

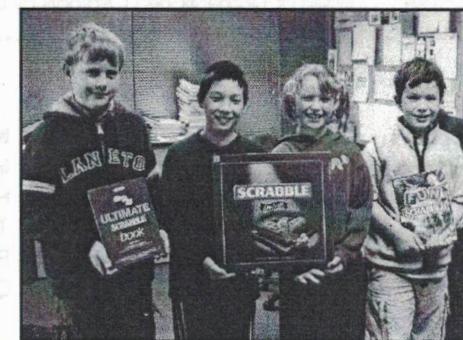
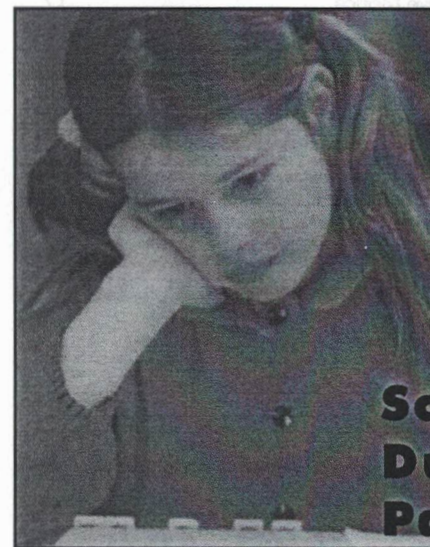
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# Editor's Note

A sunny "hello" to everyone from rainless Taranaki! ☺ Haven't played much Scrabble lately because I've been trying to spot either Tom Cruise or Billy Connolly as they go about filming *The Last Samurai*. I seem to be the only person in Taranaki not to have sighted either of them.

We might have drought conditions here in the 'Naki, but there's a flood of tournaments coming up. April starts with the Dunedin Open and the Masters in Hamilton at Easter. The Masters should be very exciting as top players vie to increase their rating and qualify for the World Champs later this year. North Shore have their tournament at the end of the month. In May are the South Island Champs in Christchurch and the Nationals begin on May 31st in Wellington. At least one overseas player has shown interest in attending. Rotorua will have their inaugural tournament on June 21/22...many opportunities for Scrabblers the length and breadth of the country.

The year started well with over 60 players enjoying the Pakuranga Tournament in January. Numbers were lower for Nelson and Hastings, but both tournaments provided keen competition and excellent amenities!

Overseas tournaments of interest this year include a "possible" Premier Tournament for North American players. The NSA have announced tentative details on their website which, if it goes ahead would feature all former World and (U.S.) National Champions including, Joel Sherman, Adam Logan, Brian Cappelleto, Joe

Edley, Joel Wapnick, Rita Norr, David Gibson, David Boys and Ron Tiekert. The tentative date is set for early June with a possible prize package of US\$75,000-\$100,000. First prize would be between US\$30,000-\$50,000.

The 2003 World Scrabble® Championship will be held on October 19-24 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Some international Scrabble players have announced a reluctance to attend because of current world events. Hopefully a change in conditions will enable a full complement of the top players to participate.

This new-look *Forwards* is the work of Glenda Foster. She has redesigned the masthead and changed the font to make an even cleaner, clearer magazine. Thanks for all your work and patient help, Glenda. And I know I say it every time, but thanks are also due to those who contribute to the mag. To the regular stalwarts and the casual correspondents — your efforts make our *Forwards* such a delight! Please read (and act on) the Dunedin Club's challenge on page 6 — what a fabulous opportunity to further Scrabble in NZ.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Lulu Holt on her upcoming 100th birthday. We will all be thinking of you on April 9th, Lulu. (And I hope you get that dinner at the Sky Tower.)

Have a happy and safe Easter,

*Lynne*



## Mailbox

### Drawing Blanks

from Rhoda Cashman (HBC)  
Reading December's *Forwards* (Worthy Mentions from Mt Albert) reminds me that at the last Hibiscus Coast club meeting of 2002, my opponent and I both drew blanks at the beginning of the game, then drew A's as our second pick. Eventually on the third try we managed to pick different tiles. According to Jeff's reckoning we seem to have messed up the averages!

### Appropriately Rude

from Jethro Snafflerod  
Was it intentional that J. Gentry's 'rude game' letter appears in *Forwards* number soixante-neuf? Or is it another one of life's little coincidences?...  
[I'm too scared to open my mouth... — Ed]

### Tchoukball

from Ron Bunny  
I have an update on my letter in the last *Forwards*. While browsing *Chambers Dictionary* I came across another -BALL word (besides KORFBALL and BUCKYBALL) where the first part isn't allowed in Scrabble. TCHOUKBALL is a game invented in the 1970's. The object is to prevent the ball (thrown by the opposing team against a highly sprung net) from landing when it rebounds, without physical contact with other players. Apparently it got its strange name from the 'tchouk' sound of the ball hitting the net!

### A Thought

from Gerald Warner  
In view of the increased/ing number of tournaments and the apparently decreasing number of participants, would some clubs consider holding these biennially, or would that possibly exacerbate the situation? Just a thought!

### In Brief

#### Always a Bridesmaid...

It was reported in the September issue of *Australia's Across the Board* Scrabble magazine that Queensland Ed Okulicz has the distinction of coming second in six consecutive tournaments — each time to a different player!

### Draws and Draws

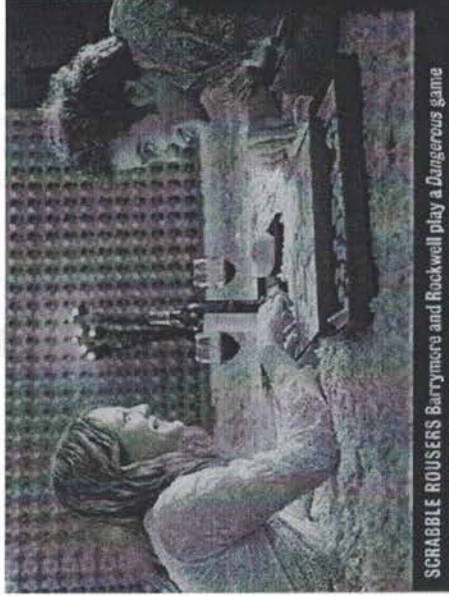
The query on everyone's lips at the 2002 TransTasman in Wellington was:—

"What if Anne (Drew) drew Andrew and drew?"  
Anne Drew (AUS) and Andrew Bradley (NZ) played each other twice with no draw occurring.

Now if movie star Drew Barrymore were to play in the next TransTasman we could ask:—  
"What if Drew drew Anne Drew and Andrew and drew?"

### High Non-Bonus Score

In a Saturday night 'friendly' game on December 14, Pat Grant beat husband Jeff by 468-435. The remarkable feature of Pat's score was it included no bonus words. However she did get 83 for JIVE, 60 for TREZ and 64 for SQUIRES (double-double). Does anyone know of a higher score with no bonus words?



SCRABBLE ROUSERS Barrymore and Rockwell play a *Dangerous* game

This scene from *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* shows Sam Rockwell and Drew Barrymore playing Scrabble using a standard folding board.

### Stranger than Fiction

by Joan Thomas

Whilst playing against the computer, I had the following files: DEINORS. I played DINEROS, with the D end-hooked to AI.

Then I picked up, would you believe, exactly the same mix of files —DEINORS! For my next move I played the same word DINEROS with the S front-hooked to an H.

The odds against such a sequence of plays must be quite high.

PS I did win this game.

### Easy Draw

by Jeff Grant

In the first game of one of our private Saturday night mini-tournaments last month, Pat and I drew to see who started. After picking out 2 E's each, I finally won the start with a D when Pat drew the fifth E! Has anyone else been involved in a game where 5 of the same letter have been drawn like

that?

[When playing at the Berkeley home of US expert Charles Goldstein, Norma Fisher and I drew for the start. Like Pat and Jeff we both drew 2 E's each, but when the 5th and 6th E's were drawn we were incredulous. One glance at the grin on Charles' face confirmed our suspicions — he had switched the bag for one containing 100 E's! Eeeeeeeeeeek! —Ed]

### Soliloquy

by Joan Thomas (HAS)

If Scrabble be the food of brains, play on; Give me excess of it that, surfeiting, The grey matter may flourish, and not die. O clever move! It filled the hottest spot: O, it came from the bag in a sequence To bingo on the board, unblocked yet, Scoring so many points! Alas; no more; 'Tis not so good now as it was before! O random files! How cruel or kind art thou

That, not withstanding thy diversity, Controlleth one's next move. Nought pleases more,

Of what strategy and play so'er, As scores on the playing board bonus points

Even at the last: so full of craft (so winning!) That it indeed is high fantastical.

With apologies to  
William Shakespeare  
Twelfth Night, Act 1 Scene 1

# Competition Corner

## Solution : Scrabble Contest No 69

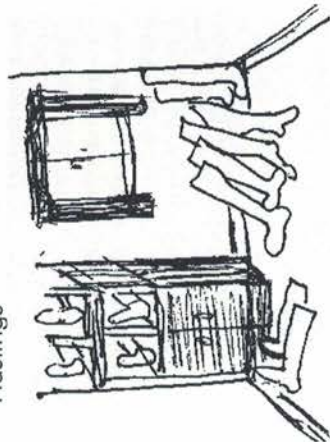
- 1 TRI-GIRT
- 2 MEGA-GEM
- 3 NON-ANON
- 4 POST-SOP
- 5 RE-TOOTER
- 6 MAL-GLAM
- 7 PRO-DORP
- 8 DECA-FACED
- 9 DE-GARAGED
- 10 ANTE-ETNA
- 11 DI-OVOID
- 12 ENO-ZONE
- 13 RETRO-SORTER
- 14 SEMI-LIMES
- 15 POLY-LOP
- 16 NANO-NAN
- 17 SUPRA-CARPUS
- 18 SUB-EREBUS
- 19 DEMI-TIMED
- 20 LAEVO-VEAL

Congratulations to Lyn Toka (KIWI), the only entrant to score full marks. Leila Thomson (LOH), Joan Thomas (HAS) and Jethro Snafflerod had just one wrong.

## Scrabble Contest No 70

Your opponent starts the game with QUIN (I on the centre square), and your letters are ?AABDEL. What is the best move? The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck! Closing date is May 20, 2003.

Entries to:-  
Jeff Grant  
'Ardra'  
1109 Allenby St  
Hastings



Legroom

Cartoon by Denise Gordon (WAN)

## Tournament Calendar 2003

Tournament	Dates
Dunedin Open	5 & 6 April
NZ Masters Championship	19,20,21 April
North Shore	26 April
Sth Island Champs (Chch)	10-11 May
NZ National Champs	31 May-1 June
Rotorua	21-22 June
Waikato Phoenix	5-6 July
New Plymouth	26 July
Hamilton	9-10 August
Tauranga	30-31 August
Christchurch	6-7 September
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	22-26 September
Mt Albert	4-5 October
World Scrabble Champs	19-24 October
Wanganui	25-26 October
Rodney	8 November
Otago Open	15-16 November
Kiwi	22 November
Waikato Phoenix	To be advised

Dates in italics are unconfirmed

## Through the Looking-Glass

LOOKING-GLASS has to be hyphenated, but these glasses don't.  
 WEATHERGLASS GALLOWGLASS  
 FIBREGLASS FIBREGLASS  
 PLATEGLASS\* HOURGLASS  
 ISINGLASS SANDGLASS  
 WINEGLASS CUTGLASS\*  
 EYEGLASS SPYGLASS  
 SUNGLASS

\* No -ES extension

## After Cup Cheer Up

We've lost the America's Cup, but we can still play all these.

- BUTTERCUP
- GILTCUP
- EGGCUP
- GILCUP
- OILCUP
- SCUP
- DEATHCUP
- KINGCUP
- EYECUP
- HICCUP
- TEACUP

Plus CREAMCUPS, but note it is valid only in the plural form.

## Non-union scrabble



Cartoon by Denise Gordon (WAN)

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## A Healthy Solution

What do these words have in common?

- BREAD GRAPE CANE
- JACK KIWI STAR
- FOG

Answer on page 22.

## Random Wordy Teasers

- as published in *The Last Word*, Feb 2003

1. What is the unique property of the word TALA?
2. What is the only way in which HMM can be extended to make a longer word?
3. Find the 9-letter US state which has a valid anagram.
4. What do Tom Cruise, Eddie Charlton and Britney Spears have in common?
5. What is unique about the sequence 854917632?

## A Challenge from Ruth Groffman and the Dunedin Club

Last year the Dunedin Scrabble Club, in conjunction with the Friends of the Dunedin Library, organized 'Scrabble For Fun' as a Library Week activity. Ruth Groffman (DUN) recently issued a challenge on the NZ email list for all NZ clubs to initiate a Scrabble For Fun event in their town. These are the details, as supplied by Ruth, on how to get this most worthwhile event up and running in your area.

### Children's Section

- 1 Library Week this year is in August.
- 2 The Scrabble Club should contact the Library in their area and propose that a Scrabble For Fun competition be held for school children in Library Week. Get their agreement by telling them it was done very successfully in Dunedin and that it encourages children and their parents to really use the Library.



Sarah Nicholls (9), East Taieri Primary School,

- 3 Once you get the Library's agreement you are on your way. The Library sends letters to all the schools in the area asking for (a) expressions of interest and (b) how many teams of four each school wants to enter. A closing date must be on this letter.
- 4 The next letter goes to the responding schools asking for names of children participating and, if more than one team is entered, the names of the teams.

- 5 Although letters were sent to Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools, 95% of the replies came from Primary schools

so we decided to have only Primary schools enter. A deluxe Scrabble set was donated to the winning school's library.

- 6 Contact the Friends of the Library to donate the prize, or find another sponsor.
- 7 Try to have a prize for each individual from the winning team. Dunedin Club members donated Scrabble books and the Library donated \$10 book vouchers. On the day make sure the press is there as it's good advertising.
- 8 The Scrabble club provides all the equipment - boards, racks and files.
- 9 Only 2 games were played between 9.45am and 12.00pm.
- 10 They were open-dictionary games.
- 11 The Library provided a whole table



The winning team from Waikouaiti Primary School

- 12 The children did their own scoring.
- 13 The games were 50 minutes duration (no clocks were used). Tiles left on racks after 50 minutes were deducted from their scores.
- 14 Parents, teachers and Friends of the Library members were on hand to help if any student needed it. The atmosphere was exciting and busy.

15 A word list of 2, 3 and 4 letter words was given to each player. The Library allowed the club to use their photocopy facilities for word lists and scoresheets. All in all it didn't really cost the Scrabble Club anything but time!

It would be wonderful if every Scrabble Club in NZ could make this happen in 2003 and then have the winning children from each area come together for a national competition!

### Adult Section

The adult competition at night was enjoyed by all. Members from the Scrabble Club were on hand at the Library to help out. Again it was two games, open-dictionary and 50 minutes duration. It was very easy to organise as a follow-on from the Children's Section during the day. As a result of the exposure the Dunedin Club did get a few more people coming to the club to play. If any club would like further advice or assistance, please contact

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Adult competition players

## Going Oriental

Some allowable Scrabble words which derive from the Japanese language. Many are very familiar, some are a surprise — eg HONCHO (the chief honcho).

**AIKIDO**, -S a Japanese art of self-defense  
**BANZAI**, -S a Japanese battle cry  
**BONSAI** a potted shrub that has been dwarfed  
**BONZE**, -S a Buddhist monk  
**BUNRAKU**, -S a Japanese puppet show



bonsai

**BUSHIDO**, -S the code of the samurai  
**DAIKON**, -S a Japanese radish  
**DAIMIO**, **DAIMYO**, -S a former Japanese nobleman  
**DASHI**, -S a fish broth  
**DOJO**, -S a school that teaches judo or karate

**FUGU**, -S a toxin-containing fish  
**FUJI**, -S a silk fabric  
**FUTON**, -S a cotton-filled mattress for use as a bed  
**GAJJIN**, a foreigner in Japan  
**GEISHA**, -S a Japanese girl trained to entertain  
**GENRO**, -S a group of elder statesmen in Japan



geta

**GETA**, -S a Japanese wooden clog  
**GOBANG**, **GOBAN** -S a Japanese game  
**HABU**, -S a poisonous snake  
**HAIKAI** a linked series of haiku  
**HAIKU** a Japanese poem  
**HANIWA**, Japanese clay sculptures  
**HIBACHI**, -S a cooking device  
**HIRAGANA**, -S a Japanese cursive script  
**HOKKU** haiku  
**HONCHO**, -ED, -ING, -S to take charge of  
**IKEBANA**, -S the Japanese art of flower arranging



judo

**INRO** a Japanese ornamental container  
**ISSEI**, -S a Japanese immigrant to the United States  
**JUDO**, -S a form of iujitsu  
**JUDOIST**, -S one skilled in judo  
**JUDOKA**, -S a judoist  
**JUJUTSU**, **JUJITSU**, **JIUJITSU**, **JIUJUTSU**, -S a Japanese art of self-defense  
**KABUKI**, -S a form of Japanese theatre  
**KAIZEN**, -S principle of improving business and industrial working practices  
**KAKEMONO**, -S a Japanese scroll  
**KAKI**, -S a Japanese tree  
**KAKIEMON**, -S a Japanese porcelain  
**KAMI** a sacred power or force  
**KAMIKAZE**, -S a plane to be flown on a suicide crash on a target

**KANA**, -S the Japanese syllabic script  
**KANBAN**, -S a manufacturing strategy wherein parts are delivered only as needed  
**KANJI**, -S a system of Japanese writing  
**KARAOKE**, -S a musical device to which a user sings along  
**KARATE**, -S a Japanese art of self-defense  
**KATA**, -S an exercise of set movements  
**KATAKANA**, -S a Japanese syllabic symbol  
**KENDO**, -S a Japanese sport  
**KIBEI**, -S one born in America of immigrant Japanese parents and educated in Japan  
**KIMONO**, -S a loose robe  
**KIRIGAMI**, -S the Japanese art of folding paper  
**KOAN**, -S a paradox meditated on by Buddhist monks  
**KOI** a large and colorful fish  
**KOTO**, -S a musical instrument  
**KUDZU**, -S an Asian vine



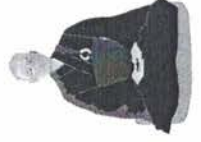
koto

sought by Zen Buddhists  
**SATSUMA**, -S a variety of orange  
**SAYONARA**, -S goodbye  
**SEN** a monetary unit of Japan  
**SENRJU** a Japanese poem  
**SEPPUKU**, -S a Japanese form of suicide  
**SHIATSU**, **SHIATZU**, -S a massage using finger pressure  
**SHITAKE**, **SHITAKE**, -S a dark Oriental mushroom

**SHOGUN**, -S a former military leader of Japan, **SHOGUNAL** adj  
**SHOJI**, -S a paper screen used as a partition or door in a Japanese house  
**SHOYU**, -S soy sauce  
**SUKIYAKI**, -S a Japanese dish  
**SUMO**, -S a Japanese form of wrestling  
**SUSHI**, -S a dish of cold rice cakes topped with strips of raw fish  
**TAMARI**, -S a Japanese soy sauce  
**TANKA**, -S a Japanese verse form  
**TANUKI**, -S the fur of a raccoon dog  
**TATAMI**, -S straw matting used as a floor covering

**TEMPURA**, -S a Japanese dish  
**TERIYAKI**, -S a Japanese food  
**TOFU**, -S a soft Oriental cheese made from soybean milk  
**TOKONOMA**, -S a small alcove in a Japanese house  
**TORI** the gateway of a Japanese temple  
**TSUBA** a part of a Japanese sword  
**TSUNAMI**, -S a very large ocean wave  
**TSUNAMIC** adj

**UDO**, -S a Japanese herb  
**WASABI**, -S a pungent herb  
**YAKIMONO**, -S grilled Japanese food  
**YAKITORI**, -S marinated chicken pieces on skewers  
**YAKUZA** a Japanese gangster  
**YEN** a Japanese gold or silver coin  
**YOKOZUNA**, -S a champion sumo wrestler  
**ZAIBATSU** a powerful family combine in Japan  
**ZAIKAI**, -S the business community of Japan  
**ZAZEN**, -S meditation in Zen Buddhism  
**ZORI**, -S a type of sandal



zazen

**MAHJONG**, **MAHJONGG**, -S a game of Chinese origin  
**MAKIMONO**, -S a Japanese ornamental scroll  
**MEDAKA**, -S a fish  
**MIKADO**, -S an emperor of Japan  
**MISO**, -S food paste prepared from soya beans  
**MONDO**, -S a rapid question and answer technique employed in Zen Buddhism  
**MURA**, -S a Japanese village  
**NETSUKE**, -S a button-like fixture on Japanese clothing  
**NINJA**, -S a feudal Japanese warrior  
**NISEI**, -S one born in America of immigrant Japanese parents



ninjato

**NOH** the classical drama of Japan  
**NORI**, -S dried seaweed pressed into sheets  
**NUNCHAKU**, -S a Japanese weapon  
**OBII**, -S a long, broad sash, worn over a kimono  
**OKIMONO**, -S a Japanese figurine  
**ORIGAMI**, -S the Japanese art of paper folding  
**PACHINKO**, -S a Japanese pinball game  
**REIKI**, -S a Japanese natural therapy, gentle massage  
**RIKSHA**, **RIKISHA**, **RIKSHAW**, -S rickshaw  
**RICKSHA**, **RICKSHAW**, -S a small, two-wheeled passenger vehicle  
**RYOKAN**, -S a Japanese inn

**SAKI**, -S a Japanese liquor  
**SAMISEN**, -S a Japanese stringed instrument  
**SAMURAI**, -S a Japanese warrior  
**SANSEI**, -S a grandchild of Japanese immigrants to the US  
**SASHIMI**, -S a Japanese dish of sliced raw fish  
**SATORI**, -S the illumination of spirit



samisen

## The Chaos

Dearest creature in creation,  
Study English pronunciation.  
I will teach you in my verse  
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse, and  
worse.  
I will keep you, Suzy, busy,  
Make your head with heat grow dizzy.  
Tear in eye, your dress will tear.  
So shall I Oh hear my prayer.

Just compare heart, beard, and heard,  
Dies and diet, lord and word,  
Sword and sward, retain and Britain.  
(Mind the latter, how it's written.)

Now I surely will not plague you  
With such words as plaque and ague.  
But be careful how you speak:  
Say break and steak, but bleak and  
streak;

Cloven, oven, how and low,  
Script, receipt, show, poem, and toe.

Hear me say, devoid of trickery,  
Daughter, laughter, and Terpsichore,  
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles,  
Exiles, similes, and reviles;  
Scholar, vicar, and cigar,  
Solar, mica, war and far;  
One, anemone, Balmoral,  
Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel;  
Gertrude, German, wind and mind,  
Scene, Melpomene, mankind.

Billet does not rhyme with ballet,  
Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.  
Blood and flood are not like food,  
Nor is mould like should and would.  
Viscous, viscount, load and broad,  
Toward, to forward, to reward.

And your pronunciation's OK  
When you correctly say croquet,  
Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,  
Friend and fiend, alive and live.

### —Gerald Nolst Trenite (1870-1946)

Ivy, privy, famous; clamour  
And enamour rhyme with hammer.  
River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,  
Doll and roll and some and home.  
Stranger does not rhyme with anger,  
Neither does devour with clangour.

Souls but foul, haunt but aunt,  
Font, front, wont, want, grand, and  
grant,

Shoes, goes, does. Now first say finger,  
And then singer, ginger, linger,

Real, zeal, mauve, gauze, gouge and  
gauge,  
Marriage, foliage, mirage, and age.

Query does not rhyme with very,  
Nor does fury sound like bury.  
Dost, lost, post and doth, cloth, loth,  
Job, nob, bosom, transom, oath.  
Though the differences seem little,  
We say actual but victual.

Refer does not rhyme with deafen.  
Foetter does, and zephyr, heifer.  
Mint, pint, senate and sedate;  
Dull, bull, and George ate late.  
Scenic, Arabic, Pacific,  
Science, conscience, scientific.

Liberty, library, heave and heaven,  
Rachel, ache, moustache, eleven.  
We say hallowed, but allowed,  
People, leopard, towed, but vowed.  
Mark the differences, moreover,  
Between mover, cover, clover;

Leeches, breeches, wise, precise,  
Chalice, but police and lice;  
Camel, constable, unstable,  
Principle, disciple, label.

Petal, panel, and canal,  
Wait, surprise, plait, promise, pal.  
Worm and storm, chaise, chaos, chair,  
Senator, spectator, mayor.  
Tour, but our and succour, four.

## Lousy Pickups

by Jeff Grant

We all get bad pickups on occasions, and they're the ones we remember because often they cost us the game. The great pickups are soon forgotten because, hey, we deserve to win anyway! Those blanks and esses we had weren't that important.

A really bad pickup can be devastating. Imagine it's a crucial stage of the game and you've just found a nice play which puts you back in contention. The leave wasn't too foul and you're hoping for a reasonable pickup, but it doesn't happen. Your opponent scores 30, you have to change, another 30 and suddenly you're 70-80 points behind on a blocked board. Game over, and all because of that lousy pickup!

Normally I don't dwell on 'bad' pickups. Maybe I asked for it by keeping I/O. Perhaps I can play off EUOI, ILIA or something and get better tiles next time. Anyway, I did have all the blanks and esses in the last game so it evens out over time.

Sometimes though, when particularly bad pickups happen in a short space of time, they stand out. Here are three spectacular examples from late last year. No doubt you've had worse...

Leave Pickup	New Rack	Result
OU IIOOU	IIOOOJU	change 7
NRT NNRR	NNRRRT	change 7
RS? QVWW	QRSVWW?	change 4

Gas, alas, and Arkansas.  
Sea, idea, Korea, area,  
Psalm, Maria, but malaria.  
Youth, south, southern, cleanse and  
clean.

Doctrine, turpentine, marine.

Compare alien with Italian,  
Dandelion and battalion.

Sally with ally, yea, ye,

Eye, I, ay, aye, whey, and key.

Say aver, but ever, fever,

Neither, leisure, skein, deceiver.

Heron, granary, canary.

Crevice and device and aerie.

Face, but preface, not efface.

Phlegm, phlegmatic, ass, glass, bass.

Large, but target, gin, give, verging,

Ought, out, joust and scour,

scouring.

Ear, but eam and wear and tear

Do not rhyme with here but ere.

Seven is right, but so is even,

Hyphen, roughen, nephew Stephen,

Monkey, donkey, Turk and jerk,

Ask, grasp, wasp, and cork and work.

Pronunciation — think of Psyche!

Is a paling stout and spikey?

Won't it make you lose your wits,

Writing groats and saying grits?

It's a dark abyss or tunnel:

Strewn with stones, stowed, solace,

gunwale,

Islington and Isle of Wight,

Housewife, verdict and indict.

Finally, which rhymes with enough —  
Though, through, plough, or dough,  
or cough?

Hiccough has the sound of cup.

My advice is to give it up!!!



aarrghh!

## Plants From A - Z

by Jaffer Gentry

There are thousands of interesting plant names — for example the Californian poppy *ESCHSCHOLTZIA* has six consonants in a row. The witch-hazel genus *HAMAMELIDACEAE* is composed entirely of letters from the first half of the alphabet. The orchid *RUDOLFIELLA* contains the five vowels in reverse order, and *KITTY-COME-DOWN-THE-LANE-JUMP-UP-AND-KISS-ME*, a fanciful name for the cuckoo-pint arum, has nine hyphens.

This A-Z of plants are all allowed in Scrabble.

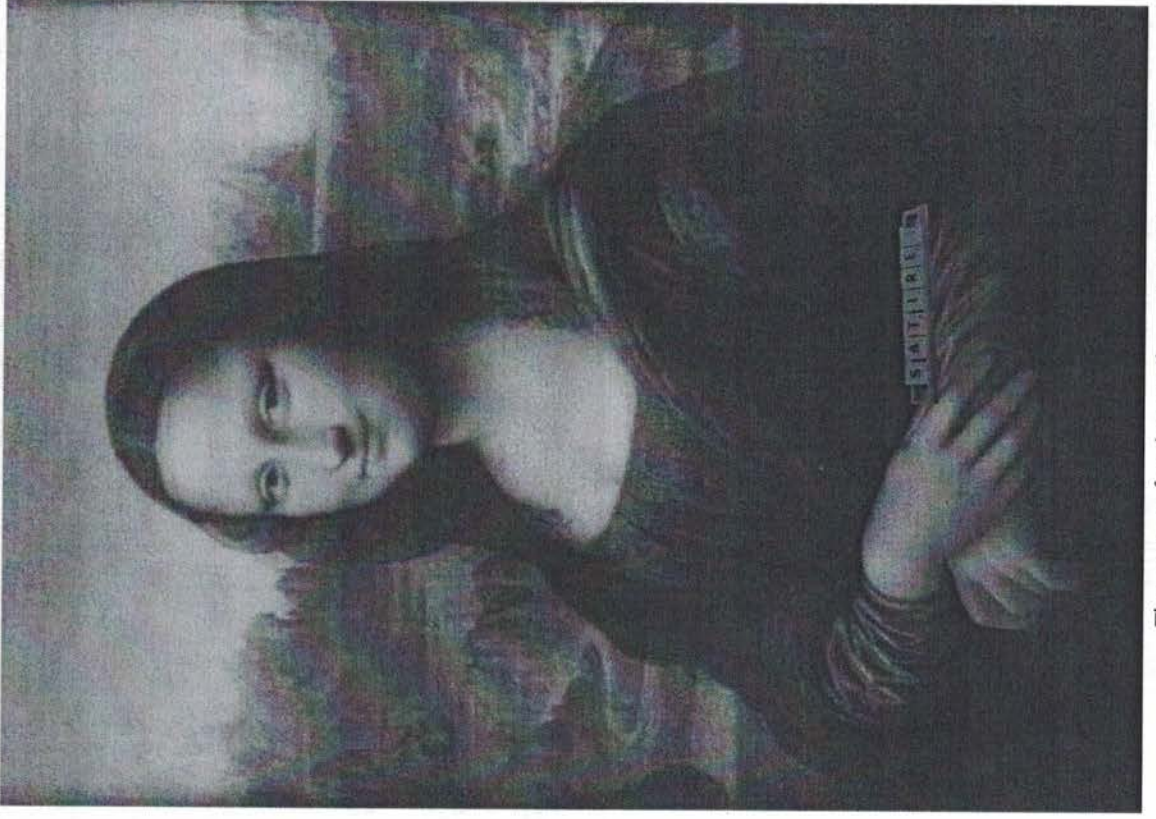


AZOLLA	a tiny tropical water fern
BLOODROOT	a N American poppy with red sap
CELANDINE	a plant supposed to flower when the swallows come and die when they go
DHOLL	the Indian pigeon-pea
EELWRACK	a grasslike plant of the pondweed family
FURCRAEA	a tropical plant related to the agave, yielding <i>Mauritius</i> hemp
GROMWELL	the oyster-plant
HAWKWEED	a genus of yellow-headed ligulate-flowered composites
IPOMOEA	a plant of the convolvulus family
JAMBUL	the rose-apple tree or other eugenia
KALUMPIT	a Philippine tree of the myrobalan genus
LOBLOLLY	a name for various American pines
MOONWORT	the honesty plant
NISBERRY	the sapodilla plum
OPEPE	an African tree with hard yellowish wood
PARKLEAVES	a woodland shrub thought to have panacean leaves
QUANDONG	a small Australian sandalwood
RUTABAGA	the Swedish turnip
SHADDOCK	an Oriental citrus tree
TERRICOLE	a land plant
URTICA	stinging nettle
VALERIAN	the allheal plant
WANDOO	a W Australian eucalyptus
XANTHOXYL	the prickly-ash or Hercules club
YELLOWWOOD	a leguminous American tree yielding yellow dye
ZAMANG	the rain-tree

## Art — the Real Meaning Behind the Painting

by Alan Medhurst

No 2 The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci



The reason for that smile — SATIRE



# PLAYER PROFILE



## Lulu Holt, take a bow

by Howard Warner

"You know, I'll be 100 next birthday. That's going some, isn't it!" A typical understatement from Lulu Holt, New Zealand's (and probably the world's) most enduring Scrabbler. At the Epsom In The Park rest-home in Auckland, where she resides these days, she's reminiscing about her life and pondering what's in store for her when she moves into three figures on April 9. There's the odd repetition of information or memory lapse, especially (and understandably) with time specifics. But the old sharpness, honed on the Scrabble board at Mt Albert Club, is still there in so many ways. On the tray in front of her is a copy of

the *Super Puzzle Power Crossword* book, which Lulu dips into from time to time. Like Scrabble, it's been a long-standing hobby. "It's good for the brain, it keeps you thinking," she says.

Before I came, her friend Lee Jonas told me Lulu has a "great sense of humour" and can be pretty cheeky. And this day she doesn't disappoint, despite having just come out of a spell in hospital. Looking forward to a telegram from the Queen? I ask. "Oh, I don't think they do telegrams any more. I wouldn't mind, though — if she puts a bit of money with it!"

Lulu began going to the Mt Albert Scrabble Club back in the early 80s with her friend Lil Moore. The two had been playing together regularly.

She stopped going a couple of years ago, when she moved into the rest-home. During those 20-odd years, she played the Mt

Albert tournament every year. She won her grade once and took possession of a lovely, inscribed silver tray ("I don't know what's happened to it!") She was also a stalwart of the three-monthly interclub Jenny Ward Challenge. Her fondest Scrabble memory is of driving over the Harbour Bridge with the girls to one of those Saturday morning sessions. "Did you win?" I ask. "Oh, I'm sure I did. Take it as read!" She still plays the odd game with visitors from the club, but no one at the rest-home will take her on.

Lulu Holt has been one of the great personalities of the Auckland

Scrabble scene, not just because of her spark and longevity but also her colourful life in the early part of last century. Born and raised in England, she learned to dance from an aunt.

At the age of 14, she joined a music hall act with five other girls and toured Britain. At 16, she bustled off to Holland and Belgium with her aunt, playing the older dancer's reflection in a 'mirror dance' routine. There followed a long performing career throughout Europe with the celebrated John Tiller's Girls troupe.

It was during a stint at the Folies Bergeres in Paris during 1927 that she met her future husband, Fred Holt, who was playing horn in the band. The couple emigrated to New Zealand 10 years later, leaving their globe-trotting cabaret lives behind. Fred, a keen inventor, began the country's first Inventors' Club and founded a plastics factory in Glenfield. Lulu worked with him for a while,

making deliveries. After Fred died in the 1960s, Lulu worked as a companion for an old lady in Remuera. She inherited a life interest in the house and continued living there (together with Scrabble pal Lil) until moving to the rest-home. Lulu says she has only been back to England once since emigrating and has never returned to Paris, the scene of her great stage triumphs. "I wish I could. But I don't think the Folies Bergeres would want me any more — I couldn't kick my legs up high enough!"

Lulu says her life's been a happy one. "I can't grumble."

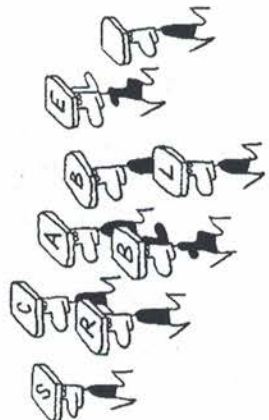


How does she feel about turning 100? "I'm not worried, though I am wondering how it'll turn out." How does she feel about Australia claiming a 98-year-old Melbourne gent\* as the world's oldest Scrabble player? "I don't mind. Everyone here knows my age. That's all that matters."

She's hoping someone might take her out for a centennial dinner — somewhere special like the Sky Tower, where she enjoyed her 95th birthday. She'd be amazed and delighted if Scrabblers remember her. And anything from the Queen would just be the icing on the cake.

\* Bill Rose celebrated his 98th birthday on January 21, 2003, at the Bill Rose Scrabble Aestival where he came 6th in his grade (the equivalent of NZ's H grade) with 3 wins. Bill always delights the other players with a fresh piece of prose. These are the final few lines of Worth Living For.

"But there's one thing that I truly believe, Was the one good thing, that I did achieve. I still play Scrabble, in tournaments too, And there made valued friends, like you. For your friendship is something I treasure, So when you give me a nod, or a smile, I know my life has been really worthwhile."



"... and my OpponAnt ran away with the game"

## Opening Moves

by Jeff Grant

[My thanks to John Foster for checking the figures in this article]

In chess there are only 20 possible opening moves. How many legitimate opening plays do you think are possible for the person going first in a game of Scrabble?

According to the computer database LeXpert, there are 70,510 allowable Scrabble words from two to seven letters long that can be played on the first turn. However, if you consider all the different ways the words can be legally placed on the board, both vertically and horizontally, the total goes up to 855,992. Plus, if all the different combinations of blanks are also taken into account, the grand total of legitimate opening possibilities rises dramatically to an incredible 19,754,592!

You could go even further by taking into account all the combinations of letters that can be exchanged on the first move (without considering what tiles are left on the rack). Believe it or not, there are 19,844,973 different ways to change from one to seven tiles.

On top of that, there are 15,367,968 combinations of seven letters you could pass on the first turn.

Therefore according to these calculations the total number of possible opening plays is:-

19,754,592	Word plays
19,844,973	Exchange plays
<u>15,367,968</u>	Passing plays
54,967,533	

So it could be said that there are nearly fifty-five million different opening plays possible in Scrabble! And that's without considering non-words, extra tiles or illegally placed moves.

It's not surprising that no two games are ever alike.

## Unused, Unlisted or Unmentioned Ordinals\*

by Dave Morice, American wordsmith

Have you ever made a numbered list of things and at some point, say item 34, you remember that you should've included, without removing any other items, a different item No 1, because that item should have been FIRST? Instead of renumbering everything, you put 0 before 1 — now your list goes from 0 - 34. What is item 0 called, in terms of ordinal numbers?

In Webster's Tenth Collegiate it would be ZEROTH, which is defined as 'being numbered zero in a series'. Fine. The first item on the list is the zeroth number. That means the second is the first, and the third is the second. Okay. Suppose you decide to include an item between 0 and 1, and you number it 1/2. Now your list begins with items 0, 1/2 and 1. If 0 is the ZEROTH item, then ONE-HALF must be the ONE-HALFTH item. Omigod! It's not in the dictionary!

## Hastings Words

There were many nice words played at the Hastings Tournament earlier this month. Here is a selection recorded by adjudicator extraordinaire, Pat Grant. All words are OK for Scrabble.

FUZEES  
WINTERER  
PAPOOSE  
ENOLASES  
PELORUS  
ROADEO  
BEZIL  
UNIDEAL  
STERNITES

SIDEMAN  
VAROOMS  
QUAHOG  
JNANA  
WINCEYS  
GYROLITE  
LENITIES  
LAVATION  
EUOUAES

INDEVOIT  
SEMEMIC  
TOETOES  
INTRADA  
AZURINES  
OOSPERM  
SULFONES  
OUNDY  
INPUTTER

MIRITIS  
FERNINGS  
TRENALS  
DEFAT  
OBELION  
FEATLIER  
GAZIEST  
ENSOULS  
TEGMINA

GOOGOLTH, 'being numbered googol in a series,' isn't listed at all, but we can forgive that omission. There will probably never be a list of googol items.

Well neither is ONE-THIRDTH or ONE-FOURTHTH, so let's be liberal and allow them to exist at least until the end of this paragraph. Now you decide to add something before 0, and you call that item -1. It is the MINUS FIRST on the list. You put another item between 3 and 4 and call this new item 3.14159...

Checking the dictionary, you'll find that mercifully this ordinal has already been covered under PITH. But some dictionary editor must've accidentally given it the wrong pronunciation and the wrong definition. Still the word is there, and maybe it will be corrected in the next edition.

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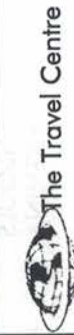
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## Farewell to Margaret Warren

Margaret joined the Hastings scrabble club in February 1986. She played in the National Champs regularly between 1987 - 1994 coming fourth in the F Grade in 1990, and being a member of the winning Hastings team that year. Margaret best performance was runner up in her grade in 1994.

Margaret played in every Hastings tournament from its inception in 1996 - 2002 and she played for Hastings against Masterton on several occasions. In 1994 Margaret drew 482 -482 with national champ Jeff Grant. This is still the NZ record for a drawn club game.

One memorable night at the Hastings club, Margaret had **MOMENT** plus a blank and was all set to play **MOMENTS**. However Jeff put out a U and she gleefully pounced with **MONUMENT** on a triple-triple for 149 points.

Margaret always enjoyed her scrabble, win or lose, and displayed great sportsmanship. She died on 28 October 2002 and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

## Missing Line(s)

The last line of the p 26 article Mt Albert Words in the December was missing. Here it is.

"Undoubtedly one of the best plays of the tournament was made by Roto Mitchell (WAN) in C Grade. The word OB was on the board and Roto extended it to **OBFUSCATE!**"

# ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example VELUM to MVULE and CHOWDER to COWHERD. On a higher level, FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS becomes the apt TRUSS NEATLY TO BE SAFE (contributed by ex-Hastings Scrabbler Jack Taylor).

The six Scrabblers featured here all played in I Grade at the Waikato Phoenix Tournament in November.

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VERNA ALDING

SUREST FOE

A NEW STAR TREK

HIM ON A BOARD

HANDLE NO EARTH

DONE YARDS

IN GRAND VALE

## Snowy Shindigs

— Three true tales

from Murray Rogers (NEL)

When Lyn Dawson (CHC) was still a member of the Nelson club, we travelled together to Christchurch for the 2001 Nationals. If you are not familiar with the signs and where to turn in Blenheim, it takes some concentration to navigate accurately. However while driving through, I had half my mind on the road and the other half was working on an anagram of Lyn's name. Just as we turned south facing the wintry Kaikouras, it appeared — SNOWY LAND!

The next story involves our regular informal social club of Takaka. We tend to meet in homes of the players, but sometimes we meet at the local cafe. One Friday evening while playing upstairs at the Wholemeal Cafe, downstairs there was live music playing and a very spirited audience. The atmosphere was catching so it was no surprise that someone played SHINDIG. Later, I looked at my rack and saw HOOPLAs. Before my opponent played, I noticed a free W with plenty of space to the right and a free S with enough room above, so it was determined the party would go on.

Being a club that stresses the social aspects of the game, we encourage stories and jokes while playing. Recently, one hilarious story began, "Man goes into a restaurant..." A game later I played MANGOES, calmly stated "man goes into a restaurant" and everyone went fruity with laughter.

## Yellow-Breasted Sapsucker

by Lenny Brulte

How many Scrabblers know the meanings of all the words they play? Probably very few, if any, of us. Some players give a false or nonsense definition when asked for the meaning of an unusual-looking word. My personal response is:—"It's a yellow-breasted sapsucker."

Weird and wonderful valid definitions abound in the source Scrabble dictionaries and many of them have graced the pages of Forwards in the past. But what word has the most definitions?

### SET

According to the FAQ at <http://dictionary.com>, SET has an amazing 464 definitions in the Oxford English Dictionary. RUN runs a worthy second, with 396.

Rounding out the top ten are GO with 368, TAKE with 343, STAND with 334, GET with 289, TURN with 288, PUT with 268, FALL with 264, and STRIKE with 250.

### Chambers Official Scrabble Words — International Edition

Liz Fagerlund still has 3 copies of this excellent book at \$49.99 per copy. (Liz's contact details are on the inside front cover of Forwards.)



## Hamilton

by Pam Robson

Once again a very successful club year was wound up with a dinner and prize-giving at Memory Lane Restaurant. This was an excellent night and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Results for 2002 were as follows:

### Club Champion

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

### Knock-Out Champion

1st Pam Robson  
2nd Roger Coates

### Pot Luck Champion

1st Pam Robson  
2nd Steven Brown  
3rd Jennifer Smith

### Ladder Champion

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

### Round Robin — Group 1

1st Pam Robson  
2nd Steven Brown  
3rd Jane Walton

### Round Robin — Group 2

1st Peter Jones  
2nd Isabel Zyp  
3rd Jennifer Smith

### Bonus Words — Group 1

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

### Bonus Words — Group 2

1st Peter Jones  
2nd Isabel Zyp  
3rd Jennifer Smith

### 100-Point Word Trophy

= Steven Brown  
= Isabel Zyp  
= Pam Robson

### Highest Individual Turn

Steven Brown

### Pyramid Trophy

1st Jennifer Smith  
2nd Isabel Zyp  
3rd Peter Jones

### Most Improved Player

Alan Hawes

### Sportsperson of the Year

Jillian Greening

### Monthly Competition Winner

1st Pam Robson  
2nd Jillian Greening  
3rd Peter Jones

### Highest Aggregate Score

Roger Coates and Steven Brown

### Most Promising Newcomer

Val Flint

### Highest Individual Game Score

Jane Walton

A huge 'Thank You' to Steven Brown again. He puts in a tremendous effort at our club taking care of the scoring and our monthly newsletters and puzzles. Thanks also to our very capable Secretary/Treasurer, Jillian Greening for a job well done! During 2002 we welcomed three newcomers to our club. Val Flint, Marie Warren and Ursula Shaw. All lovely ladies, and very keen members.

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

# CLUB NEWS

## Excerpts from Christchurch Newsletter

by Margaret Lyall

### Hello Everyone,

Another year's Scrabble has commenced, and hopefully you are all feeling refreshed after the holiday break, ready for any challenging issues which may lie ahead in 2003. Understandably, attendance numbers were down between November and February, but should return to normal from now onwards. There is a pleasing increase in membership and we welcome the newcomers.

Masters Championships 2004 Christchurch is to host this event in 2004 and we will be asking Club members to assist with catering, and transport of players to and from the

### A Healthy Solution — Answer

from page 4

They can all be suffixed by FRUIT.

BREADFRUIT GRAPEFRUIT  
CANEFRUIT JACKFRUIT  
KIWIFRUIT STARFRUIT  
FOGFRUIT

### Random Wordy Teasers — Answers

from page 4

1. It is the only word with a Q rear hook (TALAQ).
2. OHMMETER
3. Minnesota — NOMINATES.
4. Their names have anagrams (COSTUMIER, DECHLORINATED, PRESBYTERIANS)
5. It is the numbers in alphabetical order.

venue when necessary. This advance notice is to inform everyone of our commitment, and to keep Easter 2004 free if possible.

### TOP 5 AVERAGES for Friday night games - Feb 2003

Games	B/Ws	Ave	
Shirley H	24	24	452
Margaret	19	39	412
Doreen	20	28	407
Veronica	10	12	406
Shirley vE	9	13	400

### TOP 5 AVERAGES for Wednesday afternoon games - Feb 2003

Games	B/Ws	Ave	
Terry	4	5	382
Allison	1	1	381
Isabel	10	7	379
Kaitie	9	8	367
Betty W	16	9	341

QUOTE: If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.

— Oscar Wilde



Here are a dozen Scrabble words ending in X to dazzle your opponents.

BANJAX	CONFLUX
ECONOBOX	FOURPLEX
HALLUX	MILLILUX
NARTHEX	POSTFIX
SCOLEX	TORTRIX
VAUDOX	WATERPOX

# EXECUTIVE EXERCISES



Welcome to another year of enjoyable Scrabble games — at clubs, in tournaments, at private homes, on the internet, on aeroplanes, in motels; in fact, wherever you are keen to get a game of Scrabble.

At club tournament level, the enthusiastic members of the fairly new Rotorua club will be hosting their first ever tournament on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd June. Put this on your calendars, and try to get there for this inaugural two-day tournament.

On the National front this year, the Kiwi club in Hamilton is hosting the Masters tournament. Good luck to all the players — playing a 23 game tournament with a group of top players is great to be taking part in, but very tiring, with three days of play. I'm sure the Kiwi Scrabblers will put on a great weekend. The New Zealand National tournament at Queen's Birthday is back in Wellington this year. In 1999 Wellington successfully hosted the first National Scrabble championships to be played out of Hamilton. This year Lynn Wood is working hard to make the 2003 Nationals a success.

The top players will be trying hard to maintain or improve their position on the rankings list up to and including the National Championships; at the end of which the top four players (as long as they meet other set criteria) will be the team

selected to play in this year's World Scrabble Championships to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 19th to 24th October. This year there may not be a National fundraiser, but the executive are keen for all clubs to do their own fundraising effort for our world champs team. There are many ways funds can be raised — raffles, garage sales, sausage sizzles, Scrabblathons, cake stalls, lotto bonus number draws, bowlathons, etc. I hope all the clubs will give support to our top players.

I commend the great efforts of Ruth Groffman from Dunedin in staging such a successful Scrabble For Fun contest for school children as part of Library Week last year. It was a huge success, and many of the schools involved want to do it again. Ruth is keen for other clubs to give it a go in their area, and maybe a National final could be organised in the future. What a great way to get children interested in our favourite game. I'm sure Ruth would be happy to give help to any clubs wanting to try. Contact Ruth by email at ruthgroffman@hotmail.com She will be pleased to help.

Remits for the AGM at Queen's Birthday weekend are due in to Allie by 25th April. If you feel a rule needs changing or adding, this is your opportunity to have your say.

Happy Scrabbling,  
Liz

# NZASP Rankings List as at 10 March 2003

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Mike Sigley	2109	597	809	74%	48 Allie Quinn	1544	577.5	1200	48%
2 Jeff Grant	2098	991.5	1281	77%	49 Roger Coates	1530	336.5	696	48%
3 Peter Sinton	2095	322	437	74%	50 Doreen O'Shea	1525	303.5	597	51%
4 Kendall Boyd	2049	275	365	75%	51 Faye Cronhelm	1518	473	952	50%
5 Patrick Carter	2041	465	747	62%	52 Janice Cherry	1500	183	330	55%
6 Howard Warner	2040	611	894	68%	53 Maureen Holliday	1481	317.5	622	51%
7 Lynne Butler	2025	593	978	61%	54 David Gunn	1459	668.5	1296	52%
8 Blue Thorogood	1987	280	417	67%	55 Karyn McDougall	1456	341.5	642	53%
9 John Foster	1971	756.5	1321	57%	56 Margaret Bundock	1440	479	972	49%
10 Glennis Hale	1937	824.5	1477	56%	57 Rhoda Cushman	1433	517	1095	47%
11 Glynis Jennings	1916	304.5	638	48%	58 Ann Candler	1430	470.5	992	47%
12 Cecilia Ruto	1908	172	336	51%	59 Yvette Hewlett	1424	203.5	429	47%
13 Andrew Bradley	1903	350	712	49%	60 Shirley Hol	1406	270.5	560	48%
14 Rogelio Talosig	1876	67.5	103	66%	61 Marian Ross	1401	208.5	448	47%
15 Peter Jones	1861	558	1112	50%	62 Margaret Cherry	1398	246	488	50%
16 Steven Brown	1857	374.5	707	53%	63 Rebecca Freeth	1391	127.5	223	57%
17 Denise Gordon	1840	447.5	869	51%	64 Correne James	1388	416.5	884	47%
18 Sheryl Davidson	1836	605	1138	53%	65 Jennifer Smith	1383	333	602	55%
19 Rosemary Cleary	1832	350	752	47%	66 Reeva Pearson	1383	669.5	1425	47%
20 Lynne Powell	1829	662.5	1273	52%	67 Isabel Zyp	1382	318	633	50%
21 Debbie Caldwell	1801	142	218	65%	68 Murray Rogers	1375	134	245	55%
22 Chris Hooks	1789	504	1046	48%	69 Stewart Fleming	1369	65	137	47%
23 Valerie Mills	1778	450	941	48%	70 Betty Eriksen	1365	402	803	50%
24 George Warnock	1769	31	56	55%	71 Margaret Lyall	1361	262.5	532	49%
25 Marianne Bentley	1748	119	256	46%	72 David Bragg	1349	101.5	162	63%
26 Pam Robson	1744	373	788	47%	73 Jean O'Brien	1347	471	936	50%
27 Lynn Wood	1742	772.5	1607	48%	74 Delcie Macbeth	1346	381	718	53%
28 Glenda Foster	1742	489	959	51%	75 Shirley Martin	1344	339.5	643	53%
29 Jane Walton	1742	226	425	53%	76 Julie Atkinson	1324	120.5	217	56%
30 June Maxwell	1719	366.5	802	46%	77 Ruth O'Neill	1323	232.5	485	48%
31 Lisa McLean	1700	359.5	706	51%	78 Bill Grigg	1320	252	474	53%
32 Glenys Buchanan	1660	404	826	49%	79 Glenda Geard	1320	580	1140	51%
33 Puri Rowe	1654	358	721	50%	80 Andrea Prentice	1293	497.5	965	52%
34 Gerald Warner	1642	688.5	1469	47%	81 Doreen Ogston	1284	367	766	48%
35 Liz Fagerlund	1631	381	711	54%	82 Sue Walker	1270	319.5	641	50%
36 Leila Thomson	1616	320	704	45%	83 Hilda Scott	1269	216	401	54%
37 Helen Sillis	1607	486	947	51%	84 Steve Richards	1257	104	189	55%
38 Yvonne Wilson	1603	240	431	56%	85 Malcolm Graham	1230	183.5	360	51%
39 Shirley van Essen	1586	176	308	57%	86 Hazel Purdie	1204	362	758	48%
40 Eileen McLean	1584	691.5	1333	52%	87 Carolyn Kyle	1196	215.5	417	52%
41 May Quigley	1584	454	1023	44%	88 Samantha Samuels	1196	61	115	53%
42 Paul Lister	1579	386	679	57%	89 Marianne Patchett	1195	149.5	281	53%
43 Kim Graham	1573	216	384	56%	90 Elaine Moltzen	1190	315	638	49%
44 Joan Thomas	1563	324.5	605	54%	91 Lorraine Van Veen	1184	436	856	51%
45 Fae Olson	1563	879.5	1836	48%	92 Pam Barlow	1173	229	431	53%
46 Ann Hough	1559	227	423	54%	93 Karen Rodgers	1162	75	199	38%
47 Andrew Denmead	1544	134.5	254	53%	94 Roto Mitchell	1156	219	414	53%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Stan Gregec	1152	44	69	64%	141 Taanga Lawrence	697	37	106	35%
96 Ernie Gidman	1150	131	262	50%	142 Isabel Morris	685	58.5	111	53%
97 Shirley Wyatt	1140	281.5	593	47%	143 Jena Yousef	680	61	127	48%
98 Mary Gray	1139	211	391	54%	144 Ruth Munnings	671	51.5	105	49%
99 Lawson Sue	1137	40	62	65%	145 Sharon Clarke	666	76	221	34%
100 Lyn Toka	1137	208.5	404	52%	146 May Meads	652	209	404	52%
101 Margaret Parsons	1065	213.5	378	56%	147 Dominic Lister	651	96	191	50%
102 Karhleen					148 Dawn Smith	649	53.5	111	48%
Mari-Barker	1055	151	311	49%	149 Marie Kingi	649	141	311	45%
103 Karen Miller	1054	188	379	50%	150 Pauline Smeaton	641	54	106	51%
104 Marie Cairns	1052	124.5	225	55%	151 Catherine Henry	636	40	53	75%
105 Liz Richards	1034	100.5	188	53%	152 Lil Moore	623	318.5	669	48%
106 Bev Barker	1015	309	641	48%	153 Paula Gibbons	616	149	305	49%
107 Margaret Flaws	1012	42	75	56%	154 Margaret Hanson	608	229	465	49%
108 Amanda					155 Roslyn Lister	596	125.5	254	49%
Crow-Hewer	1012	35	51	69%	156 Michael Goffman	562	41.5	81	51%
109 Chris Handley	1009	126.5	263	48%	157 Maria Clinton	557	72	142	51%
110 Lyn Dawson	1009	210	362	58%	158 June Ward	540	103	222	46%
111 Jill Johnson	1009	105	211	50%	159 Margaret Durdle	533	46	91	51%
112 Janet Willisson	1006	89	123	72%	160 Jean Wacker	501	27	66	41%
113 Joan Pratt	1002	349.5	652	54%	161 Lyres Freeth	500	27.5	49	56%
114 Roger Cole-Baker	990	19	34	56%	162 Jillian Greening	499	157	340	46%
115 Lorraine Cook	974	54	96	56%	163 Betty Wilson	498	120	240	50%
116 Ruth Goffman	974	123.5	246	50%	164 Elaine Ware	497	246	478	51%
117 Gabrielle Bolt	940	75	147	51%	165 Wendy McIlwrick	495	45	89	51%
118 Allison Torrance	936	106.5	191	56%	166 Resy Coenen	487	100.5	282	36%
119 Annette Coombes	920	303	685	44%	167 Tim Henneveld	478	53.5	131	41%
120 Jean Walsh	905	132	255	52%	168 Peter Gordon	472	21	40	53%
121 Ray Goodyear	887	62	132	47%	169 Hazel Smith	463	35	103	34%
122 Barbara Butt	886	54	88	61%	170 Ed Olson	443	516	1291	40%
123 Jean Boyle	878	85.5	146	59%	171 Merte Spinetto	417	58.5	140	42%
124 Selena Chan	876	45.5	60	76%	172 Maureen McBain	406	71.5	188	38%
125 Catherine Styles	862	38.5	61	63%	173 Cecilia Bullo't	404	129	313	41%
126 Rosalind Phillips	850	103	182	57%	174 Alan Medhurst	393	47.5	124	38%
127 Jacqueline					175 Jenny Reed	384	26.5	55	48%
Coldham-Fussell	842	272	572	48%	176 Iris Boulton	376	70	138	51%
128 Amelia Carrington	842	59	99	60%	177 Charles Kiewiet	322	41.5	103	40%
129 Valma Gidman	832	355.5	706	50%	178 Sue Mayn	296	13.5	46	29%
130 Veronica Zilinskas	829	48	74	65%	179 Adam Young	286	34.5	89	39%
131 Irene Hague-Smith	818	357	760	47%	180 Jean Craib	249	80	247	32%
132 Dorothy Haining	797	367	737	50%	181 Betty Suherland	242	106.5	249	43%
133 Janni Henneveld	785	57	132	43%	182 Vera Burner	219	184.5	701	26%
134 Isabel Weddell	782	43	69	62%	183 Elvira Steel	0	105.5	516	20%
135 Ria Shoebridge	782	61.5	116	53%	184 Karen Stewart	0	6.5	34	19%
136 Yvonne Mackenzie	779	163	377	43%					
137 Olwen Skelton	773	321	686	47%					
138 Carole Coates	752	249	528	47%					
139 Pam Mayall	726	186	352	53%					
140 Kate Wignall	713	390	792	49%					



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## Pakuranga Tournament 25-26 January 2003

### 7 + 7 games

Day 1	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A	1 Cecilia Ruto	IND	5	488	431	11
	2 Howard Warner	NPL	4	287	417	9
	3 Lynne Butler	MTA	4	225	421	11
	4 Glennis Hale	MTA	4	119	416	13
	5 Andrew Bradley	MTA	4	59	412	15
	6 John Foster	NSB	3	-272	366	8
	7 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	-319	351	7
	8 Chris Hooks	MTA	1	-587	347	6
Grade B	1 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	181	368	7
	2 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	71	386	10
	3 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	158	419	12
	4 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	105	395	11
	5 May Quigley	IND	3	29	362	8
	6 Faye Olson	NSB	3	-82	371	8
	7 Eileen McLean	MTA	2	-226	373	10
	8 Gerald Warner	HBC	2	-236	371	4
Grade C	1 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	6	194	402	9
	2 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	39	378	6
	3 Margaret Bundock	HBC	4	-1	372	7
	4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	-130	382	9
	5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	275	402	8
	6 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	149	396	10
	7 Roger Coates	KIW	2	-175	384	7
	8 David Gunn	WKP	2	-351	373	9
Grade D	1 Glenda Geard	IND	6	341	394	10
	2 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	237	376	7
	3 Jean O'Brien	IND	4.5	-54	375	8
	4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	432	392	6
	5 David Bragg	ROT	3.5	47	383	10
	6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	-273	335	8
	7 Sue Walker	MTA	2	-425	360	11
	8 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	1	-305	368	8
Grade E	1 Stan Gregec	PAK	5	97	375	9
	2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	12	368	3

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W	
3 Lawson Sue	PAK	4	283	402	8	
4 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	75	367	7	
5 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-87	362	4	
6 Samantha Samuels	KIW	3	-214	339	4	
7 Jeannette Owler	PAK	2	-45	353	4	
8 Jill Johnson	PHC	2	-121	356	1	
Grade F	1 Catherine Styles	MTA	5	240	370	2
	2 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	161	361	6
	3 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	127	371	3
	4 Jacqueline	KIW	4	-175	355	9
	5 Irene Hogue-Smith	MTA	3	46	364	9
	6 Amelia Carrington	ROT	3	-4	354	6
	7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	-165	349	2
	8 Jonni Henneveld	ROT	2	-230	332	1
Grade G	1 Jim Willis	PAK	7	633	405	10
	2 May Meads	PHC	5	401	385	9
	3 Dione Cole-Baker	MTA	5	392	365	4
	4 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	158	370	8
	5 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	-123	349	4
	6 Elaine Ware	MTA	2	-172	338	4
	7 Maureen McBain	TGA	1	-610	307	2
	8 Patricia Wareing	PAK	0	-679	304	1
Grade H	1 Ed Olson	NSB	5	298	310	3
	2 Resie Coenen	PHC	5	240	308	4
	3 Anne Shaw	PHC	5	160	282	0
	4 Tim Henneveld	ROT	4	-59	273	1
	5 Sue Mayn	ROD	3	-143	266	4
	6 Zelma Old	PAK	3	-213	250	1
	7 Vera Burner	IND	3	-276	248	0
Grade I	1 Lynne Butler	NPL	5	210	415	11
	2 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	191	400	9
	3 John Foster	NSB	4	144	384	12
	4 Rogelio Tolosig	NSB	4	-341	384	10
	5 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	122	409	13
	6 Cecilio Ruto	IND	3	-181	376	10
	7 Glynis Jennings	MTA	3	-241	375	7
	8 Howard Warner	MTA	2	%	413	6

## Shirley Martin (HAM) 2nd in D Grade



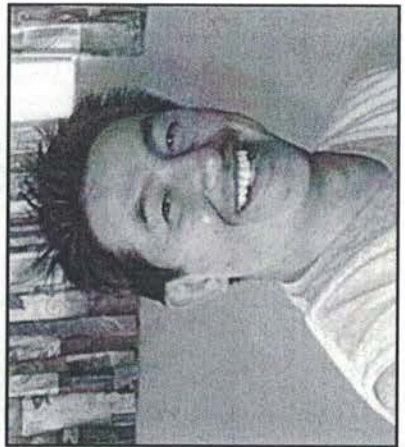
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W	
Grade B	1 Foe Olson	NSB	5.5	367	410	13
	2 Gerald Warner	HBC	4	244	398	9
	3 Joan Thomas	HAS	3.5	108	407	13
	4 Helen Sillis	NPL	3.5	-331	354	4
	5 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	-26	381	8
	6 May Quigley	IND	3	-109	381	10
	7 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-133	347	6
	8 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	2.5	-120	357	3
Grade C	1 Eileen McLean	MTA	6	561	431	15
	2 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	219	384	9
	3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	162	398	11
	4 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	-116	371	7
	5 David Gunn	WKP	3	5	390	13
	6 Ann Candler	NSB	2	-87	353	7
	7 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	2	-129	355	5
	8 Margaret Bundock	HBC	2	-615	316	1
Grade D	1 Roger Coates	KIW	7	625	421	13
	2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	4	172	373	6
	3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	-42	367	7
	4 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-63	383	11
	5 David Bragg	ROT	3	-92	365	8
	6 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-78	365	6
	7 Shirley Martin	HAM	2	-175	360	5
	8 Glenda Geard	IND	2	-347	354	5
Grade E	1 Lawson Sue	PAK	6	249	388	5
	2 Sue Walker	MTA	5	326	411	9
	3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	257	397	10
	4 Stan Gregec	PAK	5	100	402	10
	5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	3	-266	357	6
	6 Pam Barlow	MTA	2	78	381	8

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W	
7 Karen Miller	PAK	1	-290	326	3	
8 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	1	-454	339	4	
Grade F	1 Jeannette Owler	PAK	4	133	358	2
	2 Amelia Carrington	ROT	4	53	358	5
	3 Jonni Henneveld	ROT	4	11	329	3
	4 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	10	353	6
	5 Catherine Styles	MTA	4	-84	346	6
	6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	140	379	4
	7 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	-209	331	2
	8 Carole Coates	KIW	2	-54	328	4
Grade G	1 Mescal Kelly	MTA	6	415	317	1
	2 Lil Moore	MTA	5.5	219	358	4
	3 Lynn Carter	IND	5	212	308	1
	4 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	142	299	2
	5 May Meads	PHC	4	97	302	7
	6 Ed Olson	NSB	4	65	322	4
	7 Tim Henneveld	ROT	4	-54	284	3
	8 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	-11	281	2
	9 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	-96	329	5
	10 Sue Mayn	ROD	2.5	-267	260	1
	11 Vera Burner	IND	0	-715	260	1

## Nelson Scrabble Club Tournament 15-16 February 2003

### 15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	14	1719	463	35



Lawson Sue (PAK) E Grade winner Day 2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
2 Gerald Warner	HBC	9	170	397	16
3 Ann Hough	NEL	6	-250	377	16
4 Andrew Denmead	NEL	6	-403	376	20
5 Joan Thomas	HAS	6	-623	373	19
6 Maureen Holliday	HBC	4	-613	368	10
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Shirley Hol	CHC	10	557	386	18
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	9.5	200	394	19
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	7	143	367	13
4 Steve Richards	NEL	7	95	380	20
5 Andree Prentice	MAS	7	-250	370	15
6 Doreen Davies	MAS	4.5	-765	346	6
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Karen Miller	PAK	9	258	372	11
2 Liz Richards	NEL	8.5	-31	373	18
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	7.5	75	368	13
4 Colleen Cook	CHC	7	30	367	11
5 Ruth Goffman	DUN	7	-214	355	6
6 Allison Torrance	CHC	6	-118	352	14
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Selena Chan	CHC	13	1270	391	12
2 Dawn Smith	NEL	9	124	347	7
3 Paula Gibbons	CHC	8	-437	320	7
4 Maria Clinton	NEL	7	73	356	9
5 Michael Goffman	DUN	7	-70	342	4
6 Jack McArney	NEL	1	-960	312	1
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Betty Wilson	CHC	14	1222	366	8
2 Julia Jonas	NEL	10	130	327	4
3 Jean Craib	CHC	9	128	321	6
4 Margaret Chandler	NEL	4.5	-568	295	2
5 Vera Burner	IND	4.5	-581	294	2
6 Tony Charlton	NEL	3	-221	313	6



Yvette Hewlett (IND), C Grade winner Hastings



Glennys Buchanan (LOH) B Grade winner Hastings

### Hastings Scrabble Tournament March 8-9 2003

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	11.5	1120	433	27
2 Cecilia Ruto	IND	8.5	475	416	20
3 Glennis Hale	MTA	8	41	390	14
4 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	8	-322	355	15
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	-173	374	15
6 Pam Robson	HAM	6	-312	380	24
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	-610	360	18
8 Glenda Foster	WEL	3	-219	381	16
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Glennys Buchanan	LOH	10	881	431	26
2 Leila Thomson	LOH	9	200	392	16
3 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	9	4	396	21
4 Frank Robinson	LOH	8	205	394	20
5 Eileen McLean	MTA	7.5	295	388	13
6 Foe Olson	NSB	5	278	400	23
7 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	5	-1135	361	19
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	2.5	-728	363	16
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	12	1264	408	25
2 Jean O'Brien	IND	11	803	393	15
3 Samantha Samuels	KIW	11	390	353	13
4 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	729	385	10
5 Glenda Beard	IND	9	461	377	17
6 Roto Mitchell	WAN	8	458	369	10
7 Hilda Scott	MAS	7	163	350	8
8 Lawson Sue	PAK	6	645	370	11
9 Taanga Lawrence	HAS	5	-371	328	10
10 Vera Burner	IND	4	-1021	287	1
11 Tui O'Brien	IND	1	-1480	269	2
12 Delwyn Hall	HAS	1	-2041	232	1

## NZ Scrabble Records

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

Record	Tournament Level		Club Level	
	Score	Player (Club)	Score	Player (Club)
Highest Game Score	717	Mike Sigley (WAN)	763	John Foster (MTA)
Highest Losing Score	513	Jeff Grant (HAS)	521	Jane Macdonell (MTA)
Highest Drawn Game	456	Lynne Butler (NPL) & Glennys 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 Kizen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Longest Winning Margin	493	Mike Sigley (WAN)	577	Pete 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) & Glennys Buchanan (LOH) Nigel Richards (CHC) & John Foster (IND)	8	Dawn Kizen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—
<b>Most Games Won</b>	Jeff Grant (HAS) 21 (1993, 1997), Mike Sigley (WAN) 21 2002			
<b>Highest Aggregate</b>	Nigel Richards (CHC) 11,103 (1999)			
<b>Most Bonus Words</b>	Nigel Richards (CHC) 61 (1998)			
<b>Highest Spread</b>	Howard Warner (MTA) +2410 (2000)			