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From

The Editor

After three months travelling in South America, Howard Warner (MTA) returned to clean up at the Masters, winning an impressive 20 games out of 23, and leaping to the top of the Ranking List — a position he still holds. In TV coverage beforehand, I was referred to as Jeff Brown, having last year been called Jeff Green (what colour next?).

The Nationals was one of the closest ever, with Howard, Kendall and yours truly all in with a chance in the final round. I was fortunate to sneak in for the title with a 5-point win over Howard, while Kendall claimed second on spread ahead of Howard. We all had 11 wins out of 15 games, and there were in fact 8 players within 2 wins at the finish. There is no truth in the rumour that sleeping with the adjudicator may have assisted my cause. The Lakeside venue was superb in all respects, helping everyone forget the lousy weather outside. Special thanks to Glennis Hale (MTA) for all her hard work, and to Pam Robson (HAM) for the great prizes.

The 2001 National Champs will be held in Christchurch, so start planning your South Island trip now!

On behalf of all Scrabblers, thanks to the Executive. Glennis Hale (President), Allie Quinn (Secretary), Joan Thomas (Treasurer) and Howard Warner (Publicity Officer) were all re-elected, and Sheryl Davidson (PAK) replaces David Lloyd as Vice-President. These people all do a fantastic job.

Successful tournaments have been hosted recently by Dunedin, North Shore Bays, New Plymouth, Stratford and

Christchurch. There are now 9 players who have achieved over 1000 rated games in NZ since the system started in 1988 — Fae Olson, Lynn Wood, Reeve Pearson, Gerald Warner, Ed Olson, Glennis Hale, Lynne Powell, Jeff Grant and John Foster. Eileen McLean, poised on 998 games, will be the next member of the '1000 Club'.

Our international star, Nigel Richards (CHC), is going great guns in Asia. He has won five events on the trot, culminating in victory at the 2nd World Scrabble Masters in Malaysia last month. A brilliant effort!

The Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival is now only three months away. Over 30 people have already booked for what promises to be a memorable millennium occasion. There are still seats on the plane, so why not join us for a week of Scrabble fun on beautiful Norfolk Island.

I was truly humbled to be awarded life membership of the Association at the Nationals. It is an honour I will always treasure. Scrabble is a marvellous game, played by a great bunch of people. Enjoy the camaraderie, the buzz of making a good move, the friendly competition. Remember how much work goes on behind the scenes, and if you can help in some small way, it is always appreciated.

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

Closing date for the September issue is August 20.

Happy Scrabbling
Jeff

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MAIL BOX

MENTAL EXERCISE

by Peter Jones (MTA)

Further to *Exercising the Mind and Can Scrabble Improve the Memory* on p25 of the *March Forwards*, I noticed an interesting article in the Health column of our newspaper. Here is an excerpt:

“A study presented at the recent meeting of the American Academy of Neurology in San Diego says that people who are physically active or who play games or music have a lower risk of Alzheimer’s disease.

A neurologist, Dr Robert Friedland, says people who play a musical instrument, garden, exercise or even play board games are a third less likely to develop Alzheimer’s. Watching TV did not count as an activity, he stressed.”

Is this why we have so many with-it ‘oldies’ playing Scrabble?

THE TRAVELLING SCRABLERS

by Ngaire Steel

What a pleasure it was to meet Liz and Steve Richards from Nelson when they called in to my place at Papamoa for a few games on their tour of NZ clubs.

I mentioned to Steve about a game with my daughter 12 or so years ago, when she lived in Australia. We took our turn, wrote, or occasionally phoned our moves, the whole game taking a year — she won by 11 points! Steve suggested it could be some sort of record — as the slowest

game ever! Especially with email and computers today — what do you think?

Yesterday a dozen locals came to my place and had an enjoyable afternoon of Scrabble (I hope), although most were ‘blown away’ by the 2/3 letter word list. They are only interested in social Scrabble at the moment, and my aim is for lots of happy, friendly games. Perhaps later down the track they may realise how much fun interclub and tournament games can be.

[Great to hear that you have so many interested people in your area. Does anyone know of a slower game than the one Ngaire mentioned? — Ed.]

PALIN V SHILBUT

by Jethro Snafflerod

I would like to take issue with your statement that Palin and Shilbut last played in 1991 on Easter Island (see March 2000 *Forwards*, p6-7). Have you forgotten the memorable encounter at Eketahuna, which I carefully researched and had recorded in *Forwards* 28 (September 1992), where Palin eventually won 1025-1024 after the final four moves were all triple-triples?

[Thanks for reminding us of that amazing match, Jethro. — Ed.]

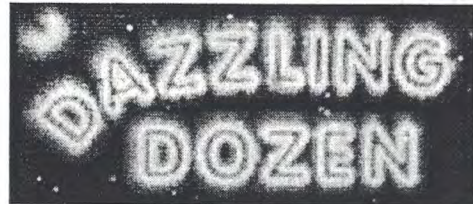
TIME FOR A CHANGE

At the Nationals on Queen’s Birthday weekend Murray Rogers of Nelson waited calmly while his opponent changed on the first turn. Murray then banged down his bonus word — CHANGED!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example BRAID to RABID, and COMPILE to POLEMIC. On a higher level, SOFT-LIT BEAUTY THERE could be describing THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. Our anagrammed Scrabblers this time all competed in the Christchurch Club Tournament in early March.

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|------------------|---------------------|
| LIZ ARLINGTON | ANTIROLL ZING |
| RAY GOODYEAR | REGARD A YO-YO |
| PAULA GIBBONS | BOBS UP IN GALA |
| DOMINIC LISTER | CONSIDER LIMIT |
| BETTY SUTHERLAND | BE SENT TRUTH, LADY |
| TERRY COOK | CORKER TOY |



We have just adopted several hundred words from *Chambers Dictionary* (1998). Here are a dozen brand new 7-letter bonuses to dazzle your opposition.

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|---------|---------|---------|
| ABLEIST | LADETTE | RESKILL |
| CARJACK | MINIBAR | SOKAIYA |
| FEELBAD | NETIZEN | TWIGLOO |
| IRONIER | QAWWALI | ZAITECH |

TRANS-TASMAN CHALLENGE 2000


The 2000 Trans-Tasman Challenge will be held at the Downtowner on Lygon Street in Carlton, Melbourne, from November 25-27. This event pits the top 12 players from each country against each other in a double round-robin format.

The following players have been selected to represent New Zealand in Melbourne:

- Howard Warner (MTA)
- Jeff Grant (HAS)
- Nigel Richards (CHC)
- Kendall Boyd (DUN)
- Peter Sinton (DUN)
- David Lloyd (IND)
- Mike Sigley (WAN)
- Lynne Butler (NPL)
- Patrick Carter (MTA)
- John Foster (NSB)
- Glenda Foster (CAP)
- Glennis Hale (MTA)

If any of these are not available, the reserves are Steven Brown (HAM), Glynis Jennings (MTA) and Andrew Bradley (MTA). C’mon the Kiwis!

Tournament Calendar	
Tournament	Date
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
Mt Albert	14-15 October
Wanganui	21-22 October
Otago Champs	18-19 November
Rodney	18 November
Trans-Tasman Champs, Melbourne	25-27 November
Kiwi	2 December



Competition Corner

SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 58

Several people noted that the highest-scoring play is GROUNDED for 65 points. However, the best move is probably DOGCATCHER, sacrificing only 8 points and retaining the blank. Two people came up with this answer, Jethro Snafflerod and Michael Vnuk (Queensland), who also made the interesting observation that DOGCATCHER is the only word with DOG and CAT adjacent. First name out of the hat was Jethro — well done!

SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 59

Jennifer Smith (HAM) writes:

“Joan Thomas (HAS) and I were playing a friendly game of Scrabble, and I complained that I had all three G’s on my rack.

“Oh,” said Joan, without missing a beat, “you have a GAGGLE of gees.”

The more we thought about what she had said, the funnier — and cleverer — it became. We started to wonder what other collective nouns could be used for an overabundance of different letters.

A CUMULUS of U’s perhaps?

A CACOPHONY of C’s?”

The competition is to find the best collective nouns for the following, using the letter the recommended number of times, as shown in brackets.

A (3+) B (2) C (2) D (3 or 4)
E (3+) F (2) G (3) H (2)
I (3+) L (3 or 4) M (2) N (3+)

O (3+) P (2) R (3+) S (3 or 4)
T (3+) U (3 or 4) V (2) W (2)
Y (2).

Jennifer has donated some 12-page pictorial June-May calendars for the winning entries. There will be several given out, in fact you could win a prize with just a single clever collective on our ‘best of the best’ list, which we’ll publish in the next issue. Have a go!

Closing date is August 20. Good luck.

Entries to be sent to:

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NOT QUITE SCRABBLERS

Inspired by *One Letter Changes* (March Forwards, p14), Lyn Toka of Kiwi Club had some fun with some well-known Scrabblers

Jiff Grant	cleans up the opposition
Glennis Gale	blows them away
All seQuinn	dazzles her opponents
Howard Warne (Shane’s brother)	bowls them over
Join Thomas	knows all the hooks
Avid Lloyd	always keen to win

We also have

Glenda Faster	speed Scrabble champ
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And let’s not forget

Pet Grant	everyone’s favourite adjudicator
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CHANGES TO THREES AND FOURS

With the adoption of the new *Chambers Dictionary*, there are a number of changes to the 3- and 4-letter word list.

DELETIONS

ECO now only a prefix

UGLI capitalised (trademark)

ZOPP corrected to ZOPPA

NEW WORDS

BAC short for baccalaureate

LOD in statistics, the logarithm of the odds

BACS plural of bac (above)

CIDE to adjudge, decide (Shakespeare)

COCH a coach (Spenser)

CONF in computing, an on-line conference

CRUE a crew (Milton)

CYTE a cell, in biology

DHOL a large, cylindrical Indian drum

DINO a dinosaur

FIER more eccentric or whimsical

KARK to break down, or to die

KEKS trousers

KUZU a thickening agent

LODS plural of lod (above)

MEME a cultural feature not passed on genetically

OPPO opposite number, partner

SPAM to send out electronic junk mail

ZINE slang for a magazine

The c-words CIDE, COCH, CRUE and CYTE were once allowed, then deleted, now they’re back in again! This is very confusing and frustrating for Scrabblers.

Why is UGLI capitalised now, and thus disallowed? Other dictionaries list it in lower case.

And if you want to know the origin of the interesting new word KUZU, don’t bother looking in *Chambers*, because no derivation is given. [It’s actually a variant of ‘kudzu’, the Japanese plant it comes from.]

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

At a tournament in Toronto, Canada, last September, Mark Przybyszewski (what a tongue-twister!) hadn’t arrived at the allotted time, so his clock was started. When he did finally arrive, very much out of breath, and with only two minutes 54 seconds left on his clock, Rich Baker generously allowed his opponent to pause the clock while he took a few minutes to regain his composure. It could have been a fatal move. Although Rich started with a bonus word, Mark won the game 442-304, using only six minutes on his clock!

HASTINGS HIGH SCORES

The Hastings Club’s meeting on March 30 featured a couple of spectacular games. Jeff Grant beat Doreen O’Shea’s club record individual game score by five points with a 635-264 win over Margaret Warren, getting down six bonus words in the process. After that, Pat Grant scored 203 points for MYTHIEST on a triple-triple on the way to a 561-499 win over Jeff. The combined score of 1060 was just 18 points short of the Hastings club record held by Jeff and June Ward.

REDWOOD UPDATER

Use this list to manually update your Redwood to incorporate changes in the new OSW4, derived from the *Chambers Dictionary* (1998), which has now superseded the 1993 edition..

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM THE MAIN BODY OF REDWOOD

BARMIZVAH BOATRACE BOATRACES CHALDAISM COLETIT
COLETITS CROMBIE CROMBIES DIANETICS ECO FURTIVER
FURTIVEST GRECISE GRECISED GRECISES GRECISING HYDRIAS
HYPNA INSIGNES INTERNET INTERNETS LANDSCRIP LAPSUSES
LEADLINE LEADLINES LIVEAXLE LIVEAXLES LOATHIER LOATHIEST
MONERS OBELIONS PHYLES RICEGRAIN SHMOE SLIVOVICS
SPICULAS TATIN TREPIDER TREPIDEST TRIKED TRIKING TRIPEMAN
TRIPEMEN UGLI UGLIS YAKIMONA YAKIMONAS ZOPP

DELETE THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM THE 3- AND 4- LETTER WORD LISTS AT THE END OF REDWOOD

ECO UGLI ZOPP

ADD THE FOLLOWING WORDS TO THE MAIN BODY OF REDWOOD

Note: In this section, words up to eight letters long appear first. Included after these words are the new nine letter words in parentheses for those who wish to do a complete update.

ABLEISM ABLEISMS ABLEIST ABORTEEE ABORTEES ACIDIER ACIDIEST
ACRATIC ACTIONER ACUPOINT AEROTONE ALCOPOP ALCOPOPS
ALETHIC ALIYOTH AMNIO AMNIOS ANTHEMIC APPLETT APPLETTS
ARCOLOGY (ACTIONERS ACTUALITE AEROTONES AFFLUENZA
ANOVULANT ANTEFIXAE (a new word from OSPD) APOPTOSES
APOPTOSIS APOPTOTIC)

BAC BACS BALDIER BALDIEST BASUCO BASUCOS BATTERER
BITESIZE BLOKEDOM BLOKEY BLOKIER BLOKIEST BLUGGIER
BOBBITT BOBBITTS BOSOMIER (BACKSLASH BATTERERS BATTLEBUS
BLOATWARE BLOKEDOMS BLUGGIEST BOBBITTED BOSOMIEST
BOXERCISE BREAKBEAT)

CACUMEN CACUMINA CALFLICK CAPUCCIO CARJACK CARJACKS
CATATONY CAUSEYED CAVIARIE CAVIER CAVIERS CENTONEL
CHARACT CHARACTS CHECKSUM CHIPSET CHIPSETS CIABATTA
CIABATTE CIDE CIDED CIDES CIDDING CIZERS CLAMBE CLIPART

CLIPARTS CLOTPOLL CLOYE CLOYES COCH COCHES COLTWOOD
COMBI COMBIES COMBIS COMIQUE COMIQUES COMPAND
COMPANDS CONF CONFS CONKIER CONKIEST COOSEN
COOSENED COOSENS COOSIN COOSINED COOSINS COYISHLY
CRACOWE CRACOWES CROPSICK CROST CROSTINI CRUDY CRUE
CRUES CRUSTIES CURSORES CURTAXE CURTAXES CUSTODE
CYATHIA CYATHIUM CYBERPET CYBERSEX CYMATICS CYTE CYTES
(CAFETIERE CALCARATE CALFLICKS CAPUCCIOS CARJACKED
CASHPOINT CASKSTAND CAVIARIES CENTONELL CENTONELS
CEREALIST CHAIRDAYS CHARGRILL CHECKSUMS CHOIRGIRL
CIABATTAS CINEPHILE CLERKLIKE CLERKLING CLOTPOLLS
CLOUDTOWN CLOUTERLY COCHLEARE COCHLEAR COLDHOUSE
COLICKIER COLTWOODS COLUBRIAD COMPANDED CONNATURE
CONNEXIVE CONSOLATE COOSENING COOSINING CREATABLE
CREESHIER CROSSWORT CROSTINIS CUCKOLDLY CYBERCAFE
CYBERPETS CYNOMOLGI)

DAYSACK DAYSACKS DEFRAG DEFRAGS DENET DENETS DENETTED
DEVORE DHOL DHOLS DINO DINOS DOOFER DOOFERS DRICE
DRICES DUMPSTER (DATACOMMS DATAGLOVE DEFRAGGED
DENETTING DINOMANIA DUMPSTERS)

EBONICS EMAIL EMAILED EMAILING EMAILS EMOTICON EMPAYRE
EMPAYRED EMPAYRES EXTRANET (EMOTICONS EMPAYRING
ENERGISER EXTRANETS)

FARRAGOS FATTISM FATTISMS FATTIST FATTISTS FEELBAD
FEELBADS FIER FIEST FIREWALL FLATPACK FLATTIES FLATTY
FRASCATI FREEWARE FROIDEUR FUNBOARD FURRIES (FELDSPATH
FIDGETIER FIREWALLS FLATPACKS FLATSHARE FLOPTICAL
FOCUSINGS FRASCATIS FREEWARES FROIDEURS FUNBOARDS)

GANGSTA GANGSTAS GIGAFLOP GOBSHITE (GIGAFLOPS GOBSHITES
GROUPWARE)

HARDBAG HARDBAGS HELPDESK HERPESES HIMBO HIMBOS HIPPEN
HIPPENS HIPPIN HIPPIINS HORDEOLA HOUSEY HOUSIER HOUSIEST
(HELPDESKS HOLOHEDRA)

IDANT IDANTS IDEAED IMMANTLE INFOBAHN INTRANET IRONIER
IRONIEST (IDIOPATHY IMMANTLED IMMANTLES INFOBAHNS
INFOMANIA INHABITOR INTERRAIL INTERTEXT INTRANETS)

JOCKNEY JOCKNEYS JUNGLIST (JUNGLISTS)

KAGOOL KAGOOLS KAGOUL KAGOULS KAIZEN KAIZENS KARK
KARKED KARKING KARCS KEKS KIDULT KIDULTS KUZU KUZUS
(KARYOGRAM KETONURIA KRAKOWIAK)

LADDISH LADETTTE LADETTES LEMONIER LEUCOSIN LINISH
 LISHED LINISHER LINISHES LOD LODS LOGIN LOGINS LOGOFF
 LOGOFFS LOGON LOGONS LOGOUT LOGOUTS LOMATA LURVE
 LURVES LUVVIE LUVVIES LUVVY (LATHERIER LEADERENE
 LEMONIEST LEUCOSINS LINISHERS LINISHING LIVERWING)

MAILSHOT MASALA MASALAS MEDCINAL MEGAFLOP MEISTER
 MEISTERS MELTIER MELTIEST MELTY MEME MEMES MINIBAR
 MINIBARS MONOKINI MONTIES MONTY MORBIDER MORPHED
 MUTUALS (MAGGOTIER MAILSHOTS MARSQUAKE MEGAFLOPS
 MISERLIER MONOKINIS MORBIDEST MULTIPACK)

NETIZEN NETIZENS NEWBIE NEWBIES NOSODE NOSODES
 NOTITIAE (NEWSGROUP)

OFFLINE ONIONIER ONLINE OPPO OPPOS OTAKU OUTPLACE
 OVERTYPE (ONIONIEST OUTPLACED OUTPLACER OUTPLACES
 OUTSOURCE OVERTYPED OVERTYPES OVIRAPTOR)

PAPERIER PASSATA PASSATAS PHATTER PHATTEST PHREAK PHREAKS
 PLUMPIER PRIMSIER PUCER PUCEST PURPLIER (PAPERIEST
 PARCHEESI PARTYGOER PASTORALI PEPPERIER PHREAKING
 PIERCINGS PLUMPIEST PRIMSIEST PROBIOTIC PURPLIEST)

QAWWAL QAWWALI QAWWALIS QAWWALS (QUAVERIER QUEERCORE
 QUIVERIER)

RADDER RADDEST RADGES RAGGA RAGGAS REBADGE REBADGED
 REBADGES REIKI REIKIS RESKILL RESKILLS (RASTERISE RASTERIZE
 REBADGING RECYCLATE RESKILLED RIGHTSIZE RUBBERIER)

SADDO SADDOS SARCONET SCALLIES SCALLY SINEWIER SKINCARE
 SLAPHEAD SLEEPOUT SMILEYS SOKAIYA SPAM SPAMMED SPAMMER
 SPAMMERS SPAMMING SPAMS SPAZZ SPAZZED SPAZZING
 SPUMANTE STEEPEUP STEEPUP STICHERA STIFFIE STIFFIES STIFFY
 STRAG STRAGS STROBED STROBING SUBMENTA SUCCOS SUCCOT
 SUETTIER SUETTY SUKKOS SULFATIC SUPERBUG SUPERFIT
 SYLPHINE SYRUPIER (SAPORIFIC SARCONETS SHIVERIER SINEWIER
 SKINCARES SLAPHEADS SLEEPOUTS SOUND CARD SPAMMING
 SPRITEFUL SPUMANTES STAMINEAL STEELWARE STICHARIA
 STOCKLOCK STRAWLESS STROBINGS SUBWOOFER SUETTIEST
 SULPHATIC SUPERBUGS SUPERWAIF SWINGBEAT SYNTHRONI
 SYRUPIEST)

TAQUERIA TAWIER TAWIEST TELNET TELNETS TOUSTIER TUINA
 TUINAS TURGIDER TWIGLOO TWIGLOOS (TAQUERIAS TECHNOPOP
 TOUSTIEST TOWELHEAD TURGIDEST)

(UNBUNDLER UNINSTALL)

VEGELATE VEGGED VEGGES VEGGING VOLUMISE VOLUMIZE VOXEL
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 VOLUMIZED VOLUMIZES)

WAVERIER WEBSITE WEBSITES WHEATIER WHEATY WOOPIE
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 WORKGROUP)

YAKIMONO (YAKIMONOS YELLOWIER)

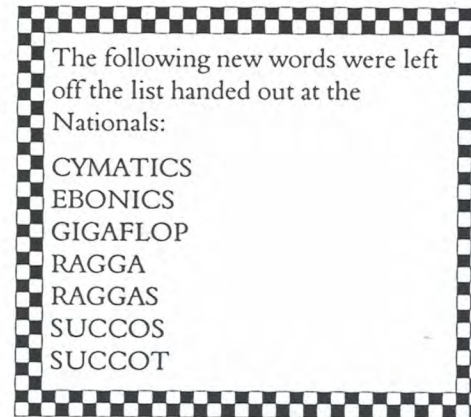
ZAITECH ZAITECHS ZINE ZINES ZOPPA

**ADD THE FOLLOWING WORDS TO THE 3- AND 4- LETTER WORD LISTS AT THE
 END OF REDWOOD**

BAC LOD

BACS CIDE COCH CONF CRUE CYTE DHOL DINO FIER KARK KEKS
 KUZU LODS MEME OPPO SPAM ZINE

Thanks to Paul Cleary (Australia) for preparing this list



UNIVERSAL WORDGAME DICTIONARY

If you have Internet access you may like to have a look at the *Universal Wordgame Dictionary* (UWD) which can be found at <http://www.crosswordz.com>.

The UWD was started some years ago in Australia, and is now nearing completion. It is basically a combination of the Scrabble dictionaries (*Chambers + OSPD*), with a concise definition given for each word. This could be helpful if you want to know the meaning of a Scrabble word and don't have the right dictionary. UWD is fully up-to-date, including all the new words from the latest *Chambers Dictionary* that we are now allowed to use.

CRICKET RIDDLE

by John Foster

Of the following four current NZ and Australian cricketers, who is the odd man out?

MARK WAUGH COLIN MILLER
 CRAIG SPEARMAN MATT HORNE

Answer on p27.

A BRIEF PASEO THROUGH LATINOS' PALABRAS

by Howard Warner, Mt Albert

As I travelled in South America recently, I was surprised to discover so many words of Spanish and Portuguese seemed familiar. I soon realised this was because I had already seen them on Scrabble boards or in the *Redwood*.

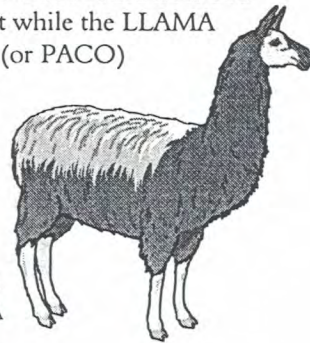
Naturally, many words were geographical. I explored the SELVA (jungle) and PAMPA (treeless plain) of Bolivia. I crossed the LLANO (also a plain) of Argentina, where the LLANEROS live (the GAUCHOS live further south). But I avoided the arid CHACO of Paraguay. In the volcanic MESETA (plateau) of south-west Bolivia, I passed through miles of tundra-like TOLA and visited FUMAROLAS (boiling mud pools) and hot-water LAGUNAS (lakes). But most of all, I liked to PASEAR (stroll) or take a PASEO along the PLAYAS (beaches) of Brazil.

You encounter different sorts of dwellings, depending on whether you're in a PUEBLO (town), FAVELA (Brazilian shanty-town), BARRIO (suburb) or an ALDEA (village) in the PAIS (countryside), where PAISANAS and PAISANOS live. A HACIENDA (cattle ranch) in the Spanish-speaking countries becomes a FAZENDA in Portuguese-speaking BRAZIL. An ESTANCIA is a farmstead. A POSADA or LOGIA is an inn, where you can stay for a night.

But beware of LADRONES or LADRONES (thieves) with an eye on

your MOCHILA (backpack) and DINEROS (cash). These people can be anyone: CRIOLLO (of Spanish or Portuguese descent), MESTIZO/MESTIZA (also spelt MESTESO) or CHOLO (half-breed), NEGROID (black) or BLANCO (white). They can be CHICO (boy) or CHICA (girl), CARIOCA (native of Rio de Janeiro) or GRINGO.

The animal life is exotic and fascinating. Some can be dangerous, like the CAYMAN or CAIMAN (a type of alligator) and PIRANHA fish (also spelled PIRANA or PIRAYA) I saw while travelling through the waterways of the pampa by PIRAGUA or PERIAGUA (dugout canoe). Others are less threatening: the MARABOU stork, the MACAW (parrot), PIRARUCU or ARAPAIMA (huge river fish), and the delightful MACAQUE (Brazilian monkey), not to be confused with MACACO (a lemur), though both may hang out in the OITICICA tree. You soon learn that while the LLAMA and ALPACA (or PACO) are common ruminants in the Andean regions, their cousins the GUANACO and VICUNA or VICUGNA are becoming quite rare.



Llama

There are many Scrabble words you may have to swallow in South America: PAELLA (a rice and seafood dish), QUINOA (a kind of barley) soup, JAK (a fruit), ACEROLA (a healthy berry), YERBA (a tea), FARINA or FARINHA (a ground corn), CHORIZO (a spicy sausage) or OKRA (an edible pod also known as MALLOW) cooked in a fiery GUMBO and washed down with CHICHA (a potent purple corn liquor). You need COJONES (balls) to drink this stuff. It could just as easily send you rushing to the LAVABO (toilet) before you soil your PANTALON (trousers) or CAMISA (shirt).

Coinage is always likely to cause confusion, especially as you change from one country to another. You find yourself referring to the Argentinian PESO or CENTAVO in Peru, the Peruvian SOL in Bolivia, the BOLIVIANO in Brazil, and the Brazilian REALS back in Argentina. Just to make things interesting, the Venezuelan currency is called the BOLIVAR.

Amazing how many names of countries and cities form PALABRAS (words) themselves: BOLIVIA is a fabric, BRAZIL

is a timber or dye, and LIMA and CHILE can both be eaten. COLUMBIUM is a mineral, but its plural is not 'Columbia'.



camion

A few other Latinate words that rang bells for me: CAMION (truck), QUENA (an Andean flute), BONITO/BONITA (pretty), CAPOEIRA (a Brazilian martial arts-cum-dance form), CALDERA (kettle), BARCA (small boat), CELOSIA (Venetian blind), DOMINE (teacher), MICRO (taxi), FERIA (fair or market), CHICLE (chewing gum), JEFE (police chief), ARMADA (any tinpot navy), MALEDICT ("damn!"), CLOACA (sewer), CANDELA (candle, and the name of a small city in Brazil) and, appropriately by now, BASTA ("enough!").

Of course, so many 'familiar' words can be very inconvenient for a TURISTA like me: instead of working out what someone is saying to you, you're busy adding up the score.

WORD CRUNCHING

The Q-Files, newsletter of ASPA Queensland, edited by Michael Vnuk, mentions that Greenbank Scrabbler Karrin Henderson was recently hammered by a computer which got 7 bonus words in a row against her. Karrin didn't record the moves though as she abandoned the game in disgust!

FAREWELL MARGARET GARNER

The New Plymouth YWCA Scrabble group regret the passing of Margaret Garner on 10 May 2000. She was a keen Scrabble player with such a beautiful smile and will be sadly missed.

IPANEMA BLUES

by Howard Warner (MTA)

While lying on the famous beach of Ipanema in Brazil, enjoying the sight of so many bronzed beauties wearing their so-called 'dental floss' bikinis, I spared a brief thought for the upcoming NZ Masters tournament.

I hadn't played the game (or looked at a word list) for three months and I wasn't sure whether I could still remember how. Gradually, this imaginary scenario of a disastrous and embarrassing game insinuated itself into my brain, to the tune of *The Girl from Ipanema*. (You may hum along using the words "ho-hum, ho-hum" ...)

Short and pasty and old and babbling,
The bloke from Ipanema goes Scrabbling.
And as he plays, his game just runs amok.

When he scores, it's like a nightmare
His racks are woeful and get him nowhere.
And as he plays, his opponents look on
dumb-struck:

"How could you let such a chance slide?
"Ha-as your brain, too, been deep-fried?
"Every time that you plonk down a play.
"It's clear you've been three months away."

Short and peeling and old and torpid,
The bloke from Ipanema gets morbid
And as he flounders, he thinks he
should've taken up croquet.

[Obviously the trip didn't deep-fry
Howard's brain, as he won the Masters
event just days after returning to NZ. —
Ed.]

NEW COMBINED RECORD IN US

When you start with a bonus word after your opponent opens with a 4-point play, OE, and then your opponent changes, and you take a 100-point lead on your next play, most players probably expect the game to go in their favour. Bob de Tore was in just that position in September 1998 at the Cincinnati Scrabble Club against John Luebkekmann. But John was on the US team at the 1999 World Champs, so such expectations are not always going to follow. In this case John pulled even over the next two turns with the bingos TORTOISE and MELODIA. These were followed by two (!) triple-triples, NAVICERT for 176 points and SPANDRIL for 167 points, and to top that off he laid down the X for 55. When the dust had cleared, John had 728 points to Bob's 391. This game was played 18 months ago, but the scoresheet wasn't sent in to the national Scrabble headquarters until a new record combined score was recently announced. John and Bob's 1119-point club game beats the 1110 points scored by Ron Tiekert and Ray Smith of Atlanta Scrabble Club.

THE IDEAL SCRABBLER

"Perhaps the ideal Scrabble player would be a Scottish, half-Jewish, half-Muslim Shakespearean scholar with a knowledge of zoology and botany. Even then, his granny would probably beat him by playing ETUI."

Scrabble for Beginners
by Barry Grossman, 1998

HALF A MILLION GAMES

Many Scrabblers play regularly against a computer. It's good practice, and good fun (except when it continually thrashes you!). You may take a couple of minutes to make a move, but often the computer responds almost instantaneously. In fact, the latest computers can finish an entire game in under a second!

So why not get a computer to play against itself and see what happens? Mark Watkins, a maths student at Georgia University (US) did just that last year, using a Sun Ultrasparc 2 and his own Scrabble program to run half a million games, each lasting about half a second. Some of the stats are very interesting.

The average score was 448-434 in favour of the first player, which also won 55.7% of games. However, the average opening move was 30.8 points, while the player going second averaged 38.5. About 1 in 250 games (2,006) was drawn.

The most played words from 2-6 letters were QI, QAT, EUOI, TRANQ and QINTAR, and the most played bonus words from 7-9 letters were ETAERIO (672), AERATION (682) and NEOTEINIA (27). The longest bonus word occurred when FULNESS was

extended to GUILFULNESSES (14 letters). The first player opened with a bonus word about once every seven games, but the second player got one every fifth game, demonstrating the potential of 8-letter words.

Although 66.2% of games were won by the player who got the first bonus word, in nine games a player with no bonuses won, despite the other side having four bonuses. In 29 games, one player had 7 bonuses, while in five games a total of 10 bonuses were played. Eleven games finished in eight moves each.

The highest individual score was 806, helped by two triple-triples (TRIAZINE, 293 and ARROWING, 140). The highest combined score was 1311 (798-513), and the highest loss was 599-602.

So what does all this show? That computers can be pretty good at Scrabble? Certainly. That knowing all the words makes for exciting games? Not necessarily. That you score more playing with yourself? I don't think so. Two humans can have much more fun.

Based on an article in the
Australian Scrabble magazine
Across the Board, March 2000

BUREAUCRACYSPEAK

Doreen Ogston (CHC) has drawn our attention to a classic example of bureaucratic gobbledegook. A report, quoting the Minister of Energy, Pete Hodgson, on the responsibilities of gas producers refers to the use of **mandatory optimised deprivation methodology** for the way that they value their assets. Yuch!

Q: How do you titillate an ocelot?

A: You oscillate its titalot.

submitted by
Dr Hugh Muller

THE MOST ELOQUENT OF ALL

by Wong Siang Hume

Here are some excerpts from an article published in *The Star* newspaper in Malaysia on March 24th.

Malaysian players who are seriously thinking of gaining international status in the game should think about emulating the great feats of Kiwi Nigel Richards. Currently, no one in the country can hold a candle to the master Scrabblor in all aspects of the game.

At the recent 2nd Penang YMCA Open Scrabble Tournament (YMCA 2000), some of our best players, including top ranked Ganesh Asirvatham and Pui Cheng Wui, found the champion not just a tough competitor but a Scrabblor who played beyond anything they had imagined possible on the board.

One has only to look at the personal tournament score card of Richards at YMCA 2000 to understand his brilliance.

In a total of 15 games he scored 43 bingos [bonus words — Ed.] which works out to an average of about three per game. Most of his bingos came from racks or from rack-board combinations which appeared impossible, like MOTONYE and MOOYIDGE which he easily transposed to ENOMOTY and GEOMYOID.

Richard's total spread for the tournament was 2,124 points, an average of 140 points per game. With individual game scores soaring from 391 (a loss to Alex Tan) to 700 (a win against Ganesh), he averaged 503.73 points, an awesome record-breaking score surpassing that of other international tournaments.

Richards, who is considered by many (including Ganesh and Odette Rio from the Philippines) to be the best player in the world, has won all of his three more recent tournaments in Thailand and Malaysia, including the Central Capacitors Scrabble Tournament played in Kuala Lumpur last year, the KOPIKO Tournament in Thailand early this year and the YMCA 2000.

Where does the enormous talent of this professional technician come from? What brings him such mastery in the game? And how does he form so many bingos and register such consistently high scores?

Individual Tournament Score Card of Nigel Richards					
At the 2nd YMCA Penang Open Scrabble Championship played on					
Round	Opponent's Name	Player	Opponent	Spread	Win/
1	Ganesh Asirvatham	476	433	43	W
2	Ong Suanne	623	251	372	W
3	Chim Wai Main	488	410	78	W
4	Alex Tan	417	428	-11	L
5	Mohd Idrus Ismail	623	387	236	W
6	Alex Tan	391	373	18	W
7	Ganesh Asirvatham	700	389	311	W
8	Dr Krishna Kumar	476	370	106	W
9	Alex Tan	449	345	154	W
10	Pui Cheng Wui	494	265	229	W
11	Kong Chock Heng	481	331	150	W
12	Jocelyn Lor	527	347	180	W
13	Ganesh Asirvatham	457	415	42	W
14	Pui Cheng Wui	473	415	58	W
15	Ganesh Asirvatham	479	333	146	W

The answer, I think, can be attributed to Richards's hard work, attitude in the game, wide vocabulary and devious strategy.

A man with neither airs nor ego, Richards approaches the game professionally at all times. At YMCA 2000, for example, I noticed that even when he was paired against the youngest participant in the tournament--seven-year old Ong Suanne--he played very seriously, concentrating hard on the game and never underestimating the little kid or taking it easy. A splendid gentleman, he played Suanne like he did all Malaysian players: with respect and good manners.

Richards's strongest forte is his vocabulary. Although he is a man of few words and even less rhetoric, he has a diabolically photographic memory when it comes to words of all shapes, sizes and spellings.

Against Ganesh at YMCA 2000, for example, he created a nine-timer (triple-triple word score) when he combined his bingo-rack (ROUTING) with the Q which Ganesh had left hanging on the red line to form TORQUING for a breathtaking tournament award-winning single play score of 212 points!

Richards is eloquent even with racks containing less bingo-friendly premium letters like Y, K, F or H. His plays are absolutely unchallengeable, and if he challenges any of your plays, you can be certain that it will be a non-word. Another of the Kiwi's virtues is his patient strategy. In his second meeting against Tan (in round nine), I observed that even though Richards was leading by about 70 points coming to the last moves, he took his time by looking around the board before



Nigel Richards with some of the many prizes he received at the 2nd YMCA Open Scrabble Tournament.

he played his word.

With his huge scores, his incredible bingos and awe-inspiring skills, Richards has certainly opened the eyes of many of us to our inadequacies in the game. We should take Richards as our role model if we are to entertain any idea of shining internationally.

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UNUSUAL PRIZE

Singapore's Endah Parade Tournament in July last year concluded on a note of hilarity as A Ganesh collected his high-game prize of a Thigh Trimmer for "firming thighs and toning buns". Fellow competitor Sarah Law, who had feasted well the night before, swiftly moved to exchange this for her high-word prize.

BERTAM WORLD SCRABBLE MASTERS 2000

Kendall Boyd (DUN) joined Nigel Richards (CHC) in Penang, Malaysia for the Bertam 2nd World Scrabble Masters, played on May 24-28.

Competition was intense, with players like former World Champ Joel Sherman (US), high-ranked British exponent Terry Kirk, and top Aussies Paul Cleary, John Holgate and Bob Jackman in attendance.

After 27 rounds of qualifying, Nigel was on top of the field with 21 wins and a spread of +2363, well ahead of second placed Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thailand) on 19 wins (+935). Jakkrit Klaphajone (Thailand) was third (18 wins, +1526), ahead of A Ganesh (Malaysia) and Odette Rio (Philippines) on spread. Top Australian was Bob Jackman (6th), with Terry Kirk (UK) 7th. Paul Cleary was 11th, Joel Sherman 13th, ex-African champ Femi Awowade 14th, Kendall 15th, John Holgate 22nd, Cecilia Ruto (Kenya) 27th and Sam Kantimathi (US)

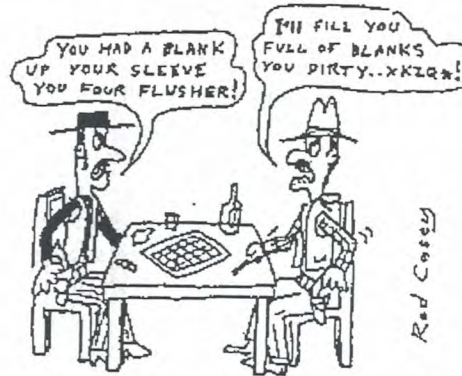
29th.

So Nigel squared off against Pakorn in the best-of-three game final. Pakorn started game 1 with FUCK, keeping TYQ. Nigel had DIVIDER on his rack and played REDUVIID through the U. He pulled away to win by a crushing 553-330.

The second game started sensationally. Nigel opened with TOGGED (22), and Pakorn used the E to make ENURETIC (86) on a double-double. Nigel then played HEVEA (36), only for Pakorn to use the H for a triple-triple — PANTHERS for 158 points! This left Nigel 186 points behind. But such is Nigel's ability that he can never be written off. With plays like BAWR, KHEDA, TOASTED/ENURETICS and MOLALITY, Nigel fought his way back for a 498-469 victory, thus winning the title and \$US10,000 prize money. Well done, Nigel!

NIGEL WINS SINGAPORE OPEN

Nigel Richards (CHC) continued his remarkable run of success in Asia by blitzing the field at the 3rd Singapore Open event. Nigel won 14 out of 16 games and amassed a huge 2118 point spread, miles ahead of second placed Femi Awowade of Nigeria on 11 wins (+170). Philippines World Champs rep Odette Rio was third, heading a bunch on 10 wins, which included Michael Tang of Singapore (4th), American Sam Kantimathi (6th) and Terry Kirk of UK (8th).



WESTERN SCRABBLE 1880

by Rod Casey, Australia

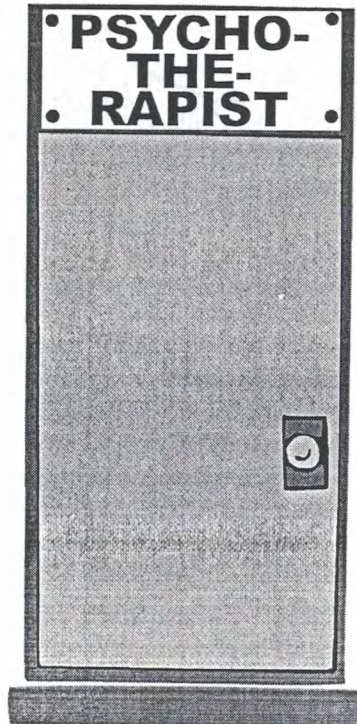
SPLIT PERSONALITY

submitted by Jennifer Smith (HAM)

A psychotherapist started a new practice from scratch, and business quickly boomed. So much so, that he could now afford to have a proper banner advertising his services. So he commissioned a signwriter to paint a sign board for him and erect it above his doorway.

He continued to be so busy at first that he didn't find time to check the new sign. But very quickly, instead of his business building up, it began to slacken. He especially noticed the women shying away from his clinic. Eventually he discovered why.

The signwriter had used very large lettering, and the confines of the width of the door meant that he had been forced to split the word into three:



A WEIRD LOT

Pat Grant saw some weird and wonderful words while adjudicating at the 2000 NZ National Champs — here is a selection.

Allowed

LINGUAE	JENNETS	TRECKING
EUTEXIA	PERMEANT	DEATHIER
BURNSIDE	FORWARNING	SOULDAN
APHANITE	AGAZED	RERISING
MORAINAL	RAWINGS	WEEDINESS
SQUAILER	SUNSPOT	TRIAC
EXPUNGER*	PEACED	

* Val Mills (PAK) got 194 points for it!

Not Allowed

CUPLETS	PLYABLE	REPTILIA
BABYLIKE	OUTFLIRT	NEBULI
TARLESS	EELING	PRESIGNS
FRESIAN	WISHIER	HYPHENER
JAILABLE	STRUTH	RETOTAL
FURLINED	EARLIKE	OUTSNEER
MANHOLD	TOADIEST	

FANGING AROUND

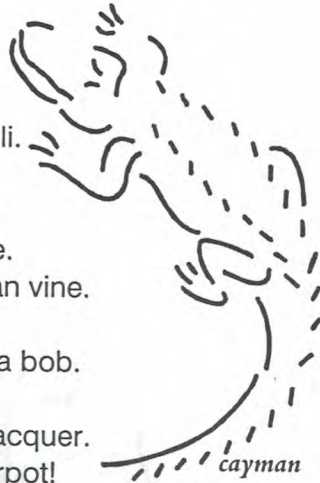
Michael Vnuk of Queensland spotted the personalised plate FANG-10 on a car in South Australia. At first he thought it was a play on the surfing term 'hang ten', but some time later he saw a reference to Argentinian racing driver Juan Fangio, who won the World Championship five times in the 1950s (before Michael's time). Near his entry in the Australian *Macquarie Dictionary* is a verb 'fang' — to drive one's car at a very great speed (often followed by 'around'). The etymology derives this word from Juan Fangio.

COUNTRY MATTERS

by Elie Dangoor

I find one of the most effective and fun ways of learning words is by association. Recently I copied a list of Scrabble-allowable countries. Listed below are the ones I found, which is fairly comprehensive, together with definitions.

ANGOLA	Angora, pertaining to a kind of goat or its wool.
BRAZIL	Wood of the sappan tree.
CANADA	A small, narrow canyon.
CAYMAN (Is.)	A crocodilian animal.
CHAD	A type of fish.
CHILE	Variant form of child or chilli.
CHINA	Porcelain.
CONGO	Congou, a tea from China.
CYPRUS	Cypress, a fabric like crepe.
GAMBIA	Gambier, extract of an Asian vine.
GREECE	A flight of steps.
GUINEA	A coin worth a pound and a bob.
HOLLAND	A coarse linen fabric
JAPAN	A glossy black varnish or lacquer.
JORDAN	A Shakespearean chamberpot!
MALI	A member of the gardener caste in India.
MARSHALL (Is.)	Marshal, to put in proper order.
MOROCCO	A fine goatskin leather.
NIGER	A Negro (obsolete).
PANAMA	A type of hat.
REUNION	We meet again.
RUSSIA	A fine brownish red leather.
SPAIN	Scottish word meaning 'to wean'.
TONGA	A two-wheeled Indian vehicle or a Fijian toothache remedy.
TURKEY	A common bird.
WALES	Ridges.
ZAIRE	The currency of ... Zaire.



To supplement the Countries list, here are some nationalities that are allowed in Scrabble:

AFGHAN	A heavy knitted woollen blanket.
ARGENTINE	A white metal coated with silver.
CHINESE	Relating to China, sometimes uncapitalised in names of commodities.
CYPRIAN	A lewd woman.
DANISH	A pastry of raised dough.
DUTCH	A wife.
EGYPTIAN	A kind of typeface.
ENGLISH	To impart side to a billiard ball.
FRENCH	To cut into thin strips before cooking.
GERMAN	Of the first degree.
GRECIAN	A flight of steps.
PHILIPPINE	A type of nut.
POLISH	Refinement of manners.
SWISS	A cotton fabric.
WELSH	To fail to pay a debt.



Alternative nationality names could be added to the list, eg GREEK, MONGOL, POLE, SCOT, SWEDE, and TURK — but not DANE!

from the February 2000 issue of the British Scrabble magazine

The Last Word, with a few additions and alterations.

SCRABBLE GEAR

A new selection of Scrabble merchandise has just been launched in America. Included in the *Word Gear* range are Scrabble mugs, aprons, caps, postcards, pens, 'totebags', key chains, bumper stickers and licence plate frames. For future Scrabble players, you can even buy kidswear (including baby bibs!) en faced with things like 'Wanna PLAY', XOXO and QT Pie.

PIECES OF EIGHT

John Holgate's puzzle book *Pieces of Eight, Chapter 8, Puzzle Chest* was reviewed in the March 2000 *Forwards* (p26). John advises that this has now been updated and corrected. Copies of *Pieces of Eight* (\$A10 + \$A2 postage), and the first seven chapters in Word files on a floppy disk (\$A10 per disk including postage), will be available from John after July 1. Contact details appear in the previous issue.

[The Cayman Islands and Reunion are not strictly countries but overseas territories of UK and France respectively. Holland is more correctly The Netherlands and Zaire is now Democratic Republic of Congo.]

THE 2000 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

by Paul Lister, Christchurch

The South Island Champs were held at the Huntsbury Community Centre on 13-14 May and we were blessed with even numbers for an exact 6 grade triple round robin. The adjudicators and scorers were Paul Lister and Kees Hol, and Patrick Lister was runner. We had Joan Thomas from the executive playing and a long-lost former good player Karen Rodgers who is now resident in Picton. Highlights included:

- On day 2 Karyn McDougall and Kerry Dawkins were held up badly for game 1 and by the time Karyn arrived she had only 3 minutes 14 seconds left on her clock. Karyn played her game in 3 minutes 28 seconds losing only by 404 to 402! Kerry didn't fare as well, having to concede 110 points time penalty. They both did better in their subsequent games.

Other highlights:

- Karen Rodgers scored 454 in one of her games, yet lost!
- Doreen Ogston and Andrew Denmead scored an amazing 1000 points combined in one of their games.
- Some remarkable 8, 9 and 11-letter words played in the E and F grades:
 - From table 15 (E Grade) ASSIZERS
 - From Betty Wilson GRANDSTANDS (showoff!)
 - From Dominic Lister TARANTULA (with the blank as a U)

The tournament was enjoyed by all, and afterwards we received this clever email from B-grade winner Stewart Fleming (the log o' wood referred to is a lovely trophy donated by committee member Betty Sutherland).

WANTED FOR BURGLARY (MAY 15, 2000)

Christchurch, Monday — Canterbury police are searching for two burglary suspects. The two men are believed to have operated in the Huntsbury area over the weekend. One man is now thought to have left the city, while the other, using the name 'Honest Bill' has gone into hiding in the New Brighton area. The men made off with a log o' wood and a large amount of cash from the Huntsbury Community Centre around 5pm last night. After inspecting the premises, a police spokesman reported that he had never seen so many crooks in his life. "These are obviously desperate men who will try anything (ENTHEMED, MIRRENS, OUTNAIL, SCARIES). Several members of the public challenged the suspects, but they seem to have got away with it," he went on. The search continues.

Seriously, thanks to the Christchurch club for a great tournament — close competition, great food and stunning views of the city (sorely needed when your last rack is LMWVNRF and you are 40 points adrift). See you in September!

A GLOBAL GAME

Lynne Butler of New Plymouth recently wrote an article for the *Global Games* section of *The World Paper* which was subsequently reprinted in various other publications. Here is a short extract:

"Many Scrabble players are part of a remarkable worldwide network. With a quick message to an email list, itinerary, travel and accommodation may be organised at practically no cost or effort to travellers. Some contestants travelling to and from Melbourne for the last World Scrabble Championships detoured to New Zealand, where they were delighted to behold *wetas*, *tuataras* and *kiwis* in the parks and sanctuaries. *Totara*, *kauri* and *manuka* trees came alive when viewed 'in the bark'.

In a game that literally matches one player's word against another's, Scrabble aficionados are doing their share to promote peace on our planet. Learning foreign words through Scrabble playing, and meeting players from other countries in tournaments and on the Internet, enlightens Scrabblers to others' customs and beliefs. Travel almost anywhere in the English-speaking world and you'll find many people from most walks of life, religions, demographic groups and sexual persuasions facing off across a Scrabble board with a healthy sense of competition and camaraderie."

TORONTO QUARTER CENTURY

North America's oldest active Scrabble club, Toronto, celebrated its 25th anniversary in February. [NZ's first club, Tauranga, was formed in 1976.] Six founding members were among those present to enjoy the festivities, which featured a display of club memorabilia, a skilfully decorated Scrabble cake and of course lots of games of Scrabble. A highlight of the evening's activities was apparently a trivia game where participants tried to complete a questionnaire about hobbies, past accomplishments, interests and secrets of fellow club-members. These were some of the clues:

- ❖ I once ran a New York Marathon.
- ❖ I stood at the summit of an active volcano.
- ❖ In 1968, I marched through the streets of Paris on a demonstration.
- ❖ I read my own erotic poetry at the Art Bar last week.
- ❖ I won a televised arm-wrestling competition
- ❖ I was once offered a job as a spy.

and finally

- ❖ I can put my legs behind my neck. Who said there's no life after Scrabble!

[By the way, the Toronto Scrabble Club currently has over 100 members, making it not only the first, but also one of the biggest clubs in North America.]



NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 5 JUNE 2000

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2156	384.5	604	64%	44 Sue McRae	1574	222	406	55%
2 Jeff Grant	2128	802	1026	78%	45 Bill Grigg	1568	217	400	54%
3 Nigel Richards	2120	278.5	328	85%	46 Faye Cronhelm	1562	358	714	50%
4 Kendall Boyd	2101	204.5	269	76%	47 Betty Gibb	1555	129.5	308	42%
5 Peter Sinton	2030	241	331	73%	48 Andree Prentice	1552	374	699	54%
6 David Lloyd	2020	318	572	56%	49 Margaret Bundock	1537	431	856	50%
7 Mike Sigley	2011	510	694	73%	50 Karyn McDougall	1500	249	468	53%
8 Lynne Butler	1982	475	787	60%	51 Leila Thomson	1490	266	583	46%
9 Patrick Carter	1968	377.5	619	61%	52 Roger Coates	1480	252	532	47%
10 John Foster	1947	593.5	1023	58%	53 Hilda Scott	1480	175	313	56%
11 Glenda Foster	1941	398	778	51%	54 Marj Batchelor	1474	137	309	44%
12 Glennis Hale	1936	635	1136	56%	55 Glenda Geard	1472	447.5	875	51%
13 Steven Brown	1911	266	483	55%	56 Jean O'Brien	1468	319	630	51%
14 Glynis Jennings	1900	283.5	596	48%	57 Marian Ross	1465	165.5	338	49%
15 Andrew Bradley	1890	264	548	48%	58 Max Aston	1465	133	253	53%
16 Lynne Powell	1881	589.5	1116	53%	59 Reeva Pearson	1464	594	1279	46%
17 Sheryl Davidson	1864	477	874	55%	60 Julie Atkinson	1463	96.5	162	60%
18 Valerie Mills	1851	356	700	51%	61 Rebecca Freeth	1456	110.5	181	61%
19 Pam Robson	1842	315.5	636	50%	62 Ann Hough	1451	149.5	275	54%
20 Denise Gordon	1794	391.5	761	51%	63 Ann Candler	1441	364	801	45%
21 Lynn Wood	1792	626.5	1265	50%	64 Lorraine Van Veen	1436	353.5	679	52%
22 Allie Quinn	1787	448	941	48%	65 Maureen Holliday	1421	198.5	375	53%
23 Fae Olson	1768	677.5	1399	48%	66 Ruth O'Neill	1419	191.5	401	48%
24 Lisa McLean	1749	282.5	535	53%	67 Correne James	1397	283	619	46%
25 Liz Fagerlund	1728	262	454	58%	68 Kim Graham	1396	174	317	55%
26 Peter Jones	1725	440	873	50%	69 Marj Baillie	1393	295	585	50%
27 Marianne Bentley	1721	45	87	52%	70 Janice Cherry	1362	126	220	57%
28 Anna Geange	1712	331	608	54%	71 Jennifer Smith	1361	184.5	319	58%
29 Rosemary Cleary	1701	275.5	584	47%	72 Elsie Malkin	1359	109	197	55%
30 Puti Rowe	1698	335.5	673	50%	73 Margaret Simpson	1338	278.5	563	49%
31 Helen Sillis	1688	369	713	52%	74 Shirley Wyatt	1323	188.5	394	48%
32 Rhoda Cashman	1684	447	946	47%	75 Stewart Fleming	1313	35	71	49%
33 Eileen McLean	1680	531	998	53%	76 Shirley van Essen	1311	102.5	178	58%
34 May Quigley	1671	420	941	45%	77 Andrew Denmead	1310	58	106	55%
35 Doreen O'Shea	1670	215.5	409	53%	78 Shirley Hol	1304	182.5	367	50%
36 Paul Lister	1663	275.5	485	57%	79 Shirley Martin	1292	230.5	431	53%
37 Glenyss Buchanan	1640	341	720	47%	80 Margaret Lyall	1287	170	369	46%
38 Chris Hooks	1639	365.5	754	48%	81 Yvette Hewlett	1273	153.5	346	44%
39 Gerald Warner	1639	564	1193	47%	82 Sue Walker	1267	218.5	428	51%
40 Joan Thomas	1637	180.5	322	56%	83 Doreen Davies	1261	162	310	52%
41 June Mackwell	1637	306	684	45%	84 Peggy Wallace	1255	217	458	47%
42 Jane Walton	1633	179.5	338	53%	85 Delcie Macbeth	1249	268	495	54%
43 Yvonne Wilson	1602	182	308	59%	86 Doreen Ogston	1247	256	562	46%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
87 Betty Eriksen	1245	327	643	51%	133 May Meads	784	154.5	296	52%
88 Murray Rogers	1214	46.5	83	56%	134 Olwen Skelton	781	235	505	47%
89 Hazel Purdie	1209	233	490	48%	135 Kate Wignall	776	306.5	607	50%
90 Norman Wheeler	1206	333	619	54%	136 Mary Pinchin	771	133	270	49%
91 Roto Mitchell	1175	141	278	51%	137 Lyn Dawson	765	116	201	58%
92 Isabel Zyp	1172	218	436	50%	138 Julie Giles	764	63.5	123	52%
93 David Gunn	1162	482.5	958	50%	139 Lil Moore	758	269.5	567	48%
94 Mary Gray	1154	157.5	292	54%	140 Val Worth	745	179	372	48%
95 Elaine Moltzen	1145	244	504	48%	141 Margaret Ham	724	91	181	50%
96 Liz Catchpole	1133	176	359	49%	142 Kerry Dawkins	713	56	145	39%
97 Pam Barlow	1131	145.5	281	52%	143 Ruth Groffman	705	36	69	52%
98 Malcolm Graham	1125	147.5	295	50%	144 Karen Miller	702	74	149	50%
99 Marianne Patchett	1094	102.5	184	56%	145 Roslyn Lister	665	37.5	78	48%
100 Michael Hyndman	1092	141.5	257	55%	146 Sheila Reed	659	21	48	44%
101 Dean Riesterer	1087	94	152	62%	147 Liz Richards	645	43	85	51%
102 Joan Pratt	1086	222	413	54%	148 Sammy Sanders	636	57	135	42%
103 Martha Morgan	1062	185	384	48%	149 Paddy Hoffman	622	38	66	58%
104 Margaret Cherry	1056	175	357	49%	150 Margaret Hanson	609	118.5	228	52%
105 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	1044	202	419	48%	151 Doreen Rowlands	609	68	179	38%
106 Naomi Gilmore	1041	104.5	198	53%	152 Jillian Greening	571	138.5	296	47%
107 Ray Goodyear	1022	41	74	55%	153 Jacqy Struik	567	42	106	40%
108 Carole Coates	1020	195	414	47%	154 Dorothy Latta	565	98	242	40%
109 Yvonne MackErickson	1006	104.5	230	45%	155 Kay O'Connor	548	14.5	33	44%
110 Glen Madigan	996	35	58	60%	156 Betty Sutherland	545	70	161	43%
111 Susan Olson	976	88	171	51%	157 Kath Davies	533	103	209	49%
112 Pat Grant	964	64	110	58%	158 Sharon Clarke	524	53	165	32%
113 Margaret Parsons	959	168	321	52%	159 Betty Wilson	518	31	62	50%
114 Annette Coombes	959	218.5	490	45%	160 Ed Olson	480	464	1177	39%
115 Steve Richards	955	48	86	56%	161 Jenny Sharpe	478	14	27	52%
116 Gordon Pinchin	932	122	235	52%	162 Elise Joy	476	61	141	43%
117 Mary Farmer	924	60	113	53%	163 Paula Gibbons	471	38.5	100	39%
118 Carolyn Kyle	920	133	270	49%	164 Vera Burner	386	124	453	27%
119 Bev Barker	919	237	503	47%	165 Mary Casse	336	22	56	39%
120 Dorothy Haining	906	310.5	621	50%	166 Merle Spinetto	313	40	98	41%
121 John Sharpe	875	17	28	61%	167 Resie Coenen	304	19	110	17%
122 Jill Johnson	862	79	162	49%	168 Elvira Steel	216	58	341	17%
123 Valma Gidman	855	241.5	486	50%	169 Maureen McBain	162	11	47	23%
124 Janet Willison	841	52	74	70%	170 Jean Craib	77	10	56	18%
125 Jean Clarke	837	117.5	234	50%					
126 Tracy Ivamy	828	18	41	44%					
127 Irene Hague-Smith	816	301	651	46%					
128 Elaine King	816	201	390	52%					
129 Chris Handley	804	54.5	116	47%					
130 Marie Cairns	795	84	156	54%					
131 Rosalind Phillips	794	47	69	68%					
132 Pam Mayall	790	141	274	51%					

Learning words is like painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge — every few years your memory flakes off and you've got to do it all over again!

— John Holgate
Australian Scrabbler

NZ MASTERS FACT FILE

Congratulations to Mt Albert's Howard Warner on winning the 2000 NZ Masters Scrabble Championship at Papatoetoe, Auckland, at Easter. Howard's 3-month holiday in South America prior to the event obviously refreshed him, as he stormed through the 23-game round robin, losing only three games in the process and having a record +2410 spread. Interestingly, the three people who beat Howard all got into the field because of the unavailability of higher-ranked players.

Three wins behind Howard came Jeff Grant, Mike Sigley and David Lloyd, with Peter Sinton fifth on 16 wins. Best performance was Pam Robson's 11th, after being seeded 21st.

The biggest single game score and margin were recorded by Mike Sigley, who beat Peter Jones by 639-289, while the high combined score of 984 was achieved when Jeff Grant beat Liz Fagerlund by 556-428.

Here are some unusual words spotted by adjudicator Pat Grant during the 3-day event:

ALLOWED

FATTRELS	EPISCIA	COACHY	BEDSONIA
AGUELIKE	BOUSIEST	GUTLIKE	ROUTINEER
MILVINE	TINSNIPS	THEORISER	GALOPED
GLUTAEI	FLEAPITS	VISTAING	CANARIED
SLUICIER	MELIK	YTTRIUMS	THERIACS
AUDAD	GRUFFILY	QUONKED	ERBIA

NOT ALLOWED

SOARIER	BERETED	ATANGLE	RETHRONE
FOREGAIN	JURES	OATY	WHEKI
NEWSILY	TEUCHING	PRELINE	ADUKI
DIURENIC	TUNELET	AIDINGS	NAPTIME

MASTERS HISTORY

- The first NZ Masters Championship was held in Tauranga in 1984.
- Six players at that first Masters also played this year — Jeff Grant, Glennis Hale, David Lloyd, Andrew Bradley, Lynne Powell and Glenda Foster.
- Only 18 players competed in the second Masters in 1985. There have been 24 in all the rest.
- 80 players have attended at least one Masters. I wonder what happened to the likes of Terry Darby, Marc Bonthron and Leigh Jenkins?
- Only two people have played in all 17 Masters — Jeff Grant and Glennis Hale.
- Family Masters entrants have been: Husband and wife (Roy and Bernice Vannini, Kevin and Lesley Edgeler, John and Rita Moore), father and son (Gerald and Howard Warner), mother and daughter (Joy Hunter and Sue Marrow, Eileen and Lisa McLean).
- John Foster's research has revealed that the youngest Masters player was Allan Duval (MTA), aged 15 years 299 days on the first day of the 1989 event. Andrew Coombes (HAM) was 16 years 172 days in 1984.
- The oldest Masters player was June Mackwell (MTA), aged 73 years and 295 days on the last day of competition in 1997, just 99 days older than Gerald Warner (ROD) was in 1998.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SCRABBLE

British Scrabble player and Master Practitioner of NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) Margaret Yeadon has written a booklet exploring the neuropsychology of winning. It contains information and exercises whereby you can create your own excellence, allowing you further choices in how to approach your games through preparation and attitude.

The booklet is suitable for all levels of play as you set your own individual goals to get what you want, such as a more relaxed attitude, a stronger and more positive belief in yourself, an improved spelling ability, or to win a greater number of games. The contents include Setting Goals, Resourcefulness, Beliefs, Motivation, Spelling Techniques and Modelling (this includes findings from interviews with top players).

Copies of this booklet can be obtained from Margaret Yeadon, 30 Laurel Terrace, Pudsey LS28 7QJ, England, for £4.50 plus postage.

YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE

At an English Scrabble tournament recently there was a perfect demonstration of the 'Can't Please Everyone' factor. Within the space of five minutes the organiser was approached by two ladies, one asking if the heating could be turned down as she'd stripped down to a tee-shirt and couldn't remove anything else, and the other saying she was cold. The organiser apparently resisted the temptation of turning up the heating to see what happened.

- Mike Sigley has played in all but the first Masters. Between 1985 and 1995 he finished in the top three on every occasion! In 16 Masters he has missed a top three placing only three times.
- Jeff Grant has finished in the top five in every Masters except 1989.
- John Foster has been a top-10 finisher in each of the last 10 Masters.
- In the only South Island Masters so far, held in Dunedin in 1996, Alan Boyd beat Peter Sinton on the last day, allowing Kendall Boyd to take the title. All three players were from Dunedin!
- No woman has won the Masters yet. Glennis Hale and Lynne Butler were runners-up in 1989 and 1997 respectively. It has been suggested that when a woman does eventually win the event it should be renamed 'The Mistresses'!

That Takes the Cake



from *The Word Book*
by Gyles Brandreth

TOUR OF ALL SCRABBLE CLUBS IN NZ

LIZ & STEVE RICHARDS. NELSON SCRABBLE CLUB

Progress Report by Steve Richards

In October 1999 we bought a six-berth campervan and decided to spend six months travelling around New Zealand. In January we left our house, left our jobs and set off, intending to travel south to Stewart Island and back up north to Cape Reinga. Neither of us can remember who thought of visiting every Scrabble club on the way, but the idea became a plan, and the back page of *Forwards* became our route map.

South Island was easy. On January 16 we were made very welcome by Bill, Karyn, Marian and the rest of the thriving Dunedin Club. The AGM was followed by a lively competitive night of Scrabble attended by about 14 players. I was so absorbed I left my coat behind and had to wake up the caretaker to open the club room. We returned to Nelson on 13/14 February for the club tournament, which was a great success with 32 players taking part. At the Christchurch club at Sydenham Community Centre there

were 15 to 18 players on the two club nights we attended. The club has a great way of selecting opponents by the closest scores in the previous game. Thanks to Shirley, Paul and everyone for your hospitality.

After three months of fantastic South Island scenery, from the Catlins to Doubtful Sound, Akaroa to Greymouth and Haast to Ranfurly, we turned up in Dunedin again on April Fool's Day for the club's Open Tournament at the School of Dentistry. Liz came a creditable third in Grade B and won a small electric kettle which we have used in the campervan every day since. Thanks again to Bill and friends for a great weekend.

We crossed the Cook Strait on the Top Cat on 8 April and began the serious task of covering 22 North Island Scrabble clubs in three months. We parked the campervan on the quayside behind Te Papa and played at the Wellington club in Kilbirnie, meeting 8 enthusiastic players.

The next night we struggled up the steep hill to Kelburn to play at the Capital club in St Michael's church. A hardy group of five Scrabbled intensely, oblivious to the background accompaniment of Scottish Highland dancing in the church hall next door. Onwards to Lower Hutt, where Glenyss Buchanan made us really welcome. Despite being



Members of the Hastings Club captured on film during Steve and Liz's visit

beaten by a bonus worth 167 on a triple-triple (THIEVERY) she had the generosity to let us park overnight in her garden. Seven players met at a club member's house, and Glenyss told us her club was the second oldest in New Zealand.

Just before Easter we drove over the Rimutakas to Masterton, where we encountered our first problem. Despite extensive detective work, footslogging and phone calls we could not find any club members at home. Undaunted and feeling rather foolish, we appointed ourselves honorary club members and played Scrabble with each other in a supermarket car park. I think it still counts. Up the coast in Wanganui we hit another problem as we arrived on the Easter weekend, coinciding with the Masters tournament. There was no regular club night but Rosemary Cleary kindly arranged for two loyal members to turn up at the Cosmopolitan Club to play us. Special thanks to Betty and Bruce for a great evening.

There are four clubs in Taranaki and we managed to infiltrate them all in three days. Thank you to Helen Sillis and Lynne Butler for giving us a comprehensive thrashing at the Tuesday New Plymouth club night. With five players we played three-handers, Helen opening against Liz with five bonus words. Helen then took us over to the Waitara club on Wednesday lunchtime at a member's home. Twelve dedicated and competitive Scrabblers (all female) used a

very efficient ladder system to select opponents. We were given no quarter but compensated by some lovely birthday cake. On Thursday morning we played with eight (female) members of the New Plymouth YWCA club, and in the afternoon we dashed over to Stratford where Sharon Clarke and her mum gave us some stiff competition between taking the two dogs for walkies.

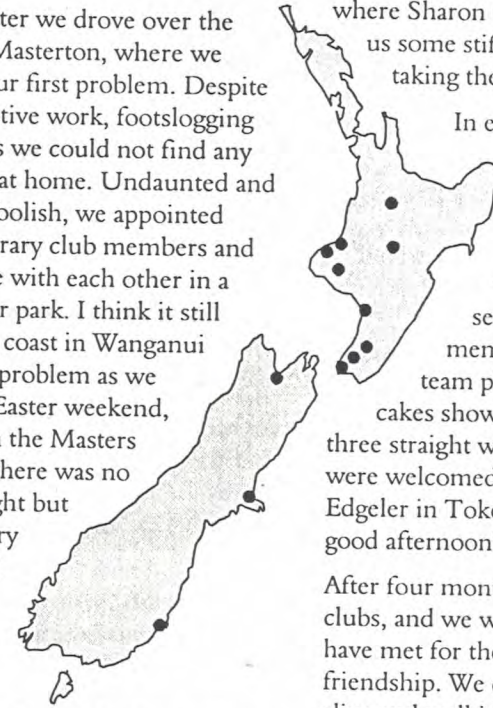
In early May we had a lovely time touring around Ruapehu, Tongariro and Taupo. On 2 May we had a fun evening with Gwen Robb and seven of the Taupo club members at Gwen's house. A team photograph after tea and cakes shows Liz looking smug after three straight wins. Later in the week we were welcomed by Lesley and Kevin Edgeler in Tokoroa and eight of us had a good afternoon's Scrabbling.


After four months we had visited 14 clubs, and we want to thank everyone we have met for their hospitality and friendship. We can report that Scrabble is alive and well in New Zealand, and continues to give pleasure to many people, whatever their standard of play. After we have finished this tour I will report again on what we have learned from our travels.

CRICKET RIDDLE ANSWER

(from p 9)

MATT HORNE. All the other forenames and surnames are allowable Scrabble words.





CLUB NEWS

CHRISTCHURCH NEWSLETTER

by Paul Lister

In March we sent Shirley van Essen ahead to the Hastings tournament to clean up the bonus word prizes and Nigel Richards to Asia to clean up at the Thailand and Malaysia tournaments while the rest of us participated in a home event which we have held periodically to introduce newcomers to tournament conditions. The half-dozen new participants enjoyed themselves and are now better prepared for our upcoming South Island Champs in May and Canterbury Open in September. Kees Hol and Liz Fagerlund made an excellent job of adjudicating and scoring, and the tournament benefited all who took part.

We have had several interesting visitors over the last few months including Jean from Wales, Liz and Steve Richards from Nelson and Roger Blom from Melbourne, all of whom delighted us with their excellent play.

Club Tourney Results

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade				
1 Shirley Hol	6	913	451	14
2 Paul Lister	6	464	435	15
3 Yvonne MacKenzie/Erickson	3	-42	353	9
4 Liz Arlington	3	-242	338	6
5 Margaret Lyall	3	-249	369	7
6 Ray Goodyear	3	-267	332	4
7 Kathleen Mori-Barker	2	-199	375	10
8 Naomi Gilmore	2	-378	352	4
B Grade				
1 Jessie Lewis	5	205	338	0
2 Paula Gibbons	5	127	318	0
3 Stella Hasseldine	4	244	357	6
4 Roslyn Lister	4	1	318	5
5 Betty Wilson	3	-71	327	6

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Betty Sutherland	3	-98	313	2
2 Mary Lewis	2	-130	311	3
3 Bill Tozer	2	-278	281	0
C Grade				
1 Terry Cook	6	291	323	4
2 Colleen Cook	5	495	364	6
3 Judith Bach	5	174	308	0
4 Iris Gardner	4	174	308	1
5 Jean Craib	4	124	306	0
6 Margaret Preston	4	-48	289	2
7 Charles Kiewiet	3	-123	265	2
8 Pat Stefferson	3	-266	285	0
9 Dominic Lister	1	-388	268	3
10 Tania Burfitt	0	-433	229	0

DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER

by Bill Grigg

Sad Story

Ever had one of those months you would rather forget? Stewart Fleming lost at the club with scores of 442, 435 and 428, and drew with 423. We all wanted to play him!

Lucky Marian

Marian Ross and her co-workers at the Otago Dental School recently won second division in the Lotto. Congratulations!

Competition Results

	P	W	Spr	Ave
Round Robin				
1 Peter Sinton	11	9	870	435
2 Bill Grigg	16	10	594	392
3 Carolyn Kyle	12	9	303	386
Ladder				
1 Karyn McDougall	8	8	1328	447
2 Bill Grigg	7	5	436	411
3 Glen Madigan	11	4	-491	337

	P	W	Spr	Ave
Challenge				
1 Peter Sinton	1	1	158	466
2 Karyn McDougall	75	69	9430	452
3 Marian Ross	24	20	1796	412
Dictionary				
1 Marian Ross	1	1	189	463
2 Glen Madigan	4	4	577	428
3 Chris Handley	4	4	551	417

Good Turn Scores

212 (twice)	Stewart Fleming
149	Daisy Madden
134	Carolyn Kyle

Winning Scores

Karyn McDougall has had scores of 653, 640 and 605.

Dunedin Lion Open, April 1-2

Kendall Boyd and Karyn McDougall were first and second in A Grade on both days. Kendall won 13 out of 14 games at the weekend, losing only to Michael Hyndman (CAP). Kerry Dawkins (DUN) lost his last game by two points on day 1 to drop down from first to fourth. However, he had 6 wins on day 2 to take out B grade on spread from clubmate Ruth Groffman. Charles Kiewiet (CHC) did well to win four games in his first tournament on the Saturday. Thanks to the following visitors for coming to our event — Michael Hyndman, Steve and Liz Richards (NEL), and the five Wellington players.

Quiz

Would you challenge ALIENING, BRUCINE or SQUADDY?

NZ Masters

Peter Sinton represented Dunedin at the NZ Masters in Auckland on April 22-24. He had 16 wins out of 23 games, and a spread of 1512, for 5th place. Well done to Howard Warner (MTA) the 2000

champion.

South Island Champs

These were held in Christchurch on May 13-14, and a good contingent of Dunedin players attended. Bill Grigg (DUN) won A grade (still in shock!), from Joan Thomas (HAS). Stewart Fleming (DUN) came first in B grade, while clubmates Carolyn Kyle and Elvira Steel were second in D grade and third in F grade respectively.

Thank you Christchurch for the billets and hospitality.

National Champs

Carolyn Kyle, Elvira Steel and Ruth Groffman made the journey up to Auckland for the Nationals on June 3-4.

Dunedin Tournament

November 18-19
Otago Lion Open Champs
6 per grade
15 games — triple round robin
All invited

Quiz Answer

All three words are correct.

DIABOLICAL

An article, *On Anagrams*, published in *Belgravia* magazine, September 1896, declared that Britain's promising offspring, Tasmania, is much to be commiserated. She is said to have forsaken her old name of Van Diemen's Land as it sounded somewhat diabolical in origin. It is clear, however, that His Infernal Majesty will not lightly yield his dominion, for in TASMANIA we find the startling announcement: "I am Satan".

NOSTALGIA

Fifteen years ago Scrabble was really beginning to take off in New Zealand. Here are some of the things that happened back in 1985:

- A.** The inaugural issue of *Forwards* magazine was produced by our first national champ Sue Marrow.
- B.** The 6th NZ Championships were held in Hamilton, with Mike Sigley winning, Jeff Grant second and Glenyss Buchanan third. Newcomer Lynn Wood cleaned up E grade.
- C.** The 2nd NZ Masters was won by Jeff Grant, with Mike Sigley second and David Lloyd third.
- D.** North Shore Scrabble Club held a tourney to raise funds for Telethon. It was won by Ann Candler, ahead of NZASP president Charlie Curl, with Sue Marrow third.
- E.** Mount Albert players quinellaed the Tokoroa Tournament, with David Pinner first and Charlie Curl second.
- F.** Joyce Bourdot of North Shore had the club record for the highest single turn score — 239 for SQUIFFED on a triple-triple.
- G.** Lynne Powell won the 4th Mt Albert Tournament, half a win clear of Sue Marrow.
- H.** The 3rd Hamilton Tournament was taken out by Glennis Hale, ahead of Jeff Grant and Lynne Powell.
- I.** Glennis also won the 1st Pakuranga Tournament, with May Quigley second. A character called Blue Wairoa was 6th.
- J.** David Blumhardt scored an incredible 708 in a friendly game with Sue Marrow, who got 366. David's huge score was boosted by 284 points for SEIZURES on a triple-triple.
- K.** The 1st Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival was organised by David and Dorothy Pinner. There were 58 players, including 20 from Australia. Jeff Grant won the A grade ahead of Marie Knight, and NZ beat Australia 33-24 in the first ever Scrabble 'test match'. Mike Sigley (aka Mikuli Siguli) won the handicap knockout with a final game score of 664.
- L.** Tauranga retained the NZ Challenge Shield beating Mt Maunganui 16-9.
- M.** The new 3-letter word 'pre' was added to the official list.

EARLY REJECTION FOR SCRABBLE

At a celebration of the game's 50th anniversary held in New York 1998, Scrabble memorabilia lent by the family of Alfred Butts (inventor of Scrabble) was on display. Included were original pages from the New York Times which Alfred used to work out letter frequencies, and blueprints for the game in various stages.

Perhaps the most amusing exhibits were a pair of rejection letters from the 1930s saying something like, "Thanks for your cute game idea, Mr Butts. While we think there may be some attraction here for word-lovers, we don't feel there is enough for mass appeal". How wrong can you be?



INTERNATIONAL



AUSTRALIA

The **Ballarat Tournament** in Victoria on February 6 was dominated by Naween Fernando (Sri Lanka) who is currently at university in Australia. Naween won all 6 games, with an average score of 494, top score of 651, and average spread of +206. Saheed Jimoh (Nigeria) was second with 5 wins, and Barbara Berlin third with 4 wins.

The **Wollongong Tournament** on February 19 featured many top players in the field of 80. The 'A' Grade was very close with four players winning 6 games from 8. John Barker won the event on +358, just ahead of Bob Jackman (+298), with Peter Shaw third and Graeme Lock Lee fourth.

Michael Vnuk swept all before him at Queensland's **Redland Bay Club** event on March 18. He won all 6 games at an average score of 468 and had a margin of +882, scoring 17 bonus words and conceding only 2. Trish Brighton took second place on 5 wins, Gerry Reynolds was third, heading a bunch with 4 wins, while Yvonne Doughty had the highest single turn with THUNDERY for 185 points.

The **Prahran Tournament** was held in Nunawading (now there's a name to conjure with) on March 19. It was David Lloyd's first tourney in Australia and he did very well to finish third in the top grade with 5 wins from 6 games (+352), just behind runner-up Naween Fernando (5 wins, +374) and winner Trevor Halsall (5 wins, +589). Trevor's last game against

Naween clinched his victory — he got 176 for RAFFLERS on a triple-triple leading to a tournament high game score of 581.

The 2000 **Australian National Championships** were held in Brisbane at Easter. Paul Cleary retained the title he won last year and in 1997, heading off Nigerian Saheed Jimoh by 452-266 in the crucial final game. Evergreen John Holgate was third, on countback from Bob Jackman and Anne Drew. New Zealand's Gerald Warner had 8 wins (-454), finishing in 65th place. Here are the top 10 after the 21-round event.

	Wins	Spread
1 Paul Cleary	16	1505
2 Saheed Jimoh	15.5	499
3 John Holgate	15	1512
4 Bob Jackman	15	688
5 Anne Drew	15	399
6 Alistair Kane	14	729
7 Joan Rosenthal	14	607
8 Trevor Halsall	13	829
9 Rod Talbot	13	643
10 Derek McKenzie	13	345

David Lloyd continued his impressive form since moving to Melbourne with a narrow win in the **Dandenong** tournament on May 21. David finished with five wins, beating Saheed Jimoh on countback by only 8 points! Lindsay Van Niekerk was third and Barbara Berlin fourth. Other positions of interest were Steve Sunter (6th), Carmel Dodd (14th), Roger Blom (18th), Cecilia Ruto (19th) and Geoff Wright (21st).

 **BAHRAIN**

Ricky Gonzalez of Saudi Arabia took top honours at the **Eid Al Adha Invitational Tournament** at the Filipino Club, Zinj, on March 17. Ricky headed off Chris Abordo and visiting United Arab Emirates player Selwyn Lobo in the 20-player 7-round event.

 **FRANCE**

Frenchman Eric Papal won the huge **Aix Les Bains** tournament where 891 players took part. Playing 5 games of Duplicate Scrabble, Eric scored 4580 points out of a possible 4602.

 **OMAN**

Current top-ranked Oman player Ralph Lobo is the 2000 **Oman National Scrabble** champion. In a tense 7-round battle, Ralph just edged out Sanath Hemachandra.

 **SINGAPORE**

The 7th **Kenneth Chen Cup** event in December last year featured 60 players in two grades. The Masters section was won by Singapore champ Tony Sim who won 12 games out of 16, beating Azmil Aziz on spread.

Nigel Richards (CHC) won the annual **Hong Kah East CC Tournament** held on March 25-26. The event featured 28 players from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia (plus Nigel). After 12 rounds, Nigel and Malaysian World Champs rep A Ganesh were clear of the pack and ended up playing each other 4 times in a row in the final King of the Hill section. They both finished with 13 wins, but Nigel's usual huge spread (+1674) was

well ahead of Ganesh's (+601). Singapore regained the Challenge Shield from 1999 holders Malaysia.

Unfortunately, the **2nd Channel NewsAsia World Scrabble Masters** tournament has been cancelled. Organiser Michael Tang says that the TV station "decided not to hold the event this year due to their tight schedules and resources devoted to the regionalisation of the channel." Many top world players were planning to attend this tournament, and Michael offered his apologies to those who had already begun to make travel arrangements.

 **TRINIDAD**

The 14-round **National Open** in November was won by 1995 World Champs rep Rodney Romany ahead of Brian Yates and Leslie Charles.

 **UGANDA**

The Ugandan Scrabble Association have announced the results of their first ever tournament. The winner was a Mr Abubaker who "walked away (literally no doubt) with a he-goat donated by Association chairman Mr Musoke".

 **UNITED KINGDOM**

The 2000 **National Scrabble Championship** will be held on August 19-20 as part of this year's Mind Sports Olympiad at the grand setting of Alexandra Palace in North London. The decision to have the National Champion selected from the double dictionary (SOWPODS) division and not purely

from OSW play is sure to arouse some debate. As in previous years, a place at the next World Champs is up for grabs. This event is open to anyone in the world to enter, but the place will go to the highest UK competitor.

The newly-formed Zetland Scrabble Club in the **Shetland Islands** becomes UK's last club alphabetically, and the most northerly by a considerable distance.

In **Scotland**, the 'friendly' match between **Edinburgh** and **Glasgow** was a close encounter with the former running out winners by 34 games to 30. Ian Harley became **Scottish Masters** champion recently for the second time, ahead of Amy Byrne and Paul Allan.

The annual **Swindon Tournament** continues to break all records. On March 5 a huge field of 166 players gathered for this year's event, which was won by World Champs rep Brett Smitheram.

The **Durham Tournament** was held on April 1-2, with 82 players attending. The top section was won by Helen Grayson on countback from David Acton, with Nicholas Ball third and Terry Kirk fourth.

The **Easter Matchplay** event on April 21-24 had 93 entries. The A Division was very close, with Terry Kirk two games clear of the pack on Sunday night, but losing his last three games to allow Allan Simmons to sneak through for the title. Gareth Williams actually finished second, Terry third, Andrew Davis fourth and Brett Smitheram fifth in this high-class field.

Here are the top-10 players on the **British Ratings List** as at June 6:

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Brett Smitheram | 5= | Allan Simmons |
| 2 | Mark Nyman | 7= | David Acton |
| 3= | Phil Appleby | 7= | Andrew Davis |
| 3= | David Webb | 7= | Gareth Williams |
| 5= | Andrew Fisher | 10 | Clive Spate |

 **UNITED STATES**

The **Reno Championship** on January 13-17 drew 142 players, including three World Champs reps. In the top division, ageless Lester Schonbrun took top honours with 14 wins (+1024) out of 19 games, ahead of Denis Kaiser on 13 wins (+1099) and Ira Cohen (13 wins, +1043).

In **Atlantic City** on January 21-23 Rich Baker topped the field of 190 with 10 wins from 12 games. Matt Laufer was second with 9 wins (+506) and Matt Graham, runner-up in the 1997 World Champs, was third, and also had the tournament high game score of 681.

Ira Cohen prevailed over a strong field at the **Phoenix Tournament** on February 19-21, winning 13 out of 19 games (+716), just ahead of Steve Pellinen (13 wins, +664), who won 8 of his last 9 games.

The 6th annual **Eastern Championship** in Danbury on February 18-21 attracted 130 players. The top division was very close, but ex-American champ Rita Norr hung on to win the event for a second time with 15 wins (+680), just clear of another former national champ Robert Felt, also on 15 wins (+605). In third place was 1997 world champ Joel Sherman, with Matt Graham fourth.

The annual **Waltham Tournament** in Massachusetts on March 31-April 2 had nearly 200 players competing in four



divisions (Premier, Expert, Intermediate, Novice). The top grade was won for the second year in a row by hometown player Jere Mead with 10 wins out of 13 games. Current American champ Brian Cappelletto was second with 9 wins, followed by Lisa Odom, Joe Edley, Jim Kramer and Joel Sherman. The event featured 14 of the top-20 rated players.

VENEZUELA

The third World Spanish Speaking Scrabble Championship in November featured 32 players from 14 countries — Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay and the hosts Venezuela.

After 7 games of high-score Scrabble, the two top qualifiers faced off, with Amanda Gauna of Argentina blitzing her opponent 1997 champ Joan Manchado of Spain in the best of three game final. Amanda thus becomes the first female world Scrabble champion.

	SCOWS	SHAW	PSHAW
SCUD	SCUDI		SHAWL
	SCUDO		SHAWM
	SCUDS		SHAWN
SCUG	SCUGS		SHAWS
SCUL	SCULK	SHAY	SHAYA
	SCULL		SHAYS
	SCULP	SHEA	SHEAF

BLAMEFUL	DOUBTFUL
BUSSFUL	DREADFUL
BLISHFUL	DREAMFUL
BOASTFUL	EVENTFUL
CHARMFUL	FAITHFUL
CHEEKFUL	FANCIFUL

SCRABBLE PLAYER'S STUDY GUIDE

Debbe Hossy of Zimbabwe has compiled a comprehensive set of word lists for Scrabble study. It includes words from the latest *Chambers Dictionary* as well as the *Official Scrabble Players Dictionary*. It comprises 448 A4 pages set in a readable font, bound in a soft cover, and costs \$US30 plus postage. The following lists are included:

- All 2, 3 and 4 letter words
- J, Q, X, Z, K, Y, V words
- Duplicate vowels and consonants
- Common (and not so common) six letter sets plus one and two letters
- Bonus word endings
- Bonus words without an E
- Vowel and consonant heavy words
- All the hooks — 2 to 7 letters
- Handy bonus anagram lookup

See below and left for an idea of what the lists look like.

Details on how to order are available at the following website:

<http://www.scrabblestudyguide.homestead.com>

You can also send an email to Debbe at debbe@mweb.co.za.

HEXEREI	LAXNESS	MONAXON
HEXINGS	LEXEMES	MUREXES
HEXONES	LEXEMIC	MYXOMAS
HEXOSAN	LEXICAL	NARTHEX
HEXOSSES	LEXICON	NEXUSES
HOAXERS	LEXISES	NOXIOUS
HOAXING	LIXVIA	ORATRIX
HOMOSEX	LOCKBOX	OUTJINX

EX ecutive ertions

by Glennis Hale
NZASP President

So close after the 21st Nationals, there is not a lot to report, as we are now in relaxation mode for a few weeks.

Thanks to all those people out there who helped make our 2000 National tournament so successful.

Congratulations to all the winners. I would like to publicly thank Pam Robson for doing such a wonderful job with the prizes, Glenda Foster for her computer scoring preparation, Ed Olson for his work with the scoring, Pat Grant for her excellent adjudication, Sheryl Davidson for organising the banner, the committee members for their help and support and last, but my no means least, the players who presented me with an exquisite yucca plant and planter pot. What an end to a memorable weekend!

It was good to see Howard's interview on



"Well if you hadn't lost our Scrabble Players Dictionary we'd know how many vowels are in 'coconut'."

submitted by Bill Webster,
Arizona, US

the Saturday morning of the championships entice a few members of the public along to observe the goings-on, even though the Auckland weather was far from kind to us! One joined the NZASP on the day and two others purchased a dictionary and vowed to go along to the Pakuranga club. It's great to see some promising new players on the scene. We need more of this publicity, don't we?

The Trans-Tasman qualifiers have been announced. We will have a great team and we wish them all the very best with their preparation for the November Challenge in Melbourne.

We farewell David from the committee and welcome Sheryl as the new vice-president. Thanks, David and I'm sure Sheryl will enjoy her new challenge. Next year's Nationals have been confirmed for Christchurch — start saving now — and the Masters will be held in Hastings.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming tournaments. Let's continue to support our clubs and make Scrabble in New Zealand the best we possibly can.

Good luck, good health and happy Scrabbling to everyone.

LOSTHUGS

The above was spotted on the wall of an Auckland bus shelter recently. It is rare to see word-play of this quality in modern 'tagging'. One wonders if LOS THUGS feel the need to express themselves in this way because of LOST HUGS when they were younger.

MY BEST SOLO GAME

by Blue Thorogood

On Easter Saturday I enjoyed the most interesting game of solo Scrabble that I have ever had. As in all my solo games the racks are not replenished until it's the designated player's turn. I've added my own thoughts and commentary, also an

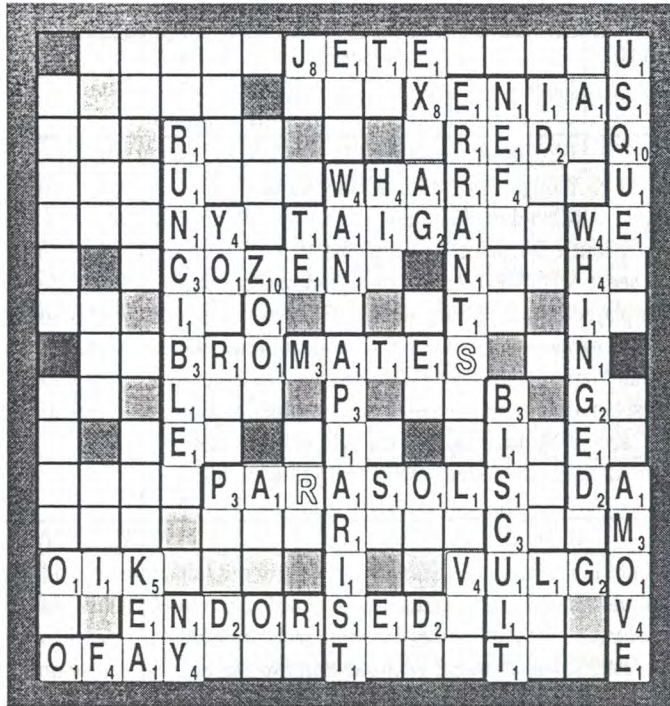
analysis of the plays. There are sure to be different moves that could have been made, but this is the way this game turned out. It wasn't until I was part way through that I decided to record it. Anyway, here's what happened.

Turn	Player 1				Player 2			
	Rack	Move	Turn Score	Total Score	Rack	Move	Turn Score	Total Score
1	ABEMORT	BROMATE	78	78	FIINOUS	ZOO	32	32
	Simple enough.				Not much to do here. Not a good leave—			
2	AIIPRST	APIARIST	83	161	FIINUU	Ch 5	0	32
	See PARITIES first, then PIARIST/BROMATES. Settle for APIARIST.				Pay the price for bad rack management. Have to swap. No decent score available. Way behind. Should swap the lot. Don't.			
3	AENRRT?	ERRANTS	73	234	CEILNRU	RUNCIBLE	74	106
	What nice letters. Can play NARRATES for 78. Opt for ERRANTS/BROMATES. 5 points less but it opens up the board and exposes the triple letter next to the E. Could play RANTERS to set up a T-hook. Just a personal choice. Plus I already enjoy a 200 point lead.				Nice enough letters. Can't think of a bingo. Out with the dictionary. Find CERULEIN, LINCTURE, CULVERIN. Can play the first two but don't score well enough. Look further, find RUNCIBLE.			
4	ALOPSS?	PARASOLS	86	320	ABCINUX	XENIA	56	162
	See PARASOLS almost immediately through a double/double. Do not look any further. What a start. 4 bingos.				See XENIA first, think about XENIC, but go for the former to keep the board open. Two places for triple word scores. I'm way			
5	DDEENOR	ENDORSED	66	386	BCEQSUU	USQUE	58	220
	See ENDORSED. Fifth bingo in a row. First time ever. Try to find other plays. Nothing compares.				Gee, Player 1's drawn good tiles. I'm not giving up yet. If only that C had been an R, I'd be back in the game. Scan the board, they're all gone. Think of playing CUBE for 33, keeping SUQ. Need something better. Think of USQUE. Does the job. Scores well plus I've got the only B to extend it if I pick up AE. Still keeps the board open. Need			

Turn	Player 1				Player 2			
	Rack	Move	Turn Score	Total Score	Rack	Move	Turn Score	Total Score
6	DEGHINW	WHINGED	80	466	ABCIITU	BISCUIT	24	244
	First thought. Hell, close to another one. Have my -ING at the end of the rack. Only an R really to go through. WHERDING. Not likely! After a little while I see it. WHINGED. And I can get it down too. Lucky he played USQUE. Scores really well. I better annotate this game. Not very hard. Only have to remember what Player 2's tiles were. Six in a row. I've never had six in a game before, either solo, competitively or socially. A dream game. It's definitely the most amazing (and luckiest) start that I've had in a game				Well hasn't Player 1 been extremely lucky. Six in a row. Mind you they were all easy plays. I'm sure I could have found them. And he's stuffed up my extension play. Curse him! As a contest this game is definitely over. Can forget about winning. Just have to score well to the end. No play for CUBIT. Play BISCUIT for turnover.			
7	AEFIOTY	OFAY	53	519	AEHOMNV	AMOVE	42	286
	Could I possibly get 7 in a row? Luck's run out. Never mind. I'll try for balanced racks if I can and aim for 7 in a game. Still a few tiles left. Nice score for OFAY/EA/NY. Good leave EIT and an R in two places.				He's still scoring over the top. And a four letter play too. Play AMOVE/DA. Could take out the other triple word rank. Fairly lost cause now. Maybe he won't be able to use			
8	EEIIJT	JETE	42	561	EGHLNVW	VULGO	18	304
	Only one play I can see. JETE/EX.				He's still scoring heavily and look what I've got. Play VULGO. Keep my only vowel. Don't			
9	ADEIIOK	OIK	28	589	AEFHLNW	WHARF	36	340
	Only four tiles left. Play OIK/KEA. Although there were superior scoring plays like KAI (35) and KAID (44) the leaves weren't as bingo-conducive through one of the available R's as the IDEA I had in mind to snare an elusive seventh bingo. I doubt this opportunity would come my way again. Fishing?				Play WHARF. Just going for points now.			
10	ADEGIOY	YO	34	623	LENT	TE	17	357
	Wasn't to be. Never mind. Had an awesome run. Just score well till the end. YO/NY/COZ.				Ditto. Just score points. TE/COZE.			
11	ADEGI	RED	20	643	LN	COZEN	16	373
	Play RED/NEF/ID. GAIR outplay.				Play COZEN.			
12	AGI	TAIGA	20	663				
	L takeoff +2 665							
Initially GAIR was going to be the out play. I know Player 2's play looks collusive but it was unintentional. Play TAIGA/WAN/HI/AG. An excellent way to end an excellent game.								

Obviously there would have been an opportunity for Player 1 to get a seventh bingo with the tiles that were left in the endgame, but the luck ran out. Player 2 could've also played out earlier and made different moves, but then I wouldn't have bothered to annotate the game. I didn't analyse the endgame to find the different ifs, buts and maybes either. I suppose it would have been asking too much to score one more point to coincide with six bingos to make it a devil of a game. I remember a formidable opponent who racked up that beastly score against me in a tournament once. Guess who? [Guilty. — Ed.]

This game has been a one-off. I don't play much at all. Seeing the TV news item on Good Friday and thinking about the Masters may have inspired me to pull out



the Scrabble board.

[The Scrabble scene hasn't been the same without Blue. Let's hope that he feels similarly inspired to make a comeback one day. — Ed.]



My opponent says his name is Noah Webster!

-submitted by Bill Webster, Arizona, US

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 ☆ A word is not a crystal, ☆
 ☆ transparent and unchanged; ☆
 ☆ it is the skin of a living ☆
 ☆ thought and may vary greatly ☆
 ☆ in colour and content accord- ☆
 ☆ ing to the circumstances and ☆
 ☆ time in which it is used. ☆
 ☆ —Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. ☆
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QUAQUAVERSALLY SPEAKING

The following report was received prior to a mining forum held in Putaruru recently. All capitalised words beginning with QUA- are allowed in Scrabble.

The QUADRENNIAL (4-yearly) meeting of this international QUANGO was held in the third QUADRANT of a large QUADPLEX (4-unit building) surrounded by QUANDANG/QUANDONG/QUANTONG and QUASSIA trees, as well as beds of QUAMASH lilies with QUADRIFID (cleft in four) white flowers.

The QUADRUMVIRATE (4-man board) arrived by steel and chrome QUADRIGA (chariot) at the QUADRIVIUM (cross-roads), flashing their QUADRANS (money) and forcing the local QUADROONS (quarter-castes) to huddle QUAKINGLY in their QUASI colonial doorways.

The chairman, Professor Quartermain Quatt, made the

following cryptic statement:

"We are not QUAYD (daunted) by the QUAGMIRY (boggy) terrain or the QUAYAGE (wharf charges). The QUARRYMASTER advises me that his QUANTOMETER (metal analyser) records a QUARTERN (quarter) of QUARTZY deposit following QUARTATION (gold-silver mix), which we can QUANTIFY and QUANTIZE accordingly."

After the meeting, delegates dined on QUAGGA (wild ass) steaks, steamed QUAHOGS/QUAHAUGS (clams), QUARK cheese and QUAREN DEN apples, while they QUAFFED their QUASS (Russian beer) and QUAALUDES (sedatives) from QUAICHS/QUAIGHS (shallow cups).

QUAERITUR (the question is asked): Has there ever been such a QUALMY (sickly), QUARRELOUS (argumentative) bunch of QUACKSALVING, QUATCH-buttock QUASHEES/QUASHIES (silly flat-bottomed charlatans)?

Kiwi Tournament

Please note that this year's Kiwi Tournament in Hamilton will be held on Saturday December 2, not November 25 as previously advertised.

HAVE YOU TRIED ...?

The Q-Files, quarterly newsletter of ASPA Queensland, mentions a newspaper report on the Florida Association for Nude Recreation running a nude Scrabble tournament. Did they use French letters and have booby prizes?



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DUNEDIN LION OPEN TOURNAMENT SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Kendall Boyd	DUN	7	1248	17	
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	317	9	
3 Stewart Fleming	DUN	5	102	7	
4 Michael Hyndman	CAP	3	-76	7	
5 Marian Ross	DUN	3	-230	3	
6 Glen Madigan	DUN	2	-406	5	
7 Malcolm Graham	CHC	2	-442	8	
8 Yvonne Erickson	CHC	1	-513	7	
Grade B					
1 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	305	3	
2 Chris Handley	DUN	5	558	5	
3 Liz Richards	NEL	5	341	7	
4 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	5	316	0	
5 Steve Richards	NEL	5	249	4	
6 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	4	-22	0	
7 Elvira Steel	DUN	2	-317	0	
8 Paula Gibbons	CHC	1	-293	2	
9 Trevor Rowell	DUN	1	-558	1	
10 Jean Craib	CHC	1	-579	0	

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Kendall Boyd	DUN	6	759	15	
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	187	9	
3 Michael Hyndman	CAP	4	32	8	
4 Yvonne Erickson	CHC	4	-128	8	
5 Stewart Fleming	DUN	3	8	10	
6 Marian Ross	DUN	3	-41	7	
7 Glen Madigan	DUN	2	-341	5	
8 Malcolm Graham	CHC	1	-470	5	
Grade B					
1 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	6	517	7	
2 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	298	4	
3 Liz Richards	NEL	5	404	6	
4 Steve Richards	NEL	4	535	6	
5 Chris Handley	DUN	4	148	6	
6 Trevor Rowell	DUN	4	-266	5	
7 Paula Gibbons	CHC	3	-171	2	
8 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	2	-370	0	
9 Jean Craib	CHC	1	-530	1	
10 Elvira Steel	DUN	0	-565	1	

NORTH SHORE BAYS SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2000

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 John Foster	NSB	5	247	410	12
2 Peter Jones	MTA	4	343	422	13
3 Glennis Hale	IND	4	292	419	15
4 Lynne Powell	NSB	4	-48	390	9
5 Andrew Bradley	MTA	3	13	403	11
6 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	-245	360	8
7 Anna Geange	MTA	3	-251	361	8
8 Lisa McLean	IND	2	-351	369	7
Grade B					
1 Helen Sillis	NPL	6	405	402	11
2 Fae Olson	STR	5	176	403	13
3 Chris Hooks	IND	4	13	376	8
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	0	381	7
5 Jane Walton	HAM	3	-127	382	8
6 Eileen McLean	IND	2	-79	385	11
7 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	-166	359	5
8 Pam Robson	HAM	2	-222	367	10
Grade C					
1 June Mackwell	MTA	7	410	393	9
2 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5.5	129	377	6
3 Maureen Holliday	ROD	5	570	415	11
4 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	48	364	5
5 Glenda Gear	IND	2	-196	361	9
6 Joy Hunter	NSB	2	-332	345	6
7 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	1.5	-303	343	3
8 Joan Thomas	HAS	1	-326	347	7
Grade D					
1 Ann Candler	NSB	5	408	434	11
2 Marj Baillie	KIW	5	57	386	6
3 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	23	410	13
4 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	43	397	10
5 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	4	12	388	8
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	-163	370	10
7 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	2	-292	381	8
8 Correne James	IND	1	-88	366	7
Grade E					
1 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	7	497	428	10
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	120	392	9
3 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4	393	418	10
4 David Gunn	IND	3	118	389	12
5 Sue Walker	MTA	3	-66	377	10
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	-320	344	6
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	-5	383	9
8 Liz Catchpole	MTA	1	-737	320	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade F					
1 Pam Barlow	PAK	5	476	400	10
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	147	359	7
3 Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	136	382	6
4 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	-62	357	5
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-132	345	5
6 Joan Pratt	ROD	2	-100	337	5
7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	2	-175	350	5
8 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	2	-290	352	7
Grade G					
1 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	296	361	5
2 Susan Olson	STR	4	202	379	10
3 Jill Johnson	PHC	4	165	377	5
4 May Meads	PHC	4	1	348	8
5 John Sharpe	NSB	4	-198	331	4
6 Elaine King	MTA	3	-330	339	3
7 Pam Mayall	KIW	2	35	361	4
8 Margaret Hanson	PHC	2	-171	350	3
Grade H					
1 Kate Wignall	NSB	7	584	395	4
2 George Laing	MTA	6	677	376	9
3 Alice Hayward	PAK	6	189	344	3
4 Dave Harper	NSB	4	54	348	4
5 Jillian Greening	KIW	4	35	331	4
6 Lyres Freeth	ROD	4	-24	333	3
7 Jenny Sharpe	NSB	3	-151	329	3
8 Elise Joy	PHC	2	82	341	7
9 Rob Van Slyke	ROD	2	-90	313	2
10 Merle Spinetto	ROD	2	-213	314	1
11 Mary Casse	ROD	2	-376	300	4
12 June McConnell	MTA	0	-767	277	1



Howard Warner
2000 NZ Masters Champion

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Pam Robson	HAM	12	-328	385	42
12 Fae Olson	STR	11	197	400	32
13 Eileen McLean	IND	10	16	377	24
14 Lisa McLean	IND	10	-184	390	32
15 Valerie Mills	PAK	10	-565	373	21
16 Peter Jones	MTA	10	-926	378	34
17 Steven Brown	HAM	9	168	394	48
18 Denise Gordon	WAN	9	-115	402	45
19 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	9	-342	385	27
20 Lynne Powell	NSB	9	-716	385	35
21 Anna Geange	MTA	7	-1242	359	26
22 Puti Rowe	STR	6	-1733	355	17
23 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	-1415	351	26
24 Chris Hooks	IND	4	-2699	323	19



NZ MASTERS TOURNAMENT 22-24 APRIL

24 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Howard Warner	MTA	20	2410	460	46
2 Jeff Grant	HAS	17	1594	439	42
3 Mike Sigley	WAN	17	1495	450	53
4 David Lloyd	MTA	17	903	400	39
5 Peter Sinton	DUN	16	1512	427	38
6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	15	78	393	31
7 Glennis Hale	IND	14	961	411	40
8 Andrew Bradley	MTA	14	296	406	35
9 Glenda Foster	CAP	13	230	397	27
10 John Foster	NSB	12	405	394	32

NEW PLYMOUTH TOURNAMENT SATURDAY 6 MAY 2000

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	526	435	11
2 Fae Olson	STR	5	461	403	9
3 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	135	377	9
4 Anna Geange	MTA	3	-38	389	10
5 Peter Jones	MTA	3	-116	378	11
6 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	3	-231	361	7
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	2	-49	369	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W						
8 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	2	-688	323	4	5 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	113	417	13						
Grade B						6 Reeva Pearson	STR	3	-301	368	10						
1 Maureen Holliday	ROD	5	344	412	11	7 Maureen Holliday	ROD	2	-66	399	10						
2 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	324	433	14	8 Janice Cherry	PAK	2	-126	392	12						
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	317	412	7	Grade C											
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	161	390	11	1 Roto Mitchell	WAG	6	500	410	9						
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	-77	380	12	2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	376	407	7						
6 Leila Thomson	LOH	2	-238	379	10	3 David Gunn	WKT	5	255	395	14						
7 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	2	-271	352	7	4 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-10	387	8						
8 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	2	-560	354	4	5 Martha Morgan	NPL	2	-96	363	4						
Grade C						6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-108	379	4						
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	7	417	404	9	7 Susan Olson	STR	2	-321	345	7						
2 Susan Olson	STR	5	128	359	5	8 Alan Jamieson	NPL	2	-596	328	6						
3 Martha Morgan	NPL	5	115	396	7	Grade D											
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	32	351	4	1 Joan Pratt	ROD	6	586	398	8						
5 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	71	375	5	2 Janet Willison	NPY	5	328	360	2						
6 Alan Jamieson	NPL	2	-383	348	5	3 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	4	244	348	6						
7 David Gunn	WKT	1	-118	350	7	4 Jean Clarke	STR	4	-94	327	2						
8 Joan Pratt	ROD	1	-262	348	7	5 Margaret Ham	WTA	4	-109	332	1						
Grade D						6 Sheila Reed	CAP	2	-199	319	2						
1 Janet Willison	NPY	5	287	370	4	7 June Whitehead	NPL	2	-516	275	0						
2 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	5	221	343	7	8 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	1	-240	329	2						
3 Doreen Rowlands	NPL	4	225	334	4	Grade E											
4 Sheila Reed	CAP	4	220	339	6	1 Ken Morgan	NPL	6	313	348	4						
5 Margaret Ham	WTA	4	-5	326	3	2 Jean Walsh	WAN	5	439	379	8						
6 June Whitehead	NPL	3	-129	306	2	3 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	4	-159	309	0						
7 Vera Burner	WAN	2	-461	278	0	4 Vera Burner	WAN	3	-13	311	1						
8 Alan Medhurst	NPL	1	-358	277	1	5 Alan Medhurst	NPL	2	-179	278	1						
Grade E						6 Gill Medhurst	NPL	1	-401	285	2						
1 Evelyn Hunt	WTA	7	738	380	5												
2 Thelma Smith	NPL	3	5	314	4												
3 Esther Sofie	WTA	3	-85	281	1												
4 Daphne Hick	NPL	3	-192	312	2												
5 Gill Medhurst	NPL	3	-380	281	2												
6 Yvonne Brown	NPL	2	-86	316	1												

STRATFORD CLUB TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 7 MAY 2000

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	288	421	12
2 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	4	337	419	13
3 Fae Olson	STR	4	222	422	13
4 Anna Geange	MTA	4	18	378	7
5 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	4	-74	395	10
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	5	390	10
7 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	3	-172	381	7
8 Peter Jones	MTA	1	-624	336	6
Grade B					
1 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	5	178	403	8
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	176	402	9
3 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	4	123	413	10
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	-97	373	9

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS 7-8 MAY 2000

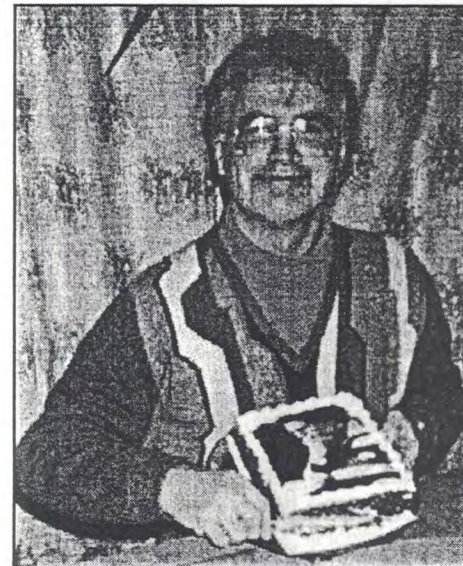
15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Bill Grigg	DUN	10	218	392	25
2 Joan Thomas	HAST	9	183	383	20
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	8.5	242	396	21
4 Karyn McDougall	DUN	7	143	385	18
5 Ann Hough	NEL	6	-632	363	16
6 Karen Rodgers	IND	4.5	-154	382	10
Grade B					
1 Stewart Fleming	DUN	9	97	394	24
2 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	73	371	17
3 Murray Rogers	NEL	8	-105	367	12
4 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	176	393	21
5 Andrew Denmead	NEL	7	-274	385	18
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	6	33	384	21
Grade C					
1 Shirley van Essen	CHC	13	1469	430	24
2 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	11	345	387	22
3 Malcolm Graham	CHC	8	26	368	16
4 Naomi Gilmore	CHC	6	-33	356	4

NZ NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 3RD AND 4TH JUNE 2000

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	1002	26	431
2 Kendall Boyd	DUN	11	813	25	422
3 Howard Warner	MTA	11	664	27	433
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	10	901	24	411
5 David Lloyd	IND	9	551	25	412
6 John Foster	NSB	9	288	18	380
7 Steven Brown	HAM	9	161	33	413
8 Glenda Foster	CAP	9	-96	20	400
9 Lynne Powell	NSB	8	-292	23	394
10 Valerie Mills	PAK	7	-483	16	388
11 Andrew Bradley	MTA	6	-24	21	400
12 Pam Robson	HAM	6	-550	24	372
13 Glynis Jennings	MTA	4	-410	21	385
14 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	-893	17	362
15 Lisa McLean	IND	3	-735	16	352
16 Fae Olson	STR	3	-897	23	373
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	12	807	15	396
2 Allie Quinn	NSB	12	531	23	401
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	10	144	19	394
4 Peter Jones	MTA	9	479	19	405
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	9	211	17	383
6 Anna Geange	MTA	8	138	16	397
7 Marianne Bentley	TGA	8	118	22	399
8 Joan Thomas	HAS	8	-96	20	389
9 Helen Sillis	NPL	8	-132	15	373
10 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	8	-293	19	397
11 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	-16	17	380
12 Jane Walton	HAM	7	-565	19	371
13 Eileen McLean	IND	6	-229	17	373
14 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	-333	19	383
15 Margaret Bundock	ROD	4	-764	13	360
Grade C					
1 Gerald Warner	ROD	13	1034	15	427
2 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	12	755	26	427
3 Max Aston	LOH	9	237	16	389
4 Lorraine van Veen	IND	8	352	15	386
5 Ann Candler	NSB	8	156	18	404
6 Roger Coates	HAM	8	-23	18	382
7 Reeva Pearson	STR	8	-265	29	389
8 Ann Hough	NEL	7	370	22	406
9 Correne James	IND	7	100	17	385
10 Glenda Geard	IND	7	-152	19	386
11 Kim Graham	KIW	7	-250	20	391
12 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	6	-335	16	383
13 Maureen Holliday	ROD	6	-355	19	377
14 Sandra Stacey	WEL	6	-501	17	361
15 Janice Cherry	PAK	5	-204	23	388
16 Yvette Hewlett	IND	3	-919	22	374



Bill Grigg (DUN)
*The smile and the cake are due to
winning the SI Champs*

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Yvonne MacK/Erickson	CHC	4	-1288	331	16
6 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	3	-519	358	14
Grade D					
1 Ray Goodyear	CHC	12	855	377	12
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	10	859	399	23
3 Brian Horsley	CHC	9	189	370	15
4 Chris Handley	DUN	7	-502	338	9
5 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	5	-471	341	9
6 Ruth Groffman	DUN	2	-930	346	6
Grade E					
1 Roslyn Lister	CHC	10	252	316	5
2 Paula Gibbons	CHC	8.5	25	311	2
3 Dorothy Latta	IND	8	-11	329	8
4 Betty Sutherland	CHC	7.5	-23	317	4
5 Mary Lewis	CHC	7	38	321	1
6 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	4	-281	302	1
Grade F					
1 Betty Wilson	CHC	13	941	333	4
2 Iris Gardner	CHC	11	280	314	1
3 Elvira Steel	DUN	6	15	310	1
4 Dominic Lister	CHC	5	-230	296	10
5 Jean Craib	CHC	5	-490	295	1
6 Wendy McLlwick	CHC	5	-516	283	3



New Life Member Jeff Grant cutting the 21st birthday cake at the Nationals

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
Grade D					
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	11.5	883	25	424
2 Shirley Hol	CHC	10	519	17	396
3 Andrew Denmead	NEL	10	80	21	373
4 Shirley Martin	HAM	9	81	17	379
5 Sue Walker	MTA	9	-213	20	377
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	316	16	372
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	313	15	390
8 Delcie Macbeth	IND	8	241	16	382
9 Norman Wheeler	WEL	7.5	444	16	383
10 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	-82	13	364
11 Isabel Zyp	HAM	6	-79	15	372
12 Pam Barlow	PAK	6	-301	16	356
13 Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	-324	13	357
14 Marianne Patchett	MTA	5	-436	14	354
15 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	5	-653	16	353
16 Michael Hyndman	CAP	4	-789	16	346
Grade E					
1 Liz Catchpole	MTA	12	872	16	387
2 Joan Pratt	ROD	11	404	17	376
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	10	646	19	396
4 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	10	312	15	372
5 Yvonne MacK/Erickson	CHC	9	423	18	382
6 Carole Coates	KIW	9	333	19	370

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	Ave
7 David Bragg	TPO	9	97	14	373
8 Steve Richards	NEL	8	26	15	366
9 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	7	169	16	388
10 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	-66	13	375
11 June Ward	HAS	6	29	10	366
12 Valma Gidman	ROD	5.5	-349	9	359
13 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	5	-536	13	332
14 May Meads	PHC	4	-474	18	351
15 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	-920	13	348
16 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3.5	-966	10	337

Grade F					
1 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	12	1299	15	393
2 Pam Mayall	KIW	11	978	13	389
3 Alice Hayward	PAK	11	451	3	344
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	11	434	2	351
5 Ruth Groffman	DUN	10	582	8	360
6 Karen Miller	PAK	10	268	6	338
7 Shirley Kramer	IND	9	82	11	348
8 Liz Richards	NEL	8	210	17	367
9 Jillian Greening	HAM	7.5	195	14	334
10 Roger French	MTA	6.5	-56	10	379
11 Jena Yousif	KIW	5	-503	6	317
12 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5	-1147	1	292
13 Vera Burner	WAN	4	-660	3	293
14 Resie Coenen	PHC	4	-1008	2	291
15 Margaret Hanson*	PHC	3	-12	2	340
16 Elvira Steel	DUN	3	-1113	0	284

* Margaret Hanson only played 8 games as she was sick on the second day.

High Game Score
Jeff Grant (HAS) 576

High Combined Score
Lynne Powell (NSB) &
Steven Brown (HAM) 979

High Single Turn
Max Aston (LOH) 212 Quinones

Team Prize
Mt Albert
(Liz Catchpole, Howard Warner, Kate Wignall) 34 wins

Georgie Memorial Award
Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell (KIW)

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 Quirnn (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	Howard Warner (MTA) +2410 (2000)