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**SCRABBLE**  
2001 World Championship

Brian Cappelletto (USA) defeated 1999 WSC champion, Joel Wapnick (Canada) in a nail biting final series. Congratulations Brian!

Congratulations also to our NZ team who acquitted themselves with pride.

Peter Sinton 12th  
Howard Warner 19th  
Jeff Grant 33rd  
Kendall Boyd 53rd  
Full report in the next issue.

**NZ Team photo from NSA website.**



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# Editor's Note



Is CHRISTMAS legal? Should CHRISTMAS be allowed? Absolutely not! Well not on a Scrabble board anyway. However I'd have a very Merry Christmas if I could play its anagram — CHARTISMS.

Another year is almost over — a year that has seen many changes to our world. But in the NZ Scrabble community we roll along in much the same vein — we've had two successful tournaments at the Kiwi and Waikato Phoenix clubs. Players were lured north to Rodney and Mt Albert for their annual events and south for the Otago tournament. Many Kiwis joined with Australians for a week in Norfolk Island. There is a full report of the Scrabble Festival on Pages 10-14.

I've learned much since taking over the *Forwards* pen from Jeff. One thing is to triple-check everything before publication. Apologies for the wrongly captioned Scrabblathon photos on page 7 of the September issue. The caption should have referred to 'Hamilton's KIWI Club'. And did anyone (other than Jeff) spot the deliberate mistake in the *Study Idea* article? (O)CREATION is not allowable — it should have been (O)CREATE.

For those of you who haven't rushed to the centre pages to check, we do have another centrefold in this issue. Yes, two brave Scrabblers have bared (almost) all. They wish to remain anonymous, but if you look carefully,

you'll have no trouble in identifying the handsome couple. Thanks, Tarzan and Jane Grant.

With no more tournaments now until the end of January, it's a good time to thank all the people who give of their time to make Scrabble in New Zealand such an entertaining, educational and friendly pastime. The Executive committee; those who organise club nights and tournaments; runners; kitchen helpers; computer operators; adjudicators; fundraisers; contributors to the magazine; family and friends who support our indulgence — much kudos to you all. And a special thank you to Glenda Foster for her exceptional efforts as Layout Editor and also for her wonderful website which puts New Zealand Scrabble on the world map.

By the time you read this issue, the world Champs will be over and we will be welcoming home our triumphant team. Howard, Jeff, Peter and Kendall are worthy ambassadors and will have made us all very proud. There will be a comprehensive coverage of the WSC in the next issue along with results of the membership survey. Please send in any articles, photos, clippings etc — your contributions will always be gratefully received.

**Merry Christmas and Successful Scrabbling in 2002.**

*Lynne*

Lynne

Closing date for the March issue is 25 February 2002

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## Centrefold

by Elvira Steel (DUN)

I would like to know who the oversexed brain box is, who decided on our centre pages of the September issue of *Forwards*. I do not think it is funny. It makes me angry, as we get plenty of that kind of rubbish on the TV every day if we want!!!

We have a great magazine now, which is read worldwide, why spoil it.

## FOREMAN, FORAMEN and...

by Howard Warner (MTA)

I've been reading about a black American rapper called Joseph Foreman, a.k.a. Afroman, whose latest single went to No 1 on the NZ music charts. He's obviously not a true anagramming Scrabbler, or he'd have called himself 'Afromen'.

## 'Flocciwhatsit'

by Howard Warner (MTA)

This sentence comes from the pen of a smarty-pants letter-writer (or epistoler) to the *NZ Herald* on the subject of immigration: "The effete cathexis behind the concept is an expression of arrant floccinaucinihilipilification towards the desires of our people."

I assume the writer found this 'flocciwhatsit' word and has been

dying to show it off. I can't be bothered looking up its meaning. But I do wonder if any other word exists boasting such a sequence of I's alternating with another letter.

['Floccinaucinihilipilification\*'] means 'setting at little or no value' and is used several times in *The Curative* by NZ author, Charlotte Randall. If you have read and enjoyed *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* by Simon Winchester (about the compilation of the *Oxford Dictionary*) you'll enjoy *The Curative* — Ed]

\*Pronounced - flocksy-gnaw-cee-knee-hilly-pilly-fuh-kay-shun.

## Exciting Game

by John Foster (NSB)

Andrew (Bradley) and I had a little bit of excitement in our game at Rodney. I was dead in the water near the end and needing a miracle. With the X on L8 I played RESTART, extending AX to AXE, and then next turn played OENOMEL from N2 extending AXE to AXEL, knowing how risky it was with the 9 unseen tiles being AEILPRSUY, but having little choice as I saw it. Andrew challenged the play and I picked up the last two tiles, YI. Seeing that he could go out with SERPULA, I played my I at O7 for 3 points and won the game 529-480.

The excitement arose because in discussing the game with Howard and Patrick (and employing) some dubious mental arithmetic, arrived at the conclusion that if Andrew had spotted his SERPULA outplay, our combined total would have been over

1100 and a new world record. When I looked into it more closely at my leisure I found this was not the case. The result would have been a quite respectable 557-500 win to him.

## Ultimate Guide Errors

by Jeff Grant

Derryn Hinch's updated book *The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble* was reviewed by Howard Warner in the last issue. As Howard points out, there are errors in the 'Records' section, and while the word lists are a 'goldmine' (not allowed in Scrabble!) — beware! There are mistakes there too. For example a short list of 'vowel dumpers' at the bottom of page 315 contains the following non-words: AUREOUS, CILAE, COOERN, OVARIA, OOGLEA and OOGLOEA. On the whole, Hinch's comprehensive revision is an excellent work, but it's a pity the proofreading wasn't more thorough.

## September Issue

by Michael Vnuk, Australia

I've been a subscriber to *Forwards* since 1996, so it's good to see that you've kept up the quality when you've taken over from Jeff as editor.

A few comments on the September issue:

On p3, John Foster states that the number of words (2-15 letters) currently allowed is 216,616. This is not correct. Although the words less than 10 letters have been agreed upon, no one has published an official

list of all the words longer than 9 letters. It appears that the number John quotes comes from the latest LeXpert which does not contain ANTEFIXAE, nor some longer Chambers words.

But we can make a guess of the approximate number of words allowed if the source dictionaries were reviewed for all allowable words of 10-15 letters, in which case there may be over 240,000 allowable words.

[This is an excerpt from Michael's letter which contained a comprehensive computation for estimating the allowable 2-15 letter words. Michael also supplied two more words to be added to the 12 B-T vowel sounds on p7 — BEAUT and BOT — and that BIGHT should replace BITE. He further pointed out that the Duke Ellington quote had appeared in the Sept 1996 *Forwards*, and the older version has 'bebop' instead of 'bop'. Wow! What an impressive memory. Thanks for your comments and input. —Ed.]

## Raratongan Antipasto

Whilst holidaying recently in Rarotonga, Glenda and Bryan Foster noticed this unusual offering on the menu...

An Antipasto platter - a selection of crumbed chicken, crudities, crackers, pate, cheese, olives, etc.

Bryan and I would have tried it but unfortunately it was off the menu that night — so we will never know what kind of crudities would have been included.

[Perhaps a Raratongan Scrabbler trying to get rid of an extra 'I' — Ed.]

# Tournament Etiquette

by Jeff Grant and Liz Fagerlund

[Some suggestions, based on a leaflet prepared by the Rules Committee of the Australian Scrabble Players' Association, September 2001]

What's etiquette? It's being courteous and considerate, playing in the 'spirit of the game' — a spirit of friendly competition, with mutual respect; regarding the opponent as an adversary but not an enemy. Etiquette is desired while Rules are required. A player may choose not to observe etiquette, without breaking any rules.

But etiquette, like manners, is particular to a community. Newcomers to the Scrabble tournament scene may not know what is considered etiquette, and may find it helpful (as may seasoned players) to read an explanation which has been generally agreed upon by that community.

If you have any query about a rule or etiquette in a situation that arises during a game, call the Adjudicator! You aren't expected to know everything about every possible situation. The Adjudicator can look up the relevant rule or point of etiquette and let you and your opponent know, or make a ruling if need be. It is undoubtedly preferable to clarify at the time than to regret after a game that you didn't.

- ☆ Arrive at the table punctually for the start of a game.
- ☆ Do not talk or rattle tiles during pre-game announcements.
- ☆ No use of mobile phones (receiving or sending) is acceptable in the

playing area while any game is still in progress. (Permission to receive emergency calls may be obtained from the tournament organisers.)

- ☆ It is expected that the more experienced players will help newer players if they are unsure of procedures and rules, especially in relation to scoring, challenges and the use of clocks. For example, remind a less experienced player who forgets to press the clock.
- ☆ It is not acceptable during a game to ask your opponent if a word is allowable (yours or theirs), or to ask what a word means.
- ☆ Play your tiles the right way up, with the number at the bottom (eg N<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub>). Position tiles properly on the squares.
- ☆ Respect the equipment. Do not mark tiles or boards with pen/pencil when scoring.
- ☆ Place tile bag within comfortable reach of both players.
- ☆ Don't obstruct the opponent's view of the board with your hands, rack, score sheets, etc.
- ☆ Keep any comments, unnecessary conversation or other noises to a minimum during a game, to reduce distractions not only to your opponent, but also to surrounding players. Avoid saying aloud the word that you are playing. Avoid

'stream of consciousness' talk about your decision-making.

- ☆ Especially refrain from moaning or commenting during the game about your tiles or luck; that can be construed as a ruse which can mislead your opponent into making a play which advantages you.
- ☆ You may warn your opponent not to draw tiles while you are considering whether to challenge, but be aware that you are thus preventing your opponent from seeing their new tiles and legitimately thinking about their next move. Therefore, unless you have any doubt about a move, it is courteous to accept a move immediately, by writing the opponent's score.
- ☆ The clock is neutralised during a challenge, or when both players agree to resolve a score discrepancy, or when the adjudicator is called for another reason. When the matter has been resolved, the person whose turn is over should restart the opponent's clock. (That said, either player, of course, may restart the clock.)
- ☆ It is advisable to confirm cumulative scores at intervals during the game, but it should be done on your own time and not over-frequently, because it can break the opponent's train of thought.
- ☆ Occasionally a player must leave the room mid-game for emergency reasons. If possible, the adjudicator should be made aware that this is happening. If at all possible before

leaving, the player should make his/her move, neutralise the clock, and not replace tiles. When the absent player returns, the opponent's clock is started.

- ☆ It is not obligatory to announce the number of tiles left in the bag when you count or draw tiles, or to indicate to the opponent when the bag is empty. (It may be polite to do so, but the opponent shouldn't rely on it, in case you are mistaken.)
- ☆ If your opponent has forgotten to neutralise the clock after the game has ended, it is unsporting to allow it to continue to run.
- ☆ When a game is over you may want to discuss aspects of that game with your opponent or with others before you clear the board. However, after handing your result sheet in, your first concern should be for nearby players who are still playing. It is unacceptable to disrupt their game with your conversation.
- ☆ It is courteous to help your opponent set up the 10x10 tile grid after the game.
- ☆ At the end of each game, clear the table of debris — used challenge slips, cups, own equipment — so that it is ready for the next users.
- ☆ If observing a game, leave a comfortable distance around the players, stay absolutely silent, make absolutely no indication of your opinion of a player's rack or the board, do not look up words.

# COMPETITION CORNER

## Solution Scrabble Contest No 63

Here is the correct grid which was inadvertently omitted from the last issue.

H	O	W	A	R	D
O	M	A	N	U	I
W	A	R	N	E	R
A	N	N	I	F	E
R	U	E	F	U	L
D	I	R	E	L	Y

## Solution : Scrabble Contest No. 64

- |                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. rowdy dowry | 11. refry ferry                  |
| 2. slain snail | 12. conversation<br>conservation |
| 3. pome poem   | 13. snipe spine                  |
| 4. Paris pairs | 14. tabu tuba                    |
| 5. metre meter | 15. dinky kindy                  |
| 6. viral rival | 16. Feilding fielding            |
| 7. baht bath   | 17. warned warden                |
| 8. tela tale   | 18. bank nabk                    |
| 9. moral molar | 19. unthatch<br>nuthatch         |
| 10. void Ovid  | 20. petit petti                  |

Once again, just a single all-correct entry. Well done to Delcie Macbeth of Coromandel. Jethro Snafflerod, Lyn Toka (KIW), Margaret Bundock (ROD) and Leila Thompson (LOH) had only one wrong, while several others had two.

## Scrabble Contest No 65

Our puzzle this time has been supplied by Lyn Toka of Kiwi Club in Hamilton.

Lyn has also donated the prize, a devilish little collection of posers

titled *The Guardian Book of Puzzles*. Take my word for it, you'll have hours (day, weeks) of fun trying to solve these!

The following clues lead to one-word answers, e.g. assess fee (4) = rate  
generous type (4) = kind

1. stern breed (4)
2. perfect plant (4)
3. level dwelling (4)
4. crush spirit (6)
5. regular habit (7)
6. pool jack (5)
7. tee landlord (6)
8. relish scrape (6)
9. relevant stuff (8)
10. steer straight (4)
11. support beast (4)
12. flower ascended (4)
13. grovel brown (4)
14. queen measurer (5)
15. median waist (6)
16. maroon thread (6)
17. cheat woodworker (6)
18. restrained tartan (7)
19. flag post (8)
20. scratch game (8)

Closing date is February 20, 2002. Good luck!

Entries to be sent to:

Jeff Grant  
"Ardra"  
1109 Allenby St  
Hastings

[I'm sure it's no coincidence that Jeff has chosen February 20 as the closing date — numerically it becomes 20.02.2002 — a palindromic date! — Ed.]

## Superchallenge 2

As at the deadline of October 31, no-one was able to claim the \$50 prize for solving all ten wordy conundrums. The closest entries came from Lyn Toka (KIW) and Michael Vnuk (Australia), both of whom got seven right, with Jethro Snafflerod just behind. Here are the answers we were looking for:

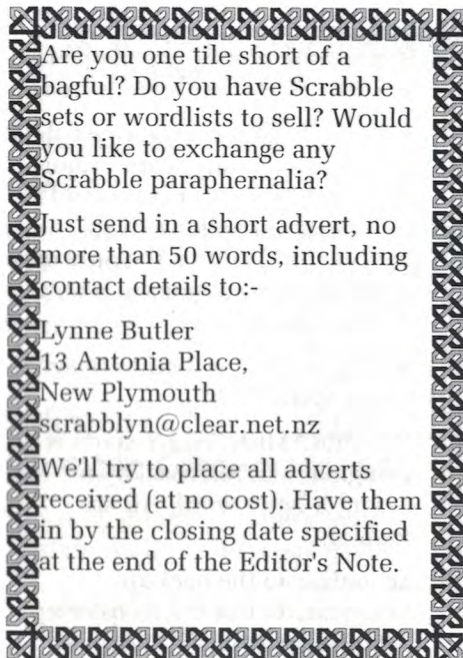
1. The shortest Scrabble word containing three consecutive 'double' letters is 'woolly' (the word 'double' in quotation marks is the clue). Actually 'woolly' beats 'peewee' and 'weewee' (four doubles!) only because 'll' uses a single unit of printing, whereas 'ee' uses two units. We told you a little lateral thinking was needed! As Michael points out, using the 'w' logic BASSWOOD, BULLWEED, SASSWOOD and ARROWOOD are all shorter than the more legitimate contender BOOKKEEPER.
2. The largest quantified number name allowed in Scrabble is GOOGOLPLEX, which is a 1 followed by a googol zeros. A googol is 1 followed by 100 zeros.
3. The longest palindromic word allowed in Scrabble is the nine-letter ROTAVATOR.
4. There are two common 4-letter words derived from the Malayalam language — TEAK and COIR.
5. The word 'soash' as used by Stephen King is short for 'sociology'. Lyn even found the word in *Hearts in Atlantis*!

6. Both SUCCESSLESSNESS and STRESSLESSNESS are playable if an extra 'S' somehow finds its way into the game.
7. As Jethro says, any word or non-word of 15 letters or less could be allowed if unchallenged, so INDIVISIBILITIES is the only one never allowed, because it won't fit onto the board.
8. COLLEAGUED = 3 miles (league) in the Arctic 'cold'.
9. TEMPERAMENTALLY starts with a single letter, followed by a 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-letter word. All are common.
10. According to the backup American dictionary Webster's 10th Collegiate, AWOL can be pronounced as letters (A, W, O, L), hence 6 syllables. Michael tried COSH, short for 'hyperbolic cosine', but the best attempt was Lyn's ingenious MIXT, which is 'one thousand and ninety'.

Well done to everyone who had a go!



"I'll betcha Mr. Wilson could help you with that. He knows lots of cross words."



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**USA**

**Tournament player since 1980**  
**Club Director**  
**Contributor to Forwards**

## Indoor Pursuits in Hastings

The Hasting Scrabble Club took part in an 'Indoor Pursuits Day' at the local library on August 28. Players had two tables near the entrance and attracted a fair amount of interest, with several people stopping for a game with club members. Mayoral hopeful Dinah Williams enjoyed it so much, she stayed for two games! In her first, she was stumped with a rack of AEJOPRT at one stage. Jeff promptly showed her PEJORATED onto ED on the board, which must have been an eye-opener.

Another councilor, Dean Hyde, had also been invited to drop by for a game. Dean is a good sport who always joins in and supports local activities when he can. His reply to the invitation was rather good:

"I would be more happy to participate in a 'fun' game with New

Zealand Scrabble Champ, Jeff Grant. I must warn you however that my spelling is not the best, probably to do with my leaving ~~school school school~~ school early."

For the record, Dean actually beat Jeff (with a little help).

In another game, Joan Thomas was playing a boy of about nine or ten, when she had the rack BURMING. After some consideration she thought it was OK to play BUM, however she drew FAT, leaving RAFTING and another slightly 'risqué' word. Thinking that two such words in a row against such a young opponent might not be acceptable, Joan found INGRAFT and played that instead.

All in all, an enjoyable day was had by everyone.

# 2002 Scrabble Tournament Calendar

## January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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## February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## March

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## April

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29	30					

## May

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27	28	29	30	31		

## June

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## August

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## September

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## October

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## November

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## December

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30	31					

Tournament	Dates	Tournament	Dates
Pakuranga	26-27 January	Hamilton	10-11 August
Nelson	16-17 February	Tauranga	31 August—1 September *
Hastings	9-10 March	Christchurch	7-8 September
NZ Masters Championship	30 March—1 April	Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	22-29 September
North Shore	27 April	Mt Albert	5-6 October
South Island Champs (Christchurch)	11-12 May	Wanganui	19-20 October *
NZ National Champs	1-2 June	Rodney	9 November *
New Plymouth	27 July *	TransTasman	November *
Stratford	28 July *	Kiwi	23 November *
		Waikato Phoenix	24 November *

\* to be confirmed

# Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!

by Jeff Grant

Once again Glennis Hale and I had the pleasure of running the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival in September this year. On the first day, 35 keen Scrabblers assembled bright and early at the new venue, the Governor's Lodge, where we discovered that our Joy Smith was not the same one we had put in A Grade! After some quick regrading, and a bye jacked up because Vera was ill, we were underway almost on time.

Tim won a spot prize for 'Best Norfolk Word' in Game 1 with TREASON (convict days), Peggy took the Bird Word' with LINNET, and Liz and Angie won the 'Q' prizes for EQUINOX and ASQUINT.

We had 5 games on Tuesday, with Liz starting to assert herself in A Grade, and the Aussies with their greater numbers edging ahead of the Kiwis in the team event. Janny won the 'Sport Word' prize with REFLEXES, and Patricia's CONSORTS for 59 was the lowest bonus word, despite Janny claiming her SAILING scored zero, because she couldn't get it down! Joan and Maxine had the best '-ing' words with FORAGING and STUNNING, while Wayne and Angie won the 'Sea Word' spot prizes with BOATIES and ROLLERS. (Angie also had PUKED and BRINE in this game!)

During the day, Tony from Nelson came to look at the Scrabble. He was so impressed he stayed and had three games. Two Aussie social players also popped in. All were given word lists and encouraged to contact their local

clubs when they got home.

On Wednesday we welcomed back Vera. Husband and wife Tim and Janny took out the 'X Word' prize, each scoring 68 for a non-bonus word (Janny SEXIER, Tim SIXTY) — eXtraordinary! Val and Eileen won the 'Double I' spots for TINNIER and SLIMIEST, while Vicki had the best 'Insect Word' with SOLDIER (ant).

Thursday morning started with an early stint on Norfolk Island radio for Glennis and me, to promote Scrabble in the hope of getting a small club going on the island. Unfortunately, it hasn't happened yet, although some locals do play socially.

Back to the Scrabble and Gaile and Vera won 'Colour Word' spot prizes for JADE and RED. Joy played JOE and REX in the same game to win the 'Person's Name' prize, and there were several awards given out for good J words — Fay (JAVAS), Tui (MOJO), Patricia (JONES), and Roto (JULEP).

The final day arrived all too quickly. Max got BATTERS for the 'Food or Drink' spot prize, with Peggy also winning one for AROMAS, FED, VIN, BAR and TOT, all in the same game, as well as Gerald, whose TOPAZ had people guessing (it's a type of citrus fruit). Angie won a 'Body Part' prize with FRIZ (hair) for 87 points, and Patricia got one for ZONA.

At the end of 21 games, it was a NZ trifecta in A Grade, with Liz first, John second and Correne third. The Aussies prevailed in the team event

by 76½—70. Liz had the highest game score of 558 and Correne's 108 for OVERBID on a double-double was the highest single turn. Angie's NGWEE (a Zambian unit of currency) won the 'Most Unusual Word' prize, although several others deserve a mention:— Roto (INSANIE), Patricia (PREQUEL), Gaile (MALARKY), Liz (SOSSING), Maxine (OBIIT), Eileen (ZEBEC), Joan (WEID, FLACON, VIBS), and Jacky, who delighted in playing such terms as MOIL, BRUIT, CABOODLE, CURIA, JEHU, FADGE, LIPID, ORISONS and APOGEE. At one stage, Angie showed me her rack of ZEDOARY, which wouldn't go on the board. Liz and John won the weeklong Word Puzzle competition ahead of Gerald and Correne, with Jacky 3rd.

One unusual feature of the week was that we had to adjudicate on no less than three 10-letter words — UNREALIZED, MONSTERING and

PRIMITIVES. How many of these do you think were allowed? Check OSWI for the answer.

After a late lunch it was down to the Travel Center to help organise prizes, trophies, photo albums and certificates for the end of festival dinner on Friday night. I'm sure all who were there had a great time. What more could you ask for? A lovely meal, local entertainment (ably assisted by a few Scrabblers!), puzzles, poetry, prizes or gifts for everyone (even the non-players!), and of course the camaraderie of fellow Scrabblers. Tui deservedly won the Sportsman award for her cheerfulness and sporting play throughout the week — it was a very popular choice.

We hope to see many of the 2001 crowd back for another festival sometime in the future.



The band of happy Scrabblers at Norfolk

# Tui's Torment

by Tui O'Brien, Havelock North

I came to Norfolk Island  
To play in a Scrabble  
Tournament  
The organisation was amazing  
On this I must comment.

Jeff and Glennis set it up  
A great job you'll agree  
In liaison with the folks  
At the Travel Agency.

For they all did their darndest  
To ensure that everyone  
Who came along to play  
Had heaps and heaps of fun.

Twenty-one games for everyone  
Is no easy feat  
To answer every challenge  
Was what they had to meet.

No easy task to organise  
This Scrabble Festival  
But — yes I do believe  
We really had a ball.

[It was Tui's first tournament and she did very well to get 9 wins, and the Sportsperson Award. On top of that, this poem won first prize in the special competition for contributions to Agnes Hain's collection of Norfolk puzzles, jokes and poems, due for publication in 2003. — Jeff.]

And what of all the players?  
I think it's rather strange  
This torment they enjoy  
The words, man, what a range!

Like ee and aa and oo  
Ae, zo, di, na, noo  
Den, dey, goe, ann, pht,  
Dis, wud, wot, mak, mae sic.

The challenge rules were Oz's  
It's really not the same  
This meant no penalty  
And that was such a shame.

For in NZ, I would have won  
A prize I am quite sure  
For being the best player  
To go out the b

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# Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival

24th - 28th September 2001

## 21 Games

Name	From	Wins	Ave Score	B/W
<b>Anson Bay</b>				
1 Liz Fagerlund	NZ	16	388	18
2 Joan Thomas	NZ	11	382	29
3 Correne James	NZ	11	380	27
4 Patricia Mitchell	AUS	10	391	31
5 Fae Olson	NZ	10	390	26
6 Angie Pearse	AUS	10	376	19
7 Gerald Warner	NZ	9	379	15
8 Mal Eden	AUS	7	371	29

## Ball Bay

1 Val Teare	AUS	18	390	14
2 Sue Quirke	AUS	15	380	23
3 Fay Grose	AUS	12	388	16
4 Roto Mitchell	NZ	11	379	14
5 Peggy Womersley	AUS	11	358	11
6 Jill Johnson	NZ	7	345	8
7 Bill Bates	AUS	6	326	5
8 Wayne Willis	AUS	4	329	13

## Cascade Bay

1 Carole Eden	AUS	15	353	16
2 Rosalie Tobin	AUS	14.5	341	10
3 Susan Olson	NZ	14	365	21
4 Gaille Clark	AUS	13.5	361	11
5 Eileen Wood	AUS	13	340	14
6 Max Johnson	AUS	11	362	10
7 Claire Dove	AUS	9.5	332	3
8 Flo Tiplady	AUS	7.5	341	12
9 Mollie Pearson	AUS	4	278	4
10 Vicki Underhill	AUS	3	310	8

## Duncombe Bay

1 Margaret Hanson	NZ	17	357	9
2 Maxine Baker	AUS	14	330	7
3 Joy Smith	AUS	14	329	2
4 Ed Olson	NZ	12	334	9
5 Anne Henderson	AUS	10	324	1
6 Tim Henneveld	NZ	9	323	8
7 Janny Henneveld	NZ	9	307	3
8 Tui O'Brien	NZ	9	290	4
9 Vera Burner	NZ	6	317	1
10 Jacky Booth	AUS	5	282	5

Most unusual word:  
Angie Pearse NGWEE

Highest individual game score:  
Liz Fagerlund 558

Highest scoring word:  
Correne James OVERBID 108

## Word puzzles:

1. Liz and Joan
2. Correne and Gerald
3. Jacky Booth

## NZ champion:

Liz Fagerlund

## Australian champion:

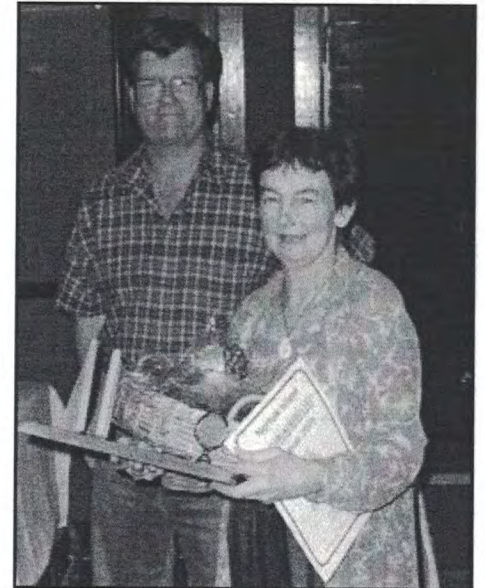
Patricia Mitchell

## Sportsperson award:

Tui O'Brien

## Team trophy:

Australia 76½ - 70



Anson Bay Grade winner, Liz Fagerlund receiving her prize from Jeff Grant



## The Norfolk Scrabble Festival

by Eileen Wood, Flo Tiplady and  
Max Johnson, Perth Australia

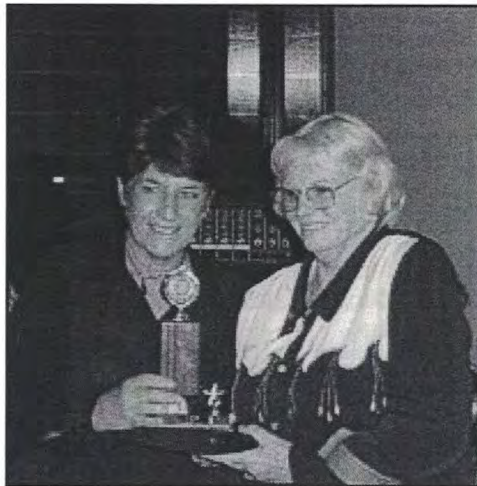
*Three came from the West,  
To try their very best.  
The competition was terrific,  
The organisation specific.  
They drove 'round the isle,  
Missed cows by a mile.  
Three happy viewers  
Enjoyed many tours.*

*The 'fush' and the 'chups' were  
great,  
They've put on lots of weight.  
And the rain was so heavy,  
They listened with envy.  
Had no hiccups at all,  
They all had a ball.  
Tho' we took 'daks' off the line,  
Max said, "They're not mine!"*

*So thank you Kiwis, Aussies all,  
When you're in Perth, give us a call.*



Jeff and Glennis present Susan Olson  
with her prize. for third in Cascade Bay  
Grade



Duncombe Bay Grade winner Margaret  
Hanson receives her prize from  
Glennis.



## A Fun Night on the Tiles

by Debbie Caldwell

I went to the most enjoyable Scrabble club meeting last week. It was held over at Takaka (near Nelson). I believe they meet once a fortnight at different members' homes.

It began at 7.30, with eight people. The four men, four women, included me, a Frenchman, an American, an Englishman and a German. At least one lived on a commune, another was a farmer. All in all they were a fascinating bunch of people.

They got out their Scrabble sets: one was a genuine 1950's set with wooden tiles and one was called Funworder, though it looked just like Scrabble.

With our set of 'bibles' in the middle (Merriam Webster, Chambers and Redwood) we began to play. We played as two threesomes and a pair. There was no time limit, so everyone hummed and hawed and happily stopped for minutes at a time to yak. They loved the exotic Scrabble words, poring over the 2 to 4 letter word lists before gleefully playing something obscure.

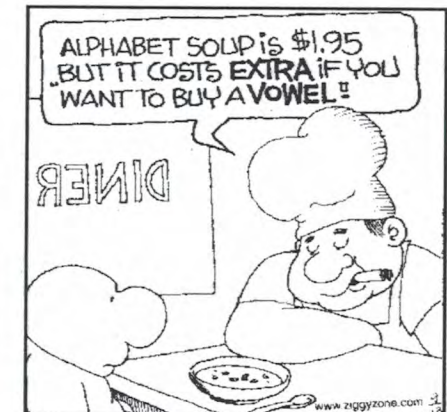
My opponent and I got through two games before the first threesome finished. They had the most amazing board, covered with long words like WEASELING and interesting words like BAZAAR! Two of them left at this point and my opponent and I joined in with another guy to play a threesome. It was a riot, including some real 'scrabbling' when we dropped some of the tiles into the dark recesses beneath the table.

The nice thing about threesomes is that you can chat with the other person who isn't playing, while the third person works on their turn.

By the time we finished this game the other threesome had finished, so we mixed ourselves up to form two different threesomes and played again. Another player left so I played the one woman I hadn't played so far and the other three began a game. We also finished demolishing the packet of all-natural bran biscuits! At 11.20 they decided that perhaps they'd better call it in for the night.

I truly found it a most enjoyable evening. It really was Social Scrabble, not bound too much by time and rules. There was a lot of laughter and talking, but what I liked most was the pure joy they seemed to feel when they played a brilliant word (and some of them were excellent Scrabble players).

[We'll look forward to seeing Takaka on the Scrabble Club list in the near future! — Ed.]



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## The Fundraising Grants

Jeff and Pat Grant have been working hard to fundraise for the 2001 World Scrabble Champs in Las Vegas. Over a two month period, Pat wrote around 100 letters (longhand!) to various businesses and individuals requesting products to be donated for the gift box raffles. Pat and Jeff sold tickets to family and friends, as well as pounding the pavements of Hastings, and visiting most of the shops. Pat also spent two Saturday mornings selling tickets outside New World supermarket and Kmart. Thanks to Glennis Hale who sold 25 books too. In total over 800 tickets were sold — a tremendous effort!

All up, \$800 was raised -

\$200 donated by Hastings RSA for Jeff's return airfare to Auckland

\$100 donated by Hastings Mayor, Jeremy Dwyer

\$500 raised from raffle sales and donations

\$800

### Prize Winners:-

#### Monster Money Raffle

1st	34	Peter Jones
2nd	71	Howard Warner
3rd	68	Des Richardson
4th	23	Jeff Grant

#### Gift Box Raffle

1st	2138	Barbara MacLean
2nd	2048	Harold Boyle
3rd	2154	Tim Downing
4th	2202	Sally Moul
5th	2825	Mrs Boyle

The raffles were drawn at the Hastings RSA, which has been a tremendous supporter of Scrabble over the years. The gift box winners were all friends and acquaintances who have regularly supported fundraising efforts for Scrabble.

Thank you very much to everyone who bought tickets in the raffles. The proceeds will go towards getting our team to the World Champs.

— Jeff and Pat Grant

**Ta! - Thanx! - Thanks! -  
Thank You! - Thankyou! ...**

... to all who participated in the fund-raising for the 2001 World Champs.

Our efficient and hard-working NZASP Treasurer reports that the total raised and donated for the year has topped \$4,000. A magnificent effort!

### Raffle Winner

Liz Fagerlund was the lucky winner of the raffle. She is now the proud owner of both *Word Freak* and *The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble*.

Congratulations Liz! Proceeds from the raffle went towards getting our boys to Las Vegas. A big THANKYOU to all who supported the cause by buying tickets or sending in donations.

## Vegas Scrabble

The rattle of plastic tiles may not be the only sound Team NZ will hear while 'playing Scrabble' in Las Vegas. Scrabble slot machines are now available. Let's hope our boys bring home a fortune as well as the WSC Trophy!

This edited version of a press release reveals details:-

## WMS Gaming Installs First Scrabble Themed Slot Machines in Nevada

It was announced in June 2001 that WMS Gaming began installation of its new Scrabble themed gaming machines after receiving approval from the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Scrabble is the second game in the 'Puzzle Pays' gaming series.

Licensed from Hasbro, Inc., WMS Gaming's Scrabble gaming machine is modelled after the popular board game which combines the entertainment of crossword puzzles with an element of chance. More than 50 years from its introduction, Scrabble remains one of the world's most popular board games, with more than 100 million games sold worldwide.

The highly entertaining Scrabble branded slot machines are an exciting game featuring engaging player interaction which will translate into longer time-spent-playing and higher earnings for casinos.

## Scrabble Game Play

Scrabble is a nine-line dual-screen video slot machine featuring clever character animation and interactive game play. Colourful reel symbols include the Scrabble board, a letter bag, Scrabble game tiles, scattered stars and the Puzzle Pays logo. Lining up three or more scattered Tile Bonus symbols kicks off the first screen bonus. Players then choose Scrabble tiles that flip over to reveal letters. The sum of these tiles is multiplied by the total bet.

A second screen bonus is triggered by lining up three Scrabble Board symbols on an active pay line. On the bottom touch screen monitor, in the first of up to five rounds, dancing tiles are pictured above a Scrabble rack. The rack contains some tiles that spell a word, but the word is missing at least one letter. Players pick one of the dancing tiles to reveal a letter. After successfully spelling a word, players receive credits associated with that word and they're on to the next group of dancing tiles.



## Scrabble Trivia Quiz Winners

Pat Grant — *Word Freak* (as Pat's entry was the first to be drawn she had first choice of prize)  
These winners each receive a copy of *The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble*:-

Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell  
John Foster  
Glennis Hale  
Jeff Grant  
Debbie Caldwell (whose entry was received on the last day)

### Answers to the Quiz

- 1 Moshier
2. Kendall Boyd (6th)
3. Fourteen
4. Leila Thomson
5. Derryn Hinch
6. Sheryl Davidson, Lisa McLean, Jeff Grant 221 points (and/or Sheryl Davidson, Shirley Wyatt 284 points)
7. Roy Vannini
8. Stella Hasseldine
9. Friday 7.15pm
- 10 Fae Olson

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

## Ancient Scrabble

by Debbie Caldwell

If Roman poets had known of Scrabble then :  
Virgil's ability would be in verbal agility  
and  
Horace's Scrabble dictionary would be known as the Chambers of Horace!

## OBITUARY GLENICE JENKINSON

Glenice Jenkinson from the New Plymouth Club passed away at the end of November. Glenice was a relatively new member to our club, but very quickly made her mark as a vibrant and lively woman. She played in her first ever tournament in May and was keenly improving her game. She was introduced to our club by Doreen Rowlands, who left us in July. Glenice and Doreen lived in the same block of flats, we hope they are together again now.

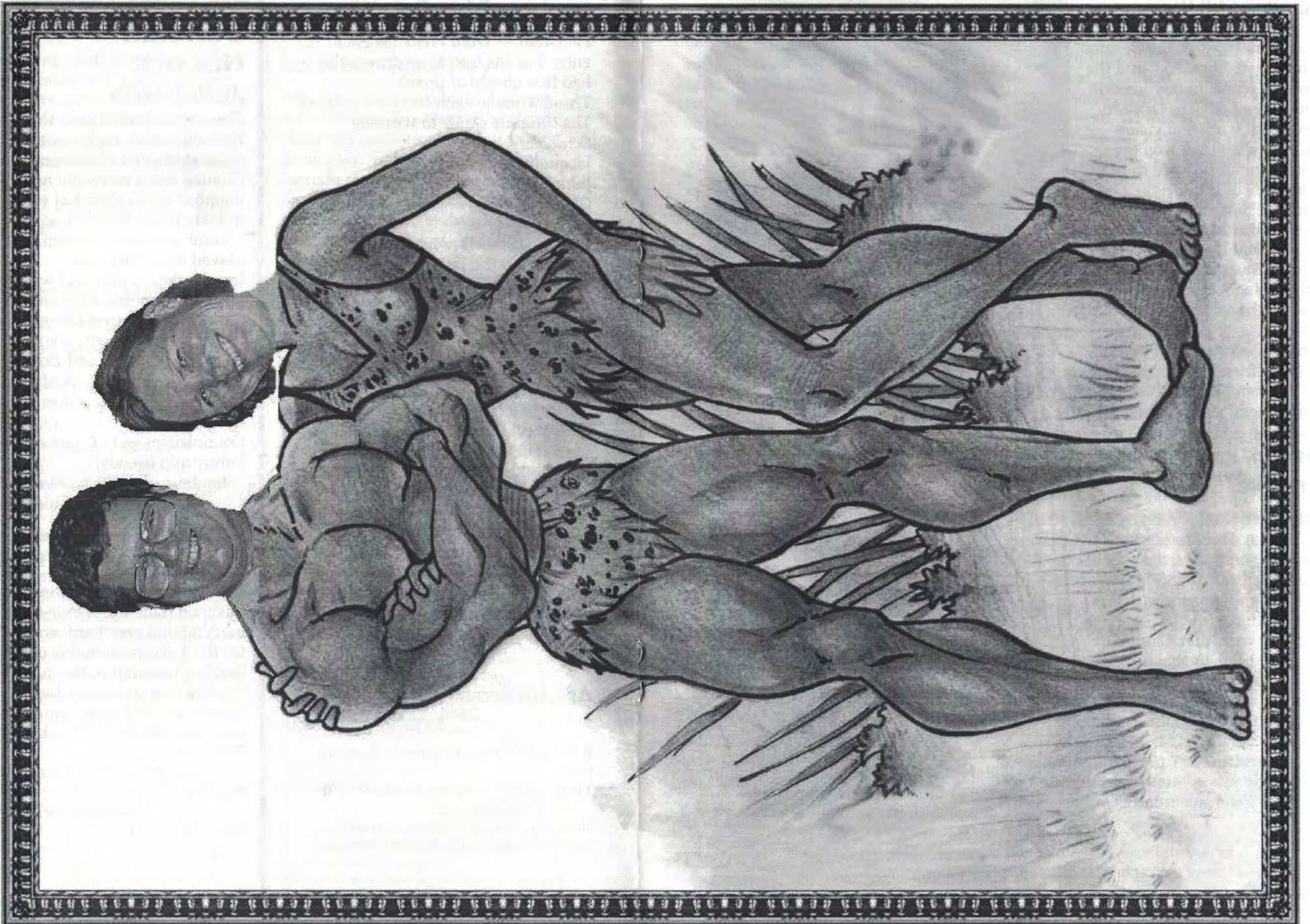
Condolences go to Glenice's family and friends.

Members of the New Plymouth  
Scrabble Club

## FURTHER SAD NEWS

Lois Kelly recently lost her husband. Lois was a long-time member and very hard worker for the Tokoroa Scrabble club. She has been out of touch with Scrabble for some time but if friends would like to contact Lois, her address is 86 Esk St, Tauranga.  
Our sympathies to Lois and her family.

Val Worth (Putaruru)



## Vanninis Still Winners

Four years ago Roy and Bernice Vannini left Auckland, and the Scrabble scene, to buy historic Pen-y-bryn Lodge in Oamaru. Their hard work and vision paid off when they won the overall Premier Award in the recently held Whitestone Waitaki Tourism Awards. This award follows being named in the National Business Review's Top 100 Homes in NZ and the Lodge being featured in TV2's show of the same name just last month.

Congratulations from your Scrabble friends — maybe one day we could have a 'Black Tie Tournament' at Pen-y-bryn

## Passion, Intimacy in Scrabble

Well, that's what Rosemary McLeod of the *Sunday Star Times* seems to think. Rosemary ends an article about our Prime Minister, Helen Clark's 20th wedding anniversary with this paragraph:-

"You'd wish that Clark had said she and her husband planned a challenging game of Scrabble on their anniversary. There is passion in Scrabble. And there is intimacy. Even if it's only in your head."

The article was spotted and submitted by Peter Jones and Pam Barlow.



Roy and Bernice Vannini, receive the premier award in the inaugural Whitestone Waitaki Tourism Awards from Prime Minister Helen Clark.

## Nigel's Record Equalled

Yvette Hewlett had a boomer of a game in her second tournament of the year at Rodney last month. She played six bonus words to equal Nigel's NZ record for Most Bonus Words in a Game (1 person). The six words were DREADING 62, BANTERS 77, WOOLLEN 68, HALTINGS 74, LEADERS 67, and DOWNIER 75. The bonuses accounted for 423 points of Yvette's final score of 596.

"Ironically I had only one blank and although Marianne (Patchett) had the other blank, it was on her rack at the end of the game and did not get used. Marianne did get a handy 64 points for the Q (QI both ways on a triple letter score). This helped contribute to our 936 final combined score." Congratulations, Yvette!

## Graemonics

Graeme Lock Lee of Australia has been having a bit of fun while expanding his vocabulary. He found acceptable words for each planet that sound much like its true name. Graeme has coined the word "Graemonics" to describe his mnemonic system.

MERCERY	VENOUS
ERF	MAARS
JUNIPER	SATIN
URANOUS	NEPTUNIA
PLUTON	

After huge interest on the Australian email list, Graeme came up with Graemonics for each WSC contestant. Here are the names of contestants from NUDES ELAND, who will be striving to wrest the WSC title from current WHIRLED CHAMPIGNON, JOLL WHAP PANICK of CANDIDA.

KINDLE BOYED  
JIFF GRANITE  
PETRE SYNTAN  
HOUGHED WONNER

## Quick Quiz

Would you find these bonus words on your rack? They are all common words, though some have an uncommon anagram. Answers on p26.

ABDEORRW (2)  
ABCDOPRU  
AGHNOTU (2)  
ACEINNSU  
DEILMSW  
ADEEGIRS  
CDELNOOS  
AACEMRSS  
DDELNSUY

## Bill and the Intern

by Leila Thompson

I heard on the radio someone's anagram of 'President Clinton and the United States', which was 'To copulate and....' I missed the rest, and even that can not have been right, so I made it 'President Clinton and the United States of America' and came up with a selection of solutions.

- ☆ To copulate and retest interest in his face and mind.
- ☆ To copulate and find she remains intact. Interested?
- ☆ To copulate and taste her dread feminine instincts.
- ☆ To copulate and infect raiment in the stained dress.
- ☆ To copulate and resist interest in the face and mind.
- ☆ Men attract interested copulation and she is fined.
- ☆ To find her man and copulate in distinct street ease.
- ☆ Indiscreet fast men to entertain dish and copulate.
- ☆ I copulate in it and then face stained dress torment.

[Some great solutions, Leila. Can anyone else come up with more? — Ed]

## Weird Words and Crazy Definitions

**Arachnoleptic fit** (n) The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

**Beelzebug** (n) Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at 3 in the morning and cannot be cast out..

## Celebrity Interview – Freddie Mercury

From time to time we hope to bring you an interview with a Scrabble-loving celebrity. Freddie Mercury from *Queen*, was an avid Scrabble player and though it's not possible to interview him now, maybe this is how an interview might have gone...

LB: How often did you play Scrabble?  
FM: Whenever I was *Under Pressure*.

LB: Who was your favourite opponent?  
FM: I couldn't choose between *Flash Gordon* and *Fat Bottomed Girls*.

LB: Where did you most like to play?  
FM: I loved to *Play the Game* in *Barcelona*.

LB: Did you ever play phonies?  
FM: Oh, yes! *I'm the Great Pretender*.

LB: And what was your most favourite 4-letter word?

FM: *A Crazy Little Thing Called Love*.

LB: And your best ever bonus word?  
FM: *Bismillah!*

LB: What did the *Queen* band members say about your Scrabble interest?  
FM: *There Must be More to Life Than This*.

LB: And what did you reply to that?  
FM: *Don't Stop Me Now*.

LB: Freddie, before we finish, what should Jeff, Howard, Peter and Kendall say to their opponents in Las Vegas?  
FM: *We Will, We Will Rock You* because *We Are the Champions!*

LB: Thank you, Mr Mercury, did you enjoy the interview?  
FM: It was a *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

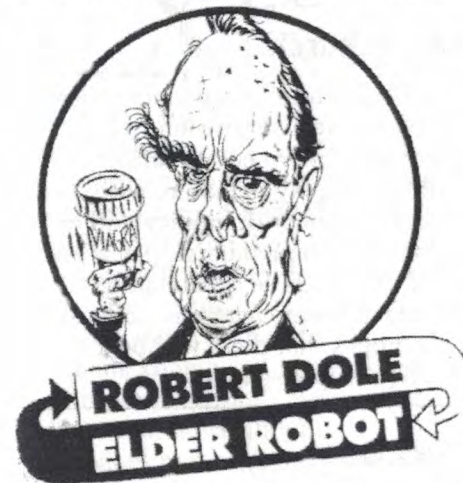
## Nude Scrabble

Kevin and Lesley Edgeler spotted this photo in the *Bay of Plenty Times* recently.

It seems our game is a favourite among nudists at the *Bay of Plenty Sunclub*.



## MAD Anagrams



Submitted by Paul Lister (CHC)

## Is Scrabble Trivial?

by Debbie Caldwell

I have decided that in order to be a good Scrabble player you need something completely TRIVIAL

That is:- T = tactics  
R = rack management  
I = intelligence  
V = vocabulary  
I = intimidation  
A = attitude  
L = luck

Does that make Scrabble a trivial pursuit?

Weird Words and Crazy Definitions

**Dopelar effect** (n) The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when you come at them rapidly.

**Foreploy** (n) Any misrepresentation or outright lie about yourself that leads to sex.



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

“If you had the choice of **anyone** (real or fictitious) in the world to play Scrabble with, who would be your dream opponent and why?”

There were some interesting replies...

☆ My dream scrabble opponent would be Sherlock Holmes — reasons being elementary surely.

— Tracy Ivamy

☆ I'd love to play with the Pope's husband, assuming he can find someone to look after the kids so we could have a lengthy series of games without interruption.

— Lyn Dawson

☆ My wife, because she does not play, and it would be nice if she did.

— Chris Handley

☆ Neil Diamond — 'cause I wouldn't see his gorgeous butt and would dream about it as I played. No doubt words would include bum, butt etc.

— Lynn Wood

If you have a suggestion for the March ePoll question please email Lynne Butler at: [scrabblyn@clear.net.nz](mailto:scrabblyn@clear.net.nz)

## Scrabble in Schools

### Wanganui

Form 1 and 2 students at Rutherford College in Wanganui are learning Scrabble skills from Deputy Principal, Denise Gordon.

Instead of just 'Muscle Matches' at a recent sports exchange with a Palmerston North School, Denise wanted there to be a Battle of Brains as well. So she organised Scrabble and Chess for the teenagers and now conducts a weekly Scrabble group.

Wanganui Club members Sue Osborne, Andrée Prentice and Roto Mitchell also help the budding young Scrabblers who are rapidly developing cunning linguistic skills. Denise reports that one young man, when asked the meaning of a word replies with great aplomb, "It's a brown nosed frog ferret". 7 letter words like VIRGINS and PILLAGE are starting to appear on the board.

### New Plymouth

Lynne Butler has been teaching Scrabble to an extension group of children at Bell Block School. One of the group was recently featured on TV1's Holmes Show as being the youngest child to ever sit School Certificate Science (aged 8 years). What didn't make it to air was the answer to this question, "What's your favourite subject?" "Scrabble!" being the enthusiastic reply.

The group had a Christmas lunch at McDonald's — complete with a travel Scrabble set for a game while eating their Happy Meals.

### Christchurch

The Christchurch Club committee is investigating a suggestion to encourage Intermediate school children to play Scrabble, with a view to assist them with literacy and to increase Club membership at a Junior level. As Scrabble is becoming popular in some overseas' schools, the Club hopes that there will be a positive response here.

### Quick Quiz

#### Answers from page 23

WARDROBE, DRAWBORE  
CUPBOARD  
HANGOUT, TOHUNGA  
NUISANCE  
MILDEWS  
DISAGREE  
CONSOLED, CONDOLES  
MASSACRE  
SUDDENLY

## ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example SOPPY to PSYOP and TATTLER to TARTLET. On a higher level, EDDIE CHARLTON the Aussie Snooker player is DECHLORINATED. Here are anagrams of six Scrabblers who took part in the recent Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival.

ANGIE PEARSE      A SPARE GENIE  
TUI O'BRIEN      I RUE NO BIT  
GAILE CLARK      GRILL A CAKE  
ROTO MITCHELL    COME TO THRILL  
MAXINE BAKER     EXAMINE BARK  
ROSALIE TOBIN     BORN TO LIAISE

# EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



though some tournaments have had a drop in entries. It's encouraging to see quite a lot of new

I hope you have all had a great year of Scrabble playing — at home, at club and at tournaments. All New Zealand tournaments are over for the year as I write this, with the World Champs in Las Vegas still to go for four of our players. By the time you all get this magazine, the WSC will be over and the results known — I hope it's a good result for Jeff, Howard, Peter and Kendall. Thanks to all who participated in fundraising efforts for the team — extra fundraising after the Scrablathon has meant there is money left in the account for two year's time. Special thanks to Pat and Jeff Grant, who raised a large amount of money for the team by running raffles with prizes donated by several Hastings businesses. Thanks also to Lynne Butler for managing to score donations of copies of *Word Freak* and *The Ultimate Guide to Winning Scrabble* from Random House publishers, two of which were raffled to boost the WSC fund.

There have been good numbers of players at NZ tournaments this year,

tournament players coming on the scene; make them feel welcome — we want them to enjoy themselves and keep coming back!

I hope you all have a great Xmas and New Year — if you're going away, have a wonderful holiday and safe travelling.

See you all in 2002.

Liz



There are 5155 allowable 4-letter words in Scrabble, so it is little wonder that some hardly ever see the light of day. Here are a dozen seldom-played fours to dazzle your opponent.

AESC	GIZZ	PSST
BYRL	ISBA	RONT
EMYS	LERP	SESE
FAFF	OPPO	TYPY

### Mt Albert Challenges

Pat Grant recorded these words while adjudicating at the Mt Albert tournament in October. Which ones are NOT allowed in Scrabble? Answer on page 33.

DIAXONS	PRINKERS	AGENTED	ACHARNE
MODII	VIZORING	FADIEST	AWOONE
AWARN	WALLIEST	REINVADE	RETINED
DOOZIES	SUPERMEN	PYLONED	LIVIDER
PELITES	SOOKIES	ADUNCATE	SIALIDAN
OVERLINE	CROCI	OZAENA	VICARIES
RESINING	LIGULAE	DAKOITS	ERUCTING



# INTERNATIONAL



## Australia

The 2001 NSW

**Championships** was won this year by WSC rep Paul Cleary. In the Advanced section, Alison Rae, trailing by about 150, pulled out EXPIATED for 203 on her last move to win by 80+. That could be an Australian record for a last-move score. Trevor Halsall displayed his mastery playing a nine around TO with the letters MAESTRO, making AMORETTOS.

In Queensland, the **Redcliff tournament** was held on November 11th and the Richards clan were out in force. Karen and Paul were in Masters, their son Alastair played in Advanced while their other son, Elliott made his debut in Recreation along with Karen's mother, Dot Williams. Five close family members at one tournament — is this some kind of record? And how did the Richards family fare? In Masters, Karen and Paul were 4th and 17th respectively. Alastair came 16th in Advanced and in Recreation Dot and Elliott came in 16th and 19th position.

Andrew Hamblin took out the top division, one game ahead of WSC rep Edward Okulicz.

Carmel Dodd was winner of the **South Australian Championships** on November 24th, one game ahead of Daniel Piechnick on 5 wins and Michael Cameron on 4. Carmel gained 72 rating points.



## Bahrain

Winning all his games, Mazhar Qureshi (Saudi Arabia) took the \$600 prize and Power Horse trophies at the 48-player **Sri Lanka Club International Scrabble Open** in Bahrain on October 12. Selwyn Lobo (Dubai, United Arab Emirates) was runner-up, winning \$350, leaving Bahrain's Ferrer Abordo and his son Chris to claim third and fourth places, respectively.

With two strong wins early in November, Ben Filio climbed from sixth to second place in the **28th Scrabble playoffs** at the Hilton Hotel, pushing Ramong Organo into third position. Defending champion Chris Abordo was the only other player to score two victories, keeping him firmly at the top.

Single wins were notched up by Ferrer Abordo, Nestor Javier, Mario Ranasuriya and Lory Sibayan. The three-month playoffs have passed the halfway point with 17 games yet to be played in the second phase. The 10 masters in the championship league are aiming to get one of the top four berths to compete in the semi-finals on December 3 at the Hilton



## Malta

Twenty three year old David Delicata is the new **2001 Scrabble Champion** for the island of Malta after winning the most games in the National League competition. The

League was organised over a four-month period, with fourteen competitors each playing 52 games. David managed to outplay a number of top-notch players to become the youngest National Champion since the inception of the Scrabble Club in 1984. David will be representing Malta at the WSC along with runner-up and previous WSC rep, Peter Elbourne.



## Philippines

Roland Filio is heading to the sixth World Scrabble Championship in Las Vegas, USA. He placed fifth in the qualifying tournament but became a representative when other players had to drop out. Roland is a former Bahrain and Gulf champion and will be joined by Ronald Credo to represent the Philippines.



## South Africa

WSC representatives Trevor Hovelmeier and Steven Gruzd placed 1st (7 wins) and 3rd (5 wins) at the **Benoni Tournament** on December 2nd. Mildred Wolpe separated the pair by placing 2nd with 6 wins.

At the **Warmbaths Tourney** in October, Steven Gruzd took out first place from Trevor on spread, trailed by Lynn Roth, 3rd on 5 wins. Mildred Wolpe was 8th with 4 wins.



## United Kingdom

Mark Nyman, Evan Simpson and Phil Appleby organised the first **British Elimination**

**Scrabble Tournament (BEST)**, an innovative knockout contest where the top 100 rated players and some foreign experts were invited to compete. The final four players were Andrew Fisher, Paul Allan and David Webb from the UK and Robert Felt of the USA. Andrew beat Paul 9 games to 5, and David beat Robert 9 — 4, ensuring an exciting playoff for first between the country's two, top-rated players. And the best-of-19 final lived up to expectations when Andrew and David were 9 games each with one left to play. Andrew Fisher took out the last game and prize of £1500.

Mark Nyman, who was knocked out of the BEST Tournament in the quarter-finals by David Webb, has secured a place in the 2003 WSC by winning the **2001 UK National Championships**. Terry Kirk was runner up.

In an interesting aside four of the eleven **UK representatives** for the 2001 WSC are named Andrew, and two are called Allan.

## United States



In preparation for the World Scrabble Champs, a 10-player SOWPODS tournament was held in conjunction with the **Grand Canyon Reunion Tournament** in early November. Joel Sherman, 1997 WSC champ emerged the victor, two clear wins over Bob Lipton and Joe Edley. Other finishers were Dave Wiegand and Steve Polatnick on 11 wins, Jim Kramer and Travis Chaney on 9, Albert Hahn and Jim Geary on 8 wins and veteran player Stu Goldman on 6 wins. Joel Sherman took out the high



game prize with a respectable score of 612 and Bob Lipton's 476 was the highest loss recorded.

In the regular tournament using just the US dictionary source, Kent Nelson won 15 from 20 games, one ahead of Lisa Odom and Joey Mallick. Other notable players were Jan Dixon 5th, Lester Schonbrun 9th, Sam Kantimathi 10th, Mike Baron 14th and Chris Cree, 2001 US Team Alternate was 17th on 10 wins.

### Pick of the Week

Correne James sighted this piece in the *Xtra Weekly Newsletter* where Scrabble starred as Xtra's 'Pick of the Week' website -

#### Pick of the week

In 1931 an architect called Alfred Mosher Butts had a winning idea. He thought up Scrabble. Alfred, from the tiny town of Poughkeepsie in upstate New York, had just lost his job when he invented the famous word-based board game. Now it's played in over 121 countries - and on the Internet! The official Scrabble site has tips to polish up your skills (did you know the two-letter words MO, OO, OW, SH, UG and YO are all acceptable?) as well as online games and hints on how to make the most of those hard-to-use but high-scoring letters. There's even a children's site with great games for kids. Get wise about words at:

<http://www.mattelscrabble.com/en/home.html>

**Bob Jackman's 5 Letter And 6 Letter Word List Books Available**

I have some of these books for sale — \$20 each

There are lists of hooks, adjectives, verbs, words that don't take s, words with high score letters, etc. Many words also have meanings given.

For orders, email phone or write to Liz Fagerlund. (Contact details on inside front cover)

### Waitara Prayer

This amusing piece was read out before play commenced at a recent meeting of the very successful Waitara Scrabble Club.

#### Woman's Daily Plea

Dear Lord,  
So far today, I am doing alright.  
I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent.  
I have not whined, bitched, cursed or eaten any chocolate.  
I have not charged anything to my credit card.  
However, I am going to get out of my bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that.



# CLUB NEWS

## Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

### Canterbury Open, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Amanda Clow-Hewer in her first tournament won D Grade both days. Well done. Karyn McDougall A Grade 2nd, Ruth Groffman B Grade 3rd, Chris Handley C Grade 2nd and C Grade 1st, Michael Groffman D Grade 3rd. Thanks to Christchurch for providing billets, and for your hospitality.

#### Quiz

Would you challenge?

APANAGE, BAGNIOS, EELFARE, SUFFARI, TUNICIN

Answers at end of newsletter.

#### Carolyn Kyle

Carolyn had a holiday in Brisbane, Australia and played in Redcliffs Tournament. She finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Masters Grade, with 6 wins.

#### Bill Grigg, Oct 4

I was 21 again, again, etc. I recently had a stroke, however recovering well. Thanks for the cards and get well messages. They were very much appreciated.

#### Ruth and Michael Groffman

Have been on holiday in Australia and saw the Melbourne Cup. They visited the Camberwell Scrabble Club.

#### Amanda Clow-Hewer

Amanda is the author of *Deep Fried Yellow Penguins* and is now writing scripts for *Shortland Street*. In recent

R/R game, Amanda lost to Peter Sinton 439-427.

### Competitions

#### Round Robin

	P	W	Ave
1 Peter Sinton	28	26	445
2 Bill Grigg	34	17	373
3 Marian Ross	32	16	375

#### Ladder

1 Bill Grigg	15	8	383
2 Stewart Fleming	22	11	373
3 Marian Ross	14	5	351

#### Challenge

1 Karyn McDougall	81	64	428
2 Bill Grigg	27	21	409
3 Stewart Fleming	45	36	393

#### Dictionary

1 Karyn McDougall	13	11	478
2 Daisy Madden	15	15	398
3 Chris Handley	15	10	395

#### Visitor

It was good to see Debbie Caldwell of Nelson at Club. Debbie was down for a Tournament and spent a week holidaying in Dunedin.

### Otago Lion Open Foundation, November 17-18

This tournament was very well attended with competitors from Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin. Results are on p 39.

### World Champs, Las Vegas, Dec 2001

All the best to Jeff, Howard, Peter and Kendall. Kick Butts!

#### Quiz Answers

All words are correct.

## 2002 Dunedin Tournaments

### Dunedin Lion Open

April 13-14, 2 one day

### Otago Lion Open

November 16-17, 15 games, triple Round Robin, 6 per grade

### Merry Christmas and Great Scrabble

## Christchurch Newsletter

by Margaret Lyall

### English Tournament

Malcolm and Ann Graham keep in touch regularly on their travels. Malcolm played in his first UK tournament recently and his comments make interesting reading:-

"I attended my first UK tournament on Saturday. There are countless things that are done differently here, some of which could probably be fixed but I'm not holding my breath.

1. Single challenge — **yuck** — but I'm getting used to it. I think I've learned all the possible lessons by making all the mistakes (like the other night when my opponent challenged a good word and I went ahead and played a bonus word on the only place on the board where it would go only to have to remove it and await my turn — **oh sh\*t!**)
2. **Turn** challenge (so neither player knows which word played in a turn is a dud) — **ouch!**

[This is now the rule in NZ play. — Ed.]

3. Participants are all expected to bring a board (which I have always considered to be fair enough but

these people consider it so obvious that they don't bother pointing it out to 'new' players). I guess that I've become used to organisers of NZ tournaments making sure there will be sufficient boards. This whole thing is exacerbated by difference number 4.

4. This was the one that made my eyes go wide, my jaw to drop and caused me to shake my head slowly in disbelief and wonder: At every game the players decide whose board they are going to use and after each game they pack it away and the process is repeated next game. Of course, when one hasn't been warned to bring a board there is no need for discussion over which one to use. The only time a problem arises is when neither player has arrived properly equipped.
5. No official check is made (ever) that sets of letters are complete. Unbelievable!
6. Details of the next game (opponent, location and who starts) are posted immediately prior to each game.
7. A card is delivered to each game with space for challenges plus a results summary on one side. This is collected by the runners after the game who are summoned in silence simply by holding the card aloft in exactly the same manner as a challenge.
8. Single Challenge rules mean many more challenges so now I know why six games take longer.

Overall I had a good time but I found the organisation slack, but I should qualify that by saying I do appreciate

that volunteers have given their time to run the event and I do appreciate their efforts.

How did I go? Well I'm quite pleased with that — I got second in my grade on spread and the winner should have played several grades up. Possibly I should have too, but at least they took my average into account when placing me in 'I' Grade. The winner of my grade should have been in B Grade, but she had exactly the same name as an I Grader and a mix-up occurred which the (unimaginative) organisers said couldn't be put right immediately before play was due to start. I lost my first game by 98 and my spread was still negative right up till the last game which I won by 256 which made a big difference as there were three of us on four wins out of the six games.

Another thing that surprised me was that there were 8 players in each of 12 grades (and this was a little local tournament) and there were only 6 games so we missed playing one of the other players in the grade. Fortunately for me the player I missed was the grade winner, which was a distinct advantage to me. Not as it should be, but I'll take it. There's no prize but I do get bragging rights. The next tournament's in Bournemouth in a fortnight's time.

There are more Reading Club members supporting this one so that'll be good — and I'll be ready for 'em this time!"

[I hope Malcolm remembered to take his board! — Ed.]

## Christchurch Club Averages

### 3.8.01 - 28.9.01 Stats

by Liz Fagerlund

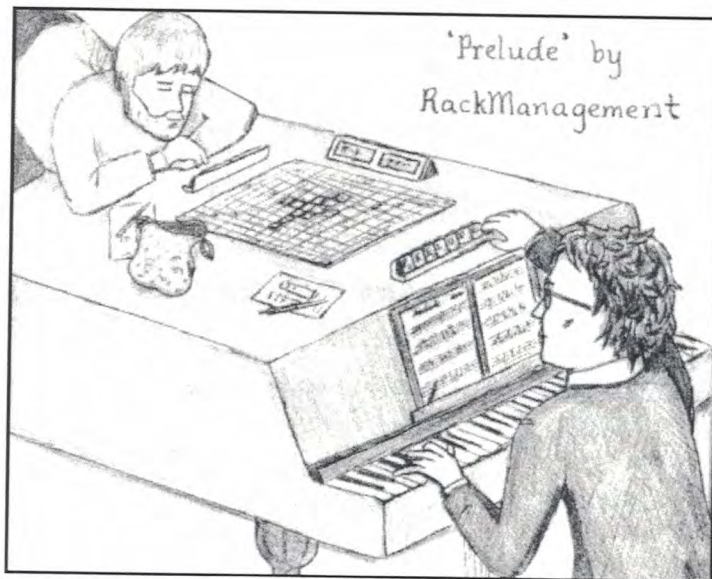
Name	Games Played	Game Ave	Bonus Ave
Shirley Hol	21	419	1.38
Liz Fagerlund	15	403	0.93
Shirley van Essen	15	402	1.60
Kathleen Mori-Barker	12	400	1.58
Paul Lister	15	387	1.00
Margaret Lyall	24	387	1.46
Yvonne McKenzie	6	383	1.17
Dominic Lister	6	372	0.67
Colleen Cook	21	360	0.57
Terry Cook	18	355	0.83
Betty Sutherland	24	343	0.54
Roslyn Lister	9	339	0.78
Gabrielle Bolt	15	338	0.67
Wendy McIlwrick	15	330	0.27
Jean Craib	24	328	0.54
Betty Wilson	12	327	0.33
Dita Dyst	21	325	0.33
Barbara Butt	21	322	0.29
Veronica Zilinskis	9	321	0.44
Judith Bach	6	313	0.00
Paula Gibbons	12	308	0.33
Dianne Poore	9	299	0.00
Elliot Hendry	6	298	0.17
Adam Young	12	297	0.58
Rosemary Sykes	14	235	0.07

## Mt Albert Challenges from p27

All are correct except OVERLINE, SOOKIES, PYLONED and RETINED

## Not Many Partners — Kings Cup Tournament, Bangkok 2001

At this Swiss draw, 26 game tournament in June/July Nigel Richards (ex Christchurch) played many excellent players numerous times on his way to winning the event. Most notable was against 1993 World Scrabble Champion and 1999 WSC runner up, Mark Nyman from England. Nigel won 6 out of 8 games against Mark. He also won 4 out of 5 against both Cheah Siu Hean of Singapore and Akegapun of Thailand. He played some other players 2 or 3 times as well, which means he probably only played about 7 or 8 different people in the whole tournament! Eventual runner up Paul Cleary of Australia made a good late run in the tournament, thus avoiding coming up against Nigel at all until the final playoff games.



## What a Square!



In a recent game against Maven (a computer Scrabble game) a 4x4 square was achieved. Chris Hooks has supplied a photo of the complete board.

## Weird Words and Crazy Definitions

**Bozone** (n) The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

**Cashtration** (n) The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Cartoon Submitted by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)

## NZASP Rankings as at 20 December 2001

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Jeff Grant	2150	905	1162	78%	46 Allie Quinn	1563	525	1097	48%
2 Howard Warner	2134	531.5	784	68%	47 Faye Cronhelm	1550	422	849	50%
3 Kendall Boyd	2086	231	304	76%	48 Kim Graham	1547	202.5	357	57%
4 Patrick Carter	2029	415.5	676	61%	49 Ann Hough	1535	191	348	55%
5 Mike Sigley	2024	557	758	73%	50 Maureen Holliday	1533	267.5	510	52%
6 Blue Thorogood	2017	256	379	68%	51 Andrew Denmead	1524	103	179	58%
7 Peter Sinton	2014	292	399	73%	52 Delcie Macbeth	1521	339	630	54%
8 David Lloyd	2000	334	600	56%	53 Jennifer Smith	1498	295	518	57%
9 Glynis Jennings	1978	297.5	617	48%	54 Rebecca Freeth	1487	124.5	209	60%
10 John Foster	1964	684.5	1188	58%	55 Margaret Bundock	1485	461	931	50%
11 Glennis Hale	1944	747.5	1337	56%	56 Shirley Hol	1482	232.5	470	49%
12 Lynne Butler	1938	525	865	61%	57 Joan Thomas	1480	275	516	53%
13 Lynne Powell	1930	635.5	1201	53%	58 Yvonne Wilson	1475	204	362	56%
14 Glenda Foster	1891	457	873	52%	59 Frank Robinson	1472	45.5	94	48%
15 Andrew Bradley	1887	312	640	49%	60 Rhoda Cashman	1449	479	1027	47%
16 Cecilia Ruto	1883	101	189	53%	61 Andree Prentice	1440	415	790	53%
17 Steven Brown	1880	340.5	635	54%	62 Hilda Scott	1421	197	360	55%
18 Sheryl Davidson	1873	581	1088	53%	63 Shirley van Essen	1415	147	263	56%
19 Denise Gordon	1867	427.5	825	52%	64 Shirley Martin	1411	298	560	53%
20 Peter Jones	1860	508	1007	50%	65 Ruth O'Neill	1386	225.5	470	48%
21 Anna Geange	1800	359.5	679	53%	66 Glenda Geard	1379	523	1023	51%
22 Valerie Mills	1794	414	852	49%	67 Karen Rodgers	1374	71	184	39%
23 Rosemary Cleary	1772	313	668	47%	68 Janice Cherry	1373	155	274	57%
24 George Warnock	1769	31	56	55%	69 Karyn McDougall	1370	304.5	585	52%
25 May Quigley	1760	439	975	45%	70 Betty Eriksen	1367	368	727	51%
26 Lynn Wood	1759	711	1454	49%	71 Reeva Pearson	1352	650	1389	47%
27 Paul Lister	1758	312	553	56%	72 Yvette Hewlett	1329	171.5	380	45%
28 Liz Fagerlund	1744	330	604	55%	73 David Gunn	1325	597	1164	51%
29 Marianne Bentley	1744	80	171	47%	74 Hazel Purdie	1323	311.5	648	48%
30 June Mackwell	1717	344	744	46%	75 Bill Grigg	1318	232.5	444	52%
31 Debbie Caldwell	1708	76.5	106	72%	76 Ann Candler	1317	420	895	47%
32 Lisa McLean	1695	336.5	657	51%	77 Jean O'Brien	1310	397.5	788	50%
33 Eileen McLean	1681	619	1195	52%	78 Murray Rogers	1275	90.5	170	53%
34 Pam Robson	1677	348.5	732	48%	79 Stewart Fleming	1259	52	108	48%
35 Fae Olson	1671	795.5	1655	48%	80 Isabel Zyp	1256	277	551	50%
36 Jane Walton	1669	206	384	54%	81 Marian Ross	1249	189.5	411	46%
37 Gerald Warner	1668	631.5	1358	47%	82 Lorraine Van Veen	1247	412	801	51%
38 Chris Hooks	1657	444.5	908	49%	83 Marianne Patchett	1234	126.5	225	56%
39 Puti Rowe	1640	351	707	50%	84 Malcolm Graham	1230	183.5	360	51%
40 Helen Sillis	1620	447.5	870	51%	85 Margaret Lyall	1230	230.5	472	49%
41 Leila Thomson	1613	298	654	46%	86 Margaret Cherry	1205	216	432	50%
42 Glenyss Buchanan	1587	372.5	776	48%	87 Marj Baillie	1197	305.5	620	49%
43 Doreen O'Shea	1569	268.5	528	51%	88 Shirley Wyatt	1182	233.5	495	47%
45 Roger Coates	1567	290	607	48%	89 David Bragg	1170	70	107	65%
44 Correne James	1567	379	796	48%	90 Steve Richards	1168	93	159	58%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
91 Joan Pratt	1161	293	547	54%	138 Jean Clarke	755	128.5	267	48%
92 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1154	139	281	49%	139 Pam Mayall	753	184	345	53%
93 Elsie Malkin	1150	129	247	52%	140 Dorothy Haining	734	330	668	49%
94 Carolyn Kyle	1150	185.5	358	52%	141 Taanga Lawrence	729	16	52	31%
95 Mary Gray	1139	211	391	54%	142 Marie Kingi	716	130	289	45%
96 Margaret Parsons	1127	194.5	353	55%	143 Ruth Munnings	712	46.5	91	51%
97 Roto Mitchell	1125	162	325	50%	144 Gabrielle Bolt	711	47	73	64%
98 Elaine Moltzen	1107	283	588	48%	145 Margaret Ham	705	99	194	51%
99 Rosalind Phillips	1107	78	118	66%	146 Kath Davies	698	122	250	49%
100 Pam Barlow	1085	195	375	52%	147 Allison Torrance	698	57	101	56%
101 Liz Catchpole	1085	207	427	48%	148 Alan Medhurst	680	25	65	38%
102 Doreen Ogston	1073	318	692	46%	149 Veronica Zilinskask	662	24	44	55%
103 Ernie Gidman	1069	107	213	50%	150 Valma Gidman	660	296.5	609	49%
104 Liz Richards	1067	83	158	53%	151 Dawn Smith	658	30	66	45%
105 Martha Morgan	1062	192	412	47%	152 Iris Boulton	639	49	93	53%
106 Colleen Cook	1039	25	36	69%	153 Lil Moore	629	296.5	628	47%
107 Lyn Toka	1032	189.5	376	50%	154 Dorothy Latta	624	116	288	40%
108 Jill Johnson	1024	95	190	50%	155 Tracy Ivamy	592	51	107	48%
109 Sue Walker	1022	270.5	551	49%	156 Jillian Greening	585	144.5	315	46%
110 Michael Hyndman	1022	160.5	299	54%	157 Michael Groffman	577	24	44	55%
111 Susan Olson	1008	92	184	50%	158 Betty Wilson	573	85	165	52%
112 Bev Barker	1006	287	600	48%	159 Isabel Weddell	570	33	55	60%
113 Janet Willison	1001	84	116	72%	160 Maria Clinton	556	42	82	51%
114 Annette Coombes	959	271.5	610	45%	161 Elaine Ware	555	236	457	52%
115 Lyn Dawson	954	176.5	303	58%	162 Janni Henneveld	531	25	59	42%
116 Yvonne MacKenzie	943	138	318	43%	163 Lyres Freeth	522	22.5	35	64%
117 Ruth Groffman	925	92.5	186	50%	164 Paula Gibbons	521	102.5	217	47%
118 Margaret Hanson	912	186.5	355	53%	165 Jena Yousif	515	27	67	40%
119 June Ward	906	95	196	48%	166 Ria Shoebridge	497	35	76	46%
120 Karen Miller	896	140	275	51%	167 Elise Joy	493	66.5	155	43%
121 Isabel Morris	887	32	51	63%	168 June Whitehead	483	24	90	27%
122 Ray Goodyear	887	62	132	47%	169 Maureen McBain	473	43	121	36%
123 Olwen Skelton	886	291	604	48%	170 Dominic Lister	460	61	117	52%
124 Chris Handley	882	95	204	47%	171 Resie Coenen	456	61.5	209	29%
125 May Meads	864	186	357	52%	172 Roslyn Lister	453	85.5	180	48%
126 Connie Gervasi	863	28	41	68%	173 Pauline Smeaton	401	27	60	45%
127 Jean Boyle	860	74.5	132	56%	174 Jenny Reed	399	19	42	45%
128 Kerry Dawkins	853	71	174	41%	175 Tim Henneveld	392	22.5	59	38%
129 Mary Farmer	847	78	153	51%	176 Ed Olson	386	477	1211	39%
130 Kate Wignall	840	364	725	50%	177 Vera Burner	381	155	586	26%
131 Irene Hague-Smith	837	341	726	47%	178 Merle Spinetto	380	51	126	40%
132 Amelia Carrington	826	24	40	60%	179 Margaret Durdle	367	21	38	55%
133 Jean Walsh	807	120	241	50%	180 Betty Sutherland	284	89	219	41%
134 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	793	242	515	47%	181 Wendy McIlwrick	281	24	59	41%
135 Carole Coates	775	224	474	47%	182 Elvira Steel	269	97	458	21%
136 Alice Hayward	766	50	82	61%	183 Jean Craib	182	44.5	158	28%
137 Marie Cairns	758	107	200	54%	184 Adam Young	169	19.5	44	44%
					185 Mary Casse	162	28.5	77	37%
					186 Charles Kiewiet	98	13	44	30%

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Mt Albert Club Tourney 6-7 October 2001

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	12	1019	439	28
2 Howard Warner	MTA	10	280	406	21
3 Blue Thorogood	IND	9	399	439	19
4 John Foster	NSB	8	479	411	25
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	8	434	424	26
6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	7	236	401	26
7 Andrew Bradley	MTA	6	-204	382	18
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	-245	363	12
9 Peter Jones	MTA	5	-217	386	23
10 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	5	-263	396	22
11 Steven Brown	HAM	4	-246	406	21
12 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	4	-408	378	15
13 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	-614	381	19
14 Gerald Warner	ROD	3	-650	368	15

### Grade B

1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	10	525	402	19
2 Paul Lister	CHC	10	390	399	13
3 Chris Hooks	IND	9	919	425	22
4 Eileen McLean	IND	9	470	401	13
5 Fae Olson	NSB	9	412	408	21
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	7	70	387	17
7 Maureen Holliday	ROD	7	58	375	12
8 Margaret Bundock	ROD	5	-157	363	11
9 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	-205	364	14
10 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	-337	387	13
11 Correne James	IND	5	-491	366	13
12 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	-360	378	21
13 Delcie MacBeth	IND	4	-459	358	14
14 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	2	-835	357	12

### Grade C

1 Roto Mitchell	WAN	10	332	378	15
2 David Gunn	WKO	9	744	412	19
3 Glenda Geard	IND	8.5	544	395	15
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	369	375	14
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	8	265	375	14
6 Ann Candler	NSB	7	1	400	17
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	6.5	128	378	15

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	6	82	364	13
9 Mary Gray	MTA	6	-116	353	9
10 Liz Catchpole	MTA	6	-325	350	9
11 Joan Pratt	ROD	6	-630	358	11
12 Sue Walker	MTA	5	-175	375	18
13 Susan Olson	NSB	4	-515	343	8
14 Valma Gidman	ROD	1	-704	349	8

### Grade D

1 Bev Barker	MTA	9	221	361	7
2 Amelia Carrington	ROT	7	248	367	12
3 Annette Coombes	HAM	7	243	365	12
4 Karen Miller	PAK	7	203	358	5
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	139	357	10
6 Peter Gordon	MTA	7	23	339	5
7 Mary Farmer	MTA	7	-195	342	12
8 May Meads	PHC	7	-278	351	14
9 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	6	223	358	16
10 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	-243	332	7
11 Alice Hayward	PAK	6	-255	328	7
12 Allison Torrance	CHC	5	50	344	13
13 Lil Moore	MTA	5	-133	332	8
14 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	-246	341	1

### Grade E

1 Catherine McLeod	MTA	10	272	356	4
2 Elaine Ware	MTA	9	503	361	5
3 Resie Coenen	PHC	8	268	338	8
4 Pauline Smeaton	TAU	8	-36	325	5
5 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	6	15	329	3
6 Maureen McBain	TAU	5	-94	320	5
7 Ed Olson	NSB	5	-308	315	8
8 Vera Burner	WAN	1	-620	295	1

## Wanganui Club Tournament 20-21 October 2001

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	11	607	425	30
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	10	820	417	23
3 Denise Gordon	WAN	8	212	404	22
4 Glenda Foster	WEL	7	404	415	19

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	-12	398	21
6 Paul Lister	CHC	7	-353	374	16
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	-513	379	18
8 Eileen McLean	IND	3	-1165	362	14

#### Grade B

1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	9	394	415	23
2 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	9	-17	395	20
3 Fae Olson	NSB	8	349	427	24
4 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	8	82	392	20
5 Frank Robinson	WEL	6	-54	369	14
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-110	382	16
7 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	-196	393	15
8 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	4	-448	373	13

#### Grade C

1 Reeve Pearson	STR	10	529	404	30
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	10	461	378	13
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	10	447	385	17
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	462	393	18
5 David Gunn	WKO	8	254	398	21
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	3	-384	347	11
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	-710	336	2
8 Michael Hyndman	WEL	3	-1059	339	14

#### Grade D

1 Janet Willison	WTA	12	850	363	6
2 Jean Boyle	WAN	9	304	350	16
3 Olwen Skelton	ROD	9	210	328	8
4 Jean Walsh	WAN	8	230	348	18
5 Roni Sigley	WAN	8	136	331	9
6 Valma Gidman	ROD	7	479	336	8
7 Taanga Lawrence	HAS	7	172	316	7
8 Sue Osborne	WAN	5	-146	304	6
9 Audrey Plane	WAN	4	-413	295	3
10 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	4	-415	289	2
11 Vera Burner	WAN	3	-658	281	2
12 Sharon Clarke	STR	2	-749	276	6

## Rodney Club Tournament

### 10 November 2001

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	7	704	450	12
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	310	424	10
3 Peter Jones	MTA	4	100	417	13
4 John Foster	NSB	4	77	430	15
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	-137	369	9
6 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	-297	372	9

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Andrew Bradley	MTA	2	-360	380	11
8 Chris Hooks	IND	2	-397	376	10

#### Grade B

1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	336	394	10
2 Fae Olson	NSB	5	392	430	15
3 Eileen McLean	IND	5	171	394	9
4 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	3	-8	372	7
5 Maureen Holliday	ROD	3	-194	355	4
6 Margaret Bundock	ROD	3	-418	365	5
7 Correne James	IND	2	-64	369	8
8 Rhoda Cashman	ROD	1	-215	353	8

#### Grade C

1 Shirley Martin	HAM	6	361	408	9
2 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	317	401	11
3 David Gunn	WKO	4	269	420	16
4 Ann Candler	NSB	4	242	402	11
5 Marianne Patchett	MTA	4	84	386	3
6 Mary Gray	MTA	3	-184	361	6
7 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	2	-262	367	6
8 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	1	-827	308	5

#### Grade D

1 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	48	362	6
2 Joan Pratt	ROD	5	-44	377	7
3 Bev Barker	MTA	4	44	362	5
4 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	189	393	10
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	23	367	9
6 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-26	344	5
7 Annette Coombes	WKO	3	-114	367	10
8 Sue Walker	MTA	2	-120	369	11

#### Grade E

1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	224	366	3
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	75	363	6
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4.5	75	360	7
4 Ruth Munnings	ROD	3	128	348	6
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	111	363	4
6 Paddy Glen	ROD	3	-20	344	3
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	-239	334	3
8 Lil Moore	MTA	1.5	-354	326	3

#### Grade F

1 Janni Henneveld	ROT	7	476	360	3
2 Paddy Hoffman	ROD	5	-9	322	1
3 Lyres Freeth	ROD	4	190	346	2
4 Elaine Ware	MTA	3	33	349	2
5 Merle Spinetto	ROD	3	-23	332	2
6 Sue Mayn	ROD	3	-402	295	6
7 Betty Wyatt	ROD	2	-116	311	1
8 Tim Henneveld	ROT	1	-149	313	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade G</b>					
1 Jenny Reed	ROD	7	450	351	2
2 Rob van Slyke	ROD	6	332	331	2
3 Mary Casse	ROD	2.5	-126	298	2
4 Margaret Miller	ROD	2	-286	285	0
5 Pat Bryan	MTA	2	-291	265	1
6 Joan Nel-Swartz	ROD	1.5	-79	294	0

## Otago Lion Open Champs

### 17-18 November

18 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>				
1 Peter Sinton	DUD	14	1288	26
2 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	11	105	20
3 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	8	165	18
4 Shirley Hol	CHC	6	-1	20
5 Marian Ross	DUD	3	-102	20
6 Karyn McDougall	DUD	3	-855	18
<b>Grade B</b>				
1 Margaret Lyall	CHC	12	396	21
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUD	10	583	11
3 Doreen Ogston	CHC	8	198	22
4 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	5.5	82	16
5 Ruth Groffman	DUD	5	-519	7
6 Chris Handley	DUD	4.5	-740	9

#### Grade C

1 Amanda Clow-Hewer	DUD	10	426	22
2 Iris Boulton	NEL	9	274	14
3 Maria Clinton	NEL	7	-121	8
4 Betty Wilson	CHC	7	-127	5
5 Michael Groffman	DUD	7	-197	7
6 Dominic Lister	CHC	5	-275	10

#### Grade D

1 Paula Gibbons	CHC	12	662	5
2 Roslyn Lister	CHC	11	759	4
3 Barbara Butt	CHC	7	34	6
4 Elvira Steel	DUD	7	-479	3
5 Jean Craib	CHC	5	-659	7
6 Charles Kiewiet	IND	3	-590	6

## Kiwi Club Tournament

### 24 November

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Blue Thorogood	IND	5	272	441	18

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	5	35	395	12
3 John Foster	NSB	4	193	396	10
4 Howard Warner	MTA	4	186	408	9
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	3	-121	391	11
6 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	3	-226	383	8
7 Steven Brown	HAM	2	-100	382	13
8 Gerald Warner	ROD	2	-239	376	7

#### Grade B

1 Eileen McLean	IND	5	250	410	7
2 Fae Olson	NSB	4	176	407	14
3 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	59	398	7
4 Puti Rowe	IND	4	-252	373	5
5 Pam Robson	HAM	3	170	396	12
6 Chris Hooks	IND	3	58	402	11
7 Roger Coates	HAM	3	23	390	9
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-484	368	6

#### Grade C

1 Kim Graham	KIW	6	455	447	13
2 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	52	389	11
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-175	380	10
4 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	301	424	10
5 Correne James	IND	3	206	408	10
6 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	3	-162	381	8
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-204	383	10
8 Andree Prentice	WAN	1	-473	375	8

#### Grade D

1 Glenda Geard	IND	7	499	400	9
2 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	240	402	12
3 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	4.5	450	398	8
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	3.5	179	388	8
5 Isabel Zyp	HAM	3	-64	385	5
6 David Gunn	WKO	3	-255	356	10
7 Mary Gray	MTA	1	-416	347	5
8 Margaret Cherry	PAK	1	-633	330	6

#### Grade E

1 David Bragg	ROT	5	344	390	5
2 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	395	406	6
3 Lyn Toka	KIW	4	77	379	10
4 Annette Coombes	WKO	4	-16	364	9
5 Sue Walker	MTA	3	-6	365	5
6 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-221	348	2
7 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	-365	341	6
8 Carole Coates	KIW	2	-208	345	7

#### Grade F

1 Margaret Flaws	TAU	6	780	402	9
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	205	365	3
3 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	4	142	380	10

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Pam Mayall	KIW	4	125	378	5
5 Marie Kingi	KIW	4	-98	354	4
6 Janni Henneveld	ROT	2	-83	334	4
7 Pauline Smeaton	TAU	2	-436	315	2
8 Resie Coenen	PHC	0	-635	294	0

**Grade G**

1 Isabel Weddell	KIW	5	412	366	6
2 Jena Yousif	KIW	5	190	337	3
3 Tim Henneveld	ROT	4.5	103	332	1
4 Samantha Samuels	KIW	4	72	337	4
5 Maureen McBain	TAU	3	-111	316	4
6 Margaret Durdle	TAU	3	-148	317	1
7 Vera Burner	WAN	2.5	-165	294	1
8 Valerie Scott	TAU	1	-353	317	4

### Waikato Phoenix Tournament 25 November 2001

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	5	585	419	10
2 Glynis Jennings	MTA	5	248	404	10
3 Blue Thorogood	IND	4	767	463	19
4 Steven Brown	HAM	4	21	390	12
5 John Foster	NSB	3	-303	368	10
6 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	3	-364	377	12
7 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	-340	371	9
8 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	-614	363	8
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Jane Walton	HAM	5	455	414	11
2 Fae Olson	NSB	5	305	429	14
3 Pam Robson	HAM	4	115	401	12
4 Chris Hooks	IND	4	19	404	9
5 Eileen Mclean	IND	4	-100	378	9
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	3.5	-115	392	10
7 Gerald Warner	ROD	1.5	-329	367	5
8 Ngairi Steel	MTM	1	-350	353	5
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Correne James	IND	6	236	404	9
2 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	198	413	13
3 Roger Coates	HAM	4	263	416	12
4 Kim Graham	KIW	4	-15	390	10
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	-25	371	6
6 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	3	-104	390	8
7 Jennifer Smith	HAM	1	-229	379	10
8 Glenda Geard	IND	1	-324	368	7

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	338	412	12
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	331	392	7
3 Ruth O'Neill	NPL	4	353	393	7
4 David Gunn	WKO	4	121	389	12
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	-215	367	11
6 Andrew Coombes	WKO	3	-250	375	9
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-446	335	6
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	1	-232	358	3
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Isabel Zyp	HAM	5	777	441	13
2 David Bragg	ROT	5	331	411	9
3 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	4	-7	370	6
4 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	-21	389	8
5 Neville James	WKO	3	40	383	11
6 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-378	358	5
7 Lyn Toka	KIW	2	-243	368	7
8 Annette Coombes	WKO	2	-499	339	8

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade F</b>					
1 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	5	333	386	8
2 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	242	359	8
3 Karen Miller	PAK	5	109	369	4
4 David Sutcliffe	WKO	4	257	371	7
5 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	-33	351	4
6 Elsie Pugh	KIW	3	49	373	8
7 Carole Coates	KIW	2	-492	327	5
8 Janni Henneveld	ROT	0	-465	317	2
<b>Grade G</b>					
1 Samantha Samuels	KIW	6	250	362	6
2 Isabel Weddell	KIW	5	300	350	1
3 Grant Waghorn	WKO	5	248	350	7
4 Maureen McBain	TAU	4	-63	332	2
5 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	-97	318	3
6 Tim Henneveld	ROT	2	-159	313	1
7 Ed Olson	NSB	2	-380	306	1
8 Pauline Smeaton	TAU	1	-99	313	4

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade H</b>					
1 Vera Burner	WAN	5	316	333	1
2 Margaret Durdle	TAU	4	561	359	5
3 Kath Cooper	ROT	4	-72	281	2
4 Hazel Smith	TAU	4	-217	306	3
5 Douaine Simmons	WKO	3	194	338	3
6 Brian Mahood	WKO	1	-232	274	1
7 Val Nicholson	KIW	0	-550	237	1

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

### NZ Masters (23 Games)

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