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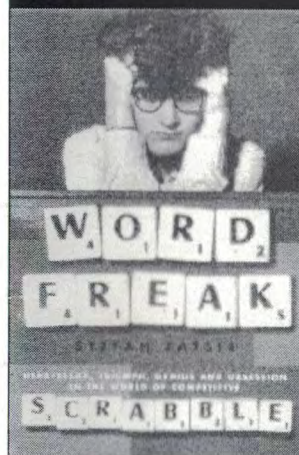
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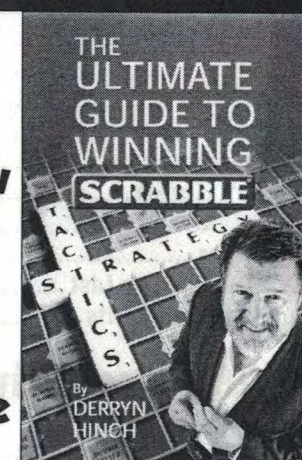


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Editor's Note



I've always had small feet. And what's wrong with that? Nothing really — unless you're trying to fill a pair of very big shoes — Jeff Grant's shoes. Jeff has been Editor of *Forwards* for almost twelve years during which time he, along with Glennis Hale and Glenda Foster, has developed *Forwards* into a first rate magazine.

When Jeff asked me after this year's Masters if I would take over as Editor, I was both flattered and flattened. Flattered to be chosen as his successor, flattened, because if I said "No" he and Pat mightn't let me stay another night on their very comfortable couch.

Jeff assured me that there wasn't much to do (wrong) and that I would enjoy the experience (also wrong). I haven't enjoyed the experience — I've absolutely loved it! Mind you I've had much help and encouragement from our 14-time National Champ, who will continue his contributions of *Dazzling Dozen*, *Anagram Corner*, *Competition Corner* and other interesting pieces. Also, Glenda Foster has been extremely supportive and her desktop publishing skills are what give the magazine its very professional look. Thanks very much to you both.

In this issue you'll notice a few changes. The ratings list has been bumped from the centre pages by a hot advertisement for summer Scrabble that appeared in several English magazines. This advert is not for the faint-hearted, so be warned. I'd like to continue the theme of a 'Scrabble Centrefold' in future

Forwards issues, so be creative and send in your best snapshot. If you're shy, a photo from the neck down will suffice. ☺

October will see the release of two Scrabble books in New Zealand. Derryn Hinch has resurrected and revamped his 25 year old 'Scrabble Book' and turned it into "an excellent resource". Thanks to Howard Warner for his comprehensive review which you'll find on page 8. The other book, *Word Freak*, has been receiving rave reviews in the United States. Written by Stefan Fatsis, a sports journalist from the Wall Street Journal, *Word Freak* is an intriguing look inside the world of competitive Scrabble. We have permission to include an excerpt from *Word Freak* in this issue. Random House, publishers of both books have made several copies available for a competition plus a WSC fund-raiser raffle. Details are on page 11.

Congratulations to Papatotote, Hamilton, Tauranga and Christchurch Clubs who have held successful tournaments this quarter. Special mention goes to Tauranga who celebrated their silver anniversary. And thank you to those clubs which have sent in reports; how about a few lines from other clubs to tell us your news.

On a very sad note, New Plymouth club members farewelled Doreen Rowlands in July. Doreen has been a stalwart of our club and will be sadly missed.

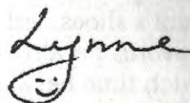
As we enjoy the burgeoning spring weather and look forward to summer

months, we must spare a thought for our World Champs team of Jeff Grant, Howard Warner, Kendall Boyd and Peter Sinton. This strong, all male team will be braving the cold December of Nevada in their quest for Scrabble supremacy at the World Champs. Our best wishes and encouragement to you all as you prepare yourselves for the tough time ahead. Bring back the title, please!

Thanks again to Jeff and Glenda for their help in getting this issue together. Thanks to all contributors, past present and future, please keep those cards, letters, centrefolds and articles rolling in. And thanks also to my son, Chris, for giving up his computer so many times to indulge his Mum's latest vice.

Esses and blanks,

Closing date for the December issue is November 25.



NZ Record Equalled

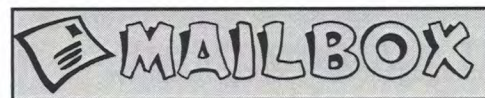
At the Hamilton Tournament on August 12, Howard Warner (MTA) played Jeff Grant (IND) in the last game. Although Howard had already won the event, there was plenty at stake as a win would have taken him to 2200 on the ratings list. Howard started well and an early bonus with UNBOOTS gave him a 55 point lead. However, he placed the U in the triple word row and Jeff, holding BEINRZ?, was able to make BRUNIZEM for a triple-triple worth 221 points, which equals the NZ record for a single turn. This huge score catapulted Jeff from 88 to 309. He went on to win the game 540-358. And, if you're wondering about BRUNIZEM, it's a type of deep, dark prairie soil.

Another Record

Sheryl Davidson (PAK) equalled the NZ record for the most bonus words in a club game when she put down the following six words against Valerie Mills on June 28:

GRAZINGS, ENTANGLE, TOUCHER, VOLATILE, MANKIEST, RADIATAS

She won the game 586-385.



Journalist Visits

by John Foster (NSB)

Recently we were fortunate enough to have a reporter from our local community newspaper attend our normal club session at Campbell's Bay. While the resultant article was quite good, even though not totally accurate, I feel it could have been better if we had been better prepared and I offer the following two items of advice for other clubs who may get a visit from the press.

1. Do not be playing open book games when they arrive or even admit that such things exist. I felt a distinct drop in the level of interest when it was found that players could refer to books in some games even when it was pointed out that this did not apply in tournaments.
2. Make sure you have the larger reference dictionaries on hand so you can show them words with definitions and don't have to admit that you do not remember a meaning or, even worse, never knew it and couldn't care less as long as it is allowable. People whose livelihood is the written word can get very defensive when faced with a vocabulary many times greater than their own.

On another matter I recently found that the total number of words from 2 to 15 letters that are currently allowable is 216,616

A Lop-Sided Affair

by Howard Warner (MTA)

The recent Jenny Ward Memorial Tournament between North Shore-Bays and Mt Albert proved one out of the box.

Firstly, it was the 20th anniversary of the inter-club challenge, in honour of a former North Shore player who was killed in a car accident on her way to the club. The friendly tournament is held three times a year, always on a Saturday, with each club alternating as host. That means a total of 80 'Jenny Wards' have now been played. It is a four-round format. There are always four grades, each comprising four players from both sides who play off against each other.

There have been some wonderfully close contests over the years, and that usually applies to individual grades too. But the Jenny Ward tournament of September 8 produced a result that even the foolhardiest punter would not have bet on.

The B, C and D grades all proved evenly matched. But in the A grade, Mt Albert's June Mackwell, Howard Warner, Glennis Hale and Sheryl Davidson scored a total of 16 wins (that's four out of four for each player). So it's not hard to work out that North Shore's A grade quartet of John Foster, Lynne Powell, Gerald Warner and Allie Quinn had a total of zero wins (zero each per player).

The North Shore four accepted defeat philosophically — they know they can't do any worse!

Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Date
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	24-29 September
Mt Albert	6-7 October
Wanganui	20-21 October
Rodney	10 November
Otago Lion Champs	17-18 November
Kiwi	24 November
Waikato Phoenix	25 November
World Champs	13-17 December
Pakuranga	26-27 January 2002 *
Nelson	9-10 February *
Hastings	9-10 March *
* to be confirmed	

Tournament Calendar 2002



A calendar for tournaments in 2002 will appear in the December issue. Can clubs please confirm their dates and send the information by **November 20** to:

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Scrabbling for Perfection

We've all at some time been dissatisfied or disappointed with our performance at a tournament, but what do we do to improve our skills?

Australian World Scrabble Champs representative, Paul Cleary recently conducted a course in Scrabble at a Sydney College.

It has finished for this year, but will be offered again in 2002. Here is Paul's synopsis of his fully comprehensive, 9 week course.

I began each week with a half-hour lecture on the subtopic at hand. Students were then given practical illustration of the principles involved by watching me play out dummy racks selected at random from the bag. I encouraged the class to become actively involved in playing the dummy hands. This I think assisted them in developing an awareness of the factors that should be considered in making a play. As part of developing this course, I drafted in-depth notes and examples to assist in the illustration of the subtopic at hand. The examples were reinforced by actualities cropping up in the dummy hands.

My course summary (week-by-week) was as follows:

1. Introduction: Brief overview of course, course objectives, potted history of Scrabble, distribution of word lists, basic rules of play, equipment, scoring, tile-tracking.
2. Finding scores and plays: word structure, prefixes and suffixes, techniques for learning words, hot spots, parallel plays and importance of small words.
3. Word properties: parts of speech, anagrams, hooks, extensions

4. Opening move: scoring, defensive positioning, rack leave, tile turnover, changing, 'when in doubt take the score' principle.
5. Midgame moves: scoring, defensive positioning, rack leave, tile turnover, changing. Novelty item: anamonic.
6. Endgame moves: scoring, defensive positioning, rack leave, tile turnover, changing, opening, blocking, fishing, analysing the tile-tracking.
7. Changing: when to change, what to change, what not to change, synergy, digraphs, reference to tile-tracking, changing grungy racks, increase in value of certain tiles as endgame approaches.
8. Identifying scoring opportunities: hot spots, set-ups (including how to set up a play), where to play.
9. Time management. Revision and consolidation.

Any Good at Long Words?

by Gerald Warner (ROD)

While Scrabblers no doubt find it easy enough to make up the 34-letter word meaning literally 'atoning for extreme and delicate beauty while highly educable', they may have a little more difficulty with the 1913-letter word spelling out a certain enzyme that contains as many as 267 amino acids. The answers to both words appear on page 28. Note that the latter would need 9 Scrabble boards and several sets of letters to Scrabble it out. This may have been contributed by me, but otherwise blame the famous violinist Jascha Heifetz's daughter who published her findings in *Mrs Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words*.

IN MEMORIAM: DOREEN ROWLANDS



The New Plymouth club has lost another valued member. After being ill for most of this year, Doreen Rowlands died on July 21st. Doreen attended club regularly and was always willing to help out in any way with organisation, fund raising and behind the scenes work.

Doreen was very active until her health started to deteriorate. She loved to play lawn bowls during the summer and enjoyed playing cards and bingo as well as Scrabble during the winter months. Doreen was an excellent seamstress, knitter and embroiderer and many friends and family members have something special made by her. A keen player and worthy opponent, Doreen will be remembered with deep fondness by all who knew her.

She was much loved by her family and we send them our sincerest condolences.

From members of the
New Plymouth Club

Dictionopolis

The City of Words, Dictionopolis, nestles in the foothills of Confusion, caressed by breezes from the Sea of Knowledge. From this walled city come all the words in the world. They are grown in special orchards and once a week a word-market is held where people come to buy words they need and trade in those they haven't used. For people wishing to make up their own words, individual letters are also on sale.

Visitors should know the taste of letters before they acquire any: 'A' tastes very good, but 'Z' is dry and tastes of sawdust. 'X' is like stale air, 'I' is icy and refreshing, 'C' crunchy and 'P' full of pips.

A French connoisseur has described some letters according to colour rather than taste: 'A' black, 'E' white, 'I' red, 'O' blue and 'U' green.

Dictionopolis is a constitutional monarch ruled by King Azaz the Unabridged and a cabinet of ministers who ensure that all words sold exist and are meaningful. Some would say that's what we need before compiling a Scrabble dictionary!

Anyone wanting to know more about the fabulous City of Words should read Norman Juster's 1962 novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

COMPETITION CORNER

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 63

This was a tough one. Only half a dozen people had a go and they all got different answers! Congratulations to our sole correct entrant — Hazel Purdie of Mt Albert club.

Scrabble Contest No 64

Some anagrams have just two letters transposed, for instance POST POTS and MITER TIMER. Can you solve the following pairs from the definitions provided? The length of the words is shown in brackets and there are a couple of non-Scrabble terms included. Hope you don't think I'm a CRUEL CLUER!

Example : huge tanks (4) = VAST VATS

- 1 boisterous wedding gift (5)
- 2 dead garden pest (5)
- 3 apple ode (4)
- 4 French couples (5)
- 5 distance measure (5)
- 6 pathogenic opponent (5)
- 7 Uncle Scrooge's Bangkok dip (4)
- 8 web story (4)
- 9 virtuous gnasher (5)
- 10 expel Latin poet (4)
- 11 burn boat again (5)
- 12 speech saving (12)
- 13 bird's backbone (5)
- 14 forbidden instrument (4)
- 15 little preschool (5)
- 16 Manawatu cricket term (8)
- 17 alerted screw (6)
- 18 riverside Christ's-thorn (4)
- 19 remove bird from roofing (8)
- 20 small breasts (5)

Closing date is November 20. Good luck!

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Entries to be sent to :

Jeff Grant
"Arora"
1109 Allenby St
Hastings

Superchallenge 2

We have received a couple of excellent entries, but no one has yet provided a complete set of correct answers. You have until October 31 to claim the prize.

We have re-printed the challenge below.

- 1 What is the shortest Scrabble word containing three consecutive 'double' letters?
- 2 What is the largest quantified number name allowed in Scrabble? (beyond million, billion, etc.)
- 3 What is the longest palindromic word allowed in Scrabble?
- 4 Speaking of palindromes, what common 4-letter word derives from the Malayalam language?
- 5 "I pointed to his soash book." This sentence appears in a Stephen King novel. What does 'soash' mean?
- 6 The Websterian oddity 'pimperlimpimp' (a conjuror's magic powder) has three 'imps'. What allowable Scrabble word contains a different 3-letter word three times?
- 7 Which of the following could never be allowed in Scrabble? A, ANTEFIXAE, INDIVISIBILITIES, PIZZAZZ, FARMLLET, CEVAPCICI, QUADRIVIA.
- 8 What 10-letter word best describes a 3-mile hike in the Arctic?
- 9 Name a 15-letter word that starts with a single letter, followed by a 2-letter word, then a 3-letter word, then a 4-letter word, then a 5-letter word. All words are common.
- 10 What 4-letter Scrabble word can be pronounced with six syllables?

Scrabblathon 2001

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our World Champs Fund by participating in the Scrabblathon in July.

Your endeavours raised a total of \$3,213 which will help enormously towards sending Howard, Jeff, Kendall and Peter to Las Vegas in December.

Mount Albert raised \$671 and wins a copy of the Chambers OSWI. Well done!!

Lynn Wood raised \$215 and won the individual prize. Correne

James came a close second, raising \$210. Our special thanks to these two members whose contribution is always superb.



Members of the Hamilton Club set up games in a local shopping mall, with plenty of crowd interest.

Quick Quiz

Would you find these bonus words on your rack? They are all common words. Answers on p 34.

CEILNPS	EELNOPV
GLNOTTU	EGGSSTU
BCEEGIR	EMNOPST
ADDGMRUU	AEEGLMRT
CEOMPTRU	AEEHLNPT

Versatile Vowels

Here are 12 words starting with B and ending with T. Each word has a different vowel sound.

BAT	BET	BIT
BOAT	BUT	BEET
BAIT	BITE	BOUT
BOOT	BOUGHT	BAHT

The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble

by Derryn Hinch

Publisher: Random House NZ
Retail price \$29.95, available from 5 October
See advertisement on page 8.

Reviewed by Howard Warner

The first thing you note about this update of Derryn Hinch's ground-breaking Scrabble book is its heft. A regular doorstop at 362 pages, it dwarfs the original 1976 edition of 182 pages, which also had larger type and illustrations.

The reason for the 2001 model's daunting size is simply that this is the most complete compendium of all things Scrabble-related you could ever bust your bookshelf with. But you don't have to read everything. As Hinch himself suggests, you can pick and choose sections relevant to you, depending on your individual ability and experience with this venerable brain game of ours.

The tome is divided into eight sections: introduction; history; rules (domestic, club and tournament); strategy; vocab; The Scrabble Bag (a grab-bag of Scrabble records, trivia, points of etiquette, and 'cyberspace' developments); Beyond the Scrabble Board (including a glossary of terms, a list of Scrabble books, publications and software), and an international directory of Scrabble contacts and websites.

For those who don't know, Derryn Hinch is a notorious Aussie media personality — strong of opinion and loud of mouth. But like so many Aussie greats, good and bad, he was originally a Kiwi. In fact he learned his Scrabble

here, playing with Granny at the kitchen table. He doesn't profess to be an expert player himself — only a keen amateur.

The Ultimate Guide's writing style is colourful, full of over-the-top Hinchisms (the section heading *The Sneaky, Surreptitious, Swindling Scrabble Cheat* could be one of his TV diatribes), at times verbose. But it's mostly just full of the joy of Scrabble, which all readers should identify with. The book is well structured for ease of browsing. It has small but readable type, excellent graphics, many delightful cartoon sketches and some murky photos of Scrabble stars, including our own Jeff Grant.

The introduction, entitled *The Greatest Game On Earth*, is typically me-focused Hinch, but it's also informative and motivational — a very good advertisement for Scrabble addiction. The history is way too long and detailed for me, but then I've heard it all before and, like all addicts, I just want to get on with the game. The rules are immaculate and well supported with easy-to-follow board-position graphics.

From this point on in the book, you can sense the considerable input of multiple Aussie national champ John Holgate (well-known to Kiwis). The strategy section is very comprehensive: even the most experienced international Scrabbler would find aspects worth

consideration. Yet it's accessible to all. It ends with an annotated game between Wanganui's Mike Sigley and former British champ-turned-Aussie Esther Perrins, from the first Trans Tasman Challenge.

Buried within the "rules" chapter is a very good subsection about how the game has developed around the world. It is divided into North America, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and "other countries". The New Zealand section is very complete, with mention of our consistent success at World Champs level, Nigel Richards' 13-tournament Asian win streak and Glenda Foster's excellent website. The Aussie section gives a good rundown of the Trans-Tasman Challenge series (Hinch presented the prizes for the inaugural one, in Sydney).

The "records" section makes fascinating reading. Did you know that the highest score recorded for a single move is 392, twice — for CAZIQUES and MEZQUITE? And that a New Zealander has the lowest ever game score, of 71? But it's disappointing that New Zealand's contributions haven't been updated from last edition. It has Jeff still with 11 national titles (instead of 14); three players with high word scores of 203 (instead of three with 221 in tournaments, and two with 284 at club level); an American as the only person to make five consecutive bonus words (both Allie Quinn and John Foster have done this) — and I'm still dubious of the Aussie claim to the oldest Scrabble player, Bil Rose at 93, over our own Lulu Holt, at 99.

The wealth of interesting tidbits in Hinch's A-Z of trivia shows why so many people are choosing to write

books on the world of Scrabble (though not why we struggle to get any exposure or sponsorship!)

The word lists are a goldmine for all players, particularly those wanting to progress from domestic or club play to tournament level. They include the top 20 stem lists for both 7- and 8-letter words, collections of great vowel-heavy and consonant-heavy dumpers (I recommend these for some valuable study), Q words not followed by U, big-letter fives and sixes, and an introduction to hooks.

Whatever you think of Derryn Hinch and his personal hotline to God (aka Scrabble founder Alfred Butts), *The Ultimate Guide* is still a great read and an excellent resource. I gather it was the first book about Scrabble when originally published 25 years ago. Now it can claim to be the most comprehensive, and it probably reaches out to a wider range of Scrabble buffs than any other book on the market.

I'd say it's more than just a guide to winning Scrabble. It's a guide to enjoying Scrabble to the max and seeing it as an intriguing, multi-dimensional game that leaves chess, card games and all those silly but oh-so-lucrative computer games in the dirt.

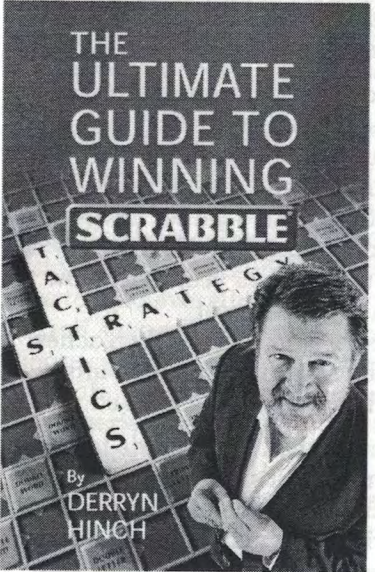
Words About Words

Playing bop is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing.

Duke Ellington, American jazz composer and pianist, *Look*, 1954

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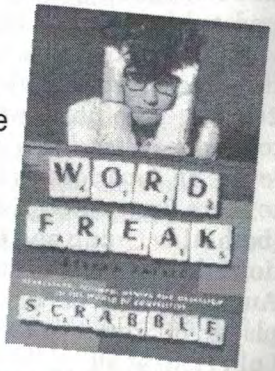
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WORD FREAK

Stefan Fatsis charts the history and theory of the game alongside his own rise from living room player to competitive shark, and affords us a glimpse into the extraordinary world of the brilliant geeks and misfit savants who populate the highest ranks of the game.



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There are five copies of *The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble* and one copy of *Word Freak* to be won! Correctly answer the ten Scrabble Trivia questions to have your name in the draw to win one of these great Scrabble books. Send your answers to:

Lynne Butler
13 Antonia Place
New Plymouth

Closing date is November 2, 2001.

1. Alfred Butts is the inventor of Scrabble. What is his middle name?
2. Who was the highest placed Kiwi in the 1997 World Scrabble Champs held in Washington DC?
3. How many times has Jeff Grant been NZ National Champion?
4. Who won B Grade at the 2001 Nationals in Christchurch?
5. Which Australian journalist and TV personality wrote *The Scrabble Book* in 1976?
6. Name the NZ players who currently hold the record for the Highest Single Turn?
7. Who was President of NZASP in March 1995?
8. Who won D Grade in the September 1998 Canterbury Open Tournament Day 1?
9. What day and time does the Mt Albert Scrabble Club meet?
10. According to the current NZASP rankings, who has played the most tournament games in NZ?

World Scrabble Champs Fundraiser Raffle

One prize—winner takes all!

Random House, publishers of *Word Freak* by Stefan Fatsis and *The Ultimate Guide To Winning Scrabble* by Derryn Hinch, have generously donated one copy of each book to be raffled to raise funds to send our team to Las Vegas. Here's your chance to be the proud owner of **both** of these excellent books.

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased by phone, mail or email from:-

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New Plymouth.
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Tickets will be posted out on receipt of payment. I will also have tickets for sale at the Wanganui Tournament in October. The raffle will close on October 31st and will be drawn on November 1st, 2001. Please support this most worthy cause.

Word Freak

by Stefan Fatsis

I had the pleasure of meeting Stefan Fatsis in Reno, 1999 when he was gathering information for this book. From being a recreational player, Stefan, a journalist for the Wall Street Journal, has progressed rapidly to the status of expert player in the National US Scrabble scene.

Word Freak is an account of his journey up through the ranks and an in-depth exposé of every aspect of the game and its colourful and intriguing characters.

- Lynne Butler



I don't sleep well at Scrabble tournaments. The soft hotel mattresses with their down-free pillows and synthetic blankets are uncomfortable. And there's always a roommate, a snoring Marlon or a jittery Matt. I roomed solo at my first few events, but began feeling foolish, the journalist solidifying his outsider identity, refusing to be one of the crowd, and wasting his money; the extra hundred bucks per tournament seems needlessly extravagant, especially with Matt or Marlon borrowing bus fare or cadging meal money.

The twenty-game Eastern Scrabble Championship over Presidents' Day weekend doesn't promise to be a restful event. A blizzard has dumped eight inches on Danbury and paralyzed highways around the east. Players are straggling in late, if at all. Six players get into car accidents en route; one guy totals his vehicle, hitting his head on the windshield, and then simply abandons the car and takes a train to town. (That's nothing. A tornado once destroyed part of an Ohio hotel that was staging a tournament; play continued in the unaffected section.) A total of 113 players finally make it.

I've talked myself into believing that this event will define my progress. It's a strong field. But my rating went to 1501 after winning a recent tournament in Bird-in-Hand, Pa., and now is up to 1524. I've been studying hard and have been exercising regularly to build up my energy level; upon arrival at the Inn at Ethan Allen, I head to the tiny gym and ride the stationary bike (thirty-five minutes), then run on the treadmill (fifteen minutes) before the evening's opening rounds. I stock up at the local Super Stop & Shop: a half dozen bananas, three oranges, two bottles of water, five Clif Bars, three Think! bars, one Fresh Samantha Super Juice with Echinacea. I'm prepared, for Scrabble or a few days in a fallout shelter.

But play starts more than an hour late because of the snow, and Friday night's three games don't end until well after midnight. I go 2-1 but am exhausted. The clock in our hotel room is an hour fast, which neither Matt nor I realizes until the following morning. So when I climb into bed, I think it's 2:00 A.M. Panic sets in: I'm overtired, I'm not going to get enough sleep, I'm not going to be alert in the morning, I'm doomed to play poorly. When I awaken from a

state of borderline consciousness after a fitful night, I think it's 9:00, but it's only 8:00.

Nonetheless, by the end of Saturday, I have a 7-3 record and am in third place out of the thirty-four players in Division 2. I eschew after-hours Scrabble in the game room, but make the mistake of checking the name of my first Sunday-morning opponent. It's Amit Chakrabarti, who is leading the field with a 9-1 record in his very first tournament. A native of India, Amit is an experienced SOWPODS (the combined international word source) and Internet player; at the suggestion of Bob Felt and G.I. Joel, who have played against him on-line, Amit was placed in Division 2 by Ron Tiekert, who runs Danbury. Amit is a prototypical expert: a computer science Ph.D. candidate at Princeton whose resume (I look it up later on his Web site) includes a paper he co-wrote titled "A Lower Bound on the Complexity of Approximate Nearest Neighbor Searching on the Hamming Cube."

"Good luck," Joel says sarcastically when I tell him whom I'm playing. I toss in bed thinking about how I'll have to play differently against this guy who belongs with the real experts.

Despite my good start, suddenly I don't feel the same cocksureness as I did when I left Bird-in-Hand. The field is stronger, the ratings higher, the players more experienced, and the competition stiffer in the last half of the tourney. I tell myself in the mirror that I'm going to win, but I'm not convinced. It seems to take hours to fall asleep, and then I'm

awake again, too early. It's either too hot in the room or too cold. Matt's presence unnerves me. Why didn't I bring my sleeping pills?

I lose to Amit, who indeed proves to be a skilled player with strong word knowledge (and good tiles to boot). Then I split the day's remaining six games and head into Monday in eighth

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place with a 10-7 record, all but mathematically eliminated from contention thanks to a play that will haunt me that night and for several more to come. In a high-scoring shootout in Game 16, my opponent Ann Sanfedele, the New Yorker who has played since the

seventies, opens a fat spot late in the game, playing QUIRE vertically, starting in the second row, forming UN, IT and RE.

If I have an S, I can simultaneously form a word ending in S and SQUIRE on the triple-word row. And I do. My rack is ANKRUVS, and I have fifteen minutes on my clock because Ann and I have been slapping down bingos and counterplays as if rushing to catch a train. But I can hardly control my glee. Like a kid given a plate of chocolates, I gobble up the spot, quickly playing RANKS, the first thing I see, for 42 points and a fat 394-316 lead. That's that, game over, I win, looking forward to Game 17, I hit my clock.

The chocolate creeps up my throat. Uh-oh. I've created a user-friendly bingo line under the R in RANKS. And both blanks are, in Scrabble lingo, unseen. I draw AEEGTUV. Yuck. Ann plays PICRATE (a chemical salt) for 76, placing the E under my R, and she

draws the second blank which I know because there are no tiles in the bag. I use the next thirteen minutes trying to conjure a win, which I fail to do. If I had played KNARS or KNURS (bumps on a tree) or, better yet, VANS, I realize I wouldn't have given Ann much chance to bingo anywhere other than the existing spot on Row 15 (through the E), because the K takes only an A after it and no two-letter words start with V. So dejected am I that, after dinner (with Ann and others), I even play a couple of late-night games, violating my pledge to abstain.

I toss and toss and toss in bed some more. My Scrabble sleeplessness, I realize, isn't about idiosyncratic roommates or hypoallergenic pillows. The game traps me in a purgatory of anxiety. I fret about KNARS and KNURS. Bump on a tree? Bump on my head. I mentally replay the endgame scenarios.

Then I think happily about finding MILLiArE (a unit of area) in a late-night game, but regret missing the more defensive and creative MILLcAkE (the residue from pressed linseed), which is how a 1900-rated teenage Scrabble savant named Joey Mallick signs his e-mails (MILLcAKE being the shortest word using all the letter in Joey's last name). MILLiArE reminds me of DECLARE, a bingo I've just learned. Thoughts of one game lead to the next, and I smilingly recall the six-tile overlap I made by placing, on consecutive turns, BELATED next to RETINE to form RE, EL, TA, IT, NE, and AD simultaneously.

But pride yields to inadequacy as my consciousness streams. I recall playing GURNIES* in Game 17, but getting away with it, but then lying about it,

telling someone the REUSING didn't fit on the board. I ponder what would have happened had I correctly opened my game against Amit with FOB, leaving AENR, instead of a phony, BARONE*, to which Amit hooked the T in his bingo FRIGATE to form BARONET. I think about racks I had and racks I didn't. Tiles spill abstractedly from my head and float in the ether as in the tattoo on Richie Lund's arm. I remember a recurring childhood nightmare: giant wooden triangles and squares and parallelograms pressing against my head so that I can't think. Were those wooden blocks a foreshadowing of the Scrabble tiles that hunt me now?

I attempt a return to Earth, calculating what would have to happen for 10-7 me to catch the 12-5 leaders: Can three people not win two games? And four more not win three? Okay, if Ed and Amit lose their first two, and Roy and Jamie split, and Ann loses twice, and I don't lose at all. Why did I blow those two close ones on Saturday? Why did I botch my opening play against Amit? Why didn't I play KNURS or VANS?

I spot the red digits on the bedside clock. It's 7:10 A.M. I pull the covers over my head. I worry about oversleeping. Matt didn't place a wake-up call. The maid knocks at 7:12. 7:12! I yell for her to go away. The racks won't leave my head. At 8:20 I abandon all hope of rest. I want to touch the tiles and hit the clock. Adrenaline will out.

Rise. Wash. Stretch. Dress. Eat. Play.

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Lashings of Wordings

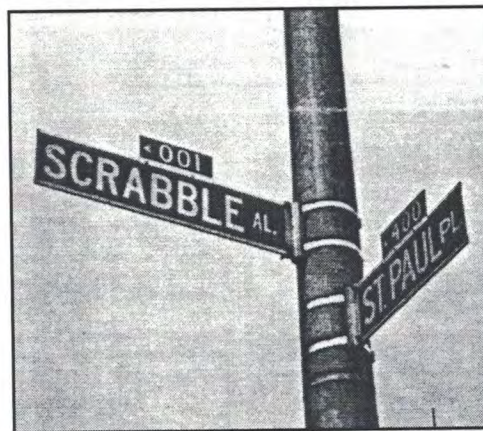
by Howard Warner

How often do you search for 7- and 8-letter words ending in -INGS? They all seem so likely when you're keen for those lovely bonus points. Or are they?

Here are 100 -INGS words, of which half are right and half are wrong. Which are which?

Answers on page 29.

ADDINGS	HEELINGS	MERGINGS	RENTINGS	SPAYINGS
BAAINGS	HIKINGS	MIXINGS	RESTINGS	SPEWINGS
BARKINGS	HOOTINGS	MOANINGS	RIFLINGS	SUITINGS
CAKINGS	HOPPINGS	PANNINGS	ROCKINGS	SULKINGS
CAWINGS	INKINGS	PAWNINGS	ROOMINGS	TABLINGS
CEASINGS	JAILINGS	PEGGINGS	RUSTINGS	TANKINGS
CITINGS	JAWINGS	PITTINGS	SEARINGS	TARRINGS
CROWINGS	JOININGS	PLAYINGS	SEEMINGS	TEARINGS
DARTINGS	JOLTINGS	PLOWINGS	SELLINGS	TEMPINGS
DIALINGS	JUMPINGS	PRICINGS	SINNINGS	TIRINGS
DIETINGS	KERBINGS	PROVINGS	SKIVINGS	TWININGS
DOGGINGS	KISSINGS	POURINGS	SLAVINGS	UNDOINGS
DOTTINGS	LAMBINGS	PULLINGS	SLAYINGS	UPPINGS
DUSTINGS	LASTINGS	PUNNINGS	SLICINGS	VEININGS
FILMINGS	LAUDINGS	PUSHINGS	SLOPINGS	VOTINGS
FOILINGS	LINKINGS	QUEUINGS	SNARINGS	WAGGINGS
FOXINGS	LOCKINGS	RAFTINGS	SNOWINGS	WEARINGS
GLOVINGS	LOPPINGS	RATTINGS	SOAPINGS	WITTINGS
GROWINGS	MAULINGS	REAPINGS	SOCKINGS	



Photographic evidence that Scrabble Alley really does exist. (Baltimore, USA)

Submitted by Bill Webster, US

Study Idea

Isn't it annoying when you have a bonus word on your rack and it just doesn't fit on the board? One tip that will help play your bingo onto an existing word is to learn some vowel hooks. All bingos contain at least one vowel, so read through all the words in the dictionary starting with A, E, I, O, or U. You'll find such gems as (A)BOON, (A)HUNGRY, (E)GAD, (E)NATION, (I)CONES, (I)KAT, (O)CREATION, (O)FLAG, (U)LAMA, (U)NEATEN. It doesn't take long to do.

Happy Hooking!

Brands Kings Cup Tournament Thailand 28th June — 1st July

by Liz Fagerlund

This event was a very different, interesting and enjoyable experience with 45 competitors taking part in the 4 day international competition. Twenty-six games were played, in a Swiss draw format, with the top 2 players then playing off in a best of 3 final.

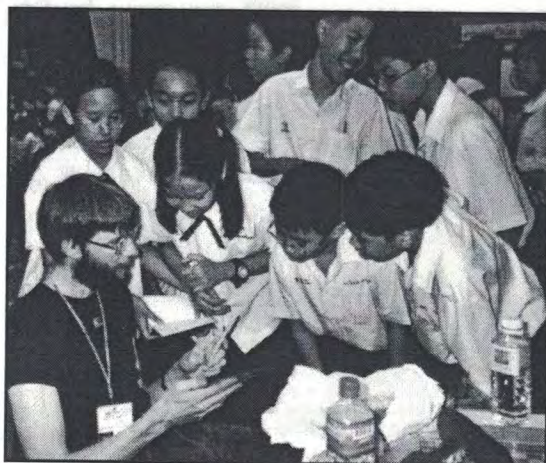
Players were from Thailand (23), Australia (5), New Zealand (2), Singapore (6), Malaysia (1), England (4), Japan (1), South Africa (1) and Nigeria (2). Some top international players participated, including Mark Nyman (UK), Paul Cleary (AUS) and NZ Scrabbler extraordinaire Nigel Richards, ex Christchurch, currently residing in Malaysia.

For the first two days, play was in a huge, noisy shopping centre — loud music, loud talking, announcements while you were playing, shoppers checking what you were doing — plenty of distractions. At least this year, the roller coaster on the top floor wasn't going!

On days three and four the tournament play moved to a huge indoor stadium where we were joined by over 5,000 school children. The children were participating in a School Scrabble competition plus a maths board game contest. What an amazing sight that was. Scrabble is played in schools as one way to help the children learn English — and they seem to thoroughly enjoy it. Some of the very excellent Thai players in the international competition are

between 16 and 25 — they obviously got a great start to the game by playing at school. As you can imagine, it was very noisy in the stadium as well — you just had to try to shut out the noise. Maybe I'll take earplugs next time!

After 26 games the two finalists were Nigel Richards on 20 wins, and Paul Cleary from Australia on 17 wins. The finalists played on a stage, and their letters were displayed to us via a giant set of letters and giant board, on which their moves were copied so that we could all follow the games. It was very exciting! The first game was close fought all the way, with Nigel finally winning 464 to 444. In the second game, Nigel romped away, winning by 520 to 309, a decisive win which gave him the Kings Cup and a very nice prize of US \$6,000, for the 3rd year in succession. The cup was presented by the 74 year old Princess Galayani Vadhana.



Nigel and his band of fans



Place getters at the awards ceremony (left to right) Paul Cleary (2nd), Nigel Richards (1st) and Mark Nyman (3rd)

Unfortunately we were not allowed to take any photos while the Princess was at the venue.

Nigel is quite the Scrabble hero over there; many children approached him throughout the two days at the stadium for his autograph and to be photographed with him — apparently that becomes more and more regular each year he attends! In NZ we seem to reserve all that attention only for our sporting heroes — how refreshing that Thailand, a country full of absolutely delightful people, hold the mind sport of Scrabble in such high regard.

Personally, I look forward very much to returning and meeting again those I already knew, the new friends I made this time, and other interesting people still to meet. Why not consider a holiday there with a Scrabble tournament as part of the holiday? I'm sure you will enjoy the experience.

Final Standings

Player	Wins	Spread	Ctry
1 Nigel Richards	20	1078	NZ
2 Paul Cleary	17	1466	AU
3 Mark Nyman	17	1091	UK
4 Joan Rosenthal	17	536	AU

Player	Wins	Spread	Ctry
5 Jakkrit Klapajone	17	513	TH
6 Femi Awowade	16	1293	NG
7 Cheah Siu Hean	16	161	SG
8 Gerry Carter	15	1112	TH
9 Charnwit Sukhumrattanaporn	15	908	TH
10 Komol Panyasoponlert	15	578	TH
12 Bob Jackman	15	254	AU
16 Evan Simpson	14	377	UK
19 Darryl Francis	14	27	UK
22 Terry Kirk	13	210	UK
25 Liz Fagerlund	13	-71	NZ
26 Joanne Craig	13	-358	AU
33 Dylan Sharma	11½	-159	SG
34 Michael Tang	11½	-254	SG
35 Debbe Hossy	11	-377	ZA
38 Keiichiro Hirai	11	-540	JP

Mad About Scrabble

by Jeff Grant

In a recent episode of the American sitcom *Mad About You* on TV2, Paul and his wife Jamie were playing a 'friendly' game of Scrabble. When Paul played HING, things went something like this:

Jamie: HING? What's HING? Use it in a sentence.

Paul: I won the Scrabble game by playing the word 'HING'.

Jamie: I think I'll challenge it.

Paul: You can't!

Jamie: Why not?

Paul: I didn't challenge your QUIZJAX.

Jamie: Fair enough

[HING is allowed in Scrabble. It's another name for asafoetida, a foul-smelling gum resin formerly used as a medicine. — Ed.]

The World Scrabble Championship Of 2011

'Back to the Future'

It is 10 years since the long-awaited first World Scrabble Championships was held in London in 1991. Since that time the WSC has been held every two years with the venue alternating between the USA and England (except for 1999 when Melbourne, Australia hosted the event). The number of players has doubled from 48 to 96, representing 43 countries.

In the September 1991 issue of *Forwards*, Jeff Grant took a twenty-year leap into the future to see what the event could be like in 2011. Here are excerpts from Jeff's visions:-

"The 10th biennial World Scrabble Championship is to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from September 22-30, 2011. Ninety six players from forty countries will be participating.

The Scrabble board layout and tile distribution have not changed, however there are some who favour the introduction of an additional Z, in view of the large number of words containing two or more of this particular letter.

The sole authority is *The Official International Scrabble Dictionary* (OISD) which has been used throughout the world since its publication in 2008. This work is basically an amalgamation of OSPD3 (2004) and OSW5, which came out in conjunction with CED4 in 2006.

The word-base has increased significantly over the last 20 years. For instance there are now 138 allowable 2-letter words including ag, ce, dy, ed, ge, qi, ra, se, ud, vi, yi and za. Initialised terms like jp and pdq have not been accepted nor have letter plurals like qs and xs. The controversial ko, although capitalised in CED2, was back in lower case in the next edition with a different meaning. The word ch is no longer permitted as it is not in OISD.

The Double Challenge rule is used in all major Scrabble-playing countries now and has been applied in the World Championship since 1995. Only one word at a time may be challenged. Games still run for a maximum 50 minutes (25 minutes per player) despite a movement to have the time reduced to 45 or even 40 minutes. Silent electronic timers are used by all contestants and no form of physical tile-tracking is allowed.

The tournament runs for eight days and competitors play at least 32 games each. New Zealand has 6 representatives."

-Jeff Grant

[It's interesting to note how many of Jeff's predictions have been realised, especially the inclusion of AG, ED, and QI. Will the others be legal by 2011? - Ed.]

World Champs Odds

Jim Geary of the USA has posted odds for the 2001 World Scrabble Champs - "strictly for entertainment purposes".

The odds at 28/8/01 for our NZ team — Jeff Grant 10:1, Kendall Boyd 12:1, Howard Warner 20:1, Peter Sinton 25:1. Paul Cleary at 16:1 is the Australian most favoured to win.

Favourites to take out the title on 5:1 are David Boys, Joel Wapnick and Adam Logan from Canada; England's Brett Smitheram and Brian Cappelletto from the USA.

For updates of the odds go to <http://www.jimgeary.com/scrab/WSCFUT01.HTM>

The Future of the World Championship

This spoof was written by 1991 World Scrabble Champ Peter Morris of the United States. It was published in the December 1993 issue of the now defunct *Medleys* magazine. Some dates have been changed.

(Albuquerque, NM — Reuters, October 2012). Mike Baron, President of the Scrabble Players Association, today announced plans to further democratize the process of determining a World Champion for the 2013 tournament. Baron notes that this was only the latest in a series of changes in the way the champion is determined. "Back in the dark ages of 1991, we had a tournament in which only the very best players from each country were allowed to participate. How totalitarian!", claimed Baron, before proclaiming the United States the "only democracy in the history of the solar system", wrapping himself in a US flag and leading reporters in a chorus of *God Bless America*.

In succeeding World Championships, pressure from less skilled players led organizers to devise increasingly random methods for admission, but this was not enough to satisfy Baron. "Sure it was a big improvement to allow people to qualify on the basis of one lucky tournament," Baron said. "But you still had the ugly unAmerican reality that one still had to be a very good Scrabble player to win the World Championship. Was that fair to people who were better at pinochle? Or Wheel of Fortune? And what about people who just weren't good at anything? What's wrong with giving them a fair and democratic chance to be the World Scrabble Champion?"

Accordingly, when Baron took over the organization before the 2009 championships, he changed the format so that anyone who wanted could come to the tournament and play one game of Scrabble and the winner was then selected by random draw without regard to the score. The first winner under Baron's supervision was Helen Schlitzlediphthong, an 88-year-old woman who had scored only 37 points in her game, a fact which Baron notes with pride. "The 2009 World Championships were not as democratic as they

could have been," he concedes today, "but having a champion like Helen was such a step forward for democracy in Scrabble. It sent a message to everyone that you didn't have to be good at Scrabble to be the World Champion."

Further changes were put in place for the 2011 tourney, as people were no longer required to play a game of Scrabble or be at a site to be eligible to win. "We realized that in 2009 we had been undemocratic in denying those who didn't like Scrabble or didn't know how to play, the chance to be World Scrabble Champion. What's wrong with giving these people the chance?" asked Baron. He added that massive registration drives throughout the world had been organized to further democratize the selection process. The 2011 champion, Baron observes with pride, was Jean Felix-Henri Neparlepas, a Frenchman who speaks not a single word of English.

Baron's plans for next year include allowing dead and fictional people to compete for the world championship. "If someone enters them, why shouldn't these people have a chance to be the World Champion? I mean they already have the disadvantage of not being alive and living in this great democracy. What's wrong with giving them a chance?" Looking ahead, Baron feels that still more democratic reform is due in the near future. "I think we have been speciesist in our orientation. What would be wrong with allowing a rhinoceros or a chair or clump of grass to be the World Scrabble Champion?" asks Baron persuasively and how could anyone be unAmerican enough to disagree?

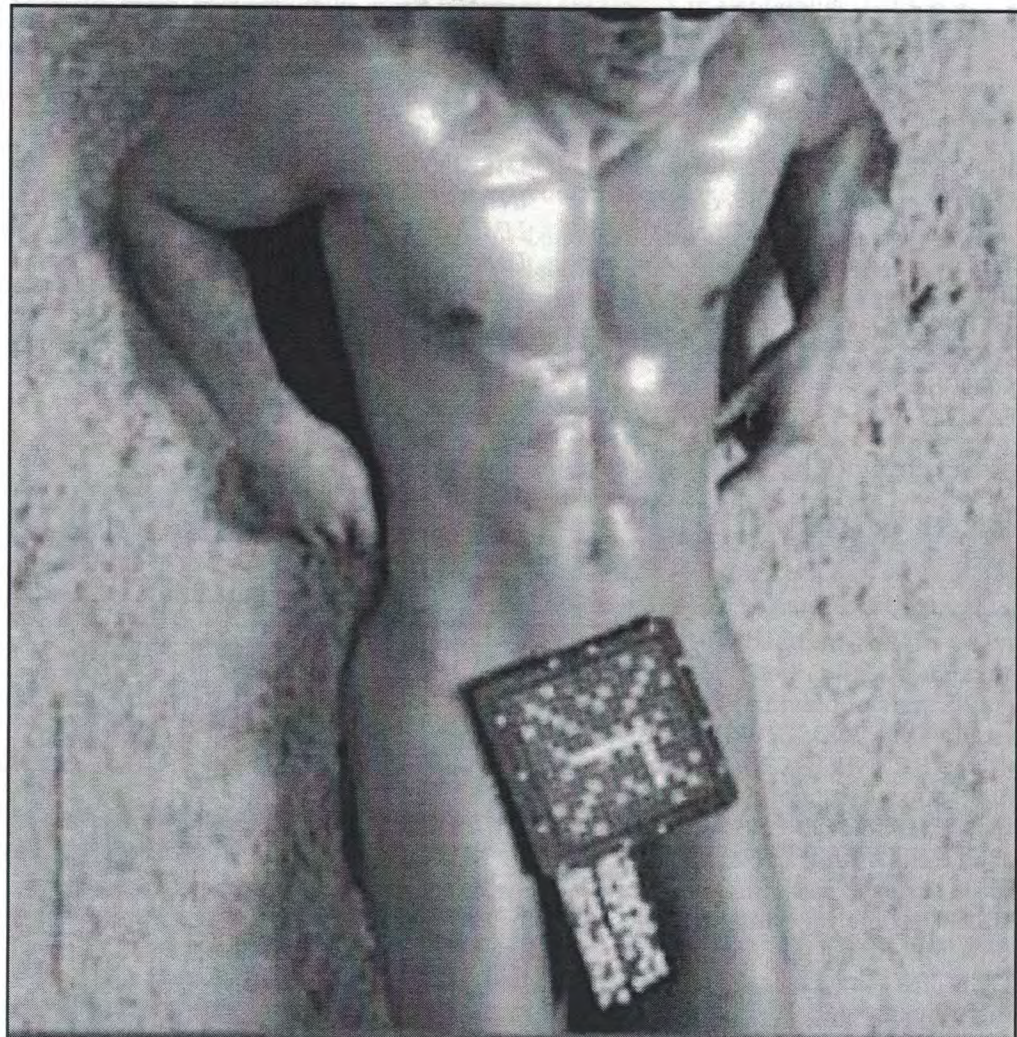
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:Did you hear about the beef farmer :
:who gave his boys their own cattle :
:ranch called "Focus", because it's a :
:spot where the sons raise meat? :
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THE BARE NECESSITY THIS SUMMER



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Hamilton Challenges

Here are some interesting words noted by adjudicator Pat Grant at the Hamilton Tournament in August.

Allowed

ASSIEGE
ZITHERNS
ICHD
DONGA
WOODNESS
ECHOISE
ENCAVED
STAROSTA
RAGBOLT

SPAWNIER
AULNAGERS
BELUGAS
DEDICANT
INVIABLE
DEFOAMER
POYSE
VENDAGE
SULU

Disallowed

INWARES
LIMOGES
UNVISUAL
DEBITINGS
OUTBRING
EELED
REGRADER
GRADINOS
SLIPAGE
FANBAKE
SOOTIED
ADZED
BACONY
CAKERING
BOTH A
UREDIAS
CODI
TRIGONE

Great Tiles

Kevin and Lesley Edgeler from Tokoroa recently tried out a brand new set of tiles, and had what Kevin thinks may be their best score ever in over 20 years of playing. Lesley started with MINDSET (74), YORE (34) and BRANSLE (92) to lead by 200-75 after three moves. Kevin got down FRISKIER (80) and ALIUNDE (81) to trail by only 281-311 in the middle stages of the game. But 71 for PIEBALD, some good intermediate scores, and then a late 86 for MOUNTING saw Lesley run out the winner by 604-430. A superb 1034 combined score! Kevin says that unfortunately the following games haven't been anywhere near that high.



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Submitted by Bill Webster, US

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



in September, held in a venue with a superb view — on the hill overlooking the city. If your game's going

Greetings, and welcome to Spring. The winter has been particularly cold in many parts of the country this year — perfect for sitting inside and playing scrabble. I recently attended the Brands Kings Cup scrabble tournament in Bangkok, won by New Zealander, Nigel Richards, currently residing in Malaysia. It was a most enjoyable experience that I would recommend if you are willing to try a different sort of tournament. The worst thing was leaving the 30 degree + temperatures (also perfect for sitting inside and playing scrabble) to return to 8 degrees in Christchurch!

Congratulations to those clubs who ran successful Scrablathons to raise money for our world champs team, and to those who didn't run a Scrablathon, but still donated money to the fund. As the time selected for the WSC this year is December, and peak fare time for flights, it is proving very costly to send our four to Las Vegas, so every little bit of fundraising helps. I believe some clubs are continuing to fundraise by running raffles and sales tables at their clubs.

Tournaments have been held by Papatoetoe, with excellent entries, and more recently Hamilton held their usual well run tournament at the great venue of the Polytechnic.

This month Tauranga will be holding their silver anniversary, 2 day tournament, and I'm sure this will be well supported. Christchurch's 2nd tournament weekend of the year is also

particularly badly you can console yourself with the lovely view!

Later in September is the 13th Norfolk Island Scrabble festival. I'm sure all those going will have a great time. Glennis and Jeff do a great job of organising and running this fun annual event.

Later in the year there are tournaments in Auckland, Wanganui, Dunedin and Hamilton.

Glennis continues to work hard on behalf of Scrabblers, and has ordered and got into NZ 110 copies of the new OSW1 for all those members who ordered one. Thanks for your efforts, Glennis.

I hope Lynne Butler has enjoyed her first *Forwards* as the new editor. I know she will add her own touch to it.

Have fun in your Scrabble games, may the blanks and esses be with you.

Liz

A Wimp's Game

The Dictionary of Wimps by well-known funny men Alan Grant, David McPhail and Jon Gadsby (pub 1989) contains the following entry:

Scrabble: a wimpish board game played by know-alls who lack the acquisitive greed required for Monopoly, the knowledge of sport required for Trivial Pursuit, or the intellectual nimbleness required of cribbage. It is always a wimp who turns a game into a massacre by making 20 on a triple word score. [Guess who can't play Scrabble very well! — Ed.]

Challenge!

Here are some interesting words noticed by Pat Grant while adjudicating at the NZ National Championships in Christchurch on June 2-3.

Allowed

- PREASING
- DICTY
- DEWAXED
- BATONED
- SLEEKING
- SEELIER
- CARROTIN
- CONTINUA
- STOGIES
- SYNAPTES
- CLAYIER
- OVERTURED
- REENROLL
- EELIEST
- AGENESIA
- SURNAMER
- AMOOVED
- REGALITY
- UNWARES
- AURELIA
- TURFINGS
- ZOOTIEST
- UNHELMED
- BRANGLLED
- LUZERN
- RIGHTOS
- VITEX
- SMUDGILY
- INLANDER
- BIOPTIC
- AEGIRINE
- ABORIGIN
- SLOTHED
- SKIRTER
- BOSKY
- EMAILED
- ERASABLE
- LOURINGS
- ORAGIOUS
- NETTLIER

Disallowed

- SNAILER
- PLEATINGS
- MANX
- CARTOID
- KONDS
- ANTIROT
- DEVLINS
- CHASTED
- WENDIGOES
- ELOIGNE
- SUEDINGS
- WILDSIDE
- GASHERS
- OVERHIRE
- WAGSTER
- SKIDDIES
- REQUITEN
- GUMLINE
- AIRSWEPT
- ADDINGS
- NAILABLE
- WOLFLY
- NAUTILAE
- TOILETER
- AIRMASS
- OUTUSES
- MALDIVES
- VISIONRY
- MARINED
- HILIS
- AVINES
- INVERNER
- OATIEST
- CATTLED
- RERENTED
- HYTES
- SEERING
- CANOERS
- CRAFTMEN
- SEALANE

The Rack Exchange

When 'Work' is Play

William Webster put together a list of occupations (left column) and what those occupations entail. For instance a creditor credits while a director directs. Can you match up the letters with the numbers, defining what each occupation actually does?

Oh yes, Mr Webster has kindly anagrammed each entry for your reading pleasure.

- A acned cheater 1 dries
- B breaks 2 egos stun
- C clobber 3 escheat pests
- D disk acre nattered 4 laces spake
- E enumerations 5 lances
- F face socko 6 naked
- G garnered 7 palsy traps
- H gins pertain 8 peachers
- I lite tester 9 pistol
- J marina 10 preforms no gates
- K menorahs 11 repaper males
- L misinter 12 samek hoses
- M nabe trounce 13 severs ablest
- N steroid 14 sift sederunt
- O stinted 15 skate race
- P tampons 16 slivered lima
- Q tepestries strait 17 splay Clabbers
- R taroc 18 sprint trestle
- S wastries 19 twier
- T workhouse amid 20 waster

A dance teacher—3 teaches steps; B bakers—6 knead; C cobbler—12 makes shoes; D kids care attendant—15 takes care; E mountaineers—4 scale peaks; F cafe cooks—11 prepare meals; G gardener—20 waters; H sign painter—18 prints letters; I tile setter—17 plays Scrabble; J airman—9 pilots; K horseman—1 rides; L minister—8 preaches; M bean counter—2 goes nuts; N editors—19 write; O dentist—14 fits dentures; P postman—16 delivers mail; Q stir/please artists—10 performs on stage; R actor—7 plays parts; S waitress—13 serves tables; T housework maid—5 cleans.

A Word of Caution

by Nick Ballard (US)

With great excitement I opened my package of new protiles (special coloured, flat tiles). One bag had white-on-blue and another had black-on-silver. Armed with the latter gems, I headed down to the Seattle club ready to play what was surely to be the most aesthetic game of my career.

I drew a lower-rated player named Dan in the first game, who opened with ZEROS (48), followed by a series of 30-point plays and a bingo with a blank. But my tiles were so smooth, so delightful, and I was gradually able to overcome Dan's lead. When all the tiles in the bag were gone, it was my turn with a 370-309 lead and an EHINOOPY rack.

With plenty of time on my clock, I confirmed and reconfirmed that I had correctly tracked his final rack to IQTTSU + Blank. There were many good spots for his Q, but only one bingo line with those letters, and even if I overlooked a bingo there, I could see enough elsewhere to still win by a narrow margin.

I decided to practise my endgame

analysis here, and used several minutes to calculate to the best of my ability the variation which maximised my point spread. I finally settled on blocking his highest non-blank play of QUITs by playing YONIS in the same spot for only 17, but leaving two good-scoring outplays with the remaining EOH.

No sooner had I punched the clock and turned the board than Dan tipped his rack, and his tiles fell neatly into place on the bottom row. I read upside-down what he had spelled — Q-U-I-T-T-□-R. "One hundred and one — E", he announced gleefully, "And out!!"

I sat in a state of catatonia, my chin transfixed eight inches below my upper lip, and my eyeballs in suspended animation, aghast at the 3 S's and 7 R's in my brand new set. I soon burst out laughing (as did the spectators who had witnessed my expression). I think I have learned the lesson not to assume correct distribution in a new set of tiles.

[We can all learn from this. If you get a new set of tiles, don't just check that you have 100, make sure the **distribution** of letters is correct also. — Ed.]

Joan's Kiwi Revelations

Veteran actress Joan Collins used her time in New Zealand — filming a family movie with Rachel Hunter — to work out exactly how she felt about the new man in her life, Percy Gibson. Joan says her fortnight on New Zealand soil was idyllic and cemented the love she felt for her 35-year-old toyboy lover. "It felt like being in Never Never Land," says the 68-year-old starlet. "Percy and I were effectively living together. We spent a huge amount of time talking about what was happening to us. ... Percy and I went on picnics and sat on the beach. We cooked and I taught him to play Scrabble — now he beats me," laughs Joan.

submitted by Kevin & Lesley Edgeler (TOK)



Degame Of Cricket

Written by Arlene Fine and published in the South African National Scrabble Players (SANSPA) magazine January 2001.

Cricket is an UNREEL, ACCITING ballgame, ADAMSITE BETA than rugby with ALLOD less EFFETE. It is PAPULAR ALLOVER the WHORLED.

There are ELEVON FAHLORS on a side and the PLAYAS do ASBESTUS they can. Some are BATTAS, (in Spain, known as BATTEROS) and some are BOLUS. They all WHEARE WHITY TROWSERS.

The COACHEE CHOUSES AZIDE and the CAPITANI, DEMAIN man, MANEGES the TEEM. To see who will be BATTEN FOIST, they will be TOSSEN a COIGN.

The OBJET of DEGAME is to try to MAKAR SIXSCORE when you SENSUM balls OVERTOPS of DEFENSES. One must also HITTER ALLOT or FOURSSES, when the ball will POPOVER and land on the BOUNTREE – in other words, VACKED hard. If the ball WOODLAND in the right PLAICE, YULE SCAUR FORERUNS. UEY HAFTER make DIZENS of runs if you WANNA WYNN. (A course in BATOLOGY is not a bad idée.) A batsman will BATTILL HEEZE out. Sometimes one might whack the ball at the WICKY, which will wake the WICKYUP!

If the ball hits ALEGGE, you are BOWLDER an ALBEE (a FOOTSLUG) OWCHE! One should try and DODGEM. If one scores no runs, this is a DUCKY,

where you take a DUCKWALK. You KURRES and say "DOMETT!"

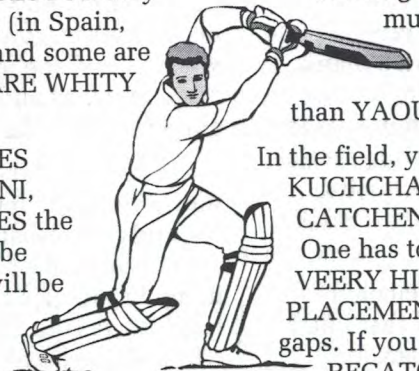
To be a BOLO, you have to BOWLlike mad. ABOLLA, has to BOWLFUL out. A good team should have APACE bowler and a CUPOLA SPINARS, who should know DERANGE of DECURVE when bowling KURVEY balls. They must be careful not to OVERSPIN or bowl OVERWIDE – WHIDAH than YAOURT.

In the field, you have to be AGOOD KUCHCHA and CACHALOT. CATCHEN is DESKILL to master. One has to UPCATCH for the VEERY HIGHBALLS. You PLACEMEN to COVERALL the gaps. If you MISSA ball you have to RECATCH it. You have to

RUNABOUT ENCHASE the ball and make sure you QUARTETT. You also have to be a good CHUKKER and try to catch the batsman out of his KREESE otherwise this could be the DYELINE.

If one's LAGAN behind, one has to CATCHUP, PHYTON and MAKEUP runs. Don't hit too LOWDOWN off a LOWBALL with your DINGBAT, WHEECH sometimes feels as heavy as a BRICKBAT, and don't hit like a WOMBAT with a NUMBAT, COS you'll be out and the other side WHIRLBAT!

A game can go on til late in the EEVNING – till about SEPHEN and DEMOB love it. After DEGAME, the players are POUPT but they relax with food AMBEERS.



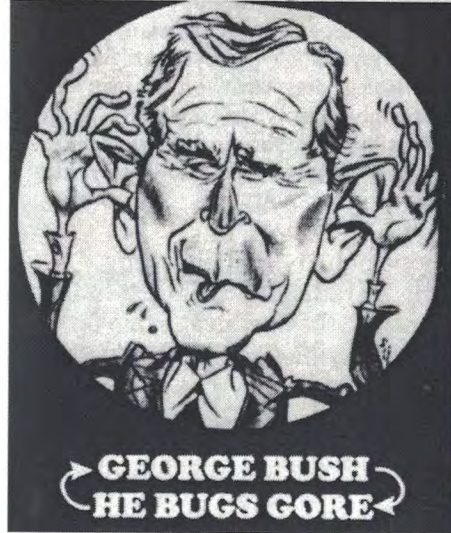
Some CLICKET JARGOON

- RUNOVER When lots of runs are scored in an over
- OVERSUP Having bowled six balls
- OVERSMEN Guys who score well off an over
- OUTWICK Stumped at the wicket
- OUTWALK Taken when you're
- OUTWICKED

Some South African cricketers:-

- KEPI VESSELS
- HANSA KNONUR
- PETER CHRISTEN
- MIKE PROCTOR
- JONTY WOADS

MAD Anagrams



Submitted by Paul Lister (CHC)

JONATHAN'S WEB SCRABBLE

scrabble.boinkable.com

WORDSMITH A free site where up to five people can play long-distance (and long) games of Scrabble

from *The Best of the Web*,
Time, June 4 2001



Players on the NZ Scrabble email list were polled with the following question:-

"If there was ONE thing you could change about our game of Scrabble, what would it be?"

The majority of respondents opted for a change in either the distribution or point value of the tiles.

- get rid of the 'V's
 - up-grade the letter V to 5 points
 - fewer I's! — replace 2 I's with S's or blanks
 - ditch 2 of those 'T' tiles — they always get up my nose
 - what about giving the 5 biggies QZXJK a new value? As there are so many cop-out words for the Q and Z. I say 6 points.
 - remove the blanks to reduce the luck element of the game.
 - taking out the blanks would be one idea
 - change the challenge rules to be the same as the World Championships.
 - Ok, if I have to chose one thing I guess it is all games timed at 12 minutes per player**
 - balanced starts
 - I would remove two Is and one A and replace them with one each of the high use consonants N,R and T
 - change nothing — I love the game the way it is!
- **The rationale behind this suggestion was that 24 minutes per game will fit into a half hour TV slot.

If you have a suggestion for the December poll question, either serious or frivolous, please email Lynne Butler at scrabblyn@clear.net.nz



INTERNATIONAL



Australia

Surf Australia's new **Scrabble website** at <http://www.scrabble.org.au/index.html> for an interesting and informative ride. Among the many features, Webmaster Steve Sunter has included details of Clubs, Dictionaries, Word Lists and Quizzes.

Victoria's **Eastern Suburbs Tournament** on August 26 was a major victory for Sue Kyatt who won the Masters Section one clear game ahead of Naweena Fernando who was 13th at the last World Champs. Matte Dunn and Alistair Kane, both on 4 wins were 3rd and 4th respectively. NZ's David Lloyd was not playing up to his usual standard managing just 2 wins and 23rd spot.

ASPA Queensland gives three player awards each year.

- ◆ The Highest Rated Player Award has been won in previous years by Marianne Bentley (1997, 1998), Derek McKenzie (1999) and Edward Okulicz (2000). The 2001 HRP goes again to Edward Okulicz with a rating of 1836. The runner-up is Anne Drew on 1641. Anne has been runner-up four out of five years.
- ◆ The Most Successful Player Award went to Anne Drew who won 73 games out of a possible 110 over 16 tournaments. Edward Okulicz was runner-up on 69 wins, however he played in only 13 tournaments.
- ◆ This year's Most Improved Player award was won by Rowena Vnuk with the highest increase in rating

over the last year. Rowena gained 270 points. Noeline Thoma was runner-up with an increase of 266 points.

The **2001 Queensland Scrabble Championships** was won by Bob Jackman with John Barker securing the quinella for NSW. Both Bob and John won 14 from 17 games, but Bob's spread was 423 points higher than John's. Andrew Hamblin, also on 14 wins came 3rd followed by WSC team member, Edward Okulicz, Michael Vnuk and Derek McKenzie. A worthy mention goes to Jane Brown's high game of 630 which included four bonuses: SELLING (69), QUATRAIN (82), CRETINS (90) and STARVED (96), as an out-play. Jane also found POX (64) and AFLAJ (57). Besides the huge game score, Jane gained a huge margin, 408, from the 630-222 score.

The 6-game **South Australian Tournament** was held on 26th August. Michael Cameron won on spread over Frances Berry with 5 wins followed by Lesley Smit, Teresa Dean, Beryl Bourne and Nancy Sparling

96 Scrabblers played in the **Revesby Club Annual Tournament** on August 18th. Joan Rosenthal continued her good form to beat John Holgate (3rd) in the last game of the day and secure top spot from Bob Jackman on spread. Karen Richards (QLD) won the High Word prize with the unusual QUAERED for 129 points.



Bahrain

A cash purse of \$1,325 is being offered at the fourth **Sri Lanka Club International Scrabble Open** in Bahrain on October 12. The seven-round, king-of-the-hill tournament will see the winner receive \$500 with other cash prizes and trophies being awarded. The open competition is likely to attract top players from around the region as nearly 30 Gulf Scrabble Tournament participants have indicated their interest in the event. Former Bahrain resident Akshay Bhandarkar is said to be considering making his comeback to gulf Scrabble at the October contest after two years studying abroad. Akshay, aged 21, is a two-time world-championship entrant, was twice the Gulf Champ and twice the Bahrain titleholder.



Canada

Albert Hahn, Canadian WSC rep in Melbourne 1999, won the **June 2001 Calgary Tournament**. Albert won on spread from Danny Panganiban also on 6 wins from 8 games. Bill Payne, Randall Thomas and Siri Tillekeratne followed with 5 wins each. Alvina Palmer was undefeated in Division 2.

The **July 2001 Calgary Tournament** was won by Mike Ryan with Mike Ebanks and Siri Tillekeratne in 2nd and 3rd spots.



Malaysia

The **3rd Penang Open Scrabble Tournament** held on August 4-5, was won by Nigel Richards losing only 1 game in the 15 game tournament. Nigel had an amazing spread of +2549, an

average of +170 per game! Four wins behind were John Lam (2nd) and Alex Tan (3rd). Nigel also took out the High Game - 637 and High Word — EUTEXIA 117.



Singapore

The **Singapore National Scrabble Championship 2001** was held on 14-15th July, 2001. Tony Sim won the title with 12 wins (+783). On 11 wins in 2nd and 3rd places were Cheah Siu Hean (+1443) and Thong Liew Kee (+335). This tournament determined the selection of Cheah Siu Hean (top rated player) and Tony Sim (national champ) as representatives for Singapore at the World Scrabble Championships.



South Africa

The **2001 South African National Scrabble Championships** held in Cape Town on 16 & 17 June was won by Trevor Hovelmeier with 13 wins. Second, also on 13 wins was Anita Kassel, while 5 time WSC rep Steven Gruzd was 3rd on 11 wins. Dylan Early was 4th with 11 wins. The South African team for the 2001 World Scrabble Championships was chosen immediately after the conclusion of the final game. While Lanre Oyenkunle still tops the ratings list, (1980) he is a Nigerian citizen and thus ineligible at this stage. The team therefore consists of Trevor Hovelmeier (1898) and Steven Gruzd (1880) of Johannesburg. Dylan Early (1861) is the first reserve.

The **2001 South African Masters Scrabble Championships** was held on June 18-19. Trevor Hovelmeier won the 18 game double round robin with 15 wins separated by a spread of +249

from Dylan Early in 2nd. Three games behind was Steven Gruzd in third place.

Thailand

Nigel Richards won the prestigious **16th Brands King's Cup Bangkok Tournament** a four-day, 26 round tourney which commenced on June 28. After a best-of-three playoff with Paul Cleary (AUS) Nigel was the victor with 20 wins +1078, Paul Cleary second with 17 wins +1466. Also on 17 wins was UK's Mark Nyman (3rd) with a spread of +1091 and Joan Rosenthal of Australia (4th) +536. Liz Fagerlund of New Zealand managed a very creditable 25th spot with 13 wins -71. See page 14 for a full report by Liz.

United Kingdom

Terry Kirk notched up 15 consecutive wins to secure first place in the 18 game **Essex League Three Day Event** held May 26-28 at Stoke Rochford. Terry finished up with 17 wins, two games ahead of runner up Helen Gipson. S Perry was third with 13.5 wins.

The **Newcastle Tournament** was held on May 20 with Pete Finley the early leader, remaining undefeated to take top spot. Martin Thompson and Joyce Cansfield finished one game behind in second and third places.

Pete Finley continued his winning ways at the **Peterlee Tournament** in June. Joyce Cansfield improved to take second, with Margaret Burden third.

The **Lincoln Open Tournament** held on June 9th was won by Russell Byers, one game ahead of Jared Robinson and Nuala O'Rourke

United States

The annual **West Coast Championships** were held in Reno, Nevada in the first week of July. The prestigious **Main Event** which attracted 235 players, was won on spread by Dave Wiegand from Charnwit Sumrattaporn. Three-time North American Champ, Joe Edley was 3rd followed closely by Panupol Sujjayakorn, Mark Landsberg, Lisa Odom, Chris Cree, Joel Sherman, Jerry Lerman and Amnuay Ploysangngam. The **1st Early Bird** tourney was won by Joel Sherman ahead of Rod MacNeil and Rich Moyer. Randy Greenspan took the honours in the **2nd Early Bird** tournament from Ian Weinstein and Mark Landsberg.

The **Albany, New York Tourney** was also held in July, the winner Joel Horn finished one game ahead of Matt Graham and Paul Epstein.

At the **Campbell, California** tournament, David Poder had to face being behind 6-262 against 1997 World Scrabble Champion Joel Sherman after Sherman began the game with three bingos (PAESANI, ALLANITE and BITTERER), one of which Poder challenged. Problem? No way. Poder merely triple-tripled with FLEABAGS for 176 points to get back into the game and with the help of back-to-back bingos REUNITED (60) and VERANDAH (95) and later RULIEST (76), and catching Sherman with the Q, he won 541-539! The 256 point comeback is a new National Scrabble Association tournament record. Sherman's 539 broke a record as well — that's the highest losing score ever recorded in an NSA tournament game.

CLUB NEWS

Christchurch Newsletter

Scrabblathon

by Margaret Lyall

The recent weekend event was most successful, and the resulting amount raised will be notified when the final total is available. The Scrabble promotion was also well received, when Club volunteers went to the Palms and the Linwood Library to demonstrate play, with the objective of encouraging new members. Thanks to all who took part.

22nd National Scrabble Championships
2001

by Liz Fagerlund

After 21 years of the National Champs being held in the North Island, the Christchurch Scrabble Club has very successfully hosted the 1st South Island Nationals. Eighty-eight competitors took part this year, well justifying the decision to hold a National tournament in the South Island.

Thanks to members of the Christchurch Scrabble Club who contributed their help in many ways : selecting and setting up prizes; providing billets; baking for morning and afternoon teas; picking up people from the airport and generally extending southern hospitality and friendship to players from other parts of New Zealand.

Thanks to the runners, Patrick and Pip who worked hard all weekend.

I'm sure all those who competed enjoyed the experience of playing in a Nationals tournament — only a few of

our club members have competed in Nationals before. The newer players amongst you will surely not be daunted now by the thought of competing in a national event. Christchurch people right throughout the grades were extremely successful over the weekend. Those who did particularly well were:

B Grade	3 rd	Shirley Hol
C Grade	1 st	Shirley van Essen
D Grade	2 nd	Margaret Lyall
E Grade	1 st	Colleen Cook
	2 nd	Gabrielle Bolt
	3 rd	Allison Torrance
F Grade	1 st	Veronica Zilinskas
	2 nd	Paula Gibbons

Shirley van Essen, Colleen Cook and Gabrielle Bolt won the teams trophy for the Christchurch club and Dominic Lister was awarded the Georgie Memorial Award, as a young player who did particularly well. Dominic finished 8th in E Grade.

Congratulations to those players and other participants and workers.

Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

National Championships:
Christchurch Jun 2-3

Mixed success with Carolyn Kyle best effort, winner D Grade.

Others	Peter Sinton	3rd A Grade
	Michael Groffman	3rd F Grade in his first tournament

Thanks to Christchurch Club for your hospitality and billets.

World Champs Team: Las Vegas Dec 13-17
 Congratulations to Peter Sinton (DUN)
 Kendall Boyd (IND), Howard Warner
 (MTA), Jeff Grant (IND), we wish you all
 well.

Quiz

Would you challenge?

ANALITY BLOWBYS COWROTE
 DONNEES EUPHROE GUFFIES
 HUGEUS SHIKSES
 (answers at end of newsletter)

Full Monty

Tracy Pettigrew entered Dunedin's first
 midwinter Monty. She was wearing a
 hat! Even had a photo in the paper.
 Before any prudes say something, she
 won \$1000. What did she buy?
 Swimming trunks - no joking. I haven't
 the figure or guts to do it. Well done,
 Tracy.

Daisy Madden

Daisy is also President of the Caversham
 Presbyterian Ladies Guild which
 celebrated 120 years, a long time for a
 group.

Elvira Steel

Recently Elvira Steel's granddaughter
 was knocked over. Pleased to report she
 is recovering well.

Stewart Fleming

Stewart recently won the annual Port
 Chalmers to Dunedin Road Race over 8
 kms. More recently he won a duathlon -
 running 5km, biking 30km and running
 8km - sounds very tiring to me. Well
 done!

Canterbury Open: Sept 8-9

A contingent of 7 attending.

Scrabblathon: June

The Scrabblathon went well and we
 raised \$201 for the World Champs

Fund. We will endeavour to do better
 next time.

Otago Lion Open Tournament: Nov 17-18

Triple round robin, 15 games, 8 Sat, 7
 Sunday \$28 entry fee

Enter ASAP. Remember cheaper airfares
 now!

Contact Bill Grigg,
 10 Church St,
 Green Island, Dunedin,
 Ph 03 488 2885

Iris Boulton, Maria Clinton from Nelson
 and Vivian Eckhaus from Australia have
 already entered.

Forwards

A big thank you to Jeff Grant for all that
 previous hard work. All the best to new
 editor, Lynne Butler.

Quiz Answers

All are correct

Quick Quiz Answers

from p5

PENCILS	ENVELOP
GLUTTON	SUGGEST
ICEBERG	POSTMEN
MUDGUARD	TELEGRAM
COMPUTER	ELEPHANT

You English words
 I know you:
 You are light as dreams,
 Tough as oak,
 Precious as gold,
 As poppies and corn,
 Or an old clōak.

by Edward Thomas

submitted by Andrée Prentice

NZASP Rankings as at 9 September 2001

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2150	505.5	750	67%	47 Joan Thomas	1544	271	503	54%
2 Jeff Grant	2112	893	1149	78%	48 Ann Hough	1535	191	348	55%
3 Kendall Boyd	2086	231	304	76%	49 Andrew Denmead	1524	103	179	58%
4 Mike Sigley	2024	546	744	73%	50 Fae Olson	1523	764.5	1607	48%
5 Patrick Carter	2016	410.5	669	61%	51 Maureen Holliday	1502	257.5	490	53%
6 Peter Sinton	2003	278	384	72%	52 Debbie Caldwell	1494	55.5	78	71%
7 David Lloyd	2000	334	600	56%	53 Jennifer Smith	1486	270	470	57%
8 Glennis Hale	1994	730.5	1303	56%	54 Rebecca Freeth	1481	121.5	202	60%
9 John Foster	1968	665.5	1154	58%	55 Yvonne Wilson	1475	204	362	56%
10 Glenda Foster	1947	450	859	52%	56 Margaret Bundock	1474	453	911	50%
11 Glynis Jennings	1943	292.5	610	48%	57 Kim Graham	1474	192.5	343	56%
12 Andrew Bradley	1935	304	620	49%	58 Shirley Hol	1464	226.5	455	50%
13 Lynne Powell	1930	635.5	1201	53%	59 Delcie Macbeth	1441	326	603	54%
14 Lynne Butler	1920	515	851	61%	60 Karyn McDougall	1426	301.5	570	53%
16 Steven Brown	1911	330.5	608	54%	61 Ann Candler	1424	409	875	47%
15 Sheryl Davidson	1911	567	1054	54%	62 Hilda Scott	1421	197	360	55%
17 Cecilia Ruto	1900	90	162	56%	63 Shirley van Essen	1415	147	263	56%
18 Denise Gordon	1872	419.5	811	52%	64 Janice Cherry	1399	149	260	57%
19 Liz Fagerlund	1857	318	576	55%	65 Hazel Purdie	1384	301.5	620	49%
20 Peter Jones	1818	499	987	51%	66 Karen Rodgers	1374	71	184	39%
21 Valerie Mills	1811	410	839	49%	67 Julie Atkinson	1365	100.5	176	57%
22 Anna Geange	1800	359.5	679	53%	68 Ruth O'Neill	1353	214.5	442	49%
23 George Warnock	1769	31	56	55%	69 Glenda Geard	1349	506.5	996	51%
24 Gerald Warner	1762	625	1331	47%	70 Yvette Hewlett	1344	167.5	373	45%
25 May Quigley	1760	439	975	45%	71 Betty Eriksen	1340	358	713	50%
26 Marianne Bentley	1744	80	171	47%	72 Bill Grigg	1318	232.5	444	52%
27 Rosemary Cleary	1733	306	654	47%	73 David Gunn	1315	569	1116	51%
28 June Mackwell	1717	344	744	46%	74 Jean O'Brien	1305	374	747	50%
29 Pam Robson	1714	341.5	718	48%	75 Shirley Wyatt	1299	225.5	475	47%
30 Lisa McLean	1695	336.5	657	51%	76 Sue Walker	1295	260.5	524	50%
31 Lynn Wood	1665	705	1441	49%	77 Reeva Pearson	1289	640	1375	47%
32 Paul Lister	1662	295	526	56%	78 Shirley Martin	1284	275.5	526	52%
33 Correne James	1652	363	762	48%	79 Murray Rogers	1275	90.5	170	53%
34 Allie Quinn	1650	520	1084	48%	80 Isabel Zyp	1268	269	537	50%
35 Eileen McLean	1630	593	1147	52%	81 Stewart Fleming	1259	52	108	48%
36 Jane Walton	1628	201	377	53%	82 Lorraine Van Veen	1250	406.5	787	52%
37 Leila Thomson	1626	295	640	46%	83 Malcolm Graham	1230	183.5	360	51%
38 Puti Rowe	1624	347	700	50%	84 Mary Gray	1224	201	364	55%
39 Chris Hooks	1602	426.5	874	49%	85 Margaret Cherry	1215	201	404	50%
40 Helen Sillis	1588	440	856	51%	86 Norman Wheeler	1213	348	647	54%
41 Rhoda Cashman	1586	468	993	47%	87 Marian Ross	1201	186.5	396	47%
42 Faye Cronhelm	1580	408	822	50%	88 Roto Mitchell	1198	149	298	50%
43 Glenyss Buchanan	1577	363.5	762	48%	89 Marj Baillie	1197	305.5	620	49%
44 Doreen O'Shea	1569	268.5	528	51%	90 Margaret Lyall	1190	218.5	457	48%
45 Andree Prentice	1569	403	762	53%	91 Marianne Patchett	1189	122.5	218	56%
46 Roger Coates	1564	283	593	48%	92 Joan Pratt	1169	282	527	54%

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93 Steve Richards	1168	93	159	58%
94 Carolyn Kyle	1159	175.5	343	51%
95 Kathleen				
Mori-Barker	1154	139	281	49%
96 Elsie Malkin	1150	129	247	52%
97 Doreen Ogston	1148	310	677	46%
98 Elaine Moltzen	1140	279	581	48%
99 Margaret Parsons	1127	194.5	353	55%
100 Rosalind Phillips	1107	78	118	66%
101 David Bragg	1098	60	93	65%
102 Lyn Toka	1096	183.5	362	51%
103 Liz Richards	1067	83	158	53%
104 Martha Morgan	1062	192	412	47%
105 Colleen Cook	1039	25	36	69%
106 Michael Hyndman	1026	157.5	285	55%
107 Jill Johnson	1024	95	190	50%
108 Ernie Gidman	1011	99	192	52%
109 Valma Gidman	980	286.5	575	50%
110 Susan Olson	976	88	171	51%
111 Janet Willison	974	72	102	71%
112 Liz Catchpole	967	201	414	49%
113 Ruth Groffman	956	87.5	171	51%
114 Lyn Dawson	954	176.5	303	58%
115 Pam Barlow	953	184	355	52%
116 May Meads	950	179	344	52%
117 Yvonne MacKenzie	933	132.5	303	44%
118 Bev Barker	924	268	566	47%
119 June Ward	906	95	196	48%
121 Annette Coombes	904	255.5	576	44%
120 Carole Coates	904	220	460	48%
122 Irene Hague-Smith	898	330	706	47%
123 Mary Farmer	896	71	140	51%
125 Isabel Morris	887	32	51	63%
124 Ray Goodyear	887	62	132	47%
126 Olwen Skelton	868	272	570	48%
127 Connie Gervasi	863	28	41	68%
128 Kerry Dawkins	853	71	174	41%
129 Chris Handley	808	90.5	189	48%
130 Jean Walsh	801	112	227	49%
131 Karen Miller	800	125	248	50%
132 Dorothy Haining	777	327	661	49%
133 Pam Mayall	759	180	338	53%
134 Marie Cairns	758	107	200	54%
135 Jean Clarke	755	128.5	267	48%
136 Ruth Munnings	735	43.5	84	52%
137 Alice Hayward	717	44	69	64%
138 Gabrielle Bolt	711	47	73	64%
139 Margaret Ham	705	99	194	51%
140 Kate Wignall	704	344.5	691	50%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
141 Kath Davies	698	122	250	49%
142 Alan Medhurst	680	25	65	38%
143 Iris Boulton	677	40	78	51%
144 Margaret Hanson	671	166.5	321	52%
145 Veronica Zilinskas	662	24	44	55%
146 Dawn Smith	658	30	66	45%
147 Lil Moore	644	290	608	48%
148 Dorothy Latta	624	116	288	40%
149 Allison Torrance	614	52	88	59%
150 Jacqueline				
Coldham-Fussell	603	233	501	47%
151 Tracy Ivamy	592	51	107	48%
152 Lyres Freeth	587	18.5	28	66%
153 Jillian Greening	585	144.5	315	46%
154 Maria Clinton	578	35	67	52%
155 Dominic Lister	575	56	102	55%
156 Resie Coenen	565	50.5	182	28%
157 Janni Henneveld	554	16	38	42%
158 Elaine Ware	552	224	438	51%
159 Ed Olson	534	470	1191	39%
160 Tim Henneveld	500	15	38	39%
162 Kay O'Connor	495	21.5	52	41%
161 Betty Wilson	495	78	150	52%
163 Elise Joy	493	66.5	155	43%
164 Jena Yousif	492	22	60	37%
165 June Whitehead	483	24	90	27%
166 Roslyn Lister	464	74.5	165	45%
167 Ria Shoebridge	444	29	63	46%
168 Isabel Weddell	437	23	41	56%
169 Maureen McBain	377	31	94	33%
170 Paula Gibbons	364	90.5	202	45%
171 Vera Burner	341	143.5	546	26%
172 Pauline Smeaton	311	16	33	48%
173 Merle Spinetto	309	48	119	40%
174 Elvira Steel	308	90	443	20%
175 Betty Sutherland	284	89	219	41%
176 Mary Casse	282	26	70	37%
177 Wendy Mcllwrick	281	24	59	41%
178 Jean Craib	223	39.5	143	28%
179 Adam Young	169	19.5	44	44%

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Ambrose Bierce,
The Devils Dictionary:
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Papatoetoe Tournament 7 July 2001

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	6	607	429	9
2 Cecilia Ruto	IND	5	303	427	12
3 Andrew Bradley	MTA	4	247	411	10
4 John Foster	NSB	4	-229	356	6
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	148	405	12
6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	-84	373	7
7 Marianne Bentley	TAU	2	-231	377	7
8 George Warnock	MTA	1	-761	339	8
Grade B					
1 Gerald Warner	ROD	6	529	439	9
2 May Quigley	IND	5	224	399	13
3 Lisa McLean	IND	4	1	386	8
4 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	-83	379	8
5 Peter Jones	MTA	4	-166	356	7
6 June Mackwell	MTA	3	46	385	10
7 Fae Olson	NSB	2	-173	381	11
8 Eileen McLean	IND	0	-378	355	3
Grade C					
1 Helen Sillis	NPL	6	306	378	9
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	206	409	11
3 Chris Hooks	IND	4	14	369	7
4 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	209	415	11
5 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	3	101	384	8
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-101	374	11
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	-262	359	10
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	2	-473	347	4
Grade D					
1 Roger Coates	HAM	6	380	405	10
2 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4	195	391	8
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	-32	399	9
4 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-56	389	8
5 David Gunn	WKO	4	-57	389	14
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	131	396	12
7 Janice Cherry	PAK	2	-288	356	9
8 Shirley Martin	HAM	1	-273	342	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade E					
1 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	6	189	399	10
2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	510	421	12
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	139	402	10
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	40	393	9
5 Marj Baillie	KIW	3	-121	368	6
6 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-156	366	5
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-355	350	7
8 Joan Pratt	ROD	2	-246	371	9
Grade F					
1 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	7	416	388	10
2 Jill Johnson	PHC	4	326	401	5
3 David Bragg	ROT	4	73	367	6
4 Ernie Gidman	ROD	4	24	372	8
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	39	373	8
6 Dawn Kitzen	PHC	2	-22	373	12
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	-290	339	4
8 May Meads	PHC	2	-566	330	5
Grade G					
1 Bev Barker	MTA	6	420	391	6
2 Pam Mayall	KIW	4	95	365	5
3 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	42	358	6
4 Debbie Lang	PAK	4	27	350	6
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	16	359	8
6 Jacqueline					
Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	-44	348	7
7 Kath Davies	MTA	2	-289	326	2
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	1	-267	343	2
Grade H					
1 Marie Kingi	KIW	6	498	395	12
2 Connie Gervasi	NSB	6	434	365	7
3 Lil Moore	MTA	5	143	352	5
4 Karen Miller	PAK	5	27	349	5
5 Amelia Carrington	ROT	3	-116	349	4
6 Margaret Hanson	PHC	1	-160	339	3
7 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	1	-333	331	2
8 Jena Yousif	KIW	1	-493	294	0
Grade I					
1 Elaine Ware	MTA	5	240	363	5
2 Isabel Weddell	KIW	4	211	344	4
3 Resie Coenen	PHC	4	143	333	2
4 Tony Turner	PHC	4	-158	321	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Kathie Lark	PHC	3	90	313	0
6 Maureen McBain	TAU	2	-194	314	2
7 Mary Casse	ROD	2	-282	293	4
8 Molly Hall	PHC	1	-50	308	0

Hamilton Club Tournament 11-12 August 2001

13 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Howard Warner	MTA	11	1059	453	26
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	10	524	418	25
3 Jeff Grant	IND	9	934	443	24
4 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8	159	398	20
5 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	7	304	409	19
6 John Foster	NSB	7	152	382	20
7 Peter Jones	MTA	7	-205	392	21
8 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	197	397	18
9 Lynne Powell	NSB	6	-95	386	21
10 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	6	-281	369	15
11 Steven Brown	HAM	5	-736	362	20
12 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	-522	379	12
13 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	-814	358	13
14 Pam Robson	HAM	2	-676	366	16

Grade B

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Chris Hooks	IND	10	352	402	18
2 Correne James	MTA	9	290	389	18
3 June Mackwell	MTA	8	510	396	15
4 Lisa McLean	IND	8	11	409	25
5 Jane Walton	HAM	7	186	404	20
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	7	7	389	19
7 Roger Coates	HAM	7	-100	396	20
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	-177	374	15
9 Eileen McLean	IND	6	74	376	13
10 Maureen Holliday	ROD	6	-256	382	19
11 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	304	395	23
12 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	5	-217	380	18
13 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	-277	370	13
14 Fae Olson	NSB	2	-707	383	14

Grade C

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Allie Quinn	NSB	9	659	405	19
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	9	509	410	16
3 Kim Graham	KIW	8.5	172	403	18
4 Ann Candler	NSB	8	170	400	18
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	55	390	15
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	8	-103	392	20
7 Glenda Geard	IND	7	144	382	19
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	6	18	373	11

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
9 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	6	-227	387	15
10 Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-281	379	18
11 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	59	380	17
12 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	-644	357	12
13 Isabel Zyp	HAM	4.5	130	388	16
4 David Gunn	WKO	1	-661	369	16

Grade D

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 David Bragg	ROT	12	974	406	14
2 Joan Pratt	ROD	11	474	381	14
3 Mary Gray	MTA	10	562	391	15
4 Carole Coates	KIW	9	454	383	12
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	8	604	381	11
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	8	114	365	6
7 Annette Coombes	WKO	8	113	359	10
8 Karen Miller	PAK	7	118	360	10
9 Pam Mayall	KIW	7	96	352	5
10 Margaret Hanson	PAP	6	-232	350	9
11 Jean Clarke	STR	6	-432	323	7
12 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	5	-121	358	10
13 Jillian Greening	HAM	5	-372	343	14
14 Resie Coenen	PAP	5	-654	318	5
15 Taanga Lawrence	HAS	4	-469	332	5
16 Janni Henneveld	ROT	3	-489	331	7
17 Tim Henneveld	ROT	3	-740	315	5



Allie Quinn (NSB), C Grade winner at Hamilton and B Grade winner at Tauranga

Tauranga Club Tournament 1-2 September

13 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Jeff Grant	IND	12	1071	447	29
2 John Foster	NSB	10	565	403	21
3 Howard Warner	MTA	9	949	440	26
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	9	821	432	28
5 Steven Brown	HAM	8	332	412	26
6 Valerie Mills	PAK	7	315	411	20
7 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	7	112	410	21
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	6	165	397	19
9 Peter Jones	MTA	5	-411	375	22
10 Gerald Warner	ROD	4	-350	392	16
11 Pam Robson	HAM	4	-923	350	16
12 Ngaire Steel	TGA	4	-1072	354	15
13 Marianne Bentley	TGA	3	-649	380	16
14 Lisa McLean	IND	3	-925	368	14

Grade B

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Allie Quinn	NSB	10	664	419	24
2 Paul Lister	CHC	9	436	402	15
3 Lynn Wood	WEL	9	235	387	14
4 Eileen McLean	IND	8	289	387	14
5 Correne James	MTA	8	232	378	20
6 Jane Walton	HAM	7	26	382	20
7 Puti Rowe	IND	6.5	75	401	18
8 Roger Coates	HAM	6	-89	384	16
9 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	-390	392	18
10 Joan Thomas	HAS	5.5	-394	372	14
11 Fae Olson	NSB	5	-111	373	16
12 Chris Hooks	IND	5	-358	372	17
13 Maureen Holliday	ROD	4	-110	374	15
14 Hilda Scott	MAS	2	-505	360	14

Grade C

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	1022	424	20
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	10	690	417	20
3 Janice Cherry	PAK	9	-61	378	11
4 David Gunn	WKO	8	391	408	21
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	381	397	17
6 Sue Walker	MTA	7	145	402	24
7 Glenda Geard	IND	6.5	109	386	21
8 Mary Gray	MTA	6	-64	378	17
9 Isabel Zyp	HAM	5.5	-125	368	10
10 Joan Pratt	ROD	5	-245	370	15
11 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	5	-263	367	17
12 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	-360	360	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
13 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	-602	378	16
14 Lyn Toka	KIW	2	-1018	340	11

Grade D

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	11	555	384	20
2 Margaret Parsons	TPO	11	486	382	7
3 David Bragg	ROT	10	638	389	16
4 Ernie Gidman	ROD	8	296	377	10
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	8	34	355	8
6 Annette Coombes	WKO	7	134	374	20
7 Carole Coates	KIW	6	173	380	18
8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	6	49	354	9
9 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-331	341	2
10 Shirley Brake	ROT	5	-521	334	7
11 Elizabeth Webb	TGA	4	-448	346	10
12 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	-605	332	5
13 Marie Cairns	TPO	3	-205	343	5
14 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	-255	338	7

Grade E

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Amelia Carrington	ROT	11	1140	403	8
2 Margaret Hanson	PAP	11	722	366	10
3 Margaret Flaws	TGA	10	351	367	8
4 Jena Yousif	KIW	8	-24	341	8
5 Janni Henneveld	ROT	8	-30	332	2
6 Jacqy Struik	TGA	7	160	341	8
7 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	7	-58	332	4
8 Tim Henneveld	ROT	7	-266	326	6
9 Maureen McBain	TGA	6	-629	301	3
10 Margaret Durdle	TGA	5	-159	328	8
11 Joyce Warner	TGA	5	-178	321	1
12 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	4	-330	315	5
13 Hazel Smith	PHC	2	-701	312	3

Christchurch Club Tournament 8-9 September 2001

Day 1

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	616	425	14
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	324	404	8
3 Shirley Hol	CHC	4	229	393	13
4 Shirley van Essen	CHC	4	154	368	6
5 Karen Rodgers	IND	4	109	369	8
6 Murray Rogers	NEL	2	-202	350	6
7 Bill Grigg	DUN	1	-442	341	6
8 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	1	-788	333	5

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade B					
1 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6.5	223	377	9
2 Lyn Dawson	NEL	5	112	367	8
3 Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	177	370	7
4 Colleen Cook	CHC	3.5	-178	360	1
5 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	3	129	349	12
6 Doreen Ogston	CHC	3	-11	381	6
7 Isabel Morris	CHC	2	-296	333	2
8 Ray Goodyear	IND	1	-156	346	4

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade C					
1 Allison Torrance	CHC	5	318	364	7
2 Chris Handley	DUN	5	302	394	12
3 Dawn Smith	NEL	4	-17	337	4
4 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	3	-8	338	5
5 Dominic Lister	CHC	3	-129	340	4
6 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	3	-169	325	4
7 Betty Wilson	CHC	3	-185	314	1
8 Roslyn Lister	CHC	2	-112	346	7

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Amanda Clow-Hewer	DUN	7	698	390	8
2 Barbara Butt	CHC	5	245	336	3
3 Michael Groffman	DUN	4	487	361	0
4 Betty Sutherland	CHC	4	66	318	2
5 Elvira Steel	DUN	4	-110	299	2
6 Adam Young	CHC	3	-378	279	2
7 Jean Craib	CHC	1	-316	295	0
8 Bill Ramsay	CHC	0	-692	263	0

Day 2
7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	6	436	427	15
2 Karen Rodgers	IND	5	344	410	10
3 Shirley van Essen	CHC	4	131	400	9
4 Karyn McDougall	DUN	3	252	414	11
5 Shirley Hol	CHC	3	-139	380	10
6 Murray Rogers	NEL	3	-250	374	9
7 Margaret Lyall	CHC	2	-348	355	6
8 Bill Grigg	DUN	2	-426	351	8

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade B					
1 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	924	456	15
2 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	5	190	383	10
3 Colleen Cook	CHC	4	4	365	5
4 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	3	-165	351	9
5 Ray Goodyear	IND	3	-291	360	5

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Isabel Morris	CHC	2	-129	367	6
7 Lyn Dawson	NEL	2	-227	335	5
8 Ruth Groffman	DUN	2	-306	348	6
Grade C					
1 Chris Handley	DUN	7	688	383	7
2 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	5	414	363	7
3 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	5	148	349	5
4 Michael Groffman	DUN	4	260	371	4
5 Dominic Lister	CHC	3	-121	350	2
6 Allison Torrance	CHC	2	-146	324	6
7 Betty Wilson	CHC	1	-412	283	2
8 Elvira Steel	DUN	1	-831	266	0

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Amanda Clow-Hewer	DUN	6	912	406	8
2 Roslyn Lister	CHC	5	403	343	2
3 Jean Craib	CHC	4.5	-136	302	3
4 Barbara Butt	CHC	4	301	345	2
5 Betty Sutherland	CHC	4	206	320	3
6 Adam Young	CHC	2.5	-451	285	2
7 Bill Ramsay	CHC	2	-493	260	0
8 Pat Steffenson	CHC	0	-742	256	0

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.

NZ Scrabble Records

Shown below is the current list of NZ Scrabble records.

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

Record	Tournament Level		Club Level	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	June Mackwell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
Highest Single Turn	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Lisa McLean (IND) Jeff Grant (IND)	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) Allie Quinn (NSB) Sheryl Davidson (PAK)
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)