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Editor's Note



Computers -- can't live with 'em and certainly can't cope without 'em.

Mine went haywire, skew-wiff, kaput, on strike and plain wouldn't go for three weeks. Of course the breakdown was timed perfectly to coincide with work for the magazine. Grrr! Apologies for the delay — just couldn't be helped. Thanks too, to Glenda for her unending patience as well as her consistent high quality work on the layout of the magazine.

What would I do without all you wonderful people who send in contributions? I've just finished perusing the draft for this issue of *Forwards* and have noted all those Scrabblers who have taken the time to send in some news, articles, jokes, quotes, cartoons and novelty items. Bless you all and please keep those contributions coming. And for others who have often thought something "might be interesting for *Forwards*", don't be shy, please send it to me. There's very little that gets sent in that doesn't get used.

I'm saddened and panicked that we may be losing our excellent and erudite Player Profile author. Howard Warner may soon be leaving our shores to seek out new adventures and this issue's Profile could well be his last for some time. Is there someone out there who would like to have a dabble at writing up a profile for future

issues? Please contact me asap if you are interested. Also, I'd love to hear any new ideas for regular features etc.

A special mention to all those hardworking Scrabblers who organise, run and work at tournaments and clubs for us to indulge our vice/obsession/pastime or all-of-the-above. Also to our Executive who keep the well-oiled machine of NZ Scrabble purring softly and gently along.

Since the last issue there have been well-attended tournaments for Hamilton, Tauranga and Canterbury. Players have recently returned from another wondrous week at the Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival (details in the December issue).

There will be much tile rattling in the next three months with tournaments to be played at Wanganui, Rodney, Otago, Kiwi and Waikato Phoenix, plus the TransTasman tussle against our neighbours from 'across the ditch'. Australia won the last meet in Wellington, can we beat them on their turf? The competition will be hot.

Closing date for the December issue is November 20.

Stay on board,

Lynne

Mailbox

Changing the Challenge

from Rhoda Cashman

Interested to read in your Editor's Note (June 2004) that you, too, prefer the old double challenge rule. I think that the new rule, while putting NZ on the same footing World Champs-wise, benefits only the top 12 or so players in New Zealand and takes much of the pleasure and excitement of the game away from the rest of the Scrabble playing club members, whether or not they attend tournaments. It has 'flattened' the game to such a degree that many club players are becoming disenchanted (at the moment!) with the idea of attending tournaments.

Self-enumerating Sentence

from Jeff Grant

In the last magazine, a 'Self-Descriptive Words' list was shown (p5).

Making The Alphabet Dance, a book on recreational word-play by Ross Eckler, goes a step further with the following self-enumerating sentence:

This sentence contains three a's, three c's, two d's, twenty-six e's, five f's, three g's, eight h's, thirteen i's, two l's, sixteen n's, nine o's, six r's, twenty-seven s's, twenty-two t's, two u's, five v's, eight w's, four x's, five y's, and only one z.

Dilemma at Hamilton

from Allie Quinn

In a game between Jennifer Smith and Allie Quinn, Jennifer announced "Change" and pressed the clock. Allie promptly played her 'Q' on a triple just as Jennifer found there weren't

enough tiles in the bag to change. She assured me she couldn't use the spot I had taken but I thought it best to consult the experts.

Glennis and Howard hadn't come across this scenario before and after some deliberation decided that as Jennifer had pressed the clock before checking the letters in the bag, her turn would be deemed to be a pass.

We struggled on to the end of our game, both had to deduct points to finish and guess what! There still remained two tiles in the bag.

ZAIRED

from Peter Jones

At the recent Hamilton tournament, my first game was with Liz Fagerlund and her opening turn was ZAIRE for 48 points. Nine games later, against Roger it was my turn to play first and my start was ZAIRE!

Last game of the tournament and Steven was first to play and you guessed it — ZAIRE again!

All three players starting with ZAIRE won their game.

[The only allowable extension of ZAIRE (a unit of currency in Zaire) is S — ZAIRES. —Ed]

Tight Opening

from John Foster

When playing Glennis Hale in the regular Jenny Ward competition between Mt Albert and North Shore Bays clubs we had a rather unusual start to our game. Glennis opened with XU. Rather facetiously commenting that I may as well open it right up I then played UH underneath her XU. The Machiavellian cunning of this play then became apparent. Glennis was forced into changing the next three turns, very reluctantly because she was drawing beautiful tiles and dumping bingo combinations each time she changed. I, of course, had also to change twice and

commented before my next turn that if we had been playing American rules the game would be over if I changed one more time.

However I did have a play and extended XU to EXUL. Glennis immediately took advantage of this opening to play OLEATES, finally being able to use her fourth consecutive bingo rack. However, by this time the tide had turned, and her tiles were much more mundane from then on and I eventually got up to win the game. What a very different result there might have been if I had not played UH.

Glennis		John	
18	18	21	21
change	18	change	21
change	18	change	21
change	18	11	32



Fred was a leg man

Cartoon from Wallace Tripp's Wurst Seller, submitted by Lyn Toka

Vowelitis

Do you know all the words that contain AEIOU?

7's

DOULEIA
EULOGIA
MIAOUED
MOINEAU
SEQUOIA



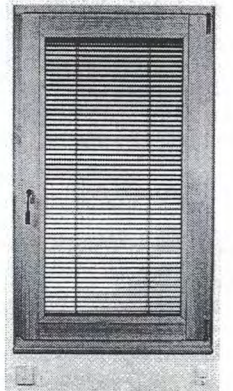
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8's

ABOIDEAU
ABOITEAU
AEQUORIN
AEROBIUM
AGOUTIES
CAESIOUS*
DIALOGUE
DOUANIER
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EDACIOUS
EQUATION
EULOGIAE
EULOGIAS
EUPHOBIA
EUPHONIA
EUPHORIA
EXONUMIA
JALOUSIE
MOINEAUS
ODALIQUE
OUTRAISE
POULAINE
SAUTOIRE
SEQUOIAS
THIOUREA

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$$

equation



jalousie

*CAESIOUS is the shortest word containing all the vowels in alphabetical order. Longer words fitting this criterion are:

ARSENIUS
FACETIOUS
PARECIOUS
ABSTEMIOUS
ABSTEMIOUS
FACETIOUSLY
ABSTEMIOUSLY

Deadly Bluff

by Jeff Grant

An episode of the popular American crime drama CSI features the murder of a word gamer. Detectives investigating the case enter the esoteric world of 'Logos' tournaments, where a room full of players sit two to a table, with seven tiles on their racks. The tiles are round (without points values), and there is no board, but the games look remarkably Scrabble-like, with words such as ABULIA, HADRON and LOXODROME appearing in the grids. Players wear tee-shirts with things like 'Logophily' (love of words) on them, and one guy complains about losing to a 'bluehair' (older lady), who kept 'coffeehousing' (nattering) during the game. Of course there is no mention of Scrabble.

The dead player was apparently an expert with a rating of 1890 and a high game score of 725. An autopsy reveals the tiles EINVX in his stomach, and an S in the windpipe,

which caused him to choke to death. The investigator wonders if the anagram VIXENS is a clue. The murder is solved through the victim's habit of recording every rack and move in all his games. The score sheets show that in one particular game he put down the word EXVIN, describing it as 'a former wine aficionado'.

His opponent, not wanting to risk the loss of his turn plus one minute on the clock (the penalty for an incorrect challenge), accepts the dud word and immediately hooks an S on the end. EXVINS is challenged off and the lesser player, feeling sorely aggrieved, accosts the winner after the game, and in an attempt at 'poetic justice' forces him to eat his incorrect word one letter at a time - with fatal results.

As someone once said, "It isn't a matter of life or death, it's much more important than that".



Lyn Toka (KIW) sent in this Scrabble ad.



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No. 76

In the following 'chain link sentence' each word (except the first) starts with the last two letters of the preceding word:

The helium umbrella lacked edging.

Your challenge is to compose a sentence with the same two-letter overlap constraint. Make it serious or humorous, about Scrabble lessons, Taihape people, or anything, and keep it reasonably short.

We'll publish the best entries, and the winner gets a book prize. Good luck!

Send entries by mail or email to:
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Closing date is 15 November, 2004.

Solution: Scrabble Contest No. 75

DYNAMITES for 110 on a double-double is a nice play, but it is beaten by the triple-triple IMPLoded which scores 126. The cleverest move is DISPLACEMENT/PREQUELS for 129, but IMPLodENTS on the triple-triple for 135 is highest.

This was found by Lyn Toka, Jethro Snafflerod, Pam Barlow, Lynne Butler, Jean Wacker, Max Aston, Michael Vnuk, Margaret Flaws and Maureen McBain. First name out of the hat was Max of Lower Hutt club - congratulations!

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 . "A graceful taunt is worth a .
 . thousand insults." .
 . — Louis Nizer .

70,000 Games Musings

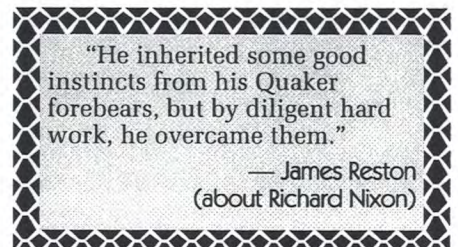
by John Foster

The first thing that struck me on reading John O'Laughlin's list of most-played sevens was that the first two have 5 vowels, and that there were others I noticed both in a high position and scattered throughout the list. There are only 51 such words and a staggering 23 (45%) of them appear in the list. Further examination showed that an additional 149 words contain 4 vowels, 27 contain 3 vowels, and only 1 word, (ENTROLD) contains only 2. The total of vowels used is 794 or 56.7 % of the total, significantly more than their 42.8 % share of total Scrabble letters excluding blanks. So what do we learn from this?

A. That, as I have long suspected, there are too many vowels in our game. Remember we are told that the sevens are not necessarily played as bonuses so many of them may be played through existing tiles as vowel dumps or turnover plays.

B. That the vowels are such valuable building blocks that we could do with more of them.

I guess the answer could only be found if we were to know firstly how many of the sevens were played as bonuses and secondly what proportions of any blanks played were designated vowels or consonants.



"He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them."

— James Reston
 (about Richard Nixon)

Scrabble: The Sport of Stars

by Howard Warner



Mehrts

Is Scrabble set to replace golf as the professional sportsperson's chill-out activity of choice?

New Zealand's Olympian track star Nick Willis reported from Athens last month that he was whiling away the time between races by playing Scrabble with "my room-mate (800m runner) Jason Stewart and a couple of swimmers".

He's not the first sporting icon to seek relaxation and redemption in a Scrabble bag. Over the years I have periodically seen reports about the wordplay prowess of a host of muscle-bound heroes.

The most gratuitous piece of puffery concerned Ivan Lendl, the then world's No 1 tennis player. He was in Melbourne to defend his Australian Open title. His love of Scrabble featured prominently at the media conference and in subsequent articles and broadcast interviews. We learned that Lendl had recently scored 400 points, had beaten his wife three games straight and knew two Q words without a U. (Wow, get this man in the ring with Wapnick forthwith!) Shortly after, I was playing in the Melbourne Open (Scrabble, not tennis), which was held in a conference room at the Melbourne Tennis Centre. Festooned around the walls were giant portraits of the various Open (tennis, not Scrabble) champions. I found myself beneath the watchful gaze of Lendl as I played out the game that would clinch my first ever tournament win. I'm sure it was due more to lucky tiles than Lendl's genial kibbitzing, but you've gotta wonder.

Another glowing report came out of the All Blacks camp a few years back. Previously their downtime between tests had involved orgies of nightclubbing, alcohol and fisticuffs.

Now, it seemed, 'a night on the tiles' meant battling for supremacy over the Scrabble board. Kronfeld put his surfboard into storage, Ian Jones gave up the lineout in favour of

OUTLINE and ELUTION and Fitz swotted up his hooks. But apparently Mehrts was the real tile-meister, the acknowledged 'leader' and brain-box of the ABs Scrabble club. I suppose he found a five-letter word, reached a triple word score and notched up 300 points.

And how do you chill-out if your professional sport IS golf? The thrill of earning a million bucks a minute must soon wear off. So naturally Tiger Woods turned his well-tuned mind to Scrabble. Being half Thai, he'd be a natural Scrabbler. I'll certainly be looking out for him at the next King's Cup.

Then, of course, there's Cameron Diaz, Demi Moore, Mel Gibson, all those Hollywood heavyweights and self-avowed Scrabble addicts. Don't get me started! The fact is, we'd never get a fraction of the publicity that any of these guys receive — not even if Nigel Richards grew his beard down to his feet, dyed it blue and blitzed the World Champs standing on his head, stark naked. (On the other hand, Cammy Diaz inverted, starkers and Scrabbling — hmm, there's an image to savour.)

Obviously, the game's owners should forget about us weedy, tweedy, nerdy types and concentrate their sponsorship energies on hulks and Hollywoodfreaks — the real Scrabble stars.

New Words for the Workplace

from Jeff Grant

New Words for 2004 - Essential additions for the workplace vocabulary

- ☆ **BLAMESTORMING:** Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
 - ☆ **ASSMOSIS:** The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard.
 - ☆ **CUBE FARM:** An office filled with cubicles.
 - ☆ **PRAIRIE DOGGING:** When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.
 - ☆ **CROP DUSTING:** Surreptitiously farting while passing thru a cube farm, then enjoying the sounds of dismay and disgust.
 - ☆ **MOUSE POTATO:** The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.
 - ☆ **SITCOMs:** Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies turn into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.
 - ☆ **WOOFYS:** Well Off Older Folks.
 - ☆ **SWIPEOUT:** An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn
- away from extensive use.
 - ☆ **XEROX SUBSIDY:** Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.
 - ☆ **IRRITAINMENT:** Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them. The O.J. trials were a prime example.
 - ☆ **PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE:** The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
 - ☆ **ADMINISPHERE:** The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.
 - ☆ **OHNOSECOND:** That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake.



cube farm

PAGE FROM THE PAST

This new feature highlights pages from past issues of *Forwards*. Here is the very first page of Issue 1 October 1985. Of the players mentioned on this page, Jeff and Lynn are still playing, Lucy and Charlie have passed on, and Sue, Dorothy and David are no longer active club players.

It is with great pleasure that I write this introductions to FORWORDS. I am sure that you will find it enteraining and informative - FORWORDS that is, not my introduction.

FORWORDS will bring you news of Clubs and personalities from the world of Scrabble, both nationally and internationally.

It will seek to entertain with puzzles and brain-teasers.

It will seek to improve your game with helpful hints on play.

Above all, the purpose of the magazine is to bring about a sense of unity between the Scrabble Clubs of New Zealand and to create new friendships.

We are indepted to Sue Marrow for conceiving the idea of a magazine and for her efforts in bringing it to reality.

The Norfolk Island Festival was a great success and I congratulate Dorothy & David Pinner for their immaculate organisation.

Congratulations to Jeff Grant, Lynn Wood and Lucy Bright who won their grades.

One of the pleasing spin-offs from the Festival was meeting Australian players and establishing lines of communication that will produce several benefits in the future.

If you are planning to visit Australia there are many Clubs there that will welcome your visit- why not plan your trip around one of their tournaments?

Write to me for details.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Mt. Albert Tournament.

Charlie Curl

Saturday Sessions

by Jeff Grant

For the last few years Pat and I have played Scrabble most Saturday nights. We usually manage eight games in around four hours, while listening to our favourite music and having a few drinks. It's all fairly relaxed. We play an open style, using a Redwood to check words, and often discuss racks and possible moves. However, we don't collaborate, leave high-scoring spots on, or play nonwords.

Until recently we hadn't achieved a combined score of 800+ in all eight games in an evening, then one night it just happened. The next week it happened again, and again a week later. The run had started, and we just kept going. There were times when we were extremely lucky.

In one game our score was around 680 with no tiles in the bag. We were more or less resigned to the run ending. Fortunately Pat was able to get 49 for BLURRY, then I went out with RECLINE, and we scraped to 801. Slowly the tally mounted — 50,60,70 — like a cricketer approaching the century. Our best session came one night in August when everything seemed to click. The combined scores were 889, 909, 892, 879, 898, 932, 880 and 1008 (our highest game).

Finally, on September 4, after a wobble or two in the 'nervous nineties', we reached the magic figure of 100 consecutive games with a combined score of at least 800. In our 101st game Pat got her best score ever (620, including POETRIES on a triple-triple), so the run continues. We have no aims for a 'double century', but who knows?

Scrabble is a funny game.

Val Worth

27 February 1935—8 July 2004
Obituary by Pam Robson (HAM)



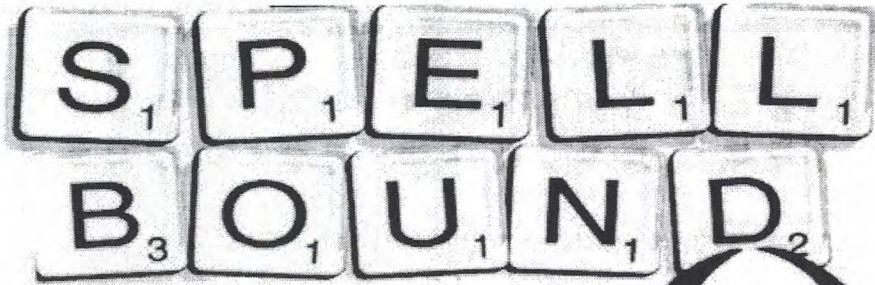
At the recent Hamilton Scrabble Tournament a minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Val Worth. Val was a very keen Scrabble player when a member of the Tokoroa Club. She played regularly at the tournaments during the 1990's, before being diagnosed with an illness which resulted in her being house-bound over the last few years.

Val was also a frequent contributor to *Forwards*, often submitting groups of unusual or interesting words she had discovered to share with other Scrabblers.

Her love of words continued during her illness, and even though the Scrabble games came to an end she continued to do every crossword puzzle she could lay her hands on right up to 48 hours before her passing.

Val made many friends among the Scrabblers. She was a kind, caring and affable person. May she rest in peace. God bless her.

Steve Richards (NEL) sent this article from the UK Daily Mail. It refers to the newly published *Collins Scrabble Words*, July 2004. This word list has not been accepted by any Scrabble Association in the world for official tournament play. In this article, words that are not acceptable for NZ tournament play have been printed in italics. — Ed.



A few years ago, I sat down at the board with an old friend with whom I had never before played Scrabble. He is a highly intelligent, literate, civilized character, the soul of sporting honesty, the sort who would never dust a grain of sand from his path when hitting out of a bunker on the golf course.

He began to make words like SPORTING and LIKELY and SURLY and TREMOR — decent, honest, ordinary words with meanings. He seemed heedless that he was wasting precious S's without making them score in two directions; that he was not touching triple word scores, not sometimes even double ones.

Then I got to work with words like HASSAR (a siluroid fish) and HAUTOBOY (oboe) and LAGENA (an extension of the saccule of the ear) and COLUGO*. He was stunned, and not with admiration. "What does COLUGO mean?" he demanded acidly. "I haven't the faintest idea," I answered complacently, "but it's in *The Book*."



A new dictionary contains words you've probably never heard of. But for one man they're more important than life and death ...

by Max Hastings

"What book?" he said.

"The bible — the official Scrabble words book." I said. Amazing as it may seem to a serious Scrabbler, my friend had never heard of this great tome.

He behaved as if he had found himself playing golf with Goldfinger. There was a display of petulance, indignation, rage such as I never thought to behold from an Old Etonian.

Things got much worse when he saw some of my two-letter words.

"AI?" he shrieked. "You can't tell me AI features in any vocabulary but a Martian's!"

Frenzy

For us, the appearance of a new official Scrabble Words book like the one published this week is something like the discovery of a new Shakespeare play, only more important. Though it gives no meanings, it opens up a vast new range of Byzantine possibilities in a game that is already a glorious maze.

The latest edition offers 45,000 new possibilities, ranging from *ADJIGO* (an Australian yam), *BIOWEAPON* and *CYBERWAR* to *DRUNKATHON*, *HEADBANG* and *GHETTOBLASTER*. This is a Scrabbler's banquet, like getting lobster and roast boar's head on the same menu.

A few years ago, the Scrabble world went into a frenzy over the introduction of *QI*** as an acceptable word (we use it all the time but have already forgotten what it means).

Those who do not play Scrabble, or play it like decent human beings are under the illusion that it is what it says on the box — a word game. They even kid themselves that it has something to do with literacy, buying a set for the children to encourage their vocabulary.

For fanatics it does nothing of the kind. The words my wife and I lay down belong to a fantasy language. They are as remote from daily life as computerspeak, and a great deal more so than text message language.

I mean, did you know that there is a seven-letter word *PEAVEYS* (a stout hooked lever), or for that matter *SPRUIKS* (promotes something by speaking in public) or *PIERIDS* (pale coloured butterflies)? I certainly would not, unless the Scrabble Words book stood by my left elbow.

Thus, we pile up some amazing scores, which our friends say are

about as credible as the numbers on a government NHS waiting list. About once every three months, one of us gets to 500, which is like a hole-in-one three times in succession.

The price of addressing Scrabble like this, however, is that if we want to keep any friends at all, my wife and I never play four-handed, but only with each other.

Elaborate

When my wife wants to have a dig at my playing habits, she will mention casually that she needs to phone so-and-so and spend half an hour sorting out elaborate holiday plans. "I'll do it while you're having your go at Scrabble," she says. She is not joking.

We have a set at home and a couple of travel sets that go everywhere with us. I once dropped a rack of letters down the back of an aircraft seat just as we were coming in to land.

We nearly found ourselves on the next flight to Bangkok. All the other passengers had gone and the plane had been cleaned out, while I looked for a damned J and X, which eventually turned up in the lifejacket stowage.

Confessions of this sort have one virtue: they ensure that no casual acquaintance will be potty enough to seek a game of Scrabble with me or my wife.

We should also acknowledge that neither of us would last five minutes in a serious Scrabble tournament, in which all the competitors are madder than us.

I know of people who regularly disappear to foreign parts to sit in an expensive hotel playing Scrabble with each other from dawn to dusk, oblivious of food, sex, scenery, conversation.

Once a terrible thing happened ... a newcomer to the party was found to have a tile secreted in →

his sleeve. This was years ago, but to this day, he is still identified only as 'The Man Who Cheated At Scrabble', a fir subject for an H M Bateman cartoon.

Non-Scrabblers may be tempted to suggest that anybody off-the-wall enough to want the new official Scrabble Words book is already lost to polite society.

But for those of us who live in this crazy worlds of ZOS (Himalayan yaks) and GUS (violins formerly used

North American National Scrabble Championships

Compiled by Glenda Foster from NSA web site coverage

The 2004 National SCRABBLE® Championship took place from July 31st to August 5th at the Marriot Hotel in New Orleans, LA. Over 800 players played eight games Sunday, seven games Monday, eight games Tuesday and seven games Wednesday. After those thirty games, the top two contenders in Division 1 played a best-of-five final match on Thursday.

Division 1 comprised 173 players including: the current World Champion Panupol Sujjayaporn (Thailand), former World Champions Joel Wapnick (Canada), Joel Sherman (US), Brian Cappelletto (US) and Mark Nyman (UK), former North American Champs Adam Logan (now UK), Ron Tiekert (US), Joe Edley (US), and David Gibson (US) as well as our own Nigel Richards (now Malaysia).

Day 1

On day 1 there were 9 players on 7 wins from 8 games. The field was headed by former Canadian National Champ Ron Hoekstra, with 2003 World Champs runner-up Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thailand) in 2nd place, Albert Hahn (Canada) 3rd and

in the Shetlands, though I have been there twice and never seen the hint of a gu), the new volume will be indispensable.

Come on, take pity on us. Unlike passive smoking, it doesn't hurt anyone else. Nobody is making you play Scrabble with the Hastingses.

* *Colugo: A flying lemur.*

** *Qi: According to Chinese philosophy, the life force inherent in all things.*

Trey Wright (US) 4th. Panupol and Nigel were 1 win back in 12th and 16th place respectively.

Day 2

On day 2, halfway through the 30 games, Trey Wright won all his games to move into the lead on 14 wins, 2 wins ahead of Robert Ellickson (US) with Charnwit Sukhumrattanaporn (Thailand) half a win behind in 3rd place. Nigel and Ron stayed in contention on 11 wins while David Gibson and Adam Logan moved up into that group.

Day 3

Day 3 saw Trey consolidate his 2 win lead and David moved up to 2nd place, winning 7 of his 8 games. Adam, Pakorn, Charnwit and Nigel all remained in contention in the top dozen. At this point Nigel had amassed an impressive 1231 spread points, with only Trey and David ahead of him on spread.

Day 4

It tightened up at the top after 5 games on day 4 and only two games left to play. David overtook Trey for the first time going ahead on spread (a massive 2448 points), with both on

22 wins. The only other player who could possibly gain a finals berth was Chris Cree (US) who had performed well to get up to third place on 20 wins and 500+ spread points behind Trey. If he could beat Trey twice in the next two games by a wide enough margin he would join David in the finals.

In the next game Chris beat Trey, but only by 36 points, leaving a 400 point spread differential between them. In the final game Trey beat Chris, thereby achieving a place in the final against David. Nigel won 6 games to pip Chris for 3rd place on 21 wins with 1712 spread points.

Finals

The best-of-five game finals were televised, as well as being broadcast on the Internet. The first game was a low-scoring affair, with Trey winning 365-328. The second game was a very exciting affair, with both players having their chance to win. Trey managed to pull off a 355-354 win in a tight finish. David needed to win the next game to keep his hopes alive.

Game 3 saw an unusual situation occurring because of the fact that the games were televised. With the score at 314-287 in Trey's favour he held the rack BLISUVZ and played LEZ through an E. The play was ruled unacceptable because offensive words were not allowed to be played on television! He had

to remove the word and replay the turn without penalty, after an emergency meeting of the Advisory Board. Unruffled, Trey continued on and won the game 429-328 to become the new NSA Champion.

Trey is a 30 year old professional musician (pianist) from Los Angeles. He came second in the NSA Champs in 1998. David adds to his Scrabble earnings and retains his spot as the game's all-time top money winner.

Standings after 30 rounds

Name	Wins	Spread
1 David Gibson (US)	23	2282
2 Trey Wright (US)	23	1432
3 Nigel Richards (Mal)	21	1712
4 Chris Cree (US)	21	827
5 Brian Cappelletto (US)	20.5	1369
6 Komol Panyasophonlert (Thai)	20.5	604
7 Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thai)	20	1107
8 Adam Logan (UK)	20	1066
9 Joel Wapnick (Can)	20	833
10 Ted Blevins (US)	20	633



Trey Wright with the winner's check, flanked by John Williams (NSA), left, and Mark Morris (Hasbro)

PLAYER PROFILE

Och, it's a bonny wee game

by Howard Warner



Pride of place among Allie Quinn's Scrabble memorabilia goes to a personalised plaque presented to her three years ago for simply attending the Equatorial Cameron Highlands Malaysian Open tournament. It was a significant event for both her and the organisers for a number of reasons. Firstly, Allie was the first ever non-Malaysian or Singaporean (apart from expatriate

Nigel Richards) to play in the tournament, then in its fourth year. Secondly, compare the name of the place with Allie's broad Scots accent — though that link turns out to be quite coincidental. And thirdly, it was something of a walk down memory lane for her.

She had first visited the Cameron Highlands back in 1972, when she and her airforce husband were stationed at Penang, further to the

"In my first game, I nearly passed out from nervousness ..."

north. The cooler mountain air made it an ideal holiday destination for the fair-skinned Scots. Then when Malaysian Tengku Asri came to play in the Mt Albert tournament a few years ago, she got to thinking about times past. Next thing she was retracing her steps.

She says she was overwhelmed by the reception from the Malaysians. She remembers the tournament very clearly. "In my first game, I nearly passed out from nervousness, especially when my opponent scored over 500. But then a couple of games later I beat someone called Tony Sim [the great Singaporean player who has won the Australian Nationals title twice], and everyone was hugging me and dancing around." Another memorable moment came when she, at 75 the oldest player in the tournament, played an 11-year-old girl. She lost by one point after she inadvertently challenged the last turn, forgetting about the five-point penalty. "It was a hard lesson," she recalls, though presumably it has stood her in good stead for our change of challenge rule this year.

In the end, she came 9th overall (it was a Swiss-draw format) and runner-up in the second division. But she was so touched by the beautiful plaque engraved with her name, just to show how thrilled the locals were to have her there.

Allie has been a stalwart of the North Shore Club since joining 20 years ago. She is also a tireless worker for New Zealand Scrabble, having been NZASP secretary for the past 12 years. She loves the competitive side of Scrabble. "Sometimes I think I'd rather play in tournaments than at club," she says. "It gets the adrenalin going."

The adrenalin probably never pumped harder than when she set the New Zealand record — and equalled the world record — for five bingos in a row, during the 1989 Nationals. Her clubmate John Foster has since done the same. However, Allie was none too pleased when Derryn Hinch, in his recent Scrabble book update, cited an American as the only person to have achieved this feat. She wrote a chiding letter to him, and he did acknowledge the omission, she says.

Allie was introduced to Scrabble in 1964 by an American couple, when she and her family were stationed in Libya. Then she played socially for the next 20 years through stints in Malaysia and Singapore before the couple decided to settle in New Zealand. "We had met Aussies in Penang, we met Kiwis in Singapore and preferred them, and we thought it would be too cold in the UK after our time in the tropics," she says, trying to recall what brought them to these parts. "Besides, both my daughters were practically engaged to Kiwis over in Singapore."

She has been very active in New Zealand. Besides playing Scrabble and mah jong, she is secretary-treasure of the North Harbour Rose Society and has been president of the North Shore Scottish society for the past 14 years. Being an organiser comes naturally, she reckons. "It's a family trait — my daughters are organisers too." There's also thinks it may also come from her quarter century of working as a legal secretary.

In her time with competitive Scrabble, she has seen in most of the key changes. She went along with the introduction of clocks and balked at tile-tracking, though "I do it now and I'm getting quite good at it". And she thinks the five-point challenge is a positive step, notwithstanding that one embarrassing encounter in the highlands of Malaysia.

19th Thailand International Kings Cup

by Paul Lister

This year's Bangkok tournament drew an excellent field with about 7,000 school children playing their Scrabble and maths games competitions and 82 international players in the open section — this group had many high-ranking world players, including Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore), Mark Nyman (UK), Pakorn Nemitrmansuk, Panupol Sujjayakorn, Komol Panyasophonlert, Charnwit Sukumrattanaporn (all of Thailand) and Andrew Fisher (formerly UK, now Australia). Three New Zealanders attended — Nigel Richards, Liz Fagerlund and Paul Lister. Many of these players, to this writers admiration, went on to perform outstandingly at the US Championships — Nigel (3rd), Komol (6th), Pakorn (7th), Charnwit (20th) and Panupol (23rd) — and this with a different dictionary to that they usually use!

The first two days competition were held at the Bangra shopping mall, the banquet on the second day was held at the Assumption University (a great feast and a chance to acknowledge Panupol's World Champs win) and the final two days were held at the stadium.

Michael Tang was running a book and I believe he was offering Andrew Fisher 3,000 baht against 1,000 baht for Andrew making the final two! I'm not sure how this or any other bet went for Michael but I suppose it was

fun!

The King's Cup places players in groups of four on a strict King of the Hill basis, with winners playing off against winners within the group. Armed with earplugs and aspirin Liz, Nigel and I set to work. Liz had been doing particularly well and by day 3 was trading blows with those on the top tables — battering or being battered by the likes of Nigel and Helen Gipson (UK).

When the dust finally settled after the 27th round on day 4 Andrew Fisher and Nigel Richards held the top two placings and played a best of three shootout to decide the



Nigel receiving the King's Cup

King's Cup winner. Nigel lost to Andrew 409-404 in game 1 and then went on to win games 2 and 3 by wide margins (with particularly good bingos in the last game) to clinch the title.

Standings before finals:

Name	Wins	Spread
1 Andrew Fisher (AUS)	20	1512
2 Nigel Richards (NZ)	19	1709
3 Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (THAI)	19	907
4 Cheah Siu Hean (SNG)	18	784
5 Mark Nyman (Eng)	17	1277
6 Alex Tan (Mal)	17	794
7 Atiruth S (Thai)	17	772
8 Panupol Sujjayakorn (Thai)	17	582
9 Jakkrit Klaphajone	17	501
10 Komol Panyasophonlert (Thai)	17	314
23 Paul Lister (NZ)	15	318
24 Liz Fagerlund (NZ)	15	295

Catwoman on the Tiles?

The new movie Catwoman starring Halle Berry probably doesn't have much to do with Scrabble - but one review appearing in the US publication *Observer-Dispatch* revealed:-

French director Pitof gives the movie the sleek, smudged beauty of a perfume ad and the gaze of a dispassionate god. Pitof's camera hovers over the unnamed city where "Catwoman" is set in much the same way your head hovers over a game of Scrabble.

There's a sense that the camera is determining the action, just as surely as you are figuring out what to do

For Sale

Rod Greening has a Deluxe Braille Scrabble board for sale. Braille on board and tiles. Phone or email offers to Rod at 07 843 7652 (Hamilton, NZ) / nystralshow@msn.com



Cartoons by Denise Gordon (WAN)

Scrabble For Fun

by Michael Groffman

Dunedin Scrabble Club, in conjunction with Dunedin Public Library held its annual Scrabble For Fun competition over three days covering 11th to 13th August, 2004. That week was Library Week for the Dunedin Public Library and this event is seen as a good complementary activity encouraging primary school children to expand their vocabulary limits as well as enjoying the game of Scrabble.

Ten primary schools from Dunedin sent in teams of four making a total of 84 students. (We had 120 last year so we deliberately downsized this year.) The teams played over two mornings with a playoff on the third morning. Spot prizes of Cadbury's chocolates were given each day for different categories. The lists on the wall ran on for two pages on each category as the students got carried away with the points they got for 'zebra' or 'xi' or 'jow'. Also the 2,3,4, letter word lists were given to each student for use during the games (swear words

deleted).

The winning team at the final received a Scrabble set for their school library which was donated by The Warehouse Ltd. The winning school was presented with a Shield which was paid for by the Otago Daily Times and presented by their Marketing Manager. Media coverage was provided by Channel Nine who interviewed Ruth Groffman as the competition convenor.

This year the adult competition took place in three Dunedin Libraries instead of one, with a mini-trophy to keep going to the winner and paid for by the Dunedin Public Library. Our effort here is to recover adult players who might find their way to our club.

Ruth Groffman is also running a Scrabble For Fun event on Literacy Day, 8th September which will be a combined Literacy and ESOL event.

[Congratulations on your fine efforts! Is Dunedin soon to be the Scrabble centre of New Zealand? — Ed]

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Back to the Beginning with Endings

by Howard Warner

Recently, the American Scrabblers Sam (Timer) Kantimathi put out an international call on why lexical oddities such as the LITHIUM-LITHIA-LITHIAS-LITHIASES chain existed.

Dusting off my high-school Latin, I was inspired to root around (excuse the pun) for an explanation. It may be useful to other Scrabblers who grapple with all those complex inflectional patterns. It goes like this...

-UM (neuter, singular) words borrowed from Latin and retaining a narrow, technical or specialist application have the Latin -A plural. If they are more common or general in their English application, or if they are created words (such as many of the -IUM elements), then they take the English -S plural (hence LITHIUMS BERYLLIUMS, NOBELIUMS etc). Many such words have both endings (ATRIUMS, ATRIA). The same inflectional process applies to words from Latin ending in -A (feminine, singular) and -US (masculine, singular). The former becomes -AE or -AS in the plural (hence OC(H)REAE, but BERYLLIAS), or in many instances both (ACTINIAE, -AS, NOTITIAE, -AS). Similarly, -US (masculine, singular) becomes -I in the plural, or -USES, or both (ARCHEUS, ARCHEI, but WAMUS, WAMUSES).

Confusion can arise when two words arise from the same root, one feminine and one neuter. Thus you get THULIUM (singular) and THULIA (singular), both pluralised with an English -S. (These words come from the Greek 'Thoule', which the 19th century Swedish chemist PT Cleve understood to mean Scandinavia.) Sam's LITHIUM/LITHIA is another

example (ironically, the root LITH-, meaning 'stone', originally comes from Greek) along with the BERYLLI-situation shown above.

Here's another oddity: ILEUM pluralises to ILEA (never *ileums), but ILEUS pluralises to ILEUSES (never *ilei), despite seemingly having the same root. In fact, ILEUM comes directly from the Latin 'ileum', meaning the groin. ILEUS comes through Latin from the Greek 'ileos', meaning colic.

LITHIASES is the plural of LITHIASIS, a whole different singular-to-plural paradigm. In fact, this ending combination is also Greek, showing that we're not afraid to mix-and-match our linguistic forebears in expanding the English lexicon.

-A plurals (CRITERIA) can also come from Greek-derived -ON singulars. So here's a puzzler for you: is ORARIA an alternative plural of ORARIUM-S (Latin) or ORARION-S (Greek)? Or both?

Who'd want to be a Scrabblers, huh!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letter set THORN to NORTH, and MOONIES to NOISOME. On a higher level, STREAKING reveals GREAT SKIN!

Here are anagrams for six more Scrabblers:

DELWYN HALL	WHY LEND ALL?
JOANNE CRAIG	ACE IN JARGON
IVAN MARSHALL	VARNISH A MALL
PAT STEFFERSON	OFFERS PATENTS
BLUE THOROGOOD	DO BOOTLEG HOUR
ROGER COLE-BAKER	RARE EGO-BLOCKER



CLUB NEWS

Dunedin

by Bill Grigg

Nationals: Auckland, June 5-6

Congratulations to Ruth Groffman for winning E Grade with 13 wins.

Others who competed were Peter Sinton (A4), Marion Ross (D16) and Carolyn Kyle (E10).

Quiz

Which (one) of the following is correct?

- (a) FUNKIAS (b) GOADERS
(c) ONTOGEN (d) SARINAS
(e) SNORKLER

New Member

Welcome to Bob Rogers who is partially sighted. He plays with a super large board and tiles.

Scrabble for Fun August 9-13.

Once again many thanks to Ruth Groffman for organising this week-long Scrabble fest in conjunction with Dunedin Libraries and Intermediate Schools. Two days of heats with 40 kids per day and then the finals with the top 3 teams from each day. Everybody enjoyed themselves and I am sure we are preparing the Scrabblers of the future.

Farewells

Word has it that both Olivia En and Nick Ascroft will be heading North next year — Olivia to Palmerston North and Nick to Wellington. We wish them well and hope it will be not too long before they return 'home'.

Club Records so far:

Karyn McDougall has them all: Highest Winning Score (689), Highest Losing Score (442) and Highest Turn Score (116).

Trans-Tasman Tournament -- 26-27 November, Brisbane.

Congratulations to Peter Sinton for being selected and best wishes and good luck to all the team. It's time for sweet revenge.

Otago Lion Open Tournament: Nov 13-14.

Triple Round Robin, 6 per grade 15 games over the two days. Entry \$30.00. Contact Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Avenue, St Clair (ruthgroffman@hotmail.com) for details.

Quiz answer.

- (a) FUNKIAS.

Only one other has an anagram of a correct Scrabble word. Leave you to find that out.

Club News - Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

The Christchurch Club incorporated its 20th anniversary celebrations with the Canterbury Open Tournament plus a special club celebration on the following Friday.

At the June AGM, most Club officers were re-elected plus Paul was welcomed onto the committee. Since then however Selena has taken over the position of Treasurer from Shirley and Allison is resigning from the Club.

Club Averages - Top 5 Friday Night Members

Name	Games	Average	Bonuses
Paul	22	431	36
Kathleen	9	428	14
Margaret L	13	420	20
Shirley H	25	421	34
Connie	5	407	6

Club Averages - Top 5 Wed Afternoon

Name	Games	Average	Bonuses
Kathleen	13	419	13
Andy	2	410	1
Jessie	12	362	4
Betty W	16	342	14
John	16	334	2

How to Win at Scrabble — Competition Result

All entrants' names are in the hat. Drum roll, please!

And the winner is... Allie Quinn! The invalid word/typo listed in the appendix of definitions was GEX. It should have read GEY.

Congratulations, Allie and thanks to all who entered. A copy of *How to Win at Scrabble* by Andrew Fisher and David Webb is in the mail.



Tennis player with vicious backhand

Cartoon from Wallace Tripp's Wurst Seller, submitted by Lyn Toka

Ologies

by Jeff Grant

The word OLOGIES, and its gonadial anagram GOOLIES, are frequently played in Scrabble. There are thousands of ologies, ranging from OOOLOGY (the study of birds' eggs) to monsters that won't even fit on the board, like OTORHYNOLARYNGOLOGY (the field of ear, nose and throat specialists).

Here is an A to Z list of eight-letter ologies, with the study or science involved. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are not allowed in Scrabble.

ALGOLOGY	algae	NOMOLOGY	law
BATOLOGY	brambles	ONTOLOGY	principles of being
CHAOLOGY	chaos	POSOLOGY	dosage
DEMOLOGY	population	QUEOLOGY*	short queues
ETIOLOGY	disease causes	RHEOLOGY	matter
FETOLOGY	fetuses	SEXOLOGY	sexual behaviour
GEMOLOGY	gems	TOCOLOGY	obstetrics
HOROLOGY	time measurement	UFOOLOGY*	bogus ufo sightings
IDEOLOGY	ideas	VINOLOGY	vines
JAMOLOGY*	musical jamming	WINOLOGY*	wine, winos or winning
KIDOLOGY	kidding	XYLOLOGY	wood structure
LOGOLOGY*	word play	YOGOLOGY*	yoga
MYCOLOGY	fungi	ZYMOLOGY	fermentation



Spring Hooks

Front Hooks

BEDSPRING
 DAYSPRING
 HAIRSPRING
 HANDSPRING
 HEADSPRING
 INNERSPRING
 MAINSPRING
 OFFSPRING
 OUTSPRING
 RESPRING
 UPSPRING
 WELLSPRING

...all take an S except for
 INNERSPRING

Back Hooks

SPRINGAL
 SPRINGALD
 SPRINGALDS
 SPRINGALS
 SPRINGBOARD
 SPRINGBOARDS
 SPRINGBOK
 SPRINGBOKS
 SPRINGE
 SPRINGED
 SPRINGEING
 SPRINGER
 SPRINGERS
 SPRINGES
 SPRINGHEAD
 SPRINGHEADS
 SPRINGHOUSE
 SPRINGHOUSES
 SPRINGIER
 SPRINGIEST
 SPRINGILY
 SPRINGINESS
 SPRINGINESSES
 SPRINGING
 SPRINGINGS
 SPRINGLE
 SPRINGLES
 SPRINGLET
 SPRINGLETS
 SPRINGLIKE
 SPRINGS

Daffy Definitions

submitted by Glennis Hale

- Avoidable What a bullfighter tries to do
- Bernadette The act of torching a mortgage
- Counterfeiters Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
- Eyedropper A clumsy ophthalmologist
- Heroes What a guy in a boat does
- Paradox Two physicians
- Parasites What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
- Polarize What penguins see with
- Primate Removing your spouse from in front of the TV
- Rubberneck What you do to relax your wife
- Selfish What the owner of a seafood store does
- Subdued Like a guy, like works on one of those, like, submarines, man!

SPRINGTAIL
 SPRINGTAILS
 SPRINGTIDE
 SPRINGTIDES
 SPRINGTIME
 SPRINGTIMES
 SPRINGWATER
 SPRINGWATERS
 SPRINGWOOD
 SPRINGWOODS
 SPRINGY



EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



We are getting near the end of the tournament year for 2004, but we still have Mt Albert, Wanganui, Rodney, Otago, Kiwi and Waikato Phoenix on the national scene; and the international Trans Tasman battle with the best Australian players in Brisbane to look forward to.

There have been 3 tournaments played in New Zealand since the new challenge rule was introduced, and players seem to have adapted well to the rule change. Hamilton was the first tournament with the new rule, and although there were 70 players and only 2 runners, the runners easily kept up with the number of challenges.

The 16th Norfolk Island Scrabble festival was held in late September, with a massive entry of 57 keen New Zealand and Australian Scrabblers. Glennis Hale and Jeff Grant once again ably ran this tournament and I'm sure everyone that attended had a great time — I certainly did!

This year's Kings Cup tournament in Thailand was won for the 5th time by ex-pat New Zealander Nigel Richards. Other New Zealanders Paul Lister and myself finished a creditable 23rd and 24th out of 82 players. All 3 players have been (Paul still is) members of the Christchurch Scrabble club. My trip was continued in Malaysia, where Leonard Wong held a tournament in Kuala Lumpur in my honour - very flattering indeed! Sadly, Leonard unexpectedly passed away in August — he will be missed by the Malaysian Scrabble players, and any other players lucky enough to have met this man who did so much for Scrabble in his country.

Hats off to all the club committee members who keep their clubs and tournaments going, for the enjoyment of Scrabble players — keep up the good work.

Happy Spring Scrabbling

Liz Fagerlund

Trans-Tasman Team Australia

Australia's Trans-Tasman Team for the upcoming November contest in Brisbane are:-

Edward Okulicz	Andrew Fisher
Naween Fernando	Paul Cleary
David Eldar	Esther Perrins
Joan Rosenthal	Chris May
Bob Jackman	Julian McKail
Rod Talbot	Michael Cameron

Reserves: Alistair Kane and Joanne Craig

This is a very strong team so a tough and interesting battle will be waged. Good luck!

Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Where	Dates
Mt Albert	Auckland	2-3 October
Wanganui	Wanganui	23-24 October
Rodney	Warkworth	6-Nov
Otago Open	Dunedin	13-14 November
Kiwi	Hamilton	20 Nov
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	21 Nov
Trans Tasman	Brisbane	25-27 November
Pakuranga	Auckland	29-30 January 2005
Nelson	Nelson	12-13 February

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 ■ "He had delusions of adequacy."
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 ■ — Walter Kerr
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NZASP Rankings List as at 30 September

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2057	766	1103	69%	48 Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%
2 Jeff Grant	2035	1088.5	1411	77%	49 Yvonne Wilson	1524	265	488	54%
3 Patrick Carter	1995	540.5	860	63%	50 Frank Robinson	1508	94.5	191	49%
4 Peter Sinton	1986	389.5	534	73%	51 Kim Graham	1475	251	460	55%
5 Lynne Butler	1962	606	999	61%	52 Murray Rogers	1473	212	391	54%
6 Mike Sigley	1960	637	869	73%	53 Andrea Prentice	1466	559.5	1075	52%
7 Rogelio Talosig	1947	141.5	223	63%	54 Jean O'Brien	1465	555	1089	51%
8 Glennis Hale	1936	920.5	1646	56%	55 Pam Barlow	1452	294	552	53%
9 Steven Brown	1932	471.5	881	54%	56 May Quigley	1439	468	1064	44%
10 Glenda Foster	1922	558.5	1074	52%	57 Margaret Bundock	1428	503.5	1041	48%
11 Andrew Bradley	1908	413	828	50%	58 Gerald Warner	1419	763.5	1635	47%
12 Lisa McLean	1887	383.5	749	51%	59 Glenda Geard	1410	642	1281	50%
13 Chris Hooks	1872	583.5	1198	49%	60 Nick Ascroft	1404	74	100	74%
14 Lynne Powell	1860	692	1347	51%	61 Maureen Holliday	1400	380	750	51%
15 Liz Fagerlund	1857	471.5	873	54%	62 Margaret Cherry	1392	293	578	51%
16 Denise Gordon	1856	473	915	52%	63 Karyn McDougall	1389	391.5	760	52%
17 Cecilia Ruto	1841	221.5	434	51%	64 Shirley Hol	1379	333	680	49%
18 Joanne Craig	1839	33	59	56%	65 Hilda Scott	1373	240.5	457	53%
19 Marianne Bentley	1835	173.5	369	47%	66 Elaine Moltzen	1368	363.5	719	51%
20 Ann Haugh	1806	284.5	534	53%	67 Stan Gregec	1367	107	179	60%
21 Glynis Jennings	1799	338.5	719	47%	68 Yvette Hewlett	1366	229.5	472	49%
22 Debbie Caldwell	1788	226.5	367	62%	69 Ann Candler	1351	509.5	1082	47%
23 John Foster	1773	852.5	1511	56%	70 Isabel Zyp	1349	329	659	50%
24 Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	71 Shirley Martin	1347	380.5	730	52%
25 Pam Robson	1742	406	865	47%	72 Rhoda Cashman	1342	576	1210	48%
26 Peter Jones	1733	590	1189	50%	73 David Bragg	1335	125.5	210	60%
27 Rosemary Cleary	1719	388	840	46%	74 Betty Eriksen	1333	436	873	50%
28 June Mackwell	1717	428.5	943	45%	75 Lawson Sue	1299	108.5	186	58%
29 Julie Atkinson	1710	196.5	357	55%	76 Steve Richards	1283	131.5	249	53%
30 Joan Thomas	1700	395.5	747	53%	77 Margaret Lyall	1267	318	637	50%
31 Lynn Wood	1678	849	1793	47%	78 Delcie Macbeth	1267	439.5	831	53%
32 Glenyss Buchanan	1674	411	840	49%	79 Lyn Toka	1264	254.5	487	52%
33 Doreen O'Shea	1669	341.5	677	50%	80 Hazel Purdie	1256	460	928	50%
34 Leila Thomson	1659	341	747	46%	81 Doreen Ogston	1243	430	898	48%
35 Val Mills	1642	518.5	1107	47%	82 Correne James	1220	475	999	48%
36 Janice Cherry	1641	232	420	55%	83 Reeva Pearson	1204	685.5	1469	47%
37 David Gunn	1633	773	1495	52%	84 Marianne Patchett	1198	179.5	341	53%
38 Shirley van Essen	1624	211	383	55%	85 Rosalind Phillips	1181	124	217	57%
39 Eileen McLean	1619	786.5	1525	52%	86 Veronica Zilinskas	1173	84	134	63%
40 Roger Coates	1603	406.5	838	49%	87 Ruth Groffman	1163	192.5	356	54%
41 Andrew Denmead	1600	170.5	342	50%	88 Shirley Wyatt	1156	338.5	720	47%
42 Allie Quinn	1598	625.5	1296	48%	89 Lyn Dawson	1144	240.5	422	57%
43 Faye Cronhelm	1595	497	991	50%	90 Allison Tarrance	1140	161	295	55%
44 Paul Lister	1588	455.5	806	57%	91 Su Walker	1132	395.5	783	51%
45 Fae Olson	1576	972.5	2044	48%	92 Ernie Gidman	1121	163	325	50%
46 Jennifer Smith	1575	428.5	773	55%	93 Kaite Hansen	1120	59	90	66%
47 Helen Sillis	1570	514	1004	51%	94 Amelia Carrington	1114	128	218	59%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Selena Chan	1109	108.5	179	61%	142 Tony Charlton	592	35.5	87	41%
96 Lorraine Van Veen	1109	487	957	51%	143 Jena Yousif	589	105	221	48%
97 Samantha Samuels	1081	93	188	49%	144 Tim Henneveld	585	97.5	217	45%
98 Jim Wills	1079	85	126	67%	145 Jani Henneveld	578	92	218	42%
99 Ray Goodyear	1072	101.5	206	49%	146 Jean Wacker	578	76	166	46%
100 Carole Coates	1057	335	663	51%	147 Jean Craib	560	155	377	41%
101 Isabel Morris	1049	88.5	170	52%	148 Resie Caenen	538	150.5	381	40%
102 Marian Ross	1041	245.5	521	47%	149 Lil Moore	536	334.5	698	48%
103 Karen Miller	1038	261	551	47%	150 Noelene Bettjeman	535	35.5	79	45%
104 Margaret Flaws	1035	116	195	59%	151 Bernice Hyde	527	22.5	41	55%
105 Joan Pratt	1028	407.5	779	52%	152 Heather Landon	480	34	72	47%
106 Gabrielle Bolt	1027	139.5	266	52%	153 Jillian Greening	469	194	407	48%
107 Lynn Carter	1006	76	127	60%	154 Charles Kiewiet	455	94.5	188	50%
108 Roto Mitchell	1003	249	470	53%	155 Trevor Rowell	447	37	85	44%
109 Liz Richards	1001	125	248	50%	156 Maureen McBain	419	111.5	266	42%
110 Mescal Kelly	993	45	82	55%	157 Betty Wilson	414	168.5	342	49%
111 Catherine Henry	987	121	195	62%	158 Paula Gibbons	404	204.5	451	45%
112 Roger Cole-Baker	974	61	107	57%	159 Pauline Smeaton	371	96	211	45%
113 Bev Barker	959	368	770	48%	160 Betty Sutherland	362	133.5	322	41%
114 Carolyn Kyle	912	258	520	50%	161 Ed Olson	339	582.5	1455	40%
115 Chris Handley	911	178.5	366	49%	162 Sharon Clarke	332	86	264	33%
116 Annette Coombes	898	322	730	44%	163 Elvira Steel	265	131.5	587	22%
117 Kate Wignall	872	462	927	50%	164 Sue Foster	237	21	64	33%
118 Roger French	863	51	83	61%	165 Sue Mayn	224	29.5	91	32%
119 Diane Cole-Baker	838	49	82	60%	166 Delwynne Hall	200	3	41	7%
120 Valma Gidman	829	400	795	50%					
121 Taanga Lawrence	797	51	134	38%					
122 Irene Hague-Smith	795	370	788	47%					
123 Margaret Durdle	782	100	197	51%					
124 Connie Flores	765	38	43	88%					
125 Pam Mayall	735	209	399	52%					
126 Margaret Hanson	723	297.5	594	50%					
127 Liz Catchpole	708	229	482	48%					
128 Thelma Chisholm	702	69	136	51%					
129 Yvonne MacKenzie	686	201	464	43%					
130 Olwen Skelton	683	356.5	759	47%					
131 Dawn Smith	683	67.5	141	48%					
132 Elaine Ware	680	268	519	52%					
133 Kathleen									
Mori-Barker	661	177.5	386	46%					
134 Dorothy Haining	656	389	786	49%					
135 Iris Boulton	656	93	183	51%					
136 May Meads	646	217	424	51%					
137 Dominic Lister	639	144	294	49%					
138 Michael Groffman	638	79.5	177	45%					
139 Roslyn Lister	623	179	358	50%					
140 Maria Clinton	611	93	186	50%					
141 Jacqueline									
Coldham-Fussell	607	312	662	47%					



The X is a useful letter. A little word like OX or XU can easily get you 50 points, and bonus words containing an X often score over 100. Here are a dozen seven-letter words starting with X.

XANTHAM XERARCH XYLENOL
 XANTHIC XERASIA XYLITOL
 XANTHIN XEROTIC XYLOGEN
 XERAFIN XIPHOID XYLONIC



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Hamilton Scrabble Tournament

7-8 August

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	11	1122	442	24
2 Marianne Bentley	TGA	9	293	424	23
3 Glenda Foster	WEL	9	75	404	17
4 Steven Brown	KAP	8	771	427	29
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	8	472	398	17
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	7	272	387	12
7 Glynis Jennings	MTA	6	-197	386	18
8 Peter Jones	HAM	6	-259	374	17
9 David Gunn	WKP	6	-396	390	25
10 John Foster	NSB	5	81	398	19
11 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-565	361	13
12 Pam Robson	HAM	4	-341	389	22
13 Roger Coates	KIW	4	-700	355	14
14 June Mackwell	NSB	3	-628	376	20

Grade B

1 Val Mills	PAK	11.5	751	404	21
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	313	386	9
3 Allie Quinn	NSB	9	387	394	19
4 Maureen Holliday	HBC	7.5	382	402	18
5 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	7	415	398	15
6 Pam Barlow	PAK	7	238	389	20
7 Gerald Warner	HBC	7	-96	383	10
8 Eileen McLean	MTA	6	-33	391	14
9 Kim Graham	KIW	6	-34	401	18
10 Ann Candler	NSB	5	-374	359	15
11 Glenda Geard	IND	5	-518	368	17
12 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	-516	355	15
13 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-545	349	14
14 Marianne Patchett	MTA	2	-370	357	6

Grade C

1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	11	853	428	17
2 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	9	375	380	10
3 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	9	181	373	13
4 Correne James	IND	8	515	383	15
5 Su Walker	MTA	7	241	387	19
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	7	193	386	17
7 Joan Pratt	HBC	7	-16	361	12
8 Amelia Carrington	ROT	6	-109	365	9
9 Samantha Samuels	KIW	6	-454	337	11



Val Mills (PAK)

B grade winner at Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
10 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-181	376	10
11 Bev Barker	MTA	5	-445	360	9
12 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	4	-244	371	14
13 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	4	-494	347	11
14 Margaret Flaws	TGA	3	-415	372	13
Grade D					
1 Carole Coates	KIW	11	749	392	17
2 Lynn Carter	NSB	10	518	392	6
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	9	396	370	9
4 Shirley Morrison	TGA	9	-10	342	5
5 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	8	405	365	13
6 Valma Gidman	ROD	8	253	376	11
7 Pat Bryan	MTA	7	332	359	8
8 Margaret Durdle	TGA	7	75	342	8
9 Kate Wignall	MTA	7	-140	345	6
10 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	-159	344	8
11 Jena Youisif	KIW	3	-411	364	9
12 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	-579	354	15
13 Jean Wacker	TGA	2	-431	327	8
14 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	1	-998	319	4



Carole Coates (KIW)

D grade winner at Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade E					
1 Olwen Skelton	ROD	10	499	353	7
2 Janni Henneveld	ROT	8	247	355	3
3 Heather Landon	TGA	8	192	339	11
4 Tim Henneveld	ROT	8	177	334	4
5 Patricia Fletcher	TGA	8	146	344	4
6 Barbara Dunn	TGA	8	142	356	15
7 Resie Coenen	PHC	7	267	347	5
8 Bernice Hyde	NSB	7	33	343	10
9 Maureen McBain	TGA	7	-32	335	4
10 Anthea Jones	KIW	6	-50	342	4
11 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	5	53	350	10
12 Pat Wood	TGA	3	-400	297	1
13 Sue Foster	TGA	3	-517	308	2
14 Bev Griffin	TGA	3	-757	289	0

Tauranga Scrabble Tournament

28-29 August

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	MTA	13	1795	480	33
2 Steven Brown	KAP	11	544	426	26
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	8	933	437	19
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	8	261	389	19
5 Eileen McLean	MTA	7	-70	380	14
6 Peter Jones	HAM	7	-85	382	19
7 Allie Quinn	NSB	6	-217	377	16
8 Janice Cherry	PAK	6	-501	370	16
9 Val Mills	PAK	5	183	398	19

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
10 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	-424	377	22
11 Fae Olson	NSB	4	-208	394	18
12 David Gunn	WKP	4	-668	368	19
13 Julie Atkinson	MTA	4	-803	358	12
14 Roger Coates	KIW	3	-740	342	13
Grade B					
1 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	606	395	20
2 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	9	593	401	18
3 Glenda Geard	IND	9	479	411	17
4 Stan Gregec	IND	8	276	404	20
5 David Bragg	ROT	8	-210	379	14
6 Gerald Warner	HBC	7	254	402	15
7 Maureen Holliday	HBC	7	-78	381	13
8 Lyn Toka	KIW	6	-100	376	21
9 Margaret Cherry	PAK	6	-139	386	17
10 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	5	-85	382	11
11 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	-213	373	15
12 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5	-359	379	11
13 Marianne Patchett	MTA	4	-487	347	9
14 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-537	359	10

Grade C

1 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	10	571	389	15
2 Su Walker	MTA	9	680	400	15
3 Amelia Carrington	ROT	9	537	391	13
4 Carole Coates	KIW	9	394	385	16
5 Margaret Flaws	TGA	8	549	388	13
6 Lynn Carter	NSB	8	142	377	9
7 Catherine Henry	TGA	8	-54	356	4
8 Joan Pratt	HBC	7	-67	367	15



Lynne Carter (NSB)

6th in C Grade at Tauranga

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
9 Bev Barker	MTA	6	64	376	9
10 Kate Wignall	MTA	6	-42	362	8
11 Shirley Morrison	TGA	4	-151	346	8
12 Margaret Durdle	TGA	4	-274	340	10
13 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	2	-538	346	11
14 Patricia Fletcher	TGA	1	-1811	294	5

Grade D

1 Jean Wacker	TGA	10	470	348	11
2 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	9	356	345	7
3 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	9	264	342	7
4 Jacqy Struik	TGA	9	-15	334	6
5 Heather Landon	TGA	8	248	342	8
6 Maureen McBain	TGA	7	296	347	11
7 Ray Seddon	TGA	7	129	331	2
8 Barbara Dunn	TGA	7	50	345	9
9 Jillian Greening	HAM	7	-164	331	11
10 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	6	233	342	6
11 Hazel Smith	TGA	6	-184	342	7
12 Joyce Warner	TGA	5	-190	322	5
13 Noel Davenhill	TGA	5	-339	310	3
14 Connie Dixon	TGA	4	-457	310	2
15 Sue Foster	TGA	3	-290	308	2
16 Bev Griffin	TGA	2	-407	299	1



Rosemary Wauters
2nd in E grade at Tauranga

**Canterbury Open
11-12
September**

15 Games



Kathleen Mori-Barker (CHC)
3rd in C Grade Canterbury

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
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Grade A

1 Ann Hough	NEL	12	963	419	21
2 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	10	406	408	17
3 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	-91	392	23
4 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	6	-244	385	19
5 Andrew Denmead	NEL	6	-277	380	23
6 Paul Lister	CHC	4	-757	351	17

Grade B

1 Murray Rogers	NEL	10	534	393	17
2 Nick Ascroft	DUN	9	181	385	18
3 Karyn McDougall	DUN	8	449	390	16
4 Shirley Hol	CHC	7.5	-61	383	23
5 Steve Richards	NEL	5.5	-577	366	12
6 Margaret Lyall	CHC	5	-526	361	19

Grade C

1 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	10	145	374	15
2 Lyn Dawson	CHC	8.5	82	370	18
3 Ray Goodyear	CHC	7.5	80	365	11
4 Selena Chan	CHC	7	135	379	17
5 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	6.5	-168	358	11
6 Liz Richards	NEL	5.5	-274	367	14

Grade D

1 Chris Handley	DUN	12	662	381	13
2 Olivia En	DUN	9	164	353	11
3 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	6.5	171	379	16
4 Dominic Lister	CHC	6	-171	351	8
5 Michael Groffman	DUN	6	-217	339	3
6 Roslyn Lister	CHC	5.5	-609	330	12

Grade E

1 Connie Flores	CHC	14	1167	341	8
2 Tony Charlton	NEL	10.5	55	285	7
3 Jean Craib	CHC	9.5	-120	297	8
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	7	-110	279	5
5 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	7	-257	257	3
6 Betty Wilson	CHC	7	-261	282	6
7 Betty Sutherland	CHC	6	-474	271	5

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)