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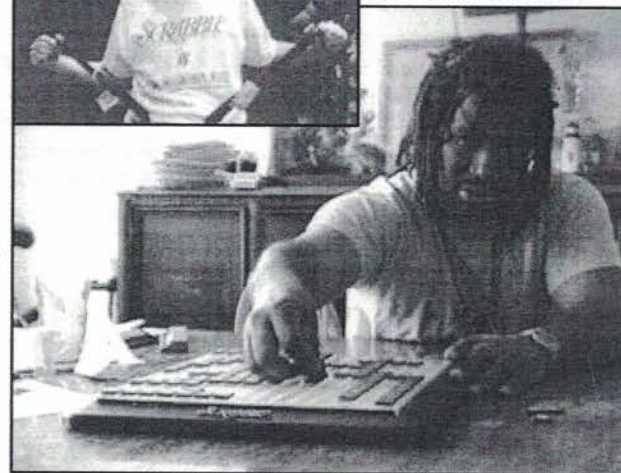
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Joel Sherman and Marlon Hill are two of the US players who feature in this documentary about Scrabble

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Editor's Note



Sorry folks — this is almost an April issue! The holdup was all my fault — after the Pakuranga tournament I got pneumonia and have been out of action for quite a few weeks. I'm feeling fine now, but many thanks to Jeff, Howard, Glenda and others who stepped in to help get the mag finished.

We're well into a new year and there have been successful and fun-filled tournaments at Pakuranga, Nelson and Wellington. The Masters will be in Christchurch this year giving Mainlanders a chance to witness or participate in this premier Scrabble event. Prior to the Nationals in June, North Shore will hold their one-day in April and the South Island Champs will be in Christchurch the second week of May.

Negotiations between Scrabble representatives and Collins Dictionary are currently taking place, but nothing is finalised as yet regarding the change from Chambers. Jeff Grant is involved with the process (through the WESPA Dictionary Committee), and they should be able to announce something more definite soon. Howard Warner is also doing good work as Publicity Officer for WESPA, so New Zealand's interests are well represented.

It is very disappointing to hear that prize money for last year's World Scrabble Tournament has not yet been paid out (except to 3 minor place-getters who received cash on the last day). Many promises have been made by Nik Zamri whose latest promise was for payment "between February 2004 and May 2004". Not an acceptable timeframe when Zamri was paid the monies in 2003 by Mattel prior to the tournament. Come on Mr Zamri — cough up!

Thanks once more to all contributors to *Forwards*. Your jokes, letters, articles, photos, cartoons, club news, puzzles and gossip etc are all gratefully received. Please either email or 'snailmail' me with anything of interest. Glenda Foster has done an amazing job of the layout and distribution of *Forwards* as always — thanks Glenda!

Keep those tiles rattling,

Lynne

STOP PRESS

Mattel have agreed to pay prize monies to WSC place-getters and will resolve issues of non-payment with those responsible.



Mailbox

Renovating

from J Gentry

An English friend of ours recently bought an old cottage. He wrote to us,

"The place needs to be *recladded* and *replied*, then we will *recarpet* and *rewallpaper*, and we may *rebrick* the fireplace and *rethatch* the roof too."

Amazing! Six non-Scrabble words in one sentence.

Strip Scrabble?

from Peter Jones

Walking past a playing table at the Pakuranga tournament, I saw the word **BRALESS** on a rack.

I was not brave enough to ask if she got it down!

Y Fronts

One of the less common front hooks is the letter Y. This list is of words that are valid with or without the Y front.

YBET	YBLENT	YBORE
YBOUND	YBRENT	YCLAD
YCOND	YDRAD	YCLEPT
YFERE	YGO	YGOE
YLIKE	YMOLT	YMOLTEN
YPIGHT	YPLAST	YPLIGHT
YRAPT	YRAVISHED	YRENT
YSAME	YSHEND	YSHENDING
YSHENDS	YSLAKED	YWIS
YWROKE		

World Champs

from Lyn Toka (KIW)

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Liz, Patrick and Howard for their interesting and informative accounts of the World Champs. It was most enjoyable to read their individual insights into the games and the atmosphere of the tournament.

It's Infectious

from Howard Warner

A quirky TV ad from Singapore that I saw on Ruby Wax's Commercial Breakdown recently:

A cute young lady is deep in silent concentration. Suddenly she smiles and exclaims: "I've got syphilis!"

An image of the word spelled out in Scrabble tiles appears, followed by the claim: "Scrabble, the world's favourite game."

Life Memberships

from Ruth Groffman

At the AGM last month Marian Ross and Bill Grigg were honoured with Life Membership to the Dunedin Scrabble Club in recognition of their unstintingly dedicated service to Scrabble over many years. Both have experienced ill-health in the last couple of years but have still played on. We wish them many more long years of scrabbling.

Hello, Hello, Hello!		
The many and various ways to spell a simple greeting.		
HALLO	HALLOA	HALLOO
HELLO	HILLO	HILLOA
HOLLA	HOLLO	HOLLOA
HOLLOO	HULLO	HULLOA

Zhuzh up the sofa, honey!

2003 was the year that 'text' became established as a verb, 'embed' became a noun, and the state of California was taken over by a man variously referred to as the 'governator' or the 'gropenfuhrer'.

Such are the linguistic trends picked up by the American Dialect Society in its annual list of new words and usages. The society's top word of the year was 'metrosexual' defined variously as 'a fashion-conscious heterosexual' or someone 'who has clearly taken himself as his own love object'. Other intriguing words included 'manscaping', to describe the shaving habits of men who prefer to be without body hair, and 'zhuzh', meaning to fluff up, or primp ("I zhuzhed my cushions to make the place cosy for Brad").

Food-related neologisms included 'flexitarian', to denote a vegetarian who occasionally eats meat, and 'freegan', meaning someone who will eat anything as long as it is free.

The society, based at Duke University in North Carolina, compiles its list by voting on suggestions from its members. It is an indicator of how fast language moves that some of 2002's will already seem old hat, such as 'weapons of mass destruction', 'google', 'blog' and 'regime change'. But who now remembers 'Iraqnophobia', or

'sausage fest', a term to describe a party with more men than women?

Winning words for 2003

- ★ **ass hat**: a thoughtless or stupid person
- ★ **Bennifer**: the couple of Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, now sadly redundant
- ★ **cliterati**: feminist writers or opinion-leaders. Winner in the 'most outrageous' category, the word or phrase most likely to cause complaint
- ★ **extraordinary rendition**: deportation to a country that will receive a person unkindly, such as with torture
- ★ **freedom**: replacing 'French' in phrases or compound nouns such as French fries, French kiss and French tickler. Winner 'most unnecessary' category
- ★ **tomacco**: a hybrid of tomato and tobacco, which happens to be poisonous. Winner 'least likely to be here next year' category
- ★ **population reduction**: a combat assignment
- ★ **tanorexia**: the condition of being addicted to tanning
- ★ **tofurkey**: a lookalike faux turkey crafted from tofu
- ★ **transfer tube**: a body bag



Competition Corner

Solution:Scrabble Contest No 73

Ron wins by making his blank an H and playing it under the blank on the board to make CH. He scores zero, but wins 364-286. Orland can win if Ron either passes or makes an incorrect play, such as FERMI/LIM or IODICS, and gets challenged off. If Orland gets another turn he can make LEVY/WE/POXY in the top right corner for 67 and win by 353-352!

Correct entries were received from Jean Wacker, Christine Chapman, Hazel Purdie, Margaret Bignell, Margaret Flaws, Maureen McBain, Jethro Snafflerod, Lynne Butler, Margaret Lyall, Lyn Toka and Rhoda Cashman. First name out of the hat was Lyn Toka from Kiwi Club — congratulations!

Scrabble Contest No 74

The personal plate 10SNE1 is owned by a tennis-player, a urologist has 2PCME, and the Goldwaters have AUH2O. Who do you think would drive vehicles displaying these plates?

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 PRKST8 | 6 EN4CR |
| 2 IFIXTYM | 7 GGPOL0 |
| 3 4ESTRY | 8 ABORST |
| 4 DRESGE | 9 XAGFRN |
| 5 ROTO2 | 10 MRZZZZ |

The winner gets a book prize.

Good luck!

Closing date is 20 May 2004.

Send entries to:

Jeff Grant

'Ardra'

1109 Allenby Street

Hastings

Lucky Foursome

Wellington Scrabble Club Tournament organiser Lynn Wood went well on the first day of the event — March 13. The next day was her birthday, and everything was going according to plan until game 13, which she lost by 13 points. Needing to win the last game, Lynn scraped in to take the B grade on countback by the narrow margin of (you guessed it) 13 points!

Fishy

The North Pacific candle-fish is so oily it is dried and used as a candle. Here are NINE variant spellings:-
 EULACHAN EULACHON
 OOLACHAN OOLAKAN
 OULAKAN OULACHON
 ULICON ULICHON
 ULIKON

Tournament Calendar

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

* to be confirmed

Word Wars

a review of the film by Hollywood reporter James Greenberg

Word Wars is a crowd-pleasing if calculated documentary about the professional Scrabble circuit. *Word Wars* will inevitably be compared to *Spellbound*, though it was started before that film came out.

The film adheres to the formula of following eccentric characters in a competitive situation. Without a story that demands to be told, it lacks the urgency and significance of a great documentary but still offers a diverting entertainment for a television audience.

The action picks up six months before the National Scrabble Championship in San Diego (2002) as four disparate characters try to whip themselves into mental and physical shape. Joe Edley, the defending champion, is the most controlled of the contestants. He practices tai chi, eats well and has a somewhat normal family life. He has memorized the dictionary several times over and bones up by going over cue cards while driving in his car.

Marlon Hill is the nonconformist in the group. A dreadlocked black man from Baltimore, he's an anomaly in a community that values athletic prowess more than mental accomplishment. With a fondness for pot and prostitutes, he's the wild man on the Scrabble circuit.

As much as he tries to keep himself together with an array of herbal mind-enhancing drugs, Matt Graham is his own worst enemy. A talented player who likes a little wager on the side, he melts down before the end of the championships.

The most colorful character is 'G.I.' Joel Sherman. 'G.I.' stands for gastrointestinal — he regularly swigs from a Maalox bottle. A wisp of a man who is propelled by nervous energy, he arrives in San Diego with huge dark rings under his eyes.

Unlike *Spellbound*, where the contestants don't interact outside the contest, the four characters here are alternately competitive and supportive outside the arena. Their passion is admirable, but the pursuit seems a bit arcane as they lay out words you've never heard of.

Directors Eric Chaikin (himself a Scrabble-playing fanatic) and Julian Petrillo keep things moving with the help of some cool graphics, but everyone may not care as much as they do about Scrabble. The 700 contestants filing into the nationals look like extras from *Night of the Living Dead*.

Scrabble Film

The film *Word Wars — Tiles and Tribulations on the Scrabble Circuit* premiered at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, US, on January 15-25. It was a great honour to be included in the documentary section, where only sixteen were accepted out of more than 500 entries. Co-director Eric Chaikin stated, "While not everyone who appeared before our cameras during the 18 months of shooting appears in the film, my crew and I have really appreciated the enthusiasm, openness and support of the Scrabble community."

(More details about Sundance can be found at their website www.sundance.org)

If Romans had been Scrabble players...

by Debbie Caldwell (NEL)

Julius Caesar:

Scrabblia est omnis divisa in partas septem
(All Scrabble is divided into seven parts.)

lacta tessera est
(The tile is cast.)

Veni, ludi, vici.
(I came, I played, I conquered.)

Catullus:

Da mi tesserar vacua mille.
(Give me a thousand blanks.)

Horace:

Si possis recte si no, quocumque modo verba.
(If possible make words honestly, if not, make them by any means.)

Martial:

Lasciva est nobis verba vita proba.
(My words are smutty but my life is pure.)

Petronius:

Scimus te prae litteras fatuum esse.
(We know that you are mad with much learning.)

Terence:

Id arbor, ad prime in Scrabblia esse utile, ut nequid nimis. (My view is that the most important thing in Scrabble is never to have too much of anything.)

Virgil:

Bonorum sacra fames!
(Detestable desire for bonuses!)

O mihi praeteritas referat si Iuppiter bonos.
(Would only Jupiter give me back my missed bonuses.)

Latet bonus in pluteo.
(A bonus lurks on my rack.)

Sed fugit interea, fugit irreparabile tempus.
(Time meanwhile flies, flies never to return.)

Scrabbling Through the Floods

The recent lower North Island floods have been devastating for thousands of New Zealanders, but the indomitable spirit of Wanganui Scrabbler, Andrée Prentice was not dampened. During power cuts to Wanganui Andrée found a way to play her favourite game...



An Education in Four Letter Words

by Fionnuala McHugh

submitted by Doreen Ogston (CHC)

Recently Hong Kong held its first inter-school Scrabble Championship. The event was supposed to be held in spring 2003 but atypical pneumonia intervened, and although that useful acronym Sars is now finding its way into dictionaries, it was not a word that encouraged the gathering of children in confined spaces. Mattel, which makes Scrabble — “The World’s Favourite Word Game” — decided to postpone play for a year. Luckily H5N1 (which is unplayable in a Scrabble board) held off, and so 52 primary-school teams, of four pupils each, gathered at Po Leung Kuk Castar Primary School in Tsing Yi to play Scrabble.

Fifty-two is an impressive turnout and BroadLearning, the online educational service that organised the weekend with Mattel, was pleased with this number. “We didn’t think they would all come,” marvelled Winnie Lor, BroadLearning’s director of eLearning Services, as the children sat at long tables in the school hall, rattling bags of Scrabble letters and sounding like a genteel gathering of mahjong players.

David Chua, Mattel’s country manager, said, “Scrabble has been around for a long time in Hong Kong, more than 10 years, but it’s high time for us to launch it as a fun, family game.”

Scrabble, which is called *ping tze* — “put words together” — in Chinese, is, indeed, played in English, although you’d hardly know

it if you’d spent time at the desk where strange assortments of letters were being checked. All day, word judge Lucy Siu-Wah, who teaches at Sha Tin Government Primary School, was handed challenge slips bearing unlikely, often wistfully random, combinations (YUE, ZON, LD) which she fed into a Scrabble website then decreed valid or not.

“Sometimes they have very weird words,” said Yiu. But the valid words seemed just as odd. “KY? Yes! MI? Yes! AA? Yes!” said Yiu. For a native English speaker, this was instructive: you didn’t know AA was a word? It is rough, jagged lava found in Hawaiian volcanoes, and the more canny children had been coached to use it. The word LI (a Chinese distance unit) was understandably popular but what about NOIL and CUKE, both of which appeared on boards? “Yes! They are acceptable words,” said Yiu, running a quick check.

Also acceptable were DAE, LAU and GAN, judging by what was played, unchallenged, on one sample board. The children, whispering in Cantonese, blithely placed these triplets of tiles as easily as PIG, CAT or SEX, for which one game pupil from Good Counsel Catholic Primary School gained nine points: KISS had been played on the same board for eight points. After a while, the English language began to look so unfettered that anything seemed possible.

“At least it gives you an incentive to consult the dictionary,” remarked

“he was muttering ST (an exclamation of impatience) to his BO (American slang for friend)”

Alan Leong Kah-kit, former chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and guest of honour. The press release had promised that Leong, “a keen Scrabble player”, would share his Scrabble memories with the audience but it would be fair to say that his appreciation of the game had its limitations. “I didn’t really like it,” he revealed. “When we went on school picnics, we played it on the coach. I was never really a great fan of Scrabble.” So why was he here? “I know the organisers,” replied Leong, frankly.

He watched the lines of children — some solemn, like embryo politicians in tiny bowties, some giggly — then added, “If we are to remain competitive, we have to improve English standards, otherwise how can we be a World City?”

Whether Scrabble is an answer to Hong Kong’s linguistic problem, however, is debatable. “We have only been doing this for a month,” said Yiu, who had coached a Sha Tin team. “I told them to go home and recite all the two-letter words and learn other words from the dictionary. It’s amazing — so many words exist that we didn’t know!”

Mattel had printed an apparently useful list of two-letter words (KO, a Maori digging stick; GU, a simple

violin used in Shetland), and the triumphant boys from Shing Kong Hui St Michael’s School were still clutching it after being declared the overall winners at 4pm. They were accompanied by a man who introduced himself as Valjean Hui. (Asked if he was named after the Valjean character in the novel and musical *Les Miserable*, Hui replied, “Yes, number 24601”.)

One of Hui’s team, Henry, had also won a prize for the highest word score with a combination of SCHOOLS and UTS (67 points), and the boys were arguing whether or not UTS should have been challenged by his opponent. According to Mattel’s list UT was a musical note and Henry thought UTS, as a plural, was acceptable. Lawrence, Henry’s team mate, was making disbelieving noises: in Scrabble lingo, he was muttering ST (an exclamation of impatience) to his BO (American slang for friend).

When asked to analyse the appeal of Scrabble versus, say, Gameboy, Lawrence immediately said, “Gameboy is out. It’s old-fashioned.” And Scrabble? “I need to think.” He contemplated the table for a moment, then pronounced, “It’s better than Gameboy, but not better than PlayStation.”

How was the team planning to mark its victory? “We are going to McDonald’s,” said Hui. Some things remain constant and the capacity for boys to be revolting is universal, in any language. When it was pointed out to them that going to McDonald’s might not be good for the brain cells, Lawrence said, cheerfully, “But we’re going to eat some brain cells.”

NZ Honeymoon

After their recent marriage in Hawaii, USA Scrabblers Steve Pellinen and Lisa Odom honeymooned in New Zealand. They visited the Nelson Scrabble club where ... well let Steve tell you in his own words as reported on the US Scrabble email list.

“While we didn’t anticipate playing a lot of Scrabble on this trip, some rain in Kauai and a few spare evening hours in New Zealand gave us the chance to commence our new lifetime series as a married couple. I’m glad to report that we are even, so far. That 2,400-something to 1,600-something edge that I let Lisa enjoy in our courting days is a thing of the past.

“We also visited a Scrabble club in Nelson, on the South Island, which met less than a block from our hotel on the evening we happened to be there. The experience was much like our visits to clubs in the States, other than playing to the World Dictionary (SOWPODS) lexicon and being completely unknown to seemingly all the players there.

“After easily winning my first game by over 200 points, I was



Steve Pellinen and Lisa Odom

treated to one of my biggest losses ever, 635-336, by an otherwise perfectly pleasant Debbie Caldwell. She then proceeded to thrash my new bride by a similar 599-336 score. A rematch was much closer, but yet another loss for Lisa.

“Ms. Caldwell reminded us of our own Gail Wolford, who has also thrashed us pleasantly but quickly. Our big losses had little to do with OSW-only words, but we told her we wouldn’t come back until we were more studied and capable of giving her a decent game.

“We spent the rest of the trip as more typical tourists, driving around the South Island and being thoroughly enamored with its natural beauty and the friendliness of its people.”

[Congratulations, Steve and Lisa! — Ed]

Wellington Words

Wellington turned on some great weather for their tournament on March 13/14, and the thirty players turned on some great Scrabble. Here are some unusual words recorded by the adjudicator Pat Grant. Which ones would you challenge? Answers on p.19

WOOINGS
PIVOTERS
GOATFISH
BOORDE
LINKY

ZUPAN
YORKIES
AUBURNY
COWDUNG
LASTINGS

TOLEWARE
VAPIDEST
CAULIES
GAZOOON
BINAURAL

ASSOILS
AUTOING
HISTRION
ADOWNING
UNTINNED

70,000 Games — Part 2

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 programmed Maven into playing nearly 70,000 games against itself and recorded all the main words played. Learning all these words will be an excellent tool for improving your game.

4 - letters

5118 of 5155 4-letter words were played. The 200 most played fours were:

2112	euoi	1990	qadi	1599	qaid	1053	jiao	850	qats
678	quod	673	ohia	666	waqf	649	ixia	646	quag
626	quai	626	iota	617	ajee	616	jive	606	anoa
567	inia	558	agio	547	qoph	541	aqua	529	ziti
501	odea	498	ogee	498	naoi	483	huia	480	zoea
475	five	474	ditz	474	aeon	472	roji	472	avow
469	jato	467	toea	462	benj	459	view	457	qep
457	djin	456	eaux	451	obia	442	quop	440	etui
439	ouzo	438	waif	437	join	435	jefe	428	jeon
422	juve	420	jeat	419	quad	410	yeti	407	unai
407	auto	406	zein	403	yon	402	quid	399	fuji
398	quiz	397	quay	396	ritz	395	wino	389	jane
388	jade	388	eine	387	viae	385	java	383	jird
382	vino	381	quin	380	aitu	378	quim	377	vivo
377	geez	374	zite	373	eoan	373	ciao	368	zeta
368	zati	367	trez	365	gajo	365	evoe	361	wili
360	vint	358	jilt	357	jeed	353	mooi	349	zori
349	ibex	348	jete	347	qey	344	vrow	344	jeez
340	wife	337	vibe	337	vext	333	divi	332	mirv
326	fava	326	awee	324	jail	322	oleo	322	figo
320	quit	320	jinx	320	jean	316	exit	315	judo
314	dojo	313	olio	311	jeep	311	aero	308	quat
308	oyez	308	joey	305	veto	303	haji	300	hoax
299	oboe	297	yagi	295	yogi	293	faix	292	jute
290	fini	288	tivy	287	zero	287	twig	285	ofay
285	jibe	281	wadi	281	urao	279	zing	279	taxi
279	jole	278	zest	278	vang	276	zine	274	ilia
273	unau	273	kiva	272	perv	271	woof	271	beef
269	vent	268	quip	266	zone	265	vatu	264	zona
264	fado	263	ilex	262	derv	261	wove	261	oxid
261	dixi	260	void	260	vagi	257	verb	257	rivo
257	aine	256	jolt	255	wive	254	jinn	253	vend
253	beau	252	next	251	roux	251	ooze	250	fave
250	exon	250	agee	249	fido	249	anow	248	viny
248	iure	247	vizy	247	lutz	247	john	246	zila
246	vant	246	paua	246	jeel	244	kiwi	243	euge

243	eide	243	aune	242	tzar	242	ayin	240	veep
240	hiya	240	hili	240	goaf	240	faze	239	bevy
238	futz	237	uvae	237	jape	236	nova	236	kaie
236	jest	234	vugh	234	oxer	234	feod	233	doux

5 - letters

11475 of 11812 5-letter words were played. The 200 most played fives were:

868	tranq	612	faqir	611	qanat	513	talaq	451	qibla
451	ouija	448	aioli	437	audio	404	ainee	399	zoeae
397	aidoi	396	oorie	392	quern	383	roque	372	queen
350	quoif	349	quoad	341	auloi	332	nertz	322	adieu
314	quoit	313	aerie	311	quoin	309	zoea	309	vigia
303	zowie	301	zaire	298	ourie	287	yowie	285	jerid
283	quote	278	jigot	278	fauve	277	quota	277	avize
274	quena	274	jived	267	looie	264	toque	264	louie
261	vinew	261	aquae	257	bivia	254	torii	254	miaou
254	fovea	253	rioja	250	fique	249	varix	247	xenia
247	jeton	246	wifie	246	queer	244	waite	244	ajiva
242	ovoid	242	oidia	242	gavot	240	equid	239	vitex
237	cooe	236	eerie	235	aecia	234	waive	234	umiaq
234	joint	233	quean	232	vogie	232	uraei	232	fogie
232	bovid	232	aurei	231	divot	230	vifda	229	quipo
229	quina	229	avion	228	pivot	227	miaow	225	quire
225	quem	225	ogive	225	jiver	224	quale	224	jeune
222	virtu	221	quair	216	vizor	213	quine	211	hour
210	rejig	209	aalii	206	bavin	204	fugio	204	avoid
204	above	201	quail	201	jirga	199	vrouw	198	zonda
197	zoril	197	zlote	197	xoana	197	fritz	196	video
196	areae	195	guiro	194	vireo	194	veldt	194	juice
193	quilt	193	faine	190	query	187	quare	187	hutia
186	wived	186	vawte	186	quint	186	quiet	184	zoniae
184	zante	184	venom	184	ojime	183	ootid	182	vowed
182	vibex	182	qadis	181	viola	181	diazo	181	aweto
180	zoid	179	quate	178	ixora	177	detox	176	jinni
175	weize	175	vitae	175	jingo	175	idiot	174	vitta
174	viewy	174	quant	174	igapo	174	burqa	173	voice
173	owrie	173	hertz	173	aiery	172	zoned	171	vulgo
170	towie	170	queyn	170	quest	170	index	170	fugie
169	zoal	169	vodun	169	jivey	168	waift	166	javel
165	radix	164	wilja	164	ovate	163	vegie	163	befit
162	obeah	162	joule	161	zerda	161	ivory	161	ivied
161	bevue	160	zibet	160	woven	160	favor	160	await
159	novum	159	equal	159	doona	159	annex	159	aguti
158	quirt	158	oribi	158	ganey	157	vague	157	jagir
157	inion	157	diota	156	xenic	156	jowed	156	davit
155	zineb	155	vezir	155	navew	155	glitz	155	envoi
155	civie	155	axite	154	vinic	154	touze	154	ovine

PLAYER PROFILE

Howard Warner is taking a temporary break from providing the Player Profile this issue. However we are featuring the NZ Masters Games in Dunedin and all those players who took part especially Ruth Groffman who was the Sport Organiser for the event. Thanks to Bill Grigg for the article and to Ruth for providing the photos. We are hoping that Howard will return with another very popular Profile for the June issue. — Ed.

New Zealand ACC Thinksafe Masters Games 2004

by Bill Grigg

Scrabble was played for the first time in Masters Games history here in Dunedin on January 31st and February 1st at Otago University. Competitors from Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin took part and it was a great success.

Two grades played challenge games and used clocks. They were run as a triple round robin and adjudicated by Bill Grigg per NZASP rules.

The third grade played dictionary games without clocks and 50 minute

duration only. Each player had a 2, 3 and 4 letter word list and could ask their adjudicator, Trevor Rowells to look up any word 5 letters or more.

The clinking of tiles, groans, laughter, challenges looks on faces — this was meant to be fun?! ☺ Twice letters were taken from the wrong bag. Someone challenged a word then realised he was playing upside down.

On Saturday night for the Opening Ceremony we proudly marched behind the Scrabble banner and witnessed the lighting of the Torch. A big 'Thank You' to Ruth Groffman for organising and getting Scrabble into the NZ ACC Masters Games. We created a lot of interest in Scrabble and received very good press.

The next Masters Games will be held in Wanganui on 5-13 February, 2005. Come on Wanganui, keep the Scrabble ball rolling!



Bill Grigg, Adjudicator (left) Ruth Groffman, Sport Organiser



Carey's Bay Grade L-R Ruth Groffman (Organiser), James Allred (Silver), David Barnes (Gold), Helen Brownlie (Bronze)

Opening Ceremony L-R
Ruth Groffman
Charles Kiewiet
Michael Groffman
Ann McKinnol
Jo Burnside
Anne-Louise Milne



Results
Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were won by the following:-

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
A - Anderson Bay				
1 Karen McDougall	DUN	13	1069	25
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	8	15	13
3 Lyn Dawson	CHC	7	404	18
B - Brood Bay				
1 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	9	508	16
2 Ella Rushton	DUN	9	472	14
3 Michael Groffman	DUN	8	278	5

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W	
C - Carey's Bay					
1 David Barnes	DUN	13	1037	5	
2 James Allred	DUN	12	605	7	
3 Helen Brownlie	DUN	8	433	5	
Highest Winning Score				Marian Ross	555
Highest Turn Score				Iris Boulton	140
Highest Spread				Michael Groffman	262

Why is English so hard to learn?

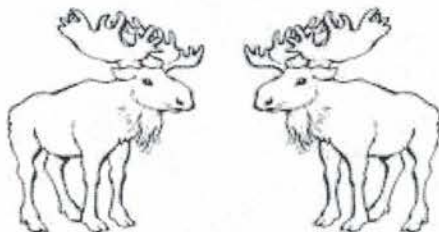
Submitted by Glennis Hale

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) I did not object to the object.
- 9) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 10) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 11) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 12) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
- 13) I shed my clothes in the shed.

Let's face it — English is a ridiculous language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in a hamburger; neither apple nor pine in a pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England, nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that bakers bake, but grocers don't groce?
If the plural of tooth is teeth, why



meese?

isn't the plural of booth beeth?

One goose, two geese. So one moose, two meese? One index, two indices?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

We ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all).

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

And finally, how about when you want to shut down your computer you have to hit 'START'

ANAGRAM CORNER

Unusual Signs

from Lorraine Van Veen

In a laundromat: Automatic washing machines. Please remove your clothes when the light goes out.

In a department store: Bargain Basement upstairs.

In an office lunchroom: After tea break staff should empty teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Outside a second-hand shop: We exchange anything — bicycles, washing machines etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Notice in a health food shop: Closed due to illness.

Notice in a field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free but the bull charges.

Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, eg OTHER to THROE, and PIONEER to PEREION. On a higher level, SOIXANTE-NEUF could be described as a SEX UNION FEAT.

Here are anagrams for six Kiwi Scrabblers who are fairly new to tournament play.

HAZEL SMITH	HM, HAIL ZEST!
TINA SHRYDER	SHANDY-TRIER
ANNE-LOUISE MILNE	ILLUME IN NEON SEA
JOY HEWSON	ENJOY SHOW
ELLA RUSHTON	ALL SOUTHERN*
	(she's from Dunedin!)

DONNELLE WILLCOCKS

KNOWN CELLS COLLIDE

Idol Scabble

In the March 22, 2004 issue of People magazine there is an article on page 62, 'Two for the Road' about American Idol veterans — Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken. They and their tour staff are playing Scabble on the tour bus with an old Scabble board and wooden tiles.

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CLUB NEWS

Dunedin Club News

by Bill Grigg

Club Competition Winners 2003

Round Robin/Challenge Peter Sinton
Ladder Bill Grigg
Dictionary Karyn McDougall

Life Members

Marian Ross and Bill Grigg have been honoured with Life Membership for their dedication and service to the Dunedin Scrabble Club over many years.

ACC NZ Masters Games

Scrabble as a new sport went extra well and was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all competitors.

Welcome

Gwynn Joseph (born in South Africa) came to live in New Zealand from Texas. Francis Joseph has been over on holiday from South Africa and has since returned home.

Quiz

What words can you make from these:

- (a) ADEGILS (b) DIKNORV
(c) DILNPSU

Oops

In the middle of a game that Ruth and Bill played recently, Ruth noticed that Bill's first turn LIPPIER hadn't been placed on the middle square — it was one row up. What's worse, she had challenged LIPPIER but not it's placement. Lucky Bill!

Scrabble For Fun

Ruth and Michael Groffman travelled to Whangarei in January to visit Jenny Cole who played in our

club in 2003. Whilst there they renewed an acquaintance with a teacher from One Tree Point who was very interested in running Scrabble For Fun in her school. Ruth has also received enquiries from Whangarei and Nelson libraries re info on how to run Scrabble For Fun in their respective areas.

Dunedin Lion Open April 3-4, 2004

Two One-Day tournaments. 8 per grade. \$15 for one day, \$29 for two days. Contact

Ruth Groffman,
4 Wycolla Ave,
St Clair, Dunedin
(03) 455 1777
or ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

Quiz Answers:

- (a) SILAGED (b) DVORNIK
(c) LISPUND

Club News — Hamilton

by Pam Robson

There have been some recent changes in the Hamilton Club. Two of our members have left the city. We farewelled Isabel Zyp who has moved to Gisborne embarking on a new lifestyle with her special man, Kevin. We wish them both every happiness and will miss Isabel, always a fun-loving and special member of our club.

Steven Brown is moving to Wellington, Paraparamu to be precise, where hopefully he will start up a new club with some keen Scrabblers he knows in that area. We send our best wishes with Steven and our sincere thanks for all the hard work he has done for us with

our club's scoring, monthly newsletter and puzzles.

After several years as President I have decided to take a break from this role. Unfortunately no one else in our club is willing to fill the position so we have no president, but we do have a committee. Our very able Jillian Greening is continuing as Secretary. Sincere thanks to Jillian for the work she does.

Competition results for 2003 are as follows:-

Club Champion

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

Pot Luck Competition

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

Round Robin Group 1

- 1st Peter Jones
2nd Steven Brown
3rd Roger Coates

Round Robin Group 2

- 1st David Gunn
2nd Pam Robson
3rd Kim Graham

Ladder Challenge

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Kim Graham
3rd = Jennifer Smith
= Steven Brown

Knock Out Champion

- 1st Peter Jones
2nd Pam Robson

Bonus Words Group 1

- 1st Steven Brown
2nd Peter Jones
3rd Roger Coates

Bonus Words Group 2

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd David Gunn

3rd Shirley Martin

Pyramid Challenge

- 1st Steven Brown
2nd Pam Robson
3rd Shirley Martin

100-Point Words

- 1st Isabel Zyp
2nd Jennifer Smith

Highest Game Score

Steven Brown

Highest Turn

Steven Brown

Highest Aggregate Score

Jennifer Smith and Steven Brown

Most Improved Player

David Gunn

Puzzle Winner

- 1st Pam Robson
2nd Shirley Martin
3rd Jillian Greening

Sportsperson of the Year

Alan Hawes

Club News — Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

The Christchurch Club started 2004 with a successful promotional display at the Beckenham Resource Centre Library. The promotion attracted some public interest, with a few people indicating their intention to join in a club session.

Paula contributed the following joke:

An old lady was saying her prayers one night and asked, "Hey, St Peter! Can you tell me, is there a Scrabble club up there?"

St Peter replied, "I will find out for you, dear."

The next night St Peter returned with the news.

"My dear, I have good news and

bad news. There is a marvellous Scrabble club in Heaven. Thousands of members, de luxe boards, latest dictionaries and every modern facility."

"That sounds fantastic, what's the bad news?" asked the old woman.

St Peter sighed, "You are entered for the Heavenly Tournament tomorrow night!"

New Club for Kapiti

Steven Brown, who has recently moved from Hamilton to Paraparaumu, just north of Wellington, is looking for new members for a club in the area. He is hoping to be able to have two meetings each week, one in the daytime at Waikanae, and another in the evening at Paraparaumu or Raumati.

His contact details are listed on the back page.

Sydney International Masters

Edward Okulicz, now residing in the ACT, won this year's City of Sydney International Masters in January. He won his four KOH (king of the hill) games against Naween Fernando and Paul Cleary (2 each) to secure a well-deserved win.

Player	Wins	Mar
1 Edward Okulicz	18	1646
2 Naween Fernando	14	740
3 Chris May	13.5	815
4 Paul Cleary	13	1068
5 Rod Talbot	13	472
6 Karen Richards	12.5	384
7 Jean McGiffen	12	480
8 John Holgate	12	395
9 Esther Perrins	12	389
10 Graeme Lock Lee	12	-16
11 Jan Serisier	11.5	-351
12 Bob Jackman	11	492

DAZZLING DOZEN

There are a number of common 4-letter words starting with S that take an S at the end where you wouldn't expect one. Here are a dozen to dazzle your opponents.

SAIDS	SELFS	SOFTS
SAMES	SENTS	SOLDS
SANES	SMUGS	SUNKS
SANGS	SNUGS	SURES

19th Thailand King's Cup Tournament

The 19th Brand's Thailand International King's Cup, is now set to be staged from June 24th - 27th, 2004, in Bangkok with the winner's prize of US\$6,000. Prizes will be awarded down to 10th place and bonus prizes are also on offer.

Entry fee is US\$120 for entries received by May 15 — includes reception and 2 days coffee break.

For Application and Inquiry, contact Amnuay (or Ravee or Nuttakrit)
Tel. (662) 6819971-3
Fax (662) 6819974
Email: info@thaicrossword.com
Liz Fagerlund has had word of the latest Thai airlines fares from Auckland — Bangkok return — special starting 22 March of \$999.

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Welcome to another year of club Scrabble and Scrabble tournaments. So far this year, Pakuranga club has had their 2 one-day tournaments at the end of January; Nelson ran their February tourney and Lynn Wood ran a "no frills" tournament in Wellington earlier this month.

The next event to look forward to is the Masters tournament, which this year is being hosted for the first time by the Christchurch club. Good luck to all those competing in this event — the 'old' campaigners and those having their first taste of a Masters tournament — most importantly, enjoy yourselves. I know the Christchurch club members will give you all a very warm welcome at the tournament venue with the great view, on a hill overlooking Christchurch city.

Don't forget, this year's Nationals are in Auckland — suggested nearby

accommodation venues are in the December *Forwards*. Entry forms should be out to you by early April — please send them in to Joan in plenty of time.

Remits for the AGM at Queens Birthday weekend are due in to Allie by 25th April. If you feel a rule needs changing, deleting or adding, or you wish to nominate anyone for office, this is your opportunity to have your say.

After the Nationals, the top 12 available players on the rankings will in be our Trans Tasman team. This event is to be held in Brisbane on 25 - 27th November (Thursday - Saturday). Watch this space for more details of our team as they come to hand. We certainly hope to beat the Aussies this time!

Happy Scrabbling,

Liz

Tautological Tale

by Su Walker (MTA)

Taking a walk during a break in play at the Pakuranga tourney, Su observed this interesting use of English in shop windows.

Flower Florist
and
Food Eatery

Wellington Words (from p.9)

All are correct except
AUBURNY, COWDUNG, CAULIES
and ADOWNING

Word Trivia

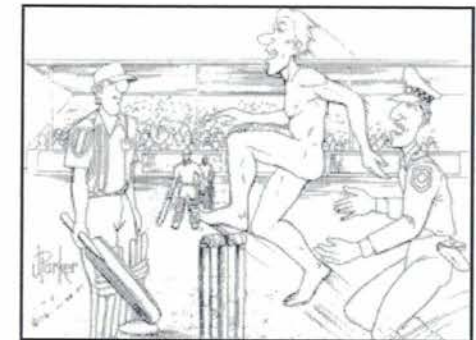
by Su Walker

- In English, the number 'four' is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.
- The dot over the letter 'i' is called a 'tittle'.
- The oldest word in the English language is said to be the word 'town'.
- The Spanish word 'esposa' means both wife and handcuff.
- And, spotted on a beauty parlour price list:-
- Eyelash 'Perm' \$25 (guaranteed to make your eyes water!)

NZASP Rankings List as at 15 March 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Patrick Carter	2089	517.5	825	63%	48	Margaret Bundock	1504	500.5	1026	49%
2	Jeff Grant	2088	1062.5	1373	77%	49	Kim Graham	1504	238	432	55%
3	Kendall Boyd	2049	275	365	75%	50	Allie Quinn	1494	598.5	1248	48%
4	Howard Warner	2048	713	1032	69%	51	Karyn McDougall	1470	376.5	716	53%
5	Mike Sigley	2022	623	846	74%	52	Andree Prentice	1466	559.5	1075	52%
6	Peter Sinton	1981	354	482	73%	53	Gerald Warner	1465	738.5	1587	47%
7	Rogelio Talosig	1974	129.5	201	64%	54	Rebecca Freeth	1462	136.5	237	58%
8	Lynne Butler	1962	606	999	61%	55	Maureen Holliday	1446	353.5	702	50%
9	Glenda Foster	1958	536.5	1038	52%	56	Shirley Martin	1413	376.5	717	53%
10	John Foster	1919	830.5	1453	57%	57	May Quigley	1400	464	1057	44%
11	Glennis Hale	1911	888.5	1595	56%	58	Jean O'Brien	1398	536	1061	51%
12	Andrew Bradley	1875	390	790	49%	59	Reeva Pearson	1397	683.5	1454	47%
13	Lynne Powell	1869	689.5	1340	51%	60	Margaret Cherry	1397	273	543	50%
14	Cecilia Ruto	1841	221.5	434	51%	61	Stewart Fleming	1382	74	151	49%
15	Steven Brown	1833	437.5	832	53%	62	Shirley Hol	1379	305.5	635	48%
16	Chris Hooks	1818	570	1176	48%	63	Hilda Scott	1373	240.5	457	53%
17	Pam Robson	1814	397	837	47%	64	Yvette Hewlett	1366	229.5	472	49%
18	Glynis Jennings	1813	332.5	706	47%	65	Murray Rogers	1353	183	332	55%
19	Liz Fagerlund	1811	435.5	815	53%	66	Glenda Gear	1351	619	1233	50%
20	June Mackwell	1799	406.5	885	46%	67	Isabel Zyp	1349	329	659	50%
21	Debbie Caldwell	1781	192.5	315	61%	68	Delcie Macbeth	1339	427.5	798	54%
22	Paul Lister	1774	420.5	724	58%	69	Correne James	1330	460	964	48%
23	Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	70	Jennifer Smith	1327	399.5	725	55%
24	Ann Hough	1756	267	496	54%	71	Ann Candler	1326	493.5	1047	47%
25	Rosemary Cleary	1752	371	802	46%	72	Doreen Ogston	1313	420	869	48%
26	Marianne Bentley	1746	155.5	333	47%	73	Pam Barlow	1300	274	517	53%
27	Eileen McLean	1710	750.5	1440	52%	74	Rhoda Cashman	1294	548	1162	47%
28	Lynn Wood	1699	820	1720	48%	75	Steve Richards	1288	126	234	54%
29	Doreen O'Shea	1691	325.5	639	51%	76	Betty Eriksen	1285	429	858	50%
30	Peter Jones	1690	577	1163	50%	77	Selena Chan	1281	84.5	134	63%
31	Glenys Buchanan	1674	411	840	49%	78	Stan Gregec	1271	87	144	60%
32	Val Mills	1662	495	1066	46%	79	Su Walker	1265	366.5	735	50%
33	Leila Thomson	1659	341	747	46%	80	Lorraine Van Veen	1261	467	916	51%
34	Roger Coates	1643	384.5	790	49%	81	Marianne Patchett	1255	163.5	300	55%
35	Foe Olson	1642	953.5	1986	48%	82	Margaret Lyall	1243	299	592	51%
36	David Gunn	1609	752	1447	52%	83	David Bragg	1242	104.5	175	60%
37	Faye Cronhelm	1595	497	991	50%	84	Elaine Moltzen	1208	350.5	699	50%
38	Yvonne Wilson	1594	260	473	55%	85	Amelia Carrington	1185	104	177	59%
39	Janice Cherry	1590	215	385	56%	86	Nick Ascroft	1182	55	71	77%
40	Julie Atkinson	1575	170.5	299	57%	87	Ernie Gidman	1176	151	297	51%
41	Helen Sillis	1570	514	1004	51%	88	Lyn Dawson	1165	225	392	57%
42	Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%	89	Marian Ross	1142	228.5	492	46%
43	Andrew Denmead	1539	164.5	327	50%	90	Allison Torrance	1108	149	265	56%
44	Lawson Sue	1537	102.5	164	63%	91	Karen Miller	1098	248	516	48%
45	Shirley van Essen	1520	189	338	56%	92	Margaret Flaws	1096	95	154	62%
46	Joan Thomas	1512	373.5	712	52%	93	Colleen Cook	1079	61	111	55%
47	Frank Robinson	1508	94.5	191	49%	94	Liz Richards	1069	119.5	233	51%

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95	Samantha Samuels	1069	87	175	50%	142	Michael Groffman	605	63.5	140	45%
96	Lyn Toka	1064	239.5	459	52%	143	Ed Olson	594	574.5	1433	40%
97	Shirley Wyatt	1061	316.5	672	47%	144	Karl Scherer	594	16	34	47%
98	Carole Coates	1054	307	615	50%	145	Dominic Lister	593	114	235	49%
99	Isabel Morris	1049	88.5	170	52%	146	Olwen Skelton	589	346.5	746	46%
100	Hazel Purdie	1024	435	880	49%	147	David Sutcliffe	588	104	197	53%
101	Carolyn Kyle	1011	244	491	50%	148	Margaret Miller	566	13.5	39	35%
102	Kathleen Mori-Barker	1011	165	356	46%	149	Tony Charlton	563	18	59	31%
103	Roto Mitchell	1002	240	455	53%	150	Lil Moore	537	321.5	676	48%
104	Gabrielle Bolt	993	116	221	52%	151	Resie Coenen	535	139.5	361	39%
105	Joan Pratt	993	384.5	731	53%	152	Roslyn Lister	521	148.5	299	50%
106	Bev Barker	964	342	722	47%	153	Charles Kiewiet	513	76.5	161	48%
107	Valma Gidman	960	384	760	51%	154	Janni Henneveld	512	80	198	40%
108	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	913	301	627	48%	155	Wendy McIlwrick	505	62	119	52%
109	Mescal Kelly	907	34	60	57%	156	Jillian Greening	504	179	380	47%
110	Annette Coombes	898	322	730	44%	157	Sharon Clarke	503	81	249	33%
111	Irene Hague-Smith	897	369	781	47%	158	Sue Foster	460	15	39	38%
112	Jill Johnson	890	109	225	48%	159	Noelene Bettjeman	437	24.5	59	42%
113	Barbara Butt	886	54	88	61%	160	Jenny Reed	400	34.5	67	51%
114	Catherine Henry	866	100	154	65%	161	Alan Medhurst	393	47.5	124	38%
115	Catherine Styles	862	38.5	61	63%	162	Trevor Rowell	353	27	71	38%
116	Lynn Carter	854	44	79	56%	163	Jean Craib	320	129.5	335	39%
117	Rosalind Phillips	850	103	182	57%	164	Hazel Smith	303	42	122	34%
118	Pam Mayall	849	206	384	54%	165	Betty Wilson	296	149.5	300	50%
119	Veronica Zilinskas	847	64	104	62%	166	Ray Seddon	264	17	45	38%
120	Roger Cole-Baker	816	41	72	57%	167	Elvira Steel	252	126.5	573	22%
121	Ruth Groffman	814	168.5	319	53%	168	Elvie Perrin	234	9	23	39%
122	Toanga Lawrence	797	51	134	38%	169	Sue Mayn	224	29.5	91	32%
123	Pauline Smeaton	789	89	185	48%	170	Karen Stewart	138	13.5	52	26%
124	Jim Wills	784	67	104	64%	171	Vera Burner	118	185.5	708	26%
125	Kaite Hansen	775	34	60	57%	172	Betty Sutherland	25	120.5	294	41%
126	Elaine Ware	765	266	512	52%						
127	Jean Wacker	737	56	118	47%						
128	Maria Clinton	727	88	171	51%						
129	Kate Wignall	722	438	879	50%						
130	Chris Handley	710	152.5	322	47%						
131	Jena Yousif	708	90	186	48%						
132	Dorothy Haining	703	379	764	50%						
133	Yvonne MacKenzie	689	180	420	43%						
134	Dawn Smith	683	67.5	141	48%						
135	Margaret Durdle	674	83	156	53%						
136	Margaret Hanson	655	281	559	50%						
137	May Meads	646	217	424	51%						
138	Paula Gibbons	643	183	394	46%						
139	Iris Boulton	638	87	168	52%						
140	Maureen McBain	631	97.5	240	41%						
141	Tim Henneveld	607	86.5	197	44%						



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by John Parker (AUS)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Pakuranga Scrabble Tournament 24-25 January 2004

Day 1

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	7	659	430	12
2 Howard Warner	MTA	5	441	439	14
3 Lynne Powell	HBC	4	219	425	16
4 John Foster	NSB	4	-11	388	10
5 Lynne Butler	NPL	3	-141	394	13
6 June Mackwell	MTA	2	-249	374	10
7 Andrew Bradley	MTA	2	-350	370	10
8 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	1	-568	350	6

Grade B

1 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	781	459	11
2 Eileen McLean	MTA	5	167	395	11
3 Peter Jones	HAM	4	20	401	12
4 Julie Atkinson	MTA	3	-115	390	10
5 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-205	385	9
6 David Gunn	WKP	3	-378	382	15
7 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	-112	390	12
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-158	373	7

Grade C

1 Roger Coates	KIW	6	294	401	11
2 Janice Cherry	PAK	5	342	414	8
3 Gerald Warner	HBC	4	108	395	8



Margaret Bundock (HBC) 2nd in D Grade day 1

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	-155	374	9
5 Lawson Sue	PAK	3	-42	375	6
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-87	386	7
7 Kim Graham	KIW	2	-171	383	5
8 Margaret Bishop	AUS	1	-289	361	7

Grade D

1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	113	408	11
2 Margaret Bundock	HBC	4	30	378	6
3 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	18	380	8
4 Maureen Holliday	HBC	4	-34	383	7
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	141	387	11
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	93	372	7
7 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-142	363	6
8 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-219	366	9

Grade E

1 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	6	423	427	12
2 Stan Gregec	IND	5	313	390	5
3 Su Walker	MTA	5	208	404	10
4 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	4	43	380	6
5 Lorraine van Veen	IND	4	-29	371	7
6 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-78	363	6
7 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	1	-348	353	8
8 Karl Scherer	NSB	0	-532	328	4

Grade F

1 Margaret Flaws	TGA	6	271	381	6
2 Pam Barlow	MTA	6	235	402	11
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	4	141	367	3
4 Jeanette Owler	PAK	4	13	358	3
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-3	360	4
6 Jill Johnson	PHC	2	-217	352	3
7 Joan Pratt	HBC	2	-320	340	5
8 Liz Catchpole	MTA	1	-120	342	4

Grade G

1 Jim Wills	PAK	6	267	365	5
2 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	6	194	348	3
3 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	51	347	4
4 Lynn Carter	NSB	3	137	364	7
5 Pat Bryan	MTA	3	-31	335	1
6 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	-81	338	3
7 Resie Coenen	PHC	2	-224	328	2
8 David Sutcliffe	WKP	1	-313	301	7

Grade H

1 Margaret Miller	HBC	5.5	237	346	343
2 Ed Olson	NSB	5	265	337	1
3 Jewel Parkinson	PHC	4	50	320	2



Su Walker (MTA) 3rd in D Grade day 1

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Patricia Wareing	PAK	3	37	318	2
5 Joan Beale	PHC	3	-81	298	0
6 Joy Hewson	HIB	3	-226	305	0
7 Madge Watson	HBC	2.5	-141	286	0
8 Noeleen Bettjeman	HIB	2	-141	297	1

Day 2

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	5	623	452	14
2 Jeff Grant	IND	5	497	445	14
3 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	4	24	389	9
4 John Foster	NSB	4	-59	389	11
5 Lynne Powell	HBC	3	11	380	8
6 Chris Hooks	MTA	3	-303	365	8
7 Eileen McLean	MTA	2	-275	371	12
8 June Mackwell	MTA	2	-518	349	12

Grade B

1 Roger Coates	KIW	5	192	393	8
2 Fae Olson	NSB	4	208	403	11
3 Val Mills	PAK	4	171	428	10
4 Peter Jones	HAM	4	-5	395	10
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-78	393	6
6 David Gunn	WKP	3	-155	407	14
7 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	-166	398	9
8 Julie Atkinson	MTA	1	-167	380	11

Grade C

1 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	231	402	10
2 Margaret Bundock	HBC	5	160	386	6
3 Kim Graham	KIW	4	100	394	8
4 Lawson Sue	PAK	4	-37	382	8
5 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	-12	392	8
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-225	376	7
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	2	-71	379	14
8 Gerald Warner	HBC	2	-146	375	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	317	401	10
2 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	4	127	399	10
3 Lorraine van Veen	IND	4	125	389	8
4 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-186	368	10

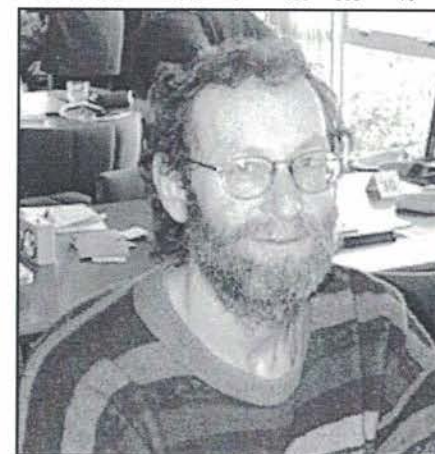
Nelson Scrabble Club Tournament 14-15 February 2004

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Paul Lister	CHC	11	549	396	22
2 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	10.5	892	442	32
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	7	-277	375	19
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	6.5	-211	376	12
5 Ann Hough	NEL	6	-382	361	16
6 Andrew Denmead	NEL	4	-571	366	19
Grade B					
1 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	-27	382	17
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	8	-20	362	14
3 Doreen Ogston	CHC	8	-62	377	22
4 Shirley Hal	CHC	7	218	406	21
5 Pam Barlow	MTA	7	-346	373	16
6 Steve Richards	NEL	6	-86	366	17

Grade C

1 Margaret Lyall	CHC	11.5	837	380	18
2 Karen Miller	PAK	8	180	369	11
3 Allison Torrance	CHC	8	59	360	15
4 Liz Richards	NEL	7	-271	343	12
5 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5.5	-337	348	11
6 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	5	-468	335	10



Murray Rogers (NEL) 2nd in B Grade

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Kaite Hansen	CHC	9	618	370	9
2 Ray Goodyear	IND	9	377	356	12
3 Maria Clinton	NEL	8	-78	339	8
4 Dawn Smith	NEL	7	-432	324	4
5 Iris Boulton	NEL	6	-187	330	8
6 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	-298	325	7
Grade E					
1 Julia Jonas	NEL	10	599	342	6
2 Jack McArtney	NEL	9	41	336	3
3 Betty Wilson	CHC	8.5	72	326	6
4 Jean Craib	CHC	7.5	415	352	6
5 Karen Brookes	NEL	5	-551	305	7
6 Tony Charlton	NEL	4	-576	301	4

Wellington Scrabble Club Tournament

13-14 March 2004

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	11	628	420	24
2 Glenda Foster	WEL	10	164	412	23
3 Steven Brown	HAM	7	392	406	27
4 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	108	405	27
5 Ann Hough	NEL	7	-637	380	17
6 Joanne Craig	AUS	6	268	409	25
7 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	5	-407	367	14
8 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-516	377	25
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	11	742	405	19
2 Leila Thomson	LOH	11	729	425	24
3 Neil Talbot	WEL	10	741	413	22
4 Frank Robinson	WEL	7	-221	377	16



Leila Thomson (LOH)
2nd in B Grade at Wellington

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Andrew Denmead	NEL	7	-291	372	16
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-378	373	18
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-592	366	16
8 Hilda Scott	MAS	2	-730	356	11
Grade C					
1 Andree Prentice	WAN	13	711	399	17
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	9	169	380	18
3 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	300	385	18
4 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	-1	387	31
5 Doreen Davies	MAS	6	-23	374	15
6 Max Aston	LOH	6	-142	369	16
7 Sandra Stacey	WEL	4	-297	357	14
8 Karen Miller	PAK	3	-717	346	9
Grade D					
1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	11	1074	401	14
2 Judith Thomas	WEL	8	-55	348	9
3 Sheila Reed	WEL	7	526	360	12
4 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	7	61	345	9
5 Ed Olson	NSB	5	-856	313	3
6 Tony Charlton	NEL	4	-750	296	7

Farewell, Val Frew



by Glenda
Foster

Val Frew passed away in January after suffering a stroke one week earlier. Val was known to Hutt Valley Scrabblers as a former member of the

Lower Hutt Club and the founder of the Avalon Scrabble Club. To me, she was my Mum, mentor and friend.

She taught me Scrabble at the kitchen table at home and had a love of the game ever since I can remember. In 1980 she read an article in the Hutt News about Glenyss Buchanan doing well in the Nationals, and she went on to join the club. She introduced me to the club when I moved back to Wellington at the end of that year.

Several years later Val formed the Avalon Club, a day time club which used to meet at her home. She ran this for a number of years until ill health intervened.

She retained a strong interest in the game and was always keen to see how I and the other players she knew had done at tournaments. One of the things I will miss is the 'word' she often gave me before I took part in a tournament.

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	487	Lynne Wood (WEL) & Debbie Caldwell (NEL)	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)