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## Editor's Note



We've had a lot of encouraging comments about the new layout. Glenda and I will do our best to keep up the standard, and hopefully each issue will have enough variety to keep everyone entertained and informed.

The World Champs in New York have come and gone. Once again, thanks to all those who wished the team well and sent good luck messages — we even had a letter from Mike Moore! Thanks also to everyone who made a donation or bought a raffle ticket. John did a fantastic job organising the raffle at such short notice and we were quite overwhelmed by the response. On behalf of Mike, Blue, Lynne and myself — **thanks heaps!** The WSC results are included in this issue, as well as a few other items. There will be more in the December edition, including a report from our unofficial manager, Denise

Gordon.

Complimentary copies of *Forwards* were handed out in New York and they got a very favourable response. Welcome to our new subscribers Tony Sim (Singapore) and Ron and Susi Tiekert (US). Hope you enjoy our mag.

The back-to-back one-day tournaments in Hamilton were a great success. Congratulations to the Waikato and Hamilton clubs for arranging their innovative weekend. It looks like it could become a regular feature of the Scrabble calendar. Well done also to the organisers of the Otago Champs, and the Papatoetoe/Holy-Cross and New Plymouth events. By all accounts these tourneys were well-run and there was plenty of great Scrabble played.

Closing date for the December issue is November 23. We are aiming to have the magazine in the mail well before Christmas.

Happy Scrabbling  
**Jeff Grant**

## 1994 Tournament Calendar

We are going to publish a 1994 calendar in the December *Forwards*.

**Please let us know your tournament dates as soon as possible, and no later than 23 November.**

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## Thanks

I would like to express my thanks in writing.

The morning after the Nationals, I woke up in a diabetic hypo, and in a greatly confused state. I didn't know who, where or what!

I'd like to thank Ann Candler for packing my bag and belongings, and escorting me up to the car where Allie Quinn waited for me. And my thanks also to Ruth and Glynis, Ann's passengers back to Auckland, whose journey was delayed.

Thank you Ann, Allie, Glynis and Ruth.

May Quigley

## Morals of Play: Playing Fair or Playing to Win by Any Means

The Bonus Babble article No 13 suggests that no morals are relevant when we deliberately play a non-word and claim points while knowing that it is not a valid word. Garbage.

To claim points for something you know is not correct is immoral, and shouldn't be rewarded or encouraged. It is also unsporting and unfair to other players in the same grade in a tournament.

Do we call it bluffing when the rules we set encourage us to try to get away with non-words, and so we then

feel that it is quite 'moral' to do it? Legal — yes, moral — no. It is deliberately trying to put it across the other players, and gain an unfair advantage. As such, the value of the play should be forfeited and only the perpetrator should suffer.

Our writer suggests that we are under no moral obligation to play valid words — what an amoral perspective this is! That is just corrupting what should be a happy and respectful recreation, and bastardising a language as well.

Our referees, or adjudicating people or appeal panel, need empowering to discourage such deliberate foul play. If the unchallenged incorrect play could be appealed by anyone else in the grade (and those points, turn and tiles forfeited on successful appeal), it would curb this unethical gamesmanship and restore our competition to a more honourable and fair sportsmanship level.

Roger Tozer

## The Top Ten Tournament Scores

717	Mike Sigley	1990	Dunedin
666	Jeff Grant	1993	Nationals
661	Glennis Hale	1990	North Shore
660	Denise Gordon	1988	Nationals
650	Jeff Grant	1990	Masters
645	Jeff Grant	1989	Nationals
644	Glennis Hale	1987	Masters
630	David Lloyd	1985	Nationals
628	David Lloyd	1984	Nationals
624	Jeff Grant	1991	Masters

We think these are now the ten highest individual game scores recorded in NZ tournament Scrabble. If an omission has been made, please let us know.

## The Raffle

The complete list of prize-winners in the raffle to raise funds for our World Championship team is as follows:

1st	2111	Puti Rowe	Stratford
2nd	0150	Leila Thomson	Lower Hutt
3rd	1886	Margaret O'Brien	Lower Hutt
4th	2436	Jan Corry	Auckland
5th	2001	R Edgecombe	Hamilton
6th	1181	Kylie Jones	Auckland
7th	1670	Allie Quinn	Auckland
8th	1995	Mrs D Hill	Auckland
9th	0873	Kath Davies	Auckland
10th	2368	Andrew Bradley	Napier
11th	2102	Linda Peck	Tauranga

On behalf of myself, the executive of NZASP, and the team members who went to New York, I would like to sincerely thank everybody who participated in making the raffle a success. It was necessarily a hasty affair, with less than three months remaining before the championships when the original idea was conceived, and in this context I consider the final result of 85% of tickets being sold with a clear profit of over \$4,000 for the team expenses shows that NZ Scrabble is indeed alive and well.

In spite of some early scepticism, a large number of tickets were sold to the general public, and the leading seller of tickets to non-Scrabblers was Eileen McLean who personally sold 14 books in the Scrabble wilderness of Thames. Well done, Eileen!

Thanks again to all concerned.

John Foster  
Organiser



### Dunedin Open Tournament

When:	27 - 28 November
Where:	Dental School.
Cost:	\$15.00
Contact:	Bill Grigg 120 District Rd Green Island DUNEDIN Ph 03-488-2885

### Spare Tiles

Bernice Vannini has a large number of tiles to give away (not full sets). They are the type that are currently available through the Association. If you have a set with a letter or letters missing, just send Bernice a self-addressed, stamped envelope, together with a list of the tiles required, and she will post them to you. Bernice's address is 33 Cromwell St., Mt Eden, Auckland.



# COMPETITION CORNER



## Solution: Scrabble Contest No 31

Lots of different answers this time. Blue sums up the situation: "Assuming I allow the phony *QUITER* I could play *DENTEXES* for 102. Adding this to my score of 48 I have 150, a lead of 123 points. However if I challenge off *QUITER*, I could play *SEQUENCE* for 80, which added to my 48 would give me a 128 point lead. This is assuming my opponent's other 3 letters weren't ANE whereby he was cunningly looking for a challenge in the hope I would leave an N in the open, which I did, and he could then exploit this by playing *NEURAXON* (!) for 110, cutting my lead to only 18 points. Being a very lucky player I might then pick up *METAZOA* which I'd play for 150 and proceed to victory. My opponent's luck having run out, I would score heavily after this, creating a NZ record along the way. This is what dreams are made of. Naturally, all this is hypothetical and indeed irrelevant if there is a long word with *QUITER* in the middle!" Thanks, Blue.

Another who found the *DENTEXES* move was Doreen O'Shea (Hastings). *ENDEIXES* scores the same and was noted by Jack Tayler (Hastings), Lyn Toka (Hamilton), Dorothy Haining (Rodney), Alveen Seon (Mt A.) and June Mackwell (Mt A.). The *SEQUENCE* move was found by Kathleen Barker (Dunedin), Leila Thomson (L. Hutt), Yvonne Wilson (Hastings), Ian Patterson (Dunedin) and Valerie Mills (Howick/Pak).

Only one entrant found the cruncher — *SESQUITERPENE* onto the triple word score gives an overall lead of 134 points. Congratulations to Andrée Prentice of Wanganui.

## Scrabble Contest No 32

You have come up against the notorious Archibald Blocker. Old Archie likes nothing better than a tight board and usually starts with something like *VAV* or *CLY*. This time he plays *VOX*, rather surprisingly with X on the centre star. You decide to change and Archie plays *TRON* through the O of *VOX*. Your rack is now *ANNOOSS*. Without resorting to non-words, what is the highest score achievable on your next move?

The closing date is November 20 and the winner will receive a book prize. Only *OSW/OSPD/CED* words allowed. Entries to be sent to:

**Jeff Grant**  
Waipatu Settlement Rd  
RD 2  
Hastings.

Good luck!

## Lettergram Competition No 2: Results

Another good batch of entries for this new competition. Unfortunately, the direction not to use plurals was often ignored, since so many nouns double up as verb forms. One obvious exception was the word 'nuts' which is now used independently.

There were two winners with a score of 122 words: Rob Talbot (Mt Albert) and Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt) who will each get a token prize. They

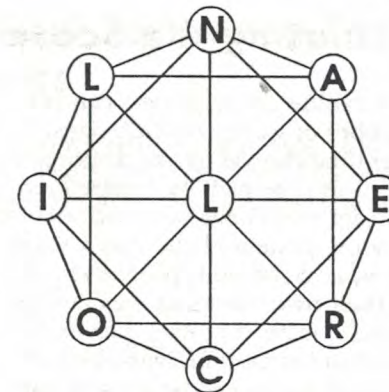
were followed by Kathleen Barker (Dunedin) with 121, Alveen Seon (Mt Albert) 119, and Rhoda Cashman (Rodney), Ron Bunny (Hastings) and Andrée Prentice (Wanganui).

The following words were allowed:  
*EGO, ERG, ERGO, ERGON, ERN, GEST, GET, GEY, GNU, GOG, GON, GONG, GONGSTER, GOR, GORE, GORGE, GORGET, GORY, GOUGE, GOUGER, GOUSTY, GOUT, GOUTY, GOY, GREGO, GREY, GROG, GROUSE, GROUT, GROUTY, GUN, GUNGE, GUNGY, GUST, GUSTY, GUT, GYRE, GYRO, GYRON, GYROUS, GYTE, NOG, NOR, NOUS, NOUT, NOY, NOYES, NUT, NUTS, OGRE, ONSET, ONST, ONUS, ORE, ORGY, OUST, OUSTER, OUT, OUTER, OYE, OYER, OYES, REG, RES, REST, RESTY, RET, RONG, ROUGE, ROUSE, ROUST, ROUT, ROUTE, RYE, SEG, SEGNO, SEGO, SER, SERON, SET, SEY, SNOG, SNORE, SNOUT, SNOUTY, SNUG, STERN, STEY, STUN, STUNG, STY, STYE, STYRE, SUN, SUNG, TEG, TERN, TUG, TUN, TUNG, TYE, TYG, TYRE, TYRO, UNGET, UNREST, UNSET, USE, USER, UTE, YES, YEST, YET, YGO, YON, YORE, YOU, YOUNG, YOUNGER, YOUNGEST, YOUNGSTER, YOUSE.*

## Lettergram Competition No 3

Using the nine letters in the diagram, form as many words as possible of three letters or more, including at least one of nine letters. Each letter must be connected to the preceding 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. nice, cell, relic = correct; rill, can, iron = wrong.)

All words used must come from *OSW2, OSPD2* or *CED*, but no plurals



or -s extensions to verbs are allowed. All entries are to be sent, in alphabetical order, to:

**Gerald Warner**  
65 Willjames Avenue  
Algies Bay  
WARKWORTH

no later than **November 20 1993**. The winner will receive a small prize.

## ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example *VIDEO* to *DOVIE* and

*SUSTAIN* to *ISSUANT*. On a higher level *NOMENCLATORS* may *CONTROL* *NAMES*.

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

SHIRLEY HOL	HILLY SHORE
PATRICK CARTER	PICK RARER TACT
ALLETTE HAY	I LAY THE TEA
DAISY MADDEN	IS DANDY DAME
NEVILLE JAMES	SELL MEAN JIVE
ANNE REEVES	SANE VENEER



## Calculating the Score

In Scrabble clubs, players can play any number of games on club days, whether they choose to use dictionaries and word lists, or play by competition rules where references can be consulted only if an opponent challenges a word. However, in clubs both players should record their own scores as well as their opponent's, instead of each player keeping just his own individual score. While there appears to be a lot of paper work involved in players recording both sets of scores, an appropriate solution could be for one player to keep both scores on the official score sheet, while the other keeps the running totals on a calculator — providing it is solar-powered.

Because a calculator cannot keep two different totals at once I have devised a system where the player starting first has four zeros put after every score. Thus an opening move of 10 points would be recorded as 100000 on the calculator. The opponent's moves are scored at face value, so an opening move of 12 would move the calculator on to 100012. Say the first player then made a bonus play worth 78 points, it would be recorded as 780000, which brings the calculator total to 880012, indicating the score is 88 - 12. Scores are progressively added in the same manner, and the game could end with the calculator showing something like 3700414, which represents a 370 - 414 score-line. Note that the fourth digit from the right is always a zero - unless one of the players scores over 1000!

**Alan Boyd  
Dunedin**

## Alfred's Complete Lists

Further to 'Alfred's Lists' in *Forwards 31*, There is one more to add, from OSW2, to the Alfred+2 list namely IC = FRICADEL and the following which are uniquely OSPD2.

AI = FAIRLEAD    EP = PEDALFER  
LO = FALDEROL    LY = ALDERFLY  
OV = FLAVORED    OY = FORELADY  
SW = SELFWARD

For some reason I decided to do a personalised list for the noble name of Robert. Here it is for all the other Roberts...

### ROBERT+1

A = ABORTER = ARBORET = TABORER  
H = BROTHER I = ORBITER

### ROBERT+2

AA = ARBORETA    AR = BARRETOR  
AS = ABORTERS = ARBORETS =  
TABORERS  
AU = TABOURER    BH = THROBBER  
DU = OBTRUDER    EO = BOORTREE  
EU = BOURTREE    HS = BROTHERS  
IS = ORBITERS    IU = ROBURITE  
LU = TROUBLER    NU = TRUEBORN  
SU = ROBUSTER

### Robot Blatter

Words should be an intense  
pleasure just as leather should  
be to a shoemaker.

**Evelyn Waugh**

## Drongo's Guide to Medical Terms and Their Meanings

Thanks to Gail Davies (occasional Scrabblor) for sending us a copy of this tongue-in-cheek translation of hospital jargon. The original fax has a different first word in the heading, inexplicably equating hair-colour to brainpower. Anyway, here are some examples from the 'Guide'.

ARTERY	the study of painting
BACTERIA	back of the hospital cafe
BARIUM	what doctors do with their failures
CAESAREAN SECTION	a district in Rome
CAUTERIZE	made eye-contact with the nurse
CONGENITAL	extremely friendly
DILATE	to live long
HANGNAIL	coathook
LABOUR PAIN	accident on duty
MEDICAL STAFF	a doctor's cane
MORBID	higher offer
OUTPATIENT	person who has fainted
PAP SMEAR	fatherhood test
POSTOPERATIVE	mail courier
PROSTATE	flat on one's back
SECRETION	hiding something



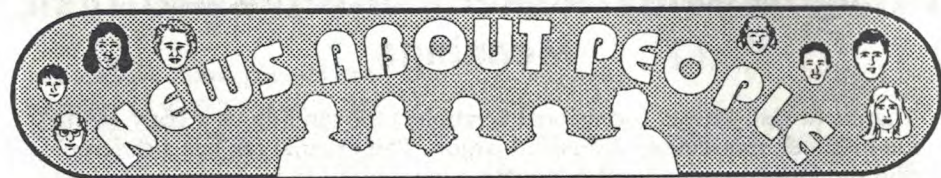
Outpatient

## Gobbledegookery

American Dave Goldberg has provided the world with some much needed professional terminology to upgrade some of the mundane phrases we hear every day. Here is a sampling from the May 1993 edition of *Word Ways* magazine:

<i>Amorous terracircumflexion</i>	love makes the world go round
<i>Chronopantraumatherapy</i>	time heals all wounds
<i>Dorsal mordancy</i>	backbiting
<i>Equine chromatic disparity</i>	a horse of a different colour
<i>Felinolingual seizure</i>	cat got your tongue
<i>Horticultural circumflagellation</i>	beating around the bush
<i>Hypoclimatosis</i>	under the weather
<i>Octoglobular postolepsy</i>	behind the eight-ball
<i>Optical simiomimicry</i>	monkey see, monkey do
<i>Pedal endojugolepsy</i>	putting your foot in your mouth
<i>Rubrocervix</i>	redneck
<i>Unifacial millenavicular propulsion</i>	the face that launched a thousand ships





## Chao Baby!

Ian Patterson is still playing lots of Scrabble — over 800 games in fact for the first half of the year. His scores range from 249 to a heady 797 (see Forwards 31), and on one occasion he managed 39 games in a single 30-hour session. Can this much Scrabble addle the brain? Ian relates a cautionary tale:

"The other day I played CHAO (in a rare excursion into meanings I had found that CHAO, HAO and XU are all Vietnamese monetary units and in each case the plural is the same, like SHEEP). My opponent's bonus went on the end of it and I challenged. She checked the fives, and indeed CHAO + S was there. The penny didn't drop till about three turns later! I think she was a bit puzzled. **But** —I shall resolutely and unrepentantly continue playing upside-down." (I have heard of a player challenging YE + S because "you can't add an S to YE" - Ed.)

## Worthy Mention

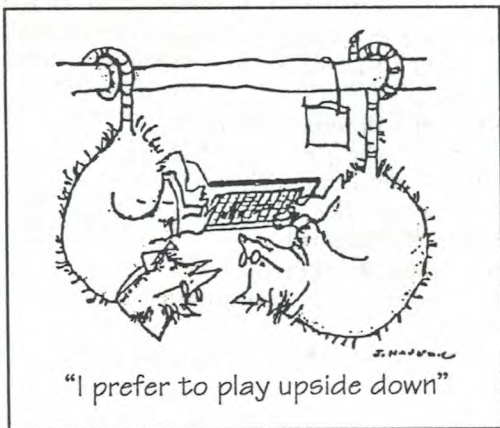
In a friendly game on June 23 Jo Burnside (Dunedin) holding the tiles ELRRTT + blank was able to play the 9-letter word FLATTERER across a separated A and E on the board, also making the 2-letter words AR, NE and ER. A great find!

## Searching for a Septleva

When Jeff, Mike, Lynne, Blue and Denise got together for a practice before the World Champs the bonus words flowed. At this level concentration is intense and it takes more than ERASION or QUINATE to impress your opponent. Some of the odder eights played during the weekend were ARANEOUS, QUIDDLED, ROULEAUX, TURNIPED, AGUELIKE, UNSAINED, TIRRIVEE and SEPTLEVA.

## Change of Address

Together with Bernice, Roy Vannini has moved house. His new address and phone number are shown on the inside front cover.



## DUN MI WEY! (Part 1)

The editor seems to think WOT OI DUN would be of interest so ORF WEE GOE. "WAT", YU MAE HASK, "can this nutter say that will grab my attention?" "HOI NOH," YUS EL SEI, "it's got something to do with Scrabble!"

Well... yes it certainly has a lot to do with SCRAB (would I use a non Scrabble word? NOO WAE MATY!) but this article is really about computers and statistics. Another time I may have a blat at a real Scrabble article.

One of the first exercises I set for myself soon after joining a Scrabble club was to construct what I termed Hook Lists. My first (was it ever any different for

anyone I wonder) was built around a strange creature called ZO that sprouted legs called AZO, ZOA and ZOO. Some of those legs could grow, always one letter at a time of course, and grew even as long as five letters such as AZONS!

My Official Reverse Order 4-letter list showed no letter could be front-hooked on AZO so with complete confidence I felt ZO had achieved its maximum stature. My stature however was severely curtailed when a confidant in the cunning C grade bequeathed me a beauty bludged from a broth of a boyo in the B Grade. GAZONS taught me that the improbable when it comes to words is not the same as the impossible.

QUA and KA Hook Lists followed and soon also the decision to do all the twos. I was still ploughing my way through the AMs (in the days before AG and AL were permitted) when OSPD2 was published and utterly crushed my resolve. Switching between

the two dictionaries and assiduously checking all possible (not just probable remember!) extensions was arduous in the extreme and becoming tedious too. Now they had switched one of the dictionaries on me. AARGH, AARRGH, AARRGHH!

I decided the long way would be the quickest in the end! Both dictionaries would have to be input into a computerised database. Ten months later the job was completed

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*"Both dictionaries would have to be input into a computerised database."*

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out of working hours at no small risk of divorce and RSI. Since the computer is able to construct even the longest Hook List in not much longer than 1 hour I know I have

made the right decision. I nevertheless still dread the announcement of edition three...!

For those who might be interested, the database I use is Paradox3 and in addition to the word field there is one for each of OSW, OSPD and Chambers. I am currently running a 386(20MHz) and the combination seems reasonably speedy to me.

Accuracy of the (combined) dictionary was of some concern but fortunately I was able to use Ian Patterson's lists (2,3,4 and 5s) to match against mine. We both ran out with 5 errors and omissions but that correlation promises a very high probability of no errors (2-5 letter words) remaining in either of our efforts.

There follow short treatises on various statistics of OSW2 and OSPD2. I trust there are other Scrabblers interested in this aspect.



## Number Of Words (At All Lengths) Found In OSW2 And OSPD2

Num Let	Total Dif Words	OSW2		OSPD2		BOTH			
		Total	Unique	Total	Unique	Total	Unique		
2	117	106	91%	23	94	80%	11	83	71%
3	1197	1087	91%	236	961	80%	110	851	71%
4	5001	4584	92%	1147	3854	77%	417	3437	69%
5	11473	10274	90%	2931	8540	74%	1199	7343	64%
6	20422	17715	87%	5389	15033	74%	2707	12326	60%
7	30390	25299	83%	7602	22788	75%	5091	17697	58%
8	36884	29039	79%	8942	27942	76%	7845	20097	54%
9	32761	28549		18594	14167		4212	9955	
10	14729	13295		10060	4669		1434	3235	
11	4636	4145		3537	1099		491	608	
12	736	677		628	108		59	49	
13	70	70		70	-		-	-	
14	2	2		2	-		-	-	
TOT	158418	134842	85%	59161	99255	63%	23576	75681	48%

There may not be much one can learn from the above figures save that if one were not able to afford both dictionaries, one would be strongly recommended to get OSW! Notice too that the number of words unique to OSW has grown in edition 2 but in OSPD2 they have declined. Is it because it does not have the dynamic breath of 'life' OSW derives from its real dictionary (Chambers) source?

Part 2 will present some interesting statistics on letter frequency. CEE YA AWL.

Robot Blatter

## I Like Spike

SPIKE is one of those rare names that, besides being allowed in Scrabble, is also a double-hook word, because both SPIK and PIKE are also playable.

Jethro Snafflerod won the March Scrabble puzzle and his prize was a book by Spike Milligan. Jethro writes:

"He's always been one of my favourite comedians. I can almost hear him uttering terms like *SPAZONKIFIED* and *SWONNICLES*. Must try not to use them in a game though."

Of course Spike Milligan was one of the members of the popular British radio comedy series 'The Goon Show' (he wrote much of the material). You may be surprised to know that this sense of the word GOON is actually recorded in the venerable Oxford English Dictionary. One of the supporting citations notes the ultimate in sound effects being reached when a Goon Show script demanded "a 16-ton, 1½ horsepower, 6 litre, brassbound electric racing organ fitted with a cardboard warhead."

The Oxford also lists the derivatives *GOONERY* and *GOONISH*, which despite their relative commonness are not found in our Scrabble dictionaries.

## An Analogy of Scrabble

Is there life after Scrabble? – well, possibly, yes,  
Though how much life after takes time to assess.  
Perhaps it depends on the players' own views –  
Some like to play often, others don't – all can choose.  
Those who are 'hooked' long to be more proficient,  
While many find infrequent games are sufficient.

Our Club night is Friday – we play in our grade.  
Through the week for the 'addicts', lots more games are played.  
They play in a group, or two may play together –  
Come rain, hail or shine, they pay no heed to weather.  
If they can't find a partner who's willing to play  
They play by themselves and get practice that way).

Most people start Scrabble quite raw and green,  
Budding addicts find progress makes them more keen.  
Astuteness and strategy soon follow on  
Until they discover their 'past-time' has gone!  
It's changed in a strange, unaccountable fashion  
Into an absorbing, unquenchable passion.

"Involvement", say addicts, "means so much to do.  
There's challenges, tournaments, fund-raising too.  
'Forwards' and 'Onwords', newsletters as well,  
(Which often have hints on how we can excel)."  
At night-time, when snugly tucked up in their bed  
They don't read a book, they learn word-lists instead!

The 'occasional' Scrabbler, with feet firmly planted  
Keeps life in perspective – no 'taking for granted'!  
Plenty of interests – no dominant game –  
They don't want a mild liking to fan to a flame!  
So – life after Scrabble? – it has now been confessed,  
Little for an addict, but more for the rest!

Margaret Lyall  
Christchurch



## Single-Letter Extensions

Rob Talbot (Mt Albert) has had his computer working on progressive single-letter extensions to 2-letter words. For example XI - XIS - AXIS - TAXIS. The most extensive hook-list is derived from IN, and the longest words that can be found in this way have 9 letters. Can you work out how the following 15 words can be progressively beheaded and/or curtailed one letter at a time right down to a 2-letter word?

ASPIRATED	CLEANSERS
ISLANDERS	PRELATES
RELAPSERS	SCOOPINGS
SCRAPINGS	SHEATHERS
SMOOTHENS	SMOOTHERS
SMOOTHEST	STROWINGS
SWASHIEST	WASHINESS
WHOOPIINGS	

Are longer such extensions possible using bigger dictionaries? Yes, indeed. The 12-letter word BITTERNESSES can be built up by single-letter additions from BI (BIT, BITT, BITTE, BITTER, etc.) All words are allowable in Scrabble, except BITTNERNE (S) and BITTERNESSE which are old spellings of BITTERN (S) and BITTERNES recorded in the Oxford English Dictionary.

**"Words are, of course,  
the most powerful drug  
used by mankind"**

**Rudyard Kipling**

## Moved by Foster's Vowels

Having read John's recent article I am still stunned by the effort that must have been expended to compile that information. I am full of respect for those who, like him, have pursued the creation of specialised lists over the course of what must be many years.

Frankly, I was at first dubious about John's cautious, modest claims as to completeness of his list. I decided to run a search on my computerised combined OSW2/OSPD2 dictionary.

Guess what! There are **exactly** 30, the very same listed by John. Yes, he must have read both dictionaries but what's more he did that so assiduously that not one of the words he was looking for escaped his unblinking eyes. Amazing! is it possible we have discovered, from the vowels of the earth so to speak, the legendary Jethro Snafflerod. If John Foster has a middle name of Larfed...!

However, with the benefit of high technology (how else could I tackle robots) there are a couple of things to comment on.

There are 12-letter words in OSPD2, 108 of them, and there are two 14-letter words (longer than OUTTRAVELLING but not verbs) in OSW2, namely EAVESDROPPINGS and TRANSSHIPPINGS.

ABSTEMIOUS is in Chambers only (1 letter too long for OSW2); CAESIOUS, FACETIOUS and PARECIOUS are all in OSW2; the real sockdologer, John, is the new one, ARSENIIOUS, in OSW2!

In the end, I have to say, Jethro Snafflerod would have known all this already so perhaps John and Jethro are not one and the same!

Robot Blatter

## Rebus Riddle

Can you identify the six high-rating scrabblers represented here? Send your entries to Jeff Grant. The winner will receive a small prize. Our thanks to David Lloyd for the idea.

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# NZASP RATINGS as at 1 September

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2199	372	290.5	78%	43 Margie Hurly	1630	92	72	78%
2 Mike Sigley	2061	303	236.5	78%	44 Roy Vannini	1628	235	135.5	58%
3 Blue Thorogood	2050	211	142	67%	45 Rhoda Cashman	1627	357	176	49%
4 Denise Gordon	2022	324	183.5	57%	46 Rita Moore	1621	190	85	45%
5 Patrick Carter	1985	167	109.5	66%	47 Reeve Pearson	1619	445	210	47%
6 Ian Patterson	1984	160	101	63%	48 Andree Prentice	1616	254	150.5	59%
7 Glennis Hale	1977	431	258	60%	49 Rosalie Goldsworthy	1601	157	84	54%
8 Lynne Butler	1957	374	238.5	64%	50 Stan Skinner	1575	223	135	61%
9 Lynne Powell	1949	489	274.5	56%	51 Faye Cronhelm	1569	213	109	51%
10 Bob Johnstone	1941	171	91	53%	52 Marj Baillie	1546	270	137	51%
11 Peter Sinton	1933	95	67	71%	53 Sue McRae	1542	138	84	61%
12 John Foster	1928	334	186	56%	54 Aliette Hay	1539	181	86	48%
13 June Mackwell	1919	418	198	47%	55 Karen Rodgers	1537	104	35.5	34%
14 Andrew Bradley	1870	203	103	51%	56 Yvette Hewlett	1531	123	55.5	45%
15 Fae Olson	1865	435	234	54%	57 Bev Barker	1525	243	121	50%
16 Glenyss Buchanan	1830	295	152	52%	58 Alan Boyd	1524	214	133.5	62%
17 Glenda Foster	1814	278	147	53%	59 Martha Morgan	1517	181	93	51%
18 Glynis Jennings	1813	324	149	46%	60 Glenda Geard	1501	280	157.5	56%
19 David Pinner	1808	182	86	47%	61 Norman Goodger	1498	102	56	55%
20 May Quigley	1805	440	185.5	42%	62 Penny Headington	1493	105	50	48%
21 Lucy Bright	1803	320	148	46%	63 Hilda Scott	1492	163	90	55%
22 Peter Jones	1801	402	212	53%	64 Kate Henderson	1479	164	108.5	66%
23 Joy Hunter	1791	158	81.5	52%	65 Joyce Gilbert	1468	68	42	62%
24 Dorothy Pinner	1776	224	97	43%	66 Bill Grigg	1468	109	64	59%
25 Leila Thomson	1774	224	107	48%	67 Lyn Toka	1457	194	109	56%
26 Allie Quinn	1773	377	174.5	46%	68 Joan Ball	1452	107	60	56%
27 Gerald Warner	1771	451	219.5	49%	69 Elaine Moltzen	1451	200	104.5	52%
28 Florence Veldhuizen	1748	212	98.5	46%	70 Lorraine Van Veen	1449	190	105	55%
29 Gaye Norgren	1727	128	66	52%	71 Rob Talbot	1448	103	64	62%
30 Lesley Edgeler	1720	104	49	47%	72 Cathy Woods	1445	254	107	42%
31 Kevin Edgeler	1719	197	70.5	36%	73 Maureen Holliday	1426	67	41	61%
32 Puti Rowe	1710	212	113.5	54%	74 Ruth O'Neill	1409	112	55.5	50%
33 Chris Hooks	1707	147	94	64%	75 Anne Stewart	1397	142	90	63%
34 Betty Gibb	1693	139	53.5	38%	76 Doreen Davies	1396	156	83	53%
35 John Moore	1685	190	93.5	49%	77 Mary Brett	1392	178	81	46%
36 Georgie Offringa	1681	322	139.5	43%	78 Norman Wheeler	1375	194	115	59%
37 Lynn Wood	1674	421	192.5	46%	79 Nita Oldham	1370	133	66	50%
38 Roger Coates	1671	272	135	50%	80 Marian Ross	1367	109	53	49%
39 Bernice Vannini	1664	197	105	53%	81 Peggy Wallace	1361	150	71	47%
40 Ann Candler	1655	329	134	41%	82 Hazel Purdie	1358	77	35	45%
41 Anne Warner	1642	360	201	56%	83 Dave Godman	1356	201	108	54%
42 Roger Tozer	1640	152	99	65%	84 Marjorie Heads	1355	62	41	66%

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85 Carole Coates	1343	228	109	48%	130 Daphne Parker	1060	105	53	50%
86 Jean O'Brien	1341	336	162.5	48%	131 Joan Pratt	1051	92	50	54%
87 Margaret Bundock	1330	188	98	52%	132 Irene Hague-Smith	1050	242	108.5	45%
88 Doreen Ogston	1322	182	73.5	40%	133 Christine Trubuhovich	1046	43	26.5	62%
89 David Gunn	1319	178	93	52%	134 Lil Moore	1041	261	118.5	45%
90 Shirley Wyatt	1301	72	39	54%	135 Vivienne Williamson	1040	53	27	51%
91 Gwen Kaiser	1300	178	90.5	51%	136 Dawn Kitzen	1036	131	66	50%
92 Rosemary Cleary	1298	151	70	46%	137 Mary Curtis	1022	47	30	64%
93 Carolyn Kyle	1290	97	55	57%	138 Adrienne McKeown	1012	107	43.5	41%
94 Jo Burnside	1285	156	80	51%	139 Ernie Gidman	1002	68	33	49%
95 Margaret Parsons	1276	85	43	51%	140 Alice O'Callahan	991	92	30.5	33%
96 Betty Erikson	1273	231	107.5	47%	141 Jan Wheeler	991	103	43	42%
97 Sheryl Davidson	1264	83	56	67%	142 Margaret Simpson	988	112	56	50%
98 Shirley Hol	1258	53	24	45%	143 Win Heaven	976	66	37	56%
99 Jeff Owens	1241	140	81	58%	144 Bridget French	970	152	91.5	60%
100 Margaret Lyall	1239	92	43	47%	145 Margaret Mourant	963	121	63	52%
101 Faye Leach	1236	157	68.5	44%	146 Liz Catchpole	961	58	24	41%
102 Robert Jones	1229	84	43	51%	147 Laney De Gooyer	943	82	39	48%
103 Isobel Zyp	1228	126	62	49%	148 Shirley Murcott	937	87	39	45%
104 Shirley Tozer	1223	115	60.5	53%	149 Shirley Martin	934	33	18.5	56%
105 Annette Coombes	1221	248	108.5	44%	150 Tim Kyne	927	47	22	47%
106 Daph Curl	1215	143	54.5	38%	151 Shirley Robinson	926	35	17.5	50%
107 Alveen Seon	1211	261	122	47%	152 June Ward (I)	924	88	42.5	48%
108 Pat Johnstone	1198	191	82	43%	153 Anne Reeves	923	53	25	47%
109 Eileen McLean	1172	155	88	57%	154 Dorothy Latta	922	36	19	53%
110 Dorothy Haining	1134	220	115.5	53%	155 Jill Johnstone	917	29	15	52%
111 Johanne Patel	1129	45	26	58%	156 Hilda Joyce	906	33	16	48%
112 Daisy Madden	1127	78	33	42%	157 Suzanne Anderson	902	57	30	53%
113 Jane Walton	1125	72	38	53%	158 Naomi Gilmore	881	41	24.5	60%
114 Kathleen Barker	1124	94	48	51%	159 Kay Buffalo	864	92	39	42%
115 Daph Watson	1122	118	48	41%	160 Valma Gidman	859	108	53	49%
116 Jane Lawless	1120	40	26	65%	161 Hanna Dodge	858	36	13.5	38%
117 Phyl Wilson	1119	61	35	57%	162 Val Worth	852	122	54	44%
118 Liz Ross	1119	64	36	56%	163 Jan Corry	848	29	18	62%
119 Olwen Skelton	1109	110	53	48%	164 Alice Doust	847	90	35	39%
120 Neville James	1107	96	44	46%	165 Penny Irvine	847	28	13	46%
121 Conny van Tilburg	1091	190	98.5	52%	166 Jillian Greening	830	161	71	44%
122 Valerie Holbrook	1086	49	26	53%	167 Kate Wignall	812	191	91	48%
123 Elsie Pugh	1085	77	46.5	60%	168 Ian Ross	800	95	43	45%
124 Katrine Kerr Renwick	1082	107	47	44%	169 Delcie Macbeth	796	59	31	53%
125 Mary Pinchin	1069	87	48.5	56%	170 Lulu Holt	786	132	64	48%
126 Gordon Pinchin	1066	50	29.5	59%	171 Kath James	786	140	62.5	45%
127 Tania Pearson	1065	87	38	44%	172 May Meads	786	51	21	41%
128 Margaret Forbes	1064	34	22	65%	173 Paddy Glen	784	29	14	48%
129 Valerie Mills	1061	41	24	59%	174 Cecilia Bullock	778	137	56.5	41%



Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
175 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	739	123	53.5	43%
176 Elaine King	721	52	16	31%
177 Grant Waghorn	711	33	15	45%
178 Letitia Vaitupu	698	36	9	25%
179 David Sutcliffe	696	40	17	43%
180 Ed Olson	693	411	131	32%
181 Elise Joy	666	29	10	34%
182 Audrey Plane	637	46	16	35%
183 Marie Kingi	571	59	15	25%
184 Elvira Steel	523	71	3	4%

## Spellbound

Production of Forwards can be fun! Every story is checked for spelling or typing mistakes using the computer program's spell-checker. When computer programs check spellings they usually try to be helpful by suggesting a word from their dictionary that just might be the one you are trying to spell. They check for words that are similar in form to the one they don't recognise.

Of course, not many dictionaries in computers (or in book form for that matter) know all the names that a writer might use. This makes for some amusing suggestions. Check out the following players whose names appear in this edition and see if you can recognise the name the spell-checker was trying to help me with: (answers are upside down at the end of this page)

Goof Right	Agile Advisee
Shrilly Howl	Burnoose Vanity
Dieter Snaffled	Lanky Gooier
Alien Son	Jordan Pinching
Allele Quinine	Jerked Warder

The spell-checker is not always so obliging as to suggest alternatives — some words, especially Scrabble words or non-words, completely floor it. For

example, the following expressions in this edition had it lost for words:

Qoph	Veldhuizen
Quigley	Spazonkified
Swonnicles	Papatoetoe

Abbreviations are treated as words — some are known to the computer's dictionary, while others aren't. Qanat became Qantas, but RSI became wrist!

Of course, spell-checkers will only check that you have spelled a word correctly — not that you have used it correctly. For example, if you use 'their' when you meant 'there', it won't correct you. Also, if you type 'from' as 'form' you get no help either.

*"I have a spelling checker,  
It came with my PC,  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Mistakes eye cannot sea.  
I've run this poem threw it,  
I'm sure your pleased too no,  
It's letter perfect in it's weigh —  
My chequer tolled me sew."*

Glenda Foster



nose-lite

### Scrabble Players

Gerald Warner	Allie Quinn
Gordon Pinchin	Aiveen Seon
Laney de Gooier	Jethro Snafflerod
Bernice Vannini	Shirley Hol
Gail Davies	Geoff Wright

## They Came and They Conquered

Glynis Jennings (top scorer for the day) accepted the NZ Challenge Shield on behalf of her club after they trounced North Shore Bays by 17 games to 8 on July 10.

"They came and they conquered" — an apt description of the match between Mt Albert, the Challengers, and North Shore Bays, holders of the Shield for almost two years.

From the beginning Mt Albert were in control, winning the first round 4 games to 1. In the second round NSB struggled to level the score but only managed 1½ games — a win from Joy and Ann's remarkable draw with John Foster.

The third round saw NSB in trouble again. Their top player Lynne Powell was batted down by Glennis Hale. "I've blocked off the board", says Glennis, and the marathon ended with only a few minutes to spare. The result? A draw with 402 points each. In the fourth round Lynne finished top with a score of 569 points. A great incentive for the rest of her team, but no luck there

as Mt Albert surged ahead 15 games to 5.

So to the fifth and final round. North Shore Bays at last scored a victory, but alas, it was too late. Congratulations to the new holders!

### NZ Challenge Shield Results 10 July 1993

Team	Wins	B/W	Ave
Mt Albert			
Glynis Jennings	5	8	404
Glennis Hale	4½	9	434
Peter Jones	4	8	385
John Foster	2½	12	424
June Mackwell	1	3	339
North Shore Bays			
Lynne Powell	3½	9	445
May Quigley	2	6	362
Ann Candler	1½	7	378
Joy Hunter	1	3	310
Allie Quinn	0	6	355

Georgie Offringa

### OSPD2 Errors

Please make sure the following mistakes are corrected in your copy of OSPD2.

DIDDLEY	correct plural is -DLEYS (not -DLIES)
HONDLE	present tense is -DLES (not (DLIES)
REFALL	pre sent tense is -FALLS (not -FALL)

### Photos

If you have got any photos that would add interest to the magazine we would like to hear from you. Of particular interest are photos of players or special occasions such as anniversaries and tournaments.

Any available photos (colour or black and white) should be sent to Glenda Foster — see back cover for address. Make sure you identify people in photos and note the occasion. The photos will be scanned for possible publication and returned to the sender.





## Number 14

### Morality

Consider! Which of the following do you consider morally wrong:-

1. Deliberately playing a word you know is invalid.
2. Playing a vulgar word, such as the Anglo-Saxon 4-letter ones.
3. Playing a vulgar word, against a **lady**.
4. Studying dictionaries and lists in order to win more games.
5. Playing Scrabble on a **Sunday**.
6. Peeking in the bag during a friendly game at home.
7. Playing a word you just noticed in the dictionary as you checked a challenge from last turn (during a 'friendly' challenge game).
8. Trying to block the board so your opponent can't play her bonus.
9. Allowing a word you know is invalid, because you can score plenty from it.
10. Trying to see your opponent's tiles as she draws from the bag.
11. Trying to **annihilate** the opponent rather than settling for a comfortable win.
12. Not reminding your opponent to press her clock (if you've noticed).
13. Being accidentally credited with an extra win at the end of a tournament, and not querying it.
14. A man failing to offer his seat to a lady in a crowded bus.
15. Saying what you have on your rack (e.g. "Oh no, I've drawn the Q again").
16. Purposely mispronouncing your play

- (e.g. "re-sting").
17. Playing a word you're unsure of with an air of confidence.
  18. Playing an odd word you **know** is right, with an air of uncertainty.
  19. Moaning about poor tiles, then playing a bonus word

Personally I find **six** of the above offend me. But hardly any two people would come up with exactly the same choices. In fact I think in virtually every case above I either know or have known someone who would be 'for' and someone else 'against'.

### Fair Play

A mixed response to Bonus Babble #13 persuades me to revisit the subject of bluffing/cheating, from the purely **moral** aspect. There are many sides to this, but I feel that one clear question can encapsulate a number of them — is deliberately playing a word you **know** is false 'fair play' — or not?

I appreciate there are those who see it as unfair or unsporting, just as there are those (such as I) who feel it a perfectly normal and reasonable part of our game. How can these two completely opposing views be reconciled?

They can't! A matter of rules can generally be resolved by close scrutiny of the rule book, but a matter of sportsmanship has no rules — only public opinion. In other words, if most people **feel** something is unsporting then I guess it is. Conversely if **most** people feel it's OK then I guess it is.

In this Scrabble case we might say that the 'unfair' lobby would tend to prefer single challenge rules, whereas the 'OK' people would opt for double challenge. As we know Britain goes one way on this issue, and America the other. New Zealand — that's all of us, collectively and democratically — has gone for the double challenge, which to me indicates that the **majority** of us **like** being free to play anything, and of course extending this

equal right to our opponent. So in either case I guess whichever side holds the **minority** view must just accept the situation, until such time as public opinion may shift toward them. In the meantime by all means keep discussion open.

### Cheating

I freely admit to deliberately playing non-words (sparingly!!) but also to having strong views on cheating and/or sportsmanship. If/when I believe that most people dislike deliberate nonwords, then I shall probably cease, just as I refrain from peeking in the bag, talking unnecessarily during opponent's turn, deliberately misreporting the score, and probably 100 other such **generally** agreed unsportsmanlike habits.

If I find my opponents doing these things I'm most upset, with them. But when I find I've allowed a non-word I'm upset, but only with **me!** In fact on odd occasions when I believe someone has **deliberately** bluffed me and got away with it, I respect that person mightily.

### Mismatches

It must be pointed out that all the above assumes the two players are of roughly equal calibre. When I play an equal and forget to press my clock I don't expect to be reminded. And if **she** should forget her clock, then that's **her** problem.

Improving your competitive Scrabble means, among other things, eliminating all these mistakes — **remember** your clock; **don't** expose your tiles as you draw them; **don't** be fooled by the assured way your opponent plays that odd word; give **no** indication of what's on your rack; etc. In my view players who slip up on such basic things as these — in a tournament setting — **deserve** to be punished (myself definitely included).

Competition means I try to capitalise on my opponent's weaknesses, while she does likewise to me. That's not immoral — that's competition, and I respect an opponent who feels the same way.

But unfortunately there are times in tournaments where mismatches occur. (Hopefully with the N. Z. Rating System now in place these are lessening). When playing a much weaker player I can often feel that **everything** I do is somehow immoral, which is why I much prefer games between well-matched opponents.

### Time & place

What can be upsetting, especially to a newer player, is to meet a better player in a 'friendly' game who plays unforgivingly as if it was a tournament. In **non-tournament** games of course there's a place for going easy on lesser opponents. If she forgets her clock, remind her by all means. We all have to learn.

But **tournaments** are for playing **hard**, and if you happen to be in a certain grade you must be prepared to abide by the standards of that level, whether you are used to them or not.

It's always less than perfect when opponents have differing moral values, and it works **both** ways. If personally unhappy with deliberate playing of non-words, then you may feel cheated if I beat you through using one. But I assure you that on other occasions my victory will seem rather hollow if I feel that **you** might have won through such a tactic, but refrained on (your) moral grounds. We're simply not playing the same game, which is sad for both.

The only solution is for every Scrabble player to try and establish where the majority feeling lies on such issues, and to try to adjust her own play accordingly.

### Conclusion

Finally, I draw again on the poker example. This game, which we all know, **hinges** on bluffing. Can any reasonable person suggest that bidding \$10,000 on a hand containing absolutely nothing is in some way immoral or unsportsmanlike?



# Club News

## Tokoroa Scrabble Club Celebrates 14th Year

The Tokoroa Scrabble Club celebrated its 14th year recently with a luncheon at a local licensed restaurant and an afternoon of our addictive game. The evening members were joined by the daytime group in order to swell numbers.

One of the highlights of the year on the playing front was Florence Veldhuizen's finishing runner-up in the B Grade at the Nationals.

On the organisational side another highly successful tournament was staged in February, attracting 70 players. The tournament has become so popular that it has forced a change in venue to the Tokoroa Bowling Club for next year.

Local trophies won during the year:  
**Club Championship:** Betty Price Salver - Kevin Edgeler, Runner-up - Florence Veldhuizen.

**Ann Plested Competition Night Points Shield -** Florence Veldhuizen 107, Runner-up - Lesley Edgeler 85.

**Most Wins -** Florence Veldhuizen 70

**Most Bonus Words -** Florence Veldhuizen 144

**Most Bonus Words over 90 -** Kevin Edgeler 11

**Most Bonus Words in Night -** Florence Veldhuizen 9

**Aggregate 3 games -** Florence Veldhuizen 1550

**Highest Game Score -** Florence Veldhuizen 588

**Highest Word -** Lois Kelly 203

**Best Combined -** Phyl Wilson & Florence Veldhuizen 933

**Best Triple -** Lois, Phyl and Florence 1287

## Dunedin Newsletter

### May:- Christchurch Tournament.

The winner was Alan Boyd (DUN), second Norman Goodger (DUN), and third Doreen Ogston (CH). B Grade was won by Gordon Pinchin (CH), with Mary Pinchin (CH) second and Katrine Kerr Renwick (CH) third. Our members enjoyed the hospitality and the Scrabble. Sorry our numbers were down on previous years, but we hope to be there in force next time.

### June:- Nationals Tournament.

Alan Boyd represented the club at Hamilton. Well done to Jeff Grant (Hastings) on winning both Nationals and Masters events. **Otago Championship:** The winner was Norman Goodger (DUN) for the second year in a row, second Bill Grigg (DUN), third Alan Boyd (DUN). Congratulations to Penny Irvine (DUN) for winning B Grade first time up. See Tournament results for full summary. Special thanks to the ladies from Oamaru for making the trip, particularly Anna Harraway, back after a long absence.

Our condolences to Harry Thoms on the passing of his much loved wife Nora. Harry is one of our club treasures. And to Margaret McKenzie who had a fall, hope you are feeling fine again.

**Hard Luck Stories:** Peter Sinton lost to Alan Boyd in R/R competition 424 - 455, and in the C Grade Andy Caplan went down to Kathleen Barker 405 - 407, but won the next game with a score of 295! Makes you want to cry.

### July:- Yearly Competitions:

- R/R
- (1) Peter Sinton
  - (2) Bill Grigg
  - (3) Norman Goodger

- Challenge
- (1) Norman Goodger
  - (2) Glennie Jamieson
  - (3) Alan Boyd
- Dictionary
- (1) Glen Madigan
  - (2) Alan Boyd
  - (3) Corale McDonald

Our next club tournament is on 16 October 1993.

**One of Those Weeks:** Bill Grigg had a real bad one recently. His beloved cat Fluffy (13½) had to be put down, then he burnt his tea to a cinder. No luck with Lotto. On a call of nature he forgot he'd left some taps on — Danyon Loader could have practised in his kitchen! Banged his head going down to the cellar, later felt sick while driving to play cards and returned home to bed. (Sounds the safest place - Ed)

**Special Mentions:** To Jeff and Glenda, well done on the new-look *Forwards* magazine. We wish the NZ Scrabblers all the best at the World Champs.

DAZZLING  
DOZEN

The Q can be an awkward letter, but it can also win you the game. It helps to know the short words containing Q. There are only three with 3 letters (QAT, QUA, SUQ), and 21 with 4 (make sure you are familiar with QADI, QAID and QOPH). At the 5-letter level there are 97 words. Many are common (QUEEN, PIQUE, SQUAT, etc.), but others are not. Here are a dozen of the more unusual 5-letter Q-words to bedazzle the opposition.

BURQA	QUAYD	TALAQ
FAQIR	QUEYN	TRANQ
QANAT	QURSH	UMIAQ
QIBLA	QUYTE	USQUE

## Last Words

Our Scrabble dictionaries have some fascinating words right at the end of each letter section, from AZYMOUS under A, through to the exotic ZYZZYVA. The first term means unfermented or unleavened and the Z-word is a type of tropical weevil. In between there are such oddities as CZARITZA (a czar's wife), IZZET (the letter Z), JYNX (the wryneck bird), MZUNGU (a white person in E. Africa), NYSTATIN (an antibiotic), QWERTY (a typewriter keyboard), SYZYGY (conjunction or opposition), TZURIS (a series of misfortunes) and XYSTUS (a tree-planted walk).

The last word under Y is YWROKEN, defined in Chambers as 'an obsolete past participle of the verb 'wreak', used by Spenser. Well, Spenser certainly did use the word, in *'Colin Clouts Come Home Again'* (1595), but it appears in the works of other writers too. The last recorded instance was as late as 1835 in William Motherwell's *'Clerke Richard and Maid Margaret'*:

"And now that hatred was ywroken,  
A wondrous joy in them had sprung."  
So why is the word YWROKEN so interesting? Because it is the only known anagram of the venue for the 1993 World Scrabble Champs — New York!

## Wyvern

### Abatis

"Rubbish in front of a fort, to prevent the rubbish outside from molesting the rubbish inside."

Ambrose Bierce

The Devil's Dictionary



## The Kiwis in New York

Well done, Mike! Seventh in the world is a great achievement. The Kiwis have proved that they can foot it with the best in the world.

As you can see by the results (p 31), competition in America was intense. One extra win could mean a jump of 10 places and a loss could take you the other way. This was graphically illustrated by Zev Kaufman of Canada who was just one win away from a semi-final berth and a shot at the world title. He lost this game, and the next three, to finish 25th.

Congratulations to the new title-holder, popular Englishman Mark Nyman (26), and to the gracious runner-up, Joel Wapnick (47) of Canada. Two great champions, and great ambassadors for the game of Scrabble.

What of the top four from London in 1991? Champion Peter Morris (US) made a late burst for 12th place, runner-up Brian Capalletto (US) was 30th, Joe Edley (US) 18th, and David Boys (Canada) didn't even qualify. Larry Benjamin (S.Afr.), 7th in London, could do no better than 53rd this time. It's tough at the top.



### The NZ World Championships Team 1993

(left to right)  
Mike Sigley, Blue Thorogood,  
Jeff Grant (top row)  
Denise Gordon (Manager) and  
Lynne Butler (bottom row)

The NZ team made themselves known from the first day in New York, not only because of their brightly-coloured track-suits, but also through their Scrabble. Some good wins were recorded: Mike beat the current American champ **Joe Edley** (considered by many the top player in the world) — twice, Blue had two wins over Briton Pete Finley (and one over Mike!), Jeff beat Phil Nelkon (4 times UK champ), and Lynne beat former American champ Rita Norr three times. Of course there were many other meritorious wins too.

To give you some idea of the level of Scrabble in N.Y., here is a selection of words played by the Kiwis:

CERVINE GUEPZA PRONAOI  
STRAGGLY ABLEGATE FAVRILE  
NASTALIK TRIFOCAL VINOLENT  
DOORNAIL ZENAIDA XANTHINE  
DOWSABEL WATERILY SINOPITE  
SIAMESE RUNRIGS MAGNESIAS

Thanks to our indispensable unofficial manager Denise, and to Lew and Pam Holdsworth for their enthusiastic support.

The tournament has given us all a tremendous boost. We now know for sure that our top Scrabblers can match it with the best in the world. Roll on 1995! The current whisper is for either Australia or Scotland as the venue. Maybe there will be a Kiwi World Champion two years from now.

**Jeff Grant**

## Hastings vs Masterton by N. Keesing

On a cold and frosty morning in July, six members of the Hastings Scrabble Club left at 7am to travel to Masterton with the intention of returning with **the** shield, this being the fifth match played between the Masterton and Hastings clubs (Masterton won 3 of the first 4). However, a quantity of delicious food and a few glasses of wine consumed — and oh! yes of course — five games of Scrabble played — before our ambition could be achieved.

A warm welcome awaited us on arrival at Peter and Doreen Davies' residence where the event was to be held. Morning tea with champion scone-maker Jill Moon's cheese scones was enjoyed before getting down to the business of the day — Scrabble.

Three games were played before lunch with the first round score at 3 - 3, the second at 5 - 1 and the third another 5 - 1 win to the visitors.

Was this to be a walk-over by the Hastings team? No it was not! Fortified by a very appetising lunch after the third round, Masterton fought back to narrow the gap, with the eventual score 21 - 15 to Hastings.

Some impressive individual scores were:

- Andrew Bradley with 5 wins and 2621 points
- Andrew also had the most bonus words of the day with 13.
- Jeff Grant had 5 wins and 2601 points and Doreen O'Shea also had 5 wins and 2458 points.
- Best word of the day went to Doreen O'Shea with UNSEXIST.
- Lucy Bright had the highest individual game score with 533 points.
- Spot prizes — Masterton won 5 out of the 6 — were given for each round to the person with the

highest-scoring designated word. The mystery word and the X word were won by Hilda Scott. Her X word was POXIEST which she placed on a triple after her opponent played HIE instead of VIE so as not to block the board!

Afternoon tea with more scrumptious food and post-mortems of the games followed. Then the two teams accompanied by Peter Davies and Bill Scott went to dinner at the local Cobb and Co for a very pleasant meal and other refreshment.

The Hastings team look forward to January 1994 when Masterton will be invited to come and have a **look** at the shield again.

Thank you Masterton for your kind hospitality and for a very happy and enjoyable day.

Members of the Teams:

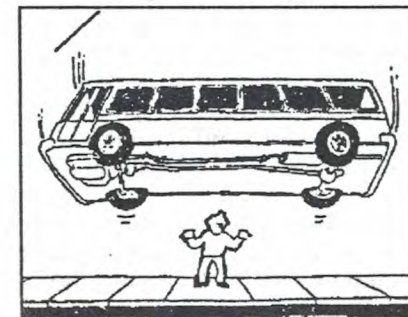
### Masterton

Aliette Hay  
Jill Moon  
Lucy Bright  
Doreen Davies  
Marj Batchelor  
Hilda Scott

### Hastings

Yvonne Wilson  
Doreen O'Shea  
Margaret Warren  
Norma Keesing  
Andrew Bradley  
Jeff Grant

## That Takes the Cake



Catching a bus



## Going Crazy and to the Store

William was going crazy and to the store. For two months, his wife had been badgering him about getting fired and a new job or lost. It wasn't his fault or in the cards. It was fate, embarrassing, and a surprise.

"Don't worry, my dear," he said under the clear night sky and his breath. "I'll get enough money to keep us in clover, the pink, and good standing with our creditors, you'll see."

"By gum, George, God, and jingo! You'd better, or you'll have to find someone else," she said, throwing caution to the winds, in the towel, and a clock at his head.

"Ouch!" he cried. The clock ricocheted off his forehead, a nearby tree, and a passing car. He saw stars, the writing on the wall, and to it that he'd do what he'd promised.

"The nick of time!" she shouted. "I expect you'll return with a million dollars, a hang-dog look on your face, or never. Don't come back till you're rich or the cows come home."

He was crushed. He had no cash nor cows, and she'd given him an ultimatum and the brush-off. He counted out his change, on good fortune, and his chickens before they hatched. "Let's see," he said to himself. "I've got a little headache and over a dollar in my pocket. About all that can buy is aspirin or a lottery ticket."

Walking down the block, he felt gloomy and the need to get rich quick. The corner store and his mind were open, but his head ached from the clock.

"Good evening and weather we're having," said the friendly clerk behind the counter. "Can I help you find something?"

"Thanks, pal," said Bill. "I'll take the bull by the horns and a lottery ticket."

"What happened to your eye? You look like you've been hit with an ugly stick or by a truck or with a clock."

"Right the third time, but I'd rather not talk about it and like to buy the ticket, not the farm."

"Here it is," said the clerk. "Good luck, night, and riddance."

William stood outside in the moonlight and rubbed his aching head and the ticket with the edge of a coin. The numbers matched!

"Well, I'll be damned and rich!" he said. "I won a million dollars!"

He hurried home to tell his wife, who was having a good time and sex with their next door neighbour. William and his heart pounded on the bedroom door and in excitement.

"Just a second, minute, or moment, dear," she said. To the neighbour she whispered, "Get dressed and lost."

After the neighbour climbed into his clothes and out the window, Gloria opened the door. She was wearing her nightgown and an angry look on her face.

"What's up, your problem, and that in your hand, William?"

"A lottery ticket! I won a million dollars —"

"— and me back," Gloria said.

"That's incredible, wonderful and half-mine. Oh, I love you and money. I'm sorry I threw you out and the clock at your head."

"That's okay, dear," William replied. "Time heals all wounds and flies."

They kissed each other and their old lives goodbye. And they lived high on the hog, it up, like there was no tomorrow, on Easy Street, and happily ever after.

**Word Ways**  
August 1990

## Animal Fivers

There are hundreds of animal names available to Scrabble players, from the common CAT and DOG to the more exotic GUANACO and VIZCACHA. Here is a quick A - Z romp through the murkier reaches of the five letter animal alphabet.

AGUTI	a guinea-piglike South American rodent destructive to sugar-cane.
BOBAK	a burrowing squirrel, also called the Polish marmot.
COYPU	the large South American aquatic rodent that yields nutria fur.
DAMAN	the Syrian hyrax, which is the biblical cony.
ELAND	a South African antelope with a bulge on the larynx.
FOSSA	a civet or viverrine carnivore of Madagascar.
GAYAL	an Indian domesticated ox, akin to the gaur.
HUTIA	the West Indian hog-rat, which has fur mixed with spines.
INDRI	a short-tailed Madagascan lemur with exserted ears.
JOCKO	a chimpanzee, deriving from the West African word 'ncheko'.
KULAN	the onager, or a nearly related wild ass of the Kirghiz Steppe.
LORIS	the small, nocturnal slender lemur of Sri Lanka.
MANUL	a wildcat of central Asia, with soft yellowish fur.
NYALA	a large gregarious South African antelope.
OKAPI	a giraffoid ruminant: discovered in 1900 in central Africa.
PEKAN	the wood-shock, a large North American musteline carnivore.
QUOLL	the spotted predatory dasyure or 'native cat' of Australia.
RATEL	a nocturnal badger-like creature of Africa and India.
SAIGA	an ovine, reddish antelope of West Asia.
TATOU	the giant armadillo of the forests of Brazil.
URIAL	a wild sheep inhabiting the lower Himalayas.
VISON	an old name for the American mink.
WALER	in India, a horse imported from New South Wales.
XERUS	an African ground squirrel with a long tail and coarse hair.
YAPOK	the South American amphibious opossum which eats shrimps.
ZERDA	a small, large-eared African fennec fox.

**A Brock**

## The Plaza

Supposedly one of New York's top hotels, the Plaza appears the ultimate in luxury. Well, the New Zealanders were not overly impressed with the service (or lack of it).

An indication of the real standards was a sign in the lobby directing would-be (rich) customers to the adjacent in-hotel 'Jewelry Shop'. Closer inspection of the glittering array of megabuck baubles in the window revealed numerous little signs boldly emblazoned "Special Offer".



# INTERNATIONAL

## Australian Champs

76 players participated in the 1993 Australian National Championship which was held in Adelaide from April 10 - 12 (Sorry the news is a bit late). Bob Jackman (NSW) triumphed with 14 wins (6879 points), ahead of Geoff Wright (Vic) with 13 wins (7363) and Joan Rosenthal (NSW) also on 13 wins (7213). Popular visitor to NZ, John Holgate, who won this event last year, could manage only 10th place with 11 wins, but he did have the highest points total of the tournament — 7518.

Lesley Mack (Qld) won the high game prize with 600, and Peter Shaw (NSW) the High Word with HEATINGS for 167 points. Spare a thought for Ray Alford (Vic) who was leading after game 7 and in contention until the final day, only to lose the last 5 games and slip to 31st place! It's tough at the top.

## British Champion

At the end of June, west London schoolboy Allan Saldanha became Britain's youngest ever national Scrabble champion. The 15-year-old emerged from a field of 64 qualifiers to beat 38-year-old maths lecturer Dr Karl Khoshnaw by 407 - 369 in the final of this single-game knockout event. Interestingly, Allan and Karl were at places 4 and 85 respectively in the UK ratings for April.

Allan has been playing Scrabble since he was 5, and at 13 was the youngest competitor at the first World Championship in London, where he finished a creditable 40th. Allan's photo,

a real study of concentration, appears in the December 1991 edition of *Forwards*.

## Mark's the Man in NY



When Mark Nyman staged his remarkable comeback from nearly 200 points down to force a deciding game in the World Champs final, the atmosphere in the Plaza's Baroque Room was electric. A

young American following the action told me it was the most exciting clash he had seen for a long time, and he regularly attended top baseball, gridiron and tennis games!

At one stage during the day Mark had the tiles ELOOSTX. He wrote something on a piece of paper and the camera zoomed in to reveal ... 'SEXTOOL?'. Later in the vital fifth game he again wrote on his sheet of paper. The camera homed in once more, showing something like 'I'd love a pint'!

In this deciding game the logistical climax came when Mark made the words NY, MAN (and OXY) for 41 points in the top right-hand corner of the board. Having found his own surname in the final game, perhaps it was inevitable that this likeable Englishman with the anagram MR YANK-MAN should become the new World Scrabble Champion in New York.

So it's congratulations to MARK the NY MAN. I bet that pint tasted good.

Jeff Grant

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Otago Championships

12 June 1993

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
<b>A Grade</b>				
1 Norman Goodger	DUN	6	2771	396 10
2 Bill Grigg	DUN	5	2822	403 13
3 Alan Boyd	DUN	5	2683	383 6
4 Marian Ross	DUN	4	2767	395 11
5 Liz Ross	DUN	3	2460	351 6
6 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	2	2569	367 8
7 Anna Harraway	OAM	2	2200	314 1
8 Kathleen Barker	DUN	1	2266	324 6

B Grade

1 Penny Irvine	DUN	6	2362	337 7
2 Laney de Gooyer	OAM	5	2623	375 9
3 Gillian Smillie	DUN	4	2224	318 3
4 Letitia Vaitupu	DUN	3.5	2114	302 -
5 Ian Ross	DUN	3	2353	336 8
6 Alice Doust	DUN	3	2087	298 -
7 Shirley Murcott	OAM	2.5	2054	293 -
8 Elvira Steel	DUN	1	1689	241 -

A Grade

Highest Winning Score	(470)	Bill Grigg
Highest Losing Score	(407)	Carolyn Kyle
Highest Combined Score	(834)	Bill Grigg (470) & Marian Ross (364)
Highest Turn Score	(122)	Norman Goodger
(Spot Prizes	J (38)	Kathleen Barker
	Q (93)	Kathleen Barker
	X (42)	Alan Boyd
	Z (48)	Bill Grigg

B Grade

Highest Winning Score	(418)	Laney de Gooyer
Highest Losing Score	(377)	Laney de Gooyer
Highest Combined Score	(757)	Gillian Smillie (380) & Laney de Gooyer (377)
Highest Turn Score	(85)	Ian Ross
Spot Prizes	J (34)	Letitia Vaitupu
	Q (44)	Alice Doust
	X (33)	Alice Doust
	Z (36)	Alice Doust

## Holy Cross Papatoetoe Tournament

3rd July 1993

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	B/W
<b>A Grade</b>				
1 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2962	12 4
2 Glynis Jennings	MTA	5	2952	10 4
3 John Foster	MTA	4	3146	15 4
4 May Quigley	NSB	4	2641	9 3
5 Fae Olson	STR	3	2575	7 3
6 Peter Jones	MTA	3	2543	9 3
7 June Mackwell	MTA	2	2824	13 4
8 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	2571	6 3

B Grade

1 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	2877	12
2 Georgie Offringa	NSB	5	2791	9
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	2736	13
4 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2575	4
5 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2680	13
6 Roger Coates	HAM	3	2600	10
7 Ann Candler	NSB	2	2821	9
8 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	1	2356	5



Name	Club	Wins	Points	B/W Ave	Name	Club	Wins	Points	B/W Ave
<b>C Grade</b>					5 Shirley Robinson	IND	3.5	2570	7 367
1 Marj Baillie	HAM	4	2856	11 408	6 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	2	2240	0 320
2 Lyn Toka	HAM	4	2688	11 384	7 Hilda Joyce	HCP	2	2227	2 318
3 Joyce Gilbert	NSB	4	2584	6 369	8 Liz Catchpole	MTA	1	2205	2 315
4 Stan Skinner	HAM	4	2502	4 357	<b>H Grade</b>				
5 Yvette Hewlett	MTA	3	2902	12 415	1 Mary Curtis	MTA	6	2572	7 367
6 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	3	2587	11 370	2 Suzanne Anderson	IND	4	2617	5 374
7 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2584	10 369	3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	2596	5 371
8 Bev Barker	MTA	3	2475	2 354	4 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	2550	3 364

<b>D Grade</b>					<b>I Grade</b>				
1 Joan Ball	PAK	6	2700	4 386	6 Jan Corry	PAK	3	2352	6 336
2 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2609	8 373	7 Jill Johnstone	HCP	3	2181	0 312
3 Maureen Holliday	MTA	5	2555	8 365	8 Paddy Glen	ROD	2	2142	1 306
4 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	2485	2 355	<b>J Grade</b>				
5 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	3	2391	3 342	1 Marianne Patchet	MTA	6	2836	8 405
6 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	2502	6 357	2 Lulu Holt	MTA	5	2061	2 294
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	2496	6 357	3 May Meads	HCP	4	2347	4 335
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	0	2183	0 312	4 Ed Olson	STR	4	2322	4 332

<b>E Grade</b>					<b>K Grade</b>				
1 Carole Coates	HAM	5	2815	12 402	6 Elaine King	MTA	3	2389	5 341
2 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	2605	7 372	7 Bertha Pegler	HCP	2	2117	0 302
3 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	2646	10 378	8 Marie Kingi	PAP	1	1962	1 280
4 David Gunn	IND	4	2593	9 370	<b>L Grade</b>				
5 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2767	14 395	1 Anna Geange	HCP	6	2456	2 351
6 Isobel Zyp	HAM	3	2621	7 374	2 Beryl Jones	HCP	6	2439	1 348
7 Alveen Seon	MTA	2	2713	9 388	3 Elise Joy	HCP	4	2299	4 328
8 Daph Curl	MTA	2	2524	5 361	4 Jacqy Struit	HCP	4	2219	3 317

<b>F Grade</b>					<b>M Grade</b>				
1 Annette Coombes	IND	5	2454	7 351	6 Hazel Smith	HCP	2	2224	0 318
2 Conny van Tilburg	PAK	4	2478	7 354	7 Ria Shoebridge	HCP	2	1985	0 284
3 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	2458	2 351	8 Vera Burner	HCP	1	1941	1 277
4 Jane Walton	HAM	4	2415	4 345	<b>New Plymouth</b>				
5 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	2425	2 346	<b>24 - 25 July 1993</b>				
6 Daph Parker	MTA	3	2337	4 334	<b>10 Games</b>				
7 Joan Pratt	MTA	3	2322	6 332	<b>Name</b>				
8 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	2	2530	7 361	<b>Club Wins</b>				

<b>G Grade</b>					<b>A Grade</b>				
1 Margaret Simpson	PAK	5.5	2563	8 366	1 Denise Gordon	WAN	9	4241	424 20
2 Margaret Forbes	HCP	5	2681	6 383	2 Fae Olson	STR	7	4090	409 15
3 Lil Moore	MTA	5	2573	8 368					
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2376	5 339					

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
3 Leila Thomson	LOH	6	3787	379	12	11 Jan Wheeler	WGN	3	3206	320.6	6
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	4141	414	15	12 Doreen Poole	NPL	1	2997	299.7	3
5 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	4018	402	14	<b>Waikato Tournament</b>					
6 Glenda Foster	LOH	4	3895	390	11	<b>7 August</b>					
7 Puti Rowe	STR	4	3881	388	11	<b>7 Games</b>					
8 Lucy Bright	MAS	4	3810	381	11						
9 Lynn Wood	WGN	4	3733	373	11						
10 Gaye Norgren	WAN	4	3669	367	14						

<b>B Grade</b>					<b>Name</b>						
1 Margie Hurly	WAN	7	3992	399	13	Club Wins	Points	Ave	B/W		
2 Roger Tozer	NPL	6	4320	432	20	<b>A Grade</b>					
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	4187	419	19	1 Glennis Hale	MTA	7	3004	429.1	14
4 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	3828	383	6	2 June Mackwell	MTA	6	2899	414.1	10
5 Aliette Hay	MAS	6	3824	382	11	3 David Pinner	MTA	4	2683	383.3	11
6 Paul Lister	LOH	6	3675	368	12	4 Fae Olson	STR	3	2717	388.1	10
7 Martha Morgan	NPL	5	3634	363	7	5 Lynne Powell	NSB	2	2822	403.1	13
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	4	4013	401	28	6 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	2717	388.1	7
9 Rosalie Goldsworthy	NPL	2	3543	354	11	7 May Quigley	NSB	2	2610	372.9	7
10 Jean O'Brien	STR	2	3388	339	5	8 Joy Hunter	NSB	2	2521	360.1	7

<b>C Grade</b>					<b>B Grade</b>						
1 Dave Godman	WGN	7	3885	388.5	12	1 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	2718	388.3	9
2 Norman Wheeler	WGN	6	3873	387.3	14	2 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	5	2915	416.4	14
3 Doreen Davies	MAS	6	3698	369.8	13	3 Puti Rowe	STR	4	2720	388.6	12
4 Marjorie Heads	WGN	6	3415	341.5	8	4 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2639	377.0	11
5 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	5	3778	377.8	8	5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	2646	378.0	5
6 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	5	3573	357.3	9	6 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	3	2612	373.1	9
7 Nita Oldham	WAN	5	3544	354.4	8	7 Georgie Offringa	NSB	2	2698	385.4	6
8 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	3513	351.3	10	8 Lynn Wood	WGN	1	2719	388.4	8
9 Jenny Sattler	NPL	3	3397	339.7	3	<b>C Grade</b>					
10 Betty Erikson	WAN	3	3396	339.6	6	1 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	3069	438.4	16

<b>D Grade</b>					<b>Name</b>					
1 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	9	4240	424	18	Club Wins	Points	Ave	Bonus	
2 Eileen McLean	IND	9	4057	405.7	19	<b>A Grade</b>				
3 Shirley Tozer	NPL	8	3664	366.4	7	1 Denise Gordon	WAN	9	4241	424 20
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	6	3769	376.9	8	2 Fae Olson	STR	7	4090	409 15
5 Olive Heath	AVA	5	3504	350.4	5					
6 Helen Gilbert	NPL	5	3460	346	4					
7 George Autridge	NPL	4	3331	333.1	5					
8 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	4	3136	313.6	6					
9 Jane Walton	HAM	3	3293	329.3	7					
10 Margaret Schimanski	NPL	3	3254	325.4	4					

**Waikato Tournament**  
**7 August**  
7 Games

<b>D Grade</b>					
1 Glenda Geard	IND	6	2875	410.7	9
2 Bev Barker	MTA	6	2834	404.9	7
3 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	4	2701	385.9	7



## Hamilton Tournament 8 August 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
4 Jean O'Brien	STR	4	2548	364.0
5 Margaret Bundock	NSB	3	2514	359.1
6 Dave Godman	WGN	2	2624	374.9
7 Peggy Hebden	NSB	2	2561	365.9
8 Isobel Zyp	HAM	1	2307	329.6

E Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Annette Coombes	WAI	6	2754	393.4
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	2630	375.7
3 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	2482	354.6
4 Neville James	WAI	3	2534	362.0
5 Jane Walton	HAM	3	2493	356.1
6 Phyl Wilson	TPO	3	2410	344.3
7 Alveen Seon	MTA	3	2347	335.3
8 Eileen McLean	IND	2	2398	342.6

F Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Valerie Holbrook	PAK	5	2685	383.6
2 Win Heaven	HAM	5	2600	371.4
3 Margaret Simpson	HAM	4	2583	369.0
4 Elsie Pugh	HAM	4	2511	358.7
5 Dawn Kitzen	HCP	3	2765	395.0
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	2547	363.9
7 Tania Pearson	STR	3	2458	351.1
8 Bridget French	TOK	1	2452	350.3

G Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Margaret Mourant	MTA	6	2656	379.4
2 Suzanne Anderson	PAK	5	2563	366.1
3 Val Worth	TOK	4	2699	385.6
4 Ed Olson	STR	4	2549	364.1
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2394	342.0
6 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	3	2432	347.4
7 Delcie MacBeth	IND	2	2639	377.0
8 Kim Graham	WAI	0	2104	300.6

H Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Steven Brown	WAI	6	2406	343.7
2 Elaine King	MTA	5	2303	329.0
3 David Sutcliffe	WAI	5	2232	318.9
4 Grant Waghorn	WAI	5	2086	298.0
5 Barbara Conchie	WAI	3	2316	330.9
6 Marie Kingi	HCP	3	2026	289.4
7 May Gale	HAM	1	2135	305.0

A Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave	B/W
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	2917	416.7	12
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	2919	417.0	13
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2878	411.1	11
4 John Foster	MTA	4	2834	404.9	9
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	2755	393.6	11
6 Fae Olson	STR	3	2630	375.7	11
7 May Quigley	NSB	2	2455	350.7	8
8 Glynis Jennings	MTA	0	2525	360.7	8

B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave	B/W
1 June Mackwell	MTA	6	2635	376.4	8
2 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2698	385.4	13
3 Joy Hunter	NSB	4	2541	363.0	6
4 Dorothy Pinner	MTA	3	2781	397.3	13
5 David Pinner	MTA	3	2754	393.4	7
6 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	3	2685	383.6	7
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2636	376.6	6
8 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	2	2420	345.7	6

C Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave	B/W
1 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	2805	400.7	9
2 Reeve Pearson	STR	4	2784	397.7	13
3 Georgie Offringa	NSB	4	2774	396.3	12
4 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	4	2739	391.3	12
5 Jo Jackson	HAM	4	2597	371.0	5
6 Anne Warner	ROD	3	2757	393.9	7
7 Puti Rowe	STR	3	2455	350.7	5
8 Ann Candler	NSB	2	2576	368.0	8

D Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave	B/W
1 Betty Gibb	HAM	7	2727	389.6	10
2 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	2830	404.3	8
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	2685	383.6	12
4 Marj Baillie	HAM	4	2702	386.0	9
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	2609	372.7	5
6 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2589	369.9	9
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	2	2463	351.9	8
8 Cathy Woods	MTA	0	2124	303.4	1

## Dunedin Tournament 14 August 1993 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	6	2719	388.4
2 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	2567	366.7
3 Lyn Toka	HAM	4	2565	366.4
4 Carole Coates	HAM	3	2610	372.9
5 David Gunn	WAI	3	2518	359.7
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2663	380.4
7 Jean O'Brien	STR	2	2659	379.9
8 Isobel Zyp	HAM	2	2507	358.1

E Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Alveen Seon	MTA	5	2729	389.9
2 Conny von Tilburg	MTA	5	2582	368.9
3 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	2639	377.0
4 Jane Walton	HAM	4	2501	357.3
5 Annette Coombes	WAI	4	2482	354.6
6 Tania Pearson	STR	3	2594	370.6
7 Daph Watson	HAM	3	2545	363.6
8 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2412	344.6
9 Elsie Pugh	HAM	3	2347	335.3
10 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	1	2368	338.3

F Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Delcie MacBeth	IND	5.5	2591	370.1
2 Mary Curtis	MTA	5	2656	379.4
3 Christine Trubuhovich	MTA	4.5	2437	348.1
4 Dawn Kitzen	HCP	4	2650	378.6
5 Shirley Martin	HAM	3.5	2440	348.6
6 Shirley Robinson	NSB	3	2644	377.7
7 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3	2585	369.3
8 Wayne Woods	MTA	2.5	2529	361.3
9 Win Heaven	HAM	2	2634	376.3
10 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	2329	332.7

G Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave B/W
1 Margaret Mourant	MTA	6	2757	393.9
2 Pam Mayall	HAM	6	2532	361.7
3 Val Worth	TOK	5	2693	384.7
4 Jillian Greening	HAM	5	2664	380.6
5 Elaine King	MTA	4	2478	354.0
6 Ed Olson	STR	2	2316	330.9
7 May Gale	HAM	2	2298	328.3
8 Kim Graham	HAM	2	2251	321.6
9 Marie Kingi	HCP	2	2046	292.3
10 Daniel Edgeler	TOK	2	2026	289.4

A Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave B/W
1 Bill Grigg	DUN	6	2830	404.3
2 Anne Stewart	DUN	4	2799	399.9
3 Alan Boyd	DUN	4	2629	375.6
4 Anna Harraway	OAM	4	2367	338.1
5 Jo Burnside	DUN	3	2706	386.6
6 Liz Ross	DUN	3	2632	376.0
7 Marian Ross	DUN	3	2503	357.6
8 Kathleen Barker	DUN	1	2302	328.9

B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave B/W
1 Hilda Richardson	OAM	5	2390	341.4
2 Shirley Murcott	OAM	5	2183	311.9
3 Penny Irvine	DUN	4	2384	340.6
4 Laney de Gooyer	OAM	4	2311	330.1
5 Dorothy Latta	IND	4	2187	312.4
6 Alice Doust	DUN	3	2069	295.6
7 Elvira Steel	DUN	2	1842	263.1
8 Ian Ross	DUN	1	2013	287.6



## New York August 27 - 30

Name	Country	Wins-Losses	Spread
1 Mark Nyman	UK	) Nyman won final	
2 Joel Wapnick	CAN	) 3 games to 2	
3 David Gibson	US	) Gibson won playoff	
4 Gareth Williams	WALES	) 3 games to 2	
5 Allan Saldanha	UK	13-5	+951
6 Robert Felt	US	12-6	+642
7 Michael Sigley	NZ	12-6	+467
8 Bob Schoenman	US	12-6	+131



Name	Country	Wins-Losses	Spread	Name	Country	Wins-Losses	Spread
9 Clive Spate	UK	11-7	+530	52 Nuala Clenaghan	N IRE	7-11	-245
10 Joel Sherman	US	11-7	+526	53 Larry Benjamin	S AFR	7-11	-331
11 Adam Logan	CAN	11-7	+477	54 Jerry Lerman	US	7-11	-424
12 Peter Morris	US	11-7	+421	55 John Holgate	AUS	7-11	-617
13 Phil Nelkon	UK	11-7	+336	56 Bob Jackman	AUS	6.5-11.5	-525
14 Richard Lund	US	11-7	+224	57 Candido Filio	PHIL	6.5-11.5	-588
15 Lisa Odom	US	11-7	+221	58 Rita Norr	US	6-12	-372
16 John Catto	SCOT	10-8	+557	59 Kunihiko Kurodo	JAP	6-12	-913
17 Randy Greenspan	US	10-8	+541	60 Eileen Meghan	IRE	6-12	-950
18 Joe Edley	US	10-8	+495	61 Raja Abdullah	MALAY	6-12	-1205
19 Di Dennis	UK	10-8	+399	62 Amirali Alimohamed	GULF S	5-13	-1237
20 Blue Thorogood	NZ	10-8	+326	63 Lynn Roff	S.AFR	5-13	-867
21 Russell Byers	UK	10-8	+215	64 Winnie Yeh	HONG K	3-15	-896
22 Darrell Day	US	10-8	+204				
23 Bob Lipton	US	10-8	+196				
24 Jeff Grant	NZ	10-8	+188				
25 Zev Kaufman	CAN	10-8	+26				
26 Amnuay Ploysangnam	THAI	10-8	-433				
27 Patrick Nderitu	KENYA	9-9	+743				
28 Matt Graham	US	9-9	+319				
29 Ong-Arj Jarawan	THAI	9-9	+274				
30 Brian Capalletto	US	9-9	+272				
31 Nick Ballard	US	9-9	+168				
32 Peter Elbourne	MALTA	9-9	+52				
33 M Warusawathirana	SRI L.	9-9	+34				
34 John Luebkekmann	US	9-9	-141				
35 Tony Sim	SING	9-9	-164				
36 Pete Finley	UK	9-9	-230				
37 Johnny Nevarez	US	9-9	-293				
38 Steven Gruzd	S.AFR	9-9	-362				
39 Robin Pollock	CAN	8-10	+463				
40 Joan Rosenthal	AUS	8-10	+62				
41 Karl Khoshnaw	UK	8-10	-34				
42 Roland Filio	GULF S	8-10	-48				
43 Evan Cohen	ISRAEL	8-10	-113				
44 John Grayson	UK	8-10	-177				
45 Geoff Wright	AUS	8-10	-379				
46 Ishtiaq Chishty	GULF S	8-10	-482				
47 Ken Heaton	UK	8-10	-737				
48 Paloma Raychbart	ISRAEL	7.5-10.5	-259				
49 Magwanga Onani	KENYA	7.5-10.5	-391				
50 Lynne Butler	NZ	7-11	+190				
51 Jim Neuberger	US	7-11	-123				

## Highest Single Word Played

ACQUITES 230 John Grayson UK

## High Game

739 Karl Khoshnaw UK  
(Included 2 triple-triples)

Perhaps the most interesting start at the World Champs was when a player opened with HONESTY and his opponent responded with AMENTIA directly underneath, forming the seven two-letter words HA, OM, NE, EN, ST, TI and YA.



## NZ Scrabble Records

Shown below is the current list of NZ Scrabble records.  
If anyone can improve on or correct any of the entries, please let us know.

Record	Tournament Level		Club Level	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	763	John Foster (Mt Albert)
Lowest Game Score	124	Elvira Steel (Dunedin)	71	Melanie Neilsen (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 (New Plymouth) & Glenyss Buchanan (Lower Hutt)	458	Kevin Edgeler (Tokoroa) & Florence Veldhuizen (Tokoroa)
Lowest Drawn Game	255	Letitia Vaitapu (Dunedin) & Shirley Murcott (Oamaru)	312	Elsie Tucker (Hastings) & Audrey Nelson (Hastings)
Highest Single Turn	203	Andrew Bradley Correne James Lynne Powell	284	Sheryl Davidson (Howick-Pak)
Highest Combined Score	1060	Lynne Powell (NS Bays) & Jeff Grant (Hastings)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (Papakura) & Chris Hooks (Mt Albert)
Lowest Combined Score	346	Ed Olson (Stratford) & Marie Kingi (Pap/Holy Cross)	259	Elvira Steel (Dunedin) & Melanie Neilsen (Dunedin)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (Wanganui)	468	Andrew Bradley (Mt Albert)
Highest Take-off	52	Andrée Prentice (Wanganui)	68	Andrew Bradley (Mt Albert)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	—	—	13	David Lloyd (Mt Albert)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	1761	Glenyss Buchanan (Lower Hutt)
Lowest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	538	Chris Williams (Hastings)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NS Bays)	5	John Foster (Mt Albert)