out ONE for yourself from RETINAS+A, so at least you'll leave yourself with a chance when those letters arrive.

A E I N R S T

A E E I N R S

- +A = *ANTISERA ARTESIAN RATANIES RESINATA SEATRIN nil
- +B = ATEBRINS BANISTER BARNIEST nil
- +C = CANISTER CARNIEST CERATINS CISTERNA CINCEREAS INCREASE
- CREATINS NACRITES SCANTIET RESIANCE
- +D = DETRAINS RANDIEST STRAINED *ARSENIDE DENARIES
- DRAISENE NEARISIDE
- +E = ARSENITE RESINATE STEARINE TRAINEES nil
- +F = FAINTERS FENITARS nil
- +G = ANGRIEST ASTRINGE GANISTER GANTRIES GRANITES *ANERGIES GESNERIA
- INGRATES RANGIEST REASTING STEARING
- +H = INEARTHIS
- +I = INERTIAS RAINIEST nil
- +J = NARTJIES nil
- +K = KERATINS NARKIEST *SNEAKIER
- +L = ENTRAILS LATRINES RATLINES RETINALS TRENAILS ALIENERS
- +M = MINARETS RAIMENTS *REMANIES
- +N = ENTRAINS TRANNIES *ANSERINE
- +O = *ANDESTRI ARSONITE NOTARIES NOTARISE nil
- ROSINATE SENORITA
- +P = PAINTERS PANTRIES PERTAINS PINASTER *NAPERIES
- PRISTANE REPAINTS
- +Q = nil nil
- +R = RESTRAIN RETRAINS STRAINER TERRAINS *REARISEN
- TRAINERS TRANSIRE
- +S = ARTINESS RESIANTS RETSINAS SNARIEST *SENARIES
- STAINERS STARNIES STEARINS
- +T = INTREATS NITRATES STRAITEN TARTINES TERTIANS ARSENITE RESINATE
- +U = RUINATES TAURINES URANITES URINATES STEARINE TRAINEES
- +W = TINWARES *UNEASIER
- +V, X, Y, Z = nil nil

That's just a brief foray into the world of eights. Don't overrate them, as they are not the answer to every bonus-hunter's prayers, but they certainly can be useful at times. I suggest you stay with learning 7's until you're au fait with at least 30-40 good stems there before expanding into the "genuine 8's" area.

For those interested I have a list of 6500 alphabetically anagrammed eights, available from Box 3067, Dunedin, for \$6 each plus \$1 per order.

Next time we'll look at some common prefixes and suffixes. In the meantime, I hope Bonus Babble may be sterial for your Scrabble?!

Happy fishing, OTARINE PANTS.

THE ULTIMATE BINGO

In Scrabble terms a 'bingo combination' usually refers to a group of 6 letters that can be added to another letter and rearranged to form a 7-letter 'bonus' word. Bonus Babble 2 in the September 1990 Forwards lists the best bingos, or 'stems' as Otarine Pants calls them. Top of the pile is ANTIES which combines with every letter of the alphabet except Q and Y to make a 7-letter word, for example ANTIES+E = ETESIAN and ANTIES+N = INANEST.

If we use a larger dictionary is it possible to find a 6-letter stem that combines with every letter of the alphabet to form a bonus word? The answer is 'yes', but it isn't easy!

In the massive Oxford English Dictionary the stem ROUTES forms 26 words in alphabetic transaddition. Note that the 16 examples not marked (O) for Oxford are listed in our NZ Scrabble references.

ROUTES

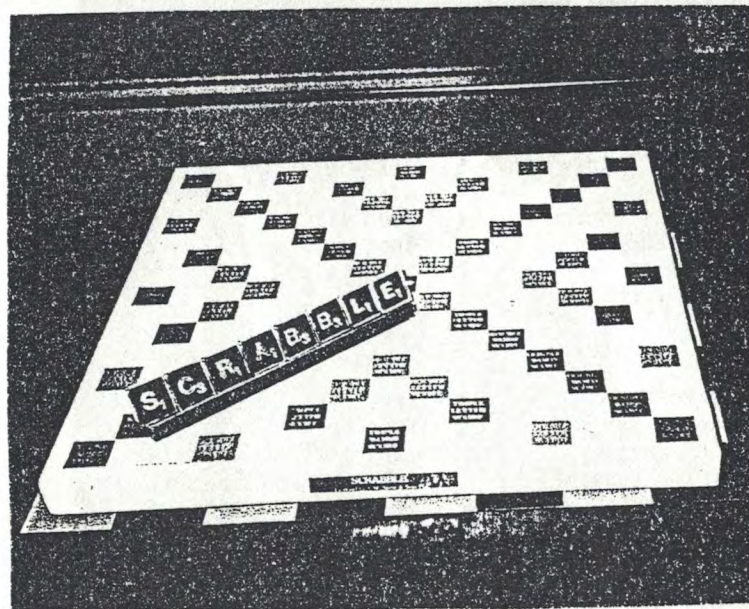
+A	SOUTARE(O)	old cobbler	+N	TONSURE	mode of hair-cutting
+B	OBTUSER	more dull-witted	+O	STOOUER (O)	winter cattle-food
+C	COUTERS	gold sovereigns	+P	PROTEUS	rodlike bacterium
+D	ROUSTED	stirred up	+Q	QUESTOR	treasurer
+E	ESTOURE(O)	tumult, war	+R	RETOURS	returns as heir
+F	FOUTRES	worthless fellows	+S	TUSSORE	fawny silk
+G	GESTOUR(O)	former singer	+T	STOUTER	robuster
+H	SOUTHER	to move to the south	+U	SUTOURE(O)	old suitor
+I	STOURIE	dusty	+V	VOUSTER(O)	braggart
+J	JOUSTER	knight ahorse	+W	WOURTES(O)	old potherbs
+K	STOUKER(O)	handle-fitter	+X	SEXTUOR	sextet
+L	OUTLERS	unhoused beasts	+Y	YOUSTER(O)	to fester
+M	OESTRUM	sexual impulse	+Z	TROUZES(O)	former trows

WORD LISTS AVAILABLE

Otarine Pants advises that all his various word lists (as outlined in words #22) are still available, and now all incorporate the changes arising from OSW2.

Your chance to be right up with the play. Order now, and keep (get ?) one step ahead of the opposition !

FOR COLLECTORS ONLY



Noel Maisey of Tauranga saw this super-deluxe Scrabble set on display at Harrods, Knightsbridge in London. It features a full-sized board, totally magnetized with no indentations - 'smooth as kid gloves'. The frame looks like ivory, but may be marble, the board is made of the finest silver-grey leather, the racks are probably red leather, and the tiles are onyx with gold lettering and numbering. You can buy a set for only £2750 (about \$8000)! The inlaid mahogany games table on which it is sitting would set you back a further £12500 (about \$37000). Any takers?

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Do you ever have trouble with the words IMPLY and INFER ? This little rhyme should help you remember the difference.

When Jane implied she hungered to be kissed,  
The boys inferred that she would not resist.  
But she slapped them roundly when they tried:  
They clearly misinferred what she implied.



**NEW PLYMOUTH TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
HELD JULY 20 & 21, 1991.

**A GRADE**

| Name                   | Wins | Ave | B/W | Pre-Tourney Seeding |
|------------------------|------|-----|-----|---------------------|
| 1. Lynne Butler        | 9    | 435 | 18  | 1                   |
| 2. Glenyss Buchanan    | 9    | 422 | 16  | 3                   |
| 3. Denise Gordon       | 6    | 416 | 13  | 2                   |
| 4. Roy Vannini         | 6    | 376 | 12  | 8                   |
| 5. Rosalie Goldsworthy | 5    | 358 | 10  | 10                  |
| 6. Lynn Wood           | 4    | 378 | 9   | 5                   |
| 7. Andree Prentice     | 4    | 370 | 11  | 9                   |
| 8. Leila Thomson       | 4    | 361 | 10  | 6                   |
| 9. Fae Olson           | 2    | 377 | 16  | 7                   |
| 10. Lucy Bright        | 1    | 362 | 7   | 4                   |

**B GRADE**

|                    |   |     |    |    |
|--------------------|---|-----|----|----|
| 1. Sue McRae       | 9 | 419 | 14 | 5  |
| 2. Aliette Hay     | 7 | 387 | 11 | 4  |
| 3. Jenny Sattler   | 7 | 359 | 5  | 8  |
| 4. Bernice Vannini | 5 | 377 | 12 | 7  |
| 5. Hilda Scott     | 5 | 348 | 2  | 3  |
| 6. Ruth O'Neill    | 4 | 370 | 10 | 2  |
| 7. Roger Tozer     | 4 | 362 | 10 | 6  |
| 8. Doreen Davies   | 4 | 354 | 7  | 9  |
| 9. Reeva Pearson   | 3 | 370 | 11 | 1  |
| 10. Jean Walsh     | 2 | 318 | 8  | 10 |

**C GRADE**

|                     |   |     |    |    |
|---------------------|---|-----|----|----|
| 1. Nita Oldham      | 6 | 367 | 8  | 4  |
| 2. Martha Morgan    | 6 | 363 | 7  | 6  |
| 3. Betty Erikson    | 6 | 336 | 5  | 3  |
| 4. Helen Gilbert    | 5 | 378 | 7  | 7  |
| 5. Annette Coombes  | 5 | 357 | 10 | 1  |
| 6. Dave Godman      | 5 | 341 | 11 | 8  |
| 7. Norman Wheeler   | 5 | 338 | 8  | 2  |
| 8. Jean O'Brien     | 4 | 376 | 17 | 5  |
| 9. Dave Gunn        | 4 | 354 | 7  | 10 |
| 10. George Autridge | 4 | 337 | 7  | 9  |

**D GRADE**

|                    |     |     |    |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| 1. Margie Hurly    | 9   | 391 | 5  | 1  |
| 2. Stan            | 8   | 401 | 14 | 10 |
| 3. Kath James      | 7   | 342 | 3  | 3  |
| 4. Ed Olson        | 7   | 312 | 1  | 5  |
| 5. Jan Wheeler     | 5   | 321 | 8  | 6  |
| 6. Francis Katene  | 4.5 | 281 | 2  | 4  |
| 7. Margaret Garner | 3.5 | 301 | 5  | 9  |
| 8. Margaret Bell   | 3   | 298 | 2  | 2  |
| 9. Nola Kennedy    | 2   | 279 | 3  | 8  |
| 10. June Whitehead | 1   | 270 | 0  | 7  |

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'NEW PLYMOUTH WINNER AND FORMER AUSTRALIAN CHAMP - LYNNE BUTLER'

**HASTINGS VERSUS MASTERTON**

On 6 July eight Hastings Scrabblers travelled to Masterton for the inaugural interclub match between the two clubs. It was a clear, frosty morning, but Aliette Hay's home was nice and warm, and after hot drinks and a bite to eat everyone was ready for some 'socially competitive' Scrabble. Spot prizes were awarded for things like 'animal names' (won by Jill with STALLION), and players adjudicated their own challenges (very friendly!). After two rounds the score was eight all and at the halfway mark 12 all.

A superb lunch accompanied by the odd glass of wine (or two), and then it was back to the fray. After round four the scores were still tied - 16 all. The next series of games proved crucial as Masterton won six of them to take a 22-18 lead into the final round. Hastings couldn't peg it back and Masterton emerged the worthy first winners of the interclub shield by 27 games to 21.

After the prizegiving and some more VERY social games, what better way to round off the day than a relaxing evening out at a local restaurant. Congratulations and thanks to the Masterton club for a most enjoyable day. The Hastings Scrabblers are looking forward to hosting this event next year.

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# TOKOROA'S TWELFTH YEAR

By Kevin Edgeler

The small Tokoroa Scrabble Club celebrated its twelfth birthday at the end of July with a fun night of Scrabble, playing two games for small spot prizes followed by a nice supper with each member bringing a plate.

Spot prize for the highest 'ING' word went to Phyl Wilson with 79 and the highest seven in game two went to May Bacon with 88.

It was a big welcome back to May as she has been very ill lately and it was nice to have her back.

Among the success stories for the Tokoroa club during the year was the staging of a very successful tournament in February with 58 participants from the North Island.

On the playing front congratulations to Florence Veldhuizen on gaining National A Grade status by finishing third in this year's National B Grade. Bridget picked up a second and third placing in the Hamilton one-day and Mt Albert tournaments. Lois Kelly won Grade Four of the Hamilton one-day. Phyl Wilson took a second in the Tokoroa Tournament.

Kevin Edgeler had a rare success by taking second in the B Grade of the Tokoroa event. Lesley Edgeler picked up a fourth placing in the same tournament. Other players too had varying degrees of success.

The local Club trophies played for throughout the year were presented at a dinner on August 17.

## Betty Price Salver Club Championships

1st: Kevin Edgeler  
R/U: Lesley Edgeler

## Ann Plested Competition Night Points Shield

1st: Florence Veldhuizen 112 points  
R/U: Kevin Edgeler 103 points  
3rd: Lois Kelly 79 points

|                            |                                     |      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Most Wins:                 | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 67   |
| Most Bonus Words:          | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 134  |
| Most Bonus Words in night: | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 8    |
| Most Bonus Words over 90:  | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 13   |
| Highest 3 game Aggregate:  | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 1513 |
| Highest Game Score:        | Florence Veldhuizen                 | 637  |
| Highest Word Score:        | Lesley Edgeler                      | 176  |
| Best Combined Score:       | Kevin Edgeler & Florence Veldhuizen | 1001 |

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# BOB HOPE & CO

As you are probably aware there are a great many given names that are allowable in Scrabble because they have other meanings in general English, for example :

DAWN. BILL. ALAN. CHARLIE. JENNY. ROBIN. JANE. HENRY.  
GLEN. MIKE. SUE. GRACE. PAUL. BETTY. JEAN. ROSEMARY

There are lots of surnames as well, such as :

BUTLER. HALE. PINNER. WOODS. JAMES. BRIGHT. GILBERT.  
ROSS. LEACH. BARKER. FLOWER. SKINNER. HAY. HUNT. COLE

Some lucky people have both their names available for use in Scrabble, and when that happens a little phrase is formed, often with an interesting interpretation. For instance BOB HOPE could be described as 'in anticipation of receiving a shilling', and MICK JAGGER as 'an Irish pedlar'.

Taking the June computer ratings list, here are the names of some NZ players, defined in terms of Scrabble words, with a little poetic licence.

JEFF GRANT the gift of a circus rope

PATRICK CARTER a conveyor of old halfpennies

JOHN FOSTER toilet promotion

JOY HUNTER a seeker of happiness

ANN CANDLER one who examines a Scots stipend in front of a light, believing it to be an egg

ROGER COATES screw the Shakesperian quotes

JOHN BAILEY the outer wall of a feudal lavatory

DAPHNE PARKER one who parks a car on a particular flowering shrub

DAPHNE CURL the curled-up part of this shrub under the car

OLIVE HEATH a brownish-green stretch of open country

NORMAN WHEELER a nautical bar cyclist

BERYL MACE a pale-greenish metal war club with spikes

DAISY MADDEN making the flowers angry

JO BURNSIDE the side of a stream where sweethearts meet

MAY BACON a maid's pig flesh

JEANETTE OWLER a smuggler of coarse twilled-cotton cloth

HAZEL PECK a light-brown kiss

JILL MOON baring one's buttocks at a female ferret

LULU HOLT a remarkable orchard

PAT WARING storing up small lumps of butter

MAY GALE an outburst of hawthorn flowers

-From an idea suggested by Stuart Bunker (MTA Club)

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## ANN'S BONUS

The first turn of the first game at the Rodney Tournament was an easy seven for Ann Candler (NSB). She placed the tiles on her rack, no sorting, no thinking; the word that appeared was CANDLER for 76 points!

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.23

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|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 top spot    | 8 big gib    | 15 dry fyrd   |
| 2 bad dab     | 9 drunk nurd | 16 tall lat   |
| 3 seven eves  | 10 drab bard | 17 poor troop |
| 4 regal lager | 11 wet stew  | 18 gyte tyg   |
| 5 avid diva   | 12 raw war   | 19 cross orc  |
| 6 sexy pyxes  | 13 sun gnus  | 20 star rats  |
| 7 fresh serf  | 14 new wen   |               |

Record entries this time. The three with top marks were Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt), Glennis Hale (Mt Albert) and Val Frew (Avalon). There were six with 19 correct, and five with 18. Some good tries for the 'toughie' no.18 included gump mug, nuts tun, tope pot and John Foster's clever gone nog, which I might have allowed if using Webster's as reference. Anyway, a draw was held and the winner of Contest 23 is Glennis Hale. Well Done!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No.24

The following ad appeared in an old American MENSEA journal:

'Want a Wooden Overcoat? Buy Honest John Whitworth's health-reenergizing sulfo-uranyl-impregnated Comfi-vest with its unique quasi-xyloid fibres, obtainable only from the Paradise Vending Co., Harpurville Heights, Nineveh, New York?

Our puzzle this time involves the numbers ONE to TEN. Note that the answers must have no connection with the numbers themselves, for example a word like ATONERS is acceptable, but FOURPENGE isn't.

1. Find 9-letter words containing ONE, TWO, SEVEN, EIGHT and TEN right in the middle.
2. Give an 8-letter word with NINE in the exact centre.
3. What is the 8-letter word composed of THREE plus a 3-letter word for a fruit-stone?
4. Can you find a 2-word Chambers term containing FOUR (think of a surname)?
5. The numbers we have left are on your rack - FIVESIX - how many allowable Scrabble words can you find?

The closing date is November 18th 1991 and the winner will receive a book prize. Only OSW/OSPD/CED words allowed. Entries to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd,

RD2, Hastings.

GOOD LUCK!

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An adman writes  
the prose, and cons.

The A-Z of Weird and Wonderful Words No.2

The first A-Z of Weird and Wonderful Words appeared in the March 1989 edition of Forwards. Included were curiosities such as ATPATRUUS, a great-grandfather's grandfather's brother, and LOROERIGESIS, the sexually stimulating effect of the sight of a brassiere shoulder strap. Here for your enjoyment and edification are 26 more outlandish examples of English bizarrerie.

- ANAPHALANTIASIS the falling out of the eyebrows.  
 BAFFONA a woman with a not too unpleasant moustache.  
 COUVADE a husband acting out the motions of childbirth while his wife is in labour.  
 DEACONING packing fruit or vegetables with the best fruit on top.  
 ENGASTRATION the stuffing of one bird inside another.  
 FRAIL fifty pounds of raisins.  
 GYNOTIKOLOBOMASSOPHILE one who likes to nibble on a woman's earlobe.  
 HIPPOCAUST the sacrificial burning of a horse.  
 ICHTHYOMANCY fortunetelling with fish offal.  
 JUKEJITTERS fear that everyone thinks you picked the awful song emanating from a jukebox, when it was actually the person before you.  
 KNEIPPISM treatment of disease by walking barefoot on wet grass.  
 LALOCHEZIA talking dirty to relieve tension.  
 MXYZPTLKIEN having a particularly difficult name to pronounce.  
 NEVERMASS a day that never was and never will be.  
 OOFLE to try and find out a person's name without asking.  
 PALILALIA helplessly repeating a phrase faster and faster.  
 QUISQUILIOUS made of rubbish.  
 RANDLE a nonsensical poem recited by Irish schoolboys as an apology for farting at a friend.  
 SITZMARK the mark made by a skier who has fallen over backward.  
 TEEPEE to cover someone's house with toilet paper.  
 URANOMANIA the delusion that one is of celestial origin.  
 VERVEL a label tied to a hawk's leg.  
 WHISKERINO a beard-growing contest.  
 XEROPHILEMATOUS preferring short dry kisses.  
 YARDRIBBONS unmown patches of grass found after putting the mower away.  
 ZONESTHESIA the feeling of wearing a tight girdle.

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**RESULTS OF THE NINTH HAMILTON SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT  
HELD ON SUNDAY, 11TH AUGUST 1991**

| GROUP 1<br>(SATURN)             | WINS | POINTS | AVERAGE | BONUS WORDS |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Blue Thorogood (Independent)    | 5    | 3096   | 442     | 14          |
| Lynne Butler (N Plymouth)       | 5    | 2981   | 426     | 11          |
| Jeff Grant (Hastings)           | 5    | 2951   | 422     | 9           |
| May Quigley (N Shore/Bays)      | 4    | 2944   | 421     | 13          |
| Lynne Powell (N Shore/Bays)     | 3    | 2849   | 407     | 14          |
| Peter Jones (Mt Albert)         | 3    | 2600   | 371     | 13          |
| Ann Candler (N Shore/Bays)      | 2    | 2491   | 356     | 9           |
| Glynis Jennings (Whangarei)     | 1    | 2416   | 345     | 5           |
| <b>GROUP 2<br/>(JUPITER)</b>    |      |        |         |             |
| Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)   | 5    | 2865   | 409     | 9           |
| Glennis Hale (Mt Albert)        | 5    | 2740   | 391     | 10          |
| June Mackwell (Mt Albert)       | 4    | 2871   | 410     | 13          |
| Betty Gibb (Hamilton)           | 4    | 2605   | 372     | 8           |
| Allie Quinn (N Shore/Bays)      | 3    | 2778   | 397     | 9           |
| Georgie Offringa (N Shore/Bays) | 3    | 2726   | 389     | 10          |
| Kevin Edgeler (Tokoroa)         | 2    | 2469   | 353     | 6           |
| Gerald Warner (Rodney)          | 2    | 2401   | 343     | 7           |
| <b>GROUP 3<br/>(NEPTUNE)</b>    |      |        |         |             |
| Correne James (Mt Albert)       | 5    | 2591   | 370     | 6           |
| Joy Hunter (N Shore/Bays)       | 5    | 2571   | 367     | 7           |
| John Foster (Mt Albert)         | 4    | 2839   | 406     | 13          |
| Lesley Edgeler (Tokoroa)        | 4    | 2588   | 370     | 5           |
| Roger Coates (Hamilton)         | 4    | 2538   | 363     | 8           |
| Rhoda Cashman (Rodney)          | 4    | 2433   | 348     | 7           |
| Jo Jackson (Hamilton)           | 2    | 2568   | 367     | 5           |
| Cathy Woods (Mt Albert)         | 1    | 2520   | 360     | 5           |
| <b>GROUP 4<br/>(URANUS)</b>     |      |        |         |             |
| Lois Kelly (Tokoroa)            | 6    | 2619   | 373     | 9           |
| Roy Vannini (Mt Albert)         | 5    | 2589   | 370     | 8           |
| Faye Cronhelm (Independent)     | 4    | 2464   | 352     | 6           |
| Bev Barker (Mt Albert)          | 3    | 2469   | 353     | 4           |
| Marj Baillie (Hamilton)         | 3    | 2700   | 387     | 8           |
| Glenda Geard (Independent)      | 3    | 2596   | 371     | 7           |
| Alveen Seon (Mt Albert)         | 2    | 2295   | 328     | 7           |
| Mary Brett (N Shore/Bays)       | 2    | 2432   | 347     | 10          |
| <b>GROUP 5<br/>(PLUTO)</b>      |      |        |         |             |
| Bernice Vannini (Mt Albert)     | 5    | 2693   | 385     | 9           |
| Jan Jacobi (Tokoroa)            | 5    | 2581   | 369     | 5           |
| Carole Coates (Hamilton)        | 5    | 2476   | 354     | 6           |
| Peggy Wallace (Hamilton)        | 4    | 2649   | 378     | 8           |
| Anne Warner (Rodney)            | 4    | 2501   | 357     | 4           |
| Elaine Moltzen (Hamilton)       | 4    | 2460   | 351     | 5           |
| Stan Skinner (Hamilton)         | 3    | 2511   | 359     | 6           |
| Annette Coombes (Independent)   | 2    | 2311   | 330     | 6           |
| Margaret Parsons (Taupo)        | 2    | 2263   | 323     | 4           |
| Daphne Watson (Hamilton)        | 1    | 2203   | 315     | 4           |
| <b>GROUP 6<br/>(VENUS)</b>      |      |        |         |             |
| Lyn Toka (Hamilton)             | 5    | 2780   | 397     | 9           |
| Bridget French (Tokoroa)        | 5    | 2650   | 379     | 5           |
| Margaret Bundock (Rodney)       | 5    | 2414   | 345     | 4           |
| Isabel Zyp (Hamilton)           | 4    | 2633   | 376     | 5           |
| Dorothy Haining (Rodney)        | 3    | 2512   | 359     | 6           |
| Faye Leach (Hamilton)           | 3    | 2398   | 343     | 6           |
| Lil Moore (Mt Albert)           | 3    | 2304   | 329     | 3           |
| Shirley Wyatt (Mt Albert)       | 3    | 2215   | 316     | 1           |
| David Gunn (Independent)        | 2    | 2369   | 338     | 6           |
| Irene Hague-Smith (Mt Albert)   | 2    | 2202   | 315     | 4           |

| GROUP 7<br>(MERCURY)             | WINS | POINTS | AVERAGE | BONUS WORDS |
|----------------------------------|------|--------|---------|-------------|
| June Ward (Independent)          | 6    | 2340   | 334     | 2           |
| Eileen McLean (Independent)      | 5    | 2530   | 361     | 5           |
| Jillian Greening (Hamilton)      | 5    | 2469   | 353     | 11          |
| Elsie Pugh (Hamilton)            | 4    | 2582   | 369     | 8           |
| Kate Wignall (Mt Albert)         | 4    | 2523   | 360     | 3           |
| May Gale (Hamilton)              | 4    | 2261   | 323     | 4           |
| Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell (Ham) | 4    | 2194   | 313     | 7           |
| Win Heaven (Hamilton)            | 3    | 2329   | 333     | 2           |
| Hilary Andersen (Hamilton)       | 3    | 1883   | 269     | 0           |
| Anne Reeves (Taupo)              | 2    | 2171   | 310     | 3           |
| Val Worth (Tokoroa)              | 2    | 2169   | 310     | 1           |
| Glenn Jennings (Whangarei)       | 0    | 1704   | 243     | 0           |

**GROUP HIGHEST SCORES**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Blue Thorogood | - 622 |
| 2. June Mackwell  | - 591 |
| 3. John Foster    | - 511 |
| 4. Marj Baillie   | - 487 |
| 5. Stan Skinner   | - 468 |
| 6. Lil Moore      | - 500 |
| 7. Elsie Pugh     | - 450 |

**GROUP BONUS WORDS**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| 1. Blue Thorogood/Lynne Powell | - 14 |
| 2. June Mackwell               | - 13 |
| 3. John Foster                 | - 13 |
| 4. Mary Brett                  | - 10 |
| 5. Bernice Vannini             | - 9  |
| 6. Lyn Toka                    | - 9  |
| 7. Jillian Greening            | - 11 |

**GROUP HIGHEST WORDS**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Blue Thorogood | - 185 |
| 2. Betty Gibb     | - 89  |
| 3. Lesley Edgeler | - 109 |
| 4. Mary Brett     | - 90  |
| 5. Peggy Wallace  | - 98  |
| 6. Lil Moore      | - 145 |
| 7. Eileen McLean  | - 109 |

**SPOT PRIZES**

|   |                  |    |
|---|------------------|----|
| K | John Foster      | 71 |
| J | Jillian Greening | 94 |
| Q | Stan Skinner     | 72 |
| X | Allie Quinn      | 80 |
| Z | Annette Coombes  | 63 |

**HIGHEST AGGREGATE**

Blue Thorogood/Peter Jones - 954

Highest Losing Score - Bernice Vannini 400  
Lowest Winning Score - Hilary Andersen 289

**ANAGRAM CORNER**

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example NIGHT to THING and NICTATE to TETANIC. On a higher level the following remarkable series appeared in the May 1991 edition of Word Ways, The American Journal of Recreational Linguistics:

THE EYES they see THIS EAR it hears YOUR NOSE you snore

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

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| DOROTHY PINNER    | PONY-RIDE NORTH    |
| MONICA FITZGERALD | ROMANTICIZED FLAG  |
| ANDREW BRADLEY    | BEWARE DRY LAND    |
| DOREEN ROWLANDS   | DOWN ORDER'S LANE  |
| GEORGE AUTRIDGE   | TIE RAGGED ROGUE   |
| YVETTE HEWLETT    | LET VET WHET YET ? |

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## THE WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP OF 2011

It has taken 40 years for Scrabble's much talked about 'World Championship' to become a reality. Let's jump forward and see what this event could be like in the year 2011.

English has firmly established itself as the International Language. It is spoken as a mother tongue by about 500 million people, and at least 3000 million more use it as a second language, including large numbers in China, Japan, Russia and South America. It is predicted that by the year 2050 three quarters of the Earth's population will be able to communicate in English.

The 10th biennial World Scrabble Championship is to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, from September 22-30, 2011. Ninety-six players from forty countries will be participating.

The Scrabble board layout and tile distribution have not changed. However, there are some who favour the introduction of an additional Z, in view of the large number of words containing two or more of this particular letter.

The sole authority is The Official International Scrabble Dictionary (OISD), which has been used throughout the World since its publication in 2008. This work is basically an amalgamation of OSPD3(2004) and OSW5, which came out in conjunction with CED4 in 2006.

The word-base has increased significantly over the last 20 years. For instance, there are now 138 allowable 2-letter words, including ag, ce, dy, ed, ge, qi, ra, se, ud, vi, yi and za. Initialised terms like jp and pdq have not been accepted nor have letter plurals like qs and xs. The controversial ko, although capitalized in CED2, was back in lower case in the next edition with a different meaning. The word ch is no longer permitted as it is not in OISD, being correctly listed in CED4 as ch-, because it appears only in combinations such as 'cham' and 'chave'.

The Double Challenge rule is used in all major Scrabble-playing countries now, and has applied in the World Championship since 1995. Only one word at a time may be challenged.

Games still run for a maximum 50 minutes (25 mins per player), despite a movement to have the time reduced to 45 or even 40 minutes.

Silent electronic timers are used by all contestants, and no form of physical tile-tracking is allowed.

The tournament runs for eight days and competitors play at least 32 games each. Firstly, the 96 players are divided into four pools of 24. These groups are arranged so that players from the major Scrabble nations are distributed evenly, for example

Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa each have a total of 6 representatives, and Japan 4, reflecting the recent Scrabble boom in that country. The four pools are balanced by further positioning of players according to their current World Ratings (The World Rating System having been in operation since 1997).

On the first three days of the Championship a complete round robin is played in each pool. After the 23 games the top 8 in each group progress to the final knock-out stage, and the rest go into the World Plate event. Some will eventually end up in the Consolation Plate.

The 32 players who qualify for the knock-out are seeded according to their pool positions, with the group winners and runners-up being placed in different sections of the draw.

On the fourth day of the Tournament the first round of the knock-out is played. These head-to-head matches are best of five games. The second round, also best of five, is played the next day, and by evening only 8 players are left with a chance to win the title.

On day 6 the quarter-finals are played over best of seven games, and on day 7 the two semi-finals are contested, also best of seven games. Meanwhile the Plate and Consolation Plate events are reaching their conclusion.

On the eighth day the two finalists square up in a best of nine game decider. The winner is a true World Scrabble Champion, having played a minimum of 42 games, and a maximum of 56, in order to gain the coveted title.

The next day there is a meeting of the World Scrabble Association (est.1999), which gives delegates from all countries a chance to discuss the Championships and the future of Scrabble generally. In the evening players, officials and guests enjoy the opportunity to unwind and socialize at the Prizegiving Dinner.

Of course this could only be the idealistic dream of some poor demented Scrabbloholics, couldn't it?

-Jeff Grant

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Did you hear about the Mexican Scrabble player who thought TALLYHO was a Vietnamese census-taker and INNUENDO was an Italian suppository?

CED AMENDMENTS LIST (NO. 2)

Further to the Amendments list in Forwords No. 16, the following errors in CHAMBERS ENGLISH DICTIONARY are to be corrected please:

|           |                  |                      |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
| ALIZARE   | amend to         | ALIZARI              |
| MORALIZER | add after        | MORALISER            |
| ON-WARDLY | amend to         | ON(-)WARDLY(pg 1003) |
| SANEI     | amend to         | SANSEI               |
| SOCCEROOS | make capitalized |                      |
| SYNROK    | amend to         | SYNROC               |
| UMPTY     | add after        | UMPTEN               |
| ZYMOLITIC | amend to         | ZYMOLYTIC            |

OFFICIAL SCRABBLE WORDS, 2nd Edition (OSW2) - AMENDMENT

Please correct the following printer's error:

MOST'ST delete final T

| <u>CHANGES TO OFFICIAL</u>       |               | <u>CHANGES TO 5 - LETTER</u> |       |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <u>2, 3, 4, LETTER WORD LIST</u> |               | <u>WORDS (OSW2)</u>          |       |               |
| <u>Add</u>                       | <u>Delete</u> | <u>Add</u>                   |       | <u>Delete</u> |
| di                               | echs          | enlit                        | nurds | blews         |
| fest                             | moed          | feese                        | pareo | gyter         |
| viae                             | rhys          | fests                        | poofy | lomed         |
|                                  | yahs          | iches                        | rhies | mised         |
|                                  |               | laers                        | rhyme | sanei         |
|                                  |               | lests                        | suses |               |
|                                  |               | lited                        | umpty |               |
|                                  |               | lurgi                        | woned |               |
|                                  |               | mumysy                       |       |               |

OSW1 DELETIONS - 8 Letters and Under

Further to the Deletions list in Forwords no. 16, the following words in Official Scrabble Words, 1st Edition, are no longer acceptable and should be deleted:

|             |              |             |              |               |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| ACQUITED    | DOWLNEYS     | GRIPLES     | MYOSITES     | SLOGORNE/S    |
| ALIZARE     | DUCKSES      | GYTER/ST    | NABSES       | SMIGHTED      |
| ALIZARES    | ECHS         | HIRSUTER/ST | OUTGASES     | SNOOKSES      |
| ANCES       | EFFETER/ST   | IMBUEING    | PONEYED      | SODDENER/ST   |
| ARCANER     | EFFRAYED/ING | INDUEING    | PONEYING     | SODGERED/ING  |
| ARCANESE    | EMBARGOS     | INTENTER/ST | PONTONED/ING | SOGERED       |
| ATTONED     | ENDUEING     | JIMINIES    | POWNEYED/ING | SOGERING      |
| ATTONING    | EXTATICS     | JUMARED     | POWNIED      | SOOJEEYED/ING |
| BATTILLS    | FLUIDER/ST   | JUMARING    | POWNYING     | STIEING       |
| BLANCOES    | FOODED       | KERMESES    | PROPSSES     | SUJEEED       |
| BLEWS       | FOODING      | LIGGEING    | PUISNIES     | SUJEEING      |
| BOLIXED/ING | FRUICED/ING  | LIQUIDER/ST | REMEADED/ING | THOTHERS      |
| BRICKLER/ST | FULGIDER/ST  | LISSOMER/ST | REMEDED      | TITUPPED/ING  |
| BRUSTED     | FULVIDER/ST  | LOMED       | REMEDING     | TOUKED        |
| CIVILLER/ST | GELTED       | LOMING      | REMEIDED/ING | TOUKING       |
| CLAMED      | GELTING      | LUESES      | RHYS         | TROGGSSES     |
| CLAMING     | GEMINIS      | MISED       | ROSIY        | UNWEAVED      |
| COGENTER/ST | GEMONIES     | MISING      | ROSIYTY      | UPHAUDED      |
| CONICALS    | GERMANER/ST  | MOED        | SANEI        | VIVESES       |
| DEBUSES     | GRAPLED      | MOEING      | SANEIS       | VIZZYING      |
| DOILEDER/ST | GRAPLING     | MYELITES    | SKEPSES      | YAHS          |

Seven-Letter word additions in OSW2  
(Comparatives & superlatives shown by \*)

|           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ABROADS   | DICTIER * | LUSHIER * | PLONGED   | SEELIER * |
| AKEDAHS   | DILLIER * | MAGIANS   | PLONGES   | SHLOCKS   |
| ALIZARI   | DINKIES   | MAGISMS   | PLUSING   | SIMIANS   |
| AMOEBAS   | DIVIING   | MARDIER * | POOFIER * | SKYLABS   |
| ATTASKS   | DOCENTS   | MASTIER * | PORIEST * | SOAPIES   |
| AULNAGE   | DONSIER * | MAWKIER * | PORTIER * | STIVIER * |
| AUSTRAL   | DORTIER * | MEERING   | POWNDED   | SUETIER * |
| BABBITT   | DRUSIER * | MINICAB   | POWRING   | SURGIER * |
| BARBIES   | DRUXIER * | MINICAR   | PREACED   | SWAZZLE   |
| BARDASH   | DUMPBIN   | MINIEST * | PREACES   | SWIDDEN   |
| BARDIER * | DUNNIER * | MINISUB   | PREASED   | SWIPIER * |
| BEMEANT   | DURGIER * | MIRLIER * | PREASES   | SWIVETS   |
| BENDIER * | FEESING   | MISSIER * | PREVERB   | SWOZZLE   |
| BERDASH   | FERLIER * | MOTIEST * | PREVING   | SYNFUEL   |
| BIRSIER * | FLYWAYS   | MOTTIER * | PRIVIER * | SYNROCS   |
| BLANCOS   | FOOTIER * | MOYLING   | PROINED   | TACKIES   |
| BLOWIES   | FROWIER * | MRIDANG   | PROLING   | TAKIEST * |
| BLUIEST * | FUBBIER * | MUMSIER * | PROLLED   | TAWTIER * |
| BOAKING   | FUBSIER * | MUSCONE   | PROYNED   | TAXIING   |
| BOLASES   | GOOPIER * | NIDINGS   | PRYSING   | TEDIEST * |
| BONSAIS   | GUMNUTS   | NIFFING   | PUDSIER * | TIDDIER * |
| BOOGIED   | GUTZERS   | NIGHEST * | PULIEST * | TOUSIER * |
| BOONIES   | GUYLING   | NISUSES   | PURPLER * | TOWIEST * |
| BOTTING   | GYNNEYS   | NOUNIER * | PURSEWS   | TOWSIER * |
| BOUCHEE   | GYNNIES   | NURSIER * | PURTIER * | TRIMTAB   |
| BULLIER * | HARDTOP   | NURSLES   | QUIGHTS   | TYRANED   |
| BUNGEYS   | HILLOES   | OARIEST * | QUYTING   | UNSCARY   |
| CADGIER * | ISMIEST * | OORIEST * | RAGMANS   | VAIRIER * |
| CALIPER   | JEMMIER * | OROGENS   | RAUNGED   | VERONAL   |
| CALIXES   | JETTIER * | OUAKARI   | RAUNGES   | VOGUIER * |
| CALMIER * | JIMMIED   | OUNDIER * | RAYLING   | VORRING   |
| CARNIER * | JINXING   | OURIEST * | REAKING   | VUGGIER * |
| CELIACS   | KARAISM   | OUTLAIN   | RECULED   | WALTIER * |
| CHINESE   | KASHMIR   | OWLIEST * | RECULES   | WARBIER * |
| CHINKIE   | KATANAS   | OWRIEST * | REFLAGS   | WAURING   |
| CLADDER   | KEDGIER * | PAYROLL   | RENTBOY   | WHEYIER * |
| CLAYPAN   | LACTONE   | PEAPODS   | RESKEWS   | WHITIES   |
| CLEEPED   | LAWNIER * | PERCING   | RESKUED   | WILLEST   |
| CLOUTER   | LESTING   | PERSUED   | RESKUES   | WISSING   |
| COKESES   | LINNEYS   | PERTOOK   | RIBLETES  | WYSIWYG   |
| CREPIER * | LOOBIER * | PERVING   | RIFTIER * | YEEDING   |
| CROMBIE   | LOUNDER   | PHANGED   | ROINING   | YICKERS   |
| CUSHAWS   | LOURIER * | PHLOMIS   | RUMBAED   |           |
| DEBBIER * | LUMMIER * | PIGHTED   | SANSEIS   |           |

STOP PRESS - Jeff & Kate, Wellington.

Born on 23 July 1991  
To The Naked Snore and Offer Jews Yen  
A baby Scrabbler: Alien Cowers (or New Oral Ices,  
Olé was nicer, clean or wise, creole swain, seen cow lair,  
snowier lace, etc.) This child was designed for anagrams!

## ZOS AT THE ZOO

Val Worth of the Tokoroa Club writes : 'As a newcomer to Scrabble, and loving it, I recently decided to find (and learn!) some new words to extend the commonly used ZO (a hybrid cattle beast).'

A ZOOPHILE (animal lover) would hate to see ZOSTER/S (virus disease) and ZOOGLEA/E (bacteria) run amok in the ZORIL/S, ZORILLA/S, ZORILLE/S, ZORILLO/S (small African mammals) or ZORRO/S (S.American fox) cages. What if the WOOTZ (steel) should fail? ZOUAVES (French infantrymen) and EVZONES (Greek soldiers) with BORZOIS (Russian hounds) could be called in.

ZOYSIA/S (perennial grass), SOZINE/S (protein) and BENZOATE/S (chemical salt) might be needed for medication. Hopefully there would be no ZOIATRIA (veterinary surgery) necessary, and definitely no ZOOPERY (animal experimentation).

ZOWIE (expression of pleasure or surprise) to that! ZOUNDS, ZOOKS, GADZOOKS, even ODZOOKS (mild oaths) too if you like!

Please wear a COZY TOZIE (shawl) and ZORI (sandals) when you come, and don't be a FOZY (dull-witted) ZOMBI/E (useless person) or act WOZZILY (dazedly).

Ask the local ZINGANO/ZINGARQ (gypsy) to cast out the EPIZOA (parasites) by splashing around DIAZOLE/S (chemicals), paid for by ZLOTY/S and GROSZ/Y (Polish money).

Bring along your ZUF(F)QLO/ZUF(F)QLI (flutes used to train singing birds) to calm the ZOPILOTE/S (American vulture), HQA(C)TZIN/S (stink-bird) and ZOOZOO/S (wood-pigeon).

You may even become a ZOOLATER (animal worshipper)!

Thanks, Val. We can all learn something there - Ed.

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Answer:- SILLY CROSSWORD



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|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | P | P | P | P | P |
| 2 | U | U | U | U | U |
| 3 | N | N | N | N | N |
| 4 | C | C | C | C | C |
| 5 | H | H | H | H | H |

## NZ SCRABBLE RECORDS

Shown below is an updated list of N.Z. Scrabble records. If anyone can improve on or correct any of the entries, please let us know.

|                                   | TOURNAMENT                                         | CLUB                                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Highest Game Score                | 717 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)                         | 696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)                       |
| Lowest Game Score                 | 124 Elvira Steel (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 (Mt Albert) | 312 Elsie Tucker Audrey Nelson (Hastings)       |
| Highest Single Turn Score         | 203 Andrew Bradley Correne James (Mt Albert)       | 239 Joyce Bourdot (NS-Bays)                     |
| Highest Combined Score            | 1006 Rita Moore (Ham) & Howard Warner (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                  | 52 Andrée Prentice (Wanganui)                      | 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)                            | 3 May Meads (Mt. Albert)                        |

I take it you already know  
Of *though* and *bough* and *cough* and *dough*?  
Others may stumble, but not you  
On *hiccough*, *thorough*, *lough*, and *through*?  
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,  
To learn of less familiar traps?  
Beware of *heard*, a dreadful word  
That look like *beard* and sounds like *bird*.  
And *dead*: it's said like *bed*, not *bead*—  
For goodness sake don't call it *deed*!  
Watch out for *meat*, and *great*, and *threat*  
(They rhyme with *suite*, and *straight*, and *debt*);  
A *moth* is not a *moth* in *mother*,  
Nor *both* in *bother*, *broth* in *brother*,  
And *here* is not a match for *there*,  
Nor *dear* and *fear* for *bear* and *pear*,  
And then there's *dose* and *rose* and *lose*—  
Just look these up—and *goose* and *choose*,  
And *cork* and *work*, and *card* and *ward*,  
And *font* and *front*, and *word* and *sword*,  
And *do* and *go*, and *thwart* and *cart*—  
Come, come, I've hardly made a start!  
A dreadful language? Man alive,  
I'd mastered it when I was FIVE!

—ANON

#### ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Alfred Butts
2. CLABBERS
3. Hasbro or Milton Bradley
4. Nina
5. None - he used a penknife
6. CAZIQUES
7. Duke Ellington
8. \$38 (and 48 cents)
9. Eight
10. Lexico
11. James Brunot
12. Architect
13. Mosher
14. Virginia
15. Alfred's Other Game
16. It
17. Foul Play
18. Sabrina
19. Eight
20. Dutch
21. 124 (CAZIQUE or BEZIQUE)
22. 164
23. Sophia Loren
24. Gyles Brandreth
25. Four
26. Dutch
27. 7 inches
28. 153 hours (by Peter Finan and Neil Smith in Merseyside in August 1984)
29. Derryn Hinch
30. Singapore