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Editor's Note



Congratulations to Australia on winning the first Trans-Tasman challenge. The contest was very close, and if certain Kiwi players had performed a little better in Sydney (yours truly in particular!) the result may well have been different. Hopefully this will be the start of a regular biennial competition between our two countries, and we look forward to hosting the Aussies in 1998.

On the local scene, well done to Mt Albert, Wanganui, Rodney and Dunedin for running their successful events, and to Margaret Bundock (ROD) who again organised the Auckland Residential Champs.

Lynn Wood (WEL) has been globe-trotting again. She gained 4th place in the August Queensland tourney, where Brian Horsley (CHC) also took part. We believe Lynn paid for her trip with a win at the casino, but wasn't quite so lucky in Sydney when she accompanied us to the Trans-Tasman event. It was nice having Lynn there for moral support.

The Norfolk Island Festival was a tremendous success. With David and Dorothy Pinner unfortunately having to pull out, Glennis Hale (MTA) and I ended up running the tourney for the second year in a row. What a great bunch of Aussies and Kiwis we had this year! Lots of fun was had by all, and we guarantee the 1997 festival will be just as good. Better start saving now! Congratulations to Bob Jackman who became the first Australian winner of the Norfolk crown. Bob continued his success

by taking out the Australasian title in Sydney two months later.

Norfolk Island always evokes thoughts of Georgie Offringa (NSB). Georgie died on October 31 after a long battle with cancer. She leaves behind lots of happy memories, particularly of adventures on Norfolk and at the Nationals. When we visited Georgie shortly before the end she said that it was Scrabble and all her friends there that had kept her going. Georgie was one of the true characters of NZ Scrabble and we will all miss her heaps.

As always, thanks to our Executive for their work throughout the year. John, Gerald, Allie and Bev all do a great job, and without their dedication things wouldn't run half as smoothly. John has moved to Whangamata and has plans for a new club there. Best wishes in your retirement, John.

Thanks to Glenda and Margaret for maintaining the ratings, and to Howard Warner (CAP) for his excellent publicity work, particularly in Sydney.

Thanks also to everyone who has contributed to *Forwards* during the year. We appreciate all the items that are sent in, and the encouraging comments too. There is lots of material on hand, so don't worry if your piece doesn't appear immediately.

Finally, special thanks to Glenda for her preparation and layout expertise, which really makes *Forwards* an attractive and (we hope!) interesting magazine.

Closing date for the March issue is 25 February.

Have a happy and safe festive season.

Merry Christmas and
Good Scrabbling in '97.
Jeff

MAIL BOX



Saudi Scrabble

by MONIB 'MOUZTAFAL' A Sindab
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dear Fellow Scrabble Enthusiasts,

I am a word addict like you whose insatiable thirst for more words started when I learned to play this fast globalising wordgame called Scrabble. It was a 'love at first sight' experience and my infatuation has flourished and developed. In my mind and memory, in my heart and soul, and in the blood that runs in my veins, all have been inflamed by a verbal virus called 'Scrabble enthusiasm'.

When I worked in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia a few years back my burning Scrabble interest flared up anew after learning that the Gulf region in general is full of word-masters. This led me to join the Riyadh Scrabble Group of which I have been champion many times, and to represent the Group in the 1994 Gulf Scrabble Tournament. This event is the best organised and most prestigious competition I have attended during two decades of Scrabble playing, and I hope to return there soon.

Communication is like a twinkling star that illuminates our Scrabble world. Let us celebrate our most amazing tool connecting the common zealotry of Scrabblers by using our word power to describe developments, issues and projects in all parts of our Scrabble world.

I had earlier been planning to be a regular subscriber to your Scrabble magazine,

which is reputed to be interesting, informative and educational, but I have been on holiday in the Philippines. Please send me information on subscriptions.

Extend my warmest regards to all New Zealand Scrabblers. Wishing you more word power in the colourful Scrabble arena.

[We thank Mouztafah for his entertaining letter. Subscription details and a complimentary *Forwards* have been sent to him in Riyadh. For more information about Saudi Scrabble see the International section. — Ed.]

A QUESTION of Luck

by MICHAEL VNUK
QUEENSLAND

Some comments on luck (September *Forwards*, p 8). 'Good fortune does tend to even out in the long run', but what is the long run? According to economist John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946), "In the long run we are all dead". In fact I would contend that most of us die before the long run has been able to even out our good fortune.

At any one time, we could review our previous game, week, year or life and say that our luck was above average, below average or just average. The most important point is that there is nothing in anyone's history that can **predict** their luck. The next game might be the worst game of your life or the best.

Golfer Lee Trevino was probably not the first to say "the more I practise, the luckier I get". The Canadian economist and humorist Stephen Butler Leacock (1869-1944) once wrote, "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it". I'm sure I've heard others express similar sentiments too.

NOT STONKERED

Blue Thorogood came to Ron Bunny's rescue by pointing out that the blocked game described on p 2 in the June *Forwards* can be continued by converting ANOW into NANOWATT. We informed Ron, but his gratitude was somewhat short-lived. Apparently after multiple changes his brother Arnold had been waiting for an opening and proceeded to play MUZJIKS/NANOWATTS for 203 points! We believe Ron eventually lost the game.

All in the Family

There are many family Scrabble combinations around. Ones like Howard, Gerald and Anne Warner, Denise Gordon and Grace Gilman, Glennis Hale and Alveen Seon, spring to mind. A pair you probably won't be aware of is Lesley Edgeler of Tokoroa and her mother Ethel Moss, who lives in Australia. Ethel played in the Intermediate grade in the Victorian Champs this year, and also won a prize for a high game score of 467 at the Dandenong tournament.

LETTER SHUFFLING

Rhoda Cashman (ROD) has brought to our attention a news item about a certain home interior store which recently had a problem with people fiddling with the letters on their sign board. The message was reputedly rearranged one weekend from VINYLs, CARPETS, TILES to CRAPNESS, LIVELY TITS.

This is reminiscent of the hotel sign for FAWLTY TOWERS which was switched around in one episode to FLOWERY TWATS.

SINGAPORE SCRABBLE

While visiting family in Singapore in September, Paddy Glen (ROD) came across Scrabblers en masse at a mammoth shopping plaza in Takashimaya Square. It was in fact the Mattel Scrabble Challenge and over 200 players were in attendance in a huge area in the centre of the shopping complex, 'protected' from the public only by a picket fence around the perimeter. The players had to cope with the obligatory Muzak, as well as the constant babble of passers-by.

Miss-Qi-vous!!!

Meet mischievous Qi, our page 3 girl.

Miss Qi (pronounced chee) burst on to the scene only a few years ago and has been a big hit. She's petite, like our bonny Scottish sweetheart, Jo, but something else explains her popularity. "It's because I'm U-less," Qi says shyly, and we're so glad she is.

As you might have guessed with that slanty I, Qi is Asian, hailing from China. But now that she's been partly Anglicised, she also takes an S! What more do you want?

You'd have to agree that Qi has a pert, curly tail. And check out that cute little tittle! (Please! Don't titter! The dot over the I is quite properly called the tittle.)

From *Scribble*, by Michael Vnuk, Queensland



1997 Scrabble Tournament Calendar

January						
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Tournament	Date	Tournament	Date
Howick-Pakuranga	25-26 January	New Plymouth	19 July
Wellington	22-23 February	Stratford	20 July
Nelson	1-2 March	Waikato	9 August
Hastings	8-9 March	Hamilton	10 August
NZ Masters	29-31 March	Canterbury Open	13 September
North Shore Bays	26 April	Norfolk Island	21-28 September
South Is Champs	17-18 May	Scrabble Festival	
Christchurch		Mt Albert	4-5 October
NZ Nationals	31 May - 1 June	Wanganui	25-26 October
Otago Open Champs	21 June	Dunedin Open Champs	1-2 November
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	5 July	Rodney	8 November
		World Champs	20-24 November

Looking Forwards ... Official Scrabble World?!

In response to the Australians' intention to publish a "new International Word List" (see *Forwards*, September '96, p 30), this piece appeared in the British Scrabble magazine *Onwords* (August '96):

"Could the following Onwords mock-up (not to scale) be the ideal format for a World Scrabble Dictionary, reflecting the unambiguous list format

of OSW combined with minimal definitions for stand-alone readability akin to OSPD? Such a book would be bigger than the existing OSW so it might be necessary to be ruthless on word lengths, perhaps a clear cut-off at nine letters irrespective of grammatical extensions. Dare we also suggest a clear-out of the attic of those obsolete words to create some space?!"

[Deleting obsolete terms would require either a change to the Rules of Scrabble, which don't bar such

words, or a change in policy by Chambers Dictionary, which prides itself on a "unique presentation of the English language from Chaucer to the present day" (Chambers *Preface*), or, of course, adoption of a new independent Scrabble dictionary for use everywhere. — Ed.]

Official Scrabble World				Page 1	
AA	n. a lava	ABACI	pl. ABACUS	ABASING	vf. ABASE
AAS	pl. AA	ABACK	adv. toward the back	ABASK	adv. in genial warmth
AAH	v. to exclaim surprise	ABACS	pl. ABAC	ABATABLE	adj. from ABATE
AAHED	vf. AAH	ABACTINAL	adj. without rays	ABATE	v. to reduce in degree
AAHING	vf. AAH	ABACTOR	n. a cattle thief	ABATED	vf. ABATE
AAHS	pl. AAH	ABACTORS	n. eastern shrub	ABATER	n. one who ABATES
AAL	n. tropical tree	ABACUS	n. calculating device	ABATERS	pl. ABATER
AALII	n. African mammal	ABACUSES	pl. ABACUS	ABATES	vr. ABATE
AALIIS	n. African mammal	ABAF	adv. toward the stern	ABATING	vf. ABATE
AARDVARK	pl. AARDVARK	ABAKA	N.ABACA	ABATIS	n. barrier of felled trees
ARDVARKS	n. African mammal	ABAKAS	pl. ABAKA	ABATISES	pl. ABATIS
ARDWOLF	n. African mammal	ABALONE	n. edible shellfish	ABATOR	n. one unlawfully seizing inheritance
AARDWOLVES	pl. AARDWOLF	ABALONES	pl. ABALONE	ABATORS	pl. ABATOR
AARGH	inj. disgust	ABAMP	n. ABAMPERE	ABATTIS	n. ABATIS
AARRGH	inj. AARGH	ABASHES	vf. ABASH	ABATTOIR	n. a slaughterhouse
AARRGHH	inj. AARGH	ABASHING	vf. ABASH	ABATTOIRS	pl. ABATTOIR
AASVOGEL	n. vulture	ABASHLESS	adj. shameless	ABATTY	adj. dejected
AASVOGELS	pl. AASVOGEL	ABASHMENT	n. frn ABASH	ABATURE	n. trail beaten by
ABA	n. Arab garment	ABASHMENTS	pl. ABASHMENT		
ABAC	n. a nomogram	ABASIA	n. muscular defect		
ABACA	n. Philippine plant	ABASIAS	pl. ABASIA		
ABACAS	pl. ABACA				

INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY

The format for an international dictionary suggested in *Onwords* is certainly thought-provoking, but who would produce such a global reference? Could the UK compilers of Chambers/OSW conceivably get together on the project with the American publishers of OSPD? Or will the Scrabble fraternity eventually have to 'go it alone' to achieve a single **World** Scrabble dictionary? Would the franchise-holders allow this to happen? It is a complex situation, but the goal of an international set of Scrabble Rules and one Official Universal Dictionary is worth striving for.

PRONUNCIATION

A little ditty in the last magazine (p 33) says "dead" should not be called "deed" To a Scot that could be quite amusing because we do call "dead" "deed", only we spell it "deid" — just one of the few Scottish words we are allowed.

Allie Quinn

BRITISH NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPS — SILVER JUBILEE

FROM THE UK SCRABBLE CLUB NEWS, SEPTEMBER 1996

On 27 June 1971 a momentous event occurred — the first British National Scrabble Championship was held in London. Competitors played 3 games of Scrabble and the player with the highest aggregate, Stephen Haskell, was declared the first British National Champion.

Gyles Brandreth takes up the story:

"The idea for the National Scrabble Championship came to me in a flash on a train journey from Bristol to London. A lifelong Scrabble enthusiast myself, I had just been visiting Bristol Prison (doing research for a book) and had seen the inmates playing Scrabble. There had also been a documentary on television around that time showing the Royal Family playing Scrabble. Here then was a game that appealed to all — from Her Majesty to those entertained at Her Majesty's pleasure.

I placed a small ad in the personal column of *The Times* inviting anyone interested in taking part in a National Scrabble Championship to write to me, and within days **hundreds** of letters had arrived!

One of the letters was from Spear's official PR people (Leonard and Cynthia Hodge) asking what I thought I was up to?! It was really rather a relief to hear from them because I hadn't realised that my innocuous advert would unleash such an avalanche of correspondence from enthusiastic word buffs across the land.

That first year the Championships were run from our kitchen table in Muswell Hill. I simply wrote back to everyone who had written inviting them to play 3 games of Scrabble and send me the results. The top hundred players were invited to London for the Finals.

For the first few years of the competition the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary was the official authority. We

even invited the editor of the Oxford Dictionary, Dr Robert Burchfield (a New Zealander), to be the official adjudicator. At first the games were not timed and Dr Burchfield and I

did all the adjudicating between us. We started the regional heats in 1976."

Joyce Cansfield, who finished a creditable 10th in the first Championship recalls the experience:

"I saw the advert whilst spending a short time in hospital. To qualify I was directed to play 3 games with a local player who I knew through Mensa — we both qualified for the Finals. I didn't play the eventual winner, Stephen Haskell, but as changes were unlimited, I understand he attempted to agree with his opponents that they would keep changing until they obtained a bonus — some co-operated, some didn't." (A limit of 2 changes per game was introduced in 1972 to stop this practice.)

The finals of the 25th Championships were held from 29 November to 1 December 1996 at the Regents Crest Hotel, Regents Park, London. We should have the results for you in our next issue.

"I placed a small ad
... and within days
hundreds of letters
had arrived"

DRUBES, NOOVS AND WUMPS

by Jaffer Gentry

New words are constantly entering our language. Here is an A—Z of short terms **not** listed in the Scrabble references. Some are old, others modern. All look useful, but alas they are not allowed, so **don't learn them!**

AIAIA	the roseate spoonbill (bird).
BRRRR	expressive of extreme cold.
COQ	a trimming of cock feathers on a woman's hat.
DRUBE	a hopeless-looking ineffectual person.
ESOX	an elongated voracious freshwater fish.
FIQH	Moslem jurisprudence based on theology.
GUNTZ	the whole lot.
HWEE	a cry used in driving pigs.
IWI	a Hawaiian honeycreeper bird.
JUDEX	a judge, in civil law.
KHVAT	an old Yugoslav measure of length.
LLYN	a lake or pool.
MOLEY	a potato stuffed with razor blades.
NOOV	a member of the nouveaux riches.
OII	the new Zealand muttonbird.
PREG	pregnant.
QCEPO	a tropical skin disease.
RHM	a unit of gamma-ray source intensity.
SQWUG	dialect word for a squirrel.
TPRW	the sound of a horn.
UNNUN	to remove from nunhood.
VIFF	of an aircraft, to change direction abruptly.
WUMP	a foolish or feeble person.
XAZ	a notation used in Armenian church music.
YOUEE	variant of 'uey', a u-turn.
ZONKY	odd, weird, freaky.

Words like this may be interesting because they do exist, but they are of no benefit to Scrabblers. I was once asked what the most useless word was as far as Scrabble is concerned. The person asking reckoned it was **PIZZAZZ**, which is unplayable because of its four Z's.

My personal favourite of this sort is even more useless. It's a silly-sounding obsolete mathematical term that needs five blanks, has sixteen letters, so won't fit on the board, and isn't listed in our Scrabble dictionaries anyway!

So what is this remarkably useless word?

ZENZIZENZIZENIC the square of a squared square.

Could there possibly be any words of less use to a Scrabbler? Well, maybe, if you consider the likes of the well-known Hawaiian triggerfish the **HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUAA**, but that's another story.



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sqwug

COMPETITION CORNER

Mini-Super Challenge

This is a very simple one — only two words required and the prize will appeal to Pam Ayres fans.

The first person to provide me with an allowable 10-letter Scrabble word containing only 3 different letters, and a 15-letter word containing 5 different letters, will receive a copy of Pam Ayres' anthology *The Works*.

Entries to Jethro Snafflerod,
117 Pohutukawa Crescent, Whangamata.

Superchallenge Solution

- Nouns with six consecutive consonants include BERGSCHRUND, BORSCHTS, ESCHSCHOLTZIA, LENGTHSMAN, WATCHSTRAP and WATCHSPRING.
- SESTETTES is the 9-letter word containing only three different letter, each appearing three times.
- DERMATOGLYPHICS has fifteen different letters.
- SACROILITIS boasts four i's in the space of six letters.
- The 'tricky' one! *Chambers Dictionary* defines OM as "a sacred syllable intoned as part of Hindu devotion and contemplation". This sacred mantra is also used in other religions. According to *The Encyclopaedia Britannica* OM is

composed of three sounds, a - u - m, which represent several important triads, such as earth, atmosphere and heaven.

Several entrants solved the first three — Leila Thomson (LOH), Blue (Wairoa), Michael Vnuk (Queensland), Rob Talbot (MTA), and Nigel Richards (CHC).

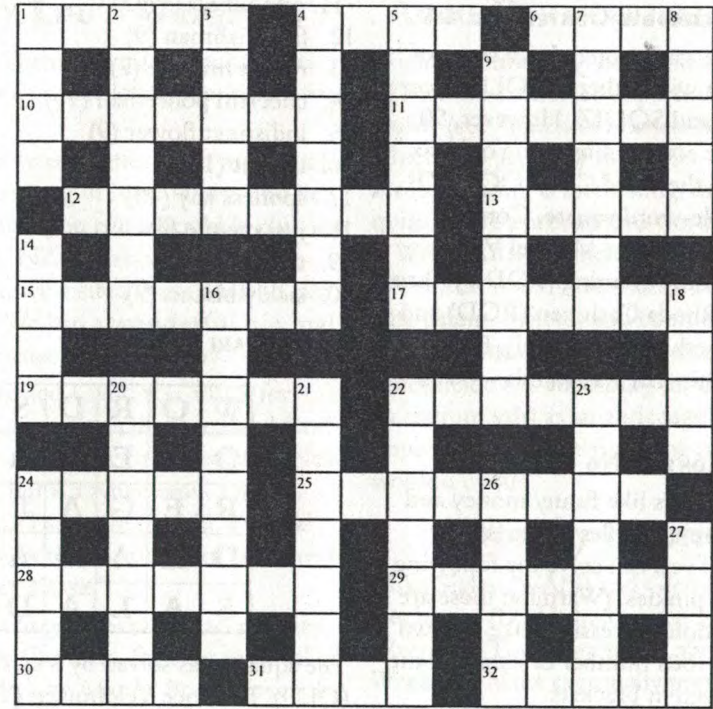
There were some good attempts at numbers 4 and 5. Leila supplied a list of multi-I words, including INDIVISIBILITIES, which is just too long for Scrabble. Michael coined the plausible BIKINIING, defined as "drawing bikinis on naked or scantily clad women in film posters", while Rob came up with the very clever SPECCY (as in 'four-eyed git!').

However we've decided to award the 'best try' prize of \$20 in petrol vouchers to Nigel, who actually found a real word (albeit a non-Scrabble one) containing four i's within six letters — ISIDIIFEROUS is a biological term in *Webster's*, meaning "bearing wartlike outgrowths". Well done, Nigel!

Scrabblers' Crossword

Patrick Carter of Mt Albert club compiles a weekly crossword for the Franklin County News. One of the problems a crossword setter has is fitting the last few words into the grid, and Patrick often finds the only words he can fit in at that stage are 'Scrabble' words which would be totally unfamiliar to the average puzzler.

Just for fun Patrick decided to go the other way and do a crossword where every word was as obscure as possible. The first person to solve it will receive a small prize, but beware — it looks very hard. Send your entries to the Editor.



Across

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| 1 | Work at Greek grammar (5) | 30 | Narrow gravel and sand ridges (4) | 16 | Hydrocarbon (8) |
| 4 | Chinese factory (4) | 31 | Fungus spore sacs (4) | 18 | Country lout (4) |
| 6 | Plant form presumed to have adapted to its environment (4) | 32 | Long cloak (5) | 20 | Vertebrate embryo (7) |
| | | | | 21 | Metallic mixtures obtained when smelting certain ores (7) |

Down

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|----|---|----|---------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| 10 | NZ plant (7) | 1 | Make a vibrating sound (4) | 22 | Petroleum distillation residue (7) |
| 11 | Homosexuality (7) | 2 | In front of the ear (7) | 23 | Whale (7) |
| 12 | Local anaesthetic (8) | 3 | Ancient Irish master (5) | 24 | Mild cigar (5) |
| 13 | Large blister (5) | 4 | Transparent substance (7) | 26 | Crazy (5) |
| 15 | Apathy (7) | 5 | Objects of intellectual intuition (7) | 27 | Hebrew unit of dry measure (4) |
| 17 | Having no tail (7) | 7 | Person of Spanish descent (7) | | |
| 19 | Chinese teas (7) | 8 | Slavic folk ballad (5) | | |
| 22 | Right to seize neutral territory in war (7) | 9 | Suburb (8) | | |
| 24 | Hovel (5) | 14 | Levantine ketch-like vessel (4) | | |
| 25 | Outer germ layer of an embryo (8) | | | | |
| 28 | Losses of will power (7) | | | | |
| 29 | Three days of prayer (7) | | | | |

Clues

1 Across is an anagram of POTTY and 32 Across an anagram of ALTAR. This might help get you started!



Solution: SCRABBLE CONTEST No 44

Several contestants noted that a score of 88 is possible with either COOLEST or OCELOTS and SQUIZ. However, 90 points can be achieved by using only six tiles to make the word COLLOQUIZE onto the triple-word square. Correct answers came in from Michael Vnuk (QLD), Dorothy Haining (ROD), Jethro Snafflerod, Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Delcie Macbeth (Coromandel). First name out of the hat was Rhoda — well done!

Scrabble Contest No 45

Rhyming phrases like funny money and local yokel are examples of the 'stinky pinky'. See if you can solve the following clued stinky pinkies. (Warning: these are not all common expressions like the two above). The total number of letters in the answer is given in brackets.

- Example:** naughty boy (6) = BAD LAD
royal bird (10) = REGAL EAGLE

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

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant
Waipatu Settlement Rd
RD 2
Hastings

1. angry kid (9)
2. gratis life-force (6)
3. destitute pro (9)
4. commy agent (6)
5. small pier (10)
6. imprisoned mate (11)
7. black boat (7)
8. honest condition (13)
9. ancient fungus (8)
10. bad boll-borer (10)

11. odd fireplace (12)
12. fast Irishman (9)
13. recent mistake (7)
14. cheerful policeman (10)
15. indistinct flower (9)
16. big bet (10)
17. spotless bay (10)
18. just couple (8)
19. thin crook (8)
20. sickly biscuit (9)

WORDSQUARE SOLUTION

W	O	R	D	S
O	P	E	R	A
R	E	G	A	L
D	R	A	M	A
S	A	L	A	D

The square was solved by Michael Vnuk (QLD), Florence Veldhuizen (TOK), Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Delcie Macbeth (Coromandel).

Winner of the draw was Michael — congratulations!

A Likely Story

Eccentric Scrabble fanatic Albert Lyar died on March 1, 1996. It was his 106th birthday. Shortly before his death, while enjoying a final nightcap, Albert made the following statement:

"I was given a Scrabble set for my fifth birthday, and from that day on I have played three games every day, except on my birthday when, like today, I get an extra two games in."

Assuming Albert's outrageous claim was true, how many games of Scrabble did he play during his lifetime?

The first correct entry received by the editor will receive a small prize.

MARY LOU'S ORIGINALS

Mary Lou Thurman of Lubbock, Texas, has written us a nice letter. Here are a few excerpts:

"I just received a letter from my friend Phil Rosenberg in New Jersey, and he told me that you run a Scrabble club in Hastings, NZ. I wish we had known this when we visited New Zealand last January! We had a wonderful trip, and hope to come back some day.

Phil suggested I send you a flier for Scrabble accessories that I make. I have never sent anything to Australia or New Zealand, but if anyone would like something I am sure I could. I would also enjoy receiving a copy of your next newsletter please."

Mary Lou's original Scrabble accessories include Tile Catchers, for easy removal of tiles from de luxe boards, Book Covers for dictionaries, etc., personalised Scrabble Tote Bags and Tile Bags with all sorts of motifs and messages (eg 'I ♥ this game!'), as well as Clock Covers and sets of the American Protiles. All items come in a variety of styles and colours.

If anyone would like a copy of the brochure, please let me know. The items do look most attractive.

We have sent Mary Lou a complimentary copy of the December *Forwards*.



ACRO-PORTMANTEAU WORD

Michael Vnuk of Queensland writes, "There are a number of portmanteau words (see September *Forwards*, p 9) which you probably know, but one I came across recently is interesting, though not quite a pure portmanteau word. The word is WARFARIN, which comes from Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (the patent owners) and coumarin (an anti-coagulant). Warfarin is used as a rodenticide and medically (in the form of its sodium salt) as an anticoagulant. You'd hope they'd use the right one on you, wouldn't you?"

WORTHY MENTION

Mike Sigley (WAN) and Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) had a great game at the Wanganui Tournament at Labour Weekend. Mike eventually prevailed by 592—460, with the combined score of 1052 being just 8 points short of the New Zealand record. What is almost certainly a first is that eight bonus words were played in the game — four each.



There are hundreds of words that take an a-hook in front. Here are a dozen of the more unusual ones to dazzle your opponent.

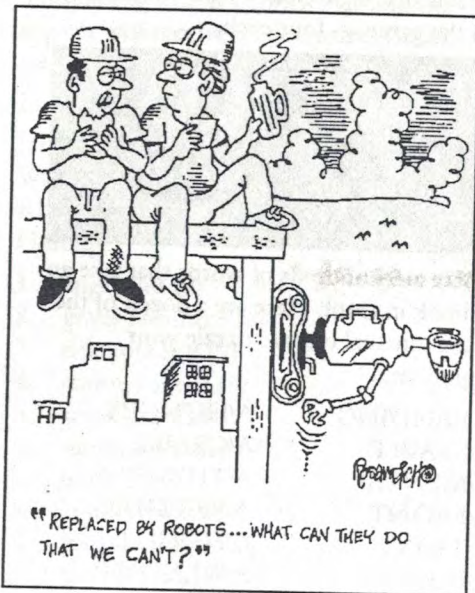
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|-----------|------------|
| A/BANDING | A/HUNGRY |
| A/STABLE | A/CRAWL |
| A/MENTAL | A/THROB |
| A/FRONT | A/PERIODIC |
| A/TWIXT | A/HEIGHT |
| A/RIPPLE | A/WEATHER |

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Robot Banter

Thanks to our ever vigilant Wordsmiths, who kindly check our lists in their effort to learn all those words that other people won't know, the following amendments should be made if you have got lists printed prior to August 1996:

Deletion: STEERES Delete from 7F, LPL7, LP7A, ALL7A

Additions: EARTHILY
PLOWLAND Add to 8F,
SALLIERS ALL8A
CENTRALS

Good Find!

In a recent game against the computer Jeff had a 50-point lead on a blocked board and was looking good for a win. Maven had other ideas though, using ANA to fashion a brilliant winning play with the word INTRANASAL!

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Hall of SHAME

FROM US SCRABBLE NEWS, SEPTEMBER 1996

David Goodman (NY) writes: "I felt I was playing well in this particular game and had built up nearly a 100-point lead with no tiles left in the bag. Both I and my opponent had seven on our racks. I had the Q, and could find only one spot to play it. My opponent played WAS at that spot, scoring 30+ points. I looked at the word, and in my mind pronounced it WAHS, then reasoned, rather logically, that WA is not a word, so how could you pluralise it? I decided to challenge it, and confidently wrote WAS on the challenge slip.

As fate would have it, a young boy of about 8 or 9 was collecting the challenge slips. When he arrived at my table and saw what I had written on the slip he shouted out incredulously, "You're challenging the word WAS?!!!" Probably most of the 50 or so players in the room turned to see who the numskull was who didn't know the word WAS. I, of course, immediately realised my error and, beet-faced, crumpled up the slip and muttered, "never mind."

My opponent then added injury to insult by playing out with another 30+ point play, received an extra 34 from my unplayed tiles, and won the game!"



After an absence from club due to a minor hospital stay, Nelson Scrabbler Pat Johnstone received a get-well card featuring this clever cartoon. It was devised by Timothy, son of staunch Nelson club-member Bridget Cooper.

NEW 3-GAME RECORD

Nigel Richards set a new New Zealand record for a 3-game aggregate at the Christchurch Club on November 22. He achieved scores of 618, 531 and 656 in totalling 1805 points, which beats the previous record of 1761 set by Glenyss Buchanan of Lower Hutt.

ANAGRAM CORNER Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example GOUTY to GUYOT and OBDURES to ROSEBUD. On a higher level someone RUM-ROUSED could be MURDEROUS.

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

Jeff's ANAGRAM

by THE DRAGON LADY
aka PAT HUTCHISON (HAS)

JEFFREY LLOYDD JAGTON GRANT

TRY LEND JET OF JOY GRAND FLAG

VALERIE SCOTT	RELATIVE COST
MAURINE SULLIVAN	UNIVERSAL ALUMNI
MARCUS PEARSON	SPURS ON CAMERA
ELAINE KING	AILING KNEE
PAM BARLOW	RAW APLOMB
BRIAN HORSLEY	HORRIBLY SANE

MEMORIES OF GEORGIE

by LYNNE POWELL
NORTH SHORE BAYS

"Twas more than 20 years ago that I saw the ad in the local paper — Scrabble Tournament YMCA Sunday afternoon, all welcome. It was there I met this wonderful lady, Georgie Offringa. A lady who thought everyone was beautiful, life was wonderful and all food was yum! Many Scrabblers will recall some of my fond memories.

- ◆ Norfolk Island where Georgie found paradise. "Did you know that an author lives on this island?" David Pinner had been waiting to meet her for years and Georgie beat him to it. Sitting on the beach — Georgie in her new leather jacket and me in my bikini! Smuggling the smorgasbord food from the hotel down to the boys in the bar as they had nothing to eat.
- ◆ Hamilton and the great 'Water' skit. Making toastie pies in our Riverina Hotel room for supper after the Nationals. The bottles of Marque Vue sitting in the bath at Parklands.
- ◆ Tokoroa, the best weekends of the lot, where we stayed at the camping ground, played Scrabble all day and all night, then went to the tournament and bombed out. [Not always — Georgie won the 1986 event, ahead of Mike Sigley and Charlie Curl.—Ed] Had Chinese takeaways for tea, supper and breakfast and the decanted Marque Vue to go with it.
- ◆ Wanganui where she announced at the restaurant that she had won Lotto and was going to shout everyone dinner.

- ◆ Her 60th birthday party which was the best one we had ever been to with the wonderful music.

The fight back to tournament Scrabble after being diagnosed with cancer showed what a courageous lady she was and it was an honour to share her last tournament in Hamilton where she played in the A Grade, enjoyed her Kentucky Fried and of course her Marque Vue.

When I spoke to Georgie after the Wanganui tournament, she said that her next game of Scrabble would be with Charlie Curl and she was right. No doubt she'll introduce him to the new word lists but time clocks won't be necessary as they have eternity.



Georgie Offringa

GEORGIE OFFRINGA

SOME SPECIAL THOUGHTS
FROM THE HAMILTON CLUB

What did Georgie mean to most people?

We remember her being **Gutsy, Energetic, Outrageous, Remarkable, Gracious, Inspirational and Exceptional.**

Her little anecdotes in *Forwards* will be really missed. We tried very hard to keep the entertainment up at the Nationals and I guess we will have to try a bit harder now because she will be watching us.

Her sense of humour when the chips were down was something else.

Yes, Georgie, you were a much-loved member of the NZ Scrabble crowd and your presence at tournaments will be missed. Our thoughts are with you all at North Shore in the loss of your beloved member.

FAREWELL GEORGIE

FROM ALLIE

Very dear friend and Scrabble mate.

*The tiles were stacked against you,
You did your very best.
But then the good Lord whispered
"Georgie, come home to rest."
We Scrabblers won't forget you
As we journey to and fro.
You can watch us from above
Whilst we Scrabble down below.*

Rest in peace.

AUCKLAND HOME TOURNAMENT

by MARGARET BUNDOCK

A Grade	Wins	Score
1 Patrick Carter	56	32528
2 Glennis Hale	49	32332
3 Glynis Jennings	46	32249
4 Sheryl Davidson	42	30883
5 Chris Hooks	38	29028
6 June Mackwell	34	30795
7 Peter Jones	34	30581
8 Val Mills	29	29465
9 Allie Quinn	27	28249
B Grade		
1 Maureen Holliday	23	12442
2 Margaret Bundock	21	12156
3 Rob Talbot	18	12230
4 Margaret Simpson	16	12189
5 Shirley Wyatt	15	11843
6 Anna Geange	14	12288
7 Mary Carr	13	11371
8 Irene Hague-Smith	12	11526
9 Joan Pratt	12	11480
C Grade		
1 Leanne Field	28	14918
2 Karyn McDougall	20	14145
3 Hazel Purdie	20	13107
4 Daph Curl	19	12528
5 Marianne Patchett	19	12161
6 Liz Catchpole	17.5	12756
7 Sue Walker	17	13770
8 Margaret Mourant	15	12957
9 Leonora Cole	12	10760
10 Adrienne McKeown	8.5	11840
D Grade		
1 Mary Gray	17	9146
2 Trish Hellriegel	15	8597
3 Elaine King	13	8857
4 Lil Moore	12.5	8460
5 Alistair McDougall	12	8370
6 Jean McDougall	11.5	8018
7 Angela Brett	11	6720
8 Kate Wignall	9	8411
9 Vera Burner	4	7320

These are the final results of this year's Home Tournament. As can be seen from the above, Patrick in Grade A & Leanne in Grade C both won very convincingly. Grade B & Grade D were much closer battles, only decided in the last round.

My congratulations to all the winners, and commiserations to the runners-up (not losers), because we were all winners at some stage in the Tournament.

CLUB NEWS

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

by Bill Griqq

August

Welcome back Glen Madigan and his fiancée Heather Cowie. Robert Jones competed in the Special Olympics in Queenstown, coming 2nd in the downhill event. In R/R Kendall Boyd scored 532 (including 5 bonuses) to beat Bill Grigg 411. Over two games Kendall played 7 bonuses in thirteen turns.

September

We finally farewelled (not allowed in Scrabble!) Anne Stewart, who has gone to live in Perth. Harry Thoms, one of nature's gentlemen, has retired from Scrabble — he will be missed by all. Peter Sinton scored 558 and 444 against me in successive games. (It has been suggested I take up marbles or tiddly winks — cheeky sods!) Only two Dunedin Scrabblers ventured to Christchurch for the Canterbury Open. Peter Sinton won all his games in A Grade, while Ann Hough (Nelson) had her 2nd grade win in a row. Nigel Richards (CHC) won every game in his first tournament, and Mary Lennon (CHC) in her first event played ZABTIEH — what a word! Christchurch had 27 of their members playing — a great turnout. Thanks to ChCh club for your hospitality and a well-run tournament enjoyed by all.

Quiz

What words do the following racks make?

- (1) AENRRTY (2) AFFIITX
(3) AHOPSTW (4) DEIIRTT
(5) DEIINRS

Answers after November news.

October

Bill Wood scored 176 for a single turn, while Marian Ross lost 422-435. I hit the big '50'. Elvira Steel played in the Wanganui tournament.

November Dunedin Open

Peter Sinton won the trophy with 10 wins and an average of 458, with Paul Lister (CHC) 2nd on 9 wins, and Bob Johnstone (NEL) 3rd on 7 wins. Thanks to Christchurch club for their continued great support, and to the four Nelson competitors who came so far. Thanks also to Valerie Pinchin (CHC) and our own Marian Ross for all their work.

SPECIAL MENTION

Nigel Richards of Christchurch worked all day on the Friday, then cycled to Dunedin after work. Arriving in the early hours, he had a swim then came straight to the tournament. He was undefeated over 2 days of Scrabble, scoring 24 bonus words in 10 games and averaging a phenomenal 512 points per game. [This is unprecedented in NZ Scrabble — Ed.] A truly awesome performance. After the tourney Nigel went sightseeing then cycled back to Christchurch. There's dedication for you. He has now played in two events and is yet to be beaten. Look out, all you A graders!

QUIZ ANSWERS

- (1) TERNARY (2) FIXATIF
(3) WASHPOT (4) TRITIDE
(5) INSIDER

Competition Results

Round Robin	P	W	Ave
1 Peter Sinton	58	45	436
2 Bill Grigg	68	29	381
3 Glennie Jamieson	60	26.5	377

Ladder

1 Glennie Jamieson	17	8	388
2 Bill Wood	15	9	368
3 John Bell	21	4	337

Challenge

1 Kendall Boyd	4	4	469
2 Peter Jones (MTA)	3	2	469
3 Robert Jones	16	13	430

Dictionary

1 Anne Stewart	3	3	454
2 Alan Boyd	46	40	433
3 Glen Madigan	6	5	416

Club Highlights 1996

Kendall Boyd won NZ Masters at his first attempt, and was runner-up to Jeff Grant in the Nationals. Peter Sinton is our club champion again — a title he has held 1990-96. Peter also came runner-up in the Masters making it a quinella for the host club. Both players made the NZ team for the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Sydney. Peter Sinton also won the Canterbury Open and the Dunedin Open events, and Bill Grigg won the Otago Open Champs. On a sadder note, we were sorry to lose Anne Stewart, Alan Boyd and Harry Thoms this year.

Club Secretary

Please note our new secretary is:

Marian Ross,
3 Newhaven St,
Dunedin
(03-473-8579)

1997 Tournament

Otago Open Championship June 21
Dunedin Open Nov 1-2

Many thanks to Jeff and Glenda for all their efforts in producing *Forwards* magazine. It is very much appreciated. Enjoy yourselves over Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Happy Scrabble

Nelson

by LYN DAWSON

Trustbank Grant

We have just been granted \$600 by Trustbank Canterbury for the purchase of deluxe boards and time clocks. This will give us a tremendous boost. One condition of the grant is that we become affiliated to an incorporated society, and as these are thin on the ground in local Scrabble circles we are in the process of becoming affiliated ourselves. The Empire begins ...

Handicapping

We have a wide range of ability within the club and needed a way to ensure everybody was encouraged to keep playing, and with a chance to win. Grading was rejected because we felt our numbers were too limited and it would restrict our opportunities to not only improve play but also to socialise.

Therefore we devised a system which has evolved to a fairly effective way of keeping everyone on their toes. Top players may face opponents with anything up to a 150-point head start and those with a lower average score have a fairly good chance of winning games. We believe it has helped retain players as, without it, some would have been discouraged. It has definitely contributed to an improvement in play as we are all keen to see our handicaps reduced and the handicapper occasionally faces a tough grilling from those

who feel they should be better placed! [The Nelson handicapping system sounds very effective. If any other clubs would like to know the finer points of this system just write to Lyn Dawson, 73 Tosswill Rd., Tahunanui, Nelson.]

Travel Fund

Because of the high cost of travel to almost anywhere else, we have begun a weekly raffle to cover or help towards the costs of travel for tournaments — \$1 buys a ticket in some baking, preserves or other donated item, and this has been very successful.

Club Tournament

The winner of our local club tournament in mid-October was Pat Johnstone with 4 wins from 6 games, and an average of 381.

REPORT ON CANTERBURY OPEN

by Shirley Hol and Margaret Lyall

Christchurch Club's one-day tournament held on 14 September was an enjoyable and successful event, with four grades, each having eight players.

The venue was again the Huntsbury Community Centre, with its superb view of the city, alps and sea as a bonus, though gazing at the scenery still did not help us to recall that elusive word.

Nigel Richards, a promising young Christchurch player, won all seven games in his grade, and, having the highest averages against his closest opponent, was therefore presented with the Christchurch Realty trophy, which is awarded annually to a Christchurch Club member.

We were pleased to welcome four out-of-town competitors — Peter Sinton and Bill Grigg from Dunedin (who were placed first and third respectively in A grade), and

Ann Hough and Lyn Dawson from Nelson. (Ann was the winner of B Grade, and Lyn came seventh in the same grade.)

Results appear later in this issue.

Among the more unusual words played during the day were: DARIOLES, ESTRIOLS, NITERIES, KALTIAS, and PISTOLE, of which only KALTIAS is incorrect. (An 'm' should replace the 't'.)

Anyone who has been involved in organising a tournament will be aware of the work entailed, but the pleasurable feeling when the event runs smoothly and concludes without incident makes the effort truly worthwhile.

In conclusion we would like to have a good response from other clubs in May next year, and we'll do our best to offer memorable hospitality.

Wellington Regional Tournament

by Glenda Foster

A successful tournament was hosted by the Capital Scrabble Club on 13 October. Players from Capital, Wellington, Lower Hutt, Masterton and Avalon clubs participated in the one-day 7 game tournament. The format was a Swiss draw where at the end of each round the top players in each grade were matched against each other. The draw was made easier by having a computer programme available from Barry Harridge (Australia).

The winner of the open grade was Bill Barclay (LOH) on 6 wins, with Lynn Wood (WEL) and Glenda Foster (WEL) second and third on 5 wins. In the novice grade Jane Gannaway (CAP) won on 4 wins and runner-up was Michael Hyndman (CAP).

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Elsie's Euchring

At the end of August Christchurch Scrabblers Elsie Malkin travelled up to Wanganui to take part in a New Zealand-wide Euchre Championship. The tournament was run through the Chartered Clubs and 200 competitors attended.

Elsie was part of an 8-person team which played 36 games on the Saturday. After adding up all the scores they were declared 'Team Champions' for 1996 — a great thrill for all concerned!

On the Sunday a further 18 games were played and when the scores were tallied Elsie was in equal top position with a lady from Oxford. They had a 3-game playoff and Elsie eventually finished runner-up. A brilliant effort to cap off a very successful weekend for the Christchurch Scrabble/euchre exponent.

Mooloo Mania

Keen Hamilton Scrabblers Daph Watson hit the news recently. The enthusiastic 79-year-old has been ringing her cowbells for the Waikato rugby team for over 50 years and in September featured in a *Waikato Times* article on rugby fans. Daph appeared in full red, black and yellow Mooloo regalia flanked by three of the brash and burly new breed of supporter — "young, gobby-mouthed, stropky, face-painted, chanting, crusading, larger-than-life eccentrics".

Daph is a life member of the Waikato Rugby Supporters Club and even darns the players' socks. There could be no greater expression of commitment than that.

"The young ones make a great crowd these days — they're fun", says Daph, "but if I'd dressed like that when I was their age

my husband would have told me not to be so damned stupid!"

Fandom is the common thread uniting an arthritic granny and beer-swilling scarfies. Though Daph has watched and supported Waikato for as long as she can remember, she really turned 'hardcore' when her husband died 21 years ago.

"I needed something, and rugby and Scrabble have become my life now," she says. Good on you, Daph!



Daph Watson and other supporters

That Takes the Cake



From *The Word Book* by Gyles Brandreth

1996 NORFOLK ISLAND

Norfolk Island (CONQUERED AT LAST)

by ELAINE MOLTZEN
(HAMILTON)

For the past 5 years I have suggested to my better half that we go to the Scrabble Festival. "No way," was his reply, "my first trip out of New Zealand is not going to be Norfolk Island and definitely not with Scrabble players." This year I managed to twist his arm and in May we proceeded to get ready for our long-awaited trip.

Lesson No 1. Make sure you have a passport, preferably a year in advance. Tony applies for his, gets his birth certificate granted first go, fills out all the important data and passport arrives three weeks later. Friends start asking, "Have you got your passport yet?" "Yes," says Tony, "I'm going, not sure about Elaine though", and he laughs.

June 1996 — Elaine still trying to get her birth certificate. Application has come back from Napier, it appears I haven't been born. End of June, application sent to Head Office in Lower Hutt and 2 weeks later still no birth certificate. Tony still laughing — "Well, at least I'm going." At last, well into July it arrives and I can finally apply for my passport. I fill out all the important data and guess what? Mid-August everything arrives back as I've filled in three areas incorrectly. Tony smiles and says at least he's still going. Problem areas get sorted out and the first week in September my passport arrives. I smile and say "Guess what? We're both

going — do you still want to come?" **Lesson No 2.** Have a good time. Our trip started off well thanks to Glennis Hale's mum Alveen putting us up for the first night and taking care of our car while we were away. The Eighth Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival attracted 44 travellers from NZ and Australia and didn't we have a wonderful time. We were sorted into 5 grades of eight and played 21 games over five days. We also fitted in Knockout games in our own time. The rest of our spare time was spent sightseeing and there



Tony Moltzen with the wahoo he caught

SCRABBLE FESTIVAL



Elaine Moltzen (centre) with tournament organisers Glennis Hale (left) and Jeff Grant (right)

was plenty of shopping. Most evenings were spent at restaurants or going on organised tours.

Two outings we went on were just awesome. One evening we went with others on a bus out to a cliff-top for a fresh fish fry. When we arrived we were greeted by a delightful wee boy only 3 years old, who helped us off the bus. "Hello", he said, "I'm Talison and I'm a helper." There were five beautifully set tables, wine and fruit juice topped off with a lovely selection of fresh salads and fish and apple pie and cream. Dora from Australia stood out on the cliff edge and entertained us with her flute. The evening was completed with a beautiful sunset. Paradise at its best.

Another neat evening was the progressive dinner. We had sherry and nibbles, entree and dessert at three private homes and dinner at a restaurant. The owner was dressed in his work boots and shorts and

gave us a lovely dinner in a very relaxed atmosphere. The locals were very friendly and we were made most welcome in their homes.

New experiences are certainly to the fore on Norfolk Island. Things are so peaceful and safe. You can go shopping and leave your parcels in the car unlocked and there are no rules and

regulations. You don't even have to wear a seatbelt. We really can't say enough about our trip. The organisation was great, with many thanks to Jeff and Glennis who filled in at the last minute. June Mackwell did NZ proud by coming second in the A grade and was overall NZ champ. Bob Jackman from Australia won the A grade and we hope he will take up the offer of coming to NZ with his new wife Liz for the Nationals. Come on you Aussies, take up the challenge and cross the ditch next June for our annual champs.

I guess I could finish this with a few memorable funnies. June Ward went shopping and it wasn't till she was back in her unit that she found she had been wearing odd shoes. Her next act was even better — back from shopping again she didn't recognise some of the things in her unit, but it was only when she went to place some clothes in her drawer that she realised that she was in the **wrong** unit!

Tony falling asleep on the stage was another classic. He had been fishing and after celebrating his rather large catch with Robin and Ian the ho-hum of watching us Scrabblers was too much. The next day the celebrating continued and he did very well, managing to cook ten of us fresh fish for dinner.

Yes, it was a great week — good company, good shopping, great Scrabble. Start saving all you folks that haven't experienced this Kiwi-Aussie occasion. It's good fun and worth the money.

PS Even Tony thinks Scrabblers are a pretty good bunch (I've been trying to tell him that for years!).

RESULTS

	Wins	Points	B/W
Anson Bay			
1 Bob Jackman (A)	18	9034	30
2 June Mackwell (NZ)	14	8111	29
3 Fae Olson (NZ)	13.5	8572	29
4 Yvonne Wilson (NZ)	10.5	7585	17
5 Helen Sillis (NZ)	10	8262	26
6 Doreen O'Shea (NZ)	9	7779	19
7 Anna Geange (NZ)	5	7607	25
8 Liz Jackman (A)	4	6984	12
Ball Bay			
1 Correne James (NZ)	17	8168	22
2 Joan Colburt (A)	12	8569	39
3 Elaine Moltzen (NZ)	12	8037	32
4 Don Marshall (A)	11	7946	18
5 Ruth O'Neill (NZ)	10	8069	16
6 Patti Ashwin (A)	8.5	7425	26
7 Fay Grose (A)	7.5	7531	14
8 Jean Powell (A)	6	7288	12
Cascade Bay			
1 Alison Rae (A)	15	7982	21
2 Michael Adler (A)	14	7369	14
3 Liz Catchpole (NZ)	12	8065	20
4 Marianne Patchett (NZ)	12	7866	21
5 Jack Ashwin (A)	11	7584	15
6 June Ward (NZ)	10	7508	12
7 Shirley Pelham (A)	6.5	7221	18
8 Dora Bull (A)	3.5	6773	5
Duncombe Bay			
1 Graeme Lock Lee (A)	19	8522	31
2 Yvonne Doughty (A)	15	8184	22
3 Jo Phillips (A)	14	7856	14

	Wins	Points	B/W
4 Vivi Greenwood (A)	13	7555	16
5 Roma Greenwood (A)	8	7181	9
6 Joan Murphy (A)	6	6556	5
7 Shirley Marshall (A)	5	6650	8
8 Alister McGregor (A)	4	6243	1
Emily Bay			
1 David Etherington (A)	15.5	7176	9
2 Vera Burner (NZ)	12	6695	3
3 Merriss Adler (A)	12	6483	1
4 Ed Olson (NZ)	10.5	6861	9
5 Sheila Molony (A)	9	6581	6
6 Pam de Jager (A)	4	5739	3
Most Unusual Word			
WESKITS	Joan Colburt (A)		
Highest Individual Game Score			
546	Elaine Moltzen (NZ)		
Highest Scoring Word			
126 (ZESTING)	Doreen O'Shea (NZ)		
Knockout			
Winner	Yvonne Doughty (A)		
Runner-up	Michael Adler (A)		
Consolation Knockout			
Winner	June Mackwell (NZ)		
Runner-up	Graeme Lock Lee (A)		
Sportsperson			
Word Puzzles	Dora Bull (A)		
1st			
Dead Rat Lane Scrabblers			
2nd			
007			
3rd			
Joan and Jo			
Team Trophy			
Australia			



A Grade winner Bob Jackman (centre) with Glennis Hale and Jeff Grant

The Norfolk Island Scrabble Deck of Cards

by ELAINE MOLTZEN
HAMILTON

In September 1996 a group of Kiwis travelled across the Tasman to a very popular Scrabble Festival. Everyone was on their best behaviour until the last day. All but one were busy packing up when Glennis spied Elaine playing cards in the corner. Glennis asked, "Why are you playing cards instead of clearing your unit and packing your bags like everyone else?" Elaine just laughed and carried on. Glennis said, "You'd better have a good excuse or you will be punished more than any Scrabble player has ever been." The threat was no more trips to Norfolk for Scrabble. Elaine said, "These cards are my secret Scrabble dictionary and my memento of the past week I have spent here on Norfolk Island." With a glint in her eye she started her story. "Glennis," she said, "when I see the Ace I think of Tony and the huge fish he caught. Remember that lovely meal he cooked, even though he had over-celebrated?"

When I see the 2 I think of June Ward and the 2 odd shoes she wore out on the town one afternoon.

When I see the 3 I think of the 3 beautiful homes we visited on the progressive dinner and the 3 charming couples who gave us their hospitality.

When I see the 4 I think of the 4 honeymooners from Australia that had more than Scrabble on their minds.

When I see the 5 I think of the 5 ladies in

unit 46 — June, Yvonne, Doreen, Anna and Liz always had the Scrabble board out and were always last to bed.

When I see the 6 I think of those 6 games I won on the first day. Someone forgot to tell me how to keep it up for the rest of the tournament!

When I see the 7 I think of the 007 Team from New Plymouth who came second in the word-puzzle competition. Most of us Kiwis found the puzzles impossible — not that lot though.

When I see the 8 I think of the 8 days we spent on Norfolk Island. It has to be the best way to have a week off in the annual calendar. Also many thanks to all those who organised this great festival — the 8th one to be held on Norfolk.

I can't come up with anything for the 9, but I guess you could mention 9 lives. I'm sure everyone here has them. It's so safe and relaxing you could probably live forever.

When I see the 10 I think of the evening fish fry we went on — 10/10 for excellence.

When I see the Jack I think of young Talison, the 3-year-old who's got the makings of being a Jack of all trades. So much confidence and such great self-esteem at such a young age.

When I see the Queen I think of June Mackwell, second in the A Grade and overall NZ Champ and winner of the Consolation Knockout.

When I see the King I think of Bob Jackman — overall winner of the tournament.

When I see the joker I think of Dora Bull from Australia, this year's sportsperson of the week. Her flute went everywhere with her and she was affectionately

known by everyone as A-Dora-Bull. Remember those sexy words she and her opponents came up with in their games?" Elaine went on to say to Glennis, "In my deck of cards there are 12 picture cards and they remind me of the other 12 players from NZ who were such great fun to mix with. The 52 cards remind me of how many weeks I have to wait until I can come back next year. There are 13 tricks and that's definitely the 13 of us that

played here this year. The 4 suits make me think of David and Dorothy Pinner who organised this trip and Glennis and Jeff who took over at the last moment and did a sterling job of making sure everything ran so smoothly.

And so you see Glennis, if I didn't get this written now I would have missed the plane home and that's why everyone else is doing the work, and friends this story is true 'cause Jeff told me so."

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As I write this I have only just today returned from our exciting expedition to Sydney to compete in the inaugural Trans-Tasman Challenge. Although we did not manage to win the shield we were never outclassed and still had a fighting chance to win going into the final round. Congratulations to Mike Sigley for finishing third and taking the trophy for the leading New Zealander, and special congratulations to our surprise package, Chris Hooks, for finishing just behind Mike in fourth place overall.

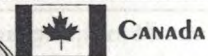
I am now in the midst of packing my goods and chattels to move to sunny Whangamata to commence my retirement. However, I do not intend to disappear from the Scrabble scene and will continue to be a regular tournament player. It is one of my little ambitions to

start a local club and perhaps emulate the success of Bob and Pat Johnstone in Nelson. I will investigate the possibilities once I settle in but in the meantime, to stop me getting rusty, I would like to issue an open invitation to all Scrabblers to drop in for a game should you find yourself in the vicinity of Whangamata. If I'm not home try one of the two local golf courses.

On behalf of myself and Gerald, Allie and Bev I wish to thank our ex-officio workers, Jeff, Glenda, Margaret and Howard for their great work throughout the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and fruitful New Year with plenty of S's and blanks.

Merry Christmas All
John Foster

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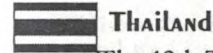
CANADA

Adam Logan, a graduate student at Harvard and current US National Champ, has

won the first Canadian Scrabble Championship.

In a very close competition where the lead changed several times, Adam recovered from a 7-4 record to win his last seven games, taking the preliminaries 14-4. This earned him a place in the finals against former US and World Champion Peter Morris, who was 2nd in the prelims with 13 wins.

Adam won the best-of-five game final 3-1 from Peter, and took home \$5,000 prize-money.



THAILAND

The 12th Thailand International Scrabble Championship takes place from January 30 - February 2, 1997, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok. First prize is around US \$10,000, so that's quite an incentive to top players. The likes of Sam Kantimathi (US), Mark Nyman (England) and Naween Fernando (Bahrain) have competed in past events.

The tournament attracts a huge number of participants — around a thousand in fact! However only a fraction play in the expert division. One drawback is that the American Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (2nd Ed.) is the sole reference, and another interesting point is that each player is allowed only 22 minutes of playing time per game, instead of the usual 25.



SAUDI ARABIA

A 'Scrabble Showdown' sponsored by the Riyadh Scrabble Group was held in September. This event is a prelude to the Saudi 'Scrabble Superstar '96' competition, the winner of which will represent Saudi Arabia at the 1997 World Scrabble Champs. Peter Arreola of the Jeddah Scrabble League participated in London in 1995, finishing in 57th place.

Professor Mouztafah Monib Sindab of Imarantaon International Inc. emerged triumphant in the 'Scrabble Showdown'. When the smoke cleared at the packed Mughal's Mansion in Riyadh he had swept the field in a four-round Swiss-draw format. Prof. Sindab averaged 433 points per game, and apart from the Championship Trophy also claimed prizes for the Highest Game Score (499), Best Single Move (97—DEWIEST), and most bonus words (7).

President of the Riyadh Scrabble Group, Abdul Majeed Khan, was the only 3-game winner, and thus grabbed the runner-up spot, ahead of Kamran Ahmed Khan, Elvis Ascara, and Henry Pacifico, the Intercontinental Hotel Scrabble Champion who finished 7th in the 1996 Gulf tournament.

[Our thanks to Prof. Sindab for supplying this information.]

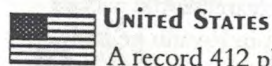


AUSTRALIA

The Victorian Champs in June were won for the 3rd time by Roger Blom with 16 wins from 19 games. Second was Alistair Kane on 13 wins, on a countback from John Barker and Jim Warmington. Steve Sunter stated in the September Across the Board magazine that his favourite word of the weekend was FORZANDI, which takes a front S-

hook. The longest word played was EXCHANGERS, which doesn't take a front S-hook!

The second section of the tournament was won by a remarkable 91-year-old called Bil Rose. Despite his share of setbacks nothing keeps Bil away from Scrabble for long. The day after the event he was admitted to hospital to have both knees operated on — not a consequence of any tough play we're assured! Bil is often seen giving encouragement and inspiration to 'younger' players.



UNITED STATES

A record 412 players from 37 states of the US, 7 Canadian provinces and 5 foreign countries competed in the 1996 American National Scrabble Championship in Dallas, Texas. As reported in our last issue, the runaway winner was Canadian Adam Logan, ahead of Americans Marlon Hill and Joe Edley.

There were many others taking part that you may have heard of. Brian Cappelletto (2nd 1991 World Champs) was 4th, and Bob Lipton (4th 1995 World Champs) 7th. Thai player Charawit Sumrattaaporn was top overseas finisher in 8th spot, while current World Champ David Boys of Canada was 15th. One more win would have pushed him up to 7th!

Former winner Joel Wapnick came in 19th, with 1991 World Champ Peter Morris filling 27th place. Runner-up in the 1995 World Champs, Joel Sherman, finished 29th, one position ahead of former American champ Bob Felt. Another former winner Rita Norr was 47th, and Canadian World Champs competitor Robin Pollock 58th. Top Nigerian Femi Awowade could manage only 95th spot, while the current Australian double dictionary champ Tony

Sim of Singapore did extremely well to win the tough Division 2 section.

World Champs 1991 runner-up Brian Cappelletto swept the field in an invitation tournament held in mid-June. Brian won all 17 games, finishing 4 wins clear of Mike Baron. An amazing feat!

On May 28 Milwaukee Scrabbler Joe Koczan played CRAZIEST on a triple-triple for 311 points at his local club. This is the highest-scoring non-phony single move in American club or tournament history.



UNITED KINGDOM

The British Matchplay Championship was held in Nottingham from 23-26 August. Most top UK players attended with former World Champ Mark Nyman emerging as the winner, ahead of Andrew Fisher and Barry Grossman.

The ratings directly after this event have the top six British players as Allan Saldanha, David Acton, Gareth Williams, Russell Byers, Mark Nyman and Clive Spate.



SINGAPORE

Thong Yew Kee won the 1996 Singapore National Championship ahead of regular World Champs competitor Tony Sim with Michael Tang in 3rd place.

Tony Kiat Ann is secretary of the newly-formed Singapore Scrabble Association. He is a true Scrabble enthusiast, in fact one corner of his flat is a veritable Scrabble shrine, containing no fewer than six Scrabble sets, including a gold-tiled collectors' edition, a Scrabble watch, several trophies, and various books about the game.

Mr Tan was introduced to Scrabble by his

eldest sister, and plays regularly with a brother who lives nearby. His wife plays too and he intends teaching his 16-month-old daughter the game as well. In fact he has already started teaching her the alphabet using Scrabble tiles.

It seems, however, that fewer people in Singapore are playing the game now. In 1987 the Singapore Scrabble Champs attracted 340 participants, but these days competitions average around 250. This is something Mr Tan hopes the new Scrabble Association can redress.

The aim of the Association is to promote Scrabble and raise Singapore's profile in world competitions. It currently consists of 12 enthusiasts who plan a school Scrabble programme, a newsletter and more tournaments. They also want to bring tournament rules and dictionaries into line with international standards.

Ten years down the track Mr Tan hopes to see Scrabble clubs in all four corners of the island, and looking further into the future they would like to hold a World Championship in Singapore one day.

[From a report in *The Straits Times* newspaper, September 28, 1996, kindly sent to us by Paddy Glen of Rodney club.]



NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Scrabble Championship was both organised and won by Anne Clenaghan, ahead of Danny McMullan and Stephen McGeown.



BELGIUM

Christian Pierre won his 8th Belgian National title in May with a score of 4773 from a possible 4790 playing Duplicate Scrabble in French. Previous champ Vincent de Ceuninck could manage only 8th place.



FRANCE

Belgian champion Christian Pierre won the World French Scrabble Championship in Aix-les-Bains in July for the 4th time. French champ Nicholas Grellet was runner-up and Aurelien Kermarrec 3rd. Grellet combined with Franck Maniquant to win the Pairs event. Over 600 players competed this year in various sections, and plans are already underway for a Millenium Championship in Paris.



SOUTH AFRICA

The 1996 South African National Champs held in October were won by Dylan Early.

World Champs 1997

The 4th World Scrabble Championship will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C. from Thursday November 20, 1997 through to Monday 24th.

The format will include a Swiss-paired tournament of 18 - 21 rounds to determine the two finalists, who lock horns in a best-of-five-games playoff watched by the players and public via closed circuit TV. The winner earns \$US25,000.

There will be approximately 80 competitors from upwards of 25 nations. Quotas for the Championship haven't been officially announced, but rumours are that Thailand, which didn't attend last year's event in London, will get at least three places, and Romania will make an appearance for the first time. We'll give you more details as they come to hand.

THE INAUGURAL TRANS-TASMAN CHALLENGE

by LYNN WOOD

The first Trans-Tasman tournament got off to a slow start. Two Australian players were late, but they were to be excused as the plane had broken down the night before in Tasmania, and they were lucky to be there at all.

The haka didn't happen, but the New Zealand team did look very well decked out in their polo shirts with the silver fern and NZ Scrabble Team 1996 wording. The national anthems of both countries were played after a welcome speech by Bob Jackman and John Foster, and then it was down to business.

I annotated several games on the first day, and that was exciting, as the Australians tend to have a different style of game play to the Kiwis, and the mental notes were being made to advise our team of their quirks.

On Saturday evening Alan Weinstein, an ex-New Zealander, took us to the Mandarin Club for an excellent

smorgasbord, with prawns and crab like you wouldn't believe. We couldn't all sit together as a booking had not been made, but the evening was nevertheless a very pleasant one with three tables of mixed nationality 'Scrabble nuts'.

Thanks, Alan.

Day two was fairly uneventful, with

positions at the top not seesawing very much. Marriage must be good for Bob Jackman, as he continued on his winning way. He was, however, beaten convincingly by Lynne and by over 200 points. Lynne said she would have to trounce Jack the giant killer and she did. By now it is day three and NZ has a huge task ahead of them to win the shield. The top three places remain on a knife edge — it is still anybody's race. Will it be Bob or John or Mike? I was fortunate enough to annotate the last game of Bob and Howard, and Howard nearly pulled it off. If the rules had not been Dingle challenge, OXALISES would have won the game for Howard and thereby given John Holgate first place. This was not to be, so all credit to Bob for his clear win and large spread of points. A worthy mention must be made for Chris Hooks, the first reserve, who finished in fourth place. Quite some achievement, sunshine!



The New Zealand team in civvies relaxing after the event - left to right:

Jeff Grant, Glennis Hale, John Foster, Lynne Powell, Chris Hooks (hidden), Peter Sinton, Lynne Wood, Patrick Carter, Denise Gordon, Sheryl Davidson, Mike Sigley, Kendall Boyd (absent Howard Warner)

UNUSUAL WORDS

CENOTES (Michael Sigley) deep natural holes in the ground with pools at the bottom of them especially in the Yucatan peninsula, often used by the Mayas as a place of sacrifice.

EUPNOEA (John Holgate) normal respiration.

PERSUES (Alistair Kane) tracks of blood.

KERATOSE (Jeff Grant) having a horny skeleton.

HEINIES (John Holgate) a slang term for the buttocks.

FLAVONE (Paul Cleary) a crystalline compound occurring in certain plants, eg primrose.

SALERINGS (Howard Warner) enclosed areas for the parading of livestock.



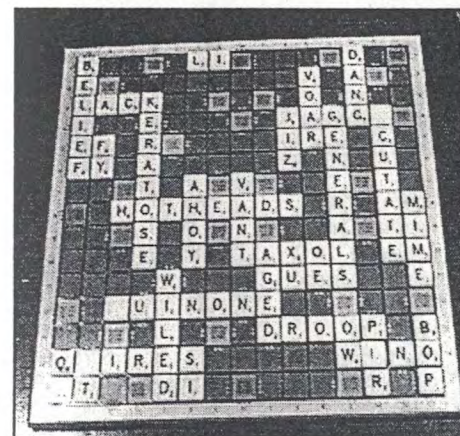
Mike Sigley (left) playing Bob Jackman (right) in a game annotated by Lynn Wood (centre)

RESULTS

	Player	Country	Wins	Margin
1	Bob Jackman	(AUS)	17	+710
2	John Holgate	(AUS)	16	+1285
3	Mike Sigley	(NZ)	15	+1250
4	Chris Hooks	(NZ)	15	-207
5	Peter Sinton	(NZ)	14	+678
6	Patric Carter	(NZ)	14	-135
7	Esther Perrins	(AUS)	13	+109
8	Joan Rosenthal	(AUS)	12	+449
9	Roger Blom	(AUS)	12	-7
10	Geoff Wright	(AUS)	12	-46
11	Paul Cleary	(AUS)	11	+52
12	Kendall Boyd	(NZ)	11	-292
13	Steve Sunter	(AUS)	11	-1048
14	John Foster	(NZ)	10	-125
15	Sheryl Davidson	(NZ)	10	-252
16	Carmel Dodd	(AUS)	10	-431
17	Alistair Kane	(AUS)	10	-572
18	Glennis Hale	(NZ)	10	-757
19	Howard Warner	(NZ)	9	+260
20	John Foley	(AUS)	9	+109
21	Denise Gordon	(NZ)	9	-67
22	Jeff Grant	(NZ)	9	-71
23	Lynne Powell	(NZ)	9	-384
24	Andrew Hamblin	(AUS)	8	-508

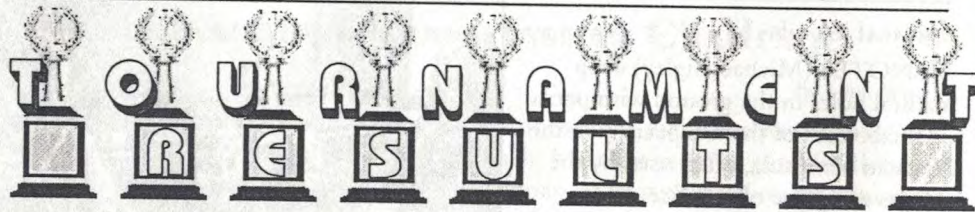
HIGH GAME: Geoff Wright 591

HIGH WORD: Peter Sinton 176 "BRIGADED"



The dramatic last round game between John Holgate and Jeff Grant. Jeff started with TAXOL (35), HOTHEADS (66), KERATOSE (74) and a lead of 175 to 54. John replied with (Q)UINONE (68), GENERALS (75), JIZ (53) and (S)CUTATE (74) to win 502 to 368.

Photos obtained from the IPI Trans-Tasman Challenge web site



CANTERBURY OPEN TOURNAMENT
14 September 1996

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Peter Sinton	DUN	7	3041	434	11
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	5	2889	413	15
3 Bill Grigg	DUN	4	2749	393	12
4 Paul Lister	CHC	4	2688	384	8
5 Elsie Malkin	CHC	3	2742	392	10
6 Margaret Lyall	CHC	2	2572	367	9
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	2	2314	331	13
8 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	1	2430	347	12
Grade B					
1 Anne Hough	CHC	6	2754	392	10
2 Malcolm Graham	CHC	5	2777	397	11
3 Shirley Hol	CHC	3.5	2761	394	11
4 Mary Pinchin	CHC	3.5	2424	346	2
5 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	3	2638	377	7
6 Katrine Kerr-Renwick	CHC	3	2426	347	8
7 Lyn Dawson	CHC	3	2392	342	4
8 Bill Tozer	CHC	1	2107	301	2
Grade C					
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	6	2501	417	10
2 Julie Giles	CHC	3	2120	353	3
3 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	3	2022	337	5
4 Mary Hapuka	CHC	3	2021	337	2
5 Sally McNulty	CHC	3	1953	325	5
6 Brian Horsley	CHC	2	2016	336	3
7 Roslyn Lister	CHC	1	1773	296	4
Grade D					
1 Mary Lennon	CHC	7	2429	347	1
2 Heather Port	CHC	6	2397	342	4

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
3 Julie Cook	CHC	4	2019	288	0
4 Shyrlee Ryder	CHC	3	2140	306	3
5 Mary Lewis	CHC	3	2078	297	1
6 Anne Draine	CHC	3	2011	287	0
7 Paula Stapel	CHC	2	1889	270	0
8 Pat Steffensen	CHC	0	1704	243	0

WANGANUI TOURNAMENT
26 & 27 October 1996

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	10	5960	458	30
2 Glenda Foster	WEL	10	5395	415	23
3 David Lloyd	MTA	9	5168	398	16
4 Jeff Grant	HAS	8	5414	416	18
5 Howard Warner	CAP	7.5	5339	411	15
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	7	5497	423	27
7 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	5310	408	21
8 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	5058	389	18
9 Denise Gordon	WAN	5	5177	398	23
10 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	5069	390	19
11 Fae Olson	STR	5	5037	387	16
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	4.5	5033	387	18
13 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	5164	397	26
14 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	4992	384	16
Grade B					
1 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	11	5453	419	19
2 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	10	5132	395	16
3 Sue McRae	CAP	9	5201	400	20
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	8	4697	361	8
5 Reeva Pearson	STR	7	5339	411	30
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	4995	384	14
7 Dave Godman	STR	6	5075	390	23
8 Valerie Mills	MTA	6	4973	383	14
9 Eileen McLean	IND	5	4985	383	18
10 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	4948	381	11
11 Margie Hurly	WAN	5	4938	380	16
12 Puti Rowe	STR	5	4903	377	14
13 Andrée Prentice	WAN	4	4841	372	10
14 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	4792	369	12
Grade C					
1 Max Aston	LOH	10	5086	391	16
2 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	9	5007	385	16
3 David Gunn	WKT	8	5170	398	21
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	5045	388	15
5 Anne Warner	ROD	8	4784	368	13
6 Kate Henderson	CAP	7	4924	379	11

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W	Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
7 Correne James	IND	7	4737	364	11	11 Ann Candler	NSB	4.5	4865	374	11
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	5093	392	18	12 Eileen McLean	IND	4.5	4714	363	17
9 Norman Wheeler	CAP	6	4810	370	13	13 Reeva Pearson	STR	4	4801	369	23
10 Martha Morgan	NPL	6	4737	364	9	14 Andrea Coombes	WKT	3	4590	353	10
11 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	4621	355	10	Grade C					
12 Clare Wall	HAM	4	4820	371	13	1 Isabel Zyp	HAM	10	5236	403	17
13 Margaret Simpson	PAK	4	4612	355	17	2 Anna Geange	MTA	9	5335	410	21
14 Doreen Ogston	CHC	3	4694	361	17	3 Karyn McDougall	MTA	9	5006	385	11
Grade D						4 Sue McRae	CAP	8	5129	395	22
1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	13	5414	416	16	5 Maureen Holliday	MTA	7	5083	391	17
2 Lisa McLean	IND	12	5234	403	23	6 Marj Baillie	HAM	7	5073	390	15
3 Roto Mitchell	WAN	10	5105	393	17	7 Lyn Toka	HAM	6	5211	401	20
4 Jean Boyle	WAN	9	4827	371	16	8 Yvette Hewlett	IND	6	5072	390	23
5 Roni Sigley	WAN	9	4596	354	10	9 Correne James	IND	6	4843	373	11
6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	4811	370	10	10 Margaret Bundock	ROD	6	4717	363	5
7 Margaret Ham	WTA	7	4512	347	3	11 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	4849	373	10
8 Margaret Garner	NPL	7	4438	341	10	12 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	4651	358	13
9 Michael Hyndman	CAP	6	4381	337	6	13 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	4683	360	13
10 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	5	4427	341	2	14 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	3	4436	341	6
11 Audrey Plane	WAN	4	4368	336	8	Grade D					
12 Ed Olson	STR	4	4282	329	7	1 David Gunn	WKT	9.5	5520	425	21
13 Sharon Clarke	STR	4	4149	319	8	2 Joan Pratt	MTA	9.5	5198	400	19
14 Kath James	WAN	4	4101	315	6	3 Bev Barker	MTA	9	4828	371	12
15 Isobel Gudsell	WAN	3	4328	333	4	4 Peggy Wallace	HAM	8	5186	399	16
16 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	3594	276	0	5 Clare Wall	HAM	8	5183	399	18

MT ALBERT SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

5-6 October 1996

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	5206	434	20
2 John Foster	MTA	9	5122	427	21
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	8	4707	392	12
4 Andrew Bradley	HAS	7	4778	398	21
5 Chris Hooks	MTA	7	4658	388	21
6 Howard Warner	CAP	6	4983	415	13
7 Pam Robson	WKT	6	4444	370	18
8 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	4865	405	20
9 Glynnis Jennings	MTA	5	4777	398	20
10 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	4593	383	13
11 May Quigley	NSB	4	4438	370	14
12 Fae Olson	STR	3	4600	383	16
13 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	4352	363	13
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	10	5136	395	14
2 Allie Quinn	NSB	9	5189	399	20
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	8	5195	400	17
4 Valerie Mills	PAK	8	4986	384	15
5 Puti Rowe	STR	7.5	5170	398	18
6 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	7	5136	395	16
7 Glenda Geard	IND	7	4939	380	16
8 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	4814	370	13
9 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	6	5173	398	17
10 Rob Talbot	MTA	5.5	5029	387	20



Elvira Steel (DUN) & Cecilia Bullo't (WAN) at the Wanganui Tournament (photo — Andrée Prentice)

DUNEDIN OPEN TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 2-3 1996

11 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Peter Sinton	DUN	10	5035	458	22
2 Paul Lister	CHC	9	4438	403	16
3 Bob Johnstone	NEL	7	4417	402	11
4 Margaret Lyall	CHC	7	4018	365	16
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	6	4272	388	19
6 Bill Grigg	DUN	5	4324	393	14
7 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	5	4254	387	19
8 Robert Jones	DUN	4	4123	375	20
9 Marian Ross	DUN	4	4037	367	14
10 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	3	3986	363	14
11 Elsie Malkin	CHC	3	3983	362	14
12 Anne Hough	NEL	3	3829	348	9
Grade B					
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	10	5123	512	24
2 Shirley Hol	CHC	8	4285	429	18
3 John Bell	DUN	6	3363	336	7
4 Mary Pinchin	CHC	5	3511	351	5
5 Pat Johnstone	NEL	5	3353	335	5
6 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	5	3300	330	5
7 Heather Port	CHC	4	3471	347	8
8 Daisy Madden	DUN	4	3350	335	8
9 Lynn Dawson	NEL	4	3304	330	7
10 Katrine Kerr-Renwick	CHC	3	3270	327	7
11 Elvira Steel	DUN	1	2598	260	0

Rodney Scrabble Club Tournament 9 NOVEMBER 1996

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	2928	418	9
2 John Foster	MTA	4	2982	426	16
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	2922	417	10
4 Lynne Powell	NSB	4	2808	401	13
5 Peter Jones	MTA	4	2658	380	10
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	3	2886	412	11
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	2651	379	11
8 David Lloyd	MTA	1	2585	369	8
Grade B					
1 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	2680	383	8
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	5	2885	412	11
3 Fae Olson	STR	5	2822	403	10
4 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	2674	382	9
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	2601	372	6
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	2.5	2585	369	10
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	1.5	2478	354	7
8 May Quigley	NSB	1	2472	353	9
Grade C					
1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	2760	394	9
2 Ann Candler	NSB	4	2757	394	8

Name	Club	Wins	Points	Ave	B/W
3 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	2710	387	6
4 Reeva Pearson	STR	4	2586	369	11
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	4	2582	369	6
6 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	2707	387	11
7 Karyn McDougall	MTA	3	2513	359	5
8 Andrew Coombes	WKT	2	2312	330	6
Grade D					
1 Correne James	IND	5	2714	388	9
2 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	2660	380	7
3 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	2611	373	7
4 David Gunn	WKT	3	2800	400	12
5 Anne Warner	ROD	3	2624	375	8
6 Maureen Holliday	MTA	3	2560	366	10
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	2465	352	5
8 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	2585	369	6
Grade E					
1 Joan Pratt	MTA	6	2762	395	11
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	2978	425	9
3 Margaret Simpson	PAK	4	2712	387	10
4 Bev Barker	MTA	4	2465	352	5
5 Annette Coombes	WKT	4	2351	336	6
6 Sue Walker	MTA	3	2607	372	10
7 Nigel Richards	CHC	1	2439	348	7
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	1	2340	334	3
Grade F					
1 Lisa McLean	MTA	6	3000	429	12
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	2636	377	10
3 Trish Hellriegel	MTA	5	2508	358	5
4 Margaret Mourant	MTA	4	2730	390	7
5 Daphne Parker	IND	4	2501	357	3
6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	2492	356	6
7 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	1	2315	331	3
8 Vivienne Williamson	ROD	1	2218	317	2
Grade G					
1 Mary Gray	MTA	5	2660	380	9
2 Pam Barlow	PAK	4.5	2642	377	7
3 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	2630	376	7
4 Margaret Ham	WTA	4	2522	360	2
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3.5	2646	378	6
6 Elaine King	MTA	3	2465	352	4
7 Ruth Munnings	ROD	3	2377	340	3
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	1	2429	347	2
Grade H					
1 Lil Moore	MTA	6	2636	377	7
2 Jean Clarke	STR	6	2448	350	6
3 Vera Burner	PAK	5	2330	333	1
4 Adrienne McKeown	IND	4	2452	350	4
5 Mary Casse	ROD	4	2264	323	8
6 Ed Olson	STR	3	2285	326	5
7 Lulu Holt	MTA	3	2197	314	2
8 Karen Miller	PAK	2	2324	332	1
9 Betty Wyatt	ROD	2	2061	294	2
10 Nola Edwards	WTA	0	2115	302	1

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	—	—	1805	Nigel Richards (CHC)
Lowest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	538	Chris Williams (HAS)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA)