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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Scrabble arena has been abuzz since the World Champs in London last year. Australia has decided to adopt OSPD in conjunction with Chambers, and there are rumours that U.S is also considering dual dictionary Scrabble. Perhaps the ideal of worldwide competition with a single authority may be more than just a pipe-dream.

This issue of Forwards contains more information on the World Champs, including a detailed analysis of the final game. Our thanks to Onwords editor Allan Simmons for permission to run the article.

A book called World Championship Scrabble is to be published by W & R Chambers in U.K around the end of March. It will contain over 20 annotated games from the Championship, including the semi-finals and three final games. The book retails for £6 in U.K and will apparently be available throughout the World as the three trademark owners have co-operated in the project. We'll keep you posted.

The second edition of the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (OSPD2) is now in use in U.S. A brief rundown on this new reference featured in Forwards no. 23. At present the Association is having some difficulty obtaining copies of OSPD2, but it is on the way, so be prepared.

Congratulations to the Howick/Pakuranga, Oamaru and Tokoroa Clubs for hosting their successful one-day tourneys, and to Dunedin's Ian Patterson for his fine showing on 'Wheel of Fortune'.

I must apologise to the organizers of the Pakuranga Tournament for the late withdrawal - my first pull-out in over 10 years of competitive Scrabble. I'm afraid the lure of an all expenses paid trip to Melbourne for the Australian Open tennis finals and Phantom of the Opera was too much to resist.

Troubled with racks full of vowels? Did you know that the common words QUEUEING and MIAOUED have five vowels in a row, while the odd-looking EUOUAE has six? The cover of this issue comes from the Official Standard Names Gazetteer of Angola, published by the U.S Board on Geographic Names in 1956. Note the populated place with nine consecutive vowels!

Thanks to all those who have contributed items for this issue, and special thanks to Glennis for all the typing.

Closing Date for the June issue is May 31.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff.

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MT ALBERT SCRABBLE CLUB

On 13 December 1991, our Club held its A.G.M. Annual Prizegiving and Xmas party.

The following members were elected onto the new Committee.

- President: Roy Vannini Secretary: Hazel Purdie
- Treasurer: Joan Pratt
- Committee: Maureen Holliday, Pauline Hayes, Elaine King, Kate Wignall

Winners of Club Trophies were:

- A Grade Winner Glennis Hale
- A Grade Bonus Words Dorothy Pinner
- B Grade Winner Alveen Seon
- B Grade Bonus Words Alveen Seon
- C Grade Winner Maureen Holliday
- C Grade Bonus Words Dawn Kitzen
- D Grade Winner Joan Pratt
- D Grade Bonus Words Joan Pratt/May Meads
- Most Improved Player Rob Talbot
- Most Promising New Member Chris Hooks
- Sportsperson Glennis Hale
- Win Rate Glennis Hale - 92.2% (new record)
- Best Senior Citizen Player Alveen Seon
- Most valued member Tony Nicholls

The Best Senior Citizen Player is a new trophy in remembrance of Charlie Curl.

WORTHY MENTION

Ian Patterson (Otarine Pants) of Dunedin played nearly 1500 games of Scrabble last year, including 512 against Peter Sinton and 501 against Norman Goodger. Included in this impressive total was a run of 38 consecutive 400+ games, and one session of 16 games (and tea) in 11 hours versus Robert Jones. That's a lot of Scrabble!

Ian twice recorded 6 bonuses in a game, and had a top score of 708 against Robert on October 14.

Come on, you other Scrabble marathoners, tell us about your noteworthy efforts.

1991 HAMILTON CLUB RESULTS

The Hamilton Scrabble Club held their annual prize-giving night on December 17th.

Winners of Club Trophies in 1991 were :

- The Founders Trophy (Club Champion) -John Moore
- Moore Trophy (Round Robin Group 1) -John Moore
- Gibb Trophy (Round Robin Group 2) -Win Heaven
- Darby Trophy (Round Robin Group 3) -Jane Lawless
- Annette Coombes Knock-out Trophy -Marj Baillie
- Michelle Wansink Pot Luck Trophy -Roger Coates
- Bonus Words Trophy (Most 7-letter words) -John Moore
- Eileen Mead Group 2 Bonus Words Trophy -Lyn Toka
- John Gibb Plaque (Group 3 Bonus Words) -Jane Lawless
- Challenge Shield (Ladder Champion) -Stan Skinner
- Pyramid Trophy -Stan Skinner
- Eileen Mead 100 point Words Trophy -Marj Baillie
- Ruth Laird Goblets (Most Improved Player) -Jane Lawless

WURDS

How many allowable Scrabble words are there in the following piece? Answers on the back page.

'Yum! Yous dont mos offen gett feijoas wid dis sorta peary taist, ahs perty wal sura dat alright', sed uh largish negro truckie standin longside yores truely inda milkbar thother nite.

LIGHTNING SCRABBLE

Charlie Curl and Glennis Hale completed a game of Scrabble in just 4min 39secs during the 1983 Telethon. There were no bonus words played and the total score was an understandably low 537.

OVERLAP COMPETITION No. 9

The Christmas period saw a smaller number of competitors. Pity, since it resulted in quite a number of new interesting words like ennuyed and duende, quite apart from the winning combination. The winner once again was Rhoda Cashman from Rodney who got one more point than she credited herself with, i.e. 750. She was followed by Val Worth from Tokoroa (746), the incorrigible Ron Bunny from Hastings (743), Dorothy Haining from Rodney (an amended 741), and Lois Kelly from Tokoroa (an amended 734).

I managed to get 752 from a composite:

turndUNfunny	99
dynodENned	89
dunNOunny	79
unDYne	64
dENd	46
nANn	46
deNYed	62
nandUNny	81
tundUNdyed	89
unendEDdying	97

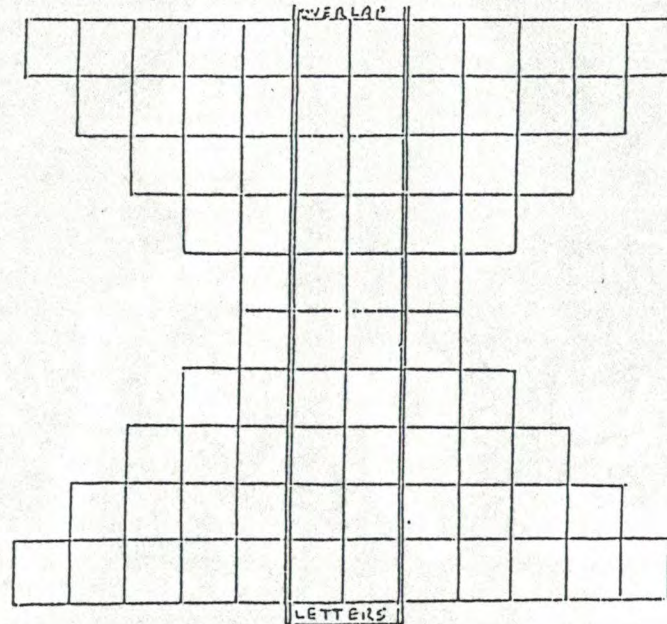
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Another little gift is en route to Rhoda.

CALLING NATIONALS PERFORMERS!

The Nationals are nearly upon us and once again we are looking for performers from as many Clubs as possible to entertain after the Prize Giving Dinner on the Sunday evening. All potential stars should write to John Moore, 19a Waimarie Street, Hamilton, with name and the type of act at which they excel.

OVERLAP COMPETITION No. 10



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

Entries to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Ave, Algies Bay, Warkworth, no later than May 25th, 1992. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries to be sent like this :

meshuGannets	73
flanGelosy	61
taFFYkes	57

etc
Total :682

Don't forget your name, address and club!



THE DAYS BEFORE SCRABBLE

Lulu Holt, a keen member of the Mt Albert Scrabble Club, reminisces on the days when as a young tap and high-kick dancer she performed at the Folies Bergere theatre in Paris during the 1920's, rubbing shoulders with stars of the era such as Maurice Chevalier and Rudolph Valentino.

FOR SALE

MONTY portable Scrabble computer with Advanced Vocab modules 1 & 2 (44000 word vocab). Offers over \$200. Phone Rhoda Cashman 09 4256018. Will be at North Shore Bays tournament and the Nationals.

On January 18 the Masterton Scrabble team brought the shield up to Hastings for a return match between the two clubs. Last July in the inaugural competition Masterton emerged victors in a close tussle by 27 games to 21. Hastings were hoping the 'home ground' advantage of Doreen O'Shea's residence would help them reverse that result.

After morning tea and a chat everyone was looking forward to some Scrabble. The format for these games is very informal and friendly, with no time limit and players adjudicating their own challenges. Spot prizes were awarded for things like 'plant names' (won by June Ward with 41 for DAISY), and 'animals' (won by Hilda Scott with 53 for REX). After two rounds the score was 7 all and at the halfway mark Hastings had sneaked ahead 11-10.

Time for lunch! Lots of yummy food and cool drink, then it was time for Scrabble. In round 4 Masterton forged ahead 15-13, which Hastings cut back to 18-17 after the next series of games. It was all up to the 6th and final round! As the results came in it was apparent Hastings were on a roll. They eventually took the round 6-1 to win back the shield by 23 matches to 19.

Individual winners were Jeff Grant with 6 wins; Lucy Bright and Aliette Hay 5 wins; Yvonne Wilson and June 4 wins. Most bonus words went to Yvonne who, remarkably, played the word BEANIES on her last move in two consecutive games! The highest word of the day was June's EQUATED for 102, and the spot prize winners were Lucy, Doreen, June, Hilda, Doris and Aliette. Norma Keesing, who made up the numbers for Masterton, won the Good Sport Prize for grappling with awkward tiles all day without complaint. The raffle was appropriately won by Doreen O' with one of the Masterton supporters, Bill Scott, taking the consolation prize.

Following the prizegiving and another round of 'friendlies', it was off to the RSA for a lovely smorgasbord meal and more socializing. Congratulations and thanks to the Hastings Club for putting on such a great day. Particular thanks to Doreen for hosting the Scrabble in her home, and for all her work in buying prizes, organizing food, running the raffle, etc. The Masterton Scrabblers are looking forward to having the Hastings group visit in July - and winning the shield back!

When asked to write a sentence containing the word HORTICULTURE young Sigmund responded with:

You can lead a horticulture
but you can't make her think.

WORLD SCRABBLE[®] CHAMPIONSHIP 1991

At the end of September 64 players converged on the Connaught rooms in London for the very first Scrabble World Championships -- a unique gathering of nationalities, all sharing a common Scrabble vocabulary (at least for this tournament). Words from both the Official Scrabble Words (OSW) and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (OSPD) were allowed.

The night before the first day's play was the draw to decide the eight groups of six. It was only then that it became apparent that the Nigerian contingent had not arrived. A few last minute phone calls provided standbys from amongst the APSP's top rated players. They were Pete Finley, Mark Nyman and Clive Spate.

Pete recalls... *"Three O'clock in the morning at Wentbridge Services was neither the time nor the place to start preparing for the World Scrabble Championships - especially not when the competition started at 8.30am and I still had three hours driving to do before I even got there!"*

Predictably some groups looked easier than others. UK players Sandie Simonis, Alan Saldanha and Bob Violett certainly had one of the toughest with two top-rated US players Bob Felt and Peter Morris to contend with. Sandie recollected; *"Panic engulfed me as I wondered whether I would win even one game. However, once the games started, national pride swelled in me as I squared my Union Jack against Robert Felt's Stars and Stripes. England vs USA."*

Mark Nyman was also faced with a toughie - top Americans, Joe Edley and Brian Cappelletto were in his group. Pete Finley was in the same group as Martin Thompson along with top Canadian, David Boys. Andrew Fisher found himself with top New Zealander, Jeff Grant and top South African, Larry Benjamin whilst Phil Appleby and Diane Pratesi had the renowned Israeli, Evan Cohen, to contend with. None of the games would be easy. Why should they be? - This was World class Scrabble. However, Joyce Cansfield felt she had had a fortunate draw.... *"I had a lucky draw at the outset - no other Britons or Americans in my group." ... Until a Kenyan was swapped for Clive Spate... "Whilst I had every sympathy for the sole Kenyans being drawn together, I objected strongly to a subsequent amendment replacing one of them with substitute Clive Spate!"*

With such a build up for the tournament over the last six months, and all the players having spent much of that time learning and re-learning essential vocabulary it seemed rather unfair that most of them were to be eliminated* five games later. In fact, with so few games spread was going to be an unfair significant factor for the many players likely to be on 3 wins.

It could have been worse. There were almost no games when it was discovered the organisers had embarrassingly forgotten to bring along the Scrabble tiles! Fortunately this was quickly rectified and the Championships got under way.



Joyce Cansfield



Phil Appleby



Andrew Fisher



Diane Pratesi



Alan Saldanha



Bob Violett



Martin Thompson



Sandie Simonis

The UK players
(excluding standbys)

Was all the study worthwhile though? Joyce Cansfield commented: *"What struck me most about the championships was how few of the specially learnt OSPD-only words actually cropped up although in one game I did manage to play the OSPD YID, ABO, HUN and JEW, as well as GOY and WOG and felt that in such multinational surroundings I should be apologising for racism. My studies really paid off in one match when I produced HELLFIRE for 42 points and won the game with a LEVO/QOPH play."*

Joyce was one of the survivors to the last sixteen along with fellow UK players Pete Finley and Sandie Simonis, and a strong field of Americans. These last sixteen and the results to the semi-final stage are shown in the following diagram. Each round was the best of three games.

World Scrabble Championships - The Final 16

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|----|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | David Boys (Canada) | Boys | Boys |
| 2 | Missaka Warusawitharana (Sri Lanka) | | |
| 3 | Pete Finley (UK) | | |
| 4 | Ron Tiekert (USA) | Tiekert | |
| 5 | Stephen Fisher (Canada) | | |
| 6 | Sandie Simonis (UK) | Simonis | |
| 7 | Peter Morris (USA) | Morris | Morris |
| 8 | Charles Carroll (USA) | | |
| 9 | Joe Edley (USA) | Edley | Edley |
| 10 | Charlie Southwell (USA) | | |
| 11 | Joyce Cansfield (UK) | Cansfield | |
| 12 | Peter Elbourne (Malta) | | |
| 13 | Evan Cohen (Israel) | | |
| 14 | Larry Benjamin (S Africa) | Benjamin | |
| 15 | Gitonga Ndiritu (Kenya) | | |
| 16 | Brian Cappelletto (USA) | Cappelletto | Cappelletto |

Those knocked out continued to play best-of-three for final positions. In parallel, those players already out of the main competition were battling out in the Plate event - a single game knockout for a \$1,000 first place prize.

This is how the tournament continued for Pete, Joyce and Sandie...

Pete: *"I found Ron Tiekert, a top American, barring my path to the quarter-finals. I came so close to beating him in straight games that it still hurts to think about it. With a final rack of DEIOPRU in the second game I needed to find a six-letter play ending in E, I or O to win two-nil. I failed and lost the game, and then lost the decider too. I was out of the prize money."*

Joyce: *"My first round match for the quarter-finals was against Peter Elbourne of Malta. I won the first game by just 2 when he miscalculated the value of my remaining tiles, and the second by 28. I then met the formidable Joe Edley. Having a promising start with RETINAE, I feel I should have done better, but managed to fritter away leads in both games."*

Sandie: *"I met the flamboyant Canadian Steven Fisher. Although I won through to the last eight, a turning point could have been not knowing GUYOT(S). I resisted making an uncertain bonus play and took a safe 60 only to have Steven play GUYOTS/OZONISE for 120! Peter Morris then got his own back for my victory against him earlier leaving me to play for positions 5th to 8th along with Joyce."*

The Four Semi-Finalists

At the end of day three the four quarter-finalists emerged and, perhaps not surprisingly, the Americans were well represented, David Boys from Canada being the exception. But who are these players?....

David Boys: David is 27 and comes from Montreal, Quebec where he is a student of psychology. He is a relative newcomer to Scrabble but has already won many local tournaments. He claims to have memorised some 10,000 new words during his 4 months preparation for the World Championships.



Peter Morris: Peter is 29 and comes from East Lansing, Michigan. He is a Graduate student of English Literature at Michigan State University. He was the United States National Champion in 1989 and the runner up in 1988 and has been rated among the top five in the USA for the last eight years.

Joe Edley: Joe is 43 and comes from Riverhead, New York. He is the current editor of the Scrabble Players News and Associate Director/Clubs and Tournaments for the American National Scrabble Association. He is the top money winner on the US tournament circuit.



Brian Cappelletto: Brian is 22 and comes from Phoenix, Arizona, where he is currently an Undergraduate student at Arizona State University. He has a phenomenal success rate at tournaments, winning 20 events in only six years.

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Additional Coverage

Some readers may have already seen the 5-day series on BBC2 television which covered two of the semi-final games and the three final games. This was an excellent coverage with Darryl Francis commenting and discussing moves and strategic possibilities with personality, Alan Coren. It is understood that there will also be a Chambers publication early in 1992 featuring annotations of some 50 or so World Championship games.

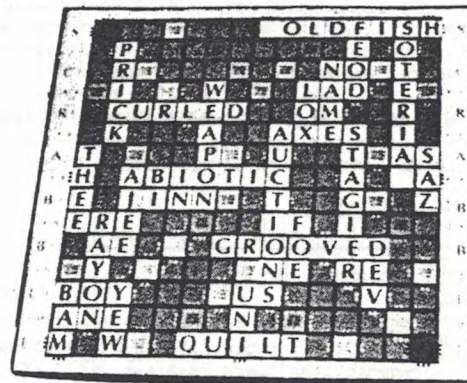
The Semi-Finals Unfold.....

Needless to say, with these games being relayed via closed-circuit television to a live audience of armchair Scrabble 'experts', plus the generous cash prizes at stake, there was tension all the way. It was a confidence booster to see those top players miss some bonus plays that we all know!



Peter Morris beat David Boys 2-1 following an excellent performance in the decider against a crumbling Boys. Boys missed a safer FEROCITY when he played TYROSINE, a mistake that gave Morris OUTGLARE. Boys' next rack would have yielded EVENTIDE around a floating D, a difficult one in anyone's book. Morris continued to score solidly forcing Boys to try PISSIER - off it came and Morris drove the nail in the coffin with TURKEYS.

The deciding game between Joe Edley and Brian Cappelletto is probably the most famous of the competition, otherwise known as the GOLDFISH game. Edley had some awful racks but if he had spotted ANGINOUS with the rack ANNIUO? (not easy) then he wouldn't have been forced into playing scoring moves to catch up, which ultimately left that fateful F available. It was move 9 when Cappelletto had the rack DHILOS? which produced the dream GOLDFISH around the two top right-hand triples for a 176. This was really an unlucky game for Edley.



The 'Goldfish' Game

Before the final games took place, Joe Edley and David Boys played for third and fourth place. The result was a win for Boys following some spectacular bonus plays of ENZOOTIC and KEBBUCK !

And the Finale...

Brian Cappelletto and Peter Morris thus faced each other for the final Scrabble showdown. Those watching hoped that it wouldn't end up too one-sided. With the luck element this was a possibility even with two of the finest Scrabble players in the World. The audience were not disappointed.

The first blood went to Morris when an early opening POWER by Cappelletto gave Morris a MASSIVE double-double (MAVISES was also playable). Later, Cappelletto tried the disallowable hybrid AUREOLAR to get back in the game and Morris proceeded to play solid defensive matchplay to win 463 to 349.

Considering the pressure, Cappelletto began coolly in the second game and for the first six moves was hardly more than 10 ahead of Morris. A VILE play then gave him the edge with a +28 point advantage. But this lead was squandered with a critical mistake, untypical of Cappelletto, - he played JUGAS and lost a turn. Fortunately for Cappelletto a Q-pickup by Morris, forcing a change, gave him control once more. Cappelletto then picked the Q but this combined with the U (the one he had tried to rid of in JUGAS) to yield 52 for QUARTER. The result, a 'lucky(?)' 368 to Morris's 301.

There was now an electric atmosphere in the viewing 'theatre' as the two faced each other again for the 1991 World Championship deciding game. The Gameshow following reveals how that game unfolded.

The following annotation is based on extractions from *Game Medleys*, a USA publication by Nicholas Ballard from Seattle, Washington, which featured in-depth analyses of each move compiled from comments by top US players, including WSC contestants Bob Felt and Charlie Carroll.

GAMESHOW ONE

The World Championship Final Decider Peter Morris v Brian Cappelletto

Positions of plays are shown by column (a-o), row (1-15) and a (across) or d (down). In the notes, DWS = double-word-square, TLS = triple-letter-square, etc. Reminder: Words in both OSW and OSPD are valid for this game.

Can you find the highest scoring plays for each rack, using OSW and OSPD? Another interesting exercise is to see how many different bonus words were playable on move 6 (Morris) and move 7 (Cappelletto). Solutions at end.

	Cappelletto				Morris					
	rack	move	pos	score	rack	move	pos	score		
1	CEGINOU	CUEING	d8a	24	24	IINORRW	change 7	0	0	
2	AEEEEOSY	YEA	e7a	17	41	A difficult choice. YOGEE (i6d) is better for 6 points less since opening the board combines well with the AES leave, and Morris, having just changed 7, will have an undeveloped rack.				
3	EEIIIOS	change EIIIO	0	41	AFIOOTU	OAF	d6a	34	34	
4	EEEEJOS	OGEE	17d	7	48	AGILOTU	GUILT	c3d	21	55
5	EEEJLOS	JOULE	a4a	40	88	ADKOSTT	TOKED	f10a	16	71
					AAQRST?	QATS	f1d	28	99	
	JARTA (a4d) is nice but Morris probably prefers the superior leave of AR? makes QATS the best play despite the open tws.									
6	AEEEINS	JEANS	a4d	36	124	AEHILR?	InHALER	b8d	86	185
7	EEINOT?	ELECTION	a12a	68	192	INPRSVY	PRIVY	j3d	26	211
8	BCHOPST	QOPH	f1a	54	246	DNNUSWZ	UNWIND	g5a	20	231
9	BCEMRST	BERET	a11d	29	275	DDIRSUZ	SIDDUR	111a	25	256
	Computer simulation shows IRED (c10d) to be better than SIDDUR. This can be explained by the fact that 4 of the 26 unseen tiles are A's and, if unblocked, an A gives KANZUS (h10d) next turn, plus IRED blocks an X scoring danger at c13. After, Morris said he would have played IRED if he had been ahead. Morris knew (and knew that Cappelletto knew) that DRUIDISM and SIDDURIM were anagrams, the latter being the plural of SIDDUR, but was unsure of SIDDUR.									

10 ACILMOS SMAIL(c11d) disallowed
A tragic mistake which almost certainly cost Cappelletto the Championship. As with JUGAS in the earlier game (JUGALS is allowed), all the confusion resulting from last-minute British word study finally took its toll. CLAIMS (o6d) is an obvious safe move.

Having been vindicated for his last play, Morris pulls into a 5-point lead. He now correctly infers that Cappelletto does not have the X (else MAXIS o7d last turn) so he leaves REW or TEW (c12d) in order to try and get the X himself. After, Morris said he would have preferred AREW (c10d) if he had known it. The best play is WARDOG (l8d) for 30, giving 5 shots at the X.

11 ACILMOS MOSAIC m3d 33 308
Cappelletto was under the impression, as was Morris, that it was SIDDURS that was the phony last turn. Given that, Cappelletto should play ALEC (c10d) for 32 to block the X danger and save the S.

ABORTXZ ZAX n2d 51 331
BOX (n2d) is attractive but the real contest here is between ZAX (n2d) and REX (c11d). Morris played ZAX to score 6 more points, set up for the O and to discard the Z to gain more endgame flexibility. Computer simulation showed that REX's denial of the c13 spot to Cappelletto gave it the edge over ZAX, but also due to strong Z possibilities to follow. REX has the additional benefit of leaving 2 tiles in the bag forcing Cappelletto to deal with more endgame uncertainty.

12 AEFILR FRAIL n10d 32 340

The board at move 12

A remarkably complex situation, considering there is only one tile left in the bag. From Cappelletto's point of view this could be any one of B E M N O R T V, with Morris having the other seven. As it turns out, Cappelletto's play of FRAIL wins in 4% of the 8 potential endgame scenarios. If any of M N R or T had been in the bag he would have won. If the V had been in the bag, assuming Morris would have found BORT, it would have been a tie. FRIER (n10d) is a little worse theoretically, winning if E M or T are in the bag. But, this gives Cappelletto the best practical chance since Morris needs to know the OSW MEVE (c11d) (Morris didn't!) to win. As it was the E in the bag, FRIER would have made Cappelletto World Champion. Other moves to consider are: RIFLE (d14a) (wins with M or N pickup; REIF (c11d) (wins with E or R pickup).

1				Q	O	P	H								
2				A										Z	
3		G		T		P							M	A	
4	J	O	U	L	E	S			R				O	X	
5	E	I						U	N	W	I	N	D	S	
6	A		L	O	A	E			V				A		
7	N	T		Y	E	A		O	Y				I		
8	S	I		C	U	E	I	N	G				C		
9								E							
10							T	O	K	E	D				
11	B	A								S	I	D	D	U	R
12	E	L	E	C	T	I	O	N							
13	R	E							W	A	G				
14	E														
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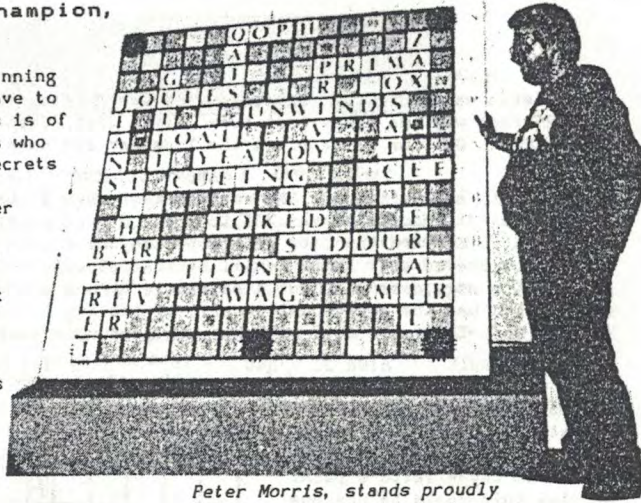
BMNORTV MIB m13a 14 345
There were many Scrabble experts watching this game on closed circuit TV and discussing possible plays. No-one was heard to mention the MIB play - the consensus was that Cappelletto would win by 2 points. But Morris found that winning play under the pressures of a World Championship final. MIB blocks EIDER (19d) and leaves two follow-ups with the V. It so happens that VOMIT (k13a) also does the trick. After a response of ICER (l8a) for 21, Morris would then play REB (c11d) for 25, and after Cappelletto's NEK (h8d), he would have won by 6.

13 EEIR PRIMA j3a 9 349
Theoretically, MAE (m3a) is best, losing by 2. The trouble is if Morris then overlooks REV (c11d) he can also win with VOE (old). So Cappelletto blocks Morris' VON threat in such a way that he can win if Morris then overlooks the only remaining winning move.
NORTV REV c11d 29 374

14 EE CEE m8a 15 364
+3 367 NOT left -3 371

A few words from the
1991 World Scrabble Champion,
Peter Morris:

"What are my feelings after winning the World Championship? I'd have to say one of my deepest feelings is of gratitude for the many players who have unselfishly shared the secrets of success. Back in Toronto, Hy Francis was the first player to take me under his wing. Then, upon moving to Michigan, Chris Reslock taught me his brand of aggressive, high-risk Scrabble - so much from which I have borrowed. In the past few years, Brian Sheppard, through his brilliant analysis of the game, has provided me with a valuable opportunity to reassess my strategies. The camaraderie and sportsmanship of the North American team will be one of my fondest memories of London. I was especially impressed with Charlie Southwell, who accepted with equanimity the unfair ruling that he had to forfeit a game for arriving 15 minutes late. I was deeply touched by the heart-felt congratulations of so many fellow players who, but for a bad rack here or there, could just have easily have won it. After the thrilling final game, Brian Cappalletto accepted the result with a grace and magnanimity which did him so much credit as did his brilliant play throughout the tournament. It should be noted that, due to the tournament's unusual format, Brian actually had a better record, 12-3 to my 11-3."



Peter Morris, stands proudly beside his winning board.

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Gameshow One - Solutions (** not in OSW, only in OSPD)

1	COIGNE	d8a	24	WIRING	13a or WREN	f6d	15
2	COSEY*	d8d	20	AFI'	e6a	37	
3	SEI	g9a	15	LATIGO*	c2d	24	
4	SUJEE	b4a	24	OUTTASK*	b4a	32	
5	JOULES	a4a	42	JARTAS	a4d	39	
6	JANES	a4d	36	InHALER	b8d	86	
7	CENOBITE/COTEIINE	d8d	70	PRIVY	j3d or PYINS	g13a	26
8	QOPHS*	f1a	57	SWIZ	h5a	32	
9	MERCS/BERMS METER/BETES/TEMES/METES	m1d	29	IREd*	c10d	28	
10	SCLIM	o11d	45	AREW	c10d	36	
11	as above			ZAX	n2d	51	
12	ALEF*	c10d	36	VON*/VOR	o1d	34	
	REFEL	c11d					
13	REI*	c11d	17	REV	c11d	29	

Move 6 anagrams: InHALER HERNIAL HAILIER HAILERs HARELIp* HIRABLE HAULIER AIRHoLE
CHARLIE sHALIER THIRLAgE CHALKIER CHARLIEs
Move 7 anagrams: EbONITE ONETIME* CENOBITE COTEIINE TENOrITE ELEcTION TEOSINTE
REOrIENT ERIONITE EREcTION ORIENTED
Note: IRONIC d3d for 16 with Morris's first rack.

This article on the World Scrabble Championship held in London last year appeared in the December 1991 edition of the British Scrabble magazine 'Onwords'.

1992 Masters

The New Plymouth Club is delighted to host this year's Masters tournament! It will be held at the Spotswood College Library, South Rd, New Plymouth from April 18th to 20th. (The site of our 1991 tournament)

Dinner has been organised at The Devon, 390 Devon St East on Sunday 19th. Cost per person is \$24.50. This smorgasbord has a wide and sumptuous variety of seafood, hot and cold meats, salads, vegetables, breads, soups, patés, Chinese delicacies, casseroles and desserts. The service is excellent and the ambience is appealing.

Limited billets are available but get in quick. Contact Lynne Butler, 13 Antonia Place, Bell Block, N.P. Ph (06)755 2134

For those who wish to stay in motels these are the three closest to Spotswood College.

Flamingo Motel, 355 Devon St West
Ph (06)758 8149

Tiffany's 229 Devon St West
Ph (06)757 9151

Braemar Motor Hotel, 157 Powderham St
Ph (06)758 0859

Scrabble Software Problems

Sue McRae of the Wellington Club is interested in computer Scrabble. She recently tried to load a borrowed disc (original) onto a MAC Classic, only to find that the software by 'Leisure Genius' (Virgin Mastertronic) wouldn't work on her machine. as it was set up on the older MAC system. Does anyone know how to get around this problem, or which software Sue could use on her MAC Classic? If so, she would love to hear from you (collect) on (04)4757-899.

RODNEY TOURNAMENT - NEW DATE

PLEASE NOTE that the Rodney Tournament will be held on SATURDAY 14th November 1992, not on Sunday 15th as given in the Tournament Calendar in the last issue of Forwards.

A good Scrabblor should have two weapons - a solid arsenal of useful words, AND the ability to play the right one at the right time. This latter could be otherwise described as "tactics".

While it seems everyone, at every level, bemoans their own perceived lack of word knowledge, many don't realise the importance of tactical play as well. We all know players with excellent vocabularies who don't seem to get many WINS, and conversely some players with relatively limited word knowledge, who have the happy knack of extracting the most out of what little they have.

If, when you've played a "JIB" for 18, I look over your shoulder and say "You could have played DJIBBAH there for 93", you really can't be blamed, as you've simply never heard of it! But if I can point out that HAJ, hooking onto HOP and AX, would have scored 41 - and you certainly DO know those words - THEN you are probably guilty of NOT getting the most out of what you DO know.

However, today we look solely at the first ingredient - expanding your (Scrabble!) vocabulary.

Firstly I believe there can be no "best" system for learning words. Learning should be FUN, and what's fun for me may not be for you. Also, my personal weaknesses and strengths will differ from yours. So each person must choose the way that SUITS THEM. Here are some suggestions anyway. Pick out what might suit YOU, and discard the rest.

Equip yourself with word lists. Then throw away your dictionaries (unless you're really keen on "meanings") and concentrate on your lists. One thing I see makes me cringe! Using DICTIONARIES for 7's. You check OSW for your OUTSING. Not there. You check OSPD, and find it.

I check ALPS, and find it. BUT - I also discover OUSTING, OUTINGS, and TOUSING. Surely far more useful for the future!

LEARNING SEQUENCE - Rather than just floundering around aimlessly, occasionally picking up various "new" words, you should have an overall PLAN. I suggest the following order:-

- (1) 2's - learn them ALL - 100%
- (2) 3's - learn "a lot" of them.
- (3) 7's - pick ONE good 6-letter stem (e.g. AEINST) and learn at least ONE 7 with each letter (e.g. ENTASIA, BASINET, CANIEST..)
- (4) 3's and 4's - learn ALL that include J, Q, X, Z.
- (5) 7's - same as (3), but expand to about 10 stems.
- (6) 3's - now, learn them ALL, 100%!
- (7) 5's - learn a few of those including J, Q, X, Z.
- (8) 7's - further expansion, up to say 50 6-letter stems (or alternatively try one 5-letter stem (e.g. AERST)).
- (9) 4's - learn ALL (just over 1000) which contain two 3-letter words (e.g. CODA = COD + A QR C + ODA).
- (10) 7's - take your 50 6-letter stems, and learn EVERY word they make with each 7th letter.
- (11) 8's - make a cautious start on the world of "eights".

This long list may look daunting, but whoever you are you are probably already on it, somewhere. Don't look at the complete picture - just find where YOU fit in, then look at your ONE NEXT STEP.

BITE-SIZE CHUNKS - Even any ONE of those 11 steps will seem daunting, so break that step into bite-size (for YOU) chunks.

For example, if you're on to Step 6, start by concentrating purely on the A's for a few days (weeks, months, whatever). Then only when completely happy with them, progress to the B's etc.

Furthermore, having defined your "chunk", you can usually further reduce it by eliminating those "easy" words that you do already know.

Personally, I cross out those I know in dark red, so although still legible they throw the focus onto all the OTHERS. So your 75 "A's" may now shrink to only 30 words you need to LEARN. (But for your final test run you MUST reinclude ALL the words, otherwise a few can still evade your net).

REWARDS - If your learning isn't enjoyable and/or satisfying, then you won't want to do it. So make clearly-defined GOALS. I personally don't involve TIME in these, but just say "I'm jolly well going to get those A's LEARNT!", and then go to it, at whatever pace I feel like.

But with a clear GOAL comes real SATISFACTION when at last you're sure that the goal has been achieved. One day you'll find that indeed you DO know all the A's, so can bask in glory for a few days (weeks, etc) before being inspired to taste the NEXT chunk.

I like to feel some progress even along the way during a task like this. (Just learning the 3's with "A" probably took me about 20 runs through, at about 20min each, on different days). So I SCORE each run, taking ONE point for each one I missed, and THREE for any non-existent word included. (This is roughly equivalent to the effect of accidentally playing a "crook" word during a game, and helps you to show only ones you're "sure" of). Then watch your scores creep down toward zero!

"DEEP" LEARNING - One way to "learn" a list is to look carefully at each word until you feel you can say "Yes, I know that one". But that is NOT adequate for REAL learning. I feel the ONLY effective way is to start with NOTHING, then produce each word, fresh out of your head.

For example, to learn the 3's starting with "A", think about AA and what goes on the back? AAA? "No". AAB? "No". AAC? "No". etc... This will ensure you've REALLY learnt them when you can - albeit slowly and painstakingly - produce on a blank piece of paper all the 75 words, with no "extras". And having done that, once, I feel you should then not look at them for a few days, and then do them AGAIN. If this 2nd time is NOT 100% then it's back to the drawing board, as you'd only been stuffing them into your "SHORT-term memory"!

"LIGHT" LEARNING - You needn't just know some categories 100% yet know nothing else at all. Sometimes for a change pick a group a little ahead of where you're at, and simply glance through them, noting any that particularly catch your eye. This will NOT ensure that you know them all sufficiently well to play them yourself (although you will pick up many this way) but will at least help you RECOGNISE them when someone ELSE plays them, thus avoiding futile challenges.

MAKE YOUR OWN LISTS - As you browse through lists, you may find patterns that appeal to you. For instance a lot of 7's end with IE, like STEAMIE, SMARTIE, etc. Alternatively, as you play you may notice that you often want to dump two I's, but can't. Wouldn't it be handy to know all the 4's that contain two I's.

In cases like these, if you can't acquire a full list from somewhere, set to and make your own. A list you've made yourself has more meaning to it, so then learning it should be fun. And WHEN you've learned it, remember W-H-A-T you've learned. If you've listed, and learned, all 4's with two I's, then if I play FOAK your learning won't help you, but if I was to try TILI then you think "Two I's - I should know that one. But I don't!", so you can confidently challenge me off.

100% OR BUST! - Many players know "99%" of something. This is NOT just 1% short of perfection - it's MILES away. If you are 99% OK on 3's then that 1% doubt can pervade everything. If I play DAR can you be SURE it's crook, or is that maybe within your cloudy 1% somewhere? So do make the effort to turn your 99% into a clean, perfect 100%.

Enjoy your studies (AND your Scrabble),

OTARINE PANTS.

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST NO.25

Pakuranga Tournament

January 25th 1992

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg
A Grade						E Grade					
1 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2877	10	411.0	1 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	2759	5	394.1
2 Ann Candler	NSB	5	2742	12	391.7	2 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	2842	14	406.0
3 Glynis Jennings	WHA	5	2738	9	391.1	3 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	2595	7	370.7
4 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	4	2774	13	396.3	4 Alice O'Callihan	NSB	4	2536	5	362.3
5 June Mackwell	MTA	4	2722	13	388.9	5 Dawn Kitzen	PAP	3	2475	5	353.6
6 Bob Johnstone	NSB	3	2573	8	367.6	6 Adrienne McKeown	MTA	3	2399	3	342.7
7 David Pinner	MTA	2	2705	10	386.4	7 Pauline Hayes	MTA	3	2295	5	327.9
8 John Foster	MTA	0	0	0	0.0	8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	2372	5	338.9
B Grade						F Grade					
1 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5.5	2639	8	377.0	1 Dorothy Haining	ROD	7	2722	7	388.9
2 John Moore	HAM	4.5	2831	12	404.4	2 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2893	8	413.3
3 May Quigley	NSB	4	2909	12	415.6	3 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	5	2508	3	358.3
4 Georgie Offringa	NSB	4	2738	7	391.1	4 Jillian Greening	HAM	3	2435	9	347.9
5 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2791	8	398.7	5 Joan Pratt	MTA	3	2376	7	339.4
6 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2586	8	369.4	6 Eileen Mead	IND	3	2360	6	337.1
7 Rita Moore	HAM	2	2615	7	373.6	7 Valerie Holbrook	PAK	2	2235	2	319.3
8 Roger Coates	HAM	2	2458	8	351.1	8 Lil Moore	MTA	0	2190	4	312.9
C Grade						G Grade					
1 Fae Olson	STR	6	2945	11	420.7	1 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	2632	8	376.0
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	6	2847	12	406.7	2 May Mead	PAP	5	2446	9	349.4
3 Anne Warner	ROD	5	2650	6	378.6	3 June Ward(l)	IND	5	2302	2	328.9
4 Cathy Woods	MTA	4	2547	5	363.9	4 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2264	2	323.4
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	2538	7	362.6	5 Margaret Mourant	MTA	3	2473	4	353.3
6 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2596	6	370.9	6 Jacqueline Coldham	HAM	2	2309	6	329.9
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	2	2245	4	320.7	-Fussell					
8 Joan Ball	PAK	0	2287	1	326.7	7 Ed Olson	STR	2	2185	1	312.1
D Grade						H Grade					
1 Stan Skinner	HAM	6	2742	9	391.7	1 Suzanne Anderson	IND	6	2413	3	344.7
2 Pat Johnstone	NSB	5	2396	5	342.3	2 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	2361	2	337.3
3 Carole Coates	HAM	4.5	2723	8	389.0	3 Margaret Simpson	PAK	5	2265	1	323.6
4 Maureen Holliday	MTA	4	2543	6	363.3	4 Sammy Saunders	PAP	3	2243	0	320.4
5 Jean O'Brien	STR	4	2437	4	348.1	5 Kath Davies	MTA	3	2095	2	299.3
6 Roger Tozer	NPL	2	2401	5	343.0	6 Elise Joy	PAP	3	1967	2	281.0
7 Cathie Sale	PAK	2	2068	2	295.4	7 Pat Wareing	PAK	2	2232	2	318.9
8 Daph Curl	MTA	0.5	1000	3	333.3	8 May Gale	HAM	0	2071	0	295.9

Hamilton Club Secretary, Betty Gibb, is away overseas from 20 May to 5 September. Will all Clubs needing to contact the Hamilton Club during this period note that enquiries should be addressed to John Moore, 19a Waimarie Street, Hamilton, Phone (07) 84-71126.

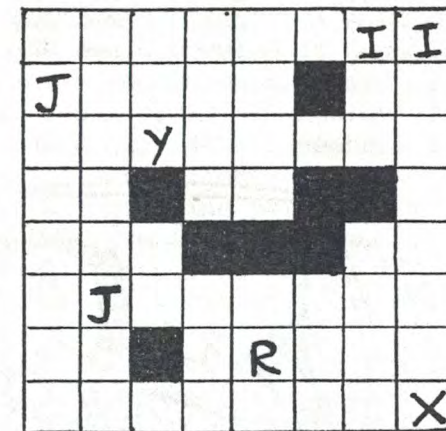
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|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 poor pore | 8 phone foen/fone | 14 red redd |
| 2 greyed grade | 9 wholly holy | 15 eerie eyrie/aerie |
| 3 sole soul | 10 ate eight | 16 ginny (d)jinni |
| 4 weer weir | 11 nice gneiss | 17 daze deys |
| 5 right rite | or calm cam | 18 oda odour |
| 6 banned band | 12 porn pawn | 19 tyed tide |
| 7 your yaw | 13 house hows | 20 cleft klepht |

A hard puzzle this one with only 2 people solving all 20 homophone pairs. A draw was held between clubmates Rhoda Cashman and Dorothy Haining (Rodney), with Rhoda being first out of the hat. Congratulations!

Other good efforts came in from Lyn Toka (Hamilton) and Glennis Hale (Mt Albert) with 18 correct, and Ian Patterson (Dunedin) with 16. A worthy mention also to Pauline Hayes (Mt Albert) and Lois Kelly (Tokoroa) - good on you both for having a go.

SCRABBLE CONTEST NO.26

Clueless crosswords are always fun. With a little logic and some hard work you can usually solve the puzzle. See how you get on with this one.



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

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

Oamaru Tournament 1992
February 22

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg					
A Grade					B Grade				
1 Anne Stewart	DUN	7	2717	388.1	1 Nancy Buchanan	OAM	5	2584	369.1
2 Bill Grigg	DUN	5	2634	376.3	2 Mary Pinchin	CHC	5	2450	350.0
3 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	2492	356.0	3 Monica Fitzgerald	OAM	5	2271	324.4
4 Norman Goodger	DUN	5	2336	333.7	4 Katrine Renwick	CHC	4	2689	384.1
5 Alan Boyd	DUN	4	2756	393.7	5 Ann Brady	OAM	4	2363	337.6
6 Jo Burnside	DUN	4	2603	371.9	6 Liz Ross	DUN	3	2624	374.9
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	3	2523	360.4	7 Shirley Hol	CHC	3	2418	345.4
8 Margaret Lyall	CHC	1	2238	319.7	8 Hilda Richardson	OAM	3	2295	327.9
9 Anna Harraway	OAM	1	2152	307.4	9 Shirley Murcott	OAM	2	2139	305.6
10 Laney de Gooyer	OAM	0	2080	297.1	10 Edna Morgan	OAM	1	2119	302.7
C Grade									
1 Elspeth Twaddle	OAM	6	2297	328.1					
2 Kathleen Barker	DUN	6	2165	309.3					
3 Margaret Brogan	OAM	5	2042	291.7					
4 Gladys Bloor	OAM	4	2123	303.3					
5 Letitia Vaitupu	DUN	4	1978	282.6					
6 Merlyn Little	OAM	3.5	1984	283.4					
7 Penny Irvine	DUN	3	1507	215.3					
8 Rene Stringer	OAM	1.5	1606	229.4					
9 Edna Hanbury	OAM	1	868	289.3					
10 Dorrie Frame	OAM	1	1078	269.5					
11 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	1599	228.4					



Boy! That traffic officer was in a bad mood when he stopped us and saw us playing with our new travel scrabble set.

- Wangarui Club Newsletter, Dec 1991

THE AUSSIE SCENE

Excerpts from a letter received by Ian Patterson (Dunedin), from ex-New Plymouth Scrabbler Paul O'Connell :

'My wife Andrea and I are now living back in Melbourne where we were born. Melbourne is of course the HQ for Aussie Scrabble and there are over 30 clubs here! We also now realise that we formerly lived almost next door to a Scrabble Club in Glenelg (nice palindrome), Sth Australia. Of course we had no idea.

After a slow start due to settling back etc., we managed to play the last 3 tournaments last year. There are 4 grades at all Aussie tournaments - Masters, Advanced, Intermediate and Recreation. We started in Intermediate and I was lucky enough to win. I have played the last 2 in Advanced (3 wins from 6 - satisfactory first up, then 1.5 out of 6 - a real disaster). There is a tournament next week so I could be back in Intermediate after my last effort.

I have not enjoyed the tournaments as much as in NZ and have found them a bit frustrating - no OSPD and no double challenge. The latter takes the bluffing/gambling/risk Factor out which I particularly enjoy, and the former has proved somewhat a nightmare as I find it difficult if not downright impossible to 'unlearn' words. BI, DE, ET, PE, YA, XU, DJIN, AZON and many, many more have been my undoing in tournaments.

Interestingly the only lists people have mentioned to us are 2's and 3's.'

Paul also mentioned that there was a referendum late last year to decide if OSPD would be used in addition to Chambers for all Aussie tournaments. He comments, 'Amazingly the motion was approved and it's now official. Hooray! It's just the tonic I needed.' It appears only 40% of members voted in the referendum and the margin was extremely close. The December 'Across the Board' (Australian) magazine noted that there had been an appeal against the result.

However, a recently received letter from Lesley Mack, vice-president of A.S.P.A., Victoria, states :

'Our members have voted to use both Chambers and OSPD2 as at May 1st '92 so that will bring us into line with you. Great stuff! I have also heard a rumour that there is a push in America for both as well. I suppose if America and England have both, most other places will follow.'

Some exciting developments in the Scrabble World. We'll keep you informed as more news comes through - Ed.

STOP PRESS Christchurch Tourney May 9th

TOKOROA TOURNAMENT WRAP UP.

By Kevin Edgeler

Tokoroa Scrabble Club Tournament 29th February 1992

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
A Grade					C Grade				
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	6	3262	466.0	1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	3145	449.3
2 Denise Gordon	WAN	5	2863	409.0	2 Margaret Parsons	TPO	6	2714	387.7
3 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	2707	386.7	3 Glenda Geard	IND	5	2764	394.9
4 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2844	406.3	4 Jean O'Brien	STR	5	2708	386.9
5 June Mackwel	MTA	4	2795	399.3	5 Bev Barker	MTA	4	2588	369.7
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	3	2909	415.6	6 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	2479	354.1
7 May Quigley	NSB	3	2744	392.0	7 Stan Skinner	HAM	4	2476	353.7
8 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	3	2740	391.4	8 Betty Erikson	WAN	2	2573	367.6
9 Georgie Offringa	NSB	3	2524	360.6	9 Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2413	344.7
10 Betty Gibb	HAM	2	2751	393.0	10 Jan Jacobi	TOK	2	2258	322.6
11 John Moore	HAM	2	2611	373.0	11 Lyn Toka	HAM	1	2596	370.9
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	1	2417	345.3	12 Isobel Zyp	HAM	1	2461	351.6
B Grade					D Grade				
1 Marj Baillie	HAM	5	2914	416.3	1 Norman Wheeler	WEL	7	2776	396.6
2 Lucy Bright	MAS	5	2871	410.1	2 Bridget French	TOK	5	2399	342.7
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	2668	381.1	3 Johanne Patel	WAN	4.5	2520	360.0
4 Fae Olson	STR	4	2747	392.4	4 Gwen Robb	TPO	4	2502	357.4
5 Puti Rowe	STR	4	2680	382.9	5 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	4	2310	330.0
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	2643	377.6	6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3.5	2458	351.1
7 Rita Moore	HAM	3	2750	392.9	7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	2560	365.7
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2710	387.1	8 Phyl Wilson	TPO	3	2413	344.7
9 Andrée Prentice	WAN	3	2634	376.3	9 Dave Godman	WEL	3	2394	342.0
10 Roger Coates	HAM	2	2621	374.4	10 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	2413	344.7
11 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	2	2515	359.3	11 Ernie Gidman	RQD	2	2185	312.1
12 Anne Warner	ROD	2	2444	349.1	12 Eileen Mclean	IND	1	2170	310.0
E Grade									
1 Elsie Pugh	HAM	7	2709	387.0					
2 Win Heaven	HAM	5	2747	392.4					
3 Willie van Hasselt	TOK	5	2732	390.3					
4 Jane Lawless	HAM	4	2963	423.3					
5 Lynne Oates	TPO	4	2414	344.9					
6 Val Worth	TOK	4	2377	339.6					
7 Ed Olson	STR	4	2316	330.9					
8 Anne Reeves	TPO	4	2137	305.3					
9 Kath James	WAN	2	2314	330.6					
10 Margaret Simpson	PAK	2	1998	285.4					
11 Valma Gidman	ROD	1	2167	309.6					
12 May Gale	HAM	0	1874	267.7					

A warm cuppa greeted the players as they arrived at the Tokoroa Bridge Club for the staging of their tenth Annual Tournament.

Sixty players from fourteen clubs and a number of independents filled the venue to the maximum.

Five grades of twelve players settled into their games with a cautious start as the first challenge was ten minutes into the first game.

Mike Sigley took out the A Grade from clubmate Denise Gordon, who, after losing the first two games, came through strongly winning the next five. Rhoda Cashman played solidly to take third.

The B Grade was very tight with the top three players all recording five wins. Marj Baillie prevailed on a points count back from Lucy Bright and Allie Quinn.

Faye Cronhelm made a roaring start in the C Grade with a 510 first game and a massive 582 in the second. Further steady play followed only to lose the last game by one point. Still this was enough to give Faye the win from Margaret Parsons of Taupo who also had six wins with Glenda Geard getting into third.

The D Grade champion, Norman Wheeler, went through unbeaten winning all seven games. Bridget French from the host club took second and Johanne Patel, on four and a half wins, took third.

Hamilton's Elsie Pugh was also a player not to lose a game on her march to first place in the E Grade. Clubmate Win Heaven took second with Willie van Hasselt third.

Lois Kelly and her team of helpers did a grand job with the catering and all club members pitched in and helped in some way to make for another successful tournament.

Special thanks to non-club members for their help and to our adjudicator Jeff for coming from Hastings to adjudicate once again.

A HARDY BELLE

Congratulations to Andrew and Erin Bradley on the birth of their second daughter. Leah Hope arrived on December 12th, the same day as Hastings Scrabble Club's Xmas meeting. Yes, Andrew did turn up for a celebratory drink! He didn't stay too long though.

FIFTH NORFOLK ISLAND SCRABBLE FESTIVAL

(30 August to 6 September 1992)

by Dorothy and David Pinner

This exciting event began in rather a strange way. During the 1984 August school holiday we intended to go to the Cook Islands. The only flight was in mid-week which we could not manage because of work. So we reluctantly switched to Norfolk Island. Rather comical too, for this was the last year of the three-hour Friendship flights and not only was our luggage weighed but we were as well! Now it's all 1½ hour jet flights with just enough time for a meal.

Anyway, we had an enjoyable, relaxed stay and made ourselves known to the locals by being interviewed on the Island's radio station about Scrabble. This led to a few visits to people's homes showing them how we played in New Zealand. They weren't very impressed for they had been playing their way for years. Still no harm was done.

Just before the end of our fortnight's stay we were visited by Agnes Hain who had heard our broadcast. She introduced herself as an established travel agent who sponsored group activities. She had successful chess, trivial pursuit, bowls etc groups coming most years. Would we be interested in running a Scrabble Festival?

We thought it was a hoot. We couldn't imagine 30 or more New Zealanders coming all the way to Norfolk Island to play Scrabble! The idea was ridiculous.

Still she persisted, so we thought it wouldn't do any harm to try. The pamphlets were printed and distributed.

Surprise, surprise! We got over 60 acceptances (including 20 from Australia). That 1985 Festival was really frenetic with so many participants. Correne James agreed to help us with the adjudication. We spent hours learning the ropes and doing all the organising as well as acting as tourist agents for all the various outings that people wanted to go on.

We even had a test match - the first and only - when New Zealand thrashed Australia. Is that why they never came back?

The next two, 1986 and 1987, were in some ways a bit of an anti-climax for the numbers dropped to about 30. But what they lost in numbers was more than made up for in spirit. We became a large happy family. A loyal nucleus have gone nearly every time. John Foster, Jeff Grant, Conny van Tilburg, Glennis Hale, Correne James, Mike Sigley and Denise Gordon are all 'regulars'.

We had a three year spell before a delightful 1990 Festival when new people joined in who look as if they are also going to be stalwarts. For instance those from Stratford, New Plymouth and Rodney. So now we are going for the fifth time.

What do we do?

Well we are all housed close to one another so there is a great deal of socialising. We have an introductory dinner with its accompanying mirth, photographs, spot prizes and general hubbub - as well as good food and drink.

We play in grades, about three games a day - usually mornings (except Wednesdays when the shops are shut in the afternoons). We use the facilities of a hotel that has an excellent restaurant. Last time the A grade played three round robins and Mike was unbeaten. Some record!

We also have handicap knockout games which are played where you like (usually in each other's units). There are consolation knockouts for those who lose in the first round. There are also daily puzzle pages which are mainly word games allied with local knowledge. They are usually competed for by groups. Looking for an answer to to one question led Charlie Curl opening the Gideon Bible and out fluttered money!

It all culminates in the Saturday night prize giving. Plenty of trophies to keep. Plenty of prizes. Lots of photos. Too much to eat and drink. And lots of 'turns' and skits by various individuals and groups. Nobody will forget Peg Barrington performing under a torch spotlight when we had a power cut one year! And Mike's Papua New Guinea pidgin English Scrabble player turned up twice. Once to carry off Correne. We think the second time was to return her.

For those who haven't been before there are interesting tours. Norfolk Island was a British penal settlement. Also it is the home of Pitcairn Islanders (descendants of the Bounty mutineers) who were given a new home on Norfolk. So historians find this fascinating. The Sound and Light show is a must for those who haven't been. There is a glass bottom boat on the reef too, and some rather athletic activities.

Shopping is great. We are always finding bargains. Lynne Powell's aerobics display, modelling her new leotards, will not be forgotten. Nor all those shoes accumulated by Lyn Wood. When anybody finds a shop with bargains we descend on it in droves.

We all have memories of 'magic moments'. The beach bunnies gave the locals a bit of a shock. We have photos to prove it. Enough said.

You can dine out at a different restaurant each night - or there are excellent takeaways. Or you can cook in your units. (boring!)

It's a great holiday with good company and good Scrabble. And it's one of the cheapest holidays you can have overseas. All the travel arrangements are dealt with by the Travel Centre in Norfolk Island. Our job is to arrange the Scrabble games but we will be glad to answer any queries that you might have. Phone (09)6264-162.

THE AUCKLAND HOME CHAMPIONSHIP

Have you ever organised a private Scrabble game against someone else from your Club? Playing a match of 3, 4 or even 5 games against one person is completely different from just one game and moving on to your next opponent. After playing several such games last year against Peter Jones and Glennis Hale I decided that it would be a good idea to organise a home league.

For our inaugural year there are 42 participants. These are divided into 3 grades (12 in the A, 13 in the B and 17 in the C). Each grade has one match in every 3 week period. You can play your match at any time in that period that suits you and your opponent. All matches are of 4 games and the result is just the game score, i.e. 2-2, 3-1 or 4-0, although total points are also recorded to break any ties at the end of the competition.

4 games appears to be a suitable number, although some of the C grade have told me that they would prefer only 3. This is something that will be reviewed at the end of the year.

So far there have only been 1 or 2 minor problems which when compared to the huge amount of positive feedback convinces me that this event will grow in popularity and become a regular feature of the Auckland Scrabble scene.

If you are interested in setting up something similar in your area I would be delighted to help with advice on rules, formats etc..

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ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example FLOAT to ALOFT and INFLAME to FEMINAL. On a higher level WHAT A FOREIGN STONE-PILE is THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA and LADY DIANA SPENCER reveals the prophetic SEND A LADY A PRINCE.

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

FRANCES KATENE	AFTER KEEN SCAN
ANN GRINDROD	DR.NOD RANG IN
HOWARD WARNER	WORN HARDWARE
CAROLYN KYLE	REALLY CONKY
HAZEL PURDIE	HAULED PRIZE
PUTI ROWE	O PURE WIT



Playing scrabble before the start of today's match are New Zealand cricketers, from left, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris and Martin Crowe.
H.B. Herald Tribune, 3.3.92.

That Takes The Cake



A fan club

A SCRABBLE VALENTINE

I've admired you across my board
Your face a study as you search for a word.
Five letters, six letters, or even a seven.
You're my dream of a Scrabble heaven.
Your bag of books, you look so clever.
Dare I speak to you? No! No! not ever.
You're in A grade, I'm in E.
I'm not worthy of your company.
But I long for Friday, to see your face.
When you rattle your tiles and take your place.
I become so happy just watching you play.
I want to have my game and run away.
The words you play are so romantic.
They make me feel like going frantic.
Who else knows words like coxa and jato.
Or easy ones like oloroso?
Only you, my heart's delight.
Look forward to seeing you, Friday night.

MRS. OPEN JESTER

KEEN SCRABBLERS KEEN TRAVELLERS ?
Audrey has been in Germany since November.
Rosie is due back from L.A. where she had a year long appointment.
Margie is packing her bags for South Africa.
Nola, Ann, Kath are going or coming back from Australia.
Nita will be taking off for two months in Europe very soon.

-Wanganui Club Newsletter, Jan 1992

WURDS

The allowable Scrabble words are sura, alright, sed, largish,
negro, yores, thother.
