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# FORWORDS

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World Champ Brian Cappelletto (US) receives his cheque for \$US25,000 from John D Williams Jr (left) and Mark Morris (right)

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# Editor's Note



Feijoas. Easter eggs. Scrabble.

What's the connection? The Masters of course. Easter is the time for the annual Masters tournament when the top 24 available players will converge on Rodney for a 23 game round-robin contest. Brains are wracked, brows are furrowed, tough battles are fought and lost. Between games there's fun, friendship, foiled eggs and — feijoas. With Easter falling earlier this year, I've been a little concerned that the feijoas won't be ripe in time for the tourney ... hmm.

2002 started off very successfully with tournaments at Pakuranga, Nelson and Hastings. This year's Nationals will be held in Hamilton with a large contingent expected from the South Island. The TransTasman tournament will be held in November, hosted by New Zealand in Wellington. With New Zealand leading the series two matches to one, we anticipate fierce opposition from the Australian team in an attempt to level the score.

A new club has been formed with the exotic name of Hibiscus Coast Club, what enticing tropical images that name conjures up. The club will meet at the Orewa Community Centre.

Some success to report on the School Scrabble front. I've been holding sessions once a week at Bell Block Primary School and the fourteen kids (aged 10-13) are all very keen. Next term I will open a lunchtime Scrabble club with more than half of the group

eager to take advantage of the opportunity. At this year's New Plymouth tournament we hope to have a junior division, with the school children playing in the last three games of the day. The division will be open to the children of NZASP members providing they are aged 13 and under.

Much of this issue of *Forwards* covers the World Scrabble Champs. Congratulations to our very successful team who continue to enhance the reputation of New Zealand Scrabble. Special thanks to the computer Internet team in Las Vegas — Webmaster John J Chew, Sherrie Saint John and Kristen Chew who provided such amazing coverage of the event on the NSA Scrabble website [www.scrabble-assoc.com/wsc](http://www.scrabble-assoc.com/wsc).

And no, don't worry — we do have another centrefold for your delectation. The happy, handsome gentleman who graces our middle pages is a very popular figure in the Scrabble scene. The photo was taken when he celebrated his birthday at the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival last year. Go Gerald, you S E X Y thing!

As always, thanks to all who have contributed to this edition of *Forwards*. A special mention to Glenda Foster, whose desktop publishing skills give the magazine its professional look. And thanks in advance for the cards, letters, articles, jokes, cartoons etc that



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# MAILBOX

## Commiseration Response

by Gerald Warner

Thanks all you Scrabblers who commiserated with me while I had a leg in plaster. I now have a walking plaster, whatever that means, because that very activity is bloody hard. I came out of nursing home yesterday, and promptly reread all the good-wishes cards. I certainly wished I could have played at Pakuranga.

Since I am housebound for a few more weeks, I certainly appreciate anyone visiting who would like our favourite game, since my brain is not in plaster.

Thanks again. Cheers!

## Balmier Blamire

by Jeff Grant, Hastings

On a recent episode of Prime TV's *Last of the Summer Wine*, one of the characters, Cyril Blamire, was described as 'a nautical lunatic'. For some reason my ears pricked up when I heard that, so I wrote the phrase down. To my surprise I found that NAUTICAL transposes into A LUNATIC. This kind of distraction can easily lead to the thread of a story being lost. Are any other Scrabblers similarly afflicted?

[Jeff, don't worry. You're not alone. I had a similar experience when a teacher exclaimed to a tiresome child, "You're being TEDIIOUS! Go OUTSIDE!" — Ed.]

## Editor's Note continued

will be sent in the future. If you've made an interesting play, or have an intriguing game position that you'd like to share please send them in. My postie likes to be kept busy.

Hmm...I'm still worried about those feijoas, but Rodney's a long way north — they should be ripe in time ...

Closing date for the June issue is May 25th, 2002.

Happy Easter,  
see you at the Nationals,

*Lynne*

## Definitions Not Found in a Dictionary

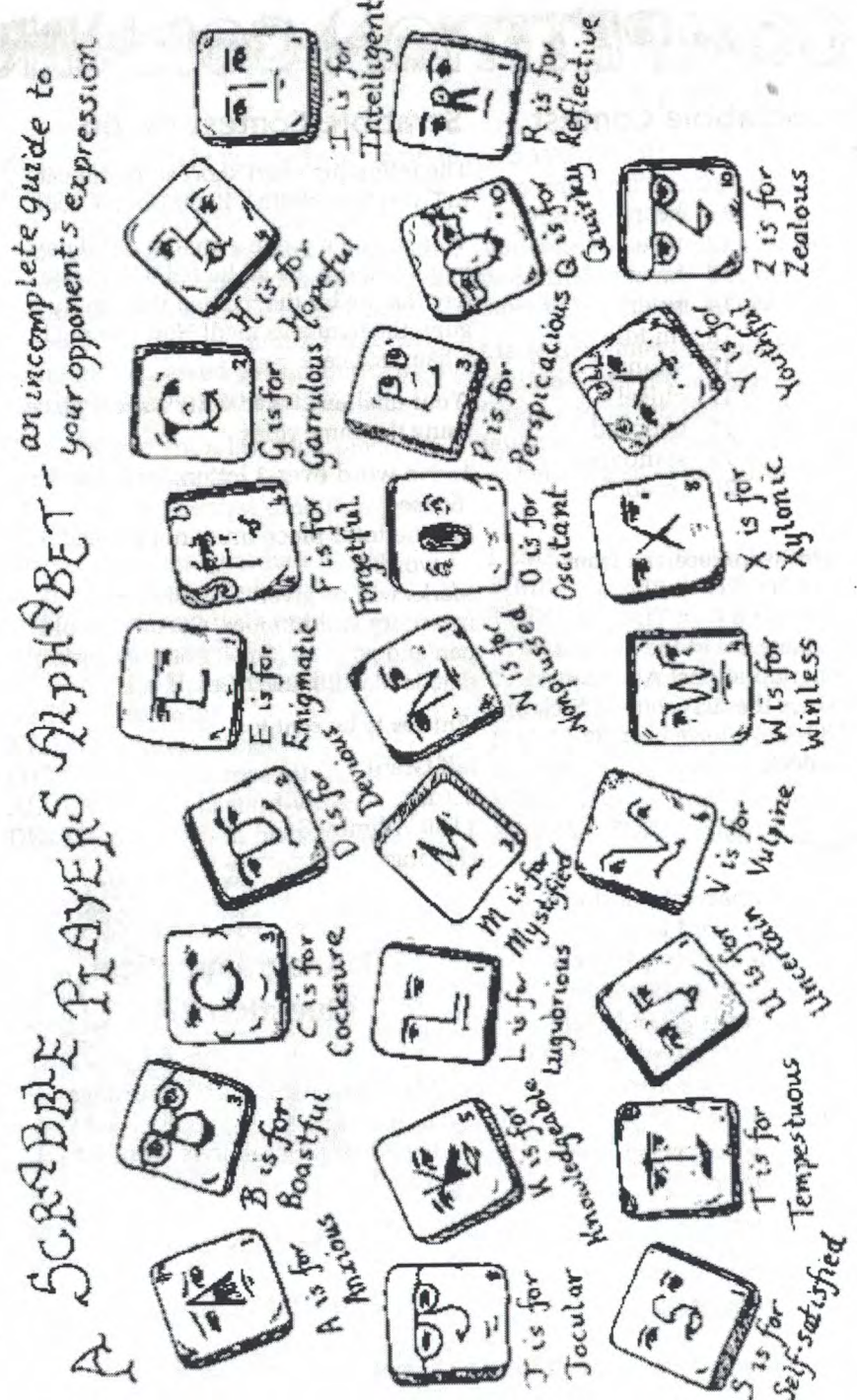
**Atom Bomb:** An invention to end all inventions.

**Boss:** Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

**Cigarette:** A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool on the other.

**Classic:** A book which people praise, but do not read.

**Committee:** Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.



by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)



# COMPETITION CORNER

## Solution: Scrabble Contest No. 65

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1 rear     | 11 bear     |
| 2 mint     | 12 rose     |
| 3 flat     | 13 fawn     |
| 4 scotch   | 14 ruler    |
| 5 uniform  | 15 middle   |
| 6 kitty    | 16 strand   |
| 7 letter   | 17 chisel   |
| 8 pickle   | 18 checked  |
| 9 material | 19 standard |
| 10 neat    | 20 scrabble |

Correct entries were received from Maureen Holliday (ROD), Rhoda Cashman (ROD) and Joan Thomas (HAS). First name out of the hat was Rhoda — congratulations! As a matter of interest, since the first contest back in October, 1985, there have been 37 different winners!

### Quick Quiz

Can you find the anagrams of these common words? A word like CURTAIN is often hard to place on the board as the C does not easily hook onto other words. TURACIN, however may be easier to place and those extra 50 points are always welcome. Answers on page 25

- |              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| BOASTING (2) | ROASTING |
| TEAMWORK     | PATCHING |
| EXCLAIMS     | OVERIDLE |
| THORAXES     | SOLITARY |
| BLOWFISH     | DOORSTEP |
| KITCHEN (2)  | CEILING  |

## Scrabble Contest No 66

The following short short story appears in Gyles Brandreth's *Word Games* book:

A man had a pig in a sty. He fed it day by day, and it ate all he fed it. But one day the pig bit the man on the leg. By gum, the man was mad! Now the pig is a ham in a can.

Your challenge is to write a short piece using the same rules:

1. No word over 3 letters long can be used.
2. The total piece must not exceed 50 words.

Marks will be given for grammar, ingenuity and humour. Get out the old pen and go to it! (See it's easy.) Closing date is May 20, 2002 Good luck!

Entries to be sent to:  
Jeff Grant  
'Ardra'  
1109 Allenby St  
Hastings

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☆☆ **??? Anagrammatical** ☆☆

☆☆ **Question ???** ☆☆

☆☆ Noel Davenhill of the Tauranga ☆☆

☆☆ Club asks:- ☆☆

☆☆ How many Scrabblers would ☆☆

☆☆ agree that: ☆☆

☆☆ OSAMA BIN LADEN ☆☆

☆☆ is ☆☆

☆☆ A MAD INANE SLOB ☆☆

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## Palindromes

by Jeff Grant, Hastings

As Lynne astutely pointed out on p6 in the last *Forwards*, the date 20.02.2002 is a numerical palindrome, reading the same backwards as forwards. Actually, an even rarer occurrence took place at 2 minutes past 8 in the evening on February 20, when the time and date could be expressed palindromically in 12 digits — 20:02 20.02.2002.

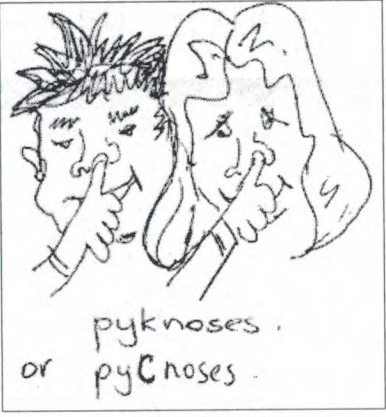
This phenomenon last took place almost 900 years ago (11:11 11.11.1111). The first time it happened

- |       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|
| ABA   | Syrian goat-hair cloak   |
| BUB   | strong drink             |
| OBO   | oil and bulk ore carrier |
| ULU   | Eskimo knife             |
| ZUZ   | old Palestinian coin     |
| KEEK  | to peep                  |
| NAAN  | Indian bread             |
| OTTO  | damask rose oil          |
| ALULA | bird's bastard-wing      |
| DEKED | feinted, in hockey       |

was 10:01 10.01.1001, and the last time will be 21:12 21.12.2112. Theoretically, it would be possible for someone to be alive for two such palindromic dates, but they would have to be at least 110 years old!

Many Scrabblers are mathematically inclined, but the majority are more interested in words. There are quite a few palindromes allowed in Scrabble — here is a selection of unusual ones:

- |           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| LEMEL     | metal filings       |
| SIMIS     | East African swords |
| TOROT     | Jewish law bodies   |
| MARRAM    | seaside grass       |
| TALLAT    | a loft              |
| TERRET    | a swivel-ring       |
| HALALAH   | Saudi money         |
| SEITIES   | personal identities |
| SEMEMES   | units of meanings   |
| ROTAVATOR | a rotary cultivator |



Two cartoons from the pen of Denise Gordon (WAN)



# 2002 Scrabble Tournament Calendar

## January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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
Dunedin Open	13-14 April	Mt Albert	5-6 October
North Shore	4 May	Wanganui	26-27 October
South Island Champs (Christchurch)	11-12 May	Otago Open	2-3 November
NZ National Champs	1-2 June	Rodney	9 November
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross	6 July	TransTasman	16-18 November
New Plymouth	27-28 July	Kiwi	23 November*
* To be confirmed		Waikato Phoenix	24 November*

## Pakuranga Words

The following interesting words were spotted by adjudicator Pat Grant at the Pakuranga one-day tournaments in January.

### Allowed

OUTPRAYS  
UNLIMES  
VIOLENTS  
SCARIOUS  
FLOWAGES  
PICOTING  
CENTRY  
TOWERIER  
REEFINGS  
CREPEY  
RECLAME  
FOOTIEST

BONEMEAL  
ERUMPENT  
KARYOTIN  
ILLAPSE  
UNSWORE  
GEEKIER  
NARICORN  
VERIEST  
SEACOAST  
SWANLIKE  
BENAMES  
SOUT

### Disallowed

BOOKWISE  
SALINATE  
LEANIEST  
REDENIAL  
BRRS  
FORELINE  
FOREIGNS  
BAGBOY  
OUTTRAIN  
PULSELIKE  
RAILSIDE  
OUTSEED

MAGIS  
GARRIES  
RETUCKED  
POWING  
UMU  
BESUNDER  
OUTSAVE  
SCALEROOM  
VERBE  
LIQUIDY  
DESIZING  
FELONETS

## 100 Tiles for Lord of the Rings

Mike Turniansky of the Baltimore, Maryland clubs is a contributor to the North American cgp email list. He regularly posts topical 'tilegrams' which are statements on current affairs made using just the 100 tiles from a Scrabble set. (Blanks are in brackets.) Mike recently wrote a 'tilegram' about the Oscar nominations for *Lord of the Rings* and has given permission for it to be reproduced here:

highest film honors, the Academy Awards.

With one less than the record 14 of *Titanic* in 1997 and *All About Eve* in 1950, 'Rings' outpaced mental illness drama *A Beautiful Mind*, with eight Oscar nominations. Musical *Moulin Rouge*, a fantasy film set in the sexy nightlife of 19th Century Paris, also earned 8 Oscar nods.}

Or, in 100 Scrabble tiles:

ACADEMY GAVE  
FELLOWSHIP OF  
THE RING JUST  
ONE UNDER A  
RECORD IN  
NOMINATIONS IS A  
QUITE ARGUABLE(Y)  
ALIKE WIZBOY  
POTTER VEXED?

### Tilegram -- Lord of the Rings Sweeps Oscar Nominations

LOS ANGELES (Reuters)  
February 12, 2002 .

Fantasy *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, about an epic battle for world domination among wizards and sorcerers, earned 13 Oscar nominations, including best picture, on Tuesday, putting it ahead of the pack in the race for Hollywood's

—Mike Turniansky



# Membership Survey

by Joan Thomas

The results of our affiliated membership survey are as follows:

## General Membership

Location	Members	Clubs	Average per Club	% of Total Membership
North Island	290	23	13	78.8%
South Island	78	3	26	21.2%
Total	368	26	14	100%

## Highest Club Memberships

South Island	43	Christchurch
North Island	35	Mount Albert

## Average Membership per Club

No. of Members	Number of Clubs		
	North Island	South Island	Total
Over 30	1	1	2
21-30	2		2
11-19	8	2	10
5-10	8		8
Less than 5	4		4

## Mix of Ages

Age Groups	Number of Members		
	North Island	South Island	Total
Up to 25	4	2	6
26-50	44	22	66
Over 50	242	54	296

## Playing Status

Status	Number of Members		
	North Island	South Island	Total
Tournament	170	52	222
Social	120	26	146

## Independent Membership

Our independent members number 29, of which 75% are tournament players. The age mix is similar to that of the general membership.

## Comment

We have an active and enthusiastic group of players, with 60 percent participating in Tournament play.

However, the majority of members are over 50, with less than 2 percent younger than 26 and only 18 percent in the range 26 to 50. Our challenge is to attract more younger people to our ranks!

# Jottings from Vegas

By Jeff Grant



## Monday December 10

It's a long day – 48 hours in fact. Howard and I spend much of it flying and negotiating airport security. I am searched four times on the way over. We finally arrive at the Stratosphere Tower Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas late afternoon. It is still Monday and night falls about 5pm. The tower is spectacular. It is the tallest US structure west of the Mississippi. There is a revolving restaurant and roller-coaster at the top. Our room is comfortable and fairly quiet, but without fridge or kitchen facilities. We will have to have our cold beer and hot coffee elsewhere.

## Tuesday December 11

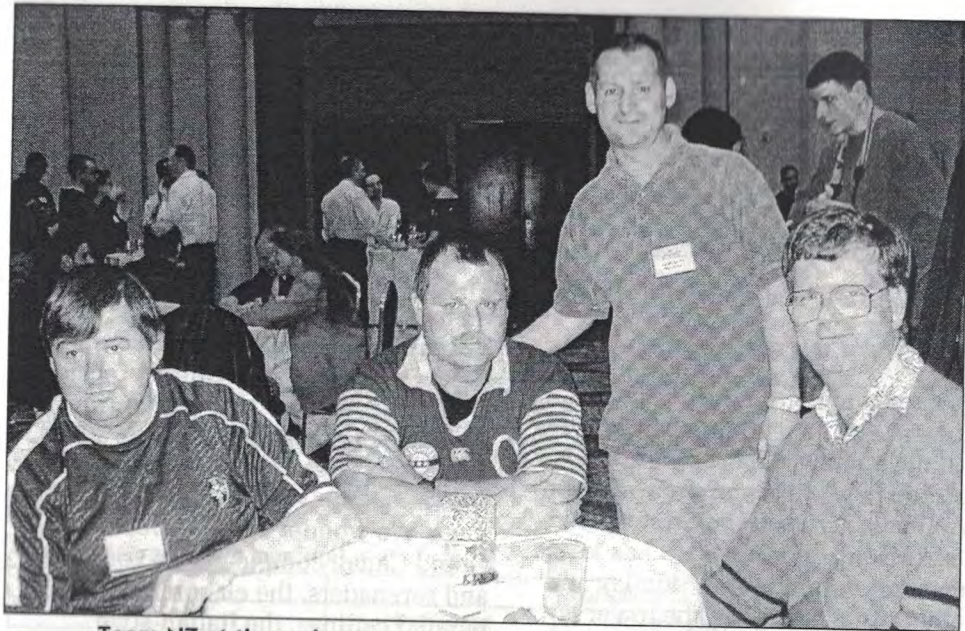
We sleep till 10am, then go for a walk. Winter in the desert is pleasantly warm. We get electric shocks off almost anything (the dry air maybe?). Everywhere there is glitz and hype. Casino, souvenir shops, pawn shops, tattoo parlours, wedding chapels (with attached jewellers and motels), hemp shops, stretch limo hire, eateries and still more casinos. We walk 'The Strip'. It is a strange, artificial place, with no grass, no trees (except palms) and few children. Sex is peddled openly ("Have a girl in

your room in 20 minutes only \$89."). Druggies and alxies are there too, as well as beggars and conmen, but it's mostly a seething mass of tourists. There is a replica Eiffel Tower, a Statue of Liberty, and Arc de Triomphe, a casino shaped like the Great Pyramid, with a Sphinx outside. Quite an eye-opener for a Kiwi from the sticks. Lunch costs \$8 (\$20NZ). Nothing is cheap here. We check out the venue, the Venetian Hotel. It's huge. We wonder at the recreated Grand Canal, complete with gondolas and serenaders, the elaborately painted ceilings, the Italian-style shops, the indoor sky, the animated statues. We get lost looking for the Scrabble room. It isn't set up yet anyway. There is an anti-aging conference going on. We walk back to our hotel and watch the gamblers in the casino. Anything from \$1 to \$1000 is bet on the turn of a card or the spin of a wheel. Millions of dollars are fed into the pokies. Most people lose their money, but don't seem to mind.

## Wednesday December 12

Sleep in again – still jet-lagged. Pancakes for breakfast, then off to the Internet Café. Lots of good luck messages from home (thanks, everyone!). We run into ex-Kiwi Scrabble Clare Wall (now Ruckstuhl) and her husband Frank. They are returning to NZ soon. We also bump into some Scrabblers – Aussies John Holgate and Ed Okulicz, Steven Gruz of South Africa, and John





Team NZ at the welcome reception. From left, Kendall Boyd (IND), Peter Sinton (DUN), Howard Warner (MTA), Jeff Grant (IND)

Luebke of US. More sightseeing. Visit an art exhibition, a private collection (Picasso, Gauguin, Monet, Matisse, Cezanne, and van Gogh – fantastic!). Howard and I set off the security alarms getting too close to the paintings. Kendall and Peter arrive later, eager to try their luck in the casino. Howard studies word lists, and we have a couple of games, splitting them one all.

### Thursday December 13

Visit Guinness World Records museum. They don't mention Karl Khoshnaw's record 392-point CAZIQUES play. Karl tells me later the board is in the London Guinness museum. Walk to the far end of 'The Strip'. It's a long way. Buy a few

knick-knacks – a fridge magnet, giant dice, souvenir spoon, tee-shirt, dragon (brass), and tarantula (mounted). Talk to a Salvation Army man ringing a bell on the street. He tells me he's there every day except Sunday. Not many people put money in his tin. Maybe they've lost it in the casinos, or are saving it for something else. Walk back to the hotel, past the Luxor, Excalibur's, the Stardust, Harrah's, Caesar's Palace (where David Tua fought), Circus Circus, Treasure Island, The Sahara, and all the rest, past a huge vacant lot with an advertising sign so big it could house a family of six ("Condominiums for sale, from \$500,000 to \$3 million"). I see a couple of words that seem to epitomise the place – FATBURGER and CAVIARTERIA – don't try them in Scrabble! In the evening we attend

the World Champs gala reception at the Venetian. The food is sparse, but drinks are free. A chance to renew old friendships, and marvel at the diversity of the Scrabblers. Players from age 15 to 67, from over 40 countries, including the first ever South American, Lewis Singh of Guyana. There are only three women. Everyone gets a World Champs tee-shirt and de luxe Scrabble set. There is talk of tomorrow. It is a strong field, but there are some big names missing – Ron Tiekert, Phil Appleby, Russell Byers, Akshay Bhandarkar, and most notably ex-World Champ Mark Nyman and legendary Nigel Richards.

### Friday December 14

Pat rings at 7am to wish us good luck. The Scrabble is finally underway in Las Vegas. Start well (and palindromically) with a 444-380 win over KC Hirai (Japan), who later earns an extra place for his country by finishing in the top half of the field. Next comes losses to Brits Allan Simmons and Andrew Fisher, and a narrow win over Ireland's Catherine Costello. Kendall heads the field at lunch. Two 'horror' games (334, 333) against Americans drop me way down, but manage to claw back with a 30-point win over Scot Alan Sinclair, and a nice 500 game against Mario Miranda of Philippines. My last rack is ABBGKNN. There is an O on the board and I plan to go out with BONK and BANG. It's blocked, so I use an I and a U for BAKING and BUN instead. Howard is near

the top with 7 wins, Peter 6 and Kendall 5. We are joined for tea by ex-Wellington Scrabbler David Schwartz who is in Las Vegas for a half-marathon. David won the B grade at an early Wanganui tourney, with Howard second.

### Saturday December 15

Day 2 of the Scrabble. Get a triple-triple (REPRISES for 140) to beat Canadian champ Ron Hoekstra 488-365, then win 480-343 over Aussie champ Ed Okulicz, with the help of ROSYING (86), ZORGITE (95) and WHEEN (50, including an extra 5 points for a challenge). A couple of 338 scores don't help the cause, as I get cleaned out by Sammy Okosagah and Femi Awowade of Nigeria. Another loss, to Jere Mead (US), follows, but I beat Mohan Chunkath of India 495-430, Maltese champ David Delicata 422-367, and Aaron Clotley (Ghana), with a last move bonus, 438-427. End the day 37<sup>th</sup>. Howard is top Kiwi in 6<sup>th</sup> place – brilliant!

### Sunday December 16



Peter Sinton (right) playing eventual champion Brian Cappelletto (US)



Today starts well with a 531-352 win over Peter Elbourne of Malta. My last five moves may be unique – 5, 5, 6, 2, 131! Peter and I are part of a dwindling group who have attended all six World Champs. The others are Joel Wapnick (Canada), John Holgate (Australia), and the Americans Bob Felt, Joe Edley and Brian Cappelletto. In round 18 I have a pearler against top English player David Webb, going from 61 to 502 in five moves with scores of 95, 70, 64, 167 and 45. The triple-triple is MECONATE. Final score 582-392 (it would have been over 600 if SLOGANED was allowed).



**Highest-placed NZ player, Peter Sinton, receiving his prize from John Williams**

In the next game against Ganesh Asirvatham (Malaysia) the South American birds TOUCANS and JACAMARS help me overcome his WIDGETS and NIRAMIAI for another big win. Suddenly I'm in the top 20, but not for long. Jim Geary (US) starts with FEODARY and keeps up the pressure to win 483-411. I have lunch with Bahrain Scrabble president Roy Kietzman. He tells me their Ministry of Sport pays all expenses for the players. A top hotel also sponsors their big events. I can only listen with envy. Later I talk to *Word Freak* author Stefan Fatsis, Stu Goldman, author of *Confessions of a Compulsive Tile Pusher*, and fellow logophiles Eric Chaikin and Charles Goldstein. Only four games to go. I lose to a 6' 7" Englishman Andrew Perry 370-441, then meet Howard. Our game is a cracker. He plays VAGUEST, I respond with EREMITIC, he takes the lead with AUGUSTER, and I regain it with OARFISH. He comes back with TOLUOLES, and I finally gain control with PAUPERED. Final score 517-413. I really want to win one of the last two

games to get an extra place for NZ in the next Worlds, but it is not to be. Michael Gongolo of Kenya thrashes me 491-367 with the help of the exotic ZOONOSIS, and I get beaten by Allan Simmons again, 481-386. It's all over for all but two of the players. The North Americans have dominated again. Interestingly, the average age of the top ten is around 40. The Kiwis have done OK – Peter 12<sup>th</sup>, Howard 19<sup>th</sup>, Jeff 33<sup>rd</sup>, Kendall 53<sup>rd</sup>, and that's no disgrace when you look at former World Champ Joel Sherman (51<sup>st</sup>), English supreme David Webb (68<sup>th</sup>) and Aussie expert Paul Cleary (69<sup>th</sup>). Clare is there at the end supporting us, as she has all tournament. Thanks, Clare, your encouragement was greatly appreciated.

## Monday December 17

The final between defending champ Joel Wapnick of Canada and Brian Cappelletto of US, who rather unluckily lost the first WSC final in 1991. We watch the action on closed-circuit TV and a giant board with magnetic tiles. Allan Simmons gives an excellent commentary, and glamorous Canadian player Robin Pollock Daniel provides 'eye candy'. Joel is fortunate to take the first game by 3 points when Brian leaves a tile in the bag, stuffs up his tracking (extraordinary), and under time pressure misses a winning end play. Brian storms back to win the next three though and it is a worthy new World Champ. The play is good, but by no means error-free. Brian wins a close end-game, holding NNTT he plays out with INTENT through a separated I and E, after Joel misses a winning move. There are no particularly outstanding moves, such as Mark Nyman's MUTAGENIC in 1991 or David Boys's LAMBDROID in 1995. Odd choices are made, like keeping ELT on a first move change, bonus words are missed. We wonder if Mark or Nigel would have found STRAPPY, BALNEARY and RESOJETS. Probably. The prize-giving

### Farewell Bill Webster

American wordsmith and Scrabbler, Bill Webster passed away after a long illness on September 24, 2001. We will miss Bill's contributions to *Forwards*, particularly the cartoons and anagram stories.

is held after the last game. We are proud to see Peter and Howard collect their top-20 cheques. In the evening we relax. It's all over.

## Tuesday December 18

We check out of the Stratosphere. I have my only bet at the casino -- \$5 on the roulette wheel (and lose). Take a taxi to the airport. It is warm. The driver says in summer it averages 116°F (47°C), but gets down to 100°F (38°C) at night. Long wait at LA airport. Howard has a couple of games with personable Sri Lankan Naween Fernando, who finished one place ahead of Peter at the Champs. Naween impresses with FATIDIC. He is certainly a top player. We lose Wednesday over the date line, and get to Auckland just before 7am on Thursday December 20. Glennis Hale is there to meet us. It has been quite an experience, but it's good to be home to our green grass and trees, pure water, clean air, real milk and home cooking. It's still the best country in the world.

**Photos from National Scrabble Association website plus Clare Ruckstuhl**

### Board For Sale

Lil Moore has a Scrabble set for sale for \$40. It has a rotating board, but the grid is not as deep as we are used to. If you are interested, contact Lil on 09 520 4362 or write to her at:  
5/615 Remuera Road,  
Auckland.



# The World Champs – A Spectator's View

By Clare Ruckstuhl

I was thrilled that the 2001 World Scrabble Championships were to be held in Las Vegas – it fitted right in with our journey from Ireland back to live in New Zealand. My husband, Frank, and I had been travelling and working around the world for four years. We stopped in Canada for two months on our way home to visit with his friends and relatives and the side trip to Las Vegas worked out perfectly.

The Venetian Hotel, where the Champs were held, is the plushiest hotel I've ever seen. It's also horribly expensive so we didn't stay there! The hotel is huge with thousands of rooms and a massive convention centre. There is marble and deep carpet everywhere. On the first floor is a parade of expensive shops and a waterway where you can go for a gondola ride. The Venetian theme is continued outside with replicas of the Rialto Bridge and the campanile from St Mark's Square along with more waterways. Italians must be horrified.

I was delighted to be able to offer support to the four NZ representatives Howard, Jeff, Kendall and Peter. I also supported Catherine Costello from Ireland who was a member of my club when I lived in Dublin for a year. Catherine was the sole Irish rep and one of only three women out of 88 players in the championships. A lonely task!

The games began on Friday 14 December in one huge room in the convention centre of the hotel. The

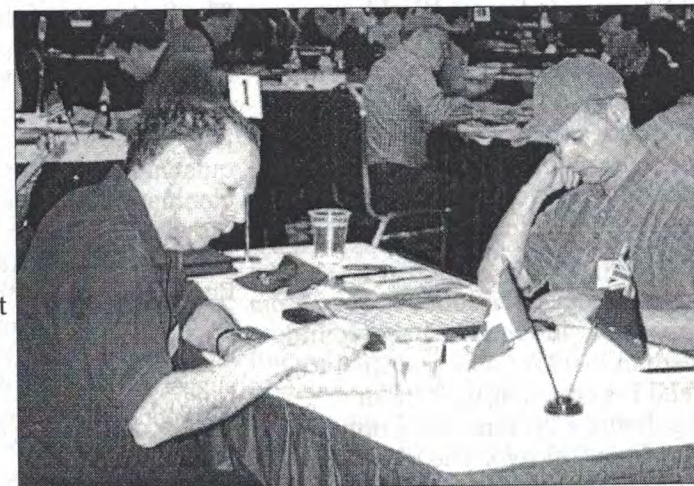
American hosts did a superb job of organisation. I offered my services as a runner or in any other capacity as required but they were well supplied with locals for this. The most impressive aspect of the organisation, to me, was the live Internet update. The annotated games were published on the Internet immediately after play and there was live commentary on the progress of the championships. In addition, photos of games in progress were published. Friends and relatives of players could send email messages of support from around the world, which were pinned up on the noticeboard for players to see. I remember seeing messages from Sue Macrae and one of the Lynnes, among others. They certainly gave the players a lift.

All games played at table number 1 (the leading players) were annotated so this was the best table for spectators to watch. As we know, Scrabble is not really a spectator sport so I was interested to see how this was handled. The organisers roped off the side of the room and spectators were welcome to stand behind the rope, which was about a metre from the players' tables. This was far enough away not to disturb the players (if the spectators were quiet and still!) but just close enough to see the board. It wasn't close enough to see the players' racks though, which was frustrating. By peering over the annotators' shoulders we spectators could read the annotation sheets and

keep up with the players' racks. The tables which spectators could see were the 8 tables occupied by the current leading players meaning we got to see the 'best' games. There weren't many spectators on the first three days so it was easy to watch the games.

I spent the time during the games watching particular games or chatting quietly to other supporters. The Australian team had a good contingent of fans and there were also quite a few African supporters. Of course, there were many Americans and Canadians as well. Between games I mingled with the players, found out results, checked rankings and grabbed something to eat and drink.

There was quite a lot of media interest in the champs so there were photographers and video cameras roaming the playing room throughout the tournament. At times this must have been quite distracting for players as photographers jockeyed for a good angle or a light was swung over a table. The players seemed to cope well. Also present, and highly visible, was a documentary team from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. They are preparing a programme on Scrabble and were following the Canadian team throughout the tournament. Of particular interest to



Howard Warner (right) in the process of defeating Joel Wapnick (defending champion)

them was Robyn Pollock Daniel, the sole female member of the team, who, it must be said, is blonde and glamorous. I felt sorry for her opponents as all of her games were filmed closely. I found out from one of the documentary team that the programme won't be shown on Canadian television until this coming autumn there (September/October). Fingers crossed that it makes it to NZ!

Back to the actual play! After blazing away on Friday and leading the field at the end of the first day, Kendall lost some fizz on subsequent days. The other three players had their ups and downs that were exciting to hear about. Howard became something of a 'giant killer', upsetting Joel Wapnick (the defending champion). However it was Peter, despite the lure of the blackjack tables and consequent lack of sleep, who managed to post the best result. Catherine from Ireland started off well on the first day, being drawn to play both Joel Wapnick and



Joel Sherman (a former World Champion), losing only narrowly to both. Sadly she could not find her best form after that and did not do so well on the other two days. Ireland has a very small Scrabble-playing population and lack of high-level competition in preparation was surely a factor for her.

After three days of intense competition, the finalists were found. Canadian Joel Wapnick qualified to defend his crown against Brian Cappelletto, a 30-something options trader from Chicago. The players from the rest of the world were disappointed that it was a North American final, given that Kenyans, Nigerians and Thais finished in the top 10. However, we looked forward to an exciting day on the Monday as the final best of five games were played.

For the final, a big screen was set up in the spectators' room. The two finalists were secreted in another room in the convention centre with video cameras and sound links. Their room was set up so that the spectators would be shown the players' racks as well as the board to aid in our analysis of the game. We hoped that there was good distance between the rooms as we spectators were not quiet with our suggestions and cheers!

The first game of the final started off with a hiss and a roar. In the first eight moves there were six bonus words! The quality of the play by both players throughout the final was truly outstanding. In the spectators' room, commentary on the games was provided by Stefan Fatsis (author of *Word Freak*) and Andrew Fisher of England. Many of the players and supporters in the audience also contributed comments and suggestions. If the player played what the spectators thought was the best move, a huge cheer went up. Frank, who is not a keen Scrabble player, joined me to watch the finals and even he found it exciting! It was noticeable that both finalists, being North American, were not as familiar with the UK-only dictionary words and several good possibilities from Chambers were missed. It wasn't thought that this would have affected the overall result. At the end of four incredibly close and exciting games,



Clare Ruckstuhl (right) with *Word Freak* author Stefan Fatsis

Brian Cappelletto emerged the winner. He returned to the spectators' room to a hero's welcome and big cheque.

Although I wasn't able to participate as a player, it was enormously exciting just to be a spectator at the World Championships. I met Stefan Fatsis (and got his autograph for my copy of *Word Freak!*), met many other players and supporters from around the world and was able to provide some hometown support for the Kiwi team. I was also able to put faces to names of well-known Scrabble personalities like Joe Edley (an American rep who does Tai Chi between games), Matt Graham (an American who wore the scruffiest clothes he could get away with in public) and Joel Sherman (former World Champ who wore headphones the whole time, including during games!). For a Scrabble addict like me it was heaven!

At this stage it's not certain where the next World Championships will be held in 2003. If at all possible, I encourage fellow Scrabblers to try to attend. The players certainly seemed to appreciate supporters from home. The organisers who made a good effort to accommodate us, welcomed spectators. And the opportunity to mingle with, and observe the play of, the best in the world (and hopefully have some of their 'magic' rub off!) is invaluable.

## WSC Coverage on Website

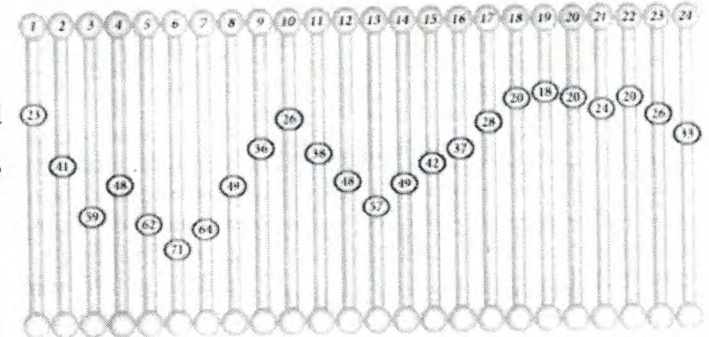
by Glenda Foster

Those of us who were not able to be there in person had the benefit of excellent live coverage on the National Scrabble Association website. (<http://www.scrabble-assoc.com>). Webmaster John Chew of Canada put together the most comprehensive coverage I have seen. There were player profiles (including photos), game records updated after each round, commentary on each round highlighting unusual plays or results, feature games from each round where you could follow each players moves throughout the game, photos and coverage of how each team was doing.

Keeping it updated must have been a mammoth job as the rounds went by. It was all there with cumulative scores and progress charts that you could view by player or by country.

What I liked most were little graphs showing each player's progression through the rankings after each round. Jeff's graph is shown below, with the round numbers shown at the top of each pole and Jeff's rank after that round below. There were graphs for each team as well.

It's still all there so go and have a browse.





# Brian Cappelletto Analysis

Jeff Grant

Brian Cappelletto was one of the favourites at the first World Championships in London in 1991. He didn't disappoint, coming runner-up to fellow American Peter Morris. Since then, Brian has won the North American champs and played in every World event finishing 30th in 1993, 11th in 1995, 10th in 1997, 11th in 1999 and now at last, the 32 year old options trader from Chicago has taken the US\$25,000 first prize and the title of 2001 World Scrabble Champion. Brian (Irish, 'the strong') showed his strength by defeating defending champ Joel Wapnick 3-1 in the final.

Here are some examples of wordplay using Brian's name.

## Anagrams

In LAS VEGAS Brian SALVAGES his reputation and wins LAS VEGAS'S coveted GLASS VASE (the World Champs trophy isn't like this really). BRIAN transposes into ABRIN, BAIRN and of course BRAIN, while CAPPELLETTO remixes into POLECAT PELT.

In the final, Brian had to TOPPLE 'LE BRAIN ACT', an apt description of defending champ Joel Wapnick of Montreal in French-speaking Quebec. Brian showed he was anything but an INCAPABLE PLOTTER with his winning 'INTENT' in game 3. He may well have wanted to COP A TALL BEER PINT after taking the title. Perhaps the best anagram of BRIAN CAPPELLETTO was prophetically provided by the tiles gods before the event:

LET BRIAN PLACE TOP

## Word Surgery

Brian's surname is made up of allowable Scrabble words: CAP, PELL, ET, TO or CAP, PELLET, TO. This is a feature all five previous champions possess too (1991 : MORRIS, 1993 : NY, MAN, 1995 : BOYS, 1997 : SH, ER, MAN, 1999 : WAP, NICK).

Brian didn't need a 'crib' (plagiarism) to achieve his Scrabble success. He is a self-made original. If his name is rendered as BRIAN 'NO CRIB' CAPPELLETTO it is an example of a 'pair isogram', where every letter occurs exactly twice, as in words like

HORSESHOER, INTESTINES and HAPPENCHANCE.

## Squares

B	R	I	A	N
R	E	D	L	Y
I	D	E	A	L
A	L	A	M	O
N	Y	L	O	N

B	R	I	A	N
R	O	N	D	O
I	N	T	E	R
A	D	E	P	T
N	O	R	T	H

B	R	I	A	N
R	U	M	B	A
I	M	B	A	R
A	B	A	C	K
N	A	R	K	S

B	R	I	A	N
R	A	D	I	I
I	D	I	O	T
A	I	O	L	I
N	I	T	I	D

C	A	P	P	E	L
A	U	R	E	A	L
P	R	O	N	G	E
P	E	N	U	L	T
E	A	G	L	E	T
L	L	E	T	T	O

The BRIAN 5-squares contain only allowable Scrabble words (except BRIAN of course). The only acceptable words in the 6-square are PENULT and EAGLET. The obsolete terms AUREAL (golden) and PRONGE (a trick) can be found in the big Oxford dictionary.

## Palindromes

A young reporter allegedly asked Brian before the event how he felt about playing Scrabble in a casino hotel. Brian is said to have replied: "SON, I SACK CASINOS."

Here is a longer, more cryptic palindrome describing Brian's quest for Scrabble supremacy over Joel Wapnick in the Galileo Room in Las Vegas. There are examples of the kind of unusual words he had to play along the way, culminating in the final winning word, a simple EON.

Sage v Salt at Las Vegas

'De-revile' DOTTEL, LEP,  
PAC 'n AIRBASE (man!)  
One more he killed,

Omen? If sage verifies,  
A casino élan abets.  
AWA - ZONDA,  
His wordage won Galileo jam:  
Ardor, pro drama!  
Joel: "I lag now,  
Egad, rows I had."  
No 'Z' (a waste!)  
Banal EON is a case,  
I fire, Vegas-fine model,  
Like hero-men on a mesa,  
Brian Cappelletto delivered.

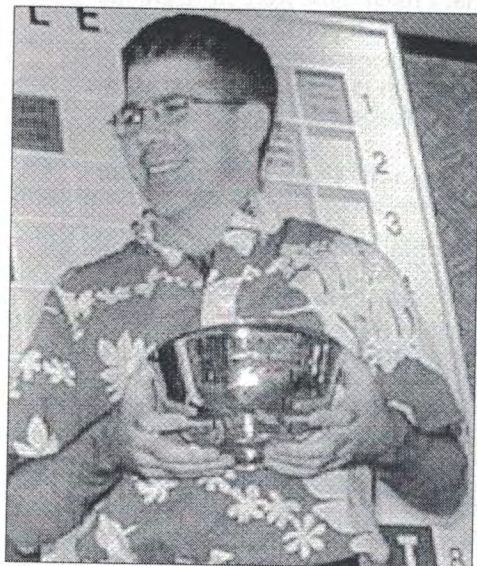
## Double Take at Pakuranga

At the excellent Pakuranga Tournament held at the end of January, Valma Gidman from the Rodney club thought she was seeing double. After just playing EDITIONS through a T on the board, she picked up her next seven tiles and found herself starring at D-I-T-I-O-N-S on her rack. Yes, she was able to play EDITIONS to an open E on her next move much to the amazement (and no doubt consternation) of her opponent.

Elaine Ware of Mt Albert was also subjected to a touch of déjà-vu when she had two consecutive draws — a 362 draw against Catherine Sykes and a 313 a draw against Valma Gidman. [Elaine, your two draws were much preferable to my 5 straight losses! — Ed.]

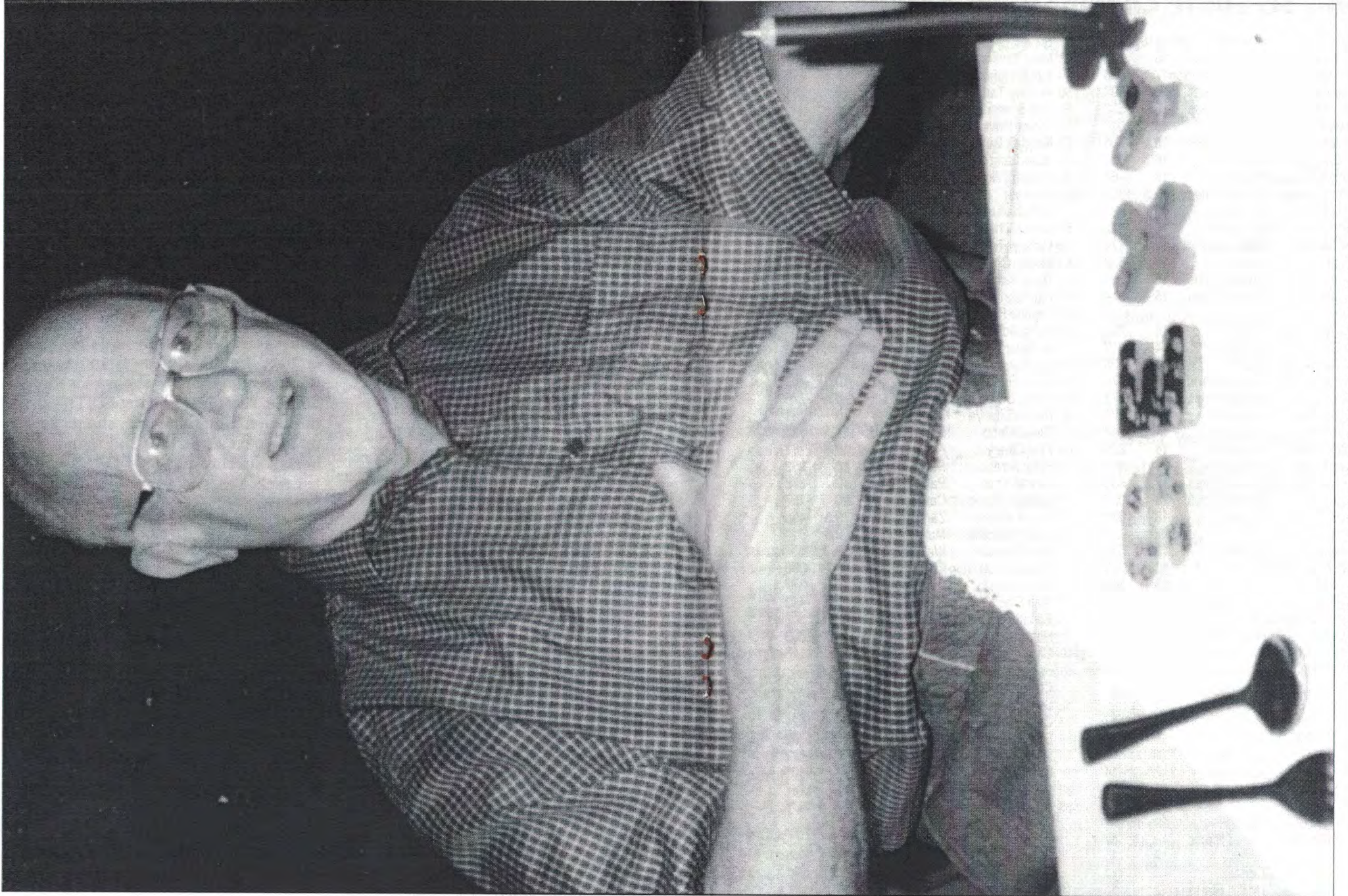
**A Slim Attractive Lady** who can drink red wine whilst playing Scrabble sought by fit male (58).  
Box 0940

Private Eye 2 Nov 2001  
Submitted by Lyn Dawson



Brian Cappelletto with the WSC trophy





Gerald Warner — celebrating his birthday at Norfolk Island



# World Scrabble Champs 2001 Results

Name	Country	Wins	Spread
1 Brian Cappelletto	United States	18	921
2 Joel Wapnick	World Champion	17	1006
3 James Kramer	United States	17	597
4 Steve Polatnick	United States	16.5	533
5 Andrew Fisher	England	16	1043
6 Bob Lipton	United States	16	735
7 Brett Smitheram	England	16	656
8 Sammy Okosagah	Nigeria	16	-64
9 David Wiegand	United States	15.5	1085
10 Adam Logan	Canada	15	801
11 Naween Fernando	Sri Lanka	15	772
12 Peter Sinton	New Zealand	15	674
13 Michael Gongolo	Kenya	15	528
14 Jim Geary	United States	15	364
15 Joey Mallick	United States	15	314
16 Pakorn Nemitrmsuk	Thailand	15	-271
17 Tony Sim	Singapore	14	717
18 Femi Awowade	Nigeria	14	628
19 Howard Warner	New Zealand	14	379
20 Joe Edley	United States	14	371
21 Allan Simmons	England	14	272
22 Andrew Perry	England	14	243
23 Edward Okulicz	Australia	14	228
24 Ronald Credo	Philippines	14	-118
25 John Luebke	United States	13.5	630
26 Robert Felt	United States	13	1022
27 Andrew Davis	England	13	631
28 Suresh Chinnaiyah	Sri Lanka	13	545
29 Jakkrit Klaphajone	Thailand	13	355
30 Joshua Manase	Kenya	13	344
31 Jere Mead	United States	13	268
32 Christopher Sykes	Canada	13	259
33 Jeff Grant	New Zealand	13	113
34 Gareth Williams	Wales	13	87
35 Michael Quao	Ghana	13	62
36 Ganesh Asirvatham	Malaysia	13	-7
37 Peter Elbourne	Malta	13	-557
38 Keiichiro Hirai	Japan	12	676
39 David Boys	Canada	12	465
40 John Holgate	Australia	12	414
41 Evan Simpson	England	12	231
42 Robin Pollock Daniel	Canada	12	194
43 Randy Hersom	United States	12	167
44 Zev Kaufman	Canada	12	135
45 Ron Hoekstra	Canada	12	122
46 Matt Graham	United States	12	3
Name	Country	Wins	Spread
47 Steven Gruzd	South Africa	12	-54
48 Maor Eichler	Israel	12	-201
49 Karl Khoshnaw	Kurdistan-Iraq	12	-279
50 Rodney Talbot	Australia	12	-297
51 Joel Sherman	United States	12	-349
52 Trevor Hovelmeier	South Africa	12	-654
53 Kendall Boyd	New Zealand	11	244
54 Isaac Lang'o	Tanzania	11	216
55 Roland Filio	Philippines	11	177
56 Harshan Lamabodusuriya	Sri Lanka	11	136
57 James Cherry	Canada	11	62
58 Michael Tang	Malaysia	11	-16
59 Mohan Chunkath	India	11	-158
60 David Acton	England	11	-196
61 Siu Hean Cheah	Singapore	11	-380
62 Kwame Poku	Ghana	11	-435
63 Margarida Ana de Souza	Trinidad & Tobago	11	-600
64 Dixon Assesa	Kenya	10.5	-70
65 Mario Ranasuriya	Bahrain	10.5	-753
66 Aaron Clotley	Ghana	10.5	-776
67 Patrick Litunya	Kenya	10	131
68 David Webb	England	10	125
69 Paul Cleary	Australia	10	-81
70 Peter Arreola	Saudi Arabia	10	-262
71 Rashid Khan	Pakistan	10	-378
72 Samuel Tane	Cameroon	10	-757
73 Paul Kalumba	Zambia	9.5	-496
74 David Delicata	Malta	9.5	-974
75 John Grayson	Wales	9	134
76 Taewan Suttthasin	Thailand	9	-296
77 Chris Abordo	Bahrain	9	-377
78 Alan Sinclair	Scotland	9	-412
79 Sanath Hemachandra	Oman	9	-809
80 Chris Cree	United States	9	-1118
81 Ranganathan Chakravarthy	India	8.5	-82
82 Lewis Singh	Guyana	8	-834
83 Cecil Prabhu	Gulf Champion	8	-1124
84 Dan Sandu	Romania	8	-1759
85 Mario Miranda	Philippines	7.5	-872
86 Catherine Costello	Ireland	7	-691
87 Danny Cotejo	Qatar	5	-1287
88 James Wright	Gibraltar	4	-1971



rack and my opponent (Stefan du Preez of the Prahran club) kindly played the necessary A!

Lynne Butler

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

I don't like Scrabble but I played it once and I got lots of points for BRONZEN.

Chris Butler

**What is your all-time favourite word played and why?**

Thanks to those who sent in their anecdotes:

My favourite word of all time has to be LORS...the O was a blank! That word got me to the World Champs in 1995!!!

Glennis Hale

The play that sticks most in my mind was playing HEXADS for 135 points — the highest score I have ever achieved for a non-bonus word. The reason it scored so highly is that the word COQUETTE was on the board with the final letter one space short of the bottom right triple word score, so both HEXADS (X on double letter score) and COQUETTES scored triple points. It was in a game at the Lower Hutt club many years ago.

Glenda Foster

If you have a suggestion for the June ePoll question please email Lynne Butler at scrabblyn@clear.net.nz

## Here's that FLOCCINAUCI-WHATSIT word again!

Sue Walker sent in this excerpt from Max Cryer's *Curious Questions*

- Q. What ever is floccinaucinihilipilification?
- A. The word does exist: it means the habit of estimating almost everything as worthless. (It could be said perhaps about tabloid-style reporters.) In rarity of use the word is somewhat akin to solipsistic (the theory that the self is the only thing that actually exists). David Lange is the only person in the world who can use either of these two words and make them completely valid.

At the 1987 Nationals I played the somewhat questionable but correct word SHEEPIER for 185 points. Not only was this my first triple-triple ever (not that I have scored many since), but as luck would have it, a reporter from the *NZ Listener* was busy writing an article about Scrabble. So there appeared a photo of my very untidy looking board in a subsequent copy of that magazine, and a triple-triple was most aptly compared with a hole in one in golf.

AREDWRANGLER

SCRABBLE is definitely my all-time favourite word played. It was around 1985/86 when I was living in Melbourne. I had SCRBBLE on my

[For our overseas readers, David Lange was once Prime Minister of New Zealand. — Ed.]



## Acknowledgement — Tournament Etiquette

*Tournament Etiquette*, page 4 in the December 2001 issue of *Forwards*, was formulated by the Rules Committee of the Australian Scrabble Players' Association. Attribution was given to Liz and Jeff who made only slight adjustments to better reflect tournament play in New Zealand. Apologies to the ASPA Rules Committee who should have received greater recognition for their efforts.

## Payment of 2002-2003 Affiliation Fees and Magazine Subs

These payments are due on 1st April and we request that they be mailed on time this year as I am going overseas in mid April for three months. After April 10th all payments and correspondence for the Treasurer should be sent to the Secretary, Allie Quinn, until mid July. Anything sent to my address during this period will be held at the Post Office pending my return. All club treasurers please make a note of these arrangements.

Thank you, Joan Thomas,  
Treasurer, NZASP.

## MAD Anagrams



CALISTA FLOCKHART  
LO-FAT CHICK/L.A. STAR

Submitted by Paul Lister (CHC)

## ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example MUSER to SERUM and DESPISE to PEDESIS. On a higher level, POLICEMAN becomes MENIAL COP. Here are anagrams of six players who took part in the 2001 World Scrabble Champs.

ANDREW FISHER (UK)  
A FRESHER WIND  
LEWIS SINGH (Guyana)  
SINGLE WISH  
RANDY HERSOM (US)  
HORNY DREAMS  
CATHERINE COSTELLO (Ire)  
LOSE NO CELTIC HEART  
AARON CLOTTEY (Ghana)  
CARTOONY TALE  
MICHAEL GONGOLO (Kenya)  
HE LOGOLOGIC\* MAN  
(\*LOGOLOGIC means 'pertaining to LOGOLOGY, the study of word-play'. Unfortunately neither term is allowed in Scrabble.)

## EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Christchurch in 2001, it looks as though there will be the largest number of Christchurch players

Congratulations to our World Champs representatives, who had some good games and great results in Las Vegas in December. They all did well, with plenty of wins, and 50% of our team being in the prize money is no mean feat! Clare Ruckstuhl (nee Wall) stopped over in Las Vegas with her husband Frank on their way back to life in New Zealand after 4 years living overseas. She was an enthusiastic one-woman support team for our players throughout the World Champs; I'm sure they all appreciated her encouragement. Welcome back to NZ Scrabble, Clare.

There are lots of Scrabble highlights to look forward to this year as well. The Masters at Easter is not far away, and this year it is being hosted and run by the Rodney club, who seem to have the organisation well in hand.

This year's Nationals event is back in Hamilton after 3 successful Nationals in other centres, and I'm sure this will be very well supported. With many South Islanders getting a taste of their first Nationals tournament in

### Quick Quiz Answers (from p4)

BOSTANGI, BOATINGS  
ORGANIST WORKMATE  
NIGHTCAP CLIMAXES  
EVILDOER OXHEARTS  
ROYALIST FISHBOWL  
TORPEDOS THICKEN, CHETNIK  
CIELING

ever at an upper North Island venue, with at least 10 definite starters for this year's event.

The biennial Trans-Tasman challenge is set to be held in Wellington from 16-18 November, where the top 12 from each country will battle for supremacy over the Scrabble boards. More on this closer to the time.

After Easter Sheryl Davidson will be moving to Australia. Sheryl has been playing competitive Scrabble in New Zealand for about 10 years, and has been Vice President of the Association for nearly 2 years. I'm sure you all join me in wishing Sheryl good luck and happiness in Australia; I expect we'll be seeing her name in the Australian Scrabble tournament results later in the year.

Liz

DAZZLING  
DOZEN

Proper names are not allowed in Scrabble because they are capitalised, however many have another meaning which makes them acceptable. Here are a few place-names that are allowed. Some are quite surprising!

ALASKA	BOLIVIA	KASHMIR
AMAZON	DEVON	MOROCCO
BERLIN	GREECE	NORTHLAND
BLACKBALL	HASTINGS	WARSAW



## Scrabble and Philately

by Sam Orbaum, Israel



I don't know if anyone else has dual interests or if devotion to Scrabble precludes wasting time on anything else; I'm also a stamp collector. So you can imagine how shocked I was,

one day, to come across a stamp with a Scrabble motif! It's an issue from Belgium, 1995, from a series of about 3 stamps on games. The motif is a portion of a Scrabble board, with the appropriate colours, and UK-style tiles spelling BELGIE/BELGIQUE crossword style, and the value '30' in Scrabble tiles near the upper right corner. The artwork is by Karl Meerswan.

## 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.]

## Scrabble Junkies

submitted by Lil Moore

Lil Moore of Auckland spotted this letter in a copy of Readers Digest:

"I am enjoying the new features in the magazine — including RD Challenge. I managed to rate Intermediate Level in December's Scrabble game.

My mum and I are Scrabble junkies. Despite her being the most amazing wordsmith I have ever met, I usually win by a mile.

Mum is so busy coming up with way-out words that I have never heard of — but which are invariably in the Scrabble dictionary when I check up on her — she doesn't think about how many points she is going to earn for her brilliance!"

[How many other Scrabblers out there have forsaken points to play an unusual word? — Ed.]

## Wanted!

**Any unwanted wool for knitting garments and crocheting rugs to raise money for the World Champs Fund. Please send any amount, small or large, any ply, to:**

**Pat Grant  
'Ardra'  
1109 Allenby St  
Hastings**



# INTERNATIONAL



## Australia

Olga Visser won the Ipswich, Queensland 6-game tournament, by just 26 spread points from Ron Baginski. Gerry Reynolds was third on 4 wins nudging out Edward Okulicz, top Australian finisher at the WSC by 16 spread points.

In New South Wales, Bob Jackman showed his supremacy with an 8 from eight games win, two games clear of WSC rep Paul Cleary. Joanne Craig took third spot with John Holgate on 5 wins in 4th position. One of the highlights was Paul Cleary's play of CARNALITY through NA on the board.

Lorraine Thomas, Alistair Kane and Geoff Wright took out the top three places in the Camberwell, Vic tournament held in February. Lorraine finished one game ahead of Alistair and Geoff, both on 5 wins. Harry Malcolm was 4th with 4 wins.



## France

The next World Scrabble Championships in the French language will take place in Montreal, Canada. They will be held from July 20-26, 2002. The French WSC is usually conducted using the duplicate Scrabble format. The last winner was Franck Maniquant (France) who scored 6400 out of the possible 6410 maximum.



## India

12 year old Souparno Ghosh was the winner of the 2nd National Schools Champion-ship. Fifty-four schoolchildren, aged from 11 - 15 competed. Souparno, along with the 2nd and 3rd place-getters will play in the Senior Championships to be held later this year.



## South Africa

The South African National Scrabble Players Association reports an unprecedented year of growth in 2001. Membership increased by approximately 50%. In the last 15 months they have set up a website, introduced an email list and initiated a School Scrabble Program. In September, a Novice Tournament was held which drew 72 newbies, 15% of these players have gone on to play in other tournaments. In 2002, Steve Grudz the National Chairperson of SANSPA hopes to form more clubs, attract more black players to competitive Scrabble, establish school Scrabble clubs that run throughout the year and secure more sponsorship for Scrabble.



## United Kingdom

A new record has been set for the most points scored in a 24 hour Scrabble Marathon. On 8th-9th December Chris Hawkins and 12-year old Austin Shin recently beat the entry in the *Guinness Book of World*



Records. Their target was 111,954 (set by John Howell and Paul Golder in 1995), but Chris and Austin easily broke the record, playing 136 games for a massive total of 135,758 points in the 24 hour Scrabble slog.

### United States

A tournament was held in Philadelphia to honor Stefan Fatsis, author of Word Freak. The book reached #33 on the *New York Times* best-seller list and has prompted much

publicity for Scrabble. Stefan attended and played in the tournament which was won by Richard Senzel, one game ahead of Jan Dixon. A surprise attendee was former World Champion, Joel Sherman, who was Word Judge for the tourney.

2003 will be a big year in the US for School Scrabble. Already tournaments are held nationwide for school kids in grades 5 -8, and next year the first ever National Championship for kids will be staged sometime in the Spring.

## A Theoretical 1782-Point Move

by Jeff Grant, Hastings

A theoretical single turn scoring 1781 points was shown on p5 of the December 1997 edition of Forwards. This move uses words found in either British or American Scrabble references (SOWPODS), which are allowable in countries like New Zealand and Australia, as well as at the World Champs.

With a bit of juggling, I have been able to rearrange the board to eke out one more point when the letters O, Y, P, B, A, Z and E are played. The final words formed are OPACIFYING (63), YEARLIES (11), PREFORMATIVE (25), BLITHESOMENESS (63), AQUIVER (19), ZINKED (30), EJACULATING (63), and the 27-timer

OXYPHENBUTAZONE (1458). With the 50-point bonus this makes a new record total of 1782 points. Can anyone improve on this?



# CLUB NEWS

## New Club - Hibiscus Coast

by Maureen Holliday  
and Joan Pratt

A report about NZ's newest Scrabble Club, part of which appeared in a local paper:

"The newly formed Hibiscus Coast Scrabble Club held its inaugural meeting on January 21 2002, with an attendance of 24. The club is affiliated to the national body and caters for all levels of Scrabble ability — competitive, social, and beginner. Help is available for new players if required. The club meets every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Orewa Community Centre in Hilary Square, and new members are welcome."

We had a very good response to our flyers with about 20 new people coming along — not all will stick with it, but there are several keen players among them which is encouraging."

## Waikato/Phoenix Garden Tournaments

by David Gunn

Over 50 Scrabblers attended the two Waikato/Phoenix garden tournaments hosted by Club Treasurer, Annette Coombes.

### Tournament 1

The first tournament, held a week before Pakuranga, was attended by 36

players in 6 grades. The top two in A & B Grades played off for overall honours with playoffs between 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th from those grades also. No player won all 7 games and only one player had no wins.

In the A Grade, 5th ranked June Mackwell won on a count back after 4 players had 3 wins, and, by virtue of her 543 high score game, her 426 point spread placed her nearly 300 points ahead of runner up Sheryl Davidson. But all this was to no avail when B Grade winner Chris Hooks, with 4 wins +447 spread pipped both players to end up overall winner of A & B grades.

C Grade winner, David Gunn (4 wins) beat Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell (2nd, D Grade) plus D Grade winner Jena Yousif, until then unbeaten, in the final of C & D Grades. David had the most bonuses with 16 and the 2nd highest score of the day, 529.

E Grade winner, Elsie Pugh, who had the second highest word score of 105 for QUOTERS, couldn't beat Sam Samuels, 2nd in F Grade. Sam went on to win the E & F Grade final, defeating F Grade winner Jillian Greening who missed playing in the first round and whose only loss was in the final.

Highlights were June's BARQUES for 94 points and the 'B word' prize. Jacqueline's 73 points for NATIVES won the 'garden word', and June won again taking out the 'V word' prize



with CARVINGS for 80 points. The highest combined aggregate score of 865 was clocked up by Correne James and Roger Coates. Hazel had the highest word score with 108 for INQUESTS. Roger (13) and Steven Brown (12) were runners up in the Bonus Words.

#### Tournament 2

The second tournament, held at Mt Maunganui, attracted 28 players competing in 4 grades with a record 9 new players, 7 from Tauranga and 2 from Rotorua. A Grade winner Glenda Geard's long journey from Pt Jackson seemed worthwhile when she went through unbeaten for her first six games. However, Glenda tripped up in the penultimate game, gifting Bonus winner David Gunn (12) a 480 game which equalled Faye Cronhelm's score for the highest game score prize. Runner up was Jennifer Smith who had a 250 point spread over Lyn Toka, with both on 5 wins.

Margaret Flaws had 6 wins and 9 bonus words to win both prizes in B Grade, one game ahead of Jacqueline. Third equal were Janni Henneveld (ROT), Sam Samuels (KIWI) and Margaret Durdle (TGA) who are all showing good improvement.

No one either won or lost all their games although Tim Henneveld with 6½ wins gave it a good go in C Grade. Tim also shared the bonus word prize with Pauline Smeaton (TGA) who was second equal with Maureen McBain, Heather Landon and Joyce Warner (all TGA) on 4 wins.

The D Grade, comprising all new players was won by Mary Atwater (ROT), undefeated with 7 wins

(although 2 were byes) and 6 bonuses. Sue Foster (no relation to John or Glenda) had 4 wins for second place. Sue, who entered at the last minute has yet to attend a club meeting.

In other highlights, Annette and Lyn Toka won the aggregate in their first game with a score of 892. Catherine Henry (TGA), playing in her first tournament and in B Grade scored the highest word with SQUALID/ COLONIALS for 111 points — well done indeed.

#### Conclusion

All in all both tourneys were well catered with a pot luck lunch and were blessed with fine, humid weather despite forecasts to the contrary. The many new players were initiated into the tournament scene in a relaxed atmosphere and many will continue on to greater successes!

We'd all like to thank Annette for all her hard work and hospitality over two very enjoyable days.

## Dunedin Scrabble Club Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

World Champs 2001: Las Vegas  
December

Congratulations to Peter Sinton, top New Zealander, who finished 12th with 15 wins. Highest win score 550, lowest score 322 to Brian Cappelletto, USA the eventual winner. His closest game was 492-491 which Peter won.

Amanda Clow-Hewer

Amanda had a very successful first year at club. She won the D grade on

both days of the Canterbury Open and the C grade at the Otago Lion tournament. She played A grade in the R/R competition and lost to Peter with scores 417 and 450 respectively.

#### Quiz (1)

(Answers at end of newsletter)

Can you unscramble these to make 7 letter words?

- (a) ANOPSTT      (b) AGILNPW  
(c) CGIOOOS      (d) CMPRSUU

Nelson Tournament: February 16-17

Carolyn Kyle represented the club coming 2nd in B grade.

Congratulations to the eventual winner, Paul Lister CHC with 13 wins in A grade

Dunedin Lion Open Tournament 2002

April 13-14 2 one day tournaments \$14 per day. Entries close April 2. Contact Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Avenue, St Clair, Dunedin (03 455 1777),

email: ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

#### Quiz (2)

Would you challenge?

- (a) BOOBOOK      (b) CHELOID  
(c) GIRONIC      (d) STELENE

Otago Lion Tournament

Triple R/R, 15 games. November 2-3, 2002 (Note date change previously Nov 16-17)

Club Record (Dictionary Competition)

**Highest spread** — 415 to Karyn McDougall. She defeated Trevor Rowell 633-218

**High Combined Score** (R/R competition)

Peter scored 668, Amanda Clow-Hewer 320 for a 988 point combined score. Our club record is 1023 points set in 1987.

#### Quiz Answers:

Quiz 1: (a) OPTANTS (b) LAMPING  
Quiz 2: All correct  
(c) GIOCOSSO (d) CUPRUMS

Happy Scrabble, Bill Grigg

## Hamilton Newsletter

by Pam Robson

We had a great turn-out of members in December for our annual Christmas Dinner and Prize-giving function. This was held at the Memory Lane Restaurant.

Results for 2001 were as follows:-

#### Club Champion

- 1st Steven Brown  
2nd Pam Robson  
3rd Kim Graham

#### KO Championship

- 1st Shirley Martin  
2nd Steven Brown

#### Pot Luck Trophy

- 1st Steven Brown  
2nd Pam Robson  
3rd Peter Jones

#### Ladder Champion

- 1st Steven Brown  
2nd David Gunn  
3rd Pam Robson

#### Round Robin - Group 1

- 1st =Jennifer Smith  
=Steven Brown  
3rd Pam Robson

#### Round Robin - Group 2

- 1st Roger Coates  
2nd Kim Graham  
3rd Shirley Martin

#### Bonus Words - Group 1

- 1st Steven Brown  
2nd Pam Robson



- 3rd David Gunn  
**Bonus Words - Group 2**  
 1st Kim Graham  
 2nd Shirley Martin  
 3rd Roger Coates

**100-point Word Trophy**

Roger Coates

**Pyramid Trophy**

- 1st Steven Brown  
 2nd Jennifer Smith  
 3rd Roger Coates

**Most Improved Player**

Kim Graham

**Sportsperson of the Year**

Roger Coates

**Highest Individual Turn**

- 1st =David Gunn  
 =Shirley Martin

**Monthly Competition**

- 1st Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell  
 2nd Jillian Greening

**Highest aggregate**

Peter Jones & Jane Walton

**Most Promising Newcomer**

Alan Hawes

**Highest Individual Game Score**

Kim Graham

Congratulations to Steven Brown again for a very successful year's competition. A huge 'thank you' to Steven also — he puts in a tremendous effort at our club looking after all the scoring and our monthly newsletter and puzzles. Kim Graham also had a great year. We are watching her progress in the rankings. Go Kim!

This year we've welcomed newcomers Alan Hawes and also Peter Jones (ex Mt Albert). Peter will be settling in this area permanently and his contribution to our club by way of good competition and expertise is truly welcomed and enjoyed.



Hamilton club champion and all-round 'good guy', Steven Brown

Thanks to all the team producing *Forwards* — it's a great little mag.

**Club News — Christchurch**

by Margaret Lyall

Christchurch Club Averages 5.10.01 - 30.11.01 Stats by Liz Fagerlund

Name	Games Played	Game Ave	Bonus Ave
Shirley van Essen	15	412	1.60
Allison Torrance	6	410	1.83
Shirley Hol	24	408	1.25
Paul Lister	18	406	1.22
Kathleen Mori-Baker	6	394	1.67
Margaret Lyall	24	392	1.50
Liz Fagerlund	11	388	1.00
Dominic Lister	6	371	0.67
Veronica Zilinskas	24	370	0.92
Terry Cook	18	353	0.89
Gabrielle Bolt	12	352	0.50
Yvonne McKenzie	6	349	0.67
Colleen Cook	21	349	0.33
Barbara Butt	24	334	0.54
Roslyn Lister	15	333	0.93

Betty Sutherland	21	332	0.67
Wendy McIlwrick	9	330	0.56
Paula Gibbons	12	330	0.33
Judith Bach	15	325	0.27
Jean Craib	21	321	0.29
Betty Wilson	12	320	0.17
Adam Young	15	317	0.40
Dita Dyst	18	315	0.22
Pat Steffenson	9	306	0.33
Selena Chan	11	303	0.00

**Club News — Kiwi**

2001 was another successful year for Kiwi Scrabblers. We have held two garage sales and another is currently being organised with proceeds going into our travel fund. Jacqueline and I travelled to Christchurch for the Nationals and this year we will have four members travelling to Norfolk for the Annual Scrabble Festival. We ran another successful Christmas Tournament and our club now has twenty two affiliated members with three more in training.

We are looking forward to our Annual

Mini Tournament at Raglan. Thanks to our member Jo Jackson, we will spend a day at her home overlooking the sea playing Scrabble in Paradise — an exceptional day for us all.

We finished off 2001 with our annual prize-giving and the following trophies were awarded:

**Club Champion**

Kim Graham

**Pot Luck Champion**

Betty Gibb

**Best Average Player**

Pam Mayall

**Bonus Words Champion**

Elaine Moltzen

**Pyramid Champion**

Isabel Zyp

**Ladder Champion**

Barbara Bull

**100-Point Word Trophy**

Elaine Moltzen

**Most Improved**

Isabel Weddell

**Most Promising New Player**

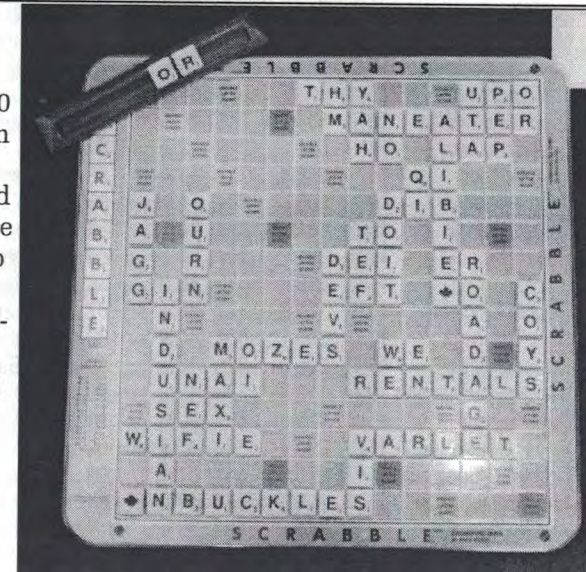
Samantha Samuels

**700 Game**

Lynne Butler (NPC) scored 710 points in a game against Eileen McLean at the Hastings tournament. This is the second highest tournament game score in NZ (Mike Sigley has the top score of 717). Lynne's score was helped along by the triple-triple uNBuckle (194), *INDUSIAN\** (76), *ALIBIEs* (94) and *ROADAGE\** (76).

\* not allowable in Scrabble.

The board layout is shown at right.



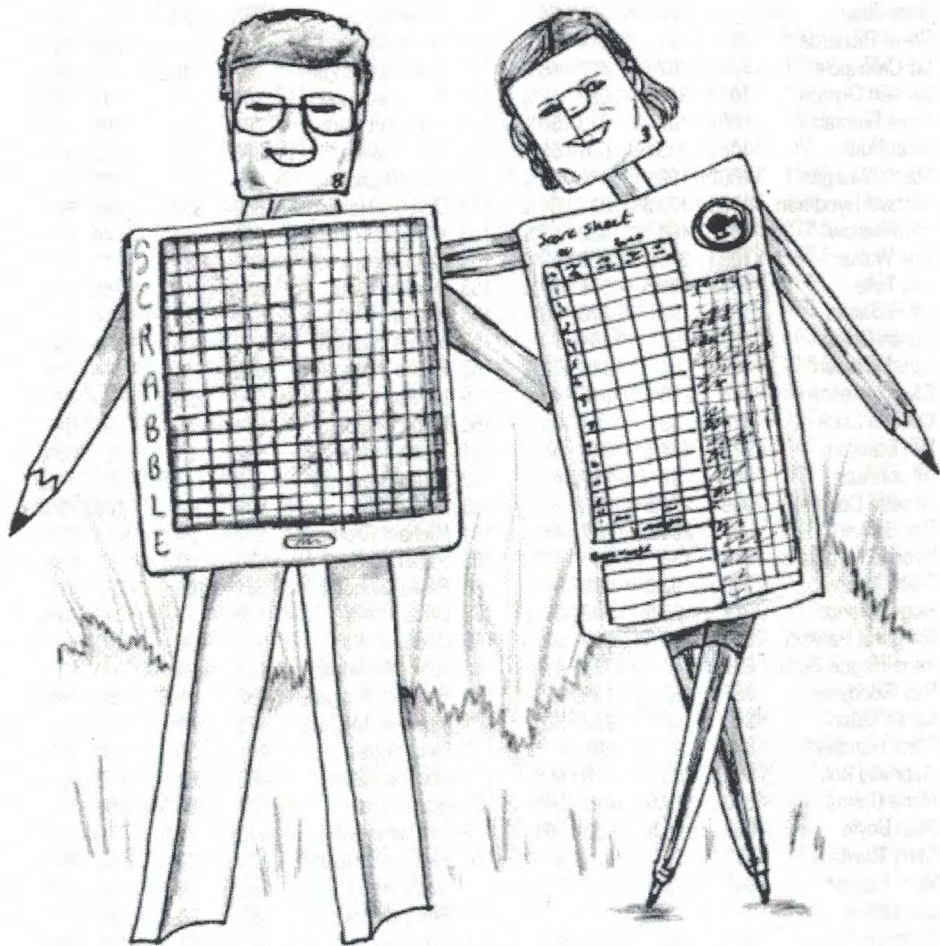


# NZASP Rankings as at 10 March 2002

	Name	Rating	Wins	Games%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games%
1	Howard Warner	2160	542.5	798 68%	49	Allie Quinn	1527 530	1111 48%
2	Patrick Carter	2095	426.5	690 62%	50	Andree Prentice	1520 436	832 52%
3	Kendall Boyd	2086	231	304 76%	51	Ann Hough	1517 197	363 54%
4	Mike Sigley	2073	567	772 73%	52	Helen Sillis	1515 458.5	897 51%
5	Jeff Grant	2066	921	1189 77%	53	Joan Thomas	1503 282	529 53%
6	Blue Thorogood	2017	256	379 68%	54	Rebecca Freeth	1487 124.5	209 60%
7	Peter Sinton	2014	292	399 73%	55	Margaret Bundock	1485 461	931 50%
8	David Lloyd	2000	334	600 56%	56	Maureen Holliday	1476 272.5	524 52%
9	John Foster	1967	690.5	1202 57%	57	Frank Robinson	1472 45.5	94 48%
10	Lynne Butler	1933	538	892 60%	58	Jennifer Smith	1462 300	532 56%
11	Andrew Bradley	1927	318	647 49%	59	Rhoda Cashman	1449 479	1027 47%
12	Lynne Powell	1917	637.5	1208 53%	60	Janice Cherry	1445 163	288 57%
13	Glynis Jennings	1916	297.5	624 48%	61	Shirley Hol	1440 236.5	485 49%
14	Cecilia Ruto	1910	111	203 55%	62	Delcie Macbeth	1430 344	644 53%
15	Steven Brown	1878	344.5	642 54%	63	Hilda Scott	1421 197	360 55%
16	Glennis Hale	1872	757.5	1364 56%	64	Shirley van Essen	1415 147	263 56%
17	Sheryl Davidson	1870	595	1115 53%	65	Shirley Martin	1410 301	567 53%
18	Peter Jones	1860	508	1007 50%	66	Julie Atkinson	1410 109.5	190 58%
19	Glenda Foster	1854	463	886 52%	67	Murray Rogers	1407 102.5	185 55%
20	Rosemary Cleary	1812	320	681 47%	68	Ruth O'Neill	1386 225.5	470 48%
21	Chris Hooks	1808	462	935 49%	69	Glenda Geard	1377 534	1050 51%
22	Denise Gordon	1808	432.5	839 52%	70	Jean O'Brien	1370 417.5	830 50%
23	Valerie Mills	1804	418	859 49%	71	Karyn McDougall	1370 304.5	585 52%
24	Anna Geange	1800	359.5	679 53%	72	Betty Eriksen	1363 372.5	740 50%
25	Paul Lister	1794	325	568 57%	73	Reeva Pearson	1352 650	1389 47%
26	George Warnock	1769	31	56 55%	74	Yvette Hewlett	1329 171.5	380 45%
27	May Quigley	1760	439	975 45%	75	Carolyn Kyle	1329 195.5	373 52%
28	Lisa McLean	1750	348.5	684 51%	76	David Gunn	1325 597	1164 51%
29	Marianne Bentley	1744	80	171 47%	77	Bill Grigg	1318 232.5	444 52%
30	Lynn Wood	1742	721	1481 49%	78	Shirley Wyatt	1278 242	509 48%
31	Liz Fagerlund	1741	335.5	618 54%	79	Ann Candler	1275 427	909 47%
32	June Mackwell	1717	344	744 46%	80	Margaret Lyall	1262 238.5	487 49%
33	Eileen McLean	1683	632	1222 52%	81	Hazel Purdie	1261 318	662 48%
34	Pam Robson	1677	348.5	732 48%	82	Stewart Fleming	1259 52	108 48%
35	Jane Walton	1669	206	384 54%	83	Isabel Zyp	1256 277	551 50%
36	Gerald Warner	1668	631.5	1358 47%	84	Marian Ross	1249 189.5	411 46%
37	Puti Rowe	1640	351	707 50%	85	Malcolm Graham	1230 183.5	360 51%
38	Fae Olson	1632	812	1682 48%	86	Lorraine Van Veen	1212 418	815 51%
39	Debbie Caldwell	1616	83.5	121 69%	87	Margaret Cherry	1212 219	439 50%
40	Leila Thomson	1613	298	654 46%	88	Marianne Patchett	1210 129.5	232 56%
41	Correne James	1608	395	823 48%	89	Marj Baillie	1197 305.5	620 49%
42	Glenyss Buchanan	1587	372.5	776 48%	90	David Bragg	1170 70	107 65%
43	Faye Cronhelm	1586	429	863 50%	91	Rosalind Phillips	1164 84	125 67%
44	Roger Coates	1567	290	607 48%	92	Karen Rodgers	1162 75	199 38%
45	Doreen O'Shea	1547	275.5	541 51%	93	Margaret Parsons	1155 205.5	365 56%
46	Kim Graham	1547	202.5	357 57%	94	Kathleen		
47	Andrew Denmead	1543	110	194 57%		Mori-Barker	1154 139	281 49%
48	Yvonne Wilson	1535	212	375 57%	95	Elsie Malkin	1150 129	247 52%

	Name	Rating	Wins	Games%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games%
96	Roto Mitchell	1148	182	351 52%	143	Alice Hayward	766 50	82 61%
97	Elaine Moltzen	1146	291	602 48%	144	Jean Clarke	755 128.5	267 48%
98	Mary Gray	1139	211	391 54%	145	Pam Mayall	753 184	345 53%
99	Steve Richards	1110	97	174 56%	146	Marie Kingi	716 130	289 45%
100	Liz Catchpole	1085	207	427 48%	147	Ruth Munnings	712 46.5	91 51%
101	Doreen Ogston	1073	318	692 46%	148	Alan Medhurst	707 29	76 38%
102	Ernie Gidman	1069	107	213 50%	149	Margaret Ham	705 99	194 51%
103	Joan Pratt	1069	298	561 53%	150	Kath Davies	698 122	250 49%
104	Martha Morgan	1062	192	412 47%	151	Kate Wignall	682 364	732 50%
105	Michael Hyndman	1055	170.5	314 54%	152	Dorothy Haining	682 338	682 50%
106	Pam Barlow	1037	198	382 52%	153	Veronica Zilinskis	662 24	44 55%
107	Sue Walker	1033	278.5	565 49%	154	Janni Henneveld	646 33	73 45%
108	Lyn Toka	1032	189.5	376 50%	155	Dorothy Latta	624 116	288 40%
109	Liz Richards	1022	92	173 53%	156	Barbara Butt	623 29	44 66%
110	Susan Olson	1008	92	184 50%	157	Valma Gidman	610 303	623 49%
111	Janet Willison	1001	84	116 72%	158	Elaine Ware	609 240	464 52%
112	Olwen Skelton	983	298	618 48%	159	Lil Moore	596 299.5	635 47%
113	Colleen Cook	978	33	51 65%	160	Maria Clinton	594 49	97 51%
114	Lyn Dawson	971	184.5	318 58%	161	Tracy Ivamy	592 51	107 48%
115	Jill Johnson	962	97	197 49%	162	Jillian Greening	585 144.5	315 46%
116	Annette Coombes	959	271.5	610 45%	163	Iris Boulton	579 56	108 52%
117	Bev Barker	949	289	607 48%	164	Michael Groffman	577 24	44 55%
118	Yvonne MacKenzie	943	138	318 43%	165	Isabel Weddell	570 33	55 60%
119	Ruth Groffman	925	92.5	186 50%	166	Paula Gibbons	551 108.5	232 47%
120	Roger French	911	25.5	42 61%	167	Lyres Freeth	522 22.5	35 64%
121	Margaret Hanson	908	191.5	369 52%	168	Cecilia Bullo't	504 126	299 42%
122	Irene Hague-Smith	897	346	733 47%	169	June Whitehead	483 24	90 27%
123	Ray Goodyear	887	62	132 47%	170	Ria Shoebridge	482 38.5	83 46%
124	Karen Miller	885	142	282 50%	171	Maureen McBain	473 43	121 36%
125	Chris Handley	882	95	204 47%	172	Jena Yousif	466 30	74 41%
126	Gabrielle Bolt	872	53	88 60%	173	Dominic Lister	460 61	117 52%
127	Marie Cairns	870	114.5	212 54%	174	Roslyn Lister	453 85.5	180 48%
128	Jean Boyle	860	74.5	132 56%	175	Tim Henneveld	442 29.5	73 40%
129	Kerry Dawkins	853	71	174 41%	176	Pauline Smeaton	401 27	60 45%
130	Mary Farmer	847	78	153 51%	177	Jenny Reed	399 19	42 45%
131	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	832 246	522 47%	178	Resie Coenen	393 65.5	223 29%	
132	Amelia Carrington	826 24	40 60%	179	Merle Spinetto	380 51	126 40%	
133	Connie Gervasi	824 31	48 65%	180	Margaret Durdle	367 21	38 55%	
134	Jean Walsh	807 120	241 50%	181	Betty Wilson	347 87	180 48%	
135	June Ward	803 99	207 48%	182	Adam Young	337 26.5	59 45%	
136	Isabel Morris	801 36	66 55%	183	Vera Burner	309 157	600 26%	
137	Samantha Samuels	800 18	33 55%	184	Betty Sutherland	284 89	219 41%	
138	Taanga Lawrence	788 21	63 33%	185	Wendy McIlwrick	281 24	59 41%	
139	Dawn Smith	787 41.5	81 51%	186	Elvira Steel	269 97	458 21%	
140	Allison Torrance	780 68.5	116 59%	187	Mary Casse	162 28.5	77 37%	
141	Carole Coates	775 224	474 47%	188	Charles Kiewiet	98 13	44 30%	
142	May Meads	770 193	371 52%	189	Jean Craib	53 46.5	173 27%	





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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Pakuranga Day 1 26 January

### 7 Games

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>				
1 Howard Warner	MTA	5	523	458 17
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	5	303	436 11
3 Mike Sigley	WAN	5	91	427 17
4 Jeff Grant	IND	4	108	414 16
5 John Foster	NSB	3	103	414 16
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	-51	398 12
7 Lynne Powell	NSB	2	-506	376 13
8 Lynne Butler	NPL	1	-571	376 7
<b>Grade B</b>				
1 Andrew Bradley	MTA	6	352	420 12
2 Cecilia Ruto	HAM	4.5	74	395 9
3 Steven Brown	HAM	4	145	421 15
4 Lisa McLean	IND	4	115	427 17
5 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	4	-54	403 11
6 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	2.5	-135	387 9
7 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-345	369 7
8 Denise Gordon	WAN	1	-152	385 12
<b>Grade C</b>				
1 Chris Hooks	IND	6	386	396 10
2 Eileen McLean	IND	5	-144	373 9
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	115	397 9
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	3	147	414 10
5 Correne James	IND	3	3	373 4
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	-32	385 10
7 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-196	364 9
8 Maureen Holliday	ROD	1	-279	370 8
<b>Grade D</b>				
1 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	7	616	429 10
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	267	395 9
3 Glenda Geard	IND	4	111	397 9
4 Andree Prentice	WAN	3	17	397 6
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	-69	380 8
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	3	-348	340 3
7 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	-290	360 11
8 Margaret Bishop	AUS	2	-304	362 7

### Name Club Wins Spread Ave B/W

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade E</b>				
1 Clare Ruckstuhl	IND	6	282	423 13
2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	5	255	398 10
3 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	109	372 6
4 Ann Candler	NSB	3	37	381 7
5 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-77	357 6
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-170	380 6
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-179	354 5
8 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-257	348 6
<b>Grade F</b>				
1 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	5	192	385 10
2 Sue Walker	MTA	5	-36	371 10
3 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	401	388 8
4 Joan Pratt	ROD	4	89	366 5
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	-4	367 4
6 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	-35	349 5
7 Karen Miller	PAK	2	-244	344 3
8 Jill Johnson	PH	2	-363	346 4
<b>Grade G</b>				
1 Roger French	MTA	6	233	385 8
2 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	5	122	370 8
3 Jacqueline C	KIW	4	55	363 7
4 Peter Gordon	MTA	4	36	349 5
5 Connie Gervasi	NSB	3	17	351 4
6 May Meads	PHC	3	-21	347 6
7 Samantha Samuels	KIW	3	-148	339 3
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	0	-294	329 3
<b>Grade H</b>				
1 Jim Wills	PAK	6	425	392 11
2 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	-61	347 2
3 Elaine Ware	MTA	4	-86	332 3
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	3.5	256	375 7
5 Catherine Styles	MTA	3.5	-54	366 5
6 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	147	367 5
7 Lil Moore	MTA	3	-242	317 3
8 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	1	-385	297 2
<b>Grade I</b>				
1 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	5	148	353 3
2 Tim Henneveld	ROT	4	290	339 1
3 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	4	23	326 2
4 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	4	-19	324 3
5 Patricia Wareing	PAK	4	-66	315 1

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	20	310 1
7 Jena Yousif	KIW	3	-47	325 4
8 Vera Burner	WAN	1	-349	290 1

## Pakuranga Day 2 27 January

### 7 Games

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>				
1 Howard Warner	MTA	6	561	477 14
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	457	442 10
3 Mike Sigley	WAN	5	61	429 16
4 Jeff Grant	IND	4	186	435 16
5 John Foster	NSB	3	88	416 16
6 Lynne Butler	NPL	3	44	423 12
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	1	-808	350 10
8 Glynis Jennings	MTA	0	-589	362 7
<b>Grade B</b>				
1 Cecilia Ruto	IND	5.5	274	418 8
2 Denise Gordon	WAN	4	42	397 13
3 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	-41	402 12
4 Chris Hooks	IND	3.5	-98	392 6
5 Liz Fagerlund	CHC	3	107	390 9
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	50	392 8
7 Lisa McLean	IND	3	-152	365 11
8 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	2	-182	374 10
<b>Grade C</b>				
1 Fae Olson	NSB	6	410	443 14
2 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	5	261	400 13
3 Eileen McLean	IND	5	108	386 9
4 Correne James	IND	4	155	392 12
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	67	386 11
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	2	-250	374 5
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	1	-297	353 10
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	1	-454	380 12
<b>Grade D</b>				
1 Janice Cherry	PAK	5	465	442 17
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	197	402 11
3 Maureen Holliday	ROD	4	129	408 10
4 Margaret Bishop	AUS	4	28	380 10
5 Julie Atkinson	MTA	4	-142	373 9
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	28	398 12
7 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-172	359 5
8 Clare Ruckstuhl	IND	1	-533	332 6
<b>Grade E</b>				
1 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5.5	175	377 6

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
2 Jean O'Brien	IND	5	304	406 10
3 Ann Candler	NSB	4	89	383 8
4 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3.5	-171	374 8
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	118	402 8
6 Marianne Patchett	MTA	3	46	375 7
7 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	3	-131	385 10
8 Joan Pratt	ROD	1	-430	346 5
<b>Grade F</b>				
1 Rosalind Phillips	PHC	6	487	392 10
2 Roto Mitchell	WAN	5	238	367 8
3 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	24	362 5
4 Sue Walker	MTA	3	71	370 13
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	65	374 8
6 Jeannette Owler	PAK	3	-297	339 1
7 Bev Barker	MTA	2	-71	341 3
8 Margaret Hanson	PHC	2	-517	327 4
<b>Grade G</b>				
1 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	6	586	399 15
2 Catherine Styles	MTA	5	250	325 1
3 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	174	357 3
4 Peter Gordon	MTA	5	57	348 4
5 May Meads	PHC	4	212	377 6
6 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	50	334 2
7 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	4	21	314 0
8 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	165	370 6
9 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-57	345 2
10 Tim Henneveld	ROT	1	-358	311 1
11 Resie Coenen	PHC	1	-414	306 3
12 Vera Burner	WAN	1	-686	269 0



Cecilia Ruto (HAM), Grade B 2nd & 1st at Pakuranga



## Nelson Club Tournament 16-17 February

### 15 Games

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>				
1 Paul Lister	CHC	13	994	411 30
2 Andrée Prentice	WAN	8	165	386 17
3 Andrew Denmead	NEL	7	234	392 24
4 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	-284	385 22
5 Ann Hough	NEL	6	-327	358 14
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	4	-782	358 14

### Grade B

1 Murray Rogers	NEL	12	970	403 20
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	10	464	403 22
3 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	-220	370 20
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	7	-304	358 15
5 Steve Richards	NEL	4	-295	361 15
6 Karen Rodgers	IND	4	-615	361 13

### Grade C

1 Michael Hyndman	WEL	10	459	387 20
2 Liz Richards	NEL	9	203	382 19
3 Lyn Dawson	NEL	8	-51	348 13
4 Colleen Cook	CHC	8	-148	364 8
5 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	6	-93	360 14
6 Isabel Morris	CHC	4	-370	364 7

### Grade D

1 Allison Torrance	CHC	11.5	569	361 15
2 Dawn Smith	NEL	11.5	495	361 11
3 Iris Boulton	NEL	7	124	344 13
4 Maria Clinton	NEL	7	-73	337 9
5 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	-117	339 11



Roto Mitchell (WAN), Grade C  
winner at Hastings

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	2	-998	310 8
<b>Grade E</b>				
1 Barbara Butt	CHC	13	1179	371 9
2 Jack McCartney	NEL	9	138	337 1
3 Julia Jonas	NEL	8	-58	324 4
4 Adam Young	CHC	7	-283	308 6
5 Lee-Anne Cameron	NEL	6	-208	313 9
6 Jean Craib	CHC	2	-768	291 0

## Hastings Club Tournament 9-10 March

### 13 Games

Name	Club Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>				
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	9	900	444 24
2 Jeff Grant	IND	8	498	427 26
3 Sheryl Davidson	PAK	8	328	405 22
4 Chris Hooks	IND	8	-8	398 21
5 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	-508	366 17
6 Glenda Foster	WEL	6	336	412 18
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	129	396 24
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-342	369 14
9 Lisa McLean	IND	5	-539	366 18
10 Eileen McLean	IND	3	-794	367 20

### Grade B

1 Correne James	IND	9	1031	417 23
2 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	8	335	389 17
3 Fae Olson	NSB	7.5	352	400 11
4 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	7	166	376 14
5 Joan Thomas	HAS	7	-24	371 18
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	-105	371 13
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	6	-165	373 12
8 Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-317	372 11
9 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4.5	-538	349 12
10 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-735	359 17

### Grade C

1 Roto Mitchell	WAN	12	1244	418 17
2 Margaret Parsons	TPO	12	955	406 9
3 Marie Cairns	TPO	8.5	187	364 5
4 Taanga Lawrence	HAS	7	-374	316 7
5 Alan Medhurst	NPL	6	-287	304 6
6 Samantha Samuels	KIW	6	-420	328 8
7 Margaret Warren	HAS	5.5	-280	329 9
8 June Ward	HAS	5	-191	345 7
9 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	3	-834	300 0

## 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) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH)	482	Margaret Warren (HAS) & Jeff Grant (HAS)
<b>Highest Single Turn</b>	221	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Lisa McLean (IND) Jeff Grant (IND)	284	Sheryl Davidson (PAK) Shirley Wyatt (MTA)
<b>Highest Single Turn Non-bonus</b>	135	Ruth O'Neill (NPL)	261	John Foster (MTA)
<b>Highest Combined Score</b>	1078	Howard Warner (CAP) & David Lloyd (MTA)	1106	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
<b>Largest Winning Margin</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 Game Evening)</b>	—	—	13	David Lloyd (MTA)
<b>Highest 3-Game Aggregate</b>	—	—	1805	Nigel Richards (CHC)
<b>Most Consecutive Bonus Words</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) Sheryl Davidson (PAK)
<b>Most Bonus Words in Game (2 people)</b>	8	Mike Sigley (WAN) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) Nigel Richards (CHC) & John Foster (IND)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
<b>Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)</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)