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Editor's Note



The 3rd World Scrabble Championship is over, and you've probably heard that things went well for New Zealand. Thanks for all the congratulations — it's been quite overwhelming.

On behalf of Mike, Blue, Glennis and myself, **THANKS HEAPS** for the dozens of phone calls, cards and faxes. They really spurred us on. My own success was due in no small part to the good luck messages from home and the support of the NZ team (not forgetting John, our 'manager').

It was also great to catch up with expat Kiwi Scrabblers David Lloyd, David Blumhardt and Andrew Coombes. To those who are wondering how much prize-money was on offer for 3rd place in London — not enough to replace my car which was written off the day before I left!

Back to the local scene — well done to Mt Albert, Wanganui and Rodney clubs for hosting their recent successful tournaments, and to Margaret Bundock for organising the Auckland Residential Champs. The calendar for next year appears on page 3 and it looks like the busiest schedule yet. In fact there could be up to 18 tournaments in New Zealand in 1996, encompassing around 30 days of Scrabble! On top of this the Norfolk Island Festival is on September 18-25, and there are other overseas events to tempt the avid Scrabblers too. Good luck to

Patrick Carter and any others who are travelling to the Australian Open at Alice Springs in January.

There was some discussion in London about the possibility of holding a biennial Australia - New Zealand tournament. A lot of preparation would be needed to set this up, but such an event, probably run under World Championship rules, with 10 - 12 players per side, could only benefit both countries. Let's hope it eventuates.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to *Forwards* during the year. Remember, if you have an article or anecdote, a funny story or high score, a cartoon, photo — anything Scrabble-related (or just to do with words) that you think may interest people, please send it to us.

Finally, special thanks to Glenda for all her preparation work, and the great layout and graphics, which moved one overseas subscriber to say in London that he thought *Forwards* was the best Scrabble magazine in the world. Modesty forbids, but such comments are appreciated, and we will continue to strive for excellence and variety.

Enjoy the festive season. I'm giving Scrabble a rest for a while and getting out the tennis racquet. See you at Pakuranga at the end of next month.

Closing date for the March issue is 25 February.

**Merry Christmas and
Happy Scrabbling in '96**
Jeff

MAIL BOX



MORE SCRABBLE PANGRAMS

by PAM ROBSON
Waikato Scrabble Club

Firstly, I must say how much I enjoyed the last edition of *Forwards* — it's excellent, so many interesting articles. You do a great job, keep up the good work!

I was really taken with Scrabble Pangrams; the ones published are so clever. I sat down for a while and came up with three myself. Not that good, but I enjoyed doing them, and I'm sure they could be improved if more time was spent. However, thought I'd send them to you anyway.

These use all the tiles, including both blanks.

LET ME ASSURE YOU I LIKE AN EXTRA CHALLENGE: QUITE A VARIATION FROM WOOD CHOPPING, TUBE JOYRIDING AND A FEW BOOZED VISITERS. (Blank for I & O)

PLAYING AT SCRABBLE QUIZZES THE WEE MIND AND IS A GOOD RARE EXPERIENCE FOR JUVENILES TOO WHO FAVOUR TAKING TIME OUT DAILY. (Blank for Z & E)

FOR A QUICK JAB OF ZEST YOU MIX SEASONED RABBIT, GINGER, VINEGAR, COOLED WATER AND PURPLE VIOLETS AND EAT WHILE IN MY HIDEOUT. (Blank for D & B)

And ANOTHER

by MARGARET FORBES
Holy Cross Papatōetoe Scrabble Club

What fun it is arranging all the Scrabble letters to make something meaningful as suggested in the September *Forwards*. Here is my effort which took about 30 minutes:

I HAVE SQUARE EYES, NOT ROUND. I JUDGE IT IS TV AND SCRABBLE, FOR I GAZE ON THEM DAILY — GOOD FOR ME I KNOW — EXPECT I WILL APPEAR A NUT!
(Blank for D & P)

[These are excellent examples. Well done Pam and Margaret! — Ed.]

IT PAYS TO PUNCTUATE

Woman without her man is nothing.
Woman — without her, man is nothing.
I hate fools; like you, I find them boring.
I hate fools like you; I find them boring.

English LANGUAGE YEAR

Are ya rarely makin a effort to speak proply?
Reconise the piture?
Proibly don't even know your doing it.
Its up to you and I.
Help stop this deterioration.
1996 — English Language Awareness Year

1996 Scrabble Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Date	Tournament	Date
Howick-Pakuranga	Sat/Sun 27-28 January	Stratford	Sun 21 July
Wellington	Sat/Sun 3-4 February	Waikato	Sat 10 August
Hastings	Sat/Sun 9-10 March	Hamilton	Sun 11 August
NZ Masters	Sat-Mon 6-8 April	Tauranga Double Decade	Sat 31 August
North Shore Bays	Sat 27 April	Christchurch 'Mini'	Sat 14 September
South Is Champs	Sat/Sun 18-19 May	Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	18-25 September
Christchurch		Mt Albert	Sat/Sun 5-6 October
NZ Nationals	Sat/Sun 1-2 June	Wanganui	Sat/Sun 19-20 October
Otago Open Champs	Sat 22 June	Rodney	Sat 9 November
Papatōetoe/Holy Cross	Sat 6 July	Dunedin Open Champs	Sat/Sun 9-10 November
New Plymouth	Sat 20 July		

Month	Calendar
January	M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
February	M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
March	M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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December	M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

FOUR-LETTER WORDS

ALLOWABLE IN SCRABBLE

This is the title of a booklet compiled by Australian Scrabblers Bob Jackman. It contains various lists of 4-letter words, based mainly on *The Chambers Dictionary* (OSPD words are listed in a separate section).

The work is designed primarily as a learning aid and reference for Scrabblers. As such it does not attempt to list common words, nor does it define every word.

A few examples of these lists:

Front Hooks

eg ECH EECH, HECH, LECH,
PECH, TECH, YECH

End Hooks

eg HES HESP, HEST

There are also more specialised hook lists:

eg End Hooks with a U

AITU, BAPU, EMEU, GENU,
GURU, etc.

Stutter End Hooks

BATT, BIGG, BITT, BOTT,
BUSS, etc.

There are also lists of 4-letter words that are **verbs**, complete with definitions, eg

Hooks ABUT, ABYE, ADAW,
AIRN, AIRT, etc.

Others AFFY, ARLE, BAFF, BALK,
BALM, etc. (Note: AFF,
BAL in OSPD)

Other lists in Bob's booklet include:

Non-Pluralizable Words

ABED, ABID, ACTA, ADRY, AGEE, etc.
(Note: some of these take a plural in
OSPD, eg AMID, ENOW, GLAM, ZITI)

4-letter Words With No Anagram

AERO, AGHA, AGMA, etc. (Note:
GAMA in OSPD)

To quote the Preface, "... words existing only in OSPD have been separated from Chambers words, and appear in their own section at the end of the booklet. The booklet is therefore most useful for Chambers Dictionary players, and for players crossing from Chambers Dictionary to double dictionary (Chambers & OSPD)."

Nevertheless, aspects of this work would benefit most players. If you want a copy of *Four-Letter Words* please send \$A12 to:

Bob Jackman
PO Box 28
Lindfield, NSW 2070
Australia

[Anyone wanting to see a copy of this booklet, ask Jeff.]

THE PAKURANGA DOUBLE

*The Pakuranga Tournament is
to be a*

TWO DAY AFFAIR

January 27th and 28th 1996

14 Games - Double Round Robin

NEW WORD LISTS FROM ROBOT BANTER

The front hook lists are proving to be very popular and this has encouraged us to publish front hooks to legal **five** letter words. I believe this is a first anywhere in the world. There have been a number of requests for alphabetical listing of **all** seven and eight letter words and to make the range complete all six letter words are included.

We welcome suggestions for further lists. One that has been mooted is **BLOCKS** ie words of a length that take no letters fore **and** aft. Let us know what you think!

Only one error reported this quarter namely REINDICT. Please add this word to the 8F (all the 8s) list and also under its components (CDEIINRT) in ALL8A.

Please note the order form allows for more than one name so that lists are correctly named for each user **if multiple copies are being ordered. Only one address please if you wish to save on postage**

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Also please note \$1.50 handling charge for orders totalling less than \$20.



Place	Name	Country	Wins	Spread	Points
31	Teong-Chuan Tan	Malaysia	9	-146	6529
32	Peter Elbourne	Malta	9	-266	6759
33	Mike Willis	England	10	367	7546
34	Gareth Williams	Wales	9	444	7574
35	Jeff Widergreen	US	8	294	7408
36	Roger Blom	Australia	7	112	7213
37	Bob Jackman	Australia	9	272	7280
38	Steve Polatnick	US	9	238	7337
39	Karl Khoshnaw	Kurd-Iraq	9	133	7005
40	Sam Orbaum	Israel	7	-301	6874
41	Femi Awowade	Nigeria	9	-168	7091
42	Paul Avrin	US	9	-334	7242
43	Blue Thorogood	New Zealand	8	-69	7234
44	Rita Norr	US	8	-110	6908
45	Zelig Leader	Israel	9	-325	6620
46	Clive Spate	England	8	102	7196
47	Johnny Nevarez	US	7	55	6847
48	Libero Paoella	Canada	7	25	6635
49	John Holgate	Australia	8	-69	7340
50	Glennis Hale	New Zealand	8	-131	6801
51	Armando Lao	Philippines	8	-247	6843
52	Anwar Siddiqui	Pakistan	6	-255	6817
53	Selwyn Lobo	UAE	8	-5	7040
54	Rodney Romany	Trinidad	7	-349	6675
55	Debbe Hossy	S Africa	7	-659	7023
56	Robert Springer	France	6	-979	6471
57	Pepito Arreola	Saudi Arabia	7	-503	6856
58	Trevor Harrison	N Ireland	7	-549	6692
59	Kunihiko Kuroda	Japan	6	-1026	6384
60	Wimal Samarasundera	Oman	6	-1405	6156
61	Gerardo Perez	Kuwait	6	-545	6011
62	Michael Holmes	Seychelles	6	-1044	6177
63	Winnie Yeh	Hong Kong	5	-923	6240
64	Chris Broderick	Eire	3	-810	6090

Note

Players' positions within the groups 1-4, 5-8, etc. were determined after 15 rounds. Games 16, 17 and 18 determined where, within those groups, they finally finished.

COMPETITION CORNER

Code SEVENS Solution

16	20	5	6	15	9	7
Y	O	U	N	G	E	R
13	23	11	24	20	23	10
X	I	P	H	O	I	D
26	14	4	23	26	9	18
T	W	A	I	T	E	S
4	8	12	9	7	9	17
A	L	F	E	R	E	Z
12	20	8	23	4	15	9
F	O	L	I	A	G	E
20	5	26	2	5	1	11
O	U	T	J	U	M	P
25	7	9	14	9	7	16
B	R	E	W	E	R	Y
21	4	7	25	23	6	9
C	A	R	B	I	N	E
18	4	8	23	9	6	26
S	A	L	I	E	N	T
23	6	19	20	22	9	10
I	N	V	O	K	E	D
21	24	4	7	3	5	23
C	H	A	R	Q	U	I
1	20	19	23	20	8	4
M	O	V	I	O	L	A
20	6	18	26	9	4	10
O	N	S	T	E	A	D
18	26	4	6	15	9	10
S	T	A	N	G	E	D

Quite a few people sent the solution to Steven Brown's puzzle (we even got one from Ken Heaton in England!). The first correct entry was received from Pam Robson of the Waikato Club. A small prize has been provided to reward Pam's expeditious effort.

SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST No 40

Lots of good scores are available on this board, including 60 for JAILING on a double-double, 62 for NINJA on the top middle triple, 65 for JINNI/IDOL/TINY, 66 for JANTIES on the left triple word row, and 71 for GAIJIN/AGE/MAX/NO. The highest score, however, is achieved by playing the new bonus word TJANTING through the T of TODAYS for 82 points. A tjanting is a small tool used for applying hot wax to cloth to form patterns in batik. [Note: how many of you noticed the unallowed SATANISE on the board? Only SATANIST and SATANISM are listed in our references.]

Four entrants found the best move — Pam Robson (WKT), Delcie MacBeth (IND - Coromandel), Dorothy Haining and Rhoda Cashman (both ROD). First name out of the hat was Pam. Congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 41

How many allowable Scrabble words can you get from NATIVITY? Each letter can be used only as many times as it appears in NATIVITY. For example, TIT is allowed, but not INN.

The closing date is 20 February and the winner will receive a book prize. Only OSW3/OSPD2 words allowed.

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant
Waipatu Settlement Rd
RD 2
Hastings

Good Luck!

Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival 1995

by WE CALL 'EM JUNK (AKA JUNE MACKWELL)
Mt Albert

The seventh Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival attracted 51 travellers — 13 New Zealanders and 38 Australians (27 Scrabblers, 11 non-players). This was the largest contingent of Australians since the inaugural festival in 1985.

As Agnes's Recreation Centre was unable to accommodate 40 players, the venue was the Sirius Room at the New Colonial Hotel, where hopeful aspirants gathered, no doubt hoping that Sirius and other stars would be guiding them to victory.

We 40 players were sorted by the organisers, Jeff Grant and Glennis Hale (who both represented NZ at the 1995 World Championship) into 5 grades of 8 players. Fourteen games (2 round robins) were played in the mornings, to allow for guided tours, sight seeing, shopping, exploring the island, etc., later in the day.

World Championship rules were played, using both OSPD2 and OSW3 dictionaries, and the open challenge.

For New Zealanders this meant no penalty for challenging a correct word; no advantage gained for playing a correct word challenged. For some Australians, this was their first encounter with both dictionaries. Adjudicators Jeff and Glennis were kept busy fielding the barrage of challenges.

Grade winners, awarded prizes at the presentation dinner, were Lynne Powell (NZ), runner up Joan Rosenthal (one of the Australian representatives at the World Championship); Doreen O'Shea (NZ); Patti Ashwin (Aus); Lorie Ewings (Aus) and Trixie Neil (NZ).

The Handicap Knockout event, played in our free time at a mutually convenient time and place, mixed us up both socially and environmentally. In the evenings, without street lighting to identify landmarks, finding one's opponent in an unfamiliar part of the island was daunting for our trusty rental cars. There was much to-ing and fro-ing before and after close encounters of a Scrabble kind. An exciting final was won by Patti Ashwin (Aus).

Jeff and Glennis, a quiet and efficient management team, capably organised not only the Scrabble games and opening and closing social functions, but also, accompanying the former and latter, a series of competitions and puzzles to provide opportunities to meet and enjoy getting to know one another, as well as to keep minds alert and active (for more Scrabble?). One central puzzle theme was cleverly devised to test current local



June Mackwell (Mt A), Trixie Neil (Waitara) and Isla Bain (Alexandra) at the Prizegiving Dinner.

knowledge and historical data. Joan Rosenthal, the overall winner, proved too sharp by far for the rest of us.

After seven busy action-packed days, the presentation dinner was a fitting climax to the week. An unexpected bonus was the receipt of a personal handout to all players from the sponsors, Norfolk Island Travel Centre — a memento of the 1995 festival. Contents of the clear file included an acknowledgement from the Travel Centre, with a tear-off questionnaire to be handed to Janelle or Lee before departure; a group photo; a personal photo of action during a Scrabble game; and a sheet of results. There was plenty of room left for programmes, photos, etc.

Come departure morning there we were, bags bursting with shopping, waiting to be picked up and taken to the airport. Who would have thought the flight to Auckland would be cancelled because of unfavourable weather conditions? Better luck (?) for the Australians, whose flights were not cancelled!

After ensuring that there was a roof over our heads for the night, Agnes, Lee and Janelle welcomed us to Agnes's Recreation Centre for ongoing refreshments and (what else?) more Scrabble. Could a tally of fun games at Norfolk make the Guinness Book of Records?

Despite rumours to the contrary, our departure was delayed only 24 hours.

On behalf of the NZ players, I would like to thank Agnes, Lee and Janelle, and, of course, Jeff and Glennis for their contributions to a most enjoyable festival. Roll on the next one!



In the December 1994 Forwards we gave you the A-Z of dialect drinking terms. Now here are a dozen useful Scrabble words in a similar vein to dazzle the opposition. In certain contexts they can all mean tipsy (three sheets in the wind, tired and emotional, smashed to the gills, etc., etc.).

STINKO BANJAXED EBRIOSE
BIBULOUS FUZZLED LIQUORED
MAGGOTY STOCIOUS SOTTISH
TEMULENT SQUIFFY WHIFFLED

Double Triple-Triple

In a game at the South Australian Championships earlier this year, World Champs representative Roger Blom achieved a remarkable feat — consecutive triple-triples! Roger's tenth move was 158 for INVENTED and his eleventh was 167 for BUILDING. These two massive scores contributed over half of his final game tally of 637.

Swinging Singles Riddle

If you go to a DISCO DANCE, you'll rock to the sound of music, some of which might have a lot of dissonance. DISSONANCE rhymes with DISCO DANCE. Can you add a letter to DISCO DANCE to make a synonym of DISSONANCE?

Word Ways magazine, August 1995

SCRABBLING ON NORFOLK ISLAND

by DOROTHY ELLIS
QUEENSLAND

'Twas the night before our leaving to return to the shores of Australia,
The Tournament's finished, prizes given — oh! what a paraphernalia;
Our bags half-packed, the rooms all cluttered,
"Another game of Scrabble?" someone muttered;
Being the troupers we are, two of us did just that;
For tomorrow afternoon we would be on our way back. (home, that is!)

Our games became noisy as we argued the toss,
Then out came our room-mates after hearing the fuss;
"We're just enjoying our game," came our retort,
As the camera clicked — to have us on record;
For in our nightwear, around the table we sat,
Challenging this and challenging that!

"Go to bed!" they exclaimed, "before it is dawn -
We're going on that Breakfast-Bush-Walk in the morn;
You'll be tired you'll see, to walk all that way ..."
Oh well, it's all in a Scrabbler's day!
It rained all night and the wind did blow,
The morning was freezing but on the walk we did go.

We travelled by bus to get to the start,
"It's raining, it's freezing and by golly it's dark."
As the wind howled around we decided not to go,
But without our Scrabble boards, what were we to do?
We flew off the bus at such a great pace,
You'd think that we'd just entered a marathon race.

Through the rain forest the bush trail wound,
The parrots and terns in the treetops we found;
It was warm and dry as we went on our way,

As the trees sheltered us from the wintery day;
Our breakfast was served behind the Garrison wall,
Then down came the rain, buckets and all! (poetic licence!)

Back at the Apartments the cleaners had moved in,
We had to move in a hurry, we made such a din;
They gave us a room out the back for the day,
So out came the Scrabble boards — we started to play;
Time to go to the Airport, so off we went,
All our time and money — everything was spent.

We're all back home now and Norfolk's far away,
Dreaming about the fun we had during our week-long stay;
It's back to work now — reality set in
Our aim is to return next year — and **win!**
Well, dreams can be a reality, we've all proved that,
So it's out with the word lists and *swot*, **swot**, **SWOT**.

To all the Scrabble organisers, especially the New Zealand crew,
And to the travel centre — that's you and you .. and **you**;
We say "**thank you**" to one and all for making our stay
A most **memorable, perfect, everything**, in every possible way;
We've thanked you once, we've thanked you twice, we thank you thru' and thru'
So until next year when we go back again - **au revoir, good luck to you.**

1996 NORFOLK ISLAND SCRABBLE FESTIVAL

18 - 25 SEPTEMBER 1996

The 1995 festival was a huge success. Next year's should be even better! If you would like more information on this popular event please contact:

The Travel Centre

PO Box 172

Norfolk Island 2899

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FRENCH-SPEAKING World Championship

Philip Nelkon, the editor of *Scrabble Club News* (UK), recently attended the 24th World French Speaking Scrabble Championship, which was held in Ovronnaz, a remote holiday village in the Swiss Alps. Here is his report from the September 1995 edition of SCN.

"I was very lucky to be able to attend the Championships along with approximately 1,000 other Scrabble players. The French play Duplicate Scrabble where each player plays with the same rack of letters each move and only tries to get the maximum score for that move without regard to rack leave or board strategy. It would be very wrong to suppose that there is little skill involved and an indication of the standard is that over 5 games the World Champion scored only 6 points less than the maximum score possible as decided by a computer program written specifically for the purpose.

There were three tournaments running at the same time over the week of the Championship — the Open (open to all), Pairs and Elite, with the winner of the

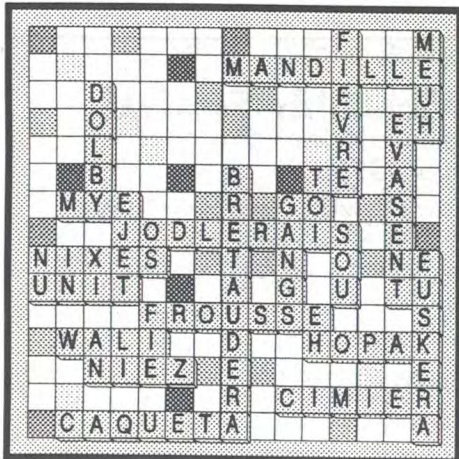


Jean François Lechaud

Elite becoming World Champion. Competitors from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Quebec, Senegal, Tunisia, Zaire, Luxembourg, Lebanon and Rumania took part.

It all built up to a superb climax on the fifth day when the final game of the Elite was played. At that point the leader was Jean-François Lechaud of France, 18 points ahead of 1994 World Champion Christian Pierre (Belgium), with Franck Maniquant (full-time Secretary of the French Scrabble Federation) in 3rd place. Although in the context of such perfection 18 points sounds a lot, a measure of the pressure that players were under was shown when the Quebec Champion, lying in 8th place, lost 161 points in just one move.

The game had a fairly quiet start but exploded into action on move 6 where the correct move was to make BRETAUDER from a rack of ABDERRT around a floating E and U — 13 of the top 16 players found that one! (BRETAUDER means to castrate, but must be very



obscure judging by the incredulity amongst the spectators when it was played.) On the next move, extending BRETAUDER into the future enabled a play of CAQUETA (cackle) and BRETAUDERA for a huge 161 points. Jean-François found both of the above and scored maximum points in the game to secure a tremendous victory, and his first World Championship ahead of Franck Maniquant."

ACCURACY in Scrabble

by ALAN BOYD
DUNEDIN

When players use dictionaries or word lists while playing Scrabble they expect them to be accurate. They paid for them and expect value for money. There is nothing more exasperating for Scrabblers than to find a mistake, as it could spoil the validity of a word, especially if it is challenged.

Some clubs keep a record of players' scores. Sometimes when players keep score, the totals after the game may not be accurate, in fact both players may have different scores throughout the game. This creates problems.

When a person records the scores of players in a local club, it is necessary to be accurate. It is very annoying for members to arrive at the clubrooms and find their results inaccurate. If there is inaccuracy in recording scores during a club meeting, it may be better if records were not kept, as players soon forget how they fared once the games are over. This situation can also happen in tournaments where a computer is not used.

[In short, accuracy is desirable in all situations. — Ed.]

SCRABBLE SQUARE

This SCRABBLE word-square resulted from a computer search by Englishman Richard Sabey. All eight words are allowed if both OSW3 and OSPD2 are used as references.

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S C R A B B L E
C H O L E R I C
R O S T R A T E
A L T R I C E S
B E R I B E R I
B R A C E R O S
L I T E R O S E
E C E S I S E S

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ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example TOTEM to

MOTET and PENSIVE to VESPINE. On a higher level CHRISTMAS PRESENT transposes to PRETTINESS CHARMS.

Here are half a dozen Scrabblers' anagrams. Keep watching and maybe your name will appear.

MALCOLM GRAHAM
CLARE WALL
HILDA SCOTT
MIKE MILLER
MARJ BATCHELOR
ROSEMARY CLEARY

CLAM, HAM OR GLAM
LAW-CALLER
THAT IS COLD
KILLER MIME
LATER CHARM JOB
YEA, MERRY CAROLS!

(an appropriate Christmas one)

NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 29 NOVEMBER 1995

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2133	552	428.5	78%	51 John Moore	1563	238	113.5	48%
2 Mike Sigley	2103	463	358	77%	52 Pam Robson	1556	183	114	62%
3 Patrick Carter	2052	298	189	63%	53 Doreen O'Shea	1549	94	65	69%
4 Lynne Powell	2046	718	397	55%	54 Marj Baillie	1543	389	198.5	51%
5 Blue Thorogood	2030	328	224	68%	55 Steven Brown	1518	148	100.5	68%
6 John Foster	2021	535	313.5	59%	56 Lesley Edgeler	1518	147	63	43%
7 Glynis Jennings	1978	469	225.5	48%	57 Rosemary Cleary	1513	245	123	50%
8 Glennis Hale	1916	611	363.5	59%	58 Sue McRae	1503	230	126	55%
9 Denise Gordon	1913	452	247.5	55%	59 Gaye Norgren	1499	196	93	47%
10 Howard Warner	1913	137	74	54%	60 Norman Wheeler	1495	345	187	54%
11 Kendall Boyd	1896	93	73.5	79%	61 Yvette Hewlett	1491	175	78.5	45%
12 Andrew Bradley	1894	274	135	49%	62 Correne James	1489	235	100.5	43%
13 Roger Tozer	1892	223	140	63%	63 Anna Geange	1480	144	96	67%
14 Chris Hooks	1884	339	188.5	56%	64 Martha Morgan	1472	276	134	49%
15 Peter Jones	1876	497	258.5	52%	65 Eileen McLean	1467	402	224.5	56%
16 Lynn Wood	1873	665	328.5	49%	66 Shirley Wyatt	1465	135	71	53%
17 Sheryl Davidson	1872	326	200	61%	67 Lorraine van Veen	1452	379	201	53%
18 Peter Sinton	1871	145	110	76%	68 Anne Warner	1441	525	277	53%
19 Lynne Butler	1851	483	293	61%	69 Ruth O'Neill	1427	231	112.5	49%
20 Glenda Foster	1832	409	213	52%	70 Margaret Cherry	1425	127	67	53%
21 June Mackwell	1832	581	267	46%	71 Margaret Bundock	1416	392	200	51%
22 Margie Hurly	1816	193	125	65%	72 Bill Grigg	1412	167	96	57%
23 May Quigley	1784	646	280	43%	73 Maureen Holliday	1398	145	83	57%
24 Gerald Warner	1781	676	323	48%	74 Cathy Woods	1395	319	137	43%
25 Glenyss Buchanan	1775	442	223	50%	75 Bernard Flower	1389	150	75.5	50%
26 Faye Cronhelm	1755	358	185	52%	76 Marian Ross	1387	159	75	47%
27 Georgie Offringa	1751	433	198.5	46%	77 Margaret Lyall	1385	153	70.5	46%
28 Reeva Pearson	1749	700	326.5	47%	78 David Gunn	1377	410	206.5	50%
29 Kevin Edgeler	1735	240	94.5	39%	79 Anne Stewart	1375	199	112	56%
30 Rhoda Cashman	1727	592	282.5	48%	80 Lyn Toka	1367	273	147	54%
31 Paul Lister	1715	131	68	52%	81 Yvonne Wilson	1350	74	48	65%
32 Jane Walton	1702	243	136	56%	82 Elaine Moltzen	1343	297	147	49%
33 Helen Sillis	1691	246	141	57%	83 Mary Carr	1326	226	105	46%
34 Norman Goodger	1688	159	94	59%	84 Joan Pratt	1293	170	96	56%
35 Betty Gibb	1679	200	81.5	41%	85 Jean O'Brien	1287	488	243.5	50%
36 Joy Hunter	1670	244	120.5	49%	86 Phyl Wilson	1258	113	65.5	58%
37 Rita Moore	1666	238	109	46%	87 Isobel Zyp	1244	187	93	50%
38 Valerie Mills	1643	237	138.5	58%	88 Max Aston	1241	120	67	56%
39 Florence Veldhuizen	1643	260	117.5	45%	89 Doreen Ogston	1234	265	118	45%
40 Puti Rowe	1639	401	199.5	50%	90 Margaret Simpson	1232	301	152.5	51%
41 Ann Candler	1635	479	210	44%	91 Peggy Wallace	1227	261	122	47%
42 Fae Olson	1625	690	354.5	51%	92 Delcie Macbeth	1226	194	103	53%
43 Roger Coates	1603	394	193	49%	93 Liz Fagerlund	1216	38	29	76%
44 Allie Quinn	1595	562	253.5	45%	94 Betty Eriksen	1201	332	157.5	47%
45 Andree Prentice	1594	408	227.5	56%	95 Joan Ball	1198	171	84	49%
46 Glenda Geard	1591	446	238	53%	96 Irene Hague-Smith	1197	377	171	45%
47 Alan Boyd	1584	315	196.5	62%	97 Marjorie Heads	1193	201	105	52%
48 Dave Godman	1574	321	176	55%	98 Leanne Field	1189	118	73	62%
49 Rob Talbot	1565	211	120.5	57%	99 Shirley Hol	1164	127	52.5	41%
50 Leila Thomson	1563	371	161	43%	100 Margaret Schimanski	1159	62	30.5	49%

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
101 Carole Coates	1158	350	164.5	47%	155 May Meads	762	104	49	47%
102 Conny van Tilburg	1151	247	128.5	52%	156 Alastair McDougall	752	51	33	65%
103 Margaret Parsons	1148	157	74	47%	157 Jill Johnstone	741	57	24	42%
104 Karyn McDougall	1142	87	47	54%	158 Kath James	733	200	90.5	45%
105 Kim Graham	1140	135	80	59%	159 Pam Mayall	720	41	21	51%
106 Gwen Kaiser	1138	263	133.5	51%	160 Margaret Ham	705	93	49	53%
107 Daph Curl	1137	212	85	40%	161 Marie Kingi	687	163	65.5	40%
108 Jean Walsh	1132	163	73	45%	162 Lil Moore	686	382	172.5	45%
109 Jan Corry	1130	91	54.5	60%	163 Jillian Greening	682	228	109	48%
110 Neville James	1129	134	62	46%	164 David Sutcliffe	673	94	47	50%
111 Liz Catchpole	1127	132	68	52%	165 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	642	197	87.5	44%
112 Hazel Purdie	1126	167	69	41%	166 Kath Davies	613	98	46	47%
113 Elsie Malkin	1121	58	35	60%	167 Mary Curtis	610	105	48	46%
114 Bev Barker	1118	334	155	46%	168 Jeannie McDougall	607	51	27.5	54%
115 Rebecca Freeth	1115	56	39	70%	169 Paddy Hoffman	587	38	20	53%
116 Katrine Kerr-Renwick	1113	180	82	46%	170 Trixie Neil	579	106	51	48%
117 Malcolm Graham	1110	53	32	60%	171 Sylvia Nicholas	550	74	14	19%
118 Olwen Skelton	1109	237	111	47%	172 Grant Waghorn	545	87	42	48%
119 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1095	134	69	51%	173 Merle Spinetto	540	63	29	46%
120 Gordon Pinchin	1092	114	63	55%	174 Lulu Holt	507	216	101	47%
121 Clyde Titchener	1060	63	26	41%	175 Angela Brett	477	41	19	46%
122 Marianne Patchett	1048	128	71.5	56%	176 Pearl Fraser	440	42	14.5	35%
123 Margaret Mourant	1041	192	101	53%	177 Vera Burner	342	162	27	17%
124 Ernie Gidman	1040	125	66	53%	178 May Gale	329	176	37	21%
125 Hilda Joyce	1040	61	34	56%	179 Elvira Steel	328	120	5	4%
126 Wayne Woods	1039	75	37.5	50%					
127 Shirley Martin	1024	157	79.5	51%					
128 Mary Farmer	1018	66	39	59%					
129 Mary Pinchin	1010	151	79.5	53%					
130 Val Worth	999	251	129	51%					
131 Shirley Tozer	995	176	98.5	56%					
132 Sue Walker	974	94	52	55%					
133 Daphne Parker	964	162	79.5	49%					
134 Penny Irvine	950	97	41.5	43%					
135 Adrienne McKeown	941	175	77.5	44%					
136 Roto Mitchell	937	103	46	45%					
137 Dawn Kitzen	927	206	101	49%					
138 Valerie Holbrook	919	70	33	47%					
139 Leonora Cole	906	170	84.5	50%					
140 Ed Olson	888	641	245	38%					
141 Mary Gray	881	82	52	63%					
142 Margaret Forbes	877	85	41	48%					
143 Julie Giles	836	40	17	42%					
144 Naomi Gilmore	834	114	61.5	54%					
145 Sue Osborne	832	153	66	43%					
146 Valma Gidman	832	229	114	50%					
147 Dorothy Latta	821	148	59	40%					
148 Kate Wignall	819	321	155.5	48%					
149 Dorothy Haining	801	349	171.5	49%					
150 Clare Wall	801	43	20	47%					
151 Elise Joy	789	64	29	45%					
152 Elaine King	773	200	104	52%					
153 Jan Wheeler	767	198	90.5	46%					
154 Tania Pearson	764	152	63.5	42%					

Please accept my apology in respect of the recently distributed Rating List. It included incorrect ratings for the eight players in the A Grade at the Rodney Tournament. These have been corrected and are correct in the Rankings.

Secondly, the previous Ranking List had incorrect figures for the number of games played by a number of players. This has been corrected with this Ranking List.

Merry Xmas and
Happy New Year

Roy VANNINI

JETHRO'S LONDON DIARY

by JETHRO SNAFFLEROD

**Sat
28
Oct**

The beginning. Met up with Mike and Blue at Auckland Airport and departed on our first stage, a 10 hour flight to Singapore. Raining (as usual) as we left Auckland, the last rain we were to see until our return. At Singapore, while waiting to board for our 13 hour flight to London I played Mike in what was to be the first game of my personal series against the team. Result Jethro 1 / Team NZ 0.

**Sun
29
Oct**

Arrived at Heathrow 6 am approx after 27 hours in transit and purchased tube tickets from a machine with some of the coins thoughtfully provided by Lynn Wood. Thanks Lynn - the gift was most timely as there didn't appear to be any other way to buy tickets at that time. Then an hour on the tube to Hyde Park Corner and a taxi to the apartment I had rented for us from the other side of the world. First impression on opening the door was an overpowering smell of fresh paint and appearance of total chaos. Painters had evidently been working up to a few hours before our arrival and had not even got around to removing their equipment, let alone start cleaning up. With the office being shut on the Sunday there was nothing for it but to muck in and tidy the place ourselves, putting up curtains and vacuuming, etc. Later in the day Jeff and Glennis arrived and even after our efforts I sensed that they were perhaps not totally enthusiastic about the

accommodation. However, once we got settled in and became used to the surroundings our little apartment did become at least livable.

**Mon
30
Oct**

We left Mike organising his onward travel for after the championships and the rest of us made the obligatory visit to the Tower of London and then walked across Tower Bridge to the Dungeons, which must surely be one of the most macabre exhibitions in existence. Progress score in the series now Jethro 4 / Team NZ 3.

**Tue
31
Oct**

Blue and I left the others and went looking for the Kiwi watering-holes. First we took the tube to Leicester Square near which is the Polar Bear, a pub which is managed by one of Blue's cuzzie-bros named Shane and is frequented by Kiwis. However Shane told us that it doesn't start to warm up until about 7pm so we walked to Covent Garden and found the Outback Inn, an Aussie/Kiwi pub where cold Steinies can be bought for £1. We chatted for a while with a couple of young Kiwis from Nelson who seemed to be doing quite



Team NZ - Mike, Blue, Jeff, Glennis

OK and were not looking forward to having to return home.

**Wed
1
Nov**

Registration day. In morning shopping, getting off postcards, etc. Afternoon some sessions practice during which I helped to build up the team confidence by beating Jeff and Blue in successive games. Another two for the series which now stood at Jethro 8 / Team NZ 9. In the evening everybody along to the hotel for the cocktail reception and registration. We met up with old friends David Blumhardt and David Lloyd with girlfriend Chris and afterwards we all went to the famous Hard Rock Cafe for dinner.

**Thu
2
Nov**

Start of the Championships. Excitement at lunchtime. Blue has won all his morning games and is **number one** in the standings. Unfortunately he did not continue with this form in the afternoon and the first day finished with Jeff in fifth place with 5 wins, Mike 22nd - 4 wins, Blue 27th - 3 wins and Glennis 51st - 2 wins. While play was in progress I utilised the time to walk down Constitution Hill, past Buckingham Palace and along to Victoria Station to take the tube to Knightsbridge to spend a while browsing through Harrods without actually being tempted to buy anything.

**Fri
3
Nov**

Continued my exploration while play in progress. Morning — tube to Picadilly Circus — visited Guinness Hall of Records and happened on the Swiss Tourist Board glockenspiel while it was playing. Afternoon — walked around Trafalgar Square, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, etc. At



Jeff Grant (NZ) with the third place-getter's trophy

the end of the second day's play Jeff was 9th - 8 wins, Blue 18th - 7 wins, Mike 25th - 7 wins and Glennis 48th - 5 wins.

**Sat
4
Nov**

Morning — some low-key shopping in Edgeware Road and Oxford Street and then along to the hotel where the big news is that Jeff has defeated Joel Wapnick, Brian Cappelletto and Allan Saldanha in the morning to make the top four for the final round robin. In the afternoon he lost to runner-up Joel Sherman by a single point and then beat David Boys, who was leading the competition after day 3, to take 3rd place overall. A terrific achievement. Well done Jeff!

**Sun
5
Nov**

The final. A real experience for a Scrabble addict. A hundred or so people sitting in the ballroom with the plays being relayed to a big board on the stage and analysis by Mark Nyman and Steve Alexander. Afterwards we and the Aussies all had dinner at Tiddy Dols as guests of Ian Anderson, the Director of Business Development for the Asian-Pacific region for Mattel Pty Ltd, the company now

marketing Scrabble world-wide. A good time was had by all although I must admit it was not exactly what I expected having initially misheard the name of the restaurant as Titty Dolls.

Mon 6 Nov Everybody going in their own directions making preparations or whatever. Glennis and Jeff off to Waterloo Station to meet Glennis's daughter Rachael

arriving from France on the Eurostar. I walked nearly the length of Oxford Street to find a copy of Philip Nelkon's newly-published Scrabble book.

Tue 7 Nov Blue and I said goodbye to Mike, Glennis and Jeff and had a couple more games, both of which I won, to bring the tally to Jethro 11 / Team NZ 11.

After vacating the apartment with still an afternoon to kill I decided to fulfil one more of my ambitions by seeing *The Mousetrap*, now in its 43rd year. Then after a final dinner at our adopted local, Blue and I took the tube back to Heathrow. After checking in we played the final game of the series, which I won to make the final score Jethro 12 / Team NZ 11. A satisfying finale to an epic contest. Back on a plane for another 13 hour flight to Singapore.

Wed 8 Nov Said goodbye to Blue in the vast Changi terminal and left him trudging off into the distance in search of departure gate 58 while I headed for immigration and baggage reclaim belt to begin a leisurely 3 day holiday in Singapore before returning home to be abruptly reminded what rain is like.

Let's do it again some time.

Kiwi BONUSES

There were lots of great bonus words played in London, and the New Zealanders had their fair share. Here is a small sampling:

ACHIOTE	DANTONED	RABBONI
AEROLITE	GALOPIN	STILBENE
ANADEMS	GERARDIA	STURNINE
BOISERIE	JOULING	THYROIDS
CURTANAS	KERBSIDE	TOUZIER

Perhaps the best play was when Mike, holding SMARTED, was able to use OM on the board to make the 9-letter word MASTERDOM.

World Champs EXPERIENCE

There have been three World Scrabble Championships now: London in 1991 and 1995, and New York in 1993.

Thirteen players have competed in all three events, with only one of these finishing in the top 20 on each occasion — American Joe Edley (4th, 18th, 5th).

If we extend to top 25 placings, Joe is joined by Mark Nyman of England (22nd, 1st, 17th), and New Zealanders Jeff Grant (17th, 24th, 3rd) and Mike Sigley (25th, 7th, 19th).

Only four players have achieved a top 10 position on two occasions — Joe Edley, Allan Saldanha of England (5th in 1993, 9th in 1995), Joel Sherman of US (10th in 1993, 2nd in 1995), and best of all, current champion David Boys of Canada (3rd in 1991, 1st in 1995). Remarkably, David didn't qualify for the Canadian team in 1993!

David Boys Analysis

There have now been three World Scrabble Championships. The winners have come from different countries and no-one has won at home — Peter Morris (US) won in London in 1991, Mark Nyman (England) in New York in 1993, and David Boys (Canada) in London in 1995. Interestingly, the last two runners-up have both been named Joel (Sherman and Wapnick).

The new champion is a 31-year-old psychology student from Montreal. As on previous occasions, the title-holder has a name particularly suitable for various types of word-play.

ANAGRAMS

DAVID BOYS is difficult to transpose into anything sensible. He didn't get to England BY ODD VISA and certainly doesn't have a DIVA'S BODY! Maybe David has an anagrammable double somewhere called BOYD DAVIS or DAVIS BOYD. You can bet he isn't feeling SAD BY VOID after his great win, and he probably won't enjoy the BOVID DAYS for too long either. The pasture is lush when you're on top of the world, but competition calls.

WORD SURGERY

DAVIDBOYS can be divided into three allowable Scrabble words — DA, VID, BOYS. This characteristic is shared by former champs PE, TERM, ORRIS and MARK, NY, MAN.

Both DAVID and BOYS can be extended to make plant names:

DAVIDIA a small Chinese tree
BOYSENBERRY a fruit on a bramble.
 DAVID can be progressively beheaded,

with Scrabble words all the way: AVID, VID, ID — their reversals are also allowable: DIVA, DIV, DI. BOYS can be progressively curtailed: BOY, BO, with reversals YOB, OB.



David Boys, 1995 World Champ

SQUARES

D	A	V	I	D
A	L	O	N	E
V	O	C	A	B
I	N	A	P	T
D	E	B	T	S

B	O	Y	S
O	B	O	E
Y	O	G	A
S	E	A	T

PALINDROMES

The champion's first and last names can both be converted into 2-word palindromic phrases:

DIVA DAVID BOYS YOB

Taking the Sotadic art a bit further, the following short reversible verse illustrates the sort of words (3-letter in this case) that would be familiar to a top Scrabblor. Canadian ace David Boys needs no help to drown his opponents in a flood of logodaedalic brilliance.

Ya won't set a tone of
 elite Canadian words.
 Use ESS, YOB, DIV,
 ADZ, IFF, OOF, FIZ ...
 David Boys sees us drown.
 Aid an ace tile-foe?
 (not a test) No way!

CLUB NEWS

TOKORO A Club News

by KEVIN EDGELER

The Tokoroa Scrabble Club has just completed its sixteenth year. A number of things come to mind when reviewing the past twelve months.

The major one is our disappointment at having to drop the staging of our annual tournament in February, the main factor being our lack of numbers. I know many of you will have fond memories of the tournaments we've had in the past, and if somehow our club numbers swell up to the glory days of the early 80s when our membership was approximately 18 - 19, we may yet stage another tournament.

We also say a special thank you to Jeff Grant who assisted us in adjudicating in all but the first of those tournaments.

In a more positive vein, Val Worth has certainly kept the Tokoroa flag flying in recent months, playing in a number of tournaments and also taking part in the Hamilton and Auckland home series.

Our club championships also threw up some interesting results. A round robin format is used and Phyl Wilson inflicted an early loss on Kevin Edgeler 377 - 366. Last year's winner, Lesley Edgeler, had a last-gasp win over Florence Veldhuizen, with three challenges in the last four moves as both players tried for the winning move. Florence bounced back with a comfortable win over Kevin, while Lesley took a surprise loss to Mary Taylor in a low-scoring game 336 - 315. Phyl continued her unbeaten run in defeating

both Lesley and then Florence quite comfortably to become the 1995 Champion and so take the Betty Price salver with a good average of 406. The final game against Val was purely academic as Phyl had a two game cushion over Kevin, who came runner-up on points ahead of Florence.

Listed below are the rest of our club results for the 1994/95 year.

Ann Plested Trophy

Competition night points shield:

	Kevin 84
Runner up:	Florence 78
Most Wins:	Kevin 55
Most bonus words:	Kevin 127
Highest aggregate:	Florence 1481
Individual:	Florence 588
Highest word:	Phyl 176
Bonuses over 90:	Kevin 10
Bonuses in a night (3 games):	Kevin 8
Highest Combined:	Phyl and Kevin 965

NELSON

The Nelson club recently held a Saturday tournament to promote club nights. A total of 26 players took part, with the champion being Simon Hunt who won all six games. Nelson hopes to put their event on the tournament calendar next year and open it up to Scrabblers nationally.

The Holbrook Cup

by VALERIE MILLS
PAKURANGA SCRABBLE CLUB

The inaugural challenge for the Holbrook Cup was held on 3 September 1995. This is going to be an event held twice a year between the Holy Cross and Pakuranga Scrabble Clubs.

The cup was named in memory of Valerie Holbrook's late husband — a long-standing supporter of the Pakuranga club. He will be sorely missed, especially at tournament time.

There were three grades, each with 6 players and three games were played. The cup was won by Pakuranga and will be keenly contested in March next year.

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

by BILL GRIGG

September

Peter Sinton was in focus with an article in the *NZ Plumbers Journal*. Any publicity about Scrabble is good. The Dunedin Open tournament was held and Lynn Wood (WEL) was the deserved winner. Second was Peter Sinton (DUN) and third Kendall Boyd (DUN). In the B Grade first was Katrine Kerr-Renwick, second Shirley Hol and third Doreen Ogston, all of Christchurch. Many thanks for your great support also to North Islanders Lynn Wood (WEL), Sue McRae (WEL), Eileen McLean (IND, Thames).

OCTOBER

Anne Stewart and her mother went off to Perth, Australia. We are sorry to hear Anne is moving permanently to Aussie later next year and she will be sorely missed. John Bell made the top of the

ladder competition for the first time. In the Round Robin competition Kendall Boyd (611) — including 5 bonus words — defeated Alan Boyd (404). Also Alan was relegated to B Grade and replaced by Robert Jones. In the Wanganui tournament Kendall Boyd finished third in A Grade and Elvira Steel was in D Grade. Whilst she doesn't win many games, Elvira loves playing Scrabble.

November

Peter Sinton is club champion for 1995.

Congratulations to Jeff Grant on finishing third in the World Scrabble Championship and to the rest of the NZ team in London.

1995 Competition Results:

Round Robin (R/R)

	Ave
1 Peter Sinton	438
2 Kendall Boyd	412
3 Bill Grigg	373

Challenge

1 Kendall Boyd	459
2 Alan Boyd	444
3 Robert Jones	438

Dictionary

1 Alan Boyd	442
2 John Bell	401
3 Robert Jones	377

Ladder

1 Alan Boyd	399
2 Bill Grigg	341
3 Marian Ross	418

Club Records

Peter Sinton (R/R Comp) highest losing score - 491, Challenge Comp highest winning score - 655, also has won the most tournaments (11). Alan Boyd Ladder Comp highest winning score - 660.

'Highlights'

Peter Sinton is club champion again, a title he has won each year since 1991 — just a great effort. He also won the South Island Champs and the Otago Open. Kendall Boyd won the C grade at the Nationals and also won the C Grade in Hamilton in August. Look out all top players, Kendall wants to be in the NZ World team in 1997!

'Saddest Moment'

The passing of our dear friend and club-mate Liz Ross — she is sadly missed.

Tournaments - 1996

NZ Masters (Dunedin) April 6 - 8
Dunedin Open November 9-10
Otago Open Champs June 22

Many thanks to all club members and visitors for supporting us. Also special thanks to Jeff Grant and Glenda Foster for *Forwards* magazine.

Have a merry Christmas, happy New Year and enjoyable Scrabble.

LIGHTNING SCRABBLE

David Lloyd once set his computer Scrabble programme to play against itself. The result was over 9,000 games in a 24-hour period — that's under 10 seconds per game! The average score was around 400 for each 'player'.

Despite having practically no Scrabble for 6 years, David still plays a mean game. It is rumoured he could be on his way home from London soon, and is looking forward to getting back into competition again.

Back of Beyond

After the World Champs it was nice to get out of the rat-race and visit some of the fascinating places outside London.

Thanks to David Blumhardt, who kindly took us to Oxford, Stratford-Upon-Avon and Northampton, and to David Lloyd (and Chris) for a wonderful weekend in the South. Bath, Salisbury, Avebury, Stonehenge — awe-inspiring. An unplanned detour into Kent gave us a chance to see some out-of-the-way areas, although it was a bit disconcerting at one stage finding ourselves in Deadmans Lane ('No Exit', of course).

Actually, the place-names of England are a word-lover's delight. It certainly makes the trip even more interesting when you continually come upon sign-posts showing the way to communities like Long Itchington, Middle Wallop and Pratts Bottom.

That Takes the Cake

From *The Word Book* by
Gyles Brandreth

**South Africa**

The South African National Scrabble Players' Association (SANSPA) is based in

Capetown. There are 12 affiliated clubs throughout the country with a total membership of about 300 - 400. Players use both OSPD2 and OSW3/Chambers as in New Zealand, and the Australian *Griffon Word List* has also apparently been adopted.

Ashley de Safrin was recently appointed International Liaison and PR officer for SANSPA. One of his main roles is to help give Scrabble a higher profile in South Africa.

**UNITED STATES**

David Gibson, the top-rated US player, won the biggest prize in Scrabble history when he took out the much-vaunted Las Vegas Showdown in August. Dave finished four games clear of runner-up Brian Cappelletto and went home \$US50,000 richer. This sounds impressive, but it is reported that another player, Chris Cree, whilst not so successful in the tournament, won around quarter of a million bucks on the blackjack tables at the casino! As 1993 World Champ Mark Nyman said, "Who needs Scrabble?"

Third place in the 'Showdown' went to Joe Edley, who earlier in the year won the big Reno event for the fourth time; fourth was Jan Dixon and fifth Robin Pollock of Canada.

David Gibson is a quietly-spoken, modest

person who puts in a lot of work on the game. It is reliably reported that he spends 5 hours a day (yes, every day!) studying the dictionary, and has regular 5-day, 100-game sessions with another US rep, Bob Lipton. This is the sort of dedication that produces top Scrabblers. Unfortunately David couldn't attend the recent World Champs because of work commitments — a pity, because he finished third in New York in 1993 and would no doubt have been one of the main contenders in London.

Some of the best bonus plays in Vegas were HAVARTI, POLYSEMY, ECDYSIS, CHARACID and the 10-letter RESTRAINTS through R_S_R on the board. [That's the kind of move *Maven* loves! — Ed.]

**AUSTRALIA****Open Championship**

As mentioned in the last issue, the 1996 Australian Open Double Dictionary Championships will be held in Alice Springs between 13 - 20 January.

Guaranteed prize-money of \$3,000 is being offered for three sections, with the Open winner also receiving a Gold-Plated Franklin Mint Scrabble set. In addition, a major prize to be drawn at the farewell ceremony is a return economy class airfare for two from anywhere in Australia to either Los Angeles or London.

Winter Masters

The Sydney Winter Masters was won by Bob Jackman, with John Holgate second on a countback from Geoff Wright. Joan Rosenthal was fourth, and also recorded the highest individual game score of 589. Bob had **three** tied games during the event, and recorded losses to only Peter Sheehan in the first round and Jean

McGiffen on the second day.

BAHRAIN

The sixth Gulf Scrabble Tournament will be held on May 16 - 17 1996 at the Bahrain Hilton Hotel.

Each year the competition brings together the region's top exponents who vie for the Gulf Scrabble Cup and other honours. Hundreds of players in a dozen of the area's clubs angle to get into this tournament.

The Hilton has announced that it will once again offer a night's stay at the hotel to the champion. Besides dealing with the contest's format and quotas, the organisers of this annual event, the Bahrain Scrabble League, are currently looking for a sponsor to provide additional prizes.

**Roy Kietzman, Chairman,
Bahrain Scrabble League**

UNITED KINGDOM

The British Matchplay Scrabble Championships were held at Nottingham University in August. World Champs representatives filled the first five places, with 18-year-old Allan Saldanha of England winning 15 games out of 17, to finish three clear of Scotland's Neil Scott, with Clive Spate (England) third. Mark Nyman rushed back from the Las Vegas event, and despite flight delays and jet-lag managed a creditable 7th placing.

The traditional Ladies event held on the first day of the tournament was won by Ruth Morgan-Thomas of England.

RUMANIA

Most of the 1,000 members of the National Federation play in Rumanian, with almost 100 playing in French and 40

in English. Rumania sent two observers to the World Champs, and hope to compete at the next international competition.

THAILAND

The 11th Thailand International Championship will be held at the Central Plaza Hotel, Bangkok, from February 1 - 4, 1996.

First prize is 200,000 baht (about \$12,000), and around 1,000 Scrabblers are expected to enter the event, most of whom will be playing in the recreational division. Only the American Official Scrabblers Dictionary is used, and the tournament usually attracts a number of overseas entrants. Former World Champ Mark Nyman of England is a regular competitor, as is American Sam Kantimathi — both have won this event. Gulf Champion Naweem Fernando of Bahrain finished 4th in 1995.

NIGERIA Pan-African Champs

The 2nd Pan-African Scrabble Championship is scheduled to take place in Lagos, Nigeria from 5 - 8 April, 1996. Tentative venue: Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.

Enquiries should be directed to:
Larry Ojoko
National Secretary
Scrabble Association of Nigeria
PO Box 1430, Yaba, Lagos
Nigeria

Grand Masters

The Nigerian Grand Masters Tournament was to take place on 9/10 December 1995. The top 24 rated players in the country as at the end of November were invited to this annual event where the Grand Master was to be found. The

COMPUTER ANAGRAMS

While the Kiwis were in London for the World Champs, former top NZ Scrabblers David Lloyd put his computer anagram programme to work on the editor's full name. (Can you work out Jeff's middle name?)

Over 1,000 anagrams were quickly produced, some of which are very good, eg:

DRAGONFLY JET-FLYER
FRY AND FORGET JELLY
FLY TENDERLY, JOG FAR
TRY LEAFY FJORD GLEN
JERRY LEFT FOGY-LAND
GRAND FLYER FELT JOY

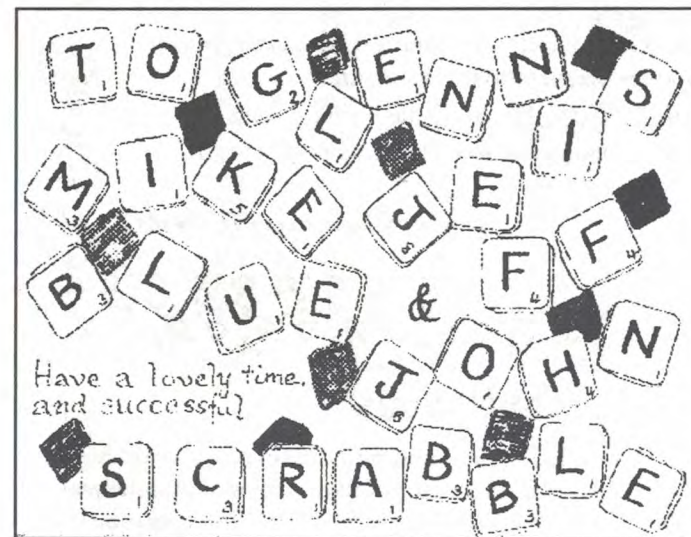
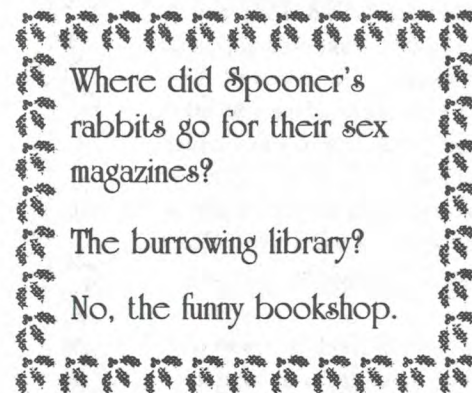
Others are decidedly unflattering, eg:

JOLLY FAT GENDER FRY
FOND GREY JELLY FART

The wonders of modern technology!

1994 title-holder was Sammy Okosagah, who finished a creditable 22nd in this year's World Championship.

[Our thanks to Philip Nelkon and *Scrabble Club News* (UK) from which much of this international news is drawn.]



This card was sent to the New Zealand World Scrabble Championship Team by Daphne Curl (MTA)

It must have had the desired effect!

Best Wishes

Puncher Ltd.

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

by JOHN FOSTER

My first 6 months in office has been an exciting time with organisation and financing of our team to the World Championships occupying most of my efforts. With the withdrawal of our previous sponsorship by Thos Holdsworth & Sons, the success of our lottery was crucial and I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who pitched in and supported it so well. The final result of 93% of tickets sold and a nett profit of over \$5,800 is indeed magnificent. The most successful club was Rodney which sold 64 books and the most successful individual seller was Eileen McLean who accounted for 28 books by herself. Presentations were made to acknowledge these achievements at the recent Mt Albert tournament but I believe wider recognition is required for such effort.

An exciting year lies ahead on the tournament front. In 1996 we have our first ever South Island Masters, Hastings is to have its inaugural tournament, New Plymouth and Stratford are combining to stage a two-dayer, Tauranga is to stage its Double-Decade tournament and Pakuranga has a 2-day double round robin planned. It is great to see we have innovative committees who can come up with fresh ideas and are prepared to try new formats.

Finally I wish to thank Gerald, Bev and Allie for their work throughout the year. Having such an able administrative team makes my job a breeze.

Merry Christmas everybody.

SCRABBLE SUQS

This sacrilegious phrase appears on a badge produced by a certain unorthodox Aussie Scrabblor. It provides yet another example of a strange-looking word that some may think was put in the dictionary just for Scrabble players. Not so! It is in common use in one part of the world. The November-December 1995 issue of *Scrabble Squibs*, the newsletter of the Bahrain Scrabble League, in discussing Scrabble retail outlets notes: "Novelty's **suq** shop even had a display at the entrance that couldn't be missed."



Mt Albert Scrabble Club Tournament 30 September & 1 October 1995

11 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	9	4474	407	18
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	8	4740	431	21
3 John Foster	MTA	7	4449	404	17
4 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	4590	417	18
5 Blue Thorogood	IND	6	4583	417	16
6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	4371	397	13
7 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	4243	386	12
9 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	4466	406	13
10 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	4036	367	20
11 June Mackwell	MTA	2	4183	380	17
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	4072	370	11

Grade B

1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	7	4458	405	14
2 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	4331	394	13
3 May Quigley	NSB	6.5	4330	394	13
4 Ann Candler	NSB	6	4305	391	13
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	6	4238	385	16
6 Roy Vannini	IND	5.5	4214	383	14
7 Puti Rowe	STR	5	4561	415	17
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	4486	408	23
9 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	4455	405	14
10 Glenda Geard	IND	5	4188	381	15
11 Fae Olson	STR	4	4122	375	12
12 Roger Coates	HAM	4	3980	362	16

Grade C

1 Valerie Mills	PAK	9	4599	418	14
2 Steven Brown	HAM	7.5	4229	384	12
3 Eileen McLean	IND	7	4229	384	12
4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	7	4106	373	10
5 Pam Robson	WKT	6	4165	379	16
6 Correne James	IND	5	4262	387	10
7 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	4072	370	14
8 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	5	3996	363	11
9 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	4265	388	15
10 Anne Warner	ROD	4	4006	364	8
11 David Gunn	WKT	3.5	4167	379	19
12 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	4096	372	8

Grade D

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
1 Anna Geange	MTA	11	4585	417	16
2 Margaret Simpson	PAK	8	4208	383	17
3 Delcie MacBeth	IND	7	4323	393	14
4 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	7	4147	377	14
5 Phyll Walson	TOK	6.5	4488	408	10
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	4233	385	11
7 Leanne Field	NSB	5	4232	385	15
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4.5	3996	363	9
9 Margaret Parsons	TPO	4	4149	377	9
10 Carole Coates	HAM	4	4118	374	10
11 Karyn McDougall	MTA	3	4014	365	7
12 Shirley Gifkins	MTA	1	3831	348	14

Grade E

1 Kim Graham	HAM	9	4327	393	11
2 Jan Corry	PAK	9	4318	393	16
3 Shirley Martin	HAM	7	4451	405	13
4 Margaret Mourant	MTA	7	3941	358	9
5 Sue Walker	MTA	6	4344	395	26
6 Marianne Patchett	MTA	6	4117	374	12
7 Val Worth	TOK	6	4081	371	13
8 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	4110	374	12
9 Adrienne McKeown	IND	4	3841	349	6
10 Dawn Kitzner	PHC	3	4012	365	16
11 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	3900	355	2
12 Margaret Forbes	PHC	2	3571	325	5

Grade F

1 Mary Gray	MTA	10	4068	370	9
2 Clare Wall	HAM	8	4171	379	9
3 May Meads	PHC	8	4088	372	14
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	8	3900	355	5
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	8	3797	345	3
6 Lil Moore	MTA	6	4029	366	20
7 Ed Olson	STR	6	3623	329	5
8 Dean Riesterer	PAK	5	4053	368	9
9 Elaine King	MTA	5	3827	348	4
10 Mary Curtis	MTA	4	3899	354	8
11 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	4	3655	332	3
12 Vera Burner	PAK	3	3392	308	1
13 Barbara King	NSB	2	3396	309	1

Computer Equipment courtesy M R Bundock.



WANANUI CLUB TOURNAMENT

21-22 OCTOBER 1995

13 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	12	6229	479	35
2 Denise Gordon	WAN	11	5654	435	23
3 Kendall Boyd	DUN	10	5088	391	22
4 Howard Warner	WEL	9	5742	442	20
5 Margie Hurly	WAN	7	5161	397	13
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	4915	378	16
7 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	5366	413	18
8 Gerald Warner	ROD	5.5	4821	371	12
9 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	5040	388	20
10 Glenda Foster	WEL	5	4965	382	12
11 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	4846	373	14
12 Reeva Pearson	STR	4.5	4891	376	23
13 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	3	4839	372	16
14 Bob Johnstone	NEL	1	4738	364	14

Grade B

1 Fae Olson	STR	10	5373	413	21
2 Puti Rowe	STR	9	5364	413	17
3 Pam Robson	WKT	9	5118	394	17
4 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	8	5093	392	19
5 Norman Wheeler	WEL	7	4863	374	13
6 Dave Godman	STR	6	5105	393	23
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	6	4894	376	12
8 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	6	4608	354	12
9 Anne Warner	ROD	6	4582	352	12
10 Martha Morgan	NPL	6	45645	351	9
11 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	5	4943	380	17
12 Eileen McLean	IND	5	4718	363	13
13 Gaye Norgren	WAN	4	5071	390	22
14 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	4598	354	8

Grade C

1 David Gunn	WKT	10	5128	394	17
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	8	5202	400	20
3 Max Aston	LOH	8	4986	384	14
4 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	7	4959	381	15
5 Jean O'Brien	STR	7	4934	380	14
6 Kate Henderson	WEL	7	4777	367	13
7 Margaret Schimanski	NPY	7	4743	365	8
8 Margaret Simpson	PAK	6	5058	389	26
9 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	4517	347	7
10 Jean Walsh	WAN	6	4355	335	7
11 Gwen Kaiser	WEL	5	4797	369	10
12 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	4648	358	12
13 Olwen Skelton	ROD	5	4473	344	11
14 Pat Johnstone	NEL	4	4646	357	16

Grade D

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
1 Shirley Tozer	NPY	11	5068	390	14
2 Ed Olson	STR	11	4671	359	9
3 Roni Sigley	IND	10	4844	373	13
4 Sue Osborne	WAN	8	4607	354	12
5 Isobel Gudsell	WAN	8	4550	350	5
6 Audrey Plane	WAN	8	4412	339	11
7 Jan Wheeler	WEL	7	4555	350	9
8 Kath James	WAN	7	4531	349	7
9 Sharon Stewart	WAN	7	4203	323	9
10 Margaret Garner	NPY	7	4162	320	6
11 Liz Pyenburg	AVA	7	4122	317	8
12 Margaret Ham	WTA	6	4345	334	1
13 Cecilia Bullot	WAN	5	4516	347	1
14 Sylvia Nicholas	WTA	5	3835	295	1
15 Trixie Neil	WTA	4	4235	326	4
16 Sharon Clarke	STR	4	4057	312	9
17 Sally Duffield	AVA	2	4059	312	1
18 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	3597	276	0

Computer Equipment Courtesy M.R. Bundock

RODNEY SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT

11 NOVEMBER 1995

7 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
1 Lynne Powell	NSB	7	3048	435	12
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	3196	457	16
3 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2829	404	12
4 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	2587	370	5
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2551	364	9
6 Howard Warner	WEL	2	2707	387	8
7 June Mackwell	MTA	2	2661	380	11
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	1	2447	350	8

Grade B

1 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	3042	435	16
2 May Quigley	MSB	5	2915	416	13
3 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	2853	408	7
4 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	4	2769	396	11
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	2677	382	6
6 Georgie Offringa	NSB	3	2867	410	12
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	2	2715	388	7
8 Ann Candler	NSB	1	2667	381	7

Grade C

1 Valerie Mills	PAK	6	2833	405	9
2 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2570	367	8
3= Fae Olson	STR	3	2633	376	4
3= Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2633	376	7
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2622	375	8

AUCKLAND HOME CHAMPIONSHIP 1995

A Grade

Name	Wins	Points
1 Patrick Carter	37	22,927
2 John Foster	36.5	22,655
3 Chris Hooks	35	21,422
4 Lynne Powell	28.5	22,317
5 Glynis Jennings	28	22,161
6 Sheryl Davidson	24	21,069
7 Joy Hunter	20	21,044
8 Allie Quinn	15	20,426

B Grade

1 Maureen Holliday	34	18,725
2 Rob Talbot	31.5	18,502
3 Eileen McLean	31	18,805
4 Margaret Bundock	29	17,921
5 Valerie Mills	27.5	18,627
6 Shirley Wyatt	26	17,292
7 Cathy Woods	24	17,539
8 Margaret Cherry	23.5	17,316
9 Hazel Purdie	20	17,634
10 Joan Pratt	18	17,269
11 Bev Barker	18	16,990
12 Karyn McDougall	15	16,071
13 Cathie Sale	14.5	15,830

C Grade

1 Leanne Field	28	15,094
2 Anna Geange	27	15,291
3 Margaret Simpson	23	14,601
4 Wayne Woods	19	14,509
5 Daph Curl	19	14,094
6 Leonora Cole	18	13,574
7 Margaret Mourant	17	14,485
8 Valerie Holbrook	17	13,835
9 Liz Catchpole	17	13,446
10 Lil Moore	15	13,566

D Grade

1 Kate Wignall	21.5	11,219
2 Mary Gray	19.5	10,874
3 Marianne Patchett	19	11,337
4 Irene Hague-Smith	17	10,881
5 Sue Walker	16.5	11,405
6 Kath Davies	15	10,511
7 Val Worth	13	10,206
8 Alistair McDougall	12	10,261
9 Trish Hellriegel	12	9,935
10 Elaine King	11	9,480
11 Lulu Holt	8.5	9,668

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
6 Anna Geange	MTA	3	2517	360	7
7 Pam Robson	WKT	3	2504	358	8
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	2263	323	5

Grade D

1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	7	2967	424	8
2 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2685	384	8
3 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	2666	381	3
4 Lorraine van Veen	PAK	4	2550	364	6
5 Margaret White	ROD	3	2721	389	10
6 Mary Carr	NSB	3	2508	358	7
7 Margaret Simpson	PAK	2	2417	345	8
8 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	1	2414	345	4

Grade E

1 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	2867	410	6
2 Karyn McDougall	MTA	5	2856	408	9
3 Leanne Field	NSB	5	2650	379	8
4 Bev Barker	MTA	4	2666	381	8
5 Margaret Mourant	MTA	3	2611	373	8
6 Sue Walker	MTA	2	2667	381	15
7 Clyde Titchener	ROD	2	2546	364	3
8 Daphne Parker	IND	2	2488	355	4

Grade F

1 Marianne Patchett	MTA	6	2753	393	6
2 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	2533	362	7
3 Adrienne McKeown	IND	4	2280	326	3
4 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	3	2436	348	6
5 Mary Gray	MTA	3	2422	346	3
6 Trish Hellriegel	MTA	3	2421	346	4
7 Ed Olson	STR	3	2309	330	3
8 Dorothy Latta	IND	2	1967	281	5

Grade G

1 Leonora Cole	NSB	5.5	2606	372	9
2 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	5	2539	363	2
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4.5	2505	358	1
4 Elaine King	MTA	4	2604	372	3
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2569	367	6
6 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	2430	347	5
7 Lil Moore	MTA	1	2404	343	6
8 Kath Davies	MTA	0	2233	319	2

Grade H

1 Dean Riesterer	PAK	6	2754	393	5
2 Merle Spinetto	ROD	4	2412	345	1
3 Lulu Holt	MTA	4	2178	311	1
4 Nola Edwards	WTA	4	2141	306	0
5 Angela Brett	NSB	3	2532	362	5
6 Betty Wyatt	ROD	3	2205	315	4
7 Mary Casse	ROD	2	2073	296	3
8 Vera Burner	PAK	2	1940	277	0



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)