

N.Z. SCRABBLE CLUBS - NORTH TO SOUTH

- WHANGAREI: Contact Glynis Jennings, Ph 50037
- BAYS: Tues 10am Campbells Bay Methodist Hall, Ph Marge Dalzell 4786248
- NORTH SHORE: Thurs 7pm Takapuna Senior Citizens Hall, Ph Allie Quinn 437806
- MT ALBERT: Fri 7pm Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall, Ph David Pinner 674162
- HOWICK PAKURANGA: Thurs 7pm St Johns Ambulance Hall Ph Margaret Cherry 562208
- HAMILTON: Tues 7.30 Civil Defence Rooms, W.C.C. Ph Jo Jackson 52290
- MT MAUNGANUI: Mon 7pm 4 Te Awa Place, Papamoa, Ph Ngaire Steel 421035
- TAURANGA: Thurs 7.15pm Matua School Staffroom Ph Noel Maisey 63218
- TOKOROA: Wed 7.15pm at members homes, Ph Lois Kelly 67201 or Kevin Edgeler 68374
- NEW PLYMOUTH: Thurs 11am and 7.30pm YWCA Ph Leanne Cutfield 32366
- HASTINGS: Contact Jeff Grant 86654
- WANGANUI: Mon 7pm Old Library Building Ph Frances Loader 37487
- MASTERTON: Thurs 7.15pm Camera Club Rooms Church St, Ph Aliette Hay 83273
- AVALON: Thurs 1pm at members homes, Ph Mavis Pincott 697215 or Stephanie Radich 648883
- LOWER HUTT: Tues 7.30pm Waterloo Plunket Rooms Ph Glenyss Buchanan 695433
- EASTERN SUBURBS: Tues 7.30pm Kilbirnie Plunket Rooms WELLYINGTON Ph Lynn Wood 872581
- SYDENHAM: Fri 7pm Sydenham Community Centre Ph Katrina Renwick 890028
- DUNEDIN: Wed 7pm Fortnightly, Ph Ian Patterson 879438



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## A KIWI IN OZ

Arriving in Sydney I found the weather hot but changeable, and the city, bustling, the double decker trains impressively fast and efficient. The houses at Kings Cross and later at Paddington were usually semi-detached, either two or three storeys and with marvellous varieties of colour and ornamentation and metal lacework. I could have walked around Paddington for days.


Playing in the Tournament of Champions, which included State and Open champions, English ex-open champion, Esther Byers, and N.Z. ex-open champion (very much ex), I found the standard of play very high, and style of play hard and aggressive. It was like playing six Jeff Grants in a row, and when you expect a rest for the seventh, you find you have to play Marie Knight.

The chess clock is very much built into the Aussies play, - I lost one game directly through going over time. But time, I am sure entered into the concentration factor as I am generally a fairly slow and dreamy player.

I did enjoy some good words and some close games. My most exciting win was against Esther Byers. I was 137 points behind with one turn left and had ENQUIRE on my rack. This word wouldn't go down but its anagram did, to net me 140 points. Another word to win me a game on the last throw was BOUNEST.

After nearly three days play John Holgate had put in a terrific performance and had lost only about three games. Steve Sunter was also doing well and eventually finished a clear runner-up to John, and later showed consistency by finishing runner-up to Joan Rosenblaum in the N.S.W. Open.

On day three of our tournament we were interrupted by what sounded like horses galloping over the roof. I ran downstairs and looked out the door to see hail slicing down obliquely and smashing almost everything it hit. Branches were cut from trees, windscreens broken, roof gutters blocked and houses flooded, all in the space of about 15 minutes. Returning upstairs



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I shall never forget the sight of John Holgate and Jim Warmington, and water falling from the ceiling all around their table. They were struggling to finish, shifting the table every now and then as the water followed them around the room. Saturday morning and a chance for a break - Wayne Killender and I got on the train to Central and raced across town to the tower - and up - and all around we see the vast space that is Sydney. Back to the station, and if we're quick we can get back and start the N.S.W. Open. An express train bursts from its tunnel, propelling air before it. Children stand unconcernedly a metre from it as it surges by at 50k.

The N.S.W. is a better tournament for me and I finished 7th, just behind John Holgate - But I still have a few sob stories - If you're going to play in Sydney, you can't use words like: BI, DE, PE, also OBE, PAC, HOC, SUI, JEW. I found I was learning as I went along. It wasn't till after two days play I discovered QADI was allowed, but not QAID. I include some comment on the system and methods in Australia. I will try to be as dispassionate as possible, although my viewpoint is relative to a Kiwi system that I have enjoyed. I do not expect an outsider will have much influence on the Aussies, but maybe there is some good and bad in their system that we could adopt or guard against.

1. SCORING SYSTEM: In the N.S.W. Open 4 points were allocated for a win and 1 point for every margin of 50 points to a total of 7 points. The loser gets a consolation point for a loss by less than 25 points.

2. SWISS DRAW: In the final day of each tournament, top players were drawn against each other - 1 plays 2, 3 plays 4 etc. Eventually the middle runners get another chance at the leaders.

3. CHESS CLOCKS: You can usually tell who's winning by looking at the clocks. Its a penalty for a person who draws sticky letters. The player with easier tiles can play them quickly and slap down the clock, keeping the pressure on.

4. DUAL SYSTEM: In brief it is Murfett's vs the rest (the majority). Tournaments are held independently

by each, Murfett's insisting on O.S.P.D., and the 'others' on Chambers. The difference seems to be fuelled more by the difference itself; the fear of loss of copyright being ungrounded. Recently the likelihood of legal action and restraint has diminished. N.Z. seems to be a small fish and so far has enjoyed a good relationship with the franchise holders.

Next day I was off to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, 2 hours away by train. It took an hour to get away from the suburbia of Sydney. The scenery and colours were so different. The gums grow grey-green and straggly, but occasionally the soil is rich and volcanic, and trees grow straight and ferns abound. The hills are blue because of the way light refracts in the exudate from the eucalyptus. I met Karen Larsen and we took in the Jenolan caves together. We knew about stalgmities and stalactites, but then there are helictites which grow sideways, perhaps because of air currents. The next day Karen and I headed back to Sydney. There were other visits such as Manly, Kings Cross, Circular Quay, Centrepoint, but then sadly it was all over. I realize how lucky I was to have people like Maureen and Derek Williams to stay with. Theirs was a home away from home to return to each evening.

Mike Sigley

A letter to the Editor

Dear Sue,

Congratulations on your magazine, long may it flourish. Hilary and I plan to do battle with the Dunedin Club next weekend. We aim to get lots of practise on the train journey down. Highest combined game from the Sydenham Club is 965. Margaret Lyall 531 and Doreen Ogston 434. Merry Christmas to all from the Sydenham Club.

Doreen



## PALINDROMES

A palindrome is a word, sentence, verse etc. that reads the same backwards as forwards. Consider MUM, GIG, SEES, ANNA, CIVIC, and LEVEL. There are also palindromic names, such as ADA, OTTO and HANNAH. On the next level we find phrases like SENILE FELINES AMORAL AROMA and RETINUE REUNITER. From there it is but a short step to full sentences. Here is a small selection of my all-time favourite palindromes.

SUMS ARE NOT SET AS A TEST ON ERASMUS.

A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL - PANAMA!

RESUME SO PACIFIC A POSE, MUSER.

SEX AT NOON TAXES.

TOP STEP'S PUP'S PET SPOT.

DOC, NOTE I DISSENT, A FAST NEVER PREVENTS A

FATNESS - I DIET ON COD.

Compiling palindromes beyond about a dozen words, and achieving much sense, is very difficult. Whilst at the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival I had the good fortune to share a motel unit with Charlie and Daphne Curl, and Glennis Hale. After a very enjoyable week of tennis, golf, shopping, word puzzles, anagrams, Trivial Pursuit, eating, drinking and of course lots of Scrabble, I had a go at composing palindromes for Charlie, Daph and Glennis. As with most Sotadic verse a good deal of poetic licence is used, and the 'deep, inner meaning' is sometimes a little hard to fathom. Anyway here are my efforts.

### DAPH

Daph: 'Sarcasm lacks a taste';  
Still I revere here ace care,  
Her, ever ill ...  
It sets a task, calms a 'crash-pad'.

### CHARLIE

No 'I' tale, Vera,  
Th' G.I.<sup>\*</sup> led a revolt (a case!)  
Heil! Rah, Charlie!  
He's a cat-lover, a delight,

\*Good Ideasman (don't try that one at Scrabble).

### GLENNIS

Sin, Nel - go to Glennis Hale,  
To manic, inapt panic  
In a motel.  
Ah! Sin, Nel, go to Glennis.

Finally, here is a sonnet supposedly written by a dissident Ugandan palindromist shortly before his reported fall from the 13th floor of army headquarters in Kampala.

### IDI

To Idi Amin I say 'Fie!'  
Did I gibe Big Idi?  
(Deify a sin.)  
I'm a idiot!  
'O stop. sedate bastard!' I bark.  
Rats! No casinos I oppugn.  
Is Uganda's aging nig  
A sad nag using up poison?  
Is a con stark?  
Rabid rats abet a despot,  
So to Idi Amin I say 'Fie!'  
Did I gibe Big Idi?  
(Deify a sin.)  
- 'I'm a idiot.'

Jeff Grant

## N.Z. RECORDS

At last someone has broken one of the N.Z. records. David Lloyd achieved 13 seven letter words in one three game session on 31 October.



## LIFE AFTER SCRABBLE

### The Life and Times of Maurine Sullivan

I've been asked to write something about myself for 'Forwards', so here goes.

I was born in St Boniface, near Winnipeg in Canada, and my parents, twin brothers and myself emigrated to New Zealand in 1962.

After leaving school, I trained as a School Dental Nurse. On graduating, I was given sole charge of two Dental Clinics in Auckland, until I married and moved to Wellington. My husband Paul was an Ambulance Officer with the Wellington Free Ambulance.

While we lived in Lower Hutt I had a job as a photographic colour printer in Seaview, then went to work for Kodak when we moved to Porirua. After two years we moved to sunny Tauranga and bought a unit. Paul got a job with St John's Ambulance.

We have two children, Ross is 13 and in his first year at college, and Jenny is 10 and in Std 3.

We love to travel and in the last five years have been to Australia, cruised the Pacific Islands, spent two months campervanning around U.S.A. and Canada and

have been to Norfolk Is. for Scrabble of course. My main hobby is painting landscapes in acrylics when I have the time. Cryptic cross-words are another passion as I'm sure they are with most Scrabblers. I also enjoy gardening but don't get much



free time as I'd like, now that I'm working full time on an orchard. My days are spent pruning, tieing-down kiwifruit, deleafing, delateralling or full-setting glasshouse tomatoes, picking avocados or citrus, pricking out seedlings or potting them. All in all, a very down to earth sort of occupation, but enjoyable all the same.

I began playing Scrabble about 7 or 8 years ago, after seeing a write-up in the Woman's Weekly about the Tauranga Club. I now find it hard to imagine life without a few games every week.

Well, that is about all there is to say for now, except that you may have noticed, I spell my name a little differently from usual. That is because I was named after a family friend, she was Norwegian - hence Maurine.

Maurine Sullivan

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### SOLUTIONS: SCRABBLE CONTEST No.5

The 3 common English words ending in -dous, besides horrendous, are stupendous, tremendous and hazardous. Correct entries were received from 14 people, representing 10 different clubs. A draw was held and the winner is Eileen Brown from Wanganui. Well done!

### SCRABBLE CONTEST No.6

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century (1983 Edition), and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. Entries are to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Road, R.D.2., Hastings by 1 February 1987. The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck! The competition this time centres on palindromes, which are discussed in an article elsewhere in this issue. I have always wanted to play a 7-letter palindrome during a Scrabble game, but haven't managed it yet. The winner of contest no. 6 will be the person



who can find the most palindromic words with 7 or more letters in Chambers or the O.S.P.D.

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### HIGH SCORING WORDS

Since the last issue I have continued my search for possible 15 letter words and have found 125 which satisfy my conditions just in words beginning with A, B and C.

My first objective, to track down the elusive 1000 pointer, has now been achieved. In fact I found a mini-herd of the beasties among the C's and must now raise my sights - perhaps a 1500 pointer is possible.

Keep watching as I venture further into the lexicographical wilderness in search of the real biggie I know is lurking out there somewhere. The 1000 point specimens already located are as follows:

CHEMOPSYCHIATRY (HE, OP, CH, AT on board) 1076  
CHROMOXYLOGRAPH (ROM, LO, RAP on board) 1076  
COMMUNICATIVELY (OM, UN, AT, EL on board) 1022  
COMPREHENSIVELY (OM, EH, SI, EL on board) 1049  
CONJUNCTIVENESS (ON, UN, ENES on board) 1049  
CONQUERABLENESS (ON, ER, ENES on board) 1076

John Foster  
Mt Albert

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### A POEM

The 'little old' got up my nose,  
But I find that I can now compose,  
A message that bears no ill will,  
So best of luck 'young' Allie Quinn.

By the juvenile geriatric

### AUSTRALIA's MURRAY RIVER CRUISE

This trip was quite a surprise package - surpassing our expectations.

The elegant M.V. Murray Explorer is spaciouly designed and has large windows. Facilities were very comprehensive and we had good scrabbling areas. The young and friendly crew kept us delighted with the unexpected.

Pelicans and other water birds added to the seductive river scenery as we glided between lush banks. The weather was perfect - gentle warm days and clear starry nights.

Shore stops included a fauna park, craft shop, city of Wentworth, and a tour of Mildura, including the amazing Woodsies Rock Shop. At its entrance, fully labelled, was a real VUG full of amethyst crystals. The displays also bristled with lovely 7- and 8-letter words. I'm not sure that Jim saw many of the rocks behind the labels!

Each evening before we did a bit of supertime scrabbling, there was an interesting activity - a barbecue, a fancy dress night, a bonfire with stories and songs, a film, and a dinner-dance. Playing 3 games each morning enabled us to complete a 15 game round robin - with the winners not obvious until the last day. Very exciting.

We indulged in another lightning tournament at the Grand Hotel on Sunday before snuggling down to sleep (some of us) our way back to Melbourne of the Vinelander.

Meg Henderson

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### REVERSED ALPHABETICAL ORDER WORD LISTS

Included in the centrefold of this issue is the second list compiled by Gerald Warner, of three letter words. It gives a quick reference to see what letters can be placed in front of 2-letter words. e.g. the word 'el' could be preceded by





## Norfolk Island

This year at Norfolk Island was a far more relaxed Scrabble Festival with fewer participants - more of a holiday atmosphere, without the Australians there, there wasn't the competitive fever. However, I'm sure everybody had an enjoyable holiday, I know we did and thanks to Dorothy and David for their hard work and organisation in making it a success once again. We all scoured the shops for bargains and came back with bulging bags thanks to plastic money - and the bills are still arriving. One of the interests that Dorothy and David devised was a daily Cryptogram puzzle page. A prize to be awarded to the person who answered the most questions at the end of the week. Charlie felt sure one answer was in the Bible in the book of Revelations. To his delight he found \$A22.00 amongst the pages. It pays to read the Gideons placed in Motel and Hotel drawers, and not one Bible was left unturned at the Aloha Hibiscus when word got around.

Daph

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE SECOND NORFOLK ISLAND SCRABBLE FESTIVAL

The second Norfolk Scrabble festival was another grand success. There were not so many participants this year. The Aussies were absent, lured away by other Scrabble delights closer to home, and only 19 N.Zers and one local were playing. This didn't detract from a wonderful holiday and some good Scrabbling.

Fine cuisine, great shopping opportunities, tours, grand scenery, a sense of history and friendly locals, again, were part of the Norfolk Island scenario.

An unforgettable experience was watching the off-loading of a cargo ship at the jetty. It was a still, hot day and the water was a brilliant blue. From a nearby lookout point on a hill you could see the containers being winched down from the huge wallowing cargo ship into small, sturdy power boats that carried their cargo in to the jetty where a busy group of workers received it and stacked it. An old truck, its tray heavy with oil barrels wound its way up the dirt road, past us as we watched. One could imagine the difficulties in off-loading in less clement weather.

Norfolk abounds in restaurants, each with their own specialities. Eating proved almost as popular as Scrabble. For some of us a memorable evening was spent at the Hotel Norfolks Luau. A beautifully prepared and delicious buffet was presented for a large dining room, filled with parties of tourists from Australia and N.Z. Our party proved extraordinarily lucky in winning raffles. A couple of prizes were bottles of champagne which were opened for the benefit of us all. There is nothing quite like 'bubbly' to give one the confidence to sing along with the band, and none of us will forget Davids rendition of Waltzing Matilda.

Many enjoyed the new improved Sound and Light Show. This is indeed not to be missed. In darkness, you travel along Quality Row and under the eerie glow of floodlights, among the old stone houses and



prison walls, the actors play out scenes of long ago. The atmosphere heightened by vivid sound effects.

David and Dorothy worked hard to prepare daily word puzzles and cryptograms for enthusiasts. These had strange affects on some of us. Was it Daphne, Glennis or Jeff that had nights of tortured sleep and woke at odd hours shouting "I've got it"? The rumour that Glennis had a sudden conversion to an Eastern religion is unfounded. Those that heard her murmuring "umbra-rumba" to herself should not have been misled into thinking that this was a mystical incantation or mantra. Charlie in his search for an elusive 'quote' turned to his units Gideon Bible for inspiration ... or was it guidance. He found tucked among the pages \$A22.00.

The Knockout Handicap and Consolation Knockout games gave us a chance to socialize with players from other clubs. After my game with Peg Barrington, I learnt of some of Wanganuis more colourful history from her. Peg lived for a while in Wanganui during the war years. There is a place at our Club for you Peg, if you ever decide to return.

There were a number of new faces at Norfolk this year and we hope to see more of them on the Scrabble circuit. Faye Cronhelm and Glenda Geard, the cycling enthusiasts, and Jo Twyford will be remebered for her wonderful good humour. To travel, and then, on a beautiful island, share friendship, humour, adventure and challenge with a diverse group, all with the common obsession of Scrabble, is indeed an opportunity I am glad not to have missed. Congratulations, David and Dorothy, on another memorable occasion.

Denise Gordon

RESULTS:

A GRADE (15 games)	WON	POINTS	AVE	SEVENS
1. Jeff Grant Hastings	11	6570	438	28
2. Glennis Hale Mt Alb	9	6032	402	25

B GRADE

	WON	POINTS	AVE	7's
1. Daphne Curl Mt Albert	12½	5540	369	12
2. Faye Cronhelm Port Jackson	10	5723	382	16
3. Glenda Geard Port Jackson	8	5351	357	13

C GRADE

1. Peg Barrington Mt Albert	14	5313	354	5
2. Jean Walsh Wanganui	13	5548	370	13
3. Eileen Brown Wanganui	8	4569	305	3

PAIRS 4 games

1. Jeff Grant and Grace Gillman	4	1490	373
2. Charlie Curl & Peggy Morgan	4	1365	341
3. Gaye Norgren & Peg Barrington	3	1355	339

WORD PUZZLE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Charlie Curl

KNOCKOUT HANDICAP

1. Conny Van Tilburg (100)

LIGHTNING GAMES CHAMP

1. Jean Walsh

CONSOLATION KNOCKOUT

1. Glennis Hale

SPORTSPERSON OF THE FESTIVAL - Jo Twyford



The three champs Peg Barrington, Jeff Grant and Daphne Curl at Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival



## TOURNAMENT SCENE

A 'Scrabble' players view of the recent Tauranga Tournament.

DECIDED ENTERED IMBURSE ACCEPTS CONFIRM MOTORED  
ARRIVED COLLEGE ENJOYED MEETING AGONIST QUIETEN  
STARTED PLAYING SELECTS LETTERS CHANGED TACTICS  
YIELDED LUNCHED SAVOURY CHICKEN MUFFINS BISCUIT  
CAUDLES RESTART ACHIEVE BONUSES SCORING FIFTIES  
TRIUMPH DISPUTE SUCCUMB DISMAYD CLOSURE LEASURE  
GLASSES CONTAIN ALCOHOL IMBIBED CONSUME CHEESES  
AWARDED REWARDS TRIBUTE PRAISES PARTING GOODBYE  
JOURNEY TOWARDS HABITAT ENCORES ENCORES

Peter Jones

P.S. Any challenges?

The middle of the August School holidays and the Tauranga 10th Anniversary Tournament gave the perfect excuse for a weekend away. As others winged their way to Norfolk Island, we drove south-east to Tauranga, and the sun shone radiantly as reputed.

The Community College was an ideal venue and between games we sat in the sunshine out in the courtyard. There were 36 players in attendance, including three from Australia. Margaret Aston and Jess Harris of Queensland, who attended the very first National Championship in Tauranga in 1980, and Shirley Bradford of Sydney, who is no stranger to us. Shirley played in the 1982 Nationals at Tauranga and the 1983 and 1984 Nationals in Hamilton. Not only did the Tauranga Club turn on a great tournament, they, and neighbouring club Mt Maunganui featured highly on the prize-list. Noel Maisey did a great job adjudicating as always.

Sue Marnon

## RESULTS:

### RUBY GRADE

	WINS	POINTS	AVE	7's
1. Maurine Sullivan (Tga)	6	3167	452	14
2. Betty Gibb (Ham)	5	2932	419	14
3. Jan Ross (Tga)	4	2947	421	12

### SAPPHIRE GRADE

1. Helen Wallace (Tga)	6	2616	374	6
2. John Foster (Mt A)	4	2811	402	14
3. Allie Quinn (N.S.)	4	2732	390	7

### EMERALD GRADE

1. Ann Flested (Mt M.)	7	2891	413	9
2. Shirley Morrison (Tga)	6	2406	343	3
3. Shirley Bonthron (Tga)	5	2482	354	7

### TOPAZ GRADE

1. Peggy Wallace (Ham)	7	2669	381	3
2. Carole Coates (Ham)	6	2662	380	6
3. Isabel Zyp (Ham)	6	2595	371	2

## WELLINGTON COMPUTERISED SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

A N.Z. first! On the 20 and 21 September the small Wellington Club staged the first computerised Scrabble Tournament. Congratulations must go to Geoff Vautier on the splendid job he did in setting up the draw and doing all the scoring, with the help of his wife. It was quite unusual to see a competitor finish his game, then start feeding results into the computer between games and so giving everyone an update throughout the tournament. The computer was also set up to select the winner for the spot prizes. Our two scorers also managed to look after their toddler who was resident in the playpen. While Geoff took care of the computer side of things, we had Lynn Wood who organised the tournament. A gutsy lady who single handedly ran the tournament, adjudicated, made and served 40 lunches each day, organised and cooked a dinner party for 20 at her own home, on the Saturday



night and had three billets to stay for three nights. Anyone else would have panicked and taken a week off work to get organised, but Lynn managed everything with an ininflappable calm and worked right through.

The weather was kind, and it was very pleasant having lunch on the balcony 9 stories up with a panoramic view of the city. A few contemplated throwing themselves off the side when the tiles weren't falling right.

The prizegiving went off very smoothly (computer doesn't make mistakes) and the meat packs in small chilly bins were very popular. Everyone was delighted to be presented with a complete resumé of results - a sample of which is shown below. Let's hope that in the not too distant future we may see this sort of result sheet after major national tournaments.

#### Mickey Merkin Po

OPPONENT	W/L	FOR	AG.	75	SPOT
Marj	W	609	290	3-1	42
Lynne	W	429	398	2-2	41
Teresa	W	387	377	1-1	0
Glenda	W	366	346	2-0	0
Geoff	W	539	292	3-0	0
John B	L	352	359	2-1	34
Denise	W	565	349	5-1	0
Bill	L	356	357	2-1	0
Glenyys	W	477	394	3-2	0
Lucy	W	446	281	2-0	0
Karen	W	551	394	4-2	64

OPPONENT	W/L	FOR	AG.	75	SPOT
Bill	W	367	284	0-0	39
Karen	W	492	296	2-1	46
Lucy	W	376	299	0-0	18
Mike	L	346	366	0-2	0
Denise	W	371	358	0-2	60
Glenyys	L	374	384	1-1	39
Geoff	W	373	314	1-1	76
Marj	W	352	306	1-0	13
Lynne	W	366	335	0-1	26
Teresa	W	396	297	1-0	34
John B	L	331	342	0-1	0

#### KOWHAI GRADE

	WON	POINTS	AVE	7's
1. Mike Sigley Wanganui	9	5077	462	18
2. Glenda Foster Lower Hutt	8	4184	380	16
3. Bill Barclay Lower Hutt	7	4299	391	14

#### ORCHID GRADE

1. Leigh Jenkins Masterton	9	4235	385	18
2. Mary Brett Lower Hutt	7	4070	370	14
3. Sandra Stacey Wellington	7	3905	355	14

#### CAMELIA GRADE

	WON	POINTS	AVE	7's
1. Nita Oldham Wanganui	9	4089	372	18
2. Maria Maich Wellington	9	3753	341	18
3. Peggy Wallace Hamilton	8	4179	380	16

#### JENNY WARD SHIELD MATCH - 14 SEPTEMBER 1986

This shield, in memory of the late Jenny Ward, is played for between The Bays and Mt Albert Clubs, four times a year, each club taking turns to host and provide the luncheon.

Mt Albert retained the shield 39 games to Bays 25. The A grade was won by Glennis Hale with 4 wins. Correne James won the B grade with 3 wins, losing only to Joy Hunter, formerly of Hamilton, also on 3 wins. Gerald Ward won the C grade with 3 wins and Shirley Gifkin the D grade with 3 wins also. Mt Albert scooped the pool.

An enjoyable day was had by all. Allie Quinn and Bob Johnstone, both of North Shore Club, did an excellent job adjudicating. Thanks are particularly due to Pat Johnstone who was called on at the last minute to play for Mt Albert.

Rachel Dennyss

#### MOUNT ALBERT SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT - 4 & 5 OCTOBER

70 Scrabblers participated in the recent Mt Albert two day tournament. The B grade had an added bonus, the opportunity to play against American, Howard Feldstein. It was thought Howard may have been at a disadvantage - not being familiar with the Chambers dictionary, but not the case - he came through with flying colours, losing only one game to Kevin Edgeler. Howard said he found the standard of play high and strategy the same as in the U.S.





Richard explains 'It really does work!'

Let's hope Howard can come again next year to return his trophy, and maybe the A grade can have a crack at him.

The A grade was full of excitement right up to the final round. Jeff, Glennis and David Lloyd were all on 8 wins, with Jeff ahead on points. Last years winner Lynne Powell and runner-up, Sue Marrow, each only achieving 3 wins at this stage, managed to cause the upset. Sue beating David 532 to 412. Meanwhile, Lynne held Jeff to a draw - 404 each. Incredible at this crucial stage in a tournament. Glennis won her final game making her the clear champion. Glennis, the president of Mt Albert Club, ran the tournament so calmly and efficiently and still managed to play brilliant Scrabble. The 'Reverse Solomon System' was adopted again to draw the raffle, Richard determined to prove that it really does work. For those who weren't there, I'll explain how it works. - We were all given a number for the FREE raffle, and all the numbers

went into the hat. During the prizegiving numbers were drawn in lots of 10. In the conventional method the first name out is the winner - not so with the Reverse Solomon System. It is the last one left in the hat that receives the goodies! A lovely picnic hamper, which was eventually won by Hazel Purdie.

The outing to Francos restaurant on the Saturday night gave everyone a chance to socialise and let their hair down. The whole weekend was a great success, and congratulations to the Mt Albert Scrabble Club Committee.

#### RESULTS:

<u>GOLD GRADE</u>	CLUB	WON	POINTS	AVE
1. Glennis Hale	Mt Albert	9	4854	441
2. Jeff Grant	Hastings	8½	4924	448
3. David Lloyd	Mt Albert	8	4845	440

#### SILVER GRADE

1. Howard Feldstein	U.S.A.	10	4696	427
2. Correne James	Mt Albert	7	4254	387
3. Kevin Edgeler	Tokoroa	6	4282	389

#### BRONZE GRADE

1. Lynn Wood	Wellington	8	3939	394
2. Penny Headington	Bays	8	3655	366
3. Lucy Bright	Masterton	6	3789	379

#### PLATINUM GRADE

1. Hazel Purdie	Mt Albert	7	3593	359
2. Gerald Warner	Mt Albert	6	3889	389
3. Cathy Woods	Mt Albert	6	3641	364

#### COPPER GRADE

1. Adrienne McKeown	Mt Albert	9	3952	359
2. Camille Wills	North Shore	7	3947	359
3. Faye Leach	Hamilton	7	3916	356

#### ZINC GRADE

1. Irene Smith	Whangarei	10	4382	398
2. Lil Moore	Mt Albert	8	3877	352
3. Pat Johnstone	North Shore	8	3729	339



## NORTH SHORE 'SWISS DRAW'

The 'Swiss draw', a system used in Australia, was put into practise by the North Shore Scrabble Club. The mid week tournament was held at their club rooms on Thursday evening 6th November.

The method was quite simple and four rounds were accomplished comfortably.

Organisers of the event thoroughly enjoyed the experiment and hope the N.Z. Association will contemplate using the system for the next 'Masters'. 30 players participating were separated into grades A & B, and some surprising results materialized.

Mt Alberts 'superwoman' Glennis Hale romped through the A section unopposed toppling North Shore top player David Blumhardt and Bays, Lynne Powell. She scored 545 points over Allie Quinn and in the finals gained an incredible 607 points against Ann Candler. She averaged 516 points a game and achieved 10 seven letter words.

Runner-up Ann Candler was in fine form with good wins over Lynne Powell, Bob Johnstone and John Foster, but although she fought gallantly she was overpowered by the strategy and wisdom of a potential N.Z. Nationals champion, Glennis.

Sue Marrow and David Blumhardt, both with two wins were vying for third position. In her first move Sue played 'APRICOT' for 75 points and throughout the match maintained an 80% point lead. Sitting comfortably on 422 to 349 and a turn left, the inevitable happened - Yes!! David in his final turn went out on a 7-letter word 'SINCERE', pipping Sue by the remaining points on her rack, 433 - 422.

Paul Patchett, a late entry, had a field day in the B grade winning four games. He averaged 447 points and attained 8 seven letter words. Cathy Woods was tumbled from her runner-up position by Paul in the finals. Frankie Wilkinson also with 3 wins clinched the 2nd place on points. Frankie averaged 430 to Cathys 389.

The North Shore Club hope to hold another Swiss Draw in the near future.

A special thank you to the visiting clubs who

supported the tourney.

## Scrabble Nut

Jan says to add:-

And all badly mauled players were comforted with a nice cup of tea and cakes.

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## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS - TOKOROA

Tokoroa Scrabble Club Tournament is to be held on Saturday 28 February at the Bridge Club Rooms, Edward Street.

Good prizes, good lunch, good company and fellowship with other Scrabblers.  
Top adjudication by N.Z. 'A' grade Champion, Jeff Grant.

An extra game is to be added next year to make 7 games. Entry forms will be sent to clubs soon. To independent players - you may enter as soon as you wish by sending a letter to Lois Kelly, 91 Billah St, Tokoroa. Please state normal grade and enclose entry fee of \$10.

By Kevin Edgeler

## NORTH SHORE ANZAC DAY TOURNAMENT

The North Shore Club are pulling out the stops for next years tournament - we have booked the brand new conference rooms at the Glenfield Community Centre for Anzac Day 25 April 1987. Plush carpet and beautiful facilities. We found our clubrooms inadequate last year for a big tournament. So please remember to keep Anzac day free for us. We plan to use the Swiss Draw!!

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to all for your contributions to this issue. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.