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THE LAST WORD

By Jeff Grant

I wonder if anyone has thought of compiling the ultimate lexicon. This monumental reference work would contain every word ever included in a dictionary, encyclopedia or gazetteer, as well as such things as trade and personal names. It would list every word found in English literature, even coinages from the likes of Lewis Carroll and James Joyce. In effect, any combination of letters considered to be a word, within the broadest possible sense, would gain inclusion. Obviously the first entry in this theoretical super-dictionary would be the indefinite article A, followed by AA, a type of rough, scoriaceous lava, and then AAA, head signet-bearer of the Egyptian King Aspalut, and then AAAA, a Tahitian interjection of laughter or ridicule. To track down the last entry, however, is a much more difficult task.

My old Concise Oxford dictionary ends with ZYMOTIC, pertaining to fermentation, and Chambers 20th Century Dictionary lists ZYTHUM, a kind of beer made by the ancient Egyptians. Turning to the last page of 'Z' in the massive Oxford English Dictionary we find the word ZYXT, an obsolete Kentish form of the verb 'see'. The Times Index-Gazetteer of the World closes with ZYVI, a town on the island of Cyprus, but this is outdone by ZYZZLE (to make a sputtering or hissing sound), given in Funk and Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary of the English Language.

Let us now turn our attention to the complex field of entomology. Webster's Third New International Dictionary concludes with ZYZZOGETON, a genus of South American Leaf-hoppers, however even this is surpassed by ZYZZYVA (a tropical weevil), the last entry in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. Is this, perhaps, the end of the line in our search for the final word? Not by a long way!

Moving on to words beginning with a double Z, we come across the feminine given name ZZELLE, mentioned by H.L. Mencken in one of his books on the American language. We also discover what must surely be the the most unbelievable term ever included in a

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reference book : ZZXJOANW. It first appeared in the Music Lovers' Encyclopedia, compiled by Rupert Hughes, and later in Mrs Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words. Defined as 'A Maori drum', this word is quite obviously spurious.

The Polish language has verbs such as ZZYMAG (to shrink), and ZZYNAC (to mow off), but these are beaten by ZZYZX, a small community in California, shown in the Hammond Ambassador World Atlas, 1973 edition.

Stretching the definition of 'word' somewhat, let us consider those resolute individuals who have a irrepressible desire to be last in their local telephone directory. For example, the following surnames have all been listed in American phone books - ZZYZYZKOFF, ZZYZZ, ZZYZZK. According to the 1980 Guinness Book of Records the last entry in the Madison, Wisconsin directory is that of Hero ZZYZZX, whose name, he claims, is genuine! Whether or not this is true, it still falls short of ZZZ (used to represent the sound of snoring), the final entry in the Random House Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged Edition.

Back in the 1950s a person by the name of V.K. ZZZU appeared in the London telephone directory, but even this extraordinary name is surpassed by some of the modern American contrivances, such as Vladimir ZZZYO of Miami, Buddy ZZZYP of Manhattan, and Robert ZZZYPT of Miami. Not to be outdone, the Second Edition of the American Thesaurus of Slang, by Berry and Van den Bark, includes the verb ZZZZ, meaning 'to snore'. We are now approaching the end of this narrowing path into the shadowy outer reaches of the language. For several years the Guinness Book of Records listed Mr Zachary ZZZZRA (San Francisco) as the terminal man in any local telephone book, however he was superseded in the 1980 edition by a Vladimir ZZZZZZABAKOV, also of San Francisco, and the 1977 Guinness Book of Records notes a private enterprise firm in Los Angeles called the ZZZZZZZZ Company. Mattress vendors perhaps... I see that Mr ZZZZRA has made a comeback though, as he appears in the latest

San Francisco directory as Zachary ZZZZZZZZZRA. Have we at last reached the absolute limit? Not quite. Devotees of zany humour may be familiar with Monty Python's Big Red Book (the one with the blue cover), published in 1971. In it there appears a political 'plug' on behalf of the fictitious Silly Party, which is led by the Rt, Hon. Loopy X. One of the electoral candidates is Mrs Elsie ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ, who is apparently married to a tree, and would spend most of the year in Bermuda if elected. Surely this incredible multi-Z monstrosity must be the ultimate in contrived surnames, but whether it will stand for all time as the 'last word' remains to be seen.

... IN DUTCH ELM DISEASE
OR IN HEALTH...



FROM THE CLUBS

A WORTHY MENTION FROM TOKOROA

On a chilly late autumn evening in the space of three 50 minute games, the record books of the small Tokoroa Scrabble Club were rewritten. Club Secretary Lois Kelly, ranked a B grade player in National Tournaments, was the player returning to top form with a vengeance. After playing the clubs only A grade player in the first game, and giving him a good old fashioned hiding to the tune of 470 - 356. The highlight of the night was still to come. Playing against Florence Veldhuizen, one of the clubs more accomplished players in two languages, English and French. The game started with Lois scoring 56 for her first turn a double double. Two turns later the first of her three sevens appeared 'sending' - 74, 49 for the next move, then the second seven 'facture' - 78.

With Florence trying desperately to catch up, Lois puts the issue beyond doubt with a triple triple 'stingier' - 140. In six moves Lois's score was 422. Two turns later 66 for the Z. Her consistent high scoring resulted in a final score of 650. The clubs previous 'best' of 611, held by Lesley Edgeler, had been slashed.

The third and final game of the evening was a more sedate affair with Lois playing her sister Janice Jacobi, and with Janice playing a triple triple 'tarrings' - 140, made Lois work hard for a victory, but with two bonus words, Lois was equal to the task to record a worthy score of 447.

Total for the three games 1587. Although not a National record, very worthy of a mention. The previous best aggregate of 1455 was well and truly beaten, and also the most bonus words in a session of three games was pushed up to eight. I think these new Club records will take some beating, unless some 'Masterful' player from outside the area comes to join our small but enthusiastic Club. Congratulations Lois.

By Qibla

WAIHEKE ISLAND SCRABBLE CLUB 10th ANNIVERSARY

Waiheke Island Scrabblers celebrated our clubs tenth anniversary on 11th June. We held a moments silence to remember those members who have passed away and whom we still miss so much. It was ten years ago, Edna Peet rang me from the Red Cross and asked me if I would bring my Scrabble Set and fill in two hours as she had to get the 3.30 boat to Auckland. Whilst we were playing Betty Shimmin came in and said how much she enjoyed the game, and so Edna suggested we start a club. After an announcement in the local paper, we had a good attendance for our first meeting.

Ten years later we have many new members and are always happy to help newcomers.

THE BAYS MID YEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY

To brighten up the cold rainy weather the Bays Club held a mid year Christmas party on Tuesday 14th July. Visitors included Elise Campbell and some of the Takapuna Friday morning club, Charlie and Daph Curl, and members of the Browns Bay Scrabble Club. Lynne Powell and May Quigley ran the Scrabble games, and thought up all sorts of special moves for spot prizes.

After three enjoyable games we had a lovely lunch put on by the Bays ladies, and were then entertained by our 'young and lovely' duo, Alice O'Callahan and Kaye Bland - their antics held us all spellbound - we always enjoy their happy songs and sketches. It was a cheerful event to tide us over till the warm weather heralds the advent of yet another spring and summer, and a further season of goodwill.

Note: Any seven letter words used in this article are purely accidental!!

By Rachel Dennyss

A POEM:

A lady from Mt Albert is Peg
Whose forgiveness I really do beg
For I once was so bold
To infer she was old
And this I now wish to renege.

Anonymous

SOLUTIONS: SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 4

- (a) MOISTER, EROTISM, MORTISE, TRISOME
- (b) HOLIDAY, HYALOID, HYOIDAL
- (c) DEPOSIT, POSITED, DOPIEST, TOPSIDE, PODITES, SOPITED

Nobody managed to get all 13 possible anagrams. The winner is Maurine Sullivan (Tauranga) who found 12 correct transpositions. Congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 5

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century Dictionary (1983 Edition), and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

Entries are to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Road, R.D.2, Hastings by 1 November. The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!

This issue's contest is more in the nature of a general word problem than a Scrabble puzzle. An eminent wordsmith, Willard Espy, stated in his book 'The Game of Words' that only three common English words existed ending in -dous. After the presses had started rolling Mr Espy realized he had made a horrendous mistake (having overlooked this one completely!) There are a number of rare terms ending in -dous, such as iodous, nefandous, vanadous, apodous and molybdous, but there appear to be only 4 common words ending this way: one has been mentioned already (horrendous). The winner of Contest No. 5 will be the person who can find the other 3.

OVERSEAS NEWS

A.S.P.A. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1986

This event was held over the Easter period, on 29th 30th & 31st March. 36 people who had to qualify on a points system, with 50 points, or in the case of interstate players, be recommended by their State organiser, played 17 games over 3 days, with a bye each to allow for adjudication.

It was interesting to note that they used the 'Swiss draw'. Many people had stated that, with a Swiss draw, there would be no competition left for the leading players by the 18th round. This was disproved as the two leading players were both beaten in the last game, resulting in a really exciting finish.

RESULTS:

1. Moana Nepia	Sydney	12 wins	7207 points
2. Roger Blom	Vic	12 "	7093 "
3. John Holgate	Sydney	12 "	7011 "

Moana Nepia (a New Zealander living in Sydney) was the 11th seed, so she did very well.

UNITED KINGDOM WORDMASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

There has been a significant 'test case' situation in the British Scrabble scene. The first UK Wordmasters Championship took place in April this year in Somerset with eight top players taking part. In this championship Scrabble players demonstrated that they have the right to use any product which has been legally purchased no matter who the manufacturer is. The battle between Spears and the UK Scrabble players is out in the open now.

The format of the competition is interesting and could well become a feature of top tournament play in New Zealand one day.

Eight players competed, so a seven game round robin was played, places being decided on wins. (There's a novelty for you!)

The top four took part in a round robin in the second round to find the first and second places. In the final round the two top players played the best of five games. The winner was Brian Sugar who won the final 3-0 from Mark Nyman. Mark had gone through the first two rounds undefeated, and had previously beaten Brian 492-358 and 486-373. That's Scrabble for you! Cash prizes were given for the first time. There is a strong move to launch a Wordmaster World Championship in the near future with sponsership. If you would like to compete in future Wordmaster tournaments you can get in touch with:

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SOMERSET, U.K.
BA 22 7NQ.

By David Pinner

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT

There will be an International Championship of Champions in Sydney on October 1, 2, & 3. We're hoping the Kiwis can send a rep since it is a three nations event (with Esther Byers 1985/6 British champ and Moana Nepia (NZ) current Oz champ competing). The tournament will be followed on Oct 4, 5, & 6 by the NSW Championships so it promises to be quite a wordfest.

By John Holgate

TIME CLOCKS

In the last issue of FORWORDS, Sue asked about the use of Chess clocks. Two years ago Daphne and I competed in the NSW

Championships and chess clocks were used in the top grade. The clocks comprise of two clocks in a single case with two knobs on top. Pressing one knob starts one clock and stops the other and vice versa.

As soon as tiles are drawn the player going first starts his clock. When the player has made his word and the score is written down he stops his clock and starts his opponents.

Players were each allowed twenty minutes elapsed time for the game, giving 40 minutes total. For each minute over time players were penalised ten points.

The hazard for a new chum like me was forgetting to push the button and finding that my opponent was working on my time. Fortunately some players were very nice and reminded me of my omission. I'm not an advocate for their use in New Zealand.

By Charlie Curl



"WATCH FRED, I'VE HEARD HE
CAN TAKE A LONG TIME MAKING
A MOVE"

HIGH SCORING WORDS

There are some corrections to be made to my list of words as published in Forwards issue 4. QUETZALS 374 and HUTZPAHS 365 should be added to complete the list and KLUTZILY should be deleted. I derived this word using NZASP word rulings Aug 1983 unaware that the relevant section had been superseded.

As a logical extension of the previous exercise I have now started hunting for words of 15 letters which could span three triples. I am restricting my search to words which can be made utilising only words of two or more letters already in position and totalling 8 letters for a bonus score and utilises the three triples in the process.

As an example it is obvious how INTERNATIONALLY could be built up to span the board by adding to both ends of NATION. Not so obvious is that, if the allowable words ERN, IO and ALL were already in position and the player had INTATNY in hand, the word could be made in compliance with my conditions and would score 536.

Just going through words starting with 'A' I have found 37 possible, albeit unlikely, words. The two highest scoring that I have found so far are ANTHROPOMORPHIC (THRO, OR and HI on board) and AUTHORITATIVELY (UT, OR, AT and EL on board). Both of these words score 914. Watch for the next issue where I shall continue my hunt for the elusive 1000 pointer.

By John Foster (Mt Albert)

REVERSED ALPHABETICAL ORDER WORD LISTS

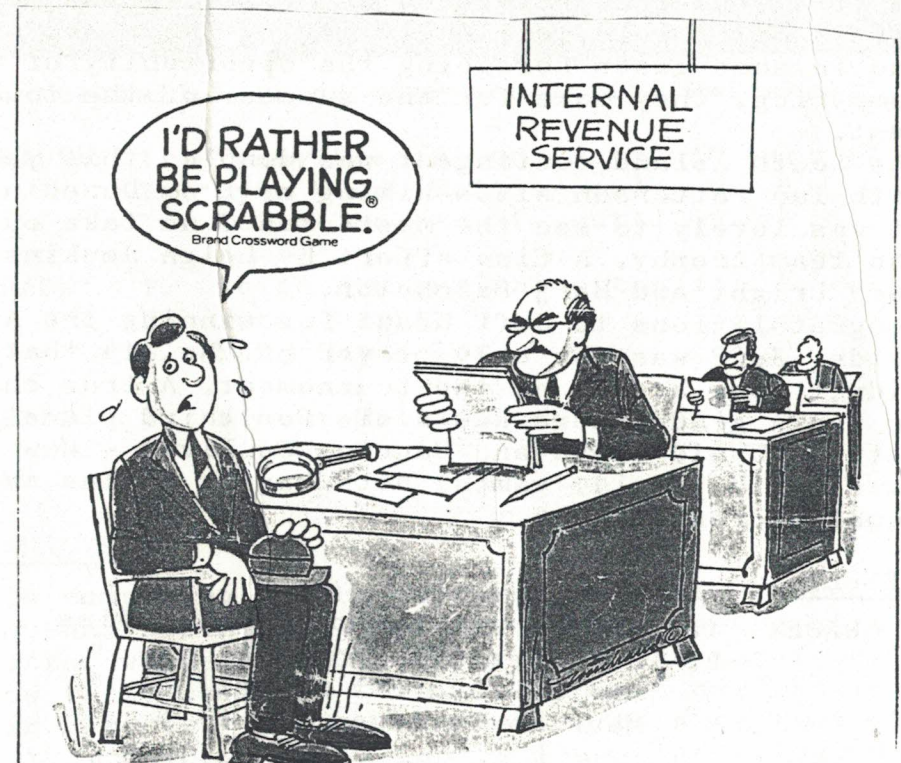
For many years I have owned a rhyming dictionary which lists words in reverse alphabetical order. I find this at times very useful when playing Scrabble. I have now used this general principle to rearrange the N.Z.A.S.P. lists of 2- and 3-letter words accordingly.

The first list contains all 2-letter words in

reverse alphabetical order followed by the 3-letter words, grouped according to the order of the letters 3rd, 1st then 2nd. This list will be useful when selecting middle letters to form 3-letter words; e.g. a-t may include c,f,i,l,n,p, or r to form an allowable word.

In the next issue there will be a further list of 3-letter words which will be even more useful, as it will give quick reference to letters that may be placed in front of an already placed 2-letter word; e.g. the 2-letter word 'el' could be preceded by any one of the following letters to form another word: b,c,d,e,g,m,s,t, or z.

By Gerald Warner
Mt Albert Scrabble Club



Tax your brain with America's favorite crossword game.



TOURNAMENT SCENE

1986 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The highlight on the Scrabble calendar has always been the National Championship, and this year was no exception. The Riverina Hotel has been a great venue, although with 114 contestants this year we have almost outgrown the Imperial Room. There are plans for new conference rooms to be built on the adjacent ground, and hopefully this will be completed for our next Annual Championship.

Congratulations to Charlie for the terrific job he did with the organising and to Noel Maisey for her adjudication, the scorers Rachel Dennyss, Linda Hooper and all the other helpers, and to Daph Curl for the wonderful selection of prizes. These people play a major role, willingly giving their services, and in some cases foregoing the opportunity of competing. They make for the success of the tournament.

The South Island contingent was doubled this year with Ian Patterson hitch-hiking up from Dunedin. It was lovely to see the Masterton Club take out the team trophy. A fine effort by Leigh Jenkins, Lucy Bright and Marj Batchelor.

Congratulations to Jeff Grant for winning the A grade. Jeff was the only player of the 114 that didn't lose a game at the tournament. A true champ. In the A grade there was a tie for third place between David Lloyd and Maurine Sullivan - how amazing to play 11 games, both having 8 wins and equal scores of 4762.

RESULTS:

A GRADE:	1.	Jeff Grant (Hastings)	11	wins
	2.	Jan Ross (Tauranga)	9	"
	3.	David Lloyd (Mt Albert)	8	"
	3 ⁼	Maurine Sullivan (Taur)	8	"
B GRADE:	1.	June Mackwell (Mt Alb)	10	"
	2.	Karen Rogers (L.Hutt)	9	"
	3.	Lois Kelly (Tokoroa)	9	"



June Mackwell B grade champion at the Nationals

C GRADE:	1.	Penny Headington (Bays)	10	wins
	2.	Lynn Wood (Wellington)	9	"
	3.	Leila Thomson (L.Hutt)	9	"
D GRADE:	1.	Leigh Jenkins (Masterton)	11	"
	2.	Lucy Bright	10	"
	3.	Marj Batchelor	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
E GRADE:	1.	Elaine Moltzen (Hamilton)	11	"
	2.	Lil Moore (Mt Albert)	10	"
	3.	Faye Leach (Hamilton)	9	"

AN ANALYSIS:

While competing at the National Scrabble Tournament at Queens Birthday weekend, I kept a record of my 7-letter words (usually I forget). The total was 19, a low tally compared with others more skilled in their efforts. It was interesting to note that of the 19, 12 words consisted of low-point tiles, 4 ended with ERS, 5 with ING, 2 with ED, 1 with IEST and 1 with ISE. The rest were best described as a medley of odds 'n sods.



ADJUDICATOR Noel Maisey, of Tauranga checks out a challenged

LIFE MEMBER - NOEL MAISEY

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It was at the Annual General Meeting at Queens Birthday weekend that Noel Maisey was given the honour of Life Membership of the N.Z.A.S.P. Noel initiated the National Championship competition in 1980. It seemed appropriate for Noel to receive this honour as Tauranga Club celebrates its 10th anniversary.

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JENNY WARD SHIELD - 14 June 1986

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Y
Mt Albert and the Bays had another close match for the Jenny Ward Shield. Mt Albert won with 33½ wins to Bays 30½. Bays were ahead on points by a mere 15points. Bays 22521 points to Mt Alberts 22506.
The individual grade winners were: A grade Lynne Powell, B grade Correne James, C grade Gerald Warner and D grade Doris Reilly, all having four wins each.

SYDENHAM VERSUS DUNEDIN INVITATION TOURNAMENT

5 Dunedin Club members travelled North to Christchurch to participate in an invitation tournament hosted by the Sydenham Scrabble Club on 21 June. The event was won by a Dunedin player Alan with 7 wins followed closely by his team mate Ian with 6½wins. Bill from Sydenham was third.

MT ALBERT 75th JUBILEE TEAMS TOURNAMENT

This was a real novelty event and it was great fun, enjoyed by all participants. The four Auckland clubs entered with four teams each, A,B,C & D.

Mt Albert generously loaned some of their top players to make up the numbers for Pakuranga and North Shore. Due to this Pakuranga took out the A grade and North Shore the B Grade. Bays won the C and D grade on their own merit. The lunch was absolutely delicious and the members of the winning teams received a lovely hamper of all sorts of goodies. It was a non-profit event with all money going back into providing the lunch and prizes. Mt Albert team may not have won any prizes for the Scrabble, but they did win both prizes in the raffle. Well done! A fantastic day.

RESULTS:

A GRADE:	HOWICK/PAKURANGA -	Andrew Bradley	5	wins
		David Pinner	5	"
		Dorothy Pinner	<u>2</u>	"
		TOTAL	12	"
B GRADE:	NORTH SHORE -	Peter Jones	6	"
		Chris Day	4	"
		Allie Quinn	<u>2</u>	"
		TOTAL	12	"
C GRADE:	BAYS	Beryl Mace	4	"
		Alice O'Callahan	4	"
		Peggy Hebden	<u>3</u>	"
			11	
D GRADE:	BAYS	Doris Reilly	4	"
		Kaye Balnd	4	"
		Eleanor Marwick	<u>3</u>	"
		TOTAL	11	"
		By Sue Marrow		

NORTH SHORE SHIELD

On Saturday 19 July, Mount Albert lifted the North Shore Shield for the first time by 27½ games to 20½.

After the first round North Shore were winning 8 - 4, at the half-way point Mt Albert was leading by a narrow 12½ to 11½, and then surged ahead.

The results were as follows:

A Grade:- Mt Albert won 10 - 6 and also filled the first three places. David Pinner was the individual winner, followed closely by Andrew Bradley and Dorothy Pinner, all with three wins.

B Grade;- Mount Albert won 9 - 7. Peter Jones was the winner. His high 429 average kept Allie Quinn in second place for they both had three wins.

C Grade:- Mount Albert Squeezed in 8½ to 7½. The two top player, 12 year old Alan Duval and Jo Fleming, tying their game. They both had 3½ wins but Jo came first by a mere 2 points.

The adjudicators were Lynne Powell and Rachel Dennyss of the Bays.

David Pinner

NEW PLYMOUTH OPEN TOURNAMENT

28 players from Wellington, Lower Hutt, Hamilton, Wanganui and New Plymouth took part in an open tournament on 19 July.

RESULTS:

		Wins	Ave	Club
A GRADE:	1. Denise Gordon	6	424	Wang
	2. Glenyss Buchanan	5	439	L.Hutt
	3. Michael Sigley	5	427	Wang
B GRADE:	1. Andree Prentise	6	371	Wang
	2. Marj Baillie	5	383	Hamilton
	3. Rhoda Cashman	4	341	Wang
C GRADE:	1. Hilda Dawson	5	356	N.Plymouth
	2. Olive Heath	4	357	L.Hutt
	3. Peggy Wallace	4	356	Hamilton

The C grade was very close!

RESULTS OF THE FOURTH HAMILTON SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT
HELD ON SUNDAY, 10TH AUGUST 1986

GROUP 1

1. Jeff Grant (Hast)	6	wins	441	ave	12	7's
2. Glennis Hale (Mt A)	4	"	405	"	14	"
3. Jan Ross (Tauranga)	4	"	402	"	8	"

GROUP 2

1. Betty Gibb (Ham)	6	"	409	"	11	"
2. May Quigley (Bays)	5	"	412	"	14	"
3. Ngaire Steel (Mt M)	4	"	430	"	13	"

GROUP 3

1. John Foster (Mt A)	6	"	400	"	11	"
2. Roger Coates (Ham)	5	"	366	"	6	"
3. Lesley Edgeler (Tok)	4	"	389	"	8	"

GROUP 4

1. Enez Beach (Ham)	5	"	367	"	4	"
2. Daphne Curl (Mt A)	5	"	366	"	3	"
3. Allie Quinn (N Shore)	4	"	388	"	5	"

GROUP 5

1. Gerald Warner (Mt A)	7	"	381	"	4	"
2. Annette Coombes (Ind)	4	"	357	"	8	"
3. Shirley Bonthron (Taur)	4	"	347	"	5	"

GROUP 6

1. Peggy Wallace (Ham)	5	"	388	"	0	"
2. Faye Leach (Ham)	5	"	352	"	1	"
3. Doreen Rowlands (N Ply)	5	"	345	"	1	"

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

The Wellington Club, formerly known as Eastern Suburbs plans to hold a two day tournament on 20 and 21 September. Enquiries to Lynn Wood Ph 872581

Mt Albert Club are holding their two day tournament on 4 and 5 October. Entries are restricted to 72 and close on 8 September.

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SUGGESTION - QUERIES?

A question and answer column on words. Perhaps a stamped addressed envelope for quicker reply. Suggested persons, Jeff Grant, David Lloyd and David Pinner as the word experts. What say?

May Quigley

NZ RECORDS

To my knowledge there has been no change to the N.Z. Records apart from David Lloyd equalling 12 bonus words in a three game session.

TOKOROA SCRABBLE CLUBS 7th BIRTHDAY

The small Tokoroa Scrabble celebrated its 7th birthday on 2 August with a dinner and annual presentation of trophies.

The 1985/86 year almost turned into a Lois Kelly benefit year with Lois almost scooping the pool. The main highlights for the club over the last year were;- running its fourth successful tournament in March, and Lois Kellys' promotion to 'A' grade at the Nationals.

Prizewinners for the year were:

Most wins	Lois Kelly	65
Most bonus words	Lois Kelly	101
Highest game score	Lois Kelly	650
Highest aggregate (3 games)	Lois Kelly	1587
Highest word score	Lois Kelly & Jan Jacobi	140

Betty Price Salver: Club Championships:

Kevin Edgeler

Runner up: Lesley Edgeler

Ann Plested Competition Night Points Shield:

Kevin Edgeler

P.S.

I do not see in the N.Z. Records a record of the highest drawn game.

Our club record for this is held by Florence Veldhuizen and myself with 458 each. It was not a jack up and we were both playing to win. I only managed to draw with Florence by catching her with 22 points on her rack. 458 = 916

QIBLA

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to all those people who have sent in contributions for this issue. It must have taken you ages Gerald, typing out the reverse order word lists - most appreciated.

It would make life a lot easier for me though, if clubs could send me a copy of results of tournaments and perhaps a short blurb. I find it hard trying to write about things I haven't been to. I think all these tournaments are important news, I'd like to hear the outcome - I'm sure others would too. At the Nationals I overheard someone say "Is there Life after Scrabble", this got me thinking - we get together several times a year, but really, we know very little about each other. Scrabble, our common interest, dominates conversation and it doesn't leave room for much else. In future issues of FORWORDS I would like to include a section - "Is there Life after Scrabble", so please folks send me some details about yourselves or others. We'd like to know about your other interests, hobbies, occupations, family, overseas trips etc. Issue 6 is due out in December, please have all your club news, results of tournaments, anecdotes, or any little snippet, photos etc., to me by the first week in November. Send to: Sue Marrow

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or phone me on 4785093.

Best of luck to Mike Sigley, who is our New Zealand representative attending the International Championship of Champions in Sydney on 1st, 2nd & 3rd October. Give 'em heaps!

Sue Marrow