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# Editor's Note



I did it. I saw Tom Cruise — in person. It was his last day in New Zealand and I got a glimpse as he boarded his private Lear jet. Now I can get back to playing Scrabble...

Much has happened since the March issue. Howard Warner has once again shown his supremacy by taking both the Master's crown in Hamilton at Easter, and the New Zealand Champion title at the recent Nationals in Wellington. Jeff Grant came second in both events. Howard and Jeff, along with Patrick Carter and Rogelio Talosig are in the New Zealand team for this year's World Scrabble Champs to be held in Kuala Lumpur in October. Congratulations to our quality quartet, they are worthy representatives who are prepared to put in the hard work required to take it to the world's best. Other successful tourneys were held in Dunedin, North Shore and Christchurch was the venue for the South Island Champs.

Sadly, I was unable to play in the Nationals this year and it sounds like I missed an exciting time. There were four players in contention for top spot going into the last game and the competition ended with five players on 10 wins in A grade, separated only by spread points. South Islanders won 4 out of the 6 grades with Dunedin newcomer, Nick Ascroft (see page 17) topping E grade with 12 wins! Ex-patriots, David Lloyd and Joanne Craig travelled the Tasman, and more than 25 South Islanders crossed Cook Strait for the big event. Full report on page 24.

Upcoming tournaments are the inaugural Rotorua tourney in June, Waikato/Phoenix in July and both

Hamilton and Tauranga in August. Christchurch and Norfolk Island tournaments will be held in September. There will not be a tournament in New Plymouth this year.

June 5th in the US is the world premiere of a Scrabble documentary by Scott Petersen. Scrabylon is based on "the cut-throat world of tournament Scrabble. Featuring the most fierce anagrammers, rack balancers, and bingo experts in competitive Scrabble, Scrabylon delves deep into this sometimes wacky, sometimes odd, always compelling subculture. Shot primarily during the 2001 World Scrabble Championships in Las Vegas, Scrabylon features players from around the globe and gives an up-close look at why people get so obsessed with that seemingly benign game played at countless kitchen tables." There is more info at <http://www.scrabylon.com/index.html>.

The usual recognition goes to all who have contributed to *Forwards* — for those who have sent ideas, articles, word lists, jokes, pictures, competitions etc, please accept this as a very appreciative, personal 'Thank You'. In future issues I would love to feature interesting anecdotes, hard luck stories, good luck stories, study tips and Scrabble habits, as well as our regular favourites.

Stay warm during the winter months. Closing date for September issue is August 22, 2003

*Lynn*



## A Couple of 600 games?

from Patrick Carter (MTA)

Last week (end of April) at club my first opponent was Chris Hooks, and the hard-fought win of 392-384 with 1 bingo each on a closed board was little indication of how the rest of the evening would go.

For the 2nd game I was drawn to play Julie. Some players object to playing their spouses or partners on club nights, because they play each other a lot at home, but we believe that you play whoever you get on the way the draw is done. I had a good start to the game with NEONATE on my first play after Julie went first. On the second turn I couldn't resist trying REGOING\* even though I knew it was wrong, and managed to get away with it. On the 3rd turn I played POWNEES\* which I was hoping Julie would challenge. She didn't, because she thought she had seen it before, but it turned out she should have challenged as it can only be spelt POWNIES or POWNEYS. For the next turn I pulled a blank out of the bag, but with a disappointing AAIUVT alongside it the bingo run seemed to have come to an end. Then Julie played QUILT putting the Q just below the top left hand triple word score and I suddenly saw the opportunity to play AQUAVITS on the triple-triple for 230 points, a play she just had to unsuccessfully challenge. So after 4 turns my score was 453! Surely some sort of record there. After that the game didn't go quite so well, but with the help of another bingo later (MANNITES) 700 seemed within reach until Julie played 6 tiles on 2 consecutive turns and the letters in

the bag ran out rather quickly leaving me stranded on 682.

The final game of the evening was against Liz Fagerlund. My first play was a 4 letter word, but then I played 5 consecutive bingos, all real ones this time. The middle 3 were all very ordinary words, which I can no longer remember, but the 1st and last ones were reasonably nice, being PLIOSAUR and WEAKENER. Later on in the game I found ANTIRAPE as well. So, 11 bingos in two consecutive 600 games? No, not quite, I died in the hole on 599!

PS from Julie Atkinson.

Patrick provides the members of Mt Albert Club with unusual lists of interest. On this particular night the ARIOUS group was given with 7+8 letter words. PLIOSAUR was proof that swat does pay. ☺

## Rez-ervations

from Jeff Grant (HAS)

My wife, Pat was recently compiling a crossword and wanted to clue the word REZ. On failing to find it in her dictionary, she asked for my help. According to *Official Scrabble Words, International Edition, (OSWI)*, published by Chambers in 2001, REZ is listed in both the American and British Scrabble references. Having an idea of the meaning, I consulted the American OSPD3. REZ isn't there. So much for OSWI.

Pat's battered old *Redwood* says that REZ is British-only, so we rechecked the latest *Chambers Dictionary*. Sure enough, as Pat had found, there is nothing between 'Reynolds number' and 'rezone'. In an effort to confirm my feelings about the definition, we looked for REZ in some larger dictionaries — *Oxford, Webster's, Random House* — no luck. I was pretty sure REZ is short for

'reservation', so we searched the *Chambers* entry, without success. We tried other words pronounced REZ at the start, like resumé, resin and resident. Still nothing. Finally we came across REZ in the following entry:

res or rez (US colloq) short form of (N American Indian) reservation

*Chambers* is apparently up with the play regarding Eskimos (kayak is defined as an Inuit sealskin canoe), but not Indians, who prefer to be called Native Americans.

So let's get this straight. REZ is a colloquial Americanism, but it's not listed in American dictionaries. Somehow the word has found its way into an English dictionary, published in Scotland, and owned by the French (Larousse). Furthermore, it appears only as a variant form ELEVEN pages away from where you would expect to find it!

## When to Play Scrabble

from Michael Ynuk (QLD)

While waiting for our baby to arrive (it's due around 1 June), Rowena has been reading a few books. *The New Pregnancy & Birth Book*, by Miriam Stoppard (1999), includes a page of advice to the birth assistant (which will be me, in our case). Rowena noticed the following point:

"Observe her moods and fit in with them. If she wants to stay quiet, then do so, but if she wants to be distracted, play a game of cards or Scrabble."

[A baby boy arrived safely at the end of May. Congratulations!. — Ed]

## Teenager Takes Bahrain Cup

- an excerpt from the Bahrain  
*Scrabble News*

Mario Ranasuriya, 16, became the first teenage Bahrain Scrabble champion since Akshay Bhandarkar last won the Bahrain title five years ago. Akshay, who is now resident in Mumbai, India and Naweem Fernando, completing studies in Australia, were also Bahrain champions as teenagers. Though all three have competed in the World Scrabble Championship, Mario, then 14 years of age, was the youngest ever to play in the WSC.

## Obituary - Ria Shoebridge

by May Meads

Papatoetoe Holy Cross Scrabble Clubs regrets to announce the death of Ria Shoebridge.

Ria came from Holland as a young girl and married New Zealander, Ray.

She was a member of Mensa, as well as the Scrabble Club and the Motor Home Club.

She was a insulin dependent diabetic and had open heart surgery about 10 years ago but never let her health interfere with her many activities.

Our sympathies go out to Ray and their two sons.

## Lost at North Shore



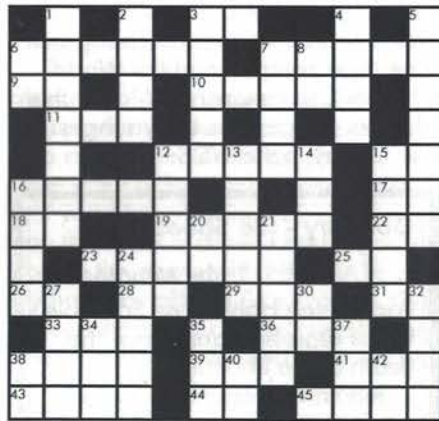
Ball pen, coloured yellow red and green with the logo "Thames Barrier". Sentimental value. Phone Bev Barker, 09 626 6830



# Competition Corner

## Scrabble Contest No 71

This crossword has an unusual feature. When you work out what it is, solving the clues will be easier. Beware — not all terms are allowable in Scrabble.



### Clues

#### Across

3. yum!
6. period of new moon
7. Welsh fiddle
9. trademark
10. smelling of garden herb
11. box
12. tree-lined walks
15. acid measure
16. in a cunning way
17. expressing consideration
18. cows
19. to judge and kill unlawfully
22. afterthought
23. sandstone deposit
25. obs. 'l'
26. the 3 \_\_\_\_\_
28. radical suffix
29. hypochondria
31. teetotal

33. cirque
36. is not
38. protozoan parasite
39. doctoral degree
41. stupid
43. venereal disease
44. ytterbium
45. science of women's illnesses

#### Down

1. like a young maiden
2. wryneck
3. resembling traditional story
4. emotional fervour
5. patterns of recurrence
6. hush!
7. sac
8. Royal Marines
12. C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>
13. to cause to operate in unison
14. quiet!
15. expression of annoyance
16. curds
20. wise homophone
21. cut into chines
24. body fluid
27. to crystal-gaze
30. \_\_\_\_\_ korny!
32. conforming to group
34. old whip
35. secret agent
37. pen
38. light tops
40. type of lead
42. NZ province

The winner gets a book prize. Good luck! Closing date is August 20, 2003. Send entries to:-  
 Jeff Grant  
 'Ardra'  
 1109 Allenby St  
 Hastings

## Re-oriented

by Jeff Grant

Going Oriental in the last issue was most informative. There are of course many other Japanese words used in English, with the most familiar ones not allowed in Scrabble — MITSUBISHI, SUZUKI, YAMAHA, HITACHI, SANYO\*, TOSHIBA\* etc. HONDA (an eye at one end of a lariat) is acceptable, but it's from Spanish not Japanese. The dessert TIRAMISU sounds Japanese too, but it's Italian.

Judo, karate and sumo wrestling give us Japanese words like DA, YUKO, IPPON, KYU, GI, DOHYO, OZEKI, and SUMOTORI. SHOGI is a Japanese form of chess and OTAKU are Japanese computer nerds. There are



foods such as SURIMI (fish), ENOKI (mushroom) and WAKANE (seaweed), as well as AYU (a small fish). A TABI is a type of sock, a KIRIMON is an imperial crest, NOGAKU is dance drama, a MEISHI is a business card and NIHONGA is a style of painting. One of my favourites is TSUTSUMU, the Japanese art of wrapping things harmoniously.

Wouldn't that be nice with a rack of SSTITUUU and a floating M on the board! TYCOON derives from Japanese 'taikun' (great prince) and the MOOK (a book in magazine format) was popularised in Japan. The iconic

### Solution : Scrabble Contest No 70

It was nice to receive an entry from former Hastings Scrabblers Mary Paul, who is living in California and still gets *Forwards*. Several people noted that a score of 83 is possible with DATABLE/QUINE, but the best move is undoubtedly BALDAQUIN for 69, retaining the blank and E. Three entrants found that solution — Chris Hooks (MTA), Pam Barlow (PAK) and Lyn Toka (KIWI). First name out of the hat was Chris — congratulations!

Kiwi JANDALS may have originated from a similar blend (Japanese + sandals).

Some years ago I submitted a list of New Zealand words to Chambers for possible inclusion in their dictionary. About 70 terms subsequently made it into the Scrabble vocabulary, including WAKA, well-known here as a Maori canoe. Imagine my surprise on checking the entry and finding it defined as a Japanese 31-syllable poem, a forerunner of the HAIKU.

\*SANYO and TOSHIBA anagram to the allowable SAYON and ISOBATH

## Young Oz Champ

by Alan Gauci from Baulkham Hills Scrabble Club (NSW)  
website-www.bhsc.org.au

[Alan Gauci maintains the BHSC website and is a keen promoter of Junior Scrabble in Australia — Ed]

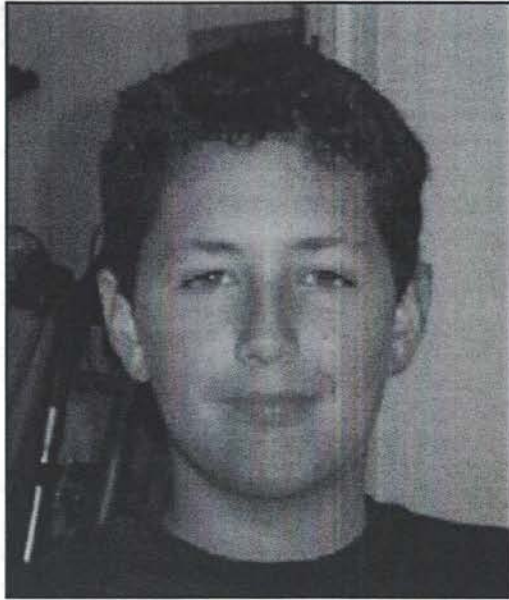
On 17 March 2003, thirteen-year old student David Eldar from King David School in Victoria emailed the Western Sydney School Scrabble Coordinator and inquired if there are any children's Scrabble Tournaments coming up in Victoria or in any other states of Australia.

Alan Gauci the Coordinator, emailed back and asked David to provide him with further information on young David's Scrabble-playing prowess.

Always on the look-out for young talent, Alan informed David that although there are no children's tournaments in the pipeline, he should nevertheless stake his chances at the coming adult Open Tournament in Adelaide, which will be running simultaneously with the 2003 Australian Scrabble Championships. Alan also advised David that he has barely four weeks left in which to practice. David, a great believer in his ability, promptly acquired his parents' permission to enter the tourney and booked himself in.

The big days were set — April 19 and 20, 2003, a two day event, fourteen games, and young David Eldar soon found himself facing 33 adult contestants from every state of Australia, most of whom were old enough to be his parents or grand parents.

In the meantime, Alan Gauci who was unable to attend the event was



David Eldar

in Sydney keenly awaiting the result of young David's plunge into adult tournaments. He was greatly relieved when the tournament reporter Anne Mitchell flashed the results. David won the event, winning 11 out of 14 games.

In addition to Scrabble, David Eldar loves to play tennis, table tennis and soccer. He started playing Scrabble when he was five years old and at eleven years tried his luck with on-line games. When he turned twelve David ventured from "kitchen" Scrabble to "Club" Scrabble and now attends the McKinnon Scrabble Club in Victoria, whenever his school studies permit.

## Tournament Calendar 2003

Tournament	Dates
Rotorua	21-22 June
Waikato Phoenix	5-6 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

Dates in italics are unconfirmed

## Positive Thinking

Elaine Moltzen (KIWI) clipped this from Letters to the Editor, in a local Hamilton paper.

"I am writing about an observation I made about Scrabble. Sounds ridiculous, but it's true: if the first player creates a word that is positive to start the game off, the other player finds positive words to follow. If the first word is bad or



negative, then mostly the other players will think of negative words too.

I have observed this four times in the past. I feel it has something to do with entrainment, or the unified field theory. It is a truth that one positive thinker will help 1000 other people to think positively. Study Lyall Watson's books for more information on this.

Too many negative thinkers in the world make other people depressed. Many positive ideas will help the world's people be happy.

—Carol W, Hamilton"

## Scrabble in Basra

Spotted in the *Washington Post*, April 2003:

British goals for the occupation of Basra are lofty, even if the ability to execute them is limited. "Ultimately, what we have to do is replace what they've been fighting to protect with something better," said Maj. Kevin Oliver, whose company of commandos first stormed Hussein's apparently unoccupied summer palace here.

Today, the palace qualifies as a luxury barracks for war-weary British troops, some of whom were playing Scrabble in their underwear this afternoon as others showed off the sun shower they had rigged up in a marble bathroom with no running water but gold fixtures on the toilet.

## L-M-N-O-P

Jeff Grant spotted this CD cover for NZ band "Elemeno P" and purchased it for it's Scrabble interest. Note the extended (by computer?) rack.

## Bags You Win — Bags I Lose

Know that TV ad where the girls exclaims, "Oh BOLIVIA! A man came up to us and asked, 'May I take your bags?' We haven't seen them since?" After our recent holiday it will be a while before it again amuses me.

But I get ahead of myself. For those of you who don't know us, my husband, Glenn is a semi-professional bird photographer, and we both love watching birds. A bird photography holiday is the ultimate for us so, when we sold our Video/Lotto/Post shop, we treated ourselves to a week at Canopy Tower, near Panama City, followed by a week with a birding guide in St Louis, Missouri, where we revisited the World Bird Sanctuary and its dedicated staff.

Canopy Tower is an old air force radar tower which has been converted into a very pleasant hotel for birdwatchers in particular and nature lovers in general. Our final flight was due in from Miami at 1am on April 18th — we had flown Auckland/Los Angeles/Dallas-Fort Worth/Miami/Panama City, so we were not at our most sparkling on arrival. Glenn took his suitcase from the carousel and we watched in vain for the arrival of mine. This state of affairs signalled our discovery that personnel at Panama City airport speak only Spanish — especially at 1am! Vainly I tried to dictate the brand name of my bag to the girl at the desk so that she could complete the form. Anticipating that by the time we got to 'Titirangi'

by Glynis Jennings

in my address all would be irretrievably lost, I grabbed the form and completed it except that I didn't know the phone number of Canopy Tower. No problem we thought, there is an official from Canopy Tower meeting us. Glenn went back through to find him — in vain — and had the greatest trouble getting back through Security. It later transpired that there was a mix up with the date and the official would have met us the following night.



The next step was to try to contact Canopy Tower, but all our enquiries were met with Manuellian expressions of puzzlement. Glenn sat by the luggage — no way was the one suitcase going to be allowed to evaporate in the Panamanian heat — while I went to a Car Rental desk to ask to use the phone. The clerk spoke only Spanish but understood my request for a phone. A phone book was a different proposition altogether. I performed a pantomime which would have left Marcel Marceau's slumbers singularly undisturbed and realised in retrospect that the type of telephone dialling I had attempted to mime was the sort that the Noah family used to keep in touch with each other when away from the ark and had no place in modern technology. Eventually the clerk offered me a tourist brochure of the sights of Panama, and with a universal gesture of 'Forget it!', I left the desk.

With bag and baggage we

trudged to the taxi rank. No one had heard of Canopy Tower. Light was poor and we couldn't find Canopy Tower in the phone book. I rang Mum back in Auckland to get Canopy Tower's phone number, then rang. No reply! When the office is closed, which it was throughout Easter, you have to use another number to ring them — only it isn't in the phone book. At least I had 'a' phone number and was escorted back to Security to add it to my form, which by then could not be found.

Eventually a taxi driver offered to take us to a "cheap hotel" in the city for what remained of the night. "Not too cheap," I demurred, my imagination working overtime. The resultant accommodation was respectable enough, but we were still left with the problem of contacting and/or finding Canopy Tower. To abbreviate slightly a seemingly never-ending saga, I noticed en route to breakfast a sign saying "Internet". "God bless computers," I thought as I printed out directions to Canopy Tower from their FAQ. The girl at the desk knew enough English to translate said directions into Spanish

for the taxi driver and was tipped handsomely by the nervous wrecks who were her erstwhile guests.

Canopy Tower was well worth waiting for — spacious comfortable rooms and a feathered parade of everything from tiny warblers to toucans and vultures, occasionally accompanied by the eerie cries of howler monkeys. Daily outings with knowledgeable guides and meetings with feathered, previously one-dimensional Scrabble words, like ANI, PUFFBIRD, ANHINGA, MOTMOT, COTINGA, TINAMOU, POTOO, TROGON, JACAMAR, ANTBIRD, GREENLET, EUPHONIA and CACIQUE, were a joy. This list begs the question as to why becard\*, saltator\*, grassquit\*, kiskadee\*, and xenops\* are persona non grata in Scrabble circles.

The luggage turned up three days later. On our transfer to St Louis both our suitcases went missing for two days, which explains why we appeared in T-shirts as guests at a posh World Bird Sanctuary 'Fete du Feather' fund-raising dinner. But that, as they say, is another story...



## 20th NZ Masters

The annual NZ Masters tournament got underway on Easter Saturday. Top rated players competed in a 23-game round robin over three days. This tournament was an important one for those vying for a place in the New Zealand team for the World Champs in Malaysia in October.

### Day 1

A great start was made by Howard Warner who won all of his 8 games. Pam Robson also got off to a flyer, winning her first 7 games, falling to John Foster in the last. There were five players on 6 wins, so they took 3rd to 7th places in this order: Mike Sigley, Andrew Bradley, Jeff Grant, Glenda Foster and Glennis Hale.

### Day 2

Pam Robson was the first to achieve her win expectancy and



Pam Robson (WKO)

by Glenda Foster



Glenda Foster (WEL)

earned the President's prize of a bottle of wine after the first game of the day. Howard continued on his winning way with a further 7 consecutive wins before losing to Val Mills in the final game of the day. Glenda Foster moved up the leader board rapidly with 7 wins, losing only to Howard in game 12 and she occupied second place at the end of the day. Jeff was alone in third place on 12 wins and then came a bunch of players on 10 wins: Mike, Andrew, John Foster, Glennis, Rogelio Talosig and Pam. A presentation was made to Jeff Grant for his notable achievement of winning 1000 tournament games.

### Day 3

In his first Masters tournament Rogelio had a good day with 6 wins from 7 games, finishing in 5th place — a remarkable achievement for a

first-timer. Glenda remained in contention despite two losses in the morning and there were high hopes that she might become the first woman player to become the Masters champ. Going into the final 3 games after lunch Howard was on 16 wins, Jeff and Glenda had 15 each and Mike was on 14. Glenda and Howard both lost the first game after lunch, while Mike and Jeff had wins. That left Howard and Jeff on 16 wins and Mike and Glenda on 15. In the penultimate game Jeff and Glenda faced off and Jeff won convincingly 446-283, assuring him a top two finish. Howard and Mike also won their games, leaving Howard and Jeff level on wins with Howard in front on spread, Mike in third place and Glenda fourth. All of the top 4 won their last game and so placings were unchanged.

Full results are available on the Scrabble website at: [www.scrabble.co.nz/masters03.html](http://www.scrabble.co.nz/masters03.html). Mike Sigley achieved the highest individual game score of 614 and also recorded the highest number of bonus words — 57. The highest aggregate game score was shared by Debbie Caldwell and Denise Gordon — 1007 points. Denise also



Howard Warner, 2003 Masters Champion

recorded the highest winning margin of 354.

The tournament had a significant effect on players' rankings, with Jeff moving up to number 1. Good performances by Glenda, Pam and Rogelio improved their ratings by 206, 129 and 94 points respectively. Full results are on page 33.



Back row: Glenda, Peter J, John, Andrew, Peter S, Jeff, Patrick, Howard, Chris  
Middle row: Pam, Gerald, Jane, Rosemary, Marianne, Glennis, June, Denise, Val  
Front row: Lynn, Debbie, Rogelio, Mike, Steven, Cecilia (lying)

## Masterwords

by Pat Grant

The following unusual words were all played at the NZ Masters Championship in Hamilton at Easter.

### Allowed

MEDICARE	JUDOKAS
TEMPTINGS	CHILIADS
GESNERIAS	AEQUORIN
WINTLED	THEELIN
STAMMEL	MURKER
PREDIVE	SERRYING
APOSITIA	ATLATLS
MAUNNA	TALAPOIN
VOLUMIZE	AJOWAN
CHARNECO	LUTHIER
TORCHINGS	RUNGLESS
ENTRIST	LOMEINS
VIOLD	CALEFIED
ABIOSIS	JADEITE

### Disallowed

VAREXES	ETHIONE
EARLING	UNWASTE
SERUCINS	TASSLED
GOETH	LETHERN
COQUE	WEANY
CHINTZED	SOAPABLE
ZONAS	TONDINE
NOTTINGS	SULLIER
LEONIDS	ANIMAE
UNLEASES	OUTBETS
OPULINE	SPERMED
UNMOPPED	VETTERS
FORBOAT	TANALISE

Don't think top players never make a mistake with shorter words. These threes and fours were challenged too. Which ones do you think are OK? (Answers on Page ??)

LOR	FATA	NORD	PALY	ULL	LULA
TOCO	CHEP	ACER	BURO	RETE	OUS
KAP	FURR	VIB	MEAR	CALE	BARM

### Untitled that Adonist!

At the Masters in Hamilton, Andrew Bradley gave Jeff Grant a headache by playing the following four plausible-looking words: ADONIST, FERRIERS, REPRISER, UNTITLE.

Several top players were asked later which ones they would challenge, if any. No one got them all right. What would you do? (Answer on Page ??)



## The New Zealand Masters Roll Call Of The First Twenty Years

by John Foster

2003 is the twentieth consecutive year of the Masters Tournament and listed below are the names of all 85 players who have participated, ranging from Jeff Grant and Glennis Hale, the only players who have competed in all twenty, down to those with only a single appearance. Except for the second year, 1985 when only 18 players took part, the same 24 player round-robin format has been used throughout.

20. Jeff Grant, Glennis Hale
19. Glenda Foster, Mike Sigley
18. Denise Gordon, Lynne Powell
17. John Foster
16. Andrew Bradley
15. Glenyss Buchanan
11. Glynis Jennings, Lynn Wood, June Mackwell, Gerald Warner
10. David Lloyd, May Quigley, Patrick Carter
9. Fae Olson, Peter Sinton, Lynne Butler
8. Georgie Offringa, Peter Jones, Howard Warner
7. Dorothy Pinner, Kevin Edgeler, Ann Candler, Sheryl Davidson,

6. Pam Robson, Blue Thorogood
6. Charlie Curl, Allie Quinn, Rosemary Cleary, Valerie Mills
5. David Pinner, Ian Patterson, Maurine Sullivan, Chris Hooks, Steven Brown
4. Sue Marrow, Jan Ross, Lucy Bright, Leila Thomson, Puti Rowe
3. Correne James, Alan Boyd, Reeva Pearson, Rhoda Cashman, Florence Veldhuizen, Paul Lister, Liz Fagerlund, Cecilia Ruto, Kendall Boyd, Anna Geange, Marianne Bentley
2. Nigel Richards, Gaye Norgren, Doreen Ogston, Marj Bachelor, Geoff Vautier, Joy Hunter, Glenda Geard, Margie Hurly, Eileen McLean, Doreen O'Shea, Debbie Caldwell
1. David Blumhardt, Rita Moore, Betty Gibb, John Moore, Terry Darby, Ngaire Steel, Irene Steel, Leigh Jenkins, Cathy Woods, Alan Duval, Andrew Coombes, Lesley Edgeler, Marc Bonthron, Roy Vannini, Bernice Vannini, Roger Tozer, Faye Cronhelm, Andree Prentice, Lisa McLean,

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Ruth Groffman (DUN) saw these ads when travelling in the London Tube in January this year.



## 2003 Australian Nationals — My Perspective

by Bob Jackman, Sydney, Australia

The 2003 Australian Scrabble Championships were held in Glenelg, an historic, beachside suburb in Adelaide, South Australia over the Easter period. A record 103 players from all over Australia took part in the three-day tournament, with a further 40 taking part in a two-day tourney for those who had not made the 1300 rating cut-off for the main event.

Adelaide was a destination that had previously brought mixed results for me. In 1993, exactly 10 years ago, I won the Australian Nationals on my second attempt, and with it my first opportunity to play in a World Championship. Four years later, I returned to Adelaide rated number one in Australia at the time, but performed so poorly that I dropped to fifth in the ratings and missed out on qualifying for the 1997 World Championship held in Washington. Four years later again I took part in the South Australian Championships in order to try and qualify for the Las Vegas World Championship, but fell four ratings point short despite winning the event. So it was with mixed feelings that I returned to Adelaide to take part in this year's Nationals.

I had not really considered myself to have a chance of winning the event, given the presence of Andrew Fisher, Naweem Fernando, Paul Cleary and Cheah Siu Hean in the strongest ever Nationals field. Added to this John Holgate and Rod Talbot (NSW) were in good form, Edward Okulicz was winning everything in Queensland and youngsters such as Chris May (NSW), Daniel Piechnick

and Michael Cameron (SA) were on the rise.

The format was to be 21 games played over three days, seven on each day.

**Day One** was notable for the poor starts by both Paul Cleary and Andrew Fisher, who were both well back in the field at the end of the day. My own tournament started in a mediocre fashion, with a narrow win in my first game against Edie Mueller (WA) and a loss in my second game to up-and-comer Tony Hunt (NSW). After that I strung together some big wins, so that when Edward Okulicz lost his last game of the day, I found myself in the lead on spread with six wins. Six other players were on six wins.

**Day Two** started off poorly for me with a loss to eventual runner-up, Andrew Hamblin (QLD). This was a game I should have won easily, but I mistakenly played *SITUALE\** in the end game, confusing it with *SITULAE* and *SETUALE*. This loss enabled John Holgate to take the lead, a lead he was to keep for the rest of the day. Three games later, I lost my second game of the day to John, but somehow managed to be still in second place at the end of the day mainly due to the large spread I had accumulated. But John was one game clear and Edward, Naweem and Cheah were all still thereabouts, so it was set up for a very exciting **Day Three**.



Bob Jackman

When John lost his first game of **Day Three**, I found myself back in the lead again and held the lead throughout the morning's play. There were only three games remaining, and I only needed to win one more to be guaranteed of making Table One in the final KOH (king of the hill) round, and the chance to win. I drew Paul Cleary in the first game after lunch. Paul was now moving up through the field and capable of inflicting damage to the leading players, although out of contention himself. And this is exactly what he did as he handed me my first loss of the day. I now needed to win the next game to be guaranteed of a shot at the title, but such was not to be the case, as Norma Fisher wiped me off the board in my first truly unwinnable game of the tournament. But fortune smiled on me, as Paul Cleary accounted for Cheah to end Cheah's chances of making the final. Thanks to one good friend and fellow NSW player, I was now into the final against another good friend and fellow NSW player in John Holgate. I was one game behind but with a far superior spread, so that whoever won the final game would become National champion.

The final game started fairly slowly. I drew a blank early and had to wait three or four moves before having the chance to play it. When I did eventually play *RELOANED*, I opened a triple-triple and John was able to immediately capitalize with *TREATIES* for 122 and take a 70-point lead. I clawed my way back to within 20 points, mainly thanks to John being plagued by consonants. When *INSANIE* appeared on my rack I was able to play it, but again I opened up a triple-triple opportunity for John. This time he was unable to

capitalize fully but could still make a 42 play to be only 7 points in arrears going into the endgame. But there would be no real endgame, as I had luckily picked up *ICASING* to wrap nicely around the N of *INSANIE* to make *INCASING* for a 92-point double-double and 100-point lead. It was all over.

Adelaide had been kind to me once more. Not only had I won my second National title in this same city exactly ten years on, but also I was into the Australia team alongside Andrew Fisher, David Lloyd and Paul Cleary to represent Australia in Malaysia later this year.

### Top 20 Finishers — Australian National Tournament 2003 April 19 - 21, 2003

Rank	Player	Wins	Margin
1	Bob Jackman	16	1692
2	Andrew Hamblin	16	1011
3	John Holgate	16	985
4	Edward Okulicz	15	1221
5	Cheah Siu Hean	15	813
6	Naweem Fernando	14	1061
7	Rod Talbot	14	778
8	Paul Cleary	14	605
9	Andrew Fisher	13	1302
10	Daniel Piechnick	13	1187
11	Joan Rosenthal	13	747
12	Joanne Craig	13	613
13	Chris May	13	448
14	Norma Fisher	13	436
15	Olga Visser	13	319
16	John Barker	13	128
17	Matte Dunn	13	-58
18	Dianne Davis	13	-176
19	Michael Vnuk	12.5	564
20	David Lloyd	12	504

## Dunedin Newbies

by Bill Grigg

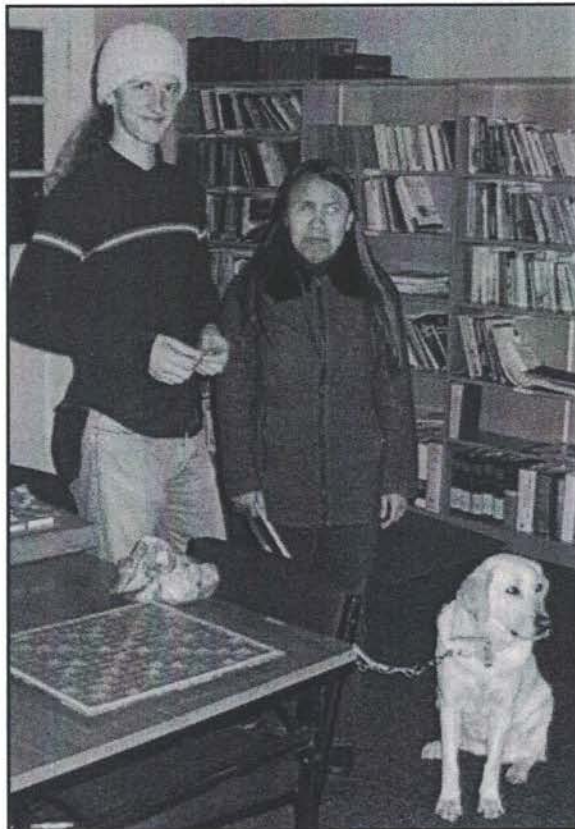
### Olivia En.

Olivia (20) is totally blind since an accident as a child. She emigrated to New Zealand 17 years ago and is currently enrolled at Otago University doing a double Honours degree in Law and History, with the intention of becoming a lawyer when she graduates. Olivia has been playing social Scrabble since the age of 6 when she was given her first (Braille) set. Olivia joined the club soon after term started and arrived on the first night with her guide dog, Awhina (helper). It is difficult to say who was most excited — Olivia at the thought of playing Scrabble at the club, our treasurer at the thought of a new member, or Awhina at the prospect of all the attention she was likely to get!

Olivia has her own board (a swivel board with a Braille overlay) and her own Braille letters. These are put in a normal long cloth bag for the evening. When asked the inevitable question, she replied "You have to trust me. After all I trust you not to look at the tiles you choose". We all had a good laugh at this. Awhina hasn't (yet) learned to upset the table when Olivia is doing badly (possibly because this hasn't happened yet), but she is liable to tickle your

legs with her tail or nuzzle your knee, both somewhat distracting, although I suspect not on command.

Considering the difficulties most of us face playing with full sight of the board, it is hard to imagine the problems of having to remember where all the 'hot spots' are and what letters might go there! She is an inspiration to us all and we are all in awe of her ability to play at all, let alone at the level she does.



Nick, Olivia and Awhina

### Nick Ascroft.

Nick (29) is currently half a Burns Fellow at the University of Otago until mid year when the other half Burns Fellow will take over. He started attending the club very soon after he arrived in Dunedin and has participated in all our activities ever since. He is moving up the ranks in the Round Robin contest and is progressing slowly up the ladder.

Nick's first collection of poetry, *From the Author of*, was published in 2000 and his second, *Nonsense* is being launched very soon, probably by the time you read this. Nick co-edits *Glottis*, a poetry periodical and is also working on a SF novel, *Doubtful Landfall*, set in Te Anau, where he spent part of his childhood.

Nick played on both days of the Dunedin tournament, winning the D grade with 7 and 6 wins respectively and recently won the D Grade at Christchurch with 12 wins out of 15 games. He has a provisional rating of 821 and will be playing at the Nationals, so watch out for him there.

### A Good Pun is its Own Reward

- ◆ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- ◆ A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
- ◆ Dijon vu — the same mustard as before.
- ◆ Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- ◆ A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- ◆ Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- ◆ Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- ◆ Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.

Some of these puns supplied

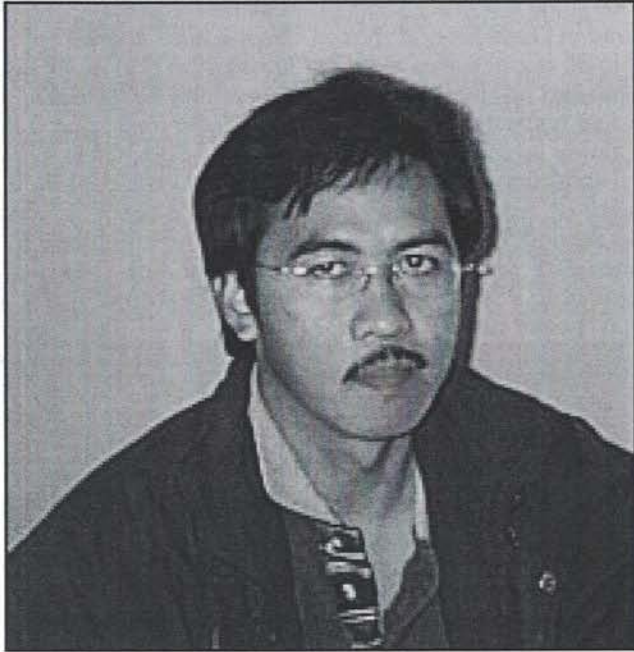
### The Magic Letter

Did you ever think what a strange letter S is? It is a serpent in disguise. Listen — you can hear it hiss. It gives possession and multiplies indefinitely by its touch. It changes a tree into trees, and a house into houses. Sometimes it is very spiteful and will turn a pet into a pest, a pear into a spear, a word into a sword, and laughter into slaughter, and it will make hot shot at any time. The farmer has to watch it closely. It will make scorn of his corn, and reduce every peck to a speck. Sometimes he finds it useful. If he needs more room for his stock, it will change a table into a stable for him, and if he is short of hay, he can set out a row of tacks. It will turn them into stacks. He must be careful, however, not to let his nails lie around loose. The serpent's breath will turn them into snails. If he wishes to use an engine about his farm work, he need not buy any coal or have water to run it. Let the serpent glide before his horses. The team will turn to steam. If you ever get hurt, call the serpent to your aid. Instantly your pain will be in Spain. Be sure to take it with you the next time you climb a mountain if you desire to witness a marvel. It will make the peak speak. But don't let it come around while you are reading now. It will make this tale stale.

— From *The Famous Roth Memory Course*, by David M. Roth.  
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# PLAYER PROFILE



## Rogelio Talosig: the Manila high-riser

by Howard Warner

The recent Masters in Hamilton threw up a new star — Rogelio Talosig from the Philippines and latterly the North Shore-Bays Club.

Rogelio (affectionately known as Roger by those who struggle with the Spanish 'g' sound) arrived in New Zealand 18 months ago. Since then he has moved steadily up the rankings. With his impressive fifth placing in the Masters, he cracked the top 10.

He decided to emigrate here as company for a married sister living in Auckland. "Actually, I didn't want to leave, because I had a good job there," he says. A civil engineer by profession,

he was involved in building condominiums up to 60 storeys high in Manila. (With no such demand for high-rise construction here, he now works in a laboratory testing materials for safety equipment.) Initially, he preferred Canada, after a former girlfriend moved there. The clincher was that New Zealand is "very peaceful" in these dangerous times and, unlike Canada, plays SOWPODS.

"I knew nothing about New Zealand apart from what my sister told me on the phone and pictures I'd seen," he says. "I knew there were 10 times as many sheep as people. Also, New

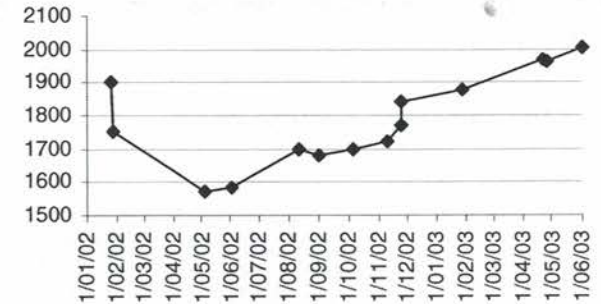
Zealand featured in some Filipino ads for milk and it looked very beautiful. I had certainly never heard anything negative about the country."

Rogelio credits the "nice people" of Scrabble with helping him to adjust to his new homeland. He joined the North Shore-Bays club and immediately made friends. Among them was John Foster, who showed him the ropes, transported him to the club and tournaments and "unselfishly" shared his word knowledge. (Rogelio showed his appreciation by demolishing John over the board at the Masters.) He also acknowledges the friendship and contribution to his skills made by NZASP secretary Allie Quinn.

The New Zealand Scrabble scene impresses him as very organised — "like most things here". He particularly likes our rating system. Filipino players tend to be more defensive, he says, but we probably know more words. "I used to play very defensively myself, but I'm starting to open the board as I gain confidence in my vocab."

Rogelio first played competitive Scrabble in 1995, after seeing an ad for the Philippines Nationals in the newspaper. He played in the bottom grade and didn't do very well, he recalls. As a high-school student, he had played the game with relatives when they were off duty from nursing duties at the local hospital. In his six years of playing among the internationally renowned Filipino talent, he won a few minor tournaments. During this time, he was spending four to five hours a day commuting by bus, which allowed plenty of scope for word learning.

Since living in New Zealand, he has made it to many tournaments, with



Rogelio's ratings progress

consistent results. Before the Masters, where he set and achieved a personal goal of 16 wins, his best tournament had been last year's Waikato Phoenix. There he had to settle for second place, behind his mentor. So far Rogelio has travelled from Cape Reinga to Taupo, discovering New Zealand's beauty. He hopes to see more of the country through his love of Scrabble, starting with the upcoming Nationals in Wellington.

"When I started playing in New Zealand, it looked as if getting into the top 10 was quite a hard job," he says. "I'm very proud that I have done it now, and I've gained a lot of confidence from the Masters. I would love to make it to the World Champs (for New Zealand) one day, though I know it would take a lot of effort on my part."

And he is prepared to put in that effort, even though his daily commute is now down to about five minutes each way.

### STOP PRESS

Rogelio has recently achieved his aim of being selected to represent New Zealand at the World Champs in Kuala Lumpur in October. At the Nationals he achieved 10 wins and improved his rating to 2003, having met the selection criteria.

Congratulations! — Ed.

## Art - The Real Meaning Behind the Painting

by Alan Medhurst

No 3 The Thinker by Auguste Rodin



## Scrabble Folk Tale

by Lyn Toka

(All names from the March Rankings List — all allowable Scrabble words)

They were an oddly matched couple — two quite different STYLES — but seemed happy together. She was a sweet YOUNG COLLEEN with BROWN hair, big BLUE eyes and CHERRY lips, fresh as the DAWN. Her favourite pastime was a quiet game of PAM.

He was a HALE and hearty chap, HAZEL eyes, a lot of GRAY in his hair. He loved to MORRIS dance and was a keen WALKER. He'd been many things in his time: CARTER, BUTLER, SMITH, builder's PRENTICE, MILLER. That was how they'd met; her late father had owned several MILLS and the fellow had worked in one of them.

The girl's guardian was a tough old JANE, determined that her WARD would be happy. She was a great LISTER and tried to note down anything adverse about the man. Her old friend was a pessimistic WARNER. "WARE of him," she said, "He's after her money." However the guardian could find no FLAWS, so decided to FOSTER the relationship before the spark could PETER out.

Arrangements were begun for a spring wedding. Several PARSONS were approached and one chosen.

The groom-to-be was quite a BETTY in kitchen matters and said he would help with the wedding feast. Fish was to be a major ingredient so, after a quick trip to the JOHN off he went, down through the WOOD to the RIA. Somewhere a JENNY was singing in one of the GREENING trees. He stopped at the HAINING

where he kept his pet trained GIBBONS, tied together with a long JEFF. His two CAIRNS trotted by his side. One was a bit of a BARKER and disturbed a MARTIN in a REED clump.

Down at the water, he baited his HOOKS and soon caught a RAY and a BUTT. Back through the MEADS he went then, using a patented HENRY stove (manufactured in one of the father's mills). He lit his STEEL BURNER and proceeded to COOK the fish and a HOUGH of pork.

The wedding went well. The groom wore his favourite JEAN trousers and the bride carried a bouquet of MAY blossoms with a single IRIS. The trained gibbons plucked their LYRES and hummed into a MIKE.

Unfortunately, the groom paid the parson only one PAUL, then the couple made a BOLT for it. The guardian said, "It was such a lovely wedding. Won't you GRANT dispensation from your fee?"

But the parson showed no RUTH and said he would SUE for his BILL.

Moral: Don't trust a morris dancer or a pam player — stick to Scrabblers.

### Edible, *adj*

Good to eat and wholesome to digest, as a worm to a toad, a toad to a snake, a snake to a pig, a pig to a man, and a man to a worm.

Ambrose Bierce  
*The Devil's Dictionary, 1958*

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**Moby's no Dick!**

Susi Tiekert (USA) found this snippet about Technorocker Moby, who recently completed a tour of NZ.

Technorocker Moby doesn't act like a VIP at Teany, the vegetarian cafe he opened on Manhattan's Lower East side last May. "I'm there every day. If it's busy and something needs to be done, I'm happy to do it," says Moby, 37, whose restaurant will be featured for its array of more than 90 teas on the June 17th episode of the Food Network's *Great American Food Finds*. "I do the pedestrian stuff, like bussing tables and taking out garbage." Turns out, the multi-platinum musician prefers the dirty work to, say, a star-studded bash. "You go out to parties, and it's fun and exciting, but it's a lot of sycophantic back patting," he says. "Nine times out of 10, I'd rather hang out with my friends at Teany and play Scrabble. If someone was stalking me, they'd be bored.

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example NEXUS to UNSEX and DEFORMS to SERFDOM. On a higher level, THE HOLY GOSPEL certainly HELPS THEOLOGY. The six Scrabblers featured this time all played in the Nelson Tournament in February.

- KAREN MILLER
- REALM LINKER
- JEAN O'BRIEN
- BE NEAR, JOIN
- DOREEN DAVIES
- AN ODE-DEVISER
- MARGARET CHANDLER
- CHARM ENLARGED ART
- TONY CHARLTON
- ANY TORN CLOTH
- SELENA CHAN
- SEA CHANNEL

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## A Cliff-Hanger — the NZ National Champs

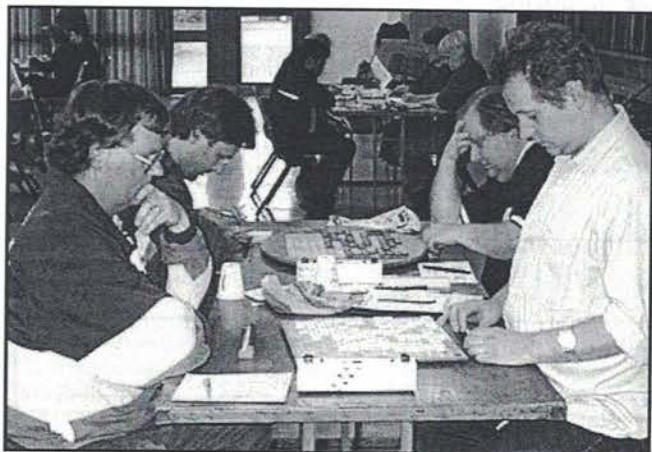
by Glenda Foster

The National Champs got underway in Wellington on Saturday 31 May with 89 competitors representing 19 clubs, 4 Independents and 2 players from Australia. The venue, St Pat's College, Kilbirnie, was spacious and airy.

### Day 1

In the A Grade Jeff Grant won his first 6 games, and, despite dropping the last two, was in the lead at the end of the day. Steven Brown had a great start to his tournament — needing just 6.2 wins to reach his win expectancy, he finished day 1 on 6 wins in 2nd place. Another strong starter was Rogelio Talosig, playing in the A Grade for the first time at the Nationals, who also finished the day on 6 wins in third place.

In B Grade there were also 3 players tied on 6 wins at the end of the day — Paul Lister, Fae Olson and Joan Thomas.



Jeff and Howard (foreground), David and Patrick battle it out in the last game in the A Grade

In C Grade Jennifer Smith topped the field on 7 wins, with Doreen Ogston and Shirley Hol on 6 and 5 wins respectively.

An early lead in C Grade was taken by Selena Chan on 7 wins, with Lawson Sue and Elaine Moltzen on 6 and 5.5 wins in 2nd and 3rd places.

Nick Ascroft (see page 16) was the talk of the tournament, having won all of his games in Grade E. Five players were tied on 5 wins, headed by Ruth Groffman and Taanga Lawrence.

In F Grade Jillian Greening, Iris Boulton and Ed Olson held the top three places on 6 wins each.

### Day 2

By lunch time on day two the A Grade was sorting itself out. Jeff and Rogelio were top of the field on 9 wins, but Howard Warner, Patrick Carter and David Lloyd were climbing up the leader board—all on 8 wins.

Going into the final game there were 4 players in contention to take the title—Jeff and Patrick (10 wins) and Howard and David (9 wins). Rogelio was also on 9 wins but was too far behind on spread to have a crack at the title. The final game saw Jeff and Howard facing off and Patrick playing

David. As Howard explained to me at the dinner, "Each player had their own little equation worked out." Here are the equations:

- ◆ Jeff needed to beat Howard.
- ◆ Patrick needed to beat David and hope that Howard beat Jeff.
- ◆ Howard needed to beat Jeff and hope that David beat Patrick.
- ◆ David needed to beat Patrick by large margin and hope that Howard beat Jeff by a small margin.

In the final game Howard beat Jeff 470-375 and David beat Patrick 383-372. Rogelio won his game. So there were 5 players tied on 10 wins, with Howard winning the title by virtue of his superior spread over Jeff, Patrick, David and Rogelio. I cannot recall a tighter finish in the last 20 years of National competition.

In Grade B Paul was tied with Fae on 11 wins going into the last game while Frank Robinson was in contention only if both Paul and Fae lost the last game. Fae had a 192-point win, but it was not enough to topple Paul who also won his game.

In Grade C Jennifer and Shirley were tied on 11 wins. Jennifer managed a 6-point victory to retain top spot and Shirley won her game comfortably to remain in 2nd place.

Selena, Lawson and Elaine fought it out in Grade D, and they finished in that order.

Nick was one game ahead of Ruth, Jacqueline Coldham Fussell and Isabel Morris, but had a large spread advantage and was never in danger of losing his

number one position. Nick and Jacqueline won their last games and finished 1st and 2nd, with Ruth in 3rd place.

Jillian and Iris were one game ahead of the field in Grade F, and well ahead on spread. They both won their last games and Iris managed to gain enough spread points to go ahead of Jillian.

### Prize-giving

The prize-giving dinner was held at the Pines—a great venue overlooking Houghton Bay. An excellent buffet meal was followed by presentation of prizes. The Team Trophy was taken by Christchurch Club—Selena, Paul and Shirley. The Georgie Award was presented to Nick Ascroft (DUN) in recognition of his significant achievement and improvement in performance.

The high game of the tournament was Lawson Sue's 603 points. The high word prize was shared by Howard and Glenda Foster—140



C Grade winner, Jennifer Smith (HAM), receives her trophy from Lynn Wood, NZASP Vice-president

## Stuttering

by Lenny Brutle

Don't utter or mutter too many of these words in a row...

BABA	CACA	COCO	DADA
DODO	ESES	GAGA	GOGO
HAHA	JUJU	KAKA	LULU
MAMA	MUMU	NANA	NENE
PAPA	TITI	TUTU	
ATLTL	BEEBEE	BONBON	BOOBOO
BOUBOU	BULBUL	CANCAN	CHICHI
COOCOO	CUSCUS	DIKDIK	DUMDUM
FURFUR	GRIGRI	GRUGRU	MOTMOT
MURMUR	MUUMUU	PALPAL	PAWPAW
POMPOM	SARSAR	TARTAR	TESTES
TOITOI	TSETSE	TSKTSK	TZETZE
VALVAL	WEEWEE		
BERIBERI	CARACARA	CHOWCHOW	COUSCOUS
FROUFROU	GREEGREE	GUITGUIT	HOTSHOTS
KAVAKAVA	LAVALAVA	MAHIMAH	

### ?APIDITY -

by Stu Goldman  
San Francisco, USA

The following is from Stu's book, *Confessions of a Compulsive Tile Pusher*:

"Once, going over all the words ending in -ITY I noticed that three were the same except for the first letter. Deciding a limerick was in order, I took a break, and this is what came out:

"A botanist known for vapidity  
Found a spice of exceeding  
sapidity;  
He rushed out the door  
To gather some more  
In such haste he's now known for  
rapidity."

### From the Cowboys Guide to Life...

1. Don't squat with your spurs on.
2. Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
3. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n putting' it back in.
4. If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
5. If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.
6. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him...The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

# CLUB NEWS

## Dunedin Scrabble Club Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

### New Members

Welcome to Olivia En, Nick Ascroft & Melanie Bell.

### Alice Doust

Long-time member sadly passed away in her 90th year.

### Quiz

What is the anagram of:-

- (a) AEMRTUU
- (b) AIIMNOR
- (c) EGNOSU

### Dunedin Open Tournament: April

Day 1 Winner Stewart Fleming (DUN)

Day 2 Winner Peter Sinton (DUN)

### Highlights:

Stewart Fleming had his first tournament win on Day 1. Nick Ascroft in his first tournament won C Grade both days. Ella Rushton, also in her first tournament, was runner-up in the C Grade on Day 1. On Day 2 Ruth Groffman (B Grade) won two games by one point. Sorry you took ill Vera. Big thanks to Vera Burner and Andrée Prentice all the way from Wanganui, and the Christchurch Club for your great support.

### NZ Masters: Hamilton

Peter Sinton, who represented our Club, came 14th with 11 wins. Congratulations to the winner, Howard Warner.

### Overseas Holiday

Ruth & Michael Groffman visited Australia in April. They stayed and played Scrabble with Therese Newman whom Ruth met in Norfolk Island.

### South Island Champs: Christchurch

Karyn, Ruth, Chris, Michael, Nick and Elvira ventured up to Chch, with Nick Ascroft winning the D Grade, Well Done. Overall winner — Liz Fagerlund.

### Otago Lion Open: November 15-16

15 Games, 6 per Grade, Triple Round Robin, \$28.00. Contact: Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Avenue, St. Clair, Dunedin. Email: ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

### Quiz Answers

GNONEN (c)  
AMORINI (b)  
TRUWEAU (a)

Happy Scrabbling,

### Hint of the Week

Peter Jones found this 'Hint of the Week' in the 05/05/03 issue of the NZ Woman's Weekly.

"After many years of use, the letters on our family's Scrabble game began to wear off so we painted over the pieces with clear varnish to preserve them.  
— Sonia, Nelson"

## Christchurch Club News

from Paul Lister  
and Margaret Lyall

Our annual unrated tournament to introduce newer club members to tournament play took place Saturday 22 March. Gordon Pinchin and Patrick Lister did fine jobs as scorers/ adjudicators. Shirley van Essen and newcomer, Kaite Hansen were outstanding, both winning 7 out of 7 games. To the chagrin of one player, RONG turned out to be right! Other interesting words that came back with a tick from the adjudicators' table: BEZES, BRINIER, DEAW, ELVAN, GAGED, LORDINGS, PIEMAN, POME, QUINTE, VEERIES, WYTES.

Fund raising for the NZ World Champs team has begun and will include donations from club members, a raffle, lotto bonus numbers raffles, and a Scrabble fun night all of which will be held over the next few months.

Spot prizes are awarded on the first game at our Friday evening session and on a recent Friday the prize was for the highest scoring "-ING" word. There was a dead heat for the highest score between players at different tables — nothing remarkable in that, nor in the fact that the word score was 74 — however they had both played the same word — TOCKING!

Results: Christchurch Unrated Tourney March 2003

A Grade			
Name	Wins	Spread	B/W
1 Shirley van Essen	7	671	12
2 Shirley Hol	4.5	274	12
3 Paul Lister	4.5	143	12
4 Margaret Lyall	4	-93	11
5 Doreen Ogsten	4	-138	11
6 Kathleen MB	2	-302	9
7 Gabrielle Bolt	1	-106	8

Name	Wins	Spread	B/W
8 Colleen Cook	1	-449	2

## B Grade

1 Allison Torrance	6	439	5
2 Isabel Morris	4	358	7
3 Ray Goodyear	4	69	6
4 Lily Shorter	4	46	7
5 Veronica Z	3	39	4
6 Paula Gibbons	3	-155	7
7 Yvonne M	2	-295	6
8 Roslyn Lister	2	-501	5

## C Grade

1 Kaite Hansen	7	703	4
2 Charles Kiewiet	6	523	3
3 Geoff Good	5	180	1
4 Wendy McIlwrick	5	-66	5
5 Betty Wilson	3	-91	1
6 Jean Craib	3	-188	2
7 Judith Bach	2.5	-233	0
8 Pat Stefferson	2	-301	0
9 Margaret Preston	1.5	-367	0
10 Lynette Every	1	-230	0

Christchurch Club mourns the passing of Alice Doust who passed away recently, aged 89. Alice, for some years a Dunedin Club member, frequently played in tournaments here in Christchurch and her home town.

Cobham School Coaching has recommenced and there are many more enthusiastic young players this year. The school is keen to encourage the children to play Scrabble, and to enable the games to be completed the allotted hour has been extended a further 30 minutes. Although there is a willing team of club members who supervise and instruct the pupils, more assistance would be appreciated. Please notify Shirley Hol if you can help.

**Quote:** Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful thorns have roses. — Alphonse Karr

## CO- Words

by Colin Early

Many words start with the prefix CO-, meaning 'together, with joint', for example COHABIT, COOPERATE, COTENANT. Some look like they could have another meaning, for instance a COWORKER might be someone who 'orks' cows, and COAXAL could be encouraging for Alan.

In a similar vein here are some alternative meanings for allowable Scrabble CO- words.

COATTEND	a cloakroom worker
COATTEST	quality control in a coat factory
CODESIGN	an indication that something is written in code
CODRIVER	a good place to fish!
COEDIT	the mystique of a female student
COHOSTING	the feeling after being slapped in the face with a small, wet Pacific salmon
COINMATE	someone who helps you feed money into the COINVENT of a poker machine (marked COINHERE)
COLEAD	an advert for cabbage
COMAKING	a man who has spent the longest time in a coma
COMINGLED	of an animal, on the way pulled by a rope
COOPTING	the sound of a hen's egg hitting the metal catching tray
COLOT	a police parking area
COPRESENT	to dislike the police
COREGENT	a man who removes apple cores
CORESEARCHER	one who analyses mineral core samples
COSTARRING	blackening the lettuce
COWINNER	the inside of a cow
COWROTE	remembering the way to the milking shed

## Answers

## Masterwords (from Page 12)

LOR, TOCO, FURR, ACER, PALY, RETE, BARM are all correct.

## Untitled that Adonist! (From Page 12)

Although all four words are listed in the Oxford English Dictionary, none of them are allowed in Scrabble.



There are a lot of unusual words starting with LA—. Here are a dozen low-point LA— bonuses to dazzle your opponents.

LAETARE LANTANA LATITAT  
LAIRISE LATEENER LATOSOL  
LALLANS LATESTS LATRANT  
LANITAL LATINOS LATTINS  
(Note that VAUDOUX was misspelt in March's Dazzling Dozen)



# EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



This year's Nationals was held in Wellington during Queens birthday weekend. Thanks to the NZASP executive for the work they put in for the Nationals, in particular, to Lynn Wood who did a great job organising the venue, meals etc and running the event during the weekend. Thanks also to Pat Grant who adjudicated, Bryan Foster who did the scoring, and Glenda Foster who did the draw.

Congratulations to the winners and place-getters in all the grades. It was good to see some new players taking part, and to have two overseas players this year — Joanne Craig and David Lloyd from Australia (though both are really New Zealanders). Howard Warner was the winner of A grade in a very tight finish with 5 players on 10 wins.

Well done and good luck to the four players selected to play in this year's World Scrabble Championships in Kuala Lumpur — Jeff Grant, Howard Warner, Patrick Carter and Rogelio Talosig. I hope all the clubs will help send our team there with a fund raising effort — every little bit counts.

The AGM was held at the Nationals, and the committee is the same as last year. One successful remit at the AGM was to allow for balanced starts at the Masters tournament. That will be put into practice at the Masters in Christchurch next year.

The committee members work

hard for and on behalf of Scrabble players in NZ, and the work they do for you behind the scenes often goes unnoticed. Remember, these are voluntary positions and the committee members are fitting in Scrabble business around jobs and other interests.

The Masters was very well run by the Kiwi club, ably led by Elaine Moltzen. Everyone enjoyed the venue and the hospitality. Howard Warner was the eventual winner.

Next year's Nationals will be in Auckland, and Christchurch has been confirmed as the venue for next year's Masters tournament.

Many players are looking forward to Rotorua's first tournament. I wish the club every success, and hope it will be the first of many tournaments there.

Liz

## New NZASP Website

The Association now has its very own domain name and the site formerly on Glenda's home page has been moved and given a new look. From early June the old site will only have links to the new site and will not be updated.

Take a look at the new site at:  
<http://www.scrabble.co.nz>

It has now been updated with the results and a report on the National Champs (including photos) and latest ratings. Let Glenda know any feedback you have.

## NZASP Rankings List as at 2 June 2003

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Mike Sigley	2087	614	832	74%	47 Helen Sillis	1530	494	969	51%
2 Jeff Grant	2083	1019.5	1319	77%	48 Roger Coates	1528	340.5	703	48%
3 Howard Warner	2063	639	932	69%	49 Maureen Holliday	1526	322.5	629	51%
4 Kendall Boyd	2049	275	365	75%	50 Faye Cronhelm	1518	473	952	50%
5 Lynne Butler	2025	593	978	61%	51 Gerald Warner	1511	701.5	1514	46%
6 Rogelio Talosig	2003	97.5	148	66%	52 Shirley Hol	1510	286.5	590	49%
7 Patrick Carter	1996	491	792	62%	53 May Quigley	1501	454	1030	44%
8 Blue Thorogood	1987	280	417	67%	54 Jennifer Smith	1500	347	624	56%
9 John Foster	1986	784.5	1366	57%	55 Margaret Bundock	1438	482	979	49%
10 Peter Sinton	1974	340	467	73%	56 Andrew Denmead	1431	137.5	269	51%
11 Steven Brown	1936	395.5	745	53%	57 Shirley Martin	1425	345.5	650	53%
12 Glennis Hale	1928	850	1522	56%	58 Reeva Pearson	1415	678.5	1440	47%
13 Denise Gordon	1916	461.5	892	52%	59 Jean O'Brien	1406	480	951	50%
14 Glynis Jennings	1913	311.5	653	48%	60 Andree Prentice	1403	514.5	994	52%
15 Cecilia Ruto	1906	195.5	381	51%	61 Rhoda Cashman	1402	519	1102	47%
16 Andrew Bradley	1880	369	750	49%	62 Ann Candler	1400	472.5	999	47%
17 Glenda Foster	1879	509.5	997	51%	63 David Gunn	1399	685	1333	51%
18 Pam Robson	1873	386	811	48%	64 Rebecca Freeth	1389	131.5	230	57%
19 Liz Fagerlund	1836	408	748	55%	65 Isabel Zyp	1382	318	633	50%
20 Sheryl Davidson	1836	605	1138	53%	66 Stewart Fleming	1382	74	151	49%
21 Chris Hooks	1802	516	1076	48%	67 Doreen Ogston	1373	394	810	49%
22 Debbie Caldwell	1800	155	256	61%	68 Margaret Chery	1361	249	495	50%
23 Rosemary Cleary	1797	359	775	46%	69 Murray Rogers	1355	153	275	56%
24 Lynne Powell	1788	663.5	1280	52%	70 David Bragg	1349	101.5	162	63%
25 Valerie Mills	1742	465	986	47%	71 Julie Atkinson	1346	124.5	224	56%
26 Peter Jones	1739	564	1135	50%	72 Delcie Macbeth	1346	381	718	53%
27 Paul Lister	1726	409.5	709	58%	73 Hilda Scott	1337	223.5	416	54%
28 Lynn Wood	1725	784.5	1637	48%	74 Marian Ross	1329	214.5	462	46%
29 June Mackwell	1706	377.5	832	45%	75 Karyn McDougall	1323	359.5	686	52%
30 Lisa McLean	1700	359.5	706	51%	76 Ruth O'Neill	1323	232.5	485	48%
31 Fae Olson	1695	895.5	1858	48%	77 Correne James	1322	418.5	891	47%
32 Jane Walton	1671	231	448	52%	78 Glenda Geard	1320	580	1140	51%
33 Glenyss Buchanan	1660	404	826	49%	79 Bill Grigg	1320	252	474	53%
34 Frank Robinson	1655	72.5	137	53%	80 Sue Walker	1313	323.5	648	50%
35 Puti Rowe	1654	358	721	50%	81 Yvette Hewlett	1301	208.5	444	47%
36 Joan Thomas	1642	340.5	635	54%	82 Betty Eriksen	1279	407	818	50%
37 Kim Graham	1636	221	391	57%	83 Lawson Sue	1262	55	84	65%
38 Marianne Bentley	1635	132.5	294	45%	84 Carolyn Kyle	1247	227.5	446	51%
39 Eileen McLean	1615	695.5	1340	52%	85 Selena Chan	1235	72.5	104	70%
40 Doreen O'Shea	1600	312.5	612	51%	86 Elaine Moltzen	1206	327.5	660	50%
41 Yvonne Wilson	1598	248	446	56%	87 Marianne Patchett	1202	153.5	288	53%
42 Ann Hough	1582	235	438	54%	88 Ernie Gidman	1191	144	284	51%
43 Allie Quinn	1577	585.5	1215	48%	89 Lorraine Van Veen	1184	436	856	51%
44 Leila Thomson	1548	326	719	45%	90 Lyn Toka	1183	217.5	419	52%
45 Janice Cherry	1538	188	337	56%	91 Steve Richards	1179	112	204	55%
46 Shirley van Essen	1535	182	323	56%	92 Hazel Purdie	1172	373	780	48%



5 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	16	547	402	42
6 John Foster	NSB	15	822	401	34
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	15	68	403	40
8 Andrew Bradley	MTA	14	722	402	38
9 Denise Gordon	WAN	14	445	403	37
10 Pam Robson	HAM	13	-275	393	37
11 Patrick Carter	MTA	12	419	410	33
12 Steven Brown	HAM	12	256	401	38
13 Cecilia Ruto	IND	11.5	185	401	31
14 Peter Sinton	DUN	11	465	409	37
15 Valerie Mills	PAK	11	-433	374	23
16 Lynn Wood	WEL	9	-493	383	31
17 Chris Hooks	MTA	9	-508	383	27
18 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	9	-751	371	30
19 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	-294	408	43
20 June Mackwell	MTA	7	-661	367	30
21 Peter Jones	HAM	6	-1145	362	33
22 Marianne Bentley	TGA	5.5	-1549	374	25
23 Jane Walton	HAM	5	-1378	352	28
24 Gerald Warner	HBC	5	-1670	360	18

**North Shore Bays Scrabble Tournament**  
Saturday 26 April 2003

**7 Games**

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A				
1 Cecilia Ruto	6	343	446	13
2 Patrick Carter	4	231	435	12
3 Glennis Hale	4	179	425	12
4 John Foster	4	-37	401	10
5 Rogelio Talosig	4	-130	386	11
6 Chris Hooks	3	-86	383	12
7 Valerie Mills	2	-242	374	7



Maureen Halliday, Grade C runner up  
Dunedin day 2

8 Lynne Powell	1	-258	388	10
<b>Grade B</b>				
1 Liz Fagerlund	6	432	399	8
2 Kim Graham	5	474	409	9
3 Gerald Warner	4	130	394	5
4 Eileen McLean	4	2	379	8
5 June Mackwell	4	-165	369	12
6 Lynn Wood	3	-229	357	7
7 Helen Sillis	2	-236	359	7
8 May Quigley	0	-408	355	6
<b>Grade C</b>				
1 Janice Cherry	5	221	411	12
2 Maureen Halliday	5	51	395	5
3 Roger Coates	4	182	420	14
4 Fae Olson	4	61	405	13
5 David Gunn	3	289	412	14
6 Margaret Bundock	3	-385	362	5
7 Ann Candler	2	-95	404	9
8 Rhoda Cashman	2	-324	353	3
<b>Grade D</b>				
1 Shirley Martin	6	96	355	7
2 Julie Atkinson	4	180	378	9
3 Rebecca Freeth	4	98	383	6
4 Sue Walker	4	-9	378	10
5 Hazel Purdie	3	185	399	11
6 Margaret Cherry	3	-77	361	6
7 Correne James	2	-182	368	6
8 Jennifer Smith	2	-291	351	6
<b>Grade E</b>				
1 Pam Barlow	5	328	398	10
2 Stan Gregec	5	293	404	7
3 Marianne Patchett	4	199	384	8
4 Lawson Sue	4	34	377	6
5 Ernie Gidman	4	-62	355	8
6 Elaine Moltzen	3	32	370	9
7 Samantha Samuels	2	-426	345	7
8 Shirley Wyatt	1	-398	351	3
<b>Grade F</b>				
1 Karen Miller	5	143	370	5
2 Joan Pratt	4	159	374	6
3 Bev Barker	4	76	353	5
4 Mescal Kelly	4	-45	361	3
5 Annette Coombes	3	10	352	6
6 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	3	6	381	12
7 Valma Gidman	3	-123	349	3
8 Jill Johnson	2	-226	363	4
<b>Grade G</b>				
1 Jim Wills	5	238	387	6
2 Carole Coates	4	185	383	9
3 Lynn Carter	4	111	375	4
4 Thelma Chisholm	4	80	352	0

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
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Margaret Hanson, H Grade winner  
North Shore Bays

5 Dorothy Haining	4	-51	362	5
6 Irene Hague-Smith	4	-93	341	7
7 Jena Yousif	2	-110	360	7
8 Ria Shoebridge	1	-360	324	2
<b>Grade H</b>				
1 Margaret Hanson	5	223	347	4
2 Resie Coenen	5	185	351	6
3 Rob Van Slyke	5	70	337	5
4 Elaine Ware	4	183	357	6
5 Catherine Henry	4	-50	344	5
6 May Meads	2	33	343	7
7 Merle Spinetto	2	-392	307	1
8 Paddy Hoffman	1	-252	316	0
<b>Grade I</b>				
1 Linda Moore	6	338	368	3
2 Elvie Perrin	6	292	368	5
3 Noelene Betjeman	5	71	318	2
4 Pauline Scott	4	225	367	8
5 Gwenda Sears	4	89	363	5
6 Bernice Hyde	3	-101	328	4
7 Jenny Reed	3	-101	327	1
8 Karen Stewart	2	-347	295	5
9 Margaret Miller	2	-466	273	0

**South Island Championship**  
10 - 11 May 2003

**15 games**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	14	1293	416	19
2 Paul Lister	CHC	11.5	462	379	19
3 David Gunn	WAI	5.5	-799	348	15
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-28	385	23
5 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	-493	350	15
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	4	-437	368	18
<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Murray Rogers	NEL	12	964	406	18
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	11	649	390	20
3 Allison Torrance	CHC	7	-334	361	21
4 Lyn Dawson	IND	5.5	-659	347	13
5 Margaret Lyall	CHC	5	20	383	22
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	4.5	-640	370	23
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	12	561	379	16
2 Selena Chan	CHC	9	261	372	11
3 Ruth Graftman	DUN	8	135	369	8
4 Isabel Morris	CHC	6	-288	365	10
5 Chris Handley	DUN	5	-295	354	13
6 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	5	-374	354	19
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Nick Ascroft	DUN	12	945	395	15
2 Dominic Lister	CHC	9	136	362	9

3 Kaitie Hansen	CHC	8	355	354	5
4 Michael Graftman	DUN	8	-220	332	7
5 Roslyn Lister	CHC	5	-544	327	14
6 Paula Gibbons	CHC	3	-672	317	9
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	11	334	333	3
2 Betty Wilson	CHC	10	625	345	3
3 Jean Craib	CHC	10	246	320	6
4 Betty Sutherland	CHC	8	189	333	8
5 Wendy McIlwrick	CHC	8	-112	320	7
6 Elvira Steel	DUN	6	-219	300	2
7 Di Barritt	CHC	6	-541	278	3
8 Pat Stefferson	CHC	1	-522	284	2

**National Scrabble Championship**  
31 May - 1 June 2003

**15 Games**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	10	845	432	23
2 Jeff Grant	IND	10	683	430	27
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	10	651	423	30
4 David Lloyd	AUS	10	448	421	26
5 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	10	322	386	22
6 John Foster	NSB	9	199	397	21
7 Steven Brown	HAM	9	78	396	29
8 Joanne Craig	AUS	8	88	404	22
9 Glynis Jennings	NSB	7	-171	390	18
10 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	7	-722	367	18
11 Glennis Hale	MTA	6.5	-6	388	22
12 Cecilia Ruto	IND	6	-115	397	21
13 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	6	-719	352	20
14 Andrew Bradley	MTA	5	-96	384	19
15 Glenda Foster	WEL	4.5	-346	380	18
16 Valerie Mills	PAK	2	-1139	344	12

Grade B

1 Paul Lister	CHC	12	1072	421	25
2 Fae Olson	NSB	12	951	415	22
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	11	631	419	25
4 Frank Robinson	WEL	10	590	382	13
5 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	9	-43	379	18
6 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	8	-6	384	22
7 Marianne Bentley	TGA	8	-63	390	17
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	8	-198	380	23
9 Ann Hough	NEL	8	-271	369	17
10 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	6	215	399	20
11 Neil Talbot	WEL	6	-159	387	23
12 Helen Sillis	NPL	6	-176	377	18
13 Leila Thomson	LOH	6	-447	372	14
14 Gerald Warner	HIB	4	-547	383	15
15 Teresa Ferrari	LOH	3	-659	360	14
16 Andrew Denmead	NEL	3	-890	358	19

Grade C

1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	12	865	418	22
2 Shirley Hol	CHC	12	760	411	25
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	393	410	23
4 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	63	387	15
5 Reeva Pearson	STR	9	-108	391	27
6 David Gunn	WKP	8	284	404	25
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	8	262	393	25
8 Hilda Scott	MAS	7.5	253	400	23
9 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	-144	391	20
10 Sandra Stacey	WEL	6.5	-419	368	16
11 Karyn McDougall	DUN	6	-228	368	15
12 Max Aston	LOH	6	-268	371	19
13 Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	-82	367	15
14 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	-318	358	14
15 Geoff Vautier	WEL	5	-509	365	18
16 Yvette Hewlett	IND	5	-804	361	20

Grade D

1 Selena Chan	CHC	11	947	406	19
2 Lawson Sue	PAK	11	677	389	15
3 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	9.5	195	384	16
4 Lyn Toka	KIW	9	346	387	22
5 Ernie Gidman	ROD	9	8	379	19
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	8	58	395	19
7 Stan Gregec	PAK	8	-48	372	20
8 Roto Mitchell	WAN	8	-128	373	12
9 Steve Richards	NEL	8	-203	379	16
10 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	7	-274	350	9
11 Colleen Cook	CHC	7	-504	361	11
12 Liz Richards	NEL	6	39	375	16
13 Pam Barlow	PAK	6	-212	365	15
14 Bev Barker	MTA	5	-382	357	12
15 Allison Tarrance	CHC	4.5	74	369	15
16 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-593	351	11

Name Club Wins Spread Ave B/W

Grade E

1 Nick Ascroft	DUN	12	1432	415	16
2 Jacqueline C-Fussell	KIW	11	587	380	19
3 Ruth Groffman	DUN	10	1021	404	6
4 Isabel Morris	CHC	10	463	382	10
5 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	9	705	377	10
6 Taango Lawrence	HAS	8	189	361	13
7 Maria Clinton	NEL	8	7	356	12
8 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	112	361	13
9 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	7	-12	350	9
10 Sheila Reed	WEL	6	-60	344	12
11 Catherine Henry	TGA	6	-110	338	8
12 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	-360	353	11
13 Dominic Lister	CHC	4	-377	330	5
14 Sharon Clarke	STR	2	-995	297	8
15 Delwyn Hall	HAS	0	-2602	226	1

Grade F

1 Iris Boulton	NEL	11	622	372	13
2 Jillian Greening	HAM	11	606	362	17
3 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	9	42	331	4
4 Roslyn Lister	CHC	8	113	349	12
5 Ed Olson	NSB	8	-99	337	8
6 Tony Charlton	NEL	7	-284	311	2
7 Betty Sutherland	CHC	6	-97	327	5
8 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	-171	315	7
9 Jean Craib	CHC	5	-278	333	5
10 Alison Vautier	IND	4	-454	314	2

Team Trophy

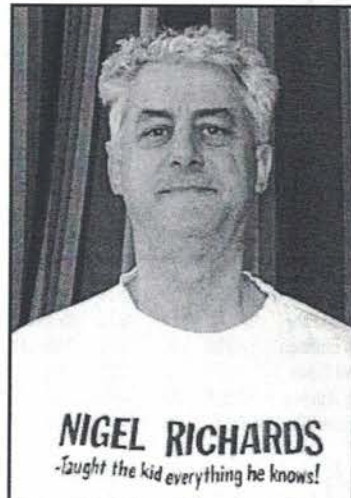
Christchurch Club: Selena Chan, Shirley Hol, Paul Lister

Georgie Award

Nick Ascroft (DUN)

Best Overseas Player

David Lloyd (AUS)



Paul Lister (CHC) B Grade winner

# 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) & Glenys 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) & Glenys 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)