

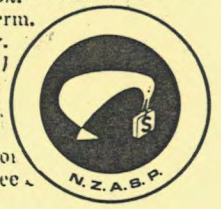
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# FORWORDS

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this." *Line.*  
 SCOTCH-AND-ENGLISH. In Cumberland the game of *prisoner's base* is sometimes so called, in allusion probably to the border wars.  
 SCOTCH-FIDDLE. A fiddle thus played:— the fore-finger is the fiddlestick, which plays between the thumb and fingers of the other hand. *North.*  
 SCOTCH-FOG. A kind of misty rain. There is an old saying that "a *Scotch-fog* will wet an Englishman through."  
 SCOTCH-HOP. The game of hop-sotch. It is mentioned in Clarke's *Phraseologia Puerilis*, 1655, p.322. Moor calls it *Scotch-hob*.  
 SCOTE. (1, A prop. *I. Wight.*  
 (2) A dragstaff. *Glouc.*  
 (3) To plough up. *Heref.*  
 SCOTH. To clothe, or cover up.  
 SCOTOMY. A dizziness in the head.  
 SCOTS. Scotch cattle. *North.*  
 SCOTTERING. A custom among boys of burning a bundle of pease-straw at the end of harvest. "In Herefordshire, boys at the latter end of harvest use to burn a wad of pease in the straw, which they call a *scottering*, and eat the pease being so parched," Blount.  
 SCOTTLE. To cut badly, raggedly. "How you have *scottled* that leather;" "the beef was *scottled* shamefully." *Wills.*  
 SCOTTLES. An amusement with boys, who pelt each other with the stubble of wheat pulled up with the earth about the roots. This is called "playing at *scottles*." *Suffolk.*  
 SCOUR. A rod sharpened at both ends used in thatching. *Northumb.*  
 SCOUL. To burn fiercely; to look red, generally said of the sky. *Deron.*  
 SCOUP. To leap at prey. *Falsgrave.*  
 SCOUR. (1) To scour a hedge, to deepen the ditch, and to breast up the hedge with the soil taken out. *North.*  
 (2) A shallow, gravelly part of a river. *Warw.*  
 (3) To clean out ponds, &c. *East.*  
 (4) A scouring, or beating.  
 (5) A noise; a tumult. *Somerset.*  
 SCOURGE. To sweep with a besom. *Kent.*  
 SCOURGE-METTLE. The instrument with which a boy whips his top. "Every night I

(3) A watchman. A cant term. *scoutwatch*, ed. 1812, p. xxv.  
 (4) A small division of land. *SCOUTH.*  
 And he get *scouth* to wield h. I fear you'll both be padd.  
 SCOUTIER. An uproar; a coo.  
 SCOUT-WATCH. A spy. See SCOVE.  
 SCOVE. To run fast. *East.*  
 SCOVEL. A baker's maulkin.  
 SCOVEN. The neck of lamb. *Somerset.*  
 SCOVING. "Scoving is shoving the barley forward in order for binding," MS. Devon. Gl.  
 SCOVY. Uneven. *Devon.* "Scovy wool, wool of various colours not duely mixt in combing or scribbling, but streaky," MS. Devonshire Glossary.  
 SCOWDER. A bustle; a confusion. *North.*  
 SCOWULE. A shawl, or shovel.  
 SCOY. Thin, poor, generally applied to silks or stuffs. *Cornu.*  
 SCOJES. Scourges.  
 The her of his hed is al to drawe, The body with *scojies* al to-flawe. *MS. Addit. 11307, f. 49.*  
 SCRAB. (1) The crab-apple. *North.*  
 (2) To scratch, or claw. *East.*  
 SCRABBED-EGGS. A lenten dish, composed of eggs boiled hard, chopped and mixed with a seasoning of butter, salt, and pepper.  
 SCRABBLE. (1) To scramble. *Somerset.*  
 (2) To scratch with the nails. *Line.*  
 SCRADGE. To dress and trim a feu-bank, in order to prepare it the better to resist an apprehended overflow. All loose materials within reach are raked together; and such additions as are to be had are procured, and so applied, as to heighten and strengthen the upper part on the side next to the flood. Forby's *East Anglia*, ii. 290.  
 SCRAFFISCIL. The cray-fish.  
 SCRAFFLE. To scramble; to struggle; also, to wrangle or quarrel.  
 SCRAG. (1) A ghost. *North.*  
 (2) Offal; remnants. *Yorks.*  
 (3) A crooked forked branch. *West.*  
 (4) A lean, thin person. *Devon.* The adjective *scrappy* is common everywhere.  
 SCRAGGED. Hanged. A cant term.  
 SCRAGGLE. To scramble. *Porsel.*  
 SCRAM. Distorted; awkward. Also, benumbed with cold. *West.*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Another Nationals has passed and I'm sure everyone appreciated the new venue as much as I did. Special thanks to Roy and Bernice for their organizational work, and to Elaine Moltzen who bought all those lovely prizes.

There are some changes to the Executive with Bev Barker replacing Bernice as treasurer, and Rita Moore stepping down as minutes secretary. Thanks for all your efforts Bernice and Rita.

The AGM was especially lively this year, with many things to discuss. The official Ratings system will now be used to grade all tournaments, and time clocks will be used in the top grades in some events next year.

OSPD2 is due here any day now. The Americans have been using it since last year, and the Australians are still debating its merits. Let's hope they decide to adopt it, as I'm sure that would give more Scrabblers the incentive to cross the Tasman for competition.

On the subject of Aussies, it was great to have the current Oz champ John Holgate at the Nationals this year. His comment at the dinner that it was the best-organized event he had attended was high praise indeed. I think John may be tempted to return for another visit at some stage. We would certainly welcome him back anytime.

Well done to the organizers of the successful North Shore Bays and Christchurch tourneys, and thanks to New Plymouth for hosting a most enjoyable Masters event back at Easter. We'd also like to wish the Papatoetoe Holy Cross Club all the best for their first tournament, which is being held on July 4th.

Congratulations are in order to Karen Rodgers (Lower Hutt) for her appearance on 'Sale of the Century', and to May Quigley (NSB) and her husband for winning a new car recently.

On a sadder note, our condolences to Ruth O'Neill of New Plymouth whose Nationals weekend ended tragically with the death of her son Terry in a road accident.

Thanks to all those who have contributed items for this issue. I think we have a record number of puzzles, so out with pen and paper, crank up the brain cells, and give them a go! Finally, special thanks as always to our ace typist Glennis.

The cover of Forwards 27 is taken from 'A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words', by James Orchard Halliwell, Seventh Edition, 1872.

Closing Date for the September issue is August 31.

Happy Scrabbling

Jeff

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# HOLY CROSS SCRABBLE CLUB

The first Sth Auckland Scrabble Club was started in the Papakura Croquet Rooms to provide a winter activity for the croquet ladies. Unfortunately it folded after one year but a Papatoetoe lady, Nancy, with the support of her friend Dawn had already decided to break away and start a club in their own town.

For the first few years the games were held in the foyer of the Holy Cross hall until it was decided to shift to the Parish house adjoining the church and convent.

The club was not very competitive as it mainly provided an afternoon of enjoying and playing the game together. Playing cards were always drawn to see who played who and money prizes were and still are given for the highest aggregate, spot and triple-triple prizes. There is no fee to join.

Nancy and Dawn were joined by Bertha and Beryl also from the Papakura Club and many players are still active members who attended on the first day. Bertha has always been the record keeper and at the age of 89 is the matriarch of the club. She is the second oldest competitive Scrabble player in New Zealand as she is four days younger than Mt Albert's Lulu Holt. and this year at North Shore Bays tournament she came 4th in her grade. This was the first one she had ever entered.

Unfortunately Nancy, after shifting house has defected to the Rodney Club.

Our membership fluctuates around the 30 mark.

After affiliation this year our inaugural tournament will be held on July 4th in our very excellent Holy Cross Hall.

Dawn Kitzen

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## SPEED SCRABBLE

While relaxing back at the motel after the Nationals prizegiving dinner, Glennis Hale beat Jeff Grant in a friendly game by 576 to 320. You may not think a combined score of 896 particularly noteworthy, but the entire game was played in only 7½ minutes!

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# DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

In February, eleven of our members ventured to Oamaru for their annual tournament. We had a successful day with the Club filling the first three places in "A" grade. Winner was Anne Stewart with 7 wins, 388 average; second was Norman Goodger, 5 wins, 392 average; third was Bill Grigg 5 wins, 377 average. In "C" grade Kathleen Barker was second with 6 wins, 309 average. A good time was had by all. Let's keep this interclub rivalry up.

February Round Robin Competition: "A" grade; Peter Sinton: "B"; Bill Grigg: "C"; Anne Stewart: "D"; Letitia Vaitupu.

Challenge Competition: 1st, Margaret McKenzie; 2nd, Bill Grigg; 3rd, Marian Ross.

Welcome to the club- Mike and Irene Lovell, Paulette Nettleton, Gary Shaw, Genevive New, Winifred Lyon, Mary Bell, Kevin Price, Gillian Smiley, Tim Mitchell, Jean Aldridge.

In March some notable firsts. All grades in the Round Robin Competition were won by women. This is only the second time that a woman has won the "A" grade, the first being Marian Ross back in June 1988.

"A" grade; Glennie Jamieson: "B"; Anne Stewart: "C"; Jo Burnside: "D"; Kathleen Barker: "E"; Irene Lovell. Jo is also at the top of the ladder competition. Great to see the men knocked off the top perch.

Challenge Competition: 1st, Peter Sinton; 2nd, Robert Jones; 3rd, Ian Ross.

Today it is bitterly cold with snow on the surrounding hills but we guarantee you a warm welcome at our club. Remember Dunedin Open 28-29th November.

## SCRABBLE FANATICS

A few weeks back Doreen Ogston (Chch) was in Dunedin on holiday. In the morning she played four or five games with Alan Boyd. Out to Bill Grigg for another 4-5 games and tea, then to Anne Stewart's for bed and sleep. Wrong! Another three games into early morning. Doreen loves her scrabble. Yes, she did beat me! Just wait until our next board meeting!

## HARD LUCK STORIES

Marian Ross in the March R/R scored 448 plus 3 bonus words and lost to Anne Stewart on 452: adding insult to injury because she won only 2 of her 8 games. Although she had a 397 average she only finished fifth and has been relegated to "C" grade. Sometimes scrabble doesn't seem the fun game it really is! In the May R/R competition Anne Stewart has lost on 421, 427, 404. How would you feel?

## April R/R. Results

"A" grade; Peter Sinton: "B"; Robert Jones: "C"; Corale McDonald: "D"; Irene Lovell: "E"; Steve Robson. Scrabble does have its ups and downs. Last months "A" grade winner, Glennie Jamieson was relegated to "B" grade. Congratulations to Robert Jones for making "A" grade for the first time.

## May 2nd Tournament

The winner was Alan Boyd (Dn). He won all seven games, points 3159, average 451, bonus words 15. Second was Robert Jones with 6 wins, an average of 451 and 19 bonus words. Third was Marian Ross, 4 wins, average 412. In "B" grade, congratulations to Corale McDonald on winning her first tournament grade; she won 6, points 2507, average 358. Second was Hilda Richardson from Oamaru, 5 wins, 324 average and third was Monica Fitzgerald (Oam) 5 wins, average 312. Nice to see six ladies from Oamaru Club competing.

Latest club record R/R competition: highest losing score "A" grade - Peter Sinton (485) lost to Robert Jones (494).

Happy Scrabble

Bill Grigg

Name	Wins	Score	Bonus	Average	
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	20.5	9680	37	420.9
2 Ian Patterson	IND	19	10262	58	446.2
3 Mike Sigley	WAN	17	9927	45	431.6
4 Blue Thorogood	MTA	17	9749	43	423.9
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	15	9681	46	420.9
6 Howard Warner	WEL	14	9709	35	422.1
7 Lynne Butler	NPL	14	9503	36	413.2
8 John Foster	MTA	14	8988	36	390.8
9 Glenda Foster	POR	12	9317	30	405.1
10 Glynis Jennings	MTA	12	9246	23	402.0
11 Lynne Powell	NSB	12	9207	34	400.3
12 Denise Gordon	WAN	11	9142	38	397.5
13 Peter Jones	MTA	11	8779	35	381.7
14 June Mackwell	MTA	10	8900	33	387.0
15 Georgie Offringa	NSB	10	8795	28	382.4
16 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	10	8691	29	377.9
17 Andrew Bradley	HAS	9.5	8762	33	381.0
18 David Pinner	MTA	9	8944	34	388.9
19 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	9	8883	37	386.2
20 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	8	9062	34	394.0
21 May Quigley	NSB	8	8675	22	377.2
22 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	6	8467	28	368.1
23 Ann Candler	NSB	4	8495	21	369.3
24 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	8034	23	349.3

● **Scrabble...** <sup>ODT</sup> 27/4/92

THE unusual scrabble word, *fique*, tested many minds and dictionaries on Friday. Thankyou to all those who took so much trouble to pass on the most common (if still extremely rare) meaning - a tropical succulent plant of the amaryllis family (*turcraea macrophylla*), a native of South America that yields a fibre similar to jute.

It seems there are two scrabble players' dictionaries. One, put out by Chambers in Britain, contains only words and is designed to be used in conjunction with a proper Chambers dictionary. Neither Chambers includes *fique*. Then there's the American (and Australian) *Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary*, which does have meanings and which does include *fique*.

● ... **scramble**

BUT that's not all. There's *figh*, a Moslem word meaning understanding of the detail of the Koran; *ficus*, of the fig family; *phique*, an American-Spanish word meaning thread, fibre or vein, and "mauritus hemp"; and *fike* or *fyke*, meaning variously a long bag net used as a fish trap, to fidget or to be restless, to vex or annoy, or restlessness caused by a trifling annoyance (Scottish in origin).

And after all that was explained by the many kind callers, what should I receive but a note from former colleague Heil Narraway, now of TVNZ Natural History Unit fame, saying *fique* surely means something to do with being deeply offended and slighted because he's often heard the expression, "in a pit of *fique*". (Then Heil has the grace to offer his west bishes!)

● **Straw score**

STILL with scrabble the *Sydney Morning Herald* reports that the word *kajawah* won the prize for the most unusual word in the Aussie national champs held at Hobart this month. It means a camel litter or pannier. The highest one word score there was achieved with *FRISKING* (185 points) and the highest game score 575.



===== **A BEVY OF BONUSES** =====

New Plymouth, a really beautiful (and hospitable) part of the country. But no simple sightseer, I'm here for Easter 1992 on BUSINESS. The serious business of finding whether or not my year's study has been worthwhile.

Disappointing 17th at last year's Masters, I reckon this time I can realistically aim at between 6th and 12th.

As usual first-day nerves instantly dissolve as I see my first rackful. The event, the opponent, the surroundings - all are forgotten as I ponder the familiar sight of 7 plastic tiles on a plastic rack. And, eureka!, looks like a bonus to start - TUNICAE. A little deflated when Glenda responds with FORFEIT, but my REPUTING on turn 6 eventually leads to victory.

Game 2, and Gerald's first turn allows me VITAMINS. Then shortly later I go fishing with EIRST, and collect F, R. Strifer? Frister? (I know FRISTED, but don't recall Frister). Must make nothing. Fish again?? No, let's try FERRIST. I don't think it's right, but it may sound OK to him. Hooray, he guesses it "may be" someone who works with iron, and I'm 2 bonuses ahead.

Later in the game I'm idly pondering a turn, and wonder what would hook onto that "EO". Hang on - who put "EO" there anyway? Yikes - ME, a couple of turns ago. I certainly hadn't realised, and as so often happens, neither had my opponent. Oh dear, take more care!

Game 3 and ALLOTING is my 1st turn. Only as I write this a month after the event do I consider actually CHECKING, to find (A) I probably shouldn't have played it, and (B) she CERTAINLY should have challenged it. Sometimes fortune favours the hasty and careless, as well as the brave!

The night before the Masters I'd noticed a puzzle in "Onwords" magazine which involved BOUNDEN and YBOUNDEN. Not a bonus, but my BOUNDEN is a DWS+DWS, for 40. Then of course later I hook a "Y" word in front for about 35, and wonder if my opponent is indeed VERY knowledgeable (or maybe just a wimp?) as there is no sign of any challenge.

The run of first-turn bonuses now ends, and indeed Florence's brilliant HORMONAL on turn 6 leaves me struggling. But once again, a bonus to the rescue as my turn 9 COMPLIES hits 2 DWS's for 102.

So - undefeated at lunchtime, what a start! But the day still includes Denise and Blue, so this can't continue.

Four bonuses against Dorothy more than compensates for my challenging her REMEADS, and now, Denise. Well, as can so easily happen, a non-event, as ONE of us gets both blanks and 3 S's. So my bonuses on turns 4, 5, 7, and 8 give her no chance.

David gets me on the back foot with 2 early bonuses, but DIQUATS for 111 comes to the rescue. Incidentally, both Dorothy and David have given me my FASTEST 2 games of the tournament, both finished inside 30 minutes, which offer welcome breathers in a tough schedule.

Now, the REAL toughie - Blue. He swaps 1st turn, and 2nd turn, AND 3rd turn. Anyone else and I'd suspect they were silly - someone like Blue and I realise HE is simply being downright "unlucky". Anyway, turn 4 yields him IRISATE, ending one off the bottom row. I dismiss Irisater, but wonder about an "S" or "D" on the end. I must do something there. I decide to try my "D". Maybe it's OK, or maybe it ISN'T but HE won't know either and will allow it anyway. And if it DOES get challenged off, then at least I can stop worrying about a "D" there.

So, I play IRISATED/VIOLD. "Hang on", he says, and I think "byebye IRISATED". But a pause, then a challenge - of VIOLD! I really KNEW THAT word, so I get a big lead, and another turn. Thereafter everything continues to go my way. (IRISATED was in fact quite OK).

8 games gone and 8 wins. Goodness! I only hope I get 60% of the blanks and S's tomorrow too. . . .

Day 2, and Ann falls for my ZORI trap, eventually illegally "S"ing it. Andrew and May both try 1st turn bonuses, OUTFADES and OUTBASE, both of which come OFF, and then the reigning champion:- Mr. S.

Mike's THIVELS shocks me on turn 2. Never heard of it, sounds absurd, and can't see anything else he could have made. But take it easy. Gut-feeling says let him have it. I respond with CREATING, but then he makes TREADING. Tough game! But as usual the S's and blanks pour in, and despite his blocking to protect his lead I squeeze in STOREMEN and a late AGONISED to finally get the edge.

After lunch, Lynne Powell, who I've never beaten (and another bonus specialist). Again 3 S's and 2 blanks give me BEEFIEST, KAOLINS, and STOUTER, which completely overpower her solitary RIDDLING.

Thirteen straight wins, then Lynne Butler ends it for me.

Surprisingly I again get the lion's share of "goodies", and 3 bonuses to her 1, but they seem to come just a shade too slowly. Afterwards I discover that "SENIOR" with a "U" DOES make a word (which I knew) (AND which would have been playable), so maybe I beat myself?

So, on to 24th seed, Kevin, who I found no match for me last time we met. Basically nothing goes right this time. It later transpires that mild desperation led me to FOUR crook words, all accepted, but all just 20's and 30's. His killing blow is TRADINGS halfway through. At the time he seems to be debating that or Dartings. So happens I had that very dilemma a month ago, so I now know it's TRADINGS ONLY. Anyway, his coin lands right side up and he goes for (flukes??) the correct one. Dartings, and he wouldn't have seen me for dust! Two losses in a row now.

The final day, and Jeff only half a point behind. I hope he and I will have a good contest, and so it turns out. I shakily play SATANIC first up, desperately hoping it doesn't need a capital "S". He (correctly) allows it. Then a swap 4 followed by STARNIE. Things are looking good, but his AXINITE restores the balance. He then slowly gains dominance, as I swap on 4 out of 5 turns, then a late AERATED gives me some faint hope, but it was not to be.

Now in 2nd place, I can relax a bit. No way am I "ready" to WIN this event. Maybe NEXT year!?

Peter blows my mind a bit with his PIOYE, but seeing NO blanks or S's throughout he really doesn't have a show.

Then the unknown Howard. My early bonus can end on FA(S) or on FOH(S). I don't know the latter, but try it. Oops, it comes off. His 6th turn BURNISH includes 2 blanks and an S. I feel I'm in trouble, so try a hasty CULTAGE. He's not amused. Challenge. Off! And so it goes on.

I never say die, and always reckon if you're gonna lose you may as well lose "big". My eventual 376 looks skimpy beside his 623. But I think I made Howard's day!!

Against Glynis my 2 blanks along with AEERY finally emerge from a befuddled mind as SEALERY, then a long struggle with RAVINED (which won't fit the board) eventually reveals the simple INVADER. Then Glenyss Buchanan, leading by 75, takes the last 2 tiles in search of another bonus, allowing me TRAINED on the solitary bonus-hook to go out 6 points ahead.

Finally Glennis Hale, who I'll never forget for once scoring 644 against me. My turn 2 is FIQUE for 51, followed immediately by LABRETS then DISROBE. The game's over! (though she does fight back well, and causes me some concern through the later stages).

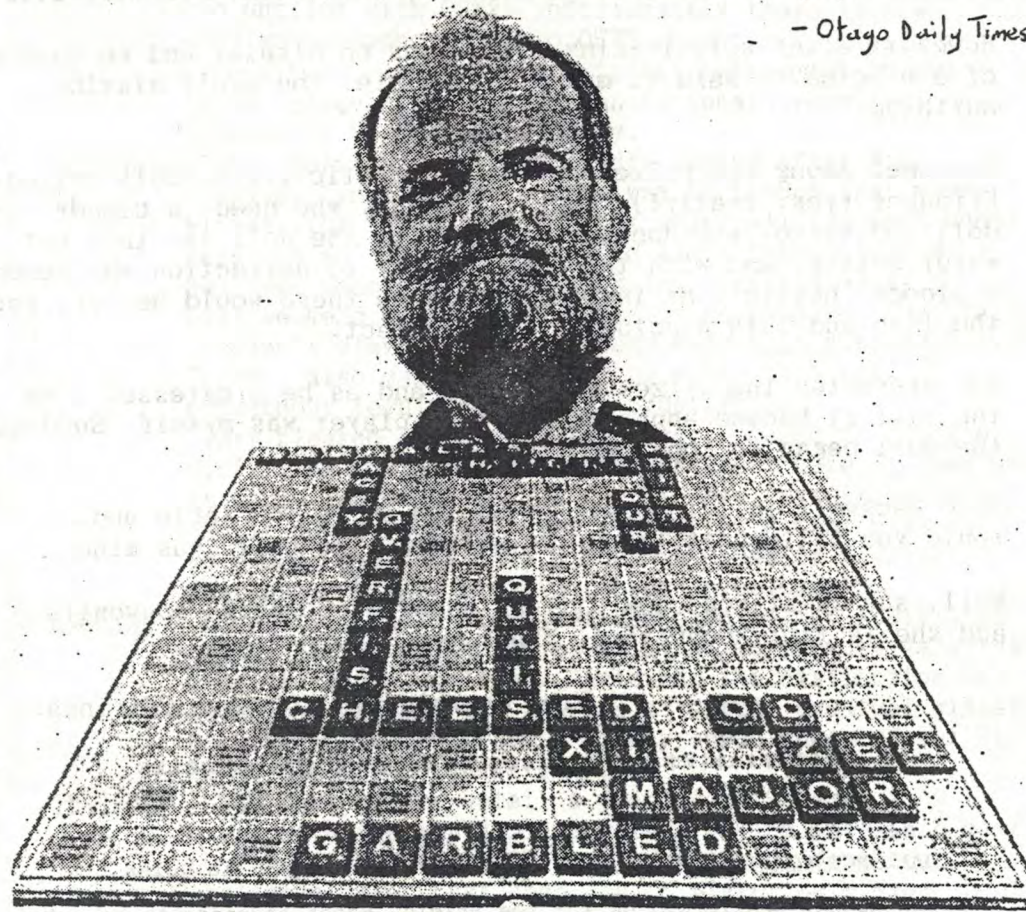
A final placing of 2nd, well clear of Mike and Blue, and a grand total of 58 bonuses, is far more than I'd ever dreamed. The year's work (or "play"! ) has indeed been justified, providing ample motivation for the NEXT 12 months.

Roll on, 1993. At last a realistic chance at Numero Uno!

OTARINE PANTS

## 'Nutter' devotes life to finding odd words

- Otago Daily Times



By Fiona Hill

Many would think a man calling himself a "nutter" would be justified in doing so when he used words like "ybounden", "pyat" and "vifda".

But oddball words such as those enabled a Dunedin man, Mr Ian Patterson, to win second place in the New Zealand Masters Scrabble championships at Easter.

Mr Patterson, who claims a vocabulary of up to 25,000 words (twice that of the average person), admitted he knew few of their meanings.

But in competitive Scrabble, knowing the meanings was not necessary, he said yesterday. Knowing more words than the

opposition was the name of the game.

Mr Patterson lists his current occupation as "scrabblor".

After losing his job as a computer programmer he spent two years looking for another job and "accepted the inevitable fact" that he was unlikely to get one.

So Scrabble became his life.

He plays more than 50 games a week and spends many hours studying dictionaries and word lists in training for major events.

He specialises in bonus words, where all seven tiles are played in one turn. At the recent three-day championships, he set a New Zealand tournament re-

cord of 58 bonuses in 23 games.

Mr Patterson rose from 15th seed to 4th seed after his placing last weekend, and aims to be 2nd seed by 1993.

He said words such as "zo", "taeniae" and "naperies" were not common words for the average club players.

"The club atmosphere is a lot more social. It's only us few nutters who go this far," he said.

And for those who were wondering: ybounden means bound; pyat is a magpie; vifda means wave or vibrate; zo is zo; taeniae is a ribbon-like part, especially of the brain or colon; and naperies is the plural for table linen such as tablecloths or napkins.

## Effanbee at the Masters

With 24 players and only 15 prizes being presented, my chances of taking home a 'memento' of the 9th Masters seemed very slim.

However, after scrutinizing the prizes on display and no chance of a placing, I said to myself, "Georgie, you ain't missing anything."

You see, among the prizes was this pathetic little doll called Effanbee (yes, really!). God, I thought, who needs a bloody doll and worse, who donated it? Next to the doll lay this hot water bottle, and with the weather near to perfection who needed a bloody 'hottie'. My instincts told me these would be left for the 14th and 15th placings. I was correct.

Roy presented the prizes with gusto and as he progressed down the list it became apparent the 15th player was myself. Suddenly the doll began to look beautiful!

June Mackwell in 14th position ambled up to the table and, would you believe it, took the hottie. 'The Doll' was mine.

Well, she is at home now sitting among my Scrabble souvenirs and she is truly beautiful. Thank you.

From Georgie and Effanbee Offringa.

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### CHALLENGE FOR THE N.Z. SHIELD

by Allie Quinn

When Rodney challenged us for the Shield, Rhoda happened to remark "I know we will get a thrashing but...". Many a true word is spoken in jest. I had my doubts at the time about who would get the thrashing and had even more doubts when Georgie insisted that I should play and she adjudicate. None of us anticipated the end result with Rodney winning only one game out of 16. This one game was won by Margaret White with the winning score of the day - 513. Congratulations to Margaret. I myself had the best average for the day of 446, all my games being 400+. Challenges were few and far between and Georgie had a hard time keeping awake. In spite of the end result, we all had a very enjoyable day (I think) and it is a pity that the tiles were stacked against Rodney. The next time they challenge us, it could be quite a different story.

Rodney - Gerald Warner, Rhoda Cashman, Margaret Bundock and Margaret White. Points - 5575  
North Shore Bays - Lynne Powell, May Quigley, Ann Candler and Allie Quinn. Points - 6440

ANYONE LIKE TO CHALLENGE US?

## WORLD NEWS

AUSTRALIA John Holgate tells us that an Australian Council has been established, which supports the use of OSPD2 in conjunction with OSW2. Unfortunately there is now substantial opposition to OSPD adoption, despite a narrow 'yes' vote in the national referendum on the issue. However the Australian Nationals ~~next~~ year will apparently be dual dictionary.

UNITED STATES Norma Fisher, who kindly looked after Mike, Denise, Lynne and me on the way to London last year, writes from San Francisco: 'I enjoy all the Down Under news. Daren't look at any word lists though in case I get some Chambers words stuck in my brain. Just this past weekend had ONIONED twice in an evening - naturally couldn't play it (I've already made that mistake!) TOHEROA also manages to turn up on my rack with monotonous regularity - most frustrating!

Very pleased to hear of the Aussie change to 'double-dic'. I am not aware of any moves afoot here. I imagine it would appeal only to a few players (myself included) and if put to the 6000 registered tournament players to vote upon wouldn't have a hope in Hades of passing. Just using OSPD2 is posing enough problems !'

ENGLAND Expat Kiwi David Blumhardt competed in the A Division of the Winter Matchplay event at Milton Keynes late last year. Although unplaced, David had the distinction of being one of only two players to defeat eventual winner Mark Nyman. We await word of any appearances of our other David (Lloyd) in London.

THAILAND The Thai Champs entail a gruelling 19 games in 2 days, with the top 2 players then taking part in a best of 2 head-to-head. OSPD is used with the double-challenge rule. Last year top UK player Mark Nyman beat countryman Phil Appleby in the final. This year Mark again made the final, only to lose to 15-year old Thai wonderkid Pakorn Nemitmansuk in a close tussle.

BAHRAIN Roland Filio (29th in last year's World Champs) won the recent Bahrain National Championship, which was held in the Bahrain Hilton and covered by closed circuit TV. The next event in that part of the World is the Gulf Tournament in May, which attracts top players from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman and Dubai.

SINGAPORE have joined NZ, Ghana, Trinidad, Australia (hopefully) and the World Championship in adopting OSW/OSPD as references.

WORLD CHAMPS No word yet on where and when the next World event will be held.

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OVERLAP COMPETITION No. 10

A larger number of entries again, with some enthusiastic remarks. People's Scrabble vocabulary is certainly being enlarged by this puzzle. The winner this time was Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt) who scored 772. A similar score would have been obtained by Ron Bunny (Hastings), but he himself computed less! 769 from Val Worth (Tokoroa) placed her 2. equal, with Dorothy Haining (Rodney) very close behind (768). Next came Andrée Prentice (Wanganui) with 766, Rhoda Cashman (Rodney) with 765, and Margaret Parsons (Taupo) with 753. Good attempts also from Lois Kelly (Tokoroa) and Val Gidman (Rodney)

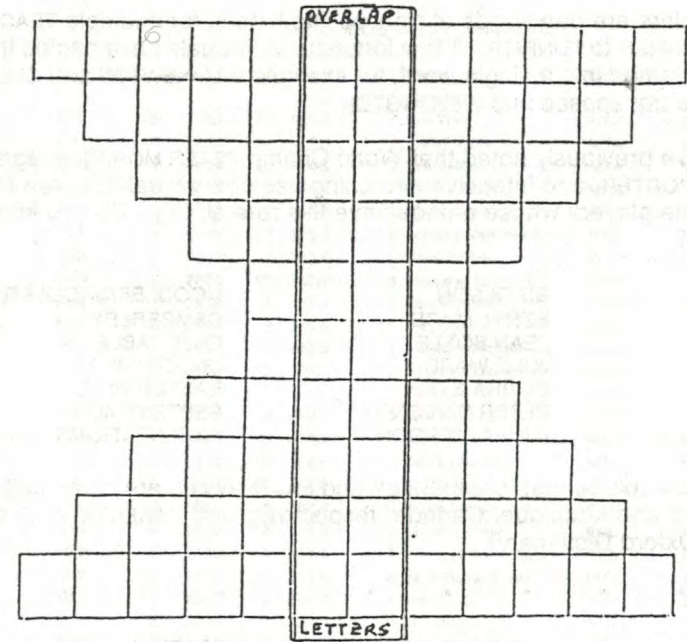
A composite winning score of 773 could have been obtained from:

alfalFagging	99	OR Faffing
nganGAsbag	86	OR GAgger OR GAggle OR
dagGAgas	76	gasbaGrafes
gaGAff	74	
fAGe	50	
gAGa	54	
alFAff	66	
agamAggs	78	
quagGaffes	91	
foggaGEegaws	99	

M.B. 'gaff' and 'gaffe' are alternative spellings and are therefore allowed; but the singular OR plural rule still applies.

A small book prize is en route to Leila.

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The object of Overlap is simply to complete each line across with two words of your own choosing, but the second word on each line must begin with the Overlap letters, that is, the last two letters of the first 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-5:	e-2:	f-3:	g-2:	h-5:	i-7:
j-10:	k-1:	l-3:	m-4:	n-6:	o-2:	p-8:	q-5:	r-3:
s-1:	t-2:	u-3:	v-2:	w-4:	x-4:	y-3:	z-5:	

Entries to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Avenue, Algies Bay, Warkworth, no later than August 7th, 1992. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

politIChabod	55
jargONiony	52
pliCAjun	44

etc

Total: 678

Don't forget your name, address and club!

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## ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example TEACH to THECA and RUFFIAN to FUNFAIR. A few fortunate individuals have names that can be anagrammed into a single word, for example GILL NEWTON and GLEN WILTON can both be transposed into WELLINGTON.

We have previously noted that World Champ PETER MORRIS anagrams to MISREPORTER, and intensive searching has now revealed seven New Zealand Scrabble players whose names have this rare quality. Do you know of any others?

ED OLSON  
BERYL MACE  
JEAN BOYLE  
JUNE WARD  
ELVIRA STEEL  
PETER SINTON  
IAN PATTERSON

NOODLES/SNOOLED  
CAMBERLEY  
ENJOYABLE  
UNDERJAW  
EASTERVILLE  
SEPTENTRION  
PARENTATIONS

Non-Scrabble terms: CAMBERLEY and EASTERVILLE are communities in Surrey, England and Manitoba, Canada, respectively and PARENTATIONS are funeral rites (Oxford Dictionary).

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### THE PASSING OF PEG BARRINGTON

It was only in the last Forwards that Peg Barrington's version of "the show must go on" was referred to. And now she is gone.

Peg was a foundation member of the Mount Albert Club and it is hard to believe that we'll never ever hear her say, "Is that a word?" as she puts down 'af' or 'ix' or something just as bad. Peg didn't care about the result of a game - she refused to keep the score - and was most surprised when she was told that she'd won.

Tony Nicholls used to collect his three senior citizens -Ivy Dyas, Peg Mitchinson and Peg Barrington - from the Pensioner Village in Landscape Road, Mount Eden every Friday night. When they returned Peg would always say, "Back to the buried village!" She hated it there for its lack of liveliness. Peg was a real extrovert. Give her an audience and a drop of wine and she was in her element.

We will always remember her too as a tireless worker. Just last October she was serving teas at Mount Albert's tournament despite the pain she must have been enduring. Peg scorned medical advice. No way was she going to succumb to the knife or drugs or chemotherapy. It wasn't until near the end that she stayed away from the club because she couldn't abide sympathy. Peg lived her life to the full and faced death fearlessly.

As an insomniac, Peg found radio talkback in the middle of the night perfect company. One night a bishop was talking about euthanasia. In phoned Peg. "You're talking bullshit" she told the astonished cleric who ended up calling her a 'dear old lady'.

A real battler, a story teller, a witty companion, a recycled teenager - we'll miss her dreadfully.

David Pinner

## North Shore Bays Tournament

2nd May 1992

Kauri					Manuka						
Name	Club	Wins	Points	B W	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	B W	Avg
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	3057	16	436.7	1 Lyn Toka	HAM	7	3023	11	431.9
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	2925	12	417.9	2 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	2724	9	389.1
3 Glynis Jennings	MTA	4	2899	9	414.1	3 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2555	8	365.0
4 May Quigley	NSB	4	2764	5	394.9	4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	2530	6	361.4
5 June Mackwell	MTA	4	2717	9	388.1	5 David Gunn	IND	4	2547	10	363.9
6 Bob Johnstone	NSB	4	2683	11	383.3	6 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	4	2481	2	354.4
7 Lynne Powell	NSB	3	2687	9	383.9	7 Dave Godman	WEL	3	2765	11	395.0
8 Peter Jones	MTA	3	2665	12	380.7	8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2492	4	356.0
9 Georgie Offrings	NSB	3	2518	9	359.7	9 Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	2509	4	358.4
10 Rhode Cashman	ROD	3	2384	6	340.6	10 Beryl Mace	NSB	1	2316	2	330.9
11 Joy Hunter	NSB	2	2715	6	387.9	11 Margaret McKechnie	NSB	1	2272	4	324.6
12 John Moore	HAM	2	2700	9	385.7	12 Alice O'Callahan	NSB	1	1945	1	277.9
Totara						Kowhai					
1 Fee Olson	STR	6	2926	9	418.0	1 Jane Lawless	HAM	6	2825	6	403.6
2 Reeve Pearson	STR	5	2901	15	414.4	2 Joan Pratt	MTA	6	2666	11	380.9
3 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	5	2818	12	402.6	3 Kay Buffalora	MTA	5	2680	5	382.9
4 Roy Vannini	MTA	5	2688	11	384.0	4 Lil Moore	MTA	5	2544	5	363.4
5 Rita Moore	HAM	4	2663	8	380.4	5 Eileen Meads	IND	4	2519	5	359.9
6 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2636	6	376.6	6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	2398	6	342.6
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2799	6	399.9	7 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	3	2407	5	343.9
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2608	10	372.6	8 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	2385	5	340.7
9 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2517	2	359.6	9 May Mead	PAP	2	2485	7	355.0
10 Cathy Woods	MTA	2	2474	7	353.4	10 Ed Olson	STR	2	2209	2	315.6
11 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	2413	7	344.7	11 June Ward (I)	IND	2	2154	2	307.7
12 Marge Dalzell	NSB	0	2309	4	329.9	12 Jan Wheeler	WEL	0	2090	2	298.6
Rimu						Ponga					
1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	2881	10	411.6	1 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	2641	6	377.3
2 Bernard Flower	NSB	4.5	2780	15	397.1	2 Betty Stiff	NSB	5	2486	4	355.1
3 Jean O'Brien	STR	4	2687	8	383.9	3 Suzanne Anderson	IND	5	2377	4	339.6
4 Bev Barker	MTA	4	2569	4	367.0	4 Bertha Pegler	PAP	4	2463	5	351.9
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	4	2543	7	363.3	5 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2377	5	339.6
6 Stan Skinner	HAM	3.5	2729	12	389.9	6 Val Worth	TOK	4	2354	4	336.3
7 Joyce Gilbert	NSB	3	2692	9	384.6	7 Paddy Glen	ROD	4	2342	5	334.6
8 Joan Ball	PAK	3	2584	3	369.1	8 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	2301	1	328.7
9 Mary Brett	NSB	3	2532	6	361.7	9 Jacqueline Coldham-	HAM	3	2447	8	349.6
10 Daph Curl	MTA	3	2493	5	356.1	Fussell					
11 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2403	8	343.3	10 Jacqui Struit	PAP	2	2126	1	303.7
12 Penny Headington	NSB	2	2545	7	363.6	11 Margaret Simpson	PAK	1	2285	1	326.4
Rata						Rata					
1 Maureen Holliday	MTA	6	2684	9	383.4	12 Elise Joy	PAP	1	2038	1	291.1
2 Dawn Kitzen	PAP	6	2550	6	364.3						
3 Isobel Yorke	ROD	5	2629	6	375.6						
4 Faye Leach	HAM	5	2609	7	372.7						
5 Conny van Tilburg	PAK	4	2459	2	351.3						
6 Norman Wheeler	WEL	4	2405	6	343.6						
7 Daphne Parker	MTA	3	2543	5	363.3						
8 Pat Johnstone	NSB	3	2536	5	362.3						
9 Annette Coombes	IND	2	2463	6	351.9						
10 Neville James	IND	2	2261	3	323.0						
11 Peggy Hebden	NSB	1	2352	3	336.0						
12 Lorna Baulcomb	NSB	1	2337	1	333.9						

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## BRIEF ENCOUNTER

The abbrev is a hndy wy  
of shrtng up a wd  
But crried beynd vrbal lmts  
the thght becms absrd

(Richard Cox - Campus Life)



Last issue, suggesting ways to increase your arsenal of useful words, only told half the story! So - let's look at the OTHER side...

Sitting down alone (probably) with innumerable lists of words, and trying in various ways to stuff them into the "long-term" section of a befuddled brain, is ONE necessary ingredient of a good Scrabbler's life. But actually PLAYING SCRABBLE is more fun, and should probably be useful too, IF done constructively.

"FRIENDLY" or "CHALLENGE" - A "challenge" game ("friendly" or not!) is played WITHOUT dictionaries or lists - exactly as if in a tournament. So if you play a crookie you stand to lose a turn.

On the other hand, a "friendly" game allows you to browse through a dictionary (AND, I maintain, any "lists" whatsoever) to find the best word for each turn.

You can certainly find, and therefore learn, new words through a friendly game, but I object on two counts:- (a) the winner of a friendly game is not necessarily the better player, or even the one who got the best tiles. It may well be just the player who's more adept at flicking through books. (b) I don't mind waiting while my opponent racks her brain, but I DO object to waiting while she simply reads a book. If you want to study word lists and dictionaries then surely that's an ideal SOLITARY pursuit. But now, here we BOTH are, for a GAME.

Furthermore, although friendly Scrabble will certainly expose you to a wide range of words, I don't believe they lodge very DEEP within the brain.

For example, if I see YES poised above a coloured square during a friendly game I'll look up to find YESK and YEST, and then play accordingly. If this should mean YESK/KAZI for 87 points I'll probably then remember YESK for a long time. Even a YESK/KO for 27 would be pleasing, and memorable. (Though I didn't actually "work" for it, so maybe the lasting memory will simply be that I WON the game).

However, change the context to a CHALLENGE game. I've no idea what goes onto YES. (Then again, probably neither have you!). But I've got KAZI on my rack, and could score 87 if only YESK "happened" to be a word. I wonder if it is? I rack my brain, but can't recall it.

On another tack then, I wonder if you'd dare challenge it anyway if I boldly play it?

In the end it matters not whether I decide to take the punt or not - the main thing is I've been forced to give the matter a great deal of THOUGHT, AND by the end of the game I will know the truth.

This leads to the vital ingredient for challenge games - sure, you "play to win", but at the same time you may as well LEARN as you go along, to help your FUTURE games. So any time you have doubt - about your opponent's word (unless you challenge and find out immediately!), about a word you yourself play, or perhaps moreso about a "word" you DON'T play for fear it's crook - WRITE IT DOWN (discreetly of course).

Then as soon as possible AFTER each game check out all your "doubtful" words. As you do, then think over each word, remember your gut-feeling for it during the game, then congratulate/castigate yourself depending on right/wrong. Careful attention to this will not only help you learn new words but will also teach you about YOURSELF, and how much you can (or can't) rely on your own feelings in future.

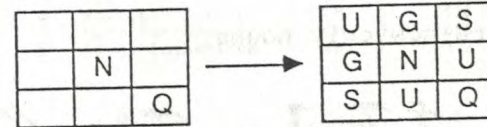
Evil spirits (..../. ) and perverts (..../. ) and gaudy hawkers (..../. ) don't need diesel fuels (..../. ) or knives (..../. ) or ..../. )

(Clue : ....? words end in V)  
Answers on back page.

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CLUELESS MINI-CROSSWORD

In the March 1989 Forwards a 3 x 3 square was exhibited with only 2 letters entered. This leads to a single solution, as shown below (Scrabble words only of course).



Readers were challenged at the time to find a 4 x 4 square, also leading to just one solution with only 2 letters entered at the start. No-one solved this puzzle, so I'm now offering a small prize to the first person to send me a correct grid.

- Jeff Grant

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REPORT IN AN AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER

Sent in by Val Worth of the Tokoroa Club.

The volksraad has approved payment in markkaa for the imported Finnish sheep which arrived last month by praam via Aabenraa in Denmark.

It is recorded that the sheep baaed and aahed at first sight of their new grazing area which consists of well-grassed aas dotted with aals, aaliis, naartjes and haanepoots. The stock will be tended by herdmen from local kraals and laaggers.

Nearby territory is 'home space' to the aardvark, aardwol and kaama, as well as the aasvogel and berghaan. These creatures pose no threat to the sheep due to the excellent animal husbandry practised in both areas, according to Dr. Aagaard of the Transvaal Agricultural Institute.

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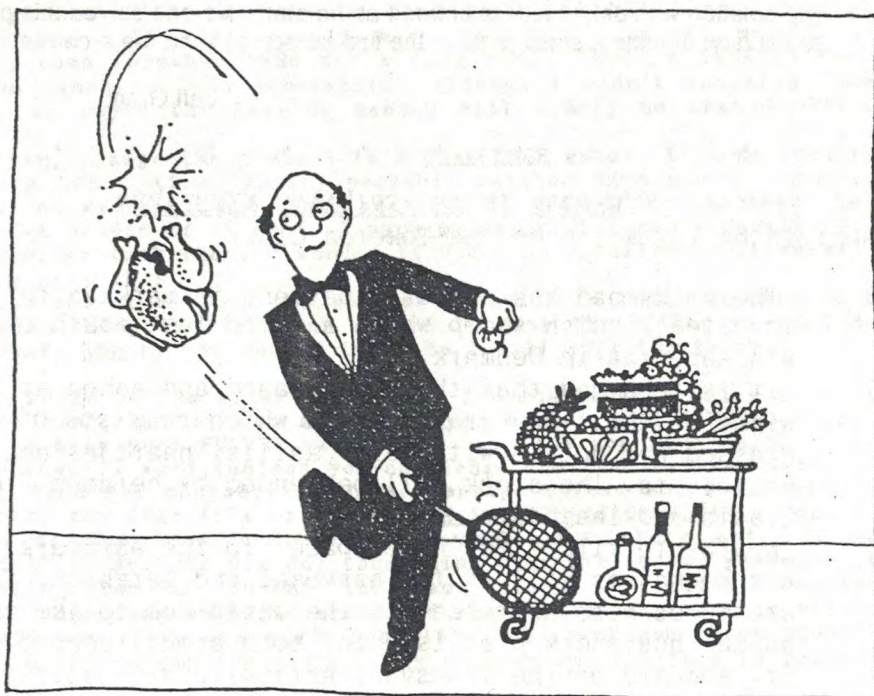
In Elizabethan England there existed a special vocabulary for the table that included specific verbs for carving various game, fish, and poultry. Here is a collection of those verbs:

Alloy a Pheasant	Gobbet a Trout*	Tame a Crab
Barb a Lobster	Lift a Swan	Thigh a Pigeon
Break a Hare	Mince a Plover	Thigh a Woodcock*
Chine a Salmon	Rear a Goose	Trench a Sturgeon
Culpon a Trout*	Sauce a Capon	Transon an Eel*
Disfigure a Peacock	Scull a Tench	Tusk a Barbel
Dismember a Hen	Side a Haddock	Unbrace a Mallard
Display a Quail	Splat a Pike	Unjoint a Bittern
Fin a Chevin	Splay a Bream	Unlace a Coney
Fract a Chicken	Spoil a Hen	Unlatch a Curlew
Frush a Chub	String a Lamprey	Wing a Partridge

\* Culpon and transon are not found in either of our Scrabble dictionaries.

\* Gobbet and thigh are now only nouns.

## That Takes The Cake



Serving dinner

### CHRISTCHURCH TOURNAMENT

23 May 1992 (7 Games)

#### "A" Grade

SEED	PLACE	NAME	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W	HI-LO
3	1	Bill Grigg	DN	6	2972	425	14	481-378
9	2	Margaret Lyall	CH	5	2659	380	8	448-328
4	3	Norman Goodger	DN	4	2853	408	15	317-289
7	4	Marian Ross	DN	4	2791	399	10	523-313
10	5	Katrine Kerr Renwick	CH	4	2647	378	9	457-302
5	6	Carolyn Kyle	DN	4	2541	363	8	458-293
2	7	Alan Boyd	DN	3	2627	375	6	417-321
6	8	Doreen Ogston	CH	3	2581	369	5	431-286
1	9	Anne Stewart	DN	2	2404	343	6	481-283
8	10	Daisy Madden	DN	-	1852	265	4	301-199

#### "B" Grade

5	1	Shirley Hol	CH	6	3222	460	17	585-410
2	2	Robert Jones	DN	4	2730	390	13	478-298
8	3	Hilary Ruscoe	CH	4	2560	366	3	395-351
6	4	Gordon Pinchin	CH	3	2657	380	7	452-334
3	5	Liz Ross	DN	3	2450	350	4	438-273
4	6	Kathleen Barker	DN	3	2356	336	5	380-297
1	7	Mary Pinchin	CH	3	2285	326	1	346-291
7	8	Betty Sutherland	CH	2	2053	293	1	338-264

#### "C" Grade

2	1	Bill Tozer	CH	6	2286	327	4	408-231
8	2	Susan Horne	CH	5	2432	347	3	422-271
3	3	Marion Kessler	CH	5	2145	306	-	350-248
1	4	Eunice Roberts	CH	4	2121	303	1	354-257
4	5	Penny Irvine	DN	3	2192	313	2	405-255
5	6	Patricia Kling	CH	3	1859	265	-	307-220
6	7	Hanna Dodge	CH	2	1712	245	-	264-227
7	8	Valerie Pinchin	CH	-	1559	223	-	258-191

#### "HIGHLIGHTS"

##### "A" Grade

HIGHEST WINNING SCORE	(523) Marian Ross
HIGHEST LOSING SCORE	(407) Alan Boyd/Marian Ross
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE	(831) Norman Goodger/Doreen Ogston
MOST BONUS WORDS	(17) Norman Goodger
HIGHEST AVERAGE	(424) Bill Grigg

##### "B" Grade

HIGHEST WINNING SCORE	(585) Shirley Hol
HIGHEST LOSING SCORE	(431) Shirley Hol
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE	(882) Shirley Hol/Kathleen Barker
MOST BONUS WORDS	(17) Shirley Hol
HIGHEST AVERAGE	(460) Shirley Hol

##### "C" Grade

HIGHEST WINNING SCORE	(408) Bill Tozer
HIGHEST LOSING SCORE	(307) Susan Horne
HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE	(699) Susan Horne/Eunice Roberts
MOST BONUS WORDS	(4) Bill Tozer
HIGHEST AVERAGE	(347) Susan Horne

#### SPOT PRIZES

"A" Grade	"B" Grade	"C" Grade
(X) (54) Doreen Ogston	(51) Robert Jones	(42) Marian Kessler
(Z) (66) Doreen Ogston	(38) Mary Pinchin	(39) Hanna Dodge
(Q) (39) Carolyn Kyle	(37) Betty Sutherland	(71) Bill Tozer
(J) (56) Alan Boyd	(51) Betty Sutherland	(28) Hanna Dodge

TODAY IN NEWTOWN

Today in Newtown  
A man in a shop of second-hand things  
Playing Scrabble

I had looked all round  
For something  
Surprising to take home  
But found  
nothing

'Til in a corner near the door  
I saw what he was doing  
A row of letters before him on the counter  
And he looked up  
And smiled

"No good  
They're all vowels"  
And he pushed them  
Round  
To show us

We tried  
Unsuccessfully  
To make a seven-letter word  
With two e's  
An o  
And i i i  
In a row

He said he found it good  
Playing by himself  
Good practice for the club "Do you  
Play Scrabble? We're always looking  
For new members - 7.30 on a Tuesday  
Next to the plunket rooms"

But we laughed shook our heads  
And explained we lived far away  
Over many hills  
And so  
We said "Au revoir" and went

But I carried with me something unusual  
Like a freshchipped glass  
Hiding from the sun

Written by Toni Atkinson, a young visitor to  
Norman (The Storeman) Wheeler's shop in Wellington.

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SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.26

D	U	P	O	N	D	I	I
J	N	A	N	A		O	N
I	D	Y	L	L	I	S	T
B	E		Y	A			E
B	R	O				A	R
A	J	U	T	A	G	E	S
H	A		U	R	A	R	E
S	W	I	N	E	P	O	X

Completed grids were received from June Mackwell, Andree Prentice, Maureen Holliday, Ian Patterson, Leila Thomson, Gerald Warner, John Foster, Glennis Hale, Dorothy Haining and Bernice Vannini. A draw was held and the winner was June Mackwell of the Mt Albert Club. Congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 27

PNEUMONIA and CZARINA begin with an unusual pair of consonants. Another example is NGULTRUM, a monetary unit of Bhutan listed in OSPD2. Can you identify the following allowable Scrabble words which have similarly strange beginnings?

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. long narrow inlet  | 14. huge African mulberry |
| 2. Polish coin        | 15. lithe                 |
| 3. rounded valley     | 16. seaweed gatherer      |
| 4. gum resin          | 17. emotional fervour     |
| 5. memory aid         | 18. assembly of elders    |
| 6. leather whip       | 19. part of a raga        |
| 7. comblike           | 20. Hungarian dance       |
| 8. African fly        | 21. to complain           |
| 9. Swahili boss       | 22. Hindu sir             |
| 10. hard brown cheese | 23. Italian policemen     |
| 11. NZ tree           | 24. sweetened bread       |
| 12. stinging organ    | 25. Russian porter        |
| 13. plain dweller     |                           |

The closing date is August 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!

## 1992 National Tournament

May 30 -31 1992

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	
<b>A Grade</b>						<b>D Grade</b>						
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	10	5305	28	442.1	1 Chris Hooks	MTA	10	4824	16	402.0	
2 Denise Gordon	WAN	9	5020	25	418.3	2 Martha Morgan	NPL	9	4573	10	381.1	
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	8	5322	25	443.5	3 Daph Watson	HAM	9	4304	9	358.7	
4 John Holgate	AUS	7	4897	25	408.1	4 Kale Henderson	WEL	8	4682	12	390.2	
5 June Mackwell	MTA	7	4861	19	405.1	5 Norman Wheeler	WEL	8	4659	13	388.3	
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	7	4838	19	403.2	6 Phillip Spring	MAR	8	4459	20	371.6	
7 Blue Thorogood	MTA	7	4801	17	400.1	7 Isabel Zyp	HAM	8	4295	9	357.9	
7 Glynis Jennings	MTA	7	4801	17	400.1	8 Jane Pemberton	MAR	7	4896	23	408.0	
9 Gienyss Buchanan	LOH	7	4669	15	389.1	9 Carole Coates	HAM	7	4489	12	374.1	
10 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	5024	17	418.7	10 Pat Johnstone	NSB	7	4434	16	369.5	
11 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	4892	23	407.7	11 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6.5	4314	11	359.5	
12 Howard Warner	WEL	6	4723	13	393.6	12 Annette Coombes	IND	5.5	4395	12	366.3	
13 Andrew Bradley	HAS	5.5	4726	15	393.8	13 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	4293	11	357.8	
14 May Quigley	NSS	4.5	4442	11	370.2	14 Faye Leach	HAM	4.5	4178	13	348.2	
15 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	4632	15	386.0	15 Peggy Wallace	HAM	4	4316	7	359.7	
16 Ann Candler	NSB	4	4370	14	364.2	16 Jeff Owens	WEL	4	4264	10	355.3	
17 Bob Johnstone	NSB	2	2262	7	377.0	17 Dawn Kilzen	PAP	4	4136	14	344.7	
18 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	1	4311	12	359.3	18 Jan Jacobi	TOK	2.5	4138	9	344.8	
						19 Lily Shorter	WAN	2	4052	9	337.7	
						20 Margaret Parsons	TPO	1	4068	9	339.0	
<b>B Grade</b>						<b>E Grade</b>						
1 John Foster	MTA	9	5006	23	417.2	1 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	10	5144	17	428.7	
2 Leila Thompson	LOH	9	4626	12	385.5	2 David Gunn	IND	10	4661	13	388.4	
3 Lucy Bright	MAS	8	4830	16	402.5	3 Jo Burnside	DUN	9	4576	23	381.3	
4 John Moore	HAM	7	4807	18	400.6	4 Marjorie Heads	WEL	9	4443	13	370.3	
5 David Pinner	MTA	7	4718	16	393.2	5 Margie Hurly	WAN	8	4781	14	398.4	
6 Rita Moore	HAM	7	4697	16	391.4	6 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	8	4511	10	375.9	
7 Marj Baillie	HAM	7	4687	14	390.6	7 Dave Godman	WEL	8	4507	16	375.6	
8 Roy Vannini	MTA	7	4666	14	388.8	8 Margaret Blundock	ROD	8	4292	5	357.7	
9 Faye Cronhelm	IND	7	4638	18	386.5	9 Rob Talbot	MTA	7	4498	9	374.8	
10 Correne James	MTA	7	4551	13	379.3	10 Johanne Patel	WAN	7	4365	10	363.8	
11 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	6	4755	22	396.3	11 Jane Lawless	HAM	5	4518	11	376.5	
12 Karen Rodgers	LOH	5	4780	11	396.3	12 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	3859	4	321.6	
13 Gaye Norgren	WAN	5	4411	13	367.6	13 June Ward	HAS	4	4265	8	355.4	
14 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	4529	16	377.4	14 Kay Buffalora	MTA	4	4239	8	353.3	
15 Cathy Woods	MTA	4	4132	10	344.3	15 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	3890	1	324.2	
16 Roger Coates	HAM	3	4202	12	350.2	16 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	4	3787	4	315.6	
17 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	4153	9	346.1	17 Lil Moore	MTA	3	3861	5	321.8	
18 Jo Jackson	HAM	3	4124	5	343.7	18 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	3841	5	320.1	
<b>C Grade</b>						<b>F Grade</b>						
1 Fae Olson	STR	9	4752	12	396.0	1 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	11	4682	13	390.2	
2 Lois Kelly	TOK	9	4671	10	389.3	2 Jan Wheeler	WEL	9	4556	13	379.7	
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	4810	13	400.8	3 Elsie Pugh	HAM	9	4409	6	367.4	
4 Rosalie Goldsworthy	NPL	8	4680	12	390.0	4 Eileen McLean	IND	8	4359	12	363.3	
5 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	8	4635	15	386.3	5 Valma Kidman	ROD	8	4359	5	363.3	
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	7	4882	13	406.8	6 Jacqueline Coldham	Fussell	HAM	7	4041	9	336.8
7 Alette Hay	MAS	7	4771	15	397.6	7 Annette Wilson	WAN	7	4018	5	334.8	
8 Sue McRae	WEL	7	4720	17	393.3	8 June Ward	IND	7	3912	5	326.0	
9 Stan Skinner	HAM	7	4531	15	377.6	9 Neville James	IND	7	3863	5	321.9	
10 Geoff Vautier	WEL	7	4341	11	361.8	10 Val Worth	TOK	6	4191	9	349.3	
11 Reeva Pearson	STR	6	4771	23	397.6	11 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	3960	3	330.0	
12 Gwen Kaiser	WEL	6	4462	9	371.8	12 Ed Olson	STR	6	3920	7	326.7	
13 Glenda Geard	IND	5	4389	15	365.8	13 Margaret Forbes	PAP	6	3903	6	325.3	
14 Aileen Seon	MTA	5	4263	14	355.3	14 Ann Reeves	TPO	5	3841	2	320.1	
15 Jean O'Brien	STR	5	4257	6	354.8	15 Margaret Simpson	PAK	5	3775	3	314.6	
16 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	4	4374	16	364.5	16 Kath James	WAN	4	3756	5	313.0	
17 Anne Warner	ROD	4	4226	8	352.2	17 Cecilia Bullot	WAN	4	3724	0	310.3	
18 Bernard Flower	NSB	3	4448	26	370.7	18 Bruce Boyd	WAN	3	3813	3	317.8	
19 Daph Curl	MTA	3	4326	8	360.5	19 May Gale	HAM	2	3650	3	304.2	
20 Puti Rowe	STR	2	3977	9	331.4							

Highest Points	Highest Game
A Grade Jeff Grant	A Grade 585 Jeff Grant
B Grade John Foster	B Grade 548 Roy Vannini
C Grade Andree Prentice	C Grade 560 Andree Prentice
D Grade Jane Pemberton	D Grade 526 Chris Hooks
E Grade Doreen O'Shea	E Grade 538 Lorraine van Veen
F Grade Yvonne Wilson	F Grade 532 Yvonne Wilson

## Highest Aggregate

A Grade	920 Jeff Grant/Glynis Jennings and Mike Sigley/Ann Candler
B Grade	928 Cathy Woods/Marj Baillie
C Grade	895 Reeva Pearson/Lois Kelly
D Grade	886 Dawn Kilzen/Peggy Wallace
E Grade	841 Dave Godman/Jo Burnside
F Grade	847 Jacqueline Coldham Fussell/Yvonne Wilson

## Team Trophy

Hastings 29 Wins Jeff Grant/Doreen O'Shea/Yvonne Wilson

## Most Bonus Words

28 Mike Sigley

## Best Overseas Player

John Holgate

## 32 Games in a Day!!

Blue arrived at 11 am to have "a couple of games" with Roy and I one Sunday afternoon. At 5 am Monday morning I heard Blue leave and Roy came to bed for a short time before getting up for work. A quick tally of all the score sheets showed that Roy and I had played Blue for 32 games with Blue only playing one of us at a time. Not bad considering the breaks for meals, seeing to the children, getting them to bed etc. For the record - Blue won 31 games - he lost the last game to Roy, probably through sheer exhaustion!! We've since played many, many more games - and have even managed to win a few of them.

Blue recently set a Mt Albert Club record of 691 while playing Chris Hooks. He had five bonus words - his first for his first turn AX I NITE and finishing with a bonus TZIGANE.

All that practice against the Vannini's finally paid off !!

Bernice Vannini



BLUE THOROGOOD

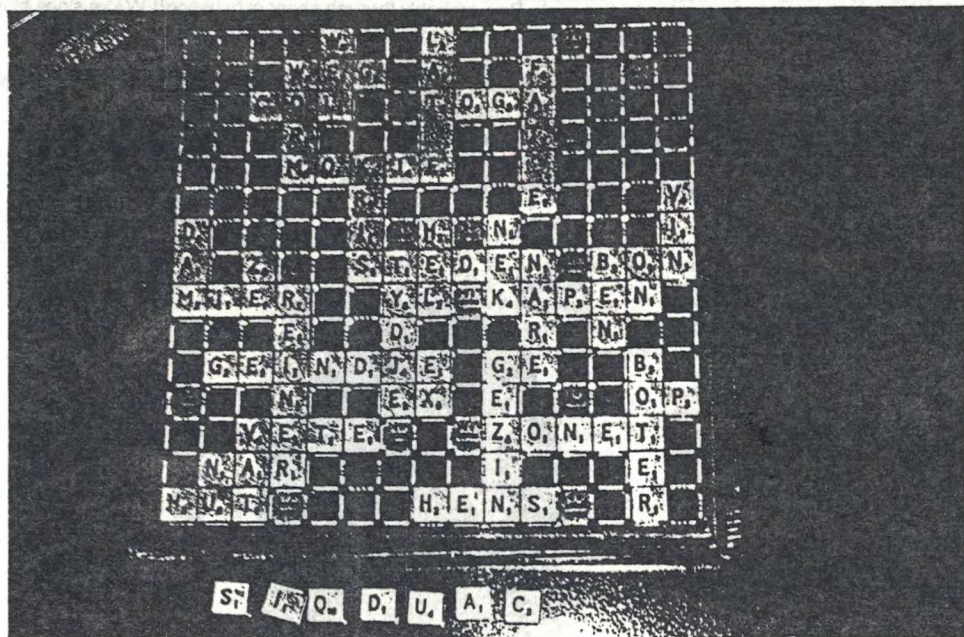
## DUTCH SCRABBLE

While in Florence after last year's World Champs Mike and Denise met two Dutch ladies playing Scrabble. One of them, Mrs Lans by name, let Mike photograph the board and tried to explain some of the terms. After a short discussion and further research with Dutch friends in NZ Mike managed to unravel most of the meanings.

Mrs Lans runs a Scrabble and rummy club in her home town of Diemen. Her friend spoke little English, but Mike remembers her name was Mrs Posthumus of all things! Mrs Lans is an avid collector of postcards and particularly wants ones featuring NZ mountains, so if anyone would like to send her a card I'm sure she would be most grateful. Her address is : Mrs C. Lans, Maarten Luther King LAA 1960, 111 LR Diemen, Nederland.

The completed game is shown below (note that 102 tiles are used including 18 E's!) Some words were deciphered as follows :

MOK	coffee cup.	MOKJE.	little coffee cup.	The -je	diminutive is common in Dutch, partly accounting for the 2 J's (There are also 2 Z's).
WEG	road	GEINDJE	a little joke	WEL	well
MIER	ant	KAPEN	pilfer	STEDEN	cities
VETE	feud	BOTER	butter	FAT	popular
ZON	sun	ZONET	little sun	also	FATJE
YL	a variant of IJL ?	thin.	as atmosphere		



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Forwards 26 you mention that QUEUEING, MIAOUED AND EUOUAE have five or more consecutive vowels. To those you can add MIAOUING, ZOOEAE and COOEEING. The last of these is also remarkable in having two consecutive vowel pairings. The only other such word I have found is ASSEGAAIING, although there are a few with a pair of vowels following a pair of consonants such as SPATTEE, GALLOON and MARKKAA. I think the chances of finding consecutive pairs of consonants must be fairly remote, but how about an honourable mention for KUCHCHA which has the same two consonants repeated.

Four consecutive consonants (excluding the Y where used as a vowel) is unusual enough on its own, although there are longer sequences such as five in BRITSCHKA or the quite exceptional seven in BORTSCHTS. The singular of this word and STRENGTH may be the only eight letter non-plural words to contain just a single vowel, again excluding words where Y is used as a vowel.

While we are on the subject of oddities, I will offer a small prize to anyone who can correctly answer the following two questions : (entries to 5/53 Merani St, Devonport, Auckland)

- A. Which word has the most alternative spellings?
- B. Which word has no less than six listed plurals?

Answers in the next magazine.

-John Foster  
(Mt Albert Club)

The non-Scrabble OAAA bird of Hawaii has consecutive vowel pairings - no, it doesn't lay square eggs!

Another 8-letter word with only one vowel is SCHMALTZ, and Chambers actually contains a word with the same three consonants repeated - ESCHSCHOLTZIA.

Related oddities in other dictionaries include the remarkable Websterian term SUBBOOKKEEPER with its four consecutive letter pairs, and the wharf-side Sydney suburb WOOLLOOMOOLOO, which was spelt with a double M in the original 1793 land grant. This word has entered the Australian language meaning rough, uncultivated, thug-like, or as a synonym for a fight. Incidentally, the phrase 'Woolloomooloo uppercut' refers to a strategic boot in the groin

-Ed

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Did you hear about the foreigner who spent ten years studying English, arrived in London, and saw a newspaper headline:  
'Hamlet pronounced success'?  
He turned around and went back home.

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2/3/4 LETTER WORDS - OSPD2

The 2nd Edition of OSPD was adopted in America in October last year. Supplies have been ordered and will be arriving in NZ shortly. Some of you may like to start familiarizing yourselves with the new words.

There is nothing to stop individual clubs using the 2/3/4 letter words now. The Association will have updated lists available when the dictionaries arrive. **PLEASE NOTE!!** OSPD2 WORDS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN TOURNAMENTS UNTIL ADVISED BY THE ASSOCIATION. This will hopefully be in the near future, when sufficient copies of OSPD2 have been distributed.

OSPD2 - CHANGES TO 2/3/4s

DELETES

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NEW WORDS

**TWOS** AG adj pertaining to agriculture  
 AL n an East Indian tree  
 HM interj used to express thoughtful consideration  
 MM interj used to express assent or satisfaction  
 UH interj used to express hesitation

THREES

ARB GUV KAF NAH RIF URB  
 BRR HAO KEV NAW SHA VAR  
 CIS HEH LUV OXO TET VIG  
 FEH HMM MED PEH ULU YUM  
 FEM ICK MOS REG UMM

FOURS

ALKY DORK HEHS LUDE PEHS SYLI  
 ARBS DOUM HUNH LUVS PFFT TETS  
 ARFS DOUX INTI LWEI PFUI TOEA  
 BLAM EMIC JEON MABE PLEW ULUS  
 BOTA ETIC KAFS MAYO PREZ URBS  
 BRIS FEHS KBAR MEOU PULA VARS  
 BRRR FEMS KHAF METH REGS VATU  
 CACA FILO KHET MOJO REPO VIGA  
 CEPE FUGU KOBO MUMU RIFS VIGS  
 CHAO FUTZ KYAK NABE ROMS WONK  
 CORY GAMA LARI NIXE SENE YAYS  
 DEET GORP LEKU ORAD SPAZ YECH  
 DEXY GUVS LEPT ORZO STAT YUCH  
 DORE HAHA LOTI PADI SULU ZILL  
 ZONK

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WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP - CORRECTION

In the deciding game of the World Champs Peter Morris's first rack was actually IINQRRW.

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NZ SCRABBLE RECORDS

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

		TOURNAMENT	CLUB
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	696 Betty Gibb (Hamilton)
Lowest Game Score	124	Elvira Steel (Dunedin)	71 Melanie Neilsen (Dunedin)
Highest Losing Score	490	Alveen Seon (Mt Albert)	521 June Mackwell (Mt. Albert)
Lowest Winning Score	225	Anne Stewart (Dunedin)	142 Elvira Steel (Dunedin)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler(NP) & Glenyss Buchanan (L.Hutt)	458 Kevin Edgeler Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)
Lowest Drawn Game	328	Neville James(Ind) & Kate Wignall (MtAlbert)	312 Elsie Tucker Audrey Nelson (Hastings)
Highest Single Turn Score	203	Andrew Bradley Correne James (MtAlbert)	239 Joyce Bourdot (NS-Bays)
Highest Combined Score	1006	Rita Moore(Ham) & Howard Warner (L.Hutt)	1106 Dawn Kitzen(Pap) & Chris Hooks (Mt. Albert)
Lowest Combined Score	383	Anne Stewart & Ian Ross (Dunedin)	259 Elvira Steel Melanie Neilsen (Dunedin)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	468 Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)
Highest Take-off	52	Andrée Prentice (Wanganui)	68 Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)		_____	13 David Lloyd (Mt. Albert)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate		_____	1761 Glenyss Buchanan (Lower Hutt)
Lowest 3-Game Aggregate		_____	538 Chris Williams (Hastings)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NS-Bays)	5 John Foster (Mt Albert)

AUCKLAND RESIDENTIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESULTS AFTER 6 ROUNDS (24 GAMES)

Producing results for this competition can be a little tricky. People don't always play their games on time, and as I have a very lenient approach to those playing their games late the results can look a bit like a football table where some teams have a game or two in hand. For example, in the B grade Bernice Vannini is two matches behind due to poor health recently. She may appear to be a long way behind, but winning 5 out of her 8 catch up games would leave her tied for the lead. The leading 5 contenders in each grade are:

		PLAYED	WON	AVE
A GRADE	1 Glennis Hale	24	20	425.87
	2 Lynne Powell	24	19	415.50
	3 Patrick Carter	24	17	401.45
	4 John Foster	24	13½	406.50
	5 Ann Candler	20	11½	399.55
B GRADE	1 Alveen Seon	24	16	372.12
	2 Bernard Flower	24	15½	380.90
	3 Penny Headington	24	13½	383.55
	4 Bev Barker	24	13½	376.65
	5 Bernice Vannini	16	10	395.62
C GRADE	1 Shirley Wyatt	24	18	380.83
	2 Rob Talbot	24	16	373.16
	3 Wyn Mitchell	24	16	364.20
	4 Irene Hague-Smith	24	15	349.33
	5 Margaret Mourant	20	13	365.65

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A QUICK V PUZZLE

Answers : Deevs and pervs and spivs don't need dervs or chivs or shivs.

You now know all six 4-letter words ending in V ! (And that they all take an S).

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