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Editor's Note



There has been lots of tournament Scrabble in the last three months, starting with the Otago Open and Papatoetoe/Holy Cross events, followed by New Plymouth and the inaugural Stratford tourney back to back. In August the popular Waikato/Hamilton weekend attracted around 80 players on both days, and the Tauranga 'Double Decade' was also well-supported. Congratulations to the organisers of these tournaments.

Tauranga was a real nostalgia trip for those of us who remember any of the first three Nationals. It was great to see so many 'old' faces, and to reminisce about the time we could play Shorter Oxford words like AC, CE, IK, WA, YT, AXEZ, CINQ, ZUBR and ESRAJ. The first Nationals for me followed a magazine article stating that my average score was over 600! Needless to say this slight exaggeration made my opponents somewhat wary. Thanks to Noel Maisey and her team for arranging this celebration of twenty years organised Scrabble in NZ. Here's to the next twenty!

By all accounts, the introduction of tile-tracking has gone smoothly. Look out for some useful tips from ace tracker Earl Rickett in this issue.

We were sorry to hear that the Tokoroa Club has fallen on hard times. They will continue to have daytime Scrabble however, and the Tokoroans still aim to

play in some tournaments. Hopefully the club can return to full activities in the future.

Did you all enjoy the superb TV coverage of the Olympic Games? Don't try playing 'olympic' or 'olympian' though, because they are not allowed ('olympics' and 'olympiad' are OK). I wonder how many people noticed the misspelling 'asymmetrical' (bars) through much of the gymnastics. And how would you feel competing against someone called Jesus Angel (Garcia)? He was in the 50km walk.

Our thanks to Roy for all his work in establishing and maintaining the Ratings over the years. This task has now been passed over to Margaret Bundock, so results and draws of tournaments where her computer is not used must be sent to Margaret in future.

Thanks also to those clubs that have sent us copies of their newsletter, in particular Wanganui and North Shore/Bays. It's good to see such active groups.

I will be away at the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival for the latter half of September, and Glenda is on holiday at that time too. In the next issue we intend to bring you a report on Norfolk Island, and also news from the first ever Trans-Tasman Challenge, which takes place in Sydney from November 23 - 25.

Last, but not least, thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition of *Forwards*, particularly Glenda, who is responsible for the excellent layout.

Closing date for the December issue is November 25.

**Happy Scrabbling,
Jeff**

MAIL BOX



My parents liked this game too and came up with the following:

Churchez la femme — you'll find the girl in the chapel.

Lose-majesté — to abdicate.

Belle catto — singing like a cat on heat.

I thoroughly enjoy each issue of *Forwards* and read it from cover to cover (usually several times) as there is so much to absorb. As a relatively new player I have found it a great source of tips and inspiration. Many thanks to you and Glenda for your superb work.

[Thanks for your kind comments — Ed.]

Pox Populi

by Lyn Toka
Hamilton

A few more suggestions for 'Je Ne Sais Euoi':

Churchez la femme — make an honest woman of her.

Rouble entendre — a capitalist joke.

Déjà VD — not the clap again!

C'EST LA VIN

by Sam Hunk

I was sitting down, the other day contemplating, another blank page

It reminded me, what was on my mind Your Honour, it must have been the wine.

Some thoughts after reading your last rag.

[That should be 'mag' — Ed.]

con voyage — the travel agent ripped us off.

Yom kipper — Jewish fish-shop.

quid pro duo — a pair of British hookers.

fart accompli — it wasn't me.

Fowl Play

by Glenda Foster
Wellington

coq au sin — chicken gone wrong.

cod au vin — what the restaurant serves when chicken is off the menu.

coq au vim — fresh chicken.

coq au bin — leftovers.

coq au gin — now the wine's finished we'll start on the spirits.

QUEENSLAND GREETINGS

by Michael Vnuk
Annerley, Queensland

An Australian subscriber, Fay Grose, lent me the March and June 1996 issues of *Forwards*, and I was most impressed by the quality. Congratulations to you and Glenda for putting together an interesting, informative, entertaining and well laid-out magazine. I have had some involvement in several (non-Scrabble) newsletters myself, so I appreciate your efforts.

Several of the articles you have printed stand out. In the March issue I particularly liked the comment which noted the different perceptions people have of Scrabble compared to chess or bridge. It is a pity that many are then lost to Scrabble because they find it not as easy as they expected. I feel that a lot of people are not humble enough to accept that there are many words that they don't know. Some are also too narrow-minded to accept many words. The story of Katy's ADVENTURE on page 11 (June) makes an interesting (and impressive!) contrast.

Your tips for improving your game, in the March issue (and reprinted in the June 1996 issue of the Australian *Across the Board*), are a very useful summary. As it happens, I had just completed a similar

summary to pass out to members of my own Scrabble club here in Brisbane, and our two sets of hints cover much similar ground (not unsurprisingly). However, I learnt much from your perspective. The comment about compound words was a good one that I missed, as also were the points about time.

In the June issue I appreciated reading about the background to OSPD3 and the new words for 1996. I was stunned to read about PDQ appearing in OSPD3. It is really a bad inclusion and gives Scrabble a strange image, especially since PH is already in OSW. I'm pleased that PDQ has not been allowed in the 1996 list.

I was most impressed with the alphabetical end-hooks. I knew several of them, but Graeme Thomas's comprehensive list has opened my eyes to some great words. Turning specifically to S, some years ago I read about CANVAS, which is a non-plural word ending in S, which takes an S to make another non-plural word CANVASS. Since then I have thought of AS, PAS, BUS, HIS and DISCUS. I don't know if there are any longer words like these. Of course, if the base word can be plural, then I like CARES, NEEDLES, PRINCES, DEADLINES and TIMELINES.

The currency words illustrate that money is a good source of intriguing terms. I have even found several currency units whose plurals start with a different letter: EYRIR - AURAR (Iceland), LOTI - MALOTI and SENTE - LICENTI/LISENTE (Lesotho). LIKUTA - MAKUTA (Zaire), TAMBALA - MATAMBALA (Malawi), LILANGENI - EMALANGENI (Swaziland). FALAJ - AFLAJ (not a currency unit) is the only other word I've found in this

ANOTHER PUNY PORKER

by Joan Thomas
Hastings

As you can probably gather from the puzzle attempts, I found *Forwards* very interesting. You may like to know that another name for the runt of the litter (see p20, June issue) is SNIZZLE-SNOUT.

My uncle from Devon visited recently and used it, prompting a lively discussion!

[SNIZZLE isn't allowed in Scrabble, but SNOOZLE, to thrust nuzzlingly*, and SNUZZLE, to grub or root (like a pig?) are. — Ed.]

* this word appears only in the definition of SNOOZLE — it isn't allowed in Scrabble.

Déjà Yu

by Clare Wall
Hamilton

After the failure of many good intentions, I finally sat down and had a go at some of the puzzles in *Forwards*.

The 'Je Ne Sais Euoi' challenge you threw out had me laughing out loud at our last club night so I had to try some myself — here are my efforts:

Honi soi qui mal y pence — evil to him who's a small tipper.

Pasta la vista — it's spaghetti again tomorrow.

Veni, vidi, vice — I came, I saw, I flashed.

exclusive group.

The international section is interesting reading. I assumed that all the reports referred to people playing in English. However, considering the list of countries on page 16, and the statement that the language of Scrabble is often different, I now wonder about some of the international reports. (I saw a contest in Bangkok in 1993 and was surprised to see the Thais playing in English — and playing well, too!)

I also like your competitions. As people may have access to computers, how do you keep things fair? I suppose people could always look up dictionaries and word lists before, but computers can now make some competitions trivial.

Could you please let me know how I can go about subscribing to *Forwards*. I look forward to the next issue.

[We very much appreciate Michael's comments, and have sent him subscription details. If anyone would like a copy of Michael's excellent Scrabble tips please let me know.

In my view, initialised terms like pdq, tv and pH shouldn't be allowed in Scrabble. The Chambers people are probably aware of some anti-pH feeling, but whether anything is done remains to be seen. They did change ko (knock out) to KO (or k.o.), so maybe pH will be looked at too (I would suggest a change of status from noun to symbol or abbreviation). Perhaps the rules of Scrabble should be amended to bar any word containing a capital letter, otherwise we may end up with the likes of 'unIrish' and 'antiJew'.

Most international news in *Forwards* is gleaned from overseas Scrabble magazines. Unless otherwise specified (eg

French champs) the games described are played in English.

We try to vary the competitions to give everyone a chance. You can use computers if you like, but generally the puzzles are solvable without them. Usually several entrants get the right answer and we have a draw to determine the winner. — Ed.]

TRANS-TASMAN TEAM

The following players have been selected to represent New Zealand at the inaugural Trans-Tasman Challenge in Sydney from 23-25 November 1996:

- 1 Jeff Grant (HAS)
- 2 Kendall Boyd (DUN)
- 3 Mike Sigley (WAN)
- 4 Lynne Powell (NSB)
- 5 John Foster (MTA)
- 6 Howard Warner (CAP)
- 7 Peter Sinton (DUN)
- 8 Patrick Carter (MTA)
- 9 Andrew Bradley (HAS)
- 10 Glennis Hale (MTA)
- 11 Sheryl Davidson (PAK)
- 12 Denise Gordon (WAN)

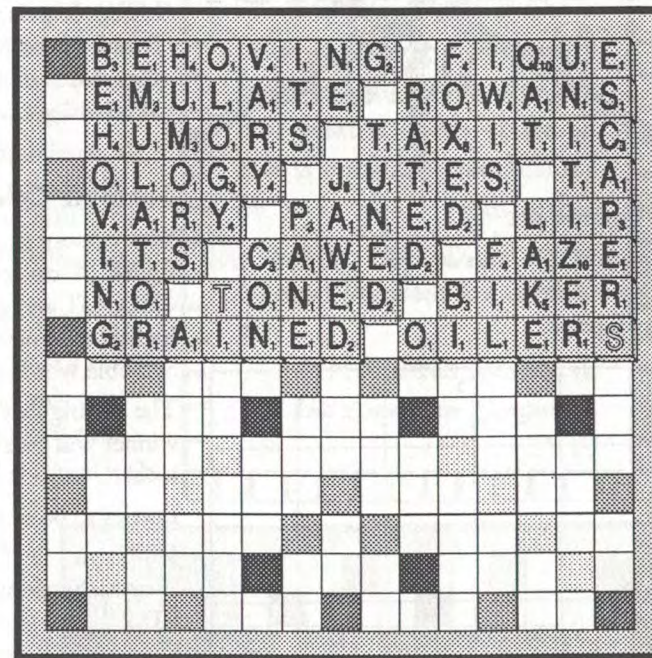
Reserves Chris Hooks (MTA), Lynn Wood (WEL), Pam Robson (WKT). Lynn Wood has volunteered to act as unofficial team manager, and travelling reserve — just in case someone gets lost!

HAVERING

At a recent tournament in the London Borough of HAVERING (which means 'talking nonsense') the first three players in Division B were ROY MILLER, MIKE MZUNGU and SHEILA GREEN. Can you pick the odd one out among these six names? Yes, that's right — it's ROY. The other five are all allowable Scrabble words.

THE TIGHTEST BOARD?

Keenan Wolfe of Michigan, US, has found a way to squeeze all 100 Scrabble tiles into a 14 by 8 rectangle. This position can actually be reached by legitimate plays. The board is shown at right.



1997 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

We are going to publish a 1997 tournament calendar in the December *Forwards*.

Please let us know your tournament dates as soon as possible, and no later than 30 November.

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(after 7pm)

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

March							April						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
30	31						27	28	29	30			

May							June						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

July							August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September							October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

November							December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			

COMPETITION CORNER

Correct answers were supplied by Nigel Richards (CHC), Michael Vnuk (QLD), David Lloyd (MTA), Kim Graham (MTA), Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Glennis Hale (MTA). There were many other close attempts. First name out of the hat was Nigel — congratulations!

WORD SQUARE

Can you solve this square? The first correct entry out of the hat will win a small prize.

1	2	3	4	5
2				
3				
4				
5				

Clues (Across and Down)

1. Fine ones butter no parsnips.
2. House where Gaston Leroux's famous character hangs out.
3. Go back for a bevvy with Liz and Phil.
4. It can be a tragedy.
5. Those were the days.

Solution: Scrabble Contest No. 43

It is possible to compile a list of words containing the entire alphabet, in order, within the space of 33 letters, for example:
ABaC DEF GHI JaK LiMN OP Qi RUST UVa WaXY Zo

SCRABBLE CONTEST No 44

Your opponent starts the game with QUIZ ('I' on centre square). Your rack is CELOOT and a blank. What is the highest scoring move? Only allowable Scrabble words can be used.

The closing date is November 20 and the winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!

Entries to be sent to:

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CROSSNUMBER PUZZLE WINNER

The first correct entry for this fiendish puzzle came from Leila Thomson (LOH), who completed the grid and found the words DODGEMS and GODDAMS embedded in DOGSMEAD. A calculator and Scrabble pen have been sent to Leila in recognition of her sterling effort.

Others who later solved the puzzle were Nigel Richards (CHC), Pam Robson (WKT), Joan Thomas (HAS), Michael Vnuk (QLD) and Jethro Snafflerod, who noted that 6 down was also the number of GODDAMS uttered by Father Dunk when encountering DODGEMS while walking $1\frac{1}{3}$ times around Dog's Mead!

SUPERCHALLENGE UPDATE

A few people have now found three of the five words required. There may be some debate over a couple of the answers, but the judge's decision will be final (after all, he's the one putting up the fifty bucks!).

Hints: As stated in the March issue, all words sought are allowed in Scrabble, that is they can be found in OSPD2 (+ Supp List), OSW3 or Chambers Dictionary.

Words like RHYTHM and CRWTHS contain a letter that functions as a vowel.

It is considered that PH has only two sounds — a P sound and an H sound.

You have until October 31 — good luck!

ENDGAME POSER

Norma Fisher lives in Tiburon, just north of San Francisco. She is an old friend of Lynne Butler (New Plymouth), and also subscribes to *Forwards* magazine. Various members of past NZ World Championship teams have enjoyed Norma's hospitality en route to their destinations.

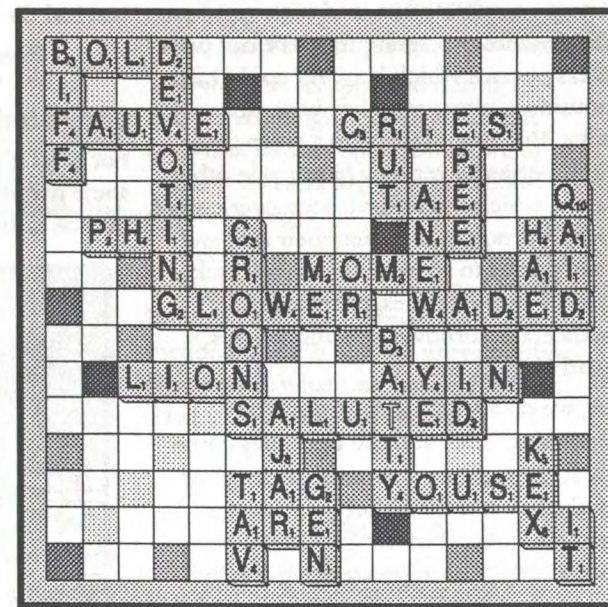
Now it so happens that Norma is also a very fine Scrabble player. This is clearly demonstrated by her astuteness in the following endgame situation, which occurred in an encounter earlier in the year.

What would you do? Is there any way that Norma can win the game? For what actually happened see page 15.

English Alive!

"A living language is like a man suffering incessantly from small haemorrhages, and what it needs above all else is constant transfusions of new blood from other tongues. The day the gates go up, that day it begins to die."

— H.L. Mencken, from
The American Language,
 1919



Norma's rack: IINORRS

Opp. Rack: EGTZQ

Norma is behind 282 - 289 and it is her move.

We Lucky Few

by PENNY DOWNER

I feel that there is much more to the luck factor than who gets the S's and blanks, or even **when** they get them. One of the joys of Scrabble must be that every game is different and subsequently every rack and every tile is only as good as its potential in the game layout at the time. That potential is also dependent upon the skill of the players behind the rack and the vocabulary they have at their disposal.

How many times have we wondered why we always seem to 'get the luck' when we are playing a far lower ranked player, and why, when we play a superior player, **they** seem to get all the right tiles? The better players seem, so often, and with apparent effortlessness, to suddenly come out with an easy bonus which 'anyone' could have spotted — apparently they were just lucky. But several times in a given game the superior player may have made other moves which might have been overlooked by lesser mortals — using their skill and word power to score with difficult racks, play off awkward tiles, promote rack balance, tile turnover, scoring set-ups, board control, etc.

Yes, we do all get lucky games when everything flows and the right tiles come out at the right time, but the wider your vocabulary and the better your mastery of strategic skills, then the greater will be your ability to manipulate the game in your favour and give the appearance of being 'lucky'.

As an example of the luck factor being less than quantifiable, in a recent tournament game I had been lucky (!) enough to build up a good lead to take me into the second

half of the game. Faced with a rack of ACGLVVY, a tight board and a blank still to come, a change looked tempting — but this really was a 'lucky' rack. I could play VY, making ENVY/GIRLY for 29 points and knew that if my opponent had the blank and tried to make openings I had useful blocking tiles to enable me to keep the game under control.

Perhaps we should all stop looking at 'who had which tiles when' and consider rather whether we made the best of each rack, given the available board, and whether we could have done as well or better with our opponent's racks, if we had had them!

From the June 1996 issue of the British APSP Newsletter

Editor Hartley Moorhouse adds:

For what it's worth, here is my theory: some people have a belief, though they may be rather reluctant to admit it, in



SCRABBLE! A game that brings friends closer

From the Australian Scrabble magazine
Across the Board, Sept. 1995

A Load of Scrud

John Foster writes: "Did you see *Fair Go* the other night? An interesting word emerged — SCRUD — which is apparently a widely accepted term in the washing-machine industry to describe a buildup which occurs when fabric softeners are used with detergents. Suggest you make a note of it for possible future submission (to the Scrabble dictionary editors)."

Yes, I did see the programme. SCRUD sounds like a portmanteau word, maybe a combination of *scung* or *scum* + *crud*. Lewis Carroll loved coining these terms — SLITHY for example (not allowed in Scrabble!), a blend of *slimy* and *lithe*. A couple we can use are SMAZE (*smoke* + *haze*) and MOOK (*magazine* + *book*).

The word VOG appeared during the recent rumblings of Mt Ruapehu. It describes an atmospheric mixture of volcanic ash and fog (compare SMOG, *smoke* + *fog*).

It is doubtful whether SCRUD or VOG have gained a usage widespread enough to be considered for inclusion in a general dictionary yet. If they do prove popular, who knows what may happen in time. That is how words get started!

Jeff

In the Noose

Michael Vnuk of Queensland points out that the Chamber's 1988 definition of 'noose' (see June Forwards, p13) is even more acerbic than the one in the latest edition. The earlier version reads as follows:

noose n. a snare or bond generally, especially hanging or marriage.

some sort of **supernatural** luck. Yes, they will say, there is such a thing as the law of averages and good fortune does tend to even out in the long run, but some people just **are** lucky and conversely some people just **are** unlucky. To which my respectful reply is: Nonsense! But if such people want to believe others are superabundantly endowed with this supernatural property, and they, conversely, were dealt out with short rations, then that's their problem. It means they are shackled by a dubious metaphysical assumption and hamstrung by a psychological outlook that puts them at a disadvantage at the outset, but why should we 'lucky' few complain? After all, this only compounds our 'luck'.

Footnote:

A spectator once accused golfer Lee Trevino of being lucky because he had chipped his ball into the hole from off the green twice in a row. Trevino retorted, "It's funny that — the more I practise, the luckier I get."



Most words ending in 'y' preceded by a consonant form their plurals with '-ies', e.g. LORRIES, BABIES. However, there are a few exceptions — here are a dozen to dazzle your opponents. [Note: some of these have an optional -ies plural.]

DRYS	BIALYS	JANSKYS
WHYS	TELLYS	SHINDYS
POLYS	HENRYS	STANDBYS
FLYBYS	PLATYS	DROSTDYS

A TWO-LETTER WORD DICTIONARY

"Short words are best, and the old words when short are best of all." — Winston Churchill

After more than six years research, Jeff Grant's *Concise Dictionary of 2-letter Words* has at last made it into print. Although of no practical use to Scrabblers, this fascinating look at short words is guaranteed to enchant and enlighten logophiles everywhere.

In written English, no less than 24 of the most widely-used 100 words have only two letters. They are the connectors, or stepping-stones, of our language.

The comprehensive 'Introduction' reveals that there are over 200 different 2-letter surnames, the most common of which doesn't contain a vowel. You will also learn that the world's fourth longest river has but two letters, and that the bigram aa, Aa or AA has over 100 different meanings! The dictionary actually has an entry for all 676 2-letter combinations, from **aa** (a type of lava) through to **zz** (a buzzing sound).

Scrabble-players are conversant with around 120 2-letter words. This collection has over 300 terms theoretically acceptable for Scrabble! They are drawn from a remarkable variety of English references, and include some familiar examples like **ee** and **xu**, together with a myriad of oddities. For instance, did you know that an **au** is a Pacific swordfish, and a **fo** is an area of eight square yards in Lancashire? Or that **og** is old NZ slang for a 'shilling', and to **py** is to peer like a magpie? The **se**, the **sr** and the **ud** are musical instruments, speaking of which, everyone knows the notes of the scale —

do, re, mi, etc., but how many people are aware that there are names for the intermediate tones — **di, ri, fi, le, ra**, etc.?

Sometimes common words have surprising alternative meanings. For example, an **am** was an old Egyptian palace, **he** is the fifth letter of the Hebrew language and **so** is a quaint euphemism for 'pregnant'!

There are dozens of vowelless words. Some are known to Scrabblers — **ch, hm, mm, pH, sh, st** — but the majority are more obscure, e.g. **bw, hn, mv, wz**.

There are a large number of capitalised terms as well, such as **GP, HQ, MC** and **TM**, most of which are now classed as words by virtue of their general usage. Some can even be spelt in lower case — **cv, jp, pr, tv**, etc.

The author is no fan of PC, so 'offensive' terms like **BJ, ct** and **mf** are included. There are a few place-names too, such as **Uj** (Russia) and **Yg** (Sweden), as well as rare surnames like **Xo** and **Yz**.

If you like the scoring potential of **qi** in Scrabble, you may be interested in **qa**, an old liquid measure, and **qu**, half a farthing, not to mention **qt**, quiet, and **qs**, bullock's shoes!

The *Concise Dictionary of 2-Letter Words* has been desktop-published by Glenda Foster in the manner of *Forwards* magazine. It is a limited edition, so may well become a collector's item. If you would like a copy of this fascinating little lexicon, just send \$5 to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd, RD2, Hastings.

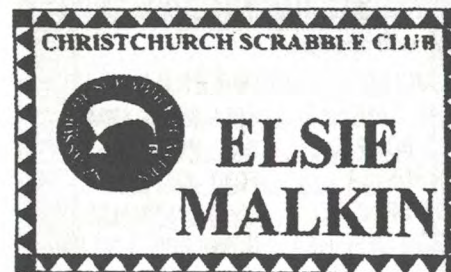


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HM ... An Ethmoid Ashman

by Val Worth and Jaffer Gentry

We vaguely recall a disgruntled comment somewhere, some time ago, about **HM** blocking the board. Simply not true! Not only does it have a hook on either end with **OHM** and **HMM**, but there are lots of other ways to extend **HM**. Here are just a few:

BRABMA	OHMAGE	RHYTHM	S (C) HMALTZ
	OHMIC	RHYTHMAL	S (C) HMALZ/Y
FEHM	NONOHMIC	RHYTHMI	S (C) HMEAR
FEHME	OHMMETER	RHYTHMED	SHMEK
FEHMIC	ABOHM	A/RHYTHMIC	S (C) HMO/E
	MEGOHM	RHYTHMUS	S (C) HMOCK
VEHM	TERAOHM	ARHYTHMIA	S (C) HMOOSE
VEHME	MICROHM	BIORHYTHMS (pl only!)	S (C) HMOOZE
VEHMIC	MILLIOHM	ISORHYTHMIC	S (C) HMUCK
ASTHMA	DOCHMI I	ISTHMSU	
BATHMAT	DRACHMA	MI SHMOSH	
CASHMERE	DUTCHMAN	PASHM	
CATCHMENT	ISARITHM	YASHMAK	

Kurdish Compromise

Dr Karl Khoshnaw is a Kurd living in London. He is also a pretty fair Scrabbler who actually holds the world record for the highest ever single-turn score — 392 points for **CAZIQUES** played on a triple-triple. [We saw the board set-up for this remarkable move at the Guinness World Records Exhibition in London. — Ed.]

Karl was asked how he came to be representing Kurdistan-Iraq at the World Champs. He explained that of the eleven known Kurdi players, ten had fled their homeland, out of respect for Saddam's genocidal policies. These ten Scrabblers got together for a national championship — in **Sweden!** Karl won, but the London organisers wouldn't let him represent Kurdistan, so as not to offend Turkey. So a compromise was reached — he could call himself a Kurd, but his flag identified him as Iraqi.

ANAGRAM CORNER Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example **PUTTI** to **TITUP** and **UNHANDS** to **NHANDUS**. On a higher level **THE OSTIUM** is a **MOUTH SITE**.

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

LISA MCLEAN	I CALL NAMES
SAMMY SANDERS	SEND MASS ARMY
LYNNE POWELL	ONLY PEN WELL
JOHN FOSTER	FONT-JOSHER
MERLE SPINETTO	MEET ON TRIPLES
GEORGIE OFFRINGA	GOING FREE I GO FAR

Bebop Scrabble

Famous jazz musician Duke Ellington once said:

"Playing bebop is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing."

Australian Double Dictionary Championship

JANUARY 5 - 12 1997

This event is being played as part of the second Lasseters Indoor Challenge to be held in Alice Springs in January 1997.

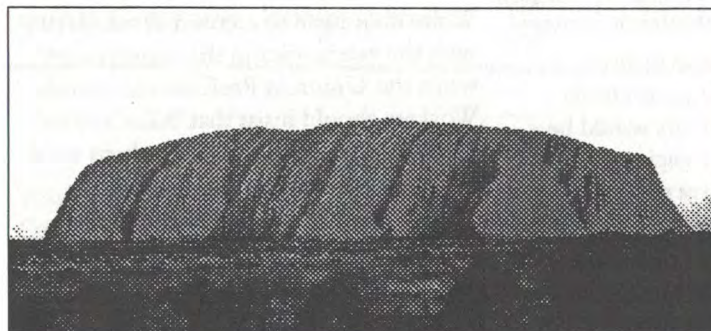
The Challenge will offer Championship and Recreational competition in Bridge, Five Hundred, Euchre, Cribbage, Magic, Backgammon, Chess, Darts, 8 Ball and of course Scrabble. Participants will converge on Alice Springs from all over Australia, and hopefully New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region as well. The 1996 event attracted 250 players, including NZ's Patrick Carter.

Each activity is offering \$3,000 prize money, and a minimum of four days competition. There is also a major lucky draw prize for all Challenge competitors of a return airfare for two to Los Angeles or London, as well as various other lucky spot prizes throughout the week.

Presumably World Championship rules will apply in the Scrabble, as they did last time. That means double dictionary, and challenge without penalty.

When you're not playing you'll be able to explore the fantastic sights of central

Australia — Ayers Rock (Uluru), the MacDonnell Ranges, Kings Canyon and the Olgas (Kata Tjuta). If anyone would like further information on this event please contact Jeff Grant.



Chaology

World Champion David Boys of Canada, when asked what he loves most about playing Scrabble:

"It's the feeling of pulling chaos out of the bag and making order out of it."

INTERLINGUAL

Israeli Scrabbler Sam Orbaum was talking to Filipino champ Armando Lao at the Worlds in London last year. Armando said he was completely flummoxed in his efforts to learn the 700-odd Jewish words allowed in Scrabble. Sam commiserated, explaining that he was having trouble memorising the four allowable words from Armando's language, Tagalog!

PC's Double-Letter Score

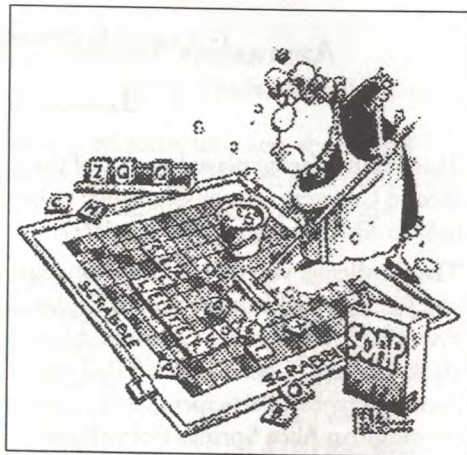
What are the implications of purging a dictionary like OSPD3 of so-called 'offensive' words? Here is what Jerry Roberts thinks, as recorded in the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper of May 14, 1994.

"As the Thought Police turn their attention to the games Americans play in the privacy of their own homes, the cultural impacts of the Great Scrabble Flap may be staggering:

Perhaps one-eyed jacks should no longer serve as wild cards in poker, lest the Eyepatch Consumer Community object, and in fairness to the National Realtors Association, Monopoly should probably be retitled 'Urban Development Strategy'. The chess pieces known as bishops, which stereotype the clergy as crook-wielding diagonal aggressors would be more sensitively called Religious Figures. And any angry Anglo-American who has a Cluedo game may now demand that Mrs

No Offence Taken

It may be, as linguist Allan Walker Read suggested in his celebrated discussion of 'an obscenity symbol' (i.e. the f-word), that humanity needs linguistic taboo. Alternatively, it may be, as the comedian Lenny Bruce pointed out, that the censorship of certain words is all that gives them power. Turn on the lights and the scuttling horror in the corner is only a terrified mouse.



Scrubbing dirty words out of Scrabble

Calgary Herald, Nov 1995

White no longer be accused of murdering with the candlestick in the conservatory, while the Union of Professional Sexual Workers should insist that 'Miss Scarlet' be renamed 'Ms Magenta'. Perhaps we'd better not even mention Chinese checkers."

It's Anyone's at Exeter

The 1996 Exeter 3-day tournament in England came to an unusual climax. With one game to go there were **eleven** players still in contention! As it turned out, Andrew Fisher was the only one of the leaders to win his last game. He finished on 12 wins from 19 games with a spread of +749. Runner-up, just half a win behind was Sandie Simonis, who amazingly had a spread of -42! The next three place-getters all had 11 wins, and positive spreads of more than 400.

The Top Ten Tournament Scores

717	Mike Sigley	1990	Dunedin
681	Mike Sigley	1994	Nationals
666	Jeff Grant	1993	Nationals
661	Glennis Hale	1990	North Shore
660	Denise Gordon	1988	Nationals
653	Peter Sinton	1995	Dunedin
650	Jeff Grant	1990	Masters
645	Jeff Grant	1989	Nationals
644	Glennis Hale	1987	Masters
632	Margie Hurly	1993	Wellington
632	Bill Grigg	1996	S.I. Champs

We think that these are the ten highest individual game scores recorded in NZ tournament Scrabble. If an omission or error has been made please let us know.

Endgame Poser

(see p. 7) Here is Norma's analysis of the position. The opponent has two threats — ZEST/SCRIES on the middle top triple, and the less obvious ZLOTE on the L of LION, both scoring 46. Norma worked out that her only chance was to play RINS, also making ARID, DIN, HAEN, QAIDS for 37, hoping that her opponent didn't play ZLOTE. As it happened the opponent went for ZEST and Norma was able to go out with ZORI for 13, winning by 1 point after gaining 4 for the opponent's remaining G.

[Norma's high-level endgame play was complimented in the July issue of the *American Scrabble Club News*.]

Peed Off

You have all no doubt heard about Englishman Mike Goldman's unsuccessful suit against three tournament officials who docked his playing time when he was delayed en route to the toilet. An alternative view of this situation is provided anonymously on the Internet, under the heading 'A Pissy Scrabble Player Sues'. Thanks to David Lloyd for bringing this to our attention.

"Those who've ever had to go to the bathroom know it's certainly a serious matter. And it is hard to think when ... you have to go. And maybe it was an unexpected hardship for Goldman to have to fight through crowds before he could answer nature's call. But there is one thing that is nagging me about this story. I do some of my best

brainstorming in the men's room. Solutions to some of life's most difficult quandaries arrive during those moments of solitude I spend there. So going to the loo could have been considered an unfair advantage for Goldman.

And that's not to mention Goldman's opportunity to read the writing on the bathroom wall, which may very well have suggested a word with two q's in it. Can't you see the position — Goldman's despondent opponent, having just lost heads for the men's room. He sits down, and there on the back of the door, scratched into a stall door's paint with a pocket knife, reads QUIXOTIC — the very word which Goldman used to gain the lead. He had won by plagiarising a graffiti artist. Now **that** would be something to sue over."

Tile-Tracking Tips

by EARL RICKETT

Physical tile-tracking is now allowed during any game where clocks are used. This means you can have a list of all the Scrabble letters alongside you and cross them off to work out what is left at any point in the game. Most overseas Scrabblers have been doing this for years.

Tile-tracking is a personal thing. Some people will design their own letter-grids, while others will be happy to use the standard one. Try not to chop and change. Get used to one particular layout and you will find

tracking comes naturally after a while.

If you cross the letters off, beware that you don't use too long a stroke, as it could

extend into a letter above or below and mislead you into thinking an extra tile has been played (I speak here from bitter experience!). Maybe you could try putting a ring around the letters instead of crossing them off. This is nice and clear, even if it takes fractionally longer to do.

There are various ways to tile-track.

Some players cross the letters off (or ring them) progressively after each move. Others don't start till halfway through the game, feeling it is a distraction in the vital early stages. Some may do all their tracking at the end, and then only if they think it is necessary, i.e. when the game is close.

Whichever method you try, don't be discouraged if you make mistakes to start

with. Top overseas players reckon it takes about **one year** to master the art of tile-tracking. Eventually it should become just another natural part of the game, like hitting the clock and recording the score.

Try to get into the habit of recording your score and drawing new tiles before you tile-track. This may not be necessary if you have played only one or two tiles, but when it is six or seven, tracking takes longer, and if your opponent makes an immediate reply, you could hold things

up if you don't quickly draw your replacement tiles.

Most players have practised some kind of tile-tracking already, such as mentally

keeping track of J, Q, X, Z, and the esses and blanks. Some can work out in their heads what tiles are still to come at the end of the game. Tracking sheets should make this process simpler, although it is still **very** easy to make mistakes. They have even occurred in World Championship finals, so don't worry if it happens to you!

The main tracking errors to watch are (1) forgetting to track a move, and (2) tracking a letter already on the board when you play a word onto or around it. These errors are often quite easy to rectify at the end of the game. For example, if you find you have 10 letters unaccounted for on your tile-tracking sheet, but there should be only 8, check the tiles you have missing. It could be that you have a P left on your sheet, but

**Is it an advantage?
Most definitely, if it is
done properly.**

MAVEN UPDATE

For those of you who have been waiting for an IBM-compatible version of the Maven computer Scrabble program, the news is not good. As reported in the last *Forwards*, Maven has been sold to the games company Hasbro, and is no longer available from Brian Sheppard.

The American magazine *Scrabble News* (July 1996) reviews Hasbro's adaptation of Maven, which is a CD-ROM described as "the best Scrabble-playing software program ever devised". It apparently has excellent presentation/graphics, lots of features, and will be in US stores soon.

Unfortunately, there is one major drawback. The program is now based solely on the American dictionary OSPD! This means it will be of limited interest to players in New Zealand, or in fact anyone much outside America.

We will let you know if there are any developments. Perhaps Hasbro may decide to produce a double-dictionary version of the CD-ROM. It would certainly be popular with Scrabblers in NZ, Australia, Africa, Israel and the Gulf countries, as well as players in America or UK aspiring to play at the World Champs.

there are 2 on the board. Maybe you forgot to record that UP move a couple of turns back when your opponent banged down a word straight after yours and you got a bit flustered. This could easily be confirmed by then checking the U's.

Tile-tracking is not compulsory. You don't have to do it at all, or you can use it only when you want to. Is it an advantage? Most definitely, if it is done properly. The main plus is in analysing the endgame — working out the options for both yourself and your opponent. Many games are won or lost in the last few moves, and it can be quite exciting trying to anticipate your opponent's plays, and maybe thwarting them!

Tile-tracking can also be helpful at other stages of the game. You may be more inclined to change or play out lots of tiles if there are still esses and blanks to come, or save that E if all the rest are gone. When faced with playing either ZIP or ZAP for the same score and a similar rack leave, knowing there are still 6 I's to come, but only 2 A's, makes the decision easier.

So, is tile-tracking worth the effort? The endgame cut and thrust can certainly take on a new dimension when both players know what tiles are left. Why not give it a go, and see what you think.

The English Invasion

In Sweden, teenagers may wear 'tajt jeans' (tight jeans), and in Hong Kong they go to 'dixie-gos (discotheques). To be a swinger in Ecuador is 'travoltarse' (from John Travolta), and in Germany youngsters wear 'die Jeans' and listen to 'die soundtrack'. The French have probably now abandoned the fight against 'le weekend', 'le drugstore', 'le playboy' and 'le snack-barre', though not against some other imports. In Russia, a Muscovite can drink a 'viskey' or a 'dzhin-in-tonik' and go to a 'dzhazz-saission'.

NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 1996

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2140	641	498.5	78%	50 Betty Gibb	1544	234	93.5	40%
2 Mike Sigley	2048	513	391.5	76%	51 Glenda Geard	1534	545	274.5	50%
3 Kendall Boyd	2046	143	110.5	77%	52 Steven Brown	1507	182	120.5	66%
4 Lynne Powell	2012	770	425	55%	53 Faye Cronhelm	1506	433	211.5	49%
5 Blue Thorogood	2012	339	230	68%	54 Margaret Bundock	1506	479	245	51%
6 Lynne Butler	2008	529	326.5	62%	55 Sue McRae	1503	257	142	55%
7 Glennis Hale	1982	693	405.5	59%	56 Marj Baillie	1487	436	218.5	50%
8 David Lloyd	1977	152	95	63%	57 Yvette Hewlett	1483	195	89.5	46%
9 Howard Warner	1975	211	121	57%	58 Bill Grigg	1482	185	108	58%
10 Patrick Carter	1973	355	222	63%	59 Anna Geange	1476	230	140	61%
11 Peter Sinton	1971	168	128	76%	60 Yvonne Wilson	1468	98	65	66%
12 John Foster	1968	617	364.5	59%	61 Lorraine Van Veen	1446	420	221.5	53%
13 Andrew Bradley	1956	298	149	50%	62 Hilda Scott	1442	233	129	55%
14 Glynis Jennings	1954	490	234.5	48%	63 Jean O'Brien	1441	547	278.5	51%
15 Sheryl Davidson	1879	419	250	60%	64 Lesley Edgeler	1438	165	70	42%
16 Denise Gordon	1870	526	287.5	55%	65 Martha Morgan	1437	290	141	49%
17 Peter Jones	1864	566	295.5	52%	66 Liz Fagerlund	1432	82	53	65%
18 Georgie Offringa	1850	499	231.5	46%	67 Isabel Zyp	1430	246	127	52%
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21 Glenyss Buchanan	1826	492	252	51%	70 Ruth O'Neill	1425	245	119.5	49%
22 Chris Hooks	1805	426	224.5	53%	71 Lyn Toka	1411	301	163	54%
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40 Lynn Wood	1653	799	393.5	49%	89 Gwen Kaiser	1246	276	145.5	53%
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Think About It

Bernice and Roy Vannini discovered an interesting item on the Internet recently. Here are some excerpts:

- ☺ Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- ☺ Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes? — and you know that little indestructible black box they have on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
- ☺ Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?
- ☺ Do you need a silencer if you're going to kill a mime?
- ☺ Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
- ☺ How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work?
- ☺ If a service station is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
- ☺ If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it, what would happen?
- ☺ If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
- ☺ Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- ☺ Why isn't 'palindrome' spelt the same backwards? (I don't no, Di)

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CLUB NEWS

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER by Bill Grigg

June

Otago Open Champs

The winner was Bill Grigg (DUN) 6 wins (ave 405), 2nd Liz Fagerlund (CHC), 3rd Alan Boyd (DUN). B Grade winner John Bell (DUN) 6 wins (ave 394), 2nd Brian Horsley (CHC), 3rd Penny Irvine (DUN). **Highlights:** Great to see my name on a Scrabble trophy. Marian, who had only a drawn game to her name when playing the final round defeated me — my only loss of the day. If Liz had won her last game she would have been the grade winner. In B Grade John Bell, playing in his first tournament since November 1988 was a deserved winner. Elvira Steel (DUN) had 3 wins — her best to date. Special thanks to Christchurch members Paul Lister, Liz Fagerlund, Malcolm Graham and Brian Horsley for their continued support. We are extremely grateful.

NZ Nationals

Kendall Boyd 2nd on 9 wins (405 ave), one win behind Jeff Grant.

Elvira Steel recovering from an operation.

Anne Stewart lost 445-499 to Daisy Madden (Ch. Comp.)

July

Kathleen Mori-Barker (CHC), ex-Dun, was down on holiday. Jo Burnside was shifting to Christchurch. It has

been cold with snow and ice — winter is here. In R/R Comp. Marian Ross lost 420-421 to Kendall Boyd only after he put a 'crooky' down. You should have challenged, Marian, tut-tut. Alan Boyd was on holiday and played in Papatoetoe/Holy Cross, Stratford and New Plymouth tournaments.

Quiz

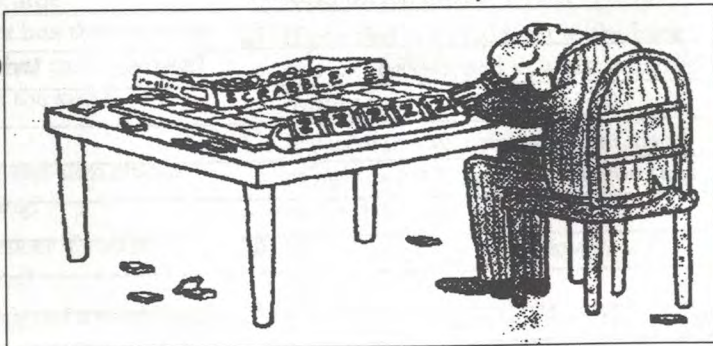
What do the following racks make?

- 1 ADGIHRS
- 2 AIILLQU
- 3 EHIRSTU
- 4 EHLSTT

Answers at end of newsletter.

Anne Stewart

Club Secretary and dear friend, sad to say has moved to Perth, Australia. She was one of the originals, even attending the opening night in July 1985. Anne was fun to be with and play against. She loves quizzes, science fiction and dachshunds — even took one to Perth with her! Transport to club nights or tournaments — the offer was always there and gratefully accepted. She would miss obvious bonus words then play an obscure one and tell you the meaning.



Typing all those certificates for club competitions and tournaments was a job well done. One club night Anne somewhat loudly said to me "You haven't tested my bed yet." Funny looks followed. I had been interested in getting a waterbed, only that — laughter continued. We all have our own fond memories of you, Anne. We wish you all the best in the future. Thanks for all your work and for being our friend. A sad farewell. Return again soon.

Alan Boyd

Alan Boyd has moved to Hamilton. Like Anne, Alan also transported many people to club and tournaments. He has been a valued member of our club and will be sadly missed. Alan, thanks for recording dictionary, challenge and ladder competitions — lots of work, and very much appreciated. Alan enjoys maths, Scrabble and classical music. He leaves friends down here. On behalf of all our club members and myself, we wish you all the best for the future. Hope you return for visits and tournaments.

Competition Results

R/R	Wins	Ave
1 Peter Sinton	30	442
2 Bill Grigg	22	385
3 Glennie Jamieson	20	375

Ladder

1 Alan Boyd	411
2 Glennie Jamieson	393
3 Marian Ross	385

Challenge

1 Peter Sinton	499
2 Kendall Boyd	472
3 Peter Jones	469

Dictionary

1 Anne Stewart	490
2 Alan Boyd	433
3 Robert Jones	404

New Secretary/President

Marian Ross
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Dunedin
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Dunedin Open

November 2-3, closing date 21 October
Entries to:
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10 Church Street
Green Island, Dunedin
ph 03-488-2885

Answers to Quiz

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 DISHRAG | 2 QUILLAI |
| 3 HIRSUTE | 4 SHTETLS |

TOKORO A Club GOES INTO RECESS

by KEVIN EDGELER

What is believed to be the third oldest Scrabble club in New Zealand has been forced into recess through lack of members. The Tokoroa Scrabble Club was started in 1979 by Kevin and Lesley Edgeler after their move from the Hutt Valley. They had been members of the Lower Hutt group under the leadership of Glenyss Buchanan. Tauranga was the only other club going at the time.

Five members from the Tokoroa club attended the first New Zealand tournament in Tauranga in 1980. During the early to mid-80's the club had a strong membership base of 18-19.

A number of players have transferred out of the district for either work commitments or to retire to a better climate. Three of the most well-known ones would be Correne James and former national Association President Roy Vannini and his wife Bernice.

The club staged thirteen tournaments

from 1982 to 1994, but a lack of members forced these to be cancelled from 1995.

Over the years Tokoroa has had four goes for the Challenge Shield, and although none of them were successful, three of them were close encounters — 9-7 and 10-6 losses to Tauranga and a 9-7 loss to Hamilton. The other was a good old-fashioned hiding by a very strong Mt Albert team by 13-3.

Although no-one from the Tokoroa club has won A Grade at the Nationals, a number of members over the years have had top-three finishes in their grades:

	Place	Grade
1982 Pat McKnight	3rd	B
1982 Lois Kelly	1st	C
1982 Rosa Casanelia	2nd	C
1983 Lesley Edgeler	2nd	C
1986 Lois Kelly	3rd	B
1987 Florence Veldhuizen	1st	C
1987 Jan Jacobi	3rd	E
1991 Florence Veldhuizen	3rd	B
1992 Lois Kelly	2nd	C
1994 Val Worth	1st	H
1994 Phyl Wilson	2nd	F

I'm sorry if I've missed anyone out.

In 1981 yours truly had a rating of third in the A Grade, ahead of our current number one Jeff Grant.

At a recent meeting it was decided that the club should go into recess. However, some of those members present may still be seen attending tournaments as either participants or adjudicators.

If anyone is passing through Tokoroa and would like a game or two, don't hesitate to contact

any of the following:

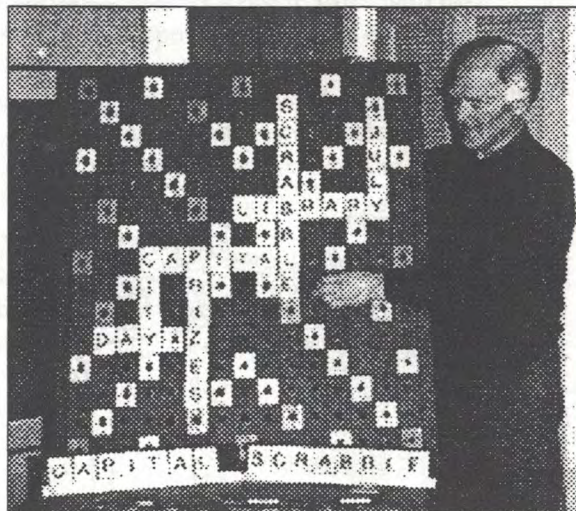
- Kevin & Lesley Edgeler ph 07-886-8374
- Phyl Wilson ph 07-886-8764
- Florence Veldhuizen ph 07-886-6123

CAPITAL SCRABBLE CLUB **Capital Communique**
by **HOWARD WARNER**

The Capital Scrabble Club has been going from strength to strength since starting up mid year. Our venue at the historic Turnbull House, looking out onto the Beehive and Wellington's downtown area, makes for a very pleasant playing environment.

The time and effort we've put into promoting the club appears to have paid off. We've put fliers into a wide range of venues all around the city and suburbs, and we've been featured in the main local newspapers giving our views on the place of Scrabble in modern society.

An exciting feature of our promotions has been the 'Big Board' (about nine times the size of a normal Scrabble board) made by club member and talented handyman Max



Board maker, Max Aston with the 'big board'.



Interested spectators watching Sue McRae playing

play for all the new people. It'll be run as a Swiss draw, in two separate fields. We hope to make this an annual event.

Once again, any Scrabblers journeying to Wellington for any reason are most welcome to join us for a game or several

Aston. It has provided a great focus for newspaper photographers.

One Saturday, we put on a Capital Scrabble Day at the Wellington public library to raise the profile of the game and hopefully attract new members.

Throughout the day, club members worked shifts playing demonstration games on the Big Board and talking with the public. The library cafe joined in by baking a huge batch of 'scrabblets', tasty biscuits frosted to look like Scrabble tiles. Every hour, we ran a competition for onlookers, in which the first person to draw out of the Big Bag a C or S tile (for Capital or Scrabble) would win coffee and scrabblets for two at the cafe.

We've had great feedback about the promotion from all over, and our membership has now burgeoned to nearly 30. There are some pretty keen players among them.

In October, we're planning to hold a local tournament at Turnbull, to bring the Wellington region clubs together (as the Auckland home tournament does) and provide an introduction to tournament

on Wednesday night. Someone will be able to help you with transport. Give me a bell on 475-7390, and we'll arrange something.

Well Done Stratford!
by **DOREEN POOLE**

On behalf of all players, members of the New Plymouth YWCA Scrabble Club who attended the inaugural Scrabble tournament in Stratford would like to congratulate the organisers on a well-run and successful event. A great day, a great meal, and great company. Many thanks.

New Plymouth Tournament
by **HELEN SILLIS**

The New Plymouth Scrabble Club's annual tournament was held on July 20th and 60 competitors took part.

Special prizes were awarded for such things as lowest score using a blank, lowest winning score, most unusual word, and highest score using six tiles or less. There were other chances for people

to win something throughout the day, with 'theme' spot prizes like colour, animal, flower, fruit or vegetable. There were some inventive ideas, with INSERTS being a rather hopeful try for 'clothing'.

Reeva Pearson was presented with a special award for having played more games of tournament Scrabble than anyone else since records officially started. Reeva's total is over 800 now — is this 'persistence' or what?

Nearly 100 words got a big red tick during the day. The MOCKINGS of some tiles DARKLED the racks as players UNTWINED POOFY letters in an effort not to ENVENOM GALORES of funny little words — ED, EIK, KOI, WAB, FIZ, GOOR, MYAL and ZANTE were a few to SPEEL (cling) to a PLOSION of others that SWELTED EARFULS of SOUNDER and LINTIER ADORATIONS of the PINDAREES (Indian mercenaries). VIVO! to all whose words could COINFER with board tiles and the tick. If Scrabble causes PALLORS you can always become an ELEGIST or learn to use a OUIJA all NITE and be BARNIER than GARTH, TONY or GERMANE (Greer?).

Thank you to all who came and made our tourney a success.

P.S. Congratulations to Stratford Scrabble Club on a great inaugural tournament. Hope it will become a permanent back-to-back event with New Plymouth.

PAPATOETOE/Holy Cross

by DAWN KITZEN

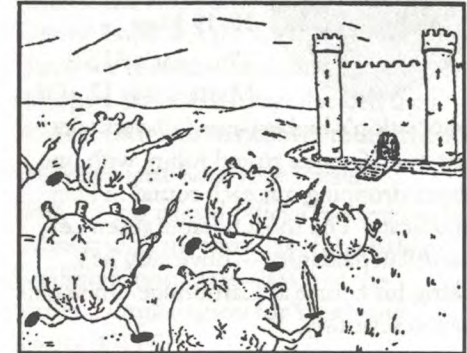
In July the Papatoetoe/Holy Cross Club held another successful tournament. It was really great the way members all pitched in with their baking and cleaning, and the team who slaved all day in the kitchen almost without a break were outstanding. Although Chris Hooks and Sheryl Davidson have been long gone they still come back every year to help set up the tables, etc.

Regardless of how hard we try, I guess every club has its hiccups. When I thanked everyone at the end of the tournament I forgot to mention all the hard work that our club secretary and treasurer put in. Mary Mead, our secretary, and her husband Eric, also organise the setting up of the hall and have donated three different trophies (all beautiful big cups) as well. Elsie McClennan, our treasurer, may be a shrinking violet when it comes to playing in a tournament, but she handles our finances admirably and we are very fortunate indeed to have the untiring services of these two women.

Also, I forgot to thank Margaret Bundock. How would any club manage without the computer to do all the hard work? Remember the year at the Nationals when the whole lot had to be done manually because the computer went kaput? We really did appreciate having Margaret and her invaluable help. Regardless of where a tournament is being held, she always turns up and almost always drives there by herself — remember she lives on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

That Takes the Cake

Heart Attack!



From *The Word Book*
by Gyles Brandreth

Now for some other club news. What does a club do when there are two Joan Crawfords? Well, when we were faced with this predicament we decided we would find out their middle names. Our long-standing Joan C. had none and the new Joan had the name Margaret. This would have been OK except the club already has three other Margarets and has actually had five. In the end we decided to call them Joan C and Joan M.C.

Finally, we were all shocked to learn that our good friend and Scrabble mate Hilda Joyce has lost her sight very suddenly. Hilda was our A Grade champion in 1994 and we are hoping that we can get hold of a set in Braille so that she can come back to Holy Cross and play again.

CAETING With a SUDSEER

by CLARE WALL, HAMILTON

When we play Scrabble as a family, in common with many Scrabblers we sometimes get combinations of seven letters on our racks which look like obscure words of foreign extraction crying out for an appropriate definition. Between the five of us over the last 15 years or so we have come up with many such 'words' for which we have provided definitions. The following are our family favourites:

WUFICAR	vehicle lacking a silencer	ANSFENS	Swedish device for taking messages
SUDSEER	prophetic washerwoman	FEENURK	one who fails to pay bills on time
IOUITOO	reply to "I owe you one"	UOMAURE	heavily in debt
QEPLONK	sound of a Frenchman falling in water	UBUDULY	with severe doubts
CAETING	Gaelic word for happy, inebriated singing	BAGTIKL	Russian pickpocket
TUIFATO	birdsong with a base harmony	VIUVBGX	Norse god of household cleanliness
DEILELE	ancient guitar used in Druid ceremonies	YAAVABH	Hebrew for one who needs to wear false teeth
FUJISYN	artificial volcano	WOOARAW	wrestler's training mantra

and finally, one everyone can relate to:

AAIEEEE what you shout when you get this combination!



 **UNITED
Kingdom**

APSP Masters

18-19 May

This year's APSP Masters saw 17 of the

Association's highest-rated players take part in a 16-game round robin, with one player dropping out each round to help adjudicate. The most notable absentee was Allan Saldanha — obviously he's taking his course at Cambridge University far too seriously.

For a long time it looked as though David Acton would run away with the event. He won his first 11 games, but was finally beaten by Evan Simpson, largely because of a moment of carelessness when, holding AEEIRSU, he played CAUSERIE, but inadvertently switched the A and U.

An obscure 8-letter word with three A's also played a significant part in the outcome of the event. In Phil Appleby's opening game against Gareth Williams, holding a final rack of AAAERT□ he needed to find a bonus through a floating H to win. He failed to do so, but afterwards found that he'd missed BARATHEA. Later against David, Allan Simmons played BARATHEA to win the game!

The title was eventually taken by top Welsh player Gareth Williams, one win ahead of David Acton. Here are the top 10 placings:

1.	Gareth Williams	13
2.	David Acton	12
3.	Russell Byers	11
4.	John Grayson	10
5.	Phil Appleby	9

6.	Chris Hawkins	9
7.	Alec Webb	9
8.	Clive Spate	8
9.	Mark Nyman	7
10.	Allan Simmons	7

From the British APSP Newsletter June 1996, formerly edited by Hartley Moorhouse, and now by Phil Appleby

BAHRAIN

Sri Lanka Club Open

After being in semi-retirement for the first half of the year, top Gulf player Naween Fernando of Bahrain returned with a vengeance to win the Sri Lanka Club Open in June. The 16-year-old World Champs competitor has been concentrating on his studies and exams, but the layoff has obviously had no ill-effects on his Scrabble.

The event was run on matchplay lines, with 28 contestants from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates competing in a day-long tournament. UAE Scrabblers were hard on Naween's heels, with Selwyn Lobo runner-up and Dean Saldanha in third place.

Mario Ranasuriya, aged 10, created a sensation in the opening round by scoring an incredible **709** points! He finished 19th, while his sister Shehara, who came 14th, was judged the most promising new player.

Scrabble at the Fair

The Bahrain Scrabble League made its debut at the Bahrain Fair in July, occupying a spacious and attractive stall measuring six by nine metres, offered by Arabian Exhibition Management.

Topping off the exhibit were the Bahrain

Fair Scrabble Playoffs in a king-of-the-hill format. Though players were more accustomed to a very quiet atmosphere, they were game to enter the carnivalesque surroundings of the fair. Thousands of leaflets were on hand for interested spectators, and a Scrabble video was run on one end of the stand, while at the same time people could test their anagram skills on a computer.

There was also a display of photos, sample score sheets, a Gulf Scrabble Tournament programme, a hall of fame listing, and Scrabble periodicals from New York to New Zealand. This was definitely the most high-profile initiative the League has ever taken. It is hoped that the publicity will attract more players to the game.

From a report in the July-August issue of *Scrabble Squibs*, the newsletter of the Bahrain Scrabble League, edited by Roy Kietzman

Gulf Scrabble Bout Set for May

The seventh Gulf Scrabble Tournament (GST) is set for next May 21-23 at the Bahrain Hilton Hotel. Next spring's GST links into the fourth World Scrabble Championship (WSC) as Gulf entrants in the global competition in America qualify through this regional event.

Four years ago, Roland Filio (Bahrain) and Norbert Saldanha (United Arab Emirates) earned seats at the World Champs, while in 1993 Ishtiaq Chishty (Saudi Arabia), Amirali Alimohamed (UAE) and Filio were the Gulf's top masters in the mind game. Last year, in a departure from previous World events, the global contest's organisers called for one player from each country plus the Gulf's champion to fill the six-man regional quota.

Bahrain and the UAE used the prestigious GST as their qualifying tournament for the WSC. Bahrain sent Akshay Bhandarkar and Naween Fernando while Selwyn Lobo was the UAE's master. However Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia took part in the GST, but decided their WSC contestants in national tournaments.

Government Scrabble Panel

Scrabble has gained official recognition in Bahrain with the forming of the Bahrain Scrabble Committee (BSC) of the General Organisation for Youth and Sports (GOYS).

In announcing the establishment of the eight-member panel in July, Shaikh Humood bin Abdullah al-Khalifa, GOYS director-general of sports affairs, commissioned the BSC to "endeavour to promote and support the playing of Scrabble in Bahrain as well as endorsing participation of players from Bahrain in regional and international tournaments". Roy Kietzman, chairman of the Bahrain Scrabble League (BSL) for the past nine years, has been appointed president of the BSC.

The BSL was praised by Shaikh Humood for its "commendable role ... played over the past 12 years, not only in the playing of Scrabble, but also in promoting Bahrain regionally and internationally as a centre for such educational sports".

Shaikh Humood added "It is with confidence therefore in your collective organisational abilities, expertise in the game, and firm dedication that we are proud to add Scrabble to the games and sports that we promote in Bahrain".

As the government's sports agency, GOYS includes 16 associations — from soccer and basketball to cycling and chess

— and eight committees covering activities such as Olympic affairs, diving, karate and golf. The establishment of a Scrabble committee marks the first such formal recognition of the game in the Gulf by a government agency.

[I wonder if Scrabble is endorsed to such a degree anywhere else in the world? — Ed.]

 **AUSTRALIA**

At the AGM of the Australian administrative body CASPA it was decided that in 1997 they will have only one National Championship. This will be held in Adelaide and both dictionaries will be used (Chambers/OSPD). The 1998 Championship has been set down for Tasmania.

The decision to revert to a single National tournament using combined dictionaries will hopefully see an end to the situation where different individuals, clubs, and even States, have played by different references. Now at last all Australian Scrabblers should move toward a single standard word-base.

A new International Word List has been officially sanctioned for publication in Melbourne later this year. It will contain the 750 additional American words that we have just adopted, and will effectively replace the Griffon book (although the Griffon can still be used of course). The Aussies hope that this new Word List may become the international reference for Scrabble, and that both UK and America will adopt it and any associated combined dictionary publications over the next few years. This could be another step on the road to a worldwide Scrabble dictionary.

 **UNITED STATES**

Kenyan star Gitonga Nderitu had an outstanding win in the expert division at the prestigious Seattle tournament in May. Gitonga won 10 of his 12 games to finish ahead of 'Superstar' David Wiegand on 9 wins, with American World Champs contestant Bob Schoenman gaining third place with 7.5 wins, on a countback from another top American exponent Steven Alexander.

Gitonga has represented Kenya at all three World Championships, gaining an excellent 10th place in London last year. This was his first US tournament, and the opposition was obviously of a very high calibre. Bear in mind also that he lost several turns due to a lack of knowledge of which International words are not allowed in America (they play double dictionary in Kenya, like NZ). This makes the victory even more impressive.

Gitonga was on holiday in the States, and was aiming to study and play as much Scrabble as possible. His World Champs average position of 17.6, together with this exposure to top-level American tournament play, could make him one to watch at the Worlds in U.S. next year.

North American Champs

The 1996 American Scrabble Championship was held in Dallas, Texas, from July 20-25. Runaway winner of the \$25,000 first prize was Canadian Adam Logan, who won a remarkable 24 games out of 27, finishing five games clear of runner-up Marlon Hill, with former champ Joe Edley a further win back in third place.

Adam is a mathematics whiz, and at 21

he has already played in two World Championships, coming 11th in 1993 and 8th in 1995. Having proved himself at the very top level, Adam will be another to look out for at the next World Champs.

Daffy Definitions

- AB a downsized Swedish pop group
- ADZUKI plug for a Japanese motorcycle
- ALLEES a rack only slightly better than all I's
- COOKTOP chef's tall hat

- RAMPAGE beeper for male sheep
- ATTABOY a baby ottoman
- BEAUCOUP high school slang for successfully stealing someone else's boyfriend
- JUNGLED Carl's position in the psychologists' marathon.
- TUCKSHOP plastic surgeon's operating room
- WARPLANE the part of the motorway you use to go really really fast. (for Trekkies)

From the American Scrabble Club News July 1996



**OTAQO OPEN Championship
22 JUNE 1996
7 Games**

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Bill Grigg	DUN	6	2833	405	11
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	5	2953	422	13
3 Alan Boyd	DUN	4	2837	405	7
4 Anne Stewart	DUN	4	2820	403	13
5 Paul Lister	CHC	4	2575	368	6
6 Robert Jones	DUN	2	2683	383	11
7 Malcolm Graham	CHC	1.5	2472	353	10
8 Marian Ross	DUN	1.5	2436	348	8
Grade B					
1 John Bell	DUN	6	2757	394	7
2 Brian Horsley	CHC	5	2426	347	4
3 Penny Irvine	DUN	3	2353	336	13
4 Letitia Vaitupu	DUN	3	2109	301	2
5 Elvira Steel	DUN	3	1954	279	1
6 Alice Doust	DUN	1	1976	282	0

**PAPATOETOE/Holy Cross
TOURNAMENT
6 July 1996
7 Games**

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	3132	447	13
2 May Quigley	NSB	5	2873	410	11
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	2675	382	9
4 David Lloyd	MTA	3	2673	382	7
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	2615	374	11
6 John Foster	MTA	3	2609	373	7
7 Georgie Offringa	NSB	2	2798	400	9
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	1	2535	362	7
Grade B					
1 Peter Jones	MTA	6	3071	439	12
2 Pam Robson	WKT	5	2753	393	12
3 Fae Olson	STR	5	2704	386	7
4 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	2820	403	7
5 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2723	389	13
6 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	2736	391	10
7 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	2697	385	6
8 Alan Boyd	DUN	1	2476	354	9

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade C					
1 Reeva Pearson	STR	6	2927	418	13
2 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2927	418	14
3 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	2849	407	8
4 Puti Rowe	STR	4	2743	392	8
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	2881	412	10
6 Roger Coates	HAM	2	2717	388	11
7 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	2	2678	383	8
8 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2509	358	10
Grade D					
1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	2933	419	8
2 Karyn McDougall	MTA	5	2789	398	6
3 Anne Warner	ROD	5	2690	384	8
4 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2808	401	9
5 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2452	350	6
6 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	2420	346	4
7 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	2276	325	2
8 Steven Brown	HAM	0	0	0	0
Grade E					
1 Maureen Holliday	MTA	5	2801	400	12
2 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	2554	365	2
3 Margaret Simpson	PAK	4	2764	395	11
4 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4	2704	386	8
5 David Gunn	WKT	3	2774	396	13
6 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	2571	367	7
7 Margaret Bundoock	ROD	2	2602	372	2
8 Lyn Toka	HAM	2	2455	351	11
Grade F					
1 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	6	3126	447	16
2 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	2723	389	8
3 Joan Pratt	MTA	4	2689	384	12
4 Kim Graham	MTA	4	2570	367	8
5 Delcie MacBeth	IND	4	2518	360	6
6 Margaret Forbes	PHC	2	2467	352	5
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	2	2397	342	6
8 Jeanette Owlser	PAK	1	2362	337	0
Grade G					
1 Alastair McDougall	PAK	7	2853	408	13
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	2701	386	7
3 Sue Walker	MTA	3	2624	375	14
4 Clare Wall	HAM	3	2582	369	9
5 Trish Hellriegel	MTA	3	2582	369	5
6 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	2508	358	6
7 Valerie Holbrook	PAK	2	2491	356	3
8 Marie Kingi	PHC	2	2425	346	7
Grade H					
1 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	2718	388	6
2 Margaret Mourant	MTA	5	2614	373	4
3 Jill Johnson	PHC	5	2610	373	4
4 Pam Mayall	HAM	3	2442	349	4
5 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	3	2431	347	7

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
6 Mary Gray	MTA	2	2482	355	8
7 Kath Davies	MTA	2	2395	342	4
8 Patricia Waring	PAK	2	2264	323	1
Grade I					
1 Vera Bumer	PAK	6	2331	333	4
2 Lil Moore	MTA	5	2422	346	7
3 Jean McDougall	PAK	4	2419	346	5
4 Jacqy Struik	PHC	4	2419	346	4
5 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	2203	315	0
6 Ed Olson	STR	2	2243	320	3
7 Zelma Old	PAK	2	2184	312	0
8 Hazel Smith	PHC	2	2062	295	0
Grade J					
1 Janice Cherry	PAK	7	2822	403	7
2 Pam Barlow	PAK	5	2687	384	5
3 Bev Morris	PAK	5	2631	376	6
4 Lisa McLean	WKT	4	2375	339	8
5 Lulu Holt	MTA	3	2257	322	1
6 Diana Wilson	PHC	3	2072	296	1
7 Karen Miller	PAK	1	2138	305	2
8 June McConnell	MTA	0	1779	254	2

New Plymouth Scrabble Club

Tournament 20 July 1996 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	3048	435	11
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	5	2967	424	10
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	4.5	2896	414	10
4 May Quigley	NSB	3.5	2823	403	11
5 Mike Sigley	WAN	3	3054	436	15
6 Denise Gordon	WAN	3	2904	415	16
7 Roger Tozer	NPY	2	2511	359	8
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	2509	358	7
Grade B					
1 Fae Olson	STR	5	2784	398	10
2 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2738	391	11
3 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	2724	389	7
4 Reeva Pearson	STR	4	2646	378	11
5 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	3	2927	418	12
6 Margie Hurly	WAN	3	2816	402	8
7 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2807	401	11
8 Dave Godman	STR	2	2623	375	11
Grade C					
1 Puti Rowe	STR	6	3052	436	10
2 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	2977	425	12
3 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	2919	417	11
4 Leila Thomson	LOH	4	2723	389	10
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2829	404	11

Stratford Scrabble Club

Tournament 21 July 1996

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
6 Andrée Prentice	WAN	3	2747	392	10
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	1	2676	382	8
8 Alan Boyd	DUN	1	2565	366	9
Grade D					
1 Martha Morgan	NPL	5	2629	376	8
2 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	4	2773	396	6
3 Margaret Bundoock	ROD	4	2588	370	9
4 Anna Geange	MTA	3	2836	405	13
5 Eileen Mclean	IND	3	2823	403	9
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	2625	375	7
7 Anne Warner	ROD	3	2497	357	6
8 David Gunn	WKT	3	2485	355	7
Grade E					
1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7	3047	435	13
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	2790	399	8
3 Malcolm Graham	CHC	4	2564	366	8
4 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	3	2641	377	9
5 Margaret Schimanski	NPY	3	2607	372	4
6 Shirley Tozer	NPY	2	2449	350	5
7 Sharon Stewart	WAN	2	2211	316	4
8 Doreen Poole	NPY	1	2216	317	2
Grade F					
1 Roto Mitchell	WAN	5	2621	374	6
2 Margaret Camachan	NPY	5	2501	357	2
3 Margaret Garner	NPY	5	2291	327	5
4 Brian Horsley	CHC	4	2485	355	6
5 Kath James	WAN	4	2456	351	4
6 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	3	2448	350	3
7 Margaret Ham	WTA	3	2422	346	2
8 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	2	2121	303	2
9 Sylvia Nicholas	WTA	2	2057	294	1
10 June Whitehead	NPL	2	1997	285	2
Grade G					
1 Paula Alchin	NPL	7	2702	386	4
2 Lisa McLean	WKT	5	2806	401	11
3 Lynley Watkin	WTA	5	2608	373	4
4 Ngaro Huhu	WTA	4	2100	300	1
5 Nola Edwards	WTA	3	2438	348	1
6 Janelle Wheatley	WTA	3	2294	328	1
7 Sharon Clarke	STR	3	2027	290	3
8 Ed Olson	STR	2	2358	337	6
9 Janet Willison	NPY	2	2246	321	1
10 Mary King	NPL	1	2095	299	1

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	7	3166	452	17
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	2924	418	11
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	2704	386	11
4 Roger Tozer	NPY	4	2690	384	10
5 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	2598	371	6
6 Denise Gordon	WAN	3	2756	394	12
7 May Quigley	NSB	2	2697	385	10
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	0	2469	353	9
Grade B					
1 Gerald Warner	ROD	5	3066	438	9
2 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	5	3029	433	14
3 Fae Olson	STR	5	2876	411	10
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2919	417	13
5 Margie Hurly	WAN	3	2879	411	9
6 Peter Jones	MTA	3	2826	404	14
7 Dave Godman	STR	2	2776	397	14
8 Reeva Pearson	STR	2	2438	348	10
Grade C					
1 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	6	2776	397	10
2 Alan Boyd	DUN	4	2750	393	11
3 Leila Thomson	LOH	4	2691	384	6
4 Andrée Prentice	WAN	4	2645	378	4
5 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2603	372	6
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	2491	356	6
7 Puti Rowe	STR	2	2558	365	6
8 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2545	364	9
Grade D					
1 Margaret Bundoock	ROD	6	2566	367	6
2 Anne Warner	ROD	4	2903	415	10
3 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2790	399	16
4 Eileen McLean	IND	4	2552	365	8
5 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	3	2865	409	10
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	2760	394	7
7 David Gunn	WKT	2	2613	373	7
8 Martha Morgan	NPL	2	2494	356	6
Grade E					
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	2913	416	10

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
And dead: it's said like bed, not bead,
For goodness sake, don't call it deed!

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
2 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	5	2716	388	10
3 Malcolm Graham	CHC	4	2594	371	8
4 Brian Horsley	CHC	3.5	2478	354	5
5 Doreen Poole	NPY	3.5	2256	322	4
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	2661	380	8
7 Shirley Tozer	NPY	3	2406	344	6
8 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	2336	334	4
9 Margaret Schimanski	NPY	2	2356	337	2
10 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	1	2375	339	3
Grade F					
1 Ed Olson	STR	5.5	2337	334	3
2 Jean Clarke	STR	5	2477	354	3
3 Lisa McLean	WKT	5	2469	353	7
4 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	4	2418	345	1
5 Margaret Garner	NPY	4	2168	310	2
6 Kath James	WAN	3	2362	337	3
7 June Whitehead	NPL	3	2317	331	3
8 Margaret Ham	WTA	3	2260	323	0
9 Sharon Clarke	STR	3	2255	322	4
10 Lynley Watkin	WTA	3	1734	248	0
11 Sylvia Nicholas	WTA	2	2171	310	2
12 Marcus Pearson	STR	1.5	2179	311	4

Waikato Scrabble Club**TOURNAMENT****10 August 1996****7 Games****Grade A**

1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	3129	447	14
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	3081	440	15
3 David Lloyd	MTA	5	2802	400	11
4 Howard Warner	CAP	4	2754	393	7
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	4	2729	390	10
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	3	2873	410	14
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	1	2633	376	8
8 May Quigley	NSB	0	2495	356	8

Grade B

1 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	2877	411	12
2 Peter Jones	MTA	5	2910	416	14
3 Georgie Offringa	NSB	4	2741	392	11
4 Fae Olson	STR	3	2758	394	9
5 Pam Robson	WKT	3	2710	387	10
6 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	2519	360	6
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	2855	408	9
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	2504	358	5

Grade C

1 Rob Talbot	MTA	5	2591	370	5
2 Betty Gibb	HAM	5	2564	366	10
3 Val Mills	PAK	4	2559	366	7
4 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2761	394	13

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
5 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2709	387	11
6 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	2670	381	9
7 Andrew Coombes	WKT	3	2593	370	7
8 Ann Candler	NSB	2	2656	379	8
Grade D					
1 Anne Warner	ROD	5	2799	400	8
2 Roger Coates	HAM	4	2848	407	10
3 Glenda Geard	IND	4	2703	386	7
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	2528	361	2
5 Alan Boyd	DUN	3	2670	381	9
6 Anna Geange	MTA	3	2641	377	9
7 Marj Baillie	HAM	3	2569	367	10
8 Faye Cronhelm	IND	2	2655	379	7

Grade E

1 Eileen McLean	IND	6	2871	410	11
2 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4	2585	369	4
3 Sue McRae	CAP	4	2548	364	7
4 Correne James	IND	3	2669	381	8
5 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	2576	368	8
6 Karyn McDougall	MTA	3	2522	360	6
7 Norman Wheeler	CAP	3	2510	359	8
8 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	2721	389	10

Grade F

1 Lyn Toka	HAM	6	2933	419	11
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	2932	419	8
3 David Gunn	WKT	5	2915	416	11
4 Kim Graham	MTA	4	2668	381	10
5 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3.5	2706	387	15
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2835	405	4
7 Shirley Bonthron	TGA	2	2715	388	5
8 Carol Coates	HAM	0.5	2320	331	7

Grade G

1 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	6	2913	416	14
2 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	2732	390	9
3 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	2669	381	7
4 Annette Coombes	WKT	4	2564	366	8
5 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	2477	354	6
6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	2432	347	6
7 Neville James	WKT	2	2588	370	9
8 Elsie Pugh	HAM	2	2501	357	6

Grade H

1 Marie Cairns	TPO	5	2697	385	3
2 Clare Wall	HAM	5	2646	378	5
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	2557	365	4
4 Marie Kingi	PHC	4	2345	335	6
5 Pam Mayall	HAM	3	2598	371	2
6 Jean Clarke	STR	3	2553	365	6
7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	2539	363	5
8 Lisa McLean	WKT	3	2492	356	10
9 Brian Horsley	CHC	3	2342	335	3
10 Mary Gray	MTA	2	2450	350	9

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade I					
1 Jacqueline					
	Coldham-Fussell	HAM	6	2470	353 7
2 Shirley Morrison	TGA	5	2756	394	8
3 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	2427	347	4
4 Vera Burner	PAK	5	2270	324	2
5 David Sutcliffe	WKT	4	2383	340	6
6 Jillian Greening	HAM	3	2499	357	7
7 May Gale	HAM	2.5	2314	331	5
8 Ed Olson	STR	2	2258	323	2
9 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	1.5	2148	307	3
10 June McConnell	MTA	1	1805	258	0

HAMILTON SCRABBLE CLUB**TOURNAMENT****11 August 1996****7 Games****Grade A**

1 Jeff Grant	HAS	5	3092	442	14
2 John Foster	MTA	4	2906	415	10
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	4	2745	392	11
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	2867	410	11
5 David Lloyd	MTA	3	2831	404	9
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	3	2749	393	10
7 Patrick Carter	MTA	3	2602	372	6
8 Howard Warner	CAP	3	2538	363	8

Grade B

1 Lynne Butler	NPL	7	3052	436	12
2 Fae Olson	STR	4	2943	420	12
3 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	2871	410	8
4 Georgie Offringa	NSB	4	2693	385	8
5 Pam Robson	WKT	3.5	2553	365	13
6 May Quigley	NSB	2.5	2716	388	9
7 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	2795	399	13
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	1	2577	368	6

Grade C

1 Peter Jones	MTA	6	3016	431	13
2 Val Mills	PAK	5	2960	423	11
3 Rob Talbot	MTA	4	2638	377	9
4 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	3	2718	388	7
5 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2617	374	11
6 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	2359	337	4
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	2	2687	384	9
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	2445	349	5

Grade D

1 Andrew Coombes	WKT	6	2861	409	12
2 Alan Boyd	DUN	5	2863	409	14
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	2643	378	8
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2779	397	9
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	2651	379	6

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
6 Roger Coates	HAM	3	2635	376	9
7 Betty Gibb	HAM	2	2789	398	12
8 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2480	354	6
Grade E					
1 Marj Baillie	HAM	5	2736	391	6
2 Sue McRae	CAP	5	2634	376	10
3 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2808	401	13
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	2555	365	8
5 Karyn McDougall	MTA	3	2743	392	8
6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2572	367	5
7 Eileen McLean	IND	3	2478	354	6
8 Anne Warner	ROD	1	2300	329	3

Grade F

1 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	2907	415	14
2 Norman Wheeler	CAP	5	2854	408	7
3 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	5	2708	387	10
4 Lyn Toka	HAM	4	2725	389	11
5 David Gunn	WKT	3	2814	402	12
6 Correne James	IND	3	2436	348	5
7 Isabel Zyp	HAM	2	2677	382	6
8 Margaret Simpson	PAK	1	2511	359	10

Grade G

1 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	2872	410	9
2 Kim Graham	MTA	4	2541	363	7
3 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	2387	341	7
4 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	2677	382	7
5 Carole Coates	HAM	3	2595	371	9
6 Neville James	WKT	3	2488	355	6
7 Annette Coombes	WKT	3	2413	345	9
8 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	2412	345	6

Grade H

1 Shirley Martin	HAM	6	2808	401	10
2 Clare Wall	HAM	5	2622	375	8
3 Elsie Pugh	HAM	4	2467	352	2
4 Daphne Parker	MTA	4	2416	345	3
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	2582	369	5
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	2474	353	3
7 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	3	2457	351	11
8 Brian Horsley	CHC	0	2098	300	5

Grade I

1 Sue Walker	MTA	6	2839	406	14
2 Marie Kingi	PHC	5	2661	380	10
3 Lisa McLean	WKT	4	2699	386	13
4 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	2558	365	4
5 Marie Cairns	TPO	3	2499	357	2
6 Mary Gray	MTA	3	2326	332	5
7 Pam Mayall	HAM	2	2564	366	2
8 Jean Clarke	STR	1	2378	340	3

Grade J

1 Pam Barlow	PAK	5	2725	389	11
2 Vera Burner	PAK	5	2340	334	2

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
3 Ed Olson	STR	4.5	2355	336	3
4 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	2681	383	5
5 May Gale	HAM	4	2442	349	5
6 David Sutcliffe	WKT	3	2337	334	6
7 Jacqueline					
Coldham-Fussell	HAM	2.5	2353	336	5
8 June McConnell	MTA	0	1773	253	0

TAURANGA Double Decade

TOURNAMENT

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7 Games

Grade A

1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	3034	433	10
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	3081	440	16
3 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	3037	434	11
4 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	2931	419	12
5 Pam Robson	WKT	3	2635	376	9
6 John Foster	MTA	3	2634	376	7
7 Maurine Sullivan	TGA	2	2545	364	7
8 Fae Olson	STR	1	2473	353	9

Grade B

1 May Quigley	NSB	5	2832	405	6
2 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	2684	383	6
3 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	2846	407	10
4 Puti Rowe	STR	4	2753	393	6
5 Reeva Pearson	STR	4	2622	375	11
6 Allie Quinn	NSB	2	2720	389	6
7 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	2647	378	9
8 Andrew Coombes	WKT	2	2385	341	8

Grade C

1 Eileen Mclean	IND	5	2841	406	13
2 Roger Coates	HAM	5	2749	393	11
3 Glenda Geard	IND	4	2777	397	12
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	2674	382	9
5 Florence Veldhuizen	TOK	3.5	2699	386	6
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	2.5	2696	385	9
7 Marj Baillie	HAM	2	2597	371	9
8 Betty Gibb	HAM	2	2559	366	8

Grade D

1 Margaret Bundoek	ROD	5	2654	379	4
2 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	2638	377	5
3 Lyn Toka	HAM	4	2839	406	11
4 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2789	398	11
5 Correne James	MTA	4	2590	370	6
6 Maureen Holliday	MTA	3	2740	391	9
7 Karyn McDougall	MTA	2	2607	372	4
8 Anne Warner	ROD	1	2429	347	6

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade E					
1 Isabel Zyp	HAM	7	2966	424	8
2 Elaine Moltzen	HAM	6	2906	415	8
3 David Gunn	WKT	5	2744	392	11
4 Joan Pratt	MTA	3	2628	375	9
5 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3	2523	360	9
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2654	379	7
7 Phyl Wilson	TOK	2	2396	342	2
8 Shirley Morrison	TGA	0	2333	333	5

Grade F

1 Clare Wall	HAM	6	2832	405	10
2 Shirley Bonthron	TGA	5	2743	392	6
3 Delcie MacBeth	IND	4	2800	400	8
4 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	2728	390	12
5 Annette Coombes	WKT	3	2527	361	9
6 Val Worth	IND	3	2454	351	7
7 Bev Barker	MTA	2	2522	360	4
8 Carol Coates	HAM	1	2435	348	8

Grade G

1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	2641	377	7
2 Elizabeth Webb	TGA	6	2613	373	9
3 Lisa McLean	HAM	4	2643	378	10
4 Jacqueline					
Coldham-Fussell	HAM	4	2582	369	8
5 Ed Olson	STR	3	2172	310	5
6 Pam Mayall	HAM	3	2042	292	4
7 Valerie Scott	TGA	1	2008	287	2
8 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	1	1962	280	0

Computer equipment for most tournaments courtesy of Margaret Bundoek

Multiple Bonus Man

The July 1996 issue of America's *Scrabble News* reports on an unusual bonus sequence at the San Diego tournament in May. Mike Stevens of Salt Lake City played the phoney FOLKIEST for his 6th move against Al Demers (N. Virginia), which Al challenged off the board. Not discouraged, Mike next played SOFTLIKE, which was also challenged off. He then tried FELONIST to no avail. On his 9th turn he got down FOLIATES, followed by EMITTING, then MOUSIER, then DEFACING, and finally SPOOLING for his 13th move, winning the game 502-310. That's five bonus words in a row at the end of the game — however, Mike can honestly say that he once played eight bonuses in a row, even if three were disallowed!

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)	294	Jack Tayler (HAS) & Nola Steevens (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)