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FORWORDS

NUMBER 30

/haakshaa/.

RED-EYED FLYCATCHER sb obs; *OED* →1834. The Red-eyed Vireo.

1847 Gosse 194, Red-eyed Flycatcher—John-to-whit. *Vireosylva olivacea*.

RED-EYE GINGER sb dial. A variety of ginger with red 'eyes' or sprouts.

1952 FGC Man /red-ai jinjal/.

RED FIG sb. See QUOTS.

1864 Grisebach 783, Red Fig: *Ficus pedunculata*. 1952 FGC StE, Red fig—has short leaf—[tek it saa buod] Use it for sawing into boards.

RED-FOOTED BOOBY sb dial.

1956 Jeffrey-Smith 133, The White Booby (*Sula sula*) is mostly white and its bill is dark, while its feet are red; so it is known as the Red-footed Booby.

RED-FOOT JUMPER or **JUMPING DICK** sb dial. = HOPPING DICK.

1944 NHN II 130, Red-foot jumping Dick. 1952 FGC Man, Red-foot jumper.

RED GAL sb dial; the reason for the name is unknown—perh it refers to the yellow root. (See RED.) The herb *Morinda royoc*, used in folk medicine.

1954 WIMJ 30, see DUPPY POISON.

RED GAULIN sb; <red + GAULIN. The RED-NECKED GAULIN.

1956 Jeffrey-Smith 121, Locally they are distinguished only by colour, and are known severally as the Blue, the White and the Red Gaulin (the Red is very rare).

RED GRUNT sb dial. A fish of the GRUNT kind.

1946 NHN III 52, see RED GULLY. 1952 FGC StT /red gront/—there are red, yellow, and grass grunts.

RED GUAVA sb dial. According to Beckwith, a species of *Expatarium*.

1927 Beckwith 18, Guava, red..For diarrhoea chew the leaves.

RED GULLY sb. An unidentified fish: see quot.

1946 NHN 51, Fish which are good to eat and afford good sport for fishermen are Blue Doctor, Red Grunt, Snapper, Red Gully, Rock Snapper. *Ibid* 52, The fish you can spear most easily around our cays are Parrots, Red Grunts, Snappers, and Gullies.

REDGUT BULLY-TREE sb. = RED BULLY.

1952 FGC StAnn, Redgut bullet (StE, Tre) = red or white bullet (StAnn) = cherry bullet (StC); StE /redgot bulitri/.

RED HAIRY-TAILED BAT sb. See quot.

1851 Gosse 279-80, The Red Hairy-Tailed Bat..He captured one, and on the next evening another, both of which were of one species, the Red Hairy-tail of the United States (*Lasiurus rufus*).

RED HEDGE sb. The plant *Acalypha* ana, so called from the colour of its leaves for its use in hedges.

1955 WIMJ 78, see COPPER LEAF.

RED IBO sb dial; <RED + IBO, Ebc were originally of lighter colour than negroes; see 1960 CLS 79.) A light person with negroid characteristics. It is always used insultingly.

1943 GL Kgn, Reddebo, mulatto; Port, Redibo, fair person. 1960 SJR StAnd, Red Ibo, pejorative term for a fair-skinned but otherwise negroid person.

RED JASMINE sb. The shrub *Plumieria rubra*.

1811 Titford ii, Red jasmine. Illust. Plate v 5.

RED KANTU sb dial; see *kantu*.

1952 FGC Tre /red kantu/ same as red candlewood, burn-eye, blind-eye.

[REDLEGS sb; *OED* 2, 1887 only. See quot.

1817 Williamson i 27, A ridge of hills, in the adjacent country, about the middle of the island [Barbados], is called Scotland, where a few of the descendants of a race of people transported in the time of Cromwell still live, called Redlegs. I saw some of them; tall, awkward made, and ill-looking fellows, much of a Quadroon colour; unmeaning, yet vain of ancestry; a degenerate and useless race as can be imagined.] BA

RED LIGHT sb dial. The tree *Erythroxylon reolatum*, so called near Portland Ridge.

1943 NHN II 26, Red Light. the wood is very hard, dark red in colour, and valued for posts.

RED MARY sb dial; cf red + Mary. A variety of sugar-cane, yellowish within.

1958 DeC StAnd /red mieri/ a soft cane with black skin (nothing red about it).

RED MILADY sb dial; <RED + MILADY. A variety of coco similar to the SALLY. Also called RED COCO.

1952 FGC StJ /red mai lied/ [careful pronunciation] = /sali/ but not so hard; red and white varieties. 1958 DeC Clar /red malied/ same as /red koko/, names for a reddish coco.

RED MISS KELLY PEAS sb dial; red + ?*Miskelly* (a surname in Jamaica at end of 18th cent: in 1798 John Miskelly was First Lieut of the town-guard of Kingston—cf 1798 Evidence 5) + peas. A variety of bean (prob *Vigna unguiculata*). Also called SKELLY PEAS.

1873 Rampini 90-1, Pease and pulse of all kinds—the 'red Miss Kelly' and the 'Black Betty'. 1929 Beckwith 19, ref to Rampini.

RED-MOUTH GRUNT sb dial. Some kind of fish of the GRUNT type—cf RED GRUNT.

1756 Browne 449, see DARK GRUNT. 1900 Murray 16, When de mout recober de blow it tun a sort of a red like, so dem boy usen fe call him 'red mout' grunt.

RED NAYGA sb dial. = RED (SKIN).

1954 LeP StE, Mulatto, red nayga. 1960 SJR StAnd /red niega/ having a very light skin—pass for white or Jamaica white, but crinkly hair.



EDITOR'S NOTE

The new Scrabble year got away to a flying start with the first use of time clocks in A and B grades at the Howick/Pakuranga tourney. There were no hassles, in fact Lynne Powell managed to score 567 in one game using only 5 minutes of her time! The best move I saw during the day was June Mackwell's superb MARCASITE, which was played around AR on the board.

Besides Howick/Pakuranga, well done also to Tokoroa and Oamaru for running their annual events. It was my pleasure to once again adjudicate at Tokoroa, an enjoyable role I have filled now for the last ten years. The most interesting word that came up to my table this year was CALAMARY. It was played in the D grade, but sorry, I don't know who made this great move.

The 10th NZ Masters Championship is being held in Lower Hutt over 3 days at Easter. No doubt a lot of preparation is being done by the 24 competitors. Good luck to all those participating.

The 2nd World Scrabble Champs in New York are less than six months away now, and it looks like some good news for NZ - see 'Update' in this issue.

We will have a new-look magazine next time. Forwards is going 'hi-tech'! Glenda Foster of Lower Hutt has kindly volunteered to produce the mag using her desktop publishing system. The board layout for John's record game score and the back cover will give you an idea of what is coming.

My special thanks to Glennis for all her work in connection with the magazines over the years. Glennis has done the typing for some 20 issues, and her industry, support and enthusiasm have been invaluable to me in my stint as editor. I know Glennis will maintain an active interest in Forwards, and I'm sure she will find plenty to fill her extra 'leisure' time.

The cover of Forwards 30 is taken from the 'Dictionary of Jamaican English', by Cassidy and Le Page, 1980 edition.

Closing Date for the June issue is May 31.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff.

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ALBERTA SCRABBLE CLUB
PRIZE WINNERS 1992

A Grade		A Grade Bonus Words	
1 Glennis Hale	26.8	1 Dorothy Pinner	235
2 Patrick Carter	25.43	2 Correne James	199
3 Dorothy Pinner	24.86		
B Grade		B Grade Bonus Words	
1 Chris Hooks	23.43	1 Chris Hooks	179
2 Maureen Holliday	21.32	2 Maureen Holliday	108
3 Tony Nicholls	19.85		
C Grade		C Grade Bonus Words	
1 Rob Talbot	20.24	1 Rob Talbot	129
2 Joan Pratt	18.82	2 Lil Moore	124
3 Lil Moore	17.48		
D Grade		D Grade Bonus Words	
1 May Meads	18.96	1 May Meads	140
2 Lulu Holt	14.83	2 Lulu Holt	58
3 Elaine King	14		

Win Rate Glennis Hale 81.25%
 Best Senior Citizen May Meads
 Most Improved Player Pauline Hayes
 Most Promising New Player Marianne Patchett
 Most Valued Members Dorothy Pinner - Roy Vannini
 Sportsperson of the Year Peter Jones

HAMILTON SCRABBLE CLUB

Winners of Club Trophies in 1992 were:

The Founders Trophy (Club Champion)	-John Moore
Moore Trophy (Round Robin Group 1)	-Betty Gibb
Gibb Trophy (Round Robin Group 2)	-Lyn Toka
Darby Trophy (Round Robin Group 3)	-Jane Walton
Annette Coombes Knockout Trophy	-Betty Gibb
Michelle Wansink Pot Luck Trophy	-John Moore
Bonus Words Trophy (Most 7-letter words)	-John Moore
Eileen Mead Group 2 Bonus Words Trophy	-Elaine Moltzen
John Gibb Plaque (Group 2 Bonus Words)	-Jillian Greening
Challenge Shield (Ladder Challenge)	-Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell
Pyramid Trophy (Gladys Barrett Memorial)	-Marj Baillie
Eileen Mead 100 points Word Trophy	-Elaine Moltzen
Ruth Laird Goblets (Most Improved Player)	-Lyn Toka
Trophy for Most Promising Newcomer	-Jane Walton

LOWER HUTT PRIZEGIVING

The Lower Hutt Club held their annual prizegiving night on 16 December 1992.

Monthly Prizes

Glenyss Buchanan	(Feb. Mar. May. Jun. Nov. Dec)
Leila Thomson	(Apr. Oct)
Olive Heath	(Aug. Sep)
Glenda Foster	(Jul)

Highest Single Turn Score

149 Glenda, Sandy Robertson, Bill Barclay, Max Aston

Highest Combined Score

983 Leila(571) and Glenyss(412)

Highest Game

650 Glenyss

A new record was also set for the club competition nights when Glenyss recorded 2529 points for 5 games. The individual scores were 611, 514, 500, 483 and 421.

CLUELESS MINI-CROSSWORD

H	O	W	F	F
O	P	E	R	A
W	E	D	E	L
F	R	E	N	A
F	A	L	A	J

The 5x5 square alluded to in our last issue was solved by Val Worth (Tokoroa), Lynne Butler (New Plymouth) and Dorothy Haining (Rodney).

JACK NICKLAUS' PHILOSOPHY

"Golf is my love and my career but it has never been everything".

"While some championships are won, most of them are lost. What I've really done is failed a little less than other people who have had a chance to win."

Things have come a long way since Monty. Computer Scrabble programmes today are armed with every allowable word and basic strategy, yet may take only 7 - 10 seconds total time for their moves in a game. A computer playing at its top level is very hard to beat. Writing about the new TSP computer Scrabble in the latest British APSP Newsletter. Martin Bloomberg mentions a game where he felt he had blocked the board, only to have the computer produce a winning bonus by turning LINE into LINEARITIES!



SINGLE TURN RECORD

The New Zealand club record for a single turn score has been broken. In November last year Sheryl Davidson of the Howick/Pakuranga Scrabble club collected a remarkable 284 point for the word SQUEEZER on a triple-triple. Sheryl was presented with a memento of this feat during the Howick/Pakuranga tourney in January - her framed scoresheet.

1992 was a good year for the club. Peter Sinton was Club Champion and was presented with the Round Robin Trophy. This is the third time in a row he has won this competition. Peter played 79, won 63, points 34696, average 439, bonus words 167. Second was Alan Boyd, third Bill Grigg; identical placings for the last three years.

CHALLENGE COMPETITION: 1st Peter Sinton (430); 2nd Alan Boyd (426); 3rd Robert Jones (416)

LADDER COMPETITION: 1st Alan Boyd; 2nd Jo Burnside; 3rd Norman Goodger

DICTIONARY COMPETITION: Alan Eoyd (447); Robert Jones (446); Marian Ross (426)

CLUB RECORDS:

Round Robin Competition: Highest Losing Score - Peter Sinton (485)
Most Bonus Words Single Game - Peter Sinton (5)
Tournaments: Most Bonus Words 7 Games - Robert Jones (21)

TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

- Oamaru - Feb. Anne Stewart
- Dunedin - May. Alan Boyd
- Christchurch - May. Bill Grigg
- Otago Champs - June. Norman Goodger
- Dunedin - Sept. Peter Sinton
- Dunedin - Nov. Peter Sinton
- Dunedin Open - Nov. Peter Sinton

Congratulations to all winners. Well done Norman Goodger winning his first tournament, the Otago Champs. Our Dunedin open was a success with two competitors from the North Island; Majorie Head and Dorothy Latta, both of Wellington region. Peter Sinton won this tournament. He won all 11 games, 4940 points, average 449, bonus words 24. Second was Alan Boyd with 9 wins and third, Marian Ross 7 wins. In the B grade the winner was June Keightley (Indep. Dn.) a late replacement and playing in her first tournament. Second was Gordon Pinchin (Chch) third, Mary Pinchin (Chch)

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Robert Jones. In the R/R Comp. played 66, won 35, points 26117, average 396, B/W 140. Dict. Comp. he was second, average 446; Challenge Comp. he was third, average 416

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Recently on the eve of a tournament Daisy Madden required an ambulance: then at the end of the first day of the Dunedin Open Bill Grigg required one as well. While the ambulance staff were attending to Bill an intoxicated neighbour "borrowed" the ambulance. Both Daisy and Bill are feeling much better now.

SPECIAL NOTICE: As from January 1993 we have moved to new premises in the Dunedin Bridge Club rooms on the first floor, rear building, Taunton Mews, MacLaggan Street, about 100 metres from the previous rooms.

REMEMBER - OTAGO CHAMPS June 12th 1993. DUNEDIN OPEN November 27 -28th 1993

Wishing all Scrabblers an enjoyable 1993
Bill Grigg

HYBRIDS

In similar vein to the ZHOMO, TIGON, ZEBRULA and company discussed in the December 'Forwards'. OSPD2 adds another hybrid -COYDOG. the offspring of a coyote and a wild dog.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed.

Although the grey areas which used to be the bane of adjudicators have largely been eliminated by current word rulings, they can still crop up and I have found an anomaly in OSPD2, on which I would like a ruling.

The word CHEERLED is allowed, being the past tense of CHEERLEAD which is not listed, purely because it is longer than 8 letters. I consider it illogical that CHEERLEAD (or CHEERLEADS or CHEERLEADING for that matter) should not be allowed but under current word rulings I believe that would be the case. I would like the words committee to consider this matter and ask that you print the decision in the magazine, along with the logic behind the decision, both as a ruling in this case and as a guide for adjudicators in similar instances.

Yours,

John Foster.

Dear John.

OSPD2 lists base words up to eight letters long, and their inflections. Some inflections with eight letters or less are included where the longer base words not. In the main these are irregular plurals, such as EQUISETA, NUCLEOLI and MAUSOLEA. However, there are also a handful of past tenses listed, such as CHEERLED and OVERLIT, without the base verbs (CHEERLEAD* and OVERLIGHT*), which are deemed too long. A curious exception is the 9-letter PREFREEZE, which was added to the second printing of OSPD2. Only PREFROZE appeared in the first print.

In America the backup dictionary for longer words is Webster's Ninth New Collegiate, which presumably lists words like CHEERLEAD. In New Zealand we use Chambers English Dictionary, which contains about 90% of words in OSPD2, and probably, by extension, Webster's.

If a NZ Scrabbler plays CHEERLEAD* or OVERLIGHT* it must be disallowed if challenged, despite its implied existence by virtue of OSPD2 listing the past tense. However, EQUISETUM, NUCLEOLUS and MAUSOLEUM though not in OSPD2 are allowed because they appear in OSW.

A word's implied or even actual existence doesn't always make it acceptable for Scrabble. What about words found only in definitions or derivations? And if you can laze, aren't you a LAZER*? Why allow RAVINGS but not RANTINGS*? Why AGILER but not SENILER*? Why BEDSOCKS but not a single BEDSOCK*? You can have a SIDELESS* bridge, can't you? How about TRIALLED*, SCONED*,

ACTIONED*, not to mention FEIJOA*, WETA* and JANDAL*? Why aren't we allowed words with capital letters? If there is RATBITE* fever, what's wrong with RATBITE*? Do any of these sound familiar? Without doubt there are many, many terms which could logically be permitted. Every activity needs some rules though, and with Scrabble the main concern is deciding which words to allow and which to disallow. As you say, the old grey areas of adjudication should be gone. Personal opinion and judgement are no longer needed. A word is either listed in our official references and acceptable, or it is not - simple, fair and consistent.

Perhaps we should now ask the following questions. How often are 9-letter base words played? How often do adjudicators need to refer to CED? Is it worth introducing an extra dictionary (Webster's) to cater for the 10% of 9-letter (or longer) words not already covered by OSW and CED? If enough people feel Webster's Ninth should be used as well as Chambers for backup purposes, all it needs is a remit and supporting vote at the next AGM. What do you think?

-Jeff Grant

(Chairman, Words Cmtee)

*Not allowed in NZ Scrabble.

BAHRAINI SCRABBLE

The Bahrain Scrabble League started in 1984 and is a multicultural mix of Bahrainis, Indians, Sri Lankans, Americans, Filipinos and Japanese. There are numerous interclub matches as well as the annual Bahrain Scrabble Cup event and the Spring and Autumn knockout tournaments.

Secretary of the League Shiraz Amith notes that 'even at the height of the Gulf war Scrabbling went on undaunted amidst the air-raid sirens and false alarms. Many military personnel from the allied forces posted in Bahrain used to take time off for a "battle of words" against members of the Bahrain SL. This helped to soothe their nerves and perhaps our tensions too.'

Bahrain's wunderkind is Naween Fernando, a 13-year-old Sri Lankan boy who started playing at 6 and was taking part in tournaments soon after. Last year he won the Bahrain Gulf Scrabble Cup and is hoping to be selected for the next World Championship in New York.

Of particular interest to New Zealand is that following the first World Championship Bahrain adopted OSPD for use in conjunction with OSW.

Howick Pakuranga Tournament

January 25th 1993

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg
A						F					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	2986	12	426.6	1 Eileen McLean	IND	5	2581	8	368.7
2 Jeff Grant	HAS	5	2951	12	421.6	2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	2509	5	358.4
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2901	13	414.4	3 Ohwen Skelton	ROD	5	2440	5	348.6
4 June Mackwell	MTA	4.4	2917	11	416.0	4 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	2413	4	344.7
5 May Quigley	NSB	3.5	2689	7	384.1	5 Valerie Holbrook	PAK	3	2310	1	330.0
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	2	2581	6	368.7	6 Conny van Tilburg	PAK	2	2431	0	347.3
7 Bob Johnstone	NSB	1	2540	8	362.9	7 Joan Pratt	MTA	2	2311	4	330.1
8 John Foster	MTA	1	2525	10	360.7	8 Annette Coombes	IND	2	2093	5	299.0
B						G					
1 Ann Candler	NSB	6	2912	11	416.0	1 Christine Trubuhovich	MTA	6	2553	5	364.7
2 Fae Olson	STR	4	2784	9	397.7	2 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	2595	5	370.7
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	2720	6	388.6	3 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2344	2	334.9
4 Roger Coates	HAM	4	2677	10	382.4	4 Jillian Greening	HAM	4	2122	5	303.1
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	4	2551	7	364.4	5 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3	2335	3	333.6
6 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2778	5	396.9	6 Lil Moore	MTA	3	2202	4	314.6
7 Rita Moore	HAM	2	2454	5	350.6	7 May Meads	HCP	2	2297	7	328.1
8 John Moore	HAM	1	2587	9	369.6	8 Kate Wignall	MTA	1	2217	0	316.7
C						H					
1 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	2880	14	411.4	1 Heather Simons	MTA	5	2627	10	375.3
2 Puti Rowe	STR	5	2832	9	404.6	2 Hilda Joyce	HCP	5	2451	1	350.1
3 Anne Warner	ROD	5	2674	6	382.0	3 Suzanne Anderson	IND	4	2520	6	360.0
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	2775	12	396.4	4 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2352	4	336.0
5 Marj Baillie	HAM	3	2671	8	381.6	5 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	2320	1	331.4
6 Georgie Offringa	NSB	3	2561	5	365.9	6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	2585	8	369.3
7 Cathy Woods	MTA	2	2475	3	353.6	7 Jill Johnson	HCP	2	2342	2	334.6
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	1	2408	9	344.0	8 Ed Olson	STR	1	2176	2	310.9
D						I					
1 Bev Barker	MTA	6	2694	6	384.9	1 Mary Curtis	MTA	5	2518	4	359.7
2 Glenda Geard	IND	6	2691	11	384.4	2 Jane Walton	HAM	5	2464	4	352.0
3 Stan Skinner	HAM	5	2720	8	388.6	3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	2450	2	350.0
4 Maureen Holliday	MTA	4	2698	5	385.4	4 Jan Corry	PAK	5	2419	3	345.6
5 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	3	2573	12	367.6	5 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	4	2414	3	344.9
6 Joan Ball	PAK	2	2327	1	332.4	6 David Sutcliffe		2	2177	3	311.0
7 Alveen Seon	MTA	1	2539	8	362.7	7 Grant Waghorn		2	2064	2	294.9
8 Carole Coates	HAM	1	2282	6	326.0	8 Pat Wareing	PAK	1	2261	2	323.0
E						J					
1 Jean O'Brien	STR	5.5	2695	8	385.0	9 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	3653	5	332.1
2 Joyce Gilbert	NSB	5	2549	4	364.1	10 Marie Kingi	HCP	0	2848	1	258.9
3 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4.5	2693	6	384.7						
4 David Gunn	IND	4	2616	8	373.7						
5 Isobel Zyp	HAM	4	2502	7	357.4						
6 Rob Talbot	MTA	3	2480	9	354.3						
7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	2459	4	351.3						
8 Pat Johnstone	NSB	0	2198	5	314.0						

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SIGHT RHYMES

Scrabbling in dust on the baseline
Players with eyes full of Vaseline
The playground is rough and alleys
No wonder they're tired and walleys.

SOME new bonus words to look out for in 1993.

This is not by any means ALL the new ones, but just some more "useful" combinations. They are sorted by their main STEMS, and to aid recognition I've shown with each one an anagram of it, that is NOT new.

St e m	W O R D	(was)	St e m	W O R D	(was)
	COWRITE	nll	AEPPRS-PAPERS	ZAPPERS	nll
	CUTOUTS	nll	AGINT	ANTIGAY	nll
	KNESSET	nll	AILORS-SAILOR	ORALISM	nll
	NEURULA	nll	AINORT-RATION	DIATRON	nll
	RECODES	nll	AINOST-	LATINOS	TALIONS
AANRST-	YANTRAS	nll	CEIOST-	COESITE	nll
ABDEST-	BADDEST	nll	DEEINR-	REINKED	nll
ABEILS-	BALLIES	nll	DEEIRS-RESIDE	SERIFED	DEFIERS
ACDEST-CASTED	ADVECTS	nll	DEEIRT-REEDIT	DIETHER	nll
ADEERT-	REMATED	nll	DEILNS-	SLINKED	KINDLES
ADEERT-	RETAXED	nll	DEINRS-DINERS	INBREDS	BINDERS
ADEGNS-	DEFANGS	nll	DEIRST-	DITSIER	DIRTIES
ADEILS-LADIES	BALDIES	DISABLE	DEIRST-	RESITED	REEDITs
ADEIRS-RAISED	AIRSHED	SHADIER	DEIRST-	TIDIERS	DIRTIES
ADEIRS-RAISED	SIDEBAR	BRAISED	EEIRST-	VERITES	RESTIVE
ADEIRT-TIRADE	AIRDATE	RADIATE	EEIRST-RETIES	RESITES	nll
ADEIST-	DIASTEM	MISDATE	EENRS	NECKERS	nll
ADEORS-ADORES	DOGEARS	nll	EENRS-RESENT	RENESTS	RESENTS
ADEORS-ADORES	ROADEOS	nll	EEORST-STEREO	REVOTES	OVERSET
AEEIRS-	RERAISE	REARISE	EGILNS-INGLES	LENSING	GINNELS
AEERST-EASTER	RETAXES	nll	EGILNS-INGLES	LONGIES	LEGIONS
AEERST-EASTER	RETEARS	SERRATE	EGINOR-REGION	NEGRONI	nll
AEGINS-EASING	SIGNAGE	AGEINGS	EGINOS-	GENOISE	SOIGNEE
AEINPS-	PAESANI	nll	EGINRS-SINGER	ZINGERS	nll
AEINRS-RESINA	ARCSINE	CERASIN	EHNORS-	RESHONE	nll
AEINRS-RESINA	RENAILS	NAILERS	EILMPS-SIMPLE	LIMPSEY	nll
AEINRT-RETINA	ENTAIRED	TRAINED	EILMRS-SMILER	FILMERS	REFILMS
AEINRT-RETINA	ARENITE	TRAINEE	EILNOT-	POTLINE	POINTEL
AEINRT-RETINA	GRATINE	GRANITE	EILNS	MILNEBS	nll
AEINRT-RETINA	HAIRNET	INEARTH	EILNS	WINGLESS	nll
AEINST-ANTIES	ACETINS	CANIEST	EILNST-SILENT	LISENTE	TENSILE
AEINST-ANTIES	ANTISEX	SEXTAIN	EILNSU-	SUBLINE	nll
AEINST-ANTIES	ANTSIER	RETINAS	EILORT-TOILER	OVERLIT	nll
AEINST-ANTIES	BANTIES	BASINET	EILOST-OLIEST	ZLOTIES	nll
AEINST-ANTIES	STANINE	INANEST	EILRST-LISTER	KLISTER	KILTERS
AEINTU-	UNAKITE	nll	EILRST-LITRES	RESPLIT	TRIPLES
AEIPRT-	PARTIER	nll	EILST	LEFTISH	nll
AEIRS	SAVVIER	nll	EIMNOS-	HOMINES	nll
AELNR	GLANCER	CLANGER	EIMORS-	ROOMIES	nll
AELNRS-	LEANERS	nll	EINOST-ONIEST	SENTIMO	MOISTEN
AELPST-PLATES	SPATZLE	nll	EINPRS-	PINKERS	PERKINS
AELRS	LEKVARS	nll	EINRST-SINTER	NUTSIER	TRIUNES
AELRST-ALTERS	RESLATE	RELATES	EINRST-SINTER	RETINES	ENTRIES
AEMRST-MASTER	REMATES	STEAMER	EIORST-ORIEST	PROSTIE	ROIPIST
AEMRST-MASTER	RETEAMS	STEAMER	EIRST-	RESIFTS	SIFTERS
AENORT-ATONER	OUTEARN	nll	EIRSTU-	SUITERS	nll
AENORT-ATONER	TONEARM	nll	ELNRS-LONERS	CLONERS	CORNELS
AENPST-	PETNAPS	nll	EPNST	GYPSTER	nll
AENRRS-	YARNERS	nll	ERSTTU-UTTERS	URTEXTS	nll
AEOPRS	SOAPERS	nll	ERSTU	PRECUTS	nll
AEORST-ORATES	AEROSAT	nll			

Perhaps the best new 8 is GRATINEE and INTERAGE. Previously these 8 letters made NOTHING. And - for those who knew that ZORI did not take an "S", BE WARNED - "ZORIS" is now legal.

Happy Studying,
OTARINE PANTS.

OVERLAP COMPETITION No.13

Ron Bunny (Hastings) managed to get his act together this time, and scored 760 without making any mistakes. He was followed by Dorothy Haining (Rodney) with 755, Lois Kelly (Tokoroa) with an adjusted 754, and Val Worth (Tokoroa) with 752 points. Lil Moore's (Mt Albert) first attempt fell a little short of these scores, and Rhoda Cashman's entry unfortunately had a non-word included.

The winning entry was as follows:

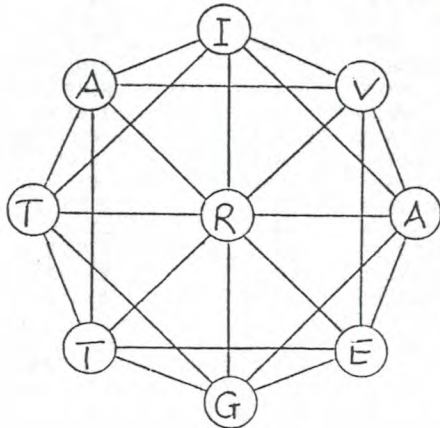
papayASsayed	101
abayASanas	91
mayASsay	79
raYAYS	67
jAYe	47
sAYS	52
apAYah	63
sanSAssy	76
sassESsays	85
atalaYAtagan	99
	760

A number of other variations could have scored similarly. A small prize is en route to Hastings. OVERLAP will rest for at least one issue, while I urge readers to try another, easier, word competition - LETTERGRAM.

LETTERGRAM COMPETITION No.1

Using the nine letters in the diagram, form as many words as possible of three letters or more, including at least one nine-letter word. Each letter must be connected to the previous one by a direct line. Only the central letter may be used more than once; however, the use of this letter is optional. (e.g. rive, tart, get = Correct; give, verge, tiger = Wrong.)

All words used must come from OSW2 or OSPD2. Entries are to be sent to Gerald Warner, 65 Willjames Avenue, Algies Bay, Warkworth, no later than May 28, 1993. The winner will receive a small prize.



North Otago Tournament

February 20th 1993

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Bonus	Avg
A					
1 Norman Goodger	DUN	6	2925	13	417.9
2 Alan Boyd	DUN	5	2764	8	394.9
3 Anne Stewart	DUN	4	2911	10	415.9
4 Bill Grigg	DUN	4	2715	12	387.9
5 Jo Burnside	DUN	3	2447	9	349.6
6 Margaret Lyall	CHC	3	2435	6	347.9
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	2	2398	12	342.6
8 Shirley Hol	CHC	1	2274	9	324.9
B					
1 Marjorie Head	WEL	7	2570	5	367.1
2 Kathleen Barker	DUN	6	2601	7	371.6
3 Liz Ross	DUN	4	2683	11	383.3
4 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	4	2454	7	350.6
5 Dawn Kitzen	HCP	3	2565	7	366.4
6 Mary Pinchin	CHC	3	2467	3	352.4
7 Katrine Kerr Renwick	CHC	3	2231	4	318.7
8 Laney de Gooyer	OAM	2	2325	7	332.1
9 Monica Fitzgerald	OAM	2	2180	0	311.4
10 Chris Kitzen	HCP	1	1414	0	282.8
11 Nancy Buchanan	OAM	0	543	0	271.5
Chris Kitzen played 5 games Nancy Buchanan played 2 games					
C					
1 Hillary Ruscoe	CHC	7	2530	3	361.4
2 Shirley Murcott	OAM	5	2185	3	312.1
3 Elsie Malcin	HCP	4	2304	3	329.1
4 Alice Doust	DUN	4	2164	1	309.1
5 Hannah Dodge	CHC	3	2185	1	312.1
6 Dorrie Frame	OAM	3	2135	0	305.0
7 Elspeth Twaddle	OAM	3	2106	1	300.9
8 Cecily Brockie	OAM	3	1861	0	265.9
9 Merylyn Little	OAM	2	1998	0	285.4
10 Elvira Steel	DUN	1	1865	0	266.4

Highest Win Score

A Anne Stewart	DUN	490
B Gordon Pinchin	CHC	473
C Hillary Ruscoe	CHC	422

Highest Turn Score

C Jo Burnside	DUN	95
B Kathleen Barker	DUN	119
C Hannah Dodge	CHC	94

Highest Combined Score

A Norman Goodger	DUN	870
Anne Stewart	DUN	
B Liz Ross	DUN	814
Mary Pinchin	DUN	
C Shirley Murcott	OAM	717
Alice Doust	DUN	

MOUTHFUL

Asking directions can get tricky. But how would you like to have to ask someone, "Umm, excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the Welsh city of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwell-Llantysiliogogoch?"

The French village of Y, or a Norwegian town called A, may not be as popular - but would surely be a lot easier to find.

SUPERLATIVE DIALECT

All words in the following sentence can be found in Joseph Wright's English Dialect Dictionary, originally published in 1905. An extract appears on the cover of Forwards 18.

'He was the most completest uncoest, frummet, frackest, arrantest, drunkenest, toosiest, scrimpetest, upsettinst, cock-eyedest, cow-heartedest, mumpingest, outdaciousest, mischieffullest, trailpokeliest shufflemuck I ever came across!'

In the Wallingford Xmas Open Scrabble tourney, held in the Te Onepu Station shearers' quarters, an enthralling contest took place between locals Don Brain and Roly Bunny.

Don opened with MADID for 18 points (I on centre star). Roly responded by using the A on the board to make EAU for 3. Don then used the I of MADID to make UIT,* also for 3 points.

Roly's next move was the game-breaker. He used the D to the left of the centre square to make the words MADID, EAU and UIT again, scoring 19 points.

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to break out, followed by a spate of changes and passes, both players ended up with a blank and 6 one-point tiles, leaving Roly the narrowest of winners by 16 points to 15.

* not allowed now

M
EAU
MADID
UIT
D

THE GAME

SCRABBLING IN THE NEW YEAR

Lynne Butler of New Plymouth writes, 'I called into Fae and Ed Olson's after work on December 30th for a quick game. Well I had a quick game, then another, then another, then..... Reeva Pearson was also there and Fae and Reeva took it in turns to play me. I don't know how many games we played, but we started at 5.30pm on Wednesday 30th and I left at 8.00pm on Thursday 31st. That's 26½ hours nonstop Scrabble! I would have stayed longer except I needed a change of clothes, and a further 12 or so hours would have reduced me to a gibbering idiot! So, I left for home at 8pm New Year's Eve to avoid driving in the dark. Fae, Reeva and Ed played on - they phoned me at 12.10am to wish me a Happy New Year!'

Lynne adds, 'Perhaps if we ever needed publicity for our beloved game, a Scrabbleathon might be worth considering. I would definitely be a starter.' Any other Scrablomasochists for a 'Scrabble-till-you-drop' fest? -Ed.

Ian Patterson of Dunedin played over 2000 games of Scrabble in 1992. That's an average of nearly 6 games a day! His scores ranged from a low of 192 to a high of 687. He had a spell of 28 consecutive 400+ games in September, and scored 6 bonus words in a game on five occasions. Ian tells me he has cut down his Scrabble to a more modest 3-4 games a day this year.

CYNICAL DEFINITIONS

Samuel Johnson was renowned for his biting wit. Here are a couple of definitions from the famous dictionary of 1755.

- EXCISE a hateful tax levied upon commodities, and adjudged not by the common judges of property, but wretches hired by those to whom excise is paid.
- PATRON one who countenances, supports and protects. Commonly a wretch who supports with insolence, and is paid with flattery.

The cynical definition reaches its height in the brilliant 'Devil's Dictionary' compiled by enigmatic American Ambrose Bierce, who disappeared in Mexico in 1913. Here is a typical example of Bierce's work.

- EGOTIST a person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.
- INTERPRETER one who enables two persons of different languages to understand each other by repeating to each what it would have been to the interpreter's advantage for the other to have said.

Many definitions are much more cynical.

- DESTINY a tyrant's authority for crime and a fool's excuse for failure.
- PHILANTHROPIST a rich (and usually bald) old gentleman who has trained himself to grin while his conscience is picking his pocket.

Nearly two-and-a-half centuries after Dr Johnson lexical cynicism still exists, as evidenced by this entry from Chambers English Dictionary.

- PICTURE-RESTORER one who cleans and restores and sometimes ruins old pictures.

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Are you tied to the rack ??? What TORTURE !!

I believe many average Scrabblers aspiring to greater heights are hampered. They are tied to their first impression, as a learner, that a turn means, basically, making a word out of what's on their RACK.

But as you progress you should find OTHER considerations too, until these other aspects assume almost as much importance as your own 7 tiles.

What are the scores ? Who is the opponent ? What chance a big score NEXT turn ? What's the board like ? What's the opponent heading for ? How far through the game are we ? What tiles are still to come ?

All these questions arise. Let's look especially at the current state of the BOARD - often ignored, or at least not given enough study.

"HOTSPOTS" - These are places on a board which can offer a good score. (A) The most common is a VOWEL beside a premium (coloured) square. This generally offers a "doublecross" to an H W Y etc, for HA or WE or OY etc, to score at least 20 or 28. The ultimate here of course is the X, which can score an easy 36 or 52 on such spots.

Other "hotspots" might be: (B) a word ending one before a premium square, which can have a letter (often, but not necessarily, an S) added to it. (C) Any word allowing access to a Triple-Word Score. (D) A high-scoring word which takes a letter on the end.

Lastly, though really a separate subject (see Bonus Babble #4) is (E) spots for bonus words to go.

When assessing the state of a board, consider how many such spots there are, and how really "big" each one is. For instance, a spot may offer 52 for the X, but further checking may show that you MUST also have a U with the X. Still a threat, but not nearly as crucial as a place offering 52 to X plus ANY VOWEL.

And some spots offer an easy 28 to just about ANY 4-point tile plus ANY vowel. But for others the vowel might have to be A or O, and the consonant F or W - not nearly as likely.

The best TIME to check the board state is when considering what you will be leaving "on" for your opponent. Ideally of course you leave nothing on (maybe Strip Scrabble might come to rival Strip Poker??). But when this is not possible, a useful rule can be: If you must leave ONE spot on, then try to leave MORE than one. In other words, never leave just ONE glaring hotspot on the board, as the opponent can probably take it, and leave you - nothing.

For example, on a tight board your opponent makes ONE hotspot. You can't use it for much. You could KILL it (for little score) and leave her nothing - OR - this may be your chance to grab a 37 elsewhere that leaves a(nother) hotspot. She may then take ONE, but that gives YOU a chance to get the other one next turn.

Alternatively, it's your turn and there are TWO hotspots. You can't do much with either. Instead of just taking one for a modest score, consider leaving BOTH, playing elsewhere to improve your rack, then NEXT turn you can be sure that at least one will still be free for you.

BONUSES - Spots for bonuses can be handled similarly, but there's an important distinction. You may often guess which way your opponent is heading. If she has just played VU for 14, assume she's holding 5 "good" tiles - i.e probably LOW-pointers, aimed at a bonus. Chances are lessened that she has high-point tiles.

But if she's just played 5 or more tiles, then she's likely to have picked up (or even had to hold on to) some biggies.

Using this very rough yardstick for your opponent's rack, and considering which way YOUR rack is poised, kill or open bonus spots or hotspots so as to swing the board towards YOUR requirements, and hopefully AWAY from hers.

Board MANIPULATION - Some profess to enjoy an "open" game. Hotspots all over the place, and open slather. Probably both players may exceed 400. Fun ! (?)

Personally, I enjoy a WINNING game. I'd far sooner have a tight low-scoring game, that I WIN, than a free-flowing affair where my 421 is still not good enough.

A player obsessed with opening the board, or for that matter one obsessed with closing it down, has a big weakness. The best player is one who can go with the flow - can play happily either open or closed as conditions at the time dictate.

But my preference is for a tight game, as this can be CONTROLLED - and the winner is often the one who manages to dominate, and impose HER control over the game. A tight game can be opened up easily within a couple of turns if desired, while trying to close down a really open board can be a nightmare.

"SETUPS" - Handle with extreme caution! A "setup" is where you deliberately create a hotspot, for YOURSELF. For example, you have the X but can only score 17 with it. So you play a turn that CREATES a 52-point hotspot for it, for next turn - HOPEFULLY.

Chances are high that opponent will smell a rat, and poison it. Alternatively, she'll likely play there anyway, as it's probably also a good spot for other big letters.

The best scenario might be where (A) that spot does not take much else apart from the tile you've got, and/or (B) the board is fairly open and "your" spot becomes just one of many.

But generally this type of setup leads to disappointment unless done very carefully.

A better type of setup is a little more long-term. As the game progresses endeavour to salt the board with spots that either (A) take letters you HOPE your opponent may not be aware of, or (B) take letters that you have, but are otherwise in short supply.

For example: (A) YOU happen to know that GAN can become GAN-T or GAN-E (AND that GAN-S is NOT a word). You reckon your opponent will not know this. So, early in the game you may sacrifice a few points just to play an innocuous little GAN somewhere, so later on YOU may reap the benefits, while your opponent was perhaps thinking there were no big hooks available.

Or (B) toward the end of a game you find you have the last O. Can you arrange a spot for it ? Perhaps GIVE, allowing O-GIVE to access a Triple-Word score ? Having set up your GIVE (and recounting the O's to make quite sure - AND checking both BLANKS have gone) you now have your own PERSONAL hotspot, for use whenever you are ready.

The opponent may, of course, smell this rat too. But she can't USE it - she can only KILL it, and probably won't score much for doing so. You've gambled a little, but with not too much to lose, and HEAPS to gain.

If early in the game, you can even devote some time to making it much HARDER to kill (like making the I of your GIVE into CIG).

And the ULTIMATE setup, which is rare but beautiful, is usually late in the game, when you have the last S. USE that advantage. A blatant DERV, poised over a TWS square, can leave the opponent POWERLESS. Even guessing your intention, her best (only!) defence is to poke something (VERY low-scoring) through your V, but you'll almost certainly still manage an easy 50 on DERV-S next turn, and maybe considerably more.

LOGORRHEA

(Onwords magazine, April 1992)

an irregular
column by
Densil Grempet

What's your style?

When the move towards Matchplay Scrabble began a few years ago, no-one really knew how to play it. We'd all been brought up to espouse the principles of an open board and economic use of tiles. Five-letter words were frowned on, and six-letter words unheard of.

But gradually players have learnt the techniques of Matchplay, and in the process developed new styles and strategies. I've attended numerous Matchplay tournaments, and I'm now in the position to reveal, exclusively to Onwords readers, my findings...

Firstly, there is no single Matchplay style. There are several, each with its own characteristics and idiosyncracies. Every player adopts one of these styles. Good players combine aspects of several. So, where do you fit in?

The Crusher

Crushers try to bury you under sheer weight of scores. They take great pride in never scoring under 20 in a move, and they value the high-point tiles almost as much as the S's and blanks. If you've ever played Scrabble against an advanced computer program such as Tyler, you've encountered the crusher style. Rack management and board strategy are secondary considerations, but if a crusher gets well ahead, there's no way back.

Characteristics: A massive overall spread, most of it achieved against gamblers (see below); games that are over in less than 20 moves.

The Gambler

A throwback to the days of high-score Scrabble, the gambler insists on keeping 'promising' combinations even when the only place for a bonus word requires it to end in -IVU. Gamblers with good vocabularies can be dangerous opponents. Gamblers with poor vocabularies are cannon fodder!

Characteristics: Regular 200-point defeats; very occasional 200-point wins; a tendency to complain about not getting a fair share of S's and blanks, even though they've played only 30 tiles during the duration of a game.

The Scientist

For the scientist, each move in turn is the most important one of the game. Every eventuality must be taken into account: whether a move creates an opening for their opponent's hypothetical Z; whether to play PAT, PET, PIT, POT or PUT, based on what vowels are left in the bag; which anagram to play with AEINST and a blank; whether the wind is in a favourable direction...

Characteristics: Five minutes left on the chess clock after three moves; brilliant post-game analysis on why they lost.

The Crab

The crab is determined that *no-one*, least of all themselves, is going to get a bonus word down. The ultimate objective of the crab is to build a strangulated web of words in the centre of the board which can't be extended in any direction. The problem for crabs is that they tend to lose regularly to players much weaker than themselves, through carefully nullifying their own natural advantages.

Characteristics: An occasional 230-229 victory; score-sheets on which the last eight moves are compressed into the last two lines of the sheet.

Forget the Olympics - we have just broken the only world record that really counts. We may not be the best at running, jumping, swimming or wrestling, but we can spell with the best of them. Whiz speller Evan Cohen recently smashed the world record for the highest score ever achieved in a Scrabble® game. Cohen, a 23 year-old law student and the reigning Israeli Scrabble® champion, registered a momentous 732-211 victory in a game at the Herzliya Scrabble® Club. That erased the quondam

world record of 725 held for many years by John Holgate of Australia. One of Cohen's plays was the word INCURVES, a nine-timer earning a dizzying 176 points. Local Scrabble® authorities are advising the Guinness Book of World Records of the feat.

PS. When I was in Israel last year, I played at that particular club and beat Evan Cohen.

- Across The Board Dec '92

NEW WORLD RECORD?

On 29th January John Foster smashed the New Zealand high game score record with an incredible 763-307 victory over Daph Curl at the Mt Albert club. John's total was achieved with the aid of 4 bonus words - DEMOTING, OUTHIRE, UNFILIAL and PELTING - as well as scores of 51 for ZAG and 65 for JOUST. The crunch move, however, came on the ninth turn when John was able to combine the letters C.A.Q.E.R.S with an L and U already on the board to make CLAQUERS on a triple-triple. This scored 261 points and it wasn't even a bonus word! Surely a unique achievement in the history of Scrabble.

Despite evidence of collaboration, the Guinness people still recognize Briton Phil Appleby's 1049 as the highest game score ever. However, in the real world of competitive Scrabble it looks like John's 763 may now stand as the true record.



A SCRABBLER'S DREAM COME TRUE

-John Foster

Picture the Mt Albert club one balmy summer night in January '93.

Nothing special about the night, only a moderate attendance as the season proper didn't start till the next week, and certainly no hint in the air of the drama that was about to unfold.

The first game I was drawn to play Daph Curl, one of my very favourite people but also a player who had ruthlessly dealt to me on a Scrabble board not too long before. With this in mind I said, "Be gentle with me tonight, Daph," as I sat down and promptly lost the draw to go first.

My first rack was DEGIMNO. Not even realising I had MENDIGO I thought to myself, "I hope she plays a T." Indeed, Daph's first play was MATEY, not only leaving me a T for DEMOTING, but also creating a nice little spot to get 51 for ZAG on my second turn. Another three bonus words followed in the next 6 turns and after 8 turns my score was a respectable 380 with a possible 500, even a big 500, looming. At that point I picked up the Q and, of course, started looking at the U I had played in UNFILIAL with a tempting double-letter square next to it. What a pity, I thought, that the stupid L was in the wrong place for LACQUERS. Then I remembered the anagram for LACQUER which I had only written down days before and happily played CLAQUERS on the triple-triple for 261, announcing as I did so that it was, as I thought a new NZ record for a single turn. And it wasn't even a bonus word as I still had a T on my rack. After reaching 641 on the 9th turn, my all-time best score by some 20 points, it was almost an anti-climax to only get the X tripled once and get a handy 65 from JOUST to assist in taking my total score to 763, which I knew was another NZ record.

The next day at the Howick/Pakuranga tournament Jeff Grant gave me first the bad news that my 261 was not a NZ record as Sheryl Davidson of Pakuranga had scored 284 a couple of months before. Then he said, "Now the good news. Your 763 is not only a NZ record but also, I think, betters the current World record." It was shortly after that I woke up and came back to the realities of tournament Scrabble, only winning one of my seven games that day.

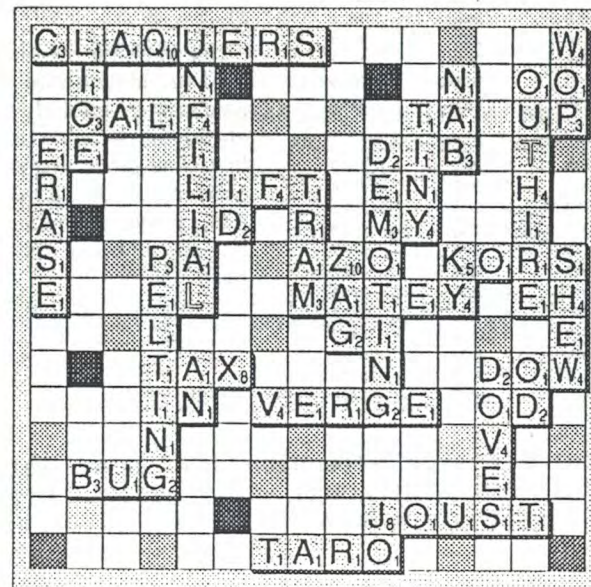
Now post-mortem time. Even in a game like that there has to be an 'if-only'. In this case if only the other letter on my rack had been a U instead of a T I could have played CLAQUEURS for an extra 59 points and it would not necessarily have changed the remainder of the game until the final turn as the U could

either have been the one Daph played in BUG or the one I played in JOUST, as long as it was replaced by the I left over at the end.

A single score of 320 and an individual game score around 820 would have been the result. Now wouldn't that have been something?

I now believe I have isolated the factor which caused such a rapid increase in my scoring level. Only 4 hours before the game I had been fitted with my first ever partial denture. If one rules out the unlikely hypothesis that this was merely coincidence, my future course is clear. I have already approached my dentist about getting the rest of my teeth out and a full denture fitted before this year's Masters. Who knows what will then be possible?

1.28	28	MATEY	DAPH	70	70	DEMOTING	JOHN
2.28	56	TINY		51	121	ZAG	
3.17	73	RAM		16	137	KO	
4.20	93	LIFT		79	216	OUTHIRE	
5.53	146	SHEW		60	276	UNFILIAL	
6.18	164	CALF		14	290	ID	
7.30	194	WOP		12	302	LICE	
8.24	218	NAB		78	380	PELTING	
9.12	230	OD		261	641	CLAQUERS	
10.26	256	DOVE		26	667	TAX	
11.21	277	ERASE		65	732	JOUST	
12.18	295	VERGE		21	753	TARO	
13.12	307	BUG		8	761	AN	
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					1070		



Tokoroa Scrabble Tournament

February 27th 1993

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
A				
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	2986	426.6
2 Gerald Warner	ROD	6	2831	404.4
3 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	3183	454.7
4 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2961	423.0
5 May Quigley	NSB	5	2945	420.7
6 June Mackwell	MTA	5	2853	407.6
7 Ian Patterson	IND	4	2872	410.3
8 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	2773	396.1
9 Betty Gibb	HAM	2	2631	375.9
10 Fae Olson	STR	1	2430	347.1
11 Roger Coates	HAM	0	2435	347.9
12 Peter Jones	MTA	0	2352	336.0

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
B				
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	2979	425.6
2 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	2809	401.3
3 John Moore	HAM	4	2782	397.4
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	2724	389.1
5 Paul Lister	POR	4	2688	384.0
6 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2611	373.0
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	2528	361.1
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2950	421.4
9 Puti Rowe	STR	3	2749	392.7
10 Andree Prentice	WAN	2	2515	359.3
11 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	2472	353.1
12 Rita Moore	HAM	2	2429	347.0

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
C				
1 Stan Skinner	HAM	6	2917	416.7
2 Jean O'Brien	STR	5	3003	429.0
3 Kate Henderson	WEL	5	2784	397.7
4 Lyn Toka	HAM	5	2561	365.9
5 Carole Coates	HAM	4	2820	402.9
6 Dave Godman	WEL	4	2506	358.0
7 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2729	389.9
8 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	3	2659	379.9
9 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	2530	361.4
10 Bev Barker	MTA	2	2434	347.7
11 Norman Wheeler	WEL	1	2520	360.0
12 Peggy Wallace	HAM	1	2404	343.4

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
D				
1 Jo Burnside	DUN	5	2681	383.0
2 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	2600	371.4
3 Rob Talbot	MTA	4	2737	391.0
4 Phyl Wilson	TOK	4	2676	382.3
5 Isobel Zyp	HAM	4	2644	377.7
6 Jeff Owens	WEL	4	2579	368.4
7 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	2526	360.9
8 Betty Erikson	WAN	4	2430	347.1
9 Alveen Seon	MTA	3	2462	351.7
10 Daph Watson	HAM	3	2372	338.9
11 Margaret Parsons	TPO	2	2324	332.0
12 David Gunn	IND	1	2380	340.0

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
E				
1 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	2914	416.3
2 Elsie Pugh	HAM	6	2682	383.1
3 Eileen McLean	IND	5	2653	379.0
4 Win Heaven	HAM	5	2574	367.7
5 Bridget French	TOK	5	2558	365.4
6 Anne Reeves	TPO	4	2464	352.0
7 Jane Walton	HAM	3	2451	350.1
8 Willie van Hasselt	IND	3	2380	340.0
9 Jan Wheeler	WEL	3	2353	336.1
10 Margaret Simpson	PAK	2	2396	342.3
11 Jacqueline Coldham-F	HAM	0	2022	288.9

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Avg
F				
1 Delcie MacBeth	IND	6	2677	382.4
2 Jan Corry		6	2560	365.7
3 Karyn Harroway	TPO	5	2316	330.9
4 Ed Olson	STR	5	2312	330.3
5 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	2425	346.4
6 Grant Waghorn		3	2155	307.9
7 David Sutcliffe		2	2044	292.0
8 Kath James	WAN	2	2021	288.7
9 Marie Kingi		1	1976	282.3
10 Mary Taylor		1	1939	277.0

FIRST WORDZZZZZZZ

A Californian competition in 1983 for the world's worst opening sentence in a novel was won by an American writer, Gail Scott.

Her opening sentence: "The camel died suddenly on the second day and Selena fretted sulkily and buffing her already impeccable nails — not for the first time since the journey began — pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil."

Gripping stuff, eh!

The seventy players who took part in Tokoroa's tournament were welcomed by Lois Kelly and play was due to start when one visiting player hadn't arrived. This minor hiccup was overcome by running a bye in the fifth grade. Play commenced. Surprises aplenty, none more so than in the A grade with second seeded Ian Patterson falling victim to an 'on hot form' Gerald Warner by 454 to 355. Top seed Lynne Butler confirmed her current third ranking by taking the title left vacant by Mike Sigley who hadn't entered. Still, it was a points countback that was needed to separate Lynne & Gerald after both players had secured six wins. Glennis Hale took third on five wins. She also had the top average of the day with 454.

Lynn Wood was a clear winner in B grade with six wins. There were six players on four wins needing a major points countback to separate them. Chris Hooks eventually took second with John Moore third.

Stan Skinner also had a game in hand over his rivals in C grade and after a countback Jean O'Brien and Kate Henderson were second and third.

Dunedin's Jo Burnside confirmed her ability by taking the D grade title from Margaret Bundock and Rob Talbot. Sheryl Davidson took out E grade with a very good average of 416.3 a score most A-graders would be most happy with. Well done, Sheryl. Keep it up! Elsie Pugh took second and Eileen McLean third.

Delcie McBeth won the F grade from Jan Corry after both players had six wins. Third place went to Karyn Harroway on five wins. Lois Kelly and her team of helpers once again excelled in the catering. All club members pitched in to help in some way to make this another very successful tournament.

Special thanks to Weit Van Hasselt who travelled from the Mount to assist in the kitchen and Jeff who came from Hastings to adjudicate this, our eleventh, tournament. Due to the popularity of the tournament we may have to change the venue next year to the Tokoroa Bowling Club. But more about that closer to the time.

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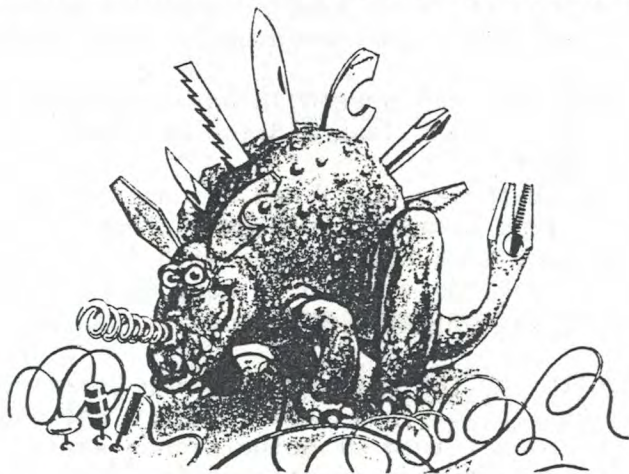
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The longest progressive extension of a seven-letter word in Chambers is DIPLOMA - DIPLOMAT - DIPLOMATE - DIPLOMATES - DIPLOMATESE - DIPLOMATESES.

You have ORDAINS on your rack. It won't go down, and neither will INROADS or SADIJON. Suddenly you spot a loose U and the word comes in a flash - DINOSAUR! (Then you wake up).

Most people have heard of BRONTOSAURUS, TYRANNO SAURUS, PTERODACTYL and PLESIOSAUR (Nessie?). You may also be familiar with ICHTHYOSAUR, BRACHIOSAURUS, HADROSAUR, STEGOSAUR and TRICERATOPS. Awe-inspiring names for strange creatures long extinct, and all allowed in Scrabble, as are the more exotic ORNITHOSAUR, THECODONT, ANKLYOSAUR and UINTATHERE.

Beyond Chambers there are DIPLODOCUSES, HYSILOPHODONS, VELOCIRAPTORS and PROCOMPSOGNATHIDS. Some dinosaurs were gigantic, as their impressive titles suggest - MEGALOSAURUS, TITANOSAURUS, SUPERSAURUS, ULTRASAURUS. Some were smaller with big names, such as MICROPACHYCEPHALOSAURUS. Others have really weird names like RABBITCROC, CHINGKANKONGSAURUS and the versatile beast below.



The Swissarmyknifeosaur
(Bogus Jokis)

'These words are too long!' I hear you cry. Some are, certainly, but Scrabblers can be a little short-sighted, don't you think? We thrive for the most part in a half-world of 2-8 letter words. Wouldn't you just love to shellshock an opponent by extending ONTO to BRONTOSAURS, RICE to TRICERATOPS or HER to UINTATHERE?

For more conventional bonus-hunters here are some shorter prehistoric trophies. One of them may just help you win a game someday.

- ALLOSAUR large lizard-hipped carnivore
- MOSASAUR large aquatic fish-eating lizard
- SAUROPOD huge quadrupedal herbivore
- STEGODON elephantoid mammal (non-dinosaur)
- THEROPOD bipedal carnivore

The 1992 Auckland Home Championship was very successful with the only problem being that some people in the C grade who had got behind schedule were unable to catch up their games due to end of year commitments. Fortunately, this wasn't crucial to the final result as Rob Talbot won the C grade by the proverbial length of the straight.

Chris Hooks won the B grade from Cathy Woods in a best of 9 final. After being 3-1 down Chris rattled off four in a row to win 5-3.

Lynne Powell beat Patrick Carter 5-3 in the final of the A grade.

For 1993 we have had an increased entry of 47 players (up from 42 in 1992) and have divided them into 4 grades - 14 in the A grade and 11 each in the B, C & D. To avoid the problems of late games last year there are tough rules this time about playing games by certain deadlines (if you don't play them on time it gets scored as 0-0). This seems to be working as evidenced by the fact that the deadline for the 1st 2 matches has just expired with all the results in on time. Current leaders in each grade are:

A	Av	B	Av
Patrick Carter	6 442	Maureen Holliday	7 408
Blue Thorogood	6 426	Rob Talbot	6 418
Allie Quinn	6 419	Margaret Bundock	5 405
Joy Hunter	6 409	Bev Barker	5 369
Glennis Hale	5 411	Hazel Purdie	4 366
Glynis Jennings	5 409	Shirley Wyatt	4 352

C	Av	D	Av
Kay Buffalora	7 377	Kate Wignall	5 384
Joan Pratt	6 367	Lulu Holt	5 351
Margaret Simpson	6 358	Kath Davies	5 343
Wyn Mitchell	5 368	Wayne Woods	4 390
Leonora Cole	5 357	Elaine King	4 348
Christine Trubuhovich	4 371	Anna Geange	4 333

Special congratulations go to Blue Thorogood from Wairoa and Margaret Bundock from Orewa who were so keen to play that they agreed to play all their games in Auckland. Both are doing well in their respective grades.

SOLUTION : SCRABBLE CONTEST No.29

It is possible to get 126 allowable Scrabble words out of YULETIDE. The highest scores came from Andrew Bradley (Hastings) with 120, Gerald Warner (Rodney) and Bev Barker (Mt Albert) 121, and Val Worth (Tokoroa) and Dorothy Haining (Rodney) 124. Tying for 1st place were Rhoda Cashman (Rodney) and Kathleen Barker (Dunedin) who both found 125 words - Rhoda missed ELUTED and Kathleen overlooked TIDY). A draw was held and the winner is Kathleen. Well done!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No.30

The letter Q is a telling factor in many games. How well do you know your Q-words? This puzzle involves finding 20 words starting with Q, for example 'drank deeply (7)' is QUAFFED and 'prayer point (5)' is QIBLA. Some clues are a little more cryptic.

- 1.pounds dialectically (5)
- 2.Moslem magistrate(4)
- 3.plum brandy(7)
- 4.make a ducky sound(7)
- 5.tonsillitic(8)
- 6.head cover(5)
- 7.by what porcine shellfish?(6)
- 8.Albanian night money(8)
- 9.part cow-girl?(5)
- 10.gill(8)
- 11.Joycean coinage(5)
- 12.strangely immersed(7)
- 13.skiing jump-turn(10)
- 14.revive the grass(7)
- 15.World's most copious fowl(7)
- 16.Spenser shook(6)
- 17.living plant(8)
- 18.Don's absurdity(8)
- 19.highest triple-triple score(8)
- 20.large biblical family(9)

The closing date is May 28 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!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example IDIOM to MODII and GYRATED to TRAGEDY. On a higher level a DECLARATION is AN ORAL EDICT.

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

- DAVE GODMAN GAVE MAD NOD
- PAUL LISTER IT'S ALL PURE
- BETTY ERIKSON BROKE TENSITY
- ROBERT JONES RESTER ON JOB
- MARGARET BUNDOCK BANG A ROCKET DRUM
- RITA MOORE I'M RARE TOO

MASTERTON vs HASTINGS

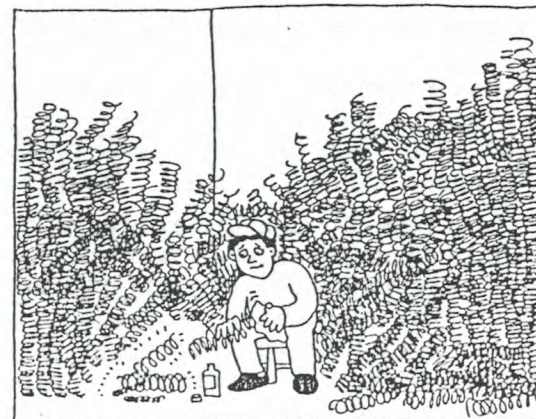
On January 23 Masterton and Hastings clubs met for the fourth time, and once again the contest went right down to the wire. After the first set of games Masterton led 4-2, but Hastings reversed the result in the next round to level at 6 all. The score progressed to 9 all, and then after lunch to 12 all and 15 all with a round to go. Masterton prevailed in the end to narrowly retain the shield by 19 matches to 17.

Individual winners were Jeff Grant with 6 wins, Marj Batchelor with 5 wins, Hilda Scott and Doreen Davies 4 wins. Most bonus words were played by Andrew Bradley with 11, including TIGLONS which won the 'Animal Name' spot prize. Other spot prize winners were Doreen O'Shea, Lucy Bright, Norma Keesing and Doreen D. June Ward won the Good Sport Award and to cap off a successful day for the Mastertonians they scooped the pool in the raffle.

After prizegiving and some 'social' Scrabble the teams and supporters adjourned to the RSA for a very pleasant evening. Thanks to the Hastings club for organising such a great day, and special thanks to Doreen O' for hosting the Scrabble in her home.

Congratulations to Masterton on retaining the shield, but beware - the Hastings Scrabblers are honing their skills for the next rematch, which will probably be held in the Wairarapa in July. They are hoping to bring the shield back to the Bay!

That Takes The Cake



Spring cleaning

The games people play

Crabble, Trivial Pursuit and Monopoly seem so completely 20th century but, in fact, their ancestry stretches back into the shadowy past. It seems the urge to play games, particularly board games, is almost as old as mankind.

The earliest known examples include a peg-moving game made of ivory and gold, found in an Ancient Egyptian tomb of about 3000BC and an even earlier board of baked clay excavated in the Middle East.

The Roman legions carried their civilisation's favourite board game to the ends of their empire - slipping it into the stone of Jerusalem pavement and of frontier fortresses in Britain. The savage Vikings adapted the Roman "Ludus Latruncularum" (Ludo = I play in Latin) into the Inefatafl - "the king game" -

which they took with them on their marauding voyages.

Africa has the Mancala, a whole family of games of ancient ancestry, played in its most primitive form with holes scooped in the ground and pebbles, seeds, beads or other small objects as pieces.

The Kiowa Indians of North America also had a game they played with a square pattern drawn on the

ground, while the Zuni tribes of New Mexico enjoyed Fighting Serpents, something on the lines of draughts. In fact, it is said that Fighting Serpents is based on Alquerque, a forerunner of Draughts, which was taken to the New World by the Spanish Conquistadors.

In Asia, Pachisi (westernised as Ludo) has a history dating back thousands of years - one Mogul Emperor had ornate Pachisi boards in his palaces, and used slave girls as pieces.

However, in the game that is still widely played in India, the cross-shaped board - divided into a number of squares - is

either woven or embroidered onto cloth, small pebbles are pieces and cowrie shells are used as dice.

And even the shortest list would not be complete without mention of Patolli (played by the Aztecs), the Japanese game Go, and the Maori Mu-torere.



THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY - JULY, 1991

IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME

The 1991 American Scrabble champion was Robert Felt, who managed only 36th place in the World champs later that year. The first World title was won by Peter Morris, who finished 55th in the 1992 American champs. Makes you think, doesn't it?

DID YOU KNOW?

At the 1991 World Championship in London, Wanganui's Mike Sigley had wins over Joel Wapnick (former American champ), Robert Felt (1991 American champ) - twice, and Peter Morris (US), eventual winner of the first World title. Mike also recorded the highest score of the event with 614 against Barry Harridge of Australia.

VATIC VIGNETTES (illustrated with pictures) FOR VEES.
-Via our Valorous Verbile from Venville.

It is proving difficult to VATICINATE (prophecy) the VISNE (venue) of the VARDY(verdict) for the VACATUR (annulling of law) It is being VIZARDED (masked) to prevent VATICIDE (killing the prophet).

Teams of VROUWS (goodwives) and other VIATORS (travellers) on VACATION, all equipped with VIANDS (food, drink) and VIATICA (travel funds) are VENTURING forth by VETTURA (cab) and VOITURE (carriage) in a bid to find the right spot. Rumours abound that the guilty will be VAPULATED (flogged) with whips coated in VITELLUS (egg yolk) and VENENOSE (poisonous) VOMITUS. (Yucch!)

Meanwhile VARIOUS VALIS (VILAYET governors), VAVASORS (high-ranking VASSALS) and VAKEELS (native lawyers) report VICINAL (nearby) VIDENDA (sights), sworn to be VERIDIC (truthful):

Hordes of VEERIES (thrushes), VEDALIAS (ladybirds), VISIONS (minks), VIZCACHAS (rodents) and VARANS (lizards): VAURIENS (good for nothings) dressed in VAKASSES (surplices) carrying VALISES full of VELLONS (Spanish coins), and VISAGISTS (make-up artists) and VAIVODES (army leaders) VAULTING over the VALLUMS (earth walls) to VIEW the VEDUTA (panoramic VIEW)..... of VIDAMES and VICOMTES (French nobles) playing VOCALIONS, VIHUELAS, VIELLES, VIOLONES and VEENAS (all musical instruments) dancing the VELETA and other VALSES (waltzes) among the VALERIAN VERATRUM, VERBENA, VERVAIN, VIBURNUM and VITEX plants.

One VIRILE VISILE (visual imager) even claimed to have VIZZIED (seen up close) a VIRID (green) VIMANA (heavenly chariot) in VOLITANT (flying) splendour, full of VALKYRS (mythical Norse maidens), VODOOISTS, VAQUEROS (cowboys), VOTRESSES (nuns) and VARITYPISTS. Who are we to VITILITIGATE (argue)? VIVAT (long live) the VIVIFIERS!

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES !

During April and May Peter Jones will be overseas and any correspondence should go to Roy Vannini.

The RODNEY SCRABBLE CLUB will be holding its third annual tournament on Saturday, 13th November, 1993. Mark this on your tournament diary now!

WORLD CHAMPS UPDATE

The second World Scrabble Championship is being held at the Trump Plaza Hotel in New York from 26-30 August 1993. Mike Sigley (Wanganui) and Jeff Grant (Hastings) have been selected to represent New Zealand at this event, but it now seems we may be able to send 2 additional players. Although we have not yet had official confirmation of the increase,* it looks as if our representations have been successful. The following allocation list for the 68 players (up from 64) appears in the latest UK and US Scrabble publications:

Australia (4), Canada (4), Eire (1), Ghana (2), Gulf States (3), Hong Kong (1), Israel (2), Kenya (2), Japan (1), Malaysia (1), Malta(1), New Zealand (4), Nigeria (4), N.Ireland (1), Philippines (1), Singapore (1), S.Africa (3), Sri Lanka (1), Thailand (2), Trinidad & Tobago (1), United Kingdom (12), USA (16).

The format for WSC this time is as follows:

15-round modified Swiss-paired tournament to decide top 4.

Rounds 16-18 to decide positions 5-68. Semi-finals (best of 5 games), Finals (best of 5), plus 3rd/4th playoff.

This will be the Scrabble highlight of 1993. Let's hope the Kiwis can acquit themselves well! * *Now confirmed.*

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Could any members out of the Auckland area requiring any of the above please write to me or phone so that they can be delivered to Tournaments (excluding South Island tournaments). In future (except for the Nationals) only ordered items will be taken to Tournaments. Thank you.

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