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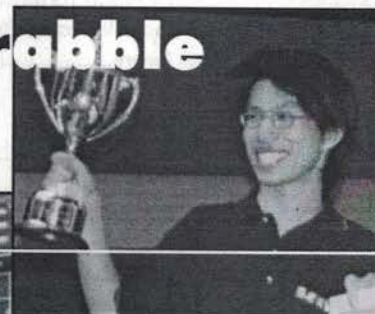
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Editor's Note



Only a handful of sleeps left till Santa makes his annual Christmas visit to New Zealand. Another year has raced by in a whirl of tournaments from club to international level.

Our WSC team did us proud in Kuala Lumpur, earning NZ a 5th spot at future World Championships. Congratulations to Jeff, Howard, Patrick and Rogelio! The Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival was another highlight of the year with NZ taking out the team event — excellent news! Mt Albert, Wanganui, Rodney, Otago, Kiwi and Waikato Phoenix all held successful tourneys in the last quarter of the year.

The Norfolk Festival will be held again next year — look for the advertisement in this issue for a very reasonable package deal. And 2004 will see the TransTasman Tournament played in Brisbane, Australia.

In late-breaking news Scrabblers worldwide have been surprised by the news that Mattel have ended their 20 year association with Chambers Dictionary. Mattel has formed an alliance with Harper Collins, publishers of the Collins English Dictionary and plan a far more comprehensive publication programme, with something like 20 titles over the first 3 years of their contract. These publications will complement all of the Mattel Scrabble products from pre-school through to the adult version that we all play. With increased distribution Collins will be able to sell to a wide selection of

retailers including supermarkets where Scrabble titles have not appeared before. Collins' first Scrabble publication will be a new Official Scrabble Words, planned for release in July 2004, the same time as the latest Chambers was due. There has not been much time to assess the impact of this information but initial reports suggest that there could be several hundred additions to, and fewer than 150 deletions from, our current word lists. Nothing will change in NZ until passed at an AGM. Our Executive will keep us informed as more information becomes available.

Sincere thanks to **everyone** who has contributed to *Forwards* over the past year. I am always happy to find letters, articles, photos, reports, jokes and cartoons in my letterbox/email. One of *Forwards* most prolific contributors is NZ's "Living Legend", Jeff Grant who is featured in this issue's Player Profile. So lengthy is Jeff's Scrabble pedigree that we've had to extend the coverage to more than 4 pages! Special mention must go as always to our Layout Editor who is the backbone of this publication. Thank you for your guidance and patience, Glenda.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas with loved ones and families — see you all in the New Year.

Closing date for March 2004 is February 22nd.

Lynne



X for Xray

from Jeff Grant

When I saw in the last Editor's Note that the upcoming new edition of Chambers Dictionary lists XRAY* (no hyphen), I began to wonder what they were playing at. Shortly afterwards I noticed a sign in a clothing store advertising 'vneck tshirts' and considered submitting these terms to Chambers. Then I thought better of it — they'd probably accept them.

As it happens the hyphenless XRAY has little to do with the traditional sense of the word. Maybe you're familiar with the phonetic alphabet starting alpha, bravo, charlie, delta, which originated around 1955. Chambers lists XRAY as the call-sign for the letter X (x for xray), so presumably we will also have some other words of this type available in Scrabble soon, namely india*, juliet*, november*, oscar*, quebec*, and yankee*.

* These words not yet allowable in NZ Scrabble.

The Sublime and the Ridiculous

from Steve Richards (NEL)

On October 10, 2003, Andrew Denmead (NEL) started a game with ISSSS?? on his rack and ended it with DJKLQWZ, while his opponent's last rack was CIIIOOV. The game crawled to a slow, painful end with Andrew being left with KQ and losing the game 369-372.

[There are five bingos with ISSSS?? — aSSISfS; SaSSleS; SiSSleS; SISSooS; SwISSeS. —Ed]

Bingos Galore

from Peter Jones

This was an interesting start to the game between myself and Doreen O'Shea at Waikato Phoenix tournament. Five consecutive bingos! Surprisingly no blanks were used in these first five turns.

TAMANIDS* was a desperation move!

We finished with seven bingos, four for Doreen, who played RONDELS, STARRIER, GOALINGS* and FATTIER. I had CONTENTS, TAMANIDS and AGATIZED.

* Not allowable.



Scrabble For Fun

from Ruth Groffman

After the success of the Fun Day we had in August, I organised another Scrabble For Fun event on World Literacy Day. Altogether we had 34 adults competing and one section comprised of tutor/learner teams, the other section played one-on-one. The Warehouse donated three Scrabble sets for prizes and we had many spot prizes to give out at the end of the day while we were working out the overall winners. Another successful venture.

I've been able to use Scrabble as one of my learning tools for my literacy and ESOL students. They both enjoy the game and we look up all the words we use.

10 letter word

from Patrick Carter

I thought one of Julie Atkinson's plays at the recent Mt Albert tourney was worthy of mention.

In the first game she had GIINNOT on a relatively blocked board about 60 points behind, and she won by extending CAP to CAPTIONING for 98.

That started a very good tournament for her. Rated near the bottom of the B Grade and expected to win 4.6 out of 13 games she finished 3rd with 9 wins.

The Great Earring Drama

from Shirley Hol

Do any of you remember the drama of the lost and found earrings during the 2003 Nationals in Wellington? Perhaps you only remember the magnificent or less than magnificent plays you made. Anyway, when I arrived back at the motel after the last day's play I was amazed to find an earring rolling around in the bottom of my suitcase which I thought I had lost at the Hamilton Nationals three years ago! It must have become dislodged from

its hiding place when I turned the suitcase on its end to make space in the small room I shared.

I was delighted with the find as I had worn them for many years. They are lapis lazuli (both words allowed in Scrabble). Since Hamilton three years ago the suitcase had travelled to Dunedin, Nelson and Bali. A good earring fairy was definitely at work in Wellington.

Jmbueld Wrods (Jumbled Words)

spotted by Jennifer Smith and Lorraine Van Veen

The Brain is a marvellous work of creation!

Just read the following sentence straight through without really thinking about it.

Acocdrnig to an Elgnsih unvisetry sutdy the oredr of letetrs in a wrod dosen't mtttaer, the olny thng that's iopmrrant is that the frsit and lsat lltter of eevry word is in the crcreot ptoision. The rset can be jmbueld and one is stlil able to raed the txet wiohtut dclffuiiyy.

Perhaps it'll be easier to find bonus words using this technique?

Farewell Lulu Holt

Our only centenarian Scrabbler, Lulu Holt, passed away on Saturday, October 18, aged 100. Lulu was a wonderful person and led a full and amazing life. She was featured in the Player Profile of the March 2003 issue of *Forwards*. Lulu was a founder member of the Mt Albert Club and will be remembered fondly by us all.

NZ Masters Games — Dunedin

Jan 31-Feb 1, 2004

We have entered Scrabble in the ACC NZ Masters Games to be held in Dunedin on the above dates. Please contact Ruth Groffman if you are interested in competing.

Phone: 03 455 1777

Email: ruthgroffman@hotmail.com



Competition Corner

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 72

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 SHAG SHAH | 11 COMA COMB |
| 2 BEAT BEAU | 12 PERU PERV |
| 3 MILK MILL | 13 CONE CONF |
| 4 BOX BOY | 14 SLAV SLAW |
| 5 TRIO TRIP | 15 STEAL STEAM |
| 6 DIVERS DIVERT | 16 KNOW KNOX |
| 7 SERE SERF | 17 HIDEOUS
HIDEOUT |
| 8 BALL BALM | 18 INDIGN INDIGO |
| 9 MAIM MAIN | 19 WALTY WALTZ |
| 10 SPAM SPAN | 20 TRUSS TRUST |

Correct entries were received from Hazel Purdie, Margaret Bignall, Margaret Forbes, Glennis Hale, Leila Thomson, Maureen Holliday, Gerald Warner, Lyn Toka, Rhoda Cashman and Jethro Snafflerod. First name out of the hat was Gerald from Hibiscus Coast Club — congratulations!

Scrabble Contest No 73

Ron Bunny and his Spanish cousin Orland played an interesting game of Scrabble recently. Ron started with CHITTED (C a blank), and stayed ahead throughout on a fairly tight board.

The end game position is shown at right.

Orland has ELY left and Ron has just one tile — the last blank. The score is 352-286 to Ron

and it is his turn. Both players have plenty of time.

1. How can Ron win?
2. How could Orland win?

The answer could be debatable, so the judge's decision is final!

The winner gets a book prize.

Good luck!

Closing date is 20 February 2004.

Send entries to:

Jeff Grant
'Ardra'
1109 Allenby Street
Hastings



Orland E L Y
Ron

And the Sign Said...

from Puti Rowe (Whakatane)

Two doctors opened an office in a small town. They put up a sign reading:

**Dr Smith and Dr Jones
Psychiatry and Proctology**

The town council was not happy with the sign and, in the name of public decency, they asked for a change in the wording. So the Doctors changed it to 'Hysterias and Posteriors'.

This was not acceptable either, so in an effort to satisfy the Council, they changed the sign to 'Schizoids and Haemorrhoids'. No go! Next they tried 'Catatonics and Colonics' — thumbs down again. Then came 'Manic-Depressives and Anal-Retentives'. But still no go!

So they tried— 'Minds and Behinds'; 'Analyst and Anal Cysts'; 'Nuts and Butts'; 'Freaks and Cheeks'; 'Loons and Moons'; 'Lost Souls and Assholes'.

None worked, especially the last one! Almost at their wits end, the Doctors finally came up with a title they thought might be accepted by the Council:

**Dr Smith and Dr Jones
Odds and Ends**

APPROVED!

New Highest Single Turn Record

At the end of October, Neil Talbot from the Wellington club set a new NZ record for a single turn at club level when he played WHEEZING through the centre and right-hand bottom treble. His score was 347 and he went on to win the game with a score of 719 to Frank Robinson's 322. The 'I' was a blank and the N was on the board.

The Rack Group (called the Rackets)

by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)



I want to introduce you to the latest craze in town
It's a music group of seven who like to dance around
They don't sing rap or rock no more — but rack's the latest craze
And people get addicted and can watch the group for days
It's like a karaoke night, singers come and go
And the more of them who vanish the more brilliant the show

Nelson Tournament

by Debbie Caldwell

Nelson's 2004 tournament, February 14&15, will celebrate the Nelson lifestyle.

As well as taking in the Opera in the Park we will also be holding a World of Wearable Scrabble Competition. Players are encouraged to wear something on a Scrabble theme so bring along your earrings, personalised tee shirts and bizarre Scrabble accessories.

Prizes will be awarded for the oddest, most imaginative creations. All of our prizes are made exclusively in Nelson, so come and win some of our great food, wine and crafts.

To top off the tournament we've also got a little something up our sleeves to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Closing date is February 2.
Entry forms from Steve Richards
03-544-0475

Come and enjoy all that Nelson has to offer.

Six Appeal

by Jaffer Gentry

- A is for ARMADA galleons at sea
- B is for BAOBAB an African tree
- C is for COCCYX the base of the back
- D is for DODDED thrown down with a thwack
- E is for ETERNE that ever withstands
- F is for FEOFFS some old feudal lands
- G is for GIGGIT to rush and not fall
- H is for HIGHTH a measure of tall
- I is for IRITIC of eyes dully shallow
- J is for JEJUNE so youthfully callow
- K is for KULAKI peasants with wealth
- L is for LYFULL in very good health
- M is for MOMISM dependence on Mother
- N is for NANKIN some cotton or other
- O is for OOLONG black dragon tea
- P is for PIPPIN as nice as can be
- Q is for QUAIGH a Scots cup for liquor
- R is for RORTER a fraudster or tricker
- S is for SOSSES dishfuls of slop
- T is for TITTUP to skippity-hop
- U is for URUBUS vultures in flocks
- V is for VIVARY a glass-sided box
- W is for WOWSER who drinks lemonade
- X is for XYSTOS a tree-lined parade
- Y is for YOWLEY the yellowhammer bird
- Z is for ZIZZLE a rare Scrabble word!



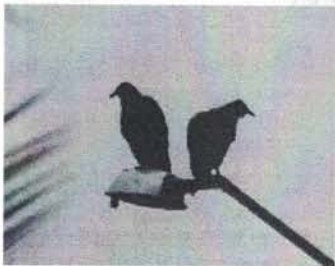
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baobab



oolong



urubus

Tournament Calendar 2004

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Tournament	Dates	Tournament	Dates
Pakuranga	24-25 January	Tauranga	28-29 August *
Nelson	14-15 February	Christchurch	11-12 September
Wellington	13-14 March	Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	19-26 September
Dunedin Open	3 & 4 April	Mt Albert	2-3 October *
NZ Masters Championship (Christchurch)	10-12 April	Wanganui	23-24 October
North Shore	24 April	Rodney	6 November
Sth Island Champs (ChCh)	8-9 May	Otago Open	13-14 November
NZ National Champs (Auckland)	5-6 June	Trans Tasman	? 25-27 November *
Rotorua		Kiwi	20 November
Waikato Phoenix	3-4 July	Waikato Phoenix	21 November
Hamilton	7-8 August		

* to be confirmed

World Scrabble Champs 2003

Team NZ in KL

Ninety players from all over the world took part in this biennial event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 21st - 24th October.

Our four representatives did us proud, with Jeff Grant (13th) and Howard Warner (20th) in the prize money, Patrick Carter just missing out in 25th place, and Rogelio Talosig in 68th place. We have received confirmation that NZ has earned itself an extra player with the efforts of the four this year — well done.

At the opening, special mention was made of the two people who have played in all 7 WSC's — Jeff Grant from New Zealand and Joel Wapnick from Canada. That's quite an achievement — well done Jeff! Both of these players proved they are still up there with the best, as they were both in the top 20 place getters at the end.

The NZ players had some support in KL from Paul Lister (who was in KL earlier, and at the WSC for just the 1st day of play), Betty Ericksen and myself.

Betty and I had the job of annotating games at either table one or two for the duration of the tournament, and also for three of the five finals games; an experience we enjoyed very much. I had also annotated at the 1999 WSC in Melbourne, so wasn't completely

new to this task. We each assigned ourselves to one of the players. We were sitting by, and slightly back from the player we were watching, so that they were distracted by our presence as little as possible. We had to write down the letters, the word played, the score and the position on the board, as well as filling in the Scrabble board grid with the words played. Quite often this was made more difficult by players leaning over their tiles or placing their hands in a position where we couldn't see the tiles easily if at all, announcing their score so quietly that we couldn't hear, and many didn't check the total during the game at all, and ended up with different totals from each other that needed to be checked. When we couldn't hear, we were doing our own additions and writing down what we thought the scores were. I was absolutely amazed at how many times mis-scored moves or totals remained uncorrected at the end of the game. As annotators we were not allowed to say anything or correct any scoring — fortunately no incorrect scoring led to the wrong player getting a win!

I annotated one New Zealand player's game — Jeff Grant, in the first game — and he beat Andrew Perry, the eventual 3rd place-getter, by 1 point!



by Liz Fagerlund

The final was an exciting tussle between two players from Thailand. After 4 games it was 2 games each, so it was down to game 5 to decide the champion. The winner and champion Panupol Sujjayakorn is the youngest by far to win this event, at only 18 years old — what a great future in Scrabble he has! The Thais certainly showed the Scrabble world they are a force to be reckoned with — they had three representatives, and they finished 1st, 2nd and 6th, very deservedly earning Thailand an extra player for the next WSC.

Most players and helpers stayed at the Corus Hotel, where the event was held, so we were able to meet and talk to many players from all over the world — what a great experience!

I also had the chance to play in 3 tournaments while there — Paul Lister and I played in a tournament on the 11th and 12th October; Paul, Howard, Rogelio and I played in the pre-WSC tournament on 16th & 17th October — (this was won by ex-NZ scrabble player Nigel Richards, who unfortunately was not able to play for either NZ or Malaysia in the main event due to each country's current selection criteria), and on the 18th an impromptu nine game tournament was organised, which Rogelio, Paul and I played in!

We had plenty of great Malaysian hospitality while there — Jocelyn Lor, one of

Malaysia's top woman Scrabblers, spent a lot of her spare time with many of us, driving us around to various places — to parks, malls, markets, Scrabble tournaments, and to meet many of her family members at their homes.

Emy Yap also invited all the New Zealanders to her apartment for swimming, dinner and Scrabble; and most of the guys took advantage of her kind invitation to her rugby club so that they could keep up with the All Blacks matches!

There were, unfortunately, some downsides in what could have been a really fantastic trip for us all. Several things were promised beforehand that didn't eventuate, such as airport pickups for players. Some participants had their credit card details copied and used while there, including two New Zealanders, and prize money has been very slow in being paid out — there may be many prize-winners still waiting, and one would have to wonder why.

ENDNOTE — the last word played in the last finals playoff game at WSC 2003!



Team NZ (from left) Howard, Patrick, Jeff, Rogelio

Panupol Sujjayakorn Analysis

by Jeff Grant

The new World Scrabble Champion is Panupol Sujjayakorn of Thailand. This shy, polite university student is the first player from outside North America or England to win the title and, more remarkably, English isn't even his first language.

To many, Panupol came from nowhere, a real mystery. We didn't find out how to pronounce his name properly until the prize-giving and 'Sujjayakorn' was missing the second 'A' in most reports of the event. An Internet check reveals five different spellings, but the evidence suggests the longer version is correct.

Panupol Sujjayakorn's name has several unusual features. His was the only name with the rare double-j (as in HAJJ and HAJJI); and the lack of common letters (he has none of those in MIGHTED*, an obsolete, non-Scrabble term meaning 'having might') was shared only by Scotland's Paul Allan.

The signs were good for Panupol who was one of only half a dozen players with a name containing KL (Kuala Lumpur). Most amazing of all though, the first two and last four letters in his name spell out his opponent in the final — PAKORN! Did this mean that Panupol 'owned' Pakorn and was destined to win?

Here are some more examples of wordplay using Panupol's name.

Anagrams

There is no Scrabble anagram of PANUPOL but PANOPLY and POPULAR come close. Someone suggested UNPOPAL* (no such word) or OPAL-PUN, but they don't satisfy. However there is a popular Italian



Panupol Sujjayakorn

boy band called LUNAPOP which has thousands of references on the Internet. No Scrabble eights contain PANUPOL, though there is the 9-letter word UNPOPULAR and the 10's POPULATING and POPULATION.

Full-name transposals are difficult too. Most are inapt nonsense, eg JOYOUS PLAN, JAR A PUNK SO PLAY OUR JAPAN JUNK

In Kuala Lumpur Panupol 'ran up' a string of victories and experienced the 'joys' of success making a 'jaup' (splash=sensation) on the international Scrabble scene. In other words he

RAN UP KL JOYS ON A JAUP

Squares

K	U	A	L	A
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A	P	E	A	K
L	E	A	V	E
A	R	K	E	D

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U	N	E	A	S	E
M	E	D	L	A	R
P	A	L	A	G	I
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R	E	R	I	S	E

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A	L	I	B	I
Y	E	T	I	S

P	A	N	U
A	T	O	P
P	O	L	O
S	K	O	L

Palindromes

Our title could have been KUALA UK if Andrew Perry or Mark Nyman had triumphed but it wasn't to be. 'Malay' can be extended to the 9-letter palindrome MALAYALAM, a language of southwest India that gives us 'teak' and 'coir'.

Kuala Lumpur is a diverse city where the senses are constantly assailed by exotic sights, smells and sounds. Taking a stroll can be quite an experience.

KL - A Walk

KL is not a cat on silk.
Noise! Hock, call, last raptures,
Or omen of one morose rut?
Parts all lack cohesion,
KL is not a cat on silk.

Here is a longer more cryptic palindrome describing Panupol's quest for Scrabble supremacy at the Scrabble 'sit-in' in KL.

No pariah talk, nil.
Every drowsy obsessor (con)?
Spot INRO, KAY a 'J' — JUS:
Lop unapt part,
Some gaming is a 'sit-in'!
It is a sign,
Image most rapt:
PANUPOL SUJJAYAKORN
is tops — no crosses!
'Boy's wordy revel in KL',
A Thai rap on!

The Three Bingo Man

Some of the New Zealanders at the World Champs in Kuala Lumpur met personable American Scrabbler Ben Withers (Jeff played him twice). In the US, Ben is known as 'The Three Bingo Man' because all his names are allowable bingos (bonus words) in Scrabble—

BENJAMIN a kind of 19th century overcoat
FRANKLIN a medieval freeholder
WITHERS the ridge between a horse's shoulder blades

Scrabble Bag

by R Doreen Hudson (LOH)

I know where there's a gremlin
that's never yet been seen.
He lives inside the Scrabble bag,
and he's often very mean.

I've tried to catch him in my hand,
he's really lots of trouble.
He dodges, giggles, hides away,
and then slips me a double.

I wouldn't mind a letter pair,
I'm an easy one to please.
But must he give me A's and O's,
and top them off with V's?

He waits until the U's are trapped,
and all the I's surrounded,
slips me the Q, Oh what to do?
I'm really quite dumbfounded.

I love to make a bonus word,
an impressive seven letter.
He gives my partners Z's and J's,
and makes their score the better.

I sometimes make him giddy,
and stir him in the bag.
I'm sure he smiles and holds the tiles,
He's a crafty little wag.

There is a way to beat him,
to fool the wicked clown.
I'll throw away the Scrabble bag,
And lay the letters all face down!

World Scrabble Championship Results

21-24 October 2003

24 Games and Best-of-Five Final

Finals

Panupol Sujjayakorn 3 - Pakorn Nemitrmansuk 2

24 Rounds

Rank	Name	Country	Wins	Spread
1	Panupol Sujjayakorn	Thai	18	1461
2	Pakorn Nemitrmansuk	Thai	17	1383
3	Andrew Perry	Eng	17	1202
4	Mark Nyman	Eng	16	975
5	James Kramer	USA	16	712
6	Komol Panyasophlert	Thai	16	418
7	Andrew Davis	Eng	16	188
8	Naween Fernando	Sri L	15	613
9	Paul Allan	Scot	15	532
10	Timothy Adamson	USA	15	438
11	Helen Gipson	Eng	15	317
12	Jim Geary	USA	15	198
13	Jeff Grant	NZ	15	-58
14	Phil Appleby	Eng	14.5	424
15	Patrick Litunya	Ken	14	1043
16	David Boys	Can	14	843
17	Joel Wapnick	Can	14	690
18	Moshood Sanni	Nig	14	581
19	Paul Cleary	Aus	14	436
20	Howard Warner	NZ	14	316
21	Akshay Bhandarkar	Ind	14	315
22	Ganesh Asirvatham	Malay	14	144
23	Tony Sim	Sing	14	-9
24	Bob Lipton	USA	13.5	541
25	Patrick Carter	NZ	13.5	229
26	Randy Hersom	USA	13	738
27	Di Dennis	Eng	13	537
28	John O'Laughlin	USA	13	360
29	Andrew Fisher	Aus	13	286
30	Andy Kurnia	Sing	13	270
31	Robert Linn	USA	13	251
32	Gareth Williams	Wales	13	132
33	David Delicata	Malta	13	80
34	Rasheed Balogun	Nig	13	-55
35	Leonardo Capuno	Phil	13	-161
36	Ralph Lobo	Oman	13	-195
37	Andrew Golding	Can	13	-357
38	Steve Polatnick	USA	12.5	226
39	Bob Jackman	Aus	12	666
40	Chrys Placca	Ghana	12	569
41	Dennis Ikekerigor	Nig	12	515
42	Walker Willingham	USA	12	248
43	Wajid Iqbal	Pak	12	168
44	Stanley Njoroge	Ken	12	126
45	Evan Berofsky	Can	12	58
46	Terry Kirk	Eng	12	11
47	Karl Khoshnaw	Kurd	12	-173
48	Peter Finley	Eng	12	-267
49	Ferdy Anthonius	Indo	12	-304
50	Michael Arthur Quao	Ghana	12	-350
51	Benjamin Withers	USA	12	-757
52	Keiichiro Hirai	Japan	12	-794
53	Trevor Hovelmeier	SA	11.5	929
54	John Lam	Malay	11.5	120
55	Dave Wiegand	USA	11	367
56	Pui Cheng Wui	Malay	11	198
57	Aaron Chong	Malay	11	30
58	Wone Mamadou	Kuwait	11	-209
59	Amit Chakrabarti	USA	11	-243
60	Ronald Credo	Phil	11	-257
61	Ron Hoekstra	Can	11	-297
62	Stewart Holden	Eng	11	-328
63	Selwyn Lobo	UAE	11	-342
64	Chris Abordo	Bah	11	-453
65	David Lloyd	Aus	11	-841
66	Mark Kenas	USA	11	-947
67	Steven Gruzd	SA	10.5	-270
68	Rogelio Talosig	NZ	10.5	-480
69	Kamath Pramit	Ind	10.5	-698
70	Michael Gongolo	Ken	10	675
71	Sam Kantimathi	USA	10	-89
72	Rich Baker	USA	10	-92
73	Dean Saldanha	Can	10	-272
74	Mario Recedes	Phil	10	-467
75	Ricardo Gonzalez	Gulf	10	-469
76	Joshua Manase Otieno	Ken	10	-542
77	Bennet Kpentey	Ghana	9.5	-449
78	Paul Kalumba	Zambia	9	-45
79	Robin John	Trin	9	-125
80	Lakshan Waniarachchi	Sri L	9	-232
81	Emanuel Chicoine	Can	9	-468
82	Kevin Abela	Malta	9	-844
83	Ishtiaq Chishty	Saud	9	-958
84	Kunihiko Kuroda	Japan	8.5	-1201
85	Dan Laurentiu Sandu	Rom	8	-651
86	Ferrer Abordo	Bah	8	-799
87	Herve Bohbot	Fra	8	-844
88	Sivanesan Saeyorn	Sri L	8	-989
89	Mushtaq Esmail	Tanz	7.5	-190
90	Bronargh Kenny	Ire	2	-3166

WSC Titbits

by Patrick Carter

Patrick has provided some colourful impressions from his first ever appearance at a WSC where he finished 25th. A wonderful debut, Patrick!

★ My first game was against Stewart Holden (ENG) and his first 3 plays were REECHY followed by the bonuses of CLAYING and MATTOIDS. Certainly a rough introduction for me. Fortunately I came back later in the game with SCIAENID and FELLERS.

★ Going out with REDIRECT against Peter Finley (ENG) and catching him with QZWCDRS on his rack for 62. Would have been a New Zealand record if it happened here.

★ Playing against Steven Gruzd (Sth Afr) both of us kitted out appropriately, myself in the black T-shirt and Steven in one with a Springbok on it. During the game I had SHINGLE on my rack with nowhere to put it, so had to play ENGLISH instead. Think what sort of omen that is for the Rugby World Cup! [Oh, how true!! — Ed] This game also produced the most exciting endgame, where I held a promising last 6 letters of GRAINS, the only play being AGRIN leaving S on my rack, was good enough for the draw. Since Steven didn't know AGRIN he had to decide whether to challenge and either win or lose the game with the word coming off or staying on for a 5 point penalty. Unfortunately for me he decided to take the draw. AGRIN is OK. That match was the last one before the King of the Hill started, so the tie meant we had to play again in the next round.



Patrick Carter

This time I managed the win (All Blacks beat Springboks in extra time).

★ Against Dave Wiegand (USA) I had the great opening rack of GONERS? and his opening play meant that I had to find the word with the S exactly in the middle for the double-double. There are about 20 something words, but only one has the S in the middle. Could I find it? No. I'll leave that one for you to work out. Luckily I managed to win this game anyway.

★ Jeff Grant, playing Paul Allan, had tracked and found the unseen 12 letters were something like CDDEGLNRRVWY. Imagine his surprise when his opponent emerges with a game winning bonus of DECRYING through a floating I.

★ When I arrived in Kuala Lumpur on the Saturday night there were some social games going on in the bar. Someone had played BUDDLEIA through a tile on the board making 4 hooks in the process. I did know the word, but nevertheless it was an impressive play. Later on in the tournament I played the top local hope Ganesh and my first rack was BDDLAIU. It looked ugly for a moment until I realised this was BUDDLEIA if he put out an E, and indeed he did! Sadly I lost a tight endgame on this one by 5 points.

★ Dennis Ikekeregog, a very pleasant young man from Nigeria, is the fastest player I have ever met. He still had more than 21 minutes left on his clock after scoring 457. Fortunately I scored 471 with the help of FLEABITE, which was a bit more than a fleabite at 98 points.

★ Another impression was the consistently high standard among

the players from the lower profile countries. Just because someone was the sole representative from a country where you would have guessed there were few Scrabblers was no cause to expect anything other than the toughest of challenges. For example I was cleaned up on the first day by Wone Mamadou the only player from Kuwait, who played 4 bingos including CIRSOID.

★ Overall impression was the courtesy and friendliness. Instead of hearing a lot of moaning about bad tiles when luck played a part in some games there was usually an apology from the winner along the lines of "Sorry, you couldn't do much there, I had everything", with the normal response being something like, "No problem, everyone has a few games like that."

Mt Albert Challenges

The following words were challenged at the Mt Albert tournament in October. Best play was Julie Atkinson's extensions of CAP to CAPTIONING to win a game in B grade.

Allowed

NONSLIP	SASTRUGI
SKIDDIER	CITATOR
PUDU	HUMIDORS
TSADDIQS	CADRANS
OUTMODE	YEVEN
MIDWAYS	MOORISH
CRAPY	EQUITANT
HAHS	DENOTIVE
YURT	TRIMER
BASTILE	OUTPASS
KANE	PAYED

Disallowed

MINTIES	POOVING
ENSUITE	REFLAKE
ROYALES	ENROUTE
LASERER	GRR
OUTREELS	MACROES
REPLUGS	REHID
TALLEYED	AGILES
SHUFTIE	GENDERER
HONDO	FEWS
VAWT	TRANNEY
OWS	TOER

The Heat Goes on in KL

by Howard Warner

This was the seventh Scrabble World Championship, but the first in Asia. There was a feeling in the steamy air of Kuala Lumpur that something different, something specifically Asian was in the offing. And so it was to prove.

Warming Up

I flew over early with Rogelio, to take part in the two-day 'pre-tournament'. Meeting us at the other end were Liz Fagerlund and Paul Lister, who had both played at a small one-day tournament the previous weekend, and Malaysian player Jocelyn Lor, who proved to be a very generous friend to Kiwis throughout.

At first we stayed at the YMCA, in the Stesen Sentral (Central Station) area. The accommodation was seedy but air-conditioned. The surroundings were colourful – full of local eateries and 'blind massage' premises.

Twelve hours after our arrival, we began playing in the warm-up event, held in the World Champs venue, at the central-city Corus Hotel. (The

venue had been changed for 'security' reasons a month before – from the glamorous Renaissance Hotel, which is part of the US-owned Marriott Group.)

The 60-strong field included Kiwi wunderkind turned KL local Nigel Richards, who was once again ineligible to play in the WSC, for either country.

Some Malaysians were asking me: "Why doesn't New Zealand let Nigel play?" Then the organisers did the draw for round one, announcing that no pairing would be from the same country. Guess what – I drew Nigel. I pointed this out, and was told: "Oh no, Nigel's Malaysian." (Go figure!)

Anyway, I went out to a good lead against Nigel and held on to win by 3 points. The next game, I clinched a lucky win by 2 points. My nerves were already on edge. I thought this must be a good omen. But that was about as good as it got. By now, my tile fortune had run out and I struggled to win games. I finished in 20th place, with nine wins out of 16. The other Kiwis – Rogelio, Liz and Paul – didn't have a great time of it either. Nigel, after dropping two games of the first



Nigel Richards (left) considers his move against Pakorn in the warm up event

three, went on to win blitz the field and win the tournament (see results over page).

The next day, many players headed off to another, hastily organised one-day tournament. I felt I needed time to relax, look around, get my bearings. Paul and I were very concerned not to miss the All Blacks playing in the round robin of that other, lesser world event happening in Australia. Luckily, we got talking to Malaysian player Emy Yap, who invited us along to her regular drinking hole, a rugby club with a passion for All Black rugby. We ended up enjoying the hospitality and live replays there on three occasions during the week ahead. The third time was after the WSC, when we dragged most of the Aussies and Poms with us, little realising that those two nations would eventually steal our thunder. Emy also put on a wonderful barbecue at her luxury condo, for all the Kiwi players (including David Lloyd, who was playing in Aussie colours).

We moved into accommodation at the Corus a couple of days before

Warm Up Tourney Results

	Name	Wins	Spread
1	Nigel Richards	12	1316
2	Mark Nyman	12	728
3	Pakorn Nemitrmansuk	11.5	370
4	Cheah Siu Hean	11	505
5	Robert Linn	11	379
6	Asirvatham Ganesh	11	222
7	Mohan Chunkath	10.5	675
8	Steve Palatnick	10	420
9	Karl Koshnow	10	262
10	Selwyn Lobo	10	245
20	Howard Warner	9	111
38	Rogelio Talasig	7	-102
48	Paul Lister	6	-372
52	Liz Fagerlund	5	-449

the main event. By now, Patrick and Jeff had arrived. There was a chance to catch up with international Scrabble friends and attend various banquets put on for us by local dignitaries. I also attended a meeting of players from many countries, to discuss the formation of a world (English-language) Scrabble players' association. This had been in the wind for some time, very much driven by Singapore player Cheah Siu Hean. A pro-tem management committee was appointed (including myself), covering all Scrabble-playing regions of the world.

The Main Event

All too quickly, the main event arrived. Whereas I had played my way through Asia during the warm-up event, now I seemed to land but British and American players. I made a strong start, winning my first four games. Then the tide turned with a 6-point loss to the eventual champion, Panupol Sujjayakorn of Thailand. This was disappointing, because I'd had a huge lead, but then let him back in with a stupid mistake and a crucial miss. But the worse was to come: in each of my last two games of the day, against Brit-turned-Aussie Andrew Fisher and local hope Ganesh Asirvatham, I was trounced by four bonus words to none. I ended day one in a reasonable position on five wins (but with an appalling negative spread), Jeff had six, Patrick four and Rogelio two. After day one, Jeff and I both performed the same, winning a dismal two games out of seven on day two and storming back on day three with seven out of nine. We finished on 15 and 14 wins respectively, he in 13th place and I

in 20th. Patrick was fairly consistent on each day. He finished half a win behind me in 25th place — an impressive showing for his first Worlds. Rogelio finished on 10.5 wins, in 68th place.

Kiwi Moments

Here are a few noteworthy Kiwi moments, both positive and negative, from those intense three days of

competition. The thumpings continued for me on day two. The most depressing was against young Englishman Andrew Perry, who eventually finished third. My opening rack was IIIIAU. I changed them all, and picked up seven consonants. He played TOUSIER for 66. I changed again. He played RELAXANT for 82. I kept changing or dumping for single-figure scores, he kept bingoing. The final score was 555-326, and he had 5 bonuses to my none.

However, I was encouraged in the first of my three games against Singaporean great Tony Sim, when I fought back from an early 180-point treble-treble and a severely closed board to win by 60 points. In another lucky escape, against Welsh wizard Gareth Williams, I played RAX (instead of REX) for 56. Gareth scored before we both noticed that the middle hook was WA! In the end, I snatched a late win after being down 100 points. I also had a



Howard Warner, David Lloyd and Patrick Carter share a table at the opening reception

comeback against Jeff on day three (my only Kiwi opponent since Nigel in the opening round of the pre-tourney), courtesy of a lucky final rack. I won by 5, after being 160 down at one stage. In fact, I made a habit of staging fightbacks from seemingly impossible positions throughout the tournament — the most satisfying feature for me.

Patrick had a real Groundhog Day on day two. After getting a draw, it was inevitable he would remeet some opponents. After the first six rounds, he noted that he had 3 and a half wins, all from either Dave Wiegand (US) or Steven Gruzd (South Africa). In fact, Wiegand seemed to meet Kiwis an awful lot. Expat Kiwi David Lloyd played American Mark Kenas three times in the king-of-the-hill stage (from round 17), and beat him each time by a big score — the first was 508 to 487! Jeff, after winning the first six games straight, dropped the next three in a row, including narrow losses to

former world champions David Boys and Joel Wapnick (both of Canada).

Rogelio saved his magic for the last round. Against Kamath Pramit, of India, he was staring at a two-point loss. But he had the presence of mind to recount the scores, and found two extra points for a draw. That was crucial in lifting Rogelio out of the bottom quarter, which, together with the other three top-third placings, helped to seal an extra place for New Zealand at the next WSC. (On previous occasions, we've got painfully close but no cigar.) However, there was a catch with that last-round draw, as the 'winner' got to keep the lovely commemorative board. So Rogelio and Kamath played another match – for the record, the other guy won the board.

Final Notes

After the round robin, I was up till midnight hammering out issues in the first meeting of the new WESPA committee, while the Scrabble addicts from Asia, Africa and Canada in particular littered the hotel lobby with boards for yet more games.

The final was a novel affair – two baby-faced Thais showing their wares instead of the usual middle-aged Anglo-Saxons. The 18-year-old eventually won out 3-2. The third Thai player, a 16-year-old schoolkid, finished sixth in the round robin. Truly, the phenomenal rise of the Thais will long be the talking point of the 2003 World Champs. New Zealand got in on the act, with the tireless Liz Fagerlund and Betty Erickson involved in the annotating the matches.

Then came the prize-giving, where they sprang a princess on us.



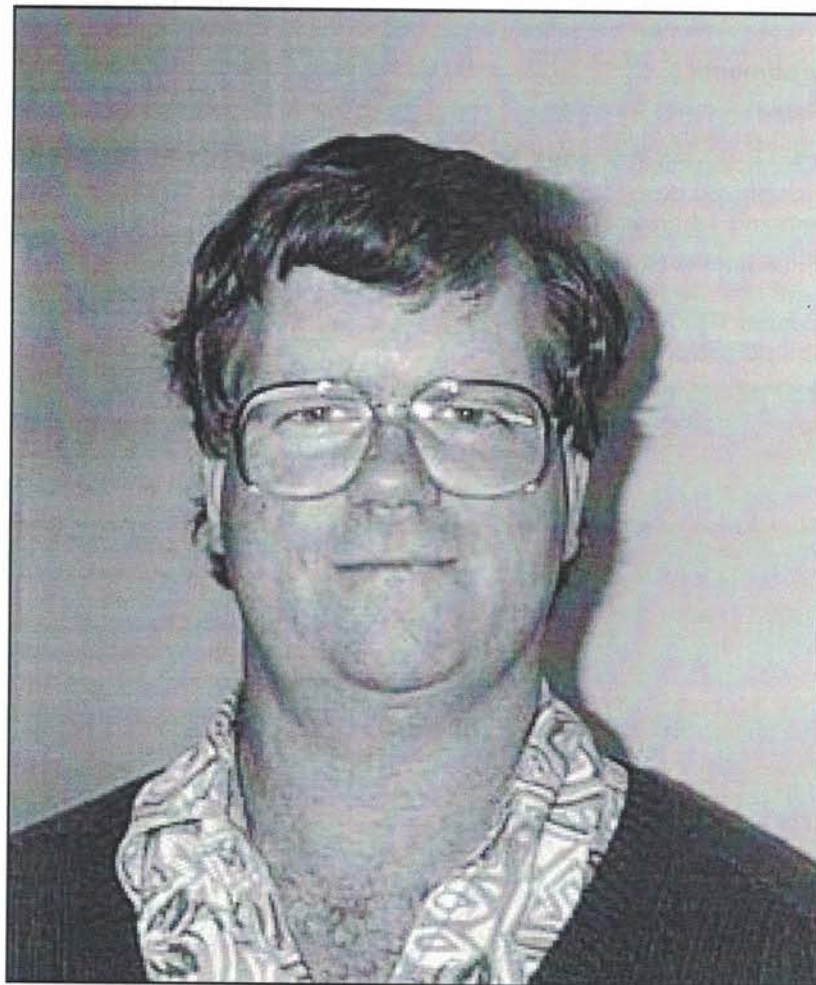
Jeff 'baggy shorts' Grant meets the princess at the prize giving

Can you imagine me in my jeans, jandals and stubble and Jeff in his baggy shorts and tennis shoes going up to rub shoulders with royalty! Actually, I was lucky to get the final prize, as I finished in the standings only one spread point ahead of another Indian, Akshay Bhandarkar. He was left berating his countryman Pramit for that 10 points he'd lost against me by going a few seconds over time. Jeff's final spread (-58) was no less bizarre, when you consider that Kenyan Patrick Litunya, one win and two places behind him, had a margin of 1043.

Anyway, statistical oddities aside, the Malaysians put on a wonderful festival of Scrabble: stunning venue, organisation and atmosphere. For one week in October, Asians proved they had the winning Scrabble formula — in all ways.

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Sam Kantimathi (US)

PLAYER PROFILE



Jeff Grant, Our own living legend

Fact File and Interview by Howard Warner

FACT FILE

Personal

- Age: 50.
- Lives in Hastings.
- Married to Pat. Two children: Heather, 27, and Richard, 19.

Tournaments

- Began playing Scrabble competitively at the 2nd National Championships, in 1981, and has played every year since, winning 14 times.
- Founded the Hastings Club. Has won over 70 tournaments, and passed 1000 game wins in tournaments.
- Has played every NZ Masters since it started in 1984, winning seven.
- Played all seven World Championships (the only other player to achieve this is Canada's Joel Wapnick, the 1999 champion); highest placings: 3rd in 1995, 13th in 1997 and 2003.
- Seldom conceded the No 1 ranking in NZ since rankings.

Other achievements

- Former vice-president of NZASP.
- Editor of Forwards magazine from 1989 to 2001.
- Awarded Life Membership of the New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players in 2001.
- Has sourced and submitted NZ words for new editions of Chambers Dictionary.

- Holds the world record for highest theoretical single Scrabble move using open dictionary sources (1970 points, base word BENZOXYCAMPHORS).
- Has written and self-published several dictionaries, including *The Concise Dictionary of 2-Letter Words* (1996) and *The Palindromicon* (a collection of over 4000 palindromes), 1st ed 1991, 2nd ed 2002.
- Has regularly contributed articles to *Word Ways: The American Journal of Recreational Linguistics* since 1977.
- Listed in various editions of *Guinness Book of Records* for compiling the longest palindromic composition (over 11,000 words) and the shortest pangram (26 letters).
- Collects dictionaries and books on Scrabble and word play.
- Together with Glennis Hale has organized the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival 8 times since 1995 and has played 7 times since 1985.
- Has represented Hawkes Bay in tennis and table tennis, and won many provincial titles in tennis doubles with his brother Neil.
- Still plays competitive tennis and hockey.
- Has tried many sports (has hit a home run in softball, thrown 180 in darts, scored a hole-in-one in golf and walked a marathon).

INTERVIEW

HW: When and how did you start playing Scrabble?

JG: I was given a 'Funworder' set for Christmas in the early '60s and started playing socially with family and friends. (Scrabble was first marketed as Funworder in NZ). In the '70s things got a bit more serious and I actually got 639 for a game in 1975.

HW: You play a wide range of sports and games. Why do you love this game so much?

JG: I have always been fascinated by words, and word-play in particular. In primary school I used to read through the dictionary, listing unusual words and definitions. A couple I remember are CIRCUMLOCUTORY and NECROPOLIS. We also played games with anagrams and word squares. I had a very enlightened teacher! It is the competitive nature of the game and the friendly people that make it so enjoyable for me. I've made many lifelong friends through Scrabble, and even started dating my wife Pat after she knitted me a Scrabble jersey!

HW: You're very well-known throughout the world of Scrabble, and I've heard NZ Scrabblers refer to you as 'The Legend'. What qualities do you think have made you such a good player?

JG: I don't know about 'Legend'. I have always had a good memory and a competitive streak, which, combined with a natural interest in words,

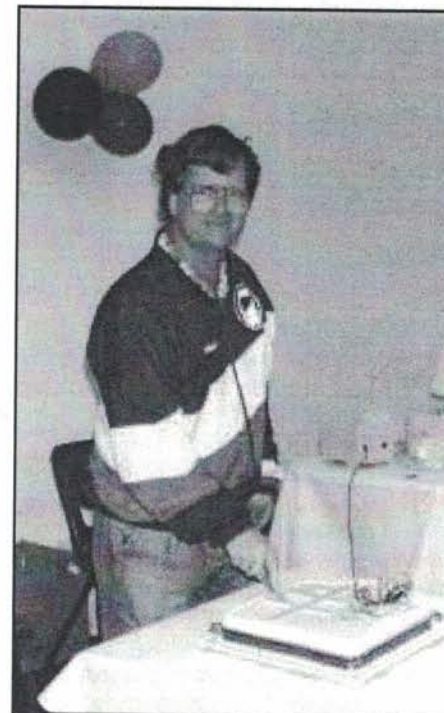
probably account for my ability. And lots of luck, of course!

HW: Who have you looked to as exemplars or models over the years?

JG: I have always admired Mike Sigley for his tremendous word knowledge. Joel Wapnick [the 1999 world champion] has also inspired me. He has been at the top of the game for a long time and his book *The Champion's Strategy for Winning Scrabble* is still my favourite.

HW: How do you practise and keep sharp for the big events?

JG: I probably don't practise as much as most players, but I do



Jeff cutting the cake at the 21st National Champs



study words intensely before major tournaments.

HW: It must be hard to keep up the level of competitiveness you need to have stayed at the top for so long. How do you maintain it? And what's left for you to achieve in the game?

JG: I don't think I have quite the same intensity now. Perhaps I'm getting more philosophical about the luck factor or maybe I'm just getting older. There are certainly other things in my life besides Scrabble. Nevertheless, I still get nervous before tournaments, which is a good sign. And I still enjoy playing, so I won't be giving it away in the near future. If I can remain competitive and keep up my playing level I'll be quite happy.

HW: Do you feel any pressure to keep up with all the latest technological developments in Scrabble?

JG: I don't have Lexpert or play on line. We've only just got a computer with email and Internet access. My methods may be old-fashioned, but I'm comfortable with books and hand-written lists

HW: After tournament games, do you analyse strategies, look up words, check anagrams?

JG: Generally I don't dwell on games too much, but I often look up words to see what I've missed.

HW: How well do you remember games you've played?

JG: Some stick in the mind, but most are quickly forgotten.

HW: Tell us about your personal records: best tournament score, best non-tournament score, best word score?

"I don't think anything beats the feeling of winning my first Nationals back in 1981"

JG: My best tournament score is 666, and 212 for BRUNIZEM is my best word score — apart from the 419 for QUIZZIFY I scored against Pat in a 'very' friendly game. My best game score ever is 751 (including 7 bonus words), scored without the JQXZ and 2 of the S's, on a club afternoon in Hastings.

HW: I know non-Scrabble playing journalists always ask: "What's your best word?", which is pretty hard to answer. But do you have any all-time favourites?

JG: Offhand it's hard to recall many. Maybe the treble-treble BRUNIZEM play and out play ENGRAINER (holding NARRING) [both produced to slaughter one H. Warner], and extending OLOGIES to CRIMINOLOGIES once on a tight board.

HW: Do you have a favourite tournament result from the many?

JG: I don't think anything beats the feeling of winning my first Nationals back in 1981. They were a bit scared of me because a magazine article before the event stated that I averaged over 600! In more recent times, my 3rd at the 1995 World Champs in London was a huge buzz too.

HW: Who has been your toughest

opponent over the years?

JG: All my opponents are tough and deserve respect, because any of them can beat you. I have at one time or another played most of the world's top players. If pushed to name the one I consider the best, I would say Nigel Richards.

HW: How does the game compare now with when you began playing?

JG: The standard is definitely much higher now and the game is more technical, with tile-tracking, clocks and computer adjudication. It is great to have so many tournaments each year (there was only the Nationals originally), and of course the World Champs and international events have given the game a higher profile.

HW: What is your feeling about the future of the game, both in New Zealand and internationally?

JG: It would be nice to have more young players in New Zealand, but the base for the game is good. We are lucky to have such proficient and dedicated people involved in Scrabble here. The international scene should continue to flourish, particularly if big prize-money events are held. Asia is the place it all seems to be happening at the moment. Maybe this year's domination by the Thais at the World Champs is a pointer to the future. We are slowly moving towards the ultimate goal in international Scrabble: one dictionary and one set of rules for everyone. I am sure it will happen eventually.

Rules By Liz Fagerlund

Do you play in tournaments? Do you know the NZASP rules — especially ones governing tournament play? I know many people don't, and have probably never read the rules. Remember, if you are playing in a tournament you must follow and abide by the rules. Never seen them? They are on the NZASP website www.scrabble.co.nz, or ask a committee member of your club for a copy.

Clubs get their members into tournaments; I think it should be their responsibility to provide members with a set of rules. Clubs should always have the rules available at a tournament.

Do you disagree with some of the rules and think there should be some changes or additions? The committee is looking at better wording and changes for some of the rules — if you have any input please contact a committee member. Any new rules or changes must be voted on at the AGM.

Very Punny

☺ Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. However, all the league records were unfortunately destroyed in a fire. Thus we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

☺ A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. I'm busy. You'll just have to be a little patient."

WESPA No Longer a Whisper

by Howard Warner

International tournament Scrabble has taken a major step forward with the formation of WESPA (the World English-language Scrabble Players Association).

During the recent World Championships in Kuala Lumpur, players from many countries gathered to share ideas for this much talked-about and long-awaited organisation, and to start the ball rolling. The association aims to promote tournament Scrabble (in English) around the world, with a unified set of rules and words; provide a unified voice for players; and provide an umbrella for national and regional player associations. (Similar bodies for French and Spanish-language Scrabble have already been in existence for some time.)

An 11-strong pro-tem management committee was formed, with members representing regions of the world. There are two members each for Britain/Europe, North America/Israel, Africa and South Asia, and one member each for Australasia, East Asia and the Gulf. (The game's proprietors, Mattel

and Hasbro, are also invited to committee meetings as observers.)

Committee members will work in task groups to set up different aspects of WESPA's structure. These include tournaments, rules, sponsorship, finance, ratings, word sources, communications and education. The association chairman is Allan Simmons, who also chairs the British players association, ABSPA. The secretary is Cheah Siu Hean, of Singapore, which means WESPA will be based in Singapore. Cheah has been driving the concept since early this year, in anticipation of the Worlds coming to his region. I am on the committee, representing Australasia. And together with Roy Kietzman, the Gulf member, I will work on communications. This includes the setting-up of a website to keep everyone informed (and let you have your say, too).

The association is still in the formative stages and will not be active in the tournament scene at least until after the task groups have reported back in around four months. But keep watching this space...

Very Punny

☺ A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day his supply of the birds ran out, so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.

☺ A thief broke into a local police station and stole all the bathroom fixtures. A police spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

15th Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival 2003

Scrabble in Paradise

By Allison Torrance (CHC)

The 15th Annual Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival in September surpassed high expectations.

Good Scrabble, fun and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

The highlight for New Zealand participants was winning the team event, despite being outnumbered 27-7 by the Australians. The win ranked on a par with the Kiwis winning the one-off rugby league test against the Kangaroos!

Individual team members were:

Correne James	NZ Champ	MTA
Allison Torrance	B grade runner up	CHC
Pat Grant	C grade winner	IND
Yvonne Mackenzie	D grade winner	CHC
Margaret Hanson	D grade runner up	NSB

The 'Q' was prominent in two categories—

The most unusual word

ACEQUIA Peggy Womersley
(B grade Aus)

Highest Scoring Word

EQUINAL (138 pts) Betty Irwin
(C grade Aus)

Highest Individual Game Score

528 pts Joy Smith
(C grade Aus)

It's an intriguing conundrum that none of these players were in

A Grade!

Glennis Hale and Jeff Grant ran and

adjudicated the tournament, optional knockout tournament and the daily puzzles with friendly efficiency.

Supplying the personal Norfolk Island links were Agnes, Lee and Rebecca from the Norfolk Island Travel Centre. Besides their behind the scenes efforts, Rebecca came daily to the venue, the Colonial Hotel, and calmly organized our tour bookings.

My tour highlights were—

- ▲ A 7am bush walk with a cliff top breakfast, and again on a cliff top, eating the local trumpeter fish as we watched the huge, glowing sun sink down.
- ▲ The evocative sound and light show at the old penal colony.
- ▲ Experiencing the story of Fetcher Christian, the Mutiny on the Bounty and its descendants who settled on Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands, through an amazing 360° panoramic painting, with a 3D effect.

Just as in Scrabble there is an end game, the Festival Week too came to an end. We left the stately Norfolk pines and the pure fresh air of Norfolk Island — until the next time.



15th Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival 2003 Results

Name	Country	Wins	Points	B/W
Anson Bay				
1 Rene Chelton	AUS	14	8158	20
2 Patricia Mitchell	AUS	14	7972	31
3 Jim Warmington	AUS	12	8250	22
4 Lorraine Thomas	AUS	12	8229	25
5 Correne James	NZ	12	7586	26
6 Margaret Warmington	AUS	7	7369	22
7 Ann McBain	AUS	7	7249	18
8 Fay Grose	AUS	6	7510	13
Ball Bay				
1 Chlorise O'Sullivan	AUS	17	8117	17
2 Allison Torrance	NZ	15	7558	22
3 Peggy Womersley	AUS	12	7460	15
4 Vicki Underhill	AUS	11	7361	14
5 Dolores Barbon	AUS	11	6467	10
6 Esther Rolfe	AUS	10	7171	15
7 Wayne Willis	AUS	6	7140	14
8 Bill Bates	AUS	2	6710	9
Cascade Bay				
1 Pat Grant	NZ	18	7892	20
2 Claire Dove	AUS	16	7278	9
3 Maureen Dobb	AUS	11	7011	11
4 Betty Irwin	AUS	10	7436	16
5 Maria Clinton	NZ	10	7143	12
6 Noeline Thoma	AUS	8	6860	15
7 Jacky Booth	AUS	6	6856	18
8 Joy Smith	AUS	5	7135	10
Duncombe Bay				
1 Yvonne MacKenzie	NZ	17	8180	24
2 Margaret Hanson	NZ	15	7114	9

Name	Country	Wins	Points	B/W
3 Jeanette Hansen	AUS	14.5	7346	19
4 Jean Craib	NZ	11	7229	10
5 Sheila Ward	AUS	11	7023	11
6 Sherie Brown	AUS	10.5	7656	16
7 Joanna Dalton	AUS	9	6848	1
8 Brian Irwin	AUS	7	6829	18
9 Ann Gash	AUS	5	6639	6
10 Nancy Haig	AUS	5	6452	3

Prizes

Most Unusual Word

ACEQUIA Peggy Womersley

Highest individual game score

528 Joy Smith

Highest scoring word

EQUINAL (138) Betty Irwin
QUANGOS (138) Margaret Hanson

Word Puzzles

1 Peggy Womersley & Claire Dove
2 Correne James
3 Jacky Booth

Knockout winner

Rene Chelton

Knockout R/U

Betty Irwin

NZ Champ

Correne James

Aus Champ
Rene Chelton

Team Trophy
New Zealand

Sportsperson
Bill Bates

A Grade winner and Australian champion Rene Chelton (centre) with Glennis Hale and Jeff Grant



Norfolk Spots

by Jeff Grant

At the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival spot prizes are awarded in every round. Sometimes there is just one, sometimes three or more, and don't always go to the highest scores.

Sea word

Rene (FRY), Pat (PAUA), and Claire (SEA). Maureen (ZITIS)

Z word

Margaret W (TREZES)

Plant word

Winner was Noeline (JONQUIL 60) plus honourable mention to Correne (IVY) and Vicki (DAISY)

Lowest Winning Score

Jeanette with 327 points

Animal word

Rene (ZORIL), Margaret W (ZO), Noeline (DZHO & CANINE).

-ing word

prizes to Pat (HEATINGS 94), Jacky (SEINING) and Maria (ZINGY) plus honourable mentions to Esther (SOARING), Yvonne (STAGING), Sherie (CEASING), Betty (ZESTING) and Joy (DRAWLING)

Food and Drink

Jacky (DINNERS 77), Ann M (COB & RYE)

Low Bonus

Claire (GALLERIA 59) — amazingly Claire had equalled the world record of 56 in the previous game!

Bird word

Betty (ERNE), Jacky (MOA), Noeline (QUAIL)

Q word

Maureen (QUEENY), Margaret W (UNQUIET), Sherie (SQUAILS), Fay (SQUARES 72) — this was Fay's 8th

Norfolk festival, and she always brings her tennis racquet. Over the years we have had many enjoyable games. Fay and her husband will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary early next year.

Colour word

Joy (JET), Claire (AQUA), Peggy (DYE, LIMES)

Mystery spot

Wayne for Narrowest Loss

Best Try

We had fun awarding joky items for the 'Best Try'. How many of these would you challenge? SPINING (Nancy), SLANTER (Esther), TALISMEN (Noeleen), HAULINGS (Peggy). It's hard to believe they're all wrong!

Body Parts word

Vicki (LIVERS), Wayne (RIB), Patricia (HANDING) — Jacky played QUEUE 68 (a pigtail) but missed a prize because someone thought it should have been CUE, which is actually 'a twist of hair at the back of the head'. Oops, sorry Jacky! Jacky's word knowledge is exceptional and she loves playing unusual ones as well as doing all the wordy puzzles we run during the week.

Shopping word

Maureen (COUPON), Claire (MART)

X word

Jean (AX 53), Jim (ZAX 53) — when Jean first came to Norfolk in 1999 she didn't win a game. This time she won eleven! Jim and Margaret finally made it to the festival after wanting to come for 16 years. Jim was one of several players to have a birthday during the week. At 83 years young he's a real inspiration!

Double E word

We gave a prize to Wayne for his cheek in putting EE for 5 points, Patricia (EEK, PEEK), Claire (FEE, FEED, NEE), Bill (AJEE) — Bill had his two sons with him and by all accounts they had a ball.

Sport word

Vicki (SWING), Fay (BALM, HUNK), Jean (TILLER, RATINGS)

Person's Name

Fay (BETTY), Yvonne (JOY), Jacky (VENUS), Joy (JOE), Brian (SHEILAS 87) — Brian and Betty are also celebrating their 50th anniversary next year. They have always wanted to visit Niagara Falls and Brian tells me he's already booked the barrel!

By the end of play on Friday, 25 of the 34 participants had won spot prizes.

There were many weird and wonderful words played during the week, eg Claire's GRIFTING (swindling) and GALLERIA (a shopping arcade); Peggy's AEONIAN (eternal); Jim's APOSTIL (a marginal note); Renes JONES (a drug addiction); Maureen's ZOOEAS (crab larvae); Noeline's PEYOTE (a Mexican intoxicant made from cactus tops); Patricia's AFLAJ (water channels in Oman).

The award for Most Unusual Word of the Festival went to Peggy whose 112 point ACEQUIA (an irrigation ditch) was played on the very first day.

Another great Scrabble festival has come and gone on beautiful Norfolk Island. I'm sure everyone has lots of happy memories. Several players have already booked for next year. Why not join us for a truly memorable Scrabble experience in 2004!

Norfolk Images from A to Z

by Jeff Grant

This is an alphabetic verse, where the first word starts with A, the second with B, and so on through to the last word which starts with Z.

Anson Bay, cows drifting,
Exploring ferny glades,
Historic island jails,
Kingston — living memories,
Norfolk's original people,
Quality Row, Salty Theatre,
Unique! Vibrant!
Wonderful xenophiles,
Yearlong zest.

[Xenophiles are people like the hospitable Norfolk Islanders, who are fond of foreigners, and make them welcome on their island.]



NZ winning team — Correne James, Pat Grant, Yvonne McKenzie, Margaret Hanson, Allison Torrance with Jeff (far left) and Glennis (far right)

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The Battle of the Nile

by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)

The Battle of the Nile, Egypt in 1798 was one of the most decisive naval battles to ever have been played out — in one night it altered the course of world history, denying Napoleon his Eastern Empire, and crippling him at sea. For its

victors, the British under Admiral Nelson, it was also a textbook example of daring inventiveness, unconventional warfare, and the power of individual initiative.

How different might the world have been if they'd tried to settle their differences over the board...

THE BATTLE OF THE TILE ...



NATIONALS — AUCKLAND

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 5/6 JUNE 2004

Next year's National Scrabble champs will be held in the Roskill and Districts Indoor Bowls hall at Chaucer school, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland.

Accommodation

The following accommodation options are close to the venue —

Portage Peninsula Hotel, 18 Elm St Avondale.
ph 09 828 1179, fax 09 828 3496,
email peninsula@xtra.co.nz

It is on a no exit street that leads to the racecourse, and is very quiet. The rooms sleep 2 and have bathrooms & tea and coffee making facilities; a restaurant for breakfast etc. Rooms aren't flash, but they look clean & spacious enough. Some of the rooms have inter-connecting doors between 2 units. The usual price is \$75 a room, but if you book and say it's for Scrabble the room will be \$70. They were very helpful and friendly and this would be my first pick — the price is good too.

New Haven Motel,
3162 Great North Road, New Lynn.
ph 09 827 2013, fax 09 827 2872
reservation freephone 0800 003123
email info@new-haven.co.nz
web site www.new-haven.co.nz

These are very nice motel units with various size units — the biggest sleep 4 and cost \$160 a night. Great North Road is busy, but a lot of the units are back from the road a bit.

Avondale Motor Park, 46 Bollard Ave, Avondale
ph 09 828 7228 fax 09 828 3344
email avondalemotorpark@nzwide.co.nz

This camp has tourist flats, cabins, on-site caravans, and campervans welcome. However, the prices aren't much cheaper than Portage (range from \$65 for 2, \$15 for an extra, to \$55 for 2, \$12 for extra in a room with 6 beds all in 1 room.) On top of that you need to either take your own bedding or hire it on site.

All these options are approx 5 to 10 minutes drive from the playing venue.



CLUB NEWS

Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

Canterbury Open Sept 6-7

Dunedin players did pretty well. Of the 8 who entered, Karyn McDougal came 2nd in the B Grade with 9 wins, Nick Ascroft second in D Grade with 10 wins, and Chris Handley second in the E Grade with 10 wins.

Quiz (1). Find the bonus words:

- (1) ILNNORU
- (2) ILNOOPS
- (3) ILNOPY

Bonus words

Both Karyn McDougal and Nick Ascroft have scored 4 bonus words in a single game recently. Well done.

100 games Club

Karyn McDougal	169
Nick Ascroft	135
Chris Handley	129
Ruth Groffman	126
Michael Groffman	114
Daisy Madden	102
Elvira Steel	102

Competitions

	Played	Won	Ave
Round Robin			
Peter Sinton	40	38	460
Karyn McDougal	40	20	383
Bill Grigg	38	19	368
Ladder			
Bill Grigg	19	7	379
Daisy Madden	13	5	344
Chris Handley	14	9	382
	Played	Won	Ave

Challenge

Peter Sinton	22	19	477
Bill Grigg	28	23	406
Karyn McDougal	103	78	407

Dictionary			
Karyn McDougal	11	10	460
Paul Freeman	16	9	430
Donnelle Willcocks	11	8	352

High Scores

Win

Peter Sinton C 703

Loss

Chris Handley L 450

Turn

Daisy Madden C 149

Member's news

Donelle Willcocks joined the club early this year. She entered our recent tournament and came second on the D Grade. She is getting married in December and will be moving to Geraldine. We wish her and her new husband a happy time together. There is talk of starting a club in Geraldine (or Timaru or Oamaru) so here's hoping.

Quiz (2)

Which of the following is/are correct?

- (A) JODHPUR
- (B) OPIOIDS
- (C) SPIROID

Otago Lion Open Nov 15-16

Dunedin clean sweep — Peter Sinton won A Grade, Nick Ascroft won B Grade, Ruth Groffman won C Grade and Ella Rushton won D Grade.

Donnelle Willcocks and Anne-Louise Milne were first-timers.

Shirley Hol (A Grade Christchurch) had AAEIMNS on her rack and could not see the bonus word that she knew was there. After the game she asked Bill who immediately said "AMNESIA". Very

impressed, she was relating this to a friend and, at the crucial moment, had to call across to Bill "What was that word I missed?".

New Zealand Masters Games

Dunedin January/February 2004. Scrabble is on the list, so if you are over 35, and are not ashamed to admit it, think about joining in. There will be two lists — rated and unrated players. For further information contact Ruth Groffman on 03 455 1777 or email her at ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

Tournaments next year

Dunedin Open April 3-4 Two one-day tournaments. 8 per grade \$14 per day Otago Lion Open November 13-14 Two day tournament 6 per grade \$28

Answers

Quiz 1 - 1. LINURON 2. PLOSION 3. YPSILON
Quiz 2 - All words are correct

Merry Christmas to you all. May the Tile Fairies continue to smile on you in 2004 (except when you are playing me).

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters eg POESY to SEPOY and UNTILED to DILUENT. On a higher level, the movie THE TOWERING INFERNO was once reviewed anagrammatically as NOT WORTH FIRE ENGINE! Here are anagrams of six Scrabblers at the recent World Champs in Kuala Lumpur whose names all contain the appropriate letters KL.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| KARL KHOSHNAW
(Kurdistan-Iraq) | KNOW A HARSH KL
(came 47th) |
| PATRICK LITUNYA
(Kenya) | RAPT IN KL ACUITY
(15th, top African player and tournament High Game of 634) |
| KOMOL PANYASOPHONLERT
(Thailand) | A MOON PALES, NO KL TROPHY
(maybe not, but he performed brilliantly for 6th) |
| LINDA VICKERS
(Wales) | KL CAVED IN, SIR
(a late withdrawal) |
| JOEL WAPNICK
(Canada) | COP A JEW IN KL
(as consistent as ever) |
| WALKER WILLINGHAM
(US) | LAG WHILE IN WARM KL
(came 42nd) |

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



One of the highlights on the 2003 Scrabble calendar was the 7th World Scrabble Championship, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October.

Thanks to all those clubs and individuals who did fundraising to help our four players get to KL; a great effort, and our four players did us proud, finishing in 13th (Jeff), 20th (Howard), 25th (Patrick) and 68th (Rogelio). We have received confirmation that this effort has probably earned us an extra slot for the 2005 WSC. Well done guys!

Scrabble tournaments are over in NZ for 2003, but I'm sure there will still be plenty of Scrabble games played in clubs and homes before tournaments start again in 2004.

Thanks to all the clubs who ran

tournaments — it can be a lot of work — but I'm sure all the keen competitive players appreciate your efforts to help feed their Scrabble addiction!!

I know some clubs had very low numbers in their tournaments this year, making committees hesitant about continuing to hold tournaments. Let's hope numbers pick up next year.

There is information in this edition of *Forwards* about next year's Masters in Christchurch and next year's Nationals in Auckland; for those of you who want to get organised early (especially for the cheap airfares!)

Wishing you all a happy and safe Xmas and New Year.

Liz

NZ Masters—Christchurch

If you are in the top 24 on the NZ ranking list, you are eligible for this event.

The dates for Easter next year are 10th - 12th April.

If you are planning on playing, look at getting your airfares booked as soon as you can to take advantage of cheap airfares!

Don't forget when booking, play is 8 games on Saturday and Sunday, 7 games on Monday.

If you need help with accommodation, contact Shirley van Essen at antone@ihug.co.nz or phone 03 343-2214.



A small number of words start with the letter Y followed by a consonant. Here are a dozen to bedazzle your opponents.

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|--------|-----------|--------|
| YBET | YMOLTEN | YRIVD |
| YBOUND | YNAMBU | YSAME |
| YCLEFT | YPSILOID | YTTRIC |
| YLIKE | YRAVISHED | YWROKE |

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NZASP Rankings List as at 10 December 2003

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Patrick Carter	2089	517.5	825	63%	48 Leila Thomson	1533	330	733	45%
2 Jeff Grant	2086	1039.5	1345	77%	49 Andrew Denmead	1524	153.5	298	52%
3 Kendall Boyd	2049	275	365	75%	50 Shirley van Essen	1520	189	338	56%
4 Howard Warner	2047	703	1018	69%	51 Jean O'Brien	1513	516	1018	51%
5 Mike Sigley	2022	623	846	74%	52 Roger Coates	1512	375.5	776	48%
6 Lynne Butler	1985	603	992	61%	53 Gerald Warner	1494	731.5	1573	47%
7 Peter Sinton	1981	354	482	73%	54 Shirley Hol	1481	298.5	620	48%
8 Rogelio Talosig	1974	129.5	201	64%	55 Hilda Scott	1471	238.5	443	54%
9 Glenda Foster	1949	526.5	1024	51%	56 Karyn McDougall	1470	376.5	716	53%
10 Denise Gordon	1916	461.5	892	52%	57 Rebecca Freeth	1462	136.5	237	58%
11 Glennis Hale	1911	888.5	1595	56%	58 Maureen Holliday	1442	346.5	688	50%
12 Andrew Bradley	1903	388	783	50%	59 Jennifer Smith	1436	391.5	711	55%
13 John Foster	1898	822.5	1439	57%	60 Doreen Ogston	1432	405	840	48%
14 Lynne Powell	1851	682.5	1326	51%	61 Margaret Bundock	1432	494.5	1012	49%
15 Steven Brown	1848	430.5	818	53%	62 Frank Robinson	1409	87.5	177	49%
16 Cecilia Ruto	1841	221.5	434	51%	63 Shirley Martin	1401	372.5	710	52%
17 Sheryl Davidson	1836	605	1138	53%	64 May Quigley	1400	464	1057	44%
18 June Mackwell	1832	402.5	871	46%	65 Reeva Pearson	1397	683.5	1454	47%
19 Pam Robson	1814	397	837	47%	66 Stewart Fleming	1382	74	151	49%
20 Glynis Jennings	1813	332.5	706	47%	67 Margaret Cherry	1374	267	529	50%
21 Liz Fagerlund	1800	431.5	801	54%	68 Yvette Hewlett	1366	229.5	472	49%
22 Lisa McLean	1786	366	719	51%	69 Ann Candler	1360	486.5	1033	47%
23 Rosemary Cleary	1784	366	788	46%	70 Isabel Zyp	1349	329	659	50%
24 Chris Hooks	1783	560	1162	48%	71 Glenda Geard	1341	613	1219	50%
25 Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	72 Delcie Macbeth	1339	418.5	784	53%
26 Marianne Bentley	1746	155.5	333	47%	73 Correne James	1330	460	964	48%
27 Ann Hough	1744	254	467	54%	74 Steve Richards	1284	120	219	55%
28 Paul Lister	1726	409.5	709	58%	75 Selena Chan	1281	84.5	134	63%
29 Lynn Wood	1722	798.5	1677	48%	76 Rhoda Cashman	1281	540	1148	47%
30 Doreen O'Shea	1691	325.5	639	51%	77 Murray Rogers	1272	166	303	55%
31 Debbie Caldwell	1689	175	286	61%	78 Stan Gregec	1261	82	137	60%
32 Peter Jones	1686	569	1149	50%	79 Marianne Patchett	1255	163.5	300	55%
33 Glenyss Buchanan	1674	411	840	49%	80 Sue Walker	1244	356.5	721	49%
34 Eileen McLean	1661	741.5	1426	52%	81 David Bragg	1242	104.5	175	60%
35 Julie Atkinson	1655	163.5	285	57%	82 Lorraine Van Veen	1200	460	902	51%
36 Val Mills	1654	494	1059	47%	83 Andree Prentice	1200	546.5	1061	52%
37 Fae Olson	1639	943.5	1958	48%	84 Betty Eriksen	1196	421	844	50%
38 David Gunn	1614	746	1433	52%	85 Amelia Carrington	1185	104	177	59%
39 Joan Thomas	1602	355.5	669	53%	86 Nick Ascroft	1182	55	71	77%
40 Faye Cronhelm	1595	497	991	50%	87 Ernie Gidman	1176	151	297	51%
41 Yvonne Wilson	1594	260	473	55%	88 Karen Miller	1171	237	487	49%
42 Helen Sillis	1578	510	997	51%	89 Lyn Dawson	1165	225	392	57%
43 Janice Cherry	1566	205	371	55%	90 Margaret Llyall	1151	287.5	577	50%
44 Lawson Sue	1565	95.5	150	64%	91 Marian Ross	1142	228.5	492	46%
45 Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%	92 Hazel Purdie	1129	416	852	49%
46 Allie Quinn	1553	596.5	1241	48%	93 Elaine Moltzen	1100	344.5	692	50%
47 Kim Graham	1534	234	418	56%	94 Colleen Cook	1079	61	111	55%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Gabrielle Bolt	1069	111	206	54%	142 Pauline Smeaton	631	81	171	47%
96 Samantha Samuels	1069	87	175	50%	143 Maureen McBain	631	97.5	240	41%
97 Allison Torrance	1066	141	250	56%	144 Lil Moore	623	318.5	669	48%
98 Lyn Toka	1064	239.5	459	52%	145 Diane Cole-Baker	621	25	47	53%
99 Carolyn Kyle	1055	238.5	476	50%	146 Tim Henneveld	607	86.5	197	44%
100 Shirley Wyatt	1050	309.5	658	47%	147 Michael Groffman	605	63.5	140	45%
101 Margaret Flaws	1049	85	140	61%	148 Dominic Lister	593	114	235	49%
102 Isabel Morris	1049	88.5	170	52%	149 Olwen Skelton	589	346.5	746	46%
103 Pam Barlow	1046	257	488	53%	150 Resie Coenen	523	133.5	347	38%
104 Liz Richards	1029	112.5	218	52%	151 Roslyn Lister	521	148.5	299	50%
105 Kathleen					152 Charles Kiewiet	513	76.5	161	48%
Mori-Barker	1011	165	356	46%	153 Janni Henneveld	512	80	198	40%
106 Joan Pratt	1003	380.5	717	53%	154 Paula Gibbons	507	177	379	47%
107 Roto Mitchell	1002	240	455	53%	155 Wendy McIlwrick	505	62	119	52%
108 Bev Barker	990	339	715	47%	156 Jillian Greening	504	179	380	47%
109 Catherine Henry	974	92	140	66%	157 Sharon Clarke	503	81	249	33%
110 Carole Coates	970	301	608	50%	158 Sue Foster	460	15	39	38%
111 Valma Gidman	960	384	760	51%	159 Betty Wilson	447	141	285	49%
112 Jacqueline					160 Noelene Beltjeman	425	18	45	40%
Coldham-Fussell	937	296	620	48%	161 Jenny Reed	400	34.5	67	51%
113 Jill Johnson	931	107	218	49%	162 Alan Medhurst	393	47.5	124	38%
114 Irene Hague-Smith	908	365	774	47%	163 Ed Olson	377	560	1405	40%
115 Annette Coombes	898	322	730	44%	164 Trevor Rowell	353	27	71	38%
116 Elaine Ware	897	265	505	52%	165 Cecilia Bullo't	339	130	327	40%
117 Barbara Butt	886	54	88	61%	166 Hazel Smith	303	42	122	34%
118 Catherine Styles	862	38.5	61	63%	167 Jean Craib	299	121	320	38%
119 Rosalind Phillips	850	103	182	57%	168 Ray Seddon	264	17	45	38%
120 Pam Mayall	849	206	384	54%	169 Elvira Steel	252	126.5	573	22%
121 Veronica Zilinskas	847	64	104	62%	170 Elvie Perrin	234	9	23	39%
122 Mescal Kelly	846	29	53	55%	171 Sue Mayn	224	29.5	91	32%
123 Kate Wignall	818	430	865	50%	172 Karen Stewart	138	13.5	52	26%
124 Roger Cole-Baker	816	41	72	57%	173 Vera Burner	118	185.5	708	26%
125 Ruth Groffman	814	168.5	319	53%	174 Betty Sutherland	25	120.5	294	41%
126 Lynn Carter	805	39	65	60%	175 Margaret Miller	0	8	32	25%
127 Taanga Lawrence	797	51	134	38%					
128 Jim Wills	783	59	90	66%					
129 Maria Clinton	755	80	156	51%					
130 Jean Wacker	737	56	118	47%					
131 Chris Handley	710	152.5	322	47%					
132 Margaret Hanson	709	273	545	50%					
133 Jena Yousif	708	90	186	48%					
134 Dorothy Haining	703	379	764	50%					
135 David Sutcliffe	702	103	190	54%					
136 Yvonne MacKenzie	689	180	420	43%					
137 Dawn Smith	681	60.5	126	48%					
138 Isabel Weddell	675	48	82	59%					
139 Margaret Durdle	674	83	156	53%					
140 May Meads	646	217	424	51%					
141 Iris Boulton	639	81	153	53%					

Hall Layout at a Tournament

by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)

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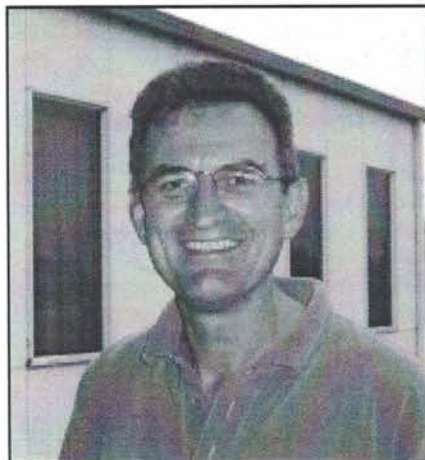
TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Mt Albert Tournament

4th and 5th October 2003
13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	11	1584	459	26
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	10	775	419	22
3 Jeff Grant	IND	8	316	414	21
4 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	8	-242	389	17
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	7	81	393	18
6 Andrew Bradley	MTA	7	-25	400	22
7 Lisa McLean	IND	6.5	-235	391	16
8 John Foster	NSB	6	-31	382	16
9 Cecilia Ruto	IND	6	-158	381	15
10 Lynne Powell	HIB	6	-431	375	20
11 Glynis Jennings	MTA	5	-136	395	19
12 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	-528	363	16
13 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3.5	-256	368	11
14 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-714	362	15
Grade B					
1 Eileen McLean	MTA	10	614	408	21
2 David Gunn	WKP	10	433	409	25
3 Julie Atkinson	MTA	9	405	401	20
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	25	379	16



Stan Gregec (IND) C grade winner Mt Albert

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Val Mills	PHC	7	257	374	10
6 Ann Candler	NSB	7	127	382	15
7 Lawson Sue	PHC	7	-152	377	14
8 Fae Olson	NSB	6	76	387	16
9 Shirley Martin	HAM	6	-332	367	12
10 Margaret Bundock	HIB	5	-473	364	12
11 Gerald Warner	HIB	4	-73	396	15
12 Maureen Holliday	HIB	4	-234	374	13
13 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-308	377	15
14 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	-365	367	11
Grade C					
1 Correne James	IND	11	827	408	16
2 Stan Gregec	IND	9	847	415	20
3 Karl Scherer	NSB	9	441	386	9
4 Sue Walker	MTA	7	514	398	24
5 Amelia Carrington	ROT	7	234	376	11
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	7	222	373	13
7 Joan Pratt	HIB	7	103	375	15
8 Karen Miller	PHC	7	-190	362	11
9 Pam Barlow	PAK	6	-109	364	13
10 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-165	362	12
11 Bev Barker	MTA	5	-241	350	10
12 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	-437	340	4
13 Liz Catchpole	MTA	3	-1179	318	3
14 Mescal Kelly	MTA	2	-867	322	5
Grade D					
1 Valma Gidman	ROD	11.5	729	385	14
2 Jena Yousif	KIW	10	211	368	9
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	9	589	381	12
4 Roger French	MTA	9	241	366	10
5 Lynn Carter	IND	9	-18	352	8
6 Jim Wills	PAK	8	821	390	19
7 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	8	117	369	10
8 Maureen McBain	TAU	8	36	347	9
9 Elaine Ware	MTA	8	27	367	11
10 May Meads	PHC	6	31	368	16
11 Jean Wacker	TGA	6	-196	335	8
12 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	-453	329	5
13 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	-606	317	4
14 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2.5	-267	350	7
15 Noelene Bettjeman	HIB	2	-727	300	6
16 Ed Olson	NSB	0	-535	329	4

Rodney Club Tournament

8-November

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	7	757	460	15
2 Howard Warner	MTA	5	437	411	8
3 Lynne Powell	HIB	4	-290	381	10
4 Steven Brown	HAM	3	81	401	15
5 Andrew Bradley	MTA	3	-77	384	10
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	-174	403	13
7 John Foster	NSB	2	-321	374	10
8 Glynis Jennings	MTA	2	-413	392	8

B Grade

1 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	307	401	9
2 Val Mills	PAK	5	207	412	11
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	5	123	397	8
4 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	163	396	8
5 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-90	386	8
6 Julie Atkinson	MTA	3	-152	387	13
7 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	-303	394	11
8 David Gunn	WKP	1	-255	394	21

C Grade

1 Gerald Warner	HIB	5	301	409	6
2 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	5	270	420	10
3 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4.5	228	407	9
4 Roger Coates	KIW	4	75	402	10
5 Margaret Bundock	HIB	3.5	6	372	5
6 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-222	378	5
7 Shirley Martin	HAM	2	-402	362	8
8 Maureen Holliday	HIB	1	-256	358	4

D Grade

1 Sue Walker	MTA	5	270	347	12
2 Correne James	IND	5	163	381	8
3 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	127	377	6
4 Karl Scherer	NSB	4	-169	351	5
5 Isobel Yorke	HIB	3	284	390	5
6 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-146	381	9
7 Rhoda Cashman	HIB	2	-160	359	4
8 Lorraine van Veen	IND	2	-369	350	8

E Grade

1 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	5	278	376	4
2 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	180	373	8
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	174	375	6
4 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	4	0	331	9
5 Joan Pratt	HIB	3	-33	378	7
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	-137	347	5
7 Carole Coates	KIW	3	-342	350	7
8 Bev Barker	MTA	2	-120	354	6

F Grade

1 Elaine Ware	MTA	7	289	381	7
2 Mescal Kelly	MTA	5	130	356	3
3 Jim Wills	PAK	4	344	395	10



Julie Atkinson (MTA) B grade winner Wanganui

Wanganui Scrabble Tournament

October 25-26 2003

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Ann Hough	NEL	11	374	407	17
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	10	705	428	24
3 Mike Sigley	WAN	9	1079	443	35
4 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	7	237	400	21
5 Fae Olson	NSB	7	-232	386	20
6 David Gunn	WKP	6	-224	405	21
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	4	-704	371	16
8 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-1235	352	14
Grade B					
1 Julie Atkinson	MTA	12	853	419	23
2 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8	-87	376	18
3 Helen Sillis	NPL	8	-99	373	16
4 Jennifer Smith	HAM	7	-64	382	16
5 Hilda Scott	MAS	7	-393	371	15
6 Reeva Pearson	STR	5	-167	391	27
7 May Quigley	IND	5	-251	359	13
8 Frank Robinson	WEL	4	208	384	18
Grade C					
1 Yvette Hewlett	IND	14	1737	434	27
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	11	1159	414	18
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	10	335	395	16
4 Karen Miller	PAK	10	316	377	9
5 Jean Walsh	WAN	9	-72	360	18
6 Roto Mitchell	WAN	7	730	397	16
7 Ed Olson	NSB	7	-13	339	8
8 Taanga Lawrence	HAS	6	-154	357	9
9 Daphne Hick	NPL	5	-546	326	4
10 Sharon Clarke	STR	3	-1058	303	10
11 Cecilia Bullo't	WAN	1	-1177	306	2
12 Audrey Plane	WAN	1	-1257	302	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Paddy Glen	ROD	3	17	360	5
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	-244	327	3
6 Ruth Munnings	ROD	2	-28	356	5
7 Tim Henneveld	ROT	2	-226	308	1
8 Lynn Carter	NSB	2	-282	333	1
G Grade					
1 Lyres Freeth	ROD	6	341	377	7
2 Linda Moore	ROD	6	230	352	4
3 Olwen Skelton	ROD	5	141	379	6
4 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	30	354	3
5 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	-45	336	4
6 Ed Olson	NSB	2	-156	336	5
7 Elvie Perrin	ROD	1	-191	336	2
8 Janni Henneveld	ROT	1	-350	316	2
H Grade					
1 Jenny Reed	ROD	7	701	391	3
2 Pat Bryan	MTA	7	603	362	2
3 Joan Jones	HIB	5	-67	317	1
4 Betty Wyatt	ROD	4	171	319	1
5 Joy Hewson	HIB	4	3	343	1
6 Sue Mayn	ROD	2	-158	313	4
7 Melody Freeth	ROD	2	-181	323	2
8 Margaret Miller	HIB	2	-378	306	0
9 Mary Casse	HIB	2	-638	265	3

Otago Lion Open Tournament

15-16 November
15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Peter Sinton	DUN	14	1335	443	27
2 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	686	407	22
3 Karyn McDougall	DUN	8	-299	371	13
4 Shirley Hol	CHC	7	20	384	21
5 Doreen Ogston	CHC	6	-771	335	17
6 Selena Chan	CHC	2	-971	348	15

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
B Grade					
1 Nick Ascroft	DUN	10	930	399	12
2 Marian Ross	DUN	8	50	371	16
3 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	-147	370	19
4 Isabel Morris	CHC	7	31	382	14
5 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	6	-155	380	13
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	6	-709	359	19
C Grade					
1 Ruth Groffman	DUN	11	234	365	12
2 Chris Handley	DUN	9	604	387	17
3 Kaite Hansen	CHC	9	300	385	11
4 Michael Groffman	DUN	7	78	359	6
5 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5	-432	329	10
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	4	-784	319	10
D Grade					
1 Ella Rushton	DUN	13	1934	397	10
2 Donnelle Willcocks	DUN	10	805	364	10
3 Trevor Rowell	DUN	8	215	339	9
4 Jean Craib	CHC	7	-308	324	7
5 Elvira Steel	DUN	6	-368	311	4
6 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	1	-2278	226	0

Kiwi Christmas Tournament

22 November
7 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	5	306	432	13
2 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	5	106	420	12
3 Steven Brown	HAM	5	54	411	16
4 Cecilia Ruto	IND	4	331	422	2
5 John Foster	NSB	3	44	387	10
6 Glenda Foster	WEL	3	-123	389	9
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	-333	365	6
8 Glennis Hale	MTA	1	-385	363	7



The playing room at the Kiwi Christmas tournament

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
B Grade					
1 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	300	379	7
2 Eileen McLean	MTA	5	69	402	10
3 Julie Atkinson	MTA	5	-31	367	8
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	268	402	11
5 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-90	371	7
6 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	3	-158	368	7
7 Val Mills	PAK	2	-87	367	5
8 Peter Jones	HAM	1	-271	365	9
C Grade					
1 David Gunn	WKP	5	-60	396	12
2 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	193	403	9
3 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	4	104	407	8
4 Puti Rowe	IND	4	-53	399	12
5 Janice Cherry	PAK	4	-54	386	7
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	139	410	11
7 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	45	402	12
8 Kim Graham	KIWI	1	-314	373	10
D Grade					
1 Roger Coates	KIWI	6	564	430	14
2 Lawson Sue	PAK	5	480	421	10
3 Kevin Edgeler	TOK	5	229	392	10
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	41	375	5
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-347	348	5
6 Glenda Geard	IND	2	-257	347	7
7 Yvette Hewlett	IND	2	-400	349	7
8 Shirley Martin	HAM	1	-310	341	7
E Grade					
1 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	192	394	7
2 Correne James	IND	4	191	390	5
3 Amelia Carrington	ROT	4	-17	360	6
4 Lesley Edgeler	TOK	4	-99	358	4
5 Andree Prentice	WAN	3	152	395	9
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	119	397	10
7 Samantha Samuels	KIWI	3	-356	363	9
8 Su Walker	MTA	2	-182	366	8
F Grade					
1 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	6	365	400	6
2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	53	394	8
3 Carole Coates	KIWI	4	62	363	7
4 Catherine Henry	TGA	4	-32	351	6
5 Margaret Flaws	TGA	3	148	369	6
6 Lyn Toko	KIWI	3	-25	364	8
7 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIWI	3	-203	348	3
8 Kate Wignall	MTA	0	-368	325	4
G Grade					
1 Pam Mayall	KIWI	6	643	408	4
2 Jean Wacker	TGA	6	178	348	5
3 Lynn Carter	NSB	5	262	366	3
4 Jena Yousif	KIWI	3	3	350	4
5 Margaret Durdle	TGA	3	-152	335	4

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Maureen McBain	TGA	3	-326	327	4
7 Elsie Pugh	KIWI	2	-608	300	1
H Grade					
1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	361	383	8
2 Tina Shryder	ROT	5	181	336	2
3 Tim Henneveld	ROT	4	186	362	5
4 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	143	360	4
5 Jillian Greening	HAM	4	-16	334	8
6 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	3	-17	336	2
7 Marie Kingi	KIWI	3	-80	343	7
8 Ed Olson	NSB	3	-244	324	4
9 Resie Coenen	PHC	2	-82	344	4
10 John Cirne	ROT	1	-432	287	3

Waikato Phoenix Tournament

23 November
7 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Glennis Hale	MTA	6	479	441	15
2 Glenda Foster	WEL	6	368	439	15
3 John Foster	NSB	4	384	411	10
4 Howard Warner	MTA	4	379	445	11
5 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	4	-42	385	12
6 Glynis Jennings	MTA	2	-256	403	6
7 Steven Brown	HAM	1	-580	369	9
8 Cecilia Ruto	IND	1	-732	366	9
B Grade					
1 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	288	386	6
2 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	5	204	404	12
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	202	396	9
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-11	353	5
5 Peter Jones	HAM	4	-63	396	13
6 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-280	352	7
7 Julie Atkinson	MTA	2	-251	361	10
8 Eileen McLean	MTA	1	-89	357	8
Name Club Wins Spread Ave B/W					



Joan Thomas (HAS) playing Janice Cherry (PAK) at Waikato

C Grade						
1	Val Mills	PAK	5	391	405	8
2	Joan Thomas	HAS	5	278	401	11
3	Helen Sillis	NPL	4	140	383	10
4	David Gunn	WKP	4	7	391	14
5	Puti Rowe	IND	3	22	375	5
6	Yvonne Wilson	HAS	3	-122	390	10
7	Roger Coates	KIW	2	-298	339	6
8	Janice Cherry	PAK	2	-418	358	8
D Grade						
1	Lawson Sue	PAK	6	356	396	7
2	Jean O'Brien	IND	5	234	388	8
3	Kim Graham	KIW	5	44	376	10
4	Shirley Martin	HAM	4	-56	361	7
5	Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	5	366	7
6	Glenda Geard	IND	2	-147	368	8
7	Jennifer Smith	HAM	2	-201	364	6
8	Ann Candler	NSB	1	-235	380	10
E Grade						
1	Yvette Hewlett	IND	5	721	466	17
2	Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	208	413	11
3	Sue Walker	MTA	4	-30	391	7
4	Stan Gregec	IND	4	-138	382	10
5	Correne James	IND	4	-204	367	4
6	Lorraine Van Veen	IND	3	18	387	10
7	Amelia Carrington	ROT	2	-39	394	11
8	Andree Prentice	WAN	1	-536	359	7
F Grade						
1	Margaret Flaws	TGA	5	256	387	6
2	Lyn Toka	KIW	5	193	390	9
3	Bev Barker	MTA	4	233	367	7
4	Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	193	370	4
5	Carole Coates	KIW	3	22	370	9
6	Catherine Henry	TGA	3	-428	340	4
7	Samantha Samuels	KIW	2	-176	346	8
8	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	2	-293	345	7
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W	

G Grade						
1	Kate Wignall	MTA	5	371	375	7
2	Lynn Carter	NSB	5	330	389	6
3	Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	252	367	5
4	Jena Yousif	KIW	3	3	343	3
5	Jean Wacker	TGA	3	-101	335	3
6	Margaret Durdle	TGA	3	-143	360	7
7	David Sutcliffe	WKP	3	-218	344	10
8	Maureen McBain	TGA	2	-494	309	3
H Grade						
1	Pauline Smeaton	TGA	7	245	353	2
2	Resie Coenen	PHC	6	90	335	1
3	Jillian Greening	HAM	4	182	344	7
4	Ed Olson	NSB	2	-234	303	1
5	Hazel Smith	MMP	2	-283	299	2



Kate Wignall (MTA), G grade winner at Waikato

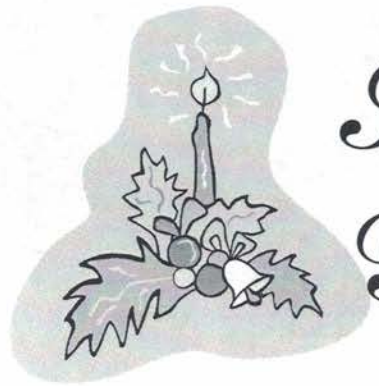
NZ Scrabble Records

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)	347	Neil Talbot (WEL)
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) & Glenyss Buchanan (LOH) Nigel Richards (CHC) & John Foster (IND)	8	Dawn Kitzen (PHC) & Chris Hooks (MTA)
Highest Average Single Tournament (Any Grade)	584	Nigel Richards (CHC)	—	—

NZ Masters (23 Games)

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



Season's Greetings