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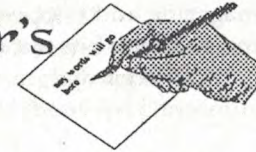
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## Editor's Note



Another Scrabble year draws to a close. Congratulations to Mt Albert, Wanganui, Rodney and Dunedin clubs for their recent tournaments, and to Patrick for organising the 3rd Auckland Residential Champs. The 1995 Scrabble Calendar is set out on page 5, and it looks like there could be 16 tournaments in New Zealand next year, as well as the Norfolk Island Festival and World Champs. Thanks to Glennis for collating the dates.

On the subject of the World Championship, thanks to the efforts of UK Scrabble organiser Philip Nelkon we have information on the event a year in advance. This is great! Details of the 1995 Championship appear on page 26.

Words are in the news, with the latest Chambers Dictionary already in the shops and OSW3 due anytime. A useful addition to OSW3 is a list of all allowable 2 and 3-letter words and their definitions. However, the words GUP, GUR and TOW have been omitted, so you can write these in if you like. The Official 2/3/4 letter list will be updated ready for adoption at the next AGM.

Still with words, it's good to hear the Americans have reached a 'solid compromise' on the offensive words issue. It seems competitive Scrabble both in the States and other OSPD

countries will not be affected.

How many of you own *The Word List*, an Australian production containing Scrabble words from both OSW and OSPD? It's a marvellous book, but beware, there are omissions, notably DIDDLEYS, DAYLIT, INOCULA and OUTSWARE. I believe an update to include OSW3 words is imminent.

Did you see Roy Colbert's Signature magazine article? Pam Robson (Waikato) kindly sent me a copy, and Bill Grigg (Dunedin) lent me his magazine too. Good publicity for Scrabble — quite a buzz to see all those colour photos.

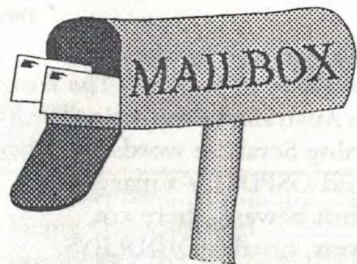
Something to look forward to in the next issue — Doreen Ogston has recently returned from a trip to the UK and America, where she played Scrabble with current US champion and no. 1 rated player David Gibson. We hope to run a piece on Doreen's exploits.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has contributed to Forwards during the year, and particularly to Glenda for the superb layout and graphics.

Enjoy the holidays. Let's hope there's plenty of sunshine. I'll be giving Scrabble a rest for a while, and getting into some tennis and golf. See you at Pakuranga at the end of January.

Closing date for the March issue is 25 February.

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy Scrabbling in '95**  
Jeff



## Hints and Lists

I was sorry to hear of Ian Patterson's retirement. A lot of us are going to miss *Bonus Babble* and all the helpful tips from Otarine Pants. I find his word lists really useful too.

Doreen Ogston  
Christchurch

[I'm sure many Scrabblers will share your sentiments regarding *Bonus Babble*. You can still order Ian's Word Lists up until 31/1/95. He does not intend updating them with OSW3, but hopefully someone else will take on this task. — Ed]

## Scrabble in the Skies

I thought I should drop you a line to tell you there will be a Scrabble story in an upcoming issue of the Ansett in-flight magazine *Southern Skies* (maybe October or November issue). I do a few things for this magazine and when I saw an amusing piece on Ian Patterson in our local newspaper a few months ago I thought there was story there. Ian, of course, doesn't play anymore, but I did the story on Peter Sinton instead, although it is a lot more about Scrabble than it is about Peter.

Anyway, Ian lent me a whole lot of stuff and I pillaged a bit from *Forwards*, so I'm just writing to say

thanks for editing a fascinating magazine and I hope you don't mind me pinching bits out of it!

Kind regards

Roy Colbert  
Dunedin



Top South Island Scrabbler Peter Sinton (Dunedin) as he appears in the Oct-Nov *Signature* magazine

## Asian Pacific Scrabble

We are proposing to Spears (here and UK) that an Asian Pacific Scrabble Championship be held in 1996 to cater for players in this part of the world. The likely venue would be Melbourne (Auckland in 1998?). Hopefully the top two place-getters would qualify automatically for the 1997 World Champs.

— Will any Kiwis be coming to the Double Dictionary Open Tournament

in Gold Coast next April?

I notice that US players are now allowed to play naughty words in tournaments only (between consenting adults!).

All the best.

John Holgate  
Australia

[A two-yearly Asian Pacific Scrabble Championship sounds like a great idea! Let's hope it gets plenty of support. The Australian Double Dictionary event is on 15-17 April, 1995 (Easter), which clashes with the NZ Masters unfortunately. If anyone would like an entry form for this 3-day tournament in Queensland please let me know. — Ed]

## Just Words

To me the four-letter beginning with F\*\*\* would be the most offensive ever created.

Picture the elderly couple swooning in ecstasy as they listen to their favourite music. Their dog lies blissfully at their feet. Suddenly an almighty **stench** fills the air. Mother glares at Father but he shakes his head vigorously. "It's not me, I didn't do it — it's her," he says, pointing to the dog. Mother turfs them both out the door.

The deleting of so-called offensive words reminds me of a game I played against a lady of great esteem in my book; a Mt Albert player. I had **BULLSHI** on my rack and would you believe it there were Ts everywhere. I glanced at her and there she sat, a gentle and gracious lady and I couldn't play my tiles. Instead I opted for **BULLET**. Now! Had that been anyone

else the word would have gone down like a shot. Only now do I understand why **SNIGGER** gets played a lot against me. Could it be my opponents think **NIGGERS** might offend me? Of course it would, they should play **GINs** for 5 points.

Well folks, another Xmas approaches (hurrah) and I look forward to seeing you all next year. Have a Merry Xmas everyone — **and** nooo stiffCHEs Glennis H ... And Jeff, is your **RIDICULOUSER** an offensive word? I can't find it in my dictionary.

Arohanui

Georgie Offringa  
North Shore Bays

[**RIDICULOUSER** may well offend a language purist. However, it's not much worse than the allowable Scrabble word **CURIOUSER**, and it's not in the same league as the likes of **IMPERTURBABLEST**, used by Scottish historian Thomas Carlyle. — Ed.]

## Puzzle Pleasure

What a thrill! I was so excited when I opened the parcel and found I'd won the competition — it really made my day. Thank you so much.

I enjoy doing your puzzles, even though I know I may be an also-ran again. The challenge can't be resisted. I really look forward to the magazine and always learn something I didn't know — it's great!

Kindest regards

Dorothy Haining  
Rodney

[Thanks for your comments. Perhaps a few more people could give the puzzles a try. — Ed.]

### Scrabble Travel

Mention was made in the September magazine of a Scrabblor in Australia who took three days to drive from Sydney to Perth. This problem is not so bad because there is no stretch of water between these two cities, so it is not necessary to book your car on a ship. Getting to tournaments can be difficult in New Zealand as one sometimes has to cross Cook Strait by boat even if a Scrabble player chooses to drive his car instead of using public transport.

The reason South Island players miss out on going to North Island Scrabble tournaments is not just because of the cost, but also because the entry forms often arrive too late for players to plan their travel even if a billet is available.

**Alan Boyd  
Dunedin**

[Most Scrabble tournaments are held at regular times of the year, and entry forms are generally sent to club secretaries well in advance. Also, a calendar of events for the following 12 months is published in each December Forwards (see page 5), so everyone can plan ahead. — Ed.]

### Worthy Mention

Doreen O'Shea broke the Hastings club record with a score of 630 against Nola Steevens on 3rd November. An unusual feature of the game was that there was an unused block of 8 x 7 squares left at the end. Doreen actually reached 631, but both players had to deduct a point when they were caught with unplayable tiles (U and L). This is a rare occurrence in such a high-scoring game.

*ANAGRAM  
CORNER*

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters. Some words can be changed with only minor surgery, such as STALE to SLATE, POSTMAN to TOPSMAN, and the three anagrams of birth — PATERNAL, PARENTAL, PRENATAL. By moving the first letter of her name to the end, former Tokoroa player GINA SWANSON becomes IN A SWAN-SONG while a Dunedin stalwart spoonerises to GRILL BIGG!

Here are some more Scrabblers' names that have been altered only slightly. Can you work out who they are?

BLUE, HOT OR GOOD?    GAY MALE  
PETER'S NO NIT        HAD PARKER PEN  
JOHN ROMEO            JOHN WAIN

### Scrabble in the Media

The organisers of this year's US Scrabble Championships stated that the event 'earned more media coverage than ever before' — doubtless better than the last World Championship when participants were surprised there was so little local or national coverage, or so it was perceived. In fact monitoring reports showed that 121 telecasts, 110 radio broadcasts and over 100 newspaper and magazine articles featured the Scrabble tournament.

### Culturally Correct

We received a puzzle entry from Rhoda of Rodney, who closed thus: "I'd like to sign myself Dwarf Fatso Pommy Sheila, but to be culturally and politically correct I suppose I should say vertically challenged, cuddly, British person of the female sex (or is 'sex' an offensive word too?)."

## Scrabble Calendar 1995

<b>January</b> M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>February</b> M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<b>March</b> M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>April</b> M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
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Date	Tournament	Date	Tournament
Howick-Pakuranga	Sat 28 January	New Plymouth +	July to be advised
Tokoroa	Sat 25 February	Waikato	Sat 12 August
Wellington	Sat/Sun 18-19 March	Hamilton	Sun 13 Aug
NZ Masters	Sat-Mon 15-17 April	Dunedin Open	Sat/Sun 9-10 September
North Shore Bays	Sat 29 April	Christchurch 'Mini'	Sat 16 September
South Is Champs (Christchurch)	Sat/Sun 20-21 May	Mt Albert	Sat/Sun 30 Sept-1 Oct
NZ Nationals	Sat/Sun 3-4 June	Wanganui	Sat/Sun 21-22 Oct
Otago Open Champs	Sat 17 June	World Champs London	Wed 1 - Sun 5 November
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	Sat 1 July	Rodney #	November to be advised

## 1994 Home Championship

This was the 3rd year for the Auckland Home Championship and its most successful yet. There were 13 players in each of the 4 grades at the start of the year, however due to illness and other reasons, only 12 players in each grade made it through to the end of the year.

The rules this year were that a final would only be held if there was a tie on wins for the top two players in any grade. In the end this wasn't needed, although in the B grade Sheryl Davidson held out Georgie Offringa by just one game to win. Blue Thorogood, Joan Pratt and Marianne Patchett were convincing winners of the A, C and D grades.

Name	Wins	Avgc	Name	Wins	Avgc
<b>A Grade</b>			<b>B Grade</b>		
1 Blue Thorogood	37	449	1 Sheryl Davidson	35	391
2 Patrick Carter	31	418	2 Georgie Offringa	34	400
3 Glynis Jennings	29.5	401	3 Maureen Holliday	29	383
4 Glennis Hale	29	421	4 Rob Talbot	27	373
5 Lynne Powell	28	425	5 Margaret Bundock	26.5	363
6 John Foster	27	410	6 Cathy Woods	25.5	360
7 Chris Hooks	25.5	390	7 Hazel Purdie	23	375
8 Allie Quinn	22.5	382	8 Valerie Mills	21	371
9 John Moore	21.5	378	9 Shirley Wyatt	21	358
10 Peter Jones	21	395	10 Joan Ball	19	362
11 Ann Candler	17.5	388	11 Daph Curl	19	350
12 Rita Moore	13.5	357	12 Bev Barker	19	348
<b>C Grade</b>			<b>D Grade</b>		
1 Joan Pratt	33	378	1 Marianne Patchett	28	377
2 Anna Geange	30	376	2 Elaine King	22	363
3 Margaret Mourant	29	370	3 Mary Farmer	21	357
4 Christine Trubuhovich	29	366	4 Wayne Woods	21	356
5 Kay Buffalora	28	349	5 Trish Hellriegel	20	335
6 Liz Catchpole	23.5	351	6 Shirley Robinson	19	352
7 Margaret Simpson	23	372	7 Sue Walker	19	336
8 Lil Moore	21	342	8 Kath Davies	17.5	336
9 Leonora Cole	20	341	9 Lulu Holt	17	314
10 Kate Wignall	17.5	351	10 Marion Butterworth	14.5	322
11 Irene Hague-Smith	17	353	11 Noeline Storey	13	309
12 Mary Curtis	17	350	12 John Storey	7	292

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves this year. Next year the competition will be organised by Margaret Bundock (ph 09-426-5201)

Happy Scrabbling, Patrick Carter

## COMPETITION CORNER



ZAPPY, ZAXES, ZINKY, ZIPPY, ZYMIC (all 62), the 6-letter QUEAZY scores 74, and at the 7-letter level nothing equals MUZJIKS (128). First name out of the hat was Leila — congratulations!

### Scrabble Contest No 37

How many allowable Scrabble words of five (5) or more letters can you get from MISTLETOE? No plurals allowed, and each letter can be used only as many times as it appears in MISTLETOE. For example, STEEL is allowed, but not STILL.

The closing date is 20 February and the winner will receive a book prize. Only OSW2/OSPD2/CED words allowed.

Entries to be sent to:  
Jeff Grant  
Waipatu Settlement Rd  
RD2  
Hastings

Good luck!

### Solution: Scrabble Contest No 34

At last someone has solved Blue's endgame puzzle. Perseverance paid off for Pakuranga's Valerie Mills who came up with the answer just before the deadline. Here is how Player 1 can win. As far as we know, it is the only way.

Player 1 plays HM/HOX/MI for 24 and a lead of 381-363. The AIR set-up threat is removed because of CIGS, and JIRD loses to JIG. The threat of CIGS/GUPS forces Player 2 into JUTS/GUPS for 26 (leads 389-381). Player 1's CIGS/AS for 16 gives a 397-389 lead with only an R left. It also removes the only play-out available to Player 2 — ORA/REI/TID. Since IR can't be played out in one go, Player 2 can only make REH for 6. Player 1's UR and take-off points gives a win by 403-395.

Well done to Valerie for working this out.

### Solution: Scrabble Contest No 36

Some good submissions, but only two entrants scored 100% — Dorothy Haining (ROD) and Leila Thomson (LOH). The highest 4-letter start is JAZY (46 points), for 5 letters there are JAZZY, QUAKY, ZANJA,

### That Takes the Cake



a blank stare

From *The Word Book*  
by Gyles Brandreth

## Scrabblewocky — The Solution

It looks like most people threw this one into the too-hard basket as only one entry was received, from Ron Bunny of Hastings. He was nowhere near even getting onto the right track, but nevertheless I have decided on a fitting prize for him. Knowing his penchant for the bizarre I have sent him a newspaper clipping of a Gary Larson cartoon which I sincerely hope is as incomprehensible to him as it is to me.

I was disappointed that some of the computer/word processor buffs like Robot Blatter or Glenda Foster (and to digress for a moment why, oh why, has she never anagrammed her name to ANGLED FOREST or STAR OF LEGEND or some such?) did not get onto the right wavelength. It was actually Glenda's article Spellbound (Forwards 32) which gave me the idea. Remember the whimsical suggestions from her spell-check, BURNOOSE VANITY for BERNICE VANNINI and JERKED WARDER for GERALD WARNER? Anyway, I started idly playing with my little electronic OSPD, feeding in forename followed by surname without a break up to the maximum of 12 letters which it will accept. For example, GEORGIE OFFRINGA is entered as GEORGIEOFFRI and the machine then effectively acts as a spell-check and suggests one or more possibilities or sometimes none at all.

The complete list of the 53 Scrabblers follows in the order in which they appear alongside the words spawned by their respective names.

Please do not be offended if your name does not appear. I had to stop somewhere, and anyway some names the machine did not want to know

about. Surprisingly, while happily accepting combinations like BLUETHOROGOO or CONNYVANTILB, it refused to have anything to do with JEFFGRANT. I am sure it would have given JEFFING if it was part of its vocabulary, but unfortunately JEFF is an OSW-only word.

JOY HUNTER	JOHANNES
ALVEEN SEON	ELEVENTH
JOHN MOORE	JUNIOR
MAY QUIGLEY	MAQUIS
ROB TALBOT	ROBUSTLY
BLUE THOROGOOD	BLATHERED
RUTH O'NEILL	WRATHILY
ROY VANNINI	REVIEWING
LYNN WOOD	LINEUP
ALAN BOYD	ALIGNED
BERNICE VANNINI	BARONESSES
JOAN BALL	JOINED
MARJORIE HEAD	MARGINAL
CAROL COATES	CURLICUES
JUNE MACKWELL	GANYMEDES
NITA OLDHAM	NATANTLY
CONNY VAN TILBURG	CONVINCED
PUTI ROWE	POTTERY
JOHN FOSTER	GUNFIGHTS
ANDREW BRADLEY	UNDERBUDED
DAPH CURL	DAFFODIL
RHODA CASHMAN	REDCAPS
GEORGIE OFFRINGA	GARAGED
JO BURNSIDE	JAYBIRDS
ANNE WARNER	UNWARILY
GLENNIS HALE	GLUNCHING
ED OLSON	ODALISK
BETTY GIBB	BOOTJACKS
SUE McRAE	SMOKEY
PAUL LISTER	POLESTAR
GLENYSS BUCHANAN	GALLNUTS
LESLEY EDGELER	LASTLY
ALLIE QUINN	ELOQUENT
PETER SINTON	PATIENTEST

MIKE SIGLEY	MUCOSITY
ANN CANDLER	UNKINDLY
ROGER TOZER	REGRESSED
FAYE LEACH	FLASHY
REEVA PEARSON	REVIVALS
LYNNE POWELL	LOANABLE
KEVIN EDGELER	COVERAGES
SHIRLEY HOL	CHURLISH
PETER JONES	PITTANCES
CHRIS HOOKS	CRITICS
FAE OLSON	FALCON
CORRENE JAMES	CORNETCY
RITA MOORE	WRITER
LYN TOKA	LINEATED
LEILA THOMSON	LOYALISMS
DAVID GUNN	DEVOTION
BETTY ERIKSON	BEATNIKS
CAROLYN KYLE	CARILLONED
ISOBEL ZYP	ICEBOXES.

To those who have told me how they have sweated blood trying to anagram the names I can only say I told you at the start this one was a **different** exercise in lateral thinking.

Regards

Jethro Snafflerod

### Stop Press

Another entry has just been received, from Andrée Prentice.

Although Andrée was just as far off beam as Ron Bunny, she actually got 8 of the 53 right by using a totally inaccurate approach. Nevertheless, a reasonable attempt and a consolation prize is on its way.

## Capably Handled

Compilation of *The Chambers Dictionary* was carried out **STEADILY** and **CAPABLY**. Unfortunately these two adverbs have been left out! The omission of **STEADILY** has been acknowledged as a dictionary error and the word included in OSW3. However, **CAPABLY**, a word so common it even appears in the tiny *Oxford Minidictionary* is not listed in either the old or new Chambers Dictionary, or OSW3, so it is therefore not allowed in Chambers-only areas such as the UK. The opposite, **INCAPABLY**, is though. Fortunately the selection of adverbs for OSPD has been handled **CAPABLY**, so the Americans can use this word, as can double-dictionary countries like New Zealand.



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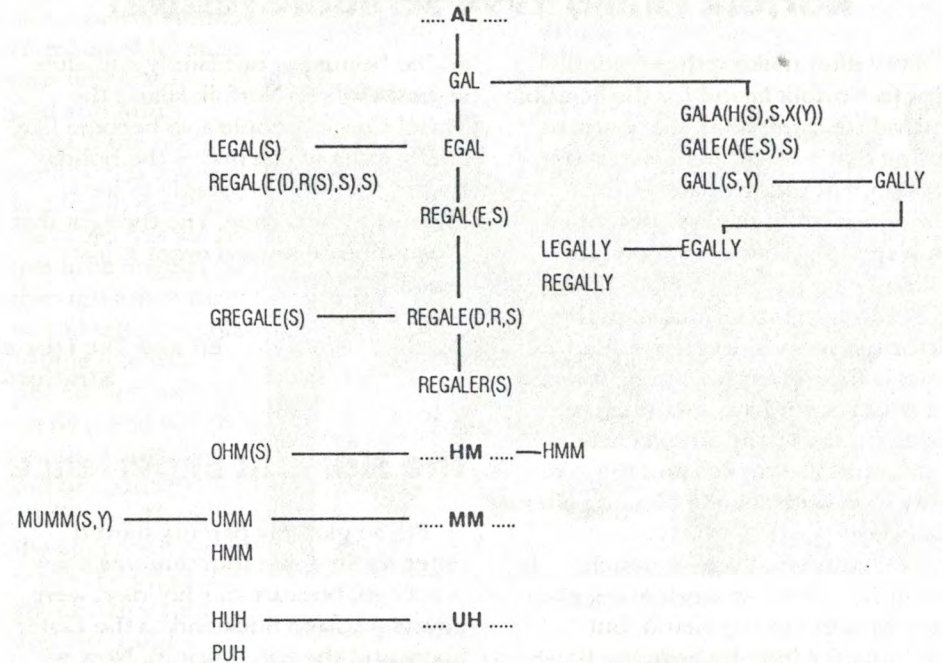
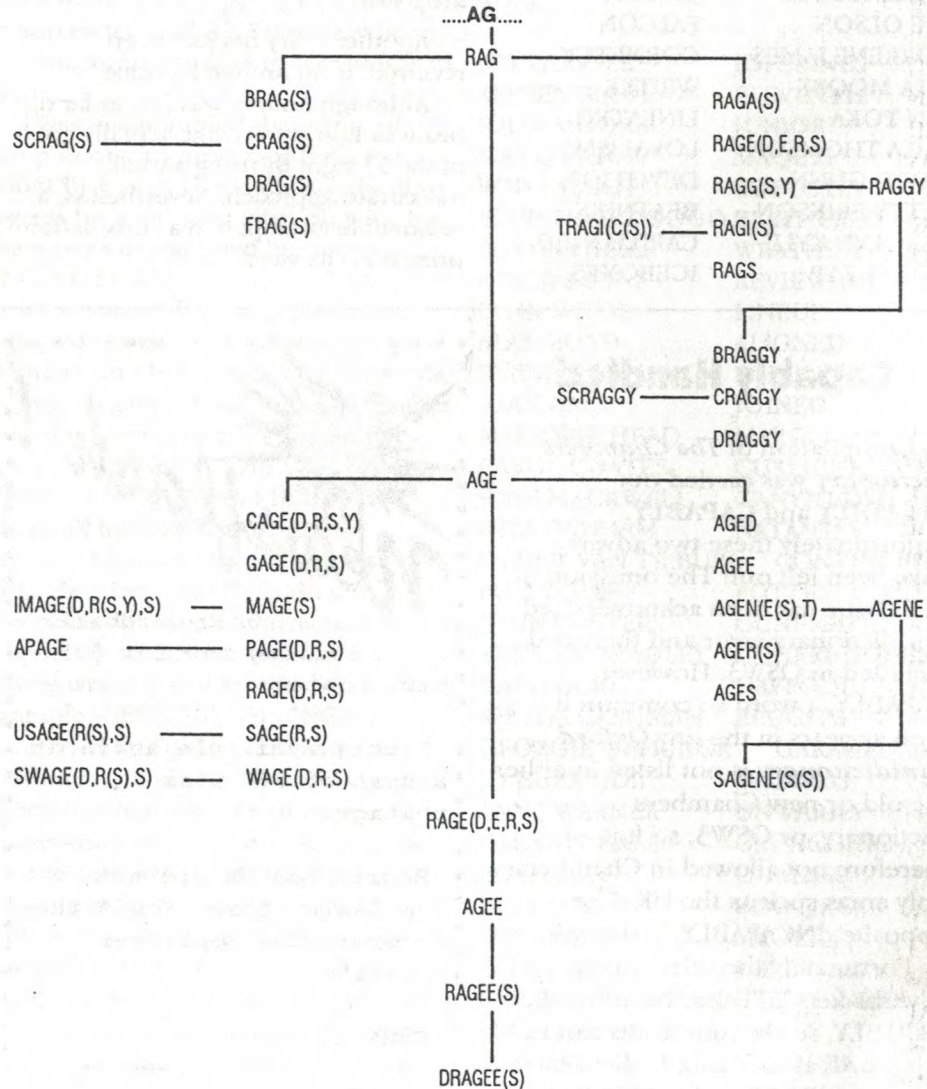
Regret boards are not  
available. Sorry about the  
error in the September  
magazine.

Contact: Bev Barker  
NZASP Treasurer

# When I say Hooks ...

... I mean the whole, bloody rack! (Marquis de Sade)

The Marquis was never very subtle but he knew what he liked. If you, gentle reader (!), like hanging your opponent on the rack and watching them squirm then you had better know the hook on the hook. I've decided to include in this article all the new 2-letter words since they are less likely to have been analysed to death. Of course you still have to put in some work to memorise them but all the real graft and time has been saved. Unless you are into masochism ...



Note: There are many more AG and AL 2-way extensions, unlike HM, MM and UH, which are rich, dynamic hook-stems. If you like this form of Scrabble list, let the editor or myself know.

Robot Blatter

## Aotearoa

The *Dominion* newspaper editorial of September 17, 1994, states:

"Aotearoa ... probably occurred because someone had too many vowels to get rid of at the end of a Scrabble game."

[A pity the word is capitalised, so it will never join the select group of eights containing only two consonants ABOIDEAU, ABOITEAU, AUREOLAE, EPOPOEIA, and EULOGIAE —Ed]

## On the Offensive

We reported in our last issue that OSPD was to delete a large number of so-called 'offensive' terms, much to the displeasure of most American Scrabblers. It now appears a compromise may have been reached. The censored edition of OSPD will be published, but official Scrabble tournaments sanctioned by the National Association of US and Canada will continue to use the previous uncensored edition. Presumably we will also be able to do so here in NZ.

## Norfolk Island 1994 Scrabble Festival

Even after making three biennial trips to Norfolk Island for the Scrabble Festival we came home once again feeling that a week there is not long enough, but unfortunately commitments back here prevent us from spending more time on our holiday.

We have yet to visit most of the historic places, take some guided tours, a fishing trip would be fun and we could never have too much of lazing on the lovely quiet beaches. The restaurants are superb and the take-away food outlets are a blessing after a busy day.

We hadn't really given much thought to how cars and buses, etc. were brought to the Island, but watching the lighters bringing the goods to and from the ship anchored offshore is very enlightening and is another good way to relax after several strenuous games of Scrabble.

David and Dorothy Pinner as usual made an excellent job of organising the tournament, making us all feel special. Having relatives on the Island is an



Dorothy and David Pinner at the prizegiving

added bonus for our family and after several visits to Norfolk Island the Travel Centre people also become like family to us which makes the holiday that much more enjoyable to look forward to next time. The thought that it could be an annual event is just heaven.

**Ed and Fae Olson  
Stratford**

### The Norfolk Experience

I'm so glad my parents started entering Scrabble tournaments a few years ago, because our holidays were always a trip to Auckland to the Easter Show and the zoo (boring). Now we get to travel on a plane to Norfolk Island where we are let loose to please ourselves while our parents are very busy each day playing Scrabble.

The evening we arrive on the Island the Scrabble players and relations gather together at Barney Duffy's Restaurant for a lovely meal. This time I kept my eye on Mr Pinner because last time he squirted me in the face with some trick chocolate.

While the Scrabblers were Scrabbling, the non-players were also enjoying themselves. Shopping, mini-golf, tennis, horse-riding, swimming and sight-seeing are just a few of the pastimes. There is so much to do and not enough time to fit it all in.

Lee Christian organised a really delicious luncheon for

everyone on Monday after Scrabble. Most days when Mum, Dad and Auntie Reeva came home from Scrabble we had lunch ready on the table (yes we are like little angels). All through lunch they would talk Scrabble-babble like who played "ux" and "ot" on who and which bonus words they did or didn't challenge. Then, in the afternoon Mum would be off to the shops like a shot, and we could usually find Dad browsing around the computer shop.

It's lovely and relaxing on Norfolk Island. We would never be allowed to wander around the streets back here in New Zealand. Each evening Scrabble players were meeting to play knock-out challenge games, then there were the daily word puzzle papers to go through. It was lovely to see Agnes Hain again too. The Recreation and Leisure room at the Mini-golf Centre is just the place to hold a Scrabble tournament and it has two of the biggest chess sets that I have ever seen in my whole life. Best of all I love the horse-riding.

It is so easy to make friends on Norfolk Island. All the local people serving in the shops stop to chat. Lee was so kind to us — she arranged for her son, Ken, and my brother to spend time together and on Saturday she took Peter, myself and Jennifer to have



The Norfolk Scrabblers

*Standing (from left)*

Ed, Fay, Margaret, Glenda, Glennis, Wayne, Reeva, John, David, Jeff

*Sitting (from left)*

Dorothy, Ruth, Correne, Liz, Doreen, Helen, Martha

lunch with her and Ken, then we spent the afternoon at her home. I miss Lee a lot and can't wait till we go back to the next Scrabble tournament on Norfolk Island. I wish a lot more children would go, then we could have a Junior Scrabble competition.

While we were on Norfolk Island there were some showers, but it was always nice and warm so we really noticed how cold it was in New Zealand when three days after we arrived back it snowed heavily here in Stratford.

Mr and Mrs Pinner, Agnes and Lee make the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival a holiday to really look forward to.

**Kathryn Olson  
Stratford**



## Chambers Dictionary Errors

The new Chambers Dictionary (CD) and revised Official Scrabble Words (OSW3) will be adopted for use in NZ following the 1995 Nationals. In the meantime anyone who obtains the new dictionary should make the following corrections. Note:— There are other dictionary errors, but these are either covered by OSPD (e.g. STEADILY omitted), or not of concern to Scrabblers (e.g. TOOTSY-WOOTSY misspelt).

Page No	Word	Correction
136	BAROK	correct to BAROCK (under BAROQUE)
162	BEZAZ	correct to BEZAZZ (under BEZZAZZ)
200	BRADY-	provide hyphen (prefix)
252	CAPPARIS	under CAPPARIDACEOUS, give capital C
281	CHAADOR	correct to CHADDOR (under CHADAR)
294	CHERKESSES	give capital C
307	CHTONIC	correct to CHTHONIC (under CHTHONIAN)
313	CIRREPED	correct to CIRRIPEDE (under CIRRIPEDE)
333	COENOURUS	correct to COENURUS
447	DEMI-GORGE	provide hyphen at cross-reference (after DEMI-CANNON)
520	DUIKER	add missing R
555	ENDOW	correct to ENDEW (under ENDUE)
612	FATWA'D	correct to FATWAED
647	FOH	add plurals FOHS and PHOHS
654	FORSKIRT	correct to FORESKIRT (after FORESHADOW)
813	HUIES	correct to HUIS (under HUI)
830	IDIODRAM	delete entire entry
914	CARSEY	add as variant of KAZI
915	KECKSYE	delete (under KECKS)
944	LAPITHAE	give capital L (under LAPITH)
944	LAPITHS	give capital L (under LAPITH)
1034	MAUVLINE	correct to MAUVINE
1034	MAUVELIN	correct to MAUVEIN
1034	MAUVELINE	correct to MAUVEINE
1157	KNUBB	correct to KNUB (under NUB <sup>2</sup> )
1174	OFF-BEAM	add hyphen
1176	OKTA	change to small 'o'
1232	PARDINE	make adj. not n. (under PARD)
1280	-PIIILUS	provide hyphen (suffix)











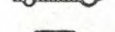











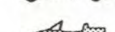

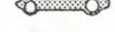

























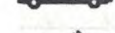







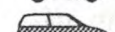

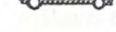


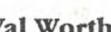

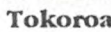
Page No	Word	Correction
1310	PLEBITY	correct to PLEBIFY (under PLEB)
1345	PRAECAVE	correct to PRAECAVA (under PRECAVA)
1380	PROTOZOANS	delete hyphen (under PROTOZOA)
1383	PRURITIS	correct to PRURITUS
1411	QUELEA	change to small 'q'
1444	REDSHARE	delete hyphen (under REDSHORT)
1444	REDSHIRE	delete hyphen (under REDSHORT)
1488	ROBINIA	change to small 'r'
1488	ROBERANT	correct to ROBORANT (adj. under ROBORANT n.)
1518	SALACINE	correct to SALICINE (under SALICACEOUS)
1527	SARING	add as optional pr. p. under SAR
1533	'ZBUD	add apostrophe (under 'SBODIKINS)
1543	SCLATE	make 'n. and vb.'
1637	SOCCEEROOS	give initial capital S
1644	SOMATAS	delete final S (under SOMA <sup>3</sup> )
1701	STORYS	correct to STORIES (under STOREY)
1703	STRAMAC	correct to STRAMACON (at cross-reference and under STRAMAZON)
1764	TANGGOING	correct to TANGOING (under TANGO)
1772	TEAD	correct to TEAED (under TEA)
1850	TRIKE	delete 'abbrev.' (under TRICYCLE)
1857	TROLY	correct to TROLLY (under TROLLEY)
1897	UNREAD	make adj. not n.
1899	UNSHRUBD	make boldface (under UNSHRUBBED)
1901	UNTEMPER	make vb. not adj.
1903	UNWITCH	make vb. not adj.
1937	VICUA	correct to VICUNA
1937	VID	change 'abbrev.' to 'colloq.' (under VIDEO)
1950	VAUDO	correct to VAUDOO (under VODOO)
2035	ZELATRIKS	correct to ZELATRIX

### Snookered

Apparently Thailand's James Wattana, the world's No 3 snooker player, is renowned on the pro circuit for his addiction to Scrabble. New Zealand has its own Scrabbling snooker player (or should that be the other way around?). Blue Thorogood won the Hawkes Bay B Grade snooker title last year and has made several century breaks. He gets plenty of top-line practice in Wairoa with his doubles partner, current New Zealand champ Wyn Belmont. Blue reckons he's going to concentrate more on Scrabble next year, so look out!

# Do You Know Your Car Words??

Report from Outer Space Station

	Transmitted by	CARCELS	
	with	CARITAS	
	to <i>Forwards</i> readers working at	CARREL/S	
	their	CARRELL/S	
	Message reads that certain	CARABAO	
	species of	CARABID	
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		CARNAUBA	
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		CARBARYL	
		CARBONYL	
		CARBOXYL	
	produced in this environment has	CAPYBARA	
	mutated a new	CARBARNS!	
	which prefers to live in	Message ends	

Val Worth  
Tokoroa

## Across the Bored

The following piece appeared in the International Express and was submitted by Olive Heath, Lower Hutt.

"Scrabble is a brutal game of malice, bluff, and psychological warfare played with a board and letters on premises where it is absolutely essential that there is no access to a dictionary.

The object is to bully and embarrass your opponents into accepting more and more unlikely words until your score is beyond their reach.

If, for example, you receive from the bag the letters YLUGXQQ, you must — without any hesitation whatsoever — confidently slap down the word *GLOXQUY*, loudly claiming a face value of 27 points (doubled or tripled wherever possible), plus 50 points bonus for getting rid of all your allotted seven letters.

Challenged by another player, your move is to gaze at him in pitying condescension for a few seconds before carefully explaining that a *gloxquy* was a small goose-feathered implement used by court musicians for wiping the reed of a shawm or other mediaeval wind instrument, but only, of course, during the reign of Edward II.

This process is repeated until all letters, not to mention all players, are exhausted.

NB Should someone try this on you, you must on no account lose your temper. The correct objection when faced with, say, an opponent's *GLOXQUY*, is a light chuckle, a despairing shake of the head, and a gentle remonstrance to the effect that the word is spelt *PGLOXQUY*, the P being silent."

Alan Coren

## How Low Can You Go?

When playing Scrabble on club days it is usual for players to win some of their games. However, it is not possible to win all the time no matter how hard you may try. If the letters drawn from the tile-bag do not make good combinations, or if your seven-letter words just won't go down on the board, and if your opponent seems to get all the good tiles, then you are very likely to lose the game.

Instead of playing Scrabble just to win, it can be a good thing for a player to let his opponent win. This takes away all the stresses and strains that players have when they prepare for tournaments. I had such a game on the last club night at Dunedin before the 1992 Christmas break, while playing with Robert Jones (not the Wellington entrepreneur, but the one in 'A Worthy Mention' — *Forwards*, September 1992). In this particular game I lost by 546 - 125, recording the lowest score I've ever had in 30 years of playing Scrabble. From memory I scored 140 in my first 2-player game when my mother beat me, even though the dictionaries at that time had far fewer words than we use today.

Alan Boyd  
Dunedin

### Disabuse

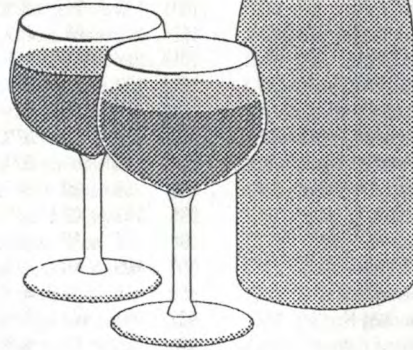
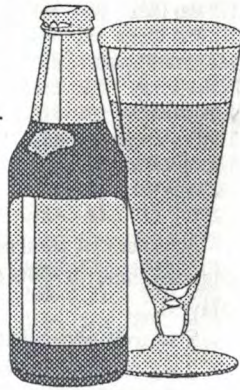
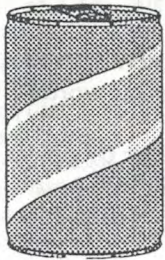
To present your neighbour with another and better error than the one which he has deemed it advantageous to embrace.

Ambrose Bierce  
The Devil's Dictionary



## The A-Z of Dialect Drinking Terms

Just about everyone (Scrabble players included) enjoys a tippie from time to time, some more than others. The language associated with drinking and drinkers would have to be the most colourful of all activities. Anybody who has marvelled at the record of 2231 ways to say 'drunk' in the section 'Soused Synonyms' in *Words* (Paul Dickson, 1983), would appreciate the variety and humour that flows from the tosspot's tipsified tongue. After a session on the demon drink you could be bungfu, psatzed, discumfuddled, arfarfanark, zozzled, obfusticated, muckibus, corkscrewed, barrelhouse, liquefied, snoozamorooed, or just plain



shickered!

Some of the most fascinating drinking expressions are attributable to British imbibers, and what follows is a list of my favourite terms from the *English Dialect Dictionary* edited by Joseph White, first published in 1905. One specimen only has been included from each letter of the alphabet, with the sole non-dialect word being the example for 'X', which appears in Paul Dickson's work mentioned above. I'm sure that you will agree that it is most appropriate.

- A**RVAL money given to hunters, at the death of a fox, in order to buy ale.
- B**LABBERAN the act of making a gurgling noise with the lips in drinking.
- C**AP-STRIDE to drink in place of another.
- D**EW-CUP the first allowance of beer to harvest-men.
- E**KE an additional half-glass of drink.
- F**UDDLING the act of intoxicating fish, a poaching practice.
- G**ARNISH cash extorted from a new prisoner as drink-money for the other inmates.

- H**OWFF a much-frequented tavern.
- I**LLFIT a large brewing vessel used in Shropshire.
- J**IGGER one who works an illicit still.
- K**IDDLIWINK an unlicensed cider or beer shop.
- L**ANTING putting urine into ale to make it strong.
- M**AHOOGANY a drink consisting of gin and treacle.
- N**EWCASTLE CLOAK a tub put over the head of a drunkard and worn like a garment.
- O**KUM-SNIFFY a small but strong glass of hot grog.
- P**INKLE-PANKLE the tinkling sound of liquid in a bottle.
- Q**UILL to ply parliamentary electors with drink.
- R**AMSTAM the strongest home-brewed beer.
- S**ERVICE each round of whisky supplied to the company at a funeral.
- T**OORALOORAL partially intoxicated; this arose from a test of drunkenness, namely the ability to say "truly rural" distinctly — the merry person says "tooralooral".
- U**MBRELLAS an honour paid to a person by drinking their health and then inverting the glasses.
- V**ALENTIA a tin instrument used for getting beer out from the bung-hole of a cask.
- W**AP non-intoxicating ale.
- X**ENODOCHEIONOLOGY love of hotels and inns.
- Y**AFFLE to drink greedily and with noise.
- Z**AWKER a Devonshire tippler.

### Selling Scrabble

With Scrabble sold in more than 100 countries and in over 30 languages you might think it would be a daunting task to find new markets. Not so! The September 1994 edition of *UK Scrabble Club News* carries an article on Steve Williams, Spears Export Manager, who has recently completed a trip to discuss the promotion of Slovak, Slovenian and Croatian Scrabble!

## He's On a Roll

For Joli Quentin Kansil, life has been a fabulous game of dice. With uncanny ability the Honolulu inventor and teacher has tossed one good roll after another.

"He's a man who's been able to follow his stars," said Scott Morris, Games columnist for *Omni* magazine, who has used Kansil as a consultant. "Joli's a man of a million faces. He's an inventor, a teacher, the president of a company, a prince, he's travelled to 190 different countries, he's a member of both MENSA and the even harder-to-enter high IQ society Triple Nine, he's never owned a TV set but has been on *Wheel of Fortune*. His analytical skills are clear off the scale."

No less a figure than the late Oswald Jacoby, considered by many as the foremost games authority of the 20th century, dubbed Kansil "the greatest combination game inventor/game player in the world."

In 1957, when he was 14, Kansil set a certified high score of 3,161 points in a game of Scrabble. The record went unbeaten until he was 28. By that time he'd met his mentor, the noted *NY Times* bridge editor Albert H Morehead, and Kansil began a career as a creator of crossword puzzles for the *Times*.

Unable to round up a third and fourth hand for a bridge match one time, he concocted a two-handed game called Bridgette, which became an international success and was inducted into the *Games Magazine Hall of Fame*, along with only 16 other games including Monopoly

and Scrabble.

Kansil moved to Hawaii in 1966 and there had his name legally changed to Joli Quentin Kansil so his initials would reflect the face cards in a deck of 52. He continues to invent and market games — 31 so far, has travelled to every continent (en route being made a prince in the Sangihe Islands, Indonesia), and has written a book on backgammon that has sold 100,000 copies. Kansil also promotes an international perpetual calendar of his own design in which all weeks are identical and have six days (Wednesdays are eliminated).

Then there's the reformed spelling system he's worked on for almost two decades. "The six letter word 'though' would have two letters in my system," says Kansil. "One advantage is that this alphabet uses 20 percent less paper."

Exactly what such an alphabet would mean to the game of Scrabble is anyone's guess. For now, at least, Kansil is content to beat people the old-fashioned way. He's only lost three games of Scrabble in his life. "Muzjiks', incidentally, is the highest scoring Scrabble word in an opening move," says Kansil. "They're Russian peasants, in case you didn't know."

From the *Honolulu Advertiser*  
July 21, 1994

[Joli Kansil visited New Zealand some years ago. We had been corresponding and he flew down to Napier with his young daughter to meet me. It was a most enjoyable and

stimulating afternoon spent discussing words and word-games. No, we didn't play Scrabble, although I got the impression Joli wasn't an overly serious exponent. He still keeps in touch and thought we might be interested in this piece from Hawaii.

Incidentally, the OSPD-only MUZJIKS (128) is the highest opening move, closely followed by Chambers-only words QUARTZY and SQUEEZY, both worth 126 points. However, if you were using bigger dictionaries, you might get away with QYRGHYZ for 140!

Joli's high Scrabble score of 3161 points is based on a theoretical game. According to the *Readers Digest Book of Facts* the record total score for a complete game is 4454, devised by a certain NZer. I have it on good authority that this theoretical game uses open sources however. — Ed.]

## An Ell of a Tale

At the Wanganui tournament Andrée Prentice asked if anyone had some spare wooden tiles. Georgie Offringa said she could oblige and subsequently posted two L's to Andrée with a letter expressing what a great time she'd had in Wanganui. To her amusement this was Andrée's reply:

Dear Georgie,  
I hope you are still on top of Ruapehu! As for me, I am at the bottom of the Tasman Sea. I have been watching the postie like an

auk with great trepidation and excitement, so last Thursday I rushed to the box as soon as he had come. Somehow I felt something was wrong. Oh yes, your letter had arrived .... but my fingers couldn't feel any tile or tiles! Still, I opened the letter. Nothing in it. On close examination the envelope had a small opening. Like a fury I rang the Post Office hoping that the tiles would be in the postie's bag. On their advice I rushed to the Post Office. They looked at the envelope, took a photocopy, rang Auckland, and declared that the tiles must have popped out of the envelope when the letter went through the franking rollers — just my luck! (Apparently the tiles should have been taped to the letter.)

At the counter they must have wondered at the crazy old woman making so much fuss about two Scrabble tiles! Anyhow, I duly filled in a form explaining the situation. God only knows if the L's will be found at the bottom of their 'Lost Property'. They said it would take time. I can imagine that, so let us cross fingers and pray to whoever is in charge of lost Scrabble letters! Of course, I will let you know of any developments. I guess it will be just a letter apologising profusely.

Arohanui  
Andrée

[A cautionary tale indeed — with a happy ending though. Georgie tells me she posted another L to Andrée — in a large, secure PO envelope! — Ed.]

# Club News

## Dunedin Newsletter

### August - September

Kendall Boyd makes A Grade (round robin) competition for the first time.

### Did You Know?

There are two words in the Chambers Dictionary where all the vowels appear in reverse order. (1) 14 letters. (2) 15 letters. Answers are at the end of the newsletter.

### October

In the Mt Albert tournament Norman Goodger represented the club and finished second in C Grade with 9 wins. Well done.

Kathleen Mori-Barker has shifted to Christchurch. We wish her well.

Welcome to Trish Hansen and Agnes Alcorn. Margaret McKenzie is back after her overseas trip.

Dorothy Latta (IND) is settling into the city meantime.

Dunedin Tournament was held - results at end of newsletter.

Congratulations to Kendall Boyd on his first tournament win.

At the Wanganui tournament Alan Boyd (DUN) won C Grade with 10 wins, Ave 408, 19 bonus words. A great effort. Norman Goodger (DUN) finished 5th in B Grade with 7 wins, Ave 387.

See the cover of Signature magazine for Diners Club. There is Peter Sinton (DUN) with his Scrabble board. Inside

the magazine there are 6 pages of Scrabble talk. It is great free publicity — read it.

### Round Robin (R/R) Stories

Norman Goodger wins A Grade for the first time this year. However, once again the 1994 club champion will be Peter Sinton. Peter has been club champion now for 5 consecutive years. Just a great effort. Norman Goodger and Alan Boyd are fighting it out for second and third.

### Hard Luck Stories

Peter Sinton	483	Glennie Jamieson	510
Glennie Jamieson	445	Alan Boyd	488
Kendall Boyd	420	Peter Sinton	480
Anne Stewart	419	Bill Grigg	421

### Competition Results

#### R/R

1 Peter Sinton	61 wins from 70 games	Ave 434
2 Norman Goodger	43 wins from 70 games	Ave 399
3 Alan Boyd	37 wins from 69 games	Ave 391

#### Challenge

1 Norman Goodger	Ave 423
2 Jo Burnside	Ave 414
3 Alan Boyd	Ave 414

#### Dictionary

1 Alan Boyd	Ave 435
2 Norman Goodger	Ave 423
3 Robert Jones	Ave 411

#### Knock-out

1 Peter Sinton
2 Norman Goodger
3 Margaret McKenzie

### Ladder

- 1 Norman Goodger
- 2 Alan Boyd
- 3 Jo Burnside

### Highest Losing Scores

483	Peter Sinton	(R/R)
445	Glennie Jamieson	(R/R)
436	Norman Goodger	(R/R)
431	Alan Boyd	(Dict)
430	Alan Boyd	(R/R)

### Dunedin Club Tournament

This was held on 15 October. 7 games were played.

	Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Ave	B/W
1	Kendall Boyd	DUN	6	3071	439	13
2	Bill Grigg	DUN	6	3040	434	12
3	Anne Stewart	DUN	5	2915	416	11
4	Alan Boyd	DUN	5	2856	408	11
5	Marian Ross	DUN	4	2755	394	9
6	Jo Burnside	DUN	3	2730	390	9
7	Dorothy Latta	IND	2	2322	332	6
8	Daisy Madden	DUN	2	2304	329	10
9	Penny Irvine	DUN	1	2380	340	10
10	Elvira Steel	DUN	1	1923	275	1

### Highlights

Highest winning score	580	Bill Grigg
Highest losing score	401	Alan Boyd
Highest combined score	877	Kendall Boyd Penny Irvine
Highest turn score	158	Alan Boyd

### Spot Prizes

J 61	Bill Grigg
Q 32	Daisy Madden
X 76	Alan Boyd
Z 48	Anne Stewart
K 66	Kendall Boyd

### Dunedin Open Tournament

See tournament results. Next year's Dunedin Open Tournament will be held 9-10 September 1995. Please note the new month.

### Answer to Quiz

- (1) Subcontinental
- (2) Uncomplimentary

To Jeff and Glenda thanks for doing a grand job on the magazine. We wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Bill Grigg  
Dunedin

## Christchurch Club

The Christchurch Club extends best wishes to Pat and Bob Johnstone on their setting up of a Scrabble Club in Nelson. There is much self-interest in our good wishes, as we look forward to the time when Nelson is able to host its first tournament.

Admittedly, there are a few rivers in between Christchurch and Nelson, but no big stretch of water as there is between the North and South Islands, so there is more likelihood of our members attending Nelson tournaments. Of course, we would love to have your members attend our Christchurch tournaments also.

Regarding the finding of new club members — now there is a challenge. All those strange words we use which are so dear to us certainly seem to put some people off. I find that dropping Scrabble into the conversation whenever you can is helpful — e.g. at the hairdressers, audible enough for other clients to hear, "I'm off to my Scrabble club tonight". Sometimes the person you talk to may not be interested, but know of a friend or relative who is "Scrabble mad". Then you can pass on an information leaflet which you have had photocopied,

indicating venue, time, format, cost, contact number, etc. Your new neighbours could also be a possibility. I am converting Bridge Club players to Scrabble, and have gained one new member this way. Then there is advertising of course, in local and daily papers, notices in Polytech., notice boards in malls, shop windows, etc., and in nearby communities. We have had some success playing at fairs too, though one woman recently, when I asked if she liked to play Scrabble, said with much feeling, "That game drives me crazy"! (Perhaps that is what is wrong with us all.) You may have to start up a small group in your own home at first, if that is possible. Good luck.

**Shirley Hol  
Christchurch**

PS Our next tournament is the weekend of the 20th and 21st May, 1995.

[Some excellent ideas — thanks, Shirley. — Ed.]

## North Shore Bays Prizegiving

The North Shore Bays Scrabble Club is experiencing a revival. About eighteen months ago attendances struggled to reach double figures at their evening sessions. The membership presently stands at 32 with a day session as well as a weekly evening get-together, for the more competitive players, attracting as many as twenty people to each session. In Mid-November the Club held its Prizegiving Day which started off with games of Scrabble played in teams. The

winning team was May Quigley, Rita Moore, George Laing and Leona Litten. This was followed by entertainment provided by those members who had performed at the Nationals and approximately sixty prizes were given out as well as ten trophies. The trophy winners were:

Trophy	Winner	Runner-up
Club Championship	Lynne Powell	June Mackwell
Daytime Champion	Joy Hunter	Betty Stiff
Bonus Word Trophy	Lynne Powell	June Mackwell
100 Pointer Trophy	John Moore	Lynne Powell
Round Robin A Cup	June Mackwell	John Moore
Round Robin B Cup	Ann Candler	Bernard Flower
Knock-out Trophy	June Mackwell	Lynne Powell
Ladder Challenge Cup	Ann Candler	Terry O'Connor
Pot Luck Trophy	Lynne Powell	Ann Candler
Most Improved Player	Terry O'Connor	

At the end of the day President Lynne Powell made a presentation on behalf of the Club to John and Rita Moore for services carried out during the year.



The J can be a handy letter, which can sometimes win you the game. It helps to know the short words containing J. There are 32 with three letters, the least played probably being JAK, JIZ, JUS, HAJ and GJU.

At the 4-letter level there are plenty of odd ones to choose from, including JASY, JEEZ, JIBB, JOCO, JOOK, JYNX, BENJ, HAJJ, MOJO and PUJA.

Here are a dozen of the more unusual 5-letter J-words to bedazzle the opposition.

JACAL	JOKOL	HEJAB
JELAB	JOUAL	OJIME
JHALA	AJWAN	RIOJA
JNANA	FAIAJ	SUJEE

## Different Strokes

What a difference a single letter can make, as aptly demonstrated by *Letter Conundrums* in the March 1994 *Forwards*. How often have you heard comments like "If I only had an A instead of a U", or "I'm just one letter off LIQUEFY"?

I'd like to share with you my three favourite stories about letter mixups (outside Scrabble!). You may have heard them before (two are a little risqué), but I think they may bear retelling.

The first concerns a company storeman who put in an order for 5 tins of a particular product. A few weeks later he was informed his stores were at the railway station. When he went to collect them he was horrified to find a huge stack of tins waiting. It transpires that the poor fellow had accidentally requisitioned 5 tons instead of 5 tins! Oops. I have heard this tale from two people, both swearing it is true. I still find it hard to believe though.

The second story is about a young

girl returning home by train. She is reading a letter from her mother received just before departure, and is looking puzzled. "Can I help?" asks a kindly lady sitting opposite. "I can't quite tell whether this is an 'i' or an 'o' remarks the girl, pointing to a word. "I believe it is an 'o'," offers the lady. With that the girl bursts into tears. "What's the matter?" asks the lady. "Oh," sobs the girl, "Mummy says that Grandpa shot himself last Tuesday."

The third tale features a country vicar who habitually does the crossword puzzle each morning at breakfast, and his landlady always asks how he's doing. On this occasion the vicar comments that he has finished the puzzle, but isn't sure about one of his words. "What's the clue?" inquires the landlady. "Essentially female," answers the vicar, "and it's something —UNT." "That would be AUNT, wouldn't it?" says the good woman. "Bother, you're right," flusters the vicar, "where's that rubber?"

**Rod Bundy**

## Age No Bar

One of the highlights of the Chatswood Inaugural tournament in Australia was the participation of Isla Bairstow, perhaps ASPA's oldest competitive member at 93. Isla said after the event that the experience was more frightening than her last escapade — parachuting from an aircraft three years ago!

from the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board* September 1994

## Rare Feat







A remarkable coincidence is related by Frank Csarics in the September 1994 edition of *Across the Board*, the Australian Scrabble mag.


"On the subject of rare feats, this one could rate us a world record. In the advanced section of the Bendigo tournament on 17/4/94, Sylvia Koelmeyer and Don Marshall drew for the High Word prize with 101 points each. This may not sound like anything special as there have been times when 3 players have tied for the HW prize, except that on this occasion both played the identical word SEQUIOAS."


## Computer Scrabble



I have just started using a very good computer Scrabble package, after hunting around for ages in search of a good program that will work on an Apple Macintosh. In case others are unfamiliar with it, here is my recommendation. The strengths of this particular Scrabble package are:

-  it uses **both** NZASP approved dictionaries, and the author has given me written assurance of a free update when we adopt OSW3;
-  it has over 18 levels to choose from (ranked like our rating system);
-  it has a 'Kibitzer' function which you can use to see what possibilities are presented by your rack and the board. These are ranked and explained, but only if you choose to look, This is a great OPTION;
-  you can search for hooks, anagrams, bonus words, etc., if you want to;
-  you can compare your move with the program's preferences. (It considers the pros and cons of each, taking into account rack leave, position, vowel/consonant balance, etc.) Great insight into a better player's mind!
-  you can make word lists on it and copy them onto a word processing file to print out and learn from;

 even if you don't save each game, you can call up your playing record at any time to check your general strengths and weaknesses;


 it plays a near perfect 'endgame', according to Joe Edley, Associate Director — Clubs and Tournaments, US National Scrabble Association (and top US player).

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 NB I have had it only a week. Do not expect miracles from me (yet!). I hope it will improve my game, but in the meantime it is really fun and gives me a chance to play whenever family and work commitments allow. (I still prefer real people!)

Sue McRae  
Wellington

## The First Queensland Two-Day Double Dictionary Tournament

I had learnt that Queensland was hosting a double dictionary tournament, from the Australian magazine to which I subscribe — and I thought "why not?". It is very hard to unlearn words, so a tournament in Australia had never been on the cards. My parents were staying in Miami which is only five suburbs away from Southport, so here was my chance to combine a holiday with a Scrabble tournament — what bliss.

My one regret was not being able to say farewell to Lucy Bright, as I knew she would die while I was away. Lucy has always been very philosophical about the future, and encouraged me to go to Australia because, as she had said, I could not do anything for her once she was in her box. She wanted quality time in the here and now and that is what I gave her. I said goodbye to Lucy at the chapel at Auckland International Airport, and I know that I chose the right option — the one she would have wanted.

Sheryl Davidson joined me on our journey to Southport for our first Australian Tournament. The venue was the RSL club, and we were greeted very warmly by the Southport Club members who we had met previously at their daytime club.

The boards were all set up ready for play, and shock, horror, they were flat boards! We sat side-on for each game and it was an awful experience. You miss so much not looking at the board upside down and I had forgotten how spoilt we are in New Zealand.

Faye Leach (an ex-Hamiltonian) was there from Bundaberg and as I had taken two swivel boards over, I sold them to her for her club's meetings. The Australians did not want to know about turning boards. The Australian rule of challenging and not missing a turn was annoying too, as I had five words in succession challenged and they were all correct. It is good for the person not being penalised though, and they were very happy when each word was

okay. "Just checking" was the favourite term.

The draw was Swiss style (winners play winners and losers play losers) and each game was a surprise as to who you would play. The last game on the second day was 1st playing 2nd on down through the grade. I played Maryanne Bentley and Sheryl played Marie Knight from NSW. My points were abysmal and I ended up in 3rd place. Maryanne first, Marie second and Sheryl fourth.

The prize giving was one to be learnt from too. All prizes were the same for each grade but in a different colour. They started from novice grade and finished at the winner of the Masters grade. A truly fitting idea, which we may be able to adopt for our tournament.


Anyway, all faults and advantages aside, the tournament was well worth attending and I hope to do it again next year.

Lynn Wood  
Wellington

**"each game was a surprise as to who you would play"**



# INTERNATIONAL



## United Kingdom

The American toy/games company Mattel has taken over the British Scrabble firm Spears. Initial indications are that UK Scrabble organisation will remain pretty much the same.

The British Matchplay Championship was held a few months ago, with 170 players attending, some of whom also made up the 60 who competed in the Ladies' Championship held on the Friday before. Winner of the Matchplay event was Russell Byers, from National Champ Allan Saldanha, with Phil Appleby third.

## United States

The 1994 US Championships were won by Dave Gibson (who came 3rd in the last World Champs), with little-known David Weigand second and Bob Lipton third. Dave won 23 out of 27 games and finished 4 games clear to collect the US\$15,000 first prize (out of a total of \$55,000 in prize money!). Incidentally, he was persuaded to come out of 'retirement' just before the event by his wife. Current World Champion Mark Nyman of England finished a very creditable fifth and now ranks sixth among current players in the US. This is a tremendous achievement given that he has to play with a totally different dictionary. The top three players on the US ranking list are now Dave Gibson, Joe Edley and Bob Lipton.

## World Champs 1995

We have just received the following information on the upcoming 3rd World Championship.

### Date

Wed 1st - Sun 5th November, 1995

### Venue

Park Lane Hotel, London

### Entrants

64 players will take part, with the main allocations being:

- 10 UK + Mark Nyman (1993 World Champ)
- 10 US
- 5 Canada
- 4 New Zealand
- 4 Australia
- 3 Nigeria
- 3 Gulf States
- 2 S. Africa
- 2 Israel

Countries with a single position are Ghana, Kenya, Malta, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Eire, Malaysia, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. It is intended that more countries take part this time, with the final 10 places being allocated to Scrabblers from places like France, Germany, Sierra Leone, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Jordan, Korea, Oman, Poland, Uganda and West Indies.

### Format

OSPD (2nd ed.) and OSW (3rd ed.) will be used, with open challenge (no penalty for challenging any word). APSP (UK) Rules. 15 Rounds qualifying, after which the top four play off for the title. Everyone else plays three more games to decide final placings. Computerised Swiss Draw, with no-one to play a team-mate in the first round, and a maximum of two games against the same opponent in the first 15 rounds.

**RAFFLE** It is intended to once again run a nationwide raffle to raise funds for the NZ players. Please support our team!

**RAFFLE**



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## Mt Albert Tournament

1 - 2 October 1994

### 11 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Avg	B/W
<b>A Grade</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	9	4836	440	19
2 Glynis Jennings	MTA	9	4638	422	22
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	8.5	4628	421	16
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	8.5	4542	413	15
5 Blue Thorogood	MTA	7	5047	459	22
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	4460	405	20
7 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	5	4163	378	14
8 June Mackwell	MTA	4	4271	388	21
9 John Foster	MTA	4	4203	382	20
10 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	4040	367	13
11 Andrew Bradley	HAS	3	4009	364	15
12 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	0	3813	347	9

### B Grade

1 Gerald Warner	ROD	8	4604	419	13
2 Puti Rowe	STR	7	4225	384	13
3 Reeva Pearson	STR	6	4473	407	21
4 Georgie Offringa	NSB	6	4440	404	11
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	4215	383	15
6 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	6	4192	381	16
7 May Quigley	NSB	6	4029	366	13
8 Correne James	MTA	5	4041	367	9
9 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	4002	364	10
10 Fae Olson	STR	4	4272	388	14
11 Jo Jackson	HAM	4	4093	372	11
12 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	4109	374	12

### C Grade

1 Roger Coates	HAM	9	4513	410	18
2 Norman Goodger	DUN	9	4468	406	18
3 Joy Hunter	NSB	8	4470	406	18
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	4247	386	13
5 Paul Patchett	MTA	6	4194	381	15
6 Ann Candler	NSB	6	4140	376	14
7 Rob Talbot	MTA	6	4129	375	17
8 Glenda Geard	IND	5	4153	378	14
9 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	4	3977	362	11

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Avg	B/W
10 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	4045	368	7
11 Lyn Toka	HAM	2	3822	347	12
12 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	3691	336	6

### D Grade

1 Margaret Bundock	ROD	8	4561	415	11
2 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	8	4338	394	11
3 Jean O'Brien	STR	8	4245	386	13
4 Eileen Mclean	IND	6	4206	382	17
5 Maureen Holliday	MTA	6	4135	376	14
6 Anne Warner	ROD	6	3995	363	11
7 David Gunn	WKT	5	4177	380	17
8 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	5	4002	364	10
9 Norman Wheeler	WEL	4	4578	416	17
10 Bev Barker	MTA	4	4055	369	10
11 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	3	4017	365	10
12 Peggy Wallace	HAM	3	3933	358	7

### E Grade

1 Valerie Mills	PAK	8	4454	405	15
2 Steven Brown	HAM	8	4270	388	21
3 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	7	4393	399	9
4 Carole Coates	HAM	7	4226	384	8
5 Joan Pratt	MTA	7	3943	358	9
6 Jane Walton	HAM	5	4108	373	12



Margaret Bundock, D Grade winner at Mt Albert, and supplier of computer scoring equipment for many tournaments.



Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Avg	B/W
6 Maureen Holliday	MTA	2	2554	365	7
7 Pam Robson	WKT	2	2538	363	9
8 Jean O'Brien	STR	1	2539	363	6

D Grade

1 Valerie Mills	PAK	5	2762	395	9
2 Mary Carr	NSB	5	2658	380	8
3 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	2564	366	5
4 Joan Pratt	MTA	4	2744	392	10
5 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2779	397	14
6 Bev Barker	MTA	3	2663	380	6
7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	2347	335	4
8 Clyde Titchener	ROD	0	2360	337	2

E Grade

1 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	6	2734	391	10
2 Adrienne McKeown	MTA	5	2511	359	6
3 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2616	374	5
4 Daphne Parker	MTA	4	2495	356	4
5 Margaret Simpson	PAK	4	2380	340	10
6 Margaret Mourant	MTA	3	2480	354	5
7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	1	2367	338	2
8 Leonora Cole	NSB	1	2255	322	3

F Grade

1 Lil Moore	MTA	6	2636	377	8
2 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	2761	394	7
3 Leanne Field	NSB	5	2668	381	7
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2527	361	6
5 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	3	2401	343	4
6 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	2	2484	355	4
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	2	2421	346	5
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	1	2278	325	3

G Grade

1 Mary Farmer	MTA	5	2492	356	9
2 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	4	2815	402	8
3 Elaine King	MTA	4	2677	382	8
4 Sue Walker	MTA	4	2551	364	14
5 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	4	2548	364	5
6 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	3	2400	343	1
7 May Meads	PHC	3	2372	339	5
8 Ngaira Colville	ROD	1	2320	331	3

H Grade

1 Alistair McDougal	PAK	6	2578	368	8
2 Jean McDougal	PAK	6	2363	338	4
3 Angela Brett	NSB	4	2305	329	5
4 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2220	317	3
5 Merle Spinetto	ROD	3	2275	325	2
6 Ed Olson	STR	3	2138	305	2
7 Vera Burner	PAK	2	2050	293	0
8 John Niwa	MTA	0	1489	213	0

## Dunedin Open Tournament

19 - 20 November 1994

11 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Pts	Avg	B/W
A Grade					
1 Kendall Boyd	DUN	9	5071	461	23
2 Peter Sinton	DUN	9	4789	435	22
3 Alan Boyd	DUN	9	4691	426	18
4 Bill Grigg	DUN	8	4442	404	18
5 Marian Ross	DUN	7	4532	412	20
6 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	6	3822	347	11
7 Margaret Lyall	CHC	5	4064	369	16
8 Doreen Ogston	CHC	4	3949	359	17
9 Elsie Malkin	CHC	4	3605	328	8
10 Shirley Hol	CHC	3	3927	357	13
11 Mary Pinchin	CHC	1	3487	317	2
12 Katrina Kerr-Renwick	CHC	1	3379	307	8

B Grade

1 Kathleen Mori-Barker	DUN	9	3786	379	9
2 Penny Irvine	DUN	8	3512	351	9
3 Dorothy Latta	IND	6	3578	358	7
4 Alice Doust	DUN	4	2871	287	0
5 Brian Horsley	CHC	3	3004	300	4
6 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	2809	281	0



## President's Message

Well another year has flown by, it hardly seems any time at all since last writing a Christmas message for the magazine. An interesting year of Scrabble with the continuing increase in numbers attending most Tournaments. I feel that a special thank you must go to the often unsung stalwarts of the committees of all the clubs for their continuing work in the promotion and management of the Clubs. The Clubs form the foundation of the Scrabble organisation particularly when it comes to Tournaments. A very Merry Xmas to all committee members.

This year has seen some changes

in the top rated players with a number vying to stay in the top 24 for the Masters. Next year sees another World Championship and lots of competition to become a member of the New Zealand team.

I know that all of you have had your own problems and concerns in this year but I would especially like to thank you for your support of Bernice and I. You will see us both back in the New Year raring to go.

So to all of you a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

Roy Vannini  
President, NZASP

## Scrabble Dabble

When I joined a group for Scrabble

I didn't realise I would dabble

With words so numerous, strange and queer

To learn them would take more than a year.

They tell me simply just to play

And then I'll know them all one day.

I now know there's a **WARTIEST** and **WINKLER**

And my task is going to be a **STINKLER**.\*

Denise Brown  
Masterton

\*[Better stick to LINKSTER, STRINKLE or TINKLERS. — Ed.]




Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New Year




## 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 (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Lowest Game Score	124	Elvira Steel (DUN)	71	Melanie Neilsen (DUN)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Lowest Winning Score	176	Ed Olson (STR)	142	Elvira Steel (DUN)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Lowest Drawn Game	255	Letitia Vaitapu (DUN) & Shirley Murcott (NOT)	312	Elsie Tucker (HAS) & Audrey Nelson (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)
Highest Combined Score	1060	Lynne Powell (NSB) & Jeff Grant (HAS)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Lowest Combined Score	333	Ed Olson (STR) & Sylvia Nicholas (WTA)	259	Elvira Steel (DUN) & Melanie Neilsen (DUN)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	468	Andrew Bradley (MTA)
Highest Take-off	52	Andrée Prentice (WAN) & Marj Baillie (HAM)	68	Andrew Bradley (MTA)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	—	—	13	David Lloyd (MTA)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	1761	Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)
Lowest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	538	Chris Williams (HAS)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA)