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# Editor's Note



Congratulations to Howard Warner and Blue Thorogood who have had a successful time since the last issue. Howard won the NZ Masters at Easter and Blue is our new New Zealand Champion after he blitzed the field at the Nationals. Other tournaments held were the Dunedin Lion Open Tournament, the North Shore Tournament and the South Island Champs.

Fae Olson is the first person to clock up 2000 tournament games in NZ having played 45 games since the Wellington tourney in March. Fae reached this milestone during the Masters and is well on her way to being the first to reach 3000! Fae's closest rivals are Lynn Wood on 1780 games and Glennis Hale on 1633. Gerald Warner comes in at 4th spot on 1609 games. Me? I'm miles behind on 999!

New Zealand adopted the 5-point challenge rule at the Nationals, effective immediately. I have played with most challenge rules:— many games of single and double challenge and a few games of 5-point and dingle challenge. Of all of them, I think the 5-point-don't-lose your-turn-for-challenging rule could be the fairest. Personally, I prefer double challenge because I love the 'bluff' element in the game, but the new rule will still provide some of that nail biting excitement. The 5-point rule shifts the emphasis — instead

of you being 'punished' for an incorrect challenge by losing your turn, your opponent is 'rewarded' for a correct word by receiving 5 extra points. I'm looking forward to my next tournament where I'll play my 1000th game under this new rule.

Prize monies for the WSC were finally paid out in mid-May. Mattel decided to make the payments to placegetters and will pursue the reasons for the unacceptable delay with those responsible.

Out Layout Editor has been very busy once again. She has given the *Forwards* masthead a good tweaking and it looks fantastic. Thanks Glenda for all your work, not only with the magazine, but also for maintaining the NZ Scrabble website, updating the ratings/rankings, doing the expectancies for tournaments and many other tasks. And grateful thanks to all those who contribute so much in the way of articles, photos, cartoon, news, puzzles and gossip. Please keep keeping my postman busy.

Thanks to everyone for their good wishes concerning my illness. I'm well over it now and hope to see you at a Scrabble tourney soon!

Closing date for the September issue is August 20, 2004.

*Lynne*





# Mailbox

## Is Scrabble a Trivial Pursuit?

from Allie Quinn (NSB)

Two Canadian journalists were so frustrated by a game of Scrabble that had tiles missing that they decided to devise a game using lots of the information they had accumulated during journalism and this game was — Trivial Pursuit.

## Neologisms

from Jennifer Smith

The *Washington Post's* Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the 2003 winners:

- ❖ **Intoxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with.
- ❖ **Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- ❖ **Bozone:** The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- ❖ **Foreplay:** Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
- ❖ **Cashtration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

- ❖ **Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- ❖ **Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- ❖ **Inoculate:** To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- ❖ **Hipatitis:** Terminal coolness.
- ❖ **Osteopornosis:** A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
- ❖ **Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- ❖ **Decafalon:** The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- ❖ **Glibido:** All talk and no action.
- ❖ **Dopeler effect:** The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- ❖ **Arachnoleptic fit:** The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
- ❖ **Beelzebug:** Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- ❖ **Caterpallor:** The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

- ❖ **Ignoranus:** A person who's both stupid and an asshole



# Competition Corner

## Scrabble Contest No 75

A Scrabble game has reached the interesting position shown at right and your rack is DEIMNST. What is the highest scoring move?

The winner gets a book prize. Good luck!

Closing date is 20 August 2004.

Send entries to:  
Jeff Grant  
"Ardra"  
1109 Allenby Street  
Hastings



D<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> N<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub>

## Solution Scrabble Contest No 74

- 1 Park Estate winemaker
- 2 clock repairer
- 3 forestry worker
- 4 dressage rider
- 5 Rotorua resident
- 6 law enforcer
- 7 polo player
- 8 arborist
- 9 ex-Silver Fern netballer
- 10 hypnotist

A flood of late entries, but only one completely right — well done Glennis Hale (MTA)!

## Shipping News

Titan Ocean Shipping of Singapore recently purchased the 254,991 deadweight ton bulk carrier M/T SINA, which was built in 1992 for cargo service from the Gulf to the Red Sea.

As is usual, the company has selected a new name for their new purchase. Titan's other ships include TITAN MERCURY, TITAN MARS, etc.

The new name of the ship is — TITAN URANUS.

## No More Double Dutch

The Netherlands English Scrabble Club was registered in March 2004, to promote English language Scrabble in The Netherlands. A very basic website has now gone live at this address: <http://www.nesc.nl>

## Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Where	Dates
Hamilton	Hamilton	7-8 August
Tauranga	Tauranga	28-29 August
Christchurch	Christchurch	11-12 September
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island	19-26 September
Scrabble Festival		
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



# NZ Masters 2004

The annual NZ Masters tournament got underway on Easter Saturday at Christchurch. Top rated players competed in a 23-game round robin over three days. The venue was commented on as remarkable for its wonderful views across Christchurch city with the backdrop of the Southern Alps in the distance.

## Day 1

At the start of the day two players were recognised for participating in their first Masters tournament — Julie Atkinson and Ann Hough. June Mackwell was also recognised as the first octogenarian competing in the Masters. A great start was made by Peter Sinton who won 7 of the first 8 games. There were four players on 6 wins, so they took 2nd to 5th places in this order: Howard Warner, Andrew Bradley, Liz Fagerlund, and Mike Sigley.



Julie Atkinson (MTA)

## Report by Glenda Foster (WEL)

### Day 2

Julie Atkinson was the first to achieve her win expectancy and earned the President's prize of a bottle of wine after the first game of the day. Peter continued on his winning way with a further 7 wins, staying on top of the leader board at the end of the day. Andrew stayed in contention with 6 wins in 2nd place. Steven Brown, Glenda Foster, Julie Atkinson, and Jeff Grant all improved their positions by also achieving 6 wins. Howard ended the day in 3rd place on 11 wins. Fae Olson achieved the notable milestone of playing her 2000th tournament game in round 14 — the first New Zealand player to do so.

### Day 3

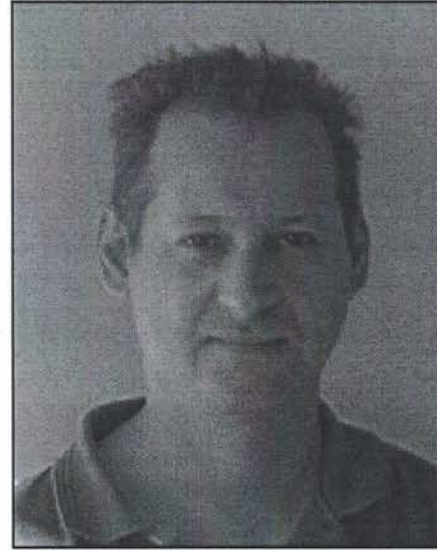
Day 3 turned out to be a battle between Peter, Andrew, Howard and Jeff, who occupied the top four or five spots after every round. At lunch Andrew and Peter were in front on 16 wins, with Howard on 14 and Jeff on 13. In round 21 Peter went ahead to 17 wins, while Andrew stayed on 16, and Howard and Jeff both won their games. Peter and Andrew both lost the next round and Howard climbed to 2nd place: Jeff also won his game and stayed in 4th.

Going into the final round Peter, Andrew and Howard all had chances of winning the title. Andrew and Howard both won their games to finish on 17 wins and Peter lost, remaining on 17. Howard ended up with the highest spread, snatching the title for the fourth time in 5 years. Andrew sneaked into 2nd place on spread ahead of Peter in 3rd place. Jeff won his final game to remain in 4th place.

# Self-Descriptive Words

by Pseudonym

Full results are on page 30. Debbie Caldwell achieved the highest individual game score of 593 and also shared the highest aggregate game score with Sheryl Davidson — 1001 points. Steven Brown took the prize for the highest number of bonus words — 52.



Howard Warner (MTA)  
New Masters Champ

- abbrev.
- ac'cented
- adjectival
- apostrophiz'd
- boldface**
- Capitalised
- English
- fonetik
- Franglais
- f-word
- hyperpedantic
- hyphen-ated
- italic*
- unalphabetical
- kiwi-ism
- letters
- listing
- midpoint
- mispelt
- nonverbal
- noun
- polysyllabic
- preprinting
- printing
- pseudoterm
- readable
- roonerspism
- self-descriptive
- slanguage
- thirtieth
- two-part
- typed
- ümlauted
- unword
- word

## Max Finds 'New' Word

by Su Walker

Max Cryer on National radio recently announced that he had come across a 'new' word — (M)alzheimers disease. Apparently this is the term for when you go to the shopping Mall and forget where you've parked your car!!! Sound familiar ??

## Masterful Moments

The following words were all played at the NZ Masters event in Christchurch at Easter. Which ones would you challenge? (Answers on p.20)

- |           |          |          |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AGENITIVE | VERTE    | FLUENTER | UNAIIDING |
| SCARVED   | UNALONE  | CONMAN   | VOTINGS   |
| FILETER   | FLINTER  | PREFINAL | MOUSISH   |
| UNDRYING  | REROOF   | OUTSNORT | ANOREXIAL |
| HORSERY   | RECURL   | VARIANCY | REWALKED  |
| JEERINGS  | EMONGS   | PINOTAGE | OUTBATS   |
| SMALTED   | STANDINS | PREYINGS | HOONED    |



## NZ Trans Tasman Team Announced

Following the National Champs held over Queens Birthday weekend NZASP President Liz Fagerlund announced the following players who are eligible to play in the NZ team for the Trans Tasman Challenge to be held in Brisbane in November:

Patrick Carter, Jeff Grant, Kendall

Boyd, Howard Warner, Peter Sinton, Glennis Hale, Mike Sigley, Rogelio Talosig, Liz Fagerlund, Steven Brown, Andrew Bradley and Glenda Foster. Lynne Butler was eligible but is unable to play. The first two reserves are Debbie Caldwell and Chris Hooks.



Patrick Carter



Jeff Grant



Kendall Boyd



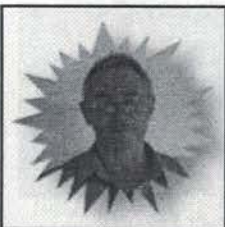
Howard Warner



Peter Sinton



Glennis Hale



Mike Sigley



Rogelio Talosig



Liz Fagerlund



Steven Brown



Andrew Bradley



Glenda Foster



Debbie Caldwell



Chris Hooks

The tournament dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 25, 26 and 27 November. The venue is: Kingsbury Room Queen Alexandra Home Old Cleveland Road Coorparoo Brisbane

## NZ Adopts 5-point Challenge Rule

A historic decision occurred at the 2004 annual general meeting of the NZ Association of Scrabble Players, with players voting to adopt the 5-point penalty challenge rule used at the World Championships.

New Zealand has been one of the few countries, along with United States and Canada, to use the double challenge rule where a player loses a turn if a correct word is challenged. From now on the 5-point penalty rule will apply. This means that when a player challenges a word or words and the challenge slip comes back with a tick the challenger does not miss a turn; however, their opponent gains 5 points on their score for every word challenged, in addition to their score for the turn.

### Examples:

Player A (Ann) opens a game with VIVO and announces a score of 20 points. Player B (Bob) doesn't know the word and chooses to challenge. The word is deemed to be correct so Ann now scores 25 points, but it is still Bob's turn; the challenger does not lose their turn.

Bob plays STILING putting the S after VIVO scoring 77 points. Ann could choose to challenge 1 or both of the words played. If Ann challenges VIVOS, the word is marked incorrect and Bob loses his turn.

If Ann challenges STILING the word is marked correct. Bob now scores 82 points. Ann can't challenge VIVOS now after choosing to only challenge STILING.

If Ann challenges VIVOS and STILING the play comes back marked incorrect and Bob loses his turn. They are not told which word is wrong, or if both were; and Bob does not gain 5 points because of one word being correct.

If both words had been correct

then Bob would score 87 points. On the last turn of the game (that is at the moment effectively a free challenge) the 5 point challenge rule would still apply, the same as for any other turn.

### Other Rule Changes

Apart from the 5-point challenge rule, the following key changes were made at the NZASP AGM in June 2004:

- To qualify for the NZ rankings list players must now have competed in at least 40 tournament games in the preceding 24 months. This replaces the previous criterion of competing in 4 tournaments.
  - Removal of the requirement for NZASP to make a specified number of clocks available for tournaments — it now needs to ensure a "sufficient supply".
  - Deletion of requirements for specified entries on score sheets as they are no longer used by scorers.
  - Clocks are now to be started at the beginning of the game when the first player has at least one tile on his/her rack or there are at least three tiles showing face up which the first player can see - formerly clocks were to be started after all 7 tiles were on the first player's rack.
  - The rule on eligibility to compete in the Masters Tournament was clarified — it is to be the top 24 available players on the NZASP ranking list at the end of the previous calendar year.
  - Rules for the NZ Challenge Shield were amended.
  - Tournaments played at the ACC Masters Games shall be rated events.
- All these changes come into effect immediately.



## How to Win at Scrabble by Andrew Fisher and David Webb.

ISBN: 0-7134-8820-4

Published by B T Batsford, an imprint of Chrysalis Books  
Recommended price: £12.99

Reviewed by Lynne Butler

This 160 page book by two of the UK's foremost international-standard players is packed with strategies and information. Though perhaps a bit of a hard slog through Scrabble jargon for most novices, this book is a must for tournament players who wish to improve and hone their skills.

Andrew Fisher (now residing in Melbourne, Australia) and David Webb (UK) have divulged many skills and techniques of the Expert level player. There are tips and detailed advice on word learning, rack management, strategy, how to improve your game, endgame play, and competitive Scrabble.

The chapter entitled Mental Approach is of particular interest and discusses ways to mentally prepare for a tournament. How much study should be undertaken is covered, plus how to gain confidence in your word power. You will learn how to attain a psychological advantage over your opponent and other mental techniques are listed — drinking water and martial arts mindsets amongst them!

Andrew and David have illustrated the principles and skills set out in this book by taking us move

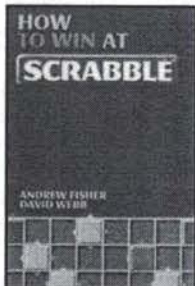
### How to Win How to Win at Scrabble

There is a typo on page 156 of this excellent book by Andrew Fisher and David Webb.

An invalid word is listed in an appendix of definitions of obscure words that appear in the book. The definition given is:— GEX (adj), considerable [Scottish]. It appears between GEODE and GI.

A copy of *How to Win at Scrabble* can be won by identifying the intended word. A draw will be held if more than one winning entry is received.

Send your answer by August 25, 2004 to Lynne Butler by snail mail or email — both addresses are on the last page of *Forwards*. Good Luck!



Andrew Fisher and David Webb

by move through a finals game between Mark Nyman and Joel Wapnick at the 1999 Melbourne Scrabble World Championships. Each move has been analysed with suggestions for better plays where they exist. There are clear diagrams of each move so the game can be plotted easily.

Though the title *How to Win at Scrabble* has been used before (Brunot, James and Jacobson, Edmund. *How to Win at Scrabble*. London, Hodder & Stoughton. (pbk) 1977.), the book is aptly named and will ensure more successes for all who devour it.

## Collins Dictionary Changeover News

Jeff Grant has forwarded a bulletin which will be published in the Association of British Scrabble Players magazine. It updates UK players re the possible change from Chambers to Collins dictionary. There will be no change in New Zealand yet as discussions are still taking place.

### AN UPDATE RE THE COLLINS DICTIONARY ISSUE FROM THE ABSP DICTIONARY COMMITTEE

In order to represent Players' interests regarding the Mattel switch from *Chambers* to *Collins*, the ABSP has formed a Dictionary Committee (ABSP-DC). This Committee is also part of a wider global Players (WESPA) Dictionary Committee. The DC members consist primarily of respected players who have been involved historically in the development of OSW and its associated word rules (Darryl Francis, Allan Simmons, David Webb, John Holgate (Australia), Jeff Grant (NZ)).

The ABSP-DC feels it most appropriate that all UK Club Players are aware that it exists and of the issues it is addressing. The ABSP-DC, whilst endeavouring to assist Collins in producing a book that might be acceptable to the players, equally believes it is important that all players, and not just those within the ABSP, ultimately have a choice should a Collins Scrabble word book be unacceptable. To that end the ABSP DC will also explore contingencies with Chambers.

Many Club players may have seen the ABSP-DC's recent article in the ABSP's magazine, *The Last Word* (TLW), which was representative of the disappointing position with Collins and the FAQ as at the TLW deadline. Since then there has been some welcome liaison from Collins. We now have some reason to be confident that less than 100 root words (plus inflexions) will disappear and none of these will be USA words. The root words that will disappear are relatively insignificant

to a player's useful Scrabble vocabulary and include such words as SYRLYE, EMBREWE, PICCADELL (plus inflexions).

However, there is not time for the ABSP DC to assess the expected thousands of new words coming in from Collins' sources and check them against the base OSW word rules, although we have seen some sample pages and advised Collins on areas they need to address. For that reason, plus the key fact that the initial Collins book (scheduled for the Summer) cannot possibly reflect the 2004 USA updates (which are still being worked on in America), we will **not** be recommending any 2004 Collins book to be adopted. We are also aware that if there are too many thousands of new words, that itself may be an unacceptable element of the change.

During the course of 2004 we expect to properly assess candidate new words from Collins sources against OSW-base rules, and discuss and agree a viable future update process. When the 2004 book is published we will scrutinise it fully to assess its suitability. We hope that Collins will make copies available for others (e.g. some clubs) to review as well. In 2005 a version of the book with definitions is expected to be published. That will be the earliest opportunity to reflect updates from the USA. So, it will not be until a 2005 AGM, and the publication of a 2005 book with definitions, that a vote and decision can be made.

If you are not an ABSP





member but have internet access then updates will appear on the ABSP website at [www.absp.org.uk](http://www.absp.org.uk). If your Club would like to nominate someone to receive email update bulletins from the ABSP-DC then please email [abspchair@aol.com](mailto:abspchair@aol.com) with the email address.

**Allan Simmons**  
(on behalf of the ABSP/WESPA Dictionary Committee)

### Robbie's Birthday Bash

from Su Walker

According to the *TV. Guide* 17 April, Robbie Williams appears to have grown up. His recent 30th birthday bash consisted of playing backgammon, rounds of golf and Scrabble(!) with friends and family members. How about that!

## Er — You're a WHAtEr?

from Jeff Grant

The American Scrabble Dictionary (OSPD) defines many words ending in -er as "one that....", for example, RIDDLER — one that riddles. An early edition of OSPD apparently defined BOILER as "one that boils". In similar vein here are twenty-six words, one for each letter of the alphabet, with definitions that don't seem quite right.

ARCHER	one that arches (gymnast)
BADGER	one that badges (boy scout)
CORNER	one that corns (chiroprapist)
DAGGER	one that dags (shearer)
ELVER	one that elves (small child)
FAIRER	one that fairs (dyed blonde)
GUTTER	one that guts (fisherman)
HAMMER	one that hams (bad actor)
IMPOSTER	one that impostes (tax collector)
JABBER	one that jabs (prizefighter)
KILTER	one that kilts (Scotsman)
LADDER	one that lads (paedophile)
MUTTER	one that mutts (dog catcher)
NUMBER	one that numbs (refrigerator)
OFFER	one that offs (hit man)
PUCKER	one that pucks (ice hockey player)
QUARTER	one that quarts (milkman)
RUGGER	one that rugs (toupee wearer)
SUMMER	one that sums (mathematician)
TEMPER	one that temps (office worker)
UPPER	one that ups (auctioneer)
VERGER	one that verges (near-success)
WANDER	one that wands (magician)
XYSTER	one that xysts (promenader)
YOUNGER	one that youngs (face-lifted actress)
ZIMMER	one that zims



archer



wander

## 70,000 Games — Part 3

This is the third part of John O'Laughlin's fascinating list. John, 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.

### 6 Letters

18601 of 20964 possible 6-letter words were played. The 200 most played sixes were:

263	qintar	223	qindar	208	euouae	167	fejioa	145	quinoa
138	outvie	134	azione	116	agouti	113	yaqona	109	hoagie
105	wienie	103	zouave	101	toitot	101	joiner	100	quiver
100	heinie	97	zoaria	97	jarvie	97	footie	96	qiviut
95	quango	95	aguize	93	bovine	91	douane	90	iolite
89	iodate	89	adagio	88	toeier	88	quaver	88	oilier
88	liquor	87	aeonic	86	ionize	85	giaour	84	equity
83	vaoodoo	83	haique	83	aviate	82	zeatin	82	jivier
81	yautia	81	iodize	81	baguio	80	opiate	80	jovial
79	ideate	79	avoure	78	zooeae	78	goatee	76	woubit
76	quoter	76	jinnee	76	jeelie	76	bougie	75	woodie
75	toorie	75	oxgate	75	injera	75	evzone	74	viroid
74	unwive	74	unvext	74	quinie	74	oroide	74	exuvia
73	viator	73	jilted	73	iodine	73	boatie	72	zonure
72	virion	72	trivia	72	tibiae	72	requin	72	quoted
72	goonie	71	sheqel	71	quarer	71	novity	71	jordan
71	joined	71	jailed	71	fervid	71	etoile	71	augite
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69	woolie	69	wivern	69	qwerty	69	quaere	69	qasida
69	jitney	69	ariosi	68	voidee	68	virago	68	quelea
68	quarto	68	qigong	68	ovator	68	moirai	68	jilgie
68	gaucie	68	fajita	68	euripi	68	equine	68	diquat
68	codeia	68	alodia	67	virino	67	toetoe	67	jailor
67	inwove	67	injure	67	eonian	66	widgie	66	favour
66	auntie	65	voting	65	vernix	65	teniae	65	jantee
65	entrez	64	zanier	64	vigoro	64	quinol	64	qualia
64	outwin	64	ourebi	64	ooidal	64	oleine	64	keavie
64	feirie	64	epizoa	64	eolian	64	devout	64	autoed
63	vigour	63	opaque	63	oolite	63	ogival	63	jilter
63	flavin	62	vogued	62	tinaja	62	junior	62	havior
62	godwit	62	gidjee	62	foveae	62	equate	62	adieux
61	voteen	61	vitric	61	quethe	61	oleate	61	goalie
61	foodie	61	fanjet	60	zooeal	60	violin	60	utopia
60	unwove	60	tourie	60	dzeren	60	avowed	60	aedine
59	zorino	59	weenie	59	judogi	59	ionone	59	inject
59	hoolie	59	faunae	59	equant	58	unwire	58	unhive
58	torque	58	pavone	58	hearie	58	guizer	58	foetid
58	dautie	58	coaita	58	atocia	57	winier	57	vorago
57	vatted	57	uredia	57	trijet	57	tranqs	57	roquet
57	quinze	57	ovated	57	meinie	57	guaiac	57	gaijin



## 7 Letters

26930 of 31229 possible 7-letter words were played (not necessarily as bingos)

The 200 most played sevens were:

245	etaerio	133	aieries	110	etesian	106	eration
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70	roseate	70	areolae	69	soutane	69	olearia
68	seriate	68	alienee	67	anisole	66	inosite
66	goatier	65	epinaoi	65	enolase	64	sequoia
64	aerobia	63	routine	63	elation	62	origane
62	isatine	62	inertia	62	ideates	62	aeriest
61	godetia	60	evasion	59	riotise	58	estrone
57	retinol	57	oleates	57	eutexia	57	areoles
57	alsoone	56	eloiner	55	sienite	55	diorite
54	ordinee	54	atelier	54	aerosat	53	soredia
53	inedita	53	boaties	53	aureole	52	herniae
52	erotica	52	aureate	52	aileron	52	aeonian
51	isobare	51	douleia	51	aniseed	51	airiest
50	sealine	50	onerier	50	nerolis	50	eugenia
50	dauties	50	arenous	49	denarii	48	sinuate
48	outearn	48	oreades	48	lineate	48	aliener
48	alerion	48	aerates	47	atoners	46	residua
46	ovaries	46	oestral	46	entasia	46	astustere
46	aurelia	46	acinose	46	acetone	45	torsive
45	tearier	45	sociate	45	laities	45	arietta
45	anestra	45	agonies	44	lairise	44	eucaine
44	enation	44	dearies	44	axinite	43	situlae
43	ovation	43	etiolin	43	eserine	43	dariole
43	auditor	42	senator	42	outseen	42	osiered
42	egalite	42	aristae	41	voiture	41	taenias
41	otaries	41	obviate	41	isotone	41	iodates
41	hetaira	41	eulogia	41	entroid	40	urinose
40	oration	40	opiated	40	jadeite	40	fairest
40	etourdi	40	estoile	40	erudite	40	edition
40	ansated	40	aerogel	39	troelie	39	reginae
39	niobate	39	isolead	39	egotise	39	beastie
39	aviator	39	aureity	39	augites	39	atheise
39	areolas	39	araneid	39	abortee	38	uredial
38	toadies	38	ornater	38	mineola	38	iodated
38	heroine	38	erosion	38	equinia	38	dourine
38	betaine	38	antired	38	aneared	38	agisted
37	triaged	37	toastie	37	realist	37	outgive
37	onstage	37	onetime	37	oleines	37	olefine
37	miaoued	37	ivories	37	evirate	37	astroid
37	antliae	36	unwrite	36	unwarie	36	rondeau
36	retrain	36	realtie	36	neonate	36	goatees
36	eupnoea	36	estriol	36	dietine	36	detrain
36	coesite	36	atebrin	36	anestri	36	aleuron
36	airhole	35	wearies	35	unitage	35	tornade
35	toenail	35	teenier	35	steamie	35	realise
35	niterie	35	negates	35	naiades	35	naevoid
35	erodent	35	eloined	35	ebonite	35	dinitro

## The Complete List of Scrabble Palindromes

by Jethro Snafflerod

Most Scrabblers now know that there is one allowable nine-letter palindrome and eight seven-letter ones but as far as I am aware no list has so far been produced of all the others from 2 to 6 letters. Following is a list of all I can find on our word base, and for reasons which will become evident at the end of the list, I fervently wish that nobody will stuff it up by finding one I have missed. ☺

## 2s

AA EE MM OO

Total 4

## 3s

ABA AGA AHA AIA ALA AMA ANA AVA AWA BIB BOB BUB  
DAD DID DOD DUD EKE EME ENE ERE EVE EWE EYE GAG  
GIG HAH HEH HOH HUH MAM MEM MIM MOM MUM NAN NON  
NUN OBO OHO OXO PAP PEP PIP POP PUP SIS SOS SUS  
TAT TET TIT TOT TUT ULU UTU VAV WAW WOW YAY ZIZ

ZUZ

Total 61

## 4s

ABBA ANNA BOOB DEED ECCE ESSE KEEK KOOK  
NAAN NOON OPPO OTTO PEEP POOP SEES TOOT

Total 16

## 5s

ALULA ANANA CIVIC DEKED DELED DERED DEWED  
KAIKAK KAYAK LEMEL LEVEL MADAM MINIM RADAR  
REFER ROTOR TENET TOROT

Total 18

## 6s

DENNED HALLAH MALLAM MARRAM PULLUP  
REDDER SELLES SERRES SESSES SUCCUS  
TALLAT TERRET TIRRET

Total 13

## 7s

DEIFIED HALALAH REIFIER REPAPER REVIVER  
ROTATOR SEITIES SEMEMES

Total 8

## 9s

ROTAVATOR

Total 1

Now comes the spooky bit. The grand total of the above is 121, which is not only a palindromic number itself but also a number that can only be factorised by squaring 11, the lowest and only prime 2-digit palindromic number. "Pure coincidence" I hear you say. Yeah right, and the tooth fairy doesn't exist either.



## NZ National Champs 2004

by Glenda Foster

The National Champs were held over Queens Birthday weekend in Auckland. Here is a resume based on the score summaries.

### Day 1

In A Grade two players managed 7 wins from 8 games, with Blue Thorogood ahead of Glennis Hale on spread. Lying third and fourth were Howard Warner and Australian visitor Joanne Craig on 6 wins.

In B Grade Rosemary Cleary was ahead on 7 wins, with Doreen O'Shea and Joan Thomas on 6 wins. C Grade had 4 players all on 7 wins — Shirley Hol, Jennifer Smith, Margaret Cherry and Allie Quinn. D Grade had 4 players on 6 wins — Margaret Flaws, Marianne Patchett, Lyn Toka and Selena Chan. Kaite Hansen and Ruth Groffman led E Grade on 7 wins. Role Cole-Baker in F Grade was the only player to win all 8 games on day 1. Roger French and Diane Cole-Baker finished on 7 and 6 wins respectively. In G Grade Yvonne McKenzie led on 7 wins, with Roslyn

Lister, Pauline Scott and Jason Isaacs on 6 wins apiece.

### Day 2

In Grade A at lunch on day 2 Blue retained the lead, on 10 wins, Howard moved up to second, Jeff Grant into third place and Kendall Boyd into fourth. Glennis didn't manage a win before lunch and slipped to fifth place.

Going into the final game Blue was still in front on 10 wins. There were 4 players on 9 wins, but of those only Kendall had a realistic chance of winning the grade, as Blue's spread was a hefty 1031. Kendall lost his game against Patrick Carter and Blue won his against Rogelio, so Blue won his first National Champs. A great feat for won who hasn't played many tournaments lately. Glennis recovered by winning the last three games and moving up to second place ahead of Jeff who won his last game against Howard.

Other grade results are on pages 31-32.

### Nationals Bonuses

by Pat Grant (Adjudicator)

At the National Champs in Auckland, over 800 challenges were made. Here are some of the more unusual allowable bonuses played.

STAYNED	SUIDIAN	TEETOTALS
SILENTS	NOISING	OUTTASKS
MENSURAL	RIOTRIES	TABRERE
UNLIMED	AUGENDS	VECTORED
BOSKIER	NORIMONS	SMIRRED
MOUSSED	REEFINGS	AGOUTAS
CREVICED	THANKEE	INFARCTS
KNOTLESS	TIMEOUTS	DRIFTAGE
ARCUATE	THINGIER	SHAGREEN
NOTITIAE	TAILERON	GWEDUCS



Blue Thorogood

## Australian Scrabble Championships April 2004

The Australian National title went to Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore) with 18 wins in an exciting playoff in the 21st game with NSW's Paul Cleary. Paul fell graciously to 2nd place with 17 wins and an impressive margin of 2349.

High word was awarded to WA's Faye Williams with her outstanding 203 points for EXORCISE. This was a turnaround as last year the high word was played against Faye. High game went to Cleary for clearly deserving the award with a score of 624 even though numerous players had scratched the 600 mark over the weekend.

### Results after game 21

	Player	Wins	Mar
1	Cheah Siu Hean	18	1647
2	Paul Cleary	17	2349
3	Andrew Fisher	16	1567
4	Esther Perrins	16	895
5	Alistair Kane	15	788
6	Bob Jackman	15	447
7	Trevor Halsall	14	774
8	Daniel Piechnick	13.5	799
9	Edward Okulicz	13	664
10	Joanne Craig	13	624
*39	Helen Sillis NZL	11	353

## Nationals Anecdotes

### Hitting the Ton

John Foster reports from the Nationals that in his game with June Mackwell they each had one bonus word. Nothing unusual in that except that each of them scored exactly 100 points.

### Val's Needle to the Rescue

by Stan Gregeg

As play was about to start on the second day, it was pointed out that my tile bag had sprung a couple of big leaks. What does a young man do? I can fix computers or lend a bit of muscle power when needed, but this one had me completely stumped. I happened to mention my predicament in earshot of Val Mills, who immediately had the remedy. With 5 minutes to go before the start of play, Val found her trusted needle and cotton and gave my tile bag a quick sew up, with time to spare.

Where would we be without the versatile talents of people like Val?

## Bad Words/CSI

The forensic police drama, CSI aired an episode featuring a popular word-game recently in the USA. This synopsis was found at [http://www.csifiles.com/episodes/csi/season4/bad\\_words.shtml](http://www.csifiles.com/episodes/csi/season4/bad_words.shtml)

**Series:** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

**Episode Title:** Bad Words

**Episode Number:** 419

**Synopsis:** "Catherine and Warrick suspect a serial arsonist is at work after a house fire kills a teenage girl in a neighborhood where there was a previous blaze a few days earlier; a

champion at a popular word-game tournament is found dead of asphyxiation in a men's room and several tile letters are found in his throat and stomach." Original Airdate (USA): April 15, 2004

The letters, as Grissom wrote them down, five from the stomach and one from the trachea are V-E-S-X-I-N. A very foxy word springs to mind immediately, but apparently Gorgeous Gil was not as wily at anagramming as we Scrabblers...

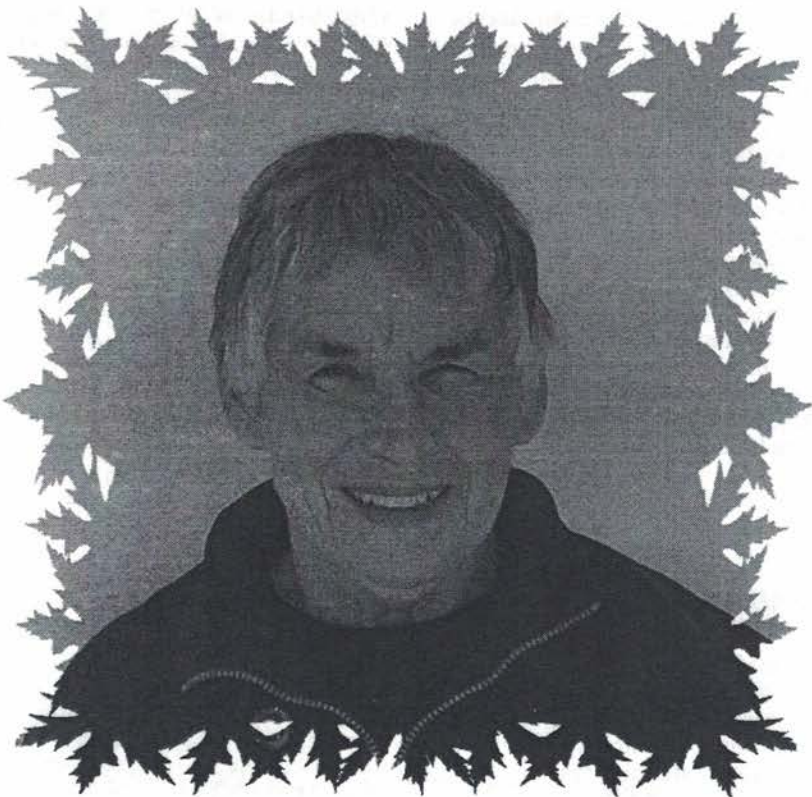




# PLAYER PROFILE

## Confessions of an Inconsistent Scrabble Diehard

by Howard Warner



Age is like playing Scrabble — it's all in the mind, reckons June Mackwell. And with the mind, it's a case of "use it or lose it".

That's the key to success for the Auckland stalwart, who at 81 is still

giving the youngsters a run for their money in the A grade of tournaments. In this year's Masters, she snatched back her 'oldest player' record from Gerald Warner (these two have been trading it for years).

Her former psychology studies taught her a valuable lesson about ageing, she says. "You can choose to age in the mind or in the body. I chose to look after my mind by playing Scrabble and here I still am. It's a key choice in life, I believe. Scrabble sharpens your intellect in so many ways."

Whatever the proven benefits of brain sports for health and longevity, it may just be June's laid-back, positive outlook on life that keeps her going. She's one of those players who always seems to be laughing, joking and thoroughly enjoying herself, whatever her position on the scoresheet or spot chart.

June grew up in Hamilton and shifted to Auckland's North Shore in 1970, for a job in her field of physiotherapy. Her marriage had ended, her children had left home and her parents had also headed north. In 1983, she and her long-time friend Mary Farmer were both doing part-time BA courses at Auckland University and seeking new leisure activities that would extend the mind. (She had previously played squash, that most physically demanding of sports, while raising her four children, until a crippling back injury took her off the court.)

The two friends tried Toastmasters and loved it, but gave it up after a year when the speeches "got too hard". They tried night classes in painting, but only lasted one night — "I'm not particularly arty." Then they had a go at Scrabble, since Mary lived in Mt Albert where a club had started about 18 months before. They both took to it with a passion. Says June, "Because we'd started at the same time, people couldn't sort us out for the first year or so. We'd both answer to either name, June or Mary." A key memory of those early days is the whiteboard on which all seven-letter plays were recorded. "Back then, it was an achievement for you to get one for the

night!"

She has since played continuously at club level, first for Mt Albert and in the past few years for North Shore-Bays (the three-monthly Jenny Ward challenge between the two clubs proves quite a loyalty test). She has also played countless tournaments, including five Norfolk Island festivals and 12 Masters. "At my first Masters, I came ninth and nearly fainted. I was a real nobody." Her best finish has been seventh, her worst 24th and she was a respectable 13th this year. She also came fifth in the A grade in one Nationals, which propelled her into the national rankings' top 10.

She's not concerned about inconsistency because, as she says, "I'm not a consistent person — that's just not me." These days she picks and chooses tournaments according to how she feels, whatever others think. She is competitive, but more with herself. "I take each game by itself. I know I can beat anyone, but I can also lose to anyone. Sometimes I can lose the plot completely — unfortunate choices are my downfall."

One of the charms of Scrabble, she finds, is that it is equally "inconsistent", with its mix of luck, skill and word knowledge. "Chess is cut and dried, bridge has the element of a partner. But Scrabble is so variable. Anything can happen. It can be the most frustrating game if you let it get to you. Personally, I don't lose sleep over it, or over anything."

Another charm for her is the social element. Scrabble has a bad image among the public, she says. It gets trivialised. People don't want to know about it. "But Scrabblers are marvellous — they just take you for who you are. You look forward to seeing them at tournaments. It's a wonderful chance to socialise in a relaxed, warm, non-threatening environment. The people make it such a pleasure to be beaten. And half the fun comes in between the games." →



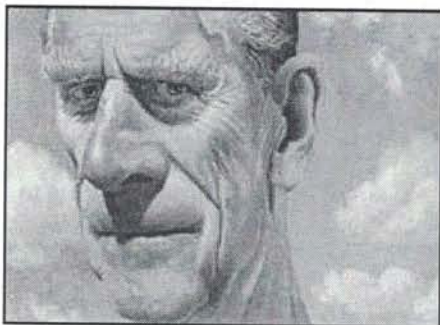
## When a Swearword Won't Do

### E-CYCLOPEDIA

The words behind the headlines  
**GADZOOKS:** 17th C. noun, mild exclamation. Refers to the crucifixion of Christ.

### CURRENT USAGE

Prince Philip on seeing a portrait by Stuart Pearson Wright. "Gadzooks! Why have you given me a great schonk?"



Gadzooks! What a schonk!

### ORIGIN

In recent decades, this harmless sounding exclamation has been almost exclusively linked to Timothy

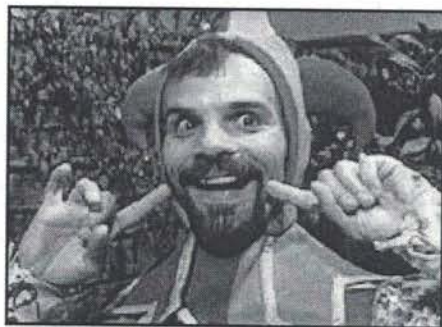
→ Though her passion for Scrabble has not dimmed in 21 years, she doesn't bother any more with word learning because "it just doesn't sink in". People often ask her how long she will go on playing. "It's not how long I'll go on — the game will go on with me as long as I do," she says. "At my age I just live for the day, one day at a time. Yesterday I played Scrabble, tomorrow I'll play. I can't think beyond that — I'm not a planner. That's probably how I play my game, too."

Judging by the results, it's not a bad way to play Scrabble. Or to live a life, for that matter.

Claypole — the bearded, jester in the long-running BBC children's TV show *Rentaghost*.

"Gadzooks! Don't go down into the cellar, Mistress Meacher."

Coming from the mouth of Claypole, many young viewers assumed the word had been invented to spice up the dialogue without



Gadzooks! What a beard!

causing offence. (The alternatives being the rather hackneyed comic standards "Cripes!", "Crikey!", "Yikes!")

Gadzooks can, in fact, be traced to the literature of the late 17th Century.

### ROOT

"Gad" is a euphemism for God (see also. *gaw/gawd/gor*), which has lost its ability to shock as an oath with the decline of religiosity.

Gad has been coupled with many suffixes (*gadsbodikins* = "God's little body"). **Zooks** is a corruption of "hooks", which could be a reference to Christ's **hands** or, more likely, the **nails** of the crucifixion.

### DISPUTED

Hooks could instead refer to **hocks** or **hucks** or **houghs** which would suggest a translation of "God's bones".

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**Fun Puns**

- ☺ Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
- ☺ A backward poet writes inverse.
- ☺ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- ☺ Dijon vu — the same mustard as before.
- ☺ Practice safe eating — always use condiments.
- ☺ Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- ☺ A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
- ☺ A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- ☺ Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
- ☺ Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- ☺ Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
- ☺ Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- ☺ When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

# ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, eg WEENY to YEWEN, and IMBRUTE to TERBIUM. On a higher level, is POLITICAL CORRECTNESS a state where LIES CONTROL PRACTICES?

Here are anagrams for six NZ Scrabblers.

MESCAL KELLY	CALMLY SLEEK
ELVIE PERRIN	EVER IN PERIL
TREVOR ROWELL	REV ROTOR WELL
SHEILA REED	HERE'S IDEAL
MADGE WATSON	A GEM SAT DOWN
JUDITH THOMAS	JOSH HUTT MAID

(Wellington actually)

**Masterful Moments (Answers from p.5)**

Most look quite plausible, but only REROOF and JEERINGS are allowed in Scrabble. All the rest can be found in other places, and some are very common. CONMAN and VOTINGS each have over 100,000 hits on the Net!

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**Kiwi Scrabblers**

by Elaine Moltzen

2003 was another successful year for our club. Like most clubs new members are hard to find but we still have 16 members and all are enjoying our weekly fix of Scrabble.

Our club meetings are being held on alternate Thursday afternoons and evenings over the winter months, so if you're visiting our lovely city feel free to come along for some games. Contact Jacqueline 07 846 7422 or Elaine 07 843 5108. There are a few changes for our annual tournament this year. Waikato Phoenix and Kiwi are both to be at the Cosmopolitan Club. As the catering is done by them a salad is not available though a healthy menu has been organised. We will still be keeping our usual Christmas theme.

Has anyone got a hard-cover Redwood Scrabble Dictionary for sale? If so please contact Samantha Samuels on 07 849 5545.

Results from 2003 Prize giving:

**Club Champion**

- 1st Betty Gibb
- 2nd Roger Coates
- 3rd Elaine Moltzen

**Pot Luck Champion**

- 1st Elaine Moltzen
- 2nd Betty Gibb
- 3rd Marj Baillie

**Pyramid Trophy**

- 1st Elaine Moltzen
- 2nd Betty Gibb
- 3rd Roger Coates

**Ladder Trophy**

- 1st Roger Coates
- 2nd Samantha Samuels
- 3rd Elaine Moltzen

**Most Improved Player**  
Carole Coates

**Best Performing Average Player**  
Marj Baillie

**Round Robin Group 1**  
1st Roger Coates  
2nd Betty Gibb  
3rd Kim Graham

**Round Robin Group 2**  
1st Jena Yousif  
2nd Pam Mayall  
3rd Carole Coates

**Most Bonus Words**  
1st Elaine Moltzen  
2nd Lyn Toka  
3rd Roger Coates

**Most 100pt Words**  
1st Samantha Samuels  
2nd Elaine Moltzen  
3rd Roger Coates

**Most Promising New Player**  
Bernie Jardine

**Best Performing Social Member**  
Shirley Martin

**Nelson News**

by Debbie Caldwell

We have had a good year so far. Clubs nights have been well attended with several visitors including two from the USA. Five members went to the Wellington tournament and all exceeded their expectancy. Two attended the Dunedin tournament and we had two representing us at the Masters.

Jack got a top score well over 400, and two newer members, Marie and Margaret both played their first bonus word. Debbie broke a NZ record with a 487 point draw against Lynn Wood in the Nelson tournament.





Lynn and Debbie's 479 draw board

Our tournament went excellently. Thirty players from Pakuranga, Stratford, Hastings, Wellington, Golden Bay, Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin attended. The prizes were all locally made and the food was delicious. Most players entered the Wearable Scrabble competition. Some of the many memorable entries were:-

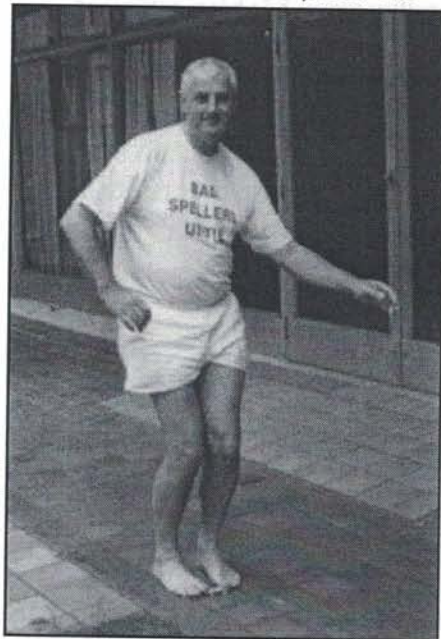
- ☺ Julia's three rack hat with tiles spelling 'Rack Your Brains'
- ☺ Dawn dressed as the infamous Tile Tracker
- ☺ Steve, whose anagrams were so complicated most people failed to work them out
- ☺ Maria in an immense top hat; Shirley who wore a stylish purple number with tiles on tulle
- ☺ Gabrielle who stuck tiles on her hat with colourful pipe cleaners.

The winner was Murray with his aptly named creation 'BEL de CRABS'. Debbie was runner-up with her 'Scrabble Prayer' and Paul got the Homer Simpson skateboard Booby Prize for the costume worn to the most tournaments, with his shirt 'Bad Spellers Untie'.

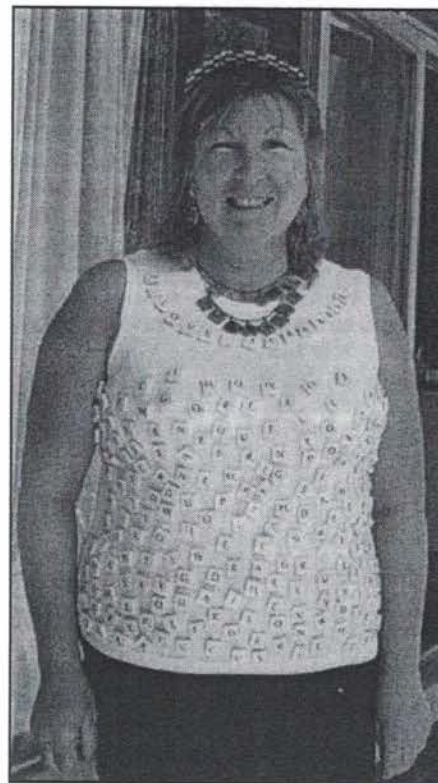
The local paper took a photo of



Debbie with her 100-piece tile



Paul learns how to balance on his Homer Simpson skateboard



Ann just loves Scrabble

Ann, Murray and Julia in costume and that was published along with an excellent article the following week.

**Christchurch**

by Margaret Lyall

Friday night attendances are increasing and we are pleased to welcome the new members. Unfortunately Wednesday player numbers have dropped lately, but advertising concentrating on the afternoon group may bring some improvement.

The Club Committee had a particularly busy time preparing for the Masters held over Easter. A roster of helpers was organised to assist over the three days which resulted in a smoothly run event.



Dawn the tile tracker

We are pleased to have Shirley van E back with us again on Friday nights after her operation, also Betty S. after her health problems. Best wishes to any other club members who are unwell.

**Top 5 Averages**

**Friday night group**

Name	Games Played	Ave Score	Bonus Words
Paul	18	431	23
Shirley H	20	406	25
Shirley van E	10	394	11
Colleen	4	385	2
Kaite	9	384	8

**Wednesday afternoon group**

Betty W	7	361	4
Paula	12	336	8
Jean C	2	342	2
Pat	6	311	1
Riki	12	304	-



## Dunedin Scrabble Club News

by Bill Grigg

### Apologies

In the March issue I failed to mention that Karyn McDougall won a gold medal in the A grade in the first Scrabble tournament played as part of the ACC NZ Masters Games. Congratulations to Karyn, and well done to all other medallists and competitors.

### Welcome

Henry Goldstein joined the club in March and played in his first tournament in Dunedin during the first weekend of April. He came 4th in the C grade on both days. Well done Henry.

### Quiz

Should you challenge?:

- (a) CANTLER, (b) JETTERS,  
(c) OVERGAIN, (d) UNRAILED

### True Story

A little girl was staring at her Nana and finally asked, "How did you get all those cracks in your face?". The room filled with laughter.

### Club Competition Winners

**Round Robin:** Peter Sinton  
**Ladder:** Bill Grigg  
**Challenge:** Peter Sinton  
**Dictionary:** Karyn McDougall

### Highlights of the year so far

#### Highest Winning Score:

Karyn McDougall (689)

#### Highest Losing Score:

Nick Ascroft (413)

#### Highest Turn Score:

Karyn McDougall (104)

### Dunedin Lion Open April 3&4 2004

Visitors included Eileen Mclean (MTA), Debbie Caldwell and Murray Rogers (NEL) and a strong contingent from Christchurch. A notable feature was that everyone in the club was involved in one way or another.

**Day 1:** A major upset - Peter Sinton won only 3 games out of 7. Debbie Caldwell (NEL) was clear winner with 7 wins.

**Day 2:** Debbie continued her winning streak and took the A grade again with 6 wins.

#### Highest Turn Score:

Karyn McDougall (176)

#### Highest Spread:

Nick Ascroft (288)

**Highlight:** Olivia En, who is almost totally blind, played her first tournament, came 3rd in the C grade on day 1 with 5 wins and won the C grade on day 2 with 6 wins. Well done, Olivia. (In case you are wondering, she plays on a Braille board with Braille tiles. Daisy Madden drew tiles from the bag for both her and her opponent and kept score for Olivia.)

### New Faces

Good to see Bill back playing after a two year absence. We had several other new faces — Olivia En, Henry Goldstein, Bev Allen, Paul Freeman, Susi Nicholson.

### New Zealand Masters Tournament (Christchurch).

I travelled up with Peter Sinton to watch and observe. He was ahead after 4 - 8 - 12 - 16 and 21 games. All



Peter Sinton



Sometimes your rack looks most unpromising with just one vowel, but a common word like SCRATCH or SPRINTS could be hiding there. Here are a dozen unusual single vowel bonus words to dazzle your opponents.

SPLENTS	PLINTHS	SCRUNTS
MIGHTST	BORSCHT	SPLATCH
STRATHS	SPLIFFS	STRONDS
SCHLEPP	PSCHENT	THRUTCH



he had to do was win one of the last two games, but it was not to be. He lost to Glennis Hale and Lisa McLean. Tied first on wins, 3rd on spread. Well done, Peter and also congratulations to winner, Howard Warner and runner up, Andrew Bradley.

It was a privilege to watch and learn. Thanks to all players for letting me do so, and thanks to Christchurch for a well run tournament.

### Otago Lion Open - Nov 13-14, 2004

6 per grade, 15 games triple round robin.

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Quiz Answers are they — sprout, joy  
all challenge Yes, you should

## Tahitian Kumara Soup

from Allison Torrance (CHC)

[Players at the Masters were treated to delicious soup at this year's Masters in Christchurch. Allison has kindly agreed to share her recipe which she found in *The Flame Tree Cookbook* by Sue Carruthers. —Ed]

Serves 6-8

3 kumara weighing 300g total

1 tbsp vegetable oil

1 tbsp butter

3 onions, chopped

3 stalks celery with leaves, chopped

1 tsp curry powder

2 cloves garlic, crushed

4 cups chicken stock or broth

2 cups milk

1/2 cup coconut milk or cream

salt and pepper

yoghurt or coconut cream for garnish

1 tbsp chopped parsley

Peel the kumara and cut into small cubes. Heat the oil and butter and sauté the onions and celery until the onion is soft. Add curry powder, garlic and kumara, and cook for 2 minutes. Add chicken stock, bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 25-30 minutes or until the kumara is tender. Puree the soup. Stir in the milk and coconut cream, and add salt and pepper to taste. If serving hot, heat in a clean saucepan till almost boiling; otherwise cool and chill until very cold. Serve in individual bowls with a swirl of yoghurt or coconut cream and chopped parsley in each. (Remember to chill the bowls if serving cold.)



# EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Our new National Champion is Blue Thorogood from Wairoa — congratulations Blue — a great effort by a player who hadn't competed in a tournament for a while. Congratulations to all the other winners, place getters and participants as well.

This year's Nationals in Auckland had 112 players taking part; the largest number for quite some time, and it was great to see so many players.

Thanks to all the people who helped make the tournament run smoothly; doing baking for morning and afternoon teas, helping to set up, and clean up the hall at the other end and all the work with draws and computer setup. Once again it was nice to welcome 2 players from Australia.

There were several remits passed at the AGM and the first tournament after the Nationals will be played with the new rules (see details on page 6) — please make yourselves familiar with them. In the December *Forwards* magazine (on p23) there

was a reminder about the NZASP rules and where to find them, but I still often come across players who don't seem to be aware of some rules or where to access them. Once Glenda has had a chance to update them after the 2004 AGM, I urge club committee members to print these off and get them to your club members, especially tournament players. If you don't have access to the web I will be happy to send a copy to your club.

The executive committee remains the same for the next year; but both Allie Quinn and myself plan to relinquish our positions at next year's AGM. Thanks to the other committee members for all their hard work during the year; you've been great to work with.

The Masters this year was well run by the Christchurch club — thanks to them for a great weekend in a venue with a view. Howard Warner won yet again after coming through from behind to beat Andrew Bradley and Peter Sinton.

## Literary Insults

"A graceful taunt is worth a thousand insults."

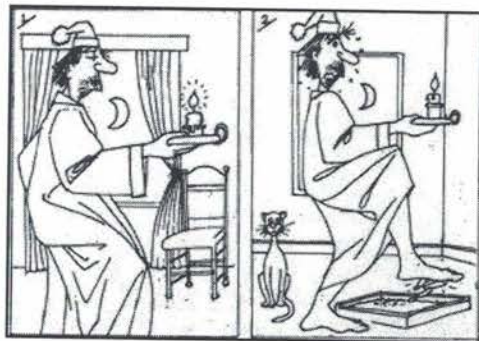
— Louis Nizer

"I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here."

— Stephen Bishop

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

— Winston Churchill



On TIPTOES to the POTTIES

Cartoon by John Parker (AUS)

## NZASP Rankings List as at 9 June 2004\*

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Patrick Carter	2058	532.5	847	63%	48 Gerald Warner	1520	749.5	1609	47%
2 Jeff Grant	2035	1088.5	1411	77%	49 Frank Robinson	1508	94.5	191	49%
3 Kendall Boyd	2023	284	380	75%	50 Margaret Cherry	1494	287	565	51%
4 Howard Warner	1991	742	1077	69%	51 Murray Rogers	1483	202	376	54%
5 Peter Sinton	1986	389.5	534	73%	52 Allie Quinn	1472	610.5	1270	48%
6 Lynne Butler	1962	606	999	61%	53 Andree Prentice	1466	559.5	1075	52%
7 Glennis Hale	1961	912.5	1633	56%	54 Jean O'Brien	1461	546	1076	51%
8 Mike Sigley	1960	637	869	73%	55 Rhoda Cashman	1458	564	1184	48%
9 Rogelio Talosig	1947	141.5	223	63%	56 May Quigley	1439	468	1064	44%
10 Liz Fagerlund	1924	454.5	845	54%	57 Pam Barlow	1437	287	539	53%
11 Steven Brown	1908	452.5	855	53%	58 Margaret Bundock	1428	503.5	1041	48%
12 Andrew Bradley	1908	413	828	50%	59 Shirley Hol	1427	325.5	665	49%
13 Glenda Foster	1906	549.5	1061	52%	60 Jennifer Smith	1422	413.5	747	55%
14 Debbie Caldwell	1887	219.5	352	62%	61 Rebecca Freeth	1417	138.5	244	57%
15 Chris Hooks	1872	583.5	1198	49%	62 Shirley Martin	1413	376.5	717	53%
16 Lynne Powell	1860	692	1347	51%	63 Maureen Holliday	1403	365.5	724	50%
17 Cecilia Ruto	1841	221.5	434	51%	64 Karyn McDougall	1402	383.5	745	51%
18 Joanne Craig	1839	33	59	56%	65 Hilda Scott	1373	240.5	457	53%
19 Glynis Jennings	1813	332.5	706	47%	66 Yvette Hewlett	1366	229.5	472	49%
20 Julie Atkinson	1811	192.5	344	56%	67 Isabel Zyp	1349	329	659	50%
21 John Foster	1809	847.5	1498	57%	68 Ann Candler	1347	504.5	1069	47%
22 Pam Robson	1798	402	852	47%	69 Betty Eriksen	1333	436	873	50%
23 June Mackwell	1797	425.5	930	46%	70 Delcie Macbeth	1314	430.5	805	53%
24 Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	71 Lawson Sue	1299	108.5	186	58%
25 Marianne Bentley	1743	164.5	356	46%	72 Stan Gregec	1298	99	166	60%
26 Rosemary Cleary	1719	388	840	46%	73 Nick Ascroft	1296	65	85	76%
27 Roger Coates	1703	399.5	812	49%	74 Margaret Lyall	1293	313	622	50%
28 Peter Jones	1690	577	1163	50%					
29 Glenyss Buchanan	1674	411	840	49%					
30 Doreen O'Shea	1669	341.5	677	50%					
31 Leila Thomson	1659	341	747	46%					
32 Ann Hough	1658	272.5	519	53%					
33 Paul Lister	1650	451.5	791	57%					
34 Lynn Wood	1640	844	1780	47%					
35 Joan Thomas	1619	387.5	734	53%					
36 David Gunn	1616	763	1469	52%					
37 Eileen McLean	1612	773.5	1499	52%					
38 Janice Cherry	1611	226	407	56%					
39 Val Mills	1609	502	1081	46%					
40 Shirley van Essen	1605	205	368	56%					
41 Faye Cronhelm	1595	497	991	50%					
42 Fae Olson	1595	968.5	2031	48%					
43 Helen Sillis	1570	514	1004	51%					
44 Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%					
45 Kim Graham	1548	245	447	55%					
46 Andrew Denmead	1539	164.5	327	50%					
47 Yvonne Wilson	1524	265	488	54%					



Yvonne Wilson (HAS)



Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
75 Steve Richards	1288	126	234	54%
76 Glenda Geard	1286	628	1255	50%
77 Marianne Patchett	1274	173.5	315	55%
78 Selena Chan	1269	101.5	164	62%
79 Correne James	1262	467	986	47%
80 Margaret Flaws	1247	105	169	62%
81 Doreen Ogston	1243	430	898	48%
82 Su Walker	1232	379.5	757	50%
83 Amelia Carrington	1230	113	192	59%
84 Lyn Dawson	1219	232	407	57%
85 Reeva Pearson	1204	685.5	1469	47%
86 Lyn Toka	1204	248.5	474	52%
87 David Bragg	1202	117.5	197	60%
88 Elaine Moltzen	1192	354.5	706	50%
89 Ruth Groffman	1163	192.5	356	54%
90 Allison Torrance	1140	161	295	55%
91 Lorraine Van Veen	1136	473	931	51%
92 Kaite Hansen	1120	59	90	66%
93 Shirley Wyatt	1096	326.5	694	47%
94 Hazel Purdie	1084	444	902	49%
95 Bev Barker	1080	357	744	48%
96 Jim Wills	1079	85	126	67%
97 Ernie Gidman	1075	156	312	50%
98 Liz Richards	1069	119.5	233	51%
99 Samantha Samuels	1069	87	175	50%
100 Karen Miller	1054	256	538	48%
101 Joan Pratt	1050	393.5	753	52%
102 Isabel Morris	1049	88.5	170	52%
103 Marianne Ross	1041	245.5	521	47%
104 Veronica Zilinskas	1021	74	119	62%
105 Roto Mitchell	1003	249	470	53%
106 Mescal Kelly	993	45	82	55%
107 Rosalind Phillips	993	115	204	56%
108 Ray Goodyear	983	94	191	49%
109 Roger Cole-Baker	972	57	94	61%
110 Lynn Carter	928	58	101	57%
111 Gabrielle Bolt	926	133	251	53%
112 Carole Coates	920	315	637	49%
113 Carolyn Kyle	912	258	520	50%
114 Annette Coombes	898	322	730	44%
115 Jill Johnson	876	112	232	48%
116 Ella Rushton	870	26	36	72%
117 Kathleen Mori-Barker	858	171	371	46%
118 Diane Cole-Baker	840	41	69	59%
119 Taanga Lawrence	797	51	134	38%
120 Irene Hague-Smith	795	370	788	47%
121 Valma Gidman	793	392	782	50%
122 Pauline Smeaton	789	89	185	48%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
123 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	789	309	649	48%
124 Catherine Henry	780	104	169	62%
125 Pam Mayall	735	209	399	52%
126 Liz Catchpole	708	229	482	48%
127 Jena Yousif	705	102	208	49%
128 Thelma Chisholm	702	69	136	51%
129 Chris Handley	696	166.5	351	47%
130 Yvonne MacKenzie	686	201	464	43%
131 Margaret Hanson	680	291.5	581	50%
132 Elaine Ware	680	268	519	52%
133 Kate Wignall	661	449	901	50%
134 Michael Groffman	660	73.5	162	45%
135 Dominic Lister	658	138	279	49%
136 Dorothy Haining	656	389	786	49%
137 Margaret Durdle	656	89	171	52%
138 Iris Boulton	656	93	183	51%
139 Jean Wacker	656	64	140	46%
140 May Meads	646	217	424	51%
141 Maureen McBain	631	97.5	240	41%
142 Maria Clinton	611	93	186	50%
143 Karl Scherer	594	16	34	47%
144 Olwen Skelton	589	346.5	746	46%
145 Roslyn Lister	587	173.5	343	51%
146 Resie Coenen	587	143.5	368	39%
147 Tim Henneveld	580	89.5	204	44%
148 Charles Kiewiet	539	87.5	176	50%
149 Lil Moore	536	334.5	698	48%
150 Margaret Miller	520	15.5	46	34%
151 Heather Landon	505	18	46	39%
152 Jillian Greening	482	187	395	47%
153 Janni Henneveld	468	84	205	41%
154 Sue Foster	460	15	39	38%
155 Trevor Rowell	447	37	85	44%
156 Paula Gibbons	354	197.5	438	45%
157 Tony Charlton	353	25	74	34%
158 Ed Olson	339	582.5	1455	40%
159 Sharon Clarke	332	86	264	33%
160 Jean Craib	328	145.5	364	40%
161 Noelene Bettjeman	308	26.5	66	40%
162 Linda Moore	304	18	34	53%
163 Hazel Smith	303	42	122	34%
164 Betty Wilson	303	161.5	329	49%
165 Elvira Steel	265	131.5	587	22%
166 Ray Seddon	264	17	45	38%
167 Betty Sutherland	260	127.5	309	41%
168 Sue Mayn	224	29.5	91	32%
169 Joy Hewson	199	12	27	44%
170 Karen Stewart	138	13.5	52	26%



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## NZ Masters Championship 10-12 April 2004

### 23 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Howard Warner	MTA	17	1710	438	43
2 Andrew Bradley	MTA	17	1005	415	42
3 Peter Sinton	DUN	17	944	419	40
4 Jeff Grant	IND	16	890	425	42
5 Steven Brown	KAP	15	729	416	52
6 Mike Sigley	WAN	14	659	420	44
7 Glennis Hale	MTA	14	644	395	29
8 Lisa McLean	IND	14	421	395	40
9 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	14	397	392	24
10 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	14	242	414	45
11 Julie Atkinson	MTA	13	416	400	28
12 Glenda Foster	WEL	13	64	397	35
13 June Mackwell	NSB	13	-183	383	36
14 Denise Gordon	WAN	11.5	-341	380	30
15 Lynn Wood	WEL	11	-187	371	23
16 John Foster	NSB	10	-254	381	27
17 Paul Lister	CHC	10	-350	382	31
18 Marianne Bentley	TGA	9	-635	369	21
19 Sheryl Davidson	IND	8	-119	389	35
20 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	7	-1029	371	26
21 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	6	-953	365	27
22 Ann Hough	NEL	5.5	-987	366	29
23 Eileen McLean	MTA	4	-1640	354	23
24 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-1443	356	29

## Dunedin Lion Open Tournament Day 1 Saturday 3 April 2004

### 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
A Grade				
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	545	10
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	4	20	8
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	4	-57	10
4 Peter Sinton	DUN	3	256	12
5 Karyn McDougall	DUN	3	-158	9
6 Bill Grigg	DUN	3	-504	8
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	2	-36	13
8 Paul Lister	CHC	2	-66	7
B Grade				
1 Nick Ascroft	DUN	7	753	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
2 Marian Ross	DUN	6	244	10
3 Ella Rushton	DUN	4	332	7
4 Chris Handley	DUN	3	253	9
5 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	3	-121	6
6 Paul Freeman	DUN	3	-121	6
7 Michael Groffman	DUN	3	-128	3
8 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	3	-234	4
9 Ray Goodyear	CHC	2	-306	5
10 Paula Gibbons	DUN	1	-672	2
C Grade				
1 Trevor Rowell	DUN	7	215	4
2 Dominic Lister	CHC	6	694	9
3 Olivia En	DUN	5	622	4
4 Henry Goldstein	DUN	4	153	6
5 Roslyn Lister	CHC	4	117	4
6 Jean Craib	CHC	3	-144	3
7 Susi Nicholson	DUN	2	-221	3
8 Elvira Steel	DUN	2	-295	0
9 Betty Wilson	CHC	2	-341	1
10 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	0	-800	0

## Day 2 Sunday 4 April

### 7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	B/W
A Grade				
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	6	602	14
2 Peter Sinton	DUN	6	577	15
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	4	37	7
4 Paul Lister	CHC	4	-257	7
5 Nick Ascroft	DUN	3	125	11
6 Murray Rogers	NEL	3	-328	5
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	1	-337	8
8 Karyn McDougall	DUN	1	-419	8
B Grade				
1 Marian Ross	DUN	7	754	16
2 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	4	162	8
3 Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	18	3
4 Ella Rushton	DUN	4	-151	6
5 Dominic Lister	CHC	3	79	9
6 Chris Handley	DUN	3	-6	7
7 Ray Goodyear	CHC	3	-7	7
8 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	0	-849	8
C Grade				
1 Olivia En	DUN	6	498	6



Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
2 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	489	6	
3 Jean Craib	CHC	6	376	7	
4 Henry Goldstein	DUN	5	588	4	
5 Trevor Rowell	DUN	3	-83	5	
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	3	-160	4	
7 Elvira Steel	DUN	3	-373	0	
8 Roslyn Lister	CHC	2	-21	4	
9 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	1	-560	0	
10 Bev Allen	DUN	0	-754	0	

**North Shore Scrabble Tournament  
Saturday 24th April 2004**

**7 Games**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	7	600	437	12
2 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	278	408	13
3 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	5	255	400	12
4 Lisa McLean	IND	3.5	-2	395	8
5 Howard Warner	MTA	3	153	406	7
6 Lynne Powell	HBC	2.5	-197	359	9
7 John Foster	NSB	1	-532	353	9
8 June Mackwell	NSB	1	-555	318	6

<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	395	405	8
2 Roger Coates	KIW	6	247	401	9
3 Fae Olson	NSB	4	64	390	11
4 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	146	389	8
5 David Gunn	WKP	3	56	403	12
6 Janice Cherry	PAK	3	-475	350	7
7 Julie Atkinson	MTA	2	-157	367	4
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-276	377	7

<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Maureen Holliday	HBC	5	264	392	9
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	237	404	10
3 Gerald Warner	HBC	5	56	406	7
4 May Quigley	IND	4	-114	366	9
5 Margaret Cherry	PAK	3	-226	362	6
6 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	2	57	398	9
7 Lawson Sue	PAK	2	-101	362	6
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	2	-173	374	10

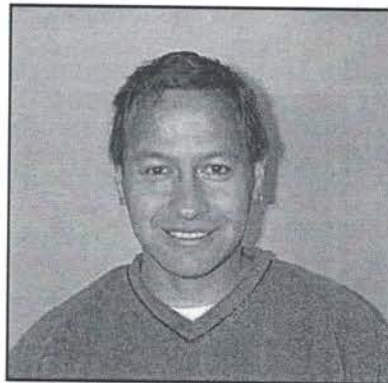
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	6	335	402	10
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	196	376	8
3 Ann Candler	NSB	4	30	381	7
4 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-28	374	8
5 Pam Barlow	MTA	3	-91	371	9
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	-319	364	6
7 Correne James	IND	2	72	392	8
8 Stan Gregec	IND	1	-195	369	6

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 David Bragg	ROT	5	109	375	8
2 Su Walker	MTA	4	189	398	11
3 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	4	51	373	3
4 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	4	-9	363	8
5 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	-295	352	5
6 Karen Miller	PAK	3	83	367	3
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-12	378	7
8 Carole Coates	KIW	1	-116	377	9

<b>Grade F</b>					
1 Lynn Carter	NSB	7	634	405	6
2 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	301	367	5
3 Jacqueline C	KIW	4	105	357	6
4 Bev Barker	MTA	4	-2	363	6
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	3	-26	364	5
6 Jill Johnson	PHC	3	-107	334	0
7 Mescal Kelly	MTA	2	-325	333	5
8 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	1	-580	316	6

<b>Grade G</b>					
1 Jim Willis	PAK	7	402	374	6
2 Jena Yousif	KIW	5	285	378	7
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	124	359	5
4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	49	348	2
5 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-200	345	4
6 Jean Wacker	TGA	2	-49	345	6
7 Elaine Ware	MTA	2	-287	327	3
8 Linda Moore	ROD	0	-354	313	0

<b>Grade H</b>					
1 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	6	362	354	6
2 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	272	367	4
3 Mary Atwater	4	130	364	3	
4 Lil Moore	MTA	4	115	354	6
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	110	349	4
6 Resie Coenen	PHC	4	59	346	3



David Bragg (ROT)  
E Grade winner North Shore

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Ed Olson	NSB	3	-183	328	4
8 Tim Henneveld	ROT	3	-199	304	1
9 Margaret Miller	HBC	2	-590	285	0
10 Anderina McLean	MTA	1	-76	350	3
<b>Grade I</b>					
1 Bernice Hyde	NSB	6	439	385	7
2 Jason Isaacs	PAK	6	184	347	1
3 Pauline Scott	NSB	5	645	410	11
4 Janni Henneveld	ROT	4	87	316	3
5 Madge Watson	HBC	4	75	313	1
6 Merle Spinetto	ROD	4	29	342	4
7 Joan Beale	PHC	4	-17	341	5
8 Joy Hewson	HIB	3	-51	348	1
9 Sue Underwood	PAK	3	-219	313	0
10 Noelene Bettjeman	HIB	2	-101	308	1
11 Joan Jones	HIB	1	-358	301	1
12 Janita Isaacs	PAK	0	-713	299	2

**South Island Champs  
8-9 May 2004**

**15 Game triple round robin**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>A Grade</b>					
1 Joanne Craig	CHC	10	852	427	23
2 Lynn Wood	WEL	10	97	405	15
3 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	8	350	409	28
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	8	161	395	17
5 Paul Lister	CHC	6	-290	390	30
6 Karyn McDougall	DUN	3	-1170	347	13
<b>B Grade</b>					
1 Shirley Hal	CHC	11	742	394	26
2 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	158	385	20
3 Doreen Ogston	CHC	7	-62	363	19
4 Selena Chan	CHC	7	-159	371	11
5 Lyn Dawson	IND	7	-430	347	15
6 Allison Torrance	CHC	5	-249	368	19

<b>C Grade</b>					
1 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	10	857	385	12
2 Veronica Zilinskis	CHC	10	326	371	12
3 Ray Goodyear	CHC	9	131	364	10
4 Ruth Groffman	DUN	7	-223	352	9
5 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	6	-337	372	15
6 Brian Horsley	IND	3	-754	330	13

<b>D Grade</b>					
1 Kaitie Hansen	CHC	13	1354	390	6
2 Dominic Lister	CHC	9	-7	348	10
3 Chris Handley	DUN	8	61	346	10
4 Michael Groffman	DUN	7	382	369	6
5 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	6	-281	345	7
6 Paula Gibbons	CHC	2	-1509	292	7

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>E Grade</b>					
1 Henry Goldstein	DUN	12	1343	398	23
2 Connie Flores	CHC	12	1261	399	10
3 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	11	455	343	5
4 Roslyn Lister	CHC	9	649	353	10
5 Tony Charlton	NEL	7	227	327	7
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	7	-47	331	9
7 Jean Craib	CHC	7	-174	327	6
8 Betty Sutherland	CHC	7	-644	312	6
9 Pat Stefferson	CHC	3	-1055	281	0
10 Ivan Marshall	CHC	0	-2015	232	0

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**15 Games**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade A</b>					
1 Blue Thorogood	IND	11	1065	442	29
2 Glennis Hale	MTA	10	717	426	30
3 Jeff Grant	IND	10	540	427	26
4 Peter Sinton	DUN	9.5	114	413	22
5 Kendall Boyd	IND	9	1105	452	28
6 Howard Warner	MTA	9	554	420	22
7 Joanne Craig	CHC	9	379	422	28
8 Patrick Carter	MTA	8	42	405	21
9 Chris Hooks	MTA	7.5	-59	386	20
10 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	7	-403	399	31
11 Julie Atkinson	MTA	7	-465	390	23
12 John Foster	NSB	6	-104	402	26
13 Andrew Bradley	MTA	6	-337	388	23
14 June Mackwell	NSB	5	-679	366	13
15 Pam Robson	HAM	5	-787	375	28
16 Lynn Wood	WEL	1	-1682	350	17

<b>Grade B</b>					
1 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	11	780	409	25
2 Roger Coates	KIW	10	290	391	20
3 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	9	291	400	17
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	175	401	21
5 Paul Lister	CHC	9	-4	382	21
6 David Gunn	WKP	8	303	396	25
7 Janice Cherry	PAK	8	244	409	26
8 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	8	137	408	25
9 Eileen McLean	MTA	8	64	387	27
10 Fae Olson	NSB	8	-216	383	20
11 Val Mills	PAK	7	152	395	17
12 Kim Graham	KIW	7	-230	379	20
13 Gerald Warner	HBC	6	87	396	17
14 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	5	-157	385	18
15 Murray Rogers	NEL	4	-744	372	10
16 Margaret Bundock	HBC	3	-1172	333	10



Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade C</b>					
1 Margaret Cherry	PAK	11	566	387	20
2 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	10	403	389	14
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	10	272	383	22
4 Allie Quinn	NSB	10	-75	382	12
5 Jean O'Brien	IND	10	-211	368	8
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	9	667	421	23
7 Jennifer Smith	HAM	9	532	413	21
8 Trish Reynolds	AUS	8	494	383	19
9 Maureen Holliday	HBC	7	232	390	19
10 Ann Candler	NSB	7	34	400	21
11 Betty Eriksen	WAN	7	-98	374	16
12 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	-476	365	21
13 Glenda Geard	IND	5	-226	368	16
14 Correne James	IND	5	-295	369	13
15 Lawson Sue	NSB	4	-655	355	15
16 Reeve Pearson	STR	2	-1164	353	24
<b>Grade D</b>					
1 Stan Gregec	IND	11	1010	409	23
2 Margaret Flaws	TGA	10	562	402	22
3 Selena Chan	CHC	10	294	386	15
4 Marianne Patchett	MTA	10	181	376	9
5 Amelia Carrington	ROT	9	395	389	16
6 Su Walker	MTA	9	279	395	24
7 Lyn Toka	KIW	9	173	380	19
8 David Bragg	ROT	8	160	398	17
9 Allison Torrance	CHC	7	-101	355	16
10 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	6	-101	381	19
11 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-298	390	18
12 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	6	-323	362	9
13 Ernie Gidman	ROD	5	-398	365	18
14 Joan Pratt	HBC	5	-617	350	8
15 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-643	356	10
16 Marian Ross	DUN	4	-573	351	15
<b>Grade E</b>					
1 Ruth Groffman	DUN	13	633	380	9
2 Kaite Hansen	CHC	12	823	388	14
3 Bev Barker	MTA	11	496	380	13
4 Jim Willis	PAK	11	391	370	14
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	9	588	377	16
6 Mescal Kelly	MTA	9	249	354	9
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	9	65	361	13
8 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	7	142	366	12
9 Lynn Carter	NSB	7	60	371	11
10 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	41	376	15
11 Carole Coates	KIW	7	22	367	14
12 Catherine Henry	TGA	4	-339	352	5
13 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	-535	341	9
14 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	4	-647	344	14
15 Pam Mayall	KIW	3	-760	337	6
16 Margaret McKechnie	NSB	3	-1229	333	16

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
<b>Grade F</b>					
1 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	13	1202	408	18
2 Roger French	MTA	10.5	838	407	18
3 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	10	331	359	17
4 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	10	209	354	8
5 Tracy Ivamy	HAS	8	291	373	12
6 Liz Catchpole	MTA	7	36	344	2
7 Jena Yousif	KIW	7	-70	358	11
8 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	7	-144	340	12
9 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6.5	-583	337	8
10 Jean Wacker	TGA	6	-156	330	6
11 Dominic Lister	CHC	6	-183	359	10
12 Dorothy Hoining	ROD	6	-196	352	10
13 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	-230	342	6
14 Iris Boulton	NEL	6	-268	351	12
15 Margaret Durdle	TGA	6	-679	333	8
16 Maria Clinton	NEL	5	-398	350	10
<b>Grade G</b>					
1 Pauline Scott	NSB	13	1136	380	15
2 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	12	920	382	16
3 Jason Isaacs	PAK	11	829	363	10
4 Roslyn Lister	CHC	10	609	367	13
5 Heather Landon	TGA	9	627	357	11
6 Lil Moore	MTA	9	4	326	8
7 Jillian Greening	HAM	8	510	355	15
8 Marie Kingi	KIW	8	46	348	16
9 Bernice Hyde	NSB	7.5	134	354	15
10 Anderina McLean	MTA	6	-293	331	8
11 Sue Underwood	PAK	6.5	-649	311	4
12 Paula Gibbons	CHC	5.5	-300	322	4
13 Ed Olson	NSB	5	-357	334	8
14 Sharon Clarke	STR	5	-615	319	6
15 Janita Isaacs	PAK	3	-1005	316	6
16 Delwyn Hall	HAS	2	-1596	260	3

High Game  
Kendall Boyd 614  
Georgie Trophy  
Heather Landon  
Best Overseas  
Player  
Joanne Craig  
Teams Trophy  
Mr Albert  
34.5 wins  
(Roger Cole-Baker,  
Roger French & Bev  
Barker)



Rosemary Cleary (WAN)  
B Grade winner Nationals

## 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)