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Editor's Note

New Zealand's top premier Scrabble tournaments have been held during the past three months. Congratulations to Nigel Richards (CHC) for his win in the Masters at Easter, with a record average of nearly 483 points per game and a huge spread. Nigel and Kendall Boyd (DUN) made up the same quinella as the Australian Masters. Congratulations also to Howard Warner (MTA) for gaining his first major title in the National Championships in Wellington at Queen's Birthday weekend. Howard regaled his opponents with words such as GOATLIKE, LAIGHST, TECTRIX, REDECIDES, WEIGELIA and WATERAGE, winning on spread from Trans-Tasman champ Peter Sinton (DUN). Excellent top-10 finishes were achieved by relative newcomers to the A Grade, Lisa McLean (IND) and Steven Brown (HAM).

Successful open tourneys have also been hosted recently by Dunedin, North Shore Bays and Christchurch (S Island Champs). Well done to the organisers of

these events.

Bev Barker (MTA) has been awarded Life Membership of the NZASP. It is an honour richly deserved, as Bev has given 17 years dedicated service to Scrabble at both club and national level. Joan Thomas (HAS) has taken over as Association Treasurer, but Bev will act in the position until Joan returns from an overseas trip in September.

In another change to the Executive, new national champ Howard Warner has been added to the committee as Publicity Officer, a job he has been carrying out superbly for several years.

On a sadder note, we were sorry to hear of Noel Maisey's passing last month. Noel started NZ's (and maybe the Southern Hemisphere's) first Scrabble club in Tauranga in 1976, and organised the first National tournament in 1980. She became a Life Member of the Association, and with her Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts remained active in the game she loved right till the end (see *23 Years On in Tauranga*, p25-26 in the last issue). Noel will be greatly missed.

Alfred Butts, the inventor of Scrabble, would have turned 100 on April 13. He came close to achieving his ambition to live in three different centuries.

It seems that OSW4, the word-list derived from the new *Chambers Dictionary* will not incorporate American OSPD words after all, but it could still happen with a future edition.

Well done to Gerald Warner (ROD), Howard's father, on his creditable 27th place in the Australian Nationals at Easter, and good luck to Nigel and Howard at the big prize-money Channel



Bev Barker (MTA), new Life Member

NewsAsia international event in Singapore, which has apparently attracted over 100 top players from around the world.

New Zealand's World Champs team has been selected. With the unavailability of Mike Sigley (WAN), Peter Sinton comes in, which is due reward for his recent outstanding performances.

Please support the fundraising Scrabblathon which is being held nationwide on July 10. We need your help to get our team to the World Champs in Melbourne in November.

Congratulations to Brian Horsley (CHC) on his engagement to Southport (Queensland, Australia) Scrabbler Kim Durnan. We wish you both all the best.

Glennis Hale and I are again organising the popular Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival, which will take place this year from September 20-25. There are still seats available on the plane, so why not join us for a week of Scrabble fun!

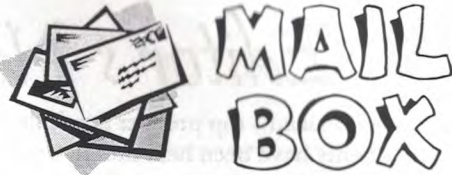
Thanks to everyone who has sent in material for the magazine, and particular thanks to our layout editor, Glenda, for her excellent work.

Closing date for the September issue is August 20.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff



"Why do they call it a 'double-U'
when it's really a 'double-V'?"



Vicarious Kiwis

by Ron & Susi Tiekert
Roswell, Georgia, US

It took us several weeks to get through the latest issue of *Forwards*. It was absolutely **packed** with goodies! Every page a perfect gem! You and Glenda are wizards!!

We are now comfortably ensconced in the Atlanta, Georgia, area, about 15 miles north of the city centre. There are several Scrabble clubs in the area (two of them directed by us), and about 20 active players. Many of the players are retired and seem to do nothing **but** play Scrabble!

The biggest disadvantage to being here, apart from missing our friends in New York, is that there are only one or two other experts in the area, and the fact that we are in a part of the state that is land-locked. Reading *Forwards* reminds me that if we were real Kiwis instead of vicarious Kiwis, we wouldn't have that problem!

Much love and luck to all Kiwis, wherever they are.

PS We'll be in Melbourne for the World Champs even if we have to swim!

Newcomers Club

by Mary Paul
Henderson, Nevada
(ex Hastings)

Thank you for sending me the Scrabble magazine — I do enjoy reading them. At the Newcomers Club I belong to in Nevada, I have organised a Scrabble group of several people, and we get together on the second and fourth Wednesday of each

month at the library. So I am still getting plenty of Scrabble!

Greetings from Avalon

by Peter Blackwood
Avalon Scrabble Club

I belong to the small Avalon Scrabble Club in Lower Hutt. We hold weekly meetings on Thursday afternoon, and occasionally things click as on a day recently. My rack was ACEFIN□, and I was looking for CAFFEINE but there was no E or F on the board. Then I noticed a D and was able to put down DEFACING for 98 on a triple word square. If the blank had been a proper G my score would have been over 100. But the main thing about it was that it was my last move and there were no more tiles in the bag — end of game, and a win for me.

A quirk of mine is that I like to play with the board upside down. It is handy as we don't have to keep turning the board around. I don't consider myself an exceptional player as I have not memorised the 2-letter words as one should. Our club is more for the social

side of play, but we do usually strive for the maximum amount of points on each move.

[Nice to hear from you, Peter. There are hundreds of people who play socially, with no wish to compete at a higher level. Good on them! Scrabble is a game for everyone. Play and enjoy yourself, whether it's on the dining room table, at a club or in tournaments. — Ed.]

Overseas Greetings

I love *Forwards*! I read it from cover to cover, and find it one of the best and brightest Scrabble publications.

Cherry Bennett
Queensland, Australia

We must tell you that the latest issue was absolutely the best ever! Though we seem to say that all the time don't we?

Ron and Susi Tiekert
Roswell, Georgia, US

Forwards is always a splendidly put together magazine.

Diane and Mauro Pratesi

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COMPETITION CORNER

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 54



(Note that the W and F are interchangeable.)

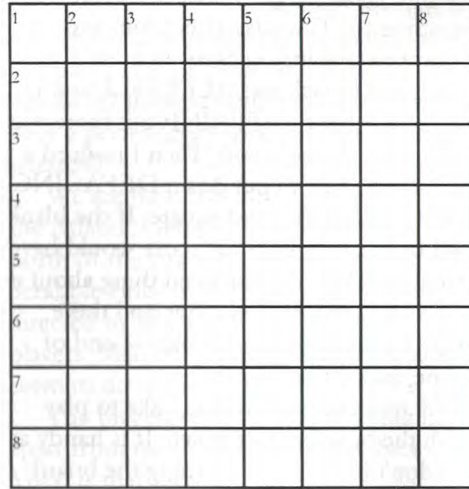
Lots of entries this time, including one from Northern Ireland Scrabbler Danny McMullan of Belfast. First name out of the hat was Jethro Snafflerod (Happy 60th, John!) — congratulations!



Sorry about this ...
but I've run out of ink.

Scrabble Contest No 55

Can you solve this 8-square? The same words read across and down, and one of them is not allowed in Scrabble.



Across and Down

1. Plastic fantastic
 2. One that emerges with four letter pairs
 3. To sprawl in mixed up anchors
 4. Jovial old address to fellow sailors
 5. Italian bars can stain
 6. Enzyme containing a dry gin
 7. He lets you go
 8. They have drawers in them
- Closing date is August 20. Good luck!
Entries to be sent to:
Jeff Grant
1109 Allenby St
Hastings

World Scrabble Championships 1999

The 1999 World Scrabble Champs will be held at the Carlton Crest Hotel in Melbourne, Australia, from November 3-7 this year. The venue is near the centre of the city, alongside Albert Park Lake and overlooking the Grand Prix track. The team to represent New Zealand is Jeff Grant (HAS), Nigel Richards (CHC), Kendall Boyd (DUN) and Peter Sinton (DUN). Mike Sigley (WAN) was unavailable. It looks like there could be a large supporters group going over as well.

A total of \$US35,000 prize money will

be won, from \$15,000 for the winner, and \$6,000 for runner-up, down to \$200 for 13th-16th place. There will also be various spot prizes each round. As in previous World Champs, both word references will be used (OSW3 and OSPD), with *Chambers Dictionary* and *Webster's 10th* consulted for longer words, as in New Zealand.

Contestants will be able to challenge any of their opponent's words without penalty.

The provisional allocation of places is as follows:

Australia	6	India	1	New Zealand	4	Singapore	2
Bahrain	2	Ireland & NI	1	Nigeria	3	South Africa	2
Cameroon	1	Israel	2	Oman	1	Sri Lanka	2
Canada	6	Japan	1	Pakistan	1	Switzerland	1
France	1	Kenya	4	Philippines	2	Thailand	3
Ghana	3	Kurdistan	1	Poland	1	Trinidad	1
Gibraltar	1	Kuwait	1	Qatar	1	UAE	1
Gulf Champ	1	Liberia	1	Romania	1	UK (excl NI)	11
Guyana	1	Malaysia	2	Saudi Arabia	1	USA	14
Hong Kong	1	Malta	2	Seychelles	1	Zambia	1
						Total	93

Cameroon, Gibraltar, India, Poland, Switzerland and Zambia are being invited for the first time. Australia, as host, has been allowed 2 extra places for this event only, and the Philippines have been awarded an extra place in recognition of their strong showing at the 1998 Asia-Pacific Championships. The United States allocation includes a spot for the current World Champion, Joel Sherman.



The Carlton Crest Hotel, venue for the WSC

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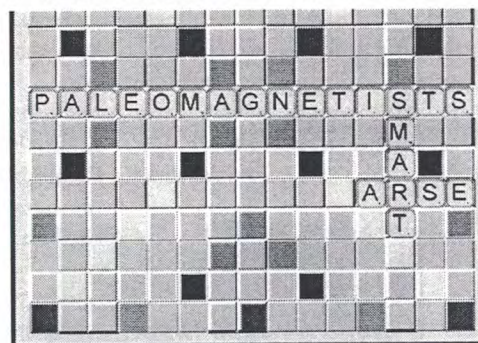
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Magnetic Booze

The layout above was used in a recent magazine advert for a well-known brand of vodka.

In answer to the obvious question, yes it could occur in a real game, because both MAGNETIST and PALEOMAGNETIST are allowable words. The latter refers to someone who studies magnetism in ancient rocks.

Submitted by Val Mills, Pakuranga

STOP PRESS

Nigel Wins in Bangkok!

Nigel Richards has won the King's Cup in Bangkok beating Jakkrit Klaphajone (Thailand) 2-0 in the final.

Nigel and Jakkrit were tied on 19 wins from 27 after the preliminary rounds. Nigel made a great come-back after 5 losses in the first 9 games and 26th place! The best-of-three final was won convincingly by Nigel 579-419 and 472-258.

Charnwit Sukhumrattanaporn (Thailand) was in third place on 18.5 wins.

And Again in Kuala Lumpur!

In a 16-game tourney held prior to the big Singapore event, Nigel won 12 games to win easily with a spread of 1600+. In the king-of-the-hill format one player played Nigel 5 times! Sam Kantimathi came second in the tournament.

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS

On the day before the National Tournament in Wellington this year, what appeared to be an entire flock of seagulls left their mark on my car. To go anywhere I had to wipe the windscreen off, because otherwise my vision would have been nil, such was the intensity of the drop. I was later told that this kind of thing is actually a sign of upcoming good luck, and sure enough, luck arrived that weekend for me.

The executive welcomes new treasurer Joan Thomas on to the committee. Joan has replaced long serving Bev Barker, who rounded off seven years of service with an acceptance of Life Membership to the NZASP. Our many thanks to Bev for all she has done.

We also welcome on board our public relations officer Howard Warner. Howard has done a supreme job liaising with the media this last year, and we feel that his presence on the executive will be most invaluable.

The National Championships at Wellington were a success, and many thanks to Sue McRae, Glenda Foster and the Wellington clubs for making it successful. It has been decided this year that the Nationals will move around the cities from hereon in, breaking the Hamilton only tradition since 1983.

And congratulations to Howard, our new National Champion. It is good to see a new name on the trophy.

Fund-raising plans for the World Championships this year have sparked a telethon-like interest — a national 12 hour Scrabblathon will be held in centres from Auckland to Dunedin on July 10. Also, NZASP T-Shirts and Polo shirts are available from the Association until July 19th. Order forms for these along with the Scrabblathon forms are available from your club now.

Best of luck to Howard and Nigel Richards at the World Masters Scrabble tourney in Singapore later this month. If I can offer you guys some advice, park your cars outside this week.

David Lloyd, Vice President



Joan Thomas (HAS) new Treasurer



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Still Cra-zea After all These Years

by Howard Warner, Auckland

Two decades of competitive Scrabble by two inveterate addicts adds up to an awful lot of games.

Andrew Bradley and David Lloyd wanted to celebrate 20 years to the day since they first started playing the game, as 13-year-old study-shy schoolboys. So they brought together six other players — mostly fellow stalwarts of the Mt Albert club — to play a four-game tournament.

But it came with a twist: the competitors had to abide by the original Bradley-Lloyd rules and resources. There were no clocks or tile-tracking. The only word source was a 1983 edition of Chambers. You could re- or un- any verb and -er or -est any adjective, as Andrew and David used to do (gratuitously) themselves. And Andrew and David were the adjudicators.

All players quickly learned how many new small words have crept into our Scrabble vocab in recent years, as well as the difficulty of separating US and British sources.

Among the common words challenged off were AA, AL, AG, ED, MIG, MIZ, ZEA, ZAG, JIN, WHA, WHATS and OFAY. John Foster lost a turn for challenging HI, which he erroneously

thought must be American only. Howard made a lovely play with CHLORITE, hooking on in several places, for about 100 points, only to have the OSPD-only ET challenged off. Correne James' hard-to-find PLAYPEN bingo would have been okay today, but in 1983 it had a hyphen. Glennis Hale got away with the pre-1984 dud DOULEIA, only to challenge off Peter Jones when he pluralised it. And David adjudged his nonsense word REDOMING to be acceptable under his adjudicator's prerogative.

There were novel spot prizes. John got one for the most lost challenges in a game — four. (Though June Mackwell, the oldest player, proved to be most modern of vocab, judging by her overall challenged-off rate.) Glennis got one for 'the most duds got away with' — three.

And for nostalgia, we were surrounded by relics of Andrew's and David's early days: Scrabble words, books, word lists and score sheets.

For the record, Glennis challenged everything in sight and won all four games. And Andrew won the 20th anniversary game between the two former 'babies' of the New Zealand Scrabble scene.



Submitted by Doreen Ogston (CHC)

Bring on the Dancing Girls!

A report on the Thailand International Tournament in January featured in our last issue. Top Thai player Amnuay Ploysangnam is the prime mover behind this event. He is the 'Mr Crossword' of Thailand, and his efforts in promoting the game (known there as 'Crossword') set an example for other countries. In fact he has been so successful that the game is part of the school curriculum. With almost 4,000 participants in the student section at the Thai tournament, its claims to be the biggest Scrabble event in the world are no idle boast.

The Thai Open provides plenty of eye-openers for the newcomer. Unlike tournaments elsewhere, the event is a riot of colour and noise. The official opening had Thai dancers, cheerleaders, gymnasts and a

brass band! Visiting players were accorded a lavish welcome onstage, with traditional garlands.

The first three days of competition were held on the ground floor of a large shopping centre, which has an amusement park with a roller coaster on the top floor. No doubt many players were surprised when they first looked up to see carriages resembling spaceships moving about on rails directly overhead.

By the way, we failed to mention that the remarkable game between Nigel Richards and Mark Nyman outlined on p23 in the March issue, despite being played under conditions of intense pressure and distraction, was completed with both players using only 10 minutes each on the clock!



Photos courtesy of Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore)

Upcoming Events

Tournament	Date
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	3 July
Waikato	7 August
Hamilton	8 August
Canterbury Open (2 1-dayers)	11-12 September
Norfolk Island Festival	20-25 September
Mt Albert	2-3 October
Wanganui	23-24 October
World Championship	3-7 November
Rodney	13 November
Otago Lion Open	20-21 November
Kiwi	27 November
International Y2K Tournament	31 December - 1 January
New Plymouth	

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example CYLIX to XYLIC, and DIVORCE to CODRIVE. On a higher level MODERN TIMES have their DIRE MOMENTS. Here are the anagrams for half a dozen Nelson Scrabblers who competed in their local tournament in February.

ANDREW DENMEAD READ NEW DEMAND
 DEBBIE CALDWELL DEB WILL BE LACED
 MURRAY ROGERS OUR MERRY RAGS
 DAWN SMITH MIND THAWS
 MARIA CLINTON MARLIN ACTION
 STEVE RICHARDS CRAVED HIS REST

Aussie World Champs Team

The six-member Australian World Champs team was announced at the 1999 Australian Championships. It is the winner of the event, Paul Cleary, plus five more based on the ratings prior to the Championships provided that they had played 60 games in rated Australian tournaments in the previous year. The five are Bob Jackman, Roger Blom, Alistair Kane, Joan Rosenthal and John Holgate. Jimmy Scarff, Nick Ivanovski and John Foley missed out because they had played insufficient games.

Kid Stuff

Michael Rauch of New Jersey, age 7, has just played in his first tournament, where he won four games out of seven in the Novice Division to finish 19th in a field of 37.

DAZZLING DOZEN

If your opponent starts the game with FIELD (D on centre star), here are a dozen dazzling ways to extend it to a triple word square. All are allowed in Scrabble, except the feline interloper.

AIRFIELD	CANFIELD	GARFIELD
GAS FIELD	HAYFIELD	ICEFIELD
MIDFIELD	OILFIELD	OUTFIELD
SUBFIELD	URNFIELD	
FIELDWORKERS		

The Masters Championship

The 1999 NZ Masters event was held in Wanganui from April 3-5, with the country's top 24 Scrabblers competing in a 23-game round robin.

The first day belonged to defending champ Kendall Boyd who was unbeaten over eight games, including a 566-455 win over Nigel Richards. Andrew Bradley had a great run to lie in second place on 7 wins, just ahead of the chasers, including Nigel, Jeff Grant, Howard Warner and John Foster. John lost his first game to Jeff by 241-539, but bounced back to be in second place at one stage.

Kendall maintained his lead on the Sunday, just ahead of Nigel, Jeff and Howard, with several others still within striking distance too.

On the last day, Kendall dropped a couple of games in the morning and Nigel took over the lead, supported by a huge spread. Jeff hung in, but lost a vital game to Sheryl Davidson by 4 points. Nigel slipped up too, losing a remarkable game to Lynn Wood. Nearly 200 points ahead, he opened a triple-triple which Lynn hit with the appropriate LUCKIEST for 167 points. She was still behind though, and needed another 2 bonus words to eke out a narrow victory by 506-495. Another highlight of the day was Mike Sigley's win over Glenyss Buchanan by 496-486.

Going into the final round, Nigel and Kendall were even on

18 wins, one clear of Jeff. With Nigel and Jeff playing each other it was mathematically possible for any of the three to win. As it happened, Kendall had a surprise loss to Steven Brown, so Nigel had only to avoid a massive loss to Jeff to take the title.

Nigel quickly established a big lead in the key game with bonuses UNIVERSE and VERONAL, so there was never any danger of a heavy defeat. Jeff managed to cut the margin with three late bonuses (URANIDE, GRATTOIR, NEGATONS) but Nigel emerged victorious by 450-409 to claim his first Masters title. Kendall kept up his excellent record in the event with second place, Jeff was third, and Glenda Foster provided the big surprise with her superb fourth place on spread, ahead of Howard, Patrick Carter, Peter Sinton and John — who incredibly had a spread of minus 162!

Congratulations to the new Masters Champion. Nigel thoroughly deserved his win, with a string of brilliant performances,



Andrew Bradley (left) and Howard Warner

peppered with verbal oddities like CALATHEA, ACTINIA, HOATZIN, OILSTONE, TURNDUN, TRAGULE, WURLEYS and STRAE. His average score of nearly 483 points over the 23 games is a new record, as is his margin of 2224 (nearly 100 points per game!). He had the highest individual game of the tournament (639), the highest single turn score (194 for INVECTED) and 60 bonus words, which was just one short of his own record set last year. A truly remarkable effort — well done Nigel!



Mike Sigley (left) playing winner Nigel Richards

Scrabble Dream world

The following excerpt is from an article apparently published in the Daily Hindu, a Madras (India) newspaper, on April 20, 1998. It seems that a little bit of artistic licence has gone into the write-up.

"If you are one of those who think that the game of Scrabble is to be played on a lazy Sunday afternoon to while away the time, think again. World over, the game is serious business and means a windfall for the winner. In the United States, where the game is almost a national obsession, the winner of the national championship takes home a cool \$1 million and gains instant celebrity status. The game is televised live and thousands of households are hooked to the small screen till it is over."

[If only it was true.—Ed.]

Siberian Scrabble

UK's Intourist Travel Ltd is holding the first TransSiberian Scrabble Tournament from Moscow to Beijing, leaving from London on July 17, 1999. The 4-day train trip from Moscow through the Ural Mountains to Irkutsk will offer lots of great scenery (provided you aren't distracted from the Scrabble!). Then on to China, with three days in Beijing before flying home.

UK expert Terry Kirk is organising the Scrabble during the rail journeys. The trip costs around £1600 (\$NZ4800), which may deter all but the wealthier enthusiasts.

**NZASP BOX
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The NZASP Treasurer's
Private Box is now closed!

Any mail for the Treasurer should be
sent to the address listed inside the
front cover of *Forwards* magazine.

Farewell Noel Maisey

By Jeff Grant

Noel Maisey died last month in Tauranga. She leaves behind the legacy of her pioneering work in NZ Scrabble. Noel started the first club back in 1976, and organised the first National Champs in 1980. Actually she sent out entry forms for a 1979 event, but this never took place.

A small news item in our local paper with the results of that first tourney got me into competitive Scrabble. I contacted Noel and started receiving her newsletter, which was the predecessor of our national magazine *Forwards*.

Noel was a pretty good Scrabbler too, competing up to A grade level until she retired from tournament play. She couldn't keep away from the action though and volunteered her services as chief adjudicator at the Nationals. Many of us no doubt have memories of Noel with her trusty magnifying glass, scanning the dictionary.

For her services to NZ Scrabble, Noel was deservedly awarded Life

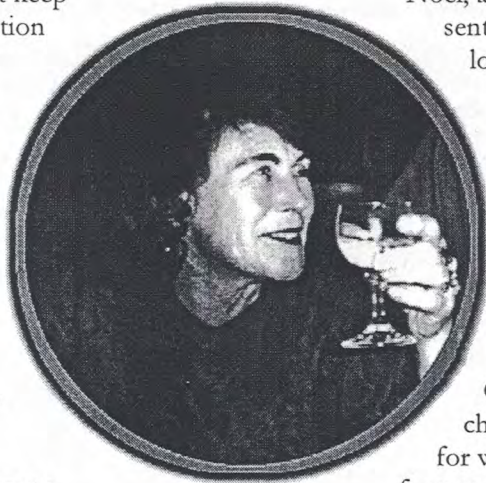
Membership of the Association. She always stressed the fun side of the game, and I'm sure that will live on with her beloved Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts.

In 1996, Tauranga hosted a 'Double Decade' tournament, which was Noel's idea to celebrate the 20th anniversary of NZ's first club. It was like a reunion, and really brought back fond memories of the early days.

I will always remember Noel with great affection. She kept in touch, and was very supportive of my Scrabbling efforts. Over the years I received lots of good luck and congratulatory letters from

Noel, and last year she sent Pat and me a lovely wedding card.

Noel's groundwork has undoubtedly contributed to NZ's strong Scrabble position today. Quite simply, she changed my life, for which I will be forever grateful. Farewell, Noel.



Noel Maisey at a prize-giving dinner

Memories of Noel

To Noel Maisey Scrabble was a passion, and her enthusiasm infected (or sometimes repelled) those with whom she came in contact. She was meticulous in punctuality, as in all things. Everything was red or black or white to Noel, with no intermediate shades.

She collected me on Tuesday mornings and staggered from her car with a weighty and perfectly packed bag full of Scrabble boards, dictionaries, word lists, score sheets, pens and trophies. Evening meetings were held in the comfort of her beautiful home where we enjoyed her hospitality and the view.

We in Tauranga are grateful to Noel, and the Scrabble world will be the poorer for her passing.

Nesta Salmond

I met Noel seven years ago when I started playing Scrabble in Tauranga. I had moved from Tokoroa and had heard of Noel when playing Scrabble in Tokoroa. I haven't played Scrabble for a couple of years but Noel has kept in touch with me on a monthly basis because of her interest

in my children — all still at school — and she would ring me when she had a research survey to complete. We also enjoyed the local primary school's fireworks night which was held on the park in front of Noel's place.

I will miss her directness, honesty, caring and I hope that all the hard work she put into keeping Scrabble alive continues.

I have spoken to several people over the last couple of days and they all express similar feelings and memories of Noel. The following are the words that have been used:

- ◆ Loyalty
- ◆ Caring
- ◆ Hard working
- ◆ Perfectionist
- ◆ Interested

The main thing that has been expressed is that she never talked about anyone behind their back and this came through in her interest in everyone on a personal level that no-one else realised. She had time for everyone which we will all miss.

Sue Fraser

Marital Bliss

You can imagine that after 51 years of marriage a couple has been through a lot together — good times, bad times, and in the case of Oris and Ginny O'Neal of Ohio, a whole lot of Scrabble games. The O'Neals have been Scrabbling for over three decades, logging in more than 10,000 games. At last count, Oris was ahead by just four wins — 5047 to Ginny's 5043!

from the *American Scrabble News*,
May 1999

Otago Lion Open New Date & Format

November 20-21, 1999

6 players per grade
15 games
Triple round robin

NZASP Rankings as at 8 June 1999

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2136	913	715	78%	47 Roger Coates	1552	496	237	48%
2 Nigel Richards	2107	315	268.5	85%	48 Sue McRae	1551	395	216	55%
3 Kendall Boyd	2103	240	180.5	75%	49 Allie Quinn	1550	852	394.5	46%
4 Howard Warner	2100	511	310.5	61%	50 Maureen Holliday	1548	287	158.5	55%
5 Peter Sinton	2046	308	225	73%	51 Margaret Bundock	1536	766	389	51%
6 Patrick Carter	2034	592	364.5	62%	52 Yvette Hewlett	1532	296	139.5	47%
7 Lynne Butler	1996	710	433.5	61%	53 Jean O'Brien	1518	588	301.5	51%
8 David Lloyd	1982	466	254	55%	54 David Gunn	1493	833	424	51%
9 John Foster	1970	903	530.5	59%	55 Faye Cronhelm	1485	631	314	50%
10 Glynis Jennings	1954	567	271.5	48%	56 Hilda Scott	1477	299	168	56%
11 Glennis Hale	1942	1031	575.5	56%	57 Betty Gibb	1459	294	120.5	41%
12 Andrew Bradley	1917	476	231	49%	58 Marj Batchelor	1458	296	132	45%
13 Mike Sigley	1909	658	484	74%	59 Rebecca Freeth	1442	160	101	63%
14 Denise Gordon	1895	711	373.5	53%	60 Kim Graham	1433	295	166	56%
15 Glenda Foster	1881	702	357	51%	61 Ann Candler	1427	724	326.5	45%
16 Lisa McLean	1864	393	223.5	57%	62 Marj Baillie	1409	564	285	51%
17 Steven Brown	1864	390	226	58%	63 Margaret Simpson	1405	549	272.5	50%
18 Lynne Powell	1855	1010	540.5	54%	64 Elaine Moltzen	1400	448	223	50%
19 Sheryl Davidson	1847	775	432	56%	65 Bill Grigg	1399	354	189	53%
20 Peter Jones	1835	753	386	51%	66 Janice Cherry	1399	157	93	59%
21 Rosemary Cleary	1810	506	243.5	48%	67 Reeva Pearson	1373	1154	531	46%
22 Pam Robson	1807	551	281.5	51%	68 Doreen Ogston	1365	516	234	45%
23 Lynn Wood	1761	1167	572.5	49%	69 Elsie Malkin	1359	197	109	55%
24 Puti Rowe	1758	650	329.5	51%	70 Max Aston	1352	238	124	52%
25 May Quigley	1739	927	416	45%	71 Joan Thomas	1351	200	117.5	59%
26 Chris Hooks	1734	683	339	50%	72 Shirley Hol	1348	295	143.5	49%
27 Valerie Mills	1719	614	313.5	51%	73 Correne James	1342	529	239.5	45%
28 Eileen McLean	1698	864	466.5	54%	74 Doreen Davies	1317	297	155	52%
29 Helen Sillis	1695	624	323	52%	75 Margaret Lyall	1313	312	136	44%
30 Liz Fagerlund	1691	359	208	58%	76 Isabel Zyp	1293	386	195	51%
31 Glenyss Buchanan	1680	692	331	48%	77 Ruth O'Neill	1282	345	165.5	48%
32 Fae Olson	1670	1251	598	48%	78 Norman Wheeler	1276	590	318.5	54%
33 Jane Walton	1654	303	165	54%	79 Julie Atkinson	1272	135	80.5	60%
34 Anna Geange	1648	468	259	55%	80 Shirley Martin	1265	361	187.5	52%
35 Doreen O'Shea	1625	354	190	54%	81 Margaret Cherry	1247	301	149.5	50%
36 Rhoda Cashman	1620	877	413	47%	82 Peggy Wallace	1246	444	210	47%
37 Leila Thomson	1614	555	256	46%	83 Delcie Macbeth	1246	425	233	55%
38 Andree Prentice	1605	658	355.5	54%	84 Shirley Wyatt	1225	332	155.5	47%
39 Ann Hough	1601	218	120.5	55%	85 Betty Eriksen	1222	587	294	50%
40 Karyn McDougall	1594	397	216	54%	86 Shirley van Essen	1207	134	76.5	57%
41 Marian Ross	1586	298	148.5	50%	87 Jennifer Smith	1200	201	117.5	58%
42 Paul Lister	1569	426	240	56%	88 Michael Hyndman	1183	203	118.5	58%
43 Yvonne Wilson	1563	252	150	60%	89 Martha Morgan	1180	343	165	48%
44 Gerald Warner	1561	1102	508	46%	90 Dorothy Haining	1148	559	288	52%
45 Howard Feldstein	1560	68	38	56%	91 Dean Riesterer	1147	131	85	65%
46 Glenda Geard	1556	785	400	51%	92 Lorraine Van Veen	1145	609	314.5	52%

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93 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1141	208	103	50%	139 Kate Wignall	691	525	257.5	49%
94 Malcolm Graham	1136	239	120.5	50%	140 Rosalind Phillips	688	28	18	64%
95 Hazel Purdie	1127	407	196	48%	141 Sharon Clarke	645	142	48	34%
96 Gordon Pinchin	1100	220	119	54%	142 Ruth Munnings	643	56	26.5	47%
97 Pam Barlow	1099	218	113.5	52%	143 Betty Sutherland	635	130	56.5	43%
98 Liz Catchpole	1082	302	146	48%	144 Mike Miller	634	85	39.5	46%
99 Carolyn Kyle	1061	198	89	45%	145 Rob Sillis	631	48	25.5	53%
100 Sue Walker	1060	364	183.5	50%	146 Chris Handley	626	71	31	44%
101 Pauline Hayes	1029	119	52	44%	147 Susan Olson	611	117	56.5	48%
102 Margaret Parsons	1018	281	146.5	52%	148 Kath Davies	603	181	89	49%
103 Joan Pratt	983	325	173.5	53%	149 Elise Joy	589	120	52	43%
104 Andrew Denmead	970	49	24.5	50%	150 Elvira Steel	565	271	39	14%
105 Margaret Mourant	965	289	148	51%	151 Karen Miller	565	121	58	48%
106 Shirley Tozer	960	218	111.5	51%	152 Sammy Sanders	558	128	51	40%
107 Roto Mitchell	959	215	107	50%	153 Ray Goodyear	555	43	22	51%
108 Lyn Dawson	953	190	113	59%	154 Adrienne McKeown	538	243	104.5	43%
109 Annette Coombes	953	442	194.5	44%	155 Ed Olson	510	1103	438	40%
110 Olwen Skelton	952	455	215.5	47%	156 Bill Tozer	504	117	47	40%
111 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	947	349	166	48%	157 Margaret Garner	499	175	71	41%
112 Yvonne MacKenzie/Erickson	933	140	58.5	42%	158 Jacqy Struik	487	99	36	36%
113 Marie Cairns	929	130	71	55%	159 Kath James	448	288	120.5	42%
114 Naomi Gilmore	927	176	93.5	53%	160 Kerry Dawkins	381	90	26	29%
115 Bev Barker	925	469	220	47%	161 Vera Burner	354	385	102.5	27%
116 Margaret Schimanski	917	104	45.5	44%	162 Merle Spinetto	316	91	38	42%
117 Elaine King	909	369	191.5	52%	163 Betty Wilson	259	36	15	42%
118 Pat Grant	893	98	55	56%	164 Resie Coenen	201	55	10	18%
119 Elizabeth Arlington	863	64	34	53%					
120 Jean Clarke	858	201	100.5	50%					
121 Jill Johnson	855	141	68	48%					
122 Trish Hellriegel	827	148	75.5	51%					
123 Valma Gidman	825	422	207	49%					
124 Lil Moore	823	533	256.5	48%					
125 Mary Gray	808	251	132.5	53%					
126 Margaret Hanson	798	195	101.5	52%					
127 Val Worth	795	365	177	48%					
128 Janet Willison	784	47	32.5	69%					
129 Marjorie Heads	776	302	161	53%					
130 Mary Pinchin	771	270	133	49%					
131 Julie Giles	764	123	63.5	52%					
132 Irene Hague-Smith	760	595	275	46%					
133 May Meads	755	241	126.5	52%					
134 Brian Horsley	726	202	97.5	48%					
135 Pam Mayall	722	232	114	49%					
136 Doreen Rowlands	711	165	63	38%					
137 Marie Kingi	708	253	110	43%					
138 Dorothy Latta	708	213	84	39%					

Samson's Delight

Sammy Okosagah and Steve Polatnick had an amazing endgame during an early round at the Atlantic City tournament in New Jersey in February. With a 77 point lead, Steve had AEIOSTZ on his rack when Sammy made a setup play of ER, allowing Steve to play his bonus word AZOTISE for 125 points, taking a 189 point lead. However, an E was then exposed in a triple word score line and the bag was empty. Sammy promptly used the E to make RIMESTER for 149. Steve, thinking his 189 point lead was still enough to win, said something congratulatory and then was shocked to find when they added the 46 points from his rack (which included Q and J) Sammy had won by 511-505!

Le Scrabbleur

I was recently interviewed by René Gotfryd of Belgium for the French-language magazine *Le Scrabbleur* (The Scrabbler), which has a circulation of around 1200 among the 50 or so countries that play duplicate Scrabble in French.

One of the things that I was asked to comment on was the fact that, according to the computer database Lexpert, there are 215,891 words allowed in English

To Leave	Partir				
leave	pars	partent	partimes	partirait	partiront
leaves	part	partes	partions	partiras	partis
leaving	partaient	partez	partir	partirent	partisse
left	partais	parti	partira	partirez	partit
	partait	partie	partirai	partiriez	partites
	partant	parties	partiraient	partirions	partons
	parte	partiez	partirais	partirions	

More Exciting Than Sex?

April 9 was decreed as the optimum day to conceive the first baby of the new millennium, and an Auckland radio station organised an event offering 100 couples a chance to “buckle themselves into a top hotel for 24 hours and try their luck” on that date.

Before the “big day in”, an organiser stated, “We have entertainment planned for them, and I’m going to bring Scrabble along in case anyone gets bored.”

Sunday Star Times, April 4, 1999

[Further evidence that Scrabble is more exciting than sex! — Ed.]

Ponderings

☺ Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is nearly flat?

by Jeff Grant

Scrabble, while the French have 364,370! At first glance, it looks like the French vocabulary is far larger than the English one, but in actual fact many of the extra words are simply adjectival and verbal extensions.

As an example, consider the English verb ‘to leave’, which has only four inflexions, whereas the equivalent French verb ‘partir’ has a staggering 34!

- ☺ What would a chair look like if your knees bent the other way?
- ☺ Why doesn’t glue stick to the inside of the container?
- ☺ Why do we wait until a pig is dead to cure it?

Memory Plus

Doreen Ogston (CHC) sent us this little piece from her local newspaper: “A 37-year-old Welsh labourer has broken the world record for memorising the order of a pack of 52 shuffled cards, in 34 seconds. John Burrows can recite the entire Book of Revelation, and reel off the first 7000 digits of pi. He also performs Homer’s Iliad from memory, and even recalls all the names and phone numbers up to H in his district telephone book.”

[Another Nigel? Asks Doreen.]

Are You Listening, God?

by Elvira Steel, Dunedin

I told God I was worried
There was a tournament of Scrabble.
My scoring points were very low
I play for fun, I just dabble.

I’m not asking to win each game, God
That would not be polite
But I’d like to win at least one game
I’ll play my best — put up a fight.

It’s lovely here in Wellington
In the sun, it’s a beautiful city
Scrabbler are special people
Very friendly and some most witty.

I’m meeting up with some I know
And others who are nice
While playing Scrabble with them
We very soon break the ice.

The first thing surprisingly
Each day I improved, more and more
I felt so very happy
You must have been behind the door.

I’ve put it all in your hands
And said no more will I worry
It was paying off, God
I didn’t even have to hurry.

My Dunedin friends were so pleased
They smiled and patted me
I have enjoyed this weekend
I’m really in ecstasy.

The last game came, and I lost
Which meant third, I would not make it
I was a little disappointed
But had promised You I’d take it.

Off to the dinner we all went
Into a shuttle jamméd
We laughed, sang songs, said silly things
To have fun was what we’d planned.

The prizes were all given out
After a gummy dinner
Trophies were next upon the list
To those who were the winners.

The final one was a ‘Georgie’
Coloured gold and blue
In memory of a lovely lady
Who most North Islanders knew.

For the Most Improved Performance
The last trophy to see
God, can you imagine my delight
The name she called out was ME.

Well God, that’s all I have to say
You really took time to care
I am so really happy that
You listened to my prayer.



Elvira Steel with her Georgie trophy

CLUB NEWS



More Games=More Fun =Better Tournament

by Liz Fagerlund
Christchurch

In the past, the South Island Champs in Christchurch has been an 11 game tournament, run over two days: 7 games the first day and 4 games the second day. In 1997 a suggestion was made to increase the number of games from 11 to 13. This was resisted by some committee members mainly because some club members had indicated that 13 games would be too many for them. Another reason was that people from out of town, such as Dunedin or Nelson, might not come as they would be finishing too late on Sunday for the drive home afterwards.

This format was again proposed in 1998, and it was decided to hold a 13 game tournament. There was no apparent loss of players due to the increase in the number of games. In 1997 there were 11 players from out of town and in 1998 there were 12. Many people enjoyed playing two more games, however, some were not happy about playing people who they felt were too good for them. There were only two grades — ratings in A Grade ranged from nearly 1700 to just under 1000, and in B Grade from just under 1000 to people playing in their first tournament.

In 1999 it was decided that we try another format and hold a triple round robin — 15 games, 6 in each grade, playing everyone three times. So the first triple round robin tournament to be held in New Zealand took place in Christchurch on May 15 and 16, 1999.

The number of entries was the biggest ever for a South Island tournament. There

was a lot of positive feedback: 38 players enjoyed playing against those close to them in the ratings (the difference in rating points in most grades was about 200), and having three chances against each opponent. Another increase in the number of games didn't cause a loss in entries.

Perhaps other clubs might like to think about trying this format — it was very successful for us, and I hope we will be doing it again.

Footnote: Although those of us in A Grade had three chances to beat Nigel Richards, none of us succeeded!

Dunedin Newsletter

By Bill Grigg

Welcome

to Chenoa Cox, Burnie Brosnan, Tracy Pettinger, Anne-Marie Cavanagh, Jane Smith and Stewart Fleming. We hope they continue coming to club.

Masters Tournament Wanganui.

Well done to Kendall Boyd with 18 wins (2nd) and Peter Sinton with 15 wins (7th). Nigel Richards of Christchurch won the event.

Good Score

In the Dictionary Competition Karyn McDougall scored 682, including 6 bonus words. Her opponent, Graham Gough, got 304.

Dunedin Lion Open Tournament

Day 1: (1) Marian Ross (DUN) 7 wins, ave 437, (2) Bill Grigg (DUN) 6 wins, ave 407, (3) Peter Sinton (DUN) 5 wins ave 434.

Day 2: (1) Karyn McDougall (DUN) 6 wins ave 437, (2) Doreen Ogston (CHC) 5 wins ave 418, (3) John Bell (DUN) 5 wins ave 351.

Highlights: Paul Lister (CHC) in one

game lost 9 challenges, including 7 involving bonus words played by him or his opponent. In the next game things got even worse with more lost challenges. Paul lost about 28 in a row! However he did to my surprise get one right against me. Worse was to follow — on the way home Paul had a traffic accident and his car was written off. He was badly shaken.

Ray Goodyear (CHC) played WALTZER (106) on the first turn in one game and was naturally delighted. Then the adjudicator advised he had started too early, and the letters had to be returned to the bag. Yes, Ray did win this game.

High win score: 579, Peter Sinton, high losing score 450, Karyn McDougall.

Quiz

Would you challenge:

- (a) PROB (b) FILBERD
(c) IZVESTIA (d) SAUFGARD

Answers at end of newsletter.

World Finals ACM Programming Contest

Chris Handley, our secretary, recently had a fun-filled trip to the Netherlands. He went as coach to a team of Otago University Computer Science students who had qualified for the World Finals of the ACM Programming Contest. After about 10 days getting over the jet lag, acclimatising to northern hemisphere spring and practising assiduously, the team of three plus Chris travelled to Eindhoven to meet the other 61 teams involved in the contest. After a hard fought battle involving 8 problems to be solved in 5 hours, the New Zealand team finished 11th equal, well ahead of both Australian teams.

World Champs NZ Team Melbourne, Australia Nov 1999

Congratulations to our own Peter Sinton and Kendall Boyd on being selected. Also in the team are Nigel

Richards (CHC) and Jeff Grant (HAS). We hope they all do us proud.

Competitions

		Wins	Ave
Round	1 Peter Sinton	12	436
Robin	2 Karyn McDougall	9	400
	3 Bill Grigg	9	399
Dict.	1 Karyn McDougall	14	485
	2 Carolyn Kyle	2	426
	3 Stewart Fleming	1	412
Ladder	1 Carolyn Kyle	13	385
	2 Karyn McDougall	12	402
	3 Marian Ross	4	380
Chall.	1 Tim Aitken	2	415 100%
	2 Burnie Brosnan	1	262 100%
	3 Karyn McDougall	26	445 96%

South Island Champs Tournament (Christchurch) May 15-16

Six players per grade, 15 games, triple round robin. A successful idea. Our club members did very well: Bill Grigg 3rd B Grade, Carolyn Kyle 1st C Grade, Glen Madigan 1st E Grade, Chris Handley 3rd E Grade, Kerry Dawkins 3rd F Grade. Elvira Steel (F Grade) had her most wins ever with 6. Yes, the winner was Nigel Richards (CHC) with 15 wins, (+2264), ave 492, 38 bonus words. Thanks for your hospitality and billets, Christchurch.

Nationals, Wellington, June 5/6

Peter Sinton, Marian Ross, Carolyn Kyle, Kerry Dawkins, Elvira Steel and Daisy Madden attended.

Special Notice: Otago Lion Open Tournament, New Date and Format

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6 players per grade

15 games—triple round robin

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Quiz Answer

All are correct

Sensitivity

I was once playing a lady of 93, who opened with PENIS. When I suggested alternatives, she just laughed it off. Looking back on it now, maybe she had the best play anyway.

Years ago I started writing down 'risque' words which have playable anagrams. Of course, there are many short words, like ANAL (ALAN, LANA, NALA), TWAT (WATT) and WHORES

BASTARD	TABARDS
BODICES	CEBOIDS
BOWELED	ELBOWED
BREASTS	BASTERS, BESTARS, BRASSET
CORNUTO	CROUTON
(a cuckold)	
DARKIES	DAIKERS
DOUCHES	CHOUSED, HOCUSED
FARTING	INGRAFT, RAFTING
FELLATE	LEAFLET
GENITAL	ATINGLE, ELATING, GELATIN (the first 2 are sort of related?)
GLANDES	DANGLES, LAGENDS, SLANGED (and again!)
INCESTS	INSECTS
LATRINE	ENTRAIL, RATLINE, RELIANT, RETINAL, TRENAIL
MALODOR	LORDOMA
MANURES	SURNAME, MURENAS
NAKEDER	KNEADER
NIGGERS	GINGERS, SERGING, SNIGGER
NIPPLES	LIPPENS
OUTLAYS	LAYOUTS (if you want to think of it that way!)

by Bill Webster, Arizona, USA

(SHOWER, RESHOW), but in the list below I have concentrated on 'rack-clearing' sevens. No doubt some of them will not be 'risque' to everyone, and I guess lots more can be added.

Tallyho! Should we approach the task loathly, or just for laughs? Seriously, it can save embarrassment during a game, provided the alternatives fir the spot as well.

PANTIES	PATINES, SAPIENT, SPINATE
PISSERS	PRISSES
POOPING	POGONIP
POTTIES	TIPTOES
SCREWED	DECREWS
SHITING	HISTING, INSIGHT, SITHING
STINKER	REKNITS, SKINTER, TINKERS
TAMPONS	POSTMAN, TOPSMAN
TOILETS	LITOTES (T.S. ELIOT?)
TROLLOP	ROLLTOP (evocative!)
UNDRESS	SUNDERS
UNSEXES	NEXUSES
URINALS	INSULAR
URINATE	RUINATE, TAURINE, URANITE
URINOUS	RUINOUS
UTERINE	NEURITE, RETINUE, REUNITE
VAGINAL	AVALING
VOMITED	MOTIVED
WANKERS	SWANKER
WOMBIER	IMBOWER

If anyone is interested in compiling a similar 8-letter list, how about TESTICLE (TELESTIC) and CLITORIS (COISTRIL) for starters?

A Factious Etherion of Verbiage

by Pat Grant, Adjudicator

You need more than TENTORIAL CHONDRI or a GOATLIKE grasp of INEDITED DOODAHS to become a DESTRIER of the Scrabble circuit. You have to be familiar with everything from how to EMBASTE the LAIGHTEST WEIGELIA to the way a TANAISTE CHUNNERS, also to UNSHROUD EPIGAMIC SYNEDRIA all ATHRILL. No MODIOLAR ARENOUS IMAGOES, just CENTAGES and DIRHEMS to play this game. You could INBURST, be UNSAINED and get a PTARMIC, MALONATE or even a TECTRIX up your nose, but most will be COMFIEST LUNGEING at bonus INTURNS. May your words flow like WATERAGE over the GANOINE of a TROUTLET, and the FOREWINDS always be at your back.

[The capitalised words, which are all allowed in Scrabble, were played at the National Champs in Wellington at Queens Birthday weekend.]

Don't Learn These!

Among the dozens of words successfully challenged at the National Champs, there were some that look quite reasonable. How many of the following would you have thought twice about?

- | | |
|---------|----------|
| ALM | SWIT |
| KEV | VIZER |
| OWS | ZITES |
| MUNG | CIRCAE |
| GIRLIER | HORSIES |
| OUTBATS | QUIETISH |

Dilbert

January marked the television debut in America of *Dilbert*, the hapless comic strip office-worker. Playing Scrabble with his mother and his dog Dogbert, Dilbert's rack is IIIIIIT, but his play of TI is disallowed when it can't be found in the dictionary! However, it stays on the board and his mother plays QUIXOTIC through it for a big score. Dogbert, who has been making extra Xs and Zs, then gains even more points with QUIZZING.

Just Zo!

Mike O'Rourke of England reports that an 'old hand' at the Cambridge Scrabble Club was asked to play a newcomer, and at some point in the game played the word ZO. She kindly explained what the word means, whereupon the newcomer looked at her disdainfully and said "Yes, I know. I used to own one." Jaws dropped around the room.



That Takes the Cake



from *The Word Book*
By Gyles Brandreth

INTERNATIONAL



Australia

The Southport RSL

Christmas Tournament in Queensland on December 6, 1998 had over 100 players. The top section was won by Gerry Reynolds with 5 wins out of 6 games, on countback from Brenda Nord, with Michael Vnuk third.

Victoria's Summer Decathlon

(December Marathon) was held on December 27-28, 1998. The field of 44 players competed over 16 rounds with the winner, Paul Cleary (NSW), dropping only 2 games. Second with 12 wins was Roger Blom, ahead of third placed Alistair Kane on countback.

Baulkham Hills was the first NSW tournament of 1999. Held on January 17, the event attracted a high-class field, with John Holgate winning 7 games out of 8 to take the title, ahead of Bob Jackman and Paul Cleary, both on 6 wins.

The **Ballarat Tournament** on February 7th was very close, with the first three place-getters all recording 5 wins from 6 games. Winner on countback was young gun Jimmy Scarff, from Alistair Kane and Ruby Given. Jimmy's average of nearly 470 was a highlight of the day, as was Tam Dasika's 626 game in the Advanced (B Grade) section. However, the most remarkable feat was the win of Bil Rose in Advanced at the age of 94! Surely a world record.

The South Australian

Championships were held on February 13-14, 1999. Local players filled the top two spots, with Daniel Piechnick on 11 wins (+975) out of 14, finishing ahead of Carmel Dodd (11 wins, +422). Victorians Dianne Davis (10 wins) and Geoff Wright (9 wins) were third and fourth.

Paul Cleary won the big **Balmain Tournament** on March 7, ahead of Jean McGiffen and Bob Jackman. He followed this up with victory in a high-class field at **Hassall Grove** on May 8. Paul won with 7 games out of 9, on a countback from Joan Rosenthal and Jean McGiffen, with John Holgate and Bob Jackman being in the following group of seven players who had 6 wins.

The **Knox-Gully Tournament** in Victoria on April 17 attracted 94 players. In a close finish, Roger Blom prevailed on countback from Barry Harridge and John Parker.

The 1999 **Australian Scrabble Championships** were held in Sydney at Easter, with 90 players competing over 21 rounds. Bob Jackman led for much of the event by virtue of winning his first 13 games, however Paul Cleary hung on and finally gained ascendancy at the end of round 20 after scoring a tournament high 649. The final game between Bob and Paul was for the title, and with Paul getting the run of the tiles, the result was never in doubt as Paul ran out an easy winner by 510-295.



Australian Scrabble Champs winner, Paul Cleary

Wins Spread

1	Paul Cleary	18	1987
2	Bob Jackman	17	1270
3	Ivor Zeter	16	675
4	Daniel Piechnick	15	1199
5	Glenys Lawrie	15	456
6	Joanne Craig	14	905
7	Esther Pennins	14	575
8	Sue Kyatt	13	849
9	Anne Drew	13	693
10	John Holgate	13	597



Bahrain

Gulf Scrabble Tournament

Akshay Bhandarkar brought the Gulf Scrabble Cup back to Bahrain in a seesaw 2-1 match against Salah Salih (Saudi Arabia) at the Hilton Hotel on May 21. A crowd followed the final move by move on a 2-metre-wide screen. Held by Bahrain from 1992-1997, the Gulf Cup last year went to the United Arab Emirates, so the Bahraini players were keen to reclaim it.

In the first game of a best-of-three match, Akshay, 19, won by 369-319 against the 47-year-old maths teacher. But Salih turned the tables in round two by gaining 307 points with four bonus words alone, which left the commercial-college student at a loss for words. The final score in Salih's favour was 536-333.

In the crucial decider, Akshay led all the way to gain a clear 2-1 victory with a 453-355 final score. Akshay also won the Gulf Cup three years ago and in 1997 came eighth in the World Champs. As Gulf champion, he earns automatic entry into this year's World Scrabble Championship in November.

Bahrain champ Roland Filio inflicted two heavy losses on Linda Pray (Oman) to seize third place and in the plate competition, Orly Cabanting (Bahrain) was victorious 2-0 against Abdul Majeed Khan

(Saudi Arabia), wresting the trophy from Saudi competitors for the first time in five years.

Roland also won a trophy at the ninth Gulf Scrabble Tournament for having 31 bonus words in 17 games, while Mangala Bhandarkar, with 579 points, had the contest's best individual score. Her son Akshay with COALIZE (131 pts) ended up with the tourney's top move.

In addition to Akshay Bhandarkar, Beboy Balaba and Roland Filio earned seats to represent Bahrain in the World Champs in Australia. As top-ranking players, Arvind Abraham and Linda Pray will compete in the event representing UAE and Oman respectively.

The Gulf's Top Ten

1.	Akshay Bhandarkar	Bahrain
2.	Salah Salih	Saudi Arabia
3.	Roland Filio	Bahrain
4.	Linda Pray	Oman
5.	Arvind Abraham	UAE
6.	Sekwyn Lobo	UAE
7.	Ishtiaq Chishty	Saudi Arabia
8.	Norbert Saldanha	UAE
9.	Mike Pray	Oman
10.	Beboy Balaba	Bahrain

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France

Over 2,500 players took part in Telethon Scrabble sessions held at 145 centres all over France recently. In total around 220,000 French francs were raised due to the generosity of participants and supporters.



Ireland

Brendan McDonnell will be Ireland's World Champs rep after winning the recent Irish Championships ahead of

second placed Kay McColgan, whom he played five times in the 12-round king-of-the-hill event.

Malaysia

The inaugural Enstek City Scrabble Tournament was held in Seremban, Malaysia, on February 27-28, 1999. The event was a 16-round 'king of the hill' format, with two Singapore players taking part as well as many of the top Malaysians.

In a close finish, Kong Chock Heng defeated Cheah Siu Hean in the final game to claim the title on spread ahead of John Lam. The highest game score of the tourney was A Ganesh's 586, which included 161 for BEZIQUEs.

Wins Spread

1	Kong Chock Heng (MAL)	12	625
2	John Lam (MAL)	12	-87
3	Cheah Siu Hean (SIN)	11½	927
4	Pui Cheng Wui (MAL)	11	532
5	Tony Sim (SIN)	10½	732

Scotland

The Scottish Masters event was held on February 20-21, 1999. Paul Allan took the title with 9 wins (+834) on a countback from Donald MacLeod (9 wins, +413). These players were 2 games clear of third place-getter Alan Sinclair (7 wins, +391), and top-rated Neil Scott (7 wins, +22), who came fourth.

South Africa

The Western Cape Open was won by Lanre Oyekunle of Nigeria, with his teammate Jimoh Saheed second and Gerald Davids, the highest placed South African, in third place. The event was held at the world famous Newlands cricket ground, where the playing conditions were apparently 'pleasantly cool with an excellent view'.

United Kingdom

The recently formed Oxford and Cambridge University Scrabble clubs met in what they claim to be the first inter-varsity match. Cambridge, with two expert players, ran out easy winners by 11-1, but Oxford has vowed to study hard for the rematch.

The Swindon Tournament on March 7 set a new record for one day events with 158 players attending. The high-powered top division was won by Andrew Cook from Brett Smitheram and Robert Richland.

The ABSP Masters was held on May 22-23. This 15-round event proved extremely close, with three of the fourteen players finishing on 10 wins. In first place was Andy Davis with a 680 point spread, ahead of 1997 winner Mark Nyman (+448) and Phil Appleby (+278). Andrew Fisher, the 1998 winner and top seed, came 11th and his rating dropped to 199, leaving Andy Davis on 205 the only British player rated above 200.

United States

Next year's North American Scrabble Championships will be held in Rhode Island in September. The prize pool is rumoured to be \$US200,000!

The Oakland, California tournament on January 10 was won by American World Champs rep Robert Felt, with *Forwards* subscriber Norma Fisher taking out Division 2.

Dave Weigand won the big event in Reno, Nevada, on January 15-19. He headed the field of 136 players, winning an excellent 17 games (+1478) out of 19.

Another *Forwards* subscriber, Ron Tiekert, won the tourney in Atlantic City, New Jersey, virtually assuring himself a spot in the American team for the 1999 World Champs. Ron won 10 games (+592)

out of 12 in this popular event, which attracted 213 entrants this year. Recent emigrant from Nigeria, Sammy Okosagah (9 wins) was second, one game clear of Steve Polatnick in third place.

The Eastern Championship was held in Danbury, Connecticut, on February 12-15. In the top division Joe Edley returned to top form winning 16 games out of 20, and raising his rating back over 2000. World Champ Joel Sherman was second with 14 wins, one ahead of Avi Moss in third place.

In another well-attended event, Jim

Geary emerged victorious in the Phoenix, Arizona tournament on February 13-15, winning 16 games (+1206) out of 19, well clear of Ira Cohen (14.5 wins) and current American No 1, Brian Cappelletto (13 wins).

The Atlanta, Georgia tourney on February 19-21 attracted 73 players. It was won by the consistent Trip Payne, with 13 wins (+932) from 15 games.

Unfancied Bob Prentiss took out the March Chicago event with 9 wins (+425) out of 12 games, one clear of World Champ Joel Sherman.

Internet Action

In an Internet game recently, recent NZ visitor Sam Kantimathi (US) and World Champ Joel Sherman (US) played four bonus words each and finished the game in 9 turns per player. The last four moves were all bonuses, and Joel lost with 492, despite averaging over 54 points per turn — Sam averaged 59! Note that the lead changed eleven times.

Here is the game:



Joel Sherman

Rack	Move	Score	Total
ERSTTUY	RUTTY	24	24
AEEHINS	EH	14	38
AEINSUY	AY	31	69
AEINQSU	QUINELAS	88	157
ACEEFLU	FECULAE	105	262
AIINNRU	UNAI	28	290
AEINPRV	PAVIN	56	346
EGILNRT	TREBLING	64	410
DIOPRST	TRIPODS	82	492

Sam Kantimathi

Rack	Move	Score	Total
IJORSVX	VOX	44	44
AEIJRSW	WASTRIE	46	90
DEEFJLS	FJELD	41	131
ABEGKOS	BOSKAGES	82	213
DDEEIOW	DOWIE	28	241
?BDEHOR	BROCHED	89	330
AAGNOOO	GOONDA	24	354
AAELMOT	OATMEAL	78	432
?CEIMTZ	AZOTEMIC	96	528
	(INR)	6	534

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NZ Masters Championship

3-5 April

23 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	19	2224	60
2 Kendall Boyd	DUN	18	1559	44
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	17	1492	45
4 Glenda Foster	CAP	15	1047	35
5 Howard Warner	IND	15	995	35
6 Patrick Carter	MTA	15	618	29
7 Peter Sinton	DUN	15	522	43
8 John Foster	NSB	15	-162	35
9 Lynne Butler	NPL	13	252	31
10 Denise Gordon	WAN	12	279	42
11 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	12	-259	35
12 Mike Sigley	WAN	11	622	48
13 Glennis Hale	MTA	11	-109	42
14 David Lloyd	MTA	11	-206	30
15 Andrew Bradley	MTA	11	-511	29
16 Lynne Powell	NSB	10	167	39
17 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	9	-563	21
18 Steven Brown	HAM	9	-643	43
19 Lynn Wood	WEL	8	-904	29
20 Pam Robson	WKT	7	-1508	31
21 Eileen McLean	IND	6	-885	30
22 Valerie Mills	PAK	6	-963	32
23 Fae Olson	STR	6	-1056	26
24 Glenys Buchanan	LOH	5	-2008	28

North Shore Bays Tournament

24 April

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	6	564	457	14
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	382	408	9
3 David Lloyd	MTA	4	-8	393	13
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	39	387	12
5 John Foster	NSB	3	34	377	10
6 Andrew Bradley	MTA	3	-282	359	7
7 Lynne Powell	NSB	2	-406	372	11
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	1	-323	376	10
Grade B					
1 Chris Hooks	IND	5	342	418	11
2 Peter Jones	MTA	4	211	420	11
3 May Quigley	IND	4	96	388	5
4 Eileen McLean	IND	4	85	375	10
5 Pam Robson	WKT	4	-293	360	7
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	157	387	9
7 Fae Olson	STR	2	-203	376	6
8 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	-395	352	5
Grade C					
1 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	6	293	399	12
2 Gerald Warner	ROD	5	305	401	8
3 June Mackwell	MTA	4	-191	370	10
4 Anna Geange	MTA	3	153	386	11
5 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	-33	385	10
6 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	-194	365	9
7 Margaret Bundock	ROD	2	-81	382	5
8 Glenda Geard	IND	2	-252	371	8



Khin Saw Khine, a visitor from Myanmar (Burma), enjoying tea and Scrabble with Mt Albert players Lulu Holt (96), Lil Moore and Adrienne McKeown. Khine won the 1 grade at the North Shore tournament.



Chris Hooks, B Grade winner at North Shore

Grade D

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	6	318	443	16
2 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	253	421	7
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	19	394	10
4 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3.5	-111	391	11
5 Isobel Yorke	ROD	3	-12	390	5
6 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-43	394	7
7 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	3	-77	402	10
8 David Gunn	WKT	0.5	-347	362	9

Grade E

1 Reeve Pearson	STR	6	290	418	14
2 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4	264	385	7
3 Julie Atkinson	MTA	4	132	398	10
4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	-288	357	2
5 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-121	369	6
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	-255	372	10
7 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	30	389	10
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-52	383	7

Grade F

1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	6	631	420	9
2 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	391	373	5
3 Dean Riesterer	PAK	5	18	374	6
4 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	201	391	6
5 Faye Leach	AUS	3	-61	358	5
6 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	-143	355	6
7 Margaret Mourant	MTA	1	-370	341	1
8 Sue Walker	MTA	1	-667	332	10

Grade G

1 Pam Barlow	PAK	6	340	385	10
2 Bev Barker	MTA	5	542	398	10
3 Joan Pratt	ROD	5	169	383	8
4 Elaine King	MTA	4	106	371	5
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	-240	341	6
6 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	2	-219	332	5
7 Lil Moore	MTA	2	-365	342	5
8 Margaret Hanson	PHC	1	-333	331	3

Grade H

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Naomi Gilmore	ROD	6	442	394	4
2 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	290	408	11
3 Jill Johnson	PHC	5	271	394	5
4 May Meads	PHC	3	-120	364	10
5 Ed Olson	STR	3	-197	342	8
6 Pam Mayall	HAM	2	-149	353	3
7 Mary Gray	MTA	2	-238	370	6
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	2	-299	341	4

Grade I

1 Khin Saw Khine	MTA	5	475	388	6
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	356	384	10
3 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	4	259	376	6
4 Paddy Glen	ROD	3	-69	351	4
5 Susan Olson	STR	3	-96	357	7
6 Val Worth	IND	3	-140	326	6
7 Elise Joy	PHC	3	-392	318	6
8 Karen Miller	PAK	2	-393	313	4

Grade J

1 Kath Davies	MTA	7	292	351	3
2 Sammy Sanders	PHC	6	216	334	2
3 John Sharpe	NSB	5	289	367	5
4 Mary Casse	ROD	3	89	339	9
5 Rob Van Slyke	NSB	2	-68	324	2
6 Jenny Sharpe	NSB	2	-139	338	4
7 Merle Spinetto	ROD	2	-152	319	2
8 Resie Coenen	PHC	1	-527	280	0

Dunedin Lion Open

Tournament

24-25 April

7 + 7 Games

Day 1

1 Marian Ross	DUN	7	963	437	14
2 Bill Grigg	DUN	6	471	407	7
3 Peter Sinton	DUN	5	913	434	15
4 Paul Lister	CHC	5	480	411	11
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	3	159	374	9
6 Karyn McDougall	DUN	3	132	371	6
7 Chris Handley	DUN	2	-404	315	2
8 Ray Goodyear	CHC	2	-532	314	2
9 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	2	-944	280	2
10 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	-1238	244	0

Day 2

1 Karyn McDougall	DUN	6	818	437	10
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	5	660	418	9
3 John Bell	DUN	5	-293	351	7
4 Marian Ross	DUN	4	387	390	9
5 Paul Lister	CHC	4	98	405	11
6 Chris Handley	DUN	4	-52	352	3

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
7 Bill Grigg	DUN	3	170	392	12
8 Ray Goodyear	CHC	2	-246	341	4
9 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	2	-406	322	3
10 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	-1136	277	0

South Island Champs Christchurch

15-16 May

15 Games triple round robin

A Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Nigel Richards	CHC	15	2264	492	38
2 Lynn Wood	WEL	10	54	384	19
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	7	-29	382	15
4 Fae Olson	STR	5	-456	386	20
5 Ann Hough	NEL	5	-719	360	18
6 Paul Lister	CHC	3	-1114	360	18

B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Elsie Malkin	CHC	11	953	381	19
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	9	310	369	20
3 Bill Grigg	DUN	8	80	380	23
4 Shirley Hol	CHC	7	-188	379	19
5 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	-766	337	10
6 Malcolm Graham	CHC	4	-389	357	17

C Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	10	390	381	16
2 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	9	493	399	21
3 Michael Hyndman	CAP	8	109	382	24
4 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	8	-395	375	20
5 Shirley van Essen	CHC	6	-447	364	19
6 Lyn Dawson	NEL	4	-150	361	11

D Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Andrew Denmead	NEL	12	953	408	24
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	9	870	377	14
3 Yvonne Erickson	CHC	8	-160	343	13
4 Elizabeth Arlington	CHC	6	-80	349	9
5 Jean Clark	STR	6	-676	309	3
6 Mary Pinchin	CHC	4	-907	312	2

E Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Glen Madigan	DUN	11	467	344	12
2 Ed Olson	STR	7.5	-35	325	8
3 Chris Handley	DUN	7	343	348	8
4 Sharon Clark	STR	7	-353	307	7
5 Mary Lewis	CHC	6.5	-275	305	1
6 Betty Sutherland	CHC	6	-147	325	7

F Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Ray Goodyear	CHC	11	1169	360	9
2 Roslyn Lister	CHC	11	362	334	18
3 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	10	496	348	7
4 Iris Gardener	CHC	6	-112	306	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
5 Geoff Good	CHC	6	-431	290	1
6 Elvira Steel	DUN	6	-440	293	3
7 Betty Wilson	CHC	5	-412	290	4
8 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5	-632	291	1

NZ National Championships

5-6 June

13 Games

A Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Howard Warner	MTA	10	1144	427	21
2 Peter Sinton	DUN	10	427	427	21
3 Jeff Grant	HAS	9	881	32	32
4 David Lloyd	MTA	9	-114	20	20
5 Nigel Richards	CHC	7	969	34	34
6 Andrew Bradley	MTA	7	452	27	27
7 Glennis Hale	IND	7	410	27	27
8 Patrick Carter	MTA	7	103	24	24
9 Lisa McLean	IND	6	-356	18	18
10 Steven Brown	HAM	6	-584	26	26
11 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	-574	21	21
12 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	-591	18	18
13 Glenda Foster	CAP	3	-945	17	17
14 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-1222	15	15

B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Puti Rowe	STR	11	726	24	24
2 Pam Robson	WAI	10	374	24	24
3 Valerie Mills	PAK	8	382	21	21
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	8	353	15	15
5 Fae Olson	STR	7	119	11	11
6 Anna Geange	MTA	7	-85	17	17



Howard Warner (MTA), A Grade winner



B Grade winner, Puti Rowe (STR)
No, that isn't a trophy — it's her prize!
Puti performed the unusual feat of being the lowest rated player in her grade, and winning it.

B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
7 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	7	-104	14	14
8 Eileen McLean	IND	6	-51	14	14
9 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	6	-418	14	14
10 Bob Johnstone	NEL	5	71	14	14
11 Andrée Prentice	WAN	5	-260	9	9
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	-298	13	13
13 Leila Thomson	LOH	4	-497	17	17
14 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	-312	18	18

C Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	10	593	16	16
2 Ann Hough	NEL	9	751	23	23
3 Gaye Norgren	WAN	9	481	22	22
4 Marian Ross	DUN	9	407	17	17
5 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	8	783	22	22
6 Paul Lister	CHC	8	98	17	17
7 Sue McRae	CAP	8	96	18	18
8 Teresa Ferrari	LOH	5	-27	16	16
9 Margaret Simpson	IND	5	-486	17	17
10 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	5	-496	17	17
11 Hilda Scott	MAS	5	-535	8	8
12 Doreen Ogston	CHC	4	-461	14	14
13 Elsie Malkin	CHC	3	-480	15	15
14 Correne James	IND	3	-724	9	9

D Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 David Gunn	WAI	11.5	1120	25	25
2 Sandra Stacey	WEL	8	545	13	13
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	8	197	21	21
4 Reeva Pearson	STR	8	114	31	31
5 Max Aston	LOH	7	429	17	17
6 Margaret Lyall	CHC	7	-183	16	16
7 Frank Robinson	WEL	6.5	202	15	15

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
8 Isabel Zyp	HAM	6	138	16	16
9 Julie Atkinson	MTA	6	52	13	13
10 Doreen Davies	MAS	6	-186	10	10
11 Peggy Wallace	HAM	5	-376	14	14
12 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	5	-406	13	13
13 Kate Henderson	CAP	5	-468	14	14
14 Martha Morgan	NPL	2	-1178	6	6

E Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Norman Wheeler	WEL	9.5	823	18	18
2 Shirley van Essen	CHC	9	534	18	18
3 Michael Hyndman	CAP	8	382	16	16
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	345	9	9
5 Jennifer Smith	HAM	8	156	13	13
6 Lorraine van Veen	IND	7	227	9	9
7 Pat Johnstone	NEL	7	-16	13	13
8 Pam Barlow	PAK	6	63	15	15
9 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	16	11	11
10 Malcolm Graham	CHC	6	-123	15	15
11 Hazel Drew	WEL	6	-585	9	9
12 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	4	-475	10	10
13 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	-505	11	11
14 Andrew Denmead	NEL	2.5	-841	12	12

F Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Carl Gray	CAP	9	310	23	23
2 Evan Kramer	CAP	8	612	14	14
3 Lyn Dawson	NEL	8	388	8	8
4 Yvonne McKenzie/Erickson	CHC	8	217	8	8
5 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	485	10	10
6 Bev Barker	MTA	7	-52	8	8
7 Mary Gray	MTA	6	177	10	10
8 June Ward	HAS	6	142	7	7
9 Val Worth	IND	6	-97	11	11
10 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	6	-190	5	5
11 Marjorie Heads	WEL	4	-272	10	10
12 Sheila Reed	CAP	3	-742	3	3
13 Ed Olson	STR	0	-664	10	10

G Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Avg.	B/W
1 Shirley Kramer	CAP	10	580	8	8
2 Betty Sutherland	CHC	9	312	6	6
3 Karen Miller	PAK	8	522	5	5
4 Elvira Steel	DUN	8	23	1	1
5 Roslyn Lister	CHC	5	-109	8	8
6 Sue McKenzie	CAP	5	-699	3	3
7 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	4	112	6	6
8 Monica Simpson	CAP	3	-741	2	2

High Game Score

Jeff Grant (HAS) 587

High Combined Score

Hilda Scott (MAS) & Gaye Norgren (WAN) 1008

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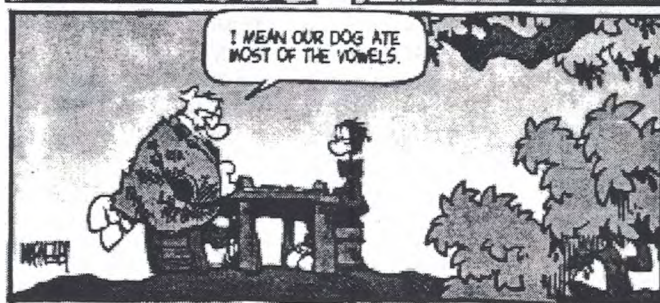
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Val Mills (PAK) 149 UNSCALED

Team Prize

- 1 Hastings (Doreen O'Shea, Jeff Grant, Yvonne Wilson) 27 wins, +2257
- 2 Capital (Shirley Kramer, Carl Gray, Evan Kramer) 27 wins, +1502
- 3 Dunedin (Peter Sinton, Marian Ross, Elvira Steel) 27 wins, +857

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Scrabble 2000

According to the British Scrabble Enthusiasts' magazine *Onwords*, Mattel have announced plans to redesign Scrabble for the new millennium. Apparently two products will be marketed — a limited edition Millennium set, and the standard range. The board design will stay the same, but the tiles, racks and packaging are expected to change.

American Jetsetters

Siri Tillekaratne played in 26 tournaments in 1998, racking up 341 games in 26 US states and four Canadian provinces. He also directed 14 of these tourneys. Siri may have some tough competition in the jetsetter stakes this year though. Paul Avrin, a retired New York teacher, had already played 166 tournament games by the end of April 1999.

Submitted by
Lynne Butler (NPL)

NZ Scrabble Records

Shown below is the current list of NZ Scrabble records. If anyone can improve on or correct any of the entries, please let us know.

Record	Tournament Level		Club Level	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Shirley Wyatt (MTA)
Highest Single Turn Non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neill (NPL)	261	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Combined Score	1078	Howard Wamer (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 (MTA)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	—	—	13	David Lloyd (MTA)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	1805	Nigel Richards (CHC)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA)
Most Bonus Words in Game (1 person)	6	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) & John Foster (IND)	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	Nigel Richards (CHC) 11,103 (1999)
Most Bonus Words	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)
Highest Spread	Nigel Richards (CHC) 2224 (1999)