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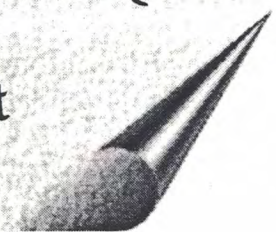
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Editor's Note

Once again, it is great to report success for New Zealand Scrabblers on the international front. Nigel Richards (CHC) had a convincing win in the Sydney Masters Tournament in January, with Kendall Boyd (DUN) in second place completing the Kiwi quinella. A week before, our globe-trotting Scrabblers were in Bangkok for the big Thailand Open event, where Nigel recorded an excellent runner-up finish, and Kendall had a creditable 15th. The next major event on the international calendar is a big prize-money tourney in Singapore in June. It looks likely that a couple of our top players will be able to attend.

On the local scene, the year got off to a good start with the popular Pakuranga one-dayers, followed by a superb weekend event in Nelson. The Hastings tournament in March was a little down on numbers, but everyone enjoyed themselves, and we hope to attract more entrants next year. The novel Lynn Wood Free Tournament in Wellington went well too — happy 50th Lynn!

Top players are now gearing up for the 16th NZ Masters Championship, which will be held in Wanganui at Easter. Good luck to the 24 participants.

We were all saddened to hear of Alan Boyd's death in Hamilton earlier this year. He was one of the real characters of the Scrabble circuit, and will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, two members of the Hastings Scrabble Club became **great** grandmothers within 2 days of each other

just before Christmas — congratulations to June Ward and Rose Roselea (at 54!).

I know you've all probably had enough of the Clinton-Lewinsky saga, but as a 'final' addendum to the anagram piece on p29 in our last issue, it has been pointed out that Monica's full name, MONICA SAMILLE LEWINSKY, anagrams into SLICK WILLIE'S MY A-ONE MAN. Scary stuff!

Some of you may have seen the new *Chambers Dictionary* (1998 edition) in the bookshops. This can't be used yet, as the associated word book (OSW4) hasn't been published. If all goes to schedule, UK Scrabblers will adopt the new reference on January 1st, 2000, and we should be able to follow after next year's Nationals.

At last we have heard something definite about the **1999 World Champs**. They will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from November 3-7.

Big news from Taranaki too. Instead of holding the annual New Plymouth and Stratford one-dayers this year, they are putting all their energies into organising a 'Millennium Tournament'. Planning is in the early stages, but Lynne Butler tells me that the event will run from midday on December 31st, 1999, to midday on January 1st, 2000, in New Plymouth. So, as New Zealand is the first country in the world to see the sun, someone will have the chance to play the first bonus word, get the first triple-triple, have the first challenge, etc., in the new millennium. It is hoped that some overseas players will attend, as well as plenty of Kiwis.


**MAIL
BOX**
Greetings from Romania

By Dan Laurentiu Sandu
Bucharest

Greetings! Last year was a good one for me in the Scrabble area and I am for the fifth time champion of my country in English language Scrabble. In French I was fourth, and in Romanian 6th. However, I was 3rd in two from three types of playing Scrabble in the Romanian language — Duplicate and Free Game (as we call the game as it's played in English all over the world).

My team, which is called 'The Engine' Bucharest, also won, and at the end of the year I managed 2nd place in our Masters Tournament, where only the first 20 players from the national champs are allowed to compete.

I'm also working very hard to compile an official Scrabble Dictionary in the Romanian language, and I can tell you that I am all alone in doing it.

Hoping that this year will be a good one for New Zealand Scrabble players. Happy New Year and best wishes from your Romanian friend.

Editor's Note (cont.)

Sounds like a brilliant idea!

Thanks to everyone who has sent in material for the magazine. Please keep it up. Special thanks to Glenda for all her preparation and layout work.

Closing date for the June issue is May 25.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

In Search of -GRY

By Michael Vnuk
Queensland

It's amazing how the -GRY problem seems to have a life of its own, popping up at regular intervals. I have visions of post-apocalyptic cockroaches pondering deep questions, such as the meaning of life, humanity's demise and the third -GRY word.

More on AEGILOPS

By Michael Vnuk
Queensland

The December *Forwards* was very good. The photo on p12 reaffirms my belief that I have, as they say, a good face for radio.

Jennifer Smith's item (p23) about words with letters in alphabetical order was interesting, and I admire her persistence in creating the little story. I have also looked for such words, and know of no other allowed Scrabble words with 7 or more letters (but I could have missed some). A nice 6-letter word not included in the story is BJOUX.

AEGILOPS is an interesting word. While in London in 1997, I saw a display of wheat and other grasses at Kew Gardens. Included were *Aegilops speltoides* and *Aegilops squarrosa*. Now if only people would refer to these plants by their genus often enough, as has been done for the banksia and other plants, then the word AEGILOPS would eventually appear uncapitalised in one of our reference dictionaries and thus become allowed in Scrabble.

[The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines AEGILOPS as:

- 1 an ulcer in the corner of the eye
- 2 the wild-oat

- 3 a genus of grasses
- 4 a species of oak (*Quercus aegilops*)

The first two senses don't have to be capitalised. In fact the *Oxford* has an old citation (coincidentally from *Chambers Cyclopaedia*) which reads:

"The aegilops is ... the wild oat."

Despite this uncapitalised usage of AEGILOPS in an 18th century *Chambers*, it seems unlikely to make the modern reference, so for Scrabble purposes we'll just have to make do with it's anagram — SPOILAGE. — Ed.]

Treatment of Tiles

By Jennifer Smith
Hamilton

I think I may have uncovered at least one reason why some people are reluctant to bring their Scrabble boards and tiles to tournaments.

I notice many people calculate their score by tapping their pen on the tiles: "1,2,3,4,5,15,16; 17, 18, 19, 29; and 50 makes 79", thus potentially leaving

behind on the tiles — especially when they are using an inferior pen — 11 ball-point pen dots. Whenever I play someone who does this, and I suggest they count without touching the tiles with their pen, they are invariably surprised at my suggestion! Haven't they ever seen the marks they sometimes make? Such marks are very hard to remove without inflicting more damage on the lettering.

Please, please, PLEASE take care that you or your opponent do not mark tiles at tournaments.

For my last tournament, I cleaned my tiles and washed my tile bag, as usual, before the weekend. By the time I got to my own Scrabble equipment on the last game, the tiles were so marked, I could hardly believe it was my set. Yes, I can certainly understand why there are often one or two tables short of Scrabble boards at the start of a tournament. In future, I too might pretend I haven't got a decent set to be used. Mind you, it may be true soon!

Dossier Dangers
Excerpts from an Internet discussion

You may have heard about the Scrabblor who challenged YES because he didn't think YE could be pluralised, or the one who challenged RESTING, thinking of RE-STING, or the famous ANUS challenge (because ANU isn't a word).

Here are a few other words that have apparently been challenged at some time, and the reasons given by the challengers.

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|---------|---|
| DOING | the sound of a bell tolling? |
| PIER | how can something be more PIE? |
| DANGERS | ones that DANG? Surely not. |
| FORTY | don't know any adjectives relating to FORTS. |
| TAMES | the plural of TAMIS is TAMISES, not TAMES. |
| REVENUE | to change a VENUE? |
| DOSSIER | DOSSY isn't a word. |
| CANARY | that's not how you spell CANNERY |
| DETAILS | you can DECLAW and DEFANG, but I've never heard of DETAILING. |

[I once challenged fondly, relating it to FONDLE instead of FOND! — Ed.]

EXECUTIVE PERTURBATIONS

It's wonderful to see NZ Scrabblers featuring so prominently on the International Scrabble scene. Nigel's 2nd in Thailand, his victory in the Sydney Masters and Kendall's 2nd in the same tournament have definitely placed NZ in the spotlight globally. Congratulations!

The announcement this month that the World Championships will be held in Melbourne from November 3-7 is fantastic news. We are once again seeking sponsorship for this event. Thanks to Howard and David for their efforts in developing our latest sponsorship proposal. A big thanks to Eileen McLean who once again is leading the way by running a weekly Lotto bonus number to raise funds. If there is anyone else out there who has ideas or contacts please let us know. As you are all well aware this is never an easy task.

Combined Wordlist

The UK Scrabble movement has voted in favour of a combined word reference similar to the Redwood. However, there are many legal and commercial issues involved, and at this stage it is unsure whether Chambers will include words from the American Official Scrabble Players Dictionary in OSW4, the word list which will be derived from the new (1998) Chambers Dictionary. OSW4 is scheduled for publication in UK later this year, and if all goes according to plan, the new Chambers words could be adopted in New Zealand following the 2000 Nationals.

Lynne Butler's proposed Millennium Tournament in Taranaki over New Year's Eve and New Year's Day shows great Kiwi initiative. Let's all support her and her committee and make this a success.

Malcolm Graham, of Christchurch, will be producing polo shirts and sweatshirts featuring our Kiwi logo. Details and order forms will be sent out to all clubs and Independents. A good opportunity for all of us to spread the word about Scrabble.

Great to read American Scrabbler, Sam Kantimathi's glowing report of NZ, its Scrabblers and its Scrabble, on the Internet. Thanks Sam.

The Executive would like to thank all those Clubs and club members involved in the organisation of this year's Masters and National tournaments. Special thanks must go to Laura Kroetsh of the Victoria University Book Centre who has donated \$200 worth of book vouchers for the Nationals in Wellington. Happy Scrabbling to you all in 1999.

Glenn Hale, President NZASP

Essential Items

The local Hastings newspaper recently ran a story about an international air hostess. On her list of must-take items when away from New Zealand are such things as a tube of Marmite, tea bags, instant oatmeal, ear plugs, sewing kit, swimming togs and a **Travel Scrabble** set.

Thai School Scrabble

Nigel Richards (CHC) reports an amazing scene witnessed in Thailand — **3,200** schoolchildren competing over two days in a 'Crossword Game' (ie Scrabble) tournament, all under one roof!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example ZONAL to AZLON and DOORSTEP to TORPEDOS.

On a higher level, SYLVESTER STALLONE becomes OVERTALENT-LESS 'SLY'. Here are the anagrams for half a dozen Scrabblers who competed at the last World Championships.

LIBERO PAOLELLA (Canada)

RELIABLE APOLLO

ALBERT CHUNE (Trinidad)

LEAN BUTCHER

RON TIEKERT (US) ORIENT TREK

ROBIN DANIEL (Canada)

LION BRAINED

LARRY ONYEONWU (Nigeria)

YOUR NON-LAWYER

PETER ELBOURNE (Malta)

TRUE OPEN REBEL

Close Encounter with World Champ

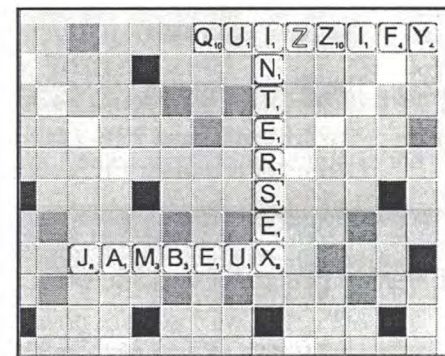
Top Singapore player Michael Tang was in New York on business recently. He made a point of contacting current World Champion Joel Sherman for some games, but it wasn't easy because Joel told him that he needed to sleep in the daytime as he had been staying up all night to analyse his games! Joel is a regular player on the Internet, and is a full-time Scrabble professional. He plays about 12 tournaments a year in America and makes about \$US10,000 per annum on average.

Michael and Joel played five games when they did eventually meet, with Joel winning 4-1. Michael was impressed by Joel's moves, particularly when he played OOGAMETES (through ME) on which he later hooked the Z to form ZOOGAMETES.

Two Move Record?

On January 7th, Craig Rowland of Ontario, Canada, opened a game with CAZIQUE for 122 points, followed up by READMITS for 78. Is Craig's 200 points a record after the first two moves?

In theory, you could start a game with JAMBEUX (E on centre square) for 116 points. Then if your opponent played something like INTERSEX onto the X, you could hit the triple-triple with QUIZZIFY for 419 — if you were lucky enough to have exactly the right letters. Your score would then be 535 after only 2 moves! Of course an even higher initial 2-move total is possible for the player going second.



Team Names

An American team tournament in December 1998 attracted thirteen 4-person teams, with interesting names like COMPONY PYKNIC, HOOK & LETTER CO., and HANUKAH LEWINSKY. The prize for cleverest team name went to a group of Massachusetts and Connecticut Scrabblers who called themselves MASS-CONN FUSION.

Tournament Calendar Corrections and Additions

There have been a number of amendments to the 1999 Tournament Calendar published in the last issue as well as some new tourney announcements. Here are the latest tourney dates and a new 9 month calendar for the remainder of the year. Please update your calendars.

Corrections

- ✓ The **North Shore Bays Scrabble Tournament** will be held on Saturday 24th April, not Sunday 25th
- ✓ The **New Plymouth** and **Stratford Tournaments** listed to be held on 17 and 18 July will not be held this year — see announcement below.

New Listings

- ✓ The **Nelson Club** is holding a longest night tourney on 26 & 27 June — see advertisement on opposite page.
- ✓ The **Kiwi Club** will be holding a tournament on 27 November.
- ✓ The **World Champs** will be held in Melbourne from 3-7 November
- ✓ The **International Y2K Tournament** will be held in New Plymouth on 31 December & January 1. See announcement on opposite page.

Tournament	Date	Tournament	Date
NZ Masters (Wanganui)	3-5 April	Canterbury Open (2 1-dayers)	11 & 12 September
Dunedin Lion Open (2 1-dayers)	24 & 25 April	Norfolk Island Festival	20-25 September
North Shore Bays	24 April	Mt Albert	2-3 October
South Island Champs (Christchurch)	15-16 May	Wanganui	23-24 October
NZ Nationals (Wellington)	5-6 June	World Champs (Melbourne)	3-7 November
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	3 July	Otago Lion Open (2 1-dayers)	6 & 7 November
Waikato	7 August	Rodney	13 November
Hamilton	8 August	Kiwi	27 November
		International Y2K Tournament	31 December & 1 January 2000

Make history!

Play in

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- ◆ New Zealand's first
- ◆ the hemisphere's first

24-hour tournament

Celebrate the Longest Night from
9:00am Saturday 26 June to
9:00am Sunday 27 June
at the Copthorne Rutherford Hotel,
Nelson

Entry forms available soon

Further info from Lyn Dawson
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DAZZLING DOZEN

That useful little word ZO is often played for more than 60 points. There are a lot of longer words containing a Z that when placed in the right spot could net 80, 90 or even 100+ points. Here are a dozen Z words to dazzle your opponents.

ALFEREZ KUNZITE SCHMOOZ
DIPLOZOA MUZAKY THIAZOL
FRANZY PHIZOG ZELOS
IZVESTIA RHIZOPI ZIFFIUS

International Y2K Tournament

New Plymouth and Stratford Scrabble Clubs will not hold their back-to-back tournaments in July this year. Instead, they are combining forces to hold a special International Y2K Tournament, to welcome in the year 2000.

Details are still to be finalised, but it is proposed that the tournament will commence midday on New Year's Eve and continue until midday New Year's Day. It is hoped that prize money will be in excess of \$2,000. There will be a shorter tourney (commencing midday New Year's Eve, 5/6 games) run concurrently for those players who are unable to commit to the full 24 hours.

Already there is interest in attending the tournament from players in the USA, Canada and Australia.

Entry forms will be posted to all NZ Clubs and Independents as soon as arrangements are finalised.

Meantime, could you please address any queries to:-

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-OR-

The Veteran Win-Deficiency Syndrome

Australian Scrabble expert John Holgate muses on why top players sometimes suffer at the hands of less experienced ones.

In an internet communication, 1997 World Champion commented, "Many veteran experts will tell you that they don't beat weaker players as often as they expect to, because of a tendency to 'play down' to the opponent's level."

In recent years John has noticed that his poorer tournament results are more due to losses to much lower rated players than to his peers and betters. Here are some possible reasons why:

1. You are generally more psyched up and sharper against a difficult opponent. Against a higher rated player your expectations that they will make such and such a move are generally correct (assessment of hot spots, likelihood of bonus given last play, etc.). Lower rated players are more unpredictable.
2. You tend to overestimate the intelligence behind each move and don't adapt to the different mindset. Some players are very good at playing

- a tight board when required. More 'expansive' players can sometimes get impatient with boxed-up situations, and their game can suffer.
3. Winning against older opponents is like beating up on Mum and Dad. You are 'kinder' to the little old ladies (and young kids) and let them back into the game.
4. Weaker opponents gear themselves up to beat you. They are often not playing to win the tournament, but want to go home saying they beat a player rated far above them.
5. The gap between the top players and the middle order has narrowed significantly in the last few years. Greater access to word lists and computer aids has been a great leveller. You can't afford to be complacent about any game.

from the *British APSP Newsletter*,
December 1998

Scrabble Acronyms

Acronyms can be good fun, for example, **S**limy **N**octurnal **A**nimal **I**nvading **L**ettuces (SNAIL), and **A**Loud **A**nd **R**emorseless **M**etallic **C**lang **L**eaving **O**ne **C**ompletely **K**ayoed (ALARMCLOCK).

The Australian Scrabble Magazine *Across the Board* recently ran a contest to find acronyms for SCRABBLE. Here are some of the best entries.

Sociable **C**ompetitive **R**ecreation **A**ssuring
Better **B**righter **L**ight **E**ntertainment
— Doris Scown

Super **C**erebral **R**ecreation **A**nd **B**eautiful
Brain **L**imbering **E**xercise

— Ann Milner

Study **C**hambers, **R**edwood, **A**nalyse
Both **B**ooks, **L**earn **E**verything!

— Audrey Fenner

Sevens **C**an **R**evitalise **A**nd **B**oost **B**adly
Lowered **E**gos — Linda Williams

Can you come up with more examples?
If so, please send them in.

Official References

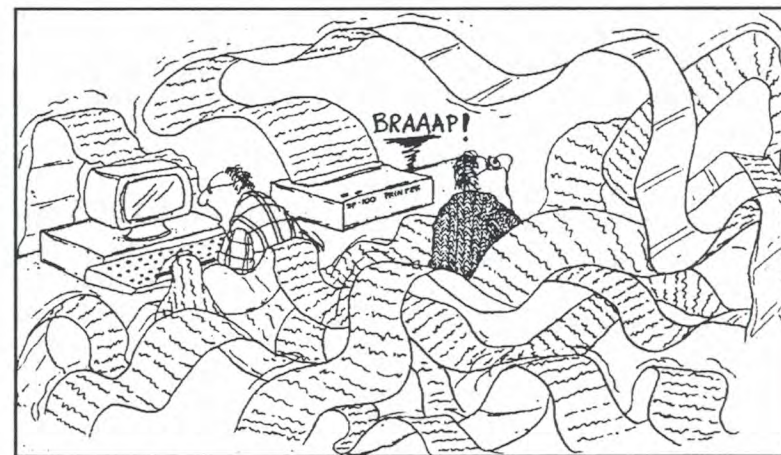
While the *Redwood* is an invaluable aid for adjudicators at tournaments, it is not strictly the official reference.

So take note, tournament organisers, it is important to have all official word sources available at your event. Just to refresh your memories, these references are:

- OSPD, 2nd Edition (with corrections)
- Official Scrabble Words, 3rd Edition
- The Chambers Dictionary (1993)
- Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (10th Edition)

It is quite OK to use *Redwood*, *Griffon*, or computer programs for adjudication, but the base references listed above should be on hand in case there is a query, or someone plays a long word. *Redwood* won't help you adjudicate on something like *Quenchless* or *ZOOPLASTIC*.

Also, please note that the new *Chambers Dictionary* (1998), which is now available in bookshops, has NOT yet been adopted, so must not be used for adjudication purposes.



A few teething problems were experienced
with the new adjudication program.

Maven vs Logan

To try out his new Maven computer program (now unfortunately available with OSPD words only), creator Brian Sheppard arranged for former North American champ Adam Logan of Canada to play it in a best of 15 game match.

Adam grabbed an early 3-1 advantage, but Maven came back strongly to lead 7-4 after 11 games. In the crucial 12th game, Adam had to win to keep the match alive. He led all the way with some excellent plays such as *YEARLONG* and *TUTORIAL*. With only one tile in the bag and the board tight, Adam played *QUAI* for 35 and a seemingly unassailable 438-340 lead. However, he reckoned without Maven's final brilliant move of extending *MO* to *MOUTHPART* on a triple word score for 92, thus snatching a 2-point win with takeoff points. Adam was understandably stunned, as I'm sure any human Scrabblers would be.

Oversensitive?

It was reported in November 1998 that American department store chain Caldor had apologised for a toy catalogue showing two boys playing Scrabble with the word RAPE visible on the board. The 44-page catalogue was distributed to 11 million people, and following a few complaints, Caldor said it was a mistake that should have been picked up by the proof-readers.

Besides RAPE, the board also included 2 non-words, which suggests it was made up quickly and without much thought by the photographers. Perhaps the complainants, as well as Caldor, were too sensitive. Avoiding words which name a crime won't remove the crime from society. Beside that, RAPE has other meanings apart from the one which gave offence. It's a plant related to the turnip, as well as a land division in Sussex, and the refuse left after wine-making.

Three Hundred Short

The local newspaper reporting on Hastings Scrabble Club's December 10 meeting stated that the highest game score of the evening was Jeff Grant's **838**. Unfortunately, this wasn't a new club, national and world record, merely a misprint for 538.

Scrabble Learning Time

From *The Q-Files*, ASPA Queensland newsletter, December 1998

Guy and Eve Carr hosted the Oyez Tournament at their Mt Warren Park home. Next to the toilet paper were some cards and this poem:

Whilst you may sit and ponder in silent bliss,
It's Scrabble learning time you shouldn't miss.
In here there are no Scrabble books,
So use these cards to learn some hooks.
Read then carefully, but don't take long,
'Cos outside this door is a waiting throng.

Worthy Mention

Margaret Warren equalled the Hastings Scrabble Club record for a high single turn when she got ENQUIRED on a triple-triple for 221 points while playing June Ward on December 10, 1998.

Scrabble and Weet-Bix

"The Tauranga 'Kiwi kid' Garry Carpenter is in training — which means munching through 100 boxes of Weet-Bix in five weeks.

His aim? To show the Australians that Scrabble isn't the only sport New Zealand can beat them at. And it will all depend on who crumbles first."

from the *HB Herald Tribune* 7/12/98

[Garry didn't manage to win this contest. — Ed.]

Joel's Dracaena

In the deciding fifth game of the 1998 Canadian Scrabble Champs final, faced with an unpromising rack of AAADENR, Joel Wapnick used a C on the board to make DRACAENA for 149 on a triple-triple. He went on to crush Albert Hahn 542-278 and take the title. A dracaena is a dragon-tree and, says Joel, the name of his next pet.

Cor Blimey!

This cryptic little piece by Val Worth of Putaruru is based on words beginning with COR, an expression of surprise, and also a Hebrew measure of roughly 11 bushels.

Take CORAGGIO (courage) as you sit in your CORTILE (courtyard). Enjoy your CORODY/CORRODY (pension). Admire the view of the CORNICHE (cliff road), and the CORSIVE (eroding) sea.

Prepare to confront both CORSAIRS (pirates) and CORYBANTS (priests), who could expect CORVEES (extra duty) to overcome CORRIVALS (competitors) at the CORRIDA (bullfight).

Be aware that COROZOS (short palm trees) do not have CORYMBS (flat racemes), but may harbour CORKIRS (lichens) of CORBEAU (a beautiful green colour), and are best grown in CORBEILS (earth-filled baskets).

Your plans should include attending a CORANTO (lively dance) performed by CORYPHES (male dancers) dressed in CORDOVAN/CORDWAIN (goatskin leather) or even CORIUM (leather armour).

Newscasts from abroad may tell of a CORCASS (Irish salt marsh) hosting CORBIES (ravens) and CORELLAS (cockatoos) competing with CORNUTED (horned) CORNCRACKES (birds of the rail family), on land subject to CORNAGE (a feudal rent).

At home, we suffer from CORYZAS (colds), and are urged to take CORTISOL (an anti-inflammatory drug), CORYPHENE (a dolphin-like fish), or CORDATE (heart-shaped) cheese, as a kind of CORSNED (trial by swallowing, you're guilty if it sticks in your throat).

Confusing isn't it?

Without CORREPTION (reproof), you could say that CORRIGENT (corrective) measures from cerebral CORTEXES (brains) far better than mine may be needed to render the CORRUGATED CORRIDOR of this CORRESPONDENCE into any sort of CORPOREITY (substance).

Madden-ing

By John Holgate
Australia

Justin Madden is one of the more articulate Aussie Rules footballers. Last year he took a turn as commentator during a Geelong game. At one point he described a free kick:

"Hocking's got the free! And he's got a 50-metre penalty! And his opponent has been reported! Wow! That's like scoring a 7-letter word on a triple word square in Scrabble!"

Stunned silence in the commentary box.

New Individual Record

At a club meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland, on January 11, Peter Preston demolished a club-mate by 793-231. This is thought to be a new World record high game score, and the spread of 562 could well be a record also. Peter achieved his massive total in 16 moves, including five bonus words (the biggest being 149 points for IMPORTER on a triple-triple), as well as scoring heavily with the J, Q, X and Z. However, he actually lost a turn when JADIEST was challenged off!

Halloween Scrabble

From the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board*, December 1998

An enthusiastic and publicity conscious US Scrabblor dressed up as a Scrabble tile for a local Halloween parade. Diane Firstman took a large cardboard box, covered it with wood-patterned paper, made holes for her arms and head, put a D (for Diane) and a small 2 on the front, and attached Scrabble contact details to the back.

Walking amongst Teletubbies, witches, dogs in costume, and so on, she heard things like:

"D-2? What's D-2?"

"D-2? Where's R-2?"

"Look, Mom, it's a box!"

"Look, kids, it's a block!"

"Hey are you part of the periodic table?"

To all these Diane turned her back, and most people said, "Oh, Scrabble!"

Thankfully, a few recognised the tile without the less-than-subtle hint.

Diane might go as a Scrabble board next year.

New Hinch Scrabble Book

Media reports late last year said that former Kiwi Derryn Hinch had signed a royalty deal to include a rewrite of his 1970s classic *The Scrabble Book* in the estimated 4.7 million Scrabble sets sold each year in the English-speaking world.

However, Philip Nelkon of Mattel (UK) stated soon after that Mattel had not signed any deal with Hinch, although they had been discussing and co-operating with him on the book.

Top Australian Scrabblor John Holgate, who wrote much of the material

for Hinch's book, is naturally very interested in the outcome of the negotiations. The book is likely to be published this year regardless of whether or not any deal is struck with Mattel.

John has a book of his own coming out soon concerned with 8-letter words.

School Scrabble in the States

The American National Scrabble Association organised a most successful school championship in Massachusetts during November last year. Fifty-two teams competed, and the event is seen as a prototype for a future National School Championship.

The School Scrabble Program was launched in America in 1992, and now half a million kids play Scrabble in over 15,000 schools.

Words on the Wall

Renee Camille of Massachusetts recently wallpapered her hallway and staircase walls with pages from the *Official Scrabble Players Dictionary*. She comments, "I am not an environmentalist looking for new and unique ways to recycle — I am simply a Scrabble maniac." [Quite. — Ed.]

from the *US Scrabble News*,
December 1998

New Hybrid

A new animal hybrid has appeared, joining the likes of liger, tiglon, zebrass and yakow, which have previously been mentioned in *Forwards*. Doreen Ogston of Christchurch has drawn our attention to the word LEOPON, a leopard-lion cross, listed in the latest supplement to the *Oxford English Dictionary*. I wonder when the word will be allowed in Scrabble.

Some More Words That Should Exist

In the September 1998 issue we published some humorous coined terms that Glennis Hale (MTA) spotted in a school newsletter. Here are a few further examples:

LACTOMACISM

The act of always having to taste the out of date milk just to double check that it really has gone off

NEONPHANCY

A flickering fluorescent light tube, struggling to come to life.

PEPPIER

(pron. Pep-ee-ay)

The waiter at a flash restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground pepper.

PETTOPHOBIC

One who is embarrassed to undress in front of a household pet.

PHONESIA

The affliction of dialling a phone number and forgetting who you were calling just as they answer.

PUPKUS

The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its clammy nose to it.

TELECRASTINATION

The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.

TELEDICTION

The act of always getting to the phone within four rings even from soaking in a hot bath three floors away.

WALKSTARD

The art of being in someone's way, whether it be by walking too slow, directly at them or stopping suddenly in their immediate path.

First Up Bonus

Experts claim that about one-seventh of all first turns should yield a bonus word, if only you look hard enough for it (and know the word!). Certainly getting in a big score first can not only be intimidating, but will often lead to a win.

Ten Nelson members scored first-turn bonuses during November/December last year, and yes, they all won the games in which this occurred.

from *Nelson Scrabble Club's Newsletter*, January 1999



"Well, shucks! I've lost again. Talk about your alien luck!"
With apologies to Gary Larson

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Play In Your Brother-in-Law with Heat and Friendship

By Paul Golder, in the June 1998 issue of the British *APSP Newsletter*

Last year there was a query on the Internet about the rules for French duplicate Scrabble. I had a hunt around and found an introduction page in French for the Montpellier Scrabble Club, which I then translated using an on-line computer translation service. Here's what it said:

the play will thus continue 3 minutes in 3 minutes until exhaustion of the vowels or the consonants. The final grid corresponds on the whole of points most extremely realizable with the successive common hard copies. Each player evaluates his own score cumulated compared to this reference and a classification can thus be established.

Scrabble Duplicate

You like Scrabble but:

- You miss partners of your level ...
- The parts are often blocked ...
- Your partner plays too slowly ...
- You draw only from the consonants, especially W ...

Discover another way of practising your favourite play, while playing Scrabble Duplicate!

It is What?

It is a rigorously of Scrabble, but each player has of a grid and the 102 letters envisaged by the manufacturer.

It is Or?

Where you want in your kitchen, in your brother-in-law, on the range, but you will further see in a club, it is still better!

It is How?

To 1 or 111 players, the principle is the same one: a referee draws 7 letters and announces; each player takes these letters in his play and has 3 minutes to seek the word which brings back the most points possible. The best solution will be adopted and posed on all grids. Or renewed the letters will be completera and

Ca Serves a What?

To eliminate the chance by giving to all chances equal viv-a-vis to the same letters and thus to the same problem. To produce a pleasant play practised on a good rate/rhythm; one does not await any more his turn to play. To allow an objective classification of an unlimited number of players.

Why in a Club?

To open with new meetings and to rub its imagination with that of players of all horizons. To make fast progress in an environment of healthy emulation. To benefit from the structures and services offered by the French Federation of Scrabble: clear rules, official reference work.

Why a Montpellier Scrabble?

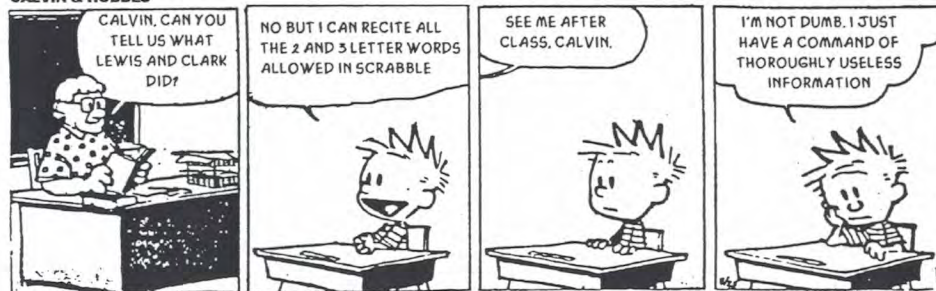
Because you will be accommodated there with heat and friendship. Because the course and the arbitration of the parts are assisted there by computer. Because you will meet there a hundred players of all levels which are not caught with the serious one and which will be happy to make you share their pleasure of playing Scrabble.

NZASP Rankings as at 20 March 1999

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2185	877	689	79%	48 Maureen Holliday	1550	280	155.5	56%
2 Nigel Richards	2113	264	227.5	86%	49 Gerald Warner	1532	1082	499	46%
3 Howard Warner	2081	468	279.5	60%	50 Sue McRae	1526	382	208	54%
4 Kendall Boyd	2073	217	162.5	75%	51 Rhoda Cashman	1525	870	407	47%
5 Patrick Carter	2047	549	336.5	61%	52 Ann Hough	1523	190	106.5	56%
6 Lynne Butler	2047	687	420.5	61%	53 Jean O'Brien	1518	588	301.5	51%
7 Peter Sinton	2024	265	195	74%	54 Bill Grigg	1510	325	172	53%
8 Glennis Hale	1991	988	554.5	56%	55 Faye Cronhelm	1493	624	310	50%
9 Glynis Jennings	1954	567	271.5	48%	56 Marian Ross	1490	271	128.5	47%
10 Mike Sigley	1946	635	473	74%	57 Yvette Hewlett	1472	289	133.5	46%
11 John Foster	1935	873	512.5	59%	58 David Gunn	1462	813	412	51%
12 Sheryl Davidson	1925	732	415	57%	59 Betty Gibb	1459	294	120.5	41%
13 David Lloyd	1899	423	230	54%	60 Marj Batchelor	1458	296	132	45%
14 Lynne Powell	1898	980	528.5	54%	61 Ann Candler	1452	717	323.5	45%
15 Peter Jones	1849	746	382	51%	62 Shirley Hol	1450	280	136.5	49%
16 Andrew Bradley	1835	433	210	48%	63 Kim Graham	1433	295	166	56%
17 Steven Brown	1830	354	211	60%	64 Marj Baillie	1409	564	285	51%
18 Denise Gordon	1830	688	361.5	53%	65 Janice Cherry	1399	157	93	59%
19 Lisa McLean	1825	380	217.5	57%	66 Correne James	1397	516	236.5	46%
20 Glenda Foster	1794	666	339	51%	67 Elaine Moltzen	1383	428	215	50%
21 Rosemary Cleary	1794	470	230.5	49%	68 Margaret Simpson	1380	529	264	50%
22 Pam Robson	1789	508	260.5	51%	69 Rebecca Freeth	1375	153	96	63%
23 Eileen McLean	1788	821	450.5	55%	70 Max Aston	1373	225	117	52%
24 Lynn Wood	1772	1109	549.5	50%	71 Andrew Coombes	1369	158	69.5	44%
25 Liz Fagerlund	1769	331	195	59%	72 Doreen Davies	1367	284	149	52%
26 Valerie Mills	1767	571	297.5	52%	73 Ruth O'Neill	1362	332	160.5	48%
27 Fae Olson	1724	1193	578	48%	74 Joan Thomas	1353	180	107.5	60%
28 May Quigley	1718	920	412	45%	75 Doreen Ogston	1307	474	213	45%
29 Leila Thomson	1696	542	252	46%	76 Isabel Zyp	1307	366	185	51%
30 Chris Hooks	1673	676	334	49%	77 Shirley Martin	1299	354	184.5	52%
31 Paul Lister	1671	384	220	57%	78 Peggy Wallace	1267	431	205	48%
32 Glenyss Buchanan	1669	656	319	49%	79 Malcolm Graham	1257	211	110.5	52%
33 Allie Quinn	1663	832	388.5	47%	80 Reeve Pearson	1253	1134	517	46%
34 June Mackwell	1654	650	290	45%	81 Margaret Cherry	1247	301	149.5	50%
35 Jane Walton	1654	303	165	54%	82 Norman Wheeler	1237	577	309	54%
36 Helen Sillis	1646	611	315	52%	83 Betty Eriksen	1235	574	286	50%
37 Andree Prentice	1628	645	350.5	54%	84 Shirley Wyatt	1234	325	152.5	47%
38 Anna Geange	1625	448	249	56%	85 Margaret Lyall	1229	284	123	43%
39 Karyn McDougall	1610	383	207	54%	86 Elsie Malkin	1228	169	95	56%
40 Glenda Geard	1601	778	398	51%	87 Julie Atkinson	1199	115	70.5	61%
41 Puti Rowe	1595	637	318.5	50%	88 Jennifer Smith	1199	181	107.5	59%
42 Margaret Bundock	1574	759	387	51%	89 Liz Catchpole	1197	282	138	49%
43 Doreen O'Shea	1563	341	180	53%	90 Carolyn Kyle	1194	170	75	44%
44 Howard Feldstein	1560	68	38	56%	91 Delcie Macbeth	1178	418	227	54%
45 Hilda Scott	1555	286	163	57%	92 Sue Walker	1172	357	182.5	51%
46 Yvonne Wilson	1554	239	142	59%	93 Hazel Purdie	1168	387	186	48%
47 Roger Coates	1552	496	237	48%	94 Shirley van Essen	1159	106	61.5	58%

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96 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1102	193	94	49%	133 Juliette Giles	764	123	63.5	52%	
97 Dorothy Haining	1067	552	283	51%	134 Steve Richards	762	46	23	50%	
98 Dean Riesterer	1066	124	80	65%	135 June Ward	743	131	62	47%	
99 Pauline Hayes	1029	119	52	44%	136 Kate Wignall	741	518	255.5	49%	
100 Lyn Dawson	1028	163	101	62%	137 Valma Gidman	738	415	202	49%	
101 Gordon Pinchin	1022	205	111	54%	138 Brian Horsley	726	202	97.5	48%	
102 Margaret Mourant	1022	282	147	52%	139 Heather Port	726	53	30	57%	
103 Olwen Skelton	1020	448	212.5	47%	140 Ed Olson	721	1069	427.5	40%	
104 Pam Barlow	1020	198	101.5	51%	141 Irene Hague-Smith	720	588	270	46%	
105 Pat Johnstone	1019	311	146	47%	142 Doreen Rowlands	711	165	63	38%	
106 Margaret Parsons	1018	281	146.5	52%	143 Marie Kingi	708	253	110	43%	
107 Michael Hyndman	991	175	102.5	59%	144 Dorothy Latta	708	213	84	39%	
108 Elizabeth Arlington	987	49	28	57%	145 Val Worth	703	346	168	49%	
109 Shirley Tozer	960	218	111.5	51%	146 Chris Handley	688	42	18	43%	
110 Roto Mitchell	959	215	107	50%	147 Anton van Essen	677	38	20	53%	
111 Annette Coombes	953	442	194.5	44%	148 Betty Sutherland	661	102	41.5	41%	
112 Jacqueline					149 Ruth Munnings	643	56	26.5	47%	
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113 Joan Pratt	936	318	168.5	53%	151 Rob Sillis	631	48	25.5	53%	
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119 Margaret Hanson	903	188	100.5	53%	157 Adrienne McKeown	538	243	104.5	43%	
120 Pat Grant	893	98	55	56%	158 Bill Tozer	504	117	47	40%	
121 Elaine King	876	362	187.5	52%	159 Margaret Garner	499	175	71	41%	
122 Lil Moore	874	526	254.5	48%	160 Jacqy Struik	487	99	36	36%	
123 Yvonne Erickson	872	128	50.5	39%	161 Sammy Sanders	483	121	45	37%	
124 Naomi Gilmore	859	169	87.5	52%	162 Kath Davies	471	174	82	47%	
125 Mary Pinchin	840	255	129	51%	163 Kerry Dawkins	461	48	8	17%	
126 Trish Hellriegel	827	148	75.5	51%	164 Jillian Greening	450	268	123	46%	
127 Jean Clarke	803	186	94.5	51%	165 Kath James	448	288	120.5	42%	
128 Jill Johnson	800	134	63	47%	166 Elvira Steel	395	229	25	11%	
129 Pam Mayall	799	225	112	50%	167 Vera Burner	354	385	102.5	27%	
130 Janet Willison	784	47	32.5	69%	168 Nola Edwards	315	55	20.5	37%	
131 Mary Gray	779	232	124.5	54%	169 Resie Coenen	278	48	9	19%	

CALVIN & HOBBS



Tribute to Alan Boyd

21 September 1951 - 1 January 1999

by Pam Robson, President, Hamilton Scrabble Club

Before paying tribute to our late Club member, Alan Boyd, I wish to convey, on behalf of all members of the Hamilton Scrabble Club, our sincere condolences to his family on the sad occasion of Alan's tragic death. We also share with you a great sense of loss in recalling our own memories of a special person who had become very much a part of the fellowship within our club.

Since Alan's death was publicised I have fielded numerous phone calls from all over the country, not only from Alan's Hamilton club-mates, but also from Scrabble players from clubs further afield, all expressing their shock and sadness on hearing of his death.

Alan led a simple and uncomplicated lifestyle, and always appeared quite content and happy with his lot. In some respects he could be described as one of life's "colourful" characters, and although he did not always conform to what society expects, he had developed

an extremely carefree and happy disposition. The ability to achieve this to the extent that he had is probably lacking in the majority of us.

During the two and a half years he has been an active member of our Club, I cannot recall a single occasion when Alan was not happy, chatty, witty and helpful, and above all, a good sport. He had a natural ability and aptitude for playing Scrabble, and was always very generous in sharing his knowledge and offering help and encouragement to others.

Alan's success in his Scrabble endeavours had gone from strength to strength in recent times. He had just completed what must have been his most successful year at both Club and National levels. At the Club's Annual Christmas Dinner and Prize-giving in December, he was very proud in accepting three trophies awarded to him for winning the:

- Club Knockout Championship
- Group 1 Round Robin Competition

- Highest Aggregate Score for a Single Game plus additional prizes for:
- Runner-up in the Pot Luck Trophy
- Runner-up in the Ladder Championship
- Third Place in the Overall Club Championship

Other successes during 1998 included:

- First Place in A Grade, Capital Club Tournament
- Third Place in B Grade, National Scrabble Championships
- Third Place in B Grade, Hamilton Club Tournament

However, I feel his biggest thrill was on being presented with the Trophy for winning the C Grade at the 1997 NZ National Scrabble Championships, and I especially remember this occasion, as the smile never left his face during the entire evening! A framed photograph to commemorate his achievement was later presented to him on a Club night as a special little tribute recognising his success. This particular photograph is that which you see opposite.

However, even more commendable than his successes were Alan's sense of fair play, his honesty, and the graceful manner in which he accepted defeat. Never once did I hear him complain when the "sought after" tiles eluded him, or when the game all went in favour of his opponent. In all honesty, I doubt there are many other Scrabble players who could lay claim to such graciousness. Many of us could, and should, take a leaf from his book in this respect.

One particular little piece of humour Alan will be remembered for is the "Wound Wobins" we play at the Club. He insisted on writing in that form on his score sheet, instead of "Round Robins",

and so the term has become quite accepted with the rest of us! He also derived great pleasure in "shouting" supper for us all on the week of his birthday each year.

We will miss him scurrying in at the last minute on Club nights, often busy chatting away about some TV show which had kept him a little late! However, his lateness in arriving was often offset by his willingness to wait behind afterwards and help us dismantle the tables and lock up the premises. His help was always appreciated.

I know Alan felt a great sense of "belonging" within our Club, and Hamilton Club members can take solace in the fact that they all helped create that environment for him because they showed him the respect and understanding that he so rightly deserved for his many very good humanitarian qualities. His love of Scrabble played a major part in his life.

Thank you Alan for your friendship and for the many things you have taught us. Happy Scrabbling in Heaven, and may you win many more "Wound Wobins". God Bless.



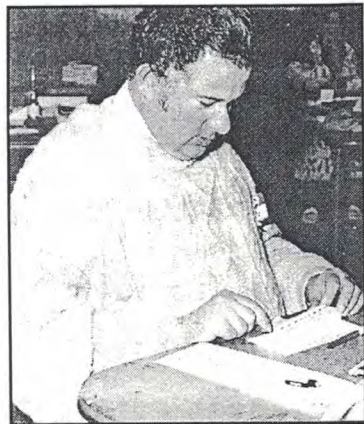
Alan Boyd

Thank You

Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy after the sudden death of our son Alan in Hamilton. As a family, we value your concern and much appreciated your kind thoughts at the time.

You probably realise that Scrabble was important in Alan's life. He kept me up to date with his activities and we are grateful for the messages we have received from other players, both at his funeral and in the time since then.

Vivienne Boyd



Alan on his way to winning the Christchurch Tournament in 1993

"One of my lasting memories of Alan will be the way he used to get down on his hands and knees to pore over dictionaries and word lists between games."

Peter Jones, MTA

"Alan introduced me to panarithmic numbers, HATI numbers and 'Boyd' numbers, and I introduced him to primitive roots, etc."

Don McDonald, Wellington

"Alan was a real character — I will always remember his very loud 'Challenge' call."

Bill Grigg, DUN

"Alan won the South Island Champs in 1989, ahead of players like Ian Patterson, Lynn Wood and Peter Sinton. He ended the year as top South Island player with a national ranking of 9th. In 1993, Alan won again at Christchurch, and despite a lower rating in later years was always capable of surprising. He swept all before him in the C Grade at the 1997 Nationals, and last year had an excellent win in the Capital Club event.

Alan had a great love of words and numbers, which is no doubt why he was such a good Scrabble player. He will be missed.

Jeff Grant, HAS

Memories of Alan

"The Hamilton Club finished its year's activity with a dinner at the same restaurant we went to last time. I won two trophies — different to those I won last year. One is a knockout trophy, and the other for group round robin competition games. In both of these the players can't consult word lists or dictionaries. I also won the trophy for high combined score, with David Gunn.

Did you like the article about numbers that I gave you in Wellington? You should show it to your Bill and the grandchildren.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Alan"

From a letter Alan wrote to Doreen Ogston, Christchurch, just before Christmas last year.

"Alan always came up and said how much he enjoyed our games. He was quite disappointed when we ended up in different grades at a tournament."

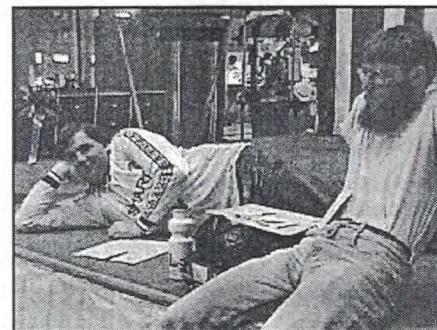
Doreen O'Shea, HAS

"He was ever so proud when he won those trophies at the Nationals. I remember the way his face just lit up."

Pat Grant, HAS

Thailand International Tournament

The annual Thailand International event attracted 60 players to Bangkok in January for 5 days of intense Scrabble. Included in the high quality field were our Kiwi stars Nigel Richards (CHC) and Kendall Boyd (DUN).



Kendall and Nigel relaxing between games

After 29 games, Nigel led with 21 wins, and was joined in the best-of-three game final by Mark Nyman. England's 1993 World Champion on 20 wins. To make the final, Mark had to beat Nigel in the last round of qualifying. He then went on to win the title 2-1, after a deciding game was needed when he and Nigel were locked at one game each.

The other players had one more game to determine the final placings.

- 1 Mark Nyman (UK) won final 2-1
- 2 Nigel Richards (NZ)
- 3 Ricardo Gonzalez (Saudi Arabia) 20 wins
- 4 Jakkrit Klaphajone (Thailand) 20 wins
- + 15 Kendall Boyd (NZ) 17 wins

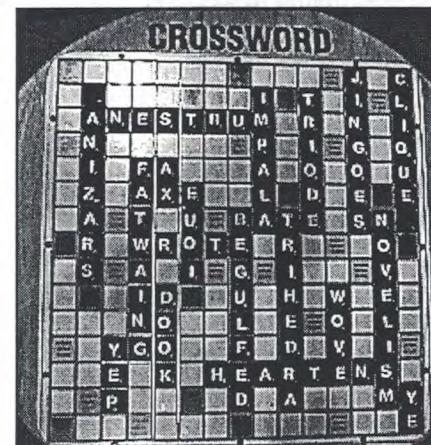
An Amazing Game

The final round qualifying game between eventual tournament winner Mark Nyman (UK) and runner-up Nigel Richards (NZ) in the Thailand International Tournament was a stunner. The score was a remarkable 534-483 in Mark's favour, and **nine** bonus words were played, seven of them vertical!

Nigel drew first blood with BEGULFED

(69), answered immediately by Mark with HEARTENS (82) and NOVELISM (80). Nigel found FATWAING (80), but Mark continued his bonus run using his blank for a Y to make CLIQUEY (132). Nigel cut Mark's lead down to 77 points with TRIHEDRA (72), however Mark forged ahead with JINGOES (82) and ANESTRUM (70). Nigel picked up the second blank towards the end and used it for a J to make JANIZARS (122).

A truly remarkable game that attracted much interest.



The final board



Nigel (left) and Mark in the finals

Photos courtesy of Cheah Siu Hean, Singapore

CLUB NEWS

Hamilton Newsletter

By Pam Robson

Hamilton Club members celebrated the festive season with a dinner and prize giving function held at Gerrards Restaurant just prior to Christmas.

Club Competition results for 1998 were:

Club Champion

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Steven Brown
3rd Alan Boyd

Knock Out

- 1st Alan Boyd
Runner-up Pam Robson

Pot Luck Trophy

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Alan Boyd
3rd Jane Walton

Ladder Challenge

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Alan Boyd
3rd Isabel Zyp

Round Robin Group 1

- 1st Alan Boyd
2nd Jane Walton
3rd Steven Brown

Round Robin Group 2

- 1st David Gunn
2nd Jennifer Smith
3rd Isabel Zyp

Round Robin Group 3

- 1st Peggy Wallace
2nd Pam Mayall
3rd Jillian Greening

Bonus Words Group 1

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Steven Brown
3rd Roger Coates

Bonus Words Group 2

- 1st David Gunn
2nd Shirley Martin



- 3rd Jennifer Smith

Bonus Words Group 3

- 1st Peggy Wallace
2nd Jillian Greening
3rd Daphne Watson

100pt+ Word Trophy

- 1st Jennifer Smith
2nd equal Jane Walton
Shirley Martin

Pyramid Trophy

- 1st Roger Coates
2nd Steven Brown
3rd Pam Robson

Most Improved Player

Steven Brown

Sportsperson of the Year

Pam Mayall

Highest Scoring Individual Turn

Shirley Martin

Monthly Competition Trophy

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Shirley Martin
3rd Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell

Highest Combined Aggregate

Alan Boyd & David Gunn

Most Promising Newcomer

Karen Robertson

Thanks again to Glenda and Jeff for their fantastic work in producing *Forwards*.

Dunedin Newsletter

By Bill Grigg

January

Our AGM was held. President: Daisy Madden, Secretary: Chris Handley, Treasurer: Bill Grigg, all re-elected. Elvira Steel, happy birthday — 21 again? Welcome to Bronwyn Dickson. Bill Grigg a great uncle again.

Obituary

Alan Boyd, 1951-1999, tragically killed in Hamilton. What a shock to us all. Alan was a member of our club 1985-96. He was certainly different, however he was a very good Scrabblor and great club member. He enjoyed playing top players and dictionary games with the lower ranks too. I will always remember his very loud "challenge" call. Alan moved to Hamilton in mid '96 and settled in well up there. He was a character. Once met never forgotten. Farewell, old friend.

Alan's achievements included wins in:

- Christchurch Open 1986
Dunedin Open 1987
South Island Champs (CHC) 1989/1993

Dunedin Club Tourney 1991/1992

C Grade Nationals 1997

Capital Club Tourney 1998

Dunedin Club Champs 1987/1988

High Win/Ladder Comp (689) 1995

Thailand Tournament

Kendall Boyd was 15th with 17 wins. Well done to Nigel Richards (CHC), the losing finalist. He was top qualifier on 21 wins. Mark Nyman (UK) was the winner in the play-off, 2-1.

City of Sydney International Masters

Kendall Boyd finished 2nd on 13 wins — congratulations! Nigel Richards (CHC) continued his great form, winning the event with 16 wins out of 18.

February

Welcome to Trevor Rowell and Maria Fletcher. Glenys Logan from Toowoomba Club in Queensland visited us.

Quiz

Would you challenge these?

- (a) PHERIAL (b) SULLING
(c) FIXATIF (d) EXMERIC
(e) TORULIN

Nelson Tournament

Carolyn Kyle, Marian Ross and Bill Grigg ventured again to Nelson. See results on p 35. There were competitors from DUN, CHC, NEL, CAP, WEL, MAS, WAN, HAS and PHC. Nelson had 6 new players in the tournament — well done! A good time was had by all. A group of us attended an outdoor concert — Malvina Major: wine, food, fun, yes, even played Scrabble!

Dunedin Tournaments

Dunedin Lion Open (2 1-dayers)

April 24-25

\$13 per day Closing date 13 April

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Otago Lion Open (2 1-dayers)

November 6-7

Masters Tournament (Wang. April 3-5)

We wish Peter Sinton and Kendall Boyd all the best.

Believe it or not

Bill Grigg had just finished a Ladder A game with Caroelyne Kyle when the adjoining table advised they were 14 letters short. Our board had two extra S's, 1 extra blank, plus many others — neither of us noticed anything wrong!

Quiz Answers

Correct: (a) FIXATIF (e) TORULIN

Happy Scrabbling

Twenty-Three Years on in Tauranga

By Noel Maisey

In August 1976 a quartet met to consider the formation of a club for playing Scrabble. This quartet met in Tauranga and decided on the name "Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts", which

we believe proved to be the first Scrabble club in the Southern Hemisphere.

From being the 'trailblazers' in this, it may be thought the club is now 'off the map'. To prove this is not so, here are comments from members of a very friendly weekly group which meets to **enjoy** the game of Scrabble, even though its members do not compete in all the wonderful tournaments we now have in New Zealand.

Members' Comments:

- ☺ No pressure with Scrabble — it's fun, fun, **fun!** **V.S.**
- ☺ I look forward to our Scrabble mornings spent in congenial company. One is constantly discovering new words and how to place them on the board for maximum points, even if it involves just a single letter. Then one must try to outdo one's opponent also! A morning spent in friendly rivalry, with many a laugh. **M.D.**
- ☺ A most enjoyable morning with nice company, good competition and competent organisation. **W.&W.v.H.**
- ☺ I go to Scrabble to have fun, It's great when I get a good run. Seven-letter words are hard to find But if it's a good tussle I don't mind. I'm widening my vocabulary While being great mates with my adversary. I'll look forward to next week's games But I must polish up and heighten my aims! **M.R.**
- ☺ My thoughts on 'Scrabble' are many and varied. Firstly, what a thought-provoking game making one's memory really work, thinking of words hardly ever or even never used in normal conversation. One's brain has to keep working, thinking out word variations

with what letters one has. Many times most enjoyable, but sometimes very frustrating. Making a greater use of one's memory must help towards good health, specially as one grows older. Meeting many people is another bonus as fine friendships are formed. Scrabble is a really worthwhile game.

V.D.

- ☺ It is generally agreed that one must be a bit crazy to be a Scrabble player. In Tauranga, seated in great comfort, with a glorious view of the Tauranga Harbour (even with dolphins at times) and fortified with a bottomless supply of coffee, a group of enthusiasts meets weekly for fun, friendship and fanaticism. In their frantic search for a seven-letter, or rather, bonus word on a triple-triple, it sometimes seems that an association of amiable amateurs has become a quango of xenophobic zos and zhomos linked together by one hundred odd two-letter words (or are they non-words?). **N.S.**

From the convenor, Noel Maisey, the only one of the original quartet remaining in the club.

Hastings v Masterton

On February 6th the Hastings Scrabble team travelled down to Peter and Doreen Davies' home in Masterton to defend the shield competed for each year by the two clubs.

Hastings won the first round 3½-1½, but a Masterton clean sweep in the next round gave them a 6½-3½ lead. Hastings pegged back the deficit to 8½-6½, and then after a delicious lunch had their own clean sweep in round 4 to lead 11½-8½. They extended the margin to 4 games in round 5, and even though Masterton won

money, but can't wait to go again. To anyone contemplating the trip over there, go for it, as it's a great week. Unfortunately, Daph Watson had to pull out with health problems, but we are pleased to say she is feeling much better and back to playing Scrabble again.

We held our first tournament in late November with a Christmas theme, and it was a great day (apart from the weather). Fewer mistakes and sunny skies can only improve things this year. Thanks to the support we got from our many sponsors, most people went home with some sort of prize. Thanks to everyone who attended — you've given us the confidence to hold our second tourney on 27 November this year.

In December we held our annual prize-giving with a casual dinner followed by the presentation of club trophies. The winners were:

Club Champion	Roger Coates
Pot Luck Trophy	Betty Gibb
Pyramid Trophy	Betty Gibb
100pt+ Word Trophy	Marj Baillie
Ladder Champion	Betty Gibb
Most Improved Player	Peggy Wallace
Achievement Award	Caroline Higby

All in all it was a great year, with the emphasis still being not too competitive and just the enjoyment of meeting with friends and playing Scrabble.

Show Dogs

from p4.

Alan Canid had the English cocker spaniels ready for the show.

Also there, were various canines, with owners on leash.

Alec Grey's cairn 'terror' (terrier); Alma White's Irish setter; Bernard Thorpe's labrador; Hortense Heston and her basset; Terry Chase's trained beagle; Gracie Field with leash on poodles.

Even Babe's ratty muts!

the last round 3-2, the final result was a win for Hastings by 16½-13½.

Top performer was Yvonne Wilson (HAS) with 5 wins, followed by Doreen O'Shea (HAS) and Doreen Davies (MAS) with 4 wins. The highest game score was Jill Moon's (MAS) 506, and Doreen Davies had the most bonus words with 10. Some of the best words were SCUDDER (Rose Roselea (HAS)), INTEGERS (Joan Thomas (HAS)) and SLUTTIER (Yvonne)

Everyone enjoyed the day, and Hastings are looking forward to returning Masterton's hospitality in the new millennium.

Kiwi Club, Hamilton

By Elaine and Jacqueline

Another successful year has been achieved by the Kiwi Club. Our alternate weekly meetings of afternoons and evenings have proved very popular with our members, so we are continuing the idea again this year.

Jacqueline, Michael and Elaine ventured to Norfolk Island in September and had a great time — spent too much

That Takes the Cake



from *The Word Book*
By Gyles Brandreth

Channel NewsAsia World Masters

There's plenty of good money waiting for serious players when the Channel NewsAsia World Scrabble Masters Championship takes place in Singapore from June 25 to 27 this year.

Michael Tang, organising chairman of the richest Scrabble tournament in the region, says the top prize of US\$25,000 has so far attracted more than 80 top Scrabblers from 15 nations. Other prizes are US\$10,000 for runner-up and US\$5,000 for third place. Cash prizes will also be awarded to others who make it to the top ten, with each taking home at least US\$500.

According to Michael, who announced the tournament via the Internet, Scrabble wizards who have registered for the tournament include the top three from the United Kingdom, namely Mark Nyman (World Champion 1993), Phil Appleby and Andrew Fisher, as well as Nigel Richards (New Zealand), Dr Jakkrit Klaphajone, Chamwit Sukhumrattapanom, Gerry Carter and Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thailand's top young guns), Rio Odette, Vergilio Morales and Maida Manaog (Philippines), and Nigerian Femi Awowade. American Joel Sherman, the current world champion, and compatriots Bob Felt, Joe Edley, Jim Geary and Brian Cappelletto are also expected to take part.

The tournament will be played over 23 games on a round robin swiss/king of the hill format, with the first 18 games played without repeat (not meeting the same player twice), and the final five, king of the hill with repeat (possibility of playing the same player). Michael explains that this system will give everyone a chance to play

From *The Star* newspaper, Malaysia

against the very best in the world in the first 18 games. After 23 games, the top two in the final standings will play in a best-of-three championship final. The final will be shown live on Channel NewsAsia Singapore and posted on the Internet.

The games will be played over three days, with nine rounds each on the first and second day, and the final rounds and grand final on the last day. The tournament will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Singapore. The time allocation for each game is 22 minutes per player (as opposed to the usual 25 minutes in the World Scrabble Championship.)

Michael, who is also the Programming Manager of Channel NewsAsia, hopes that this tournament held in conjunction with the official launching of the channel on March 1 will be an annual affair. Prizes will get better and better in future, he says, adding that he hopes the English News Channel in Singapore which covers business, political and social development in Asia (from 6am till 12 midnight) will benefit serious listeners of the channel.

Entrants have about three months to prepare for this upcoming tournament, unofficially the second richest in the world (the richest being the All Superstars Las Vegas Scrabble Tournament with a winner's cheque of US\$50,000).

[It's great to see so many international events in this part of the world. Let's hope we can keep the Kiwi flag flying high! — Ed.]



Australia

The **Essendon Tournament**

on September 27, 1998 was won by Melbourne schoolboy Jimmy Scarff who was unbeaten over 6 games, finishing one clear of Robert Archer and Barry Harridge. Jimmy went on to also win the **Frankston Tournament** on October 25, beating Geoff Wright narrowly on a countback. These results were a forerunner to Jimmy's excellent 4th placing in the Trans-Tasman Challenge in November.

The **New South Wales Championships** were held on October 3-5, 1998 with 88 players talking part. In the Masters Section, Victorian Alistair Kane headed a high-class field with 18 wins out of 22 games, while ACT's Alison Rae, who has competed in Norfolk Island, took out the Advanced grade.

		Wins	Margin
1	Alistair Kane	18	1328
2	Bob Jackman	16	1396
3	Joan Rosenthal	16	1304
4	Esther Perrins	15	1072
5	John Holgate	15	435
6	Paul Cleary	14	802

The **October Spring Tournament** in Sydney on October 25, 1998 was won by Bob Jackman with 10 wins from 11 games. Esther Perrins was runner-up on 9, with John Barker third on 8. Best move of the day was made by Derek McKenzie of Queensland who played VAGINITIS through an IN against Paul Cleary.

Mt Warren Park Club in Queensland hosted their **Oyez Tournament** (named from the event flier) on November 15,

1998. Joan Colburt averaged a whopping 450 over the seven games, but a couple of losses meant that she finished half a win behind Gerry Reynolds, with Marilyn Smith third.



Bahrain

The **Bahrain Scrabble Cup** has been won for the third time by Roland Filio. The finals were held at the Hilton Hotel in December, and Roland triumphed 2-0 in the best-of-three match against Ding Penanor.

In the first game, Ding led till near the end, but getting stuck with the Q eventually cost him the game 408-379. The second game was Roland's all the way, his moves including an appropriate (for a chef) AIGRETTIE, a savoury cooked in deep fat, for 72 points.

Roland is certainly one of Bahrain's most skilful and consistent Scrabblers, having previously won the Bahrain Cup in 1989 and 1991, before going on to become Gulf Champion in 1993 and 1996. He also competed at the World Champs in 1991 and 1993, gaining a creditable 29th place at the first event.



Czech Republic

The 5th National Championship had 650 entrants, with 32 players qualifying for the final playoffs. Last year's champ, well-known folk singer Jaromir Nohavica lost early to 12-year-old Jana Rusa, who finished 13th. At the top of the field, Zbynek Burda (34) triumphed over 1996 champ Milan Kudej, with promising 16-year-old Jan Repka third.

Jitka Folberova from Mattel (Czechia) organised the tournament and states, "Scrabble has been played in Czech since 1994. It is more complicated than the

English version as there are 39 different letters, which reduces the possibility of reaching a high score. An aggregate of more than 600 points for the two players is considered extraordinary, and premium words for using all 7 tiles are very rare. Yet, with the richness of the Czech language, it is a unique word game which attracts the attention of more and more players."

Denmark

Scrabble is alive and well in Denmark apparently. There are 141 two-letter words allowed in Danish Scrabble, 20 more than we have. This is partly because they have three extra letters (Æ, Ø, Å), but they also seem to have looser rules of acceptability judging by the listing of LP, OK, PC and TV.

France

Nearly 900 players competed in the Individual section of the Aix Les Bains festival. The tournament ended in a tie for 1st place between Arona Gaye from Senegal and Denis Courtois of Belgium. This is the first time a Senegalese player has won an event in France, and further highlights the developing skills of African Scrabblers. The field included current World Champion (in French), Christian Pierre (Belgium) who could do no better than 20th.

Malaysia

The 6th Park Royal Masters was held in Kuala Lumpur on November 21-22, 1998. The 16-round event was very close, with Singapore players Thong Liew Kee and Michael Tang both finishing on 12 wins, one ahead of Malaysia's Jocelyn Lor, with top-rated Singaporean

Tony Sim fourth, leading a group of five players on 10 wins.

	Wins	Spread
1 Thong Liew Kee	12	616
2 Michael Tang	12	515
3 Jocelyn Lor	11	786
4 Tony Sim	10	827

Mexico

The 2nd Spanish-speaking World Championship was held in Mexico City from November 26-28, 1998. Players from 13 countries took part — Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, USA, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Peru, Panama and El Salvador.

The tournament was organised by Mattel (Mexico), and included a cocktail reception followed by 2 days of competition. All players had 7 games with the top two qualifying for the final based on highest aggregate score. [Why not most wins? — Ed.]

After round 6, the 1997 World Champ, Juan Ramon Manchado (Spain) led the field, but he scored only 358 in his last game to let through Blai Figueras (Spain) and Claudia Amaral (Argentina).

The final was won 2-1 by Blai, who took the world title as well as top prize of 50,000 pesos (about \$10,000), a computer and a number of books.

Singapore

The 6th **Kenneth Chen Cup** was held on November 28-29, 1998. There were 38 entrants and they played 18 games each. Top-ranked Tony Sim clinched the title in the final game with a win over Cheah Siu Hean. Both players finished on 12 wins, one ahead of Michael Tang in third place.

The **Kallang Championship** on

December 6 was won by outsider Joe Muhammad ahead of Singapore's 1997 World Champs rep Quek Sim Ho, with Thong Liew Kee third and Michael Tang fourth.

The **Junior Scrabble Challenge 98** was a tremendous success, with 120 children aged between 7 and 9 taking part. Junior Scrabble Game sets were used, and a series of free workshops were conducted by the Scrabble Association at various community libraries for 3 weekends prior to the event.

Philippines

The 4th Philippines National Championship was won by Tawano Rabong who beat Renante de la Cerna in the final. The event was held in the noisy fast food court of the Edsa shopping mall in Manila, with 48 players taking part.

Poland

Wojech Usakiewicz won the English-speaking tournament held at the Centre for the Promotion of Culture in Warsaw late last year.

South Africa

Dylan Early won his third National Championship in a row at the end of August, 1998, beating his compatriots as well as competitors from Nigeria and Cameroons.

United Kingdom

The 1998 **British Club Tournament Final** was won by Aireborough (Joyce Cansfield, Helen Grayson, David Longley) who beat Oxford (Andy Cook, Barrie Knox, John Place) in a hard-fought match in October. Aireborough had been runners-up in

seven previous finals, including the very first in 1979 — and Joyce Cansfield has played in every one!

The scores were 3-3 coming into the last round, so there was plenty of tension. Barrie opened with CHERVIL and quickly built up a big lead against David, while Helen soon took control against John. In the deciding game Joyce eked out a narrow win over Andrew with just 22 seconds left on her clock, and only 4 seconds on Andrew's, giving Aireborough their first win in the national club competition by 5-4.

As reported in our last issue, Mark Nyman won the 1998 **British National Scrabble Championship**. It is hard to believe that someone who has been a star of UK Scrabble for so long had never been the National Champion, but Mark put that right in Wolverhampton on October 10-11 with a superb run of 12 wins in 13 games. The key clash was probably the first game on the second day, when Mark beat Gareth Williams 432-387. Gareth went on to win his next six games, averaging 463 points against some of the best players in Britain — but he was always one step behind Mark, who was unstoppable on the day. There was the odd close shave though, in particular a 436-433 win over Allan Simmons, but Mark made no race of it in the vital 13th game to deservedly take the title ahead of Gareth.

The **Isle of Wight Tournament** was held on October 30-November 1, 1998, with 154 Scrabblers taking part. Division A was won by Paul Golder with 10 wins from 11 games, followed by Andrew Perry and Martin Reed, both with 8 wins.

Lancashire met Yorkshire in the **2nd War of the Roses Scrabble** match at Preston in October 1998. Revenge of the

non-violent kind went to Lancashire with a 42-38 win.

The **Merton Tournament** on December 6, 1998, was won by Allan Saldanha with 5 wins out of 6, ahead of Andrew Perry, Dick Green and Noel Turner, who all had 5 wins too, but an inferior spread.

Andy Davis won all 6 games at the **Richmond** event on January 10, to finish a game clear of Allan Simmons, Darryl Francis and Robert Richland.

UK Top 10 as at January 1, 1999

1 Andrew Fisher	202	6 David Acton	193
2 Phil Appleby	196	7 Andrew Webb	193
3 Helen Gipson	196	8 Neil Scott	192
4 Mark Nymman	196	9 David Webb	192
5 Andy Cook	194	10 Russell Byers	191



United States

Scrabble is BIG in America. The 1998 National Champs drew 550 players, and there were nearly 200 rated tournaments throughout the year, including events in 34 different states — California alone held 32! The average attendance was 52 players per tournament and prizes ranged from nothing ('Bragging Rights' events) up to several thousand dollars for first place. The shortest events over there are 6-round one dayers, whereas this year's Reno tourney will have 39 rounds and be run over a week.

The **Atlanta, Georgia** tournament on September 11-13, 1998 attracted 88 players. The top grade was very close with the first three place-getters all having 10 wins from 15 games. World Champ Joel Sherman took the title with a +627 spread, just ahead of Trip Payne (+561) and Randy Hersom (+467). A game behind was a group of players headed by Richard Ross who had a superior spread

(+979) to those above him.

The **Wisconsin Dells** tournament was held on October 10-11. Current American champion Brian Cappelletto beat a strong field with 10 wins from 11 games, which raised his rating to 2121, the highest anyone has had in 3 years.

The 6-round **Oakland Tournament** in California on October 11 was won by *Forwards* subscriber Norma Fisher with 5 wins (+398), ahead of 1993 World Champs rep Jerry Lerman on 4 wins (+288).

Jan Dixon upset the field at the **Pittsburgh Tournament** on October 24-25, winning 10 out of 13 games to take the title on countback, ahead of such players as Trip Payne and Bob Lipton. Jan repeated her success in a California event two weeks later with 11 wins from 14 games. This time she finished 2 wins clear of such worthies as Sam Kantimathi and Robert Felt. By January Jan's rating had risen to 1908, giving her 42nd ranking in America.

Lisa Odom won the **Twin Cities** event in Minnesota on November 14-15, and raised her rating over the 2000 mark. At this stage Lisa looks certain to be one of the US representatives at the 1999 World Champs. She has played at this level before, gaining a highly creditable 15th place in New York in 1993.

The 19-round **Reno Winter Championship** was held at the Sand Regent Hotel & Casino in Nevada from January 15-19. The winner was David Wiegand with 17 wins, followed by Joey Mallick (15 wins), Jim Geary (14 wins) and Joe Edley (13 wins). The big surprise was the performance of 18-year-old Joey Mallick, who is now rated in the top 20. Look out for him in the future.

Here are the ratings of America's top Scrabble players, as at March 1999.

1	Brian Cappelletto	2100
2	Patrick Gitonga Nderitu	2066
3	Jim Geary	2054
4	Dave Wiegand	2047
5	Jere Mead	2029
6	Trey Wright	2027
7	James Neuberger	2022
8	Joe Edley	2016
9	Charles Goldstein	2007
10=	Adam Logan	2003
10=	Lisa Odom	2003
Also		
12	Joel Sherman	1996
13	David Boys	1994
15	Ron Tiekert	1982
17	Joel Wapnick	1962
23	Sam Kantimathi	1947
26	Bob Lipton	1924
29	Robert Felt	1919
31	Matt Graham	1916
40	John Holgate	1899

Our thanks to UK's Scrabble Club News, edited by Philip Nelkon, for much of this international news.

Double Double

Going second in a club game against Russell Byers in England recently, Clive Spate's first two moves were INSOLATE for 77 and INSOLATE for 78!

Scrabble Tip

Avoid eating crisps while playing Scrabble — it is all too easy to mix up the two bags. Crisps are invariably difficult to incorporate into words, and should you swallow a tile, valuable time will be lost waiting for nature to 'take its course' so that the tile may be retrieved, cleaned and returned to the bag.

Dr Zhivago, Omsk
From the British APSP Newsletter
December 1997

Sydney International Masters, Australia

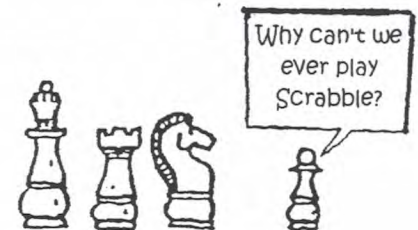
The City of Sydney International Masters tournament was held on January 30-31 at the Landmark Parkroyal Hotel. It proved a triumph for the two NZ players, with Nigel Richards (CHC) heading the field of 50 with 16 wins from 18 games, followed by Kendall Boyd (DUN) on 13 wins, ahead of Evan Simpson (UK) on spread. First Aussie home was the ever-consistent Bob Jackman, who won his last 3 games to vault from 9th to 4th.

Evan commented after the tournament, "The standard of Scrabble was very high and it was great to see a true master of the game in Nigel Richards at work — he really does play exceptionally well. Our third match-up was a fantastic game — I scored 475 and got beaten by over 100!"

Wins Spread

1	Nigel Richards	NZ	16	1595
2	Kendall Boyd	NZ	13	1114
3	Evan Simpson	UK	13	358
4	Bob Jackman	AUS	12	685
5	Derek McKenzie	AUS	12	-149
6	David Webb	UK	11	793
7	Joan Rosenthal	AUS	11	775
8	Steve Sunter	AUS	11	485
9	John Barker	AUS	11	403
10	Tony Sim	SING	11	336

Counter Culture





Tournament Results

Howick-Pakuranga Club

Tournament

30 January 1999

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	7	561	455	14
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	492	441	11
3 Glennis Hale	MTA	4	264	388	12
4 Sam Kantimathi	USA	4	51	394	10
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	-140	383	8
6 John Foster	IND	2	-374	376	8
7 David Lloyd	MTA	1	-390	386	6
8 Lynne Powell	NSB	0	-464	363	9

Grade B

1 Peter Jones	MTA	6	226	411	13
2 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	341	395	5
3 Fae Olson	STR	4	251	399	7
4 Eileen McLean	IND	4	-5	392	10
5 Puti Rowe	STR	3	-97	375	8
6 Lisa McLean	IND	3	-102	373	8
7 Chris Hooks	IND	3	-250	349	7
8 May Quigley	IND	1	-364	354	9

Grade C

1 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	44	373	9
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	242	413	9
3 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	230	425	11
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	89	383	7
5 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	61	375	7
6 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	-152	380	9
7 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	-291	370	7
8 Glenda Geard	IND	1	-223	378	10

Grade D

1 David Gunn	WKT	6	314	401	12
2 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	353	404	8
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	358	414	8
4 Ann Candler	NSB	3	9	391	6
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	-136	372	7
6 Isobel Yorke	ROD	3	-278	348	5
7 Correne James	IND	2	25	382	7
8 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	2	-645	334	5

Grade E

1 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	7	263	415	12
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	416	406	11
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	268	388	8
4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	236	405	7
5 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	-180	383	11

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg	B/W
6 Alastair McDougall	PAK	2	-13	364	10
7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	-273	362	5
8 Sue Walker	MTA	0	-717	338	8

Grade F

1 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	6	529	419	10
2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	6	427	401	10
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	296	423	12
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-14	390	9
5 Bev Barker	MTA	2	-276	345	4
6 Pam Barlow	PAK	2	-286	358	6
7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	1	-294	341	6
8 Joan Pratt	ROD	1	-382	338	7

Grade G

1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4.5	166	362	6
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	441	380	2
3 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	177	371	6
4 Pam Mayall	HAM	4	-82	363	5
5 Jill Johnson	PHC	4	-118	346	2
6 Jim Wills	PAK	3	41	347	8
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	13	368	4
8 May Meads	PHC	3	-208	341	8
9 Ed Olson	STR	3	-262	335	2
10 Susan Olson	STR	2.5	-168	347	4

Grade H

1 Marie Kingi	PHC	6	415	374	8
2 Jean McDougall	PAK	6	283	341	6
3 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	5	421	370	4
4 Jacqy Struik	PHC	4	110	350	6
5 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	4	86	346	3
6 Patricia Wareing	PAK	4	-9	338	1
7 Elise Joy	PHC	4	-102	337	4
8 Sammy Sanders	PHC	3	-23	320	0
9 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-42	342	3
10 Hazel Smith	PHC	2	-278	316	3
11 Resie Coenen	PHC	1	-392	285	0
12 Vera Burner	WAN	0	-469	296	2

Howick-Pakuranga Club

Tournament

31 January 1999

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg	B/W
Grade A					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	349	428	11
2 John Foster	IND	5	209	416	11
3 Sam Kantimathi	USA	5	156	402	10

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg	B/W
4 Glynis Jennings	MTA	5	111	410	11
5 Howard Warner	IND	4	14	406	10
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	111	409	9
7 David Lloyd	MTA	1	-437	373	9
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	1	-513	354	10

Grade B

1 Lisa McLean	IND	6	277	410	13
2 Peter Jones	MTA	5	330	443	15
3 Steven Brown	HAM	4	236	413	15
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	24	377	8
5 Fae Olson	STR	3	-255	387	10
6 Eileen McLean	IND	3	-468	342	5
7 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	-38	398	7
8 May Quigley	IND	2	-106	375	7

Grade C

1 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	472	409	5
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	194	389	10
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	182	403	12
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	-6	371	5
5 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	-75	385	7
6 Chris Hooks	IND	3	-153	360	9
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	-158	380	6
8 Puti Rowe	STR	1	-456	345	5

Grade D

1 Maureen Holliday	ROD	5	363	403	10
2 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	265	408	11
3 Ann Candler	NSB	4	341	424	11
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	160	397	9
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	-299	366	9
6 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-112	378	9
7 David Gunn	WKT	2	-262	366	12
8 Correne James	IND	1	-456	350	3

Grade E

1 Sue Walker	MTA	5	295	419	15
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	281	418	15
3 Julie Atkinson	MTA	5	225	401	11
4 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-160	369	8
5 Liz Catchpole	MTA	3	190	394	5
6 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-97	375	7
7 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	-231	353	3
8 Dorothy Haining	ROD	1	-503	347	2

Grade F

1 Olwen Skelton	ROD	6	247	369	4
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	523	412	11
3 Joan Pratt	ROD	4	290	362	8
4 Lil Moore	MTA	4	-32	358	6
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	-80	361	5
6 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-184	338	5
7 Margaret Hanson	PHC	1	-356	330	4
8 Pam Mayall	HAM	1	-408	345	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg	B/W
Grade G					
1 May Meads	PHC	6	237	367	7
2 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	5	143	359	3
3 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	347	383	8
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	-200	324	2
5 Khin Saw Khine	MTA	3	101	336	2
6 Kath Davies	MTA	3	50	348	6
7 Ed Olson	STR	3	30	348	4
8 Susan Olson	STR	3	-80	311	3
9 Vera Burner	WAN	3	-171	320	3
10 Resie Coenen	PHC	1	-457	308	2

Nelson Club Tournament

13 & 14 February 1999

11 Games

A Grade

1 Sam Kantimathi	USA	9	378	406	12
2 Nigel Richards	CHC	8	1089	464	21
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	7	323	403	15
4 Glenda Foster	CAP	6	341	423	16
5 Bob Johnstone	NEL	6	217	410	15
6 Sue McRae	CAP	5	-94	387	18
7 Ann Hough	NEL	5	-236	342	15
8 Marion Ross	DUN	5	-330	373	13
9 Bill Grigg	DUN	4	-211	366	14
10 Shirley Hol	CHC	4	-400	384	13
11 Paul Lister	CHC	4	-589	365	17
12 Andree Prentice	WAN	3	-488	360	8

B Grade

1 Doreen Davies	MAS	11	1096	391	12
2 Norman Wheeler	WEL	9	1024	396	11
3 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	189	366	12
4 Lyn Dawson	NEL	6	59	361	9
5 Pat Johnstone	NEL	6	-131	358	12
6 Elizabeth Arlington	CHC	6	-306	332	3
7 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	493	388	13
8 Margaret Lyall	CHC	5	26	382	16
9 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-57	359	8
10 Michael Hyndman	CAP	5	-365	367	12
11 Audrey Plane	WAN	1	-502	322	2
12 Maree Arps	NEL	0	-1526	285	2

C Grade

1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	10	494	391	15
2 Evan Kramer	WEL	9	768	402	11
3 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8.5	808	411	11
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	203	369	8
5 Steve Richards	NEL	7	160	365	7
6 Andrew Denmead	NEL	5	47	355	6
7 Shirley Kramer	WEL	4.5	-227	346	5

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
8 Dawn Smith	NEL	4	-271	339	6
9 Maria Clinton	NEL	4	-296	357	2
10 Liz Richards	NEL	4	-498	327	4
11 Julia Jones	NEL	2	-671	324	7
12 Jack McArtney	NEL	1	-517	318	3

Hastings Tournament 6 & 7 March 1999

13 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	12	1122	432	22
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	11	903	430	26
3 Lynne Powell	NSB	9	706	430	28
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	178	391	12
5 Steven Brown	HAM	7	-58	393	21
6 Fae Olson	STR	6.5	-128	391	22
7 Mike Sigley	WAN	6	527	423	29
8 Lisa Mclean	IND	6	-129	381	19
9 Pam Robson	WKT	6	-270	382	21
10 Denise Gordon	WAN	6	-554	370	18
11 Eileen Mclean	IND	5	-236	379	11
12 John Foster	NSB	5	-383	371	12
13 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4.5	-327	387	20
14 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	0	-1351	351	13

Grade B

1 Glenda Geard	IND	10	257	391	19
2 Anna Geange	MTA	9	662	410	20
3 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	436	413	19
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	7	164	369	8
5 Hilda Scott	MAS	7	141	384	11
6 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	7	-199	362	10
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	6	317	391	12
8 Marj Batchelor	MAS	6	188	377	12
9 Correne James	IND	6	109	371	10
10 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	6	-152	386	14
11 Norman Wheeler	WEL	6	-459	365	14
12 Marj Baillie	KIW	5	-225	370	13
13 Doreen Davies	MAS	4	-552	360	9
14 Reeve Pearson	STR	3	-687	363	18

Grade C

1 Joan Thomas	HAS	10	491	370	11
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	532	380	7
3 Michael Hyndman	CAP	8	72	361	10
4 Margaret Parsons	TPO	7	163	369	9
5 Marie Cairns	TPO	6	-87	355	5
6 Ed Olson	STR	5	-554	320	5
7 June Ward	HAS	4	-118	351	9
8 Margaret Warren	HAS	4	-177	334	9
9 Jean Clarke	STR	4	-234	335	6

Lynn Wood 50th Birthday Tournament Wellington

13-14 March 1999

11 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread
A Grade			
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	11	1331
2 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	8	508
3 Leila Thomson	LOH	7	363
4 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	147
5 Glenda Foster	CAP	7	18
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	-183
7 Paul Lister	CHC	5	-190
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-273
9 Andrée Prentice	WAN	4	-394
10 Fae Olson	STR	3	-160
11 Ann Hough	NEL	3	-267
12 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	2	-900

B Grade

1 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	518
2 David Gunn	WKT	8	720
3 Sandra Stacey	WEL	7	558
4 Shirley Hol	CHC	7	523
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	6	71
6 Doreen Davies	MAS	6	-172
7 Frank Robinson	WEL	5	74
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	-415
9 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	-241
10 Shirley van Essen	CHC	4	-435
11 Reeve Pearson	STR	4	-488
12 Norman Wheeler	WEL	1	-713

C Grade

1 Lyn Dawson	NEL	7	462
2 Carl Gray	CAP	7	273
3 Michael Hyndman	CAP	6	594
4 Marjorie Heads	WEL	6	106
5 Sheila Reed	CAP	6	-295
6 Andrew Denmead	NEL	5	202
7 Robert Sinclair	MAS	5	-286
8 D Skerrett	NEL	4	-247
9 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	3	-221
10 Tania Pearson	STR	3	-251
11 Ed Olson	STR	3	-337

Note C Grade played 10 games and had one bye not counted as a win

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	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Shirley Wyatt (MTA)
Highest Single Turn Non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neill (NPL)	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)	504	Nigel Richards (CHC)
Highest Take-off	54	Lisa McLean (IND)	68	Andrew Bradley
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	Nigel Richards (CHC)	6	Mike Sigley (WAN) Nigel Richards (CHC) Lynne Powell (ROD)
Most Bonus Words in Game (2 people)	8	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) Nigel Richards (CHC)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—

NZ Masters (23 Games)

Most Games Won	Jeff Grant (HAS) 21 (1993, 1997)
Highest Aggregate	Blue Thorogood (IND) 10782 (1993)
Most Bonus Words	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)