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Editor's Note

IWI*, HAPU*, HANGI*, MATAI*, NASHI*, NUDDY*, INANGA*, KOKAKO*, TAONGA*, WHANAU* and WHENUA* — all quite familiar words in New Zealand, but unplayable at present in Scrabble. All those words are in the new Chambers which came out in England in July. However they may become legit for us as early as next June (if available in NZ and voted in at the AGM). For someone who fell asleep in front of the telly last night instead of typing up these notes, I welcome the stimulus learning the many new words will bring. Some of the more interesting additions are:— ALU*, JOL*, ERUV*, XRAY*, BASIJ*, BOXTY*, EEJIT*, POLJE*, QUBIT*, WALDO*, DJEMBE*, PRAJNA*, SKANKY*, UBUNTU*, APESHIT*, FUCKWIT*, MAMAGUY*, SHEMALE*, TEXTING*, ATTAGIRL*, BOOFHEAD*, BRAINIAC*, FEIJOADA*, PLAYSILIP* and SCUZZBAG*.

As the days lengthen, our WSC team are well into many hours of training and studying for the WSC in October. Howard, Jeff, Patrick and Rogelio, we all wish you a safe journey, clear heads and a steady supply of esses and blanks. The Executive and Members of the NZASP do a magnificent job in sponsoring our teams to the WSC. We are small in number but hugely generous. The World Champs levy of \$1 per player per tournament, provides a steady flow of dollars into the WSC fund and the balance is made up by various fundraisers, plus donations from clubs,

independents and individuals. Then there is all the work done by the Executive to organise fares and accommodation to ensure that the team is well cared for. NZ is highly regarded and respected by other countries and will soon (next month?) be the first nation to bring the title to the Southern Hemisphere. Good Luck, Guys!

Rotorua's inaugural tourney in June was a huge success with over 70 players converging on the Tourist Town. The top four players in A grade were Jeff, Patrick, Howard and Rogelio — surely a great omen! Howard went on to win at the well-attended Waikato, Hamilton and Tauranga tournaments. Debbie Caldwell was the champ at the popular Christchurch Open in September.

It's time to once again thank all contributors to *Forwards*. Thanks to Jeff Grant who continues to supply many of the well-loved features, to Howard Warner for his excellent Player Profile and to Glenda Foster for her patience, unflagging support and amazing layout skills. Also thanks to all clubs and players who send in news, snippets, jokes, articles, photos etc. Please accept this as a personal thank you and a plea to keep my postman busy!

Keep rattling those tiles! :)

Closing date for the December issue is November 20, 2003.



More on REZ

from Susi Tiekert

As vicarious Kiwis, Ron and I look forward to Forwards at least 4 times a year -- daily would be even better!

While reading the letter from Jeff Grant about Pat's struggle with REZ -- I immediately thought there might be even more to the situation.

Here in America there is a daily cartoon called For Better Or Worse that features one of the characters, a college student, frequently referring to her REZ -- her college dorm or RESIDENCE. Best of all, all according to Jeff, this word, apparently an American one meaning reservation appears in "an English dictionary, published in Scotland, and owned by the French (Laurousse)." And just to further add to the confusion For Better Or Worse is written and drawn by a Canadian!

Rogaining

from Jeff Grant

There are many sporting terms not allowed in Scrabble, such as OUTDIVE, LINEOUT TIEBREAK, COXLESS and NETBALLER - hard to believe, isn't it? Doreen Ogsten (CHC) brought another to my attention recently. Her local paper had a piece about an 'annual midwinter rogaine' event'. Doreen couldn't find the word in her dictionaries, which isn't surprising as it's quite modern and exclusive to Australasia. According to the Australian National Dictionary, a 'rogaine' is an event similar to orienteering, where teams compete over a course requiring at least 12 hours to finish.

The activity was first mentioned in Australia in 1976 in the book 'Rogaining - Cross Country Navigation',

but no explanation of how the term originated is given. However, it is too much of a coincidence that 'rogaine' is a compound word made from the first letters of the book's authors, and one of their wives: Rod, Gail and Neil Phillips.

Don't despair if you find 'ROGAINE' on your rack. There is a playable anagram - ORIGANE.

Third Time Lucky

from Jennifer Smith

During a friendly game of Scrabble, Shirley Martin found LAITIES on her rack. With nowhere to play it she dumped an I for 5 points and immediately replaced it with another I from the bag!

After I played, Shirley still had nowhere for her LAITIES, so dumped another I, this time for 3 points. You wouldn't believe it but she drew yet another I! This time though, I had left her a place to play it, so she finally got rid of the pesky LAITIES for 61 points.

AKA?????

from John Foster

At the Hamilton Tournament I was fortunate enough to score 158 for the triple-triple KURSAALS when playing Valerie Mills (R for blank, second A on the board). On later musing over what everyone agreed was quite a good find, I recalled that I had once before scored a triple-triple containing the low probability tiles AA together plus the K. Playing the late Henry Woolf I scored 185 for AARDVARK round the V which he had just conveniently played in exactly the right place. Wondering just how low probability this combination is, I consulted Lexpert and found a mere 5 other possible 8- letter plays. They are BAASKAAP, BAASSKAP, KAMAAINA, KRAALING, and SKOKIAAN. I am definitely not holding my breath hoping to complete the set in the near future.

What's in a name?

from Joan Thomas

I have received a few pithy comments recently, mostly from overseas subscribers to the magazine, concerning the co-incidence that the treasurer of the Association resides at Purser Place. I guess I was pre-destined for the job!!

Obituary for Leo McKern, the actor best known as Rumpole of the Bailey. Leo died last year and his obituary quoted a comment he made during the filming of Ryan's Daughter in 1970. Apparently there were long production delays and Leo was quoted as saying "I don't like to be paid 500 pounds a week for sitting down and playing Scrabble" I say.... IF ONLY!!!!!!

Successes in the South

from Ruth Groffman

We had a very successful Scrabble For Fun in August. We had 120 Primary School students; i.e. 30 teams from 13 different schools. This was a huge increase as last year we had 52 students, i.e. 13 teams from 7 schools. The biggest headache I had was getting enough Scrabble sets (as you know Dunedin Club is quite small!) so I appealed to the public through the Otago Daily Times newspaper on the Friday before. Well! I was swamped with calls and another item had to go into the paper on Monday to stop the calls! It was bigger than a National Tourney! Also, I got good coverage in the newspaper and Channel 9 television. The adult Scrabble For Fun that evening was attended by 22 players. There were loads of spot prizes for each group which were handed out at the end of the two games (giving us time to work out who the winner was). We got lots of vouchers from the library for free.

The next Scrabble For Fun will be in September, on Literacy Day, primarily for tutors and learners. I wrote a letter on Literacy letterhead to The Warehouse to donate two scrabble sets as prizes and this was approved. The Library is allowing us to use their Dunningham Suite at no charge for the event. The only thing we need to do now is get the numbers and give the press a week's notice for the coverage.

[Congratulations, Ruth on your fine efforts to promote Scrabble in NZ. — Ed]

Scrabble and the Meaning of Life

from Jane Brown

I'm doing some study on modern Australian Literature at present and one of the authors is Elizabeth Jolley. While reading a book about her work, I discovered that she has not only used the game of Scrabble in one of her novels, but uses it as a metaphor for a bit of philosophy about life:-

In Milk and Honey Elizabeth Jolley uses Scrabble as a metaphor — since the words we are able to use in Scrabble are limited by the letters we have and the spaces in which we can put them, and are dependent on the previous moves of all the players in the game. Aunt Heliose says: "In this game one makes what one can out of what one has, nicht wahr?"

and

"the enterprise of making the present out of the materials of the past is similar to the way we use letters in a word in Scrabble more than once to build other words, and so develop the pattern on the board."

Life is just a game of Scrabble— but I bet you didn't know it was Sooo deep and meaningful!



Competition Corner

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 71

Completed grids were received from Rhoda Cashman (HBC), Glennis Hale (MTA), Margaret Bundock (HBC), Lyn Toka (KIW), Leila Thomson (LOH), Hazel Purdie (MTA), Jennifer Smith (HAM), Jethro Snafflerod, Margaret Bignall (PAK) and Eileen Mclean. First name out of the hat was Jethro — congratulations!

N	J	M	M	H	R					
S	Y	Z	Y	G	Y	C	R	W	T	H
H	M	N	T	H	Y	M	Y	Y		
P	Y	X	H	S	L	T				
H		X	Y	S	T	S	P	H		
S	L	Y	L	Y	Y	H	H	M		
K	Y		L	Y	N	C	H	P	S	
Y	F	L	Y	S	C	H	C	H		
R	S	Y	L	H	Y	P	T	T		
C	W	M	S	N	Y	S	Y			
T	R	Y	P	P	H	D	T	W	P	
S	Y	P	H	Y	B	G	Y	N	Y	

Scrabble Contest No 72

Some word pairs vary only in their last letters, which appear consecutively in the alphabet, for example SURE SURF; DOG DOH.

Can you solve the following word neighbours? CAUTION — they are not all Scrabble words.

- stuff Persian ruler(4)
- thrash lover (4)
- cow-juice factory (4)
- Queensberry lad (3)
- threesome journey (4)
- frogmen distract (6)
- dry slave (4)
- orb ointment (4)
- disable water-pipe (4)

- luncheon-meat duration (4)
- unconsciousness flea-rake (4)
- Lima ogle (4)
- online ice cream discussion (4)
- Wend salad (4)
- pinch vapour (5)
- ken Wesleyan (4)
- horrible den (7)
- unworthy colour (6)
- unsteady dance (5)
- support reliance (5)

The winner gets a book prize.
Good luck!
Closing date is November 20, 2003

Send entries to:-
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Game, No Set, No Match

by Jennifer Smith

Recently I was called up for jury duty. My name was not drawn out, but we were asked to hang around for a couple of hours, just in case.

Imagine the frustration of seeing Steven Brown on the other side of the jury assembly area, also having to wait a couple of hours — and not a Scrabble board within a couple of kilometres! (I made sure I had mine with me the next day.)



What if there were no hypothetical questions?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Sign Language

from Jeff Grant

The following humorous business signs are all supposed to be real. They appear in the May edition of the American Journal of Recreational Linguistics, *Word Ways* (originally from the Internet).

Over a gynaecologist's office:
Dr Jones, at your cervix.

On a fence:
Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive.

On a plumber's truck:
Don't sleep with a drip, call your plumber.

At a car dealership:
The best way to get back on your feet — miss a payment!

At a towing company:
We don't charge an arm and a leg — we want tows.

At an electric company:
We will be delighted if you send in your payment. If you don't, you will be.

On a maternity room door:
Push, Push, Push.

At a funeral director's:
Drive carefully. We'll wait.

At an optometrist:
If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

At a gas filling station:
Tank heavens for little grills.

On a taxidermist's window:
We really know our stuff.

In a vet's waiting room:
Back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

Spring

Freesias are flowering, lambs are leaping and a Scrabblers' fancy turns to Spring.

It's a beautiful time of year and what better way to honour it than with a list of SPRING + ? words.

PARINGS
PINGERS
PROSING
PURSING
ROPINGS
SPORING
SPRINGY

PARSING
PRISING
PRYINGS
RASPING
SPARING
SPRINGE

PERSING
PROIGNS
PRYSING
RISPING
SPRINGING
SPRINGS

Remarkable NZ Scrabble Feats

by Jeff Grant

Since organised Scrabble started in New Zealand with the Tauranga Club in 1976, there have been many noteworthy achievements. Some have occurred on club evenings or during tournaments, others in social games. Here are some of the most remarkable feats recorded in NZ Scrabble's short history.

- ▲ Glennis Hale and Charlie Curl of Mt Albert club completed a game in 4min 39secs on June 26, 1983 during a 24-hour Scrabble event for Telethon. There were no bonuses and Glennis won 292-245.
- ▲ Back around 1986 Kevin and Lesley Edgeler (TOK) played a friendly game where a 15-letter word stretched right across the top of the board. It started off as **FORMAT**, then was progressively extended to **FORMATION**, **REFORMATION**, **REFORMATIONIST** and finally **PREFORMATIONIST**.
- ▲ Jeff Grant (HAS) won the National Championships eight times between 1988 and 1996.
- ▲ Mike Sigley (WAN) took out the A Grade at the 1990 Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival, winning all 21 games against tough opposition.
- ▲ Viv Williamson scored 311 points for **CROQUETS** on a triple-triple against Rodney club mate Olwen Skelton in a friendly game on 3 October 1990.
- ▲ Chris Hooks and Dawn Kitzen had a combined score of 1106 in a game at the Papatoetoe/Holy Cross club on 16 March 1992. Dawn won 663-443, with five bonus words to Chris's three

(there were no triple-triples).

- ▲ John Foster scored 763 in a game against Daph Curl at the Mt Albert Club on 29 January 1993. John's huge total included 261 points for the non-bonus triple-triple **CLAQUERS** (hired applauders), played through the L and U. This still stands as an unofficial world record for the highest non-bonus move.
- ▲ Nigel Richards (CHC) won 7/7 in F Grade at the Pakuranga one-day tournament on 25 January 1997. He got 19 bonus words and averaged 525 points per game. The next day he did even better in E Grade, again winning all seven games, this time with 24 bonus words and an astonishing average of 584 (four scores over 600). A few months later, Nigel became National Champion. Surely the most meteoric rise in Scrabble history.
- ▲ Nigel Richards made an amazing play at the Christchurch club on 23 October 1998. Holding the tiles **CDHLNR?**, he played through three letters on the board to form the word **CHLORODYNE** (a patent medicine). Playing an obscure 10-letter word through three disconnected letters, and making three 2-letter words (**ID**, **FY**, **EN**) at the same time,

Tournament Calendar 2003

Tournament	Dates
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	29 November

Anagrams

Submitted by Kevin and Lesley Edgeler (TOK)

GEORGE BUSH: when you rearrange the letters: **HE BUGS GORE**

DORMITORY: When you rearrange the letters: **DIRTY ROOM**

EVANGELIST: When you rearrange the letters: **EVIL'S AGENT**

probably ranks as the greatest move ever.

- ▲ Karyn McDougall had two 700 games (725, 713) at the Dunedin club on 31 August 1999.
- ▲ Peter Sinton won a game at the Dunedin club on 12 October 1999 by 577 points. The score was 726-149.
- ▲ Kendall Boyd of Dunedin won all 15 games at the 2002 National Championships.
- ▲ Howard Warner (MTA) won 22 out of 24 games to gain the individual title at the 2002 Trans-Tasman Challenge — a remarkable achievement in an international event.

A Tribute to Vera Burner

from Jeannette Owler and members of the Pakuranga Club

When Vera Burner passed away on 15th June, 2003, the Scrabble circuit lost a very colourful and enthusiastic player. Vera originally joined the Pakuranga Club about 9 years ago and was soon entering tournaments regularly. About 5 years ago she shifted to live in Wanganui and joined the Scrabble club there, but in latter years she became an independent member of the Association. She enjoyed travelling around to various tournaments and had several trips to Norfolk Island and also to the USA to follow Team NZ at the America's Cup.

Vera never moved from the lowest grade but that did not deter her. She was a generous person and she will be missed by the many people with whom she came into contact - and she will not be forgotten. Well done, Vera.



Vera Burner

70,000 Games — Part 1

We've all played hundreds or thousands of games of Scrabble and often see the same words coming up time and again. Have you ever wondered which words are played most often? John O'Laughlin of Wisconsin, USA has, so he programmed Maven into playing nearly 70,000 games against itself and recorded all the main words played.

2-letters

121 of 121 2-letter words were played:

18504	qi	3050	xi	2341	ox	2308	ex	1999	ax
1886	jo	1827	xu	1715	zo	1294	io	1065	oe
1055	if	1006	ee	979	of	924	oi	873	oo
788	ou	788	fy	738	yu	738	hi	725	ow
717	ai	712	yo	712	fa	686	wo	682	we
677	oy	674	ef	642	aa	604	hm	599	uh
585	in	564	ye	561	aw	549	ae	509	ya
501	it	499	bi	497	gi	472	ph	460	ny
444	oh	441	eh	433	he	423	ay	421	by
390	ko	386	ea	380	ti	375	li	369	id
360	en	350	ur	328	ho	326	or	325	be
323	ka	317	ug	313	my	313	di	311	re
310	pi	303	on	290	ne	289	up	287	ut
283	st	282	ha	281	nu	281	ah	278	er
276	mi	274	to	273	ob	265	un	265	et
259	gu	257	te	257	go	255	ag	253	no
247	pe	240	lo	240	ab	239	od	239	ky
239	el	229	ch	227	op	227	bo	225	om
222	ar	216	mm	212	an	205	ed	199	mu
199	ba	198	um	195	em	192	do	191	ad
190	pa	188	is	186	sh	183	na	181	de
180	da	166	po	166	al	164	at	162	la
159	me	152	si	145	mo	142	us	141	es
138	am	134	ta	123	os	119	as	118	so
103	ma								

3 Letters

1228 of 1229 3-letter words were played (everything except ziz) The 200 most played threes were:

6890	qat	3781	qis	1301	qua	1211	aia	1152	oxo
1149	suq	948	joe	943	axe	940	taj	909	vox
872	eau	844	jet	815	wiz	811	you	808	jew
795	wox	768	jiz	752	vow	749	vex	745	jin
742	nix	740	zee	734	gox	731	vaw	729	azo

724	jaw	691	zea	682	jig	681	jee	676	jow
670	oye	670	fox	663	jog	654	zoa	650	wex
647	adz	643	oaf	639	uey	639	hex	638	woo
636	nox	633	dex	629	oof	629	fez	622	gov
621	hoi	615	zed	614	yex	597	jot	596	few
594	hui	589	wud	589	jay	587	zit	584	wax
578	owe	577	riz	577	fiz	574	ayu	571	jib
570	vig	564	raj	560	box	556	haj	550	zin
548	zig	548	wig	547	veg	543	dzo	542	zag
542	awa	539	joy	539	fob	535	zex	535	foe
529	bez	528	rax	528	guv	525	jor	524	hox
521	rez	520	faw	519	jeu	516	fax	514	zoo
514	job	509	avo	507	rex	507	ivy	505	poz
505	jam	505	fib	503	zax	500	tax	495	gju
494	woe	490	fie	490	feh	489	web	481	hie
480	lez	478	biz	471	luz	468	jap	467	vim
466	foh	459	wog	456	ufo	455	pix	447	div
444	zho	444	fix	441	zip	440	wab	435	yid
434	jun	433	eye	432	jut	431	kex	422	vor
421	gif	420	tux	420	feu	419	miz	417	fah
416	yow	415	wit	415	aye	414	voe	414	fee
412	nth	411	jag	411	dui	410	vug	409	yea
407	zap	407	dux	407	cuz	405	fab	397	auf
394	lox	392	jab	389	twp	388	tav	388	bow
386	vin	386	fop	383	vum	382	uva	382	jar
382	fap	380	jud	380	gio	377	moz	376	saz
373	hoe	371	dev	370	zel	365	lex	364	koi
363	oxy	363	fou	362	van	362	pox	361	tui
359	hue	357	fub	352	pax	350	piu	350	ewe
348	foy	346	lax	346	fog	344	wow	342	vav
342	hao	335	yin	335	vid	335	max	333	vie
331	win	326	poi	326	oho	324	uni	324	awe
323	zek	323	ire	322	vet	322	fig	321	ooh
319	mix	318	vac	317	vat	317	nef	315	yay
315	bap	312	aah	310	wey	308	via	307	aha

Next issue will contain the 4's and 5's

Tauranga Words

The following interesting words were noted by Maureen McBain at the recent Tauranga tournament.

ALLOWED

WHANGEE MATERIEL SCUTAGE
TANGHINS JUSTS GROUF
DISTAIN MUTI REMANIE
REFLYING KNIVE SHEADINGS

BOURN
NIOBITE

BOOL

GROMET

DISALLOWED

TROWSER ITSIEST UNCREASE
LAZER CHOCKERS UNDRAIN
ELITEST GEMINIS UNMASTED
ORALISE BAGSTRAP GOADERS
ROMPIEST VAINS OVERSAT

Dealing with Maven

by Chris Hooks

Maven really is a handful and like others, I find mixing it with Maven a daunting task. The major problem is that Maven knows all the words. I lose at least five out of every six games, and three of them will be absolute thrashings. Maven plays on several different levels so is suitable for all players, but I find the challenge on its highest level an absolute must!

Maven doesn't always go for high score. It is very defensive and has a near perfect end game. It also changes. It's like playing Jeff Grant or Mike Sigley all the time. I've found my game has improved since playing Maven and expect it to continue to improve in the foreseeable future.

Though I lose to Maven most of the time, here's a game where I deal to the beast.

Unlike some computer programs

Turn	Chris					Maven				
	Rack	Play	Place	Word	Total	Rack	Play	Place	Word	Total
			Score	Score	Score			Score	Score	Score
1	AEEFORZ	FROZE	8D	42	42	ACIOOOY	OOZY	6G	21	21

I miss ZOEAE for 48 points so it comes down to a tossup between FEAZE and FROZE for 42. I quickly settle for FROZE because it takes only an N, while FEAZE takes a D or S. I try setting up for a flexible hook at all costs unless of course I'm holding one, and then I'm still reluctant to. On the basis of score and the fact that ZOEAE takes no hooks it would appear that ZOEAE is the best play, but upon analysis I favour FROZE ever so slightly. ZOEAE sets up the double letter square for a high consonant, and the FR hold is less favoured than AE. Normally I would recommend holding two consonants to two vowels, but the F is one of my least favoured letters for a bonus and it's unlikely that Maven will set up a Triple Letter score for the F next turn. Getting an early bonus is paramount in my mind.

Since ZOEAE has two Es, Maven has only 4 letter to play an 8 through, whereas FROZE offers five. Even this additional advantage in favour of ZOEAE is not enough for me to go with ZOEAE. I'm so pleased with FROZE as an opening play I don't even see ZOEAE! I'm hoping Maven doesn't bingo first time which it so often does.

As expected Maven has a weak turn but notice it perseveres with a bad hold.

2	ABELGST	GABLETS	5E	109	151	ACEIIOO	COOTIE	2J	16	37
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A word everyone should know. Another weak turn for Maven but the hold is more promising.

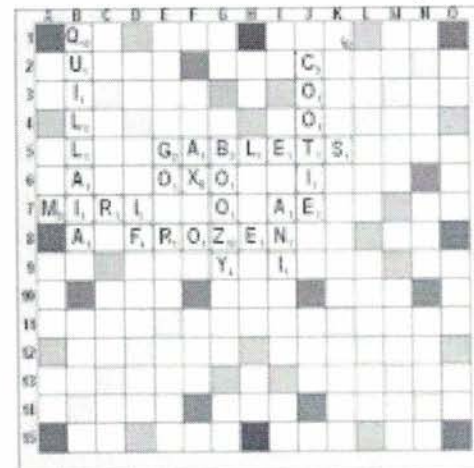
3	GIORUX	OXO	6E	54	205	AAIINU?	ANI	7I	26	63
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Looks like a bad rack but it's perfect. Maven makes another good play from a seemingly hopeless situation.

4	GIIMRSU	MIRI	7A	12	217	AILQU?	QUILLAIA	1B	86	149
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This move sets up my record win against Maven. It's a high risk play, but as I'm reluctant to change nowadays and I have a 140 point cushion, it seems to be worth the risk. Maven has potential eights through the C and O of COOTIE, plus potential sevens of the I of ANI, so if Maven bingos, the M becomes a setup for me. Making high risk plays like this one can lead to some big wins but they usually increase your losses. It takes me five and a half minutes to decide on this move.

Maven strikes — but ooooh what a wonderful word ☺ Quillaia is the soapbark tree and can be spelt three ways! A word certainly worth knowing.



Here is the state of the board at this stage

Turn	Chris					Maven				
	Rack	Play	Place	Word	Total	Rack	Play	Place	Word	Total
			Score	Score	Score			Score	Score	Score
5	AGNRSU?	SQUARING	1A	212	429	AEIORTV	LOVAT	4B	28	177
An even more wonderful word. This play is my record score for a single turn surpassing my 194 for OVERRANK, again off a bonus play, while playing Eileen McLean.										
Another good play from Maven.										
6	DEILNNT	MEND	7A	27	456	BEHIRRS	RIB	3A	18	195
I make the obvious play. A reasonable score but I fail to see INDOLENT for 72. Indolent is one of those words that I would not challenge, but unfortunately on this occasion, I could not see it. I guess I played too fast. For those of us who don't know, it's an adjective meaning disliking activity or lazy.										
7	AFILNTT	FA	2F	27	483	EEHIRS	HEHS	2K	24	219
8	ILNPRTT	PI	3G	15	498	EEEIMRS	CHIME	2J	24	243
Going for high score only now and disregarding the hold, making sure I Don't open the board up any more than it is. A forced play and not one of Maven's better ones.										
9	ELNRRTU	TUNE	1L	24	522	EKPRSW	PEW	3M	33	276
From a 5 x 1-point consonant hold I'm still able to score 24 this turn.										
10	JLORSTT	OHOS	4J	22	544	EKNRSV	WIVERN	3O	39	315
A good play from MAVEN increasing 7s potential with the hook off the N. When behind one should open the board even if it induces a loss by more points.										
11	GJLNRTT	Exch	7	0	544	CDDIKSY	SKIDDY	11A	38	353
Finally I'm forced to change. I consider holding the J but there's no obvious spot to capitalise on it so I change the lot hoping for a 7 off the N of WIVERN or the I of ANI.										
A nice 6-letter word FROM MAVEN.										
12	AADELTU	ADULATE	12F	73	617	CEEGJNR	CRINGE	9C	24	377
I almost miss this one too, considered playing DUAL off the E in WIVERN but it's a weak move so I spend a bit more time. ADULATE suddenly rings a bell. I don't know ADULATE as I've never heard it used in everyday speech and I don't read, but I do know ADULATION.										
13	LTTW	WELT	14B	14	631	EJ	JET	10K	20	397

Final Score after adjusting for the T - Chris 630 : Maven 398

Well I didn't play all that well missing both TOHOS and INDOLENT but I got the first move right and had an exchange for the better Notice Maven got to 397 dealing with poor racks most of the time. So that's my record high score against Maven, and my record margin to boot.

Anyone interested in a hot deal on the CD version of Maven can write to me at Chris Hooks, 3/673 Great South Road, Otahuhu. It works on Windows.



T



From the Cowboys Guide to Life

- ☺ Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- ☺ There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.
- ☺ If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- ☺ Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- ☺ It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- ☺ Always drink upstream from the herd.
- ☺ When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.
- ☺ When you're throwing your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.
- ☺ The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.
- ☺ Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- ☺ There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading, the few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

It's All in a Name

Somebody mentioned to me recently that BOB HOPE, DEAN MARTIN, and JERRY LEWIS are names that can be played in Scrabble, and I began to wonder who else I might encounter on the board.

Here are some well-known names I thought of:—

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| JUDY GARLAND | JERRY LEE LEWIS |
| JOHN MILLS | JOHNNY CASH |
| PATTY DUKE | MICK JAGGER |
| RICK NELSON | GENE HACKMAN |
| BENNY LEVIN | OLIVER HARDY |
| DICK VAN DYKE | LEE MAJORS |
| TOM CRUISE | PEGGY LEE |
| NOEL COWARD | MARTIN SHEEN |
| GRACE KELLY | DOLLY PARTON |
| JACK LEMON | GENE KELLY |
| NORMA JEAN BAKER | BENNY GOODMAN |
| NAT KING COLE | HANK SNOW |
| NELSON RIDDLE | MAVIS RIVERS |
| BILLY COTTON | DAWN FRENCH |
| CLARENCE FROGMAN | HENRY |
| PATSY CLINE | DAPHNE WALKER |
| BILLIE HOLIDAY | BUDDY HOLLY |
| FATS DOMINO | NELSON EDDY |
| NANCY HARRY | BOB CRANE |
| WEBSTER BOOTH | OLIVER REED |
| JOE COCKER | JERRY VALE |
| TOM HANKS | CAT STEVENS |
| GINGER ROGERS | FESS PARKER |
| TOM JONES | CHARLOTTE CHURCH |
| JENNY LIND | MEL SMITH |
| PETER SELLERS | GRIFF JONES |
| LANA TURNER | |

A few names well-known in sport:—

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| PAT CASH | PENNY WHITING |
| BILLY JEAN KING | CRAIG MONK |
| JACK LOVELOCK | DEAN BARKER |
| JOHN WALKER | GRANT DALTON |
| PETER SNELL | ERIC RUSH |

by Leila Thomson

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| POSSUM BOURNE | GRANT FOX |
| TIGER WOODS | COLIN MEADS |
| LANCE CAIRNS | DON TRICKER |
| JOE LOUIS | |
| (real name JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW) | |
| COLIN COOPER | SIR JOHN HUNT |

Some local radio and TV personalities:—

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| PAUL HENRY | COLIN FRY |
| MARTIN TASKER | CLIFF JOINER |
| JUDY BAILEY | MIKE JASPERS |
| MARTIN CRUMP | JAMES KING |
| GARTH BRAY | DAN RATHER |
| ERIC YOUNG | JANE YOUNG |
| JOANNA PAUL | |

Some Scrabble players from the rankings list:—

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| JEFF GRANT | PATRICK CARTER |
| JOHN FOSTER | PETER JONES |
| STEVEN BROWN | PAUL LISTER |
| ANN HOUGH | ROGER COATES |
| ANN CANDLER | MURRAY ROGERS |
| SUE WALKER | MARY GRAY |
| COLLEEN COOK | ISABEL MORRIS |
| MAY MEADS | DAWN SMITH |
| JEAN WACKER | HAZEL SMITH |
| JENNY REED | OLIVE HEATH |

The world of politics provided a few more ideas:—

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| BILL ENGLISH | TED HEATH |
| BOB JONES | DON BRASH |

- JOHN BANKS
NORMAN ERIC KIRK
SIR JOHN MARSHALL
COLIN MOYLE
AL GORE
JIMMY CARTER
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Norman Eric Kirk

Names from many other fields:—

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING | |
| JOSEPH LISTER | ALBERT EINSTEIN |
| ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL | |
| LOUIS BRAILLE | HENRY FORD |
| FRANK WHITTLE | PAUL REVERE |
| JESSE JAMES | NED KELLY |
| BILL GATES | KERRY PACKER |
| DON QUIXOTE | BUFFALO BILL |
| JACK THE RIPPER | MINNIE DEAN |
| GRACE DARLING | GRANDMA MOSES |
| FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE | |
| CAPTAIN JAMES COOK | |
| JOSEPH BANKS | JEAN BATTEN |
| LADY JANE GREY | SQUIDGY SPENCER |
| MAE WEST | ANNA PAVLOVA |
| JOHN CONSTABLE | JANE CAMPION |
| NGAIO MARSH | JOHN DONNE |
| MARK TWAIN | HENRY FIELDING |
| PEARL BUCK | ALAN DUFF |
| GRANT TILLEY | WILLIE NELSON |
| VICTORIA PRINCIPAL | AGGIE GREY |
| MARY QUANT | JENNY CRAIG |
| TUI FLOWER | EARL GREY |

And a few imaginary characters:—

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|------------------|----------------|
| BET LYNCH | BILLY BUNTER |
| JACK SPRAT | JANE EYRE |
| JAMES BOND | JIMINY CRICKET |
| MAXWELL SMART | BARNEY GOOGLE |
| RIP VAN WINKLE | HARRY LIME |
| PUSSY GALORE | RANDY STONE |
| LONG JOHN SILVER | BASIL BRUSH |
| HARRY POTTER | PERRY MASON |
| PAUL TEMPLE | JUDGE JUDY |
| COLONEL SANDERS | JOHN DOE |



Billy Bunter

Rotorua Fivers

Adjudicator Pat Grant recorded the following 5-letter words played at the Rotorua Tournament in June. Which ones would you challenge? (Answers on page 21)

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| BIALI | BHANG | GLADS | TANES |
| JEHUS | TALCY | WILTY | FEZES |
| WANTY | PHEWS | MILKO | RAZOO |
| CRAIG | LADDY | BINDI | BINED |

Incredible Score

by Jeff Grant

As we all know, newspapers seldom get it completely right when reporting on Scrabble. After the Rotorua tournament in June, one write-up stated that Hamilton's Steven Brown got the 'top one move score with 577'. Of course they meant 'top game score'.

You might think that a single turn scoring 577 is impossible — not so! Here is how it could be done.

After a simple ABB to start (with the second B on the centre star), imagine you are facing the board position below, holding a rack of FIQUYZ?, with QUIZZIFY playable!



Anything's possible in your dreams.

Score for the Move

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|-------------|-----------------|
| TALAQ | 42 |
| PLOTZ | 26 |
| JABBERwOCKY | 90 |
| QUIZZIFY | 369 |
| Bonus | 50 = 577 points |

SCRABBLE ALL*STARS 2003



The 2003 SCRABBLE ALL*STARS CHAMPIONSHIP took place August 15-18 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, USA. Twenty-four elite players played eighteen games over the three days before the top two (Ron Tiekert and David Gibson) went head-to-head in a best-of-five match for a \$50,000 prize.

It was an exciting, closely fought event with 20th seed Chris Cree from Dallas Texas leading for most of the tournament. However Chris dropped his last two games against Ron Tiekert and David Gibson to finish a creditable 6th.

The tournament was a milestone for Scrabble as the ESPN TV network were there filming highlights for a special to be aired possibly in

November. To confirm the airdate and to tour the extensive coverage provided by John Chew and his professional team (photos, commentary, statistics, games that you can play through), go to <http://www.scrabbleassociation.com/>.

Congratulations to the new Champion, David Gibson, who won the 5-game playoff (and US\$50,000) 394-345, 475-410, 301-445 and 445-388. David Gibson now takes a commanding lead in the all-time earning list for SCRABBLE® players. He won US\$50,000 at the Superstars in 1995 (in Las Vegas, NV) and he won the 1994 Nationals in Los Angeles.

All*Stars standings after the 18th game:—

Name	Wins	Spread	Name	Wins	Spread
1 Ron Tiekert	12	1301	13 Randy Hersom	9	131
2 David Gibson	12	217	14 Marlon Hill	9	76
3 Joel Wapnick	12	-35	15 John Luebkekmann	9	-297
4 Brian Cappelletto	11	458	16 Dave Wiegand	8	28
5 Joey Mallick	11	226	17 Trey Wright	8	-346
6 Chris Cree	11	93	18 Tim Adamson	8	-408
7 Jim Kramer	11	-43	19 Paul Epstein	8	-461
8 Joe Weinike	10	303	20 Jerry Lerman	7	-214
9 Joe Edley	10	161	21 Rich Baker	6	-141
10 Robin Pollock Daniel	10	-244	22 Sam Kantimathi	6	-284
11 Joel Sherman	9	514	23 Jeremiah Mead	6	-656
12 David Boys	9	145	24 Rita Norr	4	-524

PLAYER PROFILE



Fae Olson: the drive to compete

by Howard Warner

Nobody does tournaments like Fae Olson does. It seems only yesterday she wowed us all by reaching her thousandth competitive game of Scrabble. Now, as others are just starting to reach that magical mark, Fae is already closing in fast on the next thousand. She used to keep a watchful eye on the competition, but since the family shifted north to Auckland two years ago she has tended to lose track. "What's it up to now?" she asks, quite genuinely.

Fae has been going strong in the Scrabble scene since 1987, the year her youngest daughter Jennifer was born. (That was Jennifer cheerfully adjudicating at the recent Tauranga tournament.) At the time Fae was spending a lot of time at home in Stratford and playing socially with her sister Reevea Pearson and friend Puti Rowe. The trio joined the New Plymouth club when they heard that people went off to Norfolk Island every year to play. "So we aimed for that," says Fae. "And I've been every year since." (This year she and husband Eddie are planning to break the sequence, though.)

She very soon appeared at her first Scrabble tournament — and she's never looked back. "I never aimed for the record," she says. "We just went to all the North Island tournaments — and even a few of the South Island ones — because I enjoyed it so much. The only one we missed in all that time was in

Hamilton, when we forgot to book in time."

The family always drove, usually with a van-load of Scrabble fanatics from Stratford. Nowadays they still drive, but usually on their own, in a smaller vehicle.

Eddie has always been at Fae's side throughout her long Scrabble involvement. For a while he dropped out of tournament play to manage the computer scoring but then decided he missed playing too much. Their three girls have all been involved over the years, first as runners and later helping Dad with the computerised tasks. Susan, the oldest (now 28), has played in tournaments and the other two at home only.

"And the real bonus: she plays upside-down!"

Children have been as much a feature of the Olsons' lives as Scrabble tiles. As well as the three girls, they adopted four boys and fostered more than 60 children in total. They could have up to five at a time — and some ended up hanging out with their foster-folk at tournaments too. The move to Auckland was partly motivated by the couple's need to close this chapter of their lives. "We didn't know how to say 'no' to Welfare," says Fae. "The only way to stop it was to move far away!"

She admits she's addicted to the game. Where others grab a stiff drink after a hard day's work, she switches on the computer to do battle with other Scrabble addicts in New Zealand and around the world in an on-line competition. →

"I love to come home and relax over a game or several," she says. "Honestly, if my computer was taken away, I'd be devastated — I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

Not that Fae appears to need relaxing. I, for one, have learned what an enjoyable and calming experience it is to play against this gentle, never ruffled, ever-gracious soul. (And the real bonus: she plays upside-down!) "Playing Scrabble keeps me calm," she says. "I think it's because I just play to enjoy the game — even if sometimes it costs me a win."

Win or lose, Fae reckons she can remember almost every one of her 1900-plus tournament games. But probably none was more memorable than No 1000, which yielded her

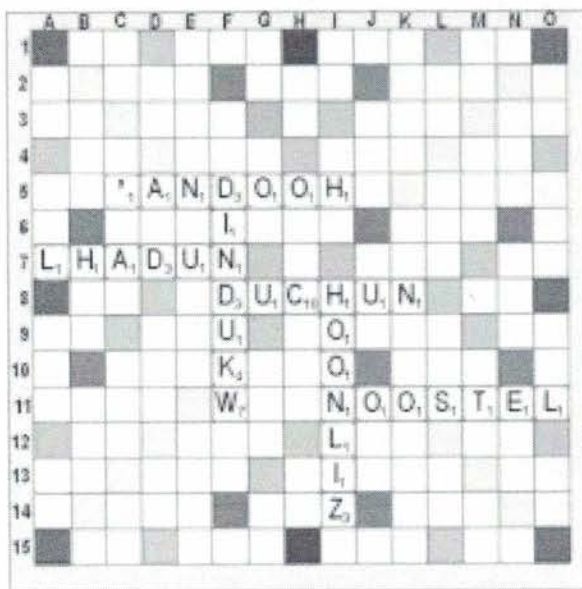
first, and to date only, win against her nemesis Patrick Carter. She's always loved sneaking into the bottom of a Masters' draw and upsetting some of the more fancied players. And she can still chuckle about the time when, emerging from the fiendish Mt Messenger on the way north to a Hamilton tournament, she discovered they'd left all the association's time-clocks behind. The return to Stratford turned a three-hour drive into a six-hour one.

But that's all part and parcel of the Scrabble journey. Fae is looking forward to retiring, so she can start studying words again. And she reckons she'll be playing till she's 98 at least. Hmm... how many tournament games would that be?

Dakelh Scrabble

by Jeff Grant

I've heard people say there should be an apostrophe (') in Scrabble for words like DON'T and YOU'RE. Well there is, but you'll have to play in Dakelh, a Native American language of British Columbia, Canada. There is an Internet site which tells you all about Dakelh Scrabble, including a board layout with great bonus words like DINDUKW and HOONLIZ. Not only are there seven apostrophe tiles, but there are ten H's and U's, each worth 1 point; one C and M, each worth 10 points; and three Z's worth 3 points each. There is no F, P,



Q, R, V or X. You can view the website at <http://www.ydli.org/dakinfo/carscrab.htm>

Scrabble goes Chinese

(found on the Internet)

Wei Li Corporate Services Ltd have spent five years developing a Chinese version of Scrabble (and Trivial Pursuit).

Developing a Chinese version was no small chore. It would seem that there are too many characters in Chinese with which to play the game. On one hand, that's true. On the other, there's a different system of writing the language, which all Chinese learn in parallel to their character script: the transliteration schema known as Pinyin. Pinyin is essentially the Latin alphabet without the 'v', as this sound isn't used in Chinese.

In Pinyin, the four tones of Mandarin Chinese are represented by diacritical marks or tone-graphs — which look very much like the accents used in French — above each syllable. It's this abstraction of tonality that the Chinese find particularly difficult to grasp.

If you were to have a separate tile for each vowel\tone combination, plus all the consonants used in Chinese, you would need a set of 58 different tiles. This is far more than the maximum number permitted (35) to have a playable game of Scrabble. The problem was to develop a set using just the 25 different letters in Pinyin and provide a way of representing the tones over each vowel.

This was achieved, and it is this process that has been successfully patented in Taiwan, is about to be converted to full patent in the UK and is patent pending in China...

South Africa adopts 5-point Penalty

The South African Scrabble Association held a referendum on the 5-point penalty challenge rule. It was adopted after approximately two thirds of the membership voted in favour of the change. The change takes affect immediately.

The 5-point penalty rule is used at the World Champs. Instead of losing a turn for an unsuccessful challenge, the player has 5 points deducted from his/her score.

Birthday Bingos

Samantha Samuels of the Kiwi Club received a very special birthday card from club mate Karen Stewart. The card included jumbled seven-letter words describing Samantha and her favourite hobby. At the bottom of the card was a special message —

"Wishing someone special warmest message because friends deserve perfect moments."

WSC Raffle Results

Pat Grant's raffle raised \$400 for the World Champs Fund — a great effort! Thanks for all your work, Pat, and thanks also to everyone who supported the cause.

The lucky prize winners are:-

- 1 Annie Boyle (Hastings)
- 2 Rachael Hale (Auckland)
- 3 Glennis Hale (Auckland)
- 4 Roy Urwin (Hastings)
- 5 Correne James (Auckland)
- 6 Robin Tabernacle (Hastings)
- 7 Joyce McKeesick (Hastings)

A Good Pun is its Own Reward

Some of these puns supplied by Paul Lister (CHC)

- ★ 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.
- ★ When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- ★ With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- ★ Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you a flat minor.
- ★ When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- ★ Every calendar's days are numbered.
- ★ A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- ★ A plateau is a high form of flattery.
- ★ The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- ★ Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- ★ Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
- ★ When the supermodel saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- ★ Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- ★ Acupuncture is a job well done.
- ★ Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
- ★ The poor guy fell into a glass grinding machine and made a spectacle of himself.
- ★ Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- ★ Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
- ★ A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
- ★ What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
- ★ Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- ★ A backward poet writes inverse.
- ★ In democracy it's your vote that counts; In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- ★ She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
- ★ A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- ★ If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
- ★ With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- ★ Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example WIDEN to DWINE and SUSTAIN to ISSUANT. On a higher level, A THOUSAND ISLETS SHINE in THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS. This time we have an anagrammatical tribute to six Scrabblers who are no longer with us.

CHARLIE CURL	A CHILL-CURER
LUCY BRIGHT	RUBY GLITCH
MARGARET WARREN	RARE WARM GARNET
GEORGIE OFFRINGA	FAIR GOING, GO FREE
DAPHNE CURL	CUP HANDLER
FRANKIE WILKINSON	
	A FINE WORK LINKS



If a man is standing in the middle of nowhere speaking his mind and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?

- ★ The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- ★ A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- ★ You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- ★ Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.

Rotorua Fivers Answers

(from p 14)

The incorrect words are PHEWS, LADDY, WILTY, TANES and BINED.

New Records

At the Christchurch Open Scrabble tournament on 6 September the record for the highest tournament game draw was broken. In game 11 C Grade players Lyn Dawson (Independent) and Kathleen Mori-Barker (Christchurch) drew 467 all

In a club game with Liz Fagerlund at the end of April Patrick Carter tied the records for consecutive bonus words (5) and most bonus words in a club game (6).

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Challenge!

The following words were noted by the adjudicator at the National Champs in Wellington:

Allowed

ERICOID
FLAVANOL
VIRGULES
UNTHAW
SAGAMEN
HORNLET
FASCINES

UNTROD
EXTOLLS
BARRENS
FANNINGS
DIELYTRA
QUADRIGA
GRIDIRON

Disallowed

LACTOID
FAXER
ENSUREE
GLOBALS
REPILING
OUTGAME
EGGLIKE

GOUDA
UNVALID
BANDMEN
OVERADD
REBRAID
SENIORINA
UNGRADED

Just to show that it isn't only the top players who know unusual words, here are some from the lower grades (all these are correct).

SNARIER
SULUS
WHIMSIER
UNGRAZED
ECURIES

OUTSNORE
OLLAVS
PESANTE
CORSAIR
UNWRITE

KINDERS
LOSSIER
CRIPE
COLONES
DELAINE

FRENCHED
UNREPAID
OUTDODGE
PATTERER
HAZINGS

Not Above Board

—from Edmonton, Alberta

Two would-be Canadian thieves learned the hard way on New Year's Day that, as knowing how to spell is a prerequisite for playing Scrabble, knowing how to drive a car is also a prerequisite for stealing one. Police said the two males accosted a pizza delivery man in northeast Edmonton early Wednesday and demanded the four pizzas he was carrying as well as cash. The bandits, aged 17 and 18, apparently changed their minds at one point and jumped into the man's car. But their getaway was foiled because the 17-year-old behind the wheel did not know how to drive a stick shift.

Flummoxed by the manual transmission and clutch, the duo then went back to their original plan to commandeer the pizzas,

Edmonton Police spokesman said. "It was a toss-up between pizzas and the car, and they knew how to operate pizzas", he said. When officers soon arrived on the scene, they spotted one of the suspects entering the home where the pizzas were to be delivered. Both were arrested and charged with robbery and theft under \$3,000. Police also recovered the pizzas. "I play Scrabble too but I can't spell", one of the youths was heard to remark as he was led away by Police.

Notable quote

"One forgets words as one forgets names. One's vocabulary needs constant fertilizing or it will die."

—Evelyn Waugh



CLUB NEWS

Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

Birthday Issue

The June/July issue of the Christchurch Scrabble Club Newsletter is the 12th birthday edition and the number of copies required grows steadily as Club membership increases. Our paper is firmly established now, and is proving a useful means of communicating information to readers. Those who contribute articles and items of interest help to provide further entertaining reading material to share.

Looking Ahead

It's time again — our birthday's here -
To think about the coming year.
Plan ahead for what we'll do -
Our rated tournament — we hold two.
Perhaps we'll need some more fundraising?

(There's no chance that we'll be lazing)!

Advertising for new players,
(Hoping that they'll all be stayers).
Publicity tells where our Club is found,
And word-of-mouth spreads news around.

There's lots to do, as I have said,
To help our Club to surge ahead.

From the August/September issue:-

WSC Fundraiser

Paul and Ros (Lister)'s Scrabble night on July 12th to help raise funds for the NZ team going to the World Scrabble Champs this year, was a great success. We thank them for organising the event and providing food and refreshments, plus prizes

etc., resulting in a most enjoyable evening for those participating, and netting \$200. This amount, together with Shirley van Essen's collection from Club members will contribute a worthwhile donation from our Christchurch Club.

Averages

Wednesday afternoon group (Top 5)

Terry	438
Isabel	400
Kaite	377
Kathleen	366
Chey	348

Friday night group (Top 5)

Paul	425
Shirley v E	422
Shirley H	419
Kathleen	398
Veronica	396

Dunedin

by Bill Grigg

Welcome to two new members: Donnelle Willcocks and Hebe Albrecht.

We have had several visitors to the club in recent months, in particular Val Rife from Australia, visiting her sister, Bev Allan and also Hebe's parents, Janine and Mike from Hokianga.

Our local community newspaper did a fantastic 'Page 3' spread on Scrabble and the club and featured Bill and Marian, playing Scrabble I hasten to add.

Chris Handley recently donated his 122nd pint of blood and featured in a write-up in the June issue of Donor Link.

Nick Ascroft, the nemesis of the Nationals, read some of his work at the Dunedin Public Library to launch his latest book of poetry. He appeared on the local TV channel and had a splash write-up in the ODT.

Stewart Fleming is overseas at the moment (and has been relegated to the bottom of the ladder for not defending his top spot for a month). He first visited Scotland for his sister's wedding and then was off to represent New Zealand in Switzerland at the World Duathlon Championships.

Karyn McDougall has played well over 100 games so far this year at the club. Chris and Nick are coming a distant second, about 30 games behind.

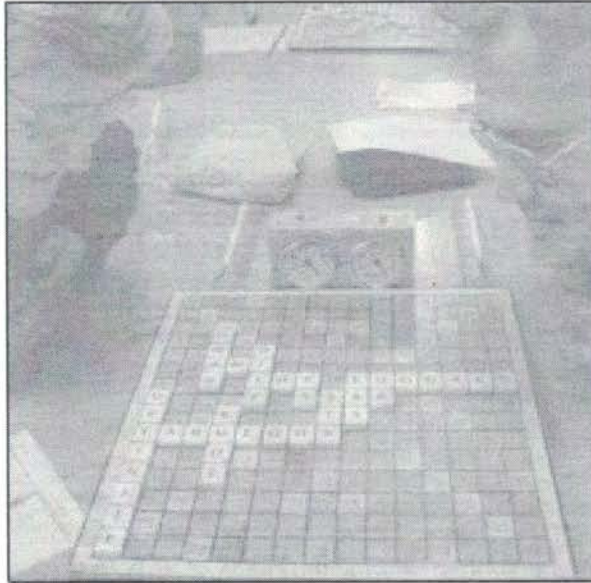
Quiz

- Find the bingos in:
 (a) DEENNTZ
 (b) AACHLSU
 (c) OOOOLRS

Scrabble For Fun

This event was trialled last year by Ruth Groffman and was such a success that she decided to do it again. This year she had to cut off entries when we got to 30 teams (120 Intermediate schoolchildren)!

This was followed by the adult section in the evening which had attracted 20 entrants. We had to appeal to individuals (via a plea in the ODT) to borrow enough sets to cope. Many thanks to The Friends of the Dunedin Library for organising this, and watch our membership



Marian Ross and Bill Grigg at Dunedin Club

Photo from Star 5 June 2003

grow suddenly in 10 years time!

Literacy Week - September 8th.

Once again Ruth is organising a Scrabble evening for students and their tutors. What a fantastic way to improve their word knowledge and spelling.

Otago Lion Open November 15-16.

Start planning your trip to the deep south now for this contest.

Triple round robin, 6 per grade. \$28.00 entry, includes lunch and refreshments on both days. Contact Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Ave, St Clair (03) 455-177, or ruthgroffman@hotmail.com.

Quiz answers

- (c) OSOROSO
 (b) ACUSHLA
 (a) TENDENZ

Kiwi

by Elaine Moltzen.

2002 was another successful year for our club.

Club Trophy winners for 2002

Club champion	Elaine Moltzen
Pot Luck Trophy	Betty Gibb
Pyramid Trophy	Elaine Moltzen
Ladder Trophy	Betty Gibb
Round Robin Group 1	Betty Gibb
Round Robin Group 2	Pam Mayall
Most Improved Player	Samantha Samuels
Best Average Player	Isabell Weddell
Bonus Words Trophy	Elaine Moltzen
100 Points Words Trophy	Elaine Moltzen
Best Social Player	Isabel Zyp

After a successful Xmas Tourney and end of year prize giving we started 2003 preparing for the Masters. A great time was had by all with Howard being crowned champ after some close competition. Profits from the raffles were donated to the WS Champs fund. My thanks to all Kiwi members for their untiring help and baking.

We had 3 members playing at the Nationals in Wellington all performing well. Our thanks to Lynn Wood for all her hard work. She did a super job with the warm weather, great food and good company — we had a ball. Thanks Liz for drawing my name in the raffle. I love the board and will treasure it always.

Confirmed Date for 2003 Xmas Tournament Saturday 29th November

ILLOUWY AEMMRRY

sent in by Jeff Grant

When Stefan Fatsis author of Word Freak asked his now wife, Melissa to marry him, he used a proposal that all Scrabblers would be proud of :—

"Mr Fatsis proposed over a four-hour, seven-course lunch at L'Arpege, a busy Paris restaurant. As the couple finished dessert and lingered over tea, Mr Fatsis pulled out a bag containing a pair of Scrabble racks and two sets of tiles which he arranged in alphabetical order before Ms Block. The first read ILLOUWY, the second AEMMRRY. Tears welling in her eyes, Ms Block quickly unscrambled the letters and turned the racks around to face Mr Fatsis. He then offered a more formal proposal, to which she nodded and cried out her approval!"

The article appeared in the New York Times.



A number of old words ending in -EN are used to describe articles made from a particular material, for example WOODEN (wood), WAXEN (wax) and SILKEN (silk). Here are a dozen slightly more unusual examples:
 BEECHEN BIRCHEN BOXEN
 BRICKEN BRONZEN ELMEN
 GILDEN GLASSEN LARCHEN
 STONEN TWIGGEN YEWEN

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



It is hard to believe that 3 months have passed since the Nationals were held in Wellington. For me, it was a most enjoyable experience, and while I missed playing in the tournament, I gained much satisfaction that the event went without a hitch. A big thank you goes to the Pines for their catering, especially the prize giving dinner. A special thank you too to Pat Grant for adjudicating and Bryan Foster for scoring. Roll on 2004 in Auckland.

The inaugural Rotorua tournament was a great event and very well patronised. It was a lovely touch to have the tournament opened by the main sponsor. Clubs are always successful as venue sites — they reap in additional money from the bar and gaming outlets. Congratulations to Puti Rowe in

scooping the pokie jackpot — a nice surprise to top off the weekend.

Into the near future — our team, Jeff, Howard Patrick and Rogelio will be off to the World Champs tournament in Kuala Lumpur. We wish them well in their endeavours to claim victories over the opposition. How many will face our ex NZ participant, David Lloyd, is anybody's guess. As David will be playing for Australia, he too will be the 'enemy' until after the game has been played.

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who have rallied round to raise funds for the team, your efforts are much appreciated. A big thank you to Pat Grant for organising the raffle which netted a very tidy profit. Feel free to assist the team before their departure by arranging a fund raiser in your club. The more money the better. Any world tournament carries a hefty price tag, and we need to keep a reserve in the kitty for the next Worlds in 2005. Good luck guys — we know you can make NZ proud. The scrabble fairy has been waving her magic wand over your tile bags and time clocks, so you are all in with a chance.

Happy scrabbling from
Lynn.



FUNFAIR RUFFIAN
Anagram cartoon by John Parker (AUS)

NZASP Rankings List as at 8 September 2003

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Jeff Grant	2128	1031.5	1332	77%	48 Frank Robinson	1530	83.5	163	51%
2 Mike Sigley	2087	614	832	74%	49 Helen Sillis	1530	494	969	51%
3 Kendall Boyd	2049	275	365	75%	50 Gerald Warner	1523	722.5	1553	47%
4 Howard Warner	2037	678	984	69%	51 Shirley van Essen	1520	189	338	56%
5 Lynne Butler	2025	593	978	61%	52 Andrew Denmead	1520	145.5	284	51%
6 Patrick Carter	2024	500.5	805	62%	53 Jean O'Brien	1497	497	977	51%
7 Blue Thorogood	1987	280	417	67%	54 Shirley Martin	1474	359.5	676	53%
8 Peter Sinton	1974	340	467	73%	55 Roger Coates	1465	363.5	755	48%
9 Rogelio Talosig	1954	112.5	174	65%	56 Hilda Scott	1452	231.5	429	54%
10 John Foster	1951	807.5	1405	57%	57 Shirley Hol	1452	291.5	605	48%
11 Denise Gordon	1916	461.5	892	52%	58 Jennifer Smith	1425	375	676	55%
12 Glennis Hale	1915	872.5	1561	56%	59 May Quigley	1424	459	1043	44%
13 Andrew Bradley	1907	378	763	50%	60 Glenda Geard	1422	605	1192	51%
14 Glenda Foster	1899	517.5	1010	51%	61 Reeva Pearson	1415	678.5	1440	47%
15 Cecilia Ruto	1881	210.5	407	52%	62 Andree Prentice	1408	527.5	1020	52%
16 Glynis Jennings	1867	323.5	679	48%	63 Doreen Ogston	1408	399	825	48%
17 Chris Hooks	1850	545	1128	48%	64 Lawson Sue	1407	77.5	123	63%
18 Steven Brown	1848	421.5	797	53%	65 Margaret Bundock	1406	486	992	49%
19 Sheryl Davidson	1836	605	1138	53%	66 Julie Atkinson	1406	132.5	237	56%
20 June Mackwell	1832	402.5	871	46%	67 Ann Candler	1400	472.5	999	47%
21 Pam Robson	1814	397	837	47%	68 Rebecca Freeth	1389	131.5	230	57%
22 Liz Fagerlund	1807	418	774	54%	69 Stewart Fleming	1382	74	151	49%
23 Rosemary Cleary	1784	366	788	46%	70 Rhoda Cashman	1361	538	1141	47%
24 Debbie Caldwell	1779	167	271	62%	71 Selena Chan	1359	82.5	119	69%
25 Lynne Powell	1772	672.5	1306	51%	72 Isabel Zyp	1349	329	659	50%
26 Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	73 Margaret Cherry	1346	255	508	50%
27 Marianne Bentley	1746	155.5	333	47%	74 Delcie Macbeth	1345	410.5	770	53%
28 Peter Jones	1739	564	1135	50%	75 Betty Eriksen	1339	415	831	50%
29 Paul Lister	1726	409.5	709	58%	76 Karyn McDougall	1335	368.5	701	53%
30 Lynn Wood	1716	787.5	1650	48%	77 Ruth O'Neill	1323	232.5	485	48%
31 Lisa McLean	1700	359.5	706	51%	78 Yvette Hewlett	1301	208.5	444	47%
32 Maureen Holliday	1688	341.5	668	51%	79 Steve Richards	1284	120	219	55%
33 Fae Olson	1688	921.5	1910	48%	80 Murray Rogers	1272	166	303	55%
34 Val Mills	1664	475	1025	46%	81 Margaret Lyall	1260	279.5	562	50%
35 Glenyss Buchanan	1660	404	826	49%	82 Marianne Patchett	1255	163.5	300	55%
36 Doreen O'Shea	1623	317.5	625	51%	83 Correne James	1250	436	930	47%
37 Eileen McLean	1623	720.5	1392	52%	84 David Bragg	1242	104.5	175	60%
38 Yvonne Wilson	1622	253	459	55%	85 Marian Ross	1235	220.5	477	46%
39 Faye Cronhelm	1595	497	991	50%	86 Amelia Carrington	1203	91	150	61%
40 Kim Graham	1592	228	404	56%	87 Stan Gregec	1199	69	117	59%
41 Janice Cherry	1590	195	350	56%	88 Carolyn Kyle	1185	232.5	461	50%
42 Joan Thomas	1582	345.5	648	53%	89 Ernie Gidman	1176	151	297	51%
43 Ann Hough	1566	243	453	54%	90 Lorraine Van Veen	1170	449	881	51%
44 Allie Quinn	1553	596.5	1241	48%	91 Lyn Dawson	1165	225	392	57%
45 Leila Thomson	1548	326	719	45%	92 Samantha Samuels	1164	82	161	51%
46 Puti Rowe	1539	382	773	49%	93 Sue Walker	1145	338.5	687	49%
47 David Gunn	1537	720	1385	52%	94 Hazel Purdie	1125	394	818	48%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Elaine Moltzen	1125	340.5	685	50%
96 Karen Miller	1100	217	453	48%
97 Roto Mitchell	1086	233	441	53%
98 Colleen Cook	1079	61	111	55%
99 Gabrielle Bolt	1069	111	206	54%
100 Pam Barlow	1069	247	468	53%
101 Allison Torrance	1066	141	250	56%
102 Liz Richards	1029	112.5	218	52%
103 Nick Ascroft	1028	45	56	80%
104 Lyn Toka	1025	231.5	445	52%
105 Amanda				
Clow-Hewer	1012	35	51	69%
106 Mescal Kelly	1011	22	33	67%
107 Jacqueline				
Coldham-Fussell	1008	291	606	48%
108 Bev Barker	1008	328	688	48%
109 Shirley Wyatt	1007	299.5	638	47%
110 Margaret Flaws	977	77	126	61%
111 Kathleen				
Mori-Barker	931	159	341	47%
112 Jill Johnson	931	107	218	49%
113 Catherine Henry	925	85	126	67%
114 Roger Cole-Baker	912	33	59	56%
115 Carole Coates	912	291	587	50%
116 Joan Pratt	912	370.5	697	53%
117 Isabel Morris	904	81.5	155	53%
118 Annette Coombes	898	322	730	44%
119 Barbara Butt	886	54	88	61%
120 Catherine Styles	862	38.5	61	63%
121 Ruth Graftman	861	157.5	304	52%
122 Rosalind Phillips	850	103	182	57%
123 Kate Wignall	847	413	831	50%
124 Veronica Zilinskas	847	64	104	62%
125 Lynn Carter	835	19	32	59%
126 Irene Hague-Smith	827	361	767	47%
127 Chris Handley	802	143.5	307	47%
128 Pam Mayall	780	201	378	53%
129 Taanga Lawrence	775	45	120	38%
130 Maria Clinton	755	80	156	51%
131 Jean Wacker	728	42	92	46%
132 Dorothy Haining	719	376	757	50%
133 Margaret Durdle	704	78	143	55%
134 Jena Yousif	698	75	160	47%
135 Yvonne MacKenzie	689	180	420	43%
136 Valma Gidman	682	368.5	740	50%
137 Dawn Smith	681	60.5	126	48%
138 Isabel Weddell	675	48	82	59%
139 Margaret Hanson	665	255	511	50%
140 Tim Henneveld	663	80.5	183	44%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
141 Iris Boulton	639	81	153	53%
142 Olwen Skelton	626	339	726	47%
143 Lil Moore	623	318.5	669	48%
144 Diane Cole-Baker	621	25	47	53%
145 Resie Coenen	603	121.5	315	39%
146 Dominic Lister	593	114	235	49%
147 Jillian Greening	568	173	368	47%
148 Janni Henneveld	551	75	184	41%
149 Elaine Ware	543	250	485	52%
150 Michael Groffman	535	56.5	125	45%
151 Ed Olson	529	547	1358	40%
152 May Meads	524	211	411	51%
153 Roslyn Lister	521	148.5	299	50%
154 Charles Kiewiet	513	76.5	161	48%
155 Wendy McIlwrick	505	62	119	52%
156 Pauline Smeaton	505	72	158	46%
157 Paula Gibbons	504	172	364	47%
158 Sharon Clarke	491	78	235	33%
159 Peter Gordon	472	21	40	53%
160 Sue Foster	460	15	39	38%
161 Maureen McBain	459	85.5	214	40%
162 Cecilia Bullo't	404	129	313	41%
163 Merle Spinetto	403	60.5	147	41%
164 Alan Medhurst	393	47.5	124	38%
165 Betty Wilson	370	137	270	51%
166 Jean Craib	367	114	305	37%
167 Noelene Bettjeman	355	16	32	50%
168 Hazel Smith	343	41	116	35%
169 Trevor Rowell	342	19	56	34%
170 Sue Mayn	337	27.5	84	33%
171 Adam Young	286	34.5	89	39%
172 Jenny Reed	279	28.5	61	47%
173 Ray Seddon	264	17	45	38%
174 Elvira Steel	222	120.5	558	22%
175 Karen Stewart	138	13.5	52	26%
176 Vera Burner	118	185.5	708	26%
177 Betty Sutherland	25	120.5	294	41%
178 Margaret Miller	0	7	26	27%

Anagram Pairs

POOPING — POGONIP
 EASTWARD — RADWASTE
 GRAVITAS — STRAVAIG
 BEATNIKS — SNAKEBIT
 UNCHAINS — ANCHUSIN
 WORKLOAD — WOODLARK
 THORAXES — OXHEARTS



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Rotorua Scrabble Club Tourney 21-22 June 2003

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	12	888	429	25
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	9.5	518	419	23
3 Howard Warner	MTA	9	590	422	19
4 Rogelio Talasig	NSB	8	224	395	22
5 Cecilia Ruto	IND	8	-123	387	24
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	7.5	184	393	22
7 John Foster	NSB	6	120	397	23
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	-212	392	22
9 Glynis Jennings	NSB	6	-328	389	17
10 Steven Brown	HAM	5	153	424	29
11 Valerie Mills	PAK	4	-314	385	14
12 Lynne Powell	HIB	4	-665	371	21
13 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-402	366	14
14 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-633	364	11
Grade B					
1 Maureen Holliday	HIB	11	466	414	15
2 Marianne Bentley	TGA	10	917	426	21
3 June Mackwell	MTA	10	459	392	18
4 Eileen Mclean	IND	9	152	401	22
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	7	-92	383	17
6 Gerald Warner	HIB	6	-29	383	14
7 Fae Olson	NSB	6	-261	385	17
8 Roger Coates	KIW	6	-298	371	17
9 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	123	379	18
10 Puti Rowe	IND	5	-74	386	18
11 Jane Walton	HAM	5	-134	380	19
12 Faye Cronhelm	IND	5	-266	381	18
13 Frank Robinson	WEL	3	-390	369	12
14 Allie Quinn	NSB	3	-573	363	14
Grade C					
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	728	413	21
2 David Gunn	WKP	9	913	415	22
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	147	372	10
4 Lawson Sue	PAK	8.5	-28	376	14
5 Julie Atkinson	MTA	8	609	398	18
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	7	36	384	17
7 Glenda Geard	IND	7	-2	374	17
8 Margaret Cherry	PAK	6	-78	375	14
9 Murray Rogers	NEL	6	-243	381	12
10 Correne James	IND	5.5	-234	359	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Rhoda Cashman	HIB	5	-438	355	13
12 Sue Walker	MTA	4	-429	358	15
13 David Bragg	ROT	3	-350	380	13
14 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	-631	347	12
Grade D					
1 Marianne Patchett	MTA	10	723	364	9
2 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	7	471	366	17
3 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	7	416	349	10
4 Hazel Purdie	MTA	7	90	355	15
5 Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	84	342	10
6 Annette Coombes	WKP	6	-76	335	15
7 Joan Pratt	HIB	6	-168	337	10
8 Bev Barker	MTA	6	-260	313	7
9 Amelia Carrington	ROT	5	10	339	12
10 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-204	333	11
11 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	5	-267	336	13
12 Margaret Flaws	TGA	5	-332	322	5
13 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-487	320	12
Grade E					
1 Carole Coates	KIW	10	873	381	11
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	10	310	353	6
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	9	612	383	12
4 Jean Wacker	TGA	8	-231	319	4
5 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	7	247	355	10
6 Ed Olson	NSB	7	207	348	10
7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	8	341	10
8 Maureen McBain	TGA	6	-209	324	7
9 Tim Henneveld	ROT	6	-247	329	2
10 Linda Moore	ROD	6	-277	334	4



Carole Coates (KIW), E Grade winner Rotorua

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Margaret Durdle	TGA	5	-31	340	4
12 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	4	-62	338	6
13 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	-267	336	7
14 Joyce Warner	TGA	2	-933	300	3
Grade F					
1 Mary Atwater		891	343	8	
2 Tina Shryder		383	292	6	
3 Maureen Rippey	TGA	9	-222	251	1
4 Verna Alding		381	318	5	
5 Karen Stewart	KIW	7	-163	269	12
6 Mary Casse	ROD	6	-39	320	15
7 Sue Mayn	ROD	6	-193	296	6
8 Noel Davenport	TGA	4	-321	256	1
9 Heather Landon		4	-704	282	4

**Waikato Phoenix
12-13 July 2003**

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	9	895	435	25
2 Jane Walton	HAM	9	514	421	22
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	8	340	407	18
4 Marianne Bentley	TGA	8	232	419	20
5 Steven Brown	HAM	7	400	409	24
6 Cecilia Ruto	IND	7	259	401	21
7 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	-59	387	19
8 Roger Coates	KIW	7	-312	378	20
9 Fae Olson	NSB	5	-31	397	24
10 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	5	-244	391	16
11 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	5	-363	386	17
12 Eileen McLean	MTA	5	-533	359	13



Resie Coenen, 3rd in D Grade Waikato

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
13 Puti Rowe	IND	5	-709	368	15
14 Pam Robson	HAM	4	-389	381	22
B Grade					
1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	10	922	417	20
2 David Gunn	WKP	10	870	436	28
3 Lawson Sue	PAK	8	708	412	20
4 Isabel Zyp	HAM	8	488	395	17
5 Glenda Geard	IND	8	311	389	14
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	-179	381	17
7 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7.5	132	375	11
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	7	193	388	15
9 Shirley Martin	HAM	7	-373	367	15
10 Samantha Samuels	KIW	5	233	377	14
11 Bernie Jardine	?	4.5	-459	356	17
12 Stan Gregec	PAK	4	-517	369	13
13 Annette Coombes	WKP	3	-653	356	20
14 Rodney Jardine	?	1	-1676	303	12

C Grade

1 Amelia Carrington	ROT	11	626	385	10
2 Margaret Flaws	TGA	9	894	399	12
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	9	221	369	8
4 Carole Coates	KIW	8	152	369	17
5 Jean Wacker	TGA	7	25	341	9
6 Pam Mayall	KIW	6	130	354	7
7 Isabel Weddell	KIW	5	-346	349	14
8 Jena Yousif	KIW	4	-451	330	7
9 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	-519	330	5
10 Ed Olson	NSB	2	-732	318	2

D Grade

1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	11	1008	356	7
2 Tim Henneveld	ROT	11	897	349	3
3 Resie Coenen	PHC	10	1022	358	8
4 Margaret Durdle	TGA	9	699	350	10
5 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	6	26	333	4
6 Grant Waghorn	WKP	6	-120	320	2
7 Sue Foster	TGA	6	-284	308	1
8 Robert Hogg	?	3	-552	281	3
9 Delwyn Hall	HAS	2	-951	259	0
10 Trish McIntosh	?	1	-1745	230	1

**Hamilton Club Tourney
9-10 August 2003**

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	BW
A Grade					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	11	1507	474	27
2 Chris Hooks	MTA	9	791	426	26
3 Glenda Foster	WEL	8	-123	395	17
4 June Mackwell	NSB	8	-181	381	19
5 John Foster	NSB	7	556	411	21
6 Steven Brown	HAM	7	206	402	30

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	BW
7 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	7	-16	386	16
8 Pam Robson	HAM	7	-241	393	18
9 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	222	408	24
10 Glynis Jennings	MTA	6	60	375	11
11 Lynne Powell	HIB	5	-706	371	19
12 Maureen Holliday	HIB	4	-449	374	15
13 Jane Walton	HAM	3	-769	356	13
14 Valerie Mills	PAK	3	-857	366	10

B Grade

1 Fae Olson	NSB	11	603	397	17
2 Faye Cronhelm	IND	9	325	382	16
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	8	573	415	17
4 Gerald Warner	HIB	8	339	397	13
5 Allie Quinn	NSB	8	10	379	14
6 David Gunn	WKP	8	0	385	22
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	7	311	393	18
8 Kim Graham	KIW	7	66	386	14
9 Puti Rowe	IND	6	125	401	20
10 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	-116	380	15
11 Roger Coates	KIW	4	-254	376	21
12 Margaret Bundock	HIB	4	-637	352	9
13 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-541	359	13
14 Isabel Zyp	HAM	3	-804	343	6

C Grade

1 Correne James	IND	10	937	400	16
2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	9	128	377	10
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	8	558	410	22
4 Rhoda Cashman	HIB	8	539	393	20
5 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	8	292	393	13
6 Amelia Carrington	ROT	8	214	389	13
7 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	7	181	373	12
8 Samantha Samuels	KIW	7	35	369	13
9 Bernie Jardine	KIW	7	-246	358	17
10 Clare Ruckstuhl	WEL	6	50	387	18
11 Karen Miller	PAK	6	-31	377	13
12 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	5	-563	355	12
13 Lyn Toka	KIW	4	-207	382	21
14 Sue Walker	MTA	4	-335	370	24
15 Bev Barker	MTA	4	-544	343	7
16 Joan Pratt	HIB	3	-1008	327	5

D Grade

1 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	11	852	392	12
2 Carole Coates	KIW	11	445	366	10
3 Margaret Flaws	TAU	10	1052	407	17
4 Pam Mayall	KIW	9	446	367	8
5 Jena Yousif	KIW	8	568	365	14
6 Janni Henneveld	ROT	8	-37	340	6
7 Catherine Henry	TAU	7	288	364	6
8 Resie Coenen	PHC	6	-41	338	6
9 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-48	348	8
10 Pauline Smeaton	TAU	6	-112	342	6
11 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	-208	336	9

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	BW
12 Jillian Greening	HAM	5	-207	344	14
13 Margaret Durdle	TAU	5	-292	338	6
14 Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	-313	330	6
15 Rodney Jardine	KIW	5	-445	337	12
16 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	-358	335	5
17 Ed Olson	NSB	4	-508	322	2
18 Sue Mayn	ROD	1	-1082	292	8

**Tauranga Tournament
30-31 August 2003**

13 Games

Grade A

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Howard Warner	MTA	10	976	443	26
2 John Foster	NSB	10	629	413	19
3 Andrew Bradley	MTA	9	1017	433	27
4 Glennis Hale	MTA	9	361	407	18
5 Steven Brown	HAM	7	234	409	26
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	7	128	390	20
7 Jane Walton	HAM	7	-317	383	19
8 June Mackwell	NSB	7	-498	380	19
9 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	18	403	21
10 Marianne Bentley	TGA	5	-103	410	15
11 Fae Olson	NSB	4	-530	380	20
12 Maureen Holliday	HIB	4	-903	354	8
13 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	-480	359	14
14 Val Mills	PHC	3	-532	366	12

Grade B

1 David Gunn	WKP	8	357	405	21
2 Frank Robinson	WEL	8	181	374	14
3 Hilda Scott	MAS	8	137	379	16
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	77	380	16
5 Puti Rowe	IND	8	-88	369	17
6 Gerald Warner	HIB	7	70	377	11
7 Glenda Geard	IND	7	-108	372	14
8 Andree Prentice	WAN	6	130	380	15
9 Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	111	390	22
10 Rhoda Cashman	HIB	6	61	366	12
11 Roger Coates	KIW	6	-2	372	15
12 Lawson Sue	PHC	6	-233	356	12
13 May Quigley	IND	5	-241	372	12
14 Correne James	IND	2	-452	361	12

Grade C

1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	11	815	391	19
2 Bernie Jardine	KIW	11	478	398	26
3 Amelia Carrington	ROT	8	550	394	13
4 Stan Gregec	IND	8	197	379	13
5 Samantha Samuels	KIW	7	253	382	19
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	7	156	371	10
7 Margaret Parsons	TPO	7	90	361	8
8 Sue Walker	MTA	7	-259	364	17
9 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	6	201	357	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
10 Karen Miller	PHC	6	-418	357	8
11 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	-365	366	10
12 Marie Cairns	TPO	4	-287	336	3
13 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-498	349	6
14 Shirley Morrison	TGA	1	-913	328	6
Grade D					
1 Margaret Flaws	TGA	10	909	404	15
2 Catherine Henry	TGA	10	542	368	11
3 Lyn Toka	KIW	10	509	383	14
4 Carole Coates	KIW	9	201	366	12
5 Kate Wignall	MTA	9	169	351	8
6 Joan Pratt	HIB	8	344	367	11
7 Annette Coombes	WKP	7	217	374	17
8 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	-159	350	8
9 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	-302	334	8
10 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	-339	343	9
11 Tim Henneveld	ROT	5	-388	336	3
12 Olwen Skelton	ROT	4	-180	342	8
13 Janni Henneveld	ROT	2	-640	314	1
14 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	2	-883	306	3
Grade E					
1 Margaret Durdle	TGA	13	498	347	8
2 Ed Olson	NSB	10	425	349	9
3 Patricia Fletcher	TGA	8.5	196	345	3
4 Maureen McBain	TGA	8	694	347	8
5 Noelene Bettjeman	HIB	8	118	318	4
6 Rodney Jardine	KIW	7	449	351	16
7 Connie Dixon	TGA	7	9	325	2
8 Sue Mayn	ROT	7	-290	310	10
9 Jacay Struik	TGA	6.5	126	331	7
10 Noel Davenhill	TGA	6.5	21	322	2
11 Hazel Smith	TGA	6	200	329	6
12 Valerie Scott	TGA	5.5	163	330	4
13 Ray Seddon	TGA	5	-161	307	0
14 Heather Landon	TGA	4	-226	316	9
15 Maureen Rippey	TGA	2	-664	286	0
16 Trish McIntosh	WKP	0	-1617	223	1

**Christchurch Open Tournament
6-7 September 2003**

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	12	835	420	29
2 Ann Hough	NEL	8	251	392	21
3 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8	45	385	20
4 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	7	21	403	16
5 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-232	383	22
6 Doreen Ogston	CHC	5	-920	337	12
Grade B					
1 Selena Chan	CHC	10	10	373	13
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	9	726	409	19

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
3 Steve Richards	NEL	8	-348	366	17
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	200	384	13
5 Marian Ross	DUN	6	-105	364	19
6 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5	-483	351	14
Grade C					
1 Margaret Lyall	CHC	12	969	407	24
2 Lyn Dawson	IND	9.5	255	376	19
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	7	-9	372	14
4 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	7	-185	369	14
5 Liz Richards	NEL	6	-483	344	10
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	3.5	-547	358	17
Grade D					
1 Allison Torrance	CHC	11	611	371	14
2 Nick Ascroft	DUN	10	485	389	17
3 Ray Goodyear	IND	9	-169	369	16
4 Isabel Morris	CHC	7	272	380	18
5 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-227	352	9
6 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	2	-975	335	12
Grade E					
1 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	11	789	389	18
2 Chris Handley	DUN	10	599	377	20
3 Kaite Hansen	CHC	8	190	355	12
4 Dawn Smith	NEL	7	-530	327	8
5 Dominic Lister	CHC	5	-515	342	13
6 Michael Groffman	DUN	4	-533	329	2
Grade F					
1 Roslyn Lister	CHC	10	231	335	6
2 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	10	10	338	3
3 Paula Gibbons	CHC	9	355	348	13
4 Wendy McLlwick	IND	9	29	341	10
5 Betty Wilson	CHC	7	261	335	8
6 Betty Sutherland	CHC	0	-916	289	3
Grade G					
1 Connie Flores	CHC	12	1192	373	11
2 Jean Craib	CHC	10	268	323	5
3 Di Barritt	CHC	8	25	308	2
4 Elvira Steel	DUN	7	-239	310	2
5 Ruth Hustler	CHC	4	-324	288	1
6 Suzanne Edwards	CHC	4	-922	294	4



Veronica Zilinskas (CHC) E 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	467	Lyn Dawson (IND) and Kathleen Mori-Barker (CHC)	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) Patrick Carter (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) Patrick Carter (MTA)
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)