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From The Editor

As the new millennium gets underway several of our top players have headed overseas. Nigel Richards (CHC) is having a stint in Asia, and has already won a major tournament in Thailand, as well as another event in Penang, where he won 14 games out of 15, with a spread of +2064 and a high score of 700! No doubt Nigel is intending to compete in other Asian tourneys, notably the big international ones coming up in Malaysia and Singapore. NZ Champ Howard Warner (MTA) is currently touring South America, and is unlikely to be getting much Scrabble over there. David Lloyd and his wife Chris have moved to Melbourne to live, but David hopes to be back for the Masters and Nationals.

On the local front, Pat and I saw the old year out and the new one in at the 24-hour Y2K tournament in New Plymouth. It was a truly unique experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part (see reports later in the magazine). The Pakuranga one-dayers in January had good entries, as did Nelson's February event. At Hastings earlier this month numbers were well up on last year, and there were five first-time tournament players— nice to see!

Unfortunately, the Scrabble event at the South Pacific Masters Games in Hamilton was cancelled due to lack of entries. It is a pity that Pam Robson's efforts in having Scrabble recognised at this level went unrewarded. Maybe it was the expense, maybe the time of year — who knows. If we ever get the chance

again though, I hope there is more support. The ultimate extension of this concept would be Scrabble at the Commonwealth Games and Olympics!

Rob Sillis of New Plymouth passed away in January. He will be sadly missed by the Scrabble fraternity. Rob was a real gentleman, and I will always remember him for his encyclopaedic knowledge, and his cheerfulness and sense of humour in the face of adversity. Our condolences to Helen and family.

There will be some new words for you to use soon, as *Chambers Dictionary* (1998) and OSW4 are due for adoption after the National Champs in June. Coming in are terms like BAC, OPPO, SPAM, EMAIL and MONTY, while a few old favourites like ECO, UGLI and INTERNET disappear. In total, there are only about 550 new words from 3-9 letters long, and around 50 deletions.

Our top players are presently getting ready for the 17th NZ Masters Championships, which will be hosted by the Pakuranga Club in Auckland at Easter. Good luck to the 24 participants.

Thanks to everyone who has sent us material for *Forwards*, and special thanks to Glenda for all her preparation and layout work.

Closing date for the June issue is May 25.

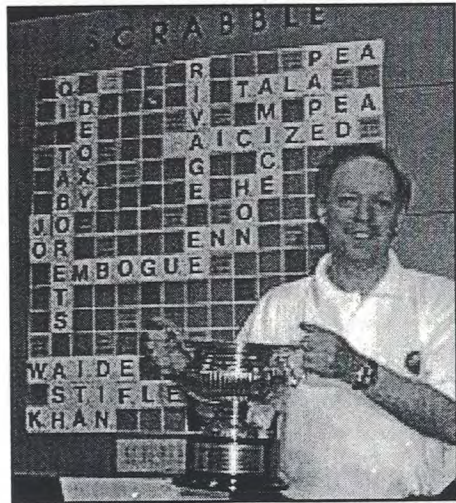
Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

MAIL BOX

WORLD CHAMPS QUERY

by Ron Bunny
Waikikamukau

I have seen pictures of Joel Wapnick's winning final board in newspapers and overseas Scrabble magazines, and am puzzled by the word ENN in the middle. This isn't allowed in Scrabble is it? Also the words in the bottom left corner don't seem to be attached to anything. What's going on?



[Unfortunately, some overzealous officials in Melbourne started dismantling the game before the after match photo session, which was a pity. ENN is simply the first part of ENNUIS, and the words in the bottom left corner are floating because connecting letters have been removed. It does look rather odd, doesn't it? The complete final board layout is shown on p12 in the December *Forwards*. — Ed.]

WORLD CHAMPS SNIPPETS

Here are some late items of interest from the World Scrabble Champs in Melbourne back in November:

- Nearly half the players (47) were competing in their first World Championship.
- Mike and Linda Pray from Oman were the first married couple to play at a World Champs. When they met, Mike won by 5!
- American rep Jim Geary ran a book on the outcome of the event. Most money went on Mark Nyman (UK) and Brian Cappelletto (US), while eventual winner Joel Wapnick (Canada) on similar 7-1 odds gained no bets.
- North American champ Brian Cappelletto (US) lost his first three games and was right down at the bottom tables. However he won 14 of the next 16 games to briefly reach the No 1 spot.
- Nigel Richards (NZ) had the most 500+ scores (6). In one case a player scored over 500 and lost! Jim Geary (US) went down to Pakistan's Rodney Judd 502-525.
- Nigel may also have had the most plays involving words of 9 letters or longer, including ANAGOGIES and ETHIONINE (both mentioned in the last issue), and COTRUSTEE.
- Suresh Chinnaiyah (Sri Lanka) started his tournament high game against Joe Edley (US) with scores of 50, 37, 99, 75, 78 and 46 to reach

385, while Joe had struggled to 61. The final score was 643-307.

- Despite being able to challenge without penalty, players still let dud words go. Joel Sherman (US) didn't challenge PANNERS and Brian Cappelletto (US) made the same mistake with the phony TETANOUS.
- In a game between Joel Wapnick and John Luebke (US) a tile was found in the bag after the score sheets had been signed. Yes, they had both been tile-tracking!
- The top woman, Lisa Odom (US) at 23rd, was also best placed in 1993 at 15th.
- After the preliminary 24 rounds, Paul Cleary (Australia) recorded a celebrity match for ABC TV playing television personality Adam Spencer. In the traditional pre-match trading of insults, Paul hit hard by reminding Adam that a spencer is a girl's blouse.
- In the final match, both Joel and Mark played with their own distinctive (lucky?) racks.
- The atmosphere in the finals room was electric, with the players understandably nervous. Mark was sweating, and often ran his hands through his hair, while Joel at times muttered almost inaudibly and once dropped a particularly promising set of tiles.
- After the final, when a journalist asked where Mark was, he was told that "Mr Nyman is in the bar somewhere having a pint."

from *Across the Board*,
December 1999



There aren't many common words ending in V, although most people would be familiar with LUV, REV, PERV and SPIV. Here are a dozen more V-ended words to dazzle your opponents.

GUV	DERV	OLLAV
SOV	MIRV	SCHAV
CHIV	SHIV	MOSHAV
DEEV	GANEV	ISOGRIV


AN ODD SPELL

The *Nelson Mail* newspaper has a section called *Nelson's Column* for humorous snippets of local interest. Following the Nelson Scrabble tournament in February this little piece appeared:

Perhaps pre-tournament nerves were the explanation, but the newsroom was amused to see that when an invitation to the Nelson Scrabble tournament arrived by email last week, it invited us to have a look at the 'Scrabble' and named the venue as 'Franklyn Halll' (oops!). Lord Nelson is surprised that a third 'l' was so hard to get rid of, as it's not worth many points in the Scrabble scoring system.

When a reporter duly turned up, he was further entertained to find, on looking over competitors' shoulders, that some very rude words (tut, tut) were being composed by experts — and even argued over."

[This extra (and unrequested) publicity was all in good fun. — Lyn Dawson]



Competition Corner

SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO 5?

We had quite a few clever entries for the Scrabble limerick contest. Here are some of the best:

A man who resided in Spain
Played Scrabble each day on the train.
When asked why this was
He said, "It's because
If my wife knew I played, I'd be slain."

Margaret Lyall, Christchurch

There are a bunch of people who play Scrabble
Who seem to talk nothing but babble.
Their word knowledge is astounding;
Play them and you'll take a pounding:
Pluck up the courage and have a dabble.

**Chris Lloyd
(wife of MTA Scrabblor,
David Lloyd)**

And these two from Michael Vnuk of
Queensland:

A man who knew all of the hooks
(from studying the lists and the books)
Could win every match
Except for one catch —
He'd lose against girls with good looks.

I wish I could learn with one look
All the possible words in the book.
Not one single human,
Not Wapnick, nor Nyman,
Could beat the new champion: Vnuk!

All excellent efforts, but we've decided to
award the prize to Lyn Toka of Kiwi
Scrabble Club in Hamilton for this clever
poem composed of limerick verses.
Congratulations Lyn!

A Cautionary Tale

A Scrabblor named Bertie Wisteria
Had a Scrabble vocab quite inferior
But tournament day
He won every fray
And started to act all superior.

This worried the Scrabble exec
Who couldn't work out how the heck
He managed the feat
"He must be a cheat"
So they grabbed the old chap by the neck.

The nerve of the man was fantastic.
In a thigh-pouch held on by elastic
He'd several E's,
Seven blanks, if you please,
And six S's, both wooden and plastic.

He'd a list of each three-letter word
In his sock top — or so I have heard
And they very near missed
The RETINA list
Inscribed on his pen — how absurd!

In vain did he cry they'd besmirched him
While they held him and forcibly searched him
As they unearthed the vowels
He heightened his howls
You'd have thought that they'd jolly well birched
him.

His opponents must all have been snoozing
Not to see all the tricks he was using
Or to notice that he
Played not two blanks but three
They almost deserved to be losing.

So at your next tournament meeting
If you want to avoid a good beating
Stay really alert
If you're drawn to play Bert
For he's still unrepentantly cheating.

SCRABBLE CONTEST NO 58

Your opponent starts the game with
CATCHER (H on centre square). You
have the rack GUDDOR + a blank. What
is your best move?

Closing date is May 20. Good luck!

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant
'Ardra'
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HASTINGS HAPPENINGS

A few unusual things occurred during the
Hastings tourney in early March.

Jeff Grant and Lynne Powell had to draw
8 tiles to see who started (the sequence
was E,E,E,E,I,I,Y,A), and in the next game
Jeff and John Foster needed 6 tiles.

Margaret Warren played SAUNTER
twice in a row in one game, while Chris
Hooks got the weekend's highest word
score with 203 for LEAKIEST — but lost
the game!

The best move of the event though was
by Alan Medhurst in his very first
tournament. Holding EIORRRV, he
played through ES to make
RESERVOIR — brilliant!

CHALLENGING DECISIONS

The following words were played at the Pakuranga tourneys on January 29-30. Which
ones would you challenge? Answers on page 21.

SNAILIER	NUNLIKE	EASINGS	SPAITHE
UNARISEN	WRITHER	ENTWINER	REAWAIT
SCALINGS	PREMADE	SCURFED	REGUESS
GOODYEAR	SOOGES	UNPLEAT	TEAGUES
REGLUED	FERLIEST	ALTERIOR	OUTLEAD
ENTRAILED	MISTINGS	REGIONED	GOOGIES

A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

In a club tournament in Glendale,
California, Freddie (Frederika)
Montgomery, aged 90 and rated below
1000, was playing expert Ira Cohen (rated
about 1900). Freddie hadn't won a game,
and was being demolished yet again. Ira
was ahead by nearly 200 points with the
game all but over. With her usual serene
resignation, Freddie, one of the world's
great losers, surveyed the board, looking
for one last opportunity to get rid of the
'Q' that she was apparently stuck with.

"Oh, here's a place," she said, and slowly,
with a certain inevitable assurance, she
laid down SQUARING on a triple-triple,
bingoing out with 212 points to beat Ira
by more than 50! Ira was very gracious
and paid Freddie the highest
compliments. Cheers could be heard
blocks away. A moment to remember
always.

from *US Scrabble News*, Feb 2000

NEARLY RIGHT

Pat noticed the following item in an old
New Idea magazine:

"My daughter asked me what a breakfast
killer was. After a minute, I realised she
meant serial killer!"

DIPLOMACY

THE GAME OF THE MILLENNIUM?

by Jeff Grant

The enigmatic Dr Dromos Palin last appeared in public at the 1991 Easter Island Scrabble Tournament, where he beat Professor Lewis Shilbut by 777-412 in the final match to record an incredible 49-game clean sweep in the round robin event (see *Forwards*, December 1991).

Dr Palin was lured out of 'retirement' recently by the Million Dollar Maldives Millennium Masters tournament, which was held during the first two weeks of December last year. Uncharacteristically, Palin dropped a couple of games on his way to the final, where he once again clashed with the brilliant Professor Shilbut.

With the scores locked 2-2 in the best-of-five match final, it all came down to a single game for the \$1 million first prize — and what a game it was!

Shilbut opened with DIPLOMA for 78 (O on centre square), and Palin responded with CANNIBAL onto the L for 64. Shilbut quickly took the ascendancy with the nice OVERWARY (113) down to the bottom middle triple, but Palin hit back with LOMENTUM (a type of seed pod) for 66.

Shilbut's third consecutive bonus was an elegant DAFFODIL (84), which Palin matched with the unusual PIGHTING (pitching) for 71. After three moves each, the score stood at 275-202 to Shilbut.

The professor struck a potentially lethal blow next move, converting an unpromising rack of HOOOPRZ into ZOOPHORI (certain sculptured friezes)

for 94, using the I of DIPLOMA. Not to be outdone, Palin played LANKEST/DIPLOMAT for 85. Shilbut took a 176-point lead with EYEWEAR/DIPLOMATE (93) on his next move, but the doctor was not deterred and came back with one of his trademark palindromes — SEITIES (personal identities)/DIPLOMATES for 81.

Picking the first blank, Shilbut was next able to play his sixth bonus word in a row, using an A on the board to make ADJUDGE[S] for 85. However, he still couldn't shake off Palin who slapped down EQUINOX for 116, in the process extending DIPLOMATES to DIPLOMATESE, and cutting the deficit to just 64 points.

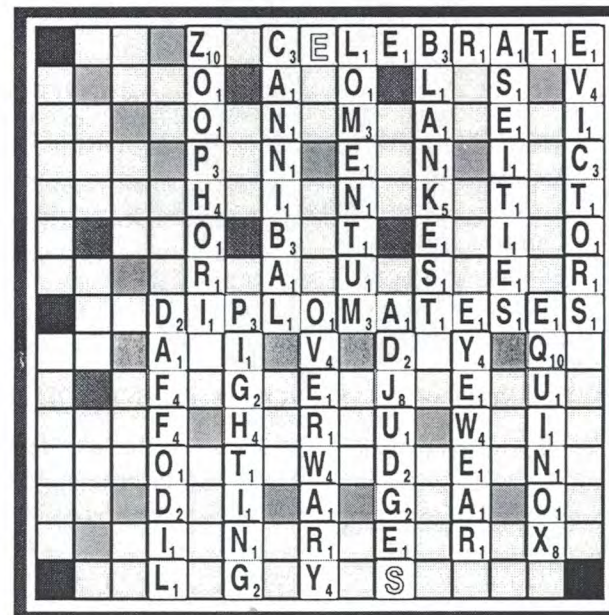
Leading by 547-483, with only two tiles in the bag, Shilbut delivered his coup-de-grace, playing the appropriate VICTORS onto the end of DIPLOMATESE for a whopping 146 points, taking his score to 693.

Shilbut settled back in his chair with a lead of over 200 and a satisfied look on his face. Half a minute later both were gone. Unbelievably, Palin had found a winning play! With the merest flicker of a smile he shuffled his last seven tiles — ABEERT□ — and placed them one by one on the top row of the board. Using the C and L already there, he made the triple-triple CELEBRATE, as well as BLANKEST, ASEITIES (self-originations), and EVICTORS. Palin announced his score of 228, which with the 4 points for Shilbut's A and U gave

him victory by 715-693. Not surprisingly, Shilbut was flabbergasted.

What a game! Seven bonus words each, a combined score of over 1400, and the loser got nearly 700. Surely the game of the millennium.

FINAL BOARD LAYOUT



[A₁] [U₁]

Shilbut		Palin				
1	DIPLOMA	78	78	CANNIBAL	64	64
2	OVERWARY	113	191	LOMENTUM	66	130
3	DAFFODIL	84	275	PIGHTING	71	201
4	ZOOPHORI	94	369	LANKEST/DIPLOMAT	85	286
5	EYEWEAR/DIPLOMATE	93	462	SEITIES/DIPLOMATES	81	367
6	ADJUDGES	85	547	EQUINOX/ DIPLOMATESE	116	483
7	VICTORS/ DIPLOMATESES	146	693	CELEBRATE/EVICTORS/ BLANKEST/ASEITIES (A, U) +4	228	711
						715

NEW PLYMOUTH Y2K TOURNAMENT

MIDDAY 31.12.99 – MIDDAY 01.01.2000

by Lynne Butler (New Plymouth)

***** THANKYOU ** THANKYOU ** THANKYOU *****

From the Taranaki Scrabble Club members to the following unflinching workers for their invaluable assistance...

- Pat Grant - Adjudicator Extraordinaire - Assistant Director - Whip Cracker
- Aerobics Instructor - Mating Call Instigator - Spot Prize Awardee etc., etc.
- Gill Medhurst - Chief Cook and Bottle Washer
(who had to go off to work from 1-5am)
- Alan Medhurst - Assistant Cook, Bottle Washer and Compiler of Results
- Tracy Peterson - Assistant Cook – Runner
- Kylee Peterson - Assistant Cook – Runner
- Susan Olson - Compiler of Results - Runner – Princess
- Kathryn Olson - Runner – Princess
- Jennifer Olson - Runner - Court Jester
- Chris C-Butler - Runner
- Brandon Arbuckle - Runner

***** THANK YOU ** THANK YOU ** THANK YOU *****

I think I can safely say that everyone who attended the Y2K tourney had a brilliant time!! The hall was decorated with Happy New Year/Century/Millennium signs, flowers, balloons and a Good Luck Chinese Dragon. Being in fancy dress added to the party atmosphere. Costumes included Humpty Dumpty, Po from TeleTubbies, a cow, a penguin, a pirate, Freddie Mercury, Crocodile Dundee, Captain James Cook, the Glitterati, King Neptune, Mr Wimbledon 1940, and a hula dancer. My personal favourite was a pair of players dressed as characters from a New Zealand comic strip (and animated film) called Footrot Flats. Denise Gordon looked 'gorgeous' in black shorts, gumboots and black singlet as Wal, and Mike Sigley was extremely buxom as Wal's girlfriend Cheeky Hobson.

Breaks were scheduled for after every third game. Prior to midnight all players and workers were given their Y2K Survival Pack consisting of a candle, blower, streamers, a cuddly Y2K bug made from NZ lamb's wool, a cute



Captain Cook (Ed Olson) & Queen Neptune (Helen Sillis)

Scrabble nut, brochures, delicious Kiwi Droppings, 2000 calendar, party poppers and a beautifully iced Y2K cake. The bubbly was poured and another game started. At 11.55pm, game clocks were neutralised, racks turned face down and players gathered around one of several TVs. The countdown was boisterous — 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 !! Happy New Year....and the lights went off courtesy of my son, Chris!! The obligatory kissing and hugging and singing of Auld Lang Syne occurred, then we were back into the Scrabble, vying for the four special Millennium Awards for First Winner, Loser, Bonus and Successful Challenge.

The tournament ran very smoothly and we finished the 21 games ahead of time at 11.30am on New Year's Day. Only one casualty was sustained along the way. Tania Pearson attended despite being quite ill with flu; she forfeited 5 games during the night and rejoined the play after some much needed sleep. Pat Grant kept us all awake with various games and special races. I'll never forget the sight of 20 Scrabblers at 4am rising on command and doing arm stretching and toe touching in unison.

Before the tourney was even over we all had copies of the *Daily News* (dated 01.01.2000) with the Scrabble mentioned



Pirate Rosie Cleary

on Page 2, featuring a handsome Nico (Kunihiko) Kuroda playing a very pretty cow, Fae Olson.

The food was excellent!! Dinner consisted of ham, chicken, salads, garlic potatoes, boiled new potatoes, a cheese board, dips, pavlovas and fruit salad. Breakfast was fresh croissants from the bakery up the road, fruit juices, plus muffins, cream cheese and a fruit platter. Throughout the day was a continuous supply of biscuits, nibbles, dips, crackers, scones, sandwiches, sausage rolls, fruit platters, etc.

As we had hoped for, the major prizes were evenly spread as Reeva Pearson, B division had the Best Performance of the tourney with 17 wins — well done Po!!

A DIVISION 21 GAMES IN 24 HOURS (UNRATED)

Double round robin + 3 games KOTH

Name	Wins	Spread	Bonus	Words
1 Jeff Grant	15	+942	30	
2 Howard Warner	15	+805	36	
3 Patrick Carter	13.5	+1259	28	
4 Lynne Butler	12	+231	27	
5 Lynn Wood	11	-562	23	
6 Norma Fisher USA	9.5	-108	34	
7 Fae Olson	8	-407	23	
8 Rosie Cleary	8	-598	23	
9 Nico Kuroda JAPAN	7	-687	23	
10 Helen Sillis	6	-875	19	
High Losing Game: Nico Kuroda			466	

Low Winning Game: No claimant

B DIVISION 21 GAMES IN 24 HOURS (UNRATED)

Double round robin + 3 games

KOTH

1	Reeva Pearson	17	+1841	41
2	Yvette Hewlett	16	+1147	33
3	Betty Eriksen	16	+746	28
4	Frank Robinson	16	+1614	28
5	Joyce Brooks AUS	11	-267	6
6	Michael Hyndman	11	-281	24
7	Dianne Smerdon AUS	9	-124	17
8	Ed Olson	5	-1180	6
9	Tania Pearson	3	-1531	17
10	Vera Burner	2	-1965	6

High Losing Game: Betty Erickson 406

Low Winning Game: Yvette Hewlett 324

6 GAME DIVISION 6 GAMES HANDICAP SYSTEM (UNRATED)

	H/cap	Win	Spread	Bonus	Words
1	Mike Sigley	0	5	+374	16
2	Denise Gordon	5	5	+137	8
3	Janet Willison	110	4	+161	3
4	Thelma Chisholm	105	4	+145	4
5	Susan Olson	110	3	-76	5
6	Margaret Ham	125	2	-230	1
7	Dot Kirkpatrick	180	1	-511	0
High Losing Game:	Susan Olson			482	
	Mike Sigley			482	

Low Winning Game: No claimant

Four specially made badges were awarded to acknowledge 'Firsts' in the Millennium.

1st Bonus Word played

Betty Eriksen TOASTED

1st Successful Challenge

Rosie Cleary ENDGRAIN

1st Winner

Reeva Pearson 477

1st Loser

Frank Robinson 326

Prizes consisted of Scrabble and 01.01.2000 memorabilia donated mostly



Cheeky Hobson (Mike Sigley) & Wal Footrot (Denise Gordon)

by a generous player from the USA who didn't want to be named. Thank you Norma!! (Oops sorry, that slipped out!)

A special thanks must go to the Taranaki Scrabble Club Committee for all their hard work and fund raising efforts throughout 1999. We had meetings every month from Feb 99 and held raffles, garage sales, and sausage sizzles to raise enough to make the Y2K Tourney a successful event — we succeeded. Thanks also to the TSB Bank and Sporty's Bar for grants.

Fae, Eddie and Susan Olson, Reeva Pearson, Sharon and Jean Clarke, Puti Rowe, Helen and Rob Sillis and Dot Kirkpatrick — please take a bow.

MILLENNIUM MUSINGS

by Jeff Grant, Hastings

On Wednesday, December 29, Pat and I drove to New Plymouth for the 24-hour Y2K Scrabble Tournament. We arrived to find our hostess Lynne Butler and her American friend Norma Fisher putting the finishing touches on some glittery posters and working out the draw.

On Thursday we helped set up the hall, explored the shops, and later picked up Japanese World Champs rep Kunihiko (Nico) Kuroda and Yvette Hewlett from the airport. We took Nico to the local museum, where he was surprised by the number of Maori words (eg Tokomaru) which also exist in Japanese, albeit with a different meaning. A good Scrabble example is WAKA, defined in *Chambers Dictionary* not as a Maori canoe, but a form of Japanese poetry. In the evening many of us went to lovely Pukekura Park to see the magical display of lights.

Friday was of course the last day of the 1900s, and the 24-hour Scrabble tournament got underway at midday with everyone present. There were some pretty amazing competitors too, including Captain Cook (Ed Olson), Crocodile Dundee (Aussie Diane Smerdon), Mr Showtime (NZ Champ Howard Warner), Freddy Mercury (Michael Hyndman), TeleTubby Po (Reeva Pearson), a pirate (Rosie Cleary), a Hawaiian (Vera Burner), a penguin (Lynn Wood), a cow (Fae Olson), and the 'Glitterati Ladies' (Lynne and Norma), resplendent in exotic tiaras, 2000 glasses and flashing Y2K badges. Later, in time for a delicious tea, we were joined by Wal Footrot (Denise Gordon) and his gorgeous lady friend Cheeky

Hobson (Mike Sigley), as well as other players in the 6-round event. The 'Adjicator' (adjudicator) was 'dragon lady' Pat Grant (2000 is the Year of the Dragon), and various youngsters took it in turns doing the running. Helen Sillis won the draw for the Millennium Countdown Clock and was responsible for letting us know how long it was until midnight.

After losing my first four games and being dead last, things didn't look too good. The memory pills (M&M's) and brain tonic (coke) weren't working! But it was only a fun tourney, wasn't it? (Yeah, right) After 10 rounds I had picked up four wins, just five behind Mr Showtime (Howard) who had beaten me twice.

A few minutes before midnight everyone



Mr Showtime Howard Warner

stopped for the end-of-millennium countdown, and we saw in 2000 with glasses of bubbly and a rousing chorus of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Then it was back to the Scrabble. First bonus word of the new millennium was Betty Eriksen's TOASTED, the first winner was Reeva and the first loser Frank Robinson.

People started to flag a bit around 2-3am, so Adjitator Pat roused us with some group aerobics. There was more mirth when sundry hooters and squeakers were used as 'mating calls'. Through it all there was some pretty good Scrabble too. In one game Lynne Butler had a rack of EGINPS□ while playing Lynn (Penguin) Wood. She needed an N or U for PENGUINS, but the board was tight, so she played around ION to make PENSIONING! Some unusual words spotted by Pat during the night were VIRGER, UNPROPS, PORTERLY, DEROGATE, MIDDEST, MATOOKE, PISMIRE and FIZGIG.

The new millennium dawned showery with no spectacular sunrise. It didn't dampen our spirits though, and many found new energy with the coming of daylight (and breakfast!). At the end of the double round robin (after 18 games), Howard led the field on 15 wins, followed by myself and Lynne on 12, with Patrick Carter half a win further back.

Into 'king of the hill', I opened with the phony ROOTILY, which Howard let go and played through with STRAIKED. A few moments

later he challenged off WEGELIA, and held the lead until my mid-game UNWARES. With time running out for me, Howard slotted in TSIGANE for 90 and looked to have the game sewn up. Unfortunately he mistracked and let me in for a very lucky 430-393 win.

Howard struck first in our second game with the phony TUTANIS, but I returned the favour straight away with KETTLING, which looks quite plausible. Howard tried AZURIES, but it came off, however he did reduce the spread with a late bonus of STODGIER. The 421-352 win at least gave me a chance going into the final game.

When Howard and I faced off for the third consecutive time in game 21 we knew that I had to win by more than 74 points to finish on top. With the adrenaline pumping, it didn't feel like we had been playing Scrabble for nearly 23 hours! After a first round change, I got down ANTIHERO, followed by scores of 30, 45, 36 for a 70-point lead, which I then doubled, converting a rack of GINQST□ into SQUATTING around AT on the board. Two moves later



Jeff and Howard after the last game

Howard cut the margin back to just over 70 with a nice ENTERING, but after that he drew rubbish, and I was able to close out the game 496-353.

Howard was desperately unlucky not to win the tourney. I put my victory down to

extreme good fortune, and lots of encouragement from my wife. Pat and I were pleasantly surprised to get through the 24 hours without either brain or body crashing. It was a truly unique experience, which I'm sure all those who took part will never forget.

EX ecutive ertions

After the quick succession of Christmas festivities, Millennium madness and America's Cup fever it is no wonder the first quarter of the year has already passed.

It was very exciting and encouraging indeed to see five first time competitors at the Hastings tournament. We hope to see them all again soon. New players are always welcome and we would like to see all clubs initiate a new members' drive this year. Let's make it a challenge!

Special thanks to Glenda and Ed for their expert assistance in setting up the computer scoring for Hastings. They did a great job. The Exec is looking to develop guidelines for tournament set-up procedures. These will be distributed to all Clubs in due course.

The NZ Masters tournament hosted by the Pakuranga Club this year is approaching rapidly. Best of luck to all those taking part, many of whom are probably swotting up words and word lists right now.

Our 21st Nationals will be held in Auckland for the first time this year at the beautiful Lakeside Convention Centre not far from the International Airport. We

have clinched an excellent accommodation and transport deal at the new Jet Inn Hotel. We are truly grateful for the generous offers and ask all players for support. Be quick for the best deal. Entry forms will be out soon. This promises to be a great 21st birthday. Don't miss it! A special thanks to Pam Robson who is once again organizing the prizes. She does a wonderful job. Happy shopping, Pam.

Jeff and Glenda continue to put out a magnificent Scrabble journal. Every edition is so different, always full and interesting. Thanks to you both.

Our congratulations to Nigel who is Scrabbling successfully in Asian Pacific tournaments at present. Keep up the good work, Nigel. Howard is gallivanting round Sth America. David has left NZ and is settling into married life in Melbourne. Our thanks and best wishes for the future.

Finally, I am indebted to the wonderful support and tireless efforts of Allie and Joan. Their efficiency and dedication to their positions make my job so much easier. Your executive committee is a great team and we thank you all for your continuing support.

**Happy Easter, Happy Scrabbling
and enjoy your Scrabble!**

Glennis.

ONE-LETTER CHANGES

Word Ways magazine recently reported the results of a contest to take a dictionary word, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, then supply a new definition. Thanks to Sue McRae (CAP) for drawing this item to our attention too.

Maybe *Forwards* readers would like to have a go. Send your 'new' words to the editor. Here are some of the best examples from *Word Ways*:

FOREPLOY	any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of sex.
GIRAFFITI	vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
SARCHASM	the gulf between the witty author and the clueless reader.
INOCULATTE	to take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
OSTEOPORNOSIS	a degenerate disease.
GLIBIDO	all talk and no action.
INTAXICATION	euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with.
IGNORANUS	a stupid asshole.

ANAGRAM PUZZLE

by Bill Webster, United States

Match left column (occupation) with right (activity). Answers on p 33.

acned cheater	dries	menorahs	repaper males
breaks	egos stun	misinter	samek hoses
clobber	escheat pests	nab trounce	severs ablest
disk acre nattered	laces spake	steroid	sift sederunt
enumerations	lances	stinted	skate race
face socko	naked	tampons	slivered lima
garnered	palsy traps	tapestries strait	splay Clabbers
gins pertain	peachers	costar	sprint trestle
lite tester	pistol	wastries	twier
marina	preforms no gates	workhouse amid	waster



submitted by Bill Webster, Arizona, US

KEEP IT COOL

John D Williams, Jr, is the Executive Director of the American National Scrabble Association. In his report in the February 2000 issue of *Scrabble News*, he makes the following pertinent comment:

"I've been around the Scrabble scene for 18 years now, and have observed and known many different National and World Champions. The players who rise to the top and stay there are the ones who control their emotions. They have learned to keep their disappointment contained. They don't need to share it with the entire room. They don't self-destruct, and it pays off. You can be king or queen of anagramming. You can know the entire dictionary. You can be a brilliant strategist. But if you lose focus — whether it's at a word game or on a baseball diamond — you've just helped your opponent."

THE PRICE OF STUDY

An hour or so before UK's ABSP Winter Matchplay event was due to start in November last year, former African champ Femi Awowade, his wife and daughter Demola came into the playing room. The following conversation took place between Femi and British Scrabbler Graeme Thomas:

Femi: May I borrow your Redwood?
 Graeme: Of course.
 Femi: I'd like to take it to my room to study.
 Graeme: You'll have to leave your first-born child as surety.
 Femi: Demola! Stay here!

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST?

Bentleigh Scrabble Club in Melbourne, Australia, reckons it has the biggest age gap anywhere between its oldest and youngest members. Bil Rose is 95, and honorary member Leah Frajman was born on 10 December 1999. Can anyone beat a 95-year gap?

CONGRESS ROOM

The hotel which hosted the World Scrabble Champs in Melbourne had several small rooms of a similar size to the one where the final was played. They are called congress rooms. The night before the big event, after the room had been set up, the camera crew discovered a couple under the playing table who were using the room for another meaning of 'congress', specifically the fourth meaning of the noun in *Chambers*.

from the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board*, December 1999

IT'S A DATE

Did you know?

- ◆ 1991 and 2002 are the closest palindromic years since 999 and 1001.
- ◆ Wednesday, the second of February — 2/2/2000 — was the first day since 28/8/888 to be written with all even digits.
- ◆ The last odd day was in November — 19/11/99 — but the next won't be until 1/1/3111.

Submitted by Lesley Edgeler, Tokoroa

PC MADNESS

Musician Frank Zappa called political correctness "the language of cowardice". PC has been compared to McCarthyism in that it evokes fear of being quietly blacklisted for not conforming to the doctrine. We have all heard expressions like 'visually impaired' (blind) and 'vertically challenged' (short); here are some other classics from *Word Ways* magazine:

clumsy	uniquely coordinated
dead	living impaired
dishonest	ethically disoriented
elderly	chronologically gifted
fail	achieve a deficiency
heavy	gravitationally compromised
spendthrift	negative saver
stoned	chemically inconvenienced
vagrant	nonspecifically destinationed person
wrong	differently logical

Dunedin Lion Open	1-2 April
North Shore Bays	8 April
NZ Masters	22-24 April
New Plymouth	6 May
Stratford	7 May
South Island Champs, Christchurch	13-14 May
NZ Nationals	3-4 June
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	1 July
Capital	15-16 July
Hamilton	12-13 August
Tauranga Spring Tournament	2 September
Canterbury Open	9-10 September
Norfolk Island Festival	25-30 September

Capital Club Tournament

The Capital Club will be holding a 2-day tournament on:

15-16 July in Wellington

This is a new tournament
so add it to your tournament diary now.

Entry forms with full details of fees, format, accommodation, venue and contact details will be sent to clubs and independent members nearer the time.

SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE TYPE

If you think computer spell-checkers have banished the typo gremlins from today's publications, have a look at these modern-day slips collected by Richard Lederer in *More Anguished English*. What a difference a single letter out of place can make!

- ☺ Kinney plans to increase the number of uninformed sergeants to 42.
- ☺ What Mrs Thatcher's closest friends are wondering is whether, as the signs suggest, she is suffering from metal fatigue.
- ☺ Playboy Enterprises estimates that removing ornamental pants from its offices will save \$27,000 a year.
- ☺ It is said that there are more golf curses per square mile in North Carolina than anywhere else in the world.
- ☺ Hot males delivered to your home in minutes.
- ☺ Several members of the Happy

Valley Kennel Club exhibited their dongs at the September meeting.

- ☺ A bottle of whisky and a bottle of sherry were stolen by a gurgler who forced open a window of a Greenfield Avenue house.
- ☺ Would She Climb to Top of Mr Everest Again? Absolutely!
- ☺ Dave Cone's one-hitter was all but overshadowed by his rookie teammate' shitting.
- ☺ Texatron is to keep the textiles and carpet yarn factory open for another seven moths.
- ☺ EXTERMINATING: We are trained to kill all pets.
- ☺ Jason Thompson smashed a homer off a poet high in the upper deck.

No typo could be more terrible of course, than the one in a telegram that a man away on a business trip sent to his wife: "Having a wonderful time. Wish you were her."

FEVERFEW

Some of you will be familiar with the FEVERFEW, a plant of the daisy family, closely related to camomile, thought by some to help reduce fever. FEVERFEW is a lovely word for Scrabble, and it must surely be the only one composed of the word before it and the word after it in the dictionary.

"Words fascinate me. They always have. For me, browsing in a dictionary is like being turned loose in a bank.

—Eddie Cantor



NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 5 MARCH 2000

Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%	Name	Rating	Games	Wins	%
1 Jeff Grant	2180	988	774	78%	44 Leila Thomson	1585	569	261	46%
2 Howard Warner	2165	566	353.5	62%	45 Yvonne Wilson	1578	279	164	59%
3 Nigel Richards	2120	328	278.5	85%	46 Sue McRae	1575	406	222	55%
4 Peter Sinton	2046	308	225	73%	47 Betty Gibb	1555	308	129.5	42%
5 David Lloyd	2006	534	292	55%	48 Andree Prentice	1552	699	374	54%
6 Glynis Jennings	1999	581	279.5	48%	49 Gerald Warner	1539	1178	551	47%
7 Patrick Carter	1968	619	377.5	61%	50 June Mackwell	1522	677	299	44%
8 Mike Sigley	1956	671	493	73%	51 Joan Thomas	1508	272	154.5	57%
9 Lynne Butler	1946	758	455	60%	52 Roger Coates	1508	517	244	47%
10 Glennis Hale	1934	1106	617	56%	53 Maureen Holliday	1497	339	180.5	53%
11 John Foster	1929	978	567.5	58%	54 Rebecca Freeth	1496	174	109	63%
12 Steven Brown	1918	445	248	56%	55 Ruth O'Neill	1489	372	178.5	48%
13 Lynne Powell	1887	1071	568.5	53%	56 Hilda Scott	1480	313	175	56%
14 Sheryl Davidson	1881	836	458	55%	57 Marj Batchelor	1474	309	137	44%
15 Andrew Bradley	1876	503	241	48%	58 Karyn McDougall	1468	439	232	53%
16 Rosemary Cleary	1866	533	255.5	48%	59 Julie Atkinson	1463	162	96.5	60%
17 Glenda Foster	1844	740	376	51%	60 Correne James	1461	597	275	46%
18 Peter Jones	1834	815	414	51%	61 Janice Cherry	1451	191	115	60%
19 Denise Gordon	1833	738	382.5	52%	62 Jean O'Brien	1380	616	311	50%
20 Anna Geange	1809	550	307	56%	63 Bill Grigg	1360	385	207	54%
21 Marianne Bentley	1760	73	38	52%	64 Elsie Malkin	1359	197	109	55%
22 Puti Rowe	1758	650	329.5	51%	65 Lorraine Van Veen	1353	657	341.5	52%
23 Valerie Mills	1756	655	336	51%	66 Yvette Hewlett	1353	324	146.5	45%
24 Lisa McLean	1739	490	267.5	55%	67 Max Aston	1352	238	124	52%
25 Chris Hooks	1734	724	357.5	49%	68 Kim Graham	1341	302	167	55%
26 Pam Robson	1726	591	295.5	50%	69 Marj Baillie	1339	578	290	50%
27 Eileen McLean	1715	954	514	54%	70 Margaret Simpson	1338	563	278.5	49%
28 Liz Fagerlund	1708	402	235.5	59%	71 Reeva Pearson	1335	1243	573	46%
29 Fae Olson	1689	1340	649.5	48%	72 Ann Candler	1330	779	351	45%
30 Lynn Wood	1688	1244	611.5	49%	73 Delcie Macbeth	1319	473	258	55%
31 Allie Quinn	1681	927	437	47%	74 Elaine Moltzen	1313	482	237	49%
32 May Quigley	1671	941	420	45%	75 Margaret Lyall	1313	354	162	46%
33 Paul Lister	1668	485	275.5	57%	76 Shirley Martin	1308	409	218.5	53%
34 Rhoda Cashman	1652	925	437	47%	77 David Gunn	1279	937	473.5	51%
35 Helen Sillis	1649	678	351	52%	78 Jennifer Smith	1279	283	159	56%
36 Jane Walton	1629	317	170.5	54%	79 Doreen Ogston	1275	547	249	46%
37 Faye Cronhelm	1617	693	349.5	50%	80 Malcolm Graham	1268	266	136.5	51%
38 Glenda Geard	1616	853	438.5	51%	81 Andrew Denmead	1262	76	41	54%
39 Margaret Bundock	1603	835	424	51%	82 Doreen Davies	1261	310	162	52%
40 Doreen O'Shea	1600	381	202.5	53%	83 Shirley Hol	1255	337	166.5	49%
41 Marian Ross	1597	324	159.5	49%	84 Peggy Wallace	1255	458	217	47%
42 Glenyss Buchanan	1588	706	335	47%	85 Isabel Zyp	1247	414	208	50%
43 Ann Hough	1586	245	136.5	56%	86 Betty Eriksen	1245	614	309	50%

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87 Murray Rogers	1227	53	31.5	59%	133 Lil Moore	758	567	269.5	48%	
88 Sue Walker	1225	406	206.5	51%	134 Val Worth	745	372	179	48%	
89 Roto Mitchell	1207	256	129	50%	135 Kerry Dawkins	738	116	40	34%	
90 Shirley Wyatt	1186	387	181.5	47%	136 Marie Kingi	708	253	110	43%	
91 Norman Wheeler	1170	604	325.5	54%	137 Rosalind Phillips	680	54	35	65%	
92 Shirley van Essen	1163	163	89.5	55%	138 Dorothy Latta	665	227	90	40%	
93 Michael Hyndman	1158	228	130.5	57%	139 Sharon Clarke	642	165	55	33%	
94 Mary Gray	1154	292	157.5	54%	140 Kate Wignall	641	586	288.5	49%	
95 Martha Morgan	1118	370	178	48%	141 Sammy Sanders	636	135	57	42%	
96 Gordon Pinchin	1100	220	119	54%	142 Margaret Ham	627	167	83	50%	
97 Hazel Purdie	1089	468	223	48%	143 Paddy Hoffman	622	66	38	58%	
98 Dean Riesterer	1087	152	94	62%	144 Betty Sutherland	608	146	62.5	43%	
99 Liz Catchpole	1070	337	163	48%	145 Roslyn Lister	601	63	27.5	44%	
100 Carole Coates	1057	399	186	47%	146 Elise Joy	597	134	59	44%	
101 Pam Barlow	1051	259	134.5	52%	147 Jacqy Struik	567	106	42	40%	
102 Pat Grant	1030	110	65	59%	148 Kay O'Connor	548	33	14.5	44%	
103 Margaret Cherry	1017	328	159	48%	149 Karen Miller	541	135	64	47%	
104 Margaret Parsons	1012	321	169	53%	150 Kath Davies	533	209	103	49%	
105 Naomi Gilmore	1012	183	98.5	54%	151 Margaret Garner	485	187	74	40%	
106 Joan Pratt	977	377	202	54%	152 Ed Olson	480	1177	464	39%	
107 Jacqueline					153 Paula Gibbons	445	57	21	37%	
	Coldham-Fussell	976	397	190	48%	154 Vera Burner	398	424	115	27%
108 Carolyn Kyle	966	240	116	48%	155 Elvira Steel	363	297	47	16%	
109 Dorothy Haining	962	614	308.5	50%	156 Mary Casse	350	49	20	41%	
110 Annette Coombes	959	490	218.5	45%	157 Merle Spinetto	316	91	38	42%	
111 Irene Hague-Smith	952	629	292	46%	158 Betty Wilson	232	47	18	38%	
112 Yvonne					159 Resie Coenen	179	95	15	16%	
	MacKenzie/Erickson	948	186	86.5	47%	160 Maureen McBain	162	47	11	23%
113 Glen Madigan	931	44	31	70%						
114 Mary Farmer	924	113	60	53%						
115 Bev Barker	910	496	234	47%						
116 Olwen Skelton	908	483	227.5	47%						
117 Jean Clarke	869	227	114.5	50%						
118 Elizabeth Arlington	863	64	34	53%						
119 Jill Johnson	849	155	75	48%						
120 Elaine King	844	383	198	52%						
121 Pam Mayall	843	253	128	51%						
122 Valma Gidman	842	464	231	50%						
123 Margaret Hanson	815	213	113.5	53%						
124 May Meads	812	274	146.5	53%						
125 Janet Willison	802	60	42	70%						
126 Marie Cairns	795	156	84	54%						
127 Ray Goodyear	795	59	29	49%						
128 Chris Handley	784	87	38.5	44%						
129 Mary Pinchin	771	270	133	49%						
130 Lyn Dawson	765	201	116	58%						
131 Julie Giles	764	123	63.5	52%						
132 Susan Olson	763	150	77	51%						

That Takes the Cake



from *The Word Book*
by Gyles Brandreth

Eulogy — Rob Sillis

by Lynne Butler

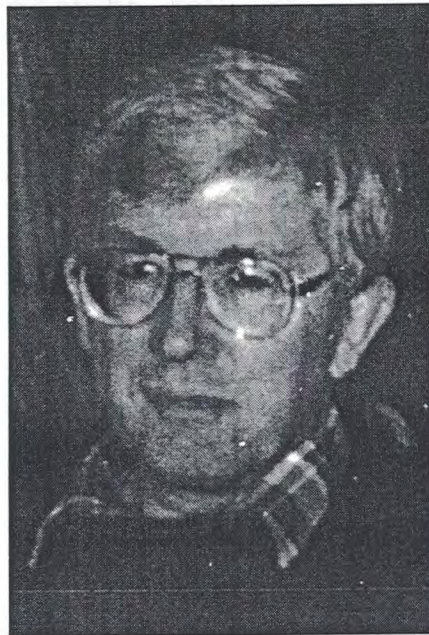
Rob Sillis was a genuine, intelligent, generous and unselfish man. He was a man of many interests; fishing, computers, photography and Scrabble to name but a few.

I met Rob when he became interested in Scrabble at club and tournament level, a few years ago. We were thrilled when he turned up to the New Plymouth Club one Tuesday night with Helen. Thrilled for Helen that her husband was sharing her passion and thrilled for the Club to have a new member — and a man at that!!

It became quite evident when playing Rob, that he had an extensive vocabulary — and not only that — he actually knew the meanings of the words!! Many Scrabblers learn long lists of weird and wonderful words and play them with no idea of their meanings. Not Rob. He would spot an unusual word and give a concise and accurate, almost dictionary-like definition. I learned much from Rob. Including humility on the occasions when he would beat me.

With Rob's condition worsening, he and Helen decided to go to Norfolk Island again last year. They had a wonderful time there together with their Scrabble friends. They won the very difficult Word Puzzles

competition, against stiff opposition from Australian players. Rob was asked to judge the Most Unusual Word competition and the word he chose was RUELLES. I checked the definition — a ruelle is the space between a bed and the wall — also the bedchamber where great French ladies held receptions in the morning, during the 17th and 18th centuries. How would Rob have known that? Why would he have even wanted to know that? I'll tell you why — Rob was a great thinker and a man of real intelligence.



And here's another example of that intelligence for you. When Helen turned 50 last year, Rob bought her a new computer - an Apple iMac!! Not only that — it was a beautiful shade of green — Helen's favourite colour!! A very discerning and thoughtful man was our Rob.

There is one attribute that most Scrabblers remember most about him, and wish to pay tribute to — his uncomplaining unselfishness. During the last months when his condition was becoming most uncomfortable, Rob did not complain. If he was at a tournament he would quietly go, get a chair, and rest his leg. Late last year we started going to Scrabble at Rob and Helen's on a Tuesday evening so that Rob wouldn't get too tired travelling out to club. Rob would have as many games as he could, then, when he'd had enough, quietly disappear into bed. He didn't want Helen to miss out on her Scrabble excursions because of his illness and would send her packing with Fae, Eddie, Reeva and other fanatics to play tournaments all over the North Island. He scoured the Internet to buy Helen a Scrabble timer and presented it to her just last Christmas.

Rob always spoke lovingly of his wife, his children, grandchildren and extended family. Along with them, the Scrabble community will miss him dearly.



CHALLENGING DECISIONS—ANSWER

The words in the first two columns are correct. The rest are wrong.

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example FORGO to GROOF, and FEATHER to TEREFAH.

On a higher level, CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

in some case can RUIN A SELECTED VICTIM. Our anagrammed Scrabblers this time all competed at New Plymouth's 24-hour Y2K Tournament. Note that Adelaide sisters Dianne Smerdon and Joyce Brooks both have food-related anagrams.

DIANNE SMERDON	NO DINNERS MADE
JOYCE BROOKS	COOKERY JOBS
NORMA FISHER	IS ON HER FARM
FRANK ROBINSON	FAR NOON'S BRINK
KUNIHICO KURODA	OUR KIND HAIKU, OK?
THELMA CHISHOLM	CHILL ME HOT HAMS

CHALLENGING RULES

In UK there is no penalty for an incorrect challenge. The following words were challenged at a recent British tournament. One is tempted to ask "Why?"

WAP	BOOB	TOWER
PITH	TUNA	CUR
FALTER	POOCH	FESTOONS

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CLUB NEWS

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

by Bill Grigg

Highlights 1999

Club champion for the 9th time was Peter Sinton. Ladder, Dictionary and Challenge champ was Karyn McDougall. High win scores: 726 — Peter Sinton, 725 — Karyn McDougall. NZ record spread: — 577, Peter Sinton.

Overseas Trip 2000

Elvira Steel visited her granddaughter, spending time in Tasmania, Nowra and Sydney.

New Plymouth Raffle Result

Carolyn Kyle (DUN) won the beautiful de luxe Scrabble set. Four of us had tickets. Oh well, back to my plain old set.

Nelson Visitors

Liz and Steve Richards called into our club. Over the next six months they intend to visit every Scrabble club in New Zealand. We wish them well on their travels.

Quiz

Would you challenge these? Answers at end of newsletter.

- (a) OATLESS (b) PLODGER
(c) SHISKES (d) SULLING
(e) PRONONS

Birthdays

21 again, again, etc., Daisy Madden and Elvira Steel. All the best for 2000.

Proud Dad

Club secretary Chris Handley's son Ben was invited to present a paper at an international financial cryptography seminar held in February in Anguilla, West Indies. A magnificent effort! Ben is just 18, in his first year at university.

Nigel Richards (CHC)

Congratulations on winning the Thailand World Masters Tournament in Bangkok in January 2000. Nigel was second in 1999.

Overseas Visitors

Stewart Fleming had his Mum and Dad visiting all the way from Glasgow, Scotland.

Nelson Tournament Feb 12-13

A good contingent of Dunedin Scrabblers ventured up to Nelson with great results. Carolyn Kyle won C Grade with 8 wins, and Ruth Groffman won D Grade with 9 wins in only her second tournament.

Other Dunedin players Marian Ross 5th in A Grade, Karyn McDougall 8th (A), Stewart Fleming 7th (B), Kerry Dawkins 5th (C), Elvira Steel 5th (D). Thank you Nelson for the enjoyable games and hospitality.

Good Scores 2000

High wins: — 653, Karyn McDougall, 578 Peter Sinton, High loss: — 435 Stewart Fleming, High Spread: — 320 Karyn McDougall, High turn: — 134 Carolyn Kyle.

Dunedin Tournaments

April 1-2 Dunedin Lion Open (2 one-dayers) \$13 per day.

November 18-19 Otago Lion Open (6 per grade, 15 games, triple round robin) All invited. \$27.

Quiz Answers

- None are words, however they make:
(a) SOLATES (b) PLEDGOR
(c) SHIKSES (d) ULLINGS
(e) NONPROS

HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

by Pam Robson

Hamilton Club members celebrated the festive season with a dinner and prize-giving function held at Gerrard's Restaurant just prior to Christmas. Steven Brown almost scooped the pool for the year! Well done to Steven for his recent successes, not only at club level, but also his national ranking is improving steadily.

Club competition results for 1999 were:

Club Champion

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

Knock Out

- 1st Steven Brown
2nd Roger Coates

Pot Luck Trophy

- 1st Steven Brown
2nd Pam Robson
3rd Jennifer Smith

Ladder Challenge

- 1st Jane Walton
2nd Steven Brown
3rd Shirley Martin

Round Robin Group 1

- 1st Isabel Zyp
2nd Jennifer Smith
3rd Roger Coates

Round Robin Group 2

- 1st Shirley Martin
2nd Peggy Wallace
3rd David Gunn

Bonus Words Group 1

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

Bonus Words Group 2

- 1st David Gunn
2nd Shirley Martin
3rd Peggy Wallace

100 pt+ Word Trophy

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

Pyramid Trophy

- 1st Steven Brown
2nd Jennifer Smith
3rd Roger Coates

Most Improved Player

Steven Brown

Sportsperson of the Year

Peggy Wallace

Highest Individual Turn

Steven Brown 176

Monthly Competition Trophy

- 1st Shirley Martin
2nd Jennifer Smith
3rd Jacqui Coldham-Fussell

Highest Combined Aggregate

Roger Coates & Jennifer Smith 961

Highest Individual Game Score (for Alan Boyd Memorial Trophy)

David Gunn 605

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



Steven Brown (HAM) with his trophies

KIWI SCRABBLERS CLUB NEWS

by Elaine Moltzen

Continuing the 'Almost a Record' story from the December 1999 *Forwards*, after Isabel's disappointment on 9/9/99 she definitely made up for it on 2/12/99. In her third game against Shirley Martin she scored 631, breaking our club record for the highest individual game. In doing so she scored five bonus words — 3rd turn CURTAINS (74), 7th turn VOLANTE (70), 8th turn QUOTIENT (114), 12th turn PASTIER (90) and 13th turn DECLINE (78). It was the first time five bonuses had been achieved in one game, and also a first for two bonus words twice in a row in one game. Just to finish Shirley off, she got a 100 point word as well. Isabel achieved the above result in just 14 turns and she was very proud of herself.

Club Trophy Winners for 1999

Club Champion	Elaine Moltzen
Pot Luck Trophy	Roger Coates
Pyramid Trophy	Elaine Moltzen
Ladder Champion	Elaine Moltzen
100-pt Word Trophy	Marj Baillie
Bonus Words Cup	Roger Coates
Most Improved Player	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell
Achievement Award)
Most Promising) Isabel Weddell
New Player)

If anyone is visiting Hamilton, please note that we are not holding club nights at Sunningdale Hall as renovations are in progress. Please contact:

Jacqueline (07) 846 7422 or
Elaine (07) 843 5108
if you would like some games.

KIWI TOURNAMENT 1999

Our second Christmas Tournament was held on November 27 and the overall winner was Jeff Grant (HAS). We welcomed our first overseas entrant, Cecilia Ruto from Kenya, who went home with the B Grade winner's shield. We presented our six grade winners with shields kindly donated by Annette Coombes.



Cecilia Ruto (Kenya) receives the B Grade trophy from Elaine Moltzen at the Kiwi Tournament

TRANS-TASMAN CHALLENGE 2000

This event will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from November 25 to 27.

New Zealand's team of 12 will be selected after the National Champs on June 3-4.

MORE WACKY DEFINITIONS

Here are some more words with entertaining definitions from *The Chambers Dictionary*:

APRICATE	to bask in the sun
EMERODS	(Bible) haemorrhoids; representations of them in gold, used as charms
HUER	a pilchard fisherman's lookout man
LEVEL-COIL	an old Christmas game in which the players changed seats (Fr. <i>lever le cul</i> to lift the buttocks)
MALLEMAROKING	carousing of sailors on icebound ships
MONTEM	a former custom of Eton boys to go every third Whit-Tuesday to a hillock on the Bath road and exact 'salt money' from passers-by, for the university expenses of the senior scholar or school captain
OMOPLATOSCOPY	divination by observing the cracks in a burning shoulder-blade
THANK-YOU-MA'AM	a ridge or hollow in the road that causes people driving over it to bob their heads
THEISM	a morbid state induced by too much tea-drinking
THRIDACE	insipissated lettuce juice
UNSHOUT	to revoke the shouting of by a contrary shout

EXERCISING THE MIND

"Scrabble develops our ability to use language. Exercising the mind is as important as exercising any of the body's muscles at any age. It is a basic requirement which science is increasingly showing helps avoid conditions like Alzheimer's. Without regular exercise the brain becomes as brittle as an unused limb.

Games of any kind increase people's ability to cope with life, their ability to find solutions to problems, and their understanding of situations. Games (like Scrabble) are not in themselves inherently useful, but the skills they teach are invaluable."

from an editorial in the *Bahrain Tribune*, reported in *Scrabble Squibs*, August 1997

CAN SCRABBLE IMPROVE THE MEMORY?

Alexander McGregor of Chicago relates this thought-provoking experience in the November 1996 issue of the *American Scrabble News* magazine.

"Some years ago my father-in-law (then aged 81) suffered a severe stroke that erased a great deal of his vocabulary (though no syntax patterns, fortunately). My wife and I had the happy idea of playing Scrabble games with him to build up his vocabulary again. Whether playing the game jogged his memory, or simply allowed him to learn basic words all over again, we don't know, but it certainly worked (in conjunction with other therapy too), and his vocabulary returned to normal after a couple of years. No-one would ever have guessed that he had had a stroke. He is now 96, and a Scrabble game is still the high point of his day when we spend summer with him."

BOOK REVIEW

by Jeff Grant



PIECES OF EIGHT, CHAPTER 8. PUZZLE CHEST

This is the title of an 80-page book written by Australian Scrabbler John Holgate. Sub-titled 'A Word Lubber's Guide to Eight-Letter Words', it is packed with a variety of puzzles "designed to test and reinforce your knowledge of eight-letter words".

The puzzles cover many kinds of word-play: anagrams, word ladders, squares, front and back hooks, compound words, octagrams, etc. Some are straight forward, but many are devilishly difficult. John suggests using a pencil so you can rub out your answers and try again later. All the puzzle answers are in the back of the book, so you can always look them up if you get stuck.

The pirate theme suggested by the title crops up throughout the book, with references such as 'Treasure Chest', 'Before the Mast', 'X Marks the Spot', and 'Swinging From the Yardarm'. Various 'freebooters' are mentioned in a list of credits, including well-known Scrabble identities Barry Harridge, Darryl Francis, Allan Simmons, Joe Edley, and even yours truly.

There are quite a few errors in the original edition, but John is correcting them as they are found, so later copies should be better.

You may wonder why this book is 'Chapter 8'. In fact the other seven chapters are being sold by John progressively in A4 format in binders so they can be updated with future word changes. They cover things like eights with JQX or Z, mnemonics, hooks, 5-vowel eights, —INGS words, anagrams, etc.

I enjoyed *Pieces of Eight*. John's interest in word-play shows in many of the puzzles. The main aim though is to help Scrabblers learn those useful 8-letter words — which outnumber sevens by the way, so studying them is a worthwhile exercise. There is something in this book for everyone, from novice to expert.

If you would like to obtain a copy of *Pieces of Eight*, or any of the earlier chapters, contact the author, John Holgate, 41 Athel Tree Cres, Bradbury, NSW 2560, Australia. (Email address: jholgate@ozemail.com.au)



submitted by Bill Webster, Carefree, Arizona

INTERNATIONAL



AUSTRALIA

The St George Club

Tournament in Sydney on September 11 was a triumph for Alison Rae (ACT), who beat World Champs reps Bob Jackman, Paul Cleary and Joan Rosenthal to win the event with 6 wins from 7 games. Her only loss came in the last round to another World Champs player, John Holgate, who finished second on 5 wins, with Paul third on countback. Alison is well-known for her Norfolk Island excursions. We congratulate her on this fine win, and also on her recent engagement.

Victoria's **Essendon Tournament** on September 26 was also won by a Norfolk Island competitor, former Kiwi Lois Binnie. Lois won all 6 games to head off Carol Johansen (5 wins) and Alistair Kane (4 wins).

The **NSW Championships** were held on October 2-4. Paul Cleary took the lead on the first day and never looked back, blitzing the field with 19 wins from 22 games, and a +1680 spread. In second place was Roger Blom on 15 wins, just 42 points spread ahead of Esther Perrins. Alistair Kane was fourth, Bob Jackman fifth, and John Holgate sixth.

The **Greenbank Tournament** in Queensland on October 10 attracted 79 players, including Dunedin's Carolyn Kyle, who had a great day, winning the Advanced section with 5.5 games out of 6, and an average score of 420.

Paul Cleary continued his winning ways by taking out Sydney's **Spring**

Marathon event on October 23. Paul finished with 10 wins out of 12, just ahead of John Holgate and Joan Rosenthal who both had 9 wins.

The **Sydney Club Tournament** on November 13 had a field of 84 players, including ex-World Champ David Boys of Canada, fresh from his third place at the 1999 event. Bob Jackman took out the tourney with 6 wins out of 7, ahead of second placed John Barker on spread. John Holgate came third and David sixth.

The **McKinnon Tournament** in Victoria on December 5 attracted a large field of 112 Scrabblers, including Saheed Jimoh of Nigeria who was holidaying in Australia after the World Champs. Saheed actually won the event with 5 wins and 2551 points, just ahead of Alistair Kane (5 wins, 2491 points), with Roger Blom third.

The **Sydney Masters 2000** was held on January 29-30, with 59 players competing. Paul Cleary was again victorious, winning 13.5 games out of 18, half a win ahead of Bob Jackman, who was in turn a win clear of John Holgate in third place, and Cecilia Ruto of Kenya who was fourth (Cecilia recently played in NZ). Other performances of interest were Joan Rosenthal (8th), Naween Fernando of Sri Lanka (9th), Graeme Lock Lee (11th), Joanne Craig (14th), Esther Perrins (17th), Alison Rae (23rd), Angie Pearse (28th), Olga Visser (36th) and Michael Vnuk (40th).

**BAHRAIN**

The **Filipino Club Open** on October 22 was won by the Gulf's second ranked Scrabbler, Salah Salih of Saudi Arabia. The maths teacher dropped only one game on his way to victory in the 34-strong field. Ding Penaflor (Bahrain) finished runner-up, with Arvind Abraham (UAE) third and the consistent Roland Filio (Bahrain) fourth. The youngest competitor was Lahiru Elvitigala, aged 6!

Bahrain champion Roland Filio won the **FSG Open** event with 6 wins from 7 games, ahead of Orly Cabanting and Ben Filio with 5 wins each.

Roland also took out the **Bahrain Scrabble Cup** for the fourth time at the Hilton Hotel in December. He lost the first game of the best-of-three final to Orly Cabanting by 362-415, but bounced back to easily win the next two by 428-229 and 463-345. Rod Ybardolaza beat Ramon Organo 2-1 to claim third place.

The 10th **Gulf Scrabble Tournament** will be held on May 24-26 at Bahrain's Hilton Hotel. It will feature 40 players from the Gulf countries Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait and Qatar.

**CANADA**

The **Oshawa Tournament** in Ontario on December 4-5 attracted 46 players. The top division was brilliantly won by 1995 World Champion (3rd in 1999) David Boys, who won all 12 games with a spread of +1040.

**MALAYSIA**

There will be an international Scrabble tournament in Penang from May 24-28 called the **Bertam International Scrabble Meet 2000**. It will be played over 27 rounds using World Championship rules, with the exception that there will be a 5-point penalty for challenging a correct word.

The venue will be the Penang Golf Resort, 45 minutes drive from the airport, and accommodation will be at Park Avenue Sungei Petani, a 4-star hotel.

Entry fee of \$US100 covers accommodation and transportation, as well as meals during the tournament. First prize in the event is \$US10,000, with \$US4,000 for second, \$US2,500 for third down to \$US150 for 11th to 15th.

For further information, email the organisers at BISM2000@yahoo.com.

**SINGAPORE**

The **2nd Channel NewsAsia Scrabble World Masters** tournament will be held from July 6-9 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, with a winner's purse of \$US30,000. Organiser Michael Tang is planning for 120 contestants — let's hope there is a Kiwi presence again this year. Double dictionary will be used over the thirty rounds, and the entry fee is \$US120 (first come, first served).

**UNITED KINGDOM**

The **National Club Tournament** has been run in UK since the late 1970s. London teams dominated the early years, but more recently teams from as far

**UNITED STATES**

The **Twin Cities** event in Minnesota on November 6-7 featured 51 players competing over 12 rounds. The top section was won by Jim Kramer with 11 wins (+1628). Jim increased his rating to 2016, at that time the third highest in America.

The **Bird-in-Hand** tourney (love the name!) was held in Pennsylvania on December 3-5, with 80 players in attendance. World Champs rep Randy Hersom took out the top division with 11 wins (+326) out of 12 games.

THE CHAMPION'S THOUGHTS

Shortly after his victory in the World Champs, Joel Wapnick was asked by an interviewer what Scrabble meant to him. His eyes gleamed as he replied:

"Scrabble is a passion. It's something that all of us who play are enthralled by. It's got so much beauty in it, and creativity, and excitement ... it's magic!"

**EPEOLATRY**

'Worship of Words

apart as Devon, Yorkshire and South Wales have triumphed. After seven losses in the final, the Aireborough team finally broke their duck in 1998, and maintained their consistency by making the 1999 final where they met the strangely named Lydney Twonkers 2000 team.

Aireborough (Helen Grayson, Joyce Cansfield, David Longley) took a 2-1 lead after the first round, but the Twonkers levelled at 3-3 after round 2. When the last tiles had been played after the tense final round, Aireborough had retained their title by the narrow margin of 5-4.

The **Bournemouth Tournament** on October 3 had 110 players in three sections playing 5 games. The winner of the A Grade was Andrew Perry with 5 wins (+337) on a countback from Darryl Francis (5 wins, +235), with Nick Turner third on 4 wins.

The annual **Isle of Wight** tournament on October 30-31 was the biggest ever with 160 competitors. The 12 World Dictionary Division (SOWPODS) players had a round robin, which was won by ex-African champ Femi Awowade, formerly of Nigeria, with 9.5 wins, followed by Evan Simpson (9 wins), and Andy Davis (7 wins).

The **ABSP Winter Matchplay** event was held in Milton Keynes on November 27-28. Division A was won by Andrew Perry on a countback from Nuala O'Rourke, with Jake Jacobs next, heading a group two wins further back. The World Dictionary Division was won by Gareth Williams narrowly on spread from Brett Smitheram, with Andrew Cook one win behind them.

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YANKEE YAKKER

It comes as no surprise to New Zealand Scrabble players that American spellings are gaining acceptance here. We have always allowed both versions of English, and our official *Redwood* dictionary even identifies the differences by adding (\$) or (£) after words of one origin only.

But some overseas tournaments, particularly in the USA, allow only one version. HALFS, for example, is OK if you are British but not in America. EASIES and ECHOS, on the other hand, are acceptable in American English but not English English. A DIALOG, strangely, can also be spelled DIALOGUE on both sides of the Atlantic, but a MONOLOG is \$ only.

Beware the long list of words beginning with OUT. They range from OUTADD and OUTBRAWL (Stateside only) to OUTWEED and OUTWICK (Brit only), and hundreds of variations in between. Also tricky are words beginning with UN. UNYOUNG? Sorry, American only. UNRUDE? That's right, only in UKspeak.

So while we're well ahead with our COLOR-COLOUR and HARBOR-HARBOUR, be careful of words like MINOR and FUROR — they don't have an 'English' equivalent in spelling.

from Nelson Scrabble Club newsletter, February 2000

NIGEL WINS IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA

Nigel Richards of Christchurch has won another big Scrabble tournament in Thailand. He took out the King's Cup there last year, and recently finished 8th at the World Champs in Melbourne.

The Thailand World Masters 2000 was held in the Central Grand Plaza Hotel, Bangkok, from January 19-23, with foreign competitors including Nigel, Sam Kantimathi (US), and Naweena Fernando (Sri Lanka).

On Day 1 Nigel streaked into the lead, being the only player to win all 7 games. His spread was a phenomenal +1244!

After 23 games Nigel slipped to third, behind Naweena and Jakkrit Klaphajone (Thailand), but he fought back to regain the top spot after 27 rounds, and faced off against Naweena in the best of three game final.

The final was an emphatic 2-0 win for Nigel, who took the first game 539-365 and the second by 425-327. His reward was the coveted cup and US\$5000. Jakkrit was 2nd and Tony Sim (Singapore) 3rd.

In March, Nigel won the 2nd Penang YMCA Tournament in Malaysia against a strong Malaysian field. He won 14 out of 15 games, with a spread of +2064 and a top score of 700.

Well done, Nigel!



Nigel Richards in Bangkok

Channel NewsAsia World Scrabble Masters 2000 in Singapore

Date: 6th to 9th July 2000
 Venue: Grand Hyatt Singapore
 Top Prize: US\$30,000
 No. of Games: 30
 Finals: Best of 3
 Dictionary: SOWPODS
 Duration of Game: 25 minutes
 Registration Fee: US\$120



To register, please e-mail Michael Tang at michael.t@mediacorp.com.sg or fax him at +65 256 1215 with details of Name, Date of Birth, Occupation, Contact Number, Best Achievement in Scrabble and find out the address to send a non-refundable registration fee of US\$120.

THE POET'S DILEMMA

Once upon a time I used
 To mispel
 To sometimes split infinitives
 To get words of out order
 To punctuate, — badly
 To confused my tenses
 To deem old words wondrous fayre
 To ignore capitals
 To employ common or garden clichés
 To miss the occasional out
 To indulge in tautological repetition
 To exaggerate thousands of times a day
 And to repeat puns quite by chants
 But worst of all I used
 To forget to finish what I

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SURPRISING LISA

American Scrabbler Lisa Odom was completely surprised to walk into a conference room and have 100 co-workers congratulate her. There was a cake and a proclamation from the mayor of Minneapolis declaring November 17, 1999, as Lisa Odom Day in recognition of her Scrabble achievements. Lisa came 23rd in the 1999 World Champs and devotes 5 hours a week to Scrabble study. Says Lisa, "I've decided to continue studying SOWPODS so I won't have as much to assimilate next time around. But I'm not giving up OSPD, so I'm sure there will be some confusion. **Words cause such delightful chaos.**

[SOWPODS is the word-base we have in NZ Scrabble. It is a combination of the English OSW (*Official Scrabble Words*) and the American OSPD (*Official Scrabble Players Dictionary*), by mixing up the seven letters. I guess it's better than WOPSODS. — Ed.]



From the British Scrabble magazine
Onwords, July 1999

ANAGRAM PUZZLE ANSWERS

(from p 14)

dance teacher, teaches steps
 bakers, knead
 cobbler, makes shoes
 kids care attender, takes care
 mountaineers, scale peaks
 café cooks, prepare meals
 gardener, waters
 sign painter, prints letters
 tile setter, plays Scrabble
 airman, pilots
 horseman, rides
 minister, preaches
 bean counter, goes nuts
 editors, write
 dentist, fits dentures
 postman, delivers mail
 striptease artist, performs on stage
 actors, play parts
 waitress, serves tables
 housework maid, cleans

CAUGHT SHORT

Do you know what the words BRING, BUY, CATCH, FIGHT, SEEK, TEACH and THINK have in common? Their past tenses all rhyme! (BROUGHT, BOUGHT, CAUGHT, FOUGHT, SOUGHT, TAUGHT and THOUGHT). If older forms are included, then OWE (OUGHT) and WORK (WROUGHT) can be added to the list. Who said English was a difficult language?

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PAKURANGA CLUB TOURNAMENT

29 January 2000 (Day 1)

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	6	711	8	429
2 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	390	13	429
3 John Foster	NSB	6	188	14	417
4 Glennis Hale	IND	4	-80	11	379
5 David Lloyd	MTA	2	-151	10	389
6 Peter Jones	MTA	2	-431	6	353
7 Andrew Bradley	MTA	1	-222	10	368
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	1	-405	6	343

Grade B

1 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	360	12	439
2 Chris Hooks	IND	6	324	9	388
3 Andree Prentice	WAN	3.5	20	6	390
4 Fae Olson	STR	3	-126	8	390
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-176	9	386
6 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	2.5	99	9	399
7 Anna Geange	MTA	2	-225	6	365
8 Marianne Bentley	TGA	2	-276	9	380

Grade C

1 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	452	14	434
2 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	381	11	408
3 Glenda Geard	IND	4	91	9	387
4 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	69	6	373
5 Roger Coates	HAM	3	-130	10	388
6 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	-101	7	388
7 Margaret Bundock	ROD	2	-238	2	338
8 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	-524	7	357

Grade D

1 Joan Thomas	HAS	7	372	11	423
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	392	11	422
3 Reeve Pearson	STR	4	245	16	423
4 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	4	-122	6	379
5 Yvette Hewlett	IND	3	115	6	395
6 Correne James	IND	3	-109	9	378
7 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-233	12	394
8 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	0	-660	8	334

Grade E

1 David Gunn	WKT	6	528	14	408
2 Ann Candler	NSB	4	162	7	375
3 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	11	4	368
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	-9	10	379
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	98	6	374
6 Faye Leach	AUS	3	-55	7	357
7 Sue Walker	MTA	3	-306	11	371
8 Dean Reisterer	PAK	1	-429	4	354

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade F					
1 Joan Pratt	ROD	5	410	11	386
2 Carole Coates	KIW	5	108	11	382
3 Marianne Patchett	MTA	4	223	6	377
4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	112	5	360
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	-62	6	355
6 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	3	-185	8	353
7 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	-234	5	336
8 Dorothy Haining	ROD	1	-372	1	314
Grade G					
1 Val Holbrook	PAK	5	406	4	375
2 Marino Ubalde	PAK	5	228	3	366
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	184	5	377
4 Jill Johnson	PAP	4	-28	4	359
5 Susan Olson	STR	3.5	101	10	369
6 Elaine King	MTA	3.5	-58	4	330
7 Lil Moore	MTA	1	-309	4	344
8 May Meads	PAP	1	-524	5	326
Grade H					
1 Rosalind Phillips	PAP	7	712	9	415
2 John Sharpe	NSB	6	327	5	361
3 Sammy Sanders	PAP	6	171	2	335
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	190	3	362
5 Jenny Sharpe	NSB	4	53	5	343
6 Elise Joy	PAP	4	17	5	346
7 Ed Olson	STR	3	64	5	342
8 Kath Davies	MTA	3	-23	4	347
9 Resie Coenen	PAP	2	-231	5	327
10 Pat Wareing	PAK	2	-272	1	318
11 Vera Burner	WAN	1	-1074	1	276
12 Maureen McBain	TGA	0	-401	1	284



Lynne Powell (NSB), B Grade winner at Pakuranga (day 1)

30 January 2000 (Day 2)

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	6	405	16	447
2 David Lloyd	MTA	5	632	13	448
3 Howard Warner	MTA	5	331	10	421
4 Glynis Jennings	MTA	5	-42	10	399
5 Steven Brown	HAM	3	-247	11	363
6 John Foster	NSB	2	-122	8	370
7 Patrick Carter	MTA	1	-447	9	362
8 Glennis Hale	IND	1	-510	11	362

Grade B

1 Anna Geange	MTA	6	367	10	404
2 Peter Jones	MTA	4	201	10	401
3 Marianne Bentley	TGA	4	-90	7	379
4 Chris Hooks	IND	4	-223	10	353
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	26	11	411
6 Lisa McLean	IND	3	-31	10	381
7 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	2	-102	7	386
8 Eileen McLean	IND	2	-148	9	385

Grade C

1 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	5	395	9	393
2 Val Mills	PAK	5	-70	10	378
3 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	-6	10	383
4 Fae Olson	STR	3.5	219	10	394
5 Allie Quinn	NSB	3.5	-166	9	376
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	155	6	391
7 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	-125	7	368
8 Faye Cronhelm	IND	1	-402	7	369

Grade D

1 Glenda Geard	IND	7	635	14	440
2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	5	523	7	416
3 Maureen Holliday	ROD	5	390	5	408
4 Gerald Warner	ROD	5	109	9	404
5 Reeve Pearson	STR	3	-154	16	392
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	-267	7	375
7 Yvette Hewlett	IND	1	-634	9	364
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	0	-602	4	343

Grade E

1 Ann Candler	NSB	5	349	11	416
2 Correne James	IND	5	175	8	388
3 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	4	425	13	429
4 Sue Walker	MTA	4	-328	13	371
5 David Gunn	WKT	3	116	11	413
6 Margaret Simpson	PAK	3	-324	7	369
7 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	-109	12	395
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	-304	9	382
1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	273	8	396

Grade F

2 Dean Riesterer	PAK	4	377	8	393
3 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	23	10	367
4 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	4	4	381
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	-103	6	349
6 Joan Pratt	ROD	3	-121	6	353



Glenda Geard (IND), D Grade winner at Pakuranga (day 2)

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
7 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	2	-133	7	353
8 Mary Farmer	MTA	2	-320	6	338
Grade G					
1 May Meads	PAP	6	373	9	380
2 Jeanette Owler	PAK	5	297	4	372
3 Lil Moore	MTA	5	154	4	347
4 Rosalind Phillips	PAP	4	218	5	365
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	186	5	363
6 Susan Olson	STR	4	79	10	360
7 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	108	3	353
8 Kath Davies	MTA	3	-25	0	325
9 Vera Burner	WAN	3	-157	2	320
10 Ed Olson	STR	2	-323	5	321
11 Maureen McBain	TGA	2	-467	0	299
12 Resie Coenen	PAP	1	-443	1	315

NELSON CLUB TOURNAMENT

12-13 February 2000

11 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade A					
1 Glenda Foster	CAP	8	1088	21	445
2 Bob Johnstone	NEL	8	165	15	391
3 Ann Hough	NEL	7	216	14	385
4 Sue McRae	CAP	6	444	16	407
5 Marian Ross	DUN	6	-268	16	387
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	-457	15	377
7 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	-254	15	375
8 Karyn McDougall	DUN	2	-934	15	360

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade B					
1 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8.5	437	14	400
2 Malcolm Graham	CHC	7	-72	10	377
3 Murray Rogers	NEL	6.5	334	14	392
4 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	697	16	400
5 Michael Hyndman	CAP	5	-37	15	379
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-81	11	369
7 Stewart Fleming	DUN	5	-174	11	369
8 Pat Johnstone	NEL	1	-1104	8	311

Grade C					
1 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	8	534	12	400
2 Steve Richards	NEL	8	420	14	392
3 Joan Pratt	ROD	7	-12	11	375
4 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	6	581	16	410
5 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	5	-264	12	350
6 Liz Richards	NEL	5	-588	8	336
7 Lyn Dawson	NEL	3	-25	11	354
8 Dawn Smith	NEL	2	-646	3	316

Grade D					
1 Ruth Groffman	DUN	9	680	3	355
2 Maria Clinton	NEL	8	229	4	331
3 Iris Boulton	NEL	8	188	4	326
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	109	1	307
5 Elvira Steel	DUN	5	-46	3	301
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	3	-276	3	299
7 Nan Oxnam	NEL	3	-507	1	302
8 Jean Craib	CHC	2	-377	5	299

HASTINGS CLUB TOURNAMENT

4-5 March 2000

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	1255	29	460
2 Mike Sigley	WAN	9	486	29	428
3 David Lloyd	MTA	8	566	19	414
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	8	406	23	428
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8	313	15	394
6 Lynne Powell	NSB	8	107	17	387
7 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	-39	18	384
8 Glennis Hale	IND	6	137	24	406
9 Glenda Foster	CAP	6	65	17	405
10 John Foster	NSB	6	-240	17	374
11 Denise Gordon	WAN	5	14	24	401
12 Anna Geange	IND	5	-549	15	377
13 Chris Hooks	IND	2	-1233	14	347
14 Pam Robson	HAM	2	-1288	13	350

Grade B					
1 Lisa McLean	IND	9	718	20	411
2 Eileen McLean	IND	9	566	18	413
3 Fae Olson	STR	8	414	22	409
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	8	272	19	389



Andrew Denmead (NEL), B Grade winner at Nelson

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
5 Glenda Geard	IND	7.5	121	16	385
6 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	7.5	87	16	380
7 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	7	84	19	397
8 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	62	12	372
9 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	7	-343	11	363
10 Correne James	IND	6	54	11	370
11 Joan Thomas	HAS	6	-495	15	375
12 Marj Batchelor	MAS	5	-574	11	359
13 Andree Prentice	WAN	3	-181	6	373
14 Reeva Pearson	STR	1	-785	22	354

Grade C					
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	469	18	393
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	8	184	16	398
3 David Gunn	HAM	8	26	18	388
4 Doreen Davies	MAS	7	182	11	391
5 Roto Mitchell	WAN	7	20	11	367
6 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	6	152	23	393
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	-340	12	366
8 Martha Morgan	NPL	4	-693	10	350

Grade D					
1 Pat Grant	HAS	10	562	11	378
2 David Bragg	TPO	10	319	6	368
3 June Ward	HAS	9	420	11	365
4 Margaret Warren	HAS	9	33	9	341
5 Margaret Parsons	TPO	8	367	9	385
6 Jean Clarke	STR	8	156	7	360
7 Alan Jamieson	NPL	7	30	8	343
8 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	5	-381	4	323
9 Alan Medhurst	NPL	4	-339	9	320
10 Sharon Clarke	STR	4	-425	7	317
11 Ken Morgan	NPL	4	-742	4	306

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.

	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 Warner (CAP) & David Lloyd (MTA)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	577	Peter Sinton (DUN)
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) & Karyn McDougall (DUN)
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)