

Contact Information

Clubs (Nth to Sth)	Contact Person	Phone	Meeting Day/ Time	Meeting Place
Rodney (ROD)	Ruth Munnings	09 425 6398	Mon 1pm	Totara Park, Warkworth
Hibiscus Coast (HBC)	Joan Pratt	09 426 4521	Mon 1pm	Orewa Community Centre
Nth Shore Bays (NSB)	Marge Dalzell	09 478 6248	Tues 10am	Campbell's Bay Methodist Church Hall
	Allie Quinn	09 483 7806	Thurs 7.15pm	Takapuna Senior Citizen's Hall
Mt Albert (MTA)	Marianne Patchett	09 626 4849	Fri 7.15pm	Mt Albert Bridge Club rooms
Pakuranga/Howick (PAK)	Jeanette Owler	09 534 4453	Thurs 7pm	St Matthias Church Hall, Panmure
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross (PHC)	May Meads	09 278 5155	Mon 1pm	64 Fairview Rd.
Hamilton (HAM)	Jillian Greening	07 843 7652	Tues 7.15pm	Hearing Association, 40 Wellington St.
Kiwi (KIWI)	Elaine Moltzen	07 843 5108	Thurs 7pm	Beerescourt Bowling Club
Waikato Phoenix (WKP)	Annette Coombes	07 855 9970	Alt Weds 7pm (ring)	St Aidans Hall Lounge, Heaphy Tce.
Mt Maunganui / Papamoa (MMP)	Ngairi Steel	07 542 1035	Alternate Wednesdays	
Tauranga (TGA)	Maureen McBain	07 576 2191	Tues 9.00am	Tauranga Bridge Club, 252 Ngatai Rd.
Tokoroa (TOK)	Lesley Edgeler	07 886 8374		
Rotorua (ROT)	David Bragg	07 349 6125	Mon 7pm	Wohlman House, Hinemoa St.
Taupo (TPO)	Gwen Robb	07 378 9409		
Waitara (WTA)	Trixie Neil	06 754 8745	Wed 1.00pm	
New Plymouth (NPL)	Lynne Butler	06 755 2134	Saturday	Ring Lynne
Pukekura (PUK)	Mary Waite	06 757 8654	Thurs 10am	11 Gilbert St., New Plymouth
Stratford (STR)	Sharon Clarke	06 765 5653		
Hastings (HAS)	Doreen O'Shea	06 878 4063	Thurs (alt) 7pm	Hastings RSA
Waipukurau (WPK)	Ann Grindrod	06 858 7493		
Wanganui (WAN)	Rosemary Cleary	06 347 1837	Mon 7pm	Cosmopolitan Club
Masterton (MAS)	Hilda Scott	06 378 2663		
Lower Hutt (LOH)	Glenyss Buchanan	04 569 5433	Tues 7.30pm	
Wellington (WEL)	Lynn Wood	04 387 2581	Tues 7.30pm	5 Tully St, Kilbirnie
Nelson (NEL)	Ann Hough	03 545 0014	Wed 7pm	Senior Citizens Hall, 67 Trafalgar St.
Christchurch (CHC)	Margaret Lyall	03 332 5963	Fri 7pm	Sydenham Community Centre
Dunedin (DUN)	Chris Handley	03 464 0199	Tues 7pm	Caversham Presbyterian Church hall, 61 Thom St., Caversham

Forwards Editor	Lynne Butler	13 Antonia Place Bell Block New Plymouth New Zealand	Ph 06 755 2134 Email scrabblyn@clear.net.nz
Layout Editor	Glenda Foster	1 Walters Street Lower Hutt New Zealand	Ph 04 567 1590 Fax 04 567 9305 (telephone first) Email fostergb@ihug.co.nz

FORWORDS

Journal of the New Zealand Association of Scrabble® Players
No 68 September 2002



Photo by Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore)

Kings Cup, Thailand

Femi and Charmwit are buried in the throng of spectators around Table 1

Also Featured in this Issue

Beautiful Babies

How to Pick a Scrabble Freak

All-Time NZ Top Ten

US National Champs

Lost in Translation

In This Issue

Features

Nigel at The US National Champs by Glenda Foster	7
Anagrammatic Modification by Jeff and Pat Grant	12
Lost in Translation	13
The All-Time NZ Top Ten	15
A Handful of Time, reviewed by Lynne Butler	16
Beautiful Babies	17
Player Profile — Catherine Henry	19
So You've Got Two Eyes Have You?.....	27
17th Thailand International Kings Cup.....	28

Columns

Editor's Note	1
Mailbox.....	2
Competition Corner.....	4
Dazzling Dozen	14
Anagram Corner	22
International.....	23
Club News	25
Executive Exertions.....	29
NZASP Rankings List.....	31
Tournament Results.....	33

News

Tournament Calendar 2003.....	3
Signs of Scrabble	6
Scrabble on Stakeout.....	14
Will Time	26
Strange Words in Hamilton.....	26
John Wants to be a Millionaire.....	29

NZASP Executive

President Liz Fagerlund
21 Florence Daly Place
Hillsborough
Auckland
Ph 09 625 8285
Email scrabbliz@inet.net.nz

Vice-President Lynn Wood
5 Tully Street
Kilbirnie
Wellington
Ph 04 387 2581
Email
lynn.wood@paradise.net.nz

Secretary Allie Quinn
26 Melba St
Birkenhead
Auckland 1310
Ph/Fax 09 483 7806
Email alequin@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer Joan Thomas
424 Purser Place
Hastings
Ph 06 878 2418
Email thomas.joan@xtra.co.nz

Editor's Note



During the winter months, very enjoyable tournaments were held by the New Plymouth, Hamilton, Tauranga and Christchurch clubs. I was lucky enough to attend two of them. As well as the thrill of the competition, I love catching up with old friends and making new ones. I also enjoy the 'extras' that clubs provide — from the various catering arrangements to the innovative ideas for prizes and post game competitions. The Scrabble Babies comp in Hamilton was a real hoot that kept us entertained while the final results were compiled. Thanks to Pam Robson for going that extra mile! (See those Scrabble cuties on page 20).

The arrival of spring heralds a Scrabble calendar that will keep us busy until the end of the year. Battles will be won and lost across boards at Mt Albert, Wanganui and Rodney, the Otago Open in Dunedin and the Christmas Special at Kiwi/Phoenix in Hamilton. Good luck to those clubs for successful tournaments.

TransTasman rivalry will twice be tested in the next few months. First up is the annual Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival in September, where many Scrabblers from Australia and New Zealand combine some 'friendly' competition with a restful holiday on beautiful Norfolk. However, in November, the competition is more fierce. Our top twelve available players will face the top twelve from Australia in the fourth TransTasman competition. NZ have won the last two matches and are keen to make it three in a row, but Australia are just as determined to win this time and level the series. It'll be exciting!

Expat Kiwi Nigel Richards is still wowing Scrabblers world-wide. After achieving second place at the US National Scrabble

Champs, he is now the top-rated player in North America. Congratulations, Nigel! For details on the USNSC refer to Glenda Foster's exciting report on Page 7.

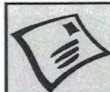
In the Christchurch Club News (page 25) Margaret Lyall tells of their ongoing success with School Scrabble. Further south, in Dunedin, Ruth Groffman reports that they have 48 school children from 6 different schools participating in a Scrabble for Fun competition, sponsored by The Friends of the Library. The twelve teams of 4 students will play off on September 12th at the Dunedin Library. The winners will have a Deluxe Scrabble set donated to their school library, with individual team members each receiving a prize. A competition for adults (non club members) has been organised for the evening. Congratulations to both clubs who have come up with two very different ways of exposing Scrabble to potential future NZ champions.

Once again it's time to thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine. All material is gratefully accepted — photos, articles, wordlists, anagrams, cartoons, game positions and even gossip! Glenda Foster has done her usual sterling job as Layout Editor, providing the magazine with its very professional 'look'. Thanks Glenda, and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip to North America.

Keep smiling,

Closing date for the December issue is November 24, 2002.

Scrabble is a registered trademark of JW Spear & Sons, England, under licence in New Zealand to Mattel (NZ) Ltd.



MAILBOX

Rare as Hen's Teeth

by Janni Henneveld (ROT)

On our trip to Holland we decided to look for Scrabble games. You know, the ones with the green background, good swivel board and clear letters. We thought that would be easy! It wasn't until Tim read on a board in a shop that Mattel had an office right in the place where we stayed. So off we went to Mattel's. "How many games would you like?" a friendly lady asked us. Tim quickly said, "Fifty," so she showed more interest. Soon she was on to her computer and asked around. Not only did she try her office, but also offices overseas — Germany, London etc. One office worker thought he had four games left and would contact us later. He did only to say, "Sorry, none left."

In the end we got the only board Mattel could offer us. We were quick to buy it for 45 Euros [around NZ\$95 — Ed].

"Ballsy" Game!

John Foster had a 'ballsy' game at the Mt Albert birthday night.

"I was playing Glynis Jennings and she bingoed in the third turn with MAROONED taking her to a useful 71 point lead(132-61). My next three turns were then CAJONES for 106, with the C on 1L and a four tile overlap on the top of her bingo, followed by DEFACING using the C,

for 176, and finally a much more pedestrian 71 for REAROSE starting at 2B. In the space of three turns I had scored 353 points and turned a 71 point deficit into a 211 point lead. The final combined score was a quite respectable 982 (613-369)."

Foreign Language

by Shirley Hol (CHC)

Some time ago I had an appointment to see a surgeon. A previous visit had resulted in a long wait. (In my experience, waiting rooms are aptly named - one waits...and waits.) Being forewarned, this time I took a book in which I had jotted down words I thought worthy of learning for Scrabble. Re-entering the waiting room following my appointment, I was surprised to see a woman apparently engrossed in reading my book. When I claimed it she said, "But what language is that?"

Know One's Onions

from Michael Vnuk,
Queensland, Australia.

A Masters player was overheard challenging a word at a recent tournament in Queensland, but embarrassedly retracted the challenge when her opponent said the word aloud: ONION. Perhaps the player was reading the word to rhyme with 'Orion' (the name of a constellation which is not allowed in Scrabble).



Witty Words

by Ron Bunny

The Wit's Dictionary is a small collection of everyday terms with humorous definitions, compiled by Colin Bowles and published in 1984. These examples might tickle a few funny-bones.

ADMINISTRATION	the art of look for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong solution.
BATHMAT	a little rug wet children stand next to.
CONSUMÉ	the exultant cry of a French bridegroom.
IGNORANCE	what everybody has, only in different subjects.
MIXED EMOTIONS	watching your mother-in-law drive over a cliff in your new Ferrari.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	amusing the patient while nature cures the illness.
OLD AGE	when things begin to wear out, fall out and spread out.
REMARRYING	the triumph of hope over experience
REUNION	a meeting where your old classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald that they don't recognise you.
SCIENCE	the orderly arrangement of what, at the moment, appear to be facts.
THRIFT	the most wonderful virtue of any ancestor
UNIVERSITY	an institution for the postponement of experience.

Tournament Calendar 2003

We will be featuring a 2003 tournament calendar in the December issue of *Forwards*.



Can club secretaries please send their proposed tournament dates to Glenda Foster by **20 November**.

1 Walters Street
Lower Hutt
email fostergb@ihug.co.nz
phone (04) 567 1590 evenings

Tournament Calendar	
Tournament	Dates
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	22-29 September
Mt Albert	5-6 October
Wanganui	26-27 October
Otago Open	2-3 November
Rodney	9 November
Trans Tasman	16-18 November
Kiwi	23 November
Waikato Phoenix	24 November

COMPETITION CORNER

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 67

Well done to all of you who attempted this puzzle. As you can see, there are optional answers for some misquotations. The only fully correct entry came from Margaret Bignall (PAK) - Congratulations!

Q1	Right	Harry S Truman	Had it on a sign he had made for his desk in the Oval Office.
Q2	Wrong	William Shakespeare 'Romeo & Juliet, Act II	'What's in a Name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.'
Q3	Right	John Paul Jones Captain of the <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> , 23.9.1779	His response when called upon by the captain of the <i>Serapis</i> to surrender his badly disabled ship.
Q4	Wrong	Edward John Phelps US diplomat (1822-1900) or Samuel Smiles 'Self-Help' (1859) or Albert Einstein	'The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.' 'He who never made a mistake never made a discovery.' 'Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.'
Q5	Wrong or Right	Samuel Butler 'The Way of All Flesh' or Ralph Waldo Emerson	'There's many a good tune played on an old fiddle.' 'The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.'
Q6	Wrong	Humphrey Bogart as Rick in 'Casablanca' or or	'You played it for her, you can play it for me.' 'If she can stand it, I can play it.' 'Play it, Sam. Play "As Time Goes By".'
Q7	Right or Wrong	Old English proverb Older proverb	'A penny saved is a penny <u>gained</u> .'
Q8	Wrong	Alexander Pope "An Essay on Criticism"	'A little learning is a dangerous thing.'
Q9	Right	Thomas Edison	
Q10	Right	Dan Quayle US Vice-Pres 1988-92	One of his notorious flubs! He also said, 'If we do not succeed, then we run the risk of failure.'

Scrabble Contest No 68

What people do you think would be likely to have the following personalised plates on their vehicles? Explain your reasoning. Marks may be given for humour!

1. IOAKO2
2. TA2RTS
3. HERE4D
4. D82B8
5. NHAPPY
6. AUH2O
7. IOSVET
8. 14XX
9. NEON8O
10. Q147
11. CUNW
12. DRIN

Closing date is November 20, 2002. Good luck!

Entries to be posted to:

Jeff Grant
'Ardra'
1109 Allenby St
Hastings

Christchurch Calling by Shirley Hol

And, yes, we certainly do have the 'calling' down here (Scrabble that is). There are many keen players in the club who play in each others' homes, on trains, in planes, in moving cars and in toilets for all I know. Some members now have computers and enjoy games with lovers of Scrabble from all over the world. It has been reported that one comparatively new

club member plays sometimes at 3am on her computer — an insomniac? — in the grip?

When some of us were in a sort of convoy once on our way to a Dunedin Tournament our car arrived at the designated lunch stop at Caroline Bay in Timaru to find an earlier group already had a game in progress on one of the picnic tables, despite a rather chilly breeze. On another occasion we were fundraising at a school fete and promoting Scrabble at the same time. It started to rain and everybody hastily packed everything up and left except for Elsie Malkin and I who were engrossed in an exciting game of Scrabble. Poor Margaret Lyall, looking decidedly blue from the cold, was hovering plaintively trying to claim her Scrabble board.

We have recently lost a valuable member of our team, Liz Fagerlund, who has moved to the faster pace of Auckland. She is greatly missed in many areas, but our loss is another club's gain. We wish Liz all the best for the future and thank her for her contributions to the Christchurch Club.

"No wonder kids today can't spell. They're surrounded by signs like:

'Suzi All-Nite E-Z Drive-Thru Donut Shoppe'."

— Dave Barry, *Tropic* magazine

Signs of Scrabble

On the set of director M. Night Shyamalan's new movie *Signs*, Mel Gibson was often to be seen playing our favourite game. This is an excerpt from an interview with Mel Gibson published in *Premiere* magazine.

"Gibson gets into an enthusiastic discussion about Scrabble, a game he's played a lot on this shoot, rather than do things like watch dailies, which he says "bore the hell out of me." You know that old saying, "If you love something, let it go?" He says this in a French accent, mockingly. "I still care about acting, but I realize there are more important things than prostituting your emotions for money."

His face lights up when he turns to Shyamalan's longhaired assistant, Jose Rodriguez, who

keeps foiling him in Scrabble. Once, he says, Jose invented the word HAINED — saying it was a certain way nylon is weaved — and Gibson was fooled. Another time Jose laid down the word CANDLED, and Gibson thought he'd made it up. Turns out "it's when you put a light behind an egg to see if there's a chick in it," Gibson says, gingerly holding up an imaginary egg.

The egg, the word, the fact that Jose knew it — the small details of real life, that's important."

[Jose did not invent HAINED — it is a valid word in Scrabble, but the definition, according to Chambers, is "to save, to preserve, to spare". However, Jose's definition of CANDLED is much closer to the mark — CANDLED means "to test (an egg) for freshness by holding up before a candle or other light". — Ed]

Off With Its Head!

by Lenny Brutle

Here's a novel way to expand your vocabulary. Chop off the first letter of these words to reveal 20 less-common 7-letter words.

B-ADLANDS
B-ARRACKS
M-MOMENTUM
B-ROTHERS
O-DORIZED

P-LANNERS
L-EVITATE
B-ONDINGS
S-COLOPS
S-MEARING

G-ARGLING
O-VERBIDS
P-OSTMARK
K-INSHIPS
H-AMBONES

T-UBEROUS
R-EMOVING
F-RAGMENT
I-SABELLA
T-REMBLED

Nigel at the US National Champs

by Glenda Foster

Almost 700 players of our favourite game converged on San Diego, California to contest the 2002 US National Scrabble Championship from 17-22 August. There were 6 Divisions, with 132 players in Division 1. The tournament comprised 31 rounds — more than 21,500 games of Scrabble all told!

In Division 1 competition was fierce in a star-studded field, including our very own Nigel Richards, currently resident in Malaysia. Here are some of the names you will recognise from previous World Champs: Brian Cappelletto (current World Champ), Joel Wapnick and Joel Sherman (previous World Champs), Joe Edley (defending US National Champ), Adam Logan, David Gibson, Robert Felt, Rita Norr and Ron Tiekert (previous US National Champs). All were competing for a share of the Division 1 prize pool of \$US49,750, with \$US25,000 going to the winner.

There was a lot of speculation about how Nigel would perform in his first tournament using only the US word sources, instead of the dictionaries he is used to. Many thought that he would have trouble keeping the dictionaries straight in his head. He proved that such speculation was unfounded by demonstrating his mastery of the word sources. Here is an excerpt from Sherrie Saint John's commentary:

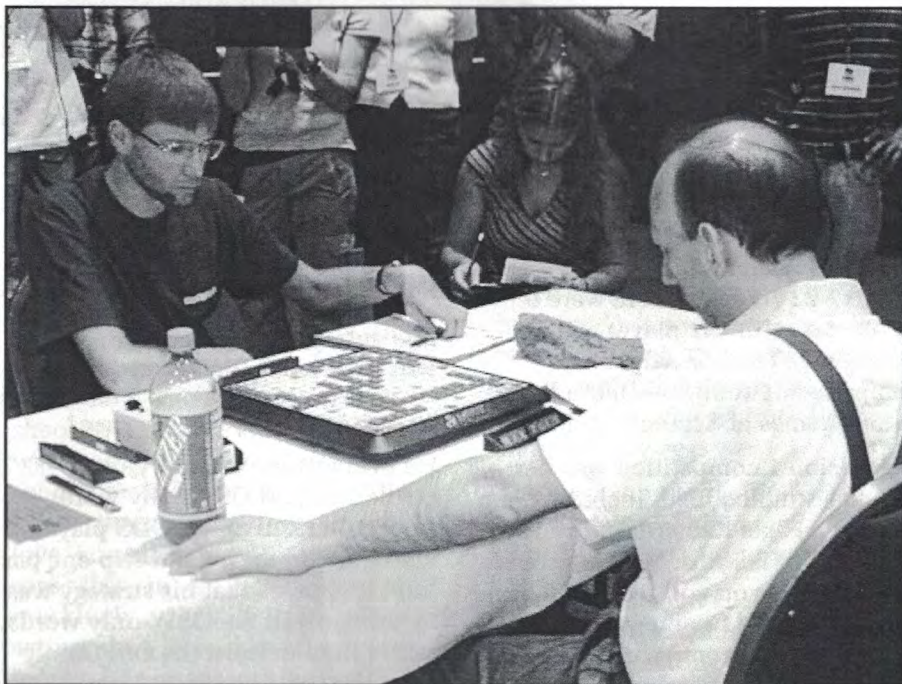
"Robert Felt stops by to tell us that he saw something very interesting in a game between Nigel

Richards and Jakkrit Klaphajone. Nigel won the game, 494-438, but that wasn't newsworthy. It was Nigel's seemingly thorough knowledge of the dictionary. In his round 9 game Jakkrit played UNTENT# (which isn't acceptable in our dictionary, but is acceptable in a SOWPODS dictionary) and Nigel challenged. He knew it wasn't good in this event's word source! This demonstrates more than a working knowledge of the dictionaries and makes the North American experts a bit nervous."

He evidently won a few games challenging off OSW-only words from American SOWPODS players who thought they could slip one past him. It appears that his strategy was to 'unlearn' all the OSW-only words, rather than to learn the OSPD-only words as there are fewer words in the former list.

Day 1

Nigel started well with a 237-point victory over Amnuay Ploysangngam of Thailand, which put him into second place behind Lester Schonbrun. The following round saw him drop down to 46th place when he lost by 11 points to Ron Tiekert. Due to an unusual quirk of the draw Nigel had two byes on day 1 and he won his remaining games for a 6-win record and in second place on spread. In first place was Robert Felt, with Thai player Panupol Sujjayakorn in third. Others on 6 wins included Joel Sherman, Brian Cappelletto and Matt Graham.



Nigel faces Joel for the third time in Round 30. It's crunch time. If Nigel wins he gets a chance to draw equal with Joel on wins in the final round. If Joel wins he becomes the new National Champion.

Day 2

Five straight wins by Nigel left him in the lead, the only player on 11 wins after 12 rounds, with Robert Felt and Joel close behind on 10 wins. Nigel then lost his 2 remaining games that day, and he dropped to third place behind Robert Felt and Joel, both on 12 wins.

Day 3

Joel won 6 games to take the lead at the end of day 3 on 18 wins. Losses to Peter Armstrong and Ron Tiekert meant that Nigel ended the day 2 wins behind Joel, but in second place. Robert managed only 1 win

and dropped to 14th place. Marlon Hill also won 6 games and he moved up from 9th place to 3rd.

Day 4

In round 25 king-of-the-hill pairings began and Joel and Nigel played each other for the first time. Here's a description of their match by Sherrie Saint John.

"A tense game at table 1 in Division 1. Joel Sherman lost to Nigel Richards, 379-403. The word judge this round, Lawren Freebody, tells me that Joel played VALENT*, which Nigel challenged off. Nigel's next play was OPTICIST which Joel challenged. It was ruled acceptable. Toward the end of the game, Joel held POLEYNN and Nigel has RVQZBYS. We all kept far away to let them

figure it out. When the dust cleared, Nigel was stuck with only three tiles! He got down AUTOGIRO through the G for 68, OPTICIST for 70, and GLADIATE through the T for 63. Joel played ISOGONS for 77 and RIGHTFUL through the G for 86."

Nigel hit the lead in the next round when he defeated Marlon 425-371. He retained the lead by defeating Dave Wiegand 528-328 and then met Joel again in the last round of the day. Here's Sherrie's description:

"Nigel Richards falls to Joel Sherman, 332-538. Joel played TENACES for 74, STANDERS to the S for 72, and UNAWAKed for 92. Nigel got down AGONISES to the S for 68 and FIXING for 75."

At the end of day 4 Joel is in the lead on 22 wins, with Nigel on 21 and Dave Wiegand, Jakkrit Klaphajone and Brian Cappelletto all on 19 wins. With only 3 games left in the tournament one of these 5 players must be the winner with Joel or Nigel looking the most likely.

Day 5

Round 29 saw Nigel paired with Brian Cappelletto and Joel playing Jakkrit. Here's the description of their games:

"Well, things have heated up to a fevered pitch in the division 1 cage. Joel Sherman defeated Jakkrit Klaphajone, 414-393, by going out with a bingo. Going into that play, the score was 393-334, with Jakkrit in the lead. Joel held ABEISS? and there were several openings on the board. He played SABInES for 67. He had to bingo to win and he came up with the goods. Jakkrit played CREATIN for 80 and PARADES for 69. In addition to his outbingo, Joel played DOYLIEs for 76.

At table 2 in the cage, Nigel Richards fell to Brian Cappelletto, 414-473. Brian played MEDUSAE for 86, INULASE for 69, and VARIETIES for 86. Nigel played ANGLICE for 69, LOGICIAN through the C for 94, and DONATIVE for 80."

Nigel faces Joel for the third time in Round 30. It's crunch time. If Nigel wins he gets a chance to draw equal with Joel on wins in the final round. If Joel wins he becomes the new National Champion.

"The division 1 cage was reduced today to three tables and there was barely a square of carpet left to stand upon around table 1. Nigel and Joel played along, cool as cucumbers. At the end, Nigel held FRANCGR with more than 13 minutes on his clock. Joel held WAXTOES with 38 seconds on his clock. Nigel was incredibly quiet and methodical over the next five or so minutes. With his face resting in his left hand, the only thing that moved was his eyes, back and forth over the board, and over his tracking sheet. Neither player made much effort to hide their tracking or their scoresheets. I guess when you get this good you know you don't have any inside info on your opponent. The five minutes went by slowly, quietly. Occasionally Joel raised his eyebrows and sighed quietly, waiting for Nigel to play. And, with a bit more than 5 minutes left on his clock, he did: EF/FRANC for 20. With 20 seconds and counting on Joel's clock, he shuffled his tiles and put down WAX across to the top right triple, announcing 46 and nailing the win. Nigel played out and the game was over, 445-363."



New US National Champ Joel Sherman

There was one more round left to play. With tournament victory assured, Joel was paired with a lower-placed player who he defeated and he ended with 25 wins. Brian Cappelletto had moved into third place by defeating Dave in the previous round and so he was paired with Nigel. Whoever won this game would take the tournament runner-up spot. Nigel won 474-401 after Brian played a phoney which he challenged off. So Nigel ended on 22 wins and became the only non-North American runner up since Mark Nyman (UK) achieved that distinction in 1989. Nigel collected \$US10,000 in prize money. Jakkrit Klaphajone defeated Dave to take 3rd place on spread ahead of Brian and Paul Epstein on 21 wins.

Read more details and see photos at the National Scrabble Association website which provided great live coverage: <http://www.scrabble-assoc.com/tourneys/2002/nsc/build/index.html>

Thanks to webmaster John Chew and commentator/photographer Sherrie Saint John for the information that made this report possible.

US Nationals Top Ten

Rank	Name	Wins	Spread
1	Joel Sherman	25	2020
2	Nigel Richards	22	1633
3	Jakkrit Klaphajone	21	1237
4	Brian Cappelletto	21	407
5	Paul Epstein	21	149
6	Dave Wiegand	20	1495
7	Jeremiah Mead	20	811
8	Marlon Hill	20	561
9	Panupol Sujjayakorn	19	1610
10	Joel Wapnick	19	1128



Nigel Richards receives his prize from National Scrabble Association Executive Director John Williams

Scrabble Family

An interesting story of the US National Champs was the performance of the Saldanha family, formerly of United Arab Emirates but now resident in Canada. Former Gulf Champion Dean Saldanha (19yrs) was joined by his father Norbert (also a former Gulf Champion), mother Miriam, and sisters Dion (15 yrs) and Dielle (13 yrs) at the tournament. Dean placed 20th in Division 1, Norbert won Division 4, Miriam was 22nd in Division 5, Dielle won and Dion placed 10th in Division 6. How's that for family togetherness!

Right or Wrong?

The following words were challenged at the NZ National Championships in Hamilton in June. Which do you think were disallowed? (Answers on page 18)

OFLAG	NAILLESS	BEDSITS	PRETITLE
LEVITES	FOOTIER	REKITTED	UNORDER
OVERREAD	OUTFIRE	OVERSOON	YOUNGS
BIBFOLD	PUISNES	BENTHAL	ANTIQUEY
JIMPS	UNCLING	FENNISH	STADDING
TIDDLIES	ROCKGAS	DIBBLES	AVITAL
SPAM	CIBATION	ENDERNIS	BEANING
BAXTERS	WANKIER	RITZING	ALLAYER
BOOTLET	FARINATE	ONIONY	DOLLIERS
OUTMANS	DIPNET	SAXATILE	SOULING
FROWIEST	WHEEN	RETAGGED	ABSENTERS
FAILSAFE	UNMATTED	GRATABLE	HANGARED
HERDLESS	SEVERY	ROARIEST	BONZERS

Snap Election

The snap election called by PM, Helen Clarke, caused some disruption to our lives for several weeks. All over New Zealand, the Electoral Office commandeered local halls to be used as polling booths. The New Plymouth Club had to find an alternative venue for their annual tournament. Some TV programs were rescheduled to accommodate leaders' debates and animated worms marched across our screens. Many names of politicians became familiar, some (after the poll result) faded into obscurity.

One night, while prevented from watching *Six Feet Under* I decided to run a few MP's names through LeXpert to discover the longest word possible from the letters. Some results are enlightening...

by Lenny Brutle

Helen Clarke	RAKEHELL
Bill English	LIBELLINGS
Peter Dunne	UNENTERED
Winston Peters	SEPTENTRIONS**
Jeanette Fitzsimons	INFESTATIONS,
	INTIMATENESS
Jim Anderton	ANTIMODERN
Nandor Tanczos	NONACTORS
Rod Donald	LARDOON
Harry Duynhoven	HORNYHEAD
Georgina Beyer	REGEARING
Chris Carter	SCRATCHIER
Michael Cullen	ECUMENICAL
Marion Hobbs	AMBROSIAN
Judith Tizard	IJTIHAD
Don Brash	BODHRANS

** (interestingly, SEPTENTRION is a direct anagram of PETER SINTON — any relation, Peter?)

Anagrammatic Modification

by Jeff and Pat Grant

[John Holgate's excellent *Non Nonwords* article in the last magazine, together with the recent genetic engineering debate, inspired the following piece.] (Words marked * are not allowed in Scrabble - Ed.)

Back in January 1972, a short item appeared in the English *St Cleve Chronicle* about the escape of an experimental 'nonrabbit*'. According to spokesman Dr Farley Ruskin, "it is extremely difficult to tell a nonrabbit* from a real one, but the nonrabbit* when excited gives off a glandular secretion with a musky odour which can be harmful to male donkeys and women with sensitive skin." It was thought that nonrabbits* could be the source of a possible cure for cancer in chimpanzees and rodents.

John's mnemonic NON-list contains a few anagrammatically modified animal names, and we wondered if any others could be adapted for Scrabble purposes.

- | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 NONAI* | 6 NONAPES* | 11 NONCIVET* |
| 2 NONCAT* | 7 NONBEAR* | 12 NONGAURS* |
| 3 NONRAT* | 8 NONDEER* | 13 NONTAPIR* |
| 4 NONROE* | 9 NONMICE* | 14 NONTIGER* |
| 5 NONSAI* | 10 NONPIGS* | 15 NONBADGER* |

Extensive NONANIMAL (OK in Scrabble) research at the Ardra facilities has produced a small collection of lexically suitable creatures, including those on John's list. Unfortunately the NONRABBIT* didn't make it. NONMARE* (moneran), NONSTAG* (tonnags) and NONBEAVER* (raven-bone) were also rejected, and we didn't mess with NONHUMAN (nonhuman). We found examples from five to nine letters in length, and some longer specimens which came very close to transposition.

Can you find the allowable Scrabble words in the following NON-animals? (Answers on page 22)



NONDUCK

Experimentation with birds has also been considered, but it would be hard to improve on John's NONDUCK*, which is a particularly apt description of the dunnock, a hedge-sparrow.

Lost in Translation

Did you hear about the computer program for language translation which rendered "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" into Russian and then back into English? It came out as "The whiskey is fine but the meat has gone bad."

That adage and a few others were run through an Internet translator in different languages with interesting and amusing results...

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak

In French: The spirit is laid out but the flesh is weak.

In Spanish: The alcohol is arranged but the meat is weak.

In Italian: The spirit is arranged but the meat is weak person.

In Chinese: This kind of spirit is wants but the flesh and blood to be weak

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

In French: A bird in the hand is worth the sorrow two in the bush.

In German: A bird in that is worth two in the shrubs.

In Chinese: One bird is worth in hand two in the bush.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

In French: Populate which of phase in the houses of glass should not throw stones.

In German: Whom phases in the glasshouses stones throw should not.

In Spanish: Populate who alive one in the crystal houses does not have to send stones.

In Chinese: Occupies Yu Shui lives in the glass house should not throw the stone.

A penny saved is a penny gained.

In French: A saved penny is a gained penny.

In German: A penny, which is stored, is a won penny.

In Chinese: The penny preservation is the penny gain.



Copyright © 2002 Creators Syndicate, Inc.

Verbivores Chillax with New Vocabulary

This is the title of an article spotted by Lynn Wood (WEL) in her local paper. It details the results of an exercise by the "Chicago Tribune", which asked its readers to send in their favourite 'made-up' words, and discussed the possibility of them entering the English vocabulary. Here are some examples:

CELLICIDE	the killing of pedestrians, cyclists, motorists or passengers in accidents caused by drivers distracted by use of their cell phones.
CHILLAX	to chill out and relax (Spotted online and heard in teen)
DISENHANCEMENT	what happens when a computer company issues a new, expensive update of its software, which fixes current bugs and introduces new ones.
GAK	the sound of a cat coughing up hairballs; hence, any disgusting messy substance, as in 'what is this gak in
SHOPHOPPING	going from store to store looking for bargains, or
VELCROCITY	the ability of Velcro to adhere to itself.
VOMITORIOUS	particularly bad or nauseating; puke-making.

Scrabblers are keen verbivores (people who thrive on words), and they know the sort of outlandish terms already acceptable. It wouldn't be too surprising if a couple of the neologisms above eventually made it into the dictionary.

Scrabble on Stakeout#

In a recent episode of Aussie cop show *Water Rats*, Detective Goldstein and her new partner are on surveillance. To help pass the time they play a game of Scrabble using a funny-looking Travel Scrabble set with clip-on tiles. The board is littered with appropriate words like LAW, ARREST, PISTOL and TRUNCHEON. Goldstein finishes the game with PASSION.

#What are the three anagrams of STAKEOUT? Answers on Page 22.



Many common 8-letter words have five vowels, for example ALIENATE, EQUATION and INITIATE. These words are very useful in Scrabble. Here are twelve 5-vowel eights with DNT or RNT.

AUDITION	AERATION
DETAINEE	AERONAUT
IDEATION	AEROTONE
IODATION	ERIONITE
IODINATE	INAURATE
TAENIOID	INERTIAE

The All-Time NZ Top Ten

Our research suggests that these may be the top 10 individual game scores ever achieved in CLUB OR TOURNAMENT Scrabble in New Zealand. Interestingly, six of them were recorded in the South Island and three of the four North Island scores were attained at Hastings.

If you know of any omissions, please send us details. Note that a score of 700 wouldn't even make the list!

- | | | | | |
|----|-----|--|----------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 763 | John Foster (MTA) | 29.1.93 | Mt Albert Club |
| | | [included a 261-point triple-triple non-bonus word CLAQUERS] | | |
| 2 | 751 | Jeff Grant (HAS) | 2.9.97 | Hastings Club afternoon |
| | | [7 bonus words, score achieved without J, Q, X, Z] | | |
| 3 | 726 | Peter Sinton (DUN) | 12.10.99 | Dunedin Club |
| | | [6 bonus words, the 577 margin (726-149) is current NZ record] | | |
| 4 | 725 | Karyn McDougall (DUN) | 31.8.99 | Dunedin Club |
| | | [6 bonus words, margin 481] | | |
| 5 | 719 | Nigel Richards (CHC) | 30.10.98 | Christchurch Club |
| | | [a club record and the 504 point margin was a NZ record] | | |
| 6= | 717 | Mike Sigley (WAN) | 24.11.90 | Dunedin Open Tournament |
| | | [6 bonus words, including the triple-triple CAMPLING. The current NZ tournament record.] | | |
| 6= | 717 | Nigel Richards (CHC) | 2.11.97 | Christchurch Club Tournament |
| | | [6 bonus words, not an open event unfortunately, or it would have equalled the NZ tournament record] | | |
| 8 | 713 | Karyn McDougall (DUN) | 31.8.99 | Dunedin Club |
| | | [4 bonus words, margin 550] | | |
| 9 | 710 | Lynne Butler (NPL) | 10.3.02 | Hastings Tournament |
| | | [included a 194-point triple-triple UNBUCKLES] | | |
| 10 | 702 | Howard Warner (MTA) | 9.3.97 | Hastings Tournament |
| | | [a 167-point triple-triple DONATIVE helped the cause. Especially meritorious, because it was scored against former Masters champion David Lloyd] | | |

One other exceptional score deserves a mention, even though it just misses the top 10. On 10.2.87 Betty Gibb (HAM) recorded a 696-249 win over Gladys Barrett at the Hamilton Club. Betty's score is remarkable for a number of reasons. After three moves she had just six points (change, change, 6)! Also, it was achieved with the help of only three bonus

words, including 203 for QUINTETS on a triple-triple.. Apparently, Betty could have easily exceeded 700, but unselfishly helped her opponent play out her last tiles, depriving herself of the chance to create a piece of NZ Scrabble history. Nevertheless, the 696 individual score was a NZ club record for nearly six years, and still stands as the Hamilton Club record.

A Handful of Time

Reviewed by Lynne Butler

Written and published by Steve Richards, Nelson, New Zealand

Price: \$15 + \$2 postage and handling

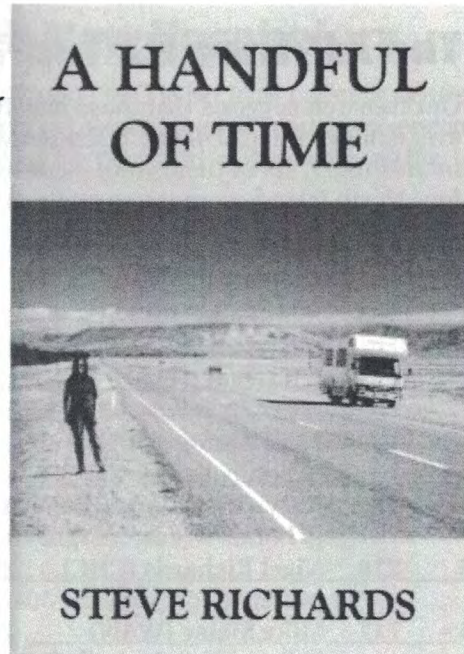
Find a nice comfy spot, put your feet up and enjoy a front-seat journey which will both satisfy and stimulate your wanderlust...

"On 8 January 2000, in the aftermath of the Millennium celebrations, Liz and Steve Richards left Nelson in a campervan to spend six months on the road. They travelled the length of New Zealand, exploring the country and playing at every Scrabble club in the country on the way. The journey led them from Stewart Island through Otago, Canterbury and Marlborough, to the Wairarapa, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay and up to Cape Reinga."

Though Liz and Steve visited every Scrabble club in New Zealand, this is not a book about Scrabble — there are no tips, no strategies, no word lists. This is a chronicle of their journey through our beautiful land. Steve has incorporated glimpses of wild coastlines and magnificent mountains, with snippets of history and tales of the New Zealand people and Scrabblers met along the way.

"We spent some time in the Taranaki Museum which has a fine pre-European collection and in the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery on Queen Street. From the beach we could see the Sugar Loaf Islands, volcanic formations just off the coast which form a habitat for fur seals, dolphins, birds and even humpback whales.

The morning was soon gone and we hurried back to the motor camp to meet Helen who took us to Waitara for our next Scrabble encounter. In a quiet suburban street twelve women met for their weekly fix of good-natured banter and competition. One of the members brought a cream sponge cake and we



were given tea in bone china cups and treated like celebrities from a distant land."

A Handful of Time is a well-constructed travelogue. From the appealing title and cover photo, Steve Richards takes the reader through the South and North Islands using visits to Scrabblers' homes and clubs as familiar signposts through the chapters.

I have several Scrabble friends who live overseas. Most of them want to visit New Zealand. With this book they'll be able to do just that, plus meet our Kiwi Scrabble family at the same time.

To purchase *A Handful of Time* send a cheque for \$17 to:-

S & L Richards,
Hoddy Road,
RD 1 Richmond
Nelson

How to Pick a Scrabble Freak

What's in a word? If it's from this guy it will contain X, Y and Z.

Brain A super-computer that retains obscure words and performs complex calculations, such as multiplying triple-letter by double-word scores in both directions.

Dictionary A vital weapon in the brutal world of word combat. To be scoured for obsolete words from science, mythology or history.

Scrabble dictionary Lists all the words that aren't in regular dictionaries. Memorised them all: "ai", a three-toed sloth; "xi", the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet.

Perfect partner Someone with a 60,000-word vocabulary who still lets him win.

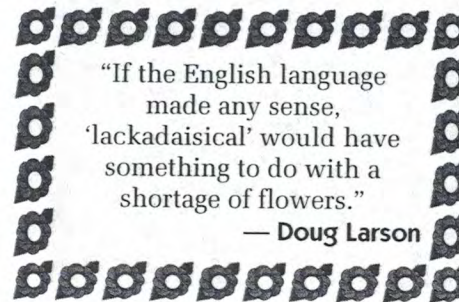
Greatest ambition For "qxz" to be included in a dictionary. Any suggested meaning is welcome.

Speech impediment Adds ungainly consonants to simple words for potential score value.

The erogenous zone **Scrabble deluxe box** A board game to some, a lifestyle to others — just without the style, not to mention the life.

Rash Favourite skin condition: eczema. It has a point value of 19 even before the bonus scores. Get the "z" on a triple and all the pain is worth it.

Hiking boots Hates the misconception that Scrabble players never go outside. Since the invention of Travel Scrabble and Pocket Scrabble, he can take his obsession anywhere.



"If the English language made any sense, 'lackadaisical' would have something to do with a shortage of flowers."

— Doug Larson

Words Stuart Davis Illustration Dean Gorrison

Both Pam Robson and Val Mills found this article in *Sunday Life*



Player Profile — Catherine Henry

Quietly spoken Catherine Henry is “good at Scrabble because Mum taught me to read before I went to school.”

In her first-ever rated tournament, Catherine won the New Zealand G grade Scrabble trophy, losing only two games along the way. She also won ‘The Georgie’, an award given to the most improved player in remembrance of Georgie Offringa who provided so much encouragement to all. Catherine had a third trip up to the prize table at the Nationals prize-giving ceremony when the Tauranga Club took out the Teams Trophy. The team comprising Catherine, JoAnn Ingram and Margaret Durdle amassed an amazing total of 35 wins between the three of them.

Prior to joining the Tauranga Club in January 2002, Catherine played Scrabble twice a week for twelve years with her good friend Margaret Flaws (TGA). Then after attending a one-day mini tournament Catherine was eager to play in the Nationals in Hamilton. She thoroughly enjoyed the buzz and excitement of New Zealand’s premier tournament, “I would play every weekend if it were possible.”

Catherine challenged only one word during the Nationals and her opponent had to remove the phoney ITO*. Her best word played was WASTREL.

Catherine’s family are supportive of her Scrabble. Her husband bought

her a Scrabble set, but, “he wouldn’t play with me.” And Catherine’s daughter has inherited her mother’s prowess with words, having played PHOENIX on a triple word score.

It would seem that words and learning have been a recurrent theme throughout Catherine’s life as, in earlier days, she was a post-primary teacher. Catherine is still involved in education doing Language Immersion with some very lucky primary school children.

Best wishes for your Scrabble career, Catherine!

Hooked on W

From the August 2002 issue of *Onwords*

Unique W hooks

W-ADD	W-HOLLY
W-AGON	W-HOOP
W-AIDE	W-HOOPLA
W-ARRAY	W-HOOTED
W-ASHEN	W-ILLEST
W-ATAP	W-INDIGO
W-AWE	W-OORALI
W-HELM	W-OUBIT
W-HELP	W-OUNDY
W-HINGE	W-RATH
W-HIPT	W-RETCH
W-HOA	W-ROOT
W-HOLISM	W-ROTE
W-HOLIST	W-RUNG

There is only one unique W end hook - DAYGLO-W

Beautiful Babies

At the recent Hamilton tournament, players were invited to take part in the "Name the Baby Scrabbler Competition". These four baby photos were displayed and we were invited to guess who they were and write a short caption.

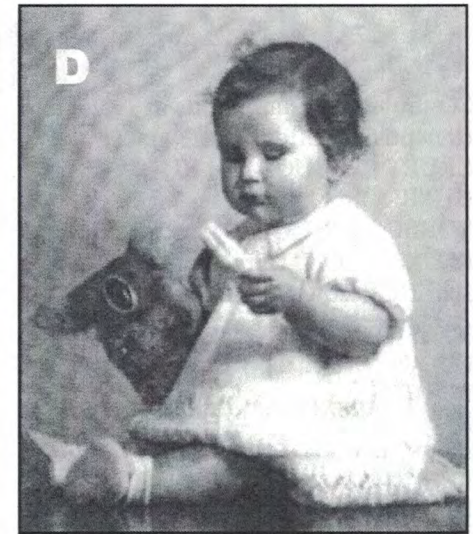
While waiting for the final results to be tabulated we were entertained with some of the captions and guesses.

Jillian thought Baby A was David Gunn — Well he's always been one to hitch a ride one way or the other. Jillian thought Baby D was Glennis Hale — She looks like a sweet little angel. Isabel thought Baby A was Ed Olson — "Mum, give me back my teddy." Isabel thought Baby C was Jeff Grant — He looks so innocent.

Doreen thought Baby A was Howard Warner — How could you miss a cute little thing like that? Doreen thought Baby B was Chris Hooks — Hasn't changed much. Glennis thought Baby B was Kendall Boyd — Has to be a South Islander — no shoes. David thought Baby A was Peter Jones — Always playing on wheels.

The eventual winner was Glennis Hale who correctly identified two of these bonny babes. Baby A was very surprised when his/her identity was revealed — he/she did not recognise him/herself posed so sweetly in the pram!

Can **you** pick who these cuties are? Answer on page 22



"The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause."
— Mark Twain

CRAZY ANAGRAMS



SHAMPOO OOMPAHS

Cartoon by John Parker
From Australian Scrabble Players
Association 2001 Calendar

Scrabble is Better than Sex?

Jennifer Aniston says filming her big-screen sex scene — with Jake Gyllenhaal in *The Good Girl* — was sheer torture for her.

"He's so young it felt wrong — like doing it with a child," the actress reported. "I was shaking."

Aniston would apparently have been happy to trade-in the pretend bedroom games with a stranger more than 10 years her junior, for a night of board games with her more suitably aged hubby, Brad Pitt.

"We love games like dominoes, Scrabble — and charades is a great one," she revealed. "Lately we've been playing charades and we have a poker night."

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example CRUET to ERUCT and RHODIUM to HUMIDOR. On a higher lever, ROBBIE COLTRANE becomes BLOB RECREATION. Here are anagrams of six little-known Scrabblers.

SCARLETT BRAMBLE	MATTEL SCRABBLER
MARGARET FRICANI	TERRIFIC ANAGRAM
IRIS TATTLE	TILE ARTIST
GLENNIS HEAMAN	AN ENGLISH NAME
HOWARD THASSELL	HAS ALL THE WORDS
RUBEN HUTSON	BONUS HUNTER

Answers

Stakeout (from page 14)

STAKEOUT = OUTSKATE,
OUTTAKES, TAKEOUTS

Beautiful Babies (from page 20)

Baby A - Howard Warner
Baby B - Lynne Powell
Baby C - Jeff Grant
Baby D - Doreen O'Shea

Right or Wrong? (from page 11)

The words disallowed were:

BIBFOLD*	JIMPS*	BOOTLET*	FAILSAFE*
HERDLESS*	ROCKGAS*	FARINATE*	REKITTED*
ENDERN'S*	RITZING*	GRATABLE*	PRETITLE*
ANTIQUAY*	STADDING*	SOULING*	BONZERS*

Anagrammatic Modification (from page 12)

1 ANION	6 PANNOSE	11 COINVENT
2 CANNOT/CANTON	7 BARONNE	12 NONSUGAR
3 NATRON/NONART	8 ENDERON	13 ANTIPORN
4 NOONER	9 MECONIN	14 NITROGEN
5 NASION/ANIONS	10 SPONGIN	15 DANNEBROG

710? Another high game score?

No, read on...

A few days ago a woman came into a petrol station and asked for a seven-hundred-ten!

We all looked at each other and suddenly one customer asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?"

She replied, "You know the little piece in the middle of the engine, I've lost it and need a new one."

The guy at the petrol station asked: "What's it used for?"

She replied that she didn't know, but this piece has always been there.

The guy gave her a paper and a pen and asked her to explain what the piece looked like.

The women started to draw a 6 cm circle and in the middle she wrote 710.

See page for the missing engine part.



INTERNATIONAL



Australia

Edward Okulicz has won the **Highest Rated Player award in Queensland** for the third year running with a rating of 1773. The runner-up is Anne Drew on 1742. Edward also won the award for the Most Successful Player with 93 wins from 125 games, a 74.4% success rate.

These players have qualified to play for Australia in the **Trans Tasman** to be held in Wellington in November — Paul Cleary, Trevor Halsall, Bob Jackman, John Holgate, Alistair Kane, Sue Kyatt, Esther Perrins, Anne Drew, Rod Talbot, Joanne Craig, Carmel Dodd and Joan Rosenthal. Edward Okulicz, Geoff Wright and Michael Cameron all qualified but indicated they could not attend.

The **WA Masters** was held on Aug 10 & 11 and Glenys Lawrie came out the winner over Sandra Morgan on spread. Both women won 14 games but Glenys's spread of 1326 was 629 points more than Sandra's. Third spot was secured by Edie Mueller with 13 + 758.

In Victoria, seasoned player, Geoff Wright (6 wins, 2960 agg) beat off stiff opposition to win the **Eastern Suburbs Tournament** on August 25th. Naweem Fernando (6 wins, 2907 agg) was second, with David Lloyd (6 wins, 2823 agg) in third spot. Andrew Fisher, recently of the UK was fourth with 5 wins and an aggregate score of 3195.



India

The Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana Club and the Mumbai Scrabble Club have announced the first ever International Scrabble tournament to be held in India. As part of the fifth **All India Open Scrabble Tournament**, there will be an International Division (subject to a minimum of 12 entries from international players) with a total prize money of more than US\$2,000. The tournament will be held on January 11/12, 2003. Email mumbaicscrabbleclub@hotmail.com for further information.



Malaysia

The **13th KL YMCA Scrabble Tournament** was held on the 10th and 11th August 2002. It was a 12 game KOTH tournament with the last 3 games allowing repeat pairings. The tournament was won by Nigel Richards just prior to flying off to participate in the US National Scrabble Champs in San Diego. Second was John Lam on 8 wins, 3 games behind Nigel while Kong Chock Heng took 3rd spot, also on 8 wins.

Earlier on July 21 & 22, Nigel (11 + 1034) placed second to A. Ganesh (12 + 1084) in the **Malaysian Masters**. Pui Cheng Wui (11 + 608) was 3rd.

In the **4th Penang Open Scrabble Tournament** held on Aug 30—Sept 1, Singaporean Cheah Siu Hean pipped

Nigel Richards and John Lam to take top honours with 12 wins from 15 games. Nigel finished on 11 wins with a spread of 1512 ahead of John.

The Malaysian Scrabble Association have submitted a bid to hold the **2003 World Scrabble Champs**.

South Africa

Happy news from South Africa! **Steve Gruzd** is delighted to announce the birth of his baby daughter, Lauren Kate Gruzd on 18.8.2002. Steve is a past SA National Champion and is editor of the *SANSPA Scrabble Magazine*.

Trevor Hovelmeier (14+1518) won the **2002 Swiss Robin Scrabble Tourney** in Johannesburg in August. Dylan Early (12+1034) took second spot with Gerry Moore (11+533) in third.

United Kingdom

The **British Elimination Scrabble Tournament (BEST)** is drawing to an exciting close. Mark Nyman and Andy Davis will face off in the 1st semi-final. The 2nd semi-final position will be decided when the tussles between Gareth Williams v Terry Kirk and Paul Allan v Terry Acton are completed. The winner of last year's BEST was Andrew Fisher who beat David Webb 10 games to 9 games in a thrilling best of 19 games final. Andrew Fisher was unable to play in this year's BEST as he is now residing in Australia.

The **British Matchplay Scrabble Championships**, the flagship event of the ABSP, took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend and was won in fine style by Mark Nyman with a 14-3 record against tough opposition. The event was this year's National Championships and so Mark retains the title of 'National Scrabble Champion' for the second year running. Runner-up was David Acton, with Joyce Canfield in third place, both on 13 wins.

United States

And in more baby news **Stefan Fatsis**, author of best seller *Word Freak* is a new dad. Baby Chloe was born to him and Melissa Block, in early July. Stefan is also celebrating the paperback release of *Word Freak*.

Congratulations to **new NSC champion**, Joel Sherman. Full coverage of the tournament appears on page 7.

A Dangerous Game

This evocative notice was posted at the Hastings RSA to advertise a Tuesday Scrabble club session.

23 July 2002

CONFERENCE ROOMS

UPSTAIRS

SCARBBLE

1.00 - 4.00 PM

[They play a tough game in the Bay of Plenty. —Ed]

CLUB NEWS

Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

School Scrabble

The children who come regularly for their weekly Scrabble games from Cobham Intermediate School, all enjoy these sessions and wish more time could be made available. At present there are relatively few club members rostered to go to the school each week, so if anyone is prepared to volunteer their services to assist these enthusiastic youngsters, the offer would be much appreciated.

Farewell Liz

On the 2nd of August we farewelled Liz Fagerlund with a special supper. She will be missed and we thank her for all she has done for the Club and wish her well for the future.

20th Anniversary

In 2004 our club will be 20 years in existence. Please submit any ideas and suggestions for the celebration to the committee, so we can make the occasion memorable and enjoyable.

Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

Nationals - Hamilton - June

Peter Sinton	A grade	2nd
Carolyn Kyle	D grade	12th
Ruth Groffman	E grade	9th

Congratulations to Kendall Boyd (IND) A grade winner — all 15 games,

well done.

Quiz

AORRSWY (2 words)

Liz Fagerlund

We all wish Liz the best on her new adventures in Auckland. Dunedin Scrabblers thank you for all those billets and your support. Good luck.

Club All-Time Records

High win	726	Peter Sinton	1999
High loss	491	Peter Sinton	1995
High turn	221	Glennie Jamieson	1991
High spread	577	Peter Sinton	1999
High comb	1024	Ian Patterson (593)	
		Peter Sinton (431)	1990

Most tourneys won

17	Peter Sinton
----	--------------

Mel Gibson

Heard on radio the other day that Mel Gibson is a very good Scrabbler, my lips are sealed.

Club Competitions - 2002

Round Robin	Peter Sinton	W17Ave 463
Ladder	Karyn McDougall	W 9 Ave 425
Dictionary	Peter Sinton	W 2 Ave 535
Challenge	Karyn McDougall	W39Ave 430 (76%)

Canterbury Open Sept 7-8

Small contingent of 7 will be attending.

Norfolk Island Sept 22-29

Ruth and Michael Groffman and Karyn McDougall are thinking about attending.

Stewart Fleming

Stewart has been selected for the

World Duathlon Championships in Atlanta, USA, Oct 19-20. Stewart will run 10km, bike 40km and run 5km — makes me tired thinking about it.

Trans Tasman Tourney Nov 16-18 Wellington

Peter Sinton has been selected in the team. He was champion in 1998, Kendall Boyd in 2000. Australia won 1996, NZ in 1998 and 2000. 2002? Let's get a hat trick — rugby revenge.

Otago Lion Open Nov 2-3

15 games : 6 per grade : triple round robin : \$28

Contact: Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Ave, St Clair, Dunedin
ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

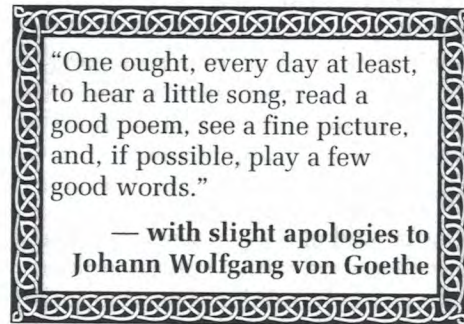
Quiz Answers

SMORRY VARRAWS

Happy Scrabbling, Bill Grigg

Will Time

In an episode of the TV3 comedy *Home Improvement*, Jill tries to persuade her husband Tim to complete a will. He isn't enthused by the idea and asks his neighbour for advice. The suburban guru Wilson tells Tim that he should take it seriously, because his name, Tim Taylor, transposes into MORTALITY, whereas his wife Jill Taylor has the more optimistic anagram JOLLY TRAIL.



Strange Words in Hamilton

Adjudicator Pat Grant noted the following unusual words played at the Hamilton Tournament on August 10-11:

Allowed		Disallowed	
ALIST	GOONEYS	ADVENTED	HARDONS
ALURE	LIMNED	ALIPH	KAWAS
BALLIES	ODONATES	BIRTHEE	MAMBY
BELAH	OUTWING	BLOTZ	MUGSTER
BOGGARDS	OVARIOLE	BLUSHIER	OUTSLIDE
CAMEOING	OVERBURN	BUNNIEST	RUSKY
CLODDIER	STEEDED	DIRNDLY	SPHORAGI
DETICKS	STYLOID	DONNARTS	SQUIZZIER
FAWNIEST	TROUPIAL	ENSWORN	UNFOALED
FLORIGEN	VESTURER	EXTENDRY	VENTRIL

So you've got two eyes, have you?

From *The Last Word*, the bi-monthly magazine of the Association of British Scrabble Players

Il hope you willl find thiis quuite iinteresting — Ed.

AALII - a tropical tree (worshipped by GENII for its vowel dumping ability)

GENII - plural of GENIUS, the Scrabble player

MEDII - plural of MEDIUS, the middle finger

MODII - plural of MODIUS, a Roman dry measure

OBIIT - (Latin past tense) died PIING - a present participle of "to pi", meaning to jumble

RADII - plural of RADIUS, the circle thingy

TEIID - a tropical American lizard

TORII - a Japanese Shinto temple gateway

CONGII - plural of CONGIUS, an ancient unit of liquid measure

GOBIID - of the Gobiidae family of fish

OBIING - present participle of the verb OBI, meaning to bewitch OBIISM - cf.

OBEAHISM, witchcraft and poisoning practise by natives of the West Indies

SKIING - watch out for that treeeee!

ARCTIID - a moth of the Arctiidae family

BACCHII - in Greek and Latin prosody, a foot of 2 long syllables, followed by a short

CONIINE - a liquid, highly poisonous alkaloid found in hemlock

DENARII - plural of DENARIUS, a Roman coin

DOCHMII - more prosody, this time a foot with 5 syllables

NAUPLII - plural of NAUPLIUS, a larval form found in many Crustacea, with one eye and three pair of appendages

SENARII - plural of SENARIUS, a verse of 6 iambs or equivalent

SPLENII - plural of SPLENIUS, a muscle of the neck

TAXIING - what aeroplanes do when they move on the ground

ALIBIING - from the verb "to alibi" to make excuses for oneself

DUPONDII - plural of DUPONDIUS, another Roman coin

FILARIID - same as FILARIA, a parasitic worm

PERRADII - plural of PERRADIUS, any one of the primary radii of a coelenterate (see Chambers for a complex definition of a coelenterate!)

REDUVIID - belonging to the Reduviidae family of bugs. This word was played by New Zealand wiz Nigel Richards from a rack of DIVIDER. Nice spotting!

RETIARII - plural of RETIARIUS, a gladiator armed with a net

SARTORII - plural of SARTORIUS, the longest body muscle which helps to bend the knee

SEXTARII - n.pl ancient Roman units of liquid measure

SHIITAKE - the large dark brown mushroom widely used in Oriental cooking

STAPEDII - plural of STAPEDIUS, the muscle of the stapes bone inside the ear

SYLVIINE - adjective pertaining to any warbler of the genus Sylvia

TRAPEZII - plural of TRAPEZIUS, another muscle, it runs up the spine to the neck and across the back of the shoulders

enabling you to look upwards

WONGIING - Australian slang, "to talk or chat

ZOMBIISM - belief in a zombie

17th Thailand International Kings Cup

July 4-7 2002

by Liz Fagerlund

It was no big surprise that Nigel Richards won this event for the fourth year in a row. Nigel finished with 22 wins — 4 wins ahead of the next best player, Femi Awowade from Nigeria on 18 wins. The last round game was a tense affair as the one to meet Nigel in the playoff hinged on the outcome. There was a very large crowd of people around the top tables, with cameras recording the plays — Nigel said it was very hot with everyone so close, limiting the air circulation. This year the stadium had 67 international players, and 6000 school children playing their competitions in Scrabble and maths games. It was pretty noisy in there at times! International players included a small British contingent of Terry Kirk, and Evan Simpson; Australians Dianne Ward, Alistair Kane and Sue Kyatt and 5 Kiwis — Liz Fagerlund, Denise Gordon, Cecilia Ruto, Paul



Opening Ceremony

Lister and Betty Eriksen. Michael Sigley attended as an interested observer.

New players to Thailand were impressed by the Olympic games-like march past of contestants behind their national flags and the fireworks display which opened the tournament.

Big, big congratulations to Nigel on winning quite decisively once more — it's amazing watching his games and some of the words he plays.

Name	Wins	Spread
1 Nigel Richards (ex NZ)	22	1483
2 Femi Awowade	18	1307
3 Cheah Siu Hean	17	1396
4 Charnwit Sukumrattanaporn	17	1333
5 Jakkrit Klaphajone	17	1125
6 Gerry Carter	16	786
7 Ganesh Asirvatham	16	757
8 Manop Phiphatboonserm	16	497
9 Virgilio Quiballo	16	271
10 Komol Panyasoponlert	16	38
...		
15 Evan Simpson (UK)	15	445
...		
25 Alistair Kane (AUS)	14	235
...		
27 Liz Fagerlund (NZ)	14	134
...		
31 Sue Kyatt (AUS)	13	545
...		
34 Denise Gordon (NZ)	13	227
...		
39 Cecilia Ruto (NZ)	13	-681
...		
57 Paul Lister (NZ)	11	-894
58 Betty Eriksen (NZ)	10.5	-643

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Island Scrabble Festival will pit holidaying New Zealanders from all grades against

their Australian counterparts. With nearly 50 players registered this year a good competition is assured.

Secondly, in November, the Association will host the Trans Tasman challenge in Wellington. The chief organiser this year is our new Vice President, Lynn Wood.

The top 12 available ranked players from each country will play a 24 game tournament in pursuit of the Trans Tasman Shield. Best wishes to our team — go, Kiwis, go, and keep the shield this side of the Tasman.

Congratulations to one of our past star players, Nigel Richards, now living in Malaysia, for his second placing in the United States Nationals Tournament held in San Diego. Nigel regularly wins tournaments in Asia, where he enjoys a very high profile and is much respected. We do hope that he will play again in New Zealand sometime in the future.

To all players, at whatever level, happy scrabbling and good luck in the forthcoming spring tournaments.

Have you noticed the increased activity at the top of our Rankings list, with the first few places being hotly contested, and rankings traded, more so than usual? Also, some new and some more experienced players are moving up the ranks into the top 30. This can only bode well for the future of New Zealand Scrabble.

We have two contests with Australia coming up:

Firstly, at the end of September, the very friendly rivalry of the Norfolk

Island Scrabble Festival will pit holidaying New Zealanders from all grades against their Australian counterparts. With nearly 50 players registered this year a good competition is assured.

Joan Thomas (Treasurer)

John Wants to be a Millionaire

John Holgate was spotted by many NZ Scrabblers on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" in early July. John was able to put in a good plug for Scrabble on his way to winning AUD\$32,000. Congratulations, John.

Missing Engine Part (from page 22)



The Final Word

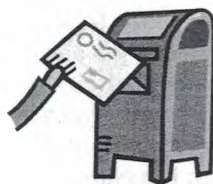
AFTERWORD
 AYWORD
 BACKSWORD
 BACKWORD
 BROADSWORD
 BUZZWORD
 BYWORD
 CATCHWORD
 CROSSWORD
 CUSSWORD
 FOREWORD
 HEADWORD
 KEYWORD
 LOANWORD
 MISWORD
 NAYWORD
 NONWORD
 OVERWORD
 OWREWORD
 PASSWORD
 REWORD
 SMALLSWORD
 SWEARWORD
 SWORD
 WATCHWORD

Out of the Box

How many types of boxes are there?
 Quite a few judging by this list.

BANDBOX
 BOOMBOX
 BRAINBOX
 BREADBOX
 CASHBOX
 CHATTERBOX
 CLACKBOX
 CLANGBOX
 COALBOX
 ECONOBOX
 EMBOX
 FEEDBOX
 FIREBOX
 GEARBOX

OUTBOX
 PEGBOX
 PEPPERBOX
 PILLBOX



POSTBOX
 SALTBOX
 SANDBOX
 SAUCEBOX
 SEEDBOX
 SHADOWBOX
 SHOWBOX
 SKYBOX
 SNUFFBOX
 SOAPBOX
 SOUNDBOX
 STRONGBOX
 SWEATBOX
 TEABOX
 TINDERBOX



HATBOX
 HAYBOX
 HELLBOX
 HOMEBOX
 HOMOEBOX
 HOTBOX
 ICEBOX
 JAWBOX
 JUKEBOX
 LETTERBOX
 LOCKBOX
 MAILBOX
 MATCHBOX



TOOLBOX
 TUCKERBOX
 UNBOX
 WATCHBOX
 WOODBOX
 WORKBOX



NZASP Rankings as at 8 September 2002

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Mike Sigley	2141	588	795	74%	49 Helen Sillis	1514	471	919	51%
2 Howard Warner	2124	578.5	846	68%	50 Faye Cronhelm	1500	452	911	50%
3 Jeff Grant	2113	960	1240	77%	51 Margaret Bundock	1499	464	938	49%
4 Kendall Boyd	2103	264	345	77%	52 Shirley Hol	1499	255.5	530	48%
5 Peter Sinton	2095	322	437	74%	53 Gerald Warner	1478	654.5	1406	47%
6 Patrick Carter	2070	443	713	62%	54 Roger Coates	1476	314.5	655	48%
7 Blue Thorogood	1987	280	417	67%	55 Maureen Holliday	1469	296.5	573	52%
8 Lynne Butler	1980	574	950	60%	56 Janice Cherry	1469	173	310	56%
9 Glennis Hale	1976	800.5	1435	56%	57 Andree Prentice	1460	464	895	52%
10 Andrew Bradley	1924	341	692	49%	58 Karyn McDougall	1458	333.5	627	53%
11 Glynis Jennings	1916	297.5	624	48%	59 Jennifer Smith	1452	310	554	56%
12 John Foster	1889	727.5	1273	57%	60 Rebecca Freeth	1440	125.5	216	58%
13 Lynne Powell	1862	661.5	1266	52%	61 Shirley Wyatt	1431	257	531	48%
14 Peter Jones	1859	546	1085	50%	62 Glenda Geard	1418	552	1085	51%
15 Cecilia Ruto	1850	141	274	51%	63 Hazel Purdie	1417	342	710	48%
16 Denise Gordon	1840	447.5	869	51%	64 Julie Atkinson	1410	109.5	190	58%
17 Sheryl Davidson	1836	605	1138	53%	65 Rhoda Cashman	1402	491	1047	47%
18 Steven Brown	1827	367.5	693	53%	66 Allie Quinn	1401	551	1159	48%
19 Rosemary Cleary	1814	334	711	47%	67 Betty Eriksen	1401	385.5	762	51%
20 Anna Geange	1800	359.5	679	53%	68 David Gunn	1395	633	1234	51%
21 Valerie Mills	1782	439	907	48%	69 Delcie Macbeth	1395	361	677	53%
22 George Warnock	1769	31	56	55%	70 Yvette Hewlett	1385	184.5	402	46%
23 Fae Olson	1764	846	1760	48%	71 Hilda Scott	1382	202	373	54%
24 Chris Hooks	1764	473	970	49%	72 David Bragg	1377	95	148	64%
25 Lynn Wood	1748	751.5	1552	48%	73 Stewart Fleming	1361	59	122	48%
26 Glenda Foster	1744	479	931	51%	74 Marian Ross	1358	201.5	433	47%
27 Jane Walton	1742	226	425	53%	75 Sue Walker	1352	300.5	600	50%
28 June Mackwell	1719	366.5	802	46%	76 Shirley Martin	1349	317.5	602	53%
29 Liz Fagerlund	1711	359.5	670	54%	77 Reeve Pearson	1345	662	1411	47%
30 Lisa McLean	1700	359.5	706	51%	78 Margaret Lyall	1326	256.5	517	50%
31 Debbie Caldwell	1687	128	203	63%	79 Isabel Zyp	1325	301	599	50%
32 Rogelio Talosig	1682	37.5	62	60%	80 Ruth O'Neill	1323	232.5	485	48%
33 Marianne Bentley	1668	109	242	45%	81 Bill Grigg	1308	240.5	459	52%
34 Pam Robson	1660	359	760	47%	82 Murray Rogers	1305	124.5	230	54%
35 Puti Rowe	1640	351	707	50%	83 Carolyn Kyle	1294	207.5	402	52%
36 May Quigley	1639	446	1002	45%	84 Roto Mitchell	1278	197	373	53%
37 Eileen McLean	1634	650	1257	52%	85 Ann Candler	1261	443	944	47%
38 Correne James	1618	416.5	871	48%	86 Margaret Cherry	1250	229	461	50%
39 Paul Lister	1609	369	650	57%	87 Doreen Ogston	1248	356	751	47%
40 Ann Hough	1604	221	408	54%	88 Malcolm Graham	1230	183.5	360	51%
41 Leila Thomson	1593	305	676	45%	89 Marianne Patchett	1214	138.5	254	55%
42 Shirley van Essen	1586	176	308	57%	90 Lorraine Van Veen	1212	418	815	51%
43 Glenyss Buchanan	1566	386	798	48%	91 Ernie Gidman	1202	126	248	51%
44 Andrew Denmead	1554	128.5	239	54%	92 Jean O'Brien	1202	422.5	852	50%
45 Doreen O'Shea	1552	289.5	569	51%	93 Karen Rodgers	1162	75	199	38%
46 Joan Thomas	1543	298	555	54%	94 Mary Gray	1139	211	391	54%
47 Kim Graham	1540	208	370	56%	95 Steve Richards	1110	97	174	56%
48 Yvonne Wilson	1521	225	403	56%	96 Pam Barlow	1098	211	404	52%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
97 Chris Handley	1090	122	248	49%
98 Jill Johnson	1089	103	204	50%
99 Liz Catchpole	1085	207	427	48%
100 Karen Miller	1083	164	323	51%
101 Elaine Moltzen	1071	310	631	49%
102 Margaret Parsons	1058	213.5	378	56%
103 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1055	151	311	49%
104 Liz Richards	1022	92	173	53%
105 Amelia Carrington	1014	44	65	68%
106 Amanda Clow-Hewer	1012	35	51	69%
107 Samantha Samuels	1011	41	80	51%
108 Lyn Dawson	1009	210	362	58%
109 Martha Morgan	1008	196	419	47%
110 Janet Willison	1006	89	123	72%
111 Allison Torrance	991	95.5	161	59%
112 Catherine Styles	984	25.5	34	75%
113 Annette Coombes	978	290.5	651	45%
114 Margaret Hanson	971	211.5	417	51%
115 Margaret Flaws	969	35	61	57%
116 Kate Wignall	947	376	752	50%
117 Colleen Cook	924	47	81	58%
118 Bev Barker	918	291	614	47%
119 Irene Hague-Smith	897	346	733	47%
120 Ruth Groffman	897	116.5	231	50%
121 Lyn Toka	894	202.5	404	50%
122 Ray Goodyear	887	62	132	47%
123 Barbara Butt	886	54	88	61%
124 Gabrielle Bolt	881	71	132	54%
125 Jean Boyle	860	74.5	132	56%
126 Olwen Skelton	842	301	638	47%
127 Marie Cairns	839	119.5	225	53%
128 Veronica Zilinkas	829	48	74	65%
129 Connie Gervasi	824	31	48	65%
130 Janni Henneveld	808	47	98	48%
131 Rosalind Phillips	807	99	175	57%
132 Jean Walsh	807	120	241	50%
133 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	801	258	544	47%
134 May Meads	789	197	378	52%
135 Joan Pratt	775	318	610	52%
136 Alice Hayward	766	50	82	61%
137 Maria Clinton	757	58	112	52%
138 Tracy Ivamy	757	60	122	49%
139 Valma Gidman	755	326	658	50%
140 Pam Mayall	753	184	345	53%
141 Roslyn Lister	731	120.5	239	50%
142 Yvonne MacKenzie	725	154	362	43%
143 Carole Coates	714	245	521	47%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
144 Isabel Morris	708	50.5	96	53%
145 Dorothy Haining	699	341	689	49%
146 Kath Davies	698	122	250	49%
147 Margaret Durdle	695	41	77	53%
148 Ruth Munnings	668	48.5	98	49%
149 Marie Kingi	662	137	304	45%
150 Dominic Lister	657	90	176	51%
151 Lyres Freeth	613	27.5	42	65%
152 Elaine Ware	609	240	464	52%
153 Dawn Smith	605	44.5	96	46%
154 Resie Coenen	583	81.5	244	33%
155 Isabel Weddell	570	33	55	60%
156 Pauline Smeaton	563	46	92	50%
157 Jena Yousif	548	45	100	45%
158 June Ward	540	103	222	46%
159 Taanga Lawrence	537	25	78	32%
160 Lil Moore	529	302	642	47%
161 Alan Medhurst	529	44.5	110	40%
162 Ed Olson	526	489	1230	40%
163 Cecilia Bullo't	504	126	299	42%
164 Wendy McIlwrick	495	45	89	51%
165 Michael Groffman	476	34.5	66	52%
166 Ria Shoebridge	469	50.5	103	49%
167 Anthea Jones	469	15	40	38%
168 Iris Boulton	467	59	123	48%
169 Paula Gibbons	446	141	290	49%
170 Maureen McBain	422	61.5	168	37%
171 Sharon Clarke	408	67	207	32%
172 Sue Mayn	390	7	28	25%
173 Jenny Reed	376	23.5	49	48%
174 Merle Spinetto	374	54.5	133	41%
175 Betty Wilson	369	96	210	46%
176 Vera Burner	302	168	633	27%
177 Tim Henneveld	297	39.5	99	40%
178 Adam Young	286	34.5	89	39%
179 Betty Sutherland	242	106.5	249	43%
180 Charles Kiewiet	208	31.5	88	36%
181 Jean Craib	58	63.5	217	29%
182 Elvira Steel	0	103	487	21%



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

New Plymouth Tournament Saturday 27 July 2002

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	7	1088	481	15
2 Peter Jones	HAM	6	492	432	13
3 Denise Gordon	WAN	4	26	405	11
4 Fae Olson	NSB	4	-204	390	10
5 May Quigley	IND	3	-145	386	8
6 Rosie Cleary	WAN	2	-355	344	6
7 Glenda Foster	WEL	1	-437	372	11
8 Leila Thomson	LOH	1	-465	359	7
Grade B					
1 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	5	510	427	12
2 David Gunn	WKP	5	165	383	8
3 Andree Prentice	WAN	4.5	-58	362	6



David Gunn (WKP)
2nd in B Grade, New Plymouth

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	363	413	8
5 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	-170	373	8
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	3.5	270	403	5
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-305	367	8
8 Reeve Pearson	STR	0	-775	344	11
Grade C					
1 Janet Willison	WTA	5	292	376	6
2 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	5	182	373	9
3 Evelyn Hunt	WTA	5	75	348	3
4 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	4	102	364	7
5 Martha Morgan	NPL	4	-12	348	4
6 Lynley Watkin	WTA	3	-127	352	4
7 Daphne Hick	NPL	2	-111	331	3
8 Margaret Ham	WTA	0	-401	299	0
Grade D					
1 Ed Olson	NSB	6	293	329	2
2 June Whitehead	NPL	5	305	314	0
3 Esther Soffe	WTA	5	153	313	0
4 Sharon Clarke	STR	4	80	320	2
5 Stephen Hunt	WTA	3	-97	302	0
6 Alan Medhurst	NPL	2	-204	302	1
7 Ngair Kemp	WTA	2	-309	280	2
8 Vera Burner	IND	1	-147	288	1

Hamilton Club Tournament 10-11 August 2002

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	12	1746	468	31
2 Howard Warner	MTA	11	871	442	22
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	9	417	407	20
4 Kendall Boyd	IND	8	177	400	21
5 John Foster	NSB	7	122	391	21
6 Lynne Powell	HBC	7	-19	404	25
7 Valerie Mills	PAK	7	-82	384	19
8 Jane Walton	HAM	6	-128	383	19
9 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	-136	379	15
10 Cecilia Ruto	IND	6	-182	394	16
11 Peter Jones	HAM	5	-337	389	22

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
12 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-287	386	14
13 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	-636	357	17
14 Pam Robson	HAM	1	-1526	326	11

B Grade

1 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	10.5	537	419	23
2 Lynn Wood	WEL	10	436	397	11
3 Roger Coates	KIW	8	152	402	21
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	8	-56	394	23
5 Correne James	MTA	7	498	408	23
6 Marianne Bentley	TGA	6	72	407	20
7 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	6	39	396	16
8 Eileen McLean	MTA	6	-413	370	14
9 Kim Graham	KIW	5.5	-148	389	15
10 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	55	394	15
11 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	5	-304	376	17
12 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	-346	374	16
13 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	-433	369	18
14 Gerald Warner	HBC	4	-89	392	12

C Grade

1 David Bragg	ROT	10	580	415	19
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	9	824	411	18
3 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	9	541	413	17
4 David Gunn	WKP	9	311	399	19
5 Ernie Gidman	ROD	9	207	382	18



David Bragg (ROT)
C Grade winner, Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Shirley Martin	HAM	8	268	381	20
7 Annette Coombes	WKP	7	273	392	19
8 Ann Candler	NSB	7	76	374	10
9 Delcie Macbeth	IND	6	13	391	14
10 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-68	388	15
11 Isabel Zyp	HAM	6	-109	381	15
12 Margaret Flaws	TGA	6	-115	375	10
13 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-141	366	11
14 Samantha Samuels	KIW	3	-763	343	6
15 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	-812	351	13
16 Olwen Skelton	ROD	1	-1085	340	10

D Grade

1 Amelia Carrington	ROT	11	878	390	11
2 Carole Coates	KIW	9	357	362	8
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	9	335	351	6
4 Janni Henneveld	ROT	9	156	351	4
5 Catherine Henry	TGA	8	415	359	9
6 Margaret Durdle	TGA	8	-153	338	4
7 Alan Medhurst	NPL	7.5	-141	318	6
8 Jena Yousif	KIW	7	199	354	9
9 Ed Olson	NSB	7	98	339	4
10 Jean Wacker	TGA	6	-180	319	1
11 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	6	-206	331	5



Rogelio Talosig (NSB),
B Grade winner, Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
12 Anthea Jones	HAM	6	-219	325	5
13 Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	-128	328	4
14 Jillian Greening	HAM	5	-243	340	12
15 Ray Seddon	ROT	5	-436	309	1
16 Maureen McBain	TGA	4.5	-169	333	5
17 Vera Burner	IND	4	-563	297	2

Tauranga Tournament

30 August - 1 September 2002

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
------	------	------	--------	-----	-----

Grade A

1 Howard Warner	MTA	12	1208	447	22
2 Glennis Hale	IND	11	508	427	27
3 Kendall Boyd	IND	10	903	444	28
4 Peter Jones	HAM	8	-95	390	18
5 John Foster	NSB	7	493	421	21
6 Cecilia Ruto	IND	7	414	422	20
7 Steven Brown	HAM	7	17	396	28
8 Fae Olson	NSB	7	-384	389	16
9 June Mackwell	MTA	6	-120	393	18
10 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	-378	372	16
11 Marianne Bentley	TGA	5	-23	403	22
12 Valerie Mills	PAK	5	-157	374	14
13 Jane Walton	HAM	5	-175	382	23
14 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	4	-524	375	17
15 Correne James	IND	3	-631	359	10
16 May Quigley	IND	1	-1056	342	9

Grade B

1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	9	683	420	19
2 Glenda Gead	IND	8	356	388	16
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	8	302	399	22
4 Andree Prentice	WAN	7	351	400	16
5 Gerald Warner	HBC	7	319	405	15
6 Sue Walker	MTA	7	184	380	15
7 Faye Cronhelm	IND	7	45	380	16
8 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7	-38	380	20
9 David Bragg	ROT	7	-348	388	14
10 David Gunn	WKP	7	-348	368	19
11 Maureen Holliday	HBC	6	68	395	14
12 Isabel Zyp	HAM	5	-137	374	15
13 Ngaire Steel	MMP	5	-179	366	7
14 Roger Coates	KIW	5	-435	379	16
15 Hilda Scott	MAS	5	-537	367	10
16 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	-286	371	15



Glenda Gead (IND)
2nd in B Grade, Tauranga

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
------	------	------	--------	-----	-----

Grade C

1 Lyn Toka	KIW	11	896	417	22
2 Marie Cairns	TPO	10	393	358	6
3 Karen Miller	PAK	9	210	359	8
4 Margaret Parsons	TPO	8	523	380	11
5 Joan Pratt	HBC	8	155	369	12
6 Amelia Carrington	ROT	8	53	377	12
7 Margaret Flaws	TGA	7	544	382	12
8 Stan Gregec	IND	7	83	379	12
9 Carole Coates	KIW	6	-37	360	14
10 Annette Coombes	WKP	5	-152	364	18
11 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	5	-252	347	7
12 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	-344	336	8
13 Samantha Samuels	KIW	4	-334	352	9
14 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	-587	332	7
15 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	-587	317	4
16 Margaret Durdle	TGA	3	-564	332	7

Grade D

1 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	12	863	376	11
2 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	10	543	374	9
3 Jacqy Struik	TGA	9	471	349	8
4 Catherine Henry	TGA	8	591	366	9
5 Ria Shoebridge	PHC	8	405	357	8
6 Hazel Smith	TGA	8	65	345	9
7 Jean Wacker	TGA	7	280	339	11

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Eric Dodson	TGA	7	40	351	11
9 Maureen McBain	TGA	7	-24	333	4
10 Sue Foster	TGA	7	-98	326	1
11 Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	-153	332	4
12 June Dodson	TGA	5	-263	315	1
13 Ray Seddon	ROT	5	-457	309	2
14 Noel Davenhill	TGA	3	-699	299	0
15 Valerie Scott	TGA	2	-795	313	1
16 Maureen Rippey	TGA	1	-769	268	1

Christchurch Club Tournament 7-8 September 2002

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	9	442	403	23
2 Ann Hough	NEL	9	-62	393	19
3 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	102	414	29
4 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8	-107	396	23
5 Paul Lister	CHC	6	-137	388	18
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-238	389	23
Grade B					
1 Karyn McDougall	DUN	12	1218	422	23
2 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	19	379	24
3 Murray Rogers	NEL	8	1	379	14
4 Bill Grigg	DUN	8	-235	371	21
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	-113	357	19
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	2	-890	330	12
Grade C					
1 Chris Handley	DUN	11	241	385	18
2 Amanda Clow-Hewer	CHC	9	423	391	19
3 Colleen Cook	CHC	7	-47	373	11
4 Barbara Butt	CHC	6	248	364	10
5 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	6	-295	343	5
6 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-570	340	3
Grade D					
1 Lyn Dawson	CHC	12.5	981	392	19
2 Allison Torrance	CHC	12	491	357	15
3 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	6	-290	346	10
4 Roslyn Lister	CHC	6	-362	336	12
5 Isabel Morris	CHC	5.5	-304	340	6
6 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	3	-516	337	19



Murray Rodgers (NEL)

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade E					
1 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	13	1020	396	20
2 Selena Chan	CHC	9.5	371	371	8
3 Dominic Lister	CHC	9	185	355	12
4 Michael Groffman	DUN	5.5	-146	347	5
5 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5	-654	336	9
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	3	-776	304	3
Grade F					
1 Wendy McLlwrick	CHC	13	922	355	7
2 Betty Sutherland	CHC	8.5	190	332	7
3 Adam Young	CHC	8	159	327	11
4 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	7.5	157	329	3
5 Jean Craib	CHC	5	-332	309	1
6 Di Barritt	CHC	3	-1096	271	2



Jean Craib (CHC)

NZ Scrabble Records

Shown below is the current list of NZ Scrabble records.
If anyone can improve on or correct any of the entries, please let us know.

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

NZ Masters (23 Games)

Most Games Won	Jeff Grant (HAS) 21 (1993, 1997), Mike Sigley (WAN) 21 2002
Highest Aggregate	Nigel Richards (CHC) 11,103 (1999)
Most Bonus Words	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)
Highest Spread	Howard Warner (MTA) +2410 (2000)