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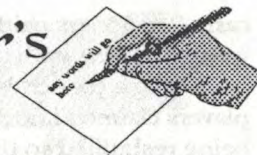
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Editor's Note



There has been lots happening on the tournament scene over the past three months. Well done to Wellington for hosting a successful Masters, and to Mike Sigley who again proved his 'mastery' in the 3-day marathon. Congratulations also to big improver Lynn Wood, who organised and won the Wellington 'No Frills' event in March, followed this up with an excellent 11th at the Masters, then took out the North Shore tourney.


Things have been busy in the south as well, with the South Island Champs in Christchurch, and Otago Open in Dunedin (results in next issue). It's great to see Scrabblers travelling between the islands too. There were lots of favourable comments from the North Islanders who ventured south to play, and the press coverage was great. Even our small local paper carried a full report on the Christchurch event.

The Nationals proved as popular as ever, with 114 players gathering at the brilliant new venue at Waikato Polytech in Hamilton. It was nice to have some southerners in attendance, with particular kudos going to Kendall Boyd of Dunedin who triumphed over tough opposition in the 'C' grade. For sheer closeness though, the 'B' grade took the prize with only 2 wins separating Chris Hooks (MTA) in 1st place from Rhoda Cashman (ROD) 12th. Once again newspaper coverage was good, although the reporter did seem to have rather a fixation with Sue

McRae's Scrabble earrings! The prize-giving dinner was superb - a magnificent spread and some great entertainment, particularly the very clever Cinderella Scrabble skit. Well done to all concerned. Our thanks to the organisers and helpers at the Nationals, with a special vote of appreciation to Elaine Moltzen who again did a grand job in buying those magnificent prizes.

The National Executive has had a reshuffle, with Roy Vannini standing down as President after 5 years at the helm. On behalf of all Scrabblers, thanks for all your efforts, Roy. The rating system in particular has greatly improved the way tournaments are run, and given players a way to measure themselves against others. We hope to see Roy and Bernice back on the tournament circuit soon. John Foster has taken over as President, with Gerald Warner Vice-President. I'm sure they will both do a fine job.

Once again, John Holgate couldn't make it over from Australia this year. However, we did receive a postcard the week before the Nationals in which John sends his regards to all his NZ friends, and says he is looking forward to meeting up with the Kiwis again in London.

Speaking of which, the World Champs team is receiving lots of support and encouragement. We greatly appreciate everyone's good wishes. John Foster is coming with us to London as 'Team Manager', a role Denise Gordon filled admirably in the past. John has also organised the World Championship raffle, so please get behind it and sell lots 

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of tickets! Thanks for all your work, John, and also a big thank you to Alveen Seon (MTA), whose Avago/Lotto scheme is proving a real winner.

The new Chambers Dictionary and OSW3 are now in use, so we can at last use words like WETA, HOON, SQUIZ and BOATIE, as well as more obscure ones such as TWP, CAPIZ and MBAQANGA, but there seems no doubt that a certain 2-letter word will have the biggest impact on the game. Updated word lists are now available thanks to the efforts of Rob Talbot and Margaret Bundock (details later in this issue). We believe the layout and legibility is first-rate.

It was a shock to learn of the death of top Scottish player John Catto (32) whom we met at the World Champs in New York where he gained an excellent 16th place.

On a brighter note, there are still vacancies for the Norfolk Island festival (30 Aug. - 6 Sept.), so if you are interested contact me or Glennis Hale.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to Forwards this time, especially Glenda for all the preparation and layout work.

Closing date for the September issue is 25 August.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

War of the Words

Forget soccer and snooker - the latest game rocked by match-rigging allegations is SCRABBLE! A bitter war of words has reportedly split the Bridlington Scrabble club in England after accusations of match-fixing. The battle of the boards apparently broke out when members started playing for

cash. Pensioners paid £1 to enter the weekly contest with the winner pocketing a tenner, but less skilful players claimed knockout draws were being reshuffled so they always faced stiff opposition, and the same clique was winning most times. Feelings ran high and the chairman closed down the club, claiming all allegations were unfounded. Now makers Spears are sending in trouble-shooter Philip Nelkon to try and sort things out. Come on guys, it's only a game!

From an Exclusive by Terry
Lawson of *The Star*

Hybrid Himalayans

You may have heard of a beast called the ZO. Found in the Himalayas (and on numerous Scrabble boards, it is a kind of hybrid domestic ox, said to be a cross between the male yak and the common horned cow. Also known as DSO, DZO or ZHO, the male of this cross is called a ZOBO, ZOBU or DSOBO, while the female is a ZHOMO, DSOMO or JOMO. The new *Chambers Dictionary* gives us two more useful variants. Apparently the ZO may also be referred to as a DZHO or YAKOW.

Kay Buffalora

Our dear friend and respected member of the Mt Albert Scrabble Club passed away suddenly of a heart attack on March 14 1995. We will all miss that warm, welcoming approach and deep chuckle which endeared Kay to all who knew her.

Liz Catchpole



No Frills, No Fuss Tournament

Lynn, you can go to the top of the class twice! You organised it, you won it (Wellington 'No Frills, No Fuss Tournament').

Congratulations also to Peter Sinton and Kendall Boyd (both DUN) on their success in the Christchurch event. Long may they reign!

Best wishes to the NZ team for their big challenge coming up in London. Safe journeying to Jeff, Blue, Mike and Glennis.

Doreen Ogston
Christchurch

Thoughts from Ireland

I was flattered to find myself mentioned in your excellent *Forwards* (March 1995) through the letter written by Ngairé Steel of Mount Maunganui Club. May I take this opportunity of thanking her and also Noel Maisey of the Tauranga Club for giving me such a warm welcome and so many enjoyable games.

They also groomed me for the 'No Frills' Tournament in Wellington where I had some great games and learned much, particularly from Lynn Wood, about running tournaments when back in Ireland.

Mike Sigley's *Personal Opinion* in the same issue was of particular interest to me and I heartily endorse his suggestions and hope to see them implemented. Our Cork Club is less

than two years old and already we have lost at least six members with splendid vocabularies (which would give them an edge in any tournament) but who cannot be bothered playing those virtually meaningless 'little' words.

Congratulations on your most interesting journal and every good wish to all New Zealand Scrabble players.

Yours sincerely

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PS Visitors from NZ will be given a warm welcome!

Reply to A Personal Opinion

This is in reply to Mike's brilliant article *A Personal Opinion*.

This piece is done after consultation with my fellow club members.

We are right behind Mike when he states that there is a loss of appeal as a Club game to new players, with a risk of fragmentation of clubs.

As most of you are aware we are a very small club as it is. We have tried unsuccessfully in recent years to boost our club numbers. We have had a session in the local public library during the 'Great TV Turn-off' week, and also attended a fair put on by various craft and club groups run by the local YMCA. These attempts have aroused some interest and on a few occasions some of these interested persons have attended either of our weekly sessions. However, once they see the two and three letter word lists of allowable Scrabble words they stay until the end of the session, but

are never seen again, even though further contact is attempted.

I myself considered giving the game away when such words as UH, HM, BRR, MM and QAT became allowable. I am not in favour of QI, and certainly not P.D.Q. coming in at some later stage. If this sort of thing became allowable we may as well have e.g. and i.e. which are in much more common usage.

Kevin Edgeler
Tokoroa Scrabble Club

[The terms pdq (pretty damn quick) and qt (quiet, as in 'on the qt') are listed in *Webster's Third Edition*. They were apparently considered for inclusion in OSPD2, but thankfully rejected. — Ed]

The Trouble with QI

Following on from Mike Sigley's article in the March issue of *Forwords*, our Club members are in agreement with the views expressed.

QI has been used here on a brief, trial basis, and most players consider this word should be disallowed. Very rarely would a player be left with a Q on his/her rack, and other equally obvious advantages then render the game less skillful.

The fact that the word has already been published in the latest edition of the Chambers Dictionary could be readily overcome if the Association ruled that all affiliated New Zealand Clubs delete QI from their dictionaries.

Undeniably, numbers of potential members are lost to Clubs because of non-acceptance of many strange two-letter words, thus making the task of encouraging interest in Scrabble (through advertising and publicity), a

virtually wasted effort.

We hope this problem is rectified to the satisfaction of all New Zealand Scrabble players, as there is no reason why one country should not have the right to accept or not, any words which detract from the game in any way. When playing in another country, the rules of that country would, of course, be adhered to, but Mike's timely suggestion of an advisory body is an ideal solution.

Margaret Lyall
Christchurch Scrabble Club

Editor's Comment

QI has certainly got Scrabblers talking! Some see it as just another word, others like it because it lessens the fear of being caught with an unplayable Q, while others don't like it because it affects the strategic side of the game.

QI has been used in UK and Australian Scrabble since the beginning of the year. There don't seem to have been any major ructions with its introduction, but in America, following newspaper reports about QI, they had to issue a special nationwide message to let people know it wasn't allowed in that part of the world.

There is no doubt of QI's existence as a word. Pronounced 'chee', and also spelt chi or ch'i, it is the Chinese concept of 'life-force'. QI appears in the Oxford English Dictionary (1989), with a citation of use dated 1978. Here is another example, taken from a 1994 medical journal:

"The therapeutic principle was to invigorate blood circulation and reduce stasis and to soothe the liver and regulate qi."

What we need to ask is this: "Should

a legitimate word, however strange, listed in one of our adopted Scrabble dictionaries, be ruled unacceptable because it may change the strategy of the game, or put some people off playing?"

[A motion to disallow QI in New Zealand Scrabble was defeated at the AGM on June 4. However it was pointed out that individual clubs may choose to ban it if they wish. QI is now usable in all NZASP-sanctioned tournaments — Ed.]

The State of Play

I have read Mike Sigley's letter several times and it is difficult to disagree with the logic of his observations.

However, apart from the fact that it is unlikely to ever be contemplated by the manufacturer, I am not in favour of any changes to the structure of the game itself. Rob Talbot has previously done an analysis of letter distributions and values (*Forwords* 33) and the remarkable thing really is that Alfred Butts came as close as he did with the method used. We can only speculate what the letter distribution might have been if the front page of the New York Times on that fateful day had carried a story about the "queer case of Mr Quentin Quigley's quarrel with a quango".

Seriously though, I believe that a major strength of the game is simply the fact that it has not been subjected to structural changes over the years. I have often said that the beauty of Scrabble is that, like chess, the ideal format had been arrived at and no tinkering was necessary or desirable.

If some letters were to be devalued as proposed by Mike it would immediately also devalue the premium squares as there would be much less risk in exposing them while the X or Z is still

unplayed. Anyway, I think we all realise that such arguments are purely academic because, like it or lump it, the present structure, warts and all, will be with us for many years to come.

The question as to which words should be allowable is a totally different matter and, with the latest Chambers edition, we will have had to adapt to three major dictionary revisions in the space of 10 years or so.

I have no difficulty in accepting QI as it has a sound etymological basis and I have previously commented that it should have been included in the previous edition when QIGONG made its appearance. Irrespective of this particular word, I am opposed to any selective deletions because once we start such a process there will be no end to it, as the Americans have discovered with their offensive words crusade.

I do not have a problem with periodic additions to dictionaries. Language is in a continuous process of change and new words inevitably appear and must be absorbed into our vocabulary. I find it much more difficult to accept wholesale deletions and have seldom felt more discouraged than when reading pages 22 to 26 of *Forwords* 38. Even after disregarding the deletions that are in OSPD there is still an extensive list of words that I have learnt and now have to unlearn.

I agree with Mike that what is really needed is a world governing body working towards producing a single English-speaking dictionary after considering submissions from all member countries. Hopefully the fledgling World Championships will be the catalyst which will bring this about in the not-too-distant future as I am sure that neither of the major protagonists can be happy about the accommodations they have to make.

John Foster
Mt Albert

Changes to 2, 3, 4, 5 letter words with OSW3 adoption

2 letter words

New PH QI

Delete No deletions

3 letter words

New ACH CID ECO ISO MEG OBA QIS SNY TWP ZEX
AHS DAE EST KYU MOI OBO RAI TAY VID
ARD DEF HUI MAA NOX PHS REZ TOC WUS

Delete GOG

4 letter words

New ACER COIT FINI KATA MEGS NITE RAIS SOCA TOCK WAQF
AHED CRED FOHS KORE MELA NUFF RAKU SOHO TOCS WASM
ARDS CRIM FOID KRAB METS OBAS REGO SPAG TOEY WETA
AREG DAES GEEP KURI MIRV OBOS RIZA SPEK TOSA WICE
ARLE DEEK GUGA KYUS MOCH OCTA ROJI SUID TRAT WUSS
AUNE DELT HOKI LAZO MOOK OKTA RURA SWEY TRES YAHS
BAJU DOEK HOON LERP MOTU OULD SAMA TABI UVAE YIKE
BOHS DOSH HUIS MAAS MUNT PARP SANT TAKI VIDS YOOF
BOOL DZHO ISOS MANG MUSO POGO SECO TANH VIRE YUKO
CAPI ECOD IURE MANI MUTI PONT SEIK TAVA VOLK ZITE
CENS ESTS JASS MARY MZEE PROB SEIR TAWA WADT ZOPP
CHIZ FAVE JUVE MASA NERK PUDU SENA TAYS WAKA ZOUK
CIDS FENI KAMA MEGA NIMB PUKU SIJO TEGU WAKF ZYGA

Delete CIDE COCH CRUE CYTE GOGS ISMY KIRI MOVY RYVE TAAL

5 letter words

New ACERS CHONS EPROM JUVES MELIK OCCAM REALO SNIES TAVAS WAKAS
AEROS CHOOF EQUID KAMAS MENTO OCTAS REGGO SOCAS TAWAS WAKFS
AHENT CHOTA FATWA KATAS MEZZE OKTAS REGOS SOKAH TAXOL WANKY
AHING COBZA FAVER KIKOI MILKO OPEPE RESES SOMAN TEGUS WANNA
ALKIE COHAB FAYRE KINDY MIMSY OPTER RHODY SPAGS TENNO WAQFS
ARLED COITS FELTY KIPPA MINGE PARPS RIZAS SPEKS TENNY WASMS
AUNES CONVO FENIS KIRRI MIRIN PHOHS ROJIS SPOOT TERES WETAS
BACHS CORAM FOIDS KOKER MIRVS PICCY RUBAI SPREW THANS WICCA
BAHUT COREY FOODY KOMBU MOCHS PLING RUDES SQUIZ TIKKA WIFIE

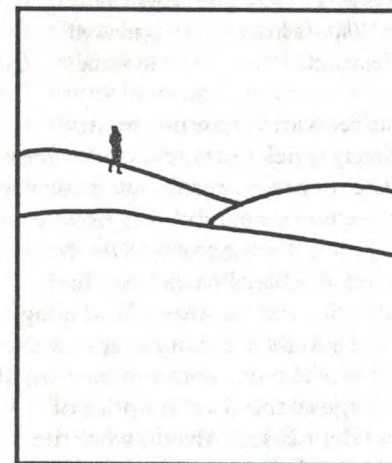
BAJUS COWAL FUNDY KOORI MOCHY POGOS RUDIE STYTE TOCKS WILGA
BANDA CREDS GAMBO KORES MODER PONCY RUMPY SUBBY TOEAS WILJA
BANTU CRIMS GEEPS KRABS MOOKS PONGA RURUS SUIDS TOMIA WONGI
BARDO CUNDY GLAMS KURIS MOTUS PONTS SADZA SWEYS TOSAS WUSES
BASHO CURSI GLOOP LASSI MUDGE POSEY SAMAS SYRAH TOUZY XOANA
BICCY DAGGY GONYS LAWIN MUNTS POTOO SANTS SYSOP TOWZY YAKOW
BINGY DARCY GOSHT LAZOS MUNTU PRATT SCUZZ TABIS TRATS YAPPY
BIVIA DAZER GOURA LERPS MUSOS PROBS SEIRS TACAN TRATT YLKES
BOLDS DELTS GRODY LESBO MUTIS PRONK SELLA TACHO TREIF YOOPS
BONZA DERIG DRUFE LOMED MYTHI PSION SENAS TAGGY TREST YRNEH
BOOLS DIDDY GUGAS LUGER MZEES PUDUS SHMEK TAGMA TRIFF YUKOS
BORAK DOEKS GYNIE MAAED NEEMB PUKUS SHMOE TAKHI TRIPY ZAKAT
BUPPY DOHYO HALFS MALIK NERKS PULAS SHOGI TAKIS TUGRA ZEXES
CADEE DOONA HALON MAMEE NEXTS PUNGA SHTUP TALCY UNGAG ZIPPO
CARBY DUMBO HOKIS MANGS NIKAU RAITA SHURA TANGI VIRED ZUZIM
CAUSA DWANG HONGI MANIS NIMBS RAKUS SIJOS TANHS VITAS
CHIMO DWEEB HOONS MARAE NITES RAMEN SIMUL TANKY VOCAB
CHIZZ DWILE IDOLA MARON NOXES RAMIN SKANK TASER VOLKS
CHOCO DZHOS IPPON MASAS NUFFS RATOO SKEGG TATIN VOZHD
CHOKO ENOKI IZZAT MELAS NYSSA RAZOO SKELL TAVAH WADTS

Delete AVOUE CLOYE CYTES IZZET KYLEY RYVES SMOUS STOLA TEHEE
BANDH CROST GAZEL KASBA MIZES SAILY SOLEN STRAG WONED
CIDED CRUDY IAIDO KAYOE MUCIC SARSA SOPHA STRAK ZUZES
CIDES CRUES IDANT KIRIS RYVED SARZA SORBO TAALS

The Compleat Scrabbler

The March edition of UK's Scrabble Club News reports a company called Magnificent Mouchoirs, which is launching a range of Scrabble gear such as cravats, cuff-links, handkerchiefs and boxer shorts! The cuff-links are of Scrabble letters and the other products contain the final board layout from the 1993 World Championship. The boxer shorts feature Joel Wapnick's play of GROANERS in an appropriate position. I wonder if this stuff will be marketed in NZ. What next? Scrabble socks, bras, condoms ...

That Takes the Cake



A distant cousin

COMPETITION CORNER



69.9, however there were no misprints in Lyn's winning answer. Therefore Lyn won by the smallest possible margin — an 'n'! Congratulations to Lyn, and for those still struggling with the anagrams, here is a full list of answers:

Avian Anagram Contest: Answers

Thank you for all the entries for this competition. There were some very inventive answers, particularly from Ron Bunny who tried to make up unusual birds of his own rather than go for the more orthodox solutions. I especially liked his East Scotland Moorecock and Grecian Fine-Matt Figbird for the last two. The honour roll of those scoring over 60 was:

Lyn Toka	Hamilton	70
Maureen Holliday & Joan Pratt	Auckland	69
Glennis Hale & Alveen Seon	Auckland	69
Leila Thomson	Lower Hutt	69
Dorothy Haining	Warkworth	68
Lyn Dawson	Nelson	63
Ernie & Valma Gidman	Warkworth	63
Glynis Jennings	Auckland	63

Maureen and Joan put in an amazingly quick entry, only one week after the magazine came out, however despite some research I was unable to find a Finch Warbler as well as the intended Warbler Finch. Leila had trouble with the Stewart Island Shag, which I thought was very tough as the bird part of the name was such a small percentage of the total number of letters. Glennis and Alveen were the unluckiest of all as their California Condor instead of Californian was an obvious misprint and they deserved

- 1 PIED STILT
- 2 STONECHAT
- 3 SILVEREYE
- 4 RED GROUSE
- 5 SANDPIPER
- 6 PTARMIGAN
- 7 CRESTED TIT
- 8 GREENSHANK
- 9 TURTLE DOVE
- 10 SCREECH OWL
- 11 SIBERIAN JAY
- 12 CATTLE EGRET
- 13 GREY WAGTAIL
- 14 MASKED BOOBY
- 15 HOUSE MARTIN
- 16 ALPINE SWIFT
- 17 CASPIAN TERN
- 18 GLOSSY IBIS
- 19 CANADA GOOSE
- 20 HEDGE SPARROW
- 21 BLUE TITMOUSE
- 22 SPIDER HUNTER
- 23 ESKIMO CURLEW
- 24 CEDAR WAXWING
- 25 OYSTERCATCHER
- 26 SHINING CUCKOO
- 27 MANGROVE HERON
- 28 MANDARIN DUCK
- 29 KING CORMORANT
- 30 PRAIRIE FALCON
- 31 SPOTLESS CRAKE
- 32 AFRICAN DARTER
- 33 TRUMPETER SWAN
- 34 WARBLER FINCH
- 35 WHOOPING CRANE
- 36 ROYAL ALBATROSS
- 37 DOMESTIC PIGEON
- 38 ROBIN REDBREAST

Scrabble Contest No 39

Here's one that should appeal to all you cryptic fans, although anyone can do it. The idea comes from an article called 'Split Wit Definitives', by Canadian Howard Richler, published in the November 1994 edition of *Word Ways*. It works like this — a phrase is provided which clues a word that can be divided into two parts (the number of letters in the answer is shown in brackets). Here are a couple of examples:

exile BNZ monarch (7) = BANKING
 attacked sick donkey (7) = ASSAILED

See how you go with the following 'split wit definitives'. Some are not too difficult, others — well, good luck!

The closing date is 20 August and the winner will receive a book prize. Send your entries to:

Jeff Grant
Waipatu Settlement Rd
RD 2
Hastings

- 1 run thru with devil's brew (6)
- 2 theft of sleeping goat (10)
- 3 charming Italian twitch (8)
- 4 battle-room keeper (6)
- 5 imply flaming negative (7)
- 6 obvious quarrel in court (9)
- 7 find the flip side (8)
- 8 once cute mavin (6)
- 9 dangerous masculine serving (8)
- 10 novelty pub applause (10)
- 11 huge Woodstock stunt (8)
- 12 rerun Times race (9)
- 13 encourage false debts (8)
- 14 a number meditate (5)
- 15 long time in prison muck (7)
- 16 order male escort (7)
- 17 BBQ 666 KFC (7)
- 18 fortify bit of sheep (7)
- 19 harm the artist's hair (9)
- 20 artificial bird organ (10)

Patrick Carter

- 39 MELODIOUS LARK
- 40 LITTLE BEE EATER
- 41 EMPEROR PENGUIN
- 42 BANDED DOTTEREL
- 43 SPOTTED HARRIER
- 44 BIRD OF PARADISE
- 45 LESSER FLAMINGO
- 45 BLACK GUILLEMOT
- 47 GOLDEN BOWERBIRD
- 48 SOOTY SHEARWATER
- 49 TAWNY FROGMOUTH
- 50 NORTHERN FANTAIL
- 51 ANTARCTIC FULMAR
- 52 EGYPTIAN VULTURE
- 53 CHANTING GOSHAWK
- 54 TURQUOISE PARROT
- 55 SPUR WINGED PLOVER
- 56 BLUE BREASTED WREN
- 57 DALMATIAN PELICAN
- 58 SQUARE TAILED KITE
- 59 AMERICAN BALD EAGLE
- 60 STEWART ISLAND SHAG
- 61 AZURE WINGED MAGPIE
- 62 SCARLET HONEYEATER
- 63 CALIFORNIAN CONDOR
- 64 RHINOCEROS HORNBILL
- 65 RED CROWNED PARAKEET
- 66 SOUTHERN SHOVELLER
- 67 THREE TOED WOODPECKER
- 68 RING NECKED PHEASANT
- 69 SALMON CRESTED COCKATOO
- 70 MAGNIFICENT FRIGATE BIRD

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 38

Only three entrants managed to score 100% by finding the words PIUPIU, SONOVOX and OHMMETER — Dorothy Haining (ROD), Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Delcie Macbeth (IND - Coromandel). First name out of the hat for a first-time win was Delcie — well done!

50 Good Reasons For Spending Easter Weekend Looking Up Other People's Words

At the 12th New Zealand Masters the NONELECT adjudicator got FISHEYES looking at the INTROLD words played by JUNKMEN and RONIONS. They caused her to flit like a NONSKED from one table to another to check the EELIEST words of players like Blue, (whose IXORA immediately proved handy in a friendly match with a RURALITE spectator from Thames). The FAMOUSED knowledge of John was tested often but he was not BANED with any NEURINES despite his early lead, whereas Patrick KAYOED them with his weird ones, clashing the ZILL on occasions. Gerald and Glenyss Buchanan were seen to HAGRIDE the adjudicator good-naturedly when the ticks were down. But there was no FIKERY, as everyone behaved well, and the adjudicator did not rely on HEARSAYS, nor did she sip whisky from a DEWAR, as every AXITE in her brain was vital in making decisions. Fae spent some time PATHING a few obstacles and late ring-in Marj proved to be a TWICER along with Fae who also had cause to OUTBRAG, but did not. Glenda Foster looked down her VOMERS with a twinkle in her eye when I gave her a rare 'x', but Glennis won many a challenge, was given a glass of water as an ESTOVER and came back on Day 2 for SMORE victories. Jan the PANTLER provided wholesome peals and Alan the TALLIER calculated some PARSECS in adding up the totals. There was not a FAINEANT among them, with Reeva throwing in the WARBIEST attempts and Rhoda nearly finding SPOFFISH in a close finish. June and Glenda Gear played

like SOVRANS while Lynn and Lynne supplied the necessary RIANCY. Andr e played like a RANEE, FEEZING her opponents, while Puti also turned the odd CHAINE and Leila did her best in an UNNOISY way. Denise had to TRAIK along valiantly, DONNERT with a sore throat, and Sheryl discovered every cloud has an ARGENTAL lining. The Wellington weather provided some VIRID scenery in ESTIVAL temperatures causing ABOULIA and ATONIES in some players by Day 3. Paul shocked us with some of the LAWNIEST bonus words and Jeff TREADLED his way to many a victory, while Mike came from behind, DAVENING and shrouded in MUSLINET to win the tournament. All of them supplied me with enough new words for the next TOWMOND to put in my TRIDARN.

The words in capitals were all played at the Masters and found to be correct.

Sue McRae
Wellington Club

DAZZLING
DOZEN

Now that the new dictionary is in use, it's time to start learning all those new 3 and 4 letter words. Apart from the obvious QIS, here are a dozen of the most useful new words to dazzle the opposition.

KYU	AREG	MZEE
MAA	DZHO	PROB
NOX	JUVE	RIZA
REZ	LAZO	WAQF

Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 2nd Edition (OSPD2)

Corrections to First Printing

Please make sure your copy of OSPD2 incorporates the following corrections:

CLAUGHT	correct inflection is -ING not -INT.
DIDDLEY	plural is -DLEYS not -DLIES.
HONDLE	correct inflections are -DLED, -DLING, -DLES.
HOOTY	adj. HOOTIER, HOOTIEST hooting. (insert if necessary)
MISENROLL	v -ED, -ING, -S to misenrol. (insert if necessary)
PECORINI	an optional plural of PECORINO.
PREFREEZE	v -FROZE, -FROZEN, -FREEZING, -FREEZES to freeze beforehand. (insert if necessary)
PINYIN	correct plural is PINYIN not PINYINS.
REFALL	correct inflection is -FALLS not -FALL.
VANIR	not allowed, delete if necessary.

The above corrections have been advised by the American National Scrabble Association. Most have been previously noted in Forwords and many have been corrected in later printings anyway. HOOTY, MISENROLL and PREFREEZE were apparently omitted in error. Note that the last two are 9-letter words, but both are single-letter extensions of eights (MISENROL, REFREEZE).



End of an Era

On March 17 1995 Francis Spear, the great grandson of founder Jakob Wolf Spear, retired, thus ending any family connection with games manufacturer JW Spear. Francis worked for the company for 46 years, taking over as chairman in 1983 after his father's death. He actually had the job of setting up the first Scrabble production line when Spears began to produce the game back in 1954.

On retirement, Francis and his wife Hazel, who are both keen players, were presented with a special, unique

Scrabble set with a gold embossed burgundy-coloured lid, specially crafted bronze turntable, gold-foil-surfaced letters and engraved pens.

The Scrabble movement, clubs and championships were all started during Francis's tenure of office and Scrabblers owe him a special vote of thanks for all his work.

This information appeared in the May 1995 edition of UK Scrabble Club News, edited by Philip Nelkon

Farewell to a Great Lady

In all our thick comprehensive Thesaurus
 None was so mischievously sent forth to plague us
 Than the ten-point-rich awesome lone 'Q',
 Who without her slavish and elusive companion 'U'
 Could startle our tiles, loose teeth a-chattering,
 Chicken our hearts in fierce sabre rattling,
 For we had to conjure up strange words,
 Chat up Arab and Middle-Eastern birds —
 QANAT, QIBLA, TZADDIQ, MUQADDAM, TALAQ
 — all of which have now lost some flak,
 Since little 'queue-eye' hit the horizon
 — that tiny little speck we'll have to keep our eyes on;
 An imp of a life-force held by two letters,
 Had the imposter respect for her elders and betters,
 She'd not have devalued the sterling-rich 'Q'
 — like ex-eye and ex-you, she'll trounce me and you!
 How we'll yearn for an age not long by,
 When 'Q' was Dame and Mistress of all she surveyed;
 Dragon-like she distressed victims on which she preyed,
 Like eagle, hawk, lioness, tyrant monarch —
 How she breathed terror! When alone in the dark,
 I'd imagine her appearance on the rack of my foe,
 To confound and make him miss a go ...
 So great was her power, dripping red, tooth and claw,
 Sun will never warm her daemon dominion, no, never more —
 Dear Queen, be remembered by those who have seen her,
 Three cheers — (one and all) — for our late Tyrannosaurus Regina!
 And listen Queen, please abdicate quietly —
 (custom could stale infinite variety)
 Where majesty used to haunt our racks,
 Flaw our victory, stab our backs,
 There now toothless tiger leers and grins,
 A commonplace tile to assist our wins;
 A friendly face both hearty and hale:
 Big round zero WITH PUSSY-CAT TAIL!

By Barbara Berlin

[from the Australian Scrabble magazine
Across the Board, March 1995 edition]

Scrabbling on The Net

By now, many of us have dabbled in computer Scrabble — Monty, Tyler, US Gold are now household names. Likewise the Internet and the so-called Information Superhighway are fast becoming part of our every day world. 'CyberScrabble' takes a step further by allowing interactive play via modem, telephone lines and satellite. The World Wide Web (WWW) is a global network of documents and databases linked electronically. Individuals and organisations create 'home pages' giving access to databases, games and software.

The ASPA Electronic Scrabble Club

Via the WWW the ASPA Electronic Scrabble Club provides a gateway to a 'virtual' Scrabble Club. On entering the Club you can choose items from the menu:

- 1 Scrabble Trivia Quiz — what was Alfred Butts' middle name and other questions
- 2 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) — all you need to know about Scrabble
- 3 The Club Room — have a social game or chat with other players
- 4 The Tournament Room — play in a tournament or watch a game in progress
- 6 The ASPA Notice Board — details of ASPA activities, wordlist libraries
- 7 Tile Talk — on-line magazine — Scrabble news from around the globe

The Scrabble FAQs (pronounced 'facks'), prepared by Steve Alexander at Berkeley University in California is a mini-encyclopaedia on the game and

links you to all the Scrabble-related resources on the Internet. Via the FAQs you can order books and software, visit other clubs or browse a library of articles on Scrabble.

The Club and Tournament Rooms give you access to interactive games via TELNET to the 'server' computer in Toronto.

In the Scrabble Hall of Fame you can view images of Alfred Butts and champions of the game, or locate Scrabble records.

The ASPA Notice Board lists all clubs and tournaments in Australia, provides Travel Group news and information on how to organise a club or a tournament.

Tile Talk — an on-line magazine — gives the latest information on tournaments around the world. It also has a puzzle section and a column on how to build your Scrabble vocabulary and (how to) access various word lists.

Playing CyberScrabble

Interactive games (commonly known as MUDs, MOOs and DOOMs) thrive on the Internet. DOOM (short for Distributed Object Oriented Mud) is a 'networked textual reality', and the Scrabble player's version was designed by John Chew III and colleagues at the University of Toronto. Currently there are three DOOM servers for Scrabble available — two for social and 'public' games and one for expert players (rated over 1750). I recently had a couple of trans-Pacific matches online and found it entralling — once I mastered the lingo and commands of the DOOM world. It was strange to electronically bump into old

acquaintances like Stu Goldman and Adam Logan and chat about the state of Scrabble. After some discussion it was agreed that my nickname 'Koala' was acceptable.

Somebody called ZAX 'paged' me and asked me to join his board for a game and we had an interesting tussle. Some kibitzers used the 'join' command to watch the game and later commented on missed plays. The 12,000km distance made little difference to the speed of moves. You can choose which dictionary you want (OSPD2 or OSW3 or the combined SOWPODS). The computer records the score and time played and matches are rated. Strangely, to play on your own board you must first

visit the virtual 'Workshop' and create a certified board which can be used for rated games. You can even throw people out of the 'playing room' or get them to shut up with a single keystroke! (Sometimes I'd like to be able to do that in 'tactile' tournaments!) Onlookers can telephonically 'wave', 'smile', or even 'applaud wildly'. You can also play against ACBOT — the resident Scrabble computer. One problem with 'remote' Scrabbling is how do you know your opponent is not looking up an anagram dictionary!

The graphics can be improved. It's a bit like playing Tyler and squinting at a black and white grid with squiggles. Hopefully, the kind of colourful interactive boards you can use on the chess and backgammon servers will increase involvement from the not-so-computer-literate. Global interactive

board games may well take over from Nintendo and Pay TV as the leisure activity of the next century!

CyberScrabble could be a great promotion for the game and attract a new audience among the 3 million plus inhabitants of the Net. There are currently 2,000 games per month played on the Toronto servers and 90 US tournament players compete.

ASPA (ACT) is hoping to compile a clone of the Toronto program which will cater for Chambers-based players but also allow for combined dictionary

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games in the lead-up to the World Championships. We are planning some international round robin events soon. The time differences are a factor to consider — at 4pm Eastern Australian time the server went down for some shuteye (2am in Canada). The thought of a Scrabble 'Ashes' appeals to me — Australia versus England by satellite. Now there's a challenge! (Rupert and Kerry please note.)

There is also a lively electronic newsgroup on the Internet discussing all aspects of Scrabble and moderated by Sherry Saint John (e-mail address: saint(@mit.edu). Here Scrabble notables (like Barry Harridge) have a lot to say about challenge and word rules, 'Smart Tiles' (which beep when an unallowable word is played!) and the future of Scrabble.

How do I Get Access to the Electronic Scrabble Club?

If you have a computer (386 or better) and a modem, you can

subscribe to an Internet provider like OZ-EMAIL and PEGASUS (check your phone book) who, for \$25-50 per annum and \$6-8 per hour can give you access to the World Wide Web.

Cyberfreaks can visit the Electronic Scrabble Club by pointing their MOSAIC browsers to the ASPA URL (at <http://www.ozemail.com.au/-aspa>). 'Newbies' (neophytes) can send an E-mail message to jholgate (@ozemail.com.au) or telephone 06-286-6755 and ask me for directions.

CyberScrabble may not be for everyone though. Some will miss the face to face environment — the rattle of tiles and the click of clocks. It might even attract more players to the regular Scrabble scene. If nothing else, the Internet will give future editions of dictionaries some useful Scrabble words like TELNETS, NETSITE, NEWBY, FAQ and FTP. The word INTERNET (what's the anagram?) is already in Chambers. While 'netsurfing' recently, I discovered an on-line version of Roget's Thesaurus and unearthed this unusual definition:

#517.SCRABBLE [Absence of meaning]. Unmeaningness N Meaningless.

I wonder whether Alfred Butts came across that entry when he was naming his game?

**John Holgate
from the Australian Scrabble
magazine *Across the Board*,
March 1995**

[Access to the Internet is freely available in NZ. Apart from your computer, you need a suitable modem and software — a total cost of \$300 or more. The software enables you to access Internet services to browse, leave messages, download files and engage in on-line 'conversation'.]

World Championship

Allocation of the 64 places

Australia	4	Nigeria	3
Bahrain	1	New Zealand	4
Canada	5	Pakistan	1
Eire	1	Philippines	1
France	1	Saudi Arabia	1
Ghana	2	Seychelles	1
Hong Kong	1	Singapore	1
Israel	2	South Africa	2
Japan	1	Sri Lanka	1
Kenya	2	Trinidad	1
Kurdistan-Iraq	1	United Arab Emirates	1
Kuwait	1	United Kingdom	10
Malaysia	1	United States	10
Malta	1	Reigning Champion	1
Oman	1	Unallocated	1

France, Kurdistan-Iraq, Kuwait, Pakistan, Seychelles and Trinidad are being represented for the first time.

Poetry Scrabble

American Dave Morice has recently had a 272-page paperback published, with the aim of helping potential poets realise that **anyone** can write poetry. *The Adventures of Dr Alphabet: 104 Unusual Ways to Write Poetry in the Classroom and the Community* is a teaching manual. Pupils learn that poetry must be written with constraints (not necessarily rhyme), and are encouraged to try various techniques. One of the 104 methods listed is called 'Poetry Scrabble'. The rules are based pretty much on regular Scrabble, but with some exceptions. The players choose words not just to score points, but to make a collaboration poem. Sounds like fun!

International Dictionary

Following are excerpts from a letter by Joel Wapnick (Canada), which appeared in the December 1994 issue of the UK Scrabble magazine *Onwords*. Joel was runner-up in the last World Champs, and he was responding to a suggestion by Meg Henderson (Australia) that an International Scrabble Players Dictionary is needed (see Forwards, Sept 1994, p 23).

[We were sorry to learn that Meg was involved in a serious car accident in late January. Best wishes from us all, Meg — hope you are feeling much better now.]

“Is it elitist to suggest that everyone consider using the same dictionary, or combination of dictionaries? Perhaps, but in this case I feel that there are other reasons which are more compelling. First and most importantly SOWPODS (affectionate for OSW + OSPD) is an infinitely richer, more exciting game. If it were instituted worldwide for a period of a year, I am absolutely certain that very, very few would want to return to what one of my colleagues once called ‘Baby Scrabble’. Second, one standard would enable English Scrabble players around the world to play in each other’s tournaments without being at a disadvantage — a big plus. Finally, unification of the dictionaries would be beneficial in the long run to the development and growth of our Game.

I am familiar with the reductio ad absurdum arguments of those against SOWPODS (eg ‘Why not simply allow anything pronounceable?’), and feel that these arguments hold no validity whatsoever. Words are inserted in dictionaries for reasons, not because lexicographers want to screw us. I am

also familiar with regionalist arguments (eg ‘I talk North American English, not English English’). Rubbish! By and large, most of us can understand the English when we go to England. Certainly commonality is much greater than difference.”

“Regarding the implementation of a SOWPODS dictionary, I would hope that updates would be infrequent — perhaps every 10-15 years. I am in favour of definitions rather than straight lists, as definitions may convince the doubtful that words such as YRNEH, IJTIHAD and VOZHD really exist somewhere.”

[I agree with Joel’s comment that some people may be more inclined to accept odd words if they can see what they mean. The first words that newcomers look at are often the two-letter ones, and this can be quite daunting. Why not have a list of brief definitions for every 2-letter word, and give a copy to all prospective club members. You will probably find your existing members would like one too! Some clubs are already doing this — I think it’s a great idea. If anyone wants an updated copy of this list, please let me know. — Ed.]

Bonus Potential

It is reckoned that out of all the millions of possible racks of tiles that may be drawn from a full bag, about 15% can form a word. So, if you don’t start with a bonus play in around one game in seven, you probably need to improve either your bonus-spotting or your tile-picking.

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..... at your next tournament!

What’s hot? What’s NOT is cinder crisp!

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If you are TWP enough to front hook T onto AAL your informed WUS on the other side of the board will challenge you off faster than an ARD through fresh loam (and that’s only 1 delete and 3 news!). “What MOI?”, I can hear hundreds of you saying, “ACH, I’m DEF enough to have purchased my very own updated lists from Robot Banter...”

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Code	Quantity	Price	Total
Signature: _____			Total: _____

* Please circle the most appropriate word(s). This will allow us to unravel the secrets of marketing word lists to the Scrabble universe. The 5,000th respondent will receive a \$5 Lotto Lucky Dip and get to keep half the winnings. We will hold the ticket until the draw is confirmed.

NZASP RANKINGS as at 16 June 1995

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2160	520	406.5	78%	51 Lesley Edgeler	1531	140	61	44%
2 Blue Thorogood	2075	305	212	70%	52 Correne James	1523	218	91.5	42%
3 Mike Sigley	2052	437	337	77%	53 Margaret Bundock	1514	341	177	52%
4 John Foster	2034	504	296	59%	54 Sue McRae	1504	219	121	55%
5 Patrick Carter	1987	273	171	63%	55 Aliette Hay	1504	227	112	49%
6 Lynne Powell	1980	679	373	55%	56 Marj Baillie	1502	374	189.5	51%
7 Glynis Jennings	1959	451	216	48%	57 Bill Grigg	1501	149	88	59%
8 Glennis Hale	1949	586	354.5	60%	58 Rosalie Goldsworthy	1499	196	100	51%
9 Lynn Wood	1917	589	288.5	49%	59 Hilda Scott	1478	209	116	56%
10 Andrew Bradley	1894	274	135	49%	60 Margaret Cherry	1475	120	65	54%
11 Roger Tozer	1892	223	140	63%	61 Lorraine Van Veen	1459	327	177	54%
12 Glenda Foster	1891	396	208	53%	62 Anne Warner	1449	473	254	54%
13 June Mackwell	1891	549	256	47%	63 Valerie Mills	1448	192	110.5	58%
14 Lynne Butler	1888	470	287	61%	64 Rob Talbot	1446	186	103.5	56%
15 Sheryl Davidson	1845	281	177	63%	65 Ruth O'Neill	1446	197	97.5	49%
16 Glenyss Buchanan	1845	422	215	51%	66 David Gunn	1428	359	183	51%
17 Peter Jones	1845	490	254.5	52%	67 Norman Wheeler	1414	311	169	54%
18 Chris Hooks	1823	293	164.5	56%	68 Cathy Woods	1411	312	134	43%
19 Paul Lister	1823	120	063	53%	69 Shirley Wyatt	1407	117	62	53%
20 Gerald Warner	1812	617	298.5	48%	70 Elaine Moltzen	1402	283	143	51%
21 Denise Gordon	1809	432	234.5	54%	71 Margaret Lyall	1395	135	62.5	46%
22 Margie Hurly	1779	173	115	66%	72 Bernard Flower	1389	150	75.5	50%
23 Georgie Offringa	1774	426	195.5	46%	73 Maureen Holliday	1387	138	80	58%
24 Puti Rowe	1757	356	178.5	50%	74 Anne Stewart	1385	181	105	58%
25 Reeva Pearson	1756	641	303	47%	75 Martha Morgan	1383	242	117	48%
26 May Quigley	1752	607	258.5	43%	76 Marian Ross	1377	141	68	48%
27 Fae Olson	1748	631	324.5	51%	77 Lyn Toka	1373	266	143	54%
28 Ann Candler	1733	440	194	44%	78 Eileen McLean	1373	339	191	56%
29 Kevin Edgeler	1730	233	90.5	39%	79 Steven Brown	1363	116	78	67%
30 Faye Cronhelm	1724	319	163	51%	80 Yvette Hewlett	1361	157	67.5	43%
31 Kendall Boyd	1722	55	44.5	81%	81 Hazel Purdie	1359	122	56.5	46%
32 Betty Gibb	1708	186	75.5	41%	82 Jean O'Brien	1359	468	230.5	49%
33 Rhoda Cashman	1707	540	259.5	48%	83 Rosemary Cleary	1330	225	108	48%
34 Norman Goodger	1688	159	94	59%	84 Mary Carr	1312	219	102	47%
35 Andrée Prentice	1679	394	220.5	56%	85 Geoff Vautier	1297	143	56	39%
36 Glenda Geard	1669	407	221.5	54%	86 Doreen Davies	1288	187	97	52%
37 Joy Hunter	1668	237	116.5	49%	87 Peggy Wallace	1281	229	105	46%
38 Florence Veldhuizen	1667	246	110.5	45%	88 Anna Geange	1274	105	68	65%
39 Rita Moore	1666	238	109	46%	89 Betty Eriksen	1272	319	151.5	47%
40 Marj Batchelor	1629	183	86	47%	90 Alveen Seon	1254	272	130	48%
41 Gaye Norgren	1629	183	89	49%	91 Joan Pratt	1253	163	92	56%
42 Roger Coates	1624	369	182	49%	92 Margaret Parsons	1212	132	65	49%
43 Dave Godman	1615	301	165	55%	93 Carole Coates	1207	325	154	47%
44 Helen Sillis	1611	187	111.5	60%	94 Dawn Kitzen	1197	181	94	52%
45 Leila Thomson	1586	351	150	43%	95 Marjorie Heads	1193	201	105	52%
46 Allie Quinn	1571	537	241.5	45%	96 Bev Barker	1192	320	149	47%
47 John Moore	1563	238	113.5	48%	97 Gwen Kaiser	1187	250	128.5	51%
48 Jane Walton	1558	222	121	55%	98 Liz Ross	1186	93	52	56%
49 Pam Robson	1553	125	84	67%	99 Clyde Titchner	1184	49	23	47%
50 Alan Boyd	1551	277	175.5	63%	100 Phyl Wilson	1171	95	53	56%

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101 Margaret Simpson	1164	249	124	50%	155 Elaine King	735	162	80	49%
102 Max Aston	1162	107	59	55%	156 David Sutcliffe	734	87	44	51%
103 Joan Ball	1158	164	79	48%	157 Marie Kingi	726	142	55.5	39%
104 Shirley Hol	1144	109	40.5	37%	158 May Meads	717	87	40	46%
105 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1144	127	69	54%	159 Suzanne Anderson	710	82	38	46%
106 Conny van Tilburg	1140	240	124.5	52%	160 Shirley Robinson	704	60	24.5	41%
107 Daph Curl	1137	212	85	40%	161 Pam Mayall	692	27	12	44%
108 Delcie Macbeth	1127	162	87	54%	162 Audrey Plane	684	85	28	33%
109 Doreen Ogston	1099	234	97	41%	163 Paddy Hoffman	680	28	17	61%
110 Isobel Zyp	1097	166	78	47%	164 Kate Wignall	645	283	132	47%
111 Neville James	1091	120	55	46%	165 Trixie Neil	636	72	38	53%
112 Olwen Skelton	1084	203	96	47%	166 Kath James	624	180	80.5	45%
113 Annette Coombes	1078	279	121.5	44%	167 Kath Davies	608	84	40	48%
114 Daphne Parker	1055	148	76.5	52%	168 Ed Olson	603	583	210	36%
115 Margaret Forbes	1049	67	35	52%	169 Mary Gray	601	44	27	61%
116 Irene Hague-Smith	1048	339	150.5	44%	170 Grant Waghorn	562	80	38	48%
117 Gordon Pinchin	1044	107	58	54%	171 Lulu Holt	551	202	94	47%
118 Mary Pinchin	1038	144	76.5	53%	172 Angela Brett	526	34	16	47%
119 Liz Catchpole	1025	125	62	50%	173 Jeannie McDougall	514	44	21.5	49%
120 Margaret Mourant	1018	167	88	53%	174 Merle Spinetto	495	49	20	41%
121 Hilda Joyce	1014	54	30	56%	175 Elvira Steel	470	100	4	4%
122 Mary Farmer	1012	52	32	62%	176 Pearl Fraser	427	35	12.5	36%
123 Shirley Martin	1012	132	67.5	51%	177 Sylvia Nicholas	398	61	9	15%
124 Ernie Gidman	1000	118	61	52%	178 May Gale	361	155	32	21%
125 Adrienne McKeown	998	157	69.5	44%	179 Vera Burner	293	124	19	15%
126 Shirley Tozer	995	163	87.5	54%					
127 Jan Corry	986	61	34.5	57%					
128 Roto Mitchell	971	85	38	45%					
129 Sue Walker	962	62	37	60%					
130 Valma Gidman	961	205	102	50%					
131 Penny Irvine	956	79	35.5	45%					
132 Dorothy Latta	955	121	53	44%					
133 Jan Wheeler	932	165	74	45%					
134 Rebecca Freeth	924	42	28	67%					
135 Wayne Woods	905	61	28.5	47%					
136 Dorothy Haining	900	324	162.5	50%					
137 Lil Moore	896	358	163.5	46%					
138 Leanne Field	894	72	44	61%					
139 Margaret Ham	885	61	36	59%					
140 Sue Osborne	863	140	58	41%					
141 Val Worth	861	212	105	50%					
142 Kim Graham	856	104	56.5	54%					
143 Jill Johnstone	849	50	23	46%					
144 Daph Watson	848	151	59	39%					
145 Marianne Patchett	801	103	54.5	53%					
146 Cecilia Bullot	785	174	78.5	45%					
147 Elise Joy	777	57	26	46%					
148 Paddy Glen	775	50	23	46%					
149 Mary Curtis	765	88	41	47%					
150 Tania Pearson	764	152	63.5	42%					
151 Alastair McDougall	761	44	29	66%					
152 Jillian Greening	758	221	107	48%					
153 Naomi Gilmore	747	107	56.5	53%					
154 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	742	183	83.5	46%					

2-Hour Tournament

After the Nationals dinner and prize-giving a number of keen (mad?) Scrabblers retired to the Bavaria Motel for a fun mini-tournament. 'A' Graders Jeff, Blue, John, Glennis, Howard and Andrew were joined by David Gunn and Bev Barker in a round robin format, The bonuses flowed (as did the wine and beer), and new words like REZ, CID, MOI and, of course, QI were played with relish. Adjudicators Correne and Cathy did well to cope with the plethora of challenges. Jeff finished first with 7 wins (ave 427), followed by Blue on 5 wins (ave 433), then Andrew (4 wins, ave 387). Top word was Blue's ATCHIEVE for 185. Not bad Scrabble considering each player was allowed only 7½ minutes per game! Try it some time — it certainly focuses the concentration.

Scrabble Marathon Record

Paul Golder and John Howell of the Romford Club in England recently staged a 24-hour Scrabble marathon. Playing extremely fast and open they were able to complete 124 games and amassed 111,154 points. That's over five games an hour at an average combined score of just under 900 per game!

Somewhere amongst the mass of words, the extraordinary HALFPENNYWORTH appeared on the board, presumably built up over three turns, and Paul had the highest score — 212 points for IDOLIZES on a triple-triple. The two players say their main enemy was not sleep but boredom, proving that it is possible to have too much of a good thing. The *Guinness Book of Records* have indicated that they are likely to list this marathon feat in their next edition. It could take some beating!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example LEFTY to FLYTE and BEEFIER to FREEBIE. On a higher level, did you know that the hit song MR MOJO RISIN' by American group 'The Doors' is an anagram of their lead singer JIM MORRISON?

Here are half a dozen Scrabblers' anagrams. Keep watching and maybe your name will appear.
 GLENYSS BUCHANAN HAS CANNY BUNGLES
 PEARL FRASER RARE FELSPAR
 BERNARD FLOWER RED-BROWN FLARE
 ANNA GEANGE ENGAGE A NAN
 GRANT WAGHORN HANG WRONG ART
 SHERYL DAVIDSON LADY'S NO DERSVISH

NZ's World Champs Team



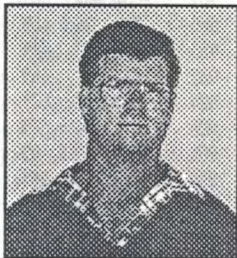
The World Scrabble Championship takes place on November 1 - 5 at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1Y 8BX, England.

New Zealand's representatives at this international event will be:

- Jeff Grant (Hastings)**
- Blue Thorogood (Wairoa)**
- Mike Sigley (Wanganui)**
- Glennis Hale (Auckland)**

Congratulations to Glennis (MTA), who qualified as the fourth member of the team with an excellent performance at the NZ Masters tournament in Wellington. In a nail-biting finish Glennis narrowly held off fellow contenders John Foster and Patrick Carter, also of Mt Albert club.

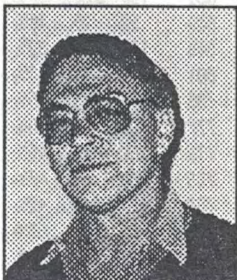
Please support our team!



Jeff Grant



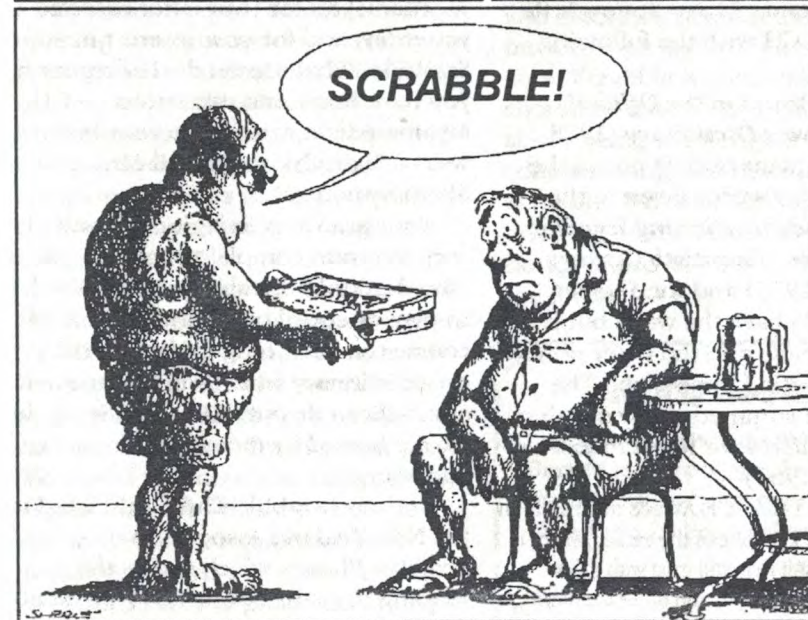
Blue Thorogood



Mike Sigley



Glennis Hale



This multi-lingual cartoon strip by French artist Claude Serre was submitted by Nelson Scrabbler Lyn Dawson.

Doubting Thomas

Letter to Val Gidman, Rodney Scrabble Club

Dear Mrs Gidman

I visited your club's outdoor display in Warkworth recently and chatted to some of the players and your President, Gerald Warner, who suggested that my wife and I may like to join the club. I explained that we find off-putting the use of unusual words that seem to be used only in Scrabble clubs. Mr Warner explained that the Scrabble 'Bible' was the *Official Players Dictionary* and members were permitted to make use, during play, of lists of the more unusual two and three letter words validated by that publication.

Thus informed I stood and watched a game. A lady played the word CH and was able thereby to achieve a triple word score. She told me that she did not know what the word meant but assured me it was "in the list". Being a Doubting Thomas I have done a little research into CH with the following results.

CH is not listed in the *Official Scrabble Players Dictionary* (1988 edition by Bantam Books) nor in the list of two letter words given in the *Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble*. Both *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary* (1973) and the *Shorter Oxford* (1973) have the word but it is listed as obsolete and the latter notes that is an aphetic form of 'ich'. The matter is best summed up by quoting from *Pears Advanced Word Puzzler's Dictionary* (1987)—

ch *dial pron* I (GAME PLAYER'S note: ch is an aphetic *fm* of ich - one of the earlier *fms* of I — and whilst it may still exist with a few speakers in Shropshire and other southern

dialects it will only be in such compound *fms* as **chad** (I had), **cham** (I am), **chud** (I would), **chard** (I heard), **chave** (I have) or **chill** (I will). Whilst ich once existed as an independent word, ch *never has!* Therefore, *its use for play is completely invalid* despite the reports, in various word game magazines, of its being used.)

(The italics are as printed in the *Advanced Word Puzzler's Dictionary*.)

Just following up on one word has seemed to confirm my fear, as expressed to Mr Warner, that Scrabble Clubs are in an artificial world and do not even follow their own official dictionary!

I would be interested in your comments.

Yours sincerely
Peter Sharp

Reply

Dear Mr Sharp

Thank you for your letter received yesterday, and for your interest in Scrabble. What a great deal of research you have done into two letters — CH. My immediate reaction to your letter was — Sharp by name, and obviously Sharp by nature!

Your grievance is legitimate and a very common complaint from people who don't play Scrabble at Club level. In playing social or family Scrabble of course the best thing to do is decide on a dictionary which will be accepted as arbiter in disputes. In Club Scrabble we are bound by more formal constraints.

Rodney Scrabble Club is affiliated to the New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players which makes the binding decisions on which words will

off by apparent lapses from the real world!

Very Sincerely
Valma Gidman
Rodney Scrabble Club

PS We have a whole page of the meanings of two-letter words specially entitled 'For the Doubting Thomases'.

[Mr Sharp is quite correct that CH is on shaky ground, despite being sanctioned by no lesser authority than the Oxford English Dictionary. There is no evidence of this obsolete term occurring on its own, although compound forms were apostrophised on occasions, eg ch'am (I am). This has been pointed out to Chambers by various people (myself included), as yet to no avail. In my correspondence with Peter Newby, the compiler of *Pears Advanced Word-Puzzler's Dictionary*, he has expressed a particular dislike of Chambers. Mr Newby has catalogued dozens of errors and inconsistencies in the dictionary, but CH is probably his main gripe as far as Scrabble is concerned. Really it should be listed 'ch-' (with a note about being used only in combination), and thus unusable for Scrabble. We can only hope that by bringing matters like this to Chambers' notice improvements may be made in the future. — Ed]

NZASP Secretary

Please address all mail to Bev Barker (see front inside cover) during my absence overseas from 18 July to 26 September.

Allie Quinn

or will not be acceptable in New Zealand. Individual countries may opt for different official authorities (which of course, may vary from one country to another and from one language to another.) In New Zealand the National Association has ordained that both the English and American Official Dictionaries are acceptable, as they are at the World Championships.

Therefore we can use either the English *Chambers Official Scrabble Words* (1989) which does contain CH, or the American *Official Scrabble Players Dictionary* (second edition, 1990) which does not contain CH.

The word lists which you may have seen in use are compilations of these two dictionaries fused together for ease of reference. Both the dictionaries and the word lists are updated at regular intervals as changes are decided upon.

I would also like to add that the game of Scrabble is about more than words and their meanings, just as tennis is about a lot more than hitting a ball with a racquet. Scrabble is about opening to opportunities, about strategy and tactics, about learning to overcome the difficulties and frustrations of a rack of incompatible letters and about enjoying the company of others in a game which challenges, frustrates and, now and then, exhilarates!

We do hope you will find that you are able to join us. It is apparent from the effort you have made to research the two letters CH that you have the tenacity and intelligence to make an excellent Club and Tournament player. We would welcome you and your wife to join the Club. Please phone me if you would like a session with my husband and myself before making your decision, and please don't be put



Roy Vannini, former NZASP President
50 not out - Congratulations!

Club News

Rodney

In an effort to attract new club members, Rodney Scrabble Club has taken two new initiatives this year.

Firstly, we have instituted a Homeplay Tournament designed to include players who may find the Club sessions rather daunting, or those who are unable to attend because of family or business commitments. This tournament seems to be going along quite happily, although those with commitments still have difficulty fitting in casual games also. For some people the travel involved is a problem, but this can be overcome with cooperation between players.

Our second effort was to hold an Open Day in the town centre. We had a lovely setting, a dry day in March and plenty of good players, so we felt very optimistic. Unfortunately, although many of the passers-by were intrigued and interested and obviously played the game at home, no new members eventuated — no, not one! That blessed CH was the downfall in one instance. I received a very well-researched letter from one observer who decided that we Scrabblers were not even living in the real world, and in spite of my efforts to convince him otherwise, we have lost a prospective player who may have been a valuable asset to the Club. We were particularly interested therefore, to read Mike Sigley's dissertation on this matter in the last issue of *Forwards*, and must agree with him wholeheartedly. (The relevant

correspondence is included on pages 22-23.)

Nevertheless Rodney Scrabble Club is in good heart and we had 11 members at the North Shore Bays Tournament and seven at the Nationals, plus of course our two representatives at Masters — Gerald Warner and Rhoda Cashman. So we carry on enjoying the game and wallowing in the miseries of too many vowels, too many consonants and too many unplayable bonus words.

May we invite players from around the country to come North during winter — enjoy our lovely village and the numerous things there are to do around here; and be sure to join our club sessions while you are in the area. It has been delightful to have Elaine Moltzen do just that, and I am sure she can recommend Warkworth as a great holiday place and Rodney as a fun club.

Best wishes to all from Rodney

Glam Diva, Man (wife of I'm Endearing)



Olwen Skelton (right) and Clyde Titchener
at the Open Day

Nelson Scrabble Club

The new Nelson Scrabble Club is up and running! We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 10pm at the Golden Links Hall, 93 Vanguard St, Nelson. So far we have 15 members, plus a number of casuals, some of whom may join in the months ahead.

None of our members, most of them senior citizens, have had any experience with competition Scrabble, and their sets are mainly old family types with wooden tiles. Unfortunately, wholesalers Holdsworth & Sons in Auckland no longer stock the modern rigid board with plastic ridges. We have urged our members to replace tattered old sets with new, but now need a source of supply. Does anyone know of toy stores selling these? Or would anyone going overseas be willing to bring back half-a-dozen sets for us?

Finally congratulations and best wishes to our World Champs team — Jeff, Mike, Blue and Glennis. Good luck in London!

Bob & Pat Johnstone
23 Marlborough Cres
Richmond, Nelson

[Great to hear of a new South Island club. We wish you every success. — Ed.]

Dunedin Newsletter

March:

Well done Kendall Boyd (DUN) on finishing 2nd, only half a win behind David Gunn (WAI), B Grade, Wellington Tournament. Kendall had 10 wins, ave 424, a great effort. In a round robin game Anne Stewart scored 622, with 5 bonus words including 4 in a row. Margaret was pleased when the game ended with her score at 296.

April:

Bill Grigg is now resident at 10 Church St, Green Island (ph 03-488-2885. Welcome to Judy Willis. Norman Goodger has been married and we wish him and his new bride all the best for the future. Sorry to hear Harry Thoms is not well. We all miss you, Harry.

May:

Happy Birthday Alice Doust (82), still going strong. A relative of Corale McDonald died — please accept our deepest sympathy. Penny Irvine played the violin at an orchestral concert recently. On Mothers' Day Bill was breaking in his new garden when to his surprise — water everywhere. A fork straight through a pipe. How silly I felt.

Nine of our club members ventured up to Christchurch for the South Island Champs. Great to see competitors from Thames, Waikato, Hamilton, Pakuranga, Nelson, Oamaru and Wellington. Congratulations to Peter Sinton (DUN) who won on a countback from clubmate Kendall Boyd. Both finished with 10 wins, but Peter won his last game by only one point. You can't get much closer than that. Our own Robert Jones finished third in B Grade and also won 3 spot prizes. Thank you Christchurch for your hospitality and great Scrabble. See 'Tournament Results' for full summary.

Quiz:

What do the following 'words' make?

- (1) LOADIER
- (2) LASSING (2 words)
- (3) LEANISH
- (4) MINTIES
- (5) POPSTAR

Scrabblewocky — Concluded

My sincere thanks go to Glenda for her surgical dissection of my little contest. I am prepared to concede that it may just have been a tad difficult for most people. However, I personally know of some dozen or so players who own an electronic OSPD, and if any one of them had happened to key in their own name, as I did, and recognised it in my story, I think they may well have got 90% or so right.

Glenda is correct that not all of my words were the only choice offered and there is, in fact, some degree of correlation with her spell-checker, with an exact match in the following 7 instances:

- JOAN BALL - JOINABLE
- PUTI ROWE - PUTRID
- SUE MCRAE - SMACKER
- PAUL LISTER - POLLSTER, PILASTER
- ANN CANDLER - ANACONDAS
- LYN TOKA - LUNATIC
- ISOBEL ZYP - ISOBARS

Mostly the words I chose ahead of these were for the sake of continuity, but in a couple of obvious cases because a less uncomplimentary word was available to me.

Finally, let us not forget that Andrée, without an inkling of the correct method, did actually get 8 of the 53 correct.

Jethro Snafflerod

Hard Luck Stories — Round Robin

Losing Scores:

- 464 Anne Stewart
- 446 Liz Ross
- 443 Alan Boyd
- 431 Bill Grigg

Competition Results:

		Wins	Ave
R/R	(1) Peter Sinton	20	436
	(2) Alan Boyd	14	391
	(3) Kendall Boyd	14	395
Challenge	(1) Alan Boyd	495	
	(2) Kendall Boyd	460	
	(3) Robert Jones	457	
Dictionary	(1) Alan Boyd	436	
	(2) Bill Wood	403	
	(3) Robert Jones	371	
Ladder	(1) Bill Grigg		
	(2) Jo Burnside		
	(3) Alan Boyd		

Answers to Quiz:

- (1) DARIOLE
- (2) SIGNALS/LASINGS
- (3) INHALES
- (4) MINIEST
- (5) APPORTS

Remember:

Dunedin Open Tournament:
September 9-10
\$21
You are all invited to enter.

Happy Scrabble
Bill Grigg

Wels Potted

Chambers Dictionary defines sheatfish as 'the wels, a large fish, etc', and silurid as 'any freshwater fish of the family Siluridae, including the European catfish, wels or sheatfish'. If you are not familiar with 'wels', don't worry. The word certainly exists, but it isn't allowed in Scrabble because neither of our dictionaries list it as a main entry. Just another of the vagaries of lexicography.

INTERNATIONAL

**Australia**

Seventy players competed in the inaugural Australian Masters Scrabble Championships held in Sydney on 28-29 January 1995, with the winner automatically qualifying for the World Championships in London. The first ten placings were:

1. Joan Rosenthal
2. Marie Knight
3. Paul Cleary
4. John Holgate
5. Steve Sunter
6. Mark Oliver
7. Gwen Chadwick
8. Barry Harridge
9. Bob Jackman
10. John Barker

Other names familiar to New Zealanders: Alistair Kane (16th), Alan Weinstein (17th), Glenys Lawrie (19th), Geoff Wright (21st) and Jim Warmington (24th). The top game score was John Holgate's 625.

The Australian Open was held in Queensland in April, with competitors using both dictionaries. Tony Sim, Singapore's representative at the first two World Championships won the event, ahead of Sydneysiders Bob Jackman and Trevor Halsall. After the tournament Australia's four World Champs reps were announced. They are Roger Blom (Victoria), John Holgate (Canberra), Bob Jackman (Sydney) and Joan Rosenthal (Sydney). John has played in both World events, Bob and Joan competed in New York in 1993, so Roger is the only newcomer.

**Ghana**

Ghana's OMO National Scrabble Open Championship held in December 1994 was won by 31-year-old government official Solomon Attache from Kanda. Victor Amartey, a 24-year-old teacher (also from Kanda) won the Grandmasters event.

**United States****To QI or not to QI?**

There has been so much publicity in the US about the acceptance of QI in Chambers countries that their National Scrabble Association has had to issue a special message that QI is not allowed in American tournament play.

It is reported however, that the Americans are balloting their members on whether they want to use words from OSW3 plus their own dictionary (OSPD2) in future tournaments. An interesting exercise, but it will be surprising if the suggestion gains much support. Nevertheless, it is good to see the idea being openly discussed in one of the world's major Scrabble arenas. As we have previously stated, the adoption of a single, worldwide Scrabble dictionary and standardisation of rules, is the only way to achieve complete fairness in international competition.

High Stakes in Vegas

The richest Scrabble tournament of all time will take place in Las Vegas this year. Issue 114 of the *US Scrabble News* reports that the event will be a "4-day shootout in mid-September at a major Las Vegas hotel, featuring the top 50 ranked Americans and Canadians." There will be \$US100,000 in prize money, including \$US50,000 for the winner!

Apparently only North American residents are invited, which is bad luck for current World Champion Englishman Mark Nyman who is ranked in the US top 20.

US World Champs Team

The US has been allocated 10 places at the World Championship, however they will send 11 players, the last being an 'alternate' who would be able to play if there was a pull-out. Five players qualify automatically because of their high rating: David Gibson, Joel Sherman, Joe Edley, Bob Lipton and Robert Felt. The other six will earn their place by finishing either first or second in any of three qualifying tournaments held in May and June.

Executive Director's Report

Some comments from John Williams, publisher of *Scrabble News*:

"So, the year 1995 is just a few months old, and it's already shaping up as the most spectacular in the history of organized Scrabble."

"Our goal is to have people someday think of Scrabble tournaments and clubs as familiar as big-time chess and bridge. Having two high-profile events (above) at this level will both increase publicity and show people that the Scrabble game continues to grow in popularity."

"I'm convinced — and you already know — that if you play a couple of times under the right circumstances, you're hooked!"

**The Nigerian Experience**

In Nigeria Scrabble is played all over the country, in homes, schools, colleges, universities

and hospitals. Tournament Scrabble began in 1986 through the efforts of two individuals, Segun Adegbenro and Gbade Sanda, Segun having obtained the mandate from JW Spear and Sons. In that year the first Nigerian National Championship was held with Femi Awowade making history as the first Scrabble Champion of Nigeria. Since that launch there have been many more Scrabble tournaments, with eight different National Champions to date. The Scrabble movement is run by the Scrabble Association of Nigeria (SCAN) with an elected committee. The Association has grown in leaps and bounds and as a result there is always good coverage of events in the Nigerian news media.

Nigerian Scrabble tournaments are festive occasions and the Scrabble circuit is like a close-knit family with plenty of camaraderie. Across the board however it is very different with players constantly trying to psych each other. Some wear dark glasses to conceal their eyes and others put on caps to achieve the same effect. Psyching has become part of the game for many. With the double challenge rule in Nigeria players are trying to encourage challenges to valid words and discourage challenges of invalid words. Players are advised not to pronounce the words they play because it may give a clue to the validity when the opponent would otherwise have challenged and, conversely, to pronounce and play a word briskly and confidently when attempting to discourage a challenge!

Any readers wishing to correspond with SCAN should write to:

SCAN, c/- PO Box 825, Ikorodu, Lagos state, Nigeria.

from an article by Nigeria's first Scrabble Champion, Femi Awowade in SCANews (the Scrabble Association of Nigeria news magazine), reprinted in the UK Scrabble magazine *Onwords*, April 1995.

Gulf Cup

The Gulf Scrabble Tournament was held on May 18-19 at the Hilton Hotel, Bahrain. For the third time, Naween Fernando won the Gulf Scrabble Cup, with a 2 - 1 victory in the final against Akshay Bhandarkar — both are 15-year-olds from Bahrain.

Based on their placements, the youngsters also earn seats at the third World Scrabble Championship in London this November, Fernando as champion and Bhandarkar as next highest Bahrain contender.

Mohammed Baqer of Royal Jordanian Airlines awarded Fernando a



Naween Fernando

ticket to London to attend the World Champs. He also received a night's stay at a Hilton Hotel in the Gulf as well as a collector's Scrabble set from Spears' Games. The

runner-up received a cassette player from Rouben's Store.

Fernando, who first won the regional cup in 1992, then again last year, became Bahrain champ in 1990 followed by victories in 1992 and last year.

While Fernando brought in the most bonus words — 33 in 17 games — Salah Saleh (Saudi Arabia) was awarded a trophy for a higher per-game average of 32 seven-letter words in 16 matches.

Competing among the region's 32 top Scrabble masters, Bahrain players have captured the cup for the fourth consecutive year. In a competition where the average age was 38, it was the first time that two youngsters had fought out the championship final.

In a 2 - 0 match between United Arab Emirates players Ased ul-Haq and Selwyn Lobo for third place, the latter took that slot and the UAE spot in the World Champs.

The current top ten ranking in the Gulf is:

1	Fernando	Bahrain
2	Bhandarkar	Bahrain
3	Lobo	UAE
4	Ul-Haq	UAE
5	Roland Filio	Bahrain
6	Ishtiaq Chishty	Saudi Arabia
7	Mohamedali Savanur	Saudi Arabia
8	Arvind Abraham	UAE
9	Sayed Shah	Saudi Arabia
10	Abid Hussain	Saudi Arabia

Ul-Haq, Hussain and Shah were all newcomers to the Gulf event.

In the 224-game Gulf Scrabble Tournament, Roland Filio smashed the old record for a high score by hitting a whopping 615 — 69 points better than the previous record set by Lobo last year.



Pakistan

Pakistan will be competing for the first time in this year's World event. The Pakistan Scrabble Association was formed seven years ago and now has more than 200 regular members. The closeness of competition is illustrated by the fact that no player has won the National title more than once.

The youngest contestant, Dean Saldanha (UAE), 12, matched the record set three years ago by the oldest entrant, Ishtiaq Chishty (61) when the youngster put down OUTDROPS for 149 points.

On the sidelines of the main event, Saleh, a 43-year-old advanced maths teacher, won the Bramco Scrabble Plate in a 2 - 0 match against Saldanha.

Other sponsors of the two-day event included Banque Indosuez, Coca-Cola, Creative Ads and UBF Industries.

Information supplied by
Roy Kietzman
Bahrain Scrabble League



Northern Ireland

Trevor Harrison won the Northern Ireland Championship for the second year in a row, and now qualifies for the World Champs. *Forwords* subscriber Danny McMullan was a very close 2nd and Ann Clenaghan 3rd.



Israel

The Israel National Scrabble Tournament was held on June 8 in Jerusalem, with the winner getting a free round trip to the World Champs courtesy of an Israeli airline. We have not heard the results of this event.



Canada

Canada have announced their team for the World Championship. Top-rated players Joel Wapnick (runner-up last time), Adam Logan and David Boys will be joined by Robin Pollock and Libero Paoella who were successful in a recent qualifying event.

NZ Words

Thanks to the efforts of the Words Committee a number of NZ terms are now available for Scrabble use. The likes of WETA, FEIJOA, DWANG, SLINTER and TOEY can at last be played without fear of a challenge.

It is our intention to submit a few more common Kiwi terms to Chambers Dictionary for possible inclusion in a future edition, eg farmlet, cray, kanuka, farewell (verb) and puha.

If you come across any other such words that are in widespread general use and not allowed in Scrabble, please let Jeff Grant know.

New Bonuses

Now that the new Chambers Dictionary is in use lots of extra bonus words can be played. Here is a small A-Z sampling of new sevens.

AQUILON	the north wind
BEERAGE	the brewing industry (not an angry swarm of bees!)
COWTREE	a S African mulberry with milky sap
DUNNART	an Australian marsupial mouse
EGGWASH	a thin mixture of egg and milk
FOODISM	great interest in food (common!)
GRAVLAX	a Scandinavian salmon dish
HURLBAT	an ancient boxing glove loaded with metal
ILIACUS	a triangular muscle in the groin
JIPYAPA	a palmlike tropical American tree
KNAIDEL	a dumpling eaten in clear soup
LENSMAN	a cameraman
MINCEUR	of food, lean or low-fat
NIHONGA	a Japanese style of painting
OPHIURA	a brittle-star or sand-star
PIGMOID	diminutive, dwarfish
QABALAH	a secret mystical tradition of rabbis
RAOULIA	the New Zealand cushion plant
SEXPERT	an expert in sexual behaviour
TUMSHIE	humorous Scots for a turnip
UJAMAAS	Tanzanian village communities
VIVERRA	a small catlike carnivore, a civet
WETWARE	the living human brain (computing, facetious)
XANTHAM	a thickening agent in food preparation
YOBBISM	loutish behaviour
ZEBRINA	a Central American creeping plant



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Masters Tournament Wellington 15-17 April 1995

23 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	19.5	10243	445	57
2 Blue Thorogood	IND	19	10348	450	42
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	18	10311	449	47
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	17	9820	427	42
5 John Foster	MTA	17	9241	402	34
6 Patrick Carter	MTA	16	9279	403	27
7 June Mackwell	MTA	15	8984	391	28
8 Lynne Powell	NSB	12	9207	400	45
9 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	12	9151	398	39
10 Glenda Foster	WEL	12	8705	378	22
11 Lynn Wood	WEL	12	8693	378	34
12 Denise Gordon	WAN	11	9222	401	41
13 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	11	8767	381	30
13 Paul Lister	WEL	11	8767	381	27
15 Gerald Warner	ROD	10	8886	386	12
16 Faye Cronhelm	IND	9	8601	374	30
17 Glenda Geard	IND	9	8444	367	30
18 Puti Rowe	WAN	9	8379	364	24
19 Marj. Batchelor	MAS	7	8718	379	23
20 Reeva Pearson	STR	7	8611	374	40
21 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	7	8314	361	16
22 Fae Olson	STR	6.5	8653	376	30
23 Leila Thomson	LOH	5	8100	352	18
24 Andrée Prentice	WAN	4	8318	362	20

North Shore Bays Tournament 29 April 1995

7 Games

Grade A - Kauri

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	2886	412	12
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	5	2865	409	11
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	2936	419	12
4 Lynne Powell	NSB	4	2884	412	14

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
5 June Mackwell	MTA	3	2780	397	12
6 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2756	394	5
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	2608	373	11
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	2563	366	10

Grade B - Totara

1 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	2892	413	17
2 Ann Candler	NSB	4	2866	409	9
3 Fae Olson	STR	4	2726	389	9
4 May Quigley	NSB	4	2504	358	8
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2555	365	7
6 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	2552	365	6
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	2502	357	7
8 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	2	2579	368	8

Grade C - Rimu

1 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	2977	425	13
2 Joy Hunter	NSB	5	2854	408	10
3 Pam Robson	WKT	5	2704	386	10
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2628	375	4
5 Rob Talbot	MTA	3	2479	354	8
6 Roger Coates	HAM	3	2469	353	4
7 David Gunn	WKT	2	2411	344	7
8 Bernard Flower	NSB	1	2299	328	7

Grade D - Rata

1 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	2627	375	9
2 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	2620	374	7
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	2783	398	12
4 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	4	2658	398	8
5 Maureen Holliday	MTA	3	2788	398	8
6 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	3	2658	380	12
7 Penny Headington	NSB	3	2191	313	5
8 Lyn Toka	HAM	1	2463	352	9

Grade E - Manuka

1 Valerie Mills	PAK	7	2996	428	11
2 Marj Baillie	HAM	6	2741	392	6
3 Eileen McLean	IND	5	2742	392	12
4 Mary Carr	NSB	4	2693	385	7
5 Carol Coates	HAM	4	2670	381	10
6 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3	2755	394	13
7 Delcie MacBeth	IND	3	2724	389	8
8 Joan Ball	PAK	3	2536	362	4

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
9 Bev Barker	MTA	2	2513	359	8
10 Joan Pratt	MTA	2	2513	359	8
11 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	2263	323	4
12 Phyl Wilson	TOK	1	2569	367	4

Grade F - Kowhai

1 Clyde Titchener	ROD	7	2531	362	5
2 Anna Geange	MTA	6	2891	413	9
3 Karyn McDougall	MTA	5	2769	396	7
4 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	2411	344	7
5 Jan Corry	PAK	4.5	2646	378	9
6 Daphne Parker	IND	4	2630	376	5
7 Daph Curl	MTA	2.5	2319	331	4
8 Lil Moore	MTA	2	2504	358	5
9 Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	2310	330	3
10 Shirley Martin	HAM	2	2242	320	7
11 Adrienne McKeown	IND	2	2232	319	4
12 Leonora Cole	NSB	0	2298	328	4

Grade G - Ponga

1 Val Worth	TOK	7	2729	390	11
2 Mary Farmer	MTA	6	2791	399	12
3 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	6	2707	387	8
4 Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	2534	362	6
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	2546	364	6
6 Paddy Glen	ROD	3	2455	351	6
7 Elaine King	MTA	3	2279	326	3
8 Elise Joy	PHC	3	2155	308	5
9 Grant Waghorn	WKT	2	2401	343	5
10 David Sutcliffe	WKT	2	2371	339	5
11 Pam Mayall	HAM	1	2325	332	1
12 Kate Wignall	MTA	1	2260	323	2

Grade H - Puriri

1 Ed Olson	STR	6	2473	353	6
2 Alistair McDougall	PAK	5	2737	391	11
3 Kim Graham	HAM	5	2724	389	12
4 Helen Daltry	MTA	4	2651	379	11
5 Jillian Greening	HAM	4	2581	369	9
6 Kath Davies	MTA	4	2452	350	7
7 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	4	2418	345	2
8 Merle Spinello	ROD	3	2359	337	1
9 Angela Brett	NSB	3	2214	316	6
10 Jeannie McDougall	PAK	3	2139	306	6
11 Lulu Holt	MTA	3	2133	305	1
12 Vera Burner	PAK	2	2213	316	3
13 Jacqy Struik	PHC	2	2198	314	2
14 May Gale	HAM	1	2170	310	3

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Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
1 Peter Sinton	DUN	10		441	20
2 Kendall Boyd	DUN	10		434	22
3 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8		413	13
4 Bob Johnstone	NEL	6		413	13
5 Jane Walton	HAM	6		374	15
6 Bill Grigg	DUN	5		391	15
7 Alan Boyd	DUN	4		376	11
8 Pam Robson	WKT	4		367	16
9 Anne Stewart	DUN	4		367	14
10 Margaret Lyall	CHC	4		348	14
11 David Gunn	WKT	3		387	14
12 Marian Ross	DUN	2		340	13

Grade B

1 Eileen McLean	IND	10		411	16
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7		393	15
3 Robert Jones	DUN	7		391	18
4 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	7		360	12
5 Shirley Hol	CHC	6		407	18
6 Mary Pinchin	CHC	6		361	4
7 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	5		353	12
8 Margaret Forbes	PHC	5		345	8
9 Dorothy Latta	IND	4		321	8
10 Pat Johnstone	NEL	3		340	8
11 Katrine Kerr-Renwick	CHC	3		328	5
12 Penny Irvine	DUN	3		305	10

C Grade

1 Elsie Malkin	CHC	9		366	8
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	8		366	7
3 Malcolm Graham	CHC	8		338	5
4 Bill Tozer	CHC	8		304	-
5 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	7		324	2
6 Sally McNulty	CHC	6		296	6
7 Julie Giles	CHC	5		332	2
8 Monica Fitzgerald	NOT	5		331	2
9 Judy Giles	CHC	4		313	4
10 Lucy McNulty	CHC	3		305	4
11 Letitia Vaitupu	DUN	2		252	1
12 Shyrlee Ryder	CHC	1		264	2

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Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	5616	432	24
2 Lynne Powell	NSB	9	5443	419	22
3 Blue Thorogood	IND	8	5489	422	25
4 Mike Sigley	WAN	7	5319	409	27
5 Patrick Carter	MTA	7	5302	408	21
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	7	5232	402	15
7 Howard Warner	WEL	6	5209	401	19
8 Andrew Bradley	HAS	6	5028	387	22
9 Glenda Foster	WEL	6	4956	381	17
10 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	4899	377	15
11 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	5141	395	21
12 June Mackwell	MTA	5	4906	377	19
13 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	5000	385	18
14 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	4886	376	14

Grade B

1 Chris Hooks	MTA	8	5321	409	26
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8	5213	401	20
3 Gerald Warner	ROD	8	5119	394	10
4 Margie Hurly	WAN	8	4999	385	16
5 Denise Gordon	WAN	7	5207	401	24
6 Fae Olson	STR	7	5154	396	19
7 Reeva Pearson	STR	7	5121	394	22
8 May Quigley	NSB	7	5085	391	14
9 Ann Candler	NSB	7	5012	386	12
10 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	5044	388	21
11 Betty Gibb	HAM	6	4897	377	17
12 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	6	4705	362	13
13 Glenda Geard	IND	4	4731	364	15
14 Leila Thomson	LOH	2	4321	332	8

Grade C

1 Kendall Boyd	DUN	10.5	5532	426	26
2 Andrée Prentice	WAN	10	5404	416	17
3 Helen Sillis	NPL	9.5	5043	388	15
4 Dave Godman	STR	8	5188	399	22
5 Roger Coates	HAM	8	5030	387	19
6 Pam Robson	WKT	7	4648	358	11
7 Sue McRae	WEL	6	4900	377	18
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	6	4505	347	8
9 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	5	4976	383	11
10 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	4809	370	17
11 Correne James	IND	5	4641	357	14
12 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	4476	344	9

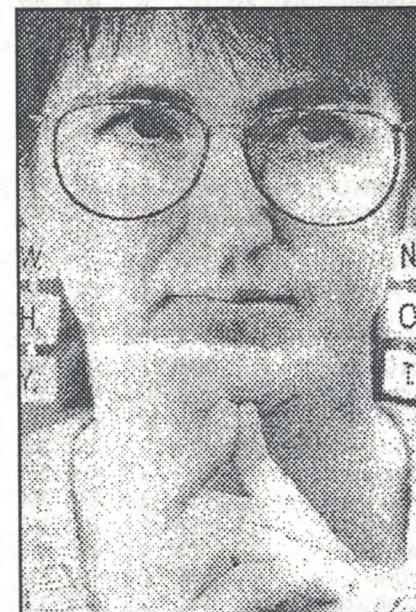
Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
13 Rob Talbot	MTA	3	4619	355	12
14 Norman Wheeler	WEL	3	4572	352	16

Grade D

1 Jane Walton	HAM	10	5098	392	18
2 Marj Baillie	HAM	9	4931	379	15
3 Hilda Scott	MAS	8	4956	381	14
4 Valerie Mills	PAK	7	4892	376	14
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	7	4831	372	11
6 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	7	4599	354	8
7 Anne Warner	ROD	7	4597	354	9
8 David Gunn	WKT	6	5008	385	23
9 Cathy Woods	IND	6	4744	365	15
10 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	6	4707	362	17
11 Bernard Flower	NSB	5	4537	349	17
12 Martha Morgan	NPL	5	4485	345	9
13 Jean O'Brien	STR	4	4727	364	8
14 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	4679	360	12

Grade E

1 Steven Brown	HAM	9	5261	405	26
2 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	9	5124	394	18
3 Eileen McLean	IND	9	4947	381	20
4 Lyn Toka	HAM	9	4823	371	16
5 Geoff Vautier	WEL	8	4753	366	13
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	7	5045	388	17
7 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	7	4913	378	11



WHY NOT? Sue McRae (WEL) at the National Championships. Photo in *Waikato Times*

Road, n. A strip of land along which one may pass from where it is too tiresome to be to where it is futile to go.

Ambrose Bierce, *Devil's Dictionary*

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
8 Netty Eriksen	WAN	7	4768	367	15
9 Gwen Kaiser	WEL	5	4936	380	13
10 Margaret Parsons	TPO	5	4698	361	8
11 Bev Barker	MTA	5	4307	331	5
12 Carole Coates	HAM	4	4714	363	18
13 Marjorie Heads	WEL	4	4611	355	12
14 Max Aston	LOH	3	4941	380	14

Grade F

1 Anna Geange	MTA	11	5141	395	18
2 Karyn McDougall	MTA	8	4905	377	15
3 Margaret Simpson	PAK	8	4880	375	21
4 Daph Curl	MTA	8	4735	364	10
5 Malcolm Graham	CHC	8	4619	355	13
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7	5037	387	14
7 Isobel Zyp	HAM	7	4784	368	8
8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	6	4670	359	11
9 Annette Coombes	IND	6	4649	358	11
10 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	6	4394	338	9
11 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	5	4424	340	11
12 Mary Pinchin	CHC	5	4167	321	2
13 Jan Wheeler	WEL	3	4500	346	13
14 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	4312	332	5

Grade G

1 Mary Farmer	MTA	9	4953	381	19
2 Shirley Martin	HAM	9	4825	371	17
3 Liz Catchpole	MTA	9	4663	359	8
4 Sue Walker	MTA	8	4978	383	29
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	8	4668	359	8
6 Dorothy Haining	ROD	6	4746	365	8
7 June Ward	HAS	6	4736	364	13
8 Lil Moore	MTA	6	4604	354	12
9 Leanne Field	NSB	6	4511	347	7
10 Val Worth	TOK	5	4641	357	13
11 Daph Watson	HAM	5	4433	341	5
12 Clare Wall	HAM	5	4342	334	8
13 Sue Osborne	WAN	5	4228	325	7
14 Marianne Patchett	MTA	4	4521	348	13

Grade H

1 Kim Graham	HAM	12	5288	407	17
2 Alastair McDougall	PAK	10	4821	371	17
3 Jillian Greening	HAM	10	4507	347	13
4 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	9	5011	385	23
5 Elaine King	MTA	9	4892	376	11
6 Marie Kingi	PHC	9	4598	354	15
7 Kate Wignall	MTA	7	4754	366	7
8 Mary Gray	MTA	6	4435	341	8
9 Ed Olson	STR	6	4312	332	9
10 Jeannie McDougall	PAK	5	4344	334	14
11 Grant Waghorn	WKT	5	4259	328	9
12 Jean Clarke	STR	5	4219	325	6
13 Nola Steevens	HAS	5	4051	312	6

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Avg	B/W
14 Mike Miller	WKT	4	3657	281	4
15 Eileen Jones	NSB	1	3606	277	0
16 Vera Burner	PAK	1	3350	258	0

Teams Event
Hamilton (Kim Graham, Jillian Greening, Jane Walton)

Know Your Compounds

How many of the following potential bonus words can you correctly define? Answers upside down at bottom of this page.

- WARDRESS
 - battle gear
 - female warder
 - nurse
- PANTABLE
 - slipper
 - large table
 - able to pant
- CODLING
 - moth
 - coddling (obs)
 - small cod
- SCUMFISH
 - disgust
 - somewhat scumf
 - deep-sea fish
- MARSPORT
 - spoilsport
 - lawnmower
 - base on Mars

Griffon Wordlist

Make sure you add the following words which were accidentally omitted:
DIDDLEYS, PUGGLING, RUFIIYAAS

Answers to Know Your Compounds

1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. a, 5. a

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 Vaitupu (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)