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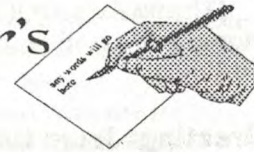
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# Editor's Note



Firstly, many thanks to all those kind people who sent us their Christmas greetings. Your good wishes were very much appreciated by Glenda and me. I hope you all had a great Summer.

The tournament scene is now well underway, with 80 players turning out for the opening one-dayer at Pakuranga. Everything was superbly organised and we all had a most enjoyable day. It was a pity that Tokoroa were unable to hold their tourney, due to lack of numbers. I was looking forward to my annual adjudication stint! Thank you, Tokoroa members and supporters, for all your past work in running this event. We wish you all the best for the future. By all accounts the innovative Wellington 2-day 'no frills' tournament was a great success — congratulations to everyone involved.

Next on the Scrabble calendar is the Masters Championship hosted by the Wellington Club at Easter. Twenty-four of the country's best players will gather for 3 days intense competition, after which the NZ team for the World Champs will be finalised. Good luck to all the aspirants!

Staying with overseas matters, we have heard on the grapevine that South Africa has joined us and gone 'double dictionary' — great news if it's true. Also, the new, revised 'Word List' is now available at \$25 per copy. Contact Lynne Butler (New Plymouth) if you're interested.

Please note the following annual payments are now due:

Affiliation fees	Club Member	\$3
	Independent	\$6
Magazine Subs		\$10

The cost of *Forwards* has been raised by 50c an issue to cover increased production costs. We will try to ensure you get value for money.

While in Auckland recently I visited Correne James and we tackled the new computer Scrabble programme *Maven*, or 'Herman' as Correne calls it. (See Sue McRae's review in the December magazine.) I can report that it is brilliant! We played 6 games on the top level and were lucky to get a 3/3 draw (good tiles!). *Maven* rarely scored below 30 per move, and regularly came up with words like DOVEKIE, FORWEARY, VOLUBIL and CUNABULA. There are levels to suit every player, and various aids that can be used during the game. I believe an OSPD2/OSW3 update on IBM (and Apple Mac) will be available soon. It can only improve your game and it's great fun, so my recommendation is, if you own a suitable computer, get *Maven*. [The IBM version will run under Windows — layout Ed.]

On a sadder note, I was sorry to learn of the passing of Mt Albert character Tony Nicholls (on 22.1.95). Tony was not only a cheerful, friendly sort, but a very good Scrabbler as well. He will be greatly missed.

Finally, thanks to all *Forwards* contributors, particularly Glenda, whose layout and graphics are consistently excellent.

Closing date for the June issue is 25 May.

**Happy Scrabbling**  
**Jeff**



## Howard's Way With Words

I have just been reading a copy of *Forwards* and would like to pass on my congratulations on a superbly crafted, immensely enjoyable read.

As you know, I dropped out of Scrabble a few years ago due to pressure of competing commitments. My only contact these days is when I go home to my parents, Gerald and Anne Warner, of the Rodney Club. I usually play a few games, find out how many new words have been 'discovered' and old words I've forgotten, and read up the latest *Forwards*, for old times' sake.

Over the years I've seen it progress from a basic news-sheet to what must be one of the finest special-interest publications in New Zealand. In my time as a journalist, I've seen — and worked on — quite a few magazines and newsletters. Though all have been much more advertiser-funded, publicly subscribed and technologically pampered, I'd say most would envy the inventiveness, professionalism and all-round readability of *Forwards*.

Also, the level of involvement from Scrabblers everywhere is a tribute to their dedication to the fine, ancient art of wordsmithery. (Almost makes me want to throw my hat back into the ring!)

So keep up the good work, *Forwards* team — and good luck to all you Scrabblers in 1995.

**Howard Warner**  
Once Was Scrabbler

[Thanks for your kind comments, Howard. We really appreciate them. — Ed.]

## Greetings From Hawaii

Hi Jeff,

Just a note to thank you for the kind write-up in your excellent publication. [see *He's on a Roll, Forwards* Dec '94] I continue to enjoy your articles in *Word Ways* as well.

They have just started very informal Scrabble gatherings every Wednesday here. Everyone plays three games with 45 minutes allowed for both players combined.

Spears Co. in London is looking at my 4-player partnership Scrabble game. It's called 'Hot Shot' and is played on a bigger board and has a special implement for setting up one's partner — without interference from the intervening player.

Included are three rules that are adaptable for regular Scrabble:

Kansil Variants

- 1 A bingo (playing all 7 tiles) counts for 70.
- 2 A baby bingo (playing 6 tiles) counts for 20.
- 3 If only 2-letter words are made, the score for the turn is halved.

The game is more wide open with these extra rules.

Best wishes for 1995.

Aloha

**Joli Kansil**  
Honolulu

[We sent Joli a complimentary *Forwards* — Ed.]

## Top of the South

It's always a pleasure to find *Forwards* in the mail — Pat and I vie to

read it from cover to cover. Please note our home address below, as we will be closing the PO Box soon.

Pat says hello and joins me in wishing you a merry Christmas, a happy summer holidays, and exciting Scrabble!

Pat and Bob Johnstone  
26 Marlborough Cres  
Richmond  
Nelson

## From the Mount

As you may know, the Mt Maunganui club is not very active at present, so you can imagine my delight recently on receiving a phone call from a lady at the Mount. It was Maura Teegan who started a Scrabble club in Cork, Ireland, which has 28 members. Their main rivals are the folk from Dublin.

Every 2 years Maura and her husband spend 4 months holiday at the Mount, so she wrote to JW Spear & Sons in England asking if they knew of any NZ Scrabble clubs. They wrote her a lovely letter (which she showed me) and to my delight there was my name, address and phone number — in fact it was a replica of the back cover of *Forwards*.

Every Tuesday afternoon I have been going to the Mount to have a few games with Maura, and on one occasion last month she was really excited. Her daughter had rung from Cork to tell her that on 21/22 January the Irish National Champs were held in Dublin to select a representative for the World Championship in London. The winner was Chris Broderick (female) who won 8 games out of 10 and belongs to Maura's Cork Scrabble Club.

I'll take this opportunity to wish the NZ team a wonderful trip to London, and best of luck at the Scrabble Championship.

**Ngairie Steel**  
Mt Maunganui

## A Big Thankyou

Hi Everyone,

It's pretty tough going at present, but I am getting heaps of support from friends, doctors and God too. I would like to thank the many Scrabble players who have sent me gifts, flowers and the beautiful 'Get Well' cards with their own personal messages which have helped strengthen me.

Thanks also for the many phone calls and the hospital visits. A big thankyou to Lynn Wood for the Travel Scrabble set. The doctors and nurses were most impressed with all our weird words and they think I'm pretty smart. They too would love to see me play the Masters, so God willing, I'll be there.

**Georgie Offringa**

[Best wishes from everyone, Georgie. Hope you make it to Wellington. — Jeff]

## To All My Scrabble Friends

Sincere thanks to you for all your visits, cards, messages and goodies while I was in hospital. I am truly grateful also for your ongoing support.

**Shirley Gifkins**  
Mt Albert

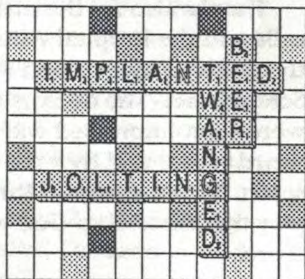
## Unusual Double-Double

During a recent friendly (I use the term loosely) game with Patrick Carter, I made a play which I think could be unusual enough to warrant recording.

I played a 9-letter double-double, on the second double row out from the centre where a 9-letter word is needed to span the two doubles. Unusual enough in itself, but it happened on only my second turn!

Patrick opened with JOLTING (Blank for G) for 92. I replied with TWANGING for 65 and Patrick followed with BEER for 26 leaving TE between the double squares. I then played IMPLANTED (blank for N) for a double-double scoring 106.

Not a happy outcome for me though. Even scoring 171 in the first two turns was not enough to win this particular game.



John Foster  
Mt Albert

## Doreen Meets US Champ

Doreen Ogston (Christchurch) met 1994 American Scrabble Champion David Gibson when she was on her overseas trip last year. Here is how she remembers the experience:

"David Gibson is a maths professor at a college in Spartanburg. He is very quiet, and had to be talked into entering competitions. There are no

Scrabble clubs in Carolina, so I think David plays solo mostly. We had three games which he won by 505 - 300, 541 - 317 and 473 - 379 (I was getting closer!). David played some nice words like REFLUENT, WANTONED and AREOLATE, but I did catch him with one he didn't know — SQUIT. After the games David headed home to do his daily 2 hours swot. I did appreciate him giving up his time and if I had the chance I'd be right back there."

[The Kiwis met David Gibson at the World Champs in New York, where he finished 3rd — Ed.]



David and Doreen with a copy of a familiar magazine

## Double Dipping

From the British APSP Newsletter of December 1994, report on the National Scrabble Champs (paraphrased):

'By the end of the first day concentration must have begun to flag just a little. Mark Nyman and Gareth Williams, not content with their own letters, played with some of their neighbours' as well. Meanwhile the players on the next table had returned the favour and started sampling Mark and Gareth's bag. An almighty mess. Whereas one side had 2 J's and 3 W's, the other had 3 blanks. The adjudicator decided to let the boards stand.

## NZ Words

You will be pleased to know that the following common NZ words are listed in the new Chambers Dictionary, and will become available for Scrabble use after the AGM in June.

BOATIE	KATIPO	SLINTER
DWANG	LISTERIA	SQUIZ
FEIJOA	MARAE	SURFIE
GRAUNCH	MOREPORK	TANGI
GUTSER	NIKAU	TAWA
HOKI	POHUTUKAWA	TOETOE
HONGI	PONGA	TOEY
HOON	PUKEKO	TRIALLIST
HUI	RADIATA	WETA
JANDAL	RAZOO	YACHTIE

There are many more too, such as BOWYANG, DAGGINGS, GIARDIA, GREASIES, KAHAWAI, KINDY, PONCY, RURU, TANIWHIA and ZAMBUCK.

## Medical Mishaps

In the September 1993 Forwards we published The Drongo's Guide to Medical Terms and Their Meanings, kindly supplied by occasional Scrabbler Gail Davies. Now an updated list has been drawn to our attention by Correne James (MTA). Here are a few examples:

BOWEL CAT SCAN	a letter, like A, E, I, O, U search for a hospital feline
ENEMA FIBULA GENITAL IMPOTENT	unfriendly nurse a small, technical lie non-Jewish patient distinguished, well-known
RECOVERY ROOM TERMINAL ILLNESS	upholstery unit airport sickness

In the midst of this Mark and Gareth had an amazing game. At one stage five bonuses in a row were played with Gareth's RIGHTER, MALIGNED and WALLOWED (using the third W) being met by Mark's PLANISHER and PURLINES. In the end Gareth went out with OCREAE to win by one point.'

[How many of you have never taken tiles from the wrong bag? Not too many, I'll bet. If players who came first and fourth at the last World Champs can do it, anyone can. It is probably best to call an adjudicator when such an error does occur, and he or she should tell you that the tiles played must remain on the board. When the games are completed both sets of tiles must be checked and returned to their correct state. Mixups like this are no fun for an adjudicator, believe me. The moral is: **please take care when you are drawing tiles.** — Ed.]

## Worthy Mention

Another high drawn game has been recorded at the Hastings Scrabble Club. On December 1 June Ward and Doreen O'Shea tied 476 - 476, only 6 points short of the NZ record set earlier in the year by clubmates Margaret Warren and Jeff Grant.

In a later game on the same night, Jeff put down the unusual bonus word CTENOID. Undaunted, his opponent Jack Taylor responded with MNEMONIC. Unfortunately neither player could complete the hat-trick with a BDELLIUM or DVANDVA or MZUNGUS.

# COMPETITION

## G R N E R



### Solution: Scrabble Contest No 37

Lots of entries this time, with most people getting at least 63 words out of MISTLETOE. Two entrants scored the maximum 69 — Glennis Hale of Mt Albert club and Leila Thomson, Lower Hutt. First name out of the hat was Glennis — congratulations!

### Scrabble Contest No 38

Without using non-words how is it possible to move after these three blocked starts? What is wrong with one of the layouts?

①	M	②	K	③	G
	FAP		KEV		POH
	MADID		VOX		GORMY
	PIU		XU		HMM
	D				Y

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

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant  
Waipatu Settlement Rd  
RD 2  
Hastings

Good luck!

### Avian Anagram Contest

#### Calling all Bird-Brains

The following are anagrams of 70 different bird names. Some are easy, but most are quite difficult.

Hint: If you have trouble, try breaking them up into bird types (eg eagle, heron, etc), colours or bird parts (wings, etc) and then see if the remaining letters make sense.

- 1 IDLEST PIT
- 2 NOT CHASTE
- 3 REVISE LYE
- 4 RODE SURGE
- 5 SPIN DRAPE
- 6 TRIM PAGAN
- 7 DETECT STIR
- 8 REHANGS KEN
- 9 REVOLT DUET
- 10 SLOW CRECHE
- 11 AIRY BASENJI
- 12 ELECT TARGET
- 13 GATEWAY GIRL
- 14 OKAYED BOMBS
- 15 OTARINE MUSH
- 16 PLIANT WIFES
- 17 PRINCE SANTA
- 18 YOGI'S BLISS
- 19 DO CANDE SAGA
- 20 GROW RESHAPED
- 21 SEEM OUTBUILT
- 22 SPUN DITHERER
- 23 WOKE CLUMSIER
- 24 AX WADING CREW
- 25 CHATTERY SCORE
- 26 CHOKING COUSIN
- 27 GRAVEN HORMONE
- 28 MAD UNKIND CAR
- 29 MOTORING CRANK
- 30 PARANOIC FLIER
- 31 SEAL SPROCKETS
- 32 TRANCER AFRAID
- 33 WARMEST PUNTER
- 34 WARN BIRCH ELF



- 35 WEARING PONCHO
- 36 BARSTOOL SALARY
- 37 COEDITING POEMS
- 38 DRONEST BARBER
- 39 KILL A DORMOUSE
- 40 LITERATE BEETLE
- 41 PEEPING MOURNER
- 42 TENDER DEADBOLT
- 43 THEIR PREDATORS
- 44 DROP BAD FAIRIES
- 45 GOLFER'S MENIALS
- 46 MOCK AT GULLIBLE
- 47 ORDERED WOBBLING
- 48 SHOWERY AEROSTAT
- 49 TUG FROTHY WOMAN
- 50 A THINNER FRONTAL
- 51 CUT FRANTIC ALARM
- 52 ERUPT UGLY NATIVE
- 53 KNOW SCATHING HAG
- 54 PORTER TOURS QUAI
- 55 PREVUED PROWLINGS
- 56 BEWARE LUST BENDER
- 57 DAMN ITALIAN PLACE
- 58 RETAKES LIQUID TEA
- 59 ALL BECAME DRAINAGE
- 60 DRAG WELSH SATANIST
- 61 GAGA WIZENED UMPIRE
- 62 LATE CHEERY SENATOR
- 63 NON FLAIR ACCORDION
- 64 HORRORS CHILL BONNIE
- 65 RAPE DECADENT WORKER
- 66 ROLL OVER THESE HUNS
- 67 CHOKED TOWER DEPORTEE
- 68 PANDA IN GREEN SKETCH
- 69 CASKETED MORTAL COCOONS
- 70 BEGIN TERRIFIC MATING FAD

Send your entries to:

Patrick Carter  
3/160 Mt Albert Rd  
Auckland

before 20 May 1995.

The winner will receive a small prize.

Good luck!

## Opening Out

The British APSP Scrabble Newsletter of February 1995 reports on a recent American tournament where one of the players opened with MOTELIER. Apparently neither player realised the word is not in OSPD (it is in OSW though), or that it contains eight letters! What the Newsletter wants to know is this: if you're going to start with an 8-letter word, why not put the first or last letter on a triple word score and make it a 6-timer. It's a bit blatant admittedly, but at least you would get a decent score, and maybe your opponent wouldn't even notice.

## DAZZLING DOZEN

There are only four U's in the game, but it is surprising how often you end up with two or even three on your rack at one time. Here are a dozen UNUSUAL words which may help rid you of those UNCTUOUS U's, and dazzle your opponents too.

FUGU	LUSUS	FUMULUS
MUMU	RUBUS	DURUKULI
AURUM	WUSHU	TUBULURE
BUTUT	MUTUUM	USUFRUCT

(As an aside, there is a small Hawaiian fish called the HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUAA.)

### Christchurch Tournament - New Date

The Christchurch Club Tournament which was to have been held on September 16 will now take place on Saturday August 19. Please amend your calendar.

## Scrabblewocky - Revisited

Jethro Snafflerod should not be surprised that this competition (*Forwards* No 36) attracted so few entries when he considers more fully what is entailed in solving it. I, too, had a go at solving it by the use of anagrams. Consider, however, what I might have done if I had an inkling that a spell-check was involved. The logical thing to do is to input all Scrabblers' names into a word-processor and then run the spell-check. This would have been easy for me as I have a file with all the names from the rankings list that I could have just copied into my word-processor — anyone else (except Roy) would have to laboriously type them all in. I would then search for matches in the competition text and Bob's your uncle. Unfortunately this approach would not work for three reasons.

### Spaces

People's names are treated by a word-processor as two separate words with a space between the first name and the last name. Thus, taking the name JOY HUNTER, the spell-check would check each word separately. In this case each part of the name is a valid word which would be ticked off by the spell-check as correct. There is no way that the spell-check could possibly come up with JOHANNES as an alternative. In the case of the next name, ALVEEN SEON, the spell-check would check each word. The first alternatives my word-processor gives for each word are ALEVIN SEN. So, again, the word ELEVENTH is unlikely to be offered.

### Dictionary

Let us assume that I figured out that the names had to be input without spaces and only up to the 12th letter. The next hurdle to overcome is what spell-checker to use. Each individual spell-checker uses a different dictionary. In the case of Microsoft Word (my word-processor) the English dictionaries available are British, American and Australian. Each dictionary includes a different set of words. For example, common place-names and people's names are included in each dictionary. You will find 'Sydney' in the Australian dictionary but not the British or American dictionary. The electronic OSPD used by Jethro only includes words with a stem of up to eight letters. This severely restricts the options which it would offer compared to major word-processors and publishing programs.

### Spell-Checking Rules

The last and most difficult hurdle is the rules the spell-checker uses to suggest alternatives. Most spell-checkers work on the 'fuzzy search' principle. That is it looks for words that match on the basis of sounding or looking like the word it is checking. For example, 'f' may be substituted for 'ph' and vice versa, or letters may be transposed such as 'body' instead of 'Boyd' or vowels may be used interchangeably. Each spell-checker uses its own rules and its own way of combining the rules it uses. So when checking the 'word' *rougt*, one spell-checker may suggest 'wrought' while

another will offer 'rough' as its first choice and a third may suggest 'rout'. All of these choices are equally logical. (As a matter of interest my word processor suggests 'route', 'rough', 'roughs' and 'wrought' in that order.) A spell-check in a word-processor usually uses a fairly tight set of rules so that the chances of the wrong word being used are low. However, a spell-check in a Scrabble aid such as the electronic OSPD tends to be far more generous, since the objective is to maximise the possibilities. This may border on the ridiculous, such as the case of GARAGED being suggested for GEORGIEOFFRI. The only common features these 'words' have is the letters G, R and G in that order. Equally logical suggestions using the same rules could be GARGOYLE, GORGEIOUS, and GURGLE. Any self-respecting spell-checker would know that the combination of GEORGIEOFFRI is not likely to be a word and would not even try to make sense of it.

### Experiment

Bearing the above in mind, I was curious to see what I would find if I entered all the names used by Jethro into a spell-checker in exactly the same way as he did. I have four computer programs with spell-checkers and I also use the Franklin Spellmaster, which is more akin to the electronic OSPD used by Jethro. (To digress for a moment, I wonder how many Scrabblers own or have the use of an electronic OSPD which is essential for solving the competition?) I entered all the 'words' and ran each spell-checker. The following table shows the first alternative offered by the spell-check

for each letter combination entered. In the case of the Franklin Spellmaster I have omitted any suggested words that are not included in OSPD. For the other word-processors I have indicated those that are not in OSPD.

The results are enlightening. All the computer programs did not come up with many suggestions — obeying a fairly tight set of rules. It is interesting to note that even the three Microsoft products, which one would expect to work similarly, offer slightly different options. The Franklin Spellmaster offers a far greater number of suggestions, betraying its origin as a word-game and crossword puzzle aid. You will note that in no case did I find the same word as Jethro used in the puzzle. The nearest I got was BLATHERING for BLATHERED, JOINABLE for JOINED and UNDERBIDS for UNDERBUDDED. It is quite possible that the words used by Jethro were his spell-check's second or subsequent suggestions and were more easily incorporated into his story. So you can see that trying to solve the puzzle by using whatever spell-checker you might have available would not be very productive,

### Then What?

The next thing to do if you were aware of all the above would be to work backwards from key words in the puzzle text and ask yourself what name the word might be derived from, assuming the fuzzy logic of a spell-checker. The word MAQUIS is pretty easy as it has a lot in common with MAYQUIGLEY and not a lot with any other Scrabblers' name (the other possible contenders might be MARYCARR and MARYPINCHIN with Q

Name	Electronic OSPD	Microsoft Word	Microsoft Publisher	Microsoft Excel	Corel Ventura	Franklin Spellmaster †
JOY HUNTER	JOHANNES					JOINTURE
ALVEEN SEON	ELEVENTH			ALIVENESS *		EVENSONG
JOHN MOORE	JUNIOR		GODMOTHER *	GODMOTHER *		JOINERY
MAY QUIGLEY	MAQUIS					MADRIGAL
ROB TALBOT	ROBUSTLY		ORBITAL	ROUSTABOUT *		REDOUBLED
BLUE THOROGOOD	BLATHERED					BLATHERING
RUTH O'NEILL	WRATHILY					RATIONED
ROY VANNINI	REVIEWING					RAVENING
LYNN WOOD	LINEUP	LYNWOOD *	LYNWOOD *			LANYARD
ALAN BOYD	ALIGNED	ALLANTOID *	ALBANY *	ALBANY *		ANYBODY
BERNICE VANNINI	BARONESSES					
JOAN BALL	JOINED	JOINABLE		JOINABLE		JOINABLE
MARJORIE HEAD	MARGINAL					MARGARINE
CAROL COATES	CURLICUES		CARBONATES *	CARBONATES *		CHORDATES
JUNE MACKWELL	GANYMEDES					
NITA OLDHAM	NATANTLY					MUTILATING
CONNY VAN TILBURG	CONVINCED					
PUTI ROWE	POTTERY		UPSTROKE	UPSTROKE		PUTRID
JOHN FOSTER	GUNFIGHTS		YOUNGSTER *			
ANDREW BRADLEY	UNDERBUDDED					UNDERBIDS
DAPH CURL	DAFFODIL		DANCER			DAUPHINS
RHODA CASHMAN	REDCAPS					
GEORGIE OFFRINGA	GARAGED					
JO BURNSIDE	JAYBIRDS					
ANNE WARNER	UNWARILY					UNEARNED
GLENNIS HALE	GLUNCHING	GLENISLA *				GENIUSES
ED OLSON	ODALISK	EIDOLON	EDISON *	ETHOS		ADHESION
BETTY GIBB	BOOTJACKS					BEGETTING
SUE McRAE	SMOKEY		SURCHARGE *			SMACKER
PAUL LISTER	POLESTAR	POLLSTER			POLLSTER	PILASTER
GLENYSS BUCHANAN	GALLNUTS					
LESLEY EDGELER	LASTLY					RESETTLED
ALLIE QUINN	ELOQUENT			LAMBREQUIN *		ALTERING
PETER SINTON	PATIENTEST					
MIKE SIGLEY	MUCOSITY			IMMERSIBLE *		MAJESTIES
ANN CANDLER	UNKINDLY	ENKINDLER *				ANACONDAS
ROGER TOZER	REGRESSED					RETORTERS
FAYE LEACH	FLASHY	FAYALITE				FAECAL
REEVA PEARSON	REVIVALS			REEVALUATION *		
LYNNE POWELL	LOANABLE					Longbow
KEVIN EDGELER	COVERAGES					
SHIRLEY HOL	CHURLISH					SHIRRED
PETER JONES	PITTANCES	PETERSONS *	PEREGRINES *	PEREGRINES *		PATENTORS
CHRIS HOOKS	CRITICS				TRISHAWS *	CREOSOTES
FAE OLSON	FALCON		PHAETONS	PHAETONS		FASHION
CORRENE JAMES	CORNETCY					
RITA MOORE	WRITER	RATIFIER	RIGMAROLE *	RIGMAROLE *		RETAINER
LYN TOKA	LINEATED	LYNTON *		LITHO	LENTO	LUNATIC
LEILA THOMSON	LOYALISMS					
DAVID GUNN	DEVOTION	DAVIDSON			DAVID *	DIVIDING
BETTY ERIKSON	BEATNIKS					
CAROLYN KYLE	CARILLONED					CLARINET
ISOBEL ZYP	ICEBOXES					ISOBARS

— sounds like K — being substituted for C). But what about JOHANNES? The obvious choice is one of the Johns or a Joan or Joanna, with JOHNNIWA being my pick because of the double N. Similarly ELEVENTH could derive not only from Alveen, but also an Elaine, Eileen, Elva or Elvira.

I could go on, but I've made my point. As for why I have never anagrammed my name, it's just that my name is so easily anagrammed that I have never decided which is most apt. Some are more complimentary than others, but I don't take any of them seriously. Unlike Jethro Snafflerod, who not only had to enlist the aid of the great Jaffer Gentry but also had to use his middle name, I am spoilt for choice. So, as well as Jethro's suggestions, take your pick from:

FASTED LONGER FLOG DARN TEES ELDER OF ANGST STRANGLER FOE  
 FARED LONGEST LARGEST OF END FALTERED SONG GOLF RATES END  
 GREAT FONDLES GOT FREE LANDS GOLD FASTENER DRAGON FLEETS  
 RESTED FLAGON GRANT OF LEEDS GLAND FREE SOT STOLEN RED FAG  
 DELFT ORANGES FLOATS GENDER SLENDER FAGOT .....etc

Glenda Foster

### More Chambers Dictionary Errors

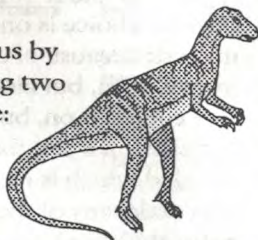
Further to the list of errors in Forwards 37, here are some more corrections to be made to the new Chambers Dictionary. As previously stated, this dictionary and the associated revised Official Scrabble Words (OSW3) will be adopted following the 1995 Nationals.

Page No	Word	Correction	Page No	Word	Correction
15	ACTINALLV	correct to ACTINALLY (under ACTIN-)	1288	PICKADEL	correct to PICKADELL
183	BOH	add 'pl boh's' (under 'bo')	1337	POT-ALE	provide hyphen (under pot <sup>1</sup> )
262	CASBAH	correct to 'same as kasbah'	1401	PYREXICAL	correct to PYREXIAL (under pyrexia)
278	CERCOPID	delete entire entry	1515	SEGGER	correct to SEGGAR (under saggarr)
497	DOG-ROSE	provide hyphen (under 'dog')	1603	SIDA	change to small 's'
689	GASTRIC	make adj. not n.	1658	SPELIKIN	delete entire entry
726	GRECIZE	add 'or -ise' (under 'graecize')	1702	STRACK	delete entire entry
911	KAGOULE	delete KAGOO, KAGOUL	1703	STRAK	delete entire entry
1004	MADDOCK	change to small 'm'	1913	URANIC	make adj. not n.
1219	PALMETOES	correct to PALMETTOES (palm <sup>3</sup> )	1986	WHERE'ER	change stress mark to apostrophe (under 'where')
1247	PAY-PHONE	provide hyphen (under 'payfone')	2029	YGGDRASIL	give all forms capital Y



## Prehistoric Scrabble

The following piece from the Bedrock Times was sent to us by Valerie Mills (PAK). Beside it is a 'Crossword Puzzle' featuring two 5-letter words intersecting at the second letter. The clues are:



- 1 Across What you make clothes of.
  - 1 Down What Fred does when Wilma gets mad.
- The answer to both is, of course, HIDES.

Below our piece there is an advert for the latest prehistoric car:

Last year we brought you The Wheel ... Now,  
The New LeSaber-tooth 5000 has arrived!  
Feel the seismic power of 500 Horseasauri at your feet!  
- 0-2 mph in 60 seconds  
- New anti-blister braking system, ... etc.

Anyway, we digress, on to the Language column:

### 'X' and 'Q' Added to the Alphabet Scholars predict '10,000 uses' for the new letters.

Scravel (!) addicts looking to boost their triple-word scores found new reason to rejoice yesterday when government linguists triumphantly announced the creation of two new letters: X and Q.

The 10-year, government-funded 'Project to Revitalize Our Stone-age English' (PROSE) has been widely criticized for going over budget - more than 2.5 million clams have been spent so far - but, today, those angry voices seem to have been Quashed by the eXultant cheers of PROSE linguists.

"We predict that, within our lifetime, more than 10,000 words will begin with these letters," says Thorne Craystone, PROSE director. "There's an information revolution coming, and we plan to be at the forefront of it."

[I wonder what the Flintstones would think of QAT, QIBLA, XU and XYLYL, not to mention the upcoming XOANA, QI and QINGHAOSU! - Ed.]

## Everything Scrabble

This is the name of the latest Scrabble work. Published in the US by Pocket Books, it is written by Joe Edley and John D Williams, Jr., both well-known in the Scrabble world for the playing and promotion of the game. *Everything Scrabble* sells for around US\$12, and is packed with information, strategies for all players, puzzles, word lists, expert moves, and much more. It is based on OSPD, the official reference in America, and should be obtainable in NZ.

## Scrabblemania

Sometimes when I need an extra challenge or a tournament is looming, I ring Lynne Powell who lives over the bridge in Auckland, and we arrange to play a few games. I try to arrive about 8.30am, keen and ready for battle, and usually limp home about 10pm, head awash with all the missed challenges and 'if only's'.

One day in December, between fixing lunch and dinner and baby-sitting the 2-year-old next door, we managed to squeeze out 36 games. Lynne won 19 and I won 17.

The previous time that we had played we completed 35 games. Lynne got caught with the Q about 10 times (roll on 'qi'), so I decided to keep a tally of who got what. Of course it didn't happen again. We've played a little more since then and are up to 40 games in one session.

Both of us intend to catch the train to the Masters in April and to Scrabble our way down to Wellington, so perhaps we'll set a few records on the way.

	Lynne	Sheryl
caught with Q	1	1
Q	16	18
Z	19	17
J	12	24
X	13	23
blanks	31	41
both blanks	7	12
start game	17	19
start win	8	9
7's	55	46
3 in game	3	3
4 in game	1	0
No 7's	3	5
Score over 400	14	10
over 500	1	0
under 300	5	5
hi score	533	499
low score	203	233
hi aggregate	901	901
final score		19 games to 17

Sheryl Davidson  
Pakuranga

## TV Appearance

How many of you saw the 'guest appearance' of keen Auckland Scrabbler Marie Kingi (PHC) on Sale of the Century last month? Congratulations Marie!



Marie Kingi

## A Bundle of Bonuses

Sue Walker of Mt Albert club had a great day at the Pakuranga Tournament. Not only did she win her grade with an average of 436, but over the seven rounds she played a remarkable 22 bonus words - that's over 3 per game! (Is this a record?) Sue modestly claimed that the tiles were kind and none of her words were anything special - a sample: VEINIEST, OUTEATS, VALETING, ARISTAE, SHRIVEL. Pretty good I'd say. Well done Sue!

## For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

On the occasion of a recent family celebration, the icing on the cake was arranged Scrabble-wise to read 'Happy Birthday Gerald Seventy Years', with letters DEHY used for interweaving. What do you think my cheeky enterprising anagrammatic son converted these 27 letters to read? (Answer upside-down below)

Gerald Warner  
Rodney

Hang a very slippery bastard yet!



## A Personal Opinion

### Introduction

The introduction of new dictionaries and new words, especially some of the smaller words, will have consequences for club and tournament play throughout the country.

There are three major effects of adopting all such words, such as QI in particular and other similar words into the game of Scrabble. These are as follows:

- Changes to the structure of the game.
- Loss of appeal as a club game to new players with a risk of fragmentation of clubs.
- Difficulty in developing a unified world body and world tournament.

These three effects are important in the development of Scrabble as a club and tournament game and I am convinced will have a retarding influence in the development of the game. Each of these three effects are developed in turn, followed by summary and my opinion on what should be done.

### Changes to the Structure

Letter frequencies are one of the main factors in determining the values assigned to each letter. The letter V for instance, occurs more often than Z and therefore has a value of 'only' four points as compared with 10 points for the Z.

The ease with which a single letter can be added to, has been a major determinant of the value which a player naturally learns to attach to each letter and is fundamental to the

structure of the game. Thus, Z has a high value in part because initially there were no two letter words with Z.

There is already considerable distortion of the value system. Words like ZO and XU can net a player a quick 40 points, mainly on the luck of the draw.

Other distortions occur, for example, the letter V is difficult to play and build onto and yet its value is still only 4 points.

There are particular anomalies in adopting a word such as QI. The Q may likely become a quick 40 points, just like the X. There are also 4 U's to be played out and there is now no finesse in holding one, waiting for the Q.

It would be reasonable to undertake a reassessment of the letter values, mostly in light of the new 2-letter words now available. In making such a reassessment, which we can all intuitively do, there are a few things we should be aware of:

- as there are more words of 2 letters, we should, more likely, revise all the values downwards. That is there are fewer high point letters in the bag.
- there are extra 3-letter words which also tends to diminish the points value.
- a few letters do not have 2-letter words and so their value **relative** to other letters should be increased.

This reassessment is not seriously intended. Rather it is hoped that the anomalies that are being developed will become apparent.

A reasonable points reassessment is

made as follows based on these additions of new 2-letter words and letter frequencies in smaller words:

V 7  
K 5, Q 5, Z 5, J 5, W 5, C 5  
X 4, B 4, G 4, F 4  
Y 3, P 3, H 3  
M 2, D 2, U 2  
L 1, N 1, R 1, T 1, S 1

These are drastic changes to the

values. Now there are no letters with the big 10 points there is in effect a flattening of the values at the top end and a few increases due only to their stability relative to the devaluation of the larger letters.

More could be said about the Q. Adopting QI really is a fundamental change due to the ready acceptance by Scrabble players of such words as QI and QAT. There is a particular skill and a certain unpredictability in planning for the Q, and a certain unpredictability in the way it is received, and this will surely be lost. Under the existing rules the difficulties peculiar to the Q give the game a certain '*je ne sais quoi*', once lost, never to be regained.

### Loss of Appeal to New Players

Another unwanted effect of the adoption of such words is the way they are perceived by potential new members, or new players. The strength of many popular games often lies in their interest to new players. I have a concern that many potentially good new players are turned off, particularly by unusual 2-letter words.

I have heard comments like "They don't seem to make words down as

well as across..." or "I don't believe in all of those words!"

In Wanganui we have had plenty of chances to increase our membership with displays and advertising, but alas it appears that we have saturated the market, ie 18 tournament players for a town of 40,000 people. This year, after strenuous efforts we managed to snare one new member to our non-

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tournament group. This compares unfavourably with the Wanganui Bridge Club which has an active membership of about 300 and this year has an intake of 22 in its training course. It is usual for about 65% of the intake to remain as members.

I believe we should take a look from other people's perspectives. We should be more selective about the type of 2-letter word that is accepted for play, as there is considerable consumer resistance to certain words in particular.

The particular words that fall into disfavour are 2-letter words that are unusual; slangy type expressions such as UH, HUNH, BRR, SH and some that do not appear to have a sound basis in linguistic fact. eg CH.

Although these comments are directed chiefly at words like QI and QAT, the use of words like the following, apart from drawing criticism from any observers, will also result in a board becoming blocked: HM, HMM, BRR, UMM, LUV, MM, KEV, etc. The scene is also being set for acronyms, with the introduction of KO, PH, and in the future, possibly PDQ for 'pretty damn quick'. No doubt a bone of contention for wordsmiths,

crossword puzzlers and the like. [The meaning of KO is changed in the new *Chambers Dictionary* — Ed]

There appears to be a yearning for the Scrabble player to accept many new words because they no doubt offer good hooks or a high-scoring Z-word. Witness the word ZO which apparently enables an average game score of maybe 10 points higher than the American game score where ZO is not permitted. To me it is a yearning that is ill-placed, and will be at the expense of loss of club-players and the loss of some of the qualities that the game structure once had. It will also be a step towards a growing insularity that may not be noticeable to the entrenched Scrabbler.

### A World Scrabble Group and World Tournament

There is no doubt in players' minds that the formation of one world body and one world tournament would be a good thing. With the English and the Americans now moving down two different roads with two different dictionaries this cause has not been assisted in the slightest. An example would be the unlikelihood of the Americans accepting QI the same as they have not accepted ZO. This is only one instance of the difficulties inherent in jointly accepting a world Scrabble dictionary.

I am not familiar with the mechanics of how the Americans selected their new words but on the surface it appears that many were chosen because they were Scrabble-useful. It appears that the process of word 'selection' is unsatisfactory and does not have the good of the game at heart for the adoption by ordinary

beginning players. The only way around such an impasse would be election of a suitable international panel, who would act according to strict guidelines including the sensible adoption of words that are not likely to detract from the structure of the game and are likely to be accepted by new and ordinary members.

With this in mind representation should be made to the English and American hierarchy, as well as the manufacturers of the game.

### Summary

- (a) The introduction of words such as QAT, QI is an unfortunate experiment by Scrabble players and will add a ho-hum aspect to a part of the game that had a certain piquancy.
- (b) The introduction of many 2-letter words and exclamations has an effect not only on the structure of the game but also on the way the game is perceived by potential new club players.
- (c) There is no need to accept such words, and we should have it in our power to refuse them, both locally and globally, under certain established guidelines, as determined by a representative body.
- (d) Many of these arguments are occasioned by my own observations and discussions with fellow players and visitors. They are therefore not scientifically determined.
- (e) There is no Scrabble ruling body or 'United Nations'. I believe that there is a danger of fragmentation, and that there is the need for a small, effective, wise advisory body

which is empowered to make rules according to agreed guidelines.

### Opinion

- The New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players should conduct a survey, or employ a student with the object of determining the effect of the introduction of variant short words on the game; to study whether there is any consumer resistance to Club and Tournament Scrabble and to elucidate ways in which the game can be made more acceptable.

- We should question the acceptability of some of the words we are using in Scrabble.
- Dependent on the results of such a survey we should convey our findings to the English and American Associations and the marketer of Scrabble in those countries.

Mike Sigley  
Wanganui

[What are other people's opinions?  
— Ed]

## Lipogrammatism

An excerpt from the novel *Gadsby*, by Ernest Vincent Wright, which was published in 1939. In an amazing literary feat the author wrote the entire story without using a single letter 'e'!

**G**ADSBY WAS WALKING back from a visit down in Branton Hills' manufacturing district on a Saturday night. A busy day's traffic had had its noisy run; and with not many folks in sight, His Honor got along without having to stop to grasp a hand, or talk; for a Mayor out of City Hall is a shining mark for any politician. And so, coming to Broadway, a booming bass drum and sounds of singing, told of a small Salvation Army unit carrying on amidst Broadway's night shopping crowds. Gadsby, walking toward that group, saw a young girl, back towards him, just finishing a long, soulful oration, saying:—

"... and I can say this to you, for I know what I am talking about; for I was brought up *in a pool of liquor!*"

As that army group was starting to march on, with this girl turning towards Gadsby, His Honor had to gasp, astonishingly:—

"Why! Mary Antor!!"

"Oh! If it isn't Mayor Gadsby! I don't run across you much, now-a-days. How is Lady Gadsby holding up during this awful war?"

# NZASP RANKINGS as at 20 March 1995

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2179	484	378	78%	50 David Gunn	1529	328	172	52%
2 Blue Thorogood	2085	269	185	69%	51 Aliette Hay	1504	227	112	49%
3 Glennis Hale	2082	543	331	61%	52 Joyce Gilbert	1502	82	50	61%
4 Mike Sigley	2056	401	311	77%	53 Rosalie Goldsworthy	1499	196	100	51%
5 John Foster	2048	481	279	58%	54 Bernard Flower	1498	130	69.5	53%
6 Patrick Carter	1997	237	148	62%	55 Margaret Bundock	1495	321	168	52%
7 Lynne Powell	1962	636	348	55%	56 Jo Burnside	1486	180	95	53%
8 Bob Johnstone	1959	189	102	54%	57 Pam Robson	1485	94	68	72%
9 Glynis Jennings	1941	438	209	48%	58 Norman Wheeler	1481	298	166	56%
10 Lynne Butler	1929	450	279	62%	59 Marj Batchelor	1480	160	79	49%
11 Lynn Wood	1904	546	266	49%	60 Margaret Cherry	1479	100	56	56%
12 Roger Tozer	1892	223	140	63%	61 Sue McRae	1472	206	115	56%
13 Denise Gordon	1881	396	217	55%	62 Bill Grigg	1466	138	83	60%
14 Glenda Foster	1871	360	190	53%	63 Teresa Ferrari	1451	63	29	46%
15 Andrew Bradley	1864	261	129	49%	64 Hazel Purdie	1441	109	52.5	48%
16 Glenyss Buchanan	1859	386	199	52%	65 Jean O'Brien	1437	455	227	50%
17 Sheryl Davidson	1857	227	145	64%	66 Helen Sillis	1435	167	97	58%
18 Chris Hooks	1845	273	155	57%	67 Anne Warner	1434	460	247	54%
19 Peter Jones	1845	490	255	52%	68 Martha Morgan	1426	229	112	49%
20 June Mackwell	1819	506	233	46%	69 Hilda Scott	1423	196	108	55%
21 Paul Lister	1818	97	52	54%	70 Cathy Woods	1419	299	128	43%
22 Fae Olson	1791	588	307	52%	71 Lyn Toka	1413	246	133	54%
23 Kevin Edgeler	1783	226	88.5	39%	72 Shirley Wyatt	1407	117	62	53%
24 Georgie Offringa	1774	426	196	46%	73 Elaine Moltzen	1407	263	134	51%
25 Leila Thomson	1752	315	143	45%	74 Lorraine Van Veen	1403	307	165	54%
26 Gerald Warner	1748	574	278	48%	75 Ruth O'Neill	1401	177	86.5	49%
27 Margie Hurly	1735	160	107	67%	76 Maureen Holliday	1390	131	77	59%
28 May Quigley	1720	587	248	42%	77 Marj Baillie	1366	354	175	49%
29 Rhoda Cashman	1715	497	244	49%	78 Yvette Hewlett	1361	157	67.5	43%
30 Puti Rowe	1709	333	170	51%	79 Carole Coates	1358	305	146	48%
31 Betty Gibb	1694	173	69.5	40%	80 Doreen Davies	1358	176	90	51%
32 Norman Goodger	1688	159	94	59%	81 Jane Walton	1345	198	105	53%
33 Reeva Pearson	1676	598	284	47%	82 Valerie Mills	1342	172	96.5	56%
34 Florence Veldhuizen	1667	246	111	45%	83 Mary Carr	1335	212	98	46%
35 Ann Candler	1666	420	183	44%	84 Joan Pratt	1329	156	90	58%
36 Rita Moore	1666	238	109	46%	85 Margaret Lyall	1327	124	58.5	47%
37 Andrée Prentice	1661	358	207	58%	86 Max Aston	1311	94	56	60%
38 Roger Coates	1660	349	171	49%	87 Anne Stewart	1309	170	101	59%
39 Joy Hunter	1654	230	112	48%	88 Steven Brown	1305	103	69	67%
40 Faye Cronhelm	1653	276	145	53%	89 Marjorie Heads	1304	188	101	54%
41 Gaye Norgren	1629	183	89	49%	90 Margaret Parsons	1264	119	60	50%
42 Glenda Geard	1626	364	206	56%	91 Phyl Wilson	1258	88	52	59%
43 Allie Quinn	1623	517	231	45%	92 Peggy Wallace	1254	216	98	45%
44 Dave Godman	1602	288	157	55%	93 Alveen Seon	1254	272	130	48%
45 Alan Boyd	1598	266	172	64%	94 Bev Barker	1252	300	142	47%
46 Correne James	1584	205	86.5	42%	95 Betty Erikson	1236	306	145	47%
47 John Moore	1563	238	114	48%	96 Gordon Pinchin	1203	83	48	58%
48 Rob Talbot	1553	166	97.5	59%	97 Dawn Kitzen	1197	181	94	52%
49 Lesley Edgeler	1531	140	61	44%	98 Geoff Vautier	1196	130	48	37%

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99 Liz Ross	1186	93	52	56%	152 David Sutcliffe	791	80	42	53%
100 Gwen Kaiser	1185	237	124	52%	153 Grant Waghorn	788	60	31	52%
101 Eileen McLean	1181	308	167	54%	154 Cecilia Bullot	785	174	78.5	45%
102 Rosemary Cleary	1173	212	99	47%	155 Kate Wignall	775	263	124	47%
103 Elsie Pugh	1161	84	51.5	61%	156 Mary Curtis	765	88	41	47%
104 Pat Johnstone	1161	209	92	44%	157 Tania Pearson	764	152	63.5	42%
105 Olwen Skelton	1161	183	88	48%	158 Mary Farmer	753	32	17	53%
106 Shirley Hol	1154	98	34.5	35%	159 Naomi Gilmore	747	107	56.5	53%
107 Conny van Tilburg	1140	240	125	52%	160 Alice Doust	742	112	41	37%
108 Roto Mitchell	1140	72	35	49%	161 Elaine King	718	142	68	48%
109 Margaret Simpson	1137	229	113	49%	162 May Meads	717	87	40	46%
110 Delcie Macbeth	1136	142	77	54%	163 Suzanne Anderson	710	82	38	46%
111 Joan Ball	1130	157	76	48%	164 Shirley Robinson	704	60	24.5	41%
112 Daph Curl	1125	192	74.5	39%	165 Audrey Plane	684	85	28	33%
113 Annette Coombes	1121	266	116	43%	166 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	661	170	74.5	44%
114 Doreen Ogston	1099	234	97	41%	167 Mary Gray	649	31	21	68%
115 Anna Geange	1099	85	51	60%	168 Jillian Greening	649	201	93	46%
116 Neville James	1091	120	55	46%	169 Marie Kingi	645	129	46.5	36%
117 Adrienne McKeown	1085	150	67.5	45%	170 Trixie Neil	636	72	38	53%
118 Daphne Parker	1073	141	72.5	51%	171 Kath James	624	180	80.5	45%
119 Clyde Titchener	1071	42	16	38%	172 Kath Davies	608	77	36	47%
120 Mary Pinchin	1060	120	65.5	55%	173 Ed Olson	604	563	198	35%
121 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1038	116	62	53%	174 Kim Graham	601	84	39.5	47%
122 Win Heaven	1037	73	42	58%	175 Lulu Holt	555	195	91	47%
123 Isobel Zyp	1031	153	71	46%	176 Elvira Steel	470	100	4	4%
124 Katrine Kerr Renwick	1026	140	67	48%	177 Merle Spinetto	460	42	17	40%
125 Margaret Mourant	1018	167	88	53%	178 May Gale	428	148	31	21%
126 Kay Buffalora	1017	162	78	48%	179 Pearl Fraser	427	35	12.5	36%
127 Hilda Joyce	1014	54	30	56%	180 Sylvia Nicholas	398	61	9	15%
128 Jan Wheeler	1014	152	71	47%	181 Vera Burner	387	104	16	15%
129 Ernie Gidman	1000	118	61	52%					
130 Dorothy Haining	999	304	155	51%					
131 Margaret Forbes	998	56	30	54%					
132 Shirley Tozer	995	163	87.5	54%					
133 Lil Moore	979	338	156	46%					
134 Sue Osborne	966	127	53	42%					
135 Liz Catchpole	961	112	53	47%					
136 Penny Irvine	959	68	32.5	48%					
137 Leanne Field	936	59	38	64%					
138 Daph Watson	916	138	54	39%					
139 Irene Hague-Smith	908	319	140	44%					
140 Shirley Martin	905	112	56.5	50%					
141 Wayne Woods	905	61	28.5	47%					
142 Jan Corry	897	54	30	56%					
143 Margaret Ham	885	61	36	59%					
144 Dorothy Latta	874	110	49	45%					
145 Marianne Patchett	861	83	45.5	55%					
146 Valma Gidman	858	185	91	49%					
147 Jill Johnstone	849	50	23	46%					
148 Rebecca Freeth	828	35	22	63%					
149 Val Worth	822	192	93	48%					
150 Sue Walker	817	49	29	59%					
151 Elise Joy	793	50	23	46%					



A Colorado cartoon  
submitted by May Meads (PHC)

## Powerful Robots Harnessed...

...for the continuing edification of NZASP members!

Robot Blatter and Background Mater, both experienced robot tamers, have combined their talents and their pet computers in a venture known as *Robot Banter* which will see Kiwi Scrabblers supplied with current and innovative word lists.

Many hours are being expended in updating a database in anticipation of the upcoming AGM ruling on official dictionaries. The first lists are scheduled to be available for order at the National Championships at Hamilton and in the June issue of *Forwards*.

The objective of the *Robot Banter* team is to produce accurate lists in a print format which balances readability with compactness. The price will be affordable and good value. The editor of *Forwards* has already supplied valuable help in ensuring accuracy and it is hoped that customer feedback will continue this process. Each list

supplied will be a laser printed original dedicated to the purchaser.

The "classical" lists such as 2, 3 and 4 letter (and their reverse alphabetic listing) and low point anagrams (7 letter) will be produced as quickly as possible. Other lists such as 5 and 6 letter, full anagram lists for any length words and the more innovative hook lists suitable for creative study and personal list-making will follow.

The work involved in creating these lists is **enormous**. If the two Scrabblers who have contributed their skills, time, equipment and materials into producing them are to remain motivated then their intellectual property in the lists must be respected.

Below are the **planned** prices of what we expect to be the earlier lists. Please do not send money to anyone yet, just start saving up! The final prices will be published in June *Forwards*.

Description	Approx no of sides A4	Approx Price \$
2, 3, 4	8	2.00
2, 3, 4 reversed ie reverse alphabetic order	8	2.50
2, 3, 4 standard and reversed	16	4.00
All the 5s	12	4.50
Reverse 5s	12	5.00
Low point 7s in alphabetic order	6	2.00
LP7s grouped by anagrams in component letter order	10	4.00
All 7s grouped by anagrams in component letter order	50	16.00

### Computer Scrabble Fans

Roy Vannini has offered to organise a bulk order for the IBM version of *Maven* a Scrabble computer programme — see Editorial. If you are interested please contact him before Easter.

## Gapeseed Report (a thing causing wonder)

— some GAM, GAN, GAP, GAR words, mostly from OSPD2

GANGLAND members have quickly called up a strong team of GANEFS, GANEVS, GANOFs (thieves) and GANGRELS (vagabonds) to defend the disputed GARIGUE (low shrubland) territory.

They have GARNERED a good supply of GARRONS (small, sturdy horses), guaranteed not GARGETY, that is free of GARGET (mastitis).

These animals are coping well with the site, which is a mixture of good GAMA (pasture grass) interspersed with GANISTER and GANGUE (kinds of rock). Fine crops of GARBANZO (chickpea), GANJA/H (cannabis) and GAMAY (red grape) are produced there.

Those delegated to caring for the GARRONS are reported to be well-equipped with GAMASHES (riding boots) and GAMBESONS (medieval coats), which facilitate much practice in GAMBADE/GAMBADO (horse leaping) exercises.

A GANGSTER spokesman said that a GANGPLOW had been deployed to create effective barriers between their site and the nearby habitats of GANOID, GARFISH, GARPIKE, GAMBUSIA (all fish) and GARGANEY (small duck) — free from GAPEWORM. He further stated that the rising tide of GARBOIL (turmoil) is creating much uninformed GARDYLOO.

Our reporter understands that GAMMING (visiting) authorities have accepted that no GANTLET (iron glove), GANTLINE (rope), GAMELAN (orchestra) or even GAPOSIS (?) can

provide the undefined solution to an unknown problem.

### Stop Press

Local GARCONS and GANYMEDES (waiters) have presented a GARBLED survey with suggestions.

GANTLOPE (military punishment) and GAROTING should be reintroduced for any GAMMONER (liar) in charge of a GARVEY (scow) that does not have certified GARBOARDS (bottom planks) emblazoned with GAMMADIA (ornamental designs) and sealed with GAMBOGE (gum resin).

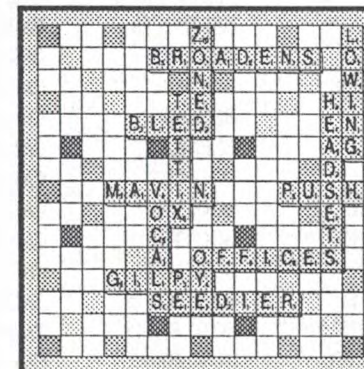
What a load of GARLICKY old GARBAGE!

It tingles your very GANGLIA (nerve cells), doesn't it?

V.W.

### What Would You Do?

Mike Sigley was faced with this situation in a recent game. He was 40 points behind, holding the tiles ALNOSSU. Can you find Mike's great play? Answer on p 36.



## OSW Deletions List

The words on this list were in OSW2, but do not appear in the upcoming OSW3. Note that of the 932 words, 422 have nine or more letters, and 148 of those remaining are listed in OSPD2, so there are only 362 deletions of 2 - 8 letter words for double dictionary countries like New Zealand.

OSW3 and the new Chambers Dictionary will be adopted after our AGM in June, so you can still use all these words up till and including the Nationals.

**Important!** The OSW Deletion List has been provided by the publishers of Chambers Dictionary, Larousse plc. It must not be copied in any form without the permission of Larousse plc.

ACALEPHA	BASBLEU	BROODMARE	CAVALIEROS	CHIMAERIDS
ACALEPHAS	BASBLEUS	BROODMARES	CAVIARIE	CHIMLEYED
ACROMIONS	BASECOURT	BUCKCART	CAVIARIES	CHIMLEYING
ADIPIC	BASECOURTS	BUCKCARTS	CAVIER	CHLOASMAS
AEFAWLD	BASHLYK	BUCKSHEES	CAVIERS	CHUBBED
ALLYCHOLIES	BASHLYKS	BULLAS	CENTONEL	CHUMLEYED
ALLYCHOLY	BASMIZVAH	BURKHA	CENTONELL	CHUMLEYING
ALOHAS	BASHLYKS	BURKHAS	CENTONELLS	CIDE
ALULAS	BASMIZVAH	BYGOING	CEPHEID	CIDED
ANARAK	BASMIZVAHS	BYGOINGS	CEPHEIDS	CIDES
ANARAKS	BATMIZVAH	BYWORK	CERAMET	CIDING
ANCHYLOSIS	BATMIZVAHS	BYWORKS	CERAMETS	CILATED
ANCILES	BATSWINGS	CACUMEN	CERCARIAS	CINGULUMS
ANESTROUS	BEDRITE	CACUMENS	CERCUSES	CIZERS
ANTRUMS	BEDRITES	CAHOOT	CEREALIST	CLAMBE
APHELIC	BEE SWINGED	CALCANEUMS	CEREALISTS	CLANKLESS
APHIDICAL	BELAID	CALCARATE	CESTUSES	CLAVICULAS
APOLLINE	BESCRIBBLE	CALDARIUMS	CHAFFIER	CLEMENCE
ARLESED	BESCRIBBLED	CALIXES	CHAFFIEST	CLEMENCES
ARLESES	BESCRIBBLES	CALMSTANE	CHAFFLESS	CLERKLESS
ARLESING	BESCRIBBLING	CALMSTANES	CHAFFY	CLERKLIER
ARQUEBUSE	BESTSELL	CAMISARD	CHAIR DAYS	CLERKLIEST
ARROGANCIES	BESTSELLING	CAMISARDS	CHAPEAUS	CLERKLING
ARROGANCY	BESTSELLS	CAPUCCIO	CHARACT	CLERKLINGS
ASCORBIC	BESTSOLD	CAPUCCIOS	CHARACTS	CLICHED
ATHETIDS	BIVIUMS	CARANX	CHAUSSURE	CLOT POLL
AVOUE	BLEAKIER	CARPUSES	CHAUSSURES	CLOT POLLS
AVOUES	BLEAKIEST	CATATONIES	CHECKIER	CLOUTERLY
BANDH	BOONIES	CATATONY	CHECKIEST	CLOWNSHIP
BANDHED	BOOTTREE	CAUMSTANE	CHEERO	CLOWNSHIPS
BANDHING	BOOTTREES	CAUMSTANES	CHEEROS	CLOYE
BANDHS	BORTSCHT	CAUSEWAYING	CHEQUIER	CLOYES
BARGAIST	BORTSCHTS	CAUSEYED	CHEQUIEST	CNIDARIA
BARGAISTS	BOWLERED	CAUSEYING	CHIASMUSES	COAGULUMS
BARTISANED	BOWLERING	CAVALIERO	CHIMAERID	COCH

COCHES	COOSEN	CURSORES	FELDSPATHS	GYNECIUMS
COCHLEARE	COOSENED	CURSUSES	FIMBRIAS	GYNOECIUMS
COCHLEARES	COOSENING	CURTAXE	FISHCAKE	HADITH
COCHLEARS	COOSENS	CURTAXES	FISHCAKES	HADITHS
COCHLEAS	COOSIN	CUSTODE	FISTIANAS	HALLOES
COCKSHOOT	COOSINED	CYATHIA	FLIPFLOP	HANDBALL
COCKSHOOTS	COOSINING	CYATHIUM	FLIPFLOPS	HANDBALLS
COCKYOLLIES	COOSINS	CYATHUSES	FOGGAGED	HARDCORE
COCKYOLLY	CORKWING	CYMATIUMS	FOGGAGING	HARDCORES
COELOME	CORKWINGS	CYNOMOLGI	FOLKROCK	HELLOES
COELOMES	CORTILES	CYTE	FOLKROCKS	HEMATITE
COLATION	COTTOIDS	CYTES	FORNIXES	HEMATITES
COLATIONS	COYED	CZARITZA	FOSSULAS	HERSEEMED
COLATURE	COYING	CZARITZAS	FRENNES	HERSEEMS
COLATURES	COYISH	DAEDALE	FURCULAS	HETAERAS
COLDHOUSE	COYISHLY	DELIRIANTS	GALABIEH	HETAERIA
COLDHOUSES	COYS	DIDDICOI	GALABIEHS	HETAERIAS
COLTWOOD	CRACOWE	DIDDICOIS	GALABIYA	HETAERIST
COLTWOODS	CRACOWES	DIVIED	GALABIYAH	HETAERISTS
COLUBER	CRANKER	DIVIING	GALABIYAHS	HILLOES
COLUBERS	CRANKEST	DIVVIED	GALABIYAS	HIMSEEMED
COLUBRIAD	CRAPED	DIVVING	GALABIYEH	HIMSEEMS
COLUBRIADS	CRAPING	DODGEM	GALABIYEH	HORNFELS
COMIQUE	CREATABLE	DOVECOTE	GALABIYEH	HULLOES
COMIQUES	CREPED	DOVECOTES	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COMPEND	CREPING	DRERYHEAD	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COMPENDS	CRESSIER	DRERYHEADS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONCENTED	CRESSIEST	EASTLANDS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONCENTING	CRESSY	ECCLESIAS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONCISION	CRISPATED	ELEVATEDS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONCISIONS	CROPSICK	EMPAYRE	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONGERY	CROSSWORT	EMPAYRED	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONKIES	CROSSWORTS	EMPAYRES	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONNATURE	CROST	EMPAYRING	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONNATURES	CROWFEET	ENCYCLICS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONNEXIVE	CRUCIATED	ENDOSTEUMS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONSIDERINGS	CRUGIATES	ESTHESES	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONSOLATE	CRUCIATING	ESTHESIS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONSOLATED	CRUING	ESTHETIC	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONSOLATES	CRUE	ESTHETICS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONSOLATING	CRUES	EUDEMONIA	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
CONTAGIUMS	CRUORS	EUDEMONIAS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COOKSHOP	CUCKOLDLY	EUDEMONIC	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COOKSHOPS	CUCKOLDY	EUDEMONICS	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COOLABAR	CULOTTE	EUDEMONIES	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COOLABARS	CULTORIST	EUDEMONY	GALABIYEH	HALLOES
COOPERANT	CULTORISTS	FELDSPATH	GALABIYEH	HALLOES

IMPRESSED	ISMY	KYLEYS	MOVY	POINADOS
IMPRESTING	ISODICONS	LIGHTFAST	MUCIC	PRELUSION
IMPULSORY	IZZET	LIPGLOSS	MYOSITIC	PRELUSIONS
INANES	IZZETS	LIPGLOSSSES	MYOTIC	PREORALLY
INCOGNITA	JANSKIES	LIPSALVE	MYOTICS	PROWEST
INCOGNITAS	JEEP	LIPSALVES	MYTHOSES	PUPILATE
INFANDED	JEEPS	LOIPES	MYTHUSES	PYCNIDIUMS
INFANTING	JIGSAWN	LOOFED	NEAPTIDE	QUALAMDAN
INFILTER	JINGLINGS	LOOFING	NEAPTIDES	QUALAMDANS
INFILTERED	JOCOROUS	LOOKINGS	NEOTEINIC	QUILLAIA
INFILTERING	JUNKERDOM	LUNULAS	NEXUSES	QUILLAIAS
INFILTERS	JUNKERDOMS	LYTTAS	NISUSES	QUILLAJA
INGOWES	JUNKERISM	MARESCHALLED	NOCTILUCAS	QUILLAJAS
INHABITOR	JUNKERISMS	MARESCHALLING	NOTUMS	RAZMATAZZ
INHABITORS	KAGOOL	MARTENOT	NUCELLUSES	RAZMATAZZES
INJURANT	KAGOOLS	MARTENOTS	NUCHAS	RAZZMATAZ
INJURANTS	KAGOUL	MATACHINS	NUCLEARY	RAZZMATAZES
INLIEST	KAGOULS	MEGATONNE	OP	REDEYE
INNHOLDER	KAIKAIED	MEGATONNES	OPS	REDEYES
INNOLDERS	KAIKAIING	MENTUMS	OSCULUMS	REISTIER
INOCULUMS	KASBA	MESEEMED	OUNDIER	REISTIEST
INSECTY	KASBAS	MESEEMS	OUNDIEST	REISTY
INSISTURE	KATABOLIC	MICELLAS	OUTACT	RENTBOY
INSISTURES	KAYOE	MINICAR	OUTACTED	RENTBOYS
INSPYRE	KAYOEING	MINICARS	OUTACTING	RHEUMATIZES
INSPYRED	KERAMIC	MINIDRESS	OUTACTS	RIBANDED
INSPYRES	KERAMICS	MINIDRESSES	OUTSKIRT	RIBANDING
INSPYRING	KERMESS	MINISKIS	OVERFIRE	RIBBANDED
INSTANTER	KILOTONNE	MINISUB	OVERFIRED	RIBBANDING
INSULANCE	KILOTONNES	MINISUBS	OVERFIRES	RUBAIYATS
INSULANCES	KIRI	MINORESS	OVERFIRING	RYTHME
INSULANT	KIRIS	MINORESSES	OVERFLUSHED	RYTHMED
INSULANTS	KIRKTOWN	MINORITE	OVERFLUSHING	RYTHMES
INTARSI	KIRKTOWNS	MINORITES	OVERGANGED	RYTHMING
INTARSIO	KRAKOWIAK	MIRKIER	PECULIUMS	RYVE
INTARSIOS	KRAKOWIAKS	MIRKIEST	PEDICULUSES	RYVED
INVERSED	KUFFIAH	MIRKSOME	PENNILLION	RYVES
INVERSING	KUFFIAHS	MIRKY	PERINAEAL	RYVING
INVOCATE	KUFFIEH	MISGRAFFED	PEWEE	SAFEGUARDINGS
INVOCATED	KUFFIEHS	MISGRAFFING	PEWEES	SAILIER
INVOCATES	KUFFIYEH	MISGRAFFS	PHOTOCALL	SAILIEST
INVOCATING	KUFFIYEHHS	MISSAS	PHOTOCALLS	SAILY
IOTACISM	KUFIAH	MIZES	PIKADELL	SALAME
IOTACISMS	KUFIAHS	MORULAS	PIKADELLS	SALESGIRL
IRISING	KUFIYA	MOUNTIE	POCHAYED	SALESGIRLS
ISMIER	KUFIYAS	MOUNTIES	POCHAYING	SALESLADIES
ISMIEST	KYLEY	MOUNTY	POIGNADOS	SALESLADY

SALEWORK	SERENESS	SOCIETARY	SPOONMEATS	STRUCKEN
SALEWORKS	SERENESSES	SOCKER	SPOTTE	STRYFULL
SALOONIST	SERMONISH	SOCKERS	SPOTTES	STYMYING
SALOONISTS	SERPENTED	SOLAND	SPRITEFUL	SUBBASALS
SALOPETTE	SERPENTING	SOLAND	SQUEEDGE	SUBLUNARIES
SALOPETTES	SHAGEARED	SOLANDS	SQUEEDGED	SUBLUNARS
SALSAFIES	SHAKERISM	SOLATIUMS	SQUEEDGES	SUBTILELY
SALSAFY	SHAKERISMS	SOLEN	SQUEEDGING	SUBTILETIES
SANDYISH	SHAWED	SOLENS	STAGHORN	SUBTILETY
SARCONET	SHAWING	SONNETEERED	STAGHORNS	SUBTILIST
SARCONETS	SHEEPMEAT	SONNETEERING	STALAGMA	SUBTILISTS
SARKFUL	SHEEPMEATS	SONNETEERING	STALAGMAS	SUBTILITIES
SARKFULS	SHILLELAH	SONNETINGS	STAMINAL	SUBTILITY
SARSA	SHILLELAHS	SONNETIST	STAMINEAL	SUBTILLY
SARSAS	SHIVAREED	SONNETISTS	STANCHLY	SUBTILTIES
SARZA	SHIVAREEING	SONNETRIES	STAPHYLE	SUBTILTY
SARZAS	SHORTCUT	SONNETRY	STAPHYLES	SUBTLIST
SATRAPIC	SHORTCUTS	SONUANCE	STAYINGS	SUBTLISTS
SAYEDS	SHOWCARD	SONUANCES	STEGOMYIA	SUBUNGUAL
SCHMOE	SHOWCARDS	SOPHA	STEGOMYIAS	SUCCINUM
SCHUL	SICKMAN	SOPHAS	STENOTYPE	SUCCINUMS
SCHULS	SICKMEN	SOPHIA	STENOTYPES	SUDANIC
SCORPIO	SIDEWAY	SOPHIAS	STEREOED	SUDARIUMS
SCORPIOS	SIGNORAS	SOPHIC	STEREOING	SUETTY
SCROLLERIES	SIGNORINAS	SOPHICAL	STICKUP	SULLENS
SCROLLERY	SILENUSES	SOPHISTICS	STICKUPS	SULPHATIC
SCUFFIER	SILICANE	SORBO	STOCKISH	SULPHONIC
SCUFFIEST	SILICANES	SORBOS	STOLA	SUPERED
SCUFFY	SILUROIDS	SORDES	STOLAS	SUPERHET
SEABERRIES	SINOEKETE	SORDINE	STOMODAEA	SUPERING
SEABERRY	SINOEKETES	SORDINES	STOMODEA	SWARTIER
SEASATYRE	SIRENE	SORDOR	STOMODEUM	SWARTIEST
SEASATYRES	SIRENES	SORDORS	STOMODEUMS	SYCONIUMS
SECATEUR	SITDOWN	SOUSEWIFE	STOTTERED	SYLPHINE
SEEMELESS	SITDOWNS	SOUSEWIVES	STOTTERING	SYMBION
SEEMLESSE	SKATOLOGIES	SOYLED	STRACK	SYMBIONS
SEMILOG	SKATOLOGY	SPELLIKIN	STRAG	SYNANGIUMS
SEMPITERN	SKREAKIER	SPELLIKINS	STRAGS	SYNCYTIUMS
SENSORIES	SKREAKIEST	SPELLIKIN	STRAIGHTED	TAAL
SENSUALTIES	SKREAKY	SPELLIKINS	STRAIGHTING	TAALS
SENSUALTY	SKREENE	SPINAGE	STRAK	TAKAHEA
SENSUISM	SKREENES	SPINAGES	STRATUSES	TAKAHEAS
SENSUISMS	SMALMIER	SPLINT	STRAWLESS	TANTALIC
SENSUIST	SMALMIEST	SPLINTED	STREETWAY	TEEHEE
SENSUISTS	SMOOTHIE	SPLINTING	STREETWAYS	TEEHEED
SEPTETT	SMOOTHES	SPLENTS	STRID	TEEHEEING
SEPTETTS	SMOUS	SPOONMEAT	STRIDS	TEEHEES

TEGMENTUMS	THERMOS	TRACTRIXES	WHITEFISH	XYSTOSES
TEHEE	THERMOSES	TRIPWIFE	WHITEFISHES	XYSTUSES
TEHEED	THRIP	TRIPWIVES	WILDOAT	YWRAKE
TEHEEING	THYMUSES	UNDREST	WILDOATS	YWROKEN
TEHEES	TOLLGATE	UNGAZED	WOEFULNESS	ZIRCALLOY
TEMENOSSES	TOLLGATES	URANISCUSES	WOEFULNESSES	ZIRCALLOYS
TENACULUMS	TOMENTUMS	VERMISES	WONED	ZOARIUMS
TERGUMS	TOMIUMS	VIBE	WREAKE	ZOOPHORUSES
TESTAS	TORIIS	WABBLIER	WREALES	ZUZES
THEFTBOTE	TORULAS	WABBLEST	XENOPHYAS	ZYGONS
THEFTBOTES	TORULUSES	WABBLI	XOANONS	

# Club News

## A Success Story

The North Shore Bays Scrabble Club never knew what hit them when Rita and John Moore joined up in 1994.

Prior to their coming, the club was struggling to exist due to the lack of members. The decline came about when John Foster and Peter Jones left our Shores for the big smoke and Jim Monaghan from the Fraud Squad was too busy catching crooks to attend our meetings. Allie Quinn played a big part in holding the club together. To maintain numbers she would collect players from all over the Shore (no-one was too far for her) and then had to organise the games as well. Without Allie's efforts the club would surely have gone under.

Enter the Moores!! The 1994 season was very exciting. Word got around about this great organiser and our numbers grew. We found ourselves looking forward to club nights as each game became a challenge and every week John's computer printed out the weekly results for our viewing. Nevertheless the most exhilarating match of the night is the 'Ladder'. It literally becomes a cat-and-mouse event. For instance a challenger arrives early and watches the door. Tonight he is going to challenge the player above him on the ladder and so he waits. His ears prick up — his opponent has arrived and he springs into action. "Challenge!" he yells. "B\*\*\*\*y H\*\*l, I'm not even through the door yet!" was many a cry.

All too soon the season comes to an end. The prize-giving was amazing —

there were three tables laden with prizes and the trophies reappeared after being locked away for years in a cupboard. The luncheon, the skits, the wine and the jokes ended a fabulous season for the N.S. Bays club. Rita and John, we sincerely hope you enjoyed 1994 as much as we did. **Thank you.**

Regretfully the Moores have given up tournament Scrabble and Bridge is their first priority now. As for me, my ambition is to play the Masters, both Wellington and Dunedin, so Otarine Pants get motivated — the North Islanders are coming.

Happy Scrabbling

Georgie Offringa

## Jenny Ward Memorial Shield (Battle of the Bridge)

Jenny Ward was an enthusiastic member of the Bays Scrabble Club when the game first became popular as a competitive pursuit and after she died the club put up the shield to be played for between Bays and Mount Albert. The two clubs met four times a year at quarterly intervals (the venue alternating between clubs) and the side gaining the most wins during the calendar year was considered the winner. In those early days the strong Mount Albert Club was virtually the 'owner' of the trophy but then the Bays combined with North Shore and the chances of winning evened up.

Each club competes with a team of sixteen players, split into four grades and each player plays against the four competitors within their own grade.



The power of words

In the 1994 competition North Shore Bays emerged as the winner gaining three wins to Mount Albert's one. In December, the final meeting of the year gave NSB a victory by nine clear games. Without giving away the ladies' ages it was good to see Lulu Holt and Beryl Mace battling away for their sides (one just over ninety and one just under) with Beryl Mace winning the Frankie Wilkinson Cup. Frankie was another Bays member who, whilst alive, never missed a Nationals. The cup is awarded to the best performance on the day by a North Shore Bays player and Beryl's four wins was undisputed.

John Moore

### Dunedin Newsletter

#### November

The Dunedin Open Tournament was held with great support from Christchurch Club appreciated very much. In a tight contest in A grade three players each had 9 wins. The winner was Kendall Boyd (DUN) with 461 average. He only lost 2 games scoring 400 and 401 respectively. Second was Peter Sinton (DUN) with 435 average who also had the highest losing score of 452. Third was Alan Boyd (DUN) on 426 average. B grade: (1) Kathleen Mori-Barker (CHC, ex-DUN), (2) Penny Irvine (DUN), (3) Dorothy Latta (IND). Special

mention — whilst Elvira Steel didn't win many games in the B grade she scooped all four spot prizes. Going by the smiles she looked like a Lotto winner. Well done Elvira! Bill Grigg was disappointed that the Otago Daily Times didn't publish a photo of him playing Peter Sinton. [See photo below — Ed] Although numbers were down on previous years, competition was tough.

Welcome to Clare McQuin, Ian Ross and Letitia Vaitapu. Sorry to hear that Noeline Tilley has been in hospital.

Competitions: Club Champion again is Peter Sinton. He has been club champion each year from 1990. Just a great effort. (Challenge) Norman Goodger, (Dictionary) Alan Boyd, (Ladder) Norman Goodger.

#### December

Daisy Madden went off to Timaru, Marian Ross visited Auckland, Jo Burnside to Christchurch and Norman Goodger had an overseas holiday. Elvira Steel had a short trip to hospital. Liz Ross went to Clyde for a well-deserved holiday. Would you believe it?



Bill Grigg (366) and Peter Sinton (364) playing at the Dunedin Open Tournament, November 1994. (photo courtesy Otago Daily Times)

Liz took ill and was admitted to hospital and then transferred to Dunedin Hospital. She saw the New Year in from her sick bed. After the way 1994 treated you Liz we wish you all the best for 1995. Kendall Boyd finished 1st equal in the NZ Rapid Chess Championship (Wanganui) where 30 moves are made in 30 minutes. Well done! Also John Sutherland contested this NZ Masters Tournament.

#### Quiz

Would you challenge any of the following words? Answers below.

BESTMAN, CALMERS, FEUDERS, SEALION, UNTIMED.

#### January

Elvira Steel had a fall and broke her pelvis — in hospital again.

Welcome to Ian Clark and Kelvin Brown.

#### February

Norman Goodger has been transferred to Timaru. He has been our club president for the last couple of years and will be greatly missed. Norman has a great knowledge of word meanings. He is now an independent. Sorry to see you go — keep up the study and we'll see you at tournaments. Come down for a visit any time. We wish you all the best Norman.

#### Answers to Quiz

All are crook.

#### Forwards Magazine

Only \$10 for 4 issues. Come on, be a subscriber.

#### Dunedin Tournaments 1995

Otago Open June 17 \$9

Dunedin Open Sept 9-10 \$21

Note new date this year.

You are all invited to enter.

Happy Scrabble  
Bill Grigg

### Rodney Scrabble Club. Prizewinners - 1994

#### Prizes

Lowest winning score

Highest Losing Score

Highest Game Score

Highest Combined (Afternoon)

Highest Combined (Evening)

Highest non-triple-triple (Afternoon)

Highest non-triple-triple (Evening)

Recognition for 500+ game

500+ less handicap

#### Challenge Knockout

Afternoon

Evening

#### Winner

Margaret Bundock

Isobel Yorke

Gerald Warner

Gerald Warner

Isobel Yorke

Gerald Warner

Margaret Bundock

Terry Archer

Paddy Glen

Gerald Warner, Margaret White,

Rhoda Cashman, Ernie Gidman

Rebecca Freeth, Valma Gidman,

Bery Evans

Dorothy Haining

Dorothy Haining

#### Runner-up

Betty Wyatt

Gerald Warner

Rhoda Cashman

Ernie Gidman

Rhoda Cashman

Merle Spinetto

Gerald Warner

Rebecca Freeth

Paddy Hoffman

Valma Gidman

Rhoda Cashman

Dorothy Haining



Cups  
 Secretary's Cup  
 Round Robin (Afternoon)  
 President's Cup  
 Round Robin (Evening)  
 Club Trophy  
 Most Improved Player  
 Highly commended  
 Club Trophy - Discretionary  
 1994 Achievement in Competitions

Winner	Rebecca Freeth	Runner-up	Dorothy Haining
	Gerald Warner		Vivienne Williamson
	Paddy Glen		Rebecca Freeth
	Olwen Skelton		
	Merle Spinetto		

Special award to **Vivienne Williamson** for longest serving Committee Member — on Committee since Club's inauguration.

### Hastings v Masterton

After a break of exactly one year the friendly rivalry between Hastings and Masterton clubs resumed on January 22 when the Hawkes Bay team travelled down to Bill and Hilda Scott's home in the Wairarapa to defend the Interclub Shield.

In the first session Hastings grabbed a 4-1 lead which was cut to 6-4 after round 2. Masterton kept in touch, but Hastings finally prevailed by 15 games to 10.

Top performer of the day was Doreen O'Shea (Hastings) who was undefeated with 5 wins, followed by Yvonne Wilson and Andrew Bradley (both Hastings) and Alette Hay (Masterton), all with 3 wins.

The prize for the most bonus words was shared by Yvonne and Alette who had 8 each, and the highest-scoring words were played by Hilda with **SPRAYING** (112) and Margaret Warren (Hastings) with **SEIZURE** (108).

A great day was had by all, and Hastings are now looking forward to hosting the Masterton Scrabblers some time in July.

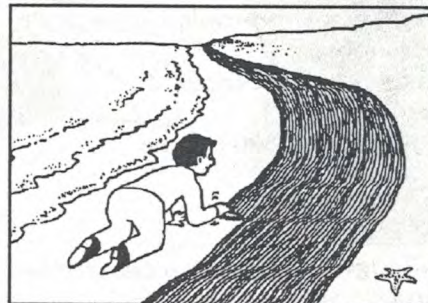
### ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example **GROWN** to **WRONG** and **INFLAME** to **FEMINAL**. Many people have names that are particularly well-suited to anagramming, as illustrated by Glenda Foster elsewhere in this issue (see page 11).

Here are half-a-dozen 'new' transposed Scrabblers who have previously had anagrams published in *Forwards*.

ANDRÉ PRENTICE	A PRINCE ENTERED
ELVIRA STEEL	RELIVE TALES
ROGER COATES	ROOSTER CAGE
LYNNE BUTLER	BUNNY TELLER
ROB TALBOT	BLOTTO BAR
GLENDIA FOSTER	SOFTER-ANGLED

### That Takes the Cake



A beachcomber

## INTERNATIONAL



### British National Champs

The 1994 British Scrabble Championship was held on 18-20 November. The 64 qualifiers played nine games, after which the top four had a round robin to decide the two finalists. Maths teacher Clive Spate and railway manager Mike Willis subsequently fought out the best-of-five final, with Mike eventually winning his second



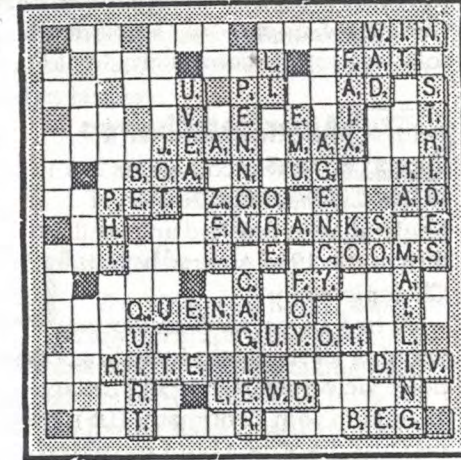
Champion: Mike Willis

title with a tense 400 - 394 victory in the fifth and last game. Some great words were played during the Championships, including **FIREBRAT**, **BOLLXES**, **XOANONS**, **CISLUNAR**, **CARANGID**, **SKREIGH** and **MAENADIC**, but the most impressive move was made by Mike O'Rourke who, holding **RETINA** + **A** (no word there), was able to convert **VEG** into **VEGETARIAN** — brilliant! The highest game score was recorded by Bob Violett with 596.

Interestingly, in the APSP Official Ranking List following the tournament Mike Willis is down at no. 12.

The top ten finishers in the event were:

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Mike Willis    | 6 Evan Simpson   |
| 2 Clive Spate    | 7 Mark Nyman     |
| 3 Russell Byers  | 8 Helen Gipson   |
| 4 Allan Saldanha | 9 Allan Simmons  |
| 5 Brian Sugar    | 10 Andrew Fisher |



Final game layout

Neil Scott, who finished equal 11th, was (appropriately) the highest-placed Scot, and will represent Scotland in the World Championship in November. Likewise, Gareth Williams (18th), will represent Wales (Gareth was 4th in the 1993 World Champs).

It should be mentioned that the National Scrabble Champs are thought of by many in the UK as primarily a publicity exercise for the game's manufacturer, JW Spear. There is no doubt that the most prestigious event as far as the majority of Scrabblers are concerned is the APSP-organised British Matchplay Scrabble Championship.



### Champion Francais

The 23rd World French Speaking Scrabble Championship was held last year in Libramont, Belgium. Winner for the third time was Christian Pierre, a 34-year-old admin manager from Liege in Belgium. The French Champs are played to duplicate Scrabble rules, where each participant sits alone and has the same letters every move as all

the other competitors. Over five games Christian dropped only 12 points in total against the computer.



## American Champs

A few comments from World Champ, Mark Nyman of England, who finished an excellent fifth in the 1994 American Championship:

"I had a great start on day one winning all six games including a one point victory against 1994 Thailand champion Sam Kantimathi (US). Day two was disastrous but I recovered a little on the third morning by which time I had scored 11/15, including a win against the elaborately-named Mark Przybyszewski. Losing the next two games, I began to feel a little frustrated, but not as much as one of the players who displayed astonishing petulance in storming out of the arena after having ROGERED disallowed.

On the last day I clung onto fifth place with a one point victory over my World Championship Final opponent Joel Wapnick (Canada). The \$1,000 (less tax) prize money was handy for the following week in Hawaii.

The tournament was superbly run by John Williams who is a great PR man for Scrabble. Overall my best words were GUIDEWAY, HILLOAED and SINOLOGY, all OSPD, but sadly none of them were challenged."

**From Scrabble Club News, (UK) Nov. 1994, edited by Philip Nelkon**

John Williams, executive director of the US National Scrabble Association, has stated that "the words nip, chink and spade will not be deleted from the revised OSPD as they have perfectly acceptable generic meanings. The same

will be true for faggot, slope and any other generic words which also have derogatory meanings."

Regarding the 1993 World Championship in New York, data shows that over 100 million people in North America alone knew about the event, while champ Mark Nyman's appearance on *Good Morning America*, the top-rated morning TV show, was seen by 4 million people. There were also stories in seven of the ten largest circulation newspapers in the US and all the largest radio networks.

In 1994 there were no fewer than 100 sanctioned and rated competitions held in America, drawing over 5,000 players in 34 US states and every Canadian province. Milton Bradley, the US Scrabble distributors, placed a record \$55,000 into the prize fund for the National Championship with three divisions being created and almost 300 prizes awarded.

**Some snippets from Scrabble Squibs, newsletter of the Bahrain Scrabble League (Jan-Feb 1995 edition)**



## Bahrain

In December Naween Fernando captured the Bahrain Scrabble Cup for the third time in a masterful match against incumbent champ Akshay Bhandarkar. Both are only 15 years old.

In the first game, Fernando seized the lead from the opening move and kept his opponent well at bay. With 309 points gained on some words that would raise the eyebrows of an English teacher — VICUGNA, PETITION,

TOROIDAL, LAIRISES — Fernando won 524 - 353. Bhandarkar managed HIDEOUS (70 points)

Bhandarkar tracked his opponent closely in game 2, getting 155 points for RESPIRED and SETTINGS while Fernando obtained 148 points for TENSILE and ELONGATES. Fernando managed a 409 - 373 victory which spelled out the winning of the ninth championship and earned him a trip to India with Air India.

In a non-obligatory final game, Bhandarkar, hoping to garner a win for himself, wrenched the lead from Fernando in the 12th move with EXALTING (83 points) to have an edge of 339 - 286. But in the final move, Fernando catapulted ahead 390 - 364 with HACKERS (81 points) to conclude with a convincing 3 - 0 score.

Gulf top-seed Fernando won all 21 of his games in the three-month playoffs, a first in the Bahrain Scrabble League. It was also the first time that two youngsters ended up in the championship final.

At the age of eight, Fernando was runner-up the first season he played, finally winning the cup in 1990 and 1992. In '92, the master in the mind game also took the Gulf Cup and again last spring. Moreover, the three-time Bahrain Cup recipient has also demonstrated his prowess at Scrabble in Britain, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates.

In 17 games at the Bahrain tournament Fernando placed a creditable 45 seven-letter words which earned him the bingo trophy for the fifth time.

Yvonne Lobo won 2 - 1 in a hard-fought match against Roland Filio for third place. Playing for the first time this season, Jayakesavan M. won 2 - 1

in the match against veteran Mohammed Janjira for the Bahrain Scrabble plate. The awards dinner was held in January.

**Information supplied by Roy Kietzman Bahrain Scrabble League**



## Australia

The 1994 New South Wales Championships were held on 1 - 3 October with 95 players taking part. The Masters section was won by Bob Jackman for the second year running, an achievement being all the more remarkable because of his undefeated run over the last 14 games. Bob finished with 19½ wins out of 22, followed by Esther Perrins on a countback from Geoff Wright — both on 16 wins.

The top five Australians according to the November 1994 National Ratings were:

- 1 Roger Blom
- 2 John Holgate
- 3 Bob Jackman
- 4 Esther Perrins
- 5 Geoff Wright



## Kenya

The 'Moi Day National Open Tournament' was won by Manase Otieno who beat Kenya's top-ranked player Gitonga Nderitu. Gitonga, however, took out the 36 hour nonstop marathon event, gaining the title 'King of Scrabble'.



## Philippines

Three players from the Philippines attended the Thailand International Champs in Bangkok, which had a first prize of 100,000 baht.

One of the Scrabblers was named Gil Domalaon, which brings to mind that brilliant player Gil Quiballo of Lower Hutt, who went from E to A grade in only a couple of years. I wonder what he is doing now?

## Seychelles

The Seychelles Scrabble Association was formed in 1994. They ran a national tournament late in the year which was won by Mr W Silva.



## Thailand

The 10th Thailand International Scrabble Championship was held recently at Bangkok's Ambassador Hotel. The event was won by Thailand's K Jakkritch with 18 wins from 24 games, closely followed by 1994 winner Sam Kantimathi (US).

Unsurprisingly, the Thais dominated the contest with seven of

the top ten places in the open division. Besides Kantimathi, the other 'outsiders' in the top 10 were Gulf and Bahrain champ 15-year-old Naween Fernando (4th) and Briton Gerry Carter (8th). Other Americans and Britons, as well as Filipinos, Malaysians and Pakistanis were among the nearly 60 overseas players taking part in this tournament among a total of some 1500 entrants. Thailand, incidentally, boasts a thousand members in its national association.

Information courtesy of  
Roy Kietzman  
Bahrain Scrabble League



## World Championship

It is likely that for the first time there will be players from France, Kurdistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Pakistan, Seychelles and Trinidad.

## Rejection Slip Rejection Slip

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for your recent rejection slip. I am sorry to say that it is not what I am looking for at the present time, but this is no reflection on its literary merit. Please don't be discouraged by this form letter: I truly appreciate your thinking of me, and I hope you'll continue rejecting my work in future.

I read your entire rejection slip with great interest. It displays an extraordinary sensitivity and a brilliant mastery of the genre. Such passionate use of the language makes even the best efforts of Hemingway and Steinbeck seem like the puny posturings of illiterate hacks. Your daring imagery would inspire Nobel and Pulitzer Prize Committees to raise their hands to the heavens, sing hosannas to your muse, and dance in rapturous ecstasy. What sheer

poetry — enchantingly joyful, hauntingly sorrowful — a searing roller-coaster to emotional fireworks exploding with a scathing commentary on the human condition. A tour de force! I couldn't put it down for almost six minutes. Gripping, suspenseful, a real page-turner!

In fact, I'm turning the page over right now, inserting it into an envelope, and sending it back to you with my best wishes. Since it undoubtedly represents the pinnacle of your creative powers, I'm certain you'll want to frame it and hang it above your fireplace. Let me know when a volume of your collected rejection slips is published. I would be happy to review it in The Rejection Slip Quarterly.

Literally Yours,  
Starving Writer

from *Word Ways* magazine



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## Pakuranga Scrabble Club Tournament

28 January 1995

### 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave Bonus
Grade A				
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	7	3149	450 15
2 Lynne Powell	NSB	4	2826	404 14
3 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	2786	398 11
4 John Foster	MTA	4	2672	382 9
5 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	2537	362 5
6 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	2464	352 7
7 Glynis Jennings	MTA	2	2463	352 5
8 June Mackwell	MTA	0	2355	336 8

### Grade B

1 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	3070	439 10
2 May Quigley	NSB	5	2751	393 9
3 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	2729	390 8
4 Fae Olson	STR	4	2766	395 9
5 Roger Coates	HAM	3	2740	391 12
6 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2720	389 8
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	2	2484	355 7
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	1	2494	356 11

### Grade C

1 Ann Candler	NSB	7	2781	397 10
2 Glenda Geard	IND	4	2737	391 9
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	2624	375 8
4 Rob Talbot	MTA	3.5	2742	392 9
5 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2487	355 1
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2457	351 6
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	2	2429	347 5
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	1.5	2656	379 9

### Grade D

1 Anne Warner	ROD	5	2740	391 9
2 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	2605	372 7
3 Maureen Holiday	MTA	4	2862	409 9
4 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	4	2730	390 11
5 Pam Robson	WKT	4	2627	375 9
6 David Gunn	WKT	3	2401	343 8

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave Bonus
7 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	2551	364 5
8 Marj Baillie	HAM	1	2439	348 5

### Grade E

1 Shirley Gilkins	MTA	6	2819	403 13
2 Carole Coates	HAM	6	2769	396 8
3 Joan Pratt	MTA	5	2536	362 7
4 Steven Brown	HAM	4	2707	387 14
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	2623	375 8
6 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2554	365 8
7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	1	2212	316 4
8 Cathie Sale	PAK	0	2182	312 2

### Grade F

1 Margaret Simpson	PAK	6	2951	422 13
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	2670	381 4
3 Joan Ball	PAK	4	2661	380 6
4 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2638	377 5
5 Margaret Mourant	MTA	3	2391	342 6
6 Hilda Joyce	PHC	2	2417	345 1
7 Lil Moore	MTA	2	2280	326 5
8 Val Holbrook	PAK	2	2152	307 2

### Grade G

1 Kay Buffalora	MTA	6	2639	377 6
2 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	2429	347 5
3 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	2546	364 4
4 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	2368	338 4
5 Leanne Field	NSB	3	2489	356 5
6 Jill Johnson	PHC	3	2426	347 5
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	2473	353 5
8 Paddy Glen	ROD	1	2309	330 3

### Grade H

1 Sue Walker	MTA	5	3050	436 22
2 Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	2757	394 6
3 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	2538	363 7
4 Mary Farmer	MTA	3	2633	376 7
5 Elaine Fing	MTA	3	2460	351 5
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	2363	338 3
7 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	3	2363	338 2
8 Marie Kingi	PHC	1	2171	310 5

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave Bonus	Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	
<b>Grade I</b>										
1	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	5	2633 376	9	11	Jane Walton	LOH	5	4662 359
2	Paddy Hoffman	ROD	5	2414 345	2	12	Max Aston	WEL	4	4799 369
3	Kim Graham	HAM	4	2525 361	9	13	Marjorie Heads	WEL	4	4725 363
4	Jillian Greening	HAM	4	2412 345	10	14	Hilda Scott	MAS	4	4723 363
5	Ed Olson	STR	3	2408 344	4					
6	Alastair McDougall	PAK	3	2356 337	6					
7	Jeannie McDougall	PAK	3	2160 309	8					
8	May Gale	HAM	1	2178 311	6					

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave Bonus	Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	
<b>Grade J</b>										
1	Helen Daltry	MTA	5	2548 364	7	5	Hazel Drew	WEL	9	4789 368
2	Kath Davies	MTA	5	2389 341	2	6	Gwen Kaiser	WEL	9	4768 367
3	Pam Mayall	HAM	5	2371 339	1	7	Sandra Stacey	WEL	8	5052 389
4	Dean Reisterer	PAK	4	2433 348	2	8	Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	4916 378
5	Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2248 321	3	9	Sue Osborne	WAN	7	4641 357
6	Merle Spinetto	ROD	2	2167 310	1	10	Jean Walsh	WAN	7	4467 344
7	Vera Burner	PAK	2	1958 280	0	11	Thelma Chisholm	WEL	7	4396 338
8	Pauline Scott	NSB	1	2240 320	4	12	Clare Wall	WEL	6	4224 325
<b>C Grade</b>										
1	Betty Erikson	WAN	11	5092 392						
2	Jan Wheeler	WEL	10	4949 381						
3	Rosemary Cleary	WAN	9	5266 405						
4	Eileen McLean	IND	9	5049 388						
5	Hazel Drew	WEL	9	4789 368						
6	Gwen Kaiser	WEL	9	4768 367						
7	Sandra Stacey	WEL	8	5052 389						
8	Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	4916 378						
9	Sue Osborne	WAN	7	4641 357						
10	Jean Walsh	WAN	7	4467 344						
11	Thelma Chisholm	WEL	7	4396 338						
12	Clare Wall	WEL	6	4224 325						
13	Dorothy Latta	IND	4	4221 325						
14	Maura Teegan	IRE	3	4370 336						
15	Audrey Plane	WAN	3	3842 296						
16	Sally Duffield	AVA	3	3829 295						
17	Edna Chandler	AVA	3	3605 277						
18	Ed Olson	STR	2	3733 287						

Computer Equipment Courtesy M.R. Bundock

## Wellington Club Tournament

18-19 March

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave
<b>A Grade</b>				
1	Lynn Wood	WEL	11	5509 424
2	Mike Sigley	WAN	9	5592 430
3	Paul Lister	WEL	8	5032 387
4	Denise Gordon	WAN	7	5547 427
5	Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	7	5266 405
6	Margie Hurley	WAN	7	4978 383
7	Fae Olson	STR	6	5256 404
8	Chris Hooks	MTA	6	5095 392
9	Glenda Foster	WEL	6	4955 381
10	Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	4883 376
11	Reeva Pearson	STR	5	5062 389
12	Andrée Prentice	WAN	5	4815 370
13	Leila Thomson	LOH	4	4898 377
14	Gaye Norgren	WAN	4	4723 363

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave
<b>B Grade</b>				
1	David Gunn	WAI	10.5	4820 371
2	Kendall Boyd	DUN	10	5514 424
3	Pam Robson	WAI	9	5111 393
4	Norman Wheeler	WEL	9	5030 387
5	Aliette Hay	MAS	7	4944 380
6	Marj Batchelor	WEL	7	4824 371
7	Sue McRae	PAK	6	4639 357
8	Valerie Mills	MAS	5.5	4832 372
9	Doreen Davies	NPL	5	4798 369

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 Bring your family and friends.  
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 Jeff 06-878-6654

### Six Bonuses

On March 3 Lynne Powell played six bonus words in one game (not a so-called 'book game'). Her total score for the game was 673 which is a North Shore Bays Club record, and the six bonuses are also a club record.

### What Would You Do: Answer

Mike used the M of MAVIN to make SOLANUMS/ABLED

# 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)