

N.Z. SCRABBLE CLUBS - NORTH TO SOUTH

- WHANGAREI: Contact Glynis Jennings Ph 50037
- BAYS: Tues 10am Campbells Bay Methodist Hall, Ph Marge Dalzell 4786248
- NORTH SHORE: Thurs 7pm Takapuna Senior Citizens Hall, Ph Allie Quinn 437806
- MT ALBERT: Fri 7pm Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall, Ph Bev Barker 677048
- HOWICK/  
PAKURANGA: Thurs 7pm St Johns Ambulance Hall, Ph Doris Shearer 5354329
- HAMILTON: Tues 7.30 Civil Defence Rooms, W.C.C. Ph Jo Jackson 52290
- MT MAUNGANUI: Mon 7pm, Ph Ngaire Steel 421035
- TAURANGA: Thurs 7.15 Matua School Staffroom, Ph Noel Maisey 63218
- TOKOROA: Wed 7.15 Contact Lois Kelly 67201
- NEW PLYMOUTH: Ph Leanne Cutfield 32366
- HASTINGS: Ph Jeff Grant 86654
- WANGANUI: Mon 7pm Old Library Building Ph Frances Loader 37487
- MASTERTON: Thurs 7.15 Camera Club Rooms Ph Alleite Hay 83273
- PORIRUA: Ph Frances Katene 377615
- AVALON: Thurs 1pm Ph Stephanie Radich 379357
- LOWER HUTT: Tues 7.30 Waterloo Plunket Rooms Ph Glenyss Buchanan 695433
- WELLINGTON: Tues 7.30 Kilbirnie Plunket Rooms, Ph Lynn Wood 872581
- SYDENHAM: Fri 7 pm Sydenham Community Centre, Ph Katrine Renwick 890028
- DUNEDIN: Mon 7pm Otago Chess Club Rooms Ph Ian Patterson 879438



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF SCRABBLE

### CRISS-CROSS

In 1931 during the Depression years in America, an out of work Architect named Alfred Mosher Butts set out to devise a word game.

His original idea was to design a game with points values assigned to letters according to their scarcity of occurrence.

He then got the notion of adding premium squares to increase the value of scores.

To decide how many of each letter to use, he took the front page of the New York Times and counted up the frequency of each letter and used that ratio.

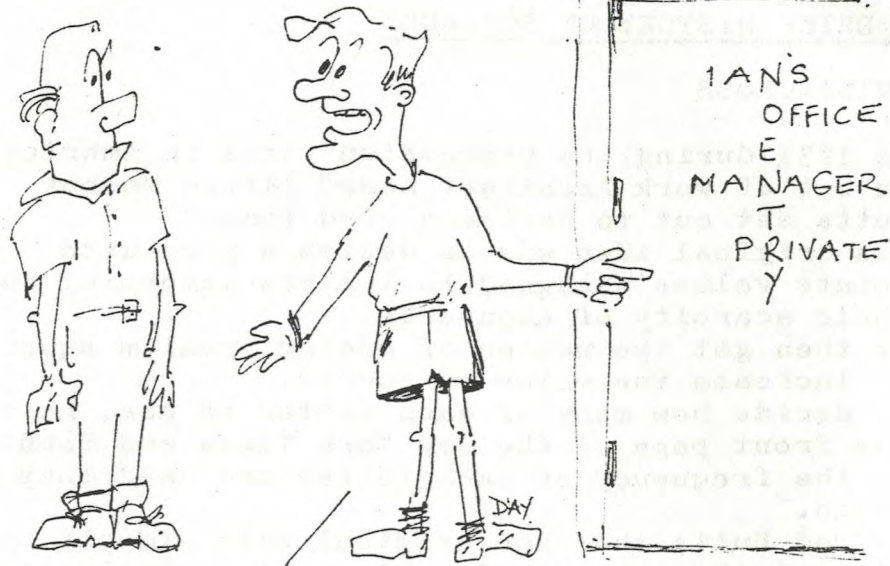
Alfred Butts made the original sets himself by blueprinting the now familiar grid, glueing it to chess boards and cutting out the letters with a jig-saw. He called the game Crisscross Words. The name of the game was later changed to Scrabble, and the Selchow & Righter Company bought the game in 1971. It is estimated that 90 million sets have been sold in the last 30 years and that 33 million people play the game. In the United States there are over 200 registered clubs for Scrabble players with over 7000 members.

There is a bi-annual National Tournament offering \$U.S.50,000 in prizes for the top 300 players who qualify for entry by competing in a series of lead-up tournaments.

Selchow & Righter was recently sold to Coleco Corporation, who also manufacture Cabbage Patch dolls.

The franchise holder in New Zealand is Thomas Holdsworth & Sons Ltd.

Daph & Charlie Curl



"NOW, WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MENTION THE WORD SCRABBLE...  
 ... THE GUY'S OBSESSED!"

### 1987 GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

**HIGHEST SCORES:** The highest competitive league game score is 849 by Maurice Roker of England at Sheffield on 6 July 1985. The highest single word score is 392 by Dr Saladin Karl Khoshnaw, in Manchester in April 1982, with the word 'CAZIQUES'.

The greatest margin of victory in a league game was achieved by Ron Hendra when he beat Amber Sturdy 730-180 in London in 1983.

British National Championships were instituted in 1971. Olive Behan and Philip Nelkon have both won the title twice.

The highest score in the Championship has been 1843 (three games total) by Viraf Mehta in 1986.

### NEWS FROM CHAMBERS

The following article appeared in last years June issue of AS.P.A.'s Across the Board, I wrote and asked if I could use it, and the Editor, Margaret Warmington said she had lifted it from the English magazine 'Onwords'. So it's third hand, but still interesting.

"Americans and others are about to enjoy something which has been denied to them for too long - exposure to the delights of Chambers 20th Century Dictionary.

This is one result of a new deal between Chambers and Cambridge University Press which will ensure a much more effective world-wide distribution of Chambers' publications. It remains to be seen what the far-flung corners of the globe will make of such linguistic exotica as 'WORDS' and 'ANAGRAMS'.

In fact, we've got another surprise (in the same vein) coming for everyone.

Published on April 24th, it is called 'BACK-WORDS FOR CROSSWORDS', and it's that rare and beautiful thing, a reverse-sorted word list'. In the same way that 'WORDS' entries are listed according to how they begin, 'BACK-WORDS' entries are listed according to how they end. Thus all the 7-letter words ending in -A are grouped together, followed by all the 7-letter words ending in -B, and so on. Fiendishly clever, and based on Chambers 20th Century Dictionary. Is there no end to our talent?

(Signed) John Simpson  
 W & R CHAMBERS LTD."

## LIFE AFTER SCRABBLE

### THE QIBLAS

Not only is there life after Scrabble, for us as a couple there was life before Scrabble took over the scene. Just picture two people, one: a male New Zealander, with a keen interest in sport, and a harrier, whose wish was to take part in the festival atmosphere of the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, convinced by his work mates to stay on afterwards to see Britain and Europe. The other: a female from Australia, intent upon seeing the world and getting acquainted with all her relations she hadn't seen since early childhood. A tour romance begins. We became engaged, but each returned to our home countries, followed by six months correspondence. Together again in New Zealand, and the 'Magic Box' was discovered. Many hours were spent pouring over the board, thinking we were such great players, getting the occasional seven letter word, and scores up to 300!

A transfer to Upper Hutt ensued, where we tried advertising to start a Scrabble Club. No luck. Then we learnt of the Lower Hutt Club, and joined while expecting our first baby, Daniel. This didn't stop us from playing, he slept in his carrycot on club nights, in the office of the building where we played with Glenyss, Jill, Frank, and a few others. We were confronted with two and three letter word lists and made aware of the value of S's and blanks, and were on the constant look out for sevens.

Another transfer, this time to Tokoroa. We started the Tokoroa Club and with the knowledge gained from the Lower Hutt Club, we have been able to meet each new challenge as it has come along. We got up to seventeen members at one stage and hired a small hall, then the Bridge Club rooms where we hold our annual tournament. Although now down to five members, we still enjoy our Scrabble enormously. Scrabble has been

a tremendous influence on our lives and still remains our main interest together as husband and wife.

We have two boys, Daniel 8, and Graeme 6, they play the occasional game of Scrabble with a bit of coaching.

Kevin is a keen outdoor bowls participant during the summer months, and also enjoys writing Scrabble articles for the 'South Waikato News'. I am a chorist with the Unity Singers Choir, I enjoy reading, creative writing, and writing book reviews for the local paper for the Public Library. We are both Trivial Pursuit fanatics. Finally, I would like to give a vote of thanks for the many friends we have made through Scrabble. Life does go on after Scrabble, but there is always another tournament lurking just around the corner.

Mrs Qibla

### JAN ROSS

Born in Sydney, Australia. Moved to N.Z. in 1969 where I married my husband Warrick. Lived in Mount Maunganui for 6 years, and the past 11 years in Tauranga. We have two children, Adam 13 and Kylie 11.

Life after Scrabble embraces many things for me - a lot of which are directly related to my childrens activities and schools, like going away on school camps and being secretary of the P.T.A. etc, or to my husbands business and interests. He is a clothing manufacturer and I am less involved now than I used to be. His great love is big game fishing. We find ourselves out on the briny most weekends in the fishing season and of course the Scrabble set goes too. Many a game has been played in the middle of the Bay of Plenty (literally!).

At the moment my days are spent getting my own business off the ground. I have gone into partnership with a friend in a business providing

a bookkeeping and accounting service, specialising in GST. Hopefully we have timed it well. Before taking on this venture, I have over the last 7 years, been studying as an extramural student at Massey University for a B.Sc., majoring in Maths and Statistics. Obtaining a degree this way is a very drawn out affair. I am now over half way to completing and if I maintain my current pace I hope to graduate in 1993 (if I live long enough!!).

In my spare(??) time I also play tennis, belong to a share group and do voluntary work at the local Citizens Advice Bureau. I also do private tutoring for S.C. Maths.

Jan Ross

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#### OVERSEAS NEWS

##### Report from Trinidad & Tobago:

New Scrabble records established by Mrs Pat John are:- 706 points for the highest individual score, six bonus words in one game, highest word score 185 points and a joint game total of 1006.

Pat and Robin John attended the N.Z. National Championship in 1984.

##### A copy of a letter from John Holgate:

Given the takeover of Selchow & Righter by Cabbage Patch Dolls, the world championship has been deferred. Tom Finlay organised a tournament of champions in the U.K. in Sept 1986, and I suggest we may have the nucleus of our own world championships with N.Z., Aust., and Singapore forming the S.E. Asia zone (like in chess) and the U.K. comprising the European region. The winners of the zonals could play the U.S. and Canadian champs in a 4-way play-off, (using O.S.P.D. & Chambers), this would be

relatively inexpensive. All thats in the future. You might be interested to hear I have developed a word game which begins where Scrabble leaves off - with meanings! The game is called MINOTAUR, and the board represents a maze of puzzles in which players must 'sort out the bull'. There are 6600 word puzzles and over 60,000 words. I've patented the game in Australia and the U.K. but now I face my own maze of trying to market it.

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#### NEW SCRABBLE CLUB

We would like to welcome a new club which has recently formed in Porirua, making the total of 19 clubs affiliated to the N.Z.A.S.P. We wish the PORIRUA SCRABBLE CLUB every success, and hope they will participate in tournaments in the near future. Perhaps we'll meet some at the 'Nationals' in Hamilton at Queens Birthday weekend.

The president is Frances Katene, 14 Mataiwhatu St, Porirua, Phone 377615.

So club Secretaries please remember to send entry forms for tournaments to them.

Daph & Charlie  
(Chunder Pal & Lurch Lacier)

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#### NORTH SHORE SHIELD

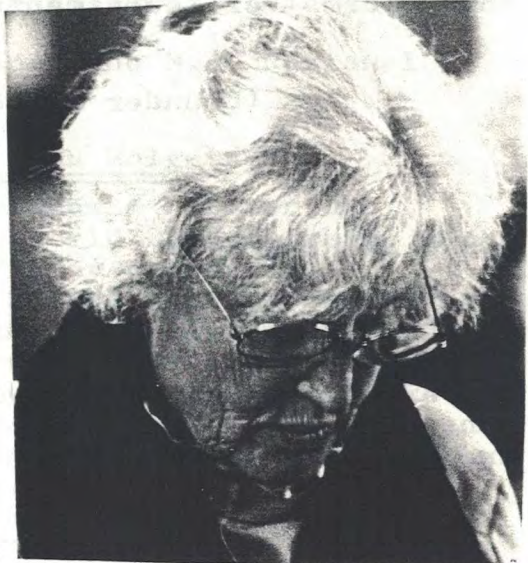
The Bays challenged the Mt Albert Club for the North Shore Shield on Saturday 15th November '86. Mt Albert won convincingly by 28½ wins to 19½. The A grade was won by David Pinner with 4 wins. June Mackwell also of Mt Albert won the B grade, and Kaye Bland of the Bays won the C grade.

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## SOUTH ISLAND SCRABBLE SURGES

Following the first ever tournament in the South Island, in Christchurch in June, the Dunedin club hosted the second one on 11th November 1986. Our regular meeting venue is a room in the Otago CHESS club building (an ideal marriage of interests) so two of the chess players were keen enough to compete, (hoping, no doubt to show us what a 'kids game Scrabble is). Along with 9 of our 12 regular members, plus three visitors, this totalled 14 players, who took part in a complicated but very effective 'Swiss'-type draw. This basically matches players of similar scores after each round, thus meaning that 2 players finishing equal on wins will have played nearly exactly the same calibre of opposition overall, which is fairest when unable to play a full round robin. As was expected, especially with Dunedins two heavyweights unavailable, Doreen was little troubled, although beating Antoinette by a mere 6 points. Anna won 3 games by less than 10 pts, but was surely the 'find' of the tournament, surprising everyone - herself included. Living and playing in a Scrabble 'backwater' like Oamaru, you never

really know how good or bad you are until you can visit another centre for an event like this. The highest scoring game was a modest 745 - Alan vs Marian (400-345), and highest word score was 111 by Antoinette. Dunedinites being unused to spot prizes there was only one, which Doreen collected with 66 for her 'J', more than double anyone



Doreen Ogston

else.

A special prize, for the person who had been the most help to the organiser, went to Yvonne, who was very ill with flu, but persevered courageously. (We don't get many chances down here!) The day was rounded off with an enjoyable dinner and post-mortem at a local restaurant, attended by 6 tired players and an exhausted tournament organiser.

### RESULTS:

		WINS	AVE	7's	MIN/MAX
Doreen Ogston	CHCH	7	380	8	353-403
Anna Harraway	OAMARU	6	346	0	304-389
Antoinette Grigg	DN	4	353	4	300-435
Alan Boyd	DN	4	341	4	236-523
Hilary Ruscoe	CHCH	4	335	2	216-393
John Sutherland	DN	4	297	5	200-378
Marian Ashley	DN	3	331	7	229-433
Anne Stewart	DN	3	317	5	276-383
Yvonne Robb	DN	3	313	1	243-414
John Bell	DN	3	312	1	247-356
Stewart Archer	DN	3	300	1	272-323
Alice Doust	DN	3	286	1	209-364
Peter Sinter	DN	2	320	0	283-384
Daisy Madden	DN	0	229	0	186-277

### SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 6

There are 10 palindromic words with 7 or more letters in Chambers or the O.S.P.D.:-

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|-----------|---------|-----------|
| DEIFIED   | HALALAH | REIFIER   |
| REPAPER   | REVIVER | ROTATOR   |
| SEITIES   | SEMEMES | MALAYALAM |
| ROTAVATOR |         |           |

The winner was Leila Thomson (Lower Hutt) with 7 palindromes. Congratulations!

## SCRABBLE CONTEST No 7

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century (1983 Edition), and The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

Entries are to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Rd, R.D.2., Hastings by 1 May 1987. The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!

A number of words contain 3 consecutive letters of the alphabet occurring alongside each other, for example canopy, dabchick, defect and stuck. The winner of contest no. 7 will be the person who can find the most words in Chambers containing 4 consecutive letters of the alphabet alongside each other. Inflections such as -s, -ed, -ing do not count.

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## FOR SALE

Official Scrabble Players Dictionaries at the reduced price of \$13.00.

Write to: Dorothy Pinner  
157 Donovan Street,  
Blockhouse Bay,  
AUCKLAND, 7. or phone 674162

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## ANAGRAM FOR ENQUIRE

In the last issue of FORWORDS Mike Sigley wrote of his experience in Australia at the International Tournament of Champions and the N.S.W. Champs. In an exciting game with English ex-open champion, Esther Byers, Mike was 137 points behind with one turn left and had ENQUIRE on his rack. This word would not go down. But its anagram did. - INQUERE.

## DAVIDS TRAVELS

This article is not attempt at literary brilliance but solely to ensure that our Scrabble magazine is not left with two blank pages.

I have just returned from a month of Australian beaches, trains, casinos, (unfortunately), with some Scrabble mixed in. Since this is a Scrabble magazine I will concentrate on the Australian Scrabble scene..

After a Scrabble-free week, I ventured along to the St George Club which is essentially a social club, but made me very welcome. The people were like all Scrabble players are - really kind and I spent a couple of weeks with Maureen and Derek Wilkins, who were exceptional in putting up with me.

It took a while to get over the initial shock of not being allowed to play words familiar to us such as ba, de, kue, aqua and many others. (Australians do not use the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary). Naturally, because of this situation I made lots of noises about dictionary uniformity, a move supported by some Australian Scrabble players.

I then went along to the Sydney Scrabble Club which was holding a beginning of year tournament. It was great meeting these people who have always previously just been names in the Australian Scrabble magazine, names such as Jean McGiffen, Steve Sunter, Shirley Bradford, Meg Henderson, and their Australian champion, John Holgate. Not wanting to give the impression that New Zealand Scrabble players were bunnies, I was fortunate in that I had a lucky day and won 5 games out of 6, the losing game by 1 point. I finished first equal with Neil Cartledge, the person who got me by one point.

Just to cause a stir now, I will extol the virtues of the chess clock which is used for all tournaments. No longer do you have to worry about waiting for 5 minutes for your opponent to move

when all you want to do is change seven. Each player gets 20 minutes of time to use how you wish with any time overrun penalised to the tune of 10 points per minute. It makes for a much fairer game with no one person having an unfair advantage merely by spending unnecessary ages debating whether to put down retains or anestri.

John Holgate took half a day off work to show me how a true champion plays. John is presently working on a complete list of all words and extensions in Chambers for adjudication purposes. (Anyone want to help me do the same for N.Z.?) When complete, it will be the solution for solving disputes on any dubious words which may come up. He showed me the American Scrabble Players magazine, which is really interesting. I have a couple of copies if anyone wants to read one. The American magazine has articles on things such as their \$U.S.50,000 tournament, and word lists to help those who haven't yet memorised the O.S.P.D. (The Americans don't use Chambers). Hopefully New Zealand can establish some liaison with the U.S. such as swapping magazines, etc. Incidentally, John Holgate thrashed me in the eight games we played, but it was a great afternoon.

David Blumhardt

#### FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

The North Shore Club is holding their annual tournament on Saturday 25 April. It is to be held at a plush new location in the conference rooms, at the new Glenfield centre. Please try and keep this date free, we hope to make this the biggest and best tournament we've had. We intend to hold a 'Swiss Draw', matching winners against winners, it should be interesting.

HOLDERS OF L PAL-7. Please note the following amendments.

#### ADDITIONS

ADAGIAL	DGLAAAI	ADAGIAL
AIRLINE	DGLTAE	LEGATED
ALTERER	DGNRSEU	NUDGERS
AREOLAS	DGNTEIO	INGOTED
ARNATTO	DLLRREI	REDRILL
EGALITE	DLRREEU	RULERED
ELEGITS	DLSTAIU	TULADIS
ESTRINS	DRRSEEI	REDRIES
ETAGERE	GGNNSEE	GENSENG
ETATIST	GLNAEEU	EUGLENA
ETOILES	GLRTAEO	GLOATER
EUGLENA	GLSSTEU	TUGLESS
GENSENG	GLSTEEI	ELEGITS
GLOATER	GLTAEI	EGALITE
INGENUE	GNNEEIU	INGENUE
INGOTED	GRTAEI	ETAGERE
LEGATED	LLRTAIO	LITORAL
LITORAL	LNRAEII	AIRLINE
NUDGERS	LNTAEIO	TOENAIL
REDRIES	LRRTAE	ALTERER
REDRILL	LRSAEIO	AREOLAS
RULERED	LSSTEE	TELOSES
SENARII	LSTEEIO	ETOILES
TELOSES	NRSAEII	SENARII
TOENAIL	NRSSTEI	ESTRINS
TUGLESS	NRTTAAO	ARNATTO
TULADIS	STTTAEI	ETATIST

DELETE: -

GAGINGS. NAINSEL



FOR THE DOUBTING THOMASES

The following are some of the meanings of the 2-letter words which may help to convince non-scrabblers that they do in fact exist, and can be found in the dictionary.

aa	lava	mi	musical scale
ad	advertisement	mo	more or moment
ae	one	mu	Greek letter
ai	3-toed sloth	na	no
ar	18th letter	nu	Greek letter
aw	exp. disappointment	ny	obs form of nigh
ax	same as axe	ob	an objection
ay	yes	od	magnetism
ba	ball (Scots)	oe)	grandchild (Scots)
bi	a bi-sexual	oy)	
bo	man	oi	to attract attention
ch	dialect for ich	om	mantra
da	Burmese knife	op	style of abstract art
de	from	os	bone
do	1st not of scale	ou	exp. concession
ea	river	ow	same as ouch
ef	letter f	ox	animal or clumsy
el	elevated railroad	pe	Hebrew letter
em	letter m	pi	Greek letter
en	letter n	po	chamber pot
es	letter s	re	musical scale
et	past tense of eat	si	7th note of scale
ex	letter x	st	hush
fa	musical note	ti	tree
fy	same as fie	ug	to loathe
gi	judo costume	um	hesitation in speech
go	Japanese game	un	one
gu	rude kind of violin	ur	gap in speech
id	part of the psyche	ut	first note in scale
io	exp. joy	xi	Greek letter
jo	a sweetheart	xu	monetary unit of Viet-
ka	the spiritual self	yo	calling for (nam
ky	cows	yu	precious jade
la	musical scale	zo	a cross between a
li	Chinese unit of distance		common cow and a male yak.

E.&O.E. Allie Quinn

TOURNAMENT SCENE - TOKOROA TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 28 February a record 42 players took part in Tokoroas Fifth Annual Tournament. Most North Island clubs were well represented. Local businesses were generous with donations of prizes.

Despite the ideal Scrabble playing weather outside, the company inside was warm and convivial. Competition was keen in all grades with the A grade minor placings being the closest this year. Michael Sigley was the only player to go through unbeaten with 7 wins and a very high 463 average. Maurine Sullivan was 2nd, and five players tied for third place, Glennis Hale winning on points. B grade had four outright placings with Correne James taking the major honours. Gerald Warner won the C grade on a points countback from Allie Quinn. Enez Beach was outright winner in D grade, losing only one game.

The following are the major placings in the tournament which I think was enjoyed by all who took part.

A GRADE:

	CLUB	WINS	AVE
1. Michael Sigley	Wanganui	7	463
2. Maurine Sullivan	Tauranga	5	402
3. Glennis Hale	Mt Albert	4	425

B GRADE:

1. Correne James	Mt Albert	6	386
2. John Foster	Mt Albert	4½	398
3. John Moore	Hamilton	4	357

C GRADE:

1. Gerald Warner	Mt Albert	5	376
2. Allie Quinn	North Shore	5	373
3. Leanne Cutfield	N. Plymouth	4	380

D GRADE:

1. Enez Beach	Hamilton	6	379
2. Rhoda Cashman	Wanganui	5	372
3. Janice Jacobi	Tokoroa	4	362

## END OF YEAR CLUB RESULTS

### NORTH SHORE

The North Shore Scrabble Club ended the 1986 season with a doubles tournament and an enjoyable end of year party.

The doubles tournament winners were:- A grade: June Mackwell and John Foster.

B grade: Camille Wills and Eileen Jones.

The Club Champion trophy was won by Sue Marrow with 73% wins.

B grade Champion was Joyce Bourdot with 58%.

### CLUB RECORDS:

Best Game	Lynne Powell	623
Best Word	Lynne Powell	212
Most bonus words	Lynne Powell	195
Highest aggregate	Lynne Powell	1650
Highest combined game score	Sue Marrow & June Mackwell (614) 399)	1013

### DUNEDIN

The first division Round Robin, run from August to November, resulted as follows:

	WINS	AVE	7's	MIN-MAX
Umelo Ojinmah	7	375	7	317-451
Ian Patterson	5	380	15	330-479
Alan Boyd	5	343	4	267-387
Yvonne Robb	5	321	2	255-390
Antoinette Grigg	3	363	5	256-434
Marian Ashley	3	312	7	217-413
Anne Stewart	3	303	3	245-376
Marie Buchanan	2	309	2	249-395
Alice Doust	2	277	0	234-336

### MT ALBERT

A GRADE	AVE	AVE POINTS	WIN RATE
1.David Lloyd	449	28.13	78%
2.Andrew Bradley	432	26.38	75%
3.Glennis Hale	438	26.28	72%
B GRADE			
1.Paul Patchett	395	22.36	72%
2.Ward Rayner	384	19.53	55%
3.Cathy Woods	375	19.31	45%
C GRADE			
1.Alan Duval	375	21.21	54%
2.Gerald Warner	377	19.63	66%
3.Shirley Gifkins	359	18.48	50%
D GRADE			
1. Conny van Tilburg	342	17.05	49%
2.Lulu Holt	308	13.47	35%
3.Marion Rose	293	11.56	24%

Most Valued Member	Glennis Hale
Highest Win rate	David Lloyd
Most Improved Player	Shirley Gifkins
Sportsperson	Alveen Seon
Most Promising New Player	Harriet Heilbron

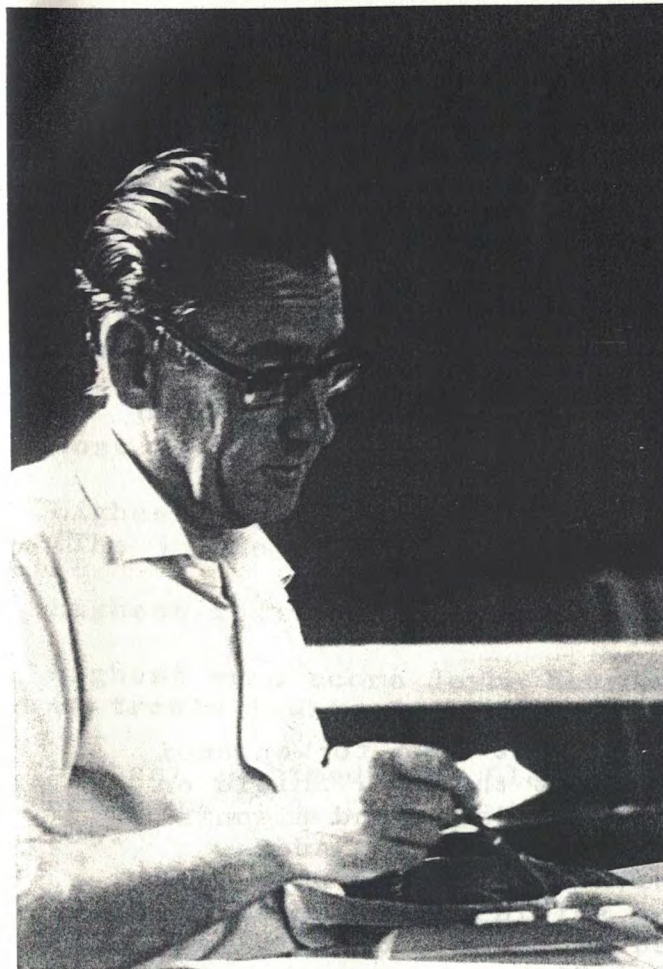
### CLUB RECORDS

Best Game	Glennis Hale/Alan Duval	1007
Highest Aggregate	David Pinner	1628
Most bonus words	David Lloyd	13
Most bonus words in yr	David Lloyd	243
Highest scoring game	David Pinner	632
	Alan Duval	632
Highest scoring word	Alan Duval	230
Championship points	David Lloyd	39

## HAMILTON

The Hamilton Club held their Prizegiving evening on Tuesday, 23 December. The major prize winners were:

Ladder Champion	Rita Moore
Runner-up	John Moore
Third	Roger Coates
Knock-out Cup	John Moore
Runner-up	Rita Moore
Round Robin Group 1	Betty Gibb
Runner-up	Rita Moore
Third	John Moore
Round Robin Group 2	Eileen Mead
Runner-up	Gladys Barrett
Third	Elaine Moltzen
Round Robin Group 3	Joy Maxwell
Runner-up	Lyn Toka
Third	Daphne Watson
Bonus Word Cup	John Moore
Pot Luck Trophy	Rita Moore
Runner-up	Betty Gibb
Third	John Moore
Most Improved Player	Elaine Moltzen
Founders Trophy	Betty Gibb
Runner-up	John Moore
Third	Rita Moore



## AYE - AYE SIR

For those like myself who are continually afflicted by a surfeit of the letter 'I', I have compiled what I believe to be a complete list of allowable words which contain a double I.

AALII	BACCHII
CONIINE	DENARII
FILARIID	GENII
MEDII	MODII
NAUPLII	OBIIT
OBIISM	PERRADII
PIING	RADII
REDUVIID	RETARII
SARTORII	SENARII
SEXTARII	SKIING
SPLENII	TAXIING
TEIID	TORII
ZOMBIISM	

## LONGER WORDS:

AQUARIIST CHIVARIING NAUPLIIFORM SAFARIING  
SHANGHAIING

I know that in including these last five words I risk having everybody ask me the obvious question; "If you include those words why do you leave out a common everyday word like CHONDROPTERYGII". My answer is that the five longer words I have included can all be made by simple extensions of words already on the board. I had to draw the line somewhere.

John Foster

## ANGRY AND HUNGRY

There are two common often used words ANGRY and HUNGRY, the last three letters of each GRY. I have been searching for a long time and making enquiries of many people to try and find a third word in the English language ending with GRY, without success to date. Perhaps some of the brilliant Scrabble player wordsmiths might be able to help my search. I would be grateful to learn of a third word ending in GRY.

Frank Newmarch  
New Plymouth

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## N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD

A strong Mt Albert team went down to Wanganui on Waitangi Day to contest the N.Z. Shield on the following day. Correne James and Glennis Hale flew down, and David Lloyd and Andrew Bradley drove down with Charlie and Daph Curl. Wanganui had held the shield for 9 months and in that time defended it twice successfully against the Lower Hutt Club.

Mt Albert however, proved too strong, winning 16 games to 9.

The Wanganui team was: Michael Sigley, Denise Gordon, Gaye Norgren, Jean Walsh and John Bailey.

David Lloyd won all 5 of his games with a high average of 465.

Mt Albert is now looking forward to some challenges.

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## N.Z. RECORDS

Congratulations to Betty Gibb. Betty recently established a new New Zealand record for the highest game score. On 10 February 1987 at the Hamilton Club, Betty scored a whopping 696, breaking the previous record of 674 held by Glenyss Buchanan of Lower Hutt. The other records held are as follows:

Most 7-letter words (3 games) David Lloyd - 13 Mt A

Highest aggregate (3 games) Glenyss Buchanan LH (The 3 game scores were 563,674,524).

Highest individual game Betty Gibb 696 Hamilton

Highest word score Joyce Bourdot 239 N. Shore (A treble treble 'SQUIFFED').

Highest combined game Glenyss Buchanan and Frank Robinson 1032, Lower Hutt, Glenyss 517 and Frank 515.

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## JENNY WARD SHIELD

The Bays were in fine form when they challenged Mt Albert on 13 December for the Jenny Ward memorial shield. Mt Albert had won all three challenges thus far for 1986, but the Bays made a determined effort, and did not go home empty handed.

Sue Marrow won the A grade with 4 wins. Joy Hunter won the B grade also with 4 wins. Beryl Mace won the C grade with three wins. Mt Albert Connie van Tilburg won the D grade also with 3 wins.

The next challenge is on 7 March.