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Editor's Note

There have been plenty of tournaments to keep Scrabblers happy over the last three months, starting with the Otago Open and Papatoetoe/Holy Cross events, then the New Plymouth/Stratford and Waikato/Hamilton weekends. All were very well run and the organisers deserve our plaudits.

Nigel Richards of Christchurch has kept up his run of brilliant high-scoring performances, gaining wins in his last four tournaments. At Hamilton he took over the number 1 ranking in New Zealand with a 12/14 record against top opposition and an average score of almost 480 in the two days of competition. Nigel continues to impress with his remarkable word knowledge, regularly coming up with great plays like MORULAR, TUILYIE, ETHINYL, SAINFOIN and FORKTAIL.

Although it is a pity Nigel's spectacular feats occurred too late for World Champs selection, we still have a strong team quite capable of a good showing. On behalf of Mike, Kendall, Lynne and myself, thanks to everyone for all their support, particularly to Gerald who ran the raffle this year, and to the Association for their extra contribution to travelling costs. Mattel's generous assistance was also very much appreciated.

Have you noticed that Scrabble has been in the media a bit lately? Christchurch club has taken a progressive approach by advertising on Radio Pacific, and there was a rather

strange game on TV1's *One Foot in the Grave*, where Victor totalled only 12 points in a threesome, not helped by a rack containing 7 E's! Scrabble was even mentioned on the sports news when All Black prop Craig Dowd claimed he got his black eye when Lee Stensness hit him (accidentally) after a game of Scrabble.

Our best wishes to former NZASP president Roy Vannini and his wife Bernice who have recently moved to their sumptuous new residence at Penny-bryn in Oamaru. It sounds like an ideal venue for a Scrabble tournament one day.

I'll be away at the Norfolk Island festival during the latter half of September, and for a couple of weeks at the World Champs in late November. We hope to have some coverage of both these events in the next magazine.

Thanks to all who sent in material for this *Forwards*, and especially to Glenda who is responsible for the excellent layout.

Closing date for the December issue is November 25.

**Happy Scrabbling
Jeff**

As noted above, Jeff will be away from November 13th to December 3rd. If you have anything for the magazine during that period, please send it to:

Glenda Foster
317 Maungaraki Rd
Lower Hutt



Greetings from Northern Ireland

by Danny McMullan
Belfast

Thank you for the latest *Forwards*. You continue to maintain a good mixture of articles and a high standard. I am Head of Chemistry in the local grammar school, with little time to spare, so it was great to read of 'LeXpert' in an earlier edition of *Forwards*. I have been using it to update my lists and to create new ones I didn't think were possible.

Good luck at this year's World Championship in Washington. I came third in our qualifying tournament here. Nuala Clenaghan will be our representative. Keep up the good work.



Danny
McMullan

Events List

by Brian Horsley
Christchurch

A suggestion — when publishing *Forwards*, have a six-month list of upcoming tournaments in each issue, as well as the full year's calendar each December. Then it would bring to

people's attention every three months any events they may have forgotten about, or people whose plans have changed may be able to attend a tournament they previously couldn't. [We think this is a good idea of Brian's, and will be implementing it from the March 1998 edition. The full calendar for 1998 will appear in the next issue. — Ed.]

Address Change

by May Quigley
Whakatane

Could all Scrabblers please note our change of address:
Mr DH & Mrs EM Quigley
31 Louvain Street
Whakatane
Phone: 07-307-8366

We'd be pleased to hear from anyone passing through Whakatane and wanting a game.

Unfortunately

by Nigel Richards
Christchurch

Re *Unfortunate Product Names* in the last issue, I expect that Mitsubishi didn't sell too many *Pajeros* in Spain or Spanish-speaking countries. One of its meanings listed in the Collins Spanish-English dictionary is 'wanker'!

Congrats Alan!

by Doreen Ogston
Christchurch

Thanks very much for the latest *Forwards*. Congratulations to Alan Boyd on his great win in C grade at the Nationals. I still use Alan's hand-written 7-letter word list which took him two years to compile in the early 1980s. Thanks Alan, especially for the BIG PRINT!

Aussie Potpourri

by Michael Vnuk
Queensland

There are always lots of interesting things in *Forwards*. *Well, Well, Well* is very clever and I liked the *Holy Scrabble* quote too. *Pythagorism* is an oldie, but a goodie and *One Man's Meat* reminded me that 'one man's fish is another man's poisson', and 'one man's Mede is another man's Persian'.

Regarding *Unpolitically Correct*, I've seen things like unEnglish and unChristian, and other cases of capitals in the middle of words. As I see it, people are too reticent in their use of hyphens, and the proliferation of products and firms with capitals in the middle of names (eg WordPerfect, MasterCard, CompuServe) gives people too many bad examples. I've just run the spell-checker and it rejected MasterCard, but accepted the other two.

Having spent some time in Thailand, I'm aware that the English transliteration of Thai varies, but I didn't think the Princess's name on p27 looked quite right. In fact her correct title is Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. 'Chakri' is the dynastic name, but I don't know the significance of 'Maha'. She is often referred to simply as HRH Sirindhorn.

Whither Words?

When we look into the dark crystal of predictions about language we find the words of TS Eliot:

"Last year's words belong
to last year's language
And next year's words
await another voice."

Ill-Fated Products

Here is a list of foreign products which are not unsurprisingly unpopular with English-speaking customers.

Ass Glue	blood tonic, China
Colon Plus	detergent, Spain
Fockink	liqueur, Netherlands
Green Piles	lawn fertiliser, Japan
Homo Sausage	dried beef, Japan
Hornyphon	video recorder, Austria
Krapp	toilet paper, Sweden
Mucos	soft drink, Japan
Pansy	men's underwear, China
Polio	detergent, Czechoslovakia
Pschitt	soft drink, France
Shitto	hot spiced pepper sauce, Ghana
Skinababe	baby cleanser, Japan
Trim Pecker	trousers, Japan
Zit	lime soft drink, Greece

from *The Book of Lists, 90s Edition*

Wordplay Philosophy

Paul Hellweg is an assistant professor at California State University, and also a freelance writer. He has published seven excellent books, including *Weird and Wonderful Words*, and *The Insomniac's Dictionary*. Paul has a personal philosophy on logology, the study of wordplay:

"Anagramming boosts creativity. Deciphering enigmas frequently generates happiness. I just know logology matters — no other pastime quite really satisfies. Therefore unleash verbal witticisms: xerox your zingers!"

4 COMPETITION

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Solution Scrabble Contest No 47

The best move for player A is ANTICKE using the N of HORN for 28 points. Player B could then go out with SOAPLIKE (blank = P) using the K of ANTICKE for 72 points. This results in a 454-454 tie.

Only two people came up with the correct answer — John Foster (MTA) and Nigel Richards (CHC). First name out of the hat was John — congratulations!

Scrabble Contest No 48

If you read through a word-list, sometimes consecutive terms make an interesting little descriptive phrase. For instance, on the 4-letter list you can find 'big cuddles' (HUGE HUGS), 'boot children' (KICK KIDS), and 'three's journey' (TRIO TRIP). There is also the well-known New Zealand soccer identity EDDY EDGE.

Here are twenty clues leading to similar descriptive 2-word phrases found on the official 4-letter word-list.

Closing date is November 10 and the winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant

Waipatu Settlement Rd

RD 2

Hastings

- sacred residence
- hit lover
- grave book
- rotten wordplay
- low does
- dirty quartet
- leonine labia
- a lot of manure
- stupefied votresses
- shove cat
- seabird quiz
- identical idiot
- tidy bills
- pig attire
- speak up
- fish tattoo
- small cottage
- fair wind
- lack of energy
- nervous swell

A Mathematical Word Game

Alan Boyd of Hamilton has devised this puzzle for mathematically-inclined Scrabblers.

The letters of the alphabet can be assigned numerical values: A=1, B=2, C=3, etc., through to Z=26.

If you factorise these numbers 1-26, then assign letters for the factors, words can be made.

Examples:

- D=4, the factors (or divisors) of which are 1, 2, 4 corresponding to the letters A, B, D. These can be arranged to form BAD and DAB.
- M=13, a prime number, the divisors of which are 1, 13 corresponding to A, M. This yields AM and MA.

The puzzle is to factorise the numerical values of every letter of the alphabet (1-26), assign letters to each set of divisors, then arrange the sets to form as many allowable Scrabble words as possible.

Send your entries to the editor before November 10.

PL8 Speak

Lots of people have personalised licence plates on their vehicles. In Hastings, DRAFTA is displayed by a draughtsman, POOH 1 by a septic tank cleaner, and ADHERE by a firm that makes stick-on labels. This one is particularly clever, albeit unintentionally, because it really is an 'AD HERE'.

Following are ten more personalised plates, some real, some made up. Can you guess the occupations of the owners? Many of them are debatable, so the adjudicator's decision will be final. It's a bit of a lottery — anyone can have a go!

Send your entries to the editor before November 10.

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|-----------|------------|
| 1. RUBUGD | 6. 23PAIR |
| 2. WEWEDR | 7. CU |
| 3. BMAN | 8. AV8OR |
| 4. 10SNE1 | 9. DRIII |
| 5. LEXREX | 10. T13VOM |

Simpsons Scrabble

Simpsons fan Graeme Edgeler of Tokoroa has pointed out a couple of errors in the Scrabble Trivia list in the last Forwards. The word that Bart Simpson played was actually KWYJIBO, and he defined it as a North (not South) American ape.

Nelson 1998

As mentioned in our last issue, the Nelson Tournament next year will now be held on February 14-15. For North Islanders in particular interested in travelling down to this event, it pays to book your airfares early to take advantage of special rates that may be available.

For further details on the Nelson tourney please contact Ann Hough, phone 03-545-0077, or Bob Johnstone, phone 03-544-1154.

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The Tiger Woods of Scrabble?

Recently there has been some vigorous discussion on the Internet about who might be the Scrabble equivalent of Tiger Woods — a newcomer who literally turns the existing hierarchy upside down. There are obviously many candidates, including the UK's own Allan Saldanha — even Tiger Woods didn't become National Champion at 15! But my choice would have to be Nigel Richards from New Zealand.

I first heard of Nigel near the beginning of this year. Playing in the F Division at a weekend tournament in Pakuranga in January, he won 7 out of 7 on Day 1 with an average score of 525. But this was just the warmup. On Day 2 he won all 7 games again, this time averaging 584!

It was only a matter of time before he moved into the top divisions, and in May he duly won the New Zealand National Championship. Against stronger opposition though he struggled to match his earlier scores, averaging only (!) 493, with 35 bonuses over 11 games.

Amazingly Nigel hasn't qualified to represent New Zealand in the 1997 World Champs — his spell in the lower divisions means he'll have to wait until 1999 to make his debut on a bigger stage. I suggest the UK participants in Washington try to take advantage of his absence, because he'll obviously be a serious contender next time around!

From the August 1997 issue of the British APSP Newsletter, edited by Phil Appleby.

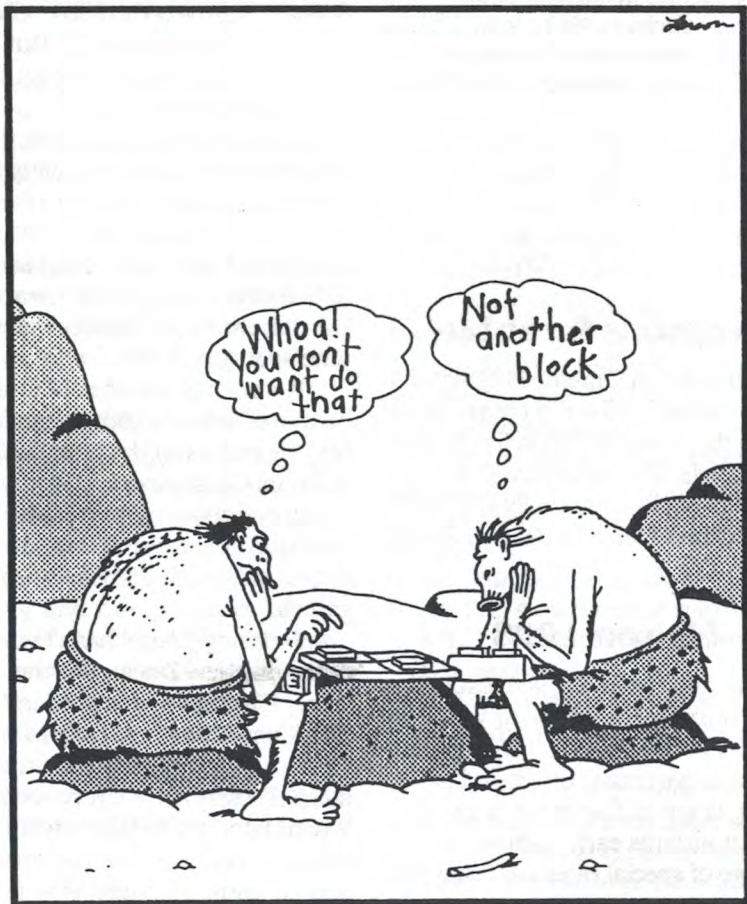
Quizzed

The Hastings Scrabble Club has a record for the highest score achieved for a non-triple-triple bonus word. Back in 1987 Joan Pascoe got 150 points for the word EQUINOX. Now, ten years later, the record has been broken. On August 21 June Ward scored 165 points for QUIZZED on her way to a 523-458 win over Jeff Grant. Does anyone know of a higher non-triple-triple move?

Watt's Thatt?

WordsWorth magazine featured the following letter from Pamela Hatt in the July 1997 edition:

"Some time ago, when I applied for a new driving licence, it was posted to me as Mrs Watt. I sent it back with the request: 'Please note that my name is Hatt not Watt.' Back it came — addressed to Mrs Hattno Twatt! They did get it right the third time."



Early Scrabble

David Lloyd (MTA) with apologies to Gary Larsen

Lost in Translation

In the March 1996 issue of *Forwards* (p 15) we exhibited some humorous uses of English, collected by travellers in foreign parts. Leila Thomson of the Lower Hutt Scrabble Club has sent us some more examples from an article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Curio shop, Hong Kong	Teeth extracted by latest Methodists.
Leipzig, Germany, elevator	Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.
Paris hotel	Please leave your values at front desk. If you lose them in your room we are not responsible.
Athens hotel	Visitors are expected to complain at the office between 9 and 11 am daily.
Tokyo hotel	You are invited to take advantage of the women employed to clean the rooms.
Moscow hotel	You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.
Paris dress shop	Elegant dresses designed for street walking.
Rome laundry	Ladies, please leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.
Acapulco hotel	We are pleased to announce that the manager has personally passed all the water served here.
Copenhagen airline	We take your bags and send them in all directions.
German camping ground	It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different sexes, for instance men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.
Swiss mountain inn	Special today — no ice cream.
Tokyo car rental firm	When passenger with heavy foot is in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage, then tootle him with vigour.

High Tie

At a tournament in Ontario in June, top Canadian Scrabblers John Chew and Zev Kaufman fought their way to a 502-502 tie, the highest ever recorded in a sanctioned tournament game in America — or anywhere probably.

SPCA Scrabble

American Steve Oliger may be hearing from the SPCA after playing CASTRATE and SPAYING in the same game of Scrabble at the Exton Club in Pennsylvania.

US Scrabble News, August 1996

The Scrabble Instructor

by John D Williams

Executive Director, American National Scrabble Association

Today's subject is: teaching someone else to be so good at Scrabble that they start to beat you a little too often.

Surely this has happened to some of you. You have a friend or acquaintance who is a decent living-room player. In your zeal to cultivate a new partner and/or display your expertise, you take this person under your wing to develop him or her into a tournament player. You know the drill — first you explain how easy and systematic it is, how he or she is already better than you were when you first started. Next, you teach them the 2-letter words, the threes, the high-probability J, Q, X and Z words, the U-less Q words. At the same time you preach the dictum of rack management, making smart choices. Then the expected happens. With a combination of your brilliant tuition and these time-tested approaches, your friend gets better and better.

Of course, sometimes your friend can get too good, too fast, to suit you. Sure, you don't mind when they start to push you closer. That's what you

wanted. You're even sincerely gracious the first time he or she actually beats you. But no-one prepares you for the day when they actually are as good as you — with the potential to get even better!

This is starting to happen to me with my friend. I can't use his real name here, so I'll give him a pseudonym for the purposes of this story. Hmmm. How about I call him 'Lucky'.

Anyway Lucky has now beaten me three games in a row, and I guess I'm not happy about it. Sure, I can analyse the fact that his tiles may have been better, or that I was preoccupied by other matters, but the fact remains that someone I taught to play Scrabble is now capable of beating me every time we sit down to play. Now I have to figure out what to do about it. I talked to a couple of experts, and it's funny, they had both been through a similar situation, and they both gave me the exact same advice on how to solve this dilemma with my friend Lucky.

They said: just get better.

from the *American Scrabble News*,
November 1996

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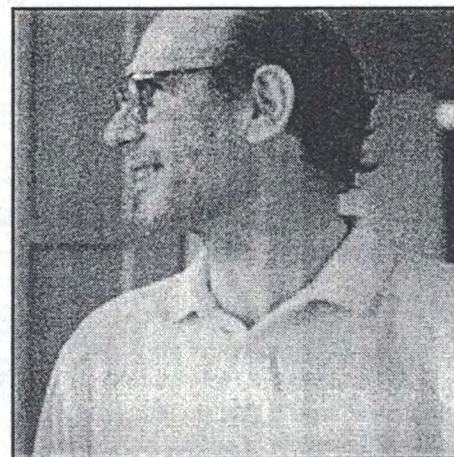
A HERBALIST sells herbs and a PALMIST reads palms. Here are some unusual interpretations for standard words that you may find amusing:

CAPITALIST	Wellingtonian	PAPIST	pulp fiction lover
DENTIST	panel-beater	RAPIST	rap music fan
CELLIST	biology student	LEGIST	leg man
RIGORIST	mortician	ASSIST	backside admirer
EXIST	great kisser	HEIST	nymphomaniac
SUBSIST	underwater nut	ORGANIST	hmm

Mr 770

"I'm not all that crazy about competing. I hate what winning and losing does to people." A familiar sentiment to the thousands of social and family Scrabble players in the country and around the world. The only strange thing is that it was uttered by Mark Landsberg, a 59 year old player from Laguna Hills, California. Mark holds the record for the highest competitive Scrabble game. In 1993 at the 5th Annual Eagle Rock Club Tournament in Pasadena, California, Mark scored 770 points in one game of Scrabble.

Tournament Director, George Hussenstamm, takes up the tale. "One of my co-directors came up and whispered that something truly extraordinary was happening in the game between Mark and Alan Stern, himself a highly rated expert. He said that Mark had had an opening bonus, two triple-triples and a double-double in his first five moves." In fact after the fifth move Mark's score was an amazing 512 including plays of SHAMEFUL (69), WOBLIER (176), INTRADAY (98) and UNCINATE (131 — meaning 'hooked at the end'). 10 moves



Mark Landsberg

later Mark had entered the history books.

It was a fitting accolade for a man whose whole life has been involved in games. Mark has invented over 200 games, 8 of which were produced commercially. He has played Scrabble for many years but it was in the early 1970s that he first impressed players at the Westwood Club, UCLA (one of the first official Scrabble clubs) with his ability, and thereby hangs another tale.

After countless requests from local players, Mark created the first Scrabble strategy book. He sent the manuscript to the then US licenceholders — Selchow and Righter (S&R) — who were so impressed that they entered negotiations to publish his book with a view to giving all members a copy. The project stalled but 2 years later S&R published a book themselves which bore a remarkable similarity to Mark's original manuscript. The case went to law and it was 12 years before a court decided in favour of Mark, awarding nearly \$800,000 damages and setting a precedent which is quoted in many intellectual property cases to this day.

After a fascinating life, Mark still competes occasionally, but purely for enjoyment not achievement. He lives in 'Leisure World' — a retirement complex for those interested in sport and games and drives a black Mercedes with the number plate — MR. 770.

(NB The Guinness Book of Records does list a record of 1,049 by Phil Appleby, 1991 British National Champion, but this was scored under high score play conditions and not in a competition)

From *UK Scrabble Club News*,
July 1997

MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN AND

SCRABBLE WEEK

8-13 FEBRUARY 1998

Come and have a fabulous holiday at the Portage Hotel, Kenepuru Sound — swimming, boating, tennis, volleyball, bush walking, resting, and **SCRABBLE**

There will be lots of fun games each morning — forget your ratings and just enjoy.

Accommodation:

Both motel type units and bunk rooms are available.

Meals in restaurant or (cheaper!) at the bar. A grocery store nearby has limited supplies.

Transport:

Portage can be reached by car (60 km from Picton, 46 km from Havelock) or by launch from and to Picton, connecting with the Inter-Island ferry. A launch can also take people to Havelock to connect with the bus to Nelson if you intend playing in the weekend tournament there (Feb 14-15).

Cost:

Motel: \$95 per night for 2, plus \$30 for each extra adult — but you pay for only three nights, the other two nights are free!

Bunk rooms: \$22 per night per person, but no concession.

Launch transfers: \$12 each way.

Registration fee: \$10 per player (applies to players only).

Registration:

Please register with Gerald Warner (using form opposite) **no later than October 15**. Non-players are most welcome. Confirmation of arrangements with a full information pack will be sent to all participants shortly after October 15.

1998 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

January							February							March							April								
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We are going to publish a 1998 tournament calendar in the December Forwards.

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

Telephone or write to:

Glenda Foster

317 Maungaraki Rd

Lower Hutt

Phone 04-587-0093 (after 7pm)

May						
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October							
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November						
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30						

June						
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August						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Marlborough Sounds Scrabble Week Registration

Send no later than 15 October 1997 to

G. Warner, 65 Willjames Ave., Algies Bay, Warkworth, Ph 09-425-5570

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Club: _____

No of non-Scrabblers accompanying: _____

I enclose \$10 registration fee.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example TOWEL

to OWLET and

CHOWDER to COWHERD. On a higher, you will find X-RATED MOVIES in a VIDEO SEX MART.

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

- ISOBEL GUDSELL BLUE-GOLD ISLES
- MICHAEL HYNDMAN DIAL MY HENCHMAN
- MARY LEWIS EARLY SWIM
- SHYRLEE RYDER DRY SHY REELER
- ALAN DUVAL A NAVAL LUD
- ROSLYN LISTER SENSORY TRILL

Scrabble Abroad

Did you know?

- ◆ The Z is worth only 1 point in Polish.
- ◆ There are 15 O's in an Italian set.
- ◆ Thailand has a daily newspaper column devoted to Scrabble.
- ◆ There are 18 anagrams possible from the letters AEINRST in French Scrabble.
- ◆ Despite active policing, many counterfeit sets exist around the world. In Italy the pirate set, Scarabeo, outsells the legitimate one.
- ◆ Scrabble is now produced in over 30 different languages.
- ◆ The cost of producing Scrabble in a new language is over \$100,000.

from the British Scrabble magazine
Omwords, July 1997

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Griffon Replacement

The *Griffon Word List* will soon be replaced by the *Redwood International Scrabble Word List*. Produced in Australia by the *Griffon* team, the *Redwood* will doubtless become an essential reference for every double-dictionary player. It lists all allowable Scrabble words up to nine letters, including the latest US amendments. Both softback and hardback editions will be available, each having about 360 pages, but with a larger page size than the *Griffon*. Each version will be well-bound with a glossy colour cover, and the retail prices could be around \$25 softback and \$35 hardback.



Some words have unusual beginnings, for instance MNEMONIC, CZAR and DJINNI. Here are a dozen rarer examples to dazzle your opponents.

BDELLIUM	KVETCH	SFUMATO
CNEMIAL	MGANGA	TCHICK
DVORNIK	NGULTRUM	VRAICKER
GJETOST	PSORIC	YTTRIOUS

CLUB NEWS

Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

June

Kendall Boyd finished runner-up again at the National Championships. He had 10 wins (ave 429), Peter Sinton was 6th on 7 wins (ave 396), and Marian Ross was 2nd in E grade on 9 wins (ave 373). With three games to play she was 2 wins ahead, but finished 2nd because of a lower average. Well done to Christchurch's Nigel Richards for winning the Nationals. He had 11 wins (ave 493), and 35 bonus words — very impressive! He only lost two games — to Kendall and Peter, both from our club. Paul Lister was 3rd in D grade and Malcolm Graham 1st in F grade. They also won the teams competition. Here in the South Island we have quality not quantity!

Otago Open Champs

The winner was Peter Sinton with 6 wins (ave 466), 2nd Paul Lister (CHC), 6 wins (ave 414), 3rd Bill Grigg (DUN), 5 wins (ave 397). Once again many thanks to Christchurch members (Paul, Doreen, Elsie, Malcolm, Yvonne) for the major support. Without it there would be no Dunedin tournaments. Also, congratulations to Yvonne on her recent wedding.

Quiz

What words do the following racks make?

- (a) MAHIEST (d) TOXIMES
- (b) PONEDER (e) KEYYOUR
- (c) LOOFERS (f) FUTISHS

July

Elvira Steel became a grandmother. Welcome to Paul Leighton, Wilbert Stokman, Carolyn Kyle, Margaret McKenzie, Bernard Venn and Graham Gough. Corale McDonald has been about visiting Stewart Island, Christchurch,

West Coast and Wellington. Anne Stewart (now Perth) was in town for her daughter's wedding. Betty Pilkington was awarded a long service medallion for work with UNICEF — well done.

August

Kendall Boyd played in Waikato/Hamilton tournaments. He had 3 wins for 5th place and 4 wins for 3rd respectively. Next month Elvira Steel is off to the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival. Have a good time Elvira!

Club Competitions

			P	W	Ave
R/Robin	1	Kendall Boyd	32	29	450
	2	Peter Sinton	26	19	435
	3	Bill Grigg	35	12	362
Ladder	1	Marian Ross	20	14½	414
	2	John Bell	16	4	334
	3	Bill Grigg	11	8	382
Challenge	1	Kendall Boyd	7	4	435
	2	Marian Ross	33	26	397
	3	Bill Grigg	19	14	389
Dictionary	1	Glen Madigan	3	3	420
	2	Marian Ross	4	4	412
	3	John Bell	9	8	394

Special Notice

We have moved to the Otago Chess Club premises in Maitland Street (opp Oval), and our club night has changed to Tuesday.

Tournaments

Dunedin Open, Nov 1-2 1997
All welcome to enter. For any independent members who would like to receive our tournament invitations please write to me and I will put you on the mailing list. (Bill Grigg, 10 Church St, Green Island, Dunedin.)

Quiz Answers

- (a) ATHEISM (d) EXOTISM
- (b) REPONED (e) EURYOKY
- (c) FORSLOE (f) SHUFTIS

Happy Scrabble to you all!

NZASP Rankings as at 12 August 1997

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Nigel Richards	2141	139	122.5	88%	49 Andrée Prentice	1541	524	283.5	54%
2 Jeff Grant	2138	730	567.5	78%	50 Lisa McLean	1534	174	106	61%
3 Kendall Boyd	2054	181	136.5	75%	51 Betty Gibb	1524	260	105.5	41%
4 Mike Sigley	2053	573	432.5	75%	52 Margaret Bundock	1523	592	299.5	51%
5 Lynne Butler	2044	613	378.5	62%	53 Bill Grigg	1518	221	127	57%
6 Patrick Carter	1986	424	263	62%	54 Ann Candler	1497	608	270.5	44%
7 Howard Warner	1985	318	184.5	58%	55 Glenda Geard	1496	631	317.5	50%
8 John Foster	1980	704	413.5	59%	56 Yvonne Wilson	1484	136	85	63%
9 Peter Sinton	1979	229	171	75%	57 Marj Baillie	1480	487	248	51%
10 Andrew Bradley	1972	346	176	51%	58 Anne Warner	1479	641	333	52%
11 Glennis Hale	1934	806	460.5	57%	59 Shirley Hol	1451	189	92	49%
12 Lynne Powell	1905	876	478	55%	60 Ruth O'Neill	1443	258	128.5	50%
13 Glenda Foster	1889	544	280	51%	61 Jean O'Brien	1439	574	292.5	51%
14 Sheryl Davidson	1885	535	310	58%	62 Yvette Hewlett	1437	222	100.5	45%
15 David Lloyd	1883	247	142	57%	63 Doreen Ogston	1435	373	162	43%
16 Glenyss Buchanan	1878	569	288	51%	64 Rhoda Cashman	1428	754	348	46%
17 Glynis Jennings	1869	539	255.5	47%	65 Isabel Zyp	1422	299	151	51%
18 Chris Hooks	1855	553	283	51%	66 Norman Wheeler	1416	461	246	53%
19 Rosemary Cleary	1836	346	181	52%	67 Lyn Toka	1416	314	169	54%
20 Denise Gordon	1816	586	315.5	54%	68 Rebecca Freeth	1403	111	75	68%
21 Gerald Warner	1757	925	435.5	47%	69 Marian Ross	1372	208	101.5	49%
22 Fae Olson	1750	966	483.5	50%	70 Karyn McDougall	1371	259	134	52%
23 Pam Robson	1749	388	208.5	54%	71 Andrew Coombes	1369	158	69.5	44%
24 Peter Jones	1749	637	320.5	50%	72 Leila Thomson	1357	465	207	45%
25 Margie Hurly	1728	293	172	59%	73 Martha Morgan	1352	303	147	49%
26 Lynn Wood	1716	912	451.5	50%	74 Max Aston	1340	173	90	52%
27 Valerie Mills	1715	459	244	53%	75 Margaret Lyall	1333	204	89.5	44%
28 June Mackwell	1696	631	283	45%	76 Sue Walker	1307	208	115	55%
29 Eileen McLean	1682	614	341	56%	77 Leanne Field	1301	189	112	59%
30 Rob Talbot	1681	306	170.5	56%	78 Correne James	1293	378	172	46%
31 Howard Feldstein	1678	28	23	82%	79 Shirley Martin	1291	259	139.5	54%
32 Helen Sillis	1675	459	242	53%	80 Kate Henderson	1289	237	143.5	61%
33 May Quigley	1672	799	347	43%	81 Joan Pratt	1286	256	146.5	57%
34 Anna Geange	1655	302	185	61%	82 Kim Graham	1285	202	117	58%
35 Doreen O'Shea	1650	198	116	59%	83 Shirley Wyatt	1282	196	94.5	48%
36 Alan Boyd	1649	420	245	58%	84 Lesley Edgeler	1270	185	74	40%
37 Sue McRae	1644	296	164	55%	85 Phyl Wilson	1269	140	78.5	56%
38 Paul Lister	1643	272	152	56%	86 Margaret Cherry	1224	201	96	48%
39 Dave Godman	1640	379	210	55%	87 Malcolm Graham	1213	146	74.5	51%
40 David Gunn	1623	635	332	52%	88 Marjorie Heads	1210	257	139	54%
41 Steven Brown	1619	201	134.5	67%	89 Elsie Malkin	1209	128	67	52%
42 Roger Coates	1602	455	223	49%	90 Clare Wall	1207	189	98	52%
43 Allie Quinn	1602	699	316.5	45%	91 Alastair McDougall	1205	128	83	65%
44 Reeva Pearson	1592	943	432	46%	92 Elaine Moltzen	1192	380	185	49%
45 Faye Cronhelm	1590	525	258.5	49%	93 Ann Hough	1182	77	48	62%
46 Liz Fagerlund	1572	176	104	59%	94 Delcie Macbeth	1156	316	172	54%
47 Puti Rowe	1568	530	260	49%	95 Betty Eriksen	1150	448	222.5	50%
48 Maureen Holliday	1544	231	132.5	57%	96 Mary Gray	1150	158	91.5	58%

97 Margaret Simpson	1150	434	215	50%
98 Lorraine Van Veen	1147	487	247.5	51%
99 Bev Barker	1145	388	181	47%
100 Peggy Wallace	1130	363	169	47%
101 Hazel Purdie	1128	276	134	49%
102 Liz Catchpole	1122	200	102	51%
103 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1120	162	82	51%
104 Margaret Parsons	1095	219	107	49%
105 Elsie Pugh	1076	138	78.5	57%
106 Margaret Mourant	1039	261	141	54%
107 Irene Hague-Smith	1035	493	223	45%
108 Yvonne MacKenzie	1029	73	30	41%
109 Mary Pinchin	1017	200	108	54%
110 Roto Mitchell	1015	190	92	48%
111 Valma Gidman	1006	306	153	50%
112 Neville James	1004	162	73	45%
113 Pat Johnstone	999	289	134	46%
114 Jennifer Smith	996	76	50	66%
115 Michael Hyndman	987	75	41	55%
116 Dawn Kitzen	983	267	134	50%
117 Carole Coates	981	371	169	46%
118 Gordon Pinchin	980	164	81	49%
119 Shirley Tozer	975	204	109.5	54%
120 Margaret Schimanski	947	90	39.5	44%
121 Dean Riesterer	941	97	64	66%
122 Katrina Kerr-Renwick	938	218	95	44%
123 Daphne Parker	916	210	98.5	47%
124 Naomi Gilmore	903	135	71.5	53%
125 Lyn Dawson	899	53	34	64%
126 Olwen Skelton	895	373	173.5	47%
127 Pam Barlow	895	103	53.5	52%
128 Annette Coombes	890	361	152.5	42%
129 Pam Mayall	885	150	75	50%
130 Bill Tozer	864	89	39	44%
131 Margaret Forbes	863	144	66.5	46%
132 Marie Cairns	861	68	40	59%
133 Margaret Garner	851	135	57.5	43%
134 Val Worth	839	292	144	49%
135 June Ward (H)	836	108	55	51%
136 Marie Kingi	831	225	97	43%
137 Janice Cherry	811	45	28	62%
138 Dorothy Haining	806	446	225	50%
139 Trish Hellriegel	805	94	48	51%
140 Margaret Ham	792	127	66	52%
141 Lil Moore	785	451	213.5	47%
142 Cecilia Bullo't	778	246	107	43%
143 Julie Giles	762	68	33	49%
144 Kate Wignall	739	423	210	50%

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
145 Kath Davies	702	126	61	48%
146 Brian Horsley	698	163	73.5	45%
147 May Meads	688	166	84	51%
148 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	669	301	141	47%
149 Lynley Watkin	664	44	24	55%
150 Sally McNulty	662	57	27	47%
151 Doreen Rowlands	650	151	56.5	37%
152 Heather Port	647	39	22	56%
153 Jean McDougall	640	129	66.5	52%
154 Susan Olson	613	42	20	48%
155 Jill Johnson	604	92	39	42%
156 Jillian Greening	593	261	122	47%
157 Elaine King	589	288	150	52%
158 Jean Clarke	584	112	60	54%
159 David Sutcliffe	560	148	79	53%
160 Adrienne McKeown	552	209	89.5	43%
161 Ed Olson	546	869	336	39%
162 Mike Miller	534	58	24	41%
163 Karen Miller	499	54	23	43%
164 Margaret Hanson	497	68	35	51%
165 Kath James	497	263	113.5	43%
166 Sammy Sanders	480	54	18	33%
167 Sylvia Nicholas	477	94	22	23%
168 Lulu Holt	418	244	111	45%
169 Vera Burner	415	277	75.5	27%
170 Sharon Clarke	388	75	18	24%
171 Jacqy Struik	310	71	24	34%
172 Elvira Steel	264	161	9	6%
173 Nola Edwards	201	41	15.5	38%
174 June McConnell	116	48	1	2%

The Top Ten Tournament Scores

717	Mike Sigley	1990	Dunedin
702	Howard Warner	1997	Hastings
681	Mike Sigley	1994	Nationals
676	Nigel Richards	1997	Pakuranga
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
649	Nigel Richards	1997	Nationals

We think that these are the 10 highest individual game scores recorded in NZ tournament Scrabble. If an omission or error has been made please let us know.

Top Tips for Scrabble Players

Troubled by opponent's body odour?

Simply cut four squares of cardboard from an old cereal packet and attach strategically to the board. When it is your turn, rotate the board through several extra revolutions and your 'fan' will return the offending odour to its originator, who may even be reminded to bathe more regularly.

Allow more time for games by

opening the case of your time clock and pouring four fluid ounces of treacle into the workings. This also makes the operation of the clock quieter, allowing for greater concentration on your moves.

Frustrated by having to hold the bag at shoulder level?

Take a tip from some African tribeswomen. Simply wear an extra neck bangle every two weeks or so. After a few years your neck will be long enough to afford good views into the bag while complying with all tournament rules. It will also make it easier to spot other Scrabble players in a large crowd of normal people.

Replace your Scrabble tile bag with one of those sturdy cloth money bags available from some banks. Your old bag may then be put to a variety of uses — storing spare money for instance.

from the British APSP Newsletter,
June 1997

Internet Scrabble Rescue

Back in April an Oxfordshire man collapsed while playing Scrabble on the Internet. John Elliott, 24, a cerebral palsy sufferer from Didcot, had been playing with a friend in Canada when he had a spasm. He was able to send a garbled call for help to other Internet Scrabblers before falling unconscious. Dee Dobyne, 31, 4000 miles away in Chicago, prompted an 8-hour search by emergency services in America, Canada and Britain before John was found. He made a speedy recovery, commenting: "It is my only contact with the outside world, and in this case it was literally a lifeline."

Scrabble Anywhere

Chester Collins arrived in the US from his native Czechoslovakia as a political refugee in 1951. His first girlfriend introduced him to Scrabble and he has been hooked ever since. Chester has played on trains, at airports, in a rock night-club and at a sports stadium during a lull in the game. He once brought his niece to take her driver's test and found 20 cars in front of them. Undeterred they set up the Scrabble board between them and had two games before reaching the front of the queue, where they got reprimanded for 'reckless Scrabbling' — surely the only driving applicant ever to get this demerit! She did pass her test though.

from US Scrabble News, June 1997

Interview With David Boys

by John Holgate

Would you say playing Scrabble is an intelligent activity?

Well it is clear that most Scrabble players are highly intelligent, however there are also tons of geniuses out there who have no natural affinity for the game.

Did studying psychology help you in Scrabble tournaments?

No actually it hindered me - it kept me away from studying my word lists.

Do you play other games or sports?

I'm a keen hockey player.

So's New Zealand's Jeff Grant. Is there a possible connection between whacking up a puck and whacking down a bingo?

Yeah maybe.

What influence did other Canadian players like Joel Wapnick and Steve Fisher have on you?

Probably more than I realize. Although my playing style more closely resembles Steve's, it was Joel who provided me with a lot of the motivation

Nicknamed Dave the Boisterous because of his fiercely competitive style, a former stand-up comedian and psychology graduate, Montreal's David Boys is the current World Scrabble Champion. John Holgate caught up with him on the Internet and obtained this exclusive interview for *Forwards* on the eve of the 1997 WSC in Washington DC.

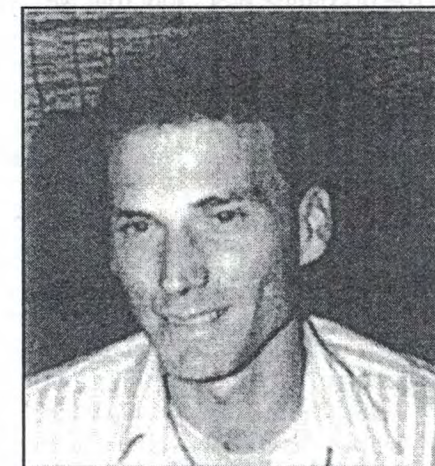
Well Dave, when did you first start playing this game?

I played my first game of Scrabble back in 1984 at an apartment warming party. Andrew Golding brought his game over (he had been playing since childhood) and a group of 10 or so of us stood around shouting out "best plays". Within a month, Andrew and I were playing almost daily, and we attended our first tournament in May 1985 after seeing an ad in the local paper. I finished 6-4 in the intermediate division, good for 5th place, a record which included 2 wins over then 9 year old Adam Logan.

What was it that attracted you to Scrabble? Did your folks feed you on alphabet soup as a toddler?

Every time I answer this one I give a different response, each one less adequate than the previous. It just is. Why do mothers love their newborns? I can't explain. I once said the pleasure of playing the game comes from creating order out of chaos. Go figure.

[Realising that Dave was a psychology graduate I would have liked to chat about anagrams and fractals, and Jung's theory of the unconscious in relation to rack management but alas there wasn't time.]



David Boys (Canada)
World Champion 1995

to study my brains out every once in a while. Before the first Worlds I mentioned my reluctance to Joel to study anything other than the 2s and 3s in the OSW. Joel responded that I would therefore NOT win. The flip side of that is that if I DID study, Joel felt I had a chance — a thought that had yet to occur to me. Thus was born my first ever studying binge, and I entered that 1991 WSC with a better knowledge of OSW than my own dictionary!

How do you explain Canada's recent extraordinary success at the World Championships (and other majors) since 1991? Is there a particular competitive style which has brought this about? I'm thinking of the Wapnick-Morris-Boys-Logan school of aggressive play. Is it due to the bracing climate, Canuck solidarity or what?

Yes, Canada has proportionally to its population, a high concentration of premier players, none of whom slack off when it comes to preparing for the WSC. We all look forward to the very real possibility of an all Canadian final in the upcoming WSC. (not that we expect it or anything — but we can always hope!).

Yes indeed. I see your countrymen have honoured Adam Logan's Scrabble victories last year by naming a mountain after him.

Yep, and if I win back to back Worlds I imagine they'll name a glacier after me.

How has winning the WSC affected your life? Have you been able to sustain your momentum?

I can't think of any way in which my life has significantly changed as a result of winning in 1995, although I have been known to break into a smile occasionally for no apparent reason.

Daydreams which used to centre around the future winning of the WSC were replaced by those relishing the past winning, which are now in turn giving way to faint hopes of repeating. I was able to maintain, carry the momentum thru most of 1996, performing well in all but two tournaments, unfortunately one of these two was the Nationals in Dallas. C'est la vie. Now I think any momentum is pretty much gone and I am taking some much needed time away from studying before the August thru October OSW study binge.

[Having played David several times recently on the Internet I can assure *Forwards* readers he's starting to hit top form again and will be the one to beat in Washington].

What is your favourite word played?

I have played ZEMSTVO 3 times, that has been my favourite word for almost 10 years. My favourite Chambers word is a tie between MZUNGU and MBAQANGA.

What is your highest game score?

I hit 656 in a tournament game about 6 years ago, but my highest ever is 743 against my little sister in 1991 (the only game she has ever played!).

What has been your most memorable win?

It has to be the obvious game 5 vs Joel Sherman in WSC 95 in London. Tied for second would be the year I won the Boston Premier tournament as the lowest seed, and my first ever expert tournament. The second annual Montreal vs Toronto team tournament was another high. Toronto won the first year 84-60 despite Joel Wapnick's 12-0 performance for the Montreal side. Joel slipped to 9-3 in year 2, but we prevailed anyhow 73-71! Winning a team tournament in which we truly felt

we had no hope was an incredible endorphin overload.

Who is the opponent you fear most on the North American circuit?

A tough question. When I am on my game I fear no one, but if I am off I fear everyone! When I was starting out I was afraid of losing, but now I am more likely to be afraid of playing poorly. I guess the only person I truly fear is myself, because I never know until I sit down whether my 'Scrabble brain' is turned on or not.

Yes, David, I think we can all relate to that experience. You have acquired an excellent knowledge of Chambers words. Do you think Canada or the USA will adopt SOWPODS (OSPD + OSW) within the next five years?

We will apparently be holding a referendum on that issue in North America sometime in 97 or 98, but I would bet the anti SOWPODS side prevails, unfortunately.

You play a fair bit on the Internet these days. What do you like about playing on the Dooms? Do you think practising against a computer program improves your game?

I love the idea that I can pretty much decide to play Scrabble any time I feel like it, and will always be able to find an opponent. It also has provided an excellent way to keep in touch with people I normally only get to see 2 or 3 times a year. Playing against machines is valuable in that because they play so much faster than humans, you can get almost twice as much practice in the same investment of time. However, there is no replacement for sitting down at a *real* board and feeling the tiles slip thru your fingers inside the bag. I still get a little rush every time I mix tiles before a game, regardless of

who I am playing.

Finally, do you think competitive Scrabble is flourishing? Would you like to see the growth of an international professional circuit or do you think it should remain a part-time hobby?

I dream of the day when the tournament scene becomes lucrative enough for someone like me to make a living at it. However I doubt it will happen in my lifetime.

Well, thanks Dave for your candid comments and for sharing your insights on the game. Let me wish you all the best of luck in Washington — except when you're playing against the Aussies and Kiwis of course...

Thanx, mate.

The Royal Wee

by Mark Cockram

As a teenager, Wee Willy Winkie was babysitting the infant prince, who exclaimed, "Wee! we did a wee wee-wee, Wee." "Wee wee, wee big, I don't care," retorted the royal minder, "just don't call me Wee!" (Unfortunately his other names are both slang for a certain part of the male anatomy.)

That Takes The Cake



background

From *The Word Book*
by Gyles Brandreth



Australia

Border Challenge

Victoria defeated New South Wales by 74 - 70 in a close-fought battle in the township of Wagga Wagga on April 19-20. The first three places went to Victorian players, with Geoff Wright gaining 1st with 10 wins, ahead of Roger Blom (9½) and Barry Harridge (8). John Holgate was 8th, Paul Cleary 10th and Bob Jackman 11th.

Rockhampton Jubilee

Rockhampton is the oldest Scrabble club in Australia, having been formed on May 25, 1977. They have around 25 members, and four of the eight foundation members are still playing. 20th Anniversary celebrations took the form of a luncheon followed later by a social bus tour and get-together. Several players from the Rockhampton Club attended the first NZ National Champs organised by Noel Maisey in Tauranga in 1980.

Kingscliff

A fun Scrabble weekend saw Queensland players converge on the Grand Pacific Hotel, Kingscliff, on Friday, May 2. Games began at 7pm that evening, and continued through to midday on the Sunday, in some cases almost non-stop! Emphasis was very much on 'do your own thing', and those who played less Scrabble were able to visit the poker machines downstairs.

Overall winner was Marilyn Smith, who played 62 (!) games for 29 wins,

ahead of Norfolk Island competitor Patti Ashwin with 59 games (30 wins). High game score went to Audrey Smith (577), and high single turn to Marianne Bentley with 176 points for FRACTURE.

CASPA News

At the Easter meeting of CASPA. Alistair Kane was appointed National Co-ordinator for 1997/98, replacing Bob Jackman, who now takes over as Ratings Officer. On that topic, it was decided at the CASPA AGM that from August 1, 1997, all players rated 1850 or more will have 20 points per month deducted if they have not played in a rated event for six months.



Bahrain

The second Sri Lanka Club Open tournament attracted thirty top Gulf Scrabblers, nearly half from outside Bahrain. The winner was Ishtiaq Chisty of Saudi Arabia who was unbeaten over seven games, followed by Dean Saldanha (United Arab Emirates) and Asad ul Haq (Qatar), both with five wins.

The Scrabbling Fernando family has moved to Oman, where father Wimal has taken up a new job. Brilliant 17-year-old Naween, who is currently studying back home in Sri Lanka, has been the dominant player in the region for many years. He has won numerous Bahraini and Gulf titles, and was 23rd in the last World Champs. Naween will again be representing Bahrain at the global event in Washington DC in November.

The Bahrain International Scrabble Open (BISO) set for May 1998 is attracting plenty of publicity. British World Champs rep David Webb has already entered, along with former rep Dr Karl Khoshnaw of Manchester, who holds the record for the highest ever

single turn score of 392 for the word CAZIQUES. Top Singapore player Tony Sim has also entered, as has Sri Lankan champ and world no 21 Missaka Warusawitharana. Several other UK and American Scrabblers are reportedly keen to compete, and enquiries have been received from other Scrabbling countries too. One of New Zealand's top players has also expressed interest in the tournament. It is anticipated that some of the best-known international exponents will sign up with the Bahrain delegation at the World Champs in Washington. The winner of that event is to be invited to compete as guest of honour at BISO.

Information supplied by Roy Kietzman, Bahrain Scrabble League



Canada

Randy Greenspan (new York) won the strong Montreal tournament held on May 24-25. Canadians Joel Wapnick and Robin Pollock came second and third, with Robin ensuring her place in Canada's World Championship team. Current World Champ David Boys was 4th.

The Canadians held their World Championship qualifying tournament recently. Top place in this 18-round event went to one of the least experienced players, Jim Nanavati, with 14 wins, two ahead of Albert Hahn. These two join David Boys, Adam Logan, Joel Wapnick, Robin Pollock and Libero Paoella in making up the Canadian team for the World Champs.



Ireland

The Irish National Scrabble Champs were held in Churchdown, Dublin in April. Local players Eileen Meghen and Catherine Costello met in

the tenth and deciding game, with Eileen winning a tense encounter 414-410 to take the title and earn a trip to Washington to represent Eire at the World Champs. Second place in the field of 38 went to Christina Brown (Dundrum), with Catherine third.



Israel

Ten players from Jerusalem, five from Herzliah and one from Tiberias took part in the Israel World Championship Qualifying Tournament. Former Canadian Sam Orbaum won the event, finishing two games clear of clubmates Zev Kesselman and J J Jonah. The first two will represent Israel at the World Champs. Sam is director of the Jerusalem club and the man who started competitive Scrabble in Israel. He also played for Israel at the World Champs in 1995, where he finished 40th.



Northern Ireland

Nuala Clenaghan won the 1997 Northern Ireland Championship on a countback from Angela Lipsett. Both players won 9 games out of 10 — one win clear of 3rd place-getter, Danny McMullan.

From UK Scrabble Club News, July 1997



Nuala receives her trophy from Joe Nugent of the Irish News



Malaysia

The Malaysian Scrabble Festival will be held in Tregganu from December 12-14, 1997. First prize for this event is \$US10,000.



Philippines

Forty-five qualifiers took part in the 3rd Philippine National Scrabble Championship in June.

In the round robin semis, Armando Lao and Virgilio Morales prevailed over the defending champion Ronald Credo and ex-Lower Hutt player Gil Quiballo.

The best-of-three final was a tight affair with Virgilio winning the first game 466-329, and Armando the second 412-347.

In the decider, Armando opened with ETESIAN, followed two moves later by BARRAGE. He then closed down the board for a 402-278 win.

The victory earned Armando an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington DC to represent Philippines at the World Champs in November. The 48-year-old scriptwriter finished 53rd in London in 1995, but is aiming for a much better result this time around.



Scotland

Masters winner Wilma Warwick of Edinburgh won the first Scottish Championships which were held in Stirling in May. She recovered after losing her first two games to finish ahead of fellow Edinburgh players Alan Sinclair and Simon Gillam.



South Africa

Zubeida Bray from the Cape recently played 48 games of Scrabble in two days to raise money for charity. She averaged 386 points in winning 28

games with a highest score of 546.



Spain

The first World Scrabble Championship for Spanish speakers will be held in Madrid on 13-14 December, 1997. Competing for a first prize of 1 million pesetas (about \$10,000) will be players from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Spain and the United States.



Trinidad

The 1997 Trinidad and Tobago National Tournament was won by 58-year-old primary school principal Albert Chune, ahead of Brian Yates and 1995 World Champs player Rodney Romany. Albert will represent Trinidad at the global event in November.



United Kingdom

Seventeen top British Scrabblers met in Leamington Spa at the start of June for the prestigious APSP Masters tournament. The event was a 16-game round robin, with players taking it in turns to adjudicate.

The deciding match-up came in the penultimate round when Mark Nyman convincingly beat Phil Appleby by 521-262. Although both players finished on 11 wins, after Mark lost his last game to Andrew Fisher and Phil beat Bob Violett, Mark was well ahead on spread. Martin Fowkes came in 3rd with 10 wins.

The Guernsey-Jersey match recently ended in an 8-all tie, with Guernsey winning on a countback. The individual Channel Islands title went to Kevin Taylor from Guernsey who beat Jersey's Martyn Summers by 3 games to 2.



United States

The 'Los Gatos Catfight' tourney was held on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26. Jim Geary (Arizona) triumphed over a high-class field, which included World Champs reps Robert Felt, Jerry Lerman, Rita Norr and Lester Schonbrun. Some of the most impressive moves were recorded in Division 2, where Bruce Ward played FRACTIONATE, and Bob Smith extended IRK to QUIRKIER getting 189 points for a non-bingo. A special prize was given for the best CAT word, and that was won by Susie Page with CATGUT. Susie just happens to be the president of the National Cat Association!

The final two World Champs places for the US have been taken by Bob Lipton and Bob Felt who finished 1st and 2nd in the qualifying tournament held in Bloomington, Minnesota. Both players have previously represented the US on the world stage, with Bob Lipton gaining 4th place in 1995 and Bob Felt 6th in 1993. The other players in this vastly experienced US team are Joe Edley, Brian Cappelletto, Joel Sherman, Ron Tiekert, Lester Schonbrun, Jere Mead, Matt Graham, John Luebckemann, Jim Geary and Randy Hersom.

The Albany, New York tournament was held on the first weekend in July. Adam Logan (Canada) triumphed with nine wins out of twelve games, an early victory by more than 400 points helping him edge Joel Sherman (US) and World Champ David Boys on a countback.

The famous Reno event was held at the Sands Regency Hotel from July 7-11. There were 31 rounds of play for 230 Scrabblers in four divisions, with

US\$26,000 in prizes. The winner was 1995 World Champs runner-up Joel Sherman on 23 wins, two ahead of Jim Kramer, with perennial top performer Joe Edley third on 20 wins.

Scrabble Stats

According to UK's *Scrabble Club News* some fascinating research on buyers of Scrabble sets was recently published by the Target Group Index, based on interviews with 24,000 adults in Britain.

As with all board games, the main purchasers are housewives with children, working full or part time. Players tended to be over 35, interested in food, wine and entertaining either at home or in a restaurant. They are responsive to competitions, offers in the media and product promotions. They have expensive holidays and own or want to own a home computer. They also like gardening and don't watch TV much. [A similar survey in New Zealand could be interesting. — Ed.]



"I beat the washing machine at Scrabble at the weekend."
from the *British Financial Times*



Tournament Results



Otago Open Champs

21 June 1997

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Peter Sinton	DUN	6	3259	466	16
2 Paul Lister	CHC	6	2898	414	9
3 Bill Grigg	DUN	5	2780	397	10
4 Doreen Ogston	CHC	4	2519	360	9
5 Marian Ross	DUN	3	2564	366	7
6 Malcolm Graham	CHC	2	2367	338	7
7 Elsie Malkin	CHC	1	2492	356	9
8 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	1	2106	300	2

Holy Cross Scrabble Club Tournament

5 July 1997

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	3348	478	15
2 Nigel Richards	CHC	5.5	3264	466	16
3 Howard Warner	IND	5	3106	444	17
4 Chris Hooks	MTA	3.5	2787	398	11
5 Peter Jones	MTA	3	2532	362	9
6 David Lloyd	MTA	2	2821	403	10
7 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	2423	346	8
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	1	2324	332	4

Grade B

1 Gerald Warner	ROD	5	2946	421	11
2 Valerie Mills	PAK	4.5	3040	434	10
3 Rob Talbot	MTA	4	2717	388	9
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	2596	371	6
5 Fae Olson	STR	3	2758	394	11
6 May Quigley	NSB	3	2711	387	7
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	2.5	2779	397	9
8 Reeve Pearson	STR	2	2711	387	13

Grade C

1 Eileen McLean	IND	7	3172	453	11
2 Lisa McLean	IND	5	2767	395	10

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
3 David Gunn	WKT	4	2923	418	13
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	2757	394	9
5 Isabel Zyp	HAM	3	2636	377	7
6 Ann Candler	NSB	2	2770	396	11
7 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	2579	368	7
8 Yvette Hewlett	IND	1	2468	353	8

Grade D

1 Marj Baillie	KIW	7	2715	388	6
2 Howard Feldstein	USA	6	3109	444	15
3 Karyn McDougall	MTA	5	2802	400	9
4 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	4	2764	395	8
5 Sue Walker	MTA	2	2552	365	11
6 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	2455	351	3
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	1	2494	356	7
8 Margaret Cherry	PAK	1	2429	347	8

Grade E

1 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	2911	416	12
2 Margaret Simpson	PAK	5	2767	395	11
3 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	2629	376	8
4 Mary Gray	MTA	4	2575	368	9
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	2652	379	6
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	2542	363	6
7 Pauline Hayes	MTA	2	2414	345	7
8 Ernie Gidman	ROD	2	2348	335	3

Grade F

1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7	2890	413	10
2 Annette Coombes	WKT	4	2638	377	8
3 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	2494	356	5
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	2734	391	4
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	2639	377	8
6 Daphne Parker	MTA	3	2539	363	5
7 Val Worth	IND	3	2371	339	7
8 Margaret Forbes	PHC	1	2190	313	3

Grade G

1 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	2491	356	4
2 Dean Riesterer	PAK	5	2762	395	9
3 Pam Mayall	HAM	4	2596	371	6
4 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	2408	344	3

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
5 Marie Kingi	PHC	2.5	2713	388	10
6 Trish Hellriegel	MTA	2.5	2652	379	7
7 Janice Cherry	PAK	2	2634	376	9
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	2414	345	6

Grade H

1 Lil Moore	MTA	6	2405	344	4
2 Kath Davies	MTA	5	2408	344	4
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	2384	341	2
4 Elise Joy	PHC	4	2352	336	7
5 May Meads	PHC	3	2445	349	9
6 Jill Johnson	PHC	2	2394	342	3
7 Ed Olson	STR	2	2268	324	4
8 Patricia Waring	PAK	2	2185	312	1

Grade I

1 Susan Olson	STR	6	2801	400	10
2 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	5	2647	378	5
3 Karen Miller	PAK	5	2528	361	3
4 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	2390	341	2
5 Tony Turner	PHC	3	2326	332	4
6 Rita Shoebridge	PHC	3	2220	317	0
7 Jacqy Struik	PHC	2	2239	320	2
8 June McConnell	MTA	0	1856	265	0

New Plymouth Scrabble Club Tournament

19 July 1997

7 Games

Grade A

1 Nigel Richards	CHC	7	3544	506	18
2 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	2986	427	13
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	2953	422	9
4 Pam Robson	WKT	3	2422	346	9
5 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	2641	377	10
6 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	2	2588	370	10
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	2549	364	4
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	1	2377	340	8

Grade B

1 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	2844	406	7
2 Eileen McLean	IND	5	2811	402	9
3 Reeve Pearson	STR	4	2811	402	12
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	2523	360	4
5 Fae Olson	STR	3	2903	415	14
6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2617	374	5
7 Puti Rowe	STR	2	2913	416	13

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
8 David Gunn	WKT	2	2561	366	9

Grade C

1 Paul Lister	CHC	6	2656	379	4
2 Howard Feldstein	USA	5	2855	408	8
3 Andrée Prentice	WAN	4	2810	401	6
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	2672	382	7
5 Lisa McLean	IND	3	2613	373	10
6 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	3	2510	359	5
7 Glenda Geard	IND	2	2800	400	14
8 Faye Cronhelm	IND	1	2620	374	9

Grade D

1 Leila Thomson	LOH	6	2842	406	10
2 Shirley Tozer	NPY	5	2558	365	6
3 Karyn McDougall	MTA	4	2534	362	5
4 Michael Hyndman	CAP	4	2487	355	7
5 Margaret Schimanski	NPY	3	2548	364	4
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	3	2351	336	3
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	2	2551	364	8
8 Margaret Garner	NPY	1	2268	324	2

Grade E

1 Brian Horsley	CHC	5	2559	366	7
2 Ed Olson	STR	5	2540	363	6
3 Jean Clarke	STR	5	2474	353	4
4 Lynley Watkin	WTA	4	2632	376	1
5 Susan Olson	STR	4	2599	371	11
6 Kath James	WAN	2	2389	341	3
7 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	2	2241	320	3
8 Sharon Clarke	STR	1	2183	312	3

Grade F

1 Janet Willison	NPY	4	2270	324	1
2 Evelyn Hunt	WTA	4	1933	276	1
3 Sylvia Nicholas	WTA	4	1812	259	0
4 Esther Softe	WTA	3	1803	258	1
5 Vera Burner	WAN	3	1463	209	0
6 Shirley Sarten	WTA	2	1686	241	1
7 Nola Edwards	WTA	1	1827	261	0

Stratford Scrabble Club Tournament

20 July 1997

7 Games

Grade A

1 Nigel Richards	CHC	6	3186	455	12
2 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	2882	412	12

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	2859	408	12
4 Pam Robson	WKT	4	2705	386	11
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	2813	402	14
6 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	2703	386	8
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	2579	368	10
8 Gerald Warner	ROD	1	2538	363	5

Grade B

1 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	2721	389	7
2 David Gunn	WKT	5	2747	392	11
3 Fae Olson	STR	4	2766	395	12
4 Eileen McLean	IND	4	2641	377	7
5 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2741	392	9
6 Reeve Pearson	STR	2	2673	382	18
7 Puti Rowe	STR	2	2661	380	8
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	2	2503	358	5

Grade C

1 Howard Feldstein	USA	6	2944	421	12
2 Paul Lister	CHC	5	2808	401	11
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	2716	388	6
4 Andrée Prentice	WAN	3	2833	405	11
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	2774	396	7
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	2584	369	8
7 Lisa McLean	IND	2	2559	366	10
8 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	2496	357	11

Grade D

1 Karyn McDougall	MTA	7	3052	436	14
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	2676	382	9
3 Leila Thomson	LOH	5	2460	351	2
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	2248	321	5
5 Michael Hyndman	CAP	3	2577	368	9
6 Margaret Garner	NPY	2	2295	328	1
7 Margaret Schimanski	NPY	1	2427	347	2
8 Shirley Tozer	NPY	1	2343	335	5

Grade E

1 Lynley Watkin	WTA	5	2567	367	6
2 Brian Horsley	CHC	5	2512	359	6
3 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	4.5	2320	331	3
4 Janet Willison	NPY	4.5	2309	330	1
5 Susan Olson	STR	4	2618	374	8
6 Jean Clarke	STR	4	2601	372	4
7 Ed Olson	STR	4	2367	338	7
8 Vera Burner	WAN	3	2315	331	3
9 Kath James	WAN	1	2198	314	2
10 Sharon Clarke	STR	0	2061	294	4

**Waikato Scrabble Club
Tournament****9 August 1997****7 Games****Grade A**

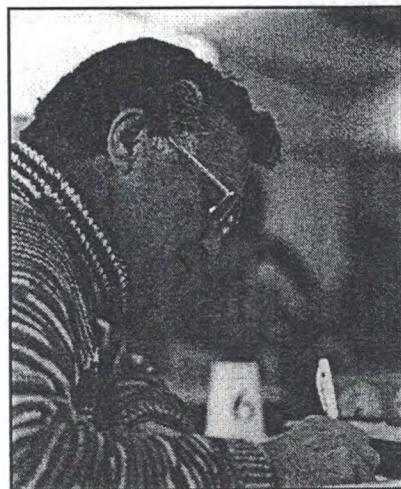
Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	6	3322	475	15
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	2911	416	12
3 Howard Warner	IND	4	3082	440	12
4 Jeff Grant	HAS	4	2959	423	15
5 Kendall Boyd	DUN	3	2674	382	12
6 John Foster	MTA	3	2646	378	10
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	2660	380	10
8 Glenda Foster	CAP	1	2653	379	7

Grade B

1 Gerald Warner	ROD	6	2992	427	9
2 Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2917	417	11
3 Eileen McLean	IND	4	2584	369	8
4 David Lloyd	MTA	4	2564	366	3
5 Peter Jones	MTA	3	2590	370	11
6 Pam Robson	WKT	2	2638	377	8
7 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	2602	372	7
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	2509	358	5

Grade C

1 Jane Walton	HAM	5	2376	396	7
2 May Quigley	NSB	4	2483	414	8
3 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	3	2461	410	11



Bill Grigg
Photo by Charlie Ogston

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
4 David Gunn	WKT	3	2441	407	7
5 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	2335	389	8
6 Roger Coates	HAM	2	2189	365	6
7 Alan Boyd	HAM	1	2220	370	7

Grade D

1 Anna Geange	MTA	4	2773	396	11
2 Ann Candler	NSB	4	2772	396	9
3 Reeve Pearson	STR	4	2760	394	12
4 Lisa McLean	IND	4	2753	393	13
5 Betty Gibb	HAM	4	2677	382	11
6 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	2663	380	9
7 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	2678	383	4
8 Isabel Zyp	HAM	1	2573	368	6

Grade E

1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	2789	398	8
2 Glenda Geard	IND	5	2799	400	11
3 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	4	2646	378	8
4 Norman Wheeler	WEL	3	2805	401	7
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	2749	393	9
6 Andrew Coombes	WKT	3	2707	387	9
7 Karyn McDougall	MTA	2	2900	414	13
8 Leanne Field	NSB	2	2357	337	5

Grade F

1 Sue Walker	MTA	5	2997	428	16
2 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	2890	413	11
3 Margaret Simpson	PAK	5	2800	400	13
4 Correne James	IND	4.5	2655	379	7
5 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	2675	382	9
6 Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2673	382	7
7 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	2391	342	7
8 Mary Gray	MTA	1.5	2273	325	5

Grade G

1 Liz Catchpole	MTA	6	2678	383	9
2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	2517	360	7
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	2646	378	5
4 Margaret Parsons	TPO	3	2719	388	5
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	2507	358	6
6 Neville James	WKT	3	2343	335	6
7 Val Worth	IND	2	2400	343	7
8 Annette Coombes	WKT	1	2331	333	3

Grade H

1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	2955	422	11
2 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	2692	385	7
3 Marie Cairns	TPO	4	2696	385	5



Margaret Lyall pictured at the
Christchurch Tournament

Photo by Charlie Ogston

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W
4 Pam Mayall	HAM	4	2471	353	2
5 Brian Horsley	CHC	3	2374	339	5
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	2317	331	2
7 Jillian Greening	HAM	3	2292	327	7
8 Jean Clarke	STR	1	2115	302	3

Grade I

1 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	6	2564	366	8
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	2440	349	5
3 Pat Hutchison	HAS	3	2581	369	7
4 David Sutcliffe	WKT	3	2412	345	6
5 Mike Miller	WKT	3	2378	340	9
6 Ed Olson	STR	2	2307	330	2

**Hamilton Scrabble Club
Tournament****10 August 1997****7 Games****Grade A**

1 Nigel Richards	CHC	6	3380	483	16
2 Jeff Grant	HAS	5	3055	436	13
3 Kendall Boyd	DUN	4	2930	419	14
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	2643	378	6
5 John Foster	MTA	3	2781	397	10
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	2741	392	9
7 Howard Warner	IND	2	3064	438	13
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	1	2511	359	9

Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W	Name	Club	Wins	Score	Ave	B/W		
Grade B						Grade G							
1	Chris Hooks	MTA	5	3037	434	9	1	Sue Walker	MTA	5	2876	411	13
2	Glenda Foster	CAP	5	3036	434	11	2	Shirley Martin	HAM	5	2741	392	10
3	Lynne Powell	NSB	5	2765	395	10	3	Correne James	IND	5	2645	378	8
4	David Lloyd	MTA	5	2694	385	9	4	Mary Gray	MTA	4	2633	376	7
5	Valerie Mills	PAK	2	2619	374	5	5	Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	2574	368	6
6	Lynn Wood	WEL	2	2599	371	9	6	Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	2543	363	7
7	Peter Jones	MTA	2	2497	357	11	7	Peggy Wallace	HAM	2	2535	362	6
8	Pam Robson	WKT	2	2250	321	8	8	Margaret Simpson	PAK	1	2363	338	9

Grade C						Grade H							
1	Fae Olson	STR	6	2909	416	12	1	Margaret Parsons	TPO	5	2868	410	7
2	Alan Boyd	HAM	4	2776	397	9	2	Elsie Pugh	HAM	5	2524	361	4
3	Helen Sillis	NPL	4	2775	396	7	3	Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	2629	376	4
4	Jane Walton	HAM	4	2692	385	9	4	Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	2617	374	5
5	Doreen O'Shea	HAS	3	2776	397	7	5	Jan Jacobi	IND	4	2514	359	4
6	Gerald Warner	ROD	3	2604	372	7	6	Neville James	WKT	3	2192	313	6
7	Eileen McLean	IND	2	2496	357	9	7	Annette Coombes	WKT	2	2467	352	7
8	Kevin Edgeler	IND	2	2477	354	8	8	Olwen Skelton	ROD	1	2354	336	2

Grade D						Grade I							
1	Howard Feldstein	IND	6	3067	438	10	1	Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	2760	394	10
2	Anna Geange	MTA	5	2864	409	10	2	Valma Gidman	ROD	5	2636	377	7
3	May Quigley	NSB	4	2696	385	5	3	Pam Mayall	HAM	4	2702	386	7
4	Florence Veldhuizen	IND	3.5	2934	419	10	4	Marie Cairns	TPO	4	2651	379	6
5	David Gunn	WKT	3	2791	399	12	5	Pam Barlow	PAK	3	2496	357	9
6	Roger Coates	HAM	3	2551	364	10	6	Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	2329	333	1
7	Reeva Pearson	STR	3	2406	344	10	7	Joan Thomas	HAS	2	2281	326	4
8	Margaret Bundock	ROD	0.5	2387	341	2	8	Val Worth	IND	2	2239	320	5

Grade E						Grade J							
1	Steven Brown	HAM	6	2559	427	12	1	Kate Wignall	MTA	5	2379	397	5
2	Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	2382	397	6	2	Pat Hutchison	HAS	5	2122	354	6
3	Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	2286	381	7	3	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	HAM	3	2171	362	6
4	Lisa McLean	IND	3	2313	386	9	4	Brian Horsley	CHC	3	1967	328	4
5	Ann Candler	NSB	1	2379	397	11	5	Jean Clarke	STR	2	2198	366	5
6	Isabel Zyp	HAM	1	2307	385	7	6	Mike Miller	WKT	2	1997	333	5
7	Betty Gibb	HAM	1	2046	341	6	7	Jillian Greening	HAM	1	1703	284	4

Grade F						
1	Glenda Geard	IND	5	2895	414	11
2	Yvonne Wilson	HAS	5	2819	403	13
3	Rhoda Cashman	ROD	4	2738	391	9
4	Karyn McDougall	MTA	4	2654	379	8
5	Norman Wheeler	WEL	4	2649	378	6
6	Leanne Field	NSB	3	2604	372	8
7	Andrew Coombes	WKT	2	2412	345	4
8	Lesley Edgeler	IND	1	2506	358	5

Backbite

To speak of a man as you find him when he can't find you.

Ambrose Bierce
The Devil's Dictionary

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)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Shirley Wyatt (MTA)
Highest Single Turn Non-bonus	108	Blue Thorogood (IND)	261	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Combined Score	1078	Howard Warner (CAP) & David Lloyd (MTA)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	500	Glynis Jennings (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)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA)
Most Bonus Words in Game (1 person)	?	?	6	Mike Sigley (WAN)
Most Bonus Words in Game (2 people)	8	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—