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Editor's Note



The tournament scene has been busy with events all over the country. At Easter Dunedin hosted the first NZ Masters Championship to be held in the South Island. They did a great job running this prestigious 3-dayer, and the media coverage was excellent. Well done to Kendall Boyd on winning the Masters at his first attempt, and then following up with a great second placing at the Nationals.

Congratulations also to Wellington's Lynn Wood who won the North Shore tourney for the second year running, and later took out the South Island Champs in Christchurch as well. The Otago Open was held in Dunedin in late June — we'll have the results for you next issue.

The 1996 Nationals attracted 104 keen Scrabblers to the spacious Waikato Polytech in Hamilton. It was nice to see Marianne Bentley from Australia taking part, as well as several keen South Islanders. Our thanks to all the organisers and helpers at the Nationals, with a particular vote of appreciation for Elaine Moltzen and her team who once again did a marvellous job providing a wide variety of prizes. (Interestingly, one of the prizes at the Australian Open in Alice Springs earlier this year was a camel ride with breakfast!)

The AGM was well-attended and there was some lively discussion. The Supplementary OSPD3 Word List has now been adopted, and copies should be available at all clubs. You can either stick the list into the front of your reference book, or write the new

words in, or both. It won't take long to get used to AB, ED and company — some people have been playing them for years anyway!

Tile-tracking is now optional for any games where a clock is used. This brings us into line with the rest of the world. Tracking is an acquired skill which is practised at the World Champs and will also be allowed in the Trans-Tasman Challenge at the end of November. This event will feature 12 top players from both New Zealand and Australia competing over three days in a 23-game round robin in Sydney. There will be an individual champ as well as a winning country. This is a great opportunity for our best players to get international competition.

Howard Warner has kindly offered his services as media liaison and publicity officer for the Association. You may already have seen his *North and South* article (June 1996), and the good Nationals coverage was his work too. Howard is one of the founding members of the newly-formed Capital Scrabble Club in Wellington. He is a freelance journalist and has lots of ideas for promoting Scrabble. Let's give him our support!

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition of *Forwards*, particularly Glenda, our able layout editor. Remember, if you have any Scrabble-related items such as overseas news, club happenings, anecdotes, worthy scores, humorous incidents, photos (we would especially like some of these) — anything you think may be of interest — please send them in.

Closing date for the September issue is 15 August.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

MAIL BOX



PERSEVERANCE Pays Off

by GEORGIE OFFRINGA
NORTH SHORE BAYS

I am sending you this bit from our club newsletter, which I found amusing. Don't know if it will find its way into the mag with all the fabulous news we have been getting. Our *Forwards* is so good it's worthy of a place on bookshop shelves!

So here it is, from the Ed, NSB newsletter:

"When I rang the sports editor of our local rag to get some publicity I asked him if he was interested in any activity which didn't involve kicking, hitting or throwing a ball about. "Of course", he said, "all sport is interesting." Then I told him the 'sport' was Scrabble When he stopped laughing I told him that one of our players had come 3rd in the World Champs.... more hysterical laughter — but it all ended with a good write-up, photos and all."

STONKERED

by RON BUNNY

In a recent friendly game of Scrabble I started with the word ANOW (A on centre square). My brother grumbled (as usual) that he had no vowels and made FAP through the A. I then played ANOW again (!), also making FA and PO. Arnold (still moaning) followed this by putting down a P and an H making another FAP

and POH twice.

The board now looks like this:

FAP
ANOW
POH
W

What I would like to know is, how can I move? We have only used 11 tiles and I am behind. I have tried things like POHO and ANOWS, but Arnold just keeps challenging them off the board and then passing! Can anyone help? Am I allowed to just concede?

INTERNET TESTS

by JOHN HOLGATE
CANNBERRA, AUSTRALIA

The Aussies and the Canadians had a double-dictionary round robin via the Internet in April. David Boys and Adam Logan played. It was strange sitting at my kitchen table with a laptop playing Dave in Montreal and Adam at Princeton. At least the 'travel costs' were minimal!

My recent lucky streak continued with 4½/5 wins (David 3/5, Bob Jackman 3/5, Adam 2½, Steve Sunter 2 and Peter Tobler 0) — a win for the Aussies by 9½ to 5½. We are looking forward to a similar match against the Poms.

You are doing a great job with *Forwards* — keep it up.

Alas, I can't make it to Hamilton this year. Please give my regards to all my friends at the Nationals.

I hope the Trans-Tasman Challenge goes ahead. It should be quite an occasion.

By the way, I read that Colleen McCullough (author of *The Thorn Birds*) plays around 1000 games of Scrabble per

year with husband Ric Robinson on Norfolk Island — maybe you could pay her a visit in September!

[John is very modest about his accomplishments. He has just won his seventh Australian Championship and regularly competes against the likes of World Champ David Boys of Canada on the Internet, where he is ranked fourth. — Ed.]

GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK

by Susi TIEKERT

Ron and I continue to look forward to *Forwards*. It remains one of the most interesting and informative and entertaining publications we subscribe to and helps reinforce our vicarious Kiwiness.

Much love to all the real Kiwis. Hope to see all of you next year at the World's. We haven't a clue as to the venue yet.

With regard to the *Sports Illustrated* article on Scrabble, it appeared in the December 18, 1995 issue and created quite a stir here. Richie Lund and Joel Sherman loved it and the rest of us had mixed feelings, at best. At the risk of speaking too soon, I must say that every nut in New York has **not** shown up at the club, wistfully crying "Home, I'm home!"

GREETINGS FROM MYANMAR (BURMA)

by DR KHIN SAW KHINE
YANGON (RANGOON)

I enjoy *Forwards* magazine very much. My son in Auckland will continue to send it over till he leaves New Zealand. He and his wife are very occupied with their work — too busy for Scrabble! I'm

looking forward to the time when we have a single worldwide dictionary. Kindest regards from Myanmar.

THE TWO AITCHES

by ALLIE QUINN
NORTH SHORE BAYS

Happiness

When I first joined Scrabble in 1984 there was a very happy atmosphere everywhere. We went to the Nationals and got our grading for the year. We could then attend all the other tournaments and it didn't matter if we had a bad run and came last, we knew where we stood. I appreciate we have to march with the times and I am not knocking the present system, but I do knock those people who stay away from tournaments because their ranking could be upset if they didn't get the required number of wins. Some players have a very valid reason for not attending a tournament, but there are a few in our midst who accuse these people of staying away because of their rankings. Let us have **happy Scrabbling** once again.

Hospitality

I would add to the comments of Gerald Warner in the March magazine. I honestly think that "No Frills" tournaments are a retrograde step. Clubs usually hold only one tournament a year and surely putting on a lunch and providing prizes is not such a great hardship. Lunch-time is a good opportunity to socialise, but this is lost when players are dashing around to fast food outlets and the like. If providing lunch is a financial strain on the Club

concerned, could they not just add another dollar to the entry fee? I, myself, would be loth to travel a great distance to a tournament and not have lunch provided. We have just had an excellent tournament at North Shore where there was a nice lunch and a reasonable (I hope) selection of prizes. Lunches at the Dunedin Masters were fantastic, but I wouldn't expect such a lunch at an ordinary event. Let **Hospitality** rule your tournament.

Ladybird, Ladybird

One of the most talked-about words at the last World Championship was LADYBUGS, which David Boys elected not to play at the end of the final game. David made lots of brilliant finds during the 5-game playoff, including LAMBDOID, which helped him level the scores at 1-1 with a win in the second game.

Now LADYBUG is another name for LADYBIRD, which by pure coincidence follows LAMBDOID in an 8-letter anagram list!

High Single Turn Score

Elsie Malkin of Christchurch has achieved what we believe is the highest single turn Scrabble score ever recorded in New Zealand.

In early April she was playing her computer programme when it put out an I two spaces to the left of the middle top triple word square. Imagine Elsie's thrill when she realised it was just the right opening for her to get down JONQUILS on the triple-triple for a score of 356!

TAURANGA Double Decade TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
1996

by NOEL MAISEY
(TDDT CONVENOR)

Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts are excited and busy! Our Decade Tournament ten years ago was rated a great success, and we are doing all possible to ensure the TDDT will be even better. Willow Park Hotel, our venue, will soon be Quality Hotel, Tauranga, with possibly altered telephone and facsimile numbers. All will be updated on our entry forms.

We're hoping some players are coming from Australia, and of course many from all areas of NZ — so — see you all in Tauranga for this friendly first for the NZASP.

[Noel and her fellow Tauranga Enthusiasts formed the first NZ Scrabble club back in 1976. Four years later they hosted the very first National Championships. The TDDT celebrates 20 years of organised Scrabble in NZ. It's sure to be an enjoyable and (for some) nostalgic occasion, so let's all give it our support. — Ed.]

SPAN, BUT NOT SPICK

GRAEME THOMAS dips his TOE INTO THE MURKY WATERS of political CORRECTNESS

A couple of years ago American Scrabble was rocked by the news that the owners, Hasbro, intended to expurgate their dictionary, OSPD. The uproar was sufficiently loud that everyone became slightly embarrassed by the affair, and so it has become difficult to establish the facts of the matter. This tale is pieced together from various stories, not all of which are verifiable. I believe them.

The firm called Hasbro was founded by the Hassenfeld Brothers. The surviving member of the original generation of the family is a matriarchal figure called Mama Hassenfeld. I gather that, at some tea party, one of her cronies pointed out that her company published a dictionary which contained the word KIKE. The party-goers were all naturally horrified by this, and the next day instructions were sent to remove this offensive epithet from the book immediately. These instructions were passed on from executive to executive, until they eventually finished up in John Williams' hands. John is the head of the National Scrabble Association of America.

John realised that KIKE was not the only offensive word in OSPD. There were epithets applying to various racial and religious minorities. There were words describing various bodily functions, some of which required at least two participants. There were terms of abuse of all sorts. All of these words could be found in any standard dictionary of course, and most of them are known to every schoolchild. Nevertheless John thought, probably correctly, that Mama Hassenfeld would

be just as offended by them as she was by the original discovery. In order to maintain some sort of rational procedure, John and his assistants looked at all the words whose meanings were described in OSPD as being offensive. There were about 200 of these in all, with some strange oddities. ARSE had to go, naturally enough, but ARSES was retained as it is the plural of ARSIS. WELSH, meaning to cheat, was retained, presumably because they decided that they could afford to offend such a small minority.

At this point players discovered what was happening and decided that they didn't want any truck with this nonsense. They decided to reject the new book, and carry on using the old one. Hasbro agreed to carry on producing the two versions: the old one for clubs and tournaments, and the new one for schools and the general public. (They couldn't print the new one plus a correction sheet, as that would print all the offensive words in one place, and they decided that would **really** incur the wrath of the people at the tea party.) This meant that everyone was reasonably happy, except that some people foresaw trouble.

In the Autumn of last year the trouble started. When the new book (OSPD3) was published people noticed that, in addition to the 200 deletions, about 1,250 words had been added. The matter was complicated by a major production cock-up [shouldn't that be major production, er, fowl-up? Ed.]: the word list used to create OSPD3 was that used for the **first**

printing of OSPD2, which had a large collection of errors that had been corrected in all later printings. It even had a few words which hadn't even made it into the first OSPD2 printing; the outstanding example of this was PDQ.

The players decided that they wanted the new words, and so a compromise was reached. Club and tournament players will use OSPD2 plus an update sheet containing 1272 new words. The OSPD2 will also be marked up to remove two incorrect words which had not yet been corrected in the final printings (SPAZES and HERPESES). The new word lists became valid in America from the 1st of February.

A selection of the 'offensive' words:

ABO; BOCHE; BOOBIE; FATSO;
JESUIT; NOOKY; PAPIST; PEED;
SPICK

**From APSP Newsletter UK,
January 1996**

[John Williams has since stated that the expurgation wasn't due to Mama Hassenfeld, although she had kicked up a fuss earlier. He also made the point that players were not unanimously against the expurgation, but the vast majority were.]

NEVER TOO OLD

The May 1996 issue of UK's Scrabble Club News reports that Ivan Stormer at 99½ years young won 4 out of 6 games in a friendly match between Truro and Plymouth. Scrabble is a game for everyone!

NEW 2, 3, 4 LETTER WORDS

The following new 2, 3 and 4 letter words were officially adopted in America from February 1, 1996. They form part of a supplementary list used in conjunction with OSPD2. These words are now acceptable in New Zealand also.

Twos

AB an abdominal muscle
ED education (pl. ED)

THREES

ABS pl. of AB
ATT monetary unit of Laos (pl. ATT)
DIS to insult or criticise
EMF a difference in electrical potential
KOI a large colourful fish (pl. KOI)
MOC a moccasin
ZIN a dry red wine

FOURS

BEDU a bedouin (pl. BEDU)
CALO a Spanish argot (pl. CALO)
DITZ a silly person
EMFS pl. of EMF
FAVA the edible seed of a climbing vine
GEEZ used as a mild oath (= JEEZ)
HELO a helicopter
LIRI monetary units of Malta
MOCS pl. of MOC
MUNI a state security
NOIR a bleak type of crime fiction
PIKI thin blue cornmeal bread
PISO the Philippine peso
ROLF to perform a kind of massage
SYPH syphilis
TURK a young person eager for change
TYER one that ties
ZERK a grease fitting
ZINS pl. of ZIN

Alphabetical Hooks

The following table was compiled by English Scrabblor Graeme Thomas. It contains lists of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8-letter words to which end-hooks can be added to make another allowable Scrabble word. Where there were lots of hooks available for a particular entry, Graeme chose one which seemed interesting, either because of its strange form, or because it was new to OSW3.

| + | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|-----|------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
| A | TOE | HALF | EJECT | MARKKA | MRIDANG | ARGUMENT |
| B | DIE | CUBE | SCRAM | PROVER | - | - |
| C | SAI | COSE | PARSE | EPHEBI | NURAGHI | PRODROMI |
| D | ECO | PAYS | PLONG | MEGARA | RHOMBOI | SPRINGAL |
| E | KAI | BRER | GOURD | BAILLI | CAPELIN | INTERVAL |
| F | NIE | SOWF | BELIE | SHERIF | - | - |
| G | BIG | HYLE | BARON | CATALO | UNDERDO | WARFARIN |
| H | PEG | DOSE | GRUMP | SIMURG | OCTOPUS | CHAROSET |
| I | MAN | CARD | POLYP | MARTIN | PARCHES | ZAMINDAR |
| J | BEN | - | - | - | - | - |
| K | NAB | TORS | JAMBO | BOOBOO | TAMARIS | BERGAMAS |
| L | BOO | GLIA | BARBE | DISMAY | CAROUSE | UNDERSEA |
| M | PIU | PASH | MONTE | BUCKRA | TITANIS | MRIDANGA |
| N | SYE | DOOR | POLEY | HOMELY | COLLAGE | SANNYASI |
| O | MIS | ZOPP | SHEEP | SECOND | FLAMING | MANIFEST |
| P | GYM | POLY | THREE | MANTRA | AUTOCAR | - |
| Q | - | TALA | - | - | - | - |
| R | MAA | TALA | SUMMA | LEGATO | VIBRATO | RETINULA |
| S | ANI | FRAS | ASSES | ZEBRAS | COSINES | TARTINES |
| T | OON | BREN | BARBE | SPRAIN | INTERNE | SPRINGLE |
| U | VAT | PARE | CONGO | MANITO | - | - |
| V | MIR | OLLA | - | - | - | - |
| W | ENE | SYBO | UNCLE | FITCHE | BUDGERO | KABELJOU |
| X | ULE | SORE | DUPE | MINIMA | CAMAIEU | MULTIPLE |
| Y | YUK | ATOP | CARSE | AUTUMN | ANTILOG | ANTIPHON |
| Z | PUT | CAPI | QUART | - | - | - |

[This table appears in the December 1995 edition of *APSP Newsletter* (UK), edited by Hartley Moorhouse.]

COMPETITION CORNER

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 42

This was a toughie, and only one person managed a complete solution.

Congratulations to Delcie MacBeth of Coromandel. Here are the answers:

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| 1 DEADER | 6 PRISON |
| 2 QUITCH | 7 DRAINS |
| 3 LIMBERLY | 8 CLUB |
| 4 BODIES | 9 EDDY |
| 5 WINE | 10 ANTHEM |

Scrabble Contest No 43

ABsConD EFfiGy HIJAcK eLM
NOPe QueeReST gUV WaX oYeZ

The above list of words contains the entire alphabet, **in order**, within the space of just 44 letters. Using only allowable Scrabble words, what is the least number of letters needed to include the alphabet in a list like this? In the event of a tie, the winner will be the entrant with fewest words. The closing date is August 10 and the winner will receive a book prize.

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant
Waipatu Settlement Rd
RD 2
Hastings

Superchallenge update

No-one has claimed the \$50 prize yet. We believe that 3 of the 5 words have been found, but not by the same person.

Remember, if a correct entry is not received by **October 31**, a consolation prize will be given for the nearest attempt.

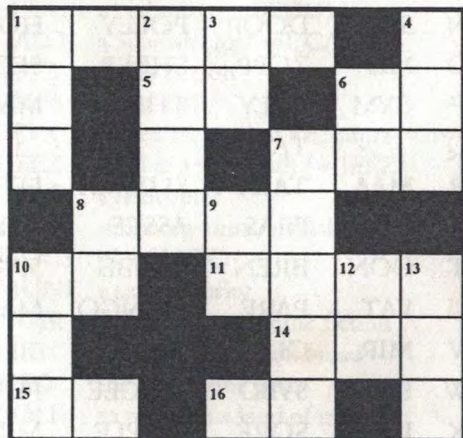
CrossNumber Puzzle

There are many Scrabblers who are interested in numbers as well as words, so here is something a bit different.

This intriguing 'Crossnumber' puzzle was sent to Joan Pratt of Mt Albert Club by a relative in England. Can you solve it?

A small prize will be awarded to the first correct entrant, who can also supply a 7-letter word from the letters in DOGSMEAD. Send your entries to the Editor.

This puzzle concerns a farm that has been in the Dunk family for some years. A part of the farm is a rectangular piece of ground known as Dog's Mead. The year is 1939. 4840 square yards = one acre. 4 roods = one acre.



Across

- Area in square yards of Dog's Mead. (5)
- Age of Martha, Father Dunk's aunt. (2)
- Difference in yards between length and breadth of Dog's Mead. (2)
- Number of roods in Dog's Mead x 8 down. (3)



Most of you will be familiar with the useful Scrabble words JUN, QINTAR, XU and ZAIRE, but did you know that they are all units of currency? Here are a dozen more money terms to dazzle the opposition.

- | | | |
|---------|--------|--------|
| BOLIVAR | PATACA | GROSZ |
| CORDOBA | RIYAL | PENNIA |
| FORINT | RUPIAH | SATANG |
| LEMPIRA | CHIAO | NGWEE |

- The year the Dunk's acquired Dog's Mead. (4)
- Father Dunk's age. (2)
- Year of Mary's birth. (4)
- Perimeter in yards of Dog's Mead. (3)
- Cube of Father Dunk's walking speed in m.p.h. (2)
- 15 across minus 9 down. (2)

Down

- Value in shillings per rood of Dog's Mead. (3)
- Square of the age of Father Dunk's mother-in-law. (4)
- Age of Mary, Father Dunk's daughter. (2)
- Value in pounds of Dog's Mead. (3)
- Age of Ted, Father Dunk's son, who is twice the age of his sister Mary in 1945. (2)
- Square of the breadth of Dog's Mead. (5)
- Time in minutes it takes Father Dunk to walk $1\frac{1}{3}$ times around Dog's Mead. (2)
- The number which, multiplied by 10 across gives 10 down. (2)
- See 9 down. (3)
- Addition of the digits of 10 down plus 1. (2)
- Number of years Dog's Mead has been in the Dunk family. (3)

Shakespeare in Words AND PICTURE

The portrait of Shakespeare in the opposite column is made of the letters in his name. However, it's easier to 'read' the picture than the word.

William Shakespeare both entered and exited the earthly stage on April 23. He lurks in the most astonishing places — in the words he coined (laughable, majestic), his compounds (fancy free, foregone conclusion), and his expressions (there's the rub, vanish into thin air). The English language, and by extension Scrabblers, owe him a great deal. Anagrammatically, WE ALL MAKE HIS PRAISE.



Word Ways, Nov 1995

[After the World Champs, Glennis, Rachael and I spent a most enjoyable day north of London with David Blumhardt. We visited the lovely town of Stratford-upon-Avon and saw Shakespeare's house. — Jeff]

THE 1996 NZ MASTERS TOURNAMENT

by Bill Grigg

Dunedin successfully hosted the 1996 Masters Tournament, which was held at the Dental College from April 6 - 8. In this first-ever South Island Masters the local players came into their own with Kendall Boyd taking the title at his first attempt, winning 19 of the 23 games, at an average of 413. His Dunedin clubmate Peter Sinton came runner-up with 18 wins and an average of 433. Peter lost one game by a single point, while Kendall won one by the same margin! Third was Howard Warner of Wellington on 17 wins (ave 437). To top off a magnificent effort by the Dunedin players, Alan Boyd belied his ranking to gain an excellent 12th placing.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Highest winning score | 598 Peter Sinton |
| Highest losing score | 452 Jeff Grant |
| Highest combined score | 965 Peter Sinton (513) Jeff Grant (452) |
| Highest turn | 140 Allie Quinn (twice!) |
| Highest average | 437 Howard Warner |
| Most Bonus Words | 48 Mike Sigley |
| Drawn games (2) | John Foster/Alan Boyd Rhoda Cashman/Mike Sigley |

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Other close ones | |
| Margie Hurly 421 | Peter Sinton 420 |
| Pam Robson 404 | Fae Olson 403 |
| Glenda Geard 375 | Fae Olson 374 |
| Kendall Boyd 335 | Val Mills 334 |
| Wins over 500 | 23 |
| Losses over 400 | 31 |

GREAT START

Pam Robson started against Jeff Grant with scores of 60, 40, 65, 64, and ended on 376 after only 10 moves. However, it wasn't enough to beat Jeff, whose 424

included the bonus plays UROSTYLE and WADMOLLS.

CHALLENGES

Lots of interesting ones!

Yes (118) including **No** (219) including

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| BLENDES | GEIGERS |
| VENNELS | CERVETTE |
| ZEBRAIC | ENNERVE |
| TANNOYING | HEUBARIS |

No SPACE Left

Val Mills and Pam Robson played themselves to a standstill. They had 5 low-value tiles left between them at the end and couldn't get any of them down on the blocked board.

Nabbed AT THE FINISH

Mike Sigley won all eight games on the first day. In round 9 he played PIRNIES for 65 points late in the game, only for Howard Warner to go out with ESTRONES on a triple-triple (122 points) — plus Mike's take-off (30), leading to a 477 - 390 win for Howard.



Kendall Boyd (left) and Peter Sinton (right)

IT'S AN EASY GAME

From the April edition of America's *Scrabble Club News* comes the story of Las Vegas school teacher and Scrabble tournament director Paul Terry, who was introducing his 7th grade class to the art of Scrabble. One of the young girls, by the name of Katy, had ADENRUV on her rack and found a nine-letter play through a T and E already on the board. When Paul marvelled at what a great find it was Katy exclaimed:

"It's no big deal. Everyone knows the word ADVENTURE"

Paul pointed out that even top players would be proud to find such a word through two separate letters, to which Katy replied straight-faced:

"I learned how to play this game over Christmas, so I already know how to play."

It's an easy game!

SUPERSTAR

The Superstar Showdown in Las Vegas last year attracted 54 of the world's top Scrabblers (all but England's Mark Nyman were American). Winner of the \$US50,000 first prize was 44-year-old David Gibson of South Carolina. David is not your typical pro player. This is quite obvious in the following excerpt from the controversial *Sports Illustrated* Scrabble article of December 18, 1995:

"And the funny part is, Gibson is one of the most modest guys around. How modest became apparent when Gibson, a math professor at Spartanburg Methodist College making less than \$40,000 a year, earmarked part of his winnings for the elderly and doled out the rest, in individual cheques accompanied by a nice note, to all competitors not finishing in the top 10."

Media COVERAGE

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Otago Daily Times | 2 write-ups & photo |
| Local Weekender | 1 write-up |
| Radio ZB (Dunedin) | daily results |
| Radio Dunedin | live reports nightly |
| Radio NZ | Kendall Boyd interview |
| National Program | Bill Grigg on Scrabble |
| Television | Scrabble on TV1 News |

Just great coverage!

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all competitors who travelled far and wide to come to Dunedin. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to John Foster for NZASP support and personal advice. To all the players — well done, you were all winners!

Bill Grigg, Anne Stewart, Marian Ross and the rest of the Dunedin Club wish you all good health and happy Scrabble.

[On behalf of all the players who visited the beautiful city of Dunedin at Easter, and played a bit of Scrabble here and there, our thanks to the Dunedin Club for a most enjoyable tournament — and congratulations to Kendall, Peter and Alan on their great showing. — Jeff]

Stock Available

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| Tiles | \$3.00 |
| Badges | \$5.50 |
| OSPD2 (Hardback only) | \$35.00 |
| (Dictionaries selling at cost price) | |
| Postage is extra. | |

Order from Bev Barker (see inside front cover) Orders delivered to tournaments or posted.

A LONG NIGHT ON THE TILES

by GRAEME JOHNSTONE

Did you read where a bloke sued the organisers of a Scrabble tournament?

He reckoned he would have won if they had given him more time to go to the dunny.

Cripes, he should come and play around our place.

There is a player in our family who takes so much time pondering every move, opponents not only have enough time to go to the dunny, but to read every magazine in the bathroom, have a bath, repair that leaky tap, and paint the ceiling.

And when they get back, he is still staring at the board. Crikey, it's frustrating.

Do you know what the really annoying part about it is?

That player is me ...

I admit it, I'm one of those types who slavishly ponder the Scrabble board.

I carefully analyse every tile I have. I slowly but surely monitor every word. I look at all the possibilities, check the gaps, the potential links, the possible plurals.

Above all, I carefully evaluate how to maximise my tiles such as J, Z and Q.

Then, having worked out the best plan of attack, there comes a hush around the board as I lean forward.

And I carefully place the word TIN ...

"Tin! Tin?! Is that all?" they roar. "We've been waiting for three light-years while you sit there cogitating like The Thinker, and you come up with bloody TIN!!"

"Hey, hey, wait a minute," I cry. "The 'i' is on a double letter, so I get FOUR points for that."

What are they moaning about? I was going to get three points for IT ...

Little do they know that next move I am going to deviously link TIN with the US nearby to form TINNITUS. And from

there move on to SEQUIN, ADZE, and finally ZIGGURAT on the triple, to clean up the game.

ZIGGURAT? "An ancient Babylonian temple of Sumerian origin

— doesn't everyone know that?"

Alas, all this comes unstuck when someone converts my TIN into TINT, runs downhill with TAX, and my beloved moves in with AXOLOTL on the triple, goes out, does the count-up and wins by three! While she does a victory lap around the table, I am left to cogitate my game-plan. Perhaps I should have made it PIN, instead of TIN ...

The demanding thing with Scrabble is to keep up with the changes in language. Scrabble used to be pretty clear cut — no names, no slang, no foreign words. These



days, computer terms are being accepted. Did you know that you can put down WYSIWYG? True dinks, its from the computer term meaning "What You See Is What You Get", and is now accepted by Scrabble authorities. QWERTY is also accepted, as in "a qwerty keyboard".

I reckon there's a few words I could introduce, like:

TNFLAOF: "There's No Fool Like An Old Fool"

And YCAGTTDNIPMNM: You Can All Go To The Dunny Now, I'm Pondering My Next Move".

I wonder if they had a dunny time-limit on their Scrabble games down at the old ziggurat?

From *The Australian Post*, July 1, 1995
(Submitted by Paul Lister of the Christchurch Club)

MARGARET PENWARDEN

It is with sadness we mention the passing recently of Margaret Penwarden, a member of the New Plymouth YWCA Scrabble Club.

Margaret was a very keen Scrabbler who entered tournaments and also enjoyed a Scrabble trip to Norfolk Island a couple of years ago. Margaret was known for her cheerfulness and energy, and was involved with yoga and tramping — even taking her Scrabble set with her on tramping trips away. She was a well-liked member of her various activities, always willing to do her share. She died doing one of her favourite things — tramping.

JE NE SAIS EUOI

(I DON'T KNOW THAT WORD)

The March 1996 issue of UK Scrabble Club News, edited by Philip Nelkon, has a competition where you have to take a well-known expression in a foreign language, change a single letter, and provide a definition for the new expression. Here are some examples from a similar contest run by a New York magazine:

Harlez-vous Francais? — Can you ride a French motorbike?

Idios amigos — We're wild and crazy guys.

Repondez s'il vous plaid. — Honk if you're Scottish.

Monage a trois. — I am three years old. Haste Cuisine. — Fast French food.

If you can think of any more good ones, please let us know.

DEFIANT DEFINITIONS

Early dictionary-makers often revealed something of their social opinions within their words. For instance, Samuel Johnson defined 'patron' in his 1755 masterpiece as 'one who countenances, supports or protects. Commonly a wretch who supports with insolence and is paid with flattery.'

Modern lexicographers are not immune from this trait. Here are a couple of nice examples from our own Chambers Dictionary:

noose — a snare or bond generally, especially marriage.

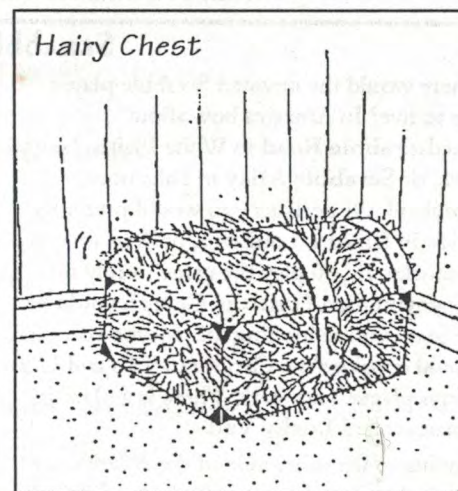
jaywalker — a careless pedestrian whom motorists are expected to avoid running down. (The person who wrote this definition probably drives everywhere!)

NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 10 JUNE 1996

| Name | Rating | Games | Wins | % | Name | Rating | Games | Wins | % |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 Jeff Grant | 2,107 | 613 | 475.5 | 78% | 50 Leila Thomson | 1,555 | 397 | 175 | 44% |
| 2 Kendall Boyd | 2,046 | 143 | 110.5 | 77% | 51 Marj Baillie | 1,552 | 409 | 207.5 | 51% |
| 3 Mike Sigley | 2,030 | 499 | 381.5 | 76% | 52 Rose Cronhelm | 1,544 | 392 | 194 | 49% |
| 4 Lynne Powell | 2,027 | 756 | 418 | 55% | 53 Rosemary Cleary | 1,509 | 269 | 135 | 50% |
| 5 Blue Thorogood | 2,012 | 339 | 230 | 68% | 54 Steven Brown | 1,507 | 182 | 120.5 | 66% |
| 6 John Foster | 2,011 | 596 | 354.5 | 59% | 55 Eileen McLean | 1,505 | 453 | 253.5 | 56% |
| 7 Howard Warner | 1,977 | 197 | 114 | 58% | 56 Gaye Norgren | 1,499 | 196 | 93 | 47% |
| 8 Peter Sinton | 1,971 | 168 | 128 | 76% | 57 Anna Geange | 1,498 | 189 | 119 | 63% |
| 9 Patrick Carter | 1,965 | 334 | 210 | 63% | 58 Yvette Hewlett | 1,483 | 195 | 89.5 | 46% |
| 10 Andrew Bradley | 1,956 | 298 | 149 | 50% | 59 Marian Ross | 1,479 | 170 | 84 | 49% |
| 11 Glynis Jennings | 1,954 | 483 | 231.5 | 48% | 60 Martha Morgan | 1,472 | 276 | 134 | 49% |
| 12 Glennis Hale | 1,949 | 672 | 393.5 | 59% | 61 Yvonne Wilson | 1,468 | 98 | 65 | 66% |
| 13 Sheryl Davidson | 1,898 | 377 | 230 | 61% | 62 Jean O'Brien | 1,462 | 519 | 265.5 | 51% |
| 14 Lynne Butler | 1,874 | 501 | 306 | 61% | 63 Sue McRae | 1,447 | 243 | 133 | 55% |
| 15 Denise Gordon | 1,872 | 512 | 281.5 | 55% | 64 Margaret Cherry | 1,447 | 141 | 74 | 52% |
| 16 Georgie Offringa | 1,853 | 478 | 221.5 | 46% | 65 Hilda Scott | 1,442 | 233 | 129 | 55% |
| 17 Chris Hooks | 1,840 | 384 | 206.5 | 54% | 66 Anne Warner | 1,435 | 556 | 290 | 52% |
| 18 Glenyss Buchanan | 1,825 | 478 | 244 | 51% | 67 Shirley Wyatt | 1,430 | 149 | 77 | 52% |
| 19 May Quigley | 1,808 | 691 | 302 | 44% | 68 Ruth O'Neill | 1,427 | 231 | 112.5 | 49% |
| 20 Lynn Wood | 1,806 | 757 | 380.5 | 50% | 69 Lesley Edgeler | 1,408 | 158 | 65 | 41% |
| 21 Pam Robson | 1,806 | 253 | 149 | 59% | 70 Correne James | 1,403 | 273 | 119.5 | 44% |
| 22 Glenda Foster | 1,788 | 469 | 241 | 51% | 71 Karyn McDougall | 1,403 | 132 | 72 | 55% |
| 23 Peter Jones | 1,782 | 531 | 271.5 | 51% | 72 Cathy Woods | 1,395 | 319 | 137 | 43% |
| 24 Margie Hurly | 1,770 | 253 | 153 | 60% | 73 Bill Grigg | 1,393 | 178 | 102 | 57% |
| 25 Gerald Warner | 1,760 | 744 | 354 | 48% | 74 Bernard Flower | 1,389 | 150 | 75.5 | 50% |
| 26 June Mackwell | 1,754 | 601 | 275 | 46% | 75 Margaret Bundock | 1,389 | 437 | 221 | 51% |
| 27 Paul Lister | 1,753 | 191 | 100 | 52% | 76 Lorraine Van Veen | 1,385 | 392 | 206.5 | 53% |
| 28 Alan Boyd | 1,744 | 338 | 207 | 61% | 77 Maureen Holliday | 1,384 | 177 | 100 | 56% |
| 29 Allie Quinn | 1,736 | 617 | 282 | 46% | 78 Mary Carr | 1,375 | 246 | 114.5 | 47% |
| 30 Kevin Edgeler | 1,735 | 240 | 94.5 | 39% | 79 Isobel Zyp | 1,372 | 218 | 110 | 50% |
| 31 Dave Godman | 1,719 | 352 | 200 | 57% | 80 Lyn Toka | 1,367 | 273 | 147 | 54% |
| 32 Fae Olson | 1,710 | 771 | 391.5 | 51% | 81 Liz Fagerlund | 1,362 | 75 | 48 | 64% |
| 33 Valerie Mills | 1,704 | 318 | 175.5 | 55% | 82 Phyl Wilson | 1,347 | 133 | 76.5 | 58% |
| 34 Jane Walton | 1,702 | 243 | 136 | 56% | 83 Anne Stewart | 1,344 | 210 | 117 | 56% |
| 35 Rhoda Cashman | 1,694 | 647 | 301 | 47% | 84 David Gunn | 1,341 | 468 | 239.5 | 51% |
| 36 Norman Goodger | 1,688 | 159 | 94 | 59% | 85 Norman Wheeler | 1,333 | 382 | 202 | 53% |
| 37 Puti Rowe | 1,683 | 437 | 213.5 | 49% | 86 Margaret Lyall | 1,315 | 164 | 74.5 | 45% |
| 38 Andree Prentice | 1,668 | 445 | 245.5 | 55% | 87 Elsie Malkin | 1,305 | 69 | 42 | 61% |
| 39 Joy Hunter | 1,662 | 251 | 123.5 | 49% | 88 Rebecca Freeth | 1,282 | 76 | 54 | 71% |
| 40 Ann Candler | 1,644 | 513 | 229 | 45% | 89 Max Aston | 1,275 | 133 | 72 | 54% |
| 41 Florence Veldhuizen | 1,643 | 260 | 117.5 | 45% | 90 Leanne Field | 1,273 | 175 | 107 | 61% |
| 42 Reeva Pearson | 1,643 | 781 | 356 | 46% | 91 Margaret Simpson | 1,256 | 335 | 169.5 | 51% |
| 43 Helen Sillis | 1,633 | 291 | 162 | 56% | 92 Joan Pratt | 1,248 | 202 | 113 | 56% |
| 44 Marj Batchelor | 1,623 | 207 | 94 | 45% | 93 Gwen Kaiser | 1,246 | 276 | 145.5 | 53% |
| 45 Betty Gibb | 1,621 | 213 | 84.5 | 40% | 94 Gordon Pinchin | 1,235 | 125 | 74 | 59% |
| 46 Doreen O'Shea | 1,621 | 118 | 80 | 68% | 95 Hazel Purdie | 1,225 | 188 | 84 | 45% |
| 47 Roger Coates | 1,603 | 394 | 193 | 49% | 96 Delcie Macbeth | 1,224 | 228 | 120 | 53% |
| 48 Rob Talbot | 1,595 | 245 | 137 | 56% | 97 Betty Eriksen | 1,218 | 369 | 173.5 | 47% |
| 49 Glenda Geard | 1,568 | 503 | 257.5 | 51% | 98 Margaret Parsons | 1,206 | 181 | 85 | 47% |

| Name | Rating | Games | Wins | % | Name | Rating | Games | Wins | % |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| 99 Joan Ball | 1,198 | 171 | 84 | 49% | 152 Kath James | 768 | 222 | 99.5 | 45% |
| 100 Doreen Ogston | 1,186 | 300 | 131 | 44% | 153 Tania Pearson | 764 | 152 | 63.5 | 42% |
| 101 Margaret Schimanski | 1,159 | 62 | 30.5 | 49% | 154 Sue Osborne | 756 | 175 | 73 | 42% |
| 102 Carole Coates | 1,158 | 350 | 164.5 | 47% | 155 Letitia Vaitupu | 742 | 72 | 20 | 28% |
| 103 Katrine Kerr-Renwick | 1,148 | 191 | 85 | 45% | 156 Pam Mayall | 729 | 62 | 31 | 50% |
| 104 Peggy Wallace | 1,145 | 281 | 129 | 46% | 157 Dean Riesterer | 727 | 58 | 38 | 66% |
| 105 Kim Graham | 1,141 | 148 | 86 | 58% | 158 Margaret Ham | 705 | 93 | 49 | 53% |
| 106 Kathleen Mori-Barker | 1,138 | 145 | 72 | 50% | 159 Julie Giles | 699 | 51 | 21 | 41% |
| 107 Jean Walsh | 1,132 | 163 | 73 | 45% | 160 Jillian Greening | 682 | 228 | 109 | 48% |
| 108 Jan Corry | 1,129 | 105 | 59.5 | 57% | 161 Mary Curtis | 680 | 119 | 58 | 49% |
| 109 Neville James | 1,129 | 134 | 62 | 46% | 162 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell | 678 | 217 | 101.5 | 47% |
| 110 Bev Barker | 1,104 | 354 | 164 | 46% | 163 Jill Johnstone | 648 | 64 | 26 | 41% |
| 111 Elaine Moltzen | 1,103 | 328 | 159 | 48% | 164 David Sutcliffe | 638 | 114 | 59 | 52% |
| 112 Malcolm Graham | 1,102 | 77 | 40 | 52% | 165 Angela Brett | 603 | 61 | 32 | 52% |
| 113 Marjorie Heads | 1,095 | 233 | 125 | 54% | 166 Paddy Hoffman | 587 | 38 | 20 | 53% |
| 114 Shirley Hol | 1,080 | 150 | 66.5 | 44% | 167 Kath Davies | 581 | 112 | 54 | 48% |
| 115 Shirley Martin | 1,079 | 177 | 92.5 | 52% | 168 Trixie Neil | 579 | 106 | 51 | 48% |
| 116 Ernie Gidman | 1,063 | 136 | 69 | 51% | 169 Ed Olson | 573 | 697 | 263 | 38% |
| 117 Clyde Titchener | 1,060 | 63 | 26 | 41% | 170 Jeannie McDougall | 572 | 95 | 48.5 | 51% |
| 118 Liz Catchpole | 1,058 | 152 | 75 | 49% | 171 Sylvia Nicholas | 550 | 74 | 14 | 19% |
| 119 Margaret Forbes | 1,043 | 110 | 55 | 50% | 172 Grant Waghorn | 545 | 87 | 42 | 48% |
| 120 Wayne Woods | 1,039 | 75 | 37.5 | 50% | 173 Merle Spinello | 540 | 63 | 29 | 46% |
| 121 Marianne Patchett | 1,037 | 142 | 79.5 | 56% | 174 Lil Moore | 528 | 403 | 182.5 | 45% |
| 122 Daph Curl | 1,026 | 225 | 88 | 39% | 175 Elaine King | 503 | 234 | 117.5 | 50% |
| 123 Irene Hague-Smith | 1,022 | 411 | 182 | 44% | 176 Vera Burner | 449 | 196 | 38 | 19% |
| 124 Alastair McDougall | 1,019 | 95 | 62 | 65% | 177 May Gale | 376 | 189 | 41 | 22% |
| 125 Mary Farmer | 1,018 | 66 | 39 | 59% | 178 Lulu Holt | 375 | 223 | 102 | 46% |
| 126 Conny van Tilburg | 1,017 | 254 | 128.5 | 51% | 179 Elvira Steel | 328 | 120 | 5 | 4% |
| 127 Val Worth | 999 | 251 | 129 | 51% | | | | | |
| 128 Valma Gidman | 981 | 258 | 131 | 51% | | | | | |
| 129 Mary Pinchin | 973 | 162 | 84.5 | 52% | | | | | |
| 130 Olwen Skelton | 963 | 271 | 128 | 47% | | | | | |
| 131 Daphne Parker | 955 | 169 | 82.5 | 49% | | | | | |
| 132 Penny Irvine | 950 | 97 | 41.5 | 43% | | | | | |
| 133 Adrienne McKeown | 943 | 182 | 80.5 | 44% | | | | | |
| 134 Dawn Kitzen | 931 | 219 | 108 | 49% | | | | | |
| 135 Roto Mitchell | 929 | 139 | 64 | 46% | | | | | |
| 136 Marie Kingi | 924 | 197 | 83.5 | 42% | | | | | |
| 137 Leonora Cole | 923 | 177 | 87.5 | 49% | | | | | |
| 138 Clare Wall | 915 | 99 | 49 | 49% | | | | | |
| 139 Sue Walker | 911 | 119 | 64 | 54% | | | | | |
| 140 Margaret Mourant | 906 | 226 | 119 | 53% | | | | | |
| 141 Kate Wignall | 887 | 355 | 172 | 48% | | | | | |
| 142 Dorothy Haining | 874 | 370 | 184.5 | 50% | | | | | |
| 143 Jan Wheeler | 874 | 210 | 96.5 | 46% | | | | | |
| 144 Mary Gray | 870 | 89 | 56 | 63% | | | | | |
| 145 May Meads | 851 | 125 | 61 | 49% | | | | | |
| 146 Yvonne MacKenzie | 847 | 40 | 15 | 38% | | | | | |
| 147 Naomi Gilmore | 844 | 121 | 65.5 | 54% | | | | | |
| 148 Dorothy Latta | 821 | 148 | 59 | 40% | | | | | |
| 149 Cecilia Bullot | 815 | 209 | 91.5 | 44% | | | | | |
| 150 Audrey Plane | 810 | 110 | 40 | 36% | | | | | |
| 151 Elise Joy | 789 | 64 | 29 | 45% | | | | | |

That Takes the Cake



From *The Word Book* by
Gyles Brandreth

The World of Scrabble

If you find yourself in any of these countries you'll never be without Scrabble. Even if you've left your travelling set behind, you'll find a set on sale somewhere. Though you may find the language a bit of a challenge.

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|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Afghanistan | Brunei | Ecuador | Indonesia | Morocco | Seychelles | Trinidad |
| Algeria | Burma | Egypt | Iran | Nepal | Sierra Leone | Tunisia |
| Andorra | Cameroon | Falkland Islands | Ireland | Netherlands | Singapore | Turkey |
| Angola | Canada | | Israel | New Zealand | Slovak | Uganda |
| Argentina | Chad | Fiji | Italy | Niger | Republic | USA |
| Australia | Channel Islands | Finland | Jamaica | Nigeria | Slovenia | Venezuela |
| Austria | | France | Japan | Norway | South Africa | Vietnam |
| Bahamas | Chile | Gabon | Jordan | Oman | Spain | Western Samoa |
| Bahrain | China | Gambia | Kenya | Pakistan | Sri Lanka | |
| Bangladesh | Costa Rica | Germany | Korea | Panama | Sudan | Zaire |
| Barbados | Côte d'Ivoire | Gibraltar | Kuwait | Peru | Sweden | Zambia |
| Belgium | Croatia | Greece | Lebanon | Philippines | Switzerland | Zimbabwe |
| Belize | Cyprus | Haiti | Luxembourg | Poland | Syria | |
| Benin | Czech Republic | Honduras | Malaysia | Portugal | Taiwan | |
| Bermuda | | Hong Kong | Malta | Qatar | Tanzania | |
| Bolivia | Denmark | Hungary | Mauritius | Romania | Thailand | |
| Brazil | Dominican Republic | Iceland | Mexico | Russia | Tobago | |
| British Virgin Islands | | India | Mongolia | Saudi Arabia | Togo | |

from *The Ultimate Scrabble Book* by Philip Nelkon (pub 1995)

SCRABBLELAND

Where would the devoted Scrabble player like to live? In America how about **Hardscrabble Road** in White Plains, New York, or **Scrabble Alley** in Baltimore, Maryland. Or perhaps you would prefer to reside in **Blanks**, Louisiana, or **Win** in Kentucky. If you play the game purely for enjoyment then **Funston**, Georgia could be the place you're looking for. Maybe you should consider the Caribbean if I's and U's always plague your rack. There is a place in Jamaica called **Lucky Valley**.

Moving to the other side of the Atlantic, a couple of prime locations look like **Tile Hill** in Coventry and **Wordsley** in the West

Midlands.

How about here in New Zealand? Scrabblers all know the value of premium word squares and everyone likes to get their tiles doubled or tripled. There is nothing like the thrill of a bonus word on a dark red square or a Z both ways on a dark blue one. So what's your favourite spot? I think I might opt for **Victory Square** in Nelson. Of course as a last resort there is always **Bluff...**

Does anyone know of other Scrabble-oriented place-names? It would be great to meet the residents of a Scrabbleville or Bonustown!

WAT'S XAT?

by Jeff GRANT

Peripatetic Waikato Scrabblers David Gunn asked me a while ago if I'd come across the word XAT. My answer was 'yes' — it forms part of a series where nearly every letter of the alphabet can be hooked in front of AT to make a word.

Note that the terms in italics are not found in our Scrabble dictionaries, and some of the more familiar words may have meanings you don't expect.

| | |
|------------|---|
| <i>AAT</i> | an obsolete form of 'oat'. |
| BAT | to flutter (especially an eyelid). |
| CAT | to vomit. |
| <i>DAT</i> | old variant of 'daut', to pet. |
| EAT | to corrode or destroy. |
| FAT | to make or grow plump. |
| GAT | an opening between sandbanks. |
| HAT | to work alone (Australian). |
| <i>IAT</i> | International Atomic Time. |
| <i>JAT</i> | a caste, tribe or sect (Hindu). |
| KAT | ancient Egyptian unit of weight. |
| LAT | slang for a latrine. |
| MAT | to interweave or tangle closely. |
| NAT | a nationalist. |
| OAT | a shepherd's pipe. |
| PAT | to shape by striking gently. |
| QAT | an Arabian shrub. |
| RAT | to desert for unworthy motives. |
| SAT | underwent an exam. |
| TAT | to touch up. |
| <i>UAT</i> | an old variant of 'vat'. |
| VAT | to put in a vat. |
| WAT | wet. |
| <i>XAT</i> | a carved memorial post (Native American). |
| <i>YAT</i> | a heifer (English North Country). |
| <i>ZAT</i> | shortening of 'howzat' (cricket). |

Can anyone find an improvement for IAT?

CLUB NEWS

Capital Scrabble

by SUE McRAE

C₃APITAL
S₁CRABBLE
C₃CLUB

A new Scrabble club has been established in Wellington, in addition to those operating in Lower Hutt and Kilbirnie. The name of the club is CAPITAL SCRABBLE and we meet every Wednesday at 7pm at Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington. This historic two-storey brick building right opposite the Beehive is near all the bus and train terminals in the heart of the city. We have done a leaflet to publicise the new club and hope to attract many new members from the city centre and northern suburbs. We don't see ourselves as being in opposition to existing clubs, but rather hope to enlarge the total number of players in the capital by increasing the venue options. Some of the group intend to continue going along on Tuesday night to the Wellington club in Kilbirnie so that they can have an extra night of Scrabble each week.

A warm welcome goes out to any Scrabblers coming to Wellington for work or play to join us on a Wednesday night. Turnbull House is easily accessible by public transport, or a ride can be organised by ringing one of the members, eg Howard: 475-7390, Norman and Jan: 568-3337.

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

by Bill Grigg

March

Happy birthday to Alice Doust (82) and Marian Ross 20 + 20 + 20 + ? (guess). Bill Wood made the top of the ladder competition. Robert Jones (Round Robin Competition) scored 209 for SPATTING on a triple-triple, plus hooks. Peter Jones (MTA) whilst on holiday called into the club and it was nice to see him. Margie Hurly (WAN) was down also and returned for the Masters tournament later.

April

Dunedin Club hosted the NZ Masters Tournament, which was a great success. Our own Kendall Boyd (DUN) in his first Masters won the event. Kendall won 19 games with an average of 413 — just a great effort. Making the quinella was Peter Sinton (DUN) second on 18 wins, ave 434. He must be rueing his 1-point loss to Margie Hurly 421-420. Howard Warner (WEL) was third with 17 wins, ave 437. With Kendall first, Peter second and Alan twelfth a fantastic result was achieved for our club. To all competitors and NZASP, thanks for your help, participation and prizes. Also the cards were much appreciated. For full tournament records see page 26 and a special summary on pages 10-11.

Also down was Sue McRae (WEL) for a law conference. She could have played but alas no-one took ill.

Alan Boyd (Dictionary competition)

scored 630 including 5 bonus words. Get well Daisy. Nice to see Harry Thoms back. Welcome to Karen and Vera Weatherall. Heard myself on national radio (In Touch with NZ) talking Scrabble. Robert Jones made A Grade (R/R Comp).

Kendall Boyd

NZ Masters winner, single, 28, currently unemployed. Joined our club May 1994. Also that year won NZ rapid chess title. Very brainy, loves chess and most sports, plays social cricket, enjoys cards, the odd flutter, very competitive. Would love to be number one in New Zealand and represent the country.

Quiz

What do the following make?

- DEIIRS
- ILOPSTT
- DEGIILL
- DEGIPSY
- EEIIPST

Competition Results

| Round Robin | P | W | Ave |
|--------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1 Peter Sinton | 22 | 17 | 436 |
| 2 Glennie Jamieson | 23 | 12 | 388 |
| 3 Bill Grigg | 23 | 11 | 406 |

Challenge

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1 Peter Sinton | 499 |
| 2 Kendall Boyd | 472 |
| 3 Peter Jones (MTA) | 469 |

Dictionary

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1 Anne Stewart | 490 |
| 2 Alan Boyd | 438 |
| 3 Robert Jones | 399 |

Ladder

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| 1 Bill Wood | 363 |
| 2 Bill Grigg | 388 |
| 2 Alan Boyd | 421 |

We are lucky to have members of the calibre of Peter and Kendall. It certainly encourages the rest of us to strive for

better things.

| | Peter Sinton | Kendall Boyd |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| NZ Masters | 2nd 1996 | 1st 1996 |
| Club Champion | 1990-1995 | 2nd 1995 |
| SI Champ (CHC) | 1995 | 2nd 1995 |
| Dunedin Open | 1988/92/93 | 1st 1994 |
| Otago Open Champ | 1995 | 3rd 1994 |
| Other Club | | |
| Tourns Won | 6 | 1 |
| Kendall also won C Grade at Hamilton and the Nationals in 1995. | | |

May

A small contingent consisting of Bill Grigg, Anne Stewart, Marian Ross and Letitia Vaitupu travelled to Christchurch for the South Island Scrabble Championship.

In a very tight finish 3 players recorded 9 wins. The winner was Lynn Wood (WEL) ave 405, second Paul Lister (CHC) ave 405, third Marian Ross (DUN) ave 376.

Marian lost her first game to me 632-231, then went on to win 9 straight, only to lose the last game to Liz Fagerlund 406-378. Just a great effort, Marian — we are very proud of you. For myself (Bill Grigg), I had the highest winning score of 632, highest losing score 400 and also highest turn — 130 for MAZIEST. Alas, I could only finish fifth. In B Grade Gordon Pinchin (CHC) won all his games — well done. In C Grade Anne Hough (NEL) came first and Lyn Dawson (NEL) second. They were playing in their first tournament. To Christchurch Club, thanks for an enjoyable tournament and your great hospitality. To the competitors — you are all winners.

[According to our records, Bill's 632 equals the 10th highest game score ever achieved in NZ Scrabble. — Ed.]

Remember

Dunedin Open Nov 2-3

Special Notice

Marian Ross is now our Secretary/
President, 3 New Haven St., Dunedin,
phone 03-473-8579.

Quiz Answers

- 1 IRIDISE
- 2 SPOTLIT
- 3 GILLIED
- 4 GYPSIED
- 5 EEPEIST

Happy Scrabble**Nelson**

Bob Johnstone informs us that the Nelson Scrabble Club is flourishing. They have 22 affiliated members and meet on Wednesday evenings at the Golden Links Hall, 93 Vanguard Street. One of their keenest and most competitive players is Stan Russell, who turned 90 recently. It's certainly a game for all ages!

DANIEL'S A TIDDLING NESQUAW

What do the following words have in common? Beware — only a few are usable in Scrabble! (Answer upside down below)

anthony, barling, cadma, croot, crowly, daniel, dalling, doll, ducky, gramfer, greck, harry, kerdidwin, nesquaw, nisgol, nurdy, pedman, poke-shakings, rinklin, rit, runnock, tiddling, treseltrype, wankling, wretchock, wrig

Answer:

These are all English dialect terms for the smallest or weakest pig of a litter, ie the runt.

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example RIFLE

to FLIER and LINEMAN to MELANIN. On a higher level PHRASE-MAKERS tend to SHAPE REMARKS.

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

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| SALLY DUFFIELD | FULFILLED DAYS |
| PAM MAYALL | PALLY MAMA |
| REBECCA FREETH | BEER-CRATE CHEF |
| ALISTAIR McDOUGALL | ALL-MUSIC GLADIATOR |
| MARGARET SCHIMANSKI | CHARISMA MARKETTINGS |
| LIZ FAGERLUND | FUN-GIRL LAZED |

Too Much Scrabble?

You know you've been playing the game too much when:

- 1 You find yourself anagramming the words on road signs.
- 2 You play against yourself and are upset to draw the Q.
- 3 You teach your kids dirty words so that they can improve their scoring.
- 4 You turn your chess clocks ahead one hour when daylight saving starts.
- 5 You play Travel Scrabble on long road trips, and you are the driver.
- 6 You hope it rains on your holiday so you can stay inside and play Scrabble.
- 7 Your lover mentions foreplay, and you immediately start to calculate how much it's worth on a triple-triple.

from a piece in the *American Scrabble Club News*, May 1996, by Jeff Kublin, Albany Scrabble Club, New York

SHORT AND SHARP

In *Word Ways* (November 1995) American Frederick Crane examines the constraints of writing in words of one syllable only:

"Does the sole use of words that are short mean that deep thoughts can not be put in your text? I tend to think that as long as you do not have to use the terms of some one field or job, do not mind the use of one word more times than you would use it if you could have had more choice, and do not mind the use, from time to time, of some choice of words that sounds just a bit strange, you can say just what you want to say. The trick is to think in the terms that first come to mind, then find a set of short words that will say the same thing."

The champion at this kind of writing must be Helen W Pierson, who produced six books, the first of which, *History of England in Words on One Syllable*, was published in 1883. Here is an excerpt from the first page of this work:

"In the old times these isles lay there as they do now, with the wild sea round them. The men who had their homes there knew naught of the rest of the world and none knew of them. The storm of years beat on the high white cliffs, and the wild beasts had their lairs in the woods, and the birds built in trees or reeds with no one to fright them. A large part of the land was in woods and swamps. There were no roads and not a bridge nor a house to be seen. The homes of these wild tribes were mere huts with roofs of straw. They hid them in thick woods,

and made a ditch round them and a low wall of mud or the trunks of trees. They ate the flesh of their flocks for food, for they did not know how to raise corn or wheat. They knew how to weave the reeds that grew in their swamps, and they could make a coarse kind of cloth, and a rude sort of ware out of the clay of the earth. From their rush work they made boats, and put the skins of beasts on them to make them tight and strong."

As Frederick says, "This is no less than the work of one with a great gift. The words, their sound, and the feel that dwells in them take one who reads them back to the roots of our tongue. They call forth the long past time of which they speak."

Scrabbling All Over

There were 130 Scrabble tournaments held in North America last year, with each event drawing an average of 55 players, according to the *US Scrabble News*.

John Williams, executive director of the American National Scrabble Association estimates that at least 25,000 people worldwide have played in an official Scrabble tourney at some time.

Over 100 million Scrabble sets have been sold in 31 different languages, in 120 countries. More than half the homes in Britain have a Scrabble set, and the game is often featured on British TV. It is reportedly played by many well-known personalities including the Queen Mother.

That should impress your non-Scrabbling friends.



NIGERIA

Larry Ojoko, national secretary of the Scrabble Association of Nigeria (SCAN),

informs us that contrary to some reports the second Pan African Scrabble Championship did in fact take place there from April 4-7. It does appear though that the event was affected by a boycott of players from South Africa and Kenya. The event was won by Nigerian World Champs rep Femi Awowade, ahead of Lanre Oyekunle and Ibukun Faloye, also from Nigeria. In fact the first eleven places went to Nigerians, who comprised 28 of the 34 entrants. The next Pan African tournament is scheduled for South Africa in 1998.

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Jersey beat Guernsey in the recent Interinsula Tournament. Martin Summers reinforced Jersey's dominance by winning the Channel Island KO event by 3 matches to 1 over Guernsey's Kevin Taylor.

AUSTRALIA

Top-rated player John Holgate recently gained his seventh Australian Championship title. After winning 15 out of 20 games in the preliminary rounds John went on to beat fellow 1995 World Champs competitor Bob Jackman in an extremely tight final game 312-298. This victory assures John a place in the 1997 Worlds, and means he will be one of only a handful of players to have taken part in all four World Championships.

John has been over to New Zealand on several occasions to compete in our Nationals. He has the distinction of achieving the highest-ever placing by an overseas entrant — second in 1984. He finished fourth in both 1992 and 1993. Let's hope John pays us a visit again before too long.

FRANCE

The 1996 French Scrabble Championship was won by Nicolas Grellet from Saint Leu club, who finished ahead of Didier Roques (Paris) and Aurelien Delaruelle third. Competitors are now preparing for the World Championships (in French) to be held at Aix-Les-Bains, France in July.



Nicolas Grellet
Champion of France 1996
(Photo from *Scrabble Club News* (UK) May 1996)

BAHRAIN

Gulf Scrabble Tournament

In a masterful 2-1 match against Roland Filio, Akshay Bhandarkar walked off with the Novelty Gulf Scrabble Cup in the sixth Gulf Scrabble Tournament played at the Bahrain Hilton Hotel on May 16-17, 1996.



Roy Kietzman, Chairman of the Bahrain Scrabble League and editor of Scrabble Squibs, presents the Bahrain Scrabble Cup to the Gulf's top-rated player, Naween Fernando. (see report in March Forwards)

The 16-year-old Gulf champion from Bahrain received the cup from Sheik Rashid bin Khalifa al Khalifa, assistant under-secretary for immigration and passports, and president-designate of a Bahrain Scrabble committee in formation — a body under Bahrain's General Organisation for Youth and Sports.

Bhandarkar, who was Gulf runner-up and a World Scrabble Championship contestant last year, earned a Royal Jordanian Airlines ticket to take part in a competition in Amman. The champ also received a dinner for two at the posh Sawani restaurant from Hilton general manager Emmanuel Matsakis, and a collector's Scrabble set from the game's manufacturer, Spears.

Filio, who was Gulf champion three years ago, won a return ticket to Dubai from al Fanar Travel as runner-up.

The Gulf Cup has remained in Bahrain since 1992 when it was seized by Naween Fernando, who also won in 1994 and 1995.

Hours after the awards ceremony, Filio, a

34-year-old chef, took off to resettle in his native Philippines. Both the Bahrain Scrabble League and Filipino Club presented Roland with plaques honouring him for his service, sportsmanship and dedication to the playing of the mind game in the Gulf.

In third place, Ricky Gonzalez (Munirah, Saudi Arabia) took the trophy in a best-of-three match against 13-year-old Dean Saldanha (Dubai, United Arab Emirates).

The Bramco Scrabble Plate, held by players from the kingdom's eastern province since 1994, was won by Hussain Jafri (Dhahran, Saudi Arabia) and presented by Fernando who was unable to take part in this year's tournament.

The event's best score (574) went to Yvonne Lobo, while Filio picked up trophies both for the contest's best move (GOATWEED, 140 points — 9 points below the GST record) and the most bingos (27 in 17 games). The Gulf Hotel-Oman League for Scrabble presented



Akshay Bhandarkar receives the Novelty Gulf Scrabble Cup from Sheik Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

Lobo with a prize.

Final Positions

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Bhandarkar | Bahrain |
| 2 | Filio | Bahrain |
| 3 | Gonzalez | Saudi Arabia |
| 4 | Saldanha | UAE |
| 5 | Salah Salih | Saudi Arabia |
| 6 | Yvonne Lobo | Bahrain |
| 7 | Henry Pacifico | Saudi Arabia |
| 8 | Mazhar Qureshi | Saudi Arabia |
| 9 | Lloyd Pearse | UAE |
| 10 | Selwyn Lobo | UAE |

The Gulf Scrabble Tournament is played each year. It features the best exponents from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

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

South Africa

Steve Tschwete, the South African minister of sport and recreation has been wondering whether Scrabble is a sport. The country's Scrabble Association has convinced him that it definitely is, and the game is now being promoted in South African schools.

It seems that Scrabble has also been played on Robben Islands where opponents of the former apartheid regime, such as Nelson Mandela, were once imprisoned.

United Kingdom

The final stage of the 1996 British National Scrabble Championship will be held at the Forte Crest Hotel, Regents Park, London, from 29 November to 1 December. A series of regional playoffs determines the field, and for the first time

there will be a Seniors Championship for players over 60, held within the main event.

Canada

The first ever Canadian National Scrabble Championship is scheduled for October 18-21 in Toronto. Hasbro (Canada) are the sponsors, and a large prize fund is being promised. However, only Canadians are allowed to compete. World Champion David Boys should be the player to beat.

UNITED STATES

Over 200 players took part in the 1996 Atlantic City Tournament in New Jersey. The event was won by Ron Tiekert of New York, ahead of World Champs runner-up Joel Sherman, with Randy Herson third. Ron and his wife Susi have been involved with the American Scrabble scene for many years. They also subscribe to *Forwards*.

Canadian Adam Logan dominated the high-quality Eastern Championship in Stamford, Connecticut, in February. He won 15 out of 17 games, finishing two wins clear of Jere Mead (US), with Americans Joe Edley and Brian Cappelletto third and fourth respectively.

The 1996 American National Scrabble Championship will be held at the spectacular Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas, from July 20 - 25. The tournament will have 27 rounds and four divisions, with substantial prize-money provided by Milton Bradley. In fact there are 320 prizes on offer, including \$US25,000 for the winner of Division 1, and \$US10,000 for the runner-up. There

are also special prizes for such things as high winning and losing scores (every round), best comeback, flashiest bingo, best strategic play, and a 'tuff luck' award. For those who don't find Scrabble enough exercise, the hotel has an outdoor pool, sauna, gymnasium and basketball and tennis courts.

Thailand

The Thailand Open Championship was won by brilliant 16-year-old Thai expert Charnwit Sukumrattanaporn — surely one of the few players to have a name that won't even fit on a Scrabble board! In the 24-round qualifying section, Charnwit recorded 16 wins, two behind his teammate Jakkrit Klaphajone. However Charnwit took the title by a narrow margin in the final two games.

Best of the overseas entrants was American Bob Schoenman, who missed the finals by only 39 points. Mark Nyman of England was 11th and Sam Kantimathi (US) 12th. Amazingly over 1500 players, including a large number of students, took part in this event, which also included a section for players aged 40 and over.

A MASTERLY PERFORMANCE

The inaugural NZ Masters Tournament was held in Tauranga in 1984, and Mike Sigley first entered in 1985. At the Dunedin event this year Mike finished 6th — it was the first time in 12 Masters he has been outside the top three. A truly remarkable feat!

WORTHY MENTION

On May 16 Jeff Grant and Margaret Warren set a new Hastings combined record of 1078 points. The start gave no hint of what was to come — Margaret opened with FY for 16, and Jeff played WRY underneath for 25. The game then exploded to all parts of the board, with eight bonus words and several other 50+ plays. The final score was 608-470 to Jeff, and the scoring rate worked out at just under 50 points per move!

MENSA SCRABBLE

Well-known Scrabblers and puzzle expert Joyce Cansfield won the 1995 British Mensa Scrabble knockout tournament final just before Christmas. This annual competition is organised among Mensa Scrabble fans and features many top Scrabblers. In the 1995 event, Joyce beat Humphrey Scott in one semi-final, while in the other, Helen Grayson triumphed over Gareth Williams. Joyce won the best-of-three final, beating Helen in two games straight with scores of 502-397 and 455-393.

AMERICAN EQUIPMENT

American de luxe turntable
Scrabble boards \$65 - 70 inc GST
 (price varies with bank rate changes).
Mavin Crossword Computer Game
 Formerly for Apple Computers only will
 be available in September for IBM
 computers. Available in US — price not
 known. May be imported by Hasbro
 (Auckland). If not, orders will be taken by
Ann Candler (NSB)
phone/fax 09-444-8411
 58 Marlborough Ave, Glenfield, Ak 1310



NZ MASTERS TOURNAMENT

DUNEDIN

6-8 April 1996

23 Games

| Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1 Kendall Boyd | DUN | 19 | 9492 | 413 | 42 |
| 2 Peter Sinton | DUN | 18 | 9978 | 434 | 46 |
| 3 Howard Warner | WEL | 17 | 10060 | 437 | 37 |
| 4 Jeff Grant | HAS | 16 | 9991 | 434 | 37 |
| 5 Glennis Hale | MTA | 16 | 9838 | 428 | 39 |
| 6 Mike Sigley | WAN | 15.5 | 9660 | 420 | 48 |
| 7 John Foster | MTA | 15.5 | 9620 | 418 | 37 |
| 8 Patrick Carter | MTA | 15 | 9370 | 407 | 26 |
| 9 Glenda Foster | WEL | 13 | 9036 | 393 | 25 |
| 10 Glenyss Buchanan | LOH | 12 | 9216 | 401 | 38 |
| 11 Denise Gordon | WAN | 11 | 8949 | 389 | 29 |
| 12 Alan Boyd | DUN | 10.5 | 8751 | 380 | 31 |
| 13 Gerald Warner | ROD | 10 | 9219 | 401 | 26 |
| 14 Puti Rowe | STR | 10 | 8817 | 383 | 35 |
| 15 Pam Robson | WKT | 10 | 8548 | 372 | 29 |
| 16 Lynn Wood | WEL | 9 | 8803 | 383 | 32 |
| 17 Paul Lister | CHC | 9 | 8402 | 365 | 23 |
| 18 Margie Hurly | WAN | 8 | 8659 | 376 | 33 |
| 19 Allie Quinn | NSB | 8 | 8536 | 371 | 25 |
| 20 Reeva Pearson | STR | 8 | 8463 | 368 | 35 |
| 21 Valerie Mills | PAK | 8 | 8327 | 362 | 27 |
| 22 Rhoda Cashman | ROD | 7.5 | 8514 | 370 | 31 |
| 23 Fae Olson | STR | 6 | 8844 | 385 | 32 |
| 24 Glenda Geard | IND | 4 | 8174 | 355 | 32 |

NORTH SHORE BAYS TOURNAMENT

27 April 1996

7 Games

| Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1 Lynn Wood | WEL | 6 | 2952 | 422 | 10 |
| 2 Georgie Offringa | NSB | 5 | 2939 | 420 | 10 |
| 3 Chris Hooks | MTA | 5 | 2842 | 406 | 11 |
| 4 May Quigley | NSB | 4 | 2712 | 387 | 9 |
| 5 Lynne Butler | NPL | 3 | 2845 | 406 | 10 |
| 6 June Mackwell | MTA | 3 | 2786 | 398 | 10 |
| 7 Peter Jones | MTA | 2 | 2801 | 400 | 13 |
| 8 Gerald Warner | ROD | 0 | 2561 | 366 | 7 |

Name Club Wins Points Ave B/W

B Grade

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Allie Quinn | NSB | 5 | 2782 | 397 | 10 |
| 2 Ann Candler | NSB | 4 | 3044 | 435 | 15 |
| 3 Rhoda Cashman | ROD | 4 | 2755 | 394 | 8 |
| 4 Pam Robson | WKT | 4 | 2733 | 390 | 9 |
| 5 Helen Sillis | NPL | 3 | 2765 | 395 | 11 |
| 6 Valerie Mills | PAK | 3 | 2671 | 382 | 7 |
| 7 Joy Hunter | NSB | 3 | 2646 | 378 | 7 |
| 8 Reeva Pearson | STR | 2 | 2578 | 368 | 9 |

C Grade

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Fae Olson | STR | 6 | 3175 | 454 | 13 |
| 2 Dave Godman | STR | 6 | 3059 | 437 | 15 |
| 3 Rob Talbot | MTA | 4 | 2699 | 386 | 12 |
| 4 Marj Baillie | HAM | 3 | 2731 | 390 | 10 |
| 5 Glenda Geard | IND | 3 | 2502 | 357 | 9 |
| 6 Steven Brown | HAM | 2 | 2704 | 386 | 9 |
| 7 Paul Patchett | ROD | 2 | 2637 | 377 | 7 |
| 8 Faye Cronhelm | IND | 2 | 2618 | 374 | 8 |

D Grade

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Anna Geange | MTA | 6 | 2956 | 422 | 10 |
| 2 Jean O'Brien | STR | 5 | 2948 | 421 | 12 |
| 3 David Gunn | WKT | 4 | 2728 | 390 | 9 |
| 4 Anne Warner | ROD | 4 | 2707 | 387 | 6 |
| 5 Mary Carr | NSB | 3 | 2575 | 368 | 8 |
| 6 Margaret Bundock | ROD | 3 | 2481 | 354 | 4 |
| 7 Yvette Hewlett | IND | 2 | 2691 | 384 | 9 |
| 8 Penny Headington | NSB | 1 | 2336 | 334 | 6 |

E Grade

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Maureen Holliday | MTA | 6 | 2818 | 403 | 9 |
| 2 Margaret Simpson | PAK | 5 | 2729 | 390 | 13 |
| 3 Phyl Wilson | TOK | 5 | 2695 | 385 | 6 |
| 4 Isabel Zyp | HAM | 4 | 2827 | 404 | 6 |
| 5 Joan Pratt | MTA | 3 | 2657 | 380 | 8 |
| 6 Leanne Field | NSB | 2 | 2730 | 390 | 10 |
| 7 Elaine Moltzen | HAM | 2 | 2438 | 348 | 7 |
| 8 Peggy Wallace | HAM | 1 | 2570 | 367 | 7 |

F Grade

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|---|------|-----|---|
| 1 Hazel Purdie | MTA | 6 | 2803 | 400 | 8 |
| 2 Delcie MacBeth | IND | 5 | 2761 | 394 | 6 |
| 3 Karyn McDougall | MTA | 4 | 2757 | 394 | 9 |
| 4 Bev Barker | MTA | 4 | 2264 | 323 | 2 |
| 5 Liz Catchpole | MTA | 3 | 2472 | 353 | 7 |

| Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W | Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|-----------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 6 Faye Leach | AUS | 3 | 2441 | 349 | 5 | 5 Bill Grigg | DUN | 6 | 4419 | 402 | 18 |
| 7 Irene Hague-Smith | MTA | 3 | 2400 | 343 | 5 | 6 Liz Fagerlund | CHC | 6 | 4141 | 376 | 12 |
| 8 Conny van Tilburg | MTA | 0 | 2241 | 320 | 1 | 7 Anne Stewart | DUN | 5 | 3877 | 352 | 11 |

G Grade

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|------|-----|---|-------------------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Rebecca Freeth | ROD | 5 | 2682 | 383 | 4 | 8 Margaret Lyall | CHC | 4 | 3943 | 358 | 12 |
| 2 Olwen Skelton | ROD | 4 | 2691 | 384 | 7 | 9 Kathleen Mori-Barker | CHC | 3 | 3871 | 352 | 13 |
| 3 Margaret Mourant | MTA | 4 | 2575 | 368 | 6 | 10 Katrine Kerr-Renwick | CHC | 3 | 3722 | 338 | 8 |
| 4 Shirley Martin | HAM | 3 | 2635 | 376 | 9 | 11 Malcolm Graham | CHC | 3 | 3705 | 337 | 11 |
| 5 Leonora Cole | NSB | 3 | 2451 | 350 | 5 | 12 Doreen Ogston | CHC | 2 | 3792 | 345 | 17 |

B Grade

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----|------|-----|----|
| 1 Gordon Pinchin | CHC | 11 | 4354 | 396 | 18 |
| 2 Marjorie Heads | WEL | 8 | 4210 | 383 | 15 |
| 3 Shirley Hol | CHC | 7 | 4230 | 385 | 14 |
| 4 Margaret Forbes | PHC | 7 | 4084 | 371 | 10 |
| 5 Pat Johnstone | NEL | 6 | 3830 | 348 | 6 |
| 6 Mary Pinchin | CHC | 5 | 3857 | 351 | 12 |
| 7 Yvonne MacKenzie | CHC | 3 | 3562 | 324 | 8 |
| 8 Sally McNulty | CHC | 3 | 3382 | 307 | 3 |
| 9 Bill Tozer | CHC | 3 | 3190 | 290 | 3 |
| 10 Betty Sutherland | CHC | 2 | 3216 | 292 | 4 |

H Grade

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|---|------|-----|---|
| 1 Dorothy Haining | ROD | 5 | 2785 | 398 | 7 |
| 2 May Meads | PHC | 5 | 2608 | 373 | 8 |
| 3 Naomi Gilmore | ROD | 4 | 2593 | 370 | 2 |
| 4 Mary Gray | MTA | 4 | 2512 | 359 | 5 |
| 5 Clare Wall | HAM | 4 | 2401 | 343 | 4 |
| 6 Marie Kingi | PHC | 2 | 2360 | 337 | 7 |
| 7 Paddy Glen | ROD | 2 | 2325 | 332 | 1 |
| 8 Elaine King | MTA | 2 | 2258 | 323 | 3 |

I Grade

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|---|------|-----|---|
| 1 Valma Gidman | ROD | 5 | 2610 | 373 | 6 |
| 2 Kate Wignall | MTA | 5 | 2428 | 347 | 3 |
| 3 Pam Mayall | HAM | 4 | 2846 | 407 | 8 |
| 4 Dean Riesterer | PAK | 4 | 2675 | 382 | 4 |
| 5 David Sutcliffe | WKT | 4 | 2570 | 367 | 8 |
| 6 Jean McDougall | PAK | 4 | 2457 | 351 | 3 |
| 7 Jill Johnson | PHC | 2 | 2526 | 361 | 3 |
| 8 Lil Moore | MTA | 0 | 2221 | 317 | 3 |

J Grade

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|---|------|-----|----|
| 1 Angela Brett | NSB | 6 | 2765 | 395 | 9 |
| 2 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell | HAM | 5 | 2755 | 394 | 11 |
| 3 Ed Olson | STR | 5 | 2391 | 342 | 5 |
| 4 Margaret Hanson | PHC | 4 | 2312 | 330 | 3 |
| 5 Vera Burner | PAK | 4 | 2173 | 310 | 2 |
| 6 Pam Barlow | PAK | 2 | 2332 | 333 | 4 |
| 7 Sammy Sanders | PHC | 1 | 2291 | 327 | 2 |
| 8 Lulu Holt | MTA | 1 | 2236 | 319 | 5 |

SOUTH ISLAND OPEN CHAMPS

CHRISTCHURCH

11 Games

| Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W |
|----------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1 Lynn Wood | WEL | 9 | 4491 | 408 | 14 |
| 2 Paul Lister | CHC | 9 | 4453 | 405 | 11 |
| 3 Marian Ross | DUN | 9 | 4140 | 376 | 12 |
| 4 Elsie Malkin | CHC | 7 | 4150 | 377 | 13 |

NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

HAMILTON

1-2 JUNE 1996

13 Games

| Name | Club | Wins | Points | Ave | B/W |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1 Jeff Grant | HAS | 10 | 5674 | 436 | 25 |
| 2 Kendall Boyd | DUN | 9 | 5315 | 409 | 21 |
| 3 Lynne Powell | NSB | 9 | 5274 | 406 | 28 |
| 4 David Lloyd | MTA | 8.5 | 4845 | 373 | 18 |
| 5 Mike Sigley | WAN | 8 | 5775 | 444 | 32 |
| 6 John Foster | MTA | 7.5 | 5112 | 393 | 16 |
| 7 Howard Warner | CAP | 7 | 5319 | 409 | 22 |
| 8 Glennis Hale | MTA | 7 | 5221 | 402 | 22 |
| 9 Andrew Bradley | HAS | 6 | 5152 | 396 | 21 |
| 10 Patrick Carter | MTA | 6 | 4990 | 384 | 13 |
| 11 Sheryl Davidson | PAK | 5 | 4831 | 372 | 14 |
| 12 Georgie Offringa | NSB | 4 | 4563 | 351 | 13 |
| 13 Glenda Foster | WEL | 2 | 4799 | 369 | 12 |
| 14 Chris Hooks | MTA | 2 | 4327 | 333 | 10 |

