



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to our special Bumper Xmas Edition of Forwards. I hope everyone will find something in this 32-pager to grab their interest at the start of the festive season.

I had a long-distance call from 1987 N.Z. Masters champ David Lloyd a couple of months back. He is playing quite a lot of Scrabble in London with another top Kiwi, David Blumhardt. They have both competed in tournaments over there. David L tells me he looks forward to seeing our Scrabble mag every three months, but he puts it away for a day or so when he first gets it, because it makes him homesick!

WORLD CHAMPS UPDATE : The 2nd World Scrabble Championship is to be held in New York in July/August, 1993. The field has been increased from the 48 in London last year to 64. The U.S. allocation has doubled to 16. U.K. has gone from 8 to 10, and Canada from 3 to 4. Australia retains its 4 spots, but N.Z. has provisionally been cut from 3 to only 2. We believe this is unfair and will do our best to convince the organizers we are worthy of at least another player. The good news is that a 15-round preliminary event will be held to determine who plays off for the title. Last year's 5-game prelim was woefully inadequate. Unfortunately, it seems the 'challenge without penalty' rule will still apply.

Well done to the Mt Albert, Rodney, Wanganui and Dunedin clubs for hosting their popular tourneys, and to Patrick Carter for organizing the successful Auckland Residential Champs. No more events now until Pakuranga at the end of January.

Did you catch Dave Godman (and his tie!) on 'Sale of the Century'? And I wonder if anyone else saw the Scrabble game on 'El C.I.D.' where the doctor played HYALITIS (an eye inflammation). A brilliant word, but don't use it, because it's not in our dictionaries. Continuing in a medical vein, my pick for 'Word of the Week' at the Norfolk Island tourney goes to Lucy Bright's superb ECTROPIC.

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

The cover of Forwards 29 is taken from 'The Australian National Dictionary', edited by N.Z.-born William Ramson, first published in 1988.

Closing Date for the March issue is February 28.

Merry Xmas and

Happy Scrabbling in '93.

-Jeff.

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President's Christmas Message

Another year has flown. It seems not long ago that I was under pressure to write last year's message.

Well I think we have had a very good year as far as Scrabble is concerned. Excellent turnouts for all Tournaments, in fact it pays to enter early to ensure a place. More Tournaments in the calendar thanks to new Clubs and exciting results with most grades at most Tournaments being very closely fought.

The new year promises to bring even bigger events with more players competing. As mentioned elsewhere in the Magazine the next World Tournament will be held in July or August 1993 in New York. We will again be represented by how many people and who they will be is yet to be finally decided. No doubt this will add interest to the next few Tournaments.

Keeping it short I would like to thank you one and all for your support of our game and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roy Vannini

NORIEGA

If you find NORIEGA on the rack (where he should be maybe) you have the allowable word ORIGANE. Add an S and you get not only ORIGANES but also IGNAROES and ORGANISE.

The name of this former dictator has a hidden (prophetic?) message. Remarkably, it is a circular reversal of IRON AGE.

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ATROCIOUS PLAY

At the Norfolk Island Festival several years ago Glennis Hale was playing Cathy Woods in a knockout handicap match. Glennis's first rack was TROCITY, and as it was Cathy's start she was thinking, 'If only she puts out an A.' Cathy obliged - A for 2 points! Neither player was sure if a one-letter word is acceptable (it isn't), but Glennis certainly wasn't about to challenge. Down went ATROCITY for 98!

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Here is a calendar of tournament dates for 1993 submitted so far. Mark them in your calendar now and look forward to yet another great year on the Scrabble circuit!

<u>PAK/HOWICK</u>	Sat Jan 30th (Auck Anniversary)
<u>QAMARU</u>	Sat Feb 20th
<u>TOKOROQA</u>	Sat Feb 27th
<u>NZ MASTERS</u>	Apr 10-12 (Easter Weekend)
<u>NS/BAYS</u>	Sat Apr 24th
<u>NATIONALS</u>	Jun 5/6 (Queen's Birthday Weekend)
<u>OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIP</u>	Sat Jun 12th
<u>PAP/HOLY CROSS</u>	Sat Jul 3rd
<u>HAMILTON</u>	Sun Aug 8th
<u>MT ALBERT</u>	Oct 2/3
<u>WANGANUI</u>	Oct 23/24 (Labour Weekend)
<u>DUNEDIN</u>	Nov 27/28

Any other club tournaments for 1993 will be advertised as they come to hand.

HAPPY SCRABBLING TO YOU ALL.

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NIGERIAN NATIONALS

Sam Okosagah was the winner of the 1993 Nigerian National Championship, which was sponsored by WAMCO (West African Milk Co.). The 48 finalists had qualified out of 500 entrants at four regional events.

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IN MEMORY OF MARION ROSE

All members of the Mt Albert Scrabble Club wish to express our deepest sympathy at the loss of one of our dearest members, Marion Rose, affectionately known as Auntie Mick.

Marion passed away suddenly on November 1st at the wonderful age of 85.

Scrabble played a major part in her life, and she played it right till the end, having last attended the Club on Friday October 30th. She hated to miss her 'Friday night'.

As one of the Club members wrote in her letter of sympathy to Alveen and Glennis, "Marion was a nice lady, always had something kind to say, and we will remember her with affection."

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## NORFOLK ISLAND SCRABBLE FESTIVAL 1992 RESULTS

### ANSON BAY GRADE (21 games - 3 round robins)

	Wins	Points	Average	Bonus words
1 Glennis Hale	17	9200	438	37
2 Jeff Grant	16	8795	419	39
3 Lucy Bright	10 1/2	7976	380	18
4 Fae Olsen	10	8066	384	28
5 Correne James	9 1/2	8024	382	23
6 Reeva Pearson	8	7997	381	41
7 Ruth O'Neill	8	7590	361	18
8 Rosalie Goldsworthy	5	7071	337	19

### Handicap Result

- 1 Reeva Pearson
- 2 Ruth O'Neill

### BOUNTY GRADE (18 games - 2 round robins)

	Wins	Points	Average	Bonus words
1 Marj Batchelor	14	7216	401	17
2 Margie Hurly	13	6893	383	18
3 Puti Rowe	11	7172	398	25
4 Glenda Geard	11	6719	373	24
5 Doreen Davies	10	6847	380	23
6 Dawn Kitzen	10	6783	377	26
7 Shirley Wyatt	10	6562	365	11
8 Martha Morgan	6	6538	363	11
9 Barbara Barbour	3	5669	314	11
10 Adrienne McKeown	2	5776	321	3

### CONVICTS GRADE (16 games - 2 round robins)

	Wins	Points	Average	Bonus words
1 Heather Simons	15	6270	392	19
2 Margaret Mourant	11	6329	396	16
3 Liz Catchpole	9	5784	362	7
4 Margaret Forbes	8	5423	339	8
5 Kate Wignall	8	5354	335	4
6 Ed Olsen	6	5355	335	8
7 Wayne Woods	6	5320	333	12
8 Norma Keesing	5	5159	322	7
9 Diane Kawana	4	5450	341	15

### HANDICAP KNOCKOUT

Winner: Margaret Mourant  
 Runner up: Shirley Wyatt

### CONSOLATION HANDICAP KNOCKOUT

Winner: Reeva Pearson  
 Runner up: Lucy Bright

### WORD PUZZLES

Winner: Martha Morgan  
 Runner up: Correne James  
 Commended: Diane Kawana, Rosalie Goldsworthy, Ruth O'Neill, Jeff Grant, Glennis Hale, Wayne Woods, Norma Keesing and Margaret Forbes

### SPORTSPERSON OF THE FESTIVAL

Margaret Forbes

## SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.28

1.doubt	9.dirndl	17.dummkopf
2.rhythm	10.suqs	18.benj
3.ceilidh	11.axolotl	19.eevn
4.grosz	12.veldt	20.ollamh
5.catarrh	13.kiln	21.demijohn
6.nabk	14.schmelz	22.sheikh
7.mohr	15.hawm	23.derv
8.smaragd	16.phlegm	24.bumf
		25.conepatl

Lots of entries again, with most getting at least 24 correct, including Gerald Warner who managed to work all the words into a rather strange little story. Only 3 with full marks, however - Dorothy Haining(Rodney), Alveen Seon(Mt Albert) and Leila Thomson(Lower Hutt). First out of the hat was Dorothy. Well done!

## SCRABBLE CONTEST No.29

As it is the festive season, let's see how many allowable Scrabble words of any length you can find out of YULETIDE. Each letter can be used only as many times as it appears in YULETIDE. For example, TIDY is allowed, but not DITTY. Words found in OSPD2 are acceptable.

The closing date is February 22, 1993 and the winner will receive a book prize. Only OSW/OSPD2/CED words allowed.

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

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## 1993 MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Date April 10-12, 1993 (Easter Weekend)

Venue Hall, 986 High Street, Lower Hutt.

Accommodation The nearest motels are:

Green Gables Motel, 560 High St.

Acre Court Motel, 758 High Street.

Lower Hutt Motor Inn (Flag Inn), Grounsel Cres, just off

Motorway. If you book here at the Flag Inn and say the magic word 'Scrabble' you should get reduced rates,

namely :1-2 persons \$69 unit

3-4 persons \$89 unit

Billets Some available, but get in early.

For further information contact GLENYSS BUCHANAN,

2 Craddock St, Waterloo, Lower Hutt (ph 04-5695433)

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OTAGO TOURNAMENT

Dunedin 19th September 1992 (7 Games) Organizer:Norman Goodger

"A" Grade (Round Robin)

SEED	PLACE	NAME	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W	HI-LO
1	1	Peter Sinton	DN	6	3403	486	18	540-374
2	2	Alan Eoyd	DN	6	2800	400	7	465-314
6	3	Robert Jones	DN	4	2789	393	13	490-299
4	4	Bill Grigg	DN	4	2718	388	11	508-260
3	5	Anne Stewart	DN	3	2536	362	6	424-336
7	6	Daisy Madden	DN	3	2339	334	9	386-245
8	7	Laney De Gooyer	OAM	2	2260	314	4	372-238
5	8	Carolyn Kyle	DN	-	2261	323	3	360-292

"E" Grade (Round Robin)

1	1	Liz Ross	DN	7	2903	415	10	497-346
3	2	Kathleen Barker	DN	6	2593	370	6	401-314
2	3	Gillian Smillie	DN	4	2215	316	1	370-281
4	4	Alice Doust	DN	3	2194	313	-	375-256
7	5	#Koos La Rooy	IND	3	2130	311	-	352-234
5	6	Shirley Murcott	OAM	2	2205	316	2	374-276
6	7	Penny Irvine	DN	2	1928	275	1	335-241
8	8	Elvira Steel	DN	1	1668	238	1	292-181

(# 1st tournament)

"A" Grade

"E" Grade

Highest Winning Score	(540) Peter Sinton	(497) Liz Ross
Highest Losing Score	(389) Robert Jones	(352) Kathleen Barker
Highest Combined Score	(884) Peter Sinton	(731) Liz Ross
	(527) Robert Jones	(497) Koos La Rooy
	(357) Alan Boyd	(234) Kathleen Barker
Highest Turn Score	(92) Alan Boyd	(95) Kathleen Barker
Highest Average	(486) Peter Sinton	(415) Liz Ross
Most Bonus Words	(18) Peter Sinton	(10) Liz Ross
Spot Prizes	"J" (82) Robert Jones	(51) Kathleen Barker
	"Q" (26) Robert Jones	(78) Liz Ross
	"X" (53) Daisy Macden	(52) Gillian Smillie
	"Z" (38) Anne Stewart	(44) Kathleen Barker
	"K" (88) Robert Jones	(66) Liz Ross

## Learn, but still enjoy

"How good an angler do you want to be?" is a question seldom put to beginners by more experienced fly fishers, mainly because their own pursuit of trout can be demanding enough without esoteric distraction.

Nevertheless, like Scrabble, where a developed vocabulary must improve the chances of victory, angling will reward its devotees according to the knowledge they are prepared to accumulate.

THE FINE ART OF FISHING

Herald Tribune newspaper

9.10.92

## MY SEARCH FOR IDENTITY

Long have I felt sadly deprived and disadvantaged because I am one of those hapless underprivileged souls who are cursed with a name that cannot be readily anagrammed.

Oh, how I have regarded with envy the apt patness (or maybe pat aptness) of OTARINE PANTS or OPEN JESTER. They know who they are. As I have wrestled long hours with my awkward collection of vowels and consonants I have bewailed the lack of foresight of my parents when naming me some half-century or so ago. Would it have been too much trouble, I ask, to give me a forename with just one more vowel?

I tried and tried. The letters of my forename and surname do combine to make some anagrams, albeit awkward-sounding. Some phrases such as HORN OF JEST, JETS OF HORN or JOT FOR HENS just do not sound quite right. Perhaps HONEST OF JR? - No way. God forbid I should ever be mistaken for a soapie fan. I would have gone with JONES FROTH if it were not for the obvious confusion which would arise between myself and OPEN JESTER.

Nothing for it but to try something else like using my middle initial (my middle name being ALFRED). This provided a plethora of possibilities such as SHORT FAN JOE, JAR OF HONEST (pity there's not another R for HORNETS), NOTES FOR HAJ, STONER OF HAJ, HENS FOOT JAR etc. etc. I rather liked HOT FOR JANES but it still seemed rather clumsy and not quite right.

Unable to find a solution to my quandary, in desperation I sought the counsel of a wise man who dwelt in a distant place. This man, known as JAFFER GENTRY, was respected afar as the guru of anagrammists. Surely he could help if anyone could.

As I unfolded my tale of woe he listened patiently, silent and motionless, until I reached the point of divulging my middle name, ALFRED.

Upon hearing this revelation he smiled benignly, moving for the first time, and spake as follows.

"Suffer no more thou bereft soul. Thou shalt have thy identity." So saying he handed down a tablet of stone-coloured imitation polystyrene with a name inscribed upon it. "Take this name as thine and go forth into the land with thy head held high, for thou now hast thy identity and shall be known thus from this day forth."

And so it came to pass that I found my true identity and became.....

JETHRO SNAFFLEROD.

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# SCRABBLE BOOKS

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Someone asked me recently what Scrabble BOOKS I might recommend. I've read a few, ranging from "excellent" to "a menace!" (for N.Z. conditions). So I thought a brief overview might be of interest to some others too. In no particular order then, here they are:

THE SCRABBLE BOOK by Derryn Hinch. Paperback, published 1976 at about \$11, still available in odd shops. A good book, by an entertaining personality (born a Kiwi I think - now a highly controversial and well-known radio host in Australia). Nothing very specific, but a good background into the game worldwide. The only reference I've ever seen to PROFESSIONAL Scrabble, in New York apparently.

But probably a bit dated by now.

THE SCRABBLE BOOK by Gyles Brandreth. No connection to Derryn Hinch's book, this was originally published as THE SCRABBLE OMNIBUS in 1984, and as the "BOOK" in 1990.

A well-presented hardback (about \$20, available here) by the founder of Britain's annual "National Scrabble Championship" in 1971. A worthwhile and entertaining book. Scrabble puzzles, three fully-annotated games, Scrabble history, Records (including some crazy ones, and one by a well-known KIWI), and even 15 pages of Foreign Language Scrabble!.

THE COMPLETE BOOK of SCRABBLE by Gyles Brandreth. A \$12 paperback published 1981 and many reprints since. Frankly, I think it's main use is the more than 50% content of 6-letter stem lists. But these include errors, and only use 1983 Chambers (no OSPD), so are not very relevant today.

PLAY BETTER SCRABBLE by Michael Goldman. Published 1983 this \$15 paperback MAY still be around. Quite interesting, but NOT recommended. He is only interested in the anathematical (and hopefully fading!) British game of "high score" Scrabble. Further, the 73 pages of 6-letter stems HE includes have far too many errors, and again don't include OSPD.

THE SCRABBLE COMPANION by Brandreth and Darryl Francis. This \$24 paperback was the best book around back in 1987. First to show 6-letter stems with both Chambers AND OSPD included. A few errors here, but clear and useful especially for beginners.

Also has 8 annotated games, of which 4 are "Open" ("high-score" Scrabble) but the other 4 are "our" kind of Scrabble - what he calls "Knockout" (though nowadays referred to in the U.K as "Matchplay"). 50 pages devoted mainly to allowability of certain words are unfortunately now quite outdated since OSW arrived.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE to WINNING SCRABBLE by Michael Lawrence and John Ozag. Simply, THE BEST! Coincidentally, this is the only recent U.S. book I've seen. Large paperback published 1988 by Bantam, a companion volume to the paperback OSPD available here, \$16.95.

This book simply has everything. (It even makes use of "double challenge" rule). Only drawback is that it's OSPD-only, but still one of the best investments a keen-to-improve Scrabbler could make.

various SCRABBLE WORD LISTS by Ian Patterson. Dare I say these are indispensable for keen NZ Scrabblers, and the only source I know which is CURRENT AND includes both OSW and OSPD. (See Forwards March 1991, for full details).

THE SCRABBLE WORD GUIDE by Orleans and Jacobson. A menace! Every copy should be rounded up and ritually BURNED, and there ARE still a few around. It says "authorised" on the cover, but that - today - means nothing (and I don't believe it ever did, except that they no doubt thought it may increase sales).

CHAMPIONSHIP SCRABBLE by Alan Richter. Published 1980, I found one in Tokoroa in 1989. Pretty, but not much depth.

OFFICIAL SCRABBLE LISTS (OSL) by Chambers. Published 1991, probably \$50-\$60 retail but may be available cheaper through NZASP. An excellent publication (at last!), which has almost every "list" you could want. Again only from OSW (so many OSPD-only words are missing) but within that limitation I'm sure all these lists are 100% accurate.

Many cover the same ground as my own Word Lists, but the most useful innovation is "The Hooks" (see cover of Forwards #24). This section shows every allowable letter which will hook onto either front or back of EVERY word up to 7 letters long. For instance, ORATE can be extended to either B-ORATE or L-ORATE, and PLAY can take an "S" in front. . . OR a "U".

Also included are very handy lists of "Awkward Vowel Dumps", showing for example groups of words like BIKINI, IRIDIC, MIRITI, etc to help quit your excess I's. Furthermore all words containing high-scoring letters are shown separately, and 68 pages are devoted to 6-letter stems (which they call "Bonus Word Sets") to build up to both 7 and 8-letter bonuses.

Finally the only thing apart from actual "lists" is the 30 various "Hints" scattered throughout. These are mainly excellent general advice on playing strategies, though nothing too remarkable for our TOP players. But for the average player, keen to improve, there is much wisdom to ponder on throughout this book by 2 of the top British players - Darryl Francis and Allan Simmons.

## PERIODICALS:-

FORWORDS (N.Z.) published by NZASP, editor Jeff Grant. An excellent way to keep in touch with all aspects of real live Scrabble here in NZ plus overseas snippets, for only \$2 per copy.

ONWORDS (U.K.) published by Allan Simmons. Lots of fascinating puzzles (often unlike anything WE are used to), news of Scrabble in Britain, and a lively correspondence section with many interesting opinions. Even a few funny stories. One pound per copy (effectively works out about NZ\$4.00).

ACROSS the BOARD (Oz) published by ASPA, editor Margaret Warmington. More interesting words, tournament results, and administrative matters, from our nearest neighbours. A\$2.50 per copy.

Perhaps the BEST feature of both ONWORDS and A.T.B is the 2 or 3 ANNOTATED games in each issue of both. This is something rarely seen (yet!) in NZ, and is a marvellous opportunity to really get inside the minds of expert players, AS THEY PLAY.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### OTARINE PANTS.

The first National Scrabble Championship in Tauranga in 1980 used the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary as reference. Being based on historical principles this work contains obsolete 2-letter terms like AC. EW. EY. HY. IC. IK. WA and YT.

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FIND THE FLOWER - A P O L O G Y  
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I goofed. A couple of "misprints" made this puzzle quite impossible.

Sorry to all those who spent countless hours for nothing. I can only hope that at least you benefited by learning some new words anyway.

Responses were still received from Ron Bunny, Lynne Butler, Lois Kelly, Jeff Grant, Leila Thomson, and Val Worth, all of whom had tried hard. Thank you all, and special congratulations to Jeff who persevered despite my error, to Lois who got it on the second try, and to LEILA who got it dead right.

The answer was MEANT to be: "FUCHSIA" (and QWERTYS and VARECHS).

OTARINE PANTS.

- A SCRABBLE ALPHABET - by Margaret Lyall  
 Christchurch

'A' is for anagrams - bear them in mind.  
 'B' is for bonus-words - quite hard to find!  
 'C' is for change, if you have a poor rack.  
 'D' is for dismal if those tiles come back!  
 'E's for enjoyment you get from each game.  
 'F' is for (hopefully) your rise to fame!  
 'G' is for 'grizzle', (use a blank for one 'z').  
 'H' is for happy when you are ahead.  
 'I's for indignant if words are absurd.  
 'J's for wise judgement when placing a word.  
 'K' is for keenness and kindness as well.  
 'L' is for lucky you're able to spell!  
 'M' is for method, which you'll find of use.  
 'N' is for nonsense-words which are obtuse!  
 'O' is a letter of which there are eight.  
 'P' is for partner, who may be your mate!  
 'Q's for a letter which scores you a ten.  
 Two 'R's are in 'quarter' - you'll raise your score then!  
 'S' is a most welcome letter to keep.  
 If 'T' can go with it, your score just might leap!  
 'U's for unusual words you may miss.  
 'V' is for victory - we all hope for this!  
 'W' is for win, which we all like to do.  
 'X' is a letter that's valuable too.  
 'Y' is a letter to use with much guile.  
 'Z' is another high-scoring tile.  
 Two blanks complete one hundred tiles in each set,  
 And if you have these you're away like a jet!

This is the end of what I have been saying  
 About a great game we're addicted to playing!

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg
<b>Gold</b>						<b>Copper</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	9	4993	22	453.9	1 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	10	4480	11	407.3
2 Lynne Powell	NSB	8	4771	18	433.7	2 Dorothy Haining	ROD	8	4229	7	384.5
3 John Foster	MTA	7	4670	22	424.5	3 Dave Godman	WEL	7	4132	13	375.6
4 Patrick Carter	MTA	7	4508	17	409.8	4 Rob Talbot	MTA	6	4310	21	391.8
5 Blue Thorogood	MTA	6	4683	21	425.7	5 Fate Leach	HAM	6	4194	13	381.3
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	6	4213	14	383.0	6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	6	4015	8	365.0
7 Bob Johnstone	NSB	5	4359	18	396.3	7 Annette Coombes	IND	5	3946	12	358.7
8 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	4213	14	383.0	8 Daphne Parker	MTA	5	3781	6	343.7
9 Peter Jones	MTA	5	4155	15	377.7	9 Dawn Kitzen	HCP	4	3992	13	362.9
10 Glennis Hale	MTA	4	4370	14	397.3	10 Jim Monaghan	NSB	4	3898	8	354.4
11 David Pinner	MTA	3	3814	10	346.7	11 Conny van Tilburg	MTA	4	3647	4	331.5
12 June Mackwell	MTA	1	3848	11	349.8	12 Adrienne McKeown	MTA	1	3592	5	326.5
<b>Silver</b>						<b>Zinc</b>					
1 May Quigley	NSB	9	4545	12	413.2	1 Eileen McLean	IND	8	3985	10	362.3
2 Joy Hunter	NSB	6	4334	19	394.0	2 Kay Buffalora	MTA	8	3968	9	360.7
3 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	6	4331	13	393.7	3 Neville Williams	IND	7	3902	10	354.7
4 Roger Coates	HAM	6	4329	14	393.5	4 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	7	3830	5	348.2
5 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	4320	14	392.7	5 Lii Moore	MTA	7	3775	9	343.2
6 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	6	4149	11	377.2	6 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	6	3782	8	343.8
7 Fae Olson	STR	5.5	4305	12	391.4	7 Hilda Joyce	HCP	5	3855	1	350.5
8 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	5.5	4060	11	369.1	8 Owen Skelton	ROD	4	3789	6	344.5
9 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	5	4417	24	401.5	9 Eileen Mead	IND	4	3659	5	332.6
10 Lucy Bright	MAS	5	4146	11	376.9	10 Valma Gldman	ROD	4	3613	4	328.5
11 Ann Candler	NSB	4	4288	14	389.8	11 Wayne Woods	IND	3	3788	7	344.4
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	4137	11	376.1	12 May Meads	HCP	3	3655	11	332.3
<b>Bronze</b>						<b>Pewter</b>					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	8	4541	10	412.8	1 Christine Trubuhovich	MTA	9	4056	14	368.7
2 Bernice Vannini	MTA	7	4150	14	377.3	2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8	3976	9	361.5
3 Puti Rowe	STR	6	4260	12	387.3	3 Val Talbot	MTA	7	3968	11	351.5
4 Marj Baillie	HAM	6	4179	9	379.9	4 Kate Wignall	MTA	7	3694	4	335.8
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	4163	13	378.5	5 Mary Curtis	MTA	6	3907	6	355.2
6 Lyn Toka	HAM	6	4044	13	367.6	6 Margaret Simpson	PAK	6	3762	5	342.0
7 Reeve Pearson	STR	5	4204	20	382.2	7 Val Worth	TOK	6	3755	6	341.4
8 Cathy Woods	MTA	5	4104	12	373.1	8 Ed Olson	STR	6	3332	3	302.9
9 Glenda Geard	IND	5	4024	12	365.8	9 Dorothy Latta	IND	6	3264	2	296.7
10 Stan Skinner	HAM	5	4024	14	365.8	10 Jeremy Talbot	MTA	3	3270	3	297.3
11 Anne Warner	ROD	5	3860	7	350.9	11 Deicie Macbeth	IND	2	3653	5	332.1
12 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	2	3652	11	332.0	12 Marie Kingi	HCP	0	2848	1	258.9
<b>Platinum</b>											
1 Chris Hooks	MTA	10	4610	21	419.1						
2 Kate Henderson	WEL	8	4178	8	379.8						
3 Penny Headington	NSB	7	3874	6	352.2						
4 David Gunn	WAI	7	3718	11	338.0						
5 Carole Coates	HAM	6	4110	15	373.6						
6 Jean O'Brien	STR	6	3611	2	328.3						
7 Mary Brett	NSB	5	4200	13	381.8						
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	4030	9	366.4						
9 Bev Barker	MTA	4	3711	8	337.4						
10 Norman Wheeler	WEL	3	4140	13	376.4						
11 Pat Johnstone	NSB	3	3961	7	360.1						
12 Shirley Gilkins	MTA	2	3685	12	335.0						

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## VESPAS AND BEERMATS

English Scrabblor Andrew Fisher made this observation in the September issue of The Association of Premier Scrabble Players Newsletter:

'I am delighted that APSP membership has attained the magic 300 mark and continues to climb steadily. But the achievement has been put into perspective for me somewhat by two entries I noticed in The Times of 15 August: the Vespa Scooter Club (holding its 4th anniversary rally) boasts 500 adherents, while the British Beermat Collectors Society revels in a membership of 4000.'

BEERMAT isn't allowed in Scrabble (hyphenated in Chambers), and there is no playable anagram. The best you could do with BEERMAT on your rack would be to find a floating I for AMBERITE or an L for ATREMBLE. Incidentally VESPA is O.K. - it's a wasp.

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### CORRECTION - TRIPLE-TRIPLE TIME

Jethro has pointed out a small error in his article in Forwards 28. The letter T has been omitted from the word RITZ in the bottom right corner. He says 'It appears as if RI has been played, which I happen to know won't be legal until OSPD5 comes out.'

Could be, Jethro. RI is a Japanese unit of distance comprising 36 cho, around 3.9km (Webster's Dict.) -Ed.

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In a recent game John Foster had played TAXINGS and June crossed it with ALANINES. John's next rack was COPILOT with no place to

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X  
I  
A L A N I N E S  
G  
S

go. He made the brilliant play of POLITICO, starting over the second A of ALANINES and making 5 2-letter hooks. It was even more meritorious because he was playing MAY Quigley and JUNE Mackwell at the same time on two boards.

In answer to the obvious question, no this did not make it an AUGUST occasion. John lost both games!

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THINK POSITIVELY. When the letters are poor, play thoughtfully and not carelessly. Good letters will come. Bad luck is impersonal and will vanish as quickly as it appeared. Be ready when the tide turns.

(The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble

-Lawrence/Ozag)

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## DUNEDIN NEWS

- by Bill Grigg

DICTIONARY COMPETITION 1st: Alan Boyd

LADDER COMPETITION 1st: Jo Burnside. Recently Jo scored 456 and lost to Peter Sinton with 462.

ROUND ROBIN Peter is again likely to be crowned Club Champion for the third year in a row. A great effort! To date Peter has played 69, won 56, av. 449, bonus words 147. Alan will be 2nd, and Bill Grigg 3rd, the same as last year. Special mention to the continual improvement of Robert Jones. Well done.

CHALLENGE COMPETITION 1st: Peter 2nd: Robert 3rd: Alan  
GENERAL Our club is right up with the play, having procured 6 time clocks for use in tournaments next year.

Jo, Kathleen Barker and Norman Goodger, together with Ian Patterson, ventured north to the Wanganui tournament at Labour weekend. All enjoyed the experience.

We have seven new members this year. Thanks to all members and visitors for making 1992 a good year. To all clubs and fellow Scrabblers 'Merry Xmas' and enjoyable Scrabble in 1993.

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### ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example OCEAN to CANOE and APPOSED to PEAPODS. On a higher level BATHING GIRLS are often IN SLIGHT GARB.

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

JO BURNSIDE	SUBJOINDER
DOROTHY LATTA	A 'HOT-TROT' LADY
STAN SKINNER	TENNIS RANKS
RHODA CASHMAN	A NOD HAS CHARM
WAYNE WOODS	DO SAY WE WON
MARY CURTIS	RUSTIC ARMY

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### BONUS BONANZA

On September 8 Ian Patterson (Dunedin) played 6 bonus words in a friendly game against Jo Burnside. Two days later he repeated the feat, this time against Peter Sinton. However, four days after that Ian had a session with bonus king Robert Jones and could manage only 5 wins out of 10 games. Oh, the fickle winds of fortune!

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Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg
<b>A Grade</b>						<b>D Grade</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	6050	32	465.4	1 Dave Godman	WEL	11	5058	16	389.1
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	10	5663	22	435.6	2 Lily Shorter	WAN	9	5020	19	386.2
3 Blue Thorogood	MTA	9	5504	19	423.4	3 Norman Wheeler	WEL	9	4869	13	374.5
4 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	9	5036	18	387.4	4 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	8	5020	14	386.2
5 Mike Sigley	WAN	8	5801	27	446.2	5 Jo Burnside	DUN	7	5018	23	386.0
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	8	5385	23	414.2	6 Jean Walsh	WAN	7	4801	13	369.3
7 Lynne Powell	NSB	7	5652	24	434.8	7 Olive Heath	AVA	6	4879	9	375.3
8 Ian Patterson	IND	7	5507	29	423.6	8 Jane Pemberton	MAR	6	4721	15	363.2
9 Peter Jones	MTA	7	4952	22	380.9	9 Jeff Owens	WEL	5	5107	15	392.8
10 Fae Olson	STR	4	4702	18	361.7	10 Helen Sillis		5	4632	7	356.3
11 Leila Thompson	LOH	3	4864	15	374.2	11 Shirley Tozer	NPL	5	4295	12	330.4
12 Lucy Bright	MAS	3	4771	12	367.0	12 Johanne Patel	WAN	4.5	4706	8	362.0
13 Glenda Foster	POR	3	4686	13	360.5	13 Jean Boyle	MAR	4.5	4517	11	347.5
14 Gaye Norgren	WAN	2	4625	18	355.8	14 Tania Pearson	STR	4	4413	20	339.5
<b>B Grade</b>						<b>E Grade</b>					
1 Gerald Warner	ROD	10	5585	18	429.6	1 Max Aston	LOH	13	4763	6	366.4
2 Roy Vannini	MTA	8	5111	20	393.2	2 Jill Moon	MAS	10	4709	11	362.2
3 Berrice Vannini	MTA	8	5011	16	395.5	3 Kathloen Barker	DUN	9	4487	17	345.2
4 Geoff Vautier	WEL	8	4917	12	378.2	4 Tim Kyne	POR	9	3988	10	306.8
5 Sue McRae	WEL	7	5005	18	385.0	5 Cecilia Bullot	WAN	8	4225	1	323.0
6 Reeva Pearson	STR	7	4951	19	380.8	6 Frances Katene	POR	8	3721	6	286.2
7 Rosalie Goldsworthy	NPL	6.5	4760	11	366.2	7 Sue Osborne	WAN	7	4348	8	334.5
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	5141	19	395.5	8 Kath James	WAN	7	4314	6	331.8
9 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	5126	25	394.3	9 Audrey Plane	WAN	6	3939	2	303.0
10 Aliette Hay	MAS	6	4871	16	374.7	10 Rolo Mitchell		5	4130	5	317.7
11 Norman Goodger	DUN	5	4889	24	376.1	11 Grace Gilman	WAN	5	3978	2	306.0
12 Marj Batchelor	MAS	5	4844	8	372.6	12 Margaret Garner	NPL	4	3906	6	300.5
13 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	4.5	4608	11	360.6	13 Nola Kennedy	WAN	4	3675	3	282.7
14 Karen Rodgers	LOH	4	4666	11	382.0	14 Ed Olson	STR	3	4253	6	327.2
<b>C Grade</b>						<b>F Grade</b>					
1 Roger Tozer	NPL	10	5460	21	420.0	15 Marjory Lythgow	AVA	3	3913	1	301.0
2 Margie Hurly	WAN	9	5231	19	402.4	16 Edna Chandler	AVA	3	3871	4	297.8
3 Hilda Scott	MAS	9	4699	7	361.5						
4 Kate Henderson	WEL	8	5030	16	386.9						
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	8	4991	15	383.9						
6 Martha Morgan	NPL	8	4792	8	368.6						
7 Anne Warner	ROD	8	4669	7	359.2						
8 Nika Oldham	WAN	6	4992	5	384.0						
9 Jenny Sattler	NPL	6	4483	10	344.8						
10 Phillip Spring	MAR	5	5122	29	394.0						
11 Robyn Slater	LOH	5	4569	9	351.5						
12 Jean O'Brien	STR	4	4528	11	348.3						
13 David Gunn	WAI	3	4614	15	354.9						
14 Gwen Kaiser	WEL	2	4446	6	342.0						

Joe Edley of New York became the first player to win the USA National twice when he beat Joel Wapnick of Canada (another past winner) in the final of the 27-games. Third place went to Brian Cappelletto (1991 World Championship semi-finalist), but World Champion, Peter Morris, couldn't find his form and finished 55th with 15 wins. The only British entrant this year was Mark Nyman who finished a very respectable 26th with 16 wins. - Onwords, Nov '92

## BLANKETY BLANK

In a Mt Albert versus Bays Challenge earlier this year a certain player renowned for his knowledge of weird words (Mr. Thalweg) found himself 200 points behind on a blocked board holding a sixth consecutive unplayable bonus word - GIAOURS. The solution? Change the lot - including that useless blank!

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## An ingenious Christmassy anagram story by Danny McMullan

Can you find the anagrams of the letter sequences in capitals?  
(Solutions at end of magazine)

I slowly UNTRAIN and trudge HOMEWORD with ICY TOES, wet to the VERY CORE and head ALL SORE. Walking DUE EAST towards the ROAD END my FEET BURN but they HELP TOO melt the LITE SNOW. (Yes I've SWEARED that FOOLERS like me WOOD WISE up and not OVER PUNN again but then THIS YEAR HAS BEEN one where I just took POT LUCK with WORD SMUT.)

When you are OUT LATE one's HICE TENS to be the only PLAICE TO return to as the LAST BAR closes. Alas no CARRY OUT but I have BRASSED BEER MUGS filled with XMAS ALE, which are NOT MINE. The barmaid TREATS ME well but believes THAT ALE should come in MAN SIZES and in TIMES OF pressure she pours MINE OVER herself. (Even WHEN ITS LEG BOUND it's always sure to MIS ER TOE.) Outside THE DOGS annoy the COY TOMS. One TECHILY chases the CAT TAILS but ITS BARK is worse than ITS BITE. Meanwhile it is a relief to HUM WILE the CAROLS IN the distance fade out of EARSHOT. ITS THEIR last NIGHT OUT. I do DISC LIKE them when they SING POOR and ONE VERSE sounds just THE SAME as the others.

SOME REST is needed NOW THAT it's DARK TIME. My ANTI PRUE (a MAD SORT not of this TIME ZONE!) always said "EARLY TO bed and early TO RISE IS what makes a man healthy, wealthy AND WISE". A single ONE-ARMED PRESS UP is all EYE RISK so OIL STOP, remove my LOUD TIE, TEE SHIRT - AND BATH. SO TO BED with a glass of BOSH WINE. (I do TELL A FIB, it's LAUFING stock really!)

RIGHT NOW SHEEP RUN before me. PAGE ONE of my bedtime reading ("BLOKES I HAVE SIN with" by CATRIONA NAME DROP) is slowly HAZEING over. All you can do is BUT DREAM, so EWE HANG up your stocking...zzzz.

HOLY KITE it's NICHOLAS! HERE WAS bearded SUMO FAT injected into a FUR LINED RED SOOT. Was this PART MAN PART EGO going TO STAND in my ROOM AND DEPHROST ?

"COME INN out the SNOW DEER and have some TEA NICK."

As he munched on my APRICOTY and RASPILY pie he muttered that his SLED WING was missing a SLAY BELL and that he had MISLAYED his ROAD TEAM over ENGLAND. (DID I SEA a TEAR DROP down those chubby cheeks?)

"You've CASHED IN on our celebrations and every Christmas Eve you have a FIELD DAY. AT THYMES YULE RAP SOME TOY (LASER GUN, CARD GAME, TOY BALL, etc..) and hope to catch NEW KIDS on the hop. I know your PRE TEEN friends must get a LOAD LIKE this soon. Since you are my HERO MAN I will BE A SPORT and RING OFF for help."

"It cannot be a DAY LATE, that would be ILL TIMED" he sobbed. "Just YU PHONE my HOT LINE, it's always OPEN LATE.  
"DIAL TWO ..... ((NOUGHT A chance it's ex-directory)) and say I need A BELL OUT right away."

NOT A BELL but my alarm clock buzzes. Was my stocking EM TEE OR full? Outside the partridge SANG OUT in the PEAR TREE. Am I still IN A DREAM? Oh COME ALL ye faithful, you know that it's a RED HERON FULSTOP

- from British 'Onwords' magazine, December 1991.

ANATOMY OF A TURN

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Basically an impossible generalisation, let's try anyway to dissect an "average turn", in order to consider good and bad ways of thinking, and also to understand more of what goes through a player's mind.

For the average turn there are three BROAD options:

(A)- Highest possible score. This may mean using your blank for a measly(?) 40, or your sole "S" for only 35, but nonetheless this option should always be considered.

(C)- Best possible "leave". Consider purely which tiles you'd like NOT to use, then quit all the REST. (Often of course those "rest" are unplayable - therefore this option means "swap").

(B)- Having established (A) and (C) - the two extremes - you then roughly check the best "compromise" turns. Only then can you fairly select your actual BEST play.

Unfortunately an example must be used. So imagine your rack is EKLSUW blank. Here are the sort of options that might offer:

	Tiles quit	Score	Tiles left
(A)	EKLS blank	43	UW
(B) i	EKL blank	31	SUW
ii	EKL	26	SUW blank
iii	USW	22	EKL blank
iv	KW	10	ELSU blank
v	LUW	7	EKS blank
(C)	KUW	0 (swap)	ELS blank
or	KLUW	0 "	ES blank

So you can score over 40, but use all your goodies, and probably face an uncomfortable rack next turn. You can SWAP, and leave a lovely rack which will likely give a BONUS next turn.

Or you can hedge your bets, score a low to moderate 20 or so, and still have a CHANCE of a good rack/bonus next turn.

Having clarified these few options you must then select one. Often the answer will be fairly clear, but this example is deliberately set to a rough "balance", just to confuse things.

Based purely on the above, I'd tend toward (C), (B iv), or maybe (A). But there are many OTHER considerations too. Firstly, how does a turn leave the board? Does it leave a "big" spot somewhere? And IF the opponent should leave that spot, have YOU the ability to capitalise??

Also the respective scores (and the stage of the game) help determine the general direction you should take.

SWAPPING (or "changing")

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A novice will generally regard swapping as an "emergency-only" option, to clear her 5 "I"s, or maybe the unplayable "Q". That same person would probably never even consider a normal (C) option if it meant swapping (which it obviously often will).

There are also those who seem to regard swapping as some sort of cheating?, or perhaps as an admission that you simply can't see ANY possible play.

But swapping should also be used as an AGGRESSIVE WEAPON. Many times during a game I find the best actual PLAY would be to score maybe 12, and leave a "good" rack (e.g B-iv and B-v above). An alternative is to score 0 (SWAP), and instead leave an EXCELLENT rack.

Psychologically the "10" is always easier - at least you are still "ticking over", and besides, you possibly remember many past swaps which scored you nothing AND produced an even worse rack.

Well, if you feel that in general your swapping doesn't work - DON'T GIVE IT UP - just learn to swap BETTER so it DOES tend to benefit you. This means a full consideration of all the possibilities and options - especially what mix is left in the bag (See last issue - Tile Tracking).

Swapping AGGRESSIVELY includes NOT pussyfooting around with inferior combinations. You have AEGINQT and can't play the Q. You DON'T play GIN or some such, and hope that a spot might arise for QAT or that a U may arrive. When or IF it does, you'll probably only get 24 anyway, and in meantime have been limping along with half a rack. QUIT the Q.

BUT - swapping the Q leaves you EATING, which may feel good (Beating, Heating, etc etc) - but statistically it's only a 38%. For a bonus you GENERALLY need a strong FOUNDATION - like S+E or S+blank or E+blank. So while quitting your Q, also toss back the AGIN, and probably the T, and even the E if you like (after a quick count of E's and T's, AND blanks and S's). This turns over 6 tiles, and will HOPEFULLY therefore produce a blank or S, and THEN your bonus hunt may start for REAL.

I personally feel that my MOOD affects my Scrabble enormously. Does yours? On an "off" day I may not be aware of any basic blunders, but I'm sure there are various marginal decisions which I get wrong. Probably the clearest of these is those "Will I swap?" choices.

The line of least resistance is usually NOT to swap, but to just grab the 20, and MAYBE things'll get better next turn. But you must always be WORKING, to MAKE your luck, and such swaps do take courage, hard work (tile counting, weighing up chances, etc), and confidence.

But I much prefer my next 3 turns to be Swap, 14, 70 rather than 20, 25, 20.

So whenever facing a somewhat feeble-looking turn - like a 10 leaving a tight board, but an only moderate rack, or maybe a 30 leaving a good rack but a big "hotspot" open on the board - ask IS IT WORTH IT? Consider the alternative of a C-type SWAP - if that leaves a reasonably safe board, and maybe an excellent rack, then it's probably a wise choice.

TIGHT BOARDS:- Often, especially early in the game, there is really nothing much "on". Almost any play will tend to score little and open up quite a lot.

This is an excellent time to SWAP, hopefully greatly improving your rack, while not missing out on any good play. (It also says to the opponent "I'll let YOU open things up, for ME!").

Again - if swapping, generally swap BIG. You could keep say AENRT and swap 2, with a 50% bonus chance next turn (but not much if you DON'T get a bonus), OR you could swap SIX (just holding the E). This gives more chance of S/blanks, and also more chance of juicy high-scoring tiles.

I do stress S's and blanks, but swapping needn't be solely directed toward bonuses. There are times when you have a key letter - ultimately the X - which would fit a 52 double-cross spot IF ONLY you had an A or an E. Either play the X now (for maybe 25), OR play - swap if need be - as many other tiles as you can, to maximise your chance of A/E.

The same applies if say there's a "huge" spot somewhere for a Y and both Y's are still to come. Big turnover can help you here, and a SWAP usually offers you the ultimate turnover.

Happy nils (AND 70's?),  
OTARINE PANTS

# DUNEDIN SCRABBLE CLUB

HELD 14 NOVEMBER 1992 (7 GAMES) ORG. MARGARET FORBES

SEED.	PLACE.	NAME.	CLUB.	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W.	HI-LO
1.	1.	PETER SINTON	DN	6	3182	455	15	536-372
3.	2.	NORMAN GOODGER	"	6	2874	411	15	465-329
5.	3.	MARIAN ROSS	"	4	3728	390	10	494-289
6.	4.	JO BURNSIDE	"	4	2666	381	13	505-294
4.	5.	BILL GRIGG	"	4	2616	374	10	504-284
7.	6.	CORALE McDONALD	"	4	2562	366	3	430-290
8.	7.	LIZ ROSS	"	3	2723	389	13	446-339
2.	8.	ALAN BOYD	"	3	2669	381	9	434-355
10.	9.	KOOS LA ROOY	INDEP	1	2202	315	2	344-281
9.	10.	KATHLEEN BARBER	DN	....	2120	303	6	339-221

## "HOSPITAL ROOM MATES"

By Georgie Offringa.

Jean, feeling saintly, was enjoying a visit from members of her Church:

"Oh look," she cried. "there's an Angel!"

Unbeknown to her a man in white overalls happened to pass the window walking on a scaffolding.

And about Pat who had skin grafts on her legs (melanoma):

"Don't move," said the Doctors. "you are on complete bed rest: give the grafts time to take."

No-one told them that Pat walks in her sleep!

And about our Eve who lost a leg to cancer. Eve, so brave, so cheerful, bearing her pain silently. Then why was it that it was she who copped the wrath of our male nurse?

"This is not a rehabilitation centre," he yelled. "Get yourself in that wheel chair and into the loo."

She never looked back after that.

And about me: I'm on holiday, brain and all, so Scrabble is on hold.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful flowers, and the 'Get Well' cards and letters too. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated.

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OSPD2 has wasted no time in having the final (?) say on the subject of consecutive letter pairings (Forwards 27). The ninth entry on pg.1 is AARRGHH, possibly the sound an OAAA bird makes when attempting to COOEE. -John Foster.

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## HYBRIDS AND THINGS

A hybrid is, loosely, the offspring of a union between different races, species, genera or varieties.

Q: What do you get when you cross a peccary with an armadillo?

A: Either a peccadillo or an armoury.

I'm sure you've all heard this sort of riddle. Of course a peccary and armadillo are not likely to mate, then neither are a stallion and a cow, or bull and mare, but there is a word for the fabled progeny of such a union - JUMART.

True hybrids are quite rare in the mammalian world. The most common is the result of a jackass/mare cross, the MULE, and the opposite stallion/she-ass (jenny) cross, the HINNY. Scrabble players, however, are probably more familiar with the ZO (also called DSO, DZO or ZHO), a cross between a yak and a cow. The female of such a union is called a ZHOMO, and the male a DSOBO, DSOMO, JOMO, ZOBO or ZOBU.

Maybe you have heard of lions and tigers 'getting together' in ZOOS. A lion and tigress produce LIGERS, and a tiger and lioness have TIGONS (or TIGLONS). Wolves and dogs sometimes mate in the wild and the resultant offspring are known simply as WOLF-DOGS.

Moving back to our equine friends, what happens if we introduce zebras? All sorts of goings-on apparently! A union of male zebra and female horse produces the ZEBRULA (or ZEBRULE), a male horse and female zebra the ZEBRINNY, and a male zebra and female ass the ZEBRASS. There is no word in Chambers or OSPD for the offspring of a male donkey and female zebra. Do such creatures exist? Yes, indeed! They've been around for nearly 40 years and are called ZONKEYS.

We are in the age of in-vitro fertilization and genetic engineering, so anything is theoretically possible. In 1984 Cambridge (England) scientists artificially combined the DNA of a sheep and goat to create the world's first GEEP. Strictly speaking the GEEP is a chimera rather than a hybrid, and like all creatures of this genre it is unable to reproduce.

Maybe we will have our JUMART and PECCADILLO one day after all!

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Horatio Bottomley, the rogue British journalist and financier, called to see Lord Cholmondeley, and pronounced the name as it looks when written down.

'That's Lord Chumley, sir,' corrected the butler.

'Oh, all right,' said Bottomley. 'Tell him that Mr Bumley would like to see him.'

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# SCRABBLE IN NURSERY RHYME

JOHN HILGATE  
Sydney, Australia

There was an old woman who hid in her shoe  
Some esses for gaining a point (sometimes, two).  
She sneaked them in one at a time  
And no one detected the crime --  
But when she played SASSAFRAS, SISSY and SMILES,  
Her opponent demanded a recount of tiles.

Little Jack Horner stared at the corner;  
He hoped that his letters might fly.  
But he had no success (his rack was a mess);  
No bingo could he find to try.  
So he lit up a fag, pulled two blanks from the bag,  
And said "What a winner am I."

Mary had an anagram  
Which used up every tile.  
"What a clever girl I am!"  
Said she with knowing smile.  
Opponent moaned "My luck's absurd;  
You'll beat me by a mile!"  
But when she came to play her word,  
Damn! He'd blocked the triple file.

Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse looked at his clock.  
With seconds to spare  
And a win in the air,  
He played DICKORY,  
Was challenged,  
And lost.

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To play a game of Scrabble.  
But Jack fell down  
And broke his crown -  
Jill won the game by forfeit.

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet,  
Playing a game with a quist.  
Along came a spider and sat down beside her,  
And whispered the moves that she'd missed,  
To a cockroach and beetle who knew very little  
Of Scrabble or words on a list.

Miss Muffet said "Stuff it!"  
And jumped off her tuffet.  
"Please do not kibitz -  
It's really the pits."  
And, wielding her rack,  
She killed them (whack, whack!)  
All squashed into bits.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How did your tourney go?  
"First I met Joe, who played like a pro  
And blocked every spot on the board.  
Then I got Stu, who, palming the Q,  
Kept using rude words I deplored.  
Lost to Jim, Mike and Frank without sighting a blank,  
Going down by a hundred or two.

My confidence soared when I beat Lindy Lou;  
Against her I scored fifty-four for KAZOO.  
But then I struck Max, and had horrible racks,  
Like V-V-Y-K-P-P-Q.  
So I threw in the lot, and picked up more rot,  
Like A-E-I-A-E-I-U.  
In my very last game, it was more of the same,  
And I lost by three hundred and two.  
I cursed Alfred Butts - I hated his guts! -  
For marketing Scrabble at all.  
I played like a klutz and slowly went nuts;  
My opponents were having a ball!"

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard  
To play Scrabble games on her own.  
Left hand vs. right, she played through the night,  
Neglecting her dog and his bone.  
Her average score? Seven hundred and four.  
Her highest? A thousand or more.

Three ninety two was her score for QUIXHONY  
(No one was present to challenge this phony).  
She played FOOZLE, MUNIFIED,  
AGARICS, USUFRUCT, PADRONE -  
"Where's the fun in this?" she cried,  
"If I can't hear opponents moan?"

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?"  
"I've been to London to visit the Queen.  
Mum was there, and Hubby, too;  
We played Scrabble in the loo.  
Though not the swankest place to be,  
It calmed their fears of kitty pee.

I started right off with a bingo, REGINAS  
(A fitting beginning for such an occasion!).  
Under the I-N-A-S Liz played NASION;  
Then Phil came down off her end with VAGINAS!  
This caused Her Highness to rebuke

## THE NEARLY SCORE

The word choice of the randy Duke.  
'Non-standard plurals are banned around here;  
Queen's English is what we adhere to, my dear.'  
Then her Mum played an eight-letter word, RIGATONI.  
Her son-in-law snorted 'That looks like a phony!'  
And Liz said 'Oh, pshaw! What a lot of boloney!  
It sounds like a foreign-born import to me.'  
I checked it at once in my O.S.P.D.

And located the word.

The Queen, though, demurred.

'Americanisms might be quite the fashion,  
Yet I must confess that I have a mad passion  
For the Celtic eccentricity  
Of Chambers English Diction'ry.'

She then took down a lexicon

Ensconced above the royal john.

'This is a tome which I often peruse  
On many a boring Britannica cruise.  
Why, touring the Falklands in war's aftermath,  
I'd pore through my Chambers while taking a bath.'  
The Duke then chipped in with a quip of his own,  
'She even reads Chambers when she's on the throne.'

'Thereanent I do decree

That we must use the C.E.D.

O.S.P.D.? Why, pish and tush,

This book deserves a royal flush!'

My paperback went down the drain,

Never to emerge again.

'Let the game now proceed.'

And her husband agreed.

The Queen Mum thought it was most absurd

Her daughter had ruled against her word.

My turn now came; I laid down KAT.

The Prince exclaimed 'I'll challenge that.

He's unacquainted with this game.

Just look! He cannot spell his name.'

(But 'twas in Chambers, all the same.)

The Prince, thus forced to eat his hat,

Agreed I was no pussy cat.

His Highness said, 'In words I'm weak.

I'd rather play this game in Greek.'

The game then went on without further ado  
Except when the Queen found an X in her shoe  
And the Duke played a blank by inverting his Q,  
But I finally won by one hundred and two.  
They haven't invited me back to the Palace,  
But do not ascribe this to soreness or malice.  
The reason? While leaving the Buckingham yard,  
I lifted my hind leg and pissed on a Guard.

Us mogs are a rabble,

An unlettered lot,

But when we play Scrabble,

We're pretty damn hot."

-Word Ways, Feb 1990.

Some of you will remember Elsie Tucker of Hastings who played in the Nationals from 1981-85. Elsie was a consistent performer in B grade, and finished a creditable 8th in her last tournament ahead of players like Denise Gordon and John Foster. Although retired from competition, Elsie still loves her Scrabble. She has always played a canny game and I am rarely able to achieve a high score when we meet. Recently that nearly changed in a big way!

The game in question started well for me. Holding CDEISTU I was able to use an R in Elsie's first word to make CURDIEST for 65. After ten moves and another bonus my score had progressed to a reasonable 338. Three moves later, after NIELLOS, AEONIAN and a 28 it was a much more healthy 513. Elsie, who had struggled with awful tiles all game, then played QUA for 26, exposing a triple-triple (Q in second position) and leaving just 2 tiles in the bag.

Holding EINOOUW (the last U) my mind was racing. There was still an A, T and blank to come. Crossing my fingers I played out WO for 26, picked out the last 2 tiles and placed them face down on the table. Elsie played away from the spot. Nervously I turned over the first tile - a T! Now, if only...., but it was not to be. A cursed D! Why isn't EQUIDONT a word?

It could describe someone with even teeth perhaps. Swallowing my disappointment I played QUOITED for 54, and then the N, finishing on 601.

A good score, but what if that last tile had been the A or blank instead of the D? I could have played EQUATION for 200+ points and ended up with a score of over 750.

If ifs and ands were pots and pans

There'd be no trade for tinkers. (Proverb)

-Jeff Grant.

98 (WORD GAME.) The New Game of Word Making and Word Taking  
[?1890]. £125

258 letter squares on card with folded printed instructions, in painted wooden hinged box decorated and lettered on top. Letters somewhat soiled, box rubbed, an attractive item.

Scrabble's precursor... possibly not all the pieces are present as there are no Z's (but there are ten blanks).

This 19th Century word game is described in an English book catalogue. Do any of our older Scrabblers remember it? I like the idea of ten blanks!

-Ed.

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OVERLAP COMPETITION No.12

Not such a great variety of words this time from the few who sent me their entries. The two top scores were from Dorothy Haining (Rodney) and Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt), both with 700 exactly. The draw decided in favour of Dorothy to whom a book prize is being sent. Third place went to Rhoda Cashman of Rodney with 695, followed by Lois Kelly (Tokoroa) with 692 and Val Worth (Tokoroa) a little behind. And, sorry, Ron Bunny of Hastings. I could not count your entry as you rather precipitately used OSPD2, so that your UMM, MUMU could not be included.

A composite solution would have actually produced 701 points, reading:

luggaGEmmule	92
mzunGUggle	83
gumMAGgs	75
giSMug	58
gJUg	44
mUGs	48
riMUgg	58
mugGYmps	69
humbUGging	82
guruISMuggle	92 (or leggiSM)
	701

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NEW COMBINED RECORD

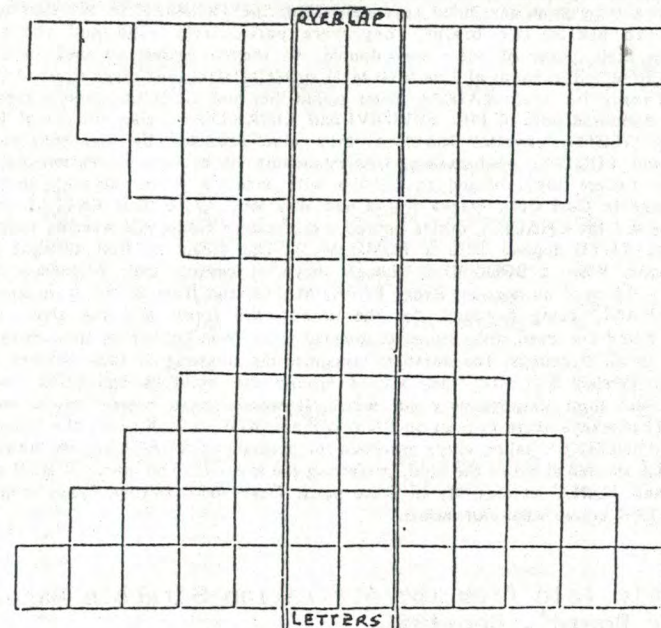
At the Mt Albert tournament Jeff Grant achieved a score of 513 against Lynne Powell, including 4 bonus words - and lost! The turning point came when Jeff played what he thought was the game-breaker - ZOPILOTE for 108. Unfortunately this exposed a triple-triple which Lynne gleefully leapt on with QUEEREST for a record-equalling 203 points. The final score of 547-513 means the NZ tournament combined record now stands at 1060, and Jeff has a record losing score that could be hard to beat.

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Rodney winner John Foster recently played Peter Jones and June Mackwell at the same time, scoring over 500 on each board. He wonders if the aggregate of 1042 might be some sort of record. John wasn't looking too good against Peter until RUNNIONS was played at the end of the game opening a triple-triple, which allowed John to go out with ARBALIST, catching Peter with 30+ take-off.

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OVERLAP COMPETITION No. 13



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, OSPD2 or CED.

SCOREBOARD:

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

Entries to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Avenue, Algies Bay, Warkworth, no later than February 18th, 1993. The winner will receive a small prize. Entries are to be sent like this:

alreaDnasty	87
armaDAtary	76
allAYrie	62
etc.	

Total 789

Don't forget your name, address and club!

## STRANGE STRANGE STORY STORY

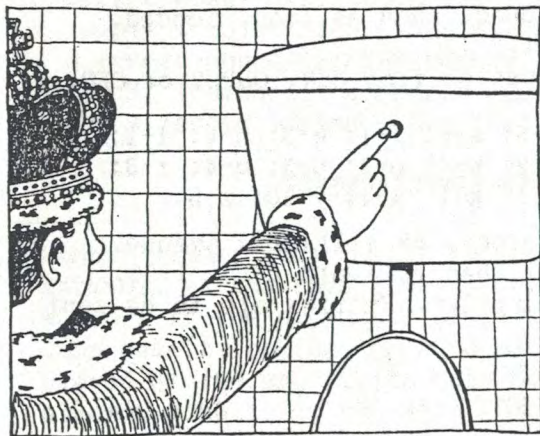
by Barbara Berlin

There was once a tribe who developed separately from the Human Race. As they had two of everything - two hearts, two brains, they were particularly kind and thoughtful. As everything from their point of view was double, so they repeated all their utterances. At birth they were swaddled in bands of fine MULMUL or HUMHUM, and given strained COCO juice until they were ready for adult KAIKAI. Their staple diet was CUSCUS, though they munched on SEMSEM and chewed pods of PIPI, DIVIDIVI and KINAKINA to allay attacks of BERIBERI, malaria and the TSETSE parasite. Too soon, they were attracted by high-tech society with its' computers and LOGLOG mathematics. Understandably ill at ease in Parramatta, Ulladulla and Turramurra (where they refused to hobnob with many a tiptop bigwig), they naturally felt more at home in Curl Curl, Wagga Wagga and Woy Woy. Once their PALPAL organs were stimulated, some did the CHACHA; others danced a celebratory CANCAN wearing scanty PIUPIU (a sort of grass TUTU topped with a POMPOM !). The locals at first thought they were experts in voodoo. What a BOOBOO ! Though they did consult their customary JUJU and GRISGRIS, they followed no hoodoo. Every PAPA, MAMA and little BABA were soon heard to MURMUR, "ANANI". being homesick for the islands, the forest and the river. Civilisation they found too humdrum, even when someone mugged them from behind on their paxwax till the FURFUR flew in all directions. Too dazed to recognise the singsong of their beloved MOTMOT and the distant Persian BULBUL, they kicked around the mukluks and other knick-knacks strewn around, but their jimjams only got worse. It was time to return to the land of the KAKA and TITI monkeys, there to feast on PAWPAW and KOUSKOUS under the branches of the ARAR and CHIQUICHQUI palms where crouched the predatory CARACARA. By the river's edge, the MATAMATA sloshed about in the mud, preferring the low-life. Too much CHICHI drove them mad, or "off their NANA" as they say in these parts. I say more simply: "They went GAGA", and every TARTAR knows what *that* means.

-A tautonymic tale from the Australian Scrabble Magazine 'Across the Board', Dec 1990.

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## That Takes The Cake



A royal flush



### READ THAT AGAIN?

INTHEWRITINGOFANCIENT  
GREECETHEREWERENOBREAKS  
BETWEENTHEWORDSinASENT  
ENCEANDNOPUNCTUATIONAT  
THEENDOFASENTENCE...

whichmadeitquitehardtoreadan  
devenhardertotakeabreathand  
probablyresultedinpeoplecollapsing  
halfwaythroughamidsizedparagraph

## RODNEY SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT 14 NOVEMBER 1992

GRADE A - ANDREW					GRADE E - EDWARD				
NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS	NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS
1 JOHN FOSTER	MTA	5	2710	9	1 DOROTHY HAINING	ROD	5	2700	7
2 GLENNIS HALE	MTA	4	2871	12	2 DAPHNE PARKER	MTA	5	2300	4
3 LYNNE POWELL	NSB	4	2847	10	3 ROB TALBOT	MTA	4	2568	7
4 GLYNIS JENNINGS	MTA	4	2744	8	4 JIM MONAGHAN	NSB	4	2404	5
5 PATRICK CARTER	MTA	4	2738	10	5 DAWN KITZEN	HCP	3	2524	9
6 PETER JONES	MTA	3	2523	12	6 EILEEN MCLEAN	IND	3	2458	7
7 MAY QUIGLEY	NSB	2	2065	9	7 ANNETTE COOMBS	IND	2	2411	7
8 JOY HUNTER	NSB	2	2435	7	8 CLYDE TITCHENER	ROD	2	2203	2

GRADE B - BEATRICE					GRADE F - FERGIE				
NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS	NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS
1 GERALD WARNER	ROD	5	2952	10	1 IRENE HAGUE-SMITH	MTA	6	2003	5
2 JUNE MACKWELL	MTA	5	2085	10	2 OLWEN SKELTON	ROD	5	2011	7
3 FAE OLSEN	STR	4	2723	6	3 ADRIENNE MCKEOWN	MTA	4	2404	5
4 REEVA PEARSON	STR	4	2713	14	4 JOAN PRATT	MTA	4	2302	5
5 ROGER COATES	HAM	4	2014	7	5 VIVIANNE WILLIAMSON	ROD	4	2238	1
6 RHODA CASHMAN	ROD	3	2587	10	6 NEVILLE JAMES	IND	2	2412	5
7 ANN CANDLER	NSB	2	2045	6	7 LIL MOORE	MTA	2	2347	4
8 ALLIE QUINN	NSB	1	2471	5	8 ERNIE GIDMAN	ROD	1	2345	3

GRADE C - CHARLES					GRADE G - GEORGE				
NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS	NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS
1 ELAINE MOLTZEN	HAM	5	2878	13	1 MARGARET SIMPSON	PAK	5	2510	6
2 MARGARET WHITE	ROD	5	2078	7	2 VALMA GIDMAN	ROD	5	2510	6
3 ANNE WARNER	ROD	5	2011	5	3 RALPH WHITE	ROD	5	2488	2
4 CHRIS HOOKS	MTA	4	2072	13	4 PADDY GLEN	ROD	4	2341	4
5 HAZEL PURDIE	MTA	3	2779	9	5 SHERYL DAVIDSON	PAK	3	2384	4
6 CAROLE COATES	HAM	3	2546	8	6 KATE WIGNALL	MTA	3	2281	3
7 YVETTE HEWLETT	MTA	2	2730	12	7 KATH DAVIES	MTA	2	2130	3
8 LORRAINE VAN VEEN	PAK	1	2525	6	8 NGAIRE COLVILLE	ROD	1	2050	0

GRADE D - DIANA					GRADE H - HELEN				
NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS	NAME	CLUB	WINS	SCORE	BONUS WORDS
1 ISOBEL YORKE	ROD	5	2507	3	1 VALERIE MILLS	PAK	6	2580	2
2 MARY BRETT	NSB	4	2021	9	2 NAOMI GILMORE	ROD	5	2324	1
3 DAVID GUNN	WAI	4	2550	7	3 JAN CORRY	PAK	4	2474	4
4 BEV BARKER	MTA	4	2484	6	4 ED OLSEN	STR	4	2037	2
5 DAPH CURL	MTA	4	2453	4	5 MARY CURTIS	MTA	3	2308	1
6 MAUREEN HOLLIDAY	MTA	3	2547	9	6 LULU HOLT	MTA	3	2214	2
7 WYN MITCHELL	MTA	2	2431	4	7 MARIE KINGI	HCP	2	1888	2
8 JOYCE GILBERT	NSB	2	2359	1	8 MERLE SPINETTO	ROD	1	2001	0

DUNEDIN OPEN TOURNAMENT

28-29th November 1992 (11 Games) Organizer:Norman Goodger

"A" Grade (Round Robin)

SEED	PLACE	NAME	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	B/W	HI-LO
1	1	Peter Sinton	DN	11	4940	449	24	498-371
2	2	Alan Boyd	DN	9	4652	423	13	538-340
5	3	Marian Ross	DN	7	4383	398	18	492-282
9	4	Jo Burnside	DN	7	4170	379	15	492-255
4	5	Anne Stewart	DN	6	4250	386	16	517-275
11	6	Marjorie Heads	WGTN	6	4013	365	13	418-321
3	7	*Bill Grigg	DN	5	3246	361	13	465-260
7	8	Carolyn Kyle	DN	4	3953	359	10	475-249
12	9	Shirley Hol	CHCH	4	3878	353	16	433-277
6	10	Doreen Ogston	CHCH	3	3772	343	11	443-284
8	11	Margaret Lyall	CHCH	2	3726	339	11	413-242
10	12	Katrine Kerr Renwick	CHCH	2	3651	332	8	406-224

\*Due to illness Bill Grigg played 9 games only- did not play P Sinton and M Head

"B" Grade (Round Robin)

8	1	#June Keightley	INDEP.DN	10	4512	410	20	520-331
3	2	Gordon Pinchin	CHCH	8	3897	354	9	400-278
1	3	Mary Pinchin	CHCH	7	4183	380	10	485-330
4	4	Liz Ross	DN	7	4143	377	9	557-297
2	5	Laney de Gooyer	OAM	7	3867	352	9	406-282
6	6	Kathleen Barker	DN	7	3829	348	7	430-261
10	7	Dorothy Latta	INDEP.WGTN	7	3563	324	4	445-198
5	8	Alice Doust	DN	5	3290	299	1	346-232
7	9	Shirley Murcott	OAM	4	3388	308	3	380-247
11	10	Hanna Dodge	CHCH	3	2965	270	-	342-197
9	11	Margaret Brogan	OAM	1	2841	258	-	307-200
12	12	Elvira Steel	DN	-	2629	239	-	302-163

# 1st Tournament

"A" Grade

"B" Grade

Highest Winning Score	(538) Alan Boyd	(557) Liz Ross
Highest Losing Score	(420) Carolyn Kyle	(386) Mary Pinchin
Highest Combined Score	(878) Peter Sinton	(826) June Keightley
	(458)	(440)
	Carolyn Kyle	Mary Pinchin
	(420)	(386)
Highest Turn Score	(98) Marian R/Anne S	(98) Kathleen Barker
Highest Average	(449) Peter Sinton	(410) June Keightley
Most Bonus Words	(24) Peter Sinton	(20) June Keightley
Spot Prizes	"J" (41) Peter Sinton	(30) Kathleen Barker
	"Q" (66) Alan Boyd	(81) Liz Ross
	"X" (50) Alan Boyd	(76) June Keightley
	"Z" (41) Anne Stewart	(46) Kathleen Barker
	"K" (36) Alan Boyd	(59) Liz Ross

SOCCKERABLE

The annual North versus South soccer challenge has become a traditional fixture of the 3-day British Matchplay Scrabble Champs. Finding time for the match was harder this year because of the increase from 15 to 17 games, so only 20 minutes each way was played (a move much appreciated by those somewhat short of peak fitness).

The dividing line between North and South tends to change every year, and the odd anomaly is necessary to keep the sides as even as possible. One year New Zealand's David Blumhardt was drafted into the North team on the grounds that he lived in the North Island!

(from British APSP Newsletter, Sept. 1992)

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A CULTURAL TRIP

-by Val Worth (Tokoroa)

A CULVERIN (cannon) was set up on the CULMEN(highest point). Access was via a dried-up CULVERT (water channel). The CULLIONS (rascals) and SCULLIONS (despicable persons) who manned this defence post wore CULETS (armour protecting the hips) and supped CULLIS (strong broth) made principally from CARACUL (Asiatic sheep) meat. A FURCULUM (wishbone) was often dropped in for luck. Keen CULINARY (cooking) types should note that the broth requires a CULLENDER (colander) and certain CULTRATE/D (knife-shaped) implements for correct preparation. Absolutely no CULLETS (waste glass) or CULICES (mosquitoes) must get in.

The CULCH/CULTCH (rubbish) arising from broth preparation was sometimes mixed with CULMS (grass stems) and CULM (coal dust) to provide a strange brew used to sluice any PORTCULLIS (gratings) fouled by resident CULVERS (doves, pigeons) which nested in the nearby CULLAYS (evergreen trees). Strange housekeeping in those days!

The UNCULLED bonus-hunters and members of the general verbarian CULTUS (sect) - with or sans CULOTTES (divided skirts) - will note the 7-letter CULVERT may go in front of 'age', and any real CULLY (mate) would tell you that CULLIED, CULLYING and CULLYISM are all allowed too.

This scribe, a CULTIVAR or CULTIGEN of the genus Scrabble-Happius, will now sign off on another high point.....

The CULMINATION.

It's not just the brain one possesses,  
That guarantees Scrabble successes.  
There's also the knack  
Of loading your rack  
With both of the blanks and four esses!  
(Onwards, Aug 1992)



# W O R D L I S T S

N E W P U B L I C A T I O N S for 1993.  
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\* **"FAWSX"** - 6 various useful sublists of 4-letter words. The largest is those which contain two 3's (e.g MATE = MAT+E, or M+ATE). Also shown are all those with 2 I's, every one with 3 vowels, etc etc.

\* **"FH4"** - Front Hooks of 4's. Every 4-letter word that can be extended to a legal 5 by adding one letter to the front. Highlights some real beauts to bedazzle opponents - ANAL builds to C-ANAL, and B-ANAL, but also E-ANAL. Also an interesting way to learn some odd 4's - B-EECH in this list may teach you EECH.

\* **"BIG7s"** - Every 7-letter word containing J,Q,X, or Z (except as INITIAL letter).

\* **"STEMS"** - Every 6-letter stem with a greater than 70% chance of making a bonus, with the individual letters shown which successfully go with each stem.  
Also the top 60 or so 5-letter stems, from "RATES" (74%) downward, and even a few 4-letter ones.

\* **"MISC5"** - Five totally miscellaneous lists of interest to aficionados.

(1) Various small GROUPINGS of words, to assist in memorising, e.g CARINAS, FARINAS, JARINAS, MARINAS.

(2) Many PLACE NAMES such as NELSON, ALASKA, which are also legal in Scrabble.

(3) Various words from ALPS with (very brief) MEANINGS which may help make the words "memorable" (e.g "SNAILED" means "moved slowly").

(4) ALL (50) 7-letter words containing 5 vowels.

(5) Many plausible 7-letter words which are in fact NOT. Some (like BOATIES) in fact make NOTHING, while many others do in fact transpose into other, legal, words (e.g "SEALION" is NOT legal, but turns into "ANISOLE").

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H A P P Y S C R A B B L I N G ! !

## N Z S C R A B B L E R E C O R D S

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 Neilson (Dunedin)
Highest Losing Score	513 Jeff Grant (Hastings)	521 June Mackwell (Mt. Albert)
Lowest Winning Score	207 Ed Olson (Stratford)	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 Lynne Powell	239 Joyce Bourdot (NS-Bays)
Highest Combined Score	1060 Lynne Powell(NSB) & Jeff Grant (Hastings)	1106 Dawn Kitzen(Pap) & Chris Hooks (Mt. Albert)
Lowest Combined Score	346 Ed Olson(Strat) & Marie Kingi (Pap/Holy Cross)	259 Elvira Steel Melanie Neilson (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)

# CLUELESS MINI-CROSSWORDS

Here are the solutions to the 4x4 grids in Forwards 28. Lois Kelly came up with an interesting variation for the third square. with the words RACY, HUIC, AQUA, TAHR reading left to right, and the same words in reverse reading from bottom to top.

X	Y	S	T
Y	G	O	E
S	O	H	S
T	E	S	T

D	I	E	B
I	D	E	E
E	E	V	N
B	E	N	J

A	S	C	I
L	U	R	K
A	Q	U	A
P	S	S	T

Research has shown that 5x5 grids leading to a single solution are possible where only 2 letters are entered. They may in fact be more common than those at the 3x3 and 4x4 level. As an example, can you solve the 5x5 square working from only an H in the top left corner and a J in the bottom right?

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SMILAXES - Solutions, in order of appearance:

I slowly URINANT and trudge WHOREDOM with SOCIETY, wet to the RECOVERY and head ROSELLA. Walking SAUTEED towards the ADORNED my UNBEREFT but they POTHOLE melt the TOWLINES, (Yes I've DRAWEEES that FORSLOE like me WOJWODES up and not UNPROVEN again but then HYSTERIA BANSHEE+BEENAHIS one where I just took PUTLOCK with MUDWORTS.)

When you are TOLUATE one's SITHENCE to be the only POETICAL return to as the ARBLAST closes. Alas no CURATORY but I have SERDABS SUBMERGE filled with MALAXES, which are MENTION. The barmaid TEAMSTER well but believes ATHLETA should come in MAZINESS and in FOMITES pressure she pours VOMERINE herself, (Even WHITENS BLUDGEON it's always sure to TIRESOME.) Outside GHOSTED annoy the SCOTOMY. One LECYTHI chases the STATICAL but BRITSKA is worse than BITTIES. Meanwhile it is a relief to UMMHILE the CLARIONS+CLARINOS the distance fade out of ASTHORE+HAROSET, SHITTIER+THIRTIES last OUTNIGHT, I do SICKLIED them when they SPOORING and OVERSEEN sounds just MEATHES as the others.

SOMERSET is needed WHATNOT it's TIDEMARK, My PAINTURE (a STARDOM+TSARDOM not of this MONETIZE!) always said "ROYALET bed and early RIOTISES what makes a man healthy, wealthy DEWANIS". A single DEMEANOR+ENAMORED SUPPERS is all SKIEYER so POLOIST, remove my OUTLIED, ETHERIST - HATBAND, BOOSTED with a glass of WISHBONE, (I do LIFTABLE, it's GAINFUL stock really!)

INGROWTH+THROWING+WORTHING UNSPHERE before me, PEONAGE of my bedtime reading (\*OBELISK EVANISH+VAHINES with\* by RAINCOAT POMANDER) is slowly GENIZAH over. All you can do is DRUMBEAT, so WHANGEE up your stocking, .zzzz.

LEKYTHOI it's LICHANOS! WHEREAS bearded SFUMATO injected into a URNFIELD ROOSTED. Was this RAMPANT+MANTRAP PORTAGE going DOTANTS in my MADRONO POTSHERD ?

\*MECONIN out the ENDOWERS+WORSENEED and have some ANTICKE.\*

As he sunched on my POTICARY and PYRALIS pie he muttered that his SWINGLED+WELDINGS was missing a SYLLABLE and that he had DYSMELIA his MATADORE over ENDLANG, (DAISIED a PARROTED+PREDATOR+PRORATED down those chubby cheeks?)

\*You've ECHIDNAS on our celebrations and every Christaas Eve you have a LADYFIED, AMETHYST EPULARY MYOSOTE+TOYSOME (GRANULES, DECAGRAM, TALLBOY, etc..) and hope to catch SWINKED on the hop. I know your TERPENE friends must get a KELOIDAL this soon. Since you are my MENORAH I will PROBATES and GRIFFON for help.

\*It cannot be a DAYTALL, that would be TIDEMILL\* he sobbed, \*Just EUPHONY my NEOLITH, it's always ANTELOPE.

\*WILDOAT .....((HANGOUT chance it's ex-directory)) and say I need LOBULATE right away.\*

BALLONET but my alara clock buzzes. Was my stocking EROTEME (ull? Outside the partridge NOUGATS in the REPARTEE+REPEATER, Am I still MARINADE? Oh CALOMEL ye faithful, you know that it's a DEERHORN+DEHORNER POTFULS.

MERRY XMAS!