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FORWORDS

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QABIHA.

A tribe in Mesopotamia which was conquered by Tiglath Pileser
 Many of these names are also written with a guttural *K* instead of *Q*

QAGABU.

The "Scribe of the Royal Treasury," and a poet in the reign of
 Amenemha I. of the XIIth dynasty.

QAH-AUF-AA.

A devotee of Apis in the thirty-fourth year of Darius Hystaspes.

QANA.

A mountain district on the borders of Media and Susiana, which was
 conquered by Sennacherib.

QARQAR. Or KAR-KAR.

The Assyrian name of the city of Aroer in Palestine.

QATIZILLI.

A king of Kummua, or Commagene, who submitted to Assurnazirpal.

QAVUS-GABRI.

A king of Edom. He was one of the tributaries of Esarhaddon.

QAVUS-MALKA.

A king of Edom, who paid tribute to Tiglath Pileser II. after the fall
 of Damascus.

QEBEH.

The Egyptian name of a city at the cataracts of the Nile, near
 Elephanta, where there was a famous temple of the god Khnum-Ra.

QELHATAT.

A queen of Nubia, the sister or wife of Nuat-amen or Nud-mi-amen,
 an Ethiopian king of the XXVth dynasty.

QINNIPUR.

A city in Babylonia, which was conquered by Tiglath Pileser II, and
 added to the kingdom of Assyria.

DECEMBER 91

EDITOR'S NOTE

The first World Scrabble Championship has come and gone. It was a memorable experience, which Mike, Lynne and I wouldn't have missed for anything. A trip to London, a chance to meet other players from around the globe, and a bit of Scrabble as well - not only at the tourney, but also on the American stopover in our Marble Arch apartment, and at 39000 feet over the Atlantic! We're grateful to Denise for keeping us all 'up to the mark', providing moral support and acting as official correspondent. Thanks also to expat Kiwis Norma Fisher, for the great hospitality in San Francisco, and David Lloyd, for showing us the sights in London.

Welcome to our newest clubs, Waipukurau and Papatoetoe, and to new Forwards subscribers Diane Pratesi and Alan Saldanha (U.K) Larry Benjamin (S.Africa) and Mohammad Ali Ismael (Malaysia).

Well done to the Mt Albert, Wanganui and Dunedin clubs for running their successful tournaments recently, and congratulations to our latest TV personalities, Jo Jackson (Sale of the Century) and Denise Gordon (Fair Go). Are there any others coming up? (Yes! - 'Wheel of Fortune', 23 January '92)

The cover of this issue is taken from An Archaic Dictionary, compiled from Egyptian, Assyrian and Etruscan monuments and papyri, by W.R.Cooper, originally published in London in 1876.

Enclosed is the latest Ratings List. Sometime in the future we may grade all tournaments using the ratings system. Please give Roy your thoughts on the pros and/or cons of this scenario.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has sent in material for the magazine throughout the year, and to Glennis for all the typing.

Closing Date for the March issue is February 29.

Merry Xmas and
Happy Scrabbling in '92
Jeff.

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What an interesting and exciting year this has been for SCRABBLE in New Zealand. For the first time an English language World Championship was held in London. Our representatives, Jeff Grant, Mike Sigley and Lynne Butler acquitted themselves well and acted as very good ambassadors for us. Particular congratulations are due Jeff on winning the plate event. I would particularly like to thank Simon Holdsworth from Thos Holdsworth and Sons for their sponsorship of our team and the specific help and encouragement that he personally provided. Thanks are also due to all those Clubs and individuals who provided assistance.

On the Tournament scene this has again been a very good year with some 12 Tournaments having been played. While most of the attention is focused on the winners of the various grades I would like to congratulate all who participated in having made all the events a success. It is noticeable that all tournaments have had very high level of entries which could mean some changes in venue to accommodate more players.

Administration of the Association generally runs smoothly, however I would ask that all Secretaries ensure information is passed to club members and that responses to Association requirements are addressed in a more timely manner. We still do not have responses from all Clubs in respect of Magazine subscriptions after three reminders. Similarly Tournament results have sometimes left a lot to be desired in terms of timeliness and content. I would ask all those presenting results to ensure that they reach myself and Glennis as soon as possible and in a complete and readable form.

May I wish all of you a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. All the best with your SCRABBLE. Hope to see as many of you as possible in the new year ahead.

Roy Vannini

How many of you have heard of the Indian drummer Mr Idanga? What about the diving priest Fr Ogman, or that famous lady of letters Miss Ives? In similar vein here are some of the less well-known saints.

NAME	PATRON SAINT OF	NAME	PATRON SAINT OF
St Ardom	aspiring actors	St Ingier	misers
St Iffs	undertakers	St Uffing	taxidermists
St Ockman	Aussie cowboys	St Ickup	bank robbers
St Reaker	nude runners	St Rumpet	prostitutes
St Ubborn	asses	St Rewth	vulgar mincers
St Rident	politicians	St Otious	alcoholics
St Enchy	sewage workers	St Umblebum	clumsy milkshops
St Alker	deer hunters	St Riker	trade unionists

Perhaps someone would like to do a list of doctors with their specialities, e.g. Dr Illing - dental surgeon.

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1992 SCRABBLE CALENDAR

TOURNAMENTS

PAKURANGA/HOWICK : Auckland Anniversary Weekend. Sat Jan 25.

OAMARU : Sat Feb 22.

TOKOROA : Sat Feb 29.

NZ MASTERS : Easter Weekend. April 18, 19, 20.

NORTH SHORE BAYS : Sat May 2.

NATIONALS : Queen's Birthday Weekend. May 30, 31.

OTAGO : Sat June 20.

NEW PLYMOUTH : July 25, 26.

HAMILTON : Sun August 9.

NORFOLK ISLAND : Aug 30 - Sept 6.

MT. ALBERT : Oct 3, 4.

WANGANUI : Labour Weekend. Oct 24, 25.

RODNEY : Sun Nov 15.

DUNEDIN : Nov 28, 29.

In memory of May Bacon

The members of the Tokoroa Scrabble Club wish to express our deepest sympathy at the loss of one of our most valued members.

May passed away on November 9th after a long illness. She was 52 years old.

May attended the Hamilton one-day tournaments up until last year and also the Tokoroa tournaments.

We will miss her cheery smile and positive outlook on life. She was a good influence on us all.

She will be sadly missed.

WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINAL POSITIONS

WILL CHAMBERS-OSPD CHOP BRAIN?

The first World Scrabble Championship was a great success, despite fears that some would find two dictionaries hard to cope with.

Although our stay in London was mainly devoted to Scrabble activities, there was still time for a little anagramming.

Running the show was unflappable Leonard Hodge, who RODE HEADLONG at the helm, and watching proceedings with interest was Francis Spear, who while at home in the business arena of England's London, is said to enjoy the odd visit to FRANCE'S PARIS. Also in attendance was Onwords editor Allan Simmons, who IS NO SMALL MAN on the British Scrabble scene, and compering the final session was that well-known character Gyles Brandreth, who has LED BRASH GENTRY for years.

Then there were the contestants. Some didn't show up so we don't know if Francis Okalany of Uganda is an AFRICAN SO LANKY, or Nigeria's Debo Ajose DOES A 'JOBE'.

The 48 players were a diverse bunch. There was Norbert Saldanha (U.A.E), BLAND AS A NORTHER, and Peter Elbourne (Malta), a TRUE OPEN REBEL. Phil Appleby (UK) may not BE PILL HAPPY, nor Averil Berger (S.Africa) a BEER-RAVE GIRL, and Brian Cappelletto (US) would never say 'COP A TALL BEER-PINT', would he? Alistair Kane (Australia) certainly doesn't have an AIR LIKE SATAN (with A SNAKIER TAIL?) nor Clive Spate (UK) a VILER ASPECT, and Mark Nyman (UK), despite his American exploits, is hardly MR YANK-MAN. To Glenys Lawrie (Australia) ENERGY'S A WILL, and with Joyce Cansfield, the British crossword compiler, LIFE ACCENDS JOY.

Playing top Scrabble requires RICH ORAL RECALL, as displayed by Charlie Carroll (US), and Roland Filio (Bahrain) would tell you it helps to be a biolinguist and FIND ORAL OIL, then you may compose a WINNER'S ODE like Dennis Rowe (E.E.C.).

But what of champion Peter Morris(U.S.)? He could have headed back to Michigan University for a PROSIER TERM of English Literature, or perhaps he decided to stop off at a PRIME RESORT for a well-earned break.

-Jeff Grant



1ST PLACE	PETER MORRIS	USA	\$10,000 PRIZE
2ND PLACE	BRIAN CAPPELLETTO	USA	\$5,000 PRIZE
3TH PLACE	DAVID BOYS	CANADA	\$2,500 PRIZE
4TH PLACE	JOE EDLEY	USA	\$1,000 PRIZE
5TH PLACE	RONALD TIEKERT	USA	\$500 PRIZE
6TH PLACE	JOYCE CANSFIELD	UK - OTLEY, YORKS	\$400 PRIZE
7TH PLACE	SANDIE SIMONIS	UK - PINNER, MIDDX	
8TH PLACE	LARRY BENJAMIN	SOUTH AFRICA	
9TH PLACE	STEPHEN FISHER	CANADA	
10TH PLACE	CHARLES SOUTHWELL	USA	
11TH PLACE	PETER FINLEY	UK - SUNDERLAND	
12TH PLACE	EVAN COHEN	ISRAEL	
13TH PLACE	CHARLES CARROLL	USA	
14TH PLACE	PETER ELBOURNE	MALTA	
15TH PLACE	MISSAKA WARUSAWITHARANA	SRI LANKA	
16TH PLACE	GITONGA NDERITU	KENYA	
17TH PLACE	JEFF GRANT	NEW ZEALAND: PLATE WINNER:	
			\$1,000 PRIZE
18TH PLACE	KWAKU SAPONG	GHANA	2ND \$500 PRIZE
19TH PLACE	JOHN HOLGATE	AUSTRALIA	3RD \$300 PRIZE
20TH PLACE	ANDREW FISHER	UK - ROCHDALE	4TH \$200 PRIZE
21ST PLACE	CLIVE SPATE	UK - NOTTINGHAM	
22ND PLACE	MARK NYMAN	UK - LEEDS	
23RD PLACE	BOB VIOLETT	UK - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	
24TH PLACE	LESTER SCHONBRUN	USA	
25TH PLACE	MICHAEL SIGLEY	NEW ZEALAND	
26TH PLACE	ALISTAR KANE	AUSTRALIA	
27TH PLACE	JOEL WAPNICK	CANADA	
28TH PLACE	DIANE PRATESI	UK - LEYTON, LONDON	
29TH PLACE	ROLAND FILIO	BAHRAIN	
30TH PLACE	GEORGE DONKOH	GHANA	
31ST PLACE	CHRISTINA BROWN	EIRE	
32ND PLACE	BARRY HARRIDGE	AUSTRALIA	
33RD PLACE	PHIL APPLEBY	UK - LEAMINGTON SPA	
34TH PLACE	LYNNE BUTLER	NEW ZEALAND	
35TH PLACE	GLENYS LAWRIE	AUSTRALIA	
36TH PLACE	ROBERT FELT	USA	
37TH PLACE	CANDIDO FILIO	BAHRAIN	
38TH PLACE	DENNIS ROWE	BELGIUM (EEC)	
39TH PLACE	NORBERT SALDANHA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
40TH PLACE	ALLAN SALDANHA	UK - KENSINGTON, LONDON	
41ST PLACE	TONY SIM	SINGAPORE	
42ND PLACE	AVERIL BERGER	SOUTH AFRICA	
43RD PLACE	SHAFIQUE THOBANI	KENYA	
44TH PLACE	MOHAMMED ISMAIL	MALAYSIA	
45TH PLACE	PAUL CLEARY	AUSTRALIA	
46TH PLACE	MARTIN THOMPSON	UK - NEWCASTLE	
47TH PLACE	ELI LEVINE	SOUTH AFRICA	
48TH PLACE	KEN NAKAI	JAPAN	

PETER MORRIS ANALYSIS

The winner of the first World Scrabble Championship in England was Michigan University graduate Peter Morris. This is particularly appropriate as Peter's name is probably more applicable to various types of word-play than any of the other competitor's.

SCRABBLE

Peter was the only player at the Champs with both forename and surname allowed in Scrabble. Jeff Grant and Tony Sim are discounted as their first names are diminutives.

PETER a flag, a whist and bridge term, a safe, a prison cell, a till, the witness box, to dwindle.

MORRIS a game, a dance or tune, to perform by dancing. Hence, in the spirit of 'Bob Hope & co.' in the last issue: PETER MORRIS a tune on the cash-register

ANAGRAMS

Peter Morris is one of those rare individuals whose full name can be transposed into a single word - MISREPORTER, one who gives a false account. This term is listed in larger references such as the Oxford English Dictionary. Of course, Peter doesn't need to misreport his showing in London, or sneak home under an alias like MISTER ROPER, or take a REMORSE TRIP. In fact he should be the MERRIEST PRO (Scrabbler) around at the moment.

WORD SURGERY

PETERMORRIS When the names are run together they can be divided into three allowable Scrabble words: PE, TERM, ORRIS (an iris).

Also, the useful term TERMOR (an estate-holder) can be extracted, leaving behind PERIS (beautiful fairies).

Removing either ET or its reversal TE from PETER leaves PER, the reversal of which, REP, is also allowed. MORRIS when bisected yields MOR and RIS (not allowed), the reversals of which, ROM and SIR, are acceptable.

SQUARES

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R	E	S	T	S

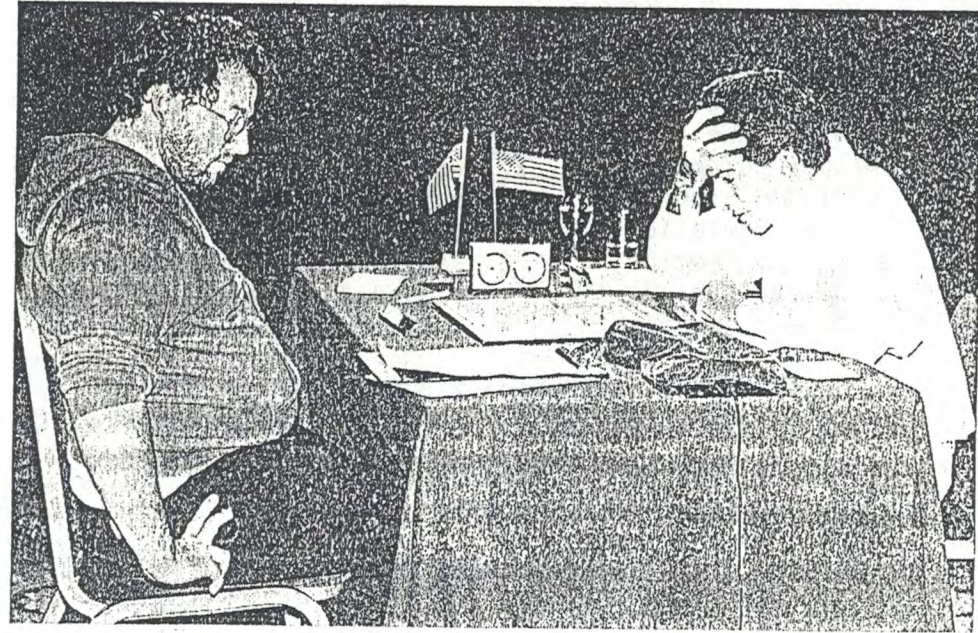
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S	T	Y	L	E	S

RIANCY is laughter.

PALINDROME

This Sotadic verse attempts to illustrate the sort of words that would be familiar to a top Scrabblor. Note that the card game 'pedro' is Spanish for Peter.

SIR, ROM, RETE, PORE
 He can always tell a word epic
 of tile-millionaire class,
 a verbile to make
 WEKA, MOTE, LIB, RE,
 VASSAL, CERIA, NOIL,
 LIMELIT, FOCI, PEDRO,
 WALLETS, YAWL,
 an ace hero
PETER MORRIS.



The Finalists: Peter Morris (left) and Brian Cappelletto.

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.24

The outright winner is June Mackwell (Mt. Albert), who went beyond the call of duty by finding ten 9-letter words with TWO in the middle, sixteen with ONE, and fifty-one with TEN! Picking out unusual examples, June's solution might read: (1)MISONEIST, GOUTWORTS, MISEVENTS, FREIGHTER, HOTTENTOT (2)ZANINESS (3)THREEPIT (4)BALFOUR DECLARATION (5)June found 26 of the possible 28 Scrabble words in FIVESIX. Congratulations, June!

Highly commended entries were received from Glennis Hale(MTA), Leila Thomson(LHU), Andrée Prentice(WAN), Alveen Seon(MTA), Val Worth(TOK), Rhoda Cashman and Dorothy Haining(both ROD).

SCRABBLE CONTEST No.25

A homophone is a word having the same sound as another, but always a different spelling and meaning, such as ROAD and ROWED, FARE and FAIR, PEARL and PURL.

This quiz involves solving pairs of homophones, for example the clue 'obvious aircraft' leads to PLAIN PLANE. See how you go with these.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. inferior opening | 11. pleasant rock |
| 2. dulled rank | 12. obscene chess piece |
| 3. the only ego | 13. store barrows |
| 4. smaller dam | 14. bloody frog-spawn |
| 5. proper ceremony | 15. weird nest |
| 6. excluded group | 16. spirit affected with spirit |
| 7. not my deviation | 17. stun dairy-maids |
| 8. ring old enemies | 18. smell from harem's room |
| 9. entirely sacred | 19. cleansed seawater |
| 10. consumed an octad | 20. split guerilla |

The closing date is February 22nd, 1992 and the winner will receive a book prize. Only OSW/OSPD/CED words allowed.

Entries to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd., R.D.2., Hastings. **GOOD LUCK!**

**A PURITAN NOES
WHAT HE LIKES**

**Mt Albert Scrabble Club
1991 Tournament**

October 5/6th 1991

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average	Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
Gold						Copper					
1 Blue Thorogood	MTA	8	4803	19	436.6	1 Lyn Toka	HAM	8	4266	16	387.8
2 Howard Warner	WEL	7	4678	16	425.3	2 Dave Godman	WEL	8	4213	17	383.0
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	7	4465	15	405.9	3 Roger Tozer	NPL	8	4179	12	379.9
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	7	4283	15	389.4	4 Norman Wheeler	WEL	7	4294	13	390.4
5 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	4390	18	399.1	5 Jean O'Brien	STR	6	4236	16	385.1
6 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	4309	13	391.7	6 Conny van Tilburg	PAK	6	4007	10	364.3
7 Peter Jones	MTA	6	4274	17	388.5	7 Dawn Kitzen	MTA	6	3919	10	356.3
8 Bob Johnstone	NSB	5	4293	15	390.3	8 Betty Erikson	HAM	6	3895	8	354.1
9 Andrew Bradley	HAS	5	4243	17	385.7	9 Daphne Parker	MTA	4	3833	5	348.5
10 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	4517	18	410.6	10 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	3520	0	320.0
11 David Pinner	MTA	3	4190	13	380.9	11 Alice O'Callahan	NSB	2	3725	4	338.6
12 May Quigley	NSB	3	4082	13	371.1	12 Leonora Cole	NSB	2	3597	8	327.0

Silver						Zinc					
1 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	8	4445	22	404.1	1 Chris Hooks	MTA	8	4256	16	386.9
2 Glynis Jennings	WHA	7	4549	14	413.5	2 Julie Maggs	MTA	8	4229	9	384.5
3 June Mackwell	MTA	7	4476	17	406.9	3 Marj Hughes	ROD	6	3998	5	363.5
4 Georgie Offringa	NSB	7	4353	15	395.7	4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	6	3897	6	354.3
5 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	6	4430	15	402.7	5 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	6	3585	9	325.9
6 Joy Hunter	NSB	6	4085	12	371.4	6 Pauline Hayes	MTA	5	4111	14	373.7
7 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	3903	10	354.8	7 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	3757	8	341.5
8 Roger Coates	HAM	4	4268	16	388.0	8 Lil Moore	MTA	5	3685	6	335.0
9 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	4	4257	14	387.0	9 Adrienne McKeown	MTA	5	3469	1	315.4
10 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	4162	15	378.4	10 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	3918	8	356.2
11 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	4103	8	373.0	11 Eileen McLean	IND	4	3785	10	344.1
12 Rita Moore	HAM	4	4011	13	364.6	12 Kay Buffalora	MTA	4	3607	9	327.9

Bronze						Pewter					
1 John Moore	HAM	10	4750	17	431.8	1 Joan Pratt	MTA	9	4322	16	392.9
2 Fae Olson	STR	8	4485	16	407.7	2 Lorainne van Veen	PAK	9	3779	2	343.5
3 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	4319	14	392.6	3 Ed Olson	STR	8	3637	9	330.6
4 Lucy Bright	MAS	7	4282	13	389.3	4 Margaret Mourant	MTA	7	4074	9	370.4
5 Andree Prentice	WAN	6.5	4062	7	369.3	5 June Ward (I)	IND	6	3706	6	336.9
6 Marj Baillie	HAM	6	4101	12	372.8	6 Ruth Munning	NSB	5	3686	3	335.1
7 Roy Vannini	MTA	5	4228	17	384.4	7 May Mead	MTA	5	3643	11	331.2
8 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	4063	13	369.4	8 Lulu Holt	MTA	5	3412	3	310.2
9 Marj Brett	NSB	4	3914	13	355.8	9 Val Worth	TOK	4	3552	7	322.9
10 Glenda Geard	IND	3.5	3717	9	337.9	10 Christine Trubuhovich	MTA	3	3629	7	329.9
11 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	3	3942	13	358.4	11 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	3511	1	319.2
12 Penny Headington	NSB	2	3889	7	353.5	12 Suzanne Anderson	IND	2	2894	5	263.1

Platinum						Summary		
1 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	9	4031	13	366.5	Highest Combined Score	John Moore & Marj Baillie	909.0
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	8	4462	23	405.6	Highest Individual Score	Reeva Pearson	589.0
3 Anne Warner	ROD	7	3852	5	350.2	Most Bonus Words	Reeva Pearson	23.0
4 Shirley Gifkins	MTA	6	3959	14	359.9	Highest Single Word	Shirley Wyatt	158.0
5 Daphe Curl	MTA	6	3901	9	354.6			
6 Alveen Seon	MTA	6	3859	15	350.8			
7 Gwen Kalser	WEL	5	4137	10	376.1			
8 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	3941	8	358.3			
9 Stan Skinner	HAM	5	3896	11	354.2			
10 Carole Coates	HAM	4	3785	11	344.1			
11 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	3857	9	350.6			

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APRIL The club held its first tournament for 1991, and Anne Stewart had her first tournament success, with Alan Boyd 2nd and Carolyn Kyle 3rd.

MAY Ten club members ventured to Christchurch for the South Island Champs. The winner was Lynn Wood (WEL), with our own Bill Grigg (last year's winner) 2nd and Carolyn Kyle 3rd. Dave Godman (WEL) won the B grade from Anne Stewart. Jo Burnside represented the Club at the Nationals, and while not doing as well as we hoped for is already looking forward to next year's event.

JUNE The Club held the Otago Champs. Winner for the second year in a row was Ian Patterson (IND) - congratulations. Anne Stewart was 2nd and Bill Grigg 3rd.

JULY The Club held its final night at the old premises. Past and present members will always have fond memories of the Chess Clubrooms.

AUGUST We moved into new surroundings at the Dunedin Bridge Club premises, 5 Clark St. All are impressed with the new facilities. We held our first tourney there, which was won by Alan Boyd.

OCTOBER The Club held a tournament and players from Oamaru entered. We hope for more of this interclub rivalry. Peter Sinton won the A grade, and Daisy Madden (DUN) the B grade. Special mention to Liz Ross (DUN) for coming 3rd in Bgrade in her first tournament. To winners and others - congratulations for having a go.

In round robin competition towards the 1991 Club Champion, Peter Sinton leads Bill Grigg and Alan Boyd.
Welcome to new members Letitia Vaitupu, Liz Ross and Steve Robson.
All clubs please note we have a new secretary: Anne Stewart.
703A Kaikorai Valley Rd, Green Island, Dunedin. Phone (03) 488-3031.

Happy Scrabble to you all,
Bill Grigg.

Competition can be fun and less likelihood of success may actually improve the enjoyment. Satisfaction is attainable without winning; winning is an additional joy, and with progressive improvement becomes more likely. The joy of the competition is proportional to the excellence of one's competitors. If you never win, you feel that you could win some day through your own efforts. Winning doesn't satisfy the taste - it whets the appetite for more - we are addicted. Winning is fun and being part of the group is fun. Much of the fun is in the camaraderie and meeting old friends who have common experiences. Skill and chance determine the outcome of the game. The player who best uses these is the winner. Failure is not losing but no longer believing that winning is worthwhile. Enjoy the chances, accept the outcome. Anon.

- Across The Board, Sept 1991.

19 OCTOBER 1991.

"A" GRADE

PLACE	NAME	SEEDED	CLUB	WINS	AVE	POINTS	BLW	HI-LO
1.	PETER SINTON	2	DUN	6	426	2982	12	423-370
2.	ALAN BOYD	1	"	5	396	2772	7	467-308
3.	AUNE STEWART	5	"	5	389	2721	13	507-243
4.	NORMAN GOODGER	6	"	4	387	2712	15	432-330
5.	CAROLYN KYLE	8	"	4	374	2621	11	413-346
6.	BILL GRIGG	3	"	3	369	2580	14	440-305
7.	MARIAN ROSS	4	"	1	352	2465	9	365-337
8.	GLENNE JAMIESON	7	"	---	314	2203	1	381-266

H/W/Sc (507) ANNE STEWART H/L/Sc (432) H/C/Sc (887) } PETER SINTON
 H/FIRST/T (76) CAROLYN KYLE NORMAN GOODGER H/TURN/Sc (100) ANNE STEWART } (BILL GRIGG,
 H/AVE (426) PETER SINTON, M/B/W (5) NORMAN GOODGER
 SPOT PRIZES, ALAN BOYD, PETER SINTON, PETER SINTON

"B" GRADE

1.	DAISY MADDEN	1	DUN	5	368	2575	10	411-320
2.	LANEY DE GOOYER	2	OAM	5	367	2569	8	437-264
3.	LIZ ROSS	6	DUN	5	346	2426	4	423-293
4.	SHIRLEY MURCOTT	4	OAM	4	316	2215	---	346-261
5.	IAN ROSS	3	DUN	3	340	2380	9	390-294
6.	MARIA BARNES	5	DUN	3	327	2290	2	435-244
7.	CECILY BROCKIE	7	OAM	3	322	2256	1	426-257
8.	ELVIRA STEEL	8	DUN	---	219	1533	---	260-151

H/W/Sc (437) LANEY DE GOOYER, H/L/Sc (359) LANEY DE GOOYER,
 H/C/Sc (772) MARIA BARNES, LANEY DE GOOYER, H/FIRST/T (84) LIZ ROSS,
 H/TURN/Sc (99) LIZ ROSS, H/AVE (368) DAISY MADDEN, MOST BLW NORMAN
 GOODGER, SPOT PRIZE LIZ ROSS

A FORTIORI

Many words can be correctly pronounced in more than one way. Do you say 'ee-ther' or 'eye-ther'? Either is acceptable.

Some dictionaries go to extraordinary lengths to record all variant pronunciations. Consider for example the Latin phrase A FORTIORI, which means 'all the more certainly, with stronger reason.' While Chambers allows 3 different ways to say this term. Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1961) gives no less than 132!

Firstly, many thanks to Patrick Carter for his most constructive (if poorly titled!) "Anti Bonus Babble" last issue. A very valid and well-expressed argument. I wonder what YOU would do with AEINQST on your rack to start a game? (And after devouring Patrick's thoughts, I wonder what I would do!).

Anyway, this month we look at various common prefixes/suffixes, which can often help unravel otherwise difficult combinations.

AELPRSU. AELOPRV. EIOOPST. CGINDST (and "COSTING" won't fit!). What do you do with racks like these? They look like possible bonuses - in fact each one IS - but can you find them?

The most absolutely basic "fix" is simply an "S", as a suffix. Faced with AELPRSU for example everyone would try "S" at the end, e.g PAULERS, ARPULES, etc. Next best is probably RE... or ...ER (how about RELUPAS, PLAUSER?).

But there are dozens of other fairly standard endings that one can try. You should become familiar with them, then apply each one to your rack at the right time. Look especially for slightly less common letters, which are included in "fixes", e.g with "M" can you make MIS... or ...ISM, or maybe ...MAN/...MEN? Have you OER with your "V", for OVER...? And include your blank, as a "V" maybe, or as a "K" if you have "LI E", and especially as a "U" to accompany your "N".

Having FOUND a prefix/suffix on the rack you are left with only say 4 letters to unscramble instead of 7 - so if from AEGIMPT you recognise the (fairly obscure!!) prefix "PIG", then it could only be PIGTEAM, PIGMATE, or PIGMEAT (or possibly TAMEPIG). Easy, eh?!

Here are some hopefully useful "fix"es to help unscrambling sevens:-

AB.....	DE.....	OVER...	.....EE	.....IUM	...ABLE	...LESS	...ISM
AC.....	EAR.....	PIG.....	.....IE	.....FUL	.....AL	...NESS	...AR
ANTI...	EN.....	PRE.....	.....IA	.....ISE	.....ILY	...LIKE	...TION
AU.....	IN.....	RED.....	.....AE	.....IZE	.....LY	...AGE	...IDE
BE.....	ISO.....	TRI.....	.....IATE	.....IC	...OID	...STONE	...ISH
CO.....	OUT....	UP.....	.....LET	.....ANT	...OUS	...IST	...STER
SEA....	UN.....						

It does help of course if you've learned specific words containing these various endings. So here for example is a complete list of all 7-letter words ending in MAN(s) or MEN(s). The last column is the "oddments", but all the first 7 columns are simple matching pairs (I particularly like these, as you are learning two words for the price of one!).

ALMSMAN	CLUBMAN	GOODMAN	KINSMAN	MOOTMAN	ROADMAN	TAXIMAN	ABDOMEN
ALMSMEN	CLUBMEN	GOODMEN	KINSMEN	MOOTMEN	ROADMEN	TAXIMEN	ACUMENS
ARTSMAN	COALMAN	GOWNMAN	KIRKMAN	NEWSMAN	RODSMAN	TELEMAN	AGNOMEN
ARTSMEN	COALMEN	GOWNMEN	KIRKMEN	NEWSMEN	RODSMEN	TELEMEN	ALBUMEN
BASEMAN	CREWMAN	GUDEMAN	LANDMAN	OARSMAN	SAGAMAN	TOLLMAN	AMTMANS
BASEMEN	CREWMEN	GUDEMEN	LANDMEN	OARSMEN	SAGAMEN	TOLLMEN	ATAMANS
BATSMAN	DAYSMAN	HACKMAN	LIFTMAN	ODDSMAN	SANDMAN	TONGMAN	BITUMEN
BATSMEN	DAYSMEN	HACKMEN	LIFTMEN	ODDSMEN	SANDMEN	TONGMEN	CACUMEN
BEADMAN	DESKMAN	HANGMAN	LINEMAN	OVERMAN	SEEDMAN	TOOLMAN	CAIMANS
BEADMEN	DESKMEN	HANGMEN	LINEMEN	OVERMEN	SEEDMEN	TOOLMEN	CAYMANS
BEDEMAN	DOORMAN	HEADMAN	LINKMAN	PACKMAN	SHIPMAN	TOPSMAN	CERUMEN
BEDEMEN	DOORMEN	HEADMEN	LINKMEN	PACKMEN	SHIPMEN	TOPSMEN	CULMENS
							DECUMAN
							DESMANS
							DISMANS
							DODMANS
							DOLMANS
							DOLMENS
							DURAMEN
							EXAMENS
							FIRMANS

BELLMAN	DRAYMAN	HELIMAN	LOCKMAN	PASSMAN	SHOPMAN	TRUEMAN	FLAMENS
BELLMEN	DRAYMEN	HELIMEN	LOCKMEN	PASSMEN	SHOPMEN	TRUEMEN	FORAMEN
BILLMAN	DUSTMAN	HERDMAN	LOCOMAN	PEATMAN	SHOWMAN	TURFMAN	GERMANS
BILLMEN	DUSTMEN	HERDMEN	LOCOMEN	PEATMEN	SHOWMEN	TURFMEN	GERMENS
BIRDMAN	FACEMAN	HIGHMAN	MAGSMAN	PIKEMAN	SICKMAN	WAKEMAN	HANUMAN
BIRDMEN	FACEMEN	HIGHMEN	MAGSMEN	PIKEMEN	SICKMEN	WAKEMEN	HARMANS
BOATHAN	FIREMAN	HOODMAN	MAILMAN	PLOWMAN	SIDEMAN	WINGMAN	HEGUMEN
BOATHEN	FIREMEN	HOODMEN	MAILMEN	PLOWMEN	SIDEMEN	WINGMEN	HETMANS
BOGYMAN	FLAGMAN	HOSEMAN	MALTMAN	POLLMAN	SNOWMAN	WIREMAN	HILLMEN
BOGYMEN	FLAGMEN	HOSEMEN	MALTMEN	POLLMEN	SNOWMEN	WIREMEN	MOLIMEN
BONDMAN	FOOTMAN	ISLEMAN	MARKMAN	PORTMAN	SOCKMAN	WOODMAN	NORMANS
BONDMEN	FOOTMEN	ISLEMEN	MARKMEN	PORTMEN	SOCKMEN	WOODMEN	OTTOMAN
BOOKMAN	FOREMAN	JACKMAN	MASHMAN	POSTMAN	SOKEMAN	WOOLMAN	OTTMANS
BOOKMEN	FOREMEN	JACKMEN	MASHMEN	POSTMEN	SOKEMEN	WOOLMEN	PITMANS
RUSHMAN	FREEMAN	JARKMAN	MEATMAN	PROPMAN	SONGMAN	WORKMAN	PULLMAN
BUSHIMEN	FREEMEN	JARKMEN	MEATHEN	PROPMEN	SONGMEN	WORKMEN	PUTAMEN
BYREMAN	FROGMAN	JAZZMAN	MESSMAN	RAFTMAN	SPAEMAN	YARDMAN	PAGMANS
BYREMEN	FROGMEN	JAZZMEN	MESSMEN	RAFTMEN	SPAEMEN	YARDMEN	REGIMEN
CASEMAN	GADSMAN	JUNKMAN	MILKMAN	RAILMAN	SURFMAN	YEGGMAN	SHAMANS
CASEMEN	GADSMEN	JUNKMEN	MILKMEN	RAILMEN	SURFMEN	YEGGMEN	SIEMENS
CAVEMAN	GATEMAN	JURYMAN	MOBSMAN	REELMAN	SWAGMAN		STAMENS
CAVEMEN	GATEMEN	JURYMEN	MOBSMEN	REELMEN	SWAGMEN		SUDAMEN
CHAPMAN	GLEEMAN	KEELMAN	MOORMAN	RINGMAN	TAPSMAN		TEGUMEN
CHAPMEN	GLEEMEN	KEELMEN	MOORMEN	RINGMEN	TAPSMEN		VELAMEN

Many many other bonuses also fall into what I call the "double-banger" class, i.e two small words just stuck together, like PEA+NUTS or TRIM+TAB. Often when trying for a 7 if you can make two short words you might find they are in fact allowed together (and if you are sure you didn't spot ROPE+MAN above, then try playing MAN+ROPE instead)!

Here are 4 more lists of "double-banger" sevens. List 1 is all the DOM/DDMS suffixes, but the other three you can work out for yourself. Every word in List 2 takes the same very normal 3-letter word on the back, each of List 3 take a common 4-letter word, and List 4 also takes a very ordinary 4-letter word. Think!

Once you get them, you'll have EVERY legal 7-letter word with those particular suffixes.

List 1	List 2	List 3	List 4
APEDOMS	BAND	BAT PAN	BUR
BARUDOM	CASH	BOX PIG	CUD
BOREDOM	COAL	CAT PIN	DYE
BOSSDOM	FEED	COD PUP	GUM
CHIEFDOM	FIRE	COW Raf	HOG
CONDOMS	GEAR	Dea RAT	MAT
CZARDOM	HELL	DOG RED	MAY
DOGSDOMS	JUKE	FIN SAW	OAR
DOGEDOM	MAIL	FOX Sel	ORE
DOLLDOM	PILL	GAR Ser	OUT
DUKEDOM	POST	HAG SUN	PIG
EARLDOM	SALT	HOG Tof	PIN
FANDOMS	SAND	Huf Wol	RAG
FIEFDOM	SEED	JEW TUB	SEA
FILMDOM	SOAP	LUB	TAR
FOGYDOM	TOOL	MUD	WAX
FREEDOM	WORK	OAR	WEE
GURUDOM			

Next time -- devouring a dictionary, and making good use of LISTS. Have a Happy Scrabbling Christmas,

OTARINE PANTS.

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example EARTH to HEART and YANKIES to KYANISE. On a higher level THE LOST PARADISE becomes EARTH'S IDEAL SPOT and WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE admits I AM A WEAKISH SPELLER.

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

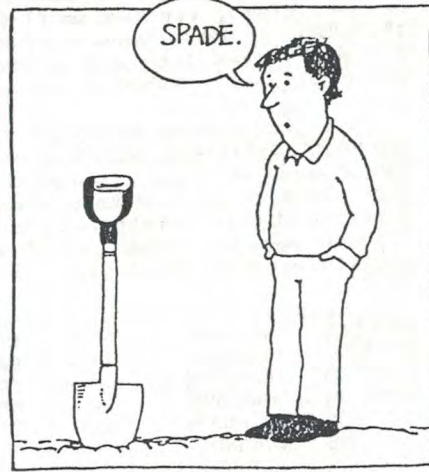
BEV BARKER
PETER SINTON
DIANE PRATESI
MARGARET BELL
DAVID GUNN
KATE WIGNALL

KERB A VERB
TEN-POINTERS
INSPIRE A DATE
ALERT GAMBLER
UNDID VANG
GAL A-TWINKLE

That takes the cake



Lying in bed



Calling a spade a spade

WORTHY MENTION

En route to the World Championship in London the N.Z. team had an evening's Scrabble with players from the San Francisco club. In one game Lynne Butler achieved a remarkable 708-287 victory. In one game Lynne Butler achieved a remarkable 708-287 victory, featuring one score of 203 for a triple-triple. This impressive total was gained in only 14 moves, giving an average of over 50 points per turn.

In another game on the same night Lynne was holding IINOTU and blank. She was able to work them through TI and an N on the board to make the bonus word INTUITIONS. Great play!

This JOURNAL describes a JOYOUS JOURNEY to celebrate the letter JAY.
-Val Worth (Tokoroa)

No INJURANT (harmful) JISM/JISSOM (force) brought any JINX (bad luck) to put our touring JINGBANG (company) AJEE (off the straight), whilst the JONTY/JANTY (naval master-at-arms) navigated the FJORD (narrow inlet). On landfall we found the special KOPJE (low hill) to harvest some AJOWAN/AJWAN (caraway) to eat with our SOJAS (soybeans) and FRIJOLES (kidney-beans).

The botanists in the party spent some time examining the CUNJEVOI, JAPONICA and JUNCUS plants for JUGA/JUGUM (certain leaf) characteristics.

Travelling on to the FJELD (high barren plateau) we all agreed not to JAPE (mock) of JOSH (tease) fellow travellers. We passed through country populated with JOMOS (Himalayan cattle), KINKAJOUS (S.American raccoons) and SAJOUS (capuchin monkeys). The latter JOUK/JOOK (duck or dodge) around like JOSKINS (clowns).

Permanent residents at campsite included a RAJA/H (Indian prince), with attendant KHOJA/KHODJA/HODJA (teacher). These folks introduced us to JNANA (knowledge through meditation). Reactions varied from JOCO (cheerfully complacent) to JOCOSE (merry). For formal ceremonies we were provided with a JUBBAH/JIBBAH/DJIBBAH (long loose outer garment) fashioned from JAMDANI (muslim woven in floral designs). Much JHALA (Hindu music) was played. No JOANNA (piano) here! A JUBA (Negro dance) or JOTA (Spanish dance) would have been out of place too.

The camp notice-board offered several work positions as either JOBSWORTH (minor official) or ZANJERO (irrigation supervisor) on the AFLAJ/FALAJ (canal/s). The advert stated that no JOBBERNOWL (fool) or BIJWONER (squatter) toting a JOCKTELEG (large knife), suffering from LOCKJAW (tetanus), or needing a JEJUNOJEJUNOSTOMY (intestine operation - sorry, no good for Scrabble!) need apply

I feel a bit of a JUGGINS (simpleton) not being able to fit GAJO (non-gypsy), JOWL/JOLE/JOLL (jaw or cheek) and JORDELOO (old warning cry in Edinburgh before throwing slops out the window out into the street) into this crazy story.

I forgot to mention that a condition of joining the party was that your name had to begin with the letter JAY (and be an allowable Scrabble word). The tourists were:

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|------|------|-------|--------|---------------|
| JO | JANN | JOHN | JIMMY | JOHNNY |
| JAK | JEAN | JOSH | JOCKO | (and JOHNNIE) |
| JAY | JEFE | JOSS | JUDGE | JORDAN |
| JOE | JEFF | JUDY | JUMBO | JACINTH |
| JOY | JEHU | JACKY | JARINA | JASMINE |
| JUD | JESS | JAMES | JASPER | JEZEBEL |
| JACK | JILL | JENNY | JEMIMA | JONQUIL |
| JADE | JOBE | JERRY | JESSIE | JEANETTE |
| JAKE | JOCK | JESSE | JOANNA | JOHANNES |
| JANE | JOEY | JEWEL | JOSEPH | JULIENNE |

Some other JOKERS were with us in spirit, including JESUS and JUDAS.

YUPIES GUPPIES AND BUPPIES

In the late 1980s a welter of jokey acronyms were coined to characterise, somewhat facetiously, the various life-styles of contemporary city types and the like. Easily the most widespread of these is YUPPIE, which derives originally from the initial letters of 'Young Urban Professional'. Here are some less common designations:

- BUPPIES*** black yuppies
- CORGIS** (a) couple of really ghastly individuals
- DINKIES** a couple with 'dual income, no kids'
- DROPPIES*** disillusioned, relatively ordinary professionals preferring independent employment situations
- GUPPIES** environmentally-minded, 'green' yuppies. No, not fish with cell-phones!
- LOMBARD*** lots of money but a real dickhead*
- NIMBY*** an opponent of controversial legislation only so long as he or she is directly affected - from the catchphrase 'not in my back yard'
- OIKS** persons with 'one income (and) kids'
- OINKS** those with 'one income, no kids'
- SWELLS** single women earning lots (of) lolly
- YUMPIES** young upwardly mobile persons; a short-lived alternative to YUPIES

(* not acceptable for Scrabble in NZ)

ISMISM

First there was RACISM and then SEXISM, followed by AGEISM and CLASSISM. In the 1980s lexicographers recognised ABLEISM, HETEROSEXISM and HEIGHTISM, in particular bias against tall women and short men. Perhaps the most interesting coinage though is ALPHABETISM, discrimination on the grounds of the first letter of one's surname. Facetious as this formation is it will no doubt evoke a sympathetic response amongst the Wilsons, Youngs and co. who have spent much of their lives waiting while the Andersons, Browns and Campbells of this world get dealt with first.

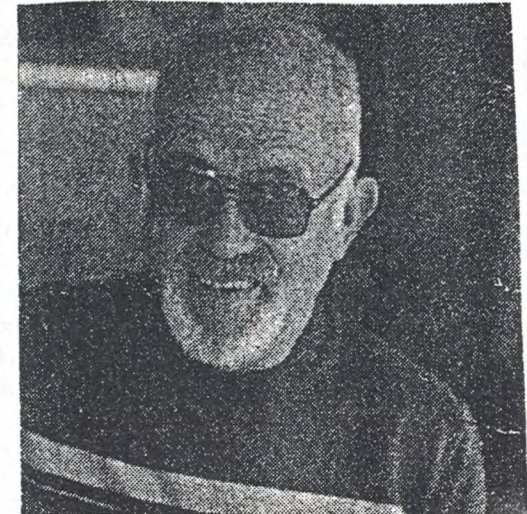
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Wanganui Scrabble Club 1991 Tournament

October 27th 1991

Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average	Name	Club	Win	Score	Bonus	Average
A						D					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	12	5534	25	425.7	1 Margie Hurley	WAN	11	5039	12	387.6
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	10.5	5631	24	433.2	2 Phillip Spring	MAR	10	5162	19	397.1
3 Howard Warner	WEL	9	5287	17	406.7	3 Jean Walsh	WAN	10	5086	17	391.2
4 Denise Gordon	WAN	8.5	5338	21	410.6	4 Robyn Slater	LOH	9	5075	11	390.4
5 June Mackwell	MTA	8	5138	20	395.2	5 Jane Pemberton	MAR	9	4963	17	381.8
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	7	5019	24	386.1	6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	7	4600	3	353.9
7 Peter Jones	MTA	7	4970	16	382.3	7 Stan Gregec	WEL	6	5002	21	384.8
8 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	5373	18	413.3	8 Jill Moon	MAS	6	4440	9	341.5
9 Gaye Norgren	WAN	6	5132	24	394.8	9 Lil Moore	MTA	5	4528	12	348.3
10 Glenda Foster	POR	6	5102	15	392.5	10 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	5	4360	4	335.4
11 Karen Rogers	LOH	3.5	4541	8	349.3	11 Sue Osborne	WAN	5	4278	9	329.1
12 May Quigley	NSB	3	4699	12	361.5	12 Katrine Kerr-Renwick	CHC	3	4370	3	336.2
13 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	2.5	4614	13	354.9	13 Ed Olson	STR	3	4098	6	315.2
14 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	4498	13	346.0	14 Kath James	WAN	2	4041	5	310.9
B						E					
1 Gerald Warner	ROD	12	5560	16	427.7	1 Jean Boyle	MAR	12	4652	8	357.9
2 Lucy Bright	MAS	9	5380	17	413.9	2 Fiona Plews	WAN	11	4797	7	369.0
3 Fae Olson	STR	8	5032	19	387.1	3 Shirley Robinson	IND	10	4666	9	358.9
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	8	4918	13	378.3	4 Johanne Patel	WAN	10	4441	5	341.6
5 Sue McRae	WEL	8	4896	15	376.6	5 Marj Heads	AVA	9	4539	9	349.2
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	7	5127	12	394.4	6 Cecilia Bullot	WAN	7	4333	0	333.3
7 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	6	5308	26	408.3	7 Jan Wheeler	WEL	7	4165	9	320.4
8 Cathy Woods	MTA	6	4972	16	382.5	8 Max Aston	LOH	7	4128	3	317.5
9 Anne Warner	ROD	6	4884	14	375.7	9 Jillian Spring	MAR	7	4118	4	316.8
10 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	4916	14	378.2	10 Myra Park	WEL	6	3730	5	286.9
11 Rosalie Goldsworthy	NPL	5	4868	10	374.5	11 Tim Kyne	WEL	5	4129	4	317.6
12 John Bailey	MAR	5	4811	15	370.1	12 Edna Chandler	AVA	5	3753	2	288.7
13 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	4688	7	360.6	13 Marj Lythgoe	AVA	3	3661	0	281.6
14 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	4455	24	342.7	14 Audrey Plane	WAN	2	3733	0	287.2
C						F					
1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	9	5294	18	407.2	15 Frances Katene	POR	2	3533	1	271.8
2 Nita Oldham	WAN	9	4828	10	371.4	16 Nola Kennedy	WAN	1	3337	2	256.69
3 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	8	4764	14	366.46						
4 Hilda Scott	MAS	8	4739	8	365						
5 Roger Tozer	NPL	7	5004	13	385						
6 Doreen Davies	MAS	7	4759	11	366						
7 Betty Erikson	WAN	7	4738	14	364						
8 Jean O'Brien	STR	6	4893	19	376						
9 Alette Hay	MAS	6	4756	10	366						
10 Gwen Kaiser	WEL	6	4580	7	352.31						
11 Martha Morgan	NPL	5	4544	4	349.54						
12 Norman Wheeler	WEL	5	4495	14	345.77						
13 Olive Heath	AVA	5	4417	5	339.77						
14 Dave Godman	WEL	3	4530	16	348.46						

Gerald Warner - B Grade Winner



OVERLAP COMPETITION No. 8

More and more people are discovering the benefits of attempting Overlap by their improved word knowledge.

Winner this time in a closely fought out contest was Rhoda Cashman from Rodney with 811 points. Runner-up was Andrée Prentice (Wanganui) with 809, followed by our Hastings Bunny with the palindrome figure of 808, which with correct addition would have been a winning 812. Fourth was Dorothy Haining (Rodney) with 801, followed by Lois Kelly (796) and Val Worth (795), both from Tokoroa. Unfortunately, I had to disqualify Leila Thomson for using kaaba which can only be used with a capital letter.

"Bunny"'s version reads:

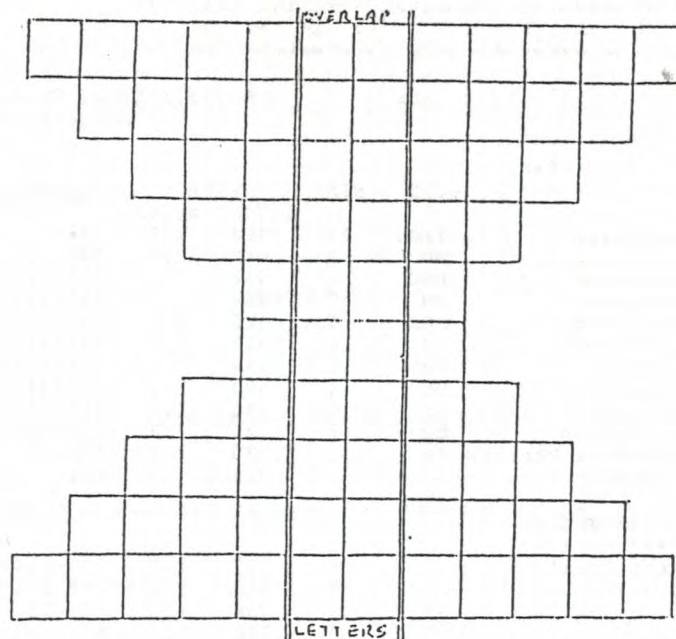
wallaBAbbled	102
bajaDAbbed	94
mamBAbka	79
abBAbA	76
dABb	55
aBAa	56
buBABu	68
kabABaya	82
baobABdabs	98 (NOT 94)
kabbaLAbblabs	102

A small prize will land on Rhoda's doorstep shortly.

Gerald Warner
Warkworth

" WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPS:- A thought to be pondered upon.
At the WSC none of the top-ranked players from any of the top ranked countries (USA, UK, NZ, AUST or CANADA) qualified to play in the Championship event. Therefore they all played off in the World Plate event. [Jeff Grant of NZ won the World Plate event. Is Jeff Grant therefore, the best Scrabble player in the world L.B. "

????? -Ed.



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 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 OSW, OSPD or CED.

SCOREBOARD: a-3: b-2: c-1: d-9: e-4: f-3: g-2: h-1: i-3:
j-4: k-2: l-3: m-2: n-10: o-3: p-2: q-4: r-3:
s-1: t-2: u-6: v-4: w-4: x-5: y-8: z-5.

Entries are to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Ave, Algies Bay, Warkworth, no later than 24th February 1992. Entries are to be sent like this:

pronoUNDERdo	81
needEDuced	73
daiLYard	52
etc	
<u>Total: 682</u>	

Don't forget your name, address and club!

DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB
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23-24 November

11 rounds

Adjudicators: Bill Grigg
 Margaret Forbes

Seed#	"A" Grade		Club	WINS	AVERAGE		HI-LO	Actual Bonus
	Player	Score			Bonus			
2	1	Ian Patterson	Ind.	10	462	2.1	578-331	23
5	2	Peter Sinton	DN	9	448	2.4	550-339	26
3	3	Gerald Warner	ROD	7	408	1.4	554-282	15
9	4	Anne Stewart	DN	7	380	.9	457-262	10
1	5	Glenda Foster	POR	6	425	1.5	527-321	16
10	6	Norman Goodger	DN	6	362	1.4	420-212	15
6	7	Anne Warner	ROD	6	362	.9	469-261	10
4	8	Alan Boyd	DN	4	403	1.2	510-344	13
7	9	Marian Ross	DN	3	340	1.3	469-244	14
8	10	Doreen Ogston	CH	3	326	.7	436-215	8
12	11	Katrine Kerr Renwick	CH	3	325	.6	432-259	7
11	12	Daisy Madden	DN	2	318	.8	429-253	9

Seed#	"B" Grade		Club	WINS	AVERAGE		HI-LO	Actual Bonus
	Player	Score			Bonus			
1	1	Margaret Lyall	CH	9	377	1.2	457-324	13
2	2	Jo Burnside	DN	9	363	1.2	448-304	13
7	3	Robert Jones	DN	8	386	1.7	449-353	19
9	4	Liz Ross	DN	7	376	1.1	511-247	12
4	5	Laney de Gooyer	OAM	7	357	.9	491-304	10
3	6	Mary Pinchin	CH	7	341	.3	381-253	3
8	7	Shirley Hol	CH	6	401	1.3	498-275	14
12	8	Kathleen Barker	DN	5	344	.8	424-271	9
5	9	Ian Ross	DN	5	326	1.2	453-223	13
10	10	Alice Doust	DN	5	305	-	364-235	-
11	11	Tim Kyne	WGTM	4	329	.5	421-262	6
6	12	Shirley Murcott	OAM	3	296	.2	364-245	2
14	13	Letitia Vapatu	DN	2	253	-	310-208	-
13	14	Elvira Steel	DN	0	226	-	304-203	-

==A==

==B==

SPOT PRIZES:	(X) 53 Alan	41 Kathleen
	(Z) 48 Ian P.	50 Letitia
	(Q) 68 Anne S.	37 Kathleen
	(J) 41 Glenda	34 Kathleen
HIGHEST AGGREGATE:	898 Glenda-530	833 Robert-449
	Alan-368	Shirley H.-384
HIGHEST TURN SCORE:	121 Peter	140 Tim
HIGHEST LOSING SCORE:	437 Glenda	400 Shirley H.

PLAYING SCRABBLE

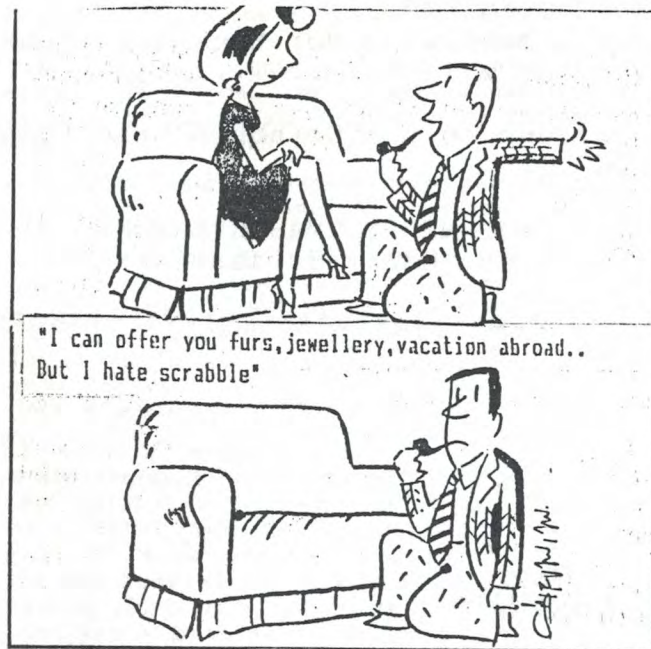
Hazel Purdie of the Mt Albert Club achieved a rare feat at the Wanganui tournament. She was able to play the word SCRABBLE!

OVERSEAS MAGAZINES

John Holgate has recently moved to Canberra and is no longer producing Tile Talk. However, we may still run an occasional excerpt from this excellent newsletter, as well as from the following overseas publications:

- ACROSS THE BOARD Newsletter of the Australian Scrabble Players' Association
- ONWORDS The English Scrabble Enthusiasts' Magazine
- WORD WAYS The American Journal of Recreational Linguistics

If you are interested in subscribing to any of these magazines please contact Jeff Grant for details.



Wanganui Club Newsletter, Nov 1991

WORTHY MENTIONS

By Georgie Offringa

LYNNE POWELL maintained her hold on the North Shore Bays Championship trophy for the 5th consecutive year with a 79% average win. Her closest rival was June Mackwell with a 72% average.

B Grade winner was Joyce Gilbert, runner-up was Betty Stiff.

C Grade winner was Noreen Barritt, runner-up was Ruth Munnings.

1991 CLUB RECORDS

Best three game aggregate : Lynne Powell 1695 points

Best game : June Mackwell 613 points

Most bonuses over three games : Lynne Powell 11

Most bonuses over-all : Lynne Powell 208

Highest word : Georgie Offringa : 176 points

Best combined : Allie Quinn & Lynne Powell : 991 pts

Since these results went to press the North Shore Bay are proud to announce that they are the current holders of the N.Z. Scrabble Challenge Shield, the North Shore's beautifully carved Shield and the Jenny Ward Memorial Shield.

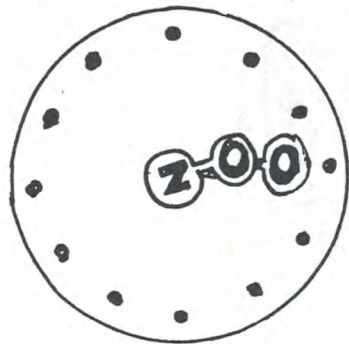
But for how long will our Luck last, one wonders! Only next year will tell.....

Congratulations to our Scrabble Champions who took on the "World"

MERRY XMAS EVERYONE
Happy Scrabbling.

The Zoo Clock

from Word Ways magazine August 1991



The director of Ooze Zoo is proud of his establishment's clock, which was installed by the Peter Newby Horological Company, Ltd. The hour hand displays the word ZO (a hybrid yak), and the minute hand has a single letter O. "Thus, at 3:15 precisely," as the director is fond of saying, "the ZO is back in the ZOO." The clock has an additional feature -- another single letter at one of the hour positions on the dial. Which letter is it, where is it situated, and why?

EASTER ISLAND SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

JEFF GRANT

Hastings, New Zealand

Every eleven years a unique event takes place on an isolated outcrop in the eastern Pacific. With its mysterious ancient monoliths brooding-over the barren landscape, Rapanui, as it is known to the original inhabitants, seems an ideal location for the world's most unusual Scrabble meeting.

The first Easter Island tournament was held in 1958; although gaining little publicity, it attracted a field of top exponents from around the globe. Subsequent events have been held hendecennially and continue to draw word freaks from all over, including (allegedly) a non-Terran in 1969 and an android in 1980. Neither of them met with much success.

Why is this congregation of Scrabblers unique? Apart from the venue and the diversity of entrants, there is the format. Each participant must play seven games a day for a week, a complete round robin for the fifty competitors. Games may last up to an hour, and the 'Double Challenge' rule applies; however, only one word may be challenged at a time. The references used for adjudication are Webster's Second and Third Editions, the Oxford English Dictionary and the English Dialect Dictionary.

This year's Easter Island tourney was held in the last week of March. It featured an amazing final round clash between Professor Lewis Shilbut, of BENZHYDROXYQUIN fame (see "Higher-Scoring Scrabble" in the November 1979 Word Ways) and the unbeaten 1991 titleholder, the enigmatic, stateless Doctor Dromos Palin. Incidentally, Shilbut distinguished himself by winning the 1980 event, along the way baffling his opposition with such oddities as SKYWASH, UNROCOCO, KWAZOKU, OBRIGDT, NESTALIQ, EXRADII, OIDIROID and SQWUG. His most remarkable achievement though was when he added PUDDING to JACK already on the board, to make JACKPUDDING, with the G in front of GEM to make GGEM, a dialect spelling of 'game'.

The incredible game between these two Scrabblemasters started with Palin putting down TANALUM. Shilbut admitted later he thought it was a word, but must have been getting mixed up with TANTALUM. Anyway he let it go and played AMANITA directly underneath to take an early lead:

T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A

The doctor responded immediately with PIRATES right under AMANITA, forming seven acceptable three-letter words:

T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A
P I R A T E S

The professor couldn't believe his luck when he found ENDLESS on his rack. But where to go? He wasn't happy about pluralizing TANALUM, or NAR for that matter, although he would have risked it. Imagine his astonishment when he realized he could place the word under PIRATES to make a 7-by-4 rectangle:

T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A
P I R A T E S
E N D L E S S

What could possibly top that? The answer wasn't long in coming as Palin played ETIRACA directly above TANALUM, creating some mighty peculiar-looking five-letter words as a consequence:

E T I R A C A
T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A
P I R A T E S
E N D L E S S

Now the professor had a real problem. Which one to challenge? He was unfamiliar with ETIRACA, but it looked strange enough to be right, and he wasn't sure about INARD, RANAL or CUTES either. Wait a minute -- wasn't RANAL something to do with the plant order Ranales (or frogs, perhaps), and wasn't CUTES the plural of 'cutis', a skin layer? After weighing everything up, Shilbut challenged INARD. Bad luck -- it's a dialectic form of 'inward'. He therefore had to miss a turn and await the doctor's next move.

At this stage, Palin had well and truly grabbed the psychological advantage with a lead of 283 to 190, and another turn to come. Unmoving, intent only on the game, he concentrated all his energies on the tiles before him -- AEFRTU, probably seeing FAULTER, REFAULT (?), and, of course, TEARFUL. What about FLAUTER? Suddenly his eyes lit up for just a moment as he rearranged the tiles and played out REFUTAL on top of ETIRACA for a further 122 points:

R E F U T A L
E T I R A C A
T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A
P I R A T E S
E N D L E S S

His opponent was naturally flabbergasted. Now he was faced with another dilemma, or more accurately a trilemma, or even a quadrilemma. Shilbut said later he didn't much like the look of any of the new words except REFUTAL, RETAPE and ETAMIN. The others seemed plausible enough, but incredibly the one he chose to challenge was ACUTES. When asked about it afterwards, the professor said he had had a mental block in the heat of the moment. He felt a complete fool when he twigged that ACUTES are simply

acute accents as in French words like *dégagé*.

So Shilbut missed another turn and it was Palin's move again. He stared impassively at his seven tiles for a full five minutes and then, almost inevitably, played them all out right under ENDLESS. The word completing the 7-by-7 square was DESYSTE, with the second S being a blank tile:

R E F U T A L
E T I R A C A
T A N A L U M
A M A N I T A
P I R A T E S
E N D L E S S
D E S Y S T E

The professor didn't appear so worried this time. He considered the words. DESYSTE could be an old spelling of 'desist', he mused, and RETAPED, ETAMINE, TALITES and ACUTEST were probably all right. FINARD/S sounded vaguely familiar -- a type of fish, or a bird perhaps? No, that was a 'winard'. How about URANALY? Something rang a bell here, too -- uranyl, uranaly(sis) -- what on earth was it? But LAMASSE, ah yes, he positively knew that was wrong, because he'd had those very letters before and studied them in depth at his leisure. The word wasn't in Webster's or the English Dialect Dictionary, he knew, but it was in the Oxford as an old variant of Lammas, the 1st of August, observed as a harvest festival in the early English church. It had to be capitalized (he was absolutely certain it did) so LAMASSE was the word he challenged.

When the challenge slip came back with a cross beside LAMASSE Shilbut breathed a sigh of relief. His quiet jubilation was short-lived. Palin raised his arm and uttered the only word he spoke throughout the entire game -- 'Appeal!' An adjudicator came over and was handed back the challenge slip, with some additional writing on it. After a tense minute or so he came hurrying back muttering apologies. The word LAMASSE was now ticked! The faintest trace of a smile flickered briefly across Palin's face. Shilbut studied the fateful notation written on the slip in a strange hand:

Lammas c1290 quote Oxford

The rest of the game proceeded in a more conventional manner. The professor was shattered, but he still managed to gain some late consolation with QIBLI, and then OXHUVUD using the second blank, before his opponent went out with DEIFIED. The final score was 777 to 412.

Shilbut said afterwards he felt as if he had been thoroughly psyched out, brainwashed by a superior mind. The Oxford does indeed record LAMASSE in uncapitalized form in a c1290 citation, which made it allowable under the tournament rules. The professor swears it wasn't there when he carried out his previous research

into this particular letter-combination. On checking further, he also found that he could have successfully challenged TANALUM, ETIRACA, FINARD(S), URANAL, LAMASS or URANALY. That didn't improve his humour either.

So Doctor Dromos Palin won his 49th straight game of the tournament, crowning it indelibly with a 49-letter 7-by-7 square. The feat is unparalleled in Scrabble history and will probably never be repeated. And what of Doctor Palin, if that really was his name? No one knows for sure how, or even if, he left Easter Island. He didn't attend the prize-giving ceremony, and was last seen standing among the massive statued heads on the southern slopes of Rapanui just before sunset. Local children said the twilight made him appear to glow with a vibrant yellow aura, and he was holding something up to his mouth that looked like a corn-cob.

The Scrabble world has been left in a state of stunned admiration. We can only wonder where the mysterious Master Scrabblor came from and where he has gone. There is already much speculation on the possibility of a reappearance at the next event in the year 2002. We shall just have to wait and see what happens, won't we?

-Word Ways, Nov 1991

The Year In Brief

The JANgle of the off-key music
did nothing to soothe her FEBrile brow
but the sexy, sleazy MARimba beat
was almost, but not entirely, APRopos
to the weird. MAYbe even surrealistic
JUNgle that totally surrounded her
as she sipped her tall frosty JULep
while wondering how to avoid AUGmenting
the SEPTillion thoughts that invaded her mind
when the so-called music rose an OCTave
destroying the NOVelty of it all
which, she DECided, was a very good thing.

-Kay Francis

The Zoo Clock The letter N is at the 12 o'clock position so that when both fingers point to it the time reads NOON.

MERRY XMAS!