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# FROM The Editor

The Papatoetoe/Holy Cross, Capital and Hamilton tournaments were all well-supported. Congratulations to the organisers and winners, particularly Val Mills (PAK) who gained her first A Grade title at Papatoetoe.

The Tauranga Spring Tournament was a great success too, with 70 entrants, including many first-timers. This is where Scrabble really started in New Zealand. Noel Maisey and the Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts formed the first club back in 1976, and the inaugural National Champs were held there in 1980. Quite a nostalgia trip for some of us. The Canterbury Open's two 1-dayers were also greatly enjoyed by all participants.

Nigel Richards (ex-CHC) has continued his incredible run of form in Asia, recently chalking up an eighth consecutive tournament victory — a truly amazing performance. No wonder he is called 'the Tiger Woods of Scrabble'.

The game is certainly thriving in Christchurch, and this is reflected in their excellent club newsletter, which has been going since 1991. Produced bi-monthly by Margaret Lyall, the latest edition (no. 58) has seven pages full of club news, tournament reports, contests, poems and other snippets contributed by members. There were 55 copies printed last time, so it's a popular publication! My thanks to Christchurch, and other clubs like Nelson, who send me their newsletters.

Doreen O'Shea (HAS) and Martha Morgan (NPL) played 148 games of Scrabble in 14 days on their South Island

tour in July. Apparently they still had time for bush walks, scenic rail trips, casino visits, and lots of sightseeing with their husbands.

Steve and Liz Richards (NEL) have finished their epic tour of New Zealand Scrabble clubs. The concluding report on their experience appears in this issue.

Did anyone else see the 'Sexy Scrabble' on TV1's *At Home With The Braithwaites*? Words on the board included FONDLE, FOREPLAY, HOTLIPS and SEXGOD! Unfortunately it was a case of 'Scrabblus interruptus', with the game being abandoned, and the board used to cover a male character's naughty bits.

In the next edition we will have news from the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival and the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Melbourne (c'mon Kiwis!). It is also a busy time on the local scene, with tournaments coming up at Mt Albert, Wanganui, Dunedin, Rodney and Kiwi.

Please keep the material rolling in. Thanks to all our contributors, and special thanks to our layout editor, Glenda, for all her excellent work.

Closing date for the December issue is November 20.

Happy Scrabbling




**LOW BONUS**

by Margaret Forbes (PHC)

I recently had on my rack two blanks, two I's, an S, an L and an R. The only place to put SILLIER, using blanks for L and E, was under an I which was on the centre star of the board — 58 for a 7-letter word. Is that a record low? It is certainly the least I have ever had.

[It's unusual to get as low as 58 for a 7-letter word, but it could have been worse. If both your blanks had been on the double letter squares you would have got only 57. It is actually possible to score 56 for an 8-letter bonus word — that's the minimum. — Ed.]

**SUBNOVICES AND NEOPHYTES**

by George Hendry, Christchurch

My partner doesn't believe in playing with words of which one doesn't know the meaning, and since this is a lot of what Scrabble is about, I've decided that chess is safer. However, the magazine is a bit like TV sports coverage, so I can participate without playing.

If possible, I would like you to send me a short (1000 pages or less) explanation of how the ratings system works. If one needs 6th form maths to grasp the principles though, I could be in trouble even if you do explain it.

In any event I will continue to follow each play-by-play commentary with avid interest. How did Howard manage to jump the gun on the old Master ahead of Nigel? How can someone win the World Masters and not be top of the NZ ratings?

Unless it's due to not having proceeded steadily through Scrabble subnovice, Scrabble neophyte, Scrabble protolearner, and as many other levels as are necessary before reaching ScrabbleMaster status.

[George and I played Scrabble in the '70s. We've sent him a brief rundown on the ratings, and explained that overseas events don't count. — Ed.]

**WASH THOSE BAGS**

by Shirley Hol (CHC)

Ever wondered about the hygienic condition of the club tile bags, given their heavy usage? Or have you other concerns, such as whether or not you are going to be able to place your bonus word on the board, or what you are going to do with a rack like VVUUIC? The bags are often in the clutches of nervous, sweating hands which have just pulled out horrible tiles two or three times in a row.

Recently I called in at the Listers who live nearby. From across the room I saw on the floor dishes of small pieces of cheese and other nibbles. Must be preparing for a party I thought, but why put the food on the floor? My eyesight can't be too good. The dishes were actually filled with different coloured Scrabble tiles. Mind you the Lister family are all doing so well with their Scrabble lately I wouldn't be surprised if they were eating the letters! Anyway, the Scrabble tile bags were hanging on the washing line. Our thanks to Paul and Ros for the regular washing of these bags.

[It's a good idea to wash your tile bags regularly. — Ed.]

**SCRABBLE MOTTO**

by Dorothy Latta, Wellington

I thought that the following motto might be appreciated by two groups of Scrabblers:

- (a) those who are new to club Scrabble or tournaments
- (b) those whose physical disabilities make extra hard work difficult.

VENI, VIDI, VELCRO  
I came, I saw, I stuck with it.  
(Apologies to Julius Caesar)

**SLOWEST GAME EVER?**


by Paul Lister (CHC)

I have been playing a Trans-Tasman game by mail with my brother Donald (in Sydney) since June 1994. This makes Ngaire Steel's game against her daughter seem a positive sprint (see June *Forwards*, p2). You couldn't accuse Donald or myself of making unduly rash or hasty moves! At this point, I can promise the game will finish in September 2000, because I have only an E left on my rack. The score is an exciting 446 (Donald) to 447 (Paul) at this point and we are clearly going to aggregate in excess of 900 points.

Highlights to now:

- July 1996 — Paul played through an exposed P on the bottom line UPSETTER for 148 points (treble-treble).
- November 1996 — Donald played UNWARIER on a triple for 86 points.
- October 1998 — A crisis when the cat at Donald's Sydney apartment jumped on his board and put his set-up into disarray. Rectified against Paul's master copy in New Zealand.

We are not planning a rematch by mail, to beat our present mark, human life expectancy being what it is, but we are certainly going to have several face-to-face games when together during the Sydney Olympics in September.



**INTERNATIONAL WORD LIST**

At long last it looks like Scrabblers may get an official unified word source to replace 'pirate publications' like *Griffon*, *Redwood* and *Elm* books.

Chambers Harrap have announced that they intend to produce a combined international Scrabble word list called *Chambers Official Scrabble Words—International Edition (OSWI)*, which they hope to print early next year.

OSWI will contain words from the British *Official Scrabble Words* (4th edition) and the American *Official Tournament and Club Word List*. In other words, it will include all allowable Scrabble words up to 9 letters in length.

This is a landmark development in Scrabble. Hopefully, having an official single volume reference will pave the way to UK (see page 8), and eventually North America, joining the rest of the Scrabble world playing with combined word sources (SOWPODS).



# Competition Corner

## SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO 59

The challenge to find collective nouns for a surplus of particular letters in Scrabble (eg a GAGGLE of G's) produced some excellent suggestions. Contributors to our 'master list' below are Michael Vnuk (Queensland), Dorothy Latta (Wellington), Margaret Lyall (CHC), Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Ron Bunny (IND), all of whom receive a pictorial calendar courtesy of Jennifer Smith.

Contributions are marked with the initials of the person/s who submitted them.

- A AVALANCHE (MV,ML)  
CAVALCADE (DL)  
TARAMASALATA (RB)
- B BUMBLE (RC, ML) — clever!  
BLOB (MV), RABBLE (DL)
- C CONVOCATION (RC, DL)  
CROMLECH (DL), CACK (RB)
- D DODDLE (ML, RC)  
DOODAD (RB),  
DEADWOOD (MV)
- E RESPLENDENCE (DL)  
EXCRESCENCE (MV)  
EMERGENCE (ML)
- F FISTFUL (DL, RC), WHIFF (ML)  
OFFAL (RB)
- G GIGGLE (ML), AGGREGATE (DL)  
BAGGAGE (RC) (Although most thought Joan's GAGGLE was best)
- H HASH (MV, RB), HOGWASH (DL)  
HANDHOLD (RC)
- I INHIBITION (RB)  
VILIFICATION (DL)  
INFINITY (MV)
- L LALLATION (RC)  
FLOTILLA (DL), LOLLOP (MV)

- M MURMUR (RC, RB)  
ENCOMIUM (DL)  
MONUMENT (ML)
- N INUNDATION (RC)  
NOMINATION (ML)  
NONNY (RB)
- O HOODOO (MV)  
ONOMATOPOEIA (RC)  
COOKBOOK (RB)
- P POLYPOD (RB),  
POPULACE (DL)  
PREPONDERANCE (RC, MV)
- R RESERVOIR (DL),  
HORROR (ML)  
RECURRENCE (RC)
- S POSSESSION (ML)  
DESIRABLENESS (RC)  
SASSAFRAS (RB)
- T TOTALITY (RC, DL)  
TOTIENT (RB), TWITTER (ML)
- U UNUSEFULNESS (RC, RB)  
CURRICULUM (DL)  
USUFRUCT (RB)
- V BEVVY (RB), VIVARIUM (DL, RC)  
EVOLVING (ML)
- W WALLOW (ML),  
WANWORTH (RB),  
WYSIWYG (RC)
- Y SYMPHONY (RB, DL)  
DYSPTHY (RC), YAY (ML)

## SCRABBLE CONTEST NO 60

John Foster (NSB) has compiled this somewhat cryptic puzzle. The answers to the following 20 clues are all two-word phrases made up of a pair of anagrams. In some cases you may have to add punctuation for grammatical accuracy. For example, if the clue were "A baptism in the sheep dip" the correct answer would be "merino's mersion". The first

ten pairs are all seven-letter words and the second ten are all eight-letter words.

John thinks that anyone who solves 15 or more will be in with a chance, and that no-one will get them all right. Can anyone prove him wrong?

- 1 Handcuffs for an albatross, perhaps.
- 2 The anteater has been restrained.
- 3 These must be the most sacred stone-age artefacts.
- 4 Does Indian cooking give you the wind?
- 5 This monkey is not from this planet —
- 6 — and that monkey must live in a polar region.
- 7 Can this really generate a nuclear explosion?
- 8 The marauders are having a day off.
- 9 Can she really be so naïve?
- 10 One way to dismantle a water meter.
- 11 They travel on an equine sled.
- 12 His hypochondria is all in his head.
- 13 Did he create a writ to inform the world?
- 14 He must have a wicked sense of humour.
- 15 There really is a cure for lockjaw.
- 16 Did the movie buffs get their knickers in a twist?
- 17 What the TUC and CTU are 'cut' out to be.
- 18 A big day at the dole office perhaps.
- 19 The cushy job must not be a permanent appointment.
- 20 Is this the end of the road for public transport?

Closing date is November 20. Good luck. Entries to be sent to:  
Jeff Grant  
'Ardra'  
1109 Allenby Street  
Hastings

## MARGINAL EQUALITY

In the second round of the Papatoetoe/Holy Cross tournament on July 1, June Mackwell (MTA) got two bonus words to none in beating Faye Cronhelm (IND) by 478-254 — a margin of 224 points. You may think that this is a seldom achieved spread, but in the **same** round of the **same** event, Shirley Martin (HAM) also got two bonus words to none in her win over Sue Walker (MTA) by 480-254 — a margin of 224 points!

## ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example HAUNT to UNHAT and PITCHES to CHIPSET. On a higher level a HEADSTONE can mark ONE'S DEATH. Our Scrabblers' anagrams this time feature relative newcomers and three overseas players who have all competed in NZ tournaments.

ISABEL WEDDELL  
CONNIE GERVASI  
ZELMA OLD  
CECILIA RUTO  
SAM KANTIMATHI  
JOHN HOLGATE

WILLABLE DEEDS  
ENVISION GRACE  
MOLD ZEAL  
I ACCRUE TOIL  
THINK I AM A MAST  
ON HEALTH JOG



ANAGRAM MADNESS

## LIZ AND STEVE'S TOUR OF NZ SCRABBLE CLUBS, PART II

by Steve and Liz Richards (NEL)

The Hastings club was the 12th we had visited in the North Island in a month, and the 15th overall. Upstairs at the RSA we played double handers with Jeff who generously let Liz beat him, giving her a bit of help with bonus words. He also gave us a bag of feijoas to remind us that he was responsible for making that word allowable in Scrabble. To add to our good fortune, Doreen O'Shea kindly offered a bed for the night. At Waipukurau we played with Ann Grindrod, Louise, Norma and Etu on Louise's amazing American de-luxe wooden Scrabble board with gold tiles.

On to the Bay of Plenty where we played with Ngaire Steel and her friend Cliff in Papamoa. Their club has been in recession recently but Ngaire has managed to get things started again and we wished them luck in reviving interest. On 16 May we were challenged to attend both the Tauranga and Hamilton clubs on the same day. Fourteen players gathered in the Tauranga club overlooking the harbour and we enjoyed a keenly competitive morning with Marianne Bentley and colleagues. We dashed over to Hamilton in the afternoon to meet Elaine and Tony Moltzen who generously allowed us to park the campervan on their drive and looked after us for three days. That night Shirley Martin took us to the Hamilton club which had a very well organised

system of internal competitions and spot prizes. On Thursday Elaine took us to the Kiwi club where we crowded into Carol's front room with 14 other players (all female) and had a really enjoyable afternoon.

Twenty down — five to go! Thanks to Joan, Maureen, Gerald and all at the Rodney club for their hospitality in Warkworth. This is a big, thriving club with over 20 enthusiasts attending on Monday afternoons. After touring around Northland and the Bay of Islands we reached Cape Reinga on 25 May, and headed back towards Auckland. We played at the North Shore club in Takapuna on the week of the Nationals, and had a good session with John, Allie, Margaret and friends.

We enjoyed our first National Champs



*The Nelson members at the National Champs, from left Steve, Ann, Andrew, Murray and Liz.*

immensely and learned a great deal. We were impressed by the comradeship, competitiveness, generosity and passion for the game which was demonstrated throughout the weekend. Glennis Hale directed brilliantly and there were some absorbing battles in all the grades. For us, after five months away from home, it was nice to see three familiar faces from Nelson (Ann, Andrew and Murray).

In June we played at the Holy Cross club, and we thank Dawn Kitzen and May Meads for their hospitality. By now our trip seemed to be well known and there were some kind offers of help to sell our campervan, particularly from Papatoetoe. We played at the well attended Pakuranga club in the church hall at Panmure and finally ended our trek at Mount Albert on 16 June. This was our 25th Scrabble club but not the last, as we fitted in another visit to North Shore with Margaret Bundock and Lynne Powell. We sold the campervan and spent the last three weeks of our trip in Orewa in a comfortable motel. Lynne, Joan and Maureen invited us to take part in a Scrabble demonstration session in the local library. The expedition finally ended with Holy Cross tournament on 1 July, and Margaret Bundock kindly gave us a lift to Papatoetoe with our heavy luggage. It was good to see all the friends we had made over the previous months and we were delighted and encouraged to do so well in our grades.

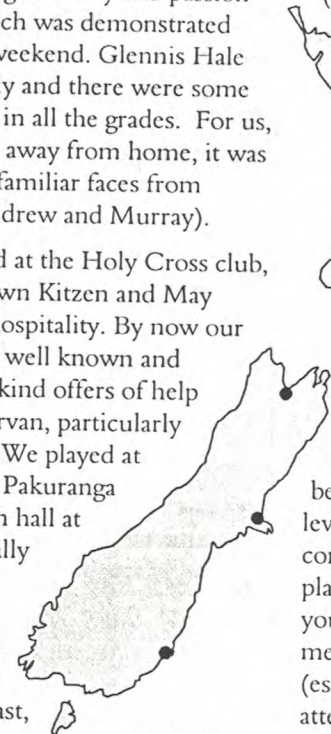
We played an estimated 115 games each in the six months, including four

tournaments. Approximately 225 players attended the 23 clubs we attended (excluding Masterton and Wanganui where we missed club nights). The best attended clubs we visited were (in no particular order) Hamilton, Kiwi, Rodney, Pakuranga, Holy Cross and the three South Island clubs, which all had 12-20 players. Eleven clubs had single figure attendance.

We felt that, although the number of club players has clearly fallen in the last decade, there is a solid bedrock of enthusiasts with high skill levels. The demographic profile is a concern, as a high proportion of club players are senior and relatively few younger people are joining. Club membership is predominantly female (estimated 80-90% on club nights we attended), but the men who do turn up are usually very good players!

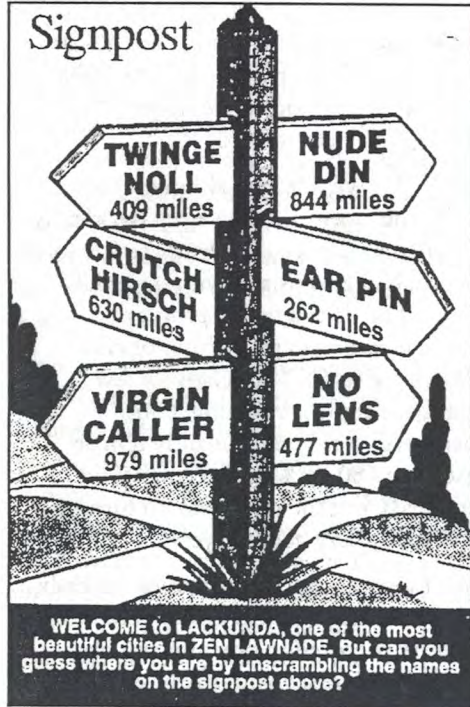
Like most recreational activities the clubs rely on a small number of key activists who are prepared to organise and lead. Scrabble is blessed with many such people, but again only two out of 25 club contact people are male. We found a fairly standardised format for club nights with some variation in opponent selection methods. Membership is clearly skewed in favour of the North Island, with 22 clubs compared to three in the South, and easier access to the majority of tournaments for those in the north.

Overall it was a great experience for us and showed us what a strong network there is in the country. We can read



Forwards now with added interest and I hope our own club in Nelson will benefit from our observations of how other clubs organise themselves. Thanks again to all the new friends we made on our trip. You are welcome in Nelson any time.

*This appropriate picture from the Daily Mail was sent to Steve by his mother in the UK.*



**SCRABBLE ROMANCE**  
 Ann Hough and Andrew Denmead (NEL) announced their engagement on August 3 (Ann's birthday). They met two years ago at the Nelson Scrabble Club.

Congratulations Ann and Andrew. It's so nice to see Scrabble bringing people together.

Tournament Calendar	
Tournament	Date
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	24-26 November
Kiwi	2 December
Howick-Pakuranga	27-28 January 2001
Nelson	17-18 February
Hastings	10-11 March

**UK SAYS YES. BUT NORTH AMERICA SAYS NO**

Both North America and the UK Scrabble Associations have recently polled their members about their official word source preference.

In the UK, members voted strongly to move to adoption of both *Official Scrabble Words* (OSW) and the *American Official Tournament and Club Word List* (OTCWL) from 1 January 2002 for all rated tournaments. The year 2001 will be a transition year where players will need to agree which word source to use prior to a game.

In North America members of the National Scrabble Association (covering US and Canada) voted to retain the existing word source OCTWL. The referendum result was to be binding for the next five years.

**KIDSWEAR**

Michael Vnuk of Queensland, editor of the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board* has 'challenged' our use of the non-Scrabble word KIDSWEAR on p19 in the last *Forwards*. Michael notes that WEAR is a very common suffix in shops, and many of the words so formed haven't made it into the dictionary, eg ACTIVEWEAR, LEISUREWEAR, BOYSWEAR, GIRLSWEAR, although some appear as two words. Actually, KIDSWEAR could also be a term used for certain modern speech trends, by analogy with TEENSPEAK (another non-Scrabble word).

**REDWOOD DELETIONS**  
 Please note that the following two 9-letter words are no longer allowable in Scrabble:  
 EPINEURIA QUADRIVIA  
 They were previously OK on some American lists, but are not included now.  
 Accordingly, they should be deleted from your copies of *Redwood*.

**EXCELLENT EXTENSIONS**

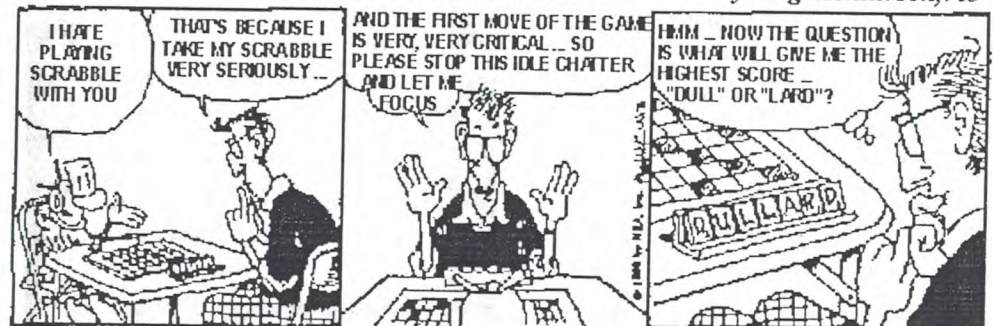
In the B grade at the Blacktown tourney in New South Wales, on April 15, Joan Buchanan played a rather special bonus by extending MAGI to MAGISTRATES. A similar feat was achieved by Thailand's Pakorn Nemitrmansuk at the Bertam World Masters in Malaysia in May. However, Pakorn's brilliant MACHINERIES, played around CHIN, failed to win him the game against Rod Talbot of Australia.

**OLYMPIC SCRABBLE**

The Sydney Olympics sees the launch of the first themed Scrabble set. On sale in Australia only, the issue is limited to 40,000 and all sets are numbered.

Based around the original fold-up board, the normal premium squares are replaced with pictograms of four Olympic sports — athletics, cycling, gymnastics and swimming. There are also around 100 gold, silver and bronze words connected with the Olympics which, if played, gain special bonus points.

**ROBOTMAN**



*Found by Meg Henderson, Vic*

From the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board*, June 2000



This year's clash between NZ and Australia will take place in Melbourne from Friday November 24 to Sunday November 26 (not November 25-27 as stated in the last issue).

Steven Brown (HAM) comes into the Kiwi team with the unavailability of Nigel Richards (CHC). This is a richly deserved honour for Steven, who has been one of the big improvers on the NZ Scrabble scene over the last couple of years.

The Australian TT qualifiers are:

- Roger Blom (Vic)
- Paul Cleary (NSW)
- John Holgate (NSW)
- Carmel Dodd (SA)
- Trevor Halsall (Vic)
- Bob Jackman (NSW)
- Geoff Wright (Vic)
- Steve Sunter (Vic)
- Alistair Kane (Vic)
- Joan Rosenthal (NSW)
- Edward Okulicz (Qld)
- Glenys Lawrie (WA)

**WORD STATS**

With the introduction of new words from the latest *Chambers Dictionary*, 145,400 words from 2-9 letters in length are now available in Scrabble. Here is a breakdown of word-lengths and numbers.

Length	Words
2	121
3	1229
4	5155
5	11812
6	20964
7	31229
8	38043
9	36847
Total	145400

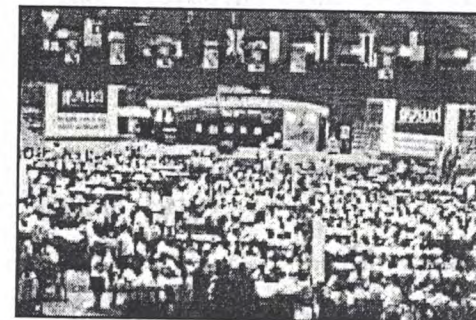
**CIRCUMSTANCES**

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.

—George Bernard Shaw  
from Christchurch Scrabble Club Newsletter,  
June/July 2000

**NIGEL WINS KING'S CUP**

The Brand's International King's Cup 2000 Tournament was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from June 29—July 2. The top-class field included ex-World Champ Joel Sherman (US), Asia-Pacific Champ Gerry Carter (England), as well as players from Nigeria, Kenya, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, and of course New Zealand's Nigel Richards.



*The scene at the crowded venue.*  
Photo: Malaysian Scrabble website

A. Ganesh (Malaysia) was the only player to win all five games on Day One. Leading the bunch with four wins was Ricky Gonzalez (Saudi Arabia), followed by Tony Sim (Singapore) and Nigel in fourth spot.

Things hotted up on the second day with Thailand's Jakkrit Klaphajone winning all six games to leap into the lead on ten wins (+507). Two games behind were Tony Sim (8 wins, +578), A. Ganesh (8, +503), Odette Rio of the Philippines (8, +405) and another Thai expert, Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (8, +225). Nigel was next with seven wins and a spread of +536. Not such a good day for Nigel, winning only three out of six, and losing twice to the new leader, Jakkrit. Play of the day was by Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore) who PANFRIED American Sam Kantimathi for 167 points!

Nine games were played on Day Three, and there were many interesting activities going on at the venue. A student band and a gentleman playing tunes on partially filled water goblets entertained people, and the atmosphere was extraordinary with 4000 children in the enclosed stadium playing in the world's biggest Scrabble event, while the experts battled

it out in their own competition.

When the smoke had cleared, Nigel was a clear leader with 15 wins out of 20 and a spread of 1350. The two Thais Pakorn and Jakkrit were poised one win behind. There was of course lots of superb Scrabble. Joel Sherman beat Charae Worapotpisut (Thailand) 671-405, and top word of the day was PANTILED for 128 by ex-African champ Femi Awowade (Nigeria). But the best move of the day was undoubtedly Nigel's when he extended WORLD to WORLDSCALE on a triple word score for 57 points. This 10-letter word was too long for the computer adjudication program, and took some time to be confirmed as acceptable in *Chambers Dictionary*.

The final day featured the last qualifying rounds, in which Nigel made it into the final two games before the second player qualified. In one game Tony Malonzo (Philippines) scored the highest move of the tournament — DENIZENS for 293 points!

Nigel's opponent in the best-of-three game final was Jakkrit. After Nigel won

the first game by 497-388, the second turned out to be a brilliant encounter, with seven bonus words played in total — see over page for a game summary. In the end, Nigel prevailed narrowly by 488-485, taking the King's Cup and the US \$6,000 prize money.

The top ten placings were:

**Wins Spread**

1. Nigel Richards (NZ)	19	1757
2. Jakkrit K (Thai)	19	634
3. Pakorn N (Thai)	18	530
4. Charnwit S (Thai)	18	460
5. Gerry Carter (Eng)	17	758
6. Ganesh A (Malaysia)	17	629
7. Odette Rio (Phil)	17	323
8. Joel Sherman (US)	16	745
9. Azu Ogbogu (Nigeria)	16	632
10. Tony Sim (Sing)	16	353

Our heartiest congratulations to Nigel on yet another stunning success in the international Scrabble arena.



*Nigel is flanked by American Sam Kantimathi and Kanji, while some of the schoolchildren look on.*

Photo: Malaysian Scrabble website.

## ANOTHER WIN FOR NIGEL

Nigel made it eight consecutive tournament wins when he won the Genting Permai Resort Tournament held in Malaysia on August 4-6. He won 16 out of 18 games. An internet report on the Malaysia Scrabble site reports:

“He (Nigel) dropped 2 games to Pui Cheng Wui in the early rounds but later beat him 5 games in a row in the no repeat format. The matches were a treat to watch especially in one game when Nigel bingoed with **METERING** on the right end of the board. He held the letters **EFINPSU** and without much hesitation put down **FINESPUN** hooking the **N** that was in the bingo played earlier. Pui played **WANY** underneath it and Nigel replied with **STeNNED** hooking 4 other words to score 103!

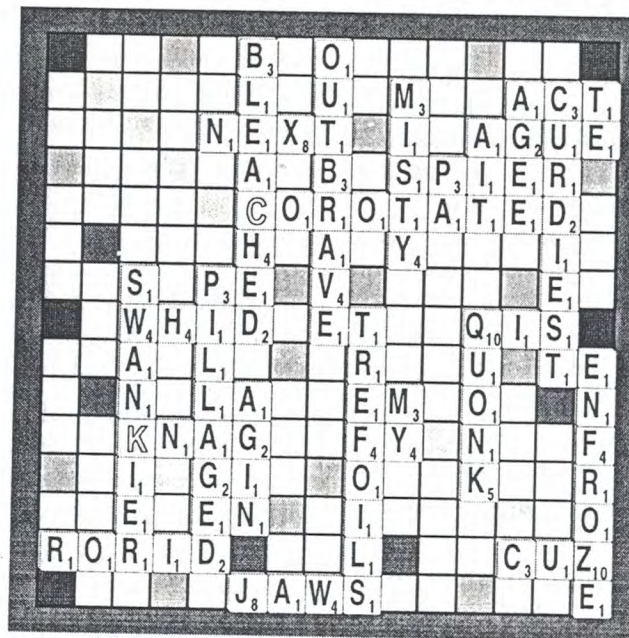
Another game worth mentioning was the last game when Nigel was trailing by nearly 100 points. Pui blocked a **SALTern** combination play. After more than 5 minutes deliberation, using a **TA** that was on the board, Nigel played **TARLETANS** to score 74, narrow the lead and then went on to win the game by 21 points.”

In second place was Pui Cheng Wui (Malaysia) on 12 wins (+914) and third was Singapore's Michael Tang also on 12 wins (+315).

## KINGS CUP FINAL GAME

Jakkrit				Nigel			
Rack	Played	Score	Cum	Rack	Played	Score	Cum
1	AEOOTT?	TATOOED	ch x 0	AABEIRV	BRAVE	26	26
2	AEOOTT?	COROTATE	64 64	AEEIIPS	PIE	20	46
3	ABEEOTU	OUTBRAVE	39 103	CDEIRST	CURDIEST	91	158
4	ABDEEHL	BLEACHED	73 176	EFILORT	TREFOIL	64	222
5	EEFNORZ	ENFROZE	112 310	AEGILLP	PILLAGE	77	299
6	ACJSUUW	JAWS	53 363	AIMNRSY	MY	31	330
7	CKNNUUX	CUZ	28 391	AGIINRS	AGIN	19	349
8	DKNNOUX	QUONK	36 427	IIMRSSY	MISTY	31	380
9	DDNORWX	NEXT	19 446	EINNRS?	NAG	4	384
10	DDHIRVW	WHID	15 461	AEINRS?	SWANKIER	98	462
11	DDIOORV	RORID	24 485	AT	ACT	12	474
	DOV			Add DOV		14	488

Game annotated by Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore)



D<sub>2</sub> O<sub>1</sub> V<sub>4</sub>



## DAVID LLOYD WINS IN MELBOURNE

Expatriate Kiwi David Lloyd, now living in Melbourne, has won three tournaments and placed second in a fourth recently. At the Nunawading tournament held on 9 July, David placed second on five wins in a field that included Trans Tasman qualifiers Alistair Kane (3rd), Roger Blom (6th), and Geoff Wright (8th) and high-ranked player Saheed Jimoh (11th). The winner was Dianne Davis, also on 5 wins but 92 aggregate points ahead of David.

Next came the Melbourne Open held on 22 July, where David won all six games, one win clear of Nicole Findlay, Sal Costanzo and Alistair Kane. The field included Alistair (4th), and other Trans Tasman qualifiers Steve Sunter (6th) and Trevor Halsall (11th). David is the third Kiwi to win this tournament, others being Howard Warner and Lynne Butler, both of whom were living in Australia at the time.

In the Knox Gully tournament held on 6 August the top three finishers were separated by only 10 aggregate points. David topped the field with five wins and a 2582 aggregate with Sue Kyatt (5, 2576) and Roger (5, 2572) in second and third places. The field also included top Sri Lankan player Naween Fernando who finished 4th, Steve (5th), Geoff (6th), and Alistair (13th).

In the Melbourne Scrabble Club September tournament held on September 9 David won all six games with an impressive spread of 771. In second place was Robert Archer on five wins and Geoff Wright came third with the highest spread of those on four wins.



David Lloyd

Included in the field were Saheed (4th), Trevor (5th), Alistair (10th) and Steve (13th).

These performances put David up to top place on the Australian ratings list. Isn't it great that he will be playing for NZ in the Trans Tasman in November!

### KIWI PLAYS IN QUEENSLAND CHAMPS

Glenda Foster (CAP) combined a trip to Australia for a conference with the Queensland Scrabble Championships held in Brisbane on August 19-20. The Masters Section comprised 22 players competing in 17 rounds of play.

With two rounds to go Glenda had climbed to 4th spot. Unfortunately, losses in the final two games meant that she slipped back to 9th place on 9 wins.

The tournament winner was Rod Talbot (NSW) on 12 wins, ahead of John Barker (NSW) and Derek McKenzie (QLD) both on 11 wins.

### STRANGE BUT FALSE

The following piece was spotted in a magazine by Association secretary, Allie Quinn (NSB).

Every week, two tall tales, but only one is true. Can you pick which one?

**Story 1:** Albania is the only country ever to pass a law solely concerning the game of Scrabble. In 1993 the ruling Communists decreed that the letter H should have its value increased to 5 points in honour of the party chairman Eriver Hoxhe.

**Story 2:** On April 14, 1989, police at Huddersfield, England, reported the results of an unusual experiment in their cells. What the research showed was that putting violent prisoners into pink cells could have a calming effect.

Answer on p20.

### HIGH TURN AVERAGES

At the 2000 Waltham, Massachusetts, tournament on March 31-April 2, Jim Kramer averaged 61.2 points per move in scoring 551 in 9 turns. His first four plays were CAROUSED (62), OREGANO (97), DILUTIVE (80) and ASTRINGE (140), and his last move was RETIRING (72). Jim's opponent, current World Champ Joel Wapnick of Canada, went out with a bonus word and caught Jim with 22 points, finishing on 453. Joel averaged 45.3 points per turn in 10 moves, and their combined per turn average was 52.8 points. These per turn averages are all American records.

[Note: The highest average turn score that I am aware of in New Zealand is Nigel Richards's 64.9 achieved when

scoring 649 in ten moves against John Foster at the 1997 Nationals. Does anyone know of a higher per turn average in a tournament game? — Ed.]

### CELEBRITY SCRABBLER

Aussie actor Mel Gibson is reportedly a keen Scrabblor and plays on movie sets while not working. Appropriately, his surname anagrams to BINGOS.



Here are a dozen new 8-letter words to dazzle your opponents.

AEROTONE	JUNGLIST
BITESIZE	NOTITIAE
CIABATTE	SLAPHEAD
EMOTICON	STICHERA
EXTRANET	TAQUERIA
FROIDEUR	VEGELATE

### THE TOP TEN TOURNAMENT SCORES

717	Mike Sigley	1990	Dunedin
702	Howard Warner	1997	Hastings
681	Mike Sigley	1994	Nationals
676	Nigel Richards	1997	Pakuranga
668	Eileen McLean	2000	Papatoetoe/ Holy Cross
666	Jeff Grant	1993	Nationals
661	Glennis Hale	1990	North Shore
660	Denise Gordon	1988	Nationals
653	Peter Sinton	1995	Dunedin
650	Jeff Grant	1990	Masters

We think these are the ten highest individual game scores in New Zealand tournament Scrabble. If an omission or error has been made, please let us know.

Tribute to  
**DAPHNE WATSON**  
 4 Aug 1917 — 10 Aug 2000

by Pam Robson

Daphne was a lady who really lived up to her name. A very sweet, caring and outgoing person who loved life. She had two absorbing passions — Scrabble and Rugby!

Daphne joined the Hamilton Scrabble Club many years ago, and continued to attend club meetings until about 1998 when failing health curtailed these outings. However, she still enjoyed having the odd game with the many Scrabble friends who continued to visit her at her home right up until her recent death, still managing to win many games as well!

However, I think Daphne's love of rugby, which she'd followed all her life, was possibly the greater passion of the two. A Life Member of the Waikato Rugby Supporters Club, her interest in the game over the years had gained her quite notable recognition within the rugby fraternity.

I believe she had a gallery of photographs of herself with every Waikato, National and International rugby player imaginable! And knowing Daphne as the character she was, I can just imagine her 'getting in on the act' at every possible opportunity. She had a wonderful sense of humour!

Daphne is very sadly missed by all members of the Hamilton Scrabble community.

God bless you Daphne. Your love of life is an inspiration to us all.

Keep cheering for the rugby!



**CHALLENGE!**

Which of these words played at the Hamilton Tournament would you challenge? (see page 20 for answers)

- |          |          |          |           |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| UNPEELS  | UNMAILED | PUNNIER  | REEDINGS  |
| LOOSIES  | RICINUS  | FLAVORER | STEPPINGS |
| LONGLINE | GUSTOES  | LATRINED | FREMDS    |
| CARFOX   | SEAPOST  | TAFFRAIL | TURNERY   |
| GINBERRY | JAUNTERS | MOPPIEST | FOLIE     |

## NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPS

The 2000 North American National Scrabble Championship was held in Providence, Rhode Island from 5-10 August. There were an amazing 599 competitors grouped into 6 divisions. The tournament format differed from previous years — just 31 rounds with each division winner decided on wins and spread.

The field included current and former World Champs Joel Wapnick and Joel Sherman, current and former North American Champs Brian Cappelletto, Adam Logan, Joe Edley, Bob Felt, and Ron Tiekert and top ranked players, Jere Mead, Jim Geary, David Weigand and Lester Schonbrun.

Joe Edley, Brian Cappelletto, Randy Hersom, Sammy Okosagah and Joel Sherman won all seven games played on Day 1, with Joel leading on spread.

By the end of Day 2 Randy had jumped out to a 2-win lead with 13 wins from 14 games. John Luebkehan, Joe, Brian and Sammy were all on 11 wins.

On Day 3 Joe won six out of seven games to take a 2-win lead. Brian, Sammy and Randy were still in the hunt and Adam Logan had moved up to be in contention on 15 wins.

Day 4 saw Joe still in front on 20 wins, leading on spread from David Weigand and Randy, with Brian, Adam, Jim Kramer and Robert Felt in contention on 19 wins.

Going into the final round Joe, David, Brian and Randy were all on 21 wins, with Joe still in front on spread. The deciding games were Joe against David

and Brian vs Randy. Joe defeated David by 420-400 and then had to wait to see if Brian could beat Randy by 176 points or more. Brian managed to win the game, but by 440-377 and had to be content with second place on spread.

Joe is now the only player to have won the National Scrabble Champs three times. His first win came in 1980 and his second in 1992.

The top ten finishers were:

	Wins	Spread
1 Joe Edley	22	+1454
2 Brian Cappelletto	22	+1342
3 David Weigand	21	+1410
4 Adam Logan	21	+1116
5 Randy Hersom	21	+164
6 Jere Mead	20.5	+894
7 Ron Tiekert	20	+1327
8 Jim Kramer	20	+1120
9 Sammy Okosagah	20	+556
10 Robert Felt	20	+437

This report was based on information posted on the National Scrabble Association website by John Chew and Sherrie Saint John



Joe Edley receives his trophy from John Williams, National Scrabble Association executive director.



# NZASP RANKINGS AS AT 10 SEPT 2000

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2144	399.5	624	64%	44 Bill Grigg	1568	217	400	54%
2 Nigel Richards	2120	278.5	328	85%	45 Sue McRae	1564	228	420	54%
3 Kendall Boyd	2105	221	289	76%	46 Ann Hough	1562	168.5	303	56%
4 Jeff Grant	2103	816	1046	78%	47 Maureen Holliday	1562	218.5	402	54%
5 Peter Sinton	2030	241	331	73%	48 Rhoda Cashman	1559	450	959	47%
6 David Lloyd	2020	318	572	56%	49 Glenda Geard	1550	460.5	902	51%
7 Mike Sigley	2011	510	694	73%	50 Betty Gibb	1543	132.5	315	42%
8 Glennis Hale	1988	662	1177	56%	51 Karyn McDougall	1543	258.5	482	54%
9 John Foster	1983	610.5	1050	58%	52 Hilda Scott	1529	181	320	57%
10 Lynne Butler	1982	475	787	60%	53 Helen Sillis	1517	383.5	753	51%
11 Patrick Carter	1968	377.5	619	61%	54 Leila Thomson	1503	271	597	45%
12 Glenda Foster	1943	408	792	52%	55 Andree Prentice	1489	381	720	53%
13 Steven Brown	1931	276.5	503	55%	56 Roger Coates	1480	252	532	47%
14 Andrew Bradley	1916	268	555	48%	57 Reeve Pearson	1475	607.5	1299	47%
15 Glynis Jennings	1900	283.5	596	48%	58 Marj Batchelor	1474	137	309	44%
16 Lynne Powell	1893	600.5	1136	53%	59 Kim Graham	1471	184	330	56%
17 Pam Robson	1834	320.5	649	49%	60 Julie Atkinson	1463	96.5	162	60%
18 Valerie Mills	1826	367	727	50%	61 Ann Candler	1463	378	821	46%
19 Anna Geange	1798	341.5	627	54%	62 Rebecca Freeth	1445	112.5	188	60%
20 Lisa McLean	1798	297.5	562	53%	63 Max Aston	1435	140	267	52%
21 Denise Gordon	1794	391.5	761	51%	64 Ruth O'Neill	1419	191.5	401	48%
22 Liz Fagerlund	1766	273	481	57%	65 Sandra Stacey	1406	62	109	57%
23 Marianne Bentley	1762	50	94	53%	66 Chris Hooks	1404	376.5	794	47%
24 Lynn Wood	1760	641.5	1306	49%	67 Shirley Hol	1400	189.5	381	50%
25 Peter Jones	1740	456	899	51%	68 Elsie Malkin	1385	112	204	55%
26 Sheryl Davidson	1735	492	915	54%	69 Marian Ross	1383	169.5	352	48%
27 May Quigley	1733	428	954	45%	70 Jennifer Smith	1383	194.5	339	57%
28 Gerald Warner	1726	581.5	1220	48%	71 Janice Cherry	1362	126	220	57%
29 Rosemary Cleary	1724	285.5	598	48%	72 Delcie Macbeth	1355	282	522	54%
30 Allie Quinn	1716	464	975	48%	73 Norman Wheeler	1339	343	633	54%
31 Puti Rowe	1698	335.5	673	50%	74 Margaret Simpson	1338	278.5	563	49%
32 June Mackwell	1692	319	704	45%	75 Lorraine Van Veen	1331	365.5	706	52%
33 Eileen McLean	1672	551	1038	53%	76 Doreen Ogston	1315	264.5	576	46%
34 Paul Lister	1663	275.5	485	57%	77 Stewart Fleming	1313	35	71	49%
35 Correne James	1657	306	653	47%	78 Isabel Zyp	1303	234	463	51%
36 Jane Walton	1653	187	351	53%	79 Margaret Lyall	1302	177	383	46%
37 Doreen O'Shea	1631	221.5	422	52%	80 Jean O'Brien	1288	328	657	50%
38 Glenyss Buchanan	1631	348.5	734	47%	81 Marj Baillie	1285	298.5	599	50%
39 Joan Thomas	1628	196.5	350	56%	82 Yvette Hewlett	1273	153.5	346	44%
40 Fae Olson	1623	690.5	1440	48%	83 Sue Walker	1271	225.5	448	50%
41 Faye Cronhelm	1589	370	741	50%	84 Doreen Davies	1261	162	310	52%
42 Margaret Bundock	1589	436	863	51%	85 Roto Mitchell	1260	147	291	51%
43 Yvonne Wilson	1569	187	321	58%	86 Shirley van Essen	1259	114	206	55%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
87 Hazel Purdie	1258	252.5	531	48%	133 Elaine King	821	205	397	52%
88 Murray Rogers	1238	62.5	111	56%	134 Jean Clarke	816	120.5	247	49%
89 Shirley Wyatt	1212	191.5	407	47%	135 Dorothy Haining	811	314	635	49%
90 Shirley Martin	1207	241.5	458	53%	136 Ruth Groffman	807	44	83	53%
91 Andrew Denmead	1196	73	134	54%	137 Gordon Pinchin	804	124	242	51%
92 Kathleen					138 Pam Mayall	788	152	292	52%
					139 Kerry Dawkins	783	62	159	39%
					140 Mary Pinchin	771	133	270	49%
93 Malcolm Graham	1177	156.5	316	50%	141 Chris Handley	768	60.5	130	47%
94 Mary Gray	1176	169.5	312	54%	142 Julie Giles	764	63.5	123	52%
95 David Gunn	1170	497.5	985	51%	143 Kate Wignall	752	319.5	633	50%
96 Joan Pratt	1168	241	440	55%	144 Val Worth	745	179	372	48%
97 Elaine Moltzen	1147	251	518	48%	145 Margaret Hanson	742	127.5	242	53%
98 Pam Barlow	1137	157.5	301	52%	146 Olwen Skelton	742	245	524	47%
99 Marianne Patchett	1130	114.5	204	56%	147 Rosalind Phillips	740	54	83	65%
100 Betty Eriksen	1099	330	657	50%	148 Margaret Ham	724	91	181	50%
101 Dean Riesterer	1087	94	152	62%	149 Karen Miller	705	88	174	51%
102 Carolyn Kyle	1065	143	284	50%	150 Lil Moore	703	271.5	574	47%
103 Martha Morgan	1062	185	384	48%	151 Tracy Ivamy	691	23	53	43%
104 David Bragg	1060	30	47	64%	152 Ruth Munnings	668	36.5	70	52%
105 Margaret Cherry	1056	175	357	49%	153 Roslyn Lister	648	43.5	92	47%
106 Naomi Gilmore	1033	109.5	212	52%	154 Paddy Hoffman	622	38	66	58%
107 Michael Hyndman	1026	157.5	285	55%	155 Jacqy Struik	613	45	113	40%
108 Bev Barker	1024	253	530	48%	156 Doreen Rowlands	609	68	179	38%
109 Carole Coates	1020	195	414	47%	157 Dorothy Latta	583	110	274	40%
110 Yvonne MacKenzie/ Erickson	1006	104.5	230	45%	158 Sheila Reed	578	27	62	44%
111 Brian Horsley	1004	113.5	230	49%	159 Ria Shoebridge	572	22	43	51%
112 Margaret Parsons	1001	172.5	328	53%	160 Jillian Greening	571	138.5	296	47%
113 Glen Madigan	996	35	58	60%	161 Mary Lewis	570	37.5	85	44%
114 Dawn Kitzen	981	153.5	303	51%	162 Kay O'Connor	548	14.5	33	44%
115 Susan Olson	976	88	171	51%	163 Ed Olson	534	470	1191	39%
116 Valma Gidman	974	252.5	506	50%	164 Kath Davies	533	103	209	49%
117 Annette Coombes	973	229.5	517	44%	165 Sharon Clarke	524	53	165	32%
118 Liz Catchpole	972	183	379	48%	166 Betty Sutherland	513	74	175	42%
119 Pat Grant	964	64	110	58%	167 Betty Wilson	485	37	76	49%
120 Steve Richards	964	62	107	58%	168 Paula Gibbons	483	50.5	128	39%
121 Liz Richards	929	58	106	55%	169 Jenny Sharpe	478	14	27	52%
122 Lyn Dawson	910	135	229	59%	170 Vera Burner	466	133	479	28%
123 Irene Hague-Smith	909	307	658	47%	171 Elise Joy	447	62.5	148	42%
124 Mary Farmer	898	63	120	53%	172 Sammy Sanders	344	58.5	149	39%
125 May Meads	894	160.5	303	53%	173 Merle Spinetto	303	43	105	41%
126 John Sharpe	875	17	28	61%	174 Resie Coenen	299	22	117	19%
127 June Ward	873	82	170	48%	175 Mary Casse	261	24	63	38%
128 Jill Johnson	865	82	169	49%	176 Elvira Steel	230	60	355	17%
129 Ray Goodyear	842	46	88	52%	177 Iris Gardner	159	21.5	57	38%
130 Janet Willison	841	52	74	70%	178 Maureen McBain	154	12	54	22%
131 Marie Cairns	830	95	175	54%	179 Jean Craib	94	14	70	20%
132 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	826	208	446	47%					

Tribute to  
**PEGGY WALLACE**  
11 May 1927 — 20 Aug 2000

by Pam Robson

All Hamilton Scrabblers share with Peggy's family a great sense of loss while recalling our own memories of a special person who was very much part of the fellowship within our Hamilton Clubs.

Peggy joined the Hamilton Scrabble Club in about 1983, and was one of the longest standing members. Scrabble played quite a major part in her life. Not only did she regularly attend club nights and play in various tournaments over the years, she also often got together with other members for friendly games either at her home or theirs, and formed some very strong bonds and close friendships with these people.

Peggy was a very much loved and respected member of the Hamilton Scrabble community. She had a natural ability and aptitude for playing Scrabble, and although perhaps not as strongly competitive as some members, she played an excellent game and was always willing to share her knowledge in helping others.

However, even more commendable than her successes were Peggy's sense of fair play and honesty. This attribute was very appropriately reflected by the fact that she was voted 'Sportsperson of the Year' in 1999 by the Hamilton Club members, and was presented with the trophy at their prize-giving function last December. She was an extremely worthy recipient of this honour.

Peggy will be very sadly missed by all Hamilton Scrabblers, and especially by those who had formed close friendships with her.

Thank you, Peggy, for your friendship. Happy Scrabbling in heaven. God bless.

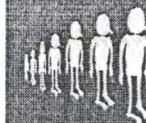


**CHALLENGE (FROM P 16)**

All but UNPEELS, LOOSIES, GINBERRY, SEAPOST, JAUNTERS, STEPPINGS and LATRINED are correct.

**STRANGE BUT FALSE (FROM P15)**

Huddersfield police did prove the calming effect of pink cells on prisoners. Albania did not meddle with the rules of Scrabble.



# CLUB NEWS

**DUNEDIN NEWSLETTER**

by Bill Grigg

**New Venue (Club Night)**

We have moved to Caversham Presbyterian Church Hall, 61 Thorn St. Still Tuesdays at 7pm.

**Quiz**

What other words do the following make?

- (1) SPIDERS      (2) STIFFEN  
(3) SLYNESS      (4) SIEVING  
(5) LORDING      (6) MISERLY

**Good Game**

In Round Robin Competition Karyn McDougall defeated Marian Ross by 487-479.

**100 Club Games — 2000**

- 157 Karyn McDougall  
147 Kerry Dawkins  
110 Stewart Fleming

Last year Karyn 244, Kerry 206.

**Capital Tournament**

Elvira Steel had two wins and enjoyed herself — great hospitality. Congratulations to the winner Glenda Foster. Nine 'mainlanders' entered this event.

**Nigel Richards (Ex CHC)**

What a player! He just keeps on winning, modest as usual, taking Scrabble to a higher level. Well done.

**Norfolk Island Festival**

Carolyn Kyle and Ruth Groffman are looking forward to their trip and holiday at the end of September.

**Competitions**

	P	W	Spr	Ave	B/W
<b>Round Robin</b>					
1 Peter Sinton	21	18	2079	445	39
2 Bill Grigg	24	15	524	389	34
3 Karyn McDougall	23	10	-498	372	22
<b>Ladder</b>					
1 Karyn McDougall	15	14	2141	449	34
2 Bill Grigg	16	10	488	396	20
3 Stewart Fleming	18	10	303	385	25
<b>Challenge</b>					
1 Peter Sinton	4	4	959	539	14
2 Karyn McDougall	107	95	12052	443	206
3 Marian Ross	34	26	2234	403	50
<b>Dictionary</b>					
1 Marian Ross	2	2	339	426	3
2 Glen Madigan	6	6	848	426	9
3 Chris Handley	4	4	551	417	4

**Aussie Trip**

Stewart Fleming had a weekend trip to Brisbane recently and won a half marathon. Congratulations!

**Strip Scrabble**

Did you see the TV programme *Friends*, where the monkey swallowed the tiles? Also a game of strip Scrabble on *At Home with the Braithwaites*. I suggested a game at the club, being paid to put more clothes on.

**Otago Lion Open Tournament**

November 18-19  
6 per grade, 15 game triple round robin.  
All invited, \$27

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**Quiz Answers**

- (9) MISRELY      (5) GIRLOND  
(4) WISEING      (3) SELSYNS  
(2) INFETS      (1) PRISSEID

**A VIEW FROM TOKOROA**

by Kevin Edgeler

Although rarely seen on the regular Scrabble circuit these days, Tokoroa's Lesley Edgeler and husband Kevin are still promoting Scrabble as a popular leisure time activity.

Lesley now works part time on a voluntary basis for the local Citizen's Advice Bureau. Recently the bureau wanted a display to go in their window for the month of July. Lesley suggested Scrabble and the display promptly went ahead, including full-size mannikins playing Scrabble, complete with dictionaries, lists, clocks, magazines and trophies, and also contact numbers.

The shop display was in Tokoroa's CBD and the local club has had at least two enquiries, and two new members were at last Friday afternoon's muster.

**MT ALBERT NEWSLETTER**

by Hazel Purdie

We have changed venues after nearly 20 years of playing every Friday at the senior citizens rooms. The new hall has been purpose built by the Mt Albert Bridge club and situated in the same complex. We are delighted with the comfort. In July we celebrated our last birthday party at the old venue when we had visitors from other clubs, some who were members previously.

We look forward to our October tournament at the Auckland Bridge Club in Remuera and are hoping for a big turnout.

**CHRISTCHURCH OPEN TOURNAMENTS 2000**

by Liz Fagerlund

Two one day tournaments were successfully run on 9 and 10 September. Both days seven games were played, with eight people per grade. At the time of closing the entries, we had 40 entered on day 1, and 31 on day 2, with Gordon Pinchin's entry being a 'floating' entry, as he'd offered to play either day where he might be needed to make even numbers. Putting him in to Sunday's draw not only made it even numbers, but we had complete round robins each day. How lucky is that!

Results were done on a computer this time, thanks to a friend who put all the data on a spreadsheet for me (we've been a bit behind the times down here, with only last year's Swiss draw tournament being done on the computer). It all went quite smoothly, with Paul Lister, Patrick Lister and I really being into the swing of things by Sunday.

We had players from Dunedin, Nelson, one from Wellington, and one from Auckland, and of course several from Christchurch, including seven first time players. Two of those first timers have been playing particularly well at club nights so I made the decision to put them into D instead of E grade. This move was vindicated when one of them, Colleen Cook, won D grade with five wins, the other one, Allison Torrance, was 5th on three wins, then got 3rd in D grade with five wins on Sunday. Another newcomer, Isabel Morris, who had only been to Wednesday afternoon sessions five times and was a complete unknown quantity to me played in E grade and won with seven

wins. It's great to see so many new ones coming in to tournaments and doing well. It was also good to see Dominic Lister (Paul & Ros Lister's son) who is only 11, really getting in to tournament play. He played in his first one in May, and this time he got 3rd with three wins on Saturday, 2nd with five wins on Sunday, with the highest average in the grade of 385. It's become a Lister family outing, with three players (although Paul adjudicated this time) and the fourth member Patrick being now a very experienced and efficient runner at tournaments.

Out of town players did well, with Kendall from Dunedin having a clean sweep in A grade and Liz Richards winning C grade on Saturday; and Nelson players Ann Hough, Murray Rogers and Steve Richards taking out A, B and C grades on Sunday.

Interesting words challenged that were correct were BOODIES (played by our 11 year old!) PRATING, RUBIEST, NONDAIRY, TRAPED, ALIPEDS, JUGULA, and SUBZERO.

Thanks to all those who entered and all the workers as well. It all added up to a successful 2 days of Scrabble.

**EILEEN'S BIG SCORE**

At the Papatoetoe/Holy Cross tournament on July 1, B Grade winner Eileen McLean (IND) achieved the fifth highest individual game score in New Zealand tournament history. While playing her daughter Lisa, Eileen managed four bonus words to one in a 668-234 victory. The margin of 434 points must also be one of the highest ever.

**SUQS OF THE BETHS**

English Scrabbler Clive Spate had a few days' break in Devon earlier this year where he visited the local Scrabble club. In attendance was a young A-level student who was obviously quite keen and relatively new to the club. In conversation Clive asked him if his school had a club or entered a team in the schools competition. Yes, apparently they did have a club, but it tended to be used by staff members in the English department to punish pupils! (What — no homework done, Penberthy? Two hours SOWPODS for you my boy.)

from the June-ish! 2000 issue of  
**Onwords, the British Scrabble  
Enthusiasts' magazine**

**THOSE RADICAL RASCALS**

by Bill Webster, United States

What is a univalent radical? Something seen now and then in a dictionary, but skipped over as an unlikely play. But take a closer look at some of those endings. How many are YL attached to a common word?

alanyl, allyl, amyl, aryl, butyl, carbonyl, dicotyl, didactyl, ethyl, formyl, hexyl, idyl, nitrosyl, ody, pentyl, propyl, sibyl, strongyl, sulfuryl, toluyl, trotyl.

Not all are as radical as they seem!

.....  
: "We should have a great many fewer  
: disputes in the world if words were  
: taken for what they are, the signs of  
: our ideas only, and not for things  
: themselves.  
: .....

— John Locke (1632-1704)

# NZ MASTERS FACT FILE FOLLOW-UP

by John Foster (NSB)

Firstly, an apology to David and Dorothy Pinner who were unfortunately omitted from the list of married couples to have competed. They are actually the only couple to have appeared together in the same tournament five times from 1984 to 1992. The 1984 tournament had the most family pairings, a total of three. Two married couples (the Pinner and the Moores), and a pair of sisters-in-law

(Ngairie and Irene Steel), all played in that tournament.

Of the 80 players to have competed in a Masters, only 12 have appeared ten times or more, all of whom have finished in the top five at least once. A further 12 players have made the top five although playing in a lesser number of tournaments. A statistical comparison of these players follows.

Player	Number played	High Place	Low Place	Ave Place	First Place	Top 5	Top 10	Most Wins	Ave Wins	Ave Score
<b>10 or more Masters</b>										
Jeff Grant	17	1	11	2.8	7	16	16	21	17.6	436
Glennis Hale	17	2	18	7.3	0	8	13	18	14.2	413
Glenda Foster	16	4	17	10.4	0	2	11	15.5	12.2	392
Mike Sigley	16	1	12	3.1	4	13	15	20	17.1	438
Lynne Powell	16	3	20	10.8	0	1	8	18	12.0	404
Glenyss Buchanan	15	4	24	11.2	0	2	9	15.5	11.7	396
Denise Gordon	15	5	19	12.8	0	1	4	15	10.7	400
John Foster	14	3	17	8.4	0	3	11	17.5	14.2	400
Andrew Bradley	13	3	19	9.8	0	2	8	16	12.5	404
Glynis Jennings	11	5	22	13.1	0	1	4	16	11.0	390
David Lloyd	10	1	14	5.1	1	7	7	19	14.8	412
May Quigley	10	3	21	14.6	0	1	1	17	10.1	387
<b>Less than 10 Masters</b>										
Lynne Butler	7	2	10	6.0	0	4	7	17	14.5	419
Patrick Carter	7	4	9	6.9	0	1	7	16	14.5	408
Blue Thorogood	6	2	4	3.0	0	6	6	19	17.3	444
Peter Sinton	6	2	9	5.7	0	3	6	18	15.7	419
Howard Warner	6	1	9	4.5	1	4	6	20	15.7	437
David Pinner	5	1	18	11.0	1	1	2	19	12.9	405
Ian Patterson	5	2	20	11.4	0	1	2	19	12.0	403
Maurine Sullivan	5	4	16	10.4	0	1	3	14	11.6	397
Sue Marrow	4	4	14	9.3	0	1	2	15.5	12.6	409
Chris Hooks	4	5	24	13.8	0	1	1	15	10.3	375
Kendall Boyd	3	1	2	1.3	2	3	3	19	18.3	424
Nigel Richards	2	1	3	2.0	1	2	2	19	18.0	471



2000 Masters winner Howard Warner  
Photo: Pam Robson

## NIGEL T-SHIRTS

New Zealand Scrabblers will be familiar with the Nigel Richards T-shirt produced by Malcolm Graham of Christchurch. Now some new ones have emerged in Malaysia.

At the Bertam World Scrabble Masters, which Nigel won in May, all competitors were given a T-shirt. Some were inscribed 'I have never beaten Nigel Richards before', while a smaller number had the inscription 'I have beaten Nigel Richards before'. Nigel himself received a shirt stating 'I AM Nigel Richards.'

## WENDELL'S WHOPPER

Wendell Hayes of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, had a massive 766-251 win over Joyce James in a local club tournament on May 7. He had the bonus words RELAXINS (82), DORKIEST (212), GOANNAS (73) and UNDREST (76), and earned 60 for JEEZ too. Unfortunately the game won't go into the record books as the second highest tournament game ever (next to Mark

Landsberg's legendary 770) due to Wendell getting away with the 70-point phony HIPPOID. It is interesting that the Americans have no qualms about unchallenged phoneys unless, apparently, they occur in a record-breaking game.

## MISSPENT YOUTH

In the 1960s movie *Georgie Girl*, Georgie (Lynn Redgrave) plays Scrabble with her boyfriend Josh (Alan Bates) on their first date. The board is shown in close-up, and Georgie exclaims about Josh's play — SOSTENUTO! (a note or chord held longer than its written value). "The product of a misspent musical education", he says modestly.

from the American  
*Scrabble Club News*, June 2000

## NEW BONUSES

by 'We call 'em junk' (MTA)

Feelbad, you megaflop gobshite. Take your flatpack carjack from the twigloo chipset daysack and give it to the cropsick hardbag with the bitesize calflick, or the clotpoll slaphead at the mailshot helpdesk.

[Sounds like a load of spammed cacumina. — Ed.]

## MR P

Regular *Forwards* contributor Bill Webster of Carefree, Arizona, enjoyed the last issue. He noted that American Scrabbler Mark Przybyszewski (p5) is called 'Mr P' over there. Also, with regard to Blue's great solo game (p36), apparently former North American champ Brian Cappelletto once reported having bonus words in his first six plays many years ago.

**ONLY IN AMERICA**

Kidz Kraze is about to make a big splash with a new toy product — inflatable board games. Hasbro, the US toy and game manufacturer, has awarded licences to Kidz Kraze (can you trust a company that can't even spell?) to create inflatable versions of its games, including Scrabble.

from the Australian Scrabble magazine *Across the Board* June 2000.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

Day 1 of the North American National Scrabble Champs was marked by the following events reported by Sherrie Saint John:

"In the arriving fashionably late department, two division 1 players, on West Coast time, tie for the prize. Jeff Widergren had only 5 minutes left on his clock when he arrived this morning. He finished the game with 1:05 remaining and defeated Scott Appel, 449-253. Like Scott, Steve Oliger ran into similarly bad luck with his late opponent. Adam Logan had only 40 seconds remaining on his

clock when he arrived late from oversleeping. He went on to score a 480! After adjusting for going over on his clock by 3:55 (which meant a 40-point score reduction), Adam won the game 440-293."

**A QUEERISH SITUATION**

by Jethro Snafflerod

An interesting situation arose last Friday at the Mt Albert birthday night. I had the rack EEHIQRS when my opponent generously played a U to enable me to get down QUEERISH for 92. Near the end of the game he extended it to QUEERISHLY which we had no means of checking without the big dictionaries. In the event I didn't challenge as I could win without it, but another player said he didn't think it was allowable because there aren't many -ISHLY words. I have printed off the list of some 132 such words to wave under his nose. Interestingly, the only such word starting with Q is QUALMISHLY which I would have considered less likely than QUEERISHLY.

**IT'S OBVIOUS**



This Peanuts comic strip was sent in by Doreen Ogston (CHC). Although 'disobvious' and some of the others are a bit strained, UNOBVIOUS is allowed in Scrabble, and INOBVIOUS and NONOBVIOUS are listed in bigger dictionaries. The champion word for taking contrary prefixes may be MORAL, with AMORAL, IMMORAL, UNMORAL and NONMORAL all OK in Scrabble, and ANTIMORAL and PSEUDOMORAL in the big Webster's.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**AUSTRALIA**

**In the Border Challenge** played at Wagga Wagga on 6-7 May, ten players from Victoria took on ten from NSW and ACT in a round robin competition. Victoria emerged victors by 55 games to 45.

Going into round 9, Victorian captain Geoff Wright was unbeaten, but losses in the last two games allowed Cecilia Ruto (Vic, Kenya) to sneak past and take individual honours on spread, with Bob Jackman (NSW) third a win further back.

The **Victorian Champs** were held on June 10-12. Matte Dunn of Tasmania took the lead after five rounds, but two games later Julian McKail (Vic), a veteran of six months competitive Scrabble, was the only unbeaten player. Thereafter the lead changed numerous times before Roger Blom (Vic) faced off against Trevor Halsall (Vic) in the 21st and last round. Roger won to take the title and reclaim his number one ranking in Australia, while Saheed Jimoh came through for second, one win behind Roger, and one ahead of Trevor. Graeme Lock Lee finished fourth, Carmel Dodd seventh, Alistair Kane tenth, David Lloyd 11th, Geoff Wright 17th and Steve Sunter 19th.

	Wins	Points
1 Roger Blom	16	8877
2 Saheed Jimoh	15	8503
3 Trevor Halsall	14	9153
4 Graeme Lock Lee	14	8364

See page 14 for further Australian tournament results.

**BAHRAIN**

The 10th Gulf Scrabble Tournament was held on May 24-26 at Bahrain's Hilton Hotel, with 40 of the region's best Scrabblers in attendance.

Bahrain champion Roland Filio beat Selwyn Lobo (United Arab Emirates) 2-0 in the final to win the Gulf Cup for the second time in seven years. Roland, a 38-year-old chef, took the first game easily by 475-337, but Selwyn, a 42-year-old insurance manager, pressed harder in the second one before Roland won 449-402.

In a close match for third and fourth places, Salah Salih (48) of Saudi Arabia prevailed 2-1 against teammate Ricky Gonzalez.

The top four place-getters in the tournament have all played at the World Champs. This unique pan-Gulf event is the only internationally rated Scrabble competition in the Middle East.

**CHANNEL ISLANDS**

Peripatetic American Scrabblers Sam Kantimathi won the World Dictionary (SOWPODS) event at the Jersey Festival on March 18-24. Sam had 12 wins from 16 games to finish ahead of British players Jackie McLeod (11 wins) and Di Dennis (9 wins).

**GHANA**

The 4th Pan African Scrabble Championship featured 50 players from Nigeria, Kenya, Seychelles and Ghana. After 24 rounds Moshood Sanni (Nigeria)

emerged as the winner ahead of compatriots Chinedu Okwelogu and Ayo Adekunle. Kenya will host the next Pan African event in 2002.

### ISRAEL

Zev Kesselman won the 5th Israeli National Scrabble Championship with seven wins from nine games. Roz Grossman was second and Evan Cohen third.

### SINGAPORE

The inaugural Millennium Cup tournament was held on 19-20 February. Tony Sim was a clear winner with 14 wins from 16 games, well ahead of Cheah Siu Hean and Quek Sim Ho with 10 wins. Ricky Purnomo had the high game score of 569.

### UNITED KINGDOM

The Summer Matchplay 2000 was held at Edinburgh University on July 8-9, with 82 players from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales in attendance. The World Dictionary division was won by Robert Richland, with Andrew Perry second and Gareth Williams third.

The top ten players on the UK ratings list as at 30 August are:

1 David Webb	203
2 Brett Smitheram	200
3= Andrew Fisher	197
3= Andrew Perry	197
5 Allan Simmons	196
6= Andrew Davis	195
6= Mark Nyman	195
8 David Acton	193
9 Gareth Williams	192
10 Clive Spate	191

### UNITED STATES

Former Nigerian World Champs rep Iffy Onyeonwu took top honours at the **Austin, Texas** tournament on May 6-7. Iffy headed the field of 53 with 10 wins out of 11 games, and a spread of +811. He is now rated in the top 25 in America.

The **Campbell, California** tournament on May 26-28 attracted 56 players. Evergreen Lester Schonbrun (64) continued his amazing form to take the title with 15 wins from 20 games. This performance elevated Lester to number two on the North American rating list.

The 5th annual **Albany, New York** event was won by Randy Greenspan with an outstanding 16 wins from 20 games. In second place on 13.5 wins was Ron Tiekert, just ahead of Jack Eichenbaum on spread.

A report on the North American National Scrabble Champs appears on page 17.

### That Takes the Cake



from *The Word Book*  
by Gyles Brandreth

## THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

(WITH APOLOGIES TO WILL SHAKESPEARE)

This poem by Margaret Lyall is an extension of the first verse which appeared in the March issue of *Forwards* — though with slight variations.

from the Christchurch Scrabble Club Newsletter June/July 2000

Sid was a Scrabbler from Spain  
Who played all his games on the train.  
When asked why this was  
He said "It's because  
If my wife knew I played I'd be slain!"

Each morning Joe met his friend Sid  
As they boarded the train to Madrid.  
They played all the way,  
There and back every day,  
And once home, the Scrabble was hid.

For months they continued this way,  
Until they became quite blasé  
But one eve near Sid's house  
They were caught by Sid's spouse,  
And their faces turned sick shades of grey.

Now Carla was highly irate,  
And Joe observed his pal's fate.  
Carla was calling  
Sid names most appalling,  
As she tried to dispose of her mate!

Then Sid thought he must intervene  
(Although he was not at all keen).  
Stern-voiced, with a frown  
He roared "Carla, sit down!  
You're creating an unpleasant scene."

Well Carla calmed down with a  
groan.  
She'd never heard Sid use that tone.  
While Joe closed his eyes,

And gasped in surprise  
At the bravery his chum had just  
shown!

Now that the trouble had passed  
The chance had arisen at last,  
To teach Carla the game  
(While she still felt some shame),  
And the opportunities many and vast.

Then Carla sat down beside Sid,  
And watched the game meekly, as bid.  
She exclaimed with a squeal,  
On your rack there's 'oatmeal',  
And of all the tiles you'll then be rid."

The outcome, which clearly seems  
right  
Was that Carla got hooked overnight  
On an addictive game,  
And she's not been the same  
Since she gave those two Scrabblers a  
fright!

### SPOONERHYME

by KF Ross

Ill wit.  
Will it  
Die out?  
I doubt.



# EX ecutive ertions

I cannot believe how fast three months seems to whistle by these days. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the last report.

Congratulations to Dave Bragg who has set up a very enthusiastic club in Rotorua. We all wish you well. What a great bunch of people you have!

A most wonderful piece of news is the great number of players turning out to the club tournaments this year. At the recent Tauranga Spring Tournament, NZ Scrabble set a new milestone. Seven first time players from the newly formed Rotorua club and the Tauranga ladies took part and two others were unable to come at the last minute. This is the first time we have seen an entire grade of new players. One, who even had to play in the grade above, won without dropping a game! As a result Shirley Brake took away the magnificent Noel Maisey trophy for the best performing novice. Noel's husband, John was on hand to present this. Thanks to the Maisey family for this beautiful trophy. A fitting tribute to Noel, the lady who started NZ competitive Scrabble. At the conclusion of the weekend, the Tauranga Club announced that it would be holding a two day tournament next year to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

It was sad for us all to lose two long-standing members from Hamilton. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and families of the late Daph Watson and Peggy Wallace. Our thoughts are with you.

The Trans-Tasman team has now been confirmed. Unfortunately, Nigel is unavailable and Steven Brown is now a very welcome addition to the team. Congratulations Steven. Thanks, Nigel, for your good wishes. We'll certainly give it our very best. I'm sure the whole team is preparing for what will, no doubt, be an excellent weekend of Scrabble in Melbourne.

The annual Norfolk Island Festival is fast approaching. This year will see the second highest number of participants — a total of 47 players to date. It promises to be a fantastic week. Think about it for 2001!

From all the Executive, many thanks to —

- ☺ Ed for the unselfish effort he is putting into the tournament scoring
- ☺ Jeff and Glenda for the continuing excellent standard of *Forwards*
- ☺ Glenda for the endless task of producing all those ratings and updating her website so quickly with the latest news on the Scrabble scene.
- ☺ All the wonderful people out there who make NZ Scrabble such a special group to be part of.

Happy Scrabbling to you all.

Glennis



# DESIDETOPLAYARDA

☒ WORDILY

☒ MID THE V'S AND I'S AND REMEMBER WHAT FUN THERE MAY BE WITH BLANKS AND ESSES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ALL OPPONENTS. ☒ LAY YOUR GAME QUIETLY AND LISTEN NOT TO OTHERS WHO MAY SEEM DULL AND IGNORANT. THEY TOO HAVE THEIR TALL STORIES. ☒ VOID PETULANT AND PEDANTIC PLAYERS FOR THEY WILL DRIVE YOU NUTS. ☒ IF YOU COMPARE YOURSELF WITH OTHER PLAYERS YOU MAY BECOME MISERABLE AND GRUMPY FOR ALWAYS THERE WILL BE SMARTER AND UNLUCKIER PLAYERS THAN YOURSELF. ☒ ENJOY YOUR BIG WINS AS WELL AS YOUR WILY SCHEMES. ☒ KEEP INTERESTED IN YOUR OWN CLUB HOWEVER DRAUGHTY AND NOISY. IT IS A GOOD NIGHT OUT AND BETTER FOR YOU THAN TELEVISION. ☒ EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN PLAYING SCRABBLE FOR YOUR OPPONENT MIGHT BE FULL OF TRICKERY. BUT LET THIS NOT BLIND YOU TO HOW LUCKY YOU COULD BE IF YOU PRAY TO THE TILE FAIRY. ☒ MANY PLAYERS STRIVE FOR HIGH SCORES AND EVERYWHERE IN THE SCRABBLE WORLD THERE IS HEROISM AND PROFOUND HUMILITY. BE YOURSELF. ESPECIALLY DO NOT FEIGN NICENESS TOWARDS YOUR OPPONENT. NEITHER BE CYNICAL ABOUT WINNING TOURNAMENTS FOR IN THE FACE OF ALL WRONGLY PLAYED WORDS AND TACTICAL MISTAKES THEY ARE AS PERENNIAL AS NEW FORD CARS. ☒ TAKE KINDLY THE DECISIONS OF THE ADJUDICATORS, GRACEFULLY CONCEDED THE GAME WITHOUT WHINGING. NURTURE WORD KNOWLEDGE TO GET YOU BY WHEN THE OTHER PLAYER HAS NOTHING BUT LUCK BUT DO NOT DISTRESS YOURSELF TRYING TO OBTAIN A BLANK. MANY GOOD TILES ARE USELESS NEAR THE END OF THE GAME. ☒ BEYOND A WHOLESOME GUNG HO ATTITUDE GO EASY ON YOURSELF. ☒ YOU ARE A WILD CHILD OF THE SCRABBLE UNIVERSE NO LESS THAN ARDENT WORD SCHOLARS AND TOP MASTERS PLAYERS. ☒ YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PLAY SCRABBLE AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE USEFUL LETTERS NO DOUBT THE GAME IS UNFOLDING AS IT SHOULD. THEREFORE BE PLEASED WITH THE RESULT WHATEVER YOU CONCEIVED IT SHOULD BE AND WHATEVER INTENSE STUDY YOU PUT IN WHILE EATING HAMBURGERS AND DRINKING BEER IN THE NOISY CONFUSION OF 'JOE'S BAR AND GRILL'. ☒ KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY. ☒ WITH ALL ITS BLUFF AND COUNTER-BLUFF AND SNEAKINESS AND PEDANTRY IT IS STILL A GREAT SCRABBLE SCENE. ☒ BE CAREFUL. ☒ STRIVE TO GO OUT WITH A BONUS WORD. ☒ FOUND IN THE BELFRY OF OLD ST BUTTS CHURCH BY ☒ OD ☒ ASEY, ☒ VICTORIA, ☒ AUSTRALIA.



SCRABBLE ETIQUETTE



Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Eileen McLean	IND	5	-484	381	18
8 Fae Olson	STR	4	-850	359	15
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	10	364	391	16
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	521	407	19
3 Helen Sillis	NPL	8.5	69	392	19
4 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	7.5	396	397	18
5 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	111	388	19
6 Sue McRae	CAP	6	-401	366	17
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	5	-438	378	11
8 Chris Hooks	IND	4	-622	362	19
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Ann Hough	NEL	9	346	385	16
2 Correne James	IND	9	308	383	15
3 Teresa Ferrari	LOH	9	97	367	10
4 Frank Robinson	WEL	8	-12	367	15
5 Max Aston	LOH	7	505	398	16
6 Sandra Stacey	WEL	7	-447	357	15
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	-408	366	12
8 Karen Rodgers	IND	3	-389	349	9
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Norman Wheeler	WEL	10	512	384	15
2 Shirley van Essen	CHC	9	45	385	21
3 Kate Henderson	CAP	8	320	382	14
4 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8	-151	375	18
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	7	180	396	18
6 Murray Rogers	NEL	6	-50	371	13
7 Malcolm Graham	CHC	5	-307	365	16
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	3	-551	358	11
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Lyn Dawson	NEL	13	1562	412	21
2 Michael Hyndman	CAP	11	833	388	15
3 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	10	271	361	8
4 Marjorie Heads	WEL	8	438	370	16
5 Sheila Reed	CAP	6	6	338	9
6 Vera Burner	WAN	6	-398	315	3
7 Ed Olson	STR	6	-449	327	8
8 Dorothy Latta	IND	5	-340	332	5
9 Paula Gibbons	CHC	3	-1017	294	4
10 Elvira Steel	DUN	2	-906	299	1

**HAMILTON CLUB TOURNAMENT  
12-13 AUGUST 2000**

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	HAS	11	771	431	25
2 Kendall Boyd	DUN	9.5	450	421	28
3 Howard Warner	MTA	9	1010	435	21
4 John Foster	NSB	9	609	419	25
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	8	522	402	21
6 Steven Brown	HAM	6.5	-129	400	26
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	-115	376	18

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Lynne Powell	NSB	5.5	-75	386	21
9 Anna Geange	MTA	5.5	-297	388	16
10 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-467	358	9
11 Pam Robson	HAM	5	-574	378	24
12 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	-301	388	16
13 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	-579	367	15
14 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	-825	369	14
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Peter Jones	MTA	10	714	420	27
2 Gerald Warner	ROD	9.5	502	401	15
3 Eileen McLean	IND	9	596	412	21
4 June Mackwell	MTA	9	544	403	20
5 Correne James	IND	9	315	390	16
6 Jane Walton	HAM	7.5	44	386	14
7 Glenda Geard	IND	6	-234	370	14
8 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	6	-256	394	21
9 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	5	-177	381	16
10 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	-400	371	16
11 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	-429	364	12
12 Fae Olson	STR	4	-108	388	18
13 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	-511	357	14
14 Chris Hooks	IND	3	-600	350	14
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Maureen Holliday	ROD	10	868	416	19
2 Kim Graham	KIW	10	533	408	12
3 Ann Candler	NSB	9	471	418	22
4 Reeva Pearson	STR	9	366	404	27
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	7	-326	376	16
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	6	4	389	17
7 Sue Walker	MTA	6	-77	378	20
8 Isabel Zyp	HAM	6	-118	356	7
9 Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	-141	364	11
10 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-466	379	14
11 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	-116	368	14
12 Jean O'Brien	IND	5	-290	352	10
13 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-247	375	9
14 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	-461	355	12



Bev Barker, D Grade winner at Hamilton.

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Bev Barker	MTA	9	511	371	8
2 Marianne Patchett	MTA	9	390	369	8
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	9	217	380	15
4 David Gunn	IND	8	455	390	17
5 Mary Gray	MTA	8	426	370	9
6 David Bragg	TPO	8	19	364	7
7 Joan Pratt	ROD	7	197	372	13
8 Brian Horsley	ENG	7	-34	368	13
9 Valma Gidman	ROD	6	-51	352	9
10 Annette Coombes	IND	6	-497	349	17
11 Liz Catchpole	MTA	5	255	372	12
12 Ann Reeves	TPO	4	-470	346	6
13 Jean Clarke	STR	3	-525	325	7
14 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	2	-893	315	6
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Marie Cairns	TPO	9	731	350	8
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	8	453	339	7
3 Karen Miller	PAK	8	-17	304	1
4 Pam Mayall	KIW	7	380	346	9
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	-55	301	5
6 Dorothy Latta	IND	6	-129	302	9
7 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	5	-331	312	10
8 Jena Yousif	KIW	3	-317	299	8
9 Vera Burner	WAN	3	-643	287	3

**TAURANGA SPRING TOURNAMENT  
2 SEPTEMBER 2000**

7 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	6	566	455	13
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	312	410	12
3 John Foster	NSB	4	34	415	15
4 Steven Brown	HAM	4	-27	408	9
5 Andrew Bradley	MTA	4	-42	401	13
6 Jeff Grant	HAS	3	56	405	11
7 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	-266	384	7
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	0	-633	340	3
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Marianne Bentley	TAU	5	397	432	11
2 May Quigley	IND	5	242	424	11
3 Lisa McLean	IND	5	75	415	13
4 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	-116	389	7
5 Carol Johnsen	AUS	3	106	402	12
6 Peter Jones	MTA	3	-114	395	14
7 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	-116	392	11
8 Eileen McLean	IND	1	-474	367	6
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	303	410	10
2 Fae Olson	STR	5	49	387	8
3 Correne James	IND	5	18	382	8

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Maureen Holliday	ROD	5	9	372	8
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	75	373	9
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	-138	399	12
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	1	-43	384	8
8 Andree Prentice	WAN	1	-273	366	4
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Hilda Scott	MAS	6	370	394	4
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	262	407	11
3 Reeva Pearson	STR	4.5	183	423	14
4 Delcie Macbeth	KIW	4	237	409	11
5 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	3	-145	380	9
6 Chris Hooks	IND	2	-292	363	7
7 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	-343	358	7
8 Marj Baillie	KIW	1.5	-272	352	4
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Isabel Zyp	HAM	5	140	388	5
2 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	4	217	404	9
3 Mary Gray	MTA	4	27	373	7
4 David Gunn	HAM	4	-26	402	14
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3.5	-20	381	5
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	-302	372	8
7 Lyn Toka	KIW	2.5	-144	381	13
8 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	2	108	399	10
<b>Grade F</b>					
1 Joan Pratt	ROD	7	381	401	10
2 Margaret Parsons	TPO	4.5	157	377	5
3 David Bragg	ROT	4	336	405	9
4 Annette Coombes	HAM	4	285	405	11
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-216	352	7
6 Marie Cairns	TPO	2	-139	355	7
7 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	2	-384	336	7
8 Dorothy Haining	ROD	1.5	-420	348	4
<b>Grade G</b>					
1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	158	380	3
2 Pam Mayall	KIW	5	75	365	4
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	92	377	7
4 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	3	112	353	8
5 Elizabeth Webb	TAU	3	67	387	7
6 Jacqy Struik	TAU	3	-58	344	5
7 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-204	340	4
8 Dorothy Latta	IND	2	-242	333	6
<b>Grade H</b>					
1 Shirley Brake	ROT	7	518	372	5
2 Connie Gervasi	NSB	6	374	375	6
3 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	5	286	343	3
4 Isabel Weddell	KIW	3	-108	327	4
5 Joanne Ingram	TAU	3	-124	318	4
6 Valerie Scott	TAU	2	-66	325	2
7 Sammy Sanders	PHC	1	-365	313	0
8 Maureen McBain	TAU	1	-515	295	2
<b>Grade I</b>					
1 Betty Price	ROT	5	329	349	2
2 Margaret Durdle	TAU	5	254	337	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
3 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	113	324	0
4 Joyce Warner	TAU	4	54	316	1
5 Tim Henneveld	ROT	3	43	319	2
6 Maureen Rippey	TAU	0	-793	261	1

### CHRISTCHURCH OPEN TOURNAMENT 9 AND 10 SEPTEMBER 2000

#### Day 1 (7 games)

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
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##### Grade A

1 Kendall Boyd	DUN	7	966	461	16
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	77	378	9
3 Ann Hough	NEL	4	-91	365	9
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	-137	356	6
5 Elsie Malkin	CHC	3	-158	359	7
6 Marian Ross	DUN	2	-212	379	12
7 Shirley Hol	CHC	2	-218	370	8
8 Shirley van Essen	CHC	2	-227	370	12

##### Grade B

1 Doreen Ogston	CHC	6	231	387	10
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	5	332	406	10
3 Malcolm Graham	CHC	4	336	401	10
4 Margaret Lyall	CHC	4	-164	360	7
5 Andrew Denmead	NEL	3	-34	383	9
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	2	-201	363	10
7 Michael Hyndman	CAP	2	-236	339	6
8 Naomi Gilmore	CHC	2	-264	339	1

##### Grade C

1 Liz Richards	NEL	6	482	396	10
2 Lyn Dawson	NEL	5	446	384	9
3 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	112	382	5
4 Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	-103	330	1
5 Steve Richards	NEL	3	-7	372	7
6 Chris Handley	DUN	3	-137	357	8
7 Ray Goodyear	CHC	1	-214	323	4
8 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	1	-579	314	4

##### Grade D

1 Colleen Cook	CHC	5	261	343	1
2 Dawn Smith	NEL	5	177	340	1
3 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5	-46	309	2
4 Mary Lewis	CHC	4	-34	327	0
5 Allison Torrance	CHC	3	287	341	4
6 Roslyn Lister	CHC	3	-93	307	4
7 Betty Sutherland	CHC	3	-147	303	2
8 Betty Wilson	CHC	0	-405	289	1

##### Grade E

1 Isabel Morris	CHC	7	419	363	1
2 Julie Cook	CHC	4	-79	322	5
3 Dominic Lister	CHC	3	-24	333	5
4 Jessie Lewis	CHC	3	-53	322	1
5 Wendy McIlwrick	CHC	3	-69	312	5
6 Jean Craib	CHC	3	-71	295	1

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Judith Bach	CHC	2.5	79	329	1
8 Iris Gardner	CHC	2.5	-202	302	0

#### Day 2 (7 games)

##### Grade A

1 Ann Hough	NEL	6	377	386	8
2 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	595	425	14
3 Karyn McDougall	DUN	4.5	232	411	10
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	4.5	93	386	9
5 Margaret Lyall	CHC	3	-342	358	8
6 Doreen Ogston	CHC	2.5	-134	362	11
7 Marian Ross	DUN	2	-258	354	8
8 Shirley van Essen	CHC	0.5	-563	346	8

##### Grade B

1 Murray Rogers	NEL	5	352	397	7
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	304	397	6
3 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	5	150	379	9
4 Andrew Denmead	NEL	4	16	384	11
5 Naomi Gilmore	CHC	3	-207	347	4
6 Michael Hyndman	CAP	3	-232	359	8
7 Liz Richards	NEL	2	-212	369	9
8 Lyn Dawson	NEL	1	-171	354	8

##### Grade C

1 Steve Richards	NEL	6	236	386	6
2 Kerry Dawkins	DUN	5	381	399	6
3 Ray Goodyear	CHC	4	32	339	5
4 Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	15	348	5
5 Chris Handley	DUN	3	226	371	7
6 Roslyn Lister	CHC	3	13	331	5
7 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	2	-367	352	8
8 Betty Sutherland	CHC	1	-536	295	3

##### Grade D

1 Betty Wilson	CHC	6	219	326	2
2 Dominic Lister	CHC	5	333	385	9
3 Allison Torrance	CHC	5	-19	338	5
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	4	294	331	4
5 Wendy McIlwrick	CHC	4	209	335	3
6 Pat Steffenson	CHC	2	-154	301	1
7 Jean Craib	CHC	1	-387	290	1
8 Iris Gardner	CHC	1	-495	299	1

### STOP PRESS

Nigel Richards (ex-CHC) has achieved his ninth consecutive tournament victory by winning the Singapore Mind Sports Olympiad event held 7-10 September. He won 17 games from 20 with a spread of 2216. Runner-up was Tony Sim (Sing) on 17 wins (1273) and Quek Sim Ho (Sing) on 14.5 wins.

## NZ SCRABBLE RECORDS

Shown below is the current list of NZ Scrabble records.

If anyone can improve on or correct any of the entries, please let us know.

	TOURNAMENT LEVEL		CLUB LEVEL	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) & Shirley Wyatt (MTA)
Highest Single Turn Non-bonus	135	Ruth O'Neill (NPL)	261	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Combined Score	1078	Howard Warner (CAP) & David Lloyd (MTA)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Largest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	577	Peter Sinton (DUN)
Highest Take-off	54	Lisa McLean (IND)	68	Andrew Bradley (MTA)
Most Bonus Words (3 Game Evening)	—	—	13	David Lloyd (MTA)
Highest 3-Game Aggregate	—	—	1805	Nigel Richards (CHC)
Most Consecutive Bonus Words	5	Allie Quinn (NSB)	5	John Foster (MTA)
Most Bonus Words in Game (1 person)	6	Nigel Richards (CHC)	6	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Nigel Richards (CHC) & Lynne Powell (ROD) & Karyn McDougall (DUN)
Most Bonus Words in Game (2 people)	8	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) & Nigel Richards (CHC) & John Foster (IND)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—

### NZ MASTERS (23 GAMES)

Most Games Won	Jeff Grant (HAS) 21 (1993, 1997)
Highest Aggregate	Nigel Richards (CHC) 11,103 (1999)
Most Bonus Words	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)
Highest Spread	Howard Warner (MTA) +2410 (2000)