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Nelson Club celebrates its 10th birthday. See page 16 for a report. Club members from left: Steve Richards, Murray Rogers (Golden Bay Scrabble Club), Dawn Smith, Karen Brookes (Golden Bay Scrabble Club), Liz Richards, Jack McArtney, Julia Jonas, Marie Rutherford, Tony Charlton, Iris Boulton, Maria Clinton, Debbie Caldwell

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Editor's Note



There I was, playing Internet Scrabble with a friend in Melbourne on a hot, sunny January afternoon when I heard a very familiar, "Yoohoo, anyone home?" How delightful to find Lynne Powell at the door. She and Alan are on tour in their van enjoying their country and western singing life. All the best to the Powells in the pursuit of their 'other love' but please come back to Scrabble when your wandering is done.

So far this year there have been three tournaments in New Zealand — Pakuranga's 2 one-dayers in January and Nelson's in February. All tourneys were well attended, most ably organised and thoroughly enjoyed. The next tournament will be the Masters in Wellington over Easter, followed by Dunedin and North Shore in April, Christchurch in May, then the Nationals in June.

WSC 2005 news — earlier this year, Philip Nelkon from Mattel Games wrote to the uk-scrabble mailing list about their plans: "The current position is I am confident that there will be a WSC in 2005 and am at present working on London as the venue. I do not have all of the funding in place, so, at this stage, I cannot give 100% assurance on the event or the fine detail." Let's hope that this premier event can go ahead.

Another major announcement comes from the USA's NSA website — "After lengthy discussions with

Hasbro and ESPN, the National SCRABBLE® Association has announced plans for a 2005 National SCRABBLE® Championship to take place in August of this year. The event will once again be telecast on ESPN. "For years our members have urged us to make the nationals an annual event and now it appears it will happen," said NSA Executive Director John D. Williams Jr. The tourney, previously a biennial event, will be held in Reno from August 19th through August 24th, 2005."

Back on the home front, I'm told that Howard Warner has returned to NZ from Australia and will be here for at least a year — great news for us! (And for me, as Howard is a regular contributor to *Forwards* — see his interesting article about Scrabble in Australia on page 5.) ... Which is a perfect segue into thanking **everyone** who regularly contributes to *Forwards*. I'm always delighted to receive material, articles, jokes, club news, photos etc. And our amazing Layout Editor and Webmaster, Glenda Foster does such a fabulous job of putting it all together.

Closing date for the June 2005 issue is May 20th.

Keep rattling those tiles!

Lynne



Mailbox

More on the 5 point penalty

from Rhoda Cashman

In reply to a letter in the last Mailbox (Dec 2004), one final word from me on the 5-point penalty rule. The issue was not personal advantage for the top players, who, I totally agree, do much work behind the scenes, making a huge contribution to the promotion and advancement of Scrabble not only in New Zealand but internationally. However, by "benefits only the top 12 or so players" I meant benefiting them as representatives of NZ in overseas tournaments.

My point was, and still is, that the 5-point rule takes away the adrenaline rush and the "shall I/shan't I challenge" exciting element from the ordinary player's enjoyment of the game. Indeed, in Jeff's article in the last Forwards he advocated that players should challenge more, which I believe flattens the game when it takes away that element of a gamble. But of course this is my opinion as a middle-of-the-road player, but which I think is shared by others in the same position.

[I'd be very interested to hear from others with views on this issue. — Ed]

Dead ringer revisited

from Margaret Cherry (PAK)

Soon after reading the explanation of the term 'dead ringer' in the December 2004 Forwards, I read a very different version

in an English magazine. This went as follows:-

When a person is described as a 'dead ringer' for somebody else, it means they look exactly like them. The phrase refers to the practice of unscrupulous racehorse owners who, having a fast horse and a slow horse which were identical in appearance, ran the slow horse in races until the betting odds become attractive. They then backed the horse at these long odds, but ran 'the ringer' (the faster horse) in the race.

Ringer is Australian slang for the quickest sheep shearer in a group. 'Dead' in this case, means exact or absolute.

Ruth Reports from Canada

from Ruth Groffman (DUN)

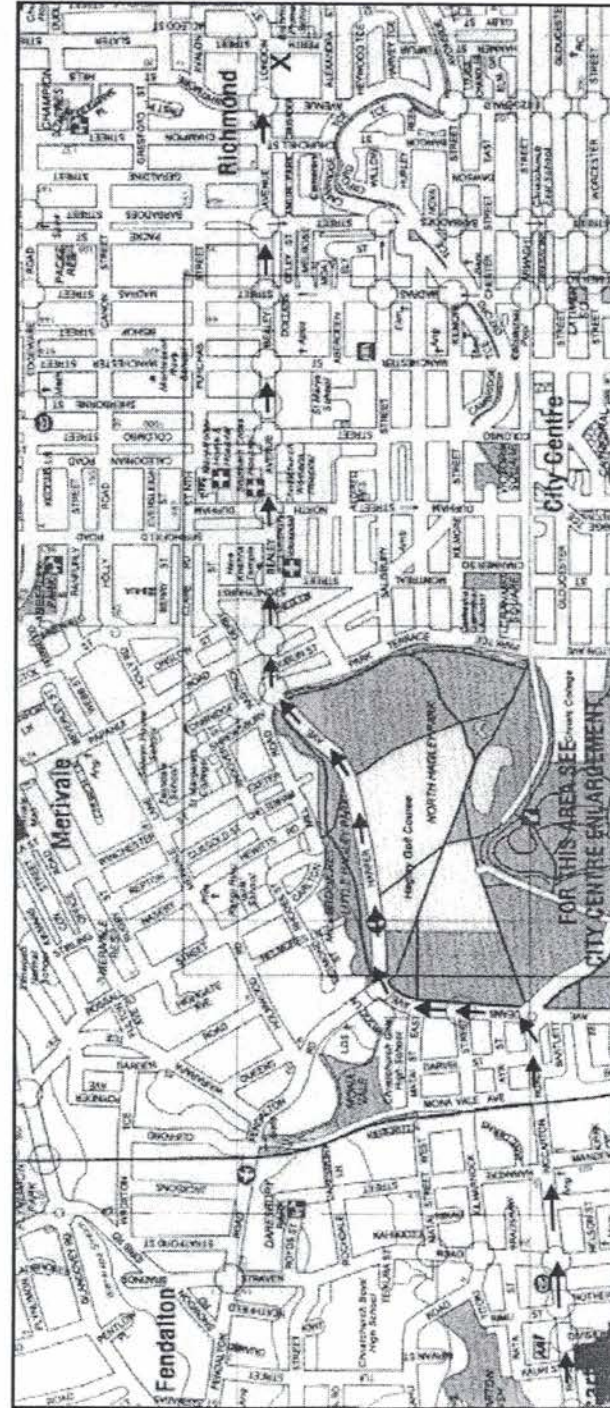
My husband Michael and I recently returned from a trip to Vancouver, Canada and Hawaii, USA. In Vancouver we played Scrabble in their club for two consecutive weeks.

They allocated their players in groups of four to play a round robin of three games in an evening. The second evening we attended was their break-up pot luck and I won my round robin and received a prize.



Ruth (second from left) playing at the Vancouver club

Nationals Dinner Venue



This map from Shirley Hol shows the route from the Nationals venue (off map to the left at 218 Riccarton Rd) to the dinner venue marked with an X at Richmond Working Mens Club, 75 London Street (an extension of Bealey Avenue). It's about 1/4 hour between venues.



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No 78

Hook words are important in Scrabble. There are front hooks, such as S/POKE, and back hooks, such as CLAN/K. This contest is based on back hooks, or in this case, curtailments. Each clued pair contains a word and its one-letter curtailment. You have to solve the 2-word phrases.

For example, jetty food = PIER PIE; light red fastener = PINK PIN

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. excellent dorsal | 11. useless styli |
| 2. Mars aircraft | 12. shellfish seed |
| 3. bright shank | 13. dance leg |
| 4. harsh twinkler | 14. flower platform |
| 5. wood cha | 15. blowing seabird |
| 6. musteline emblem | 16. dog expectation |
| 7. muse skinny | 17. lacklustre glitter |
| 8. dental tantarara | 18. fish supercharger |
| 9. pope's father | 19. card plant |
| 10. elf photos | 20. shiny angle |

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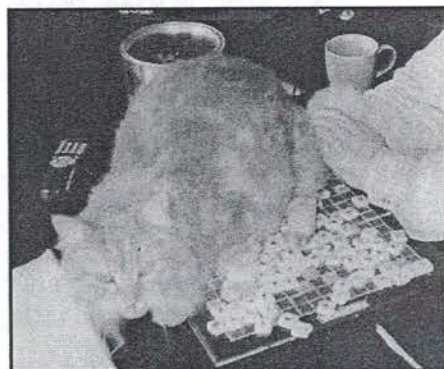
Solution Scrabble Contest No 77

Playing YAHRZEIT for 96 gives you a 22 point lead, but opens a high-scoring spot if your opponent picks up an S or blank. If you challenge off PANNERS (yes, it's wrong!) and play ZITHER for 56, your opponent can get PANNIERS down on a double-double for 90. If you play HERTZ instead for 54, SPANNER is playable. The best move appears to be HERTZ with Z on the centre square for 42. That gives you a lead of 42-0 and your opponent can't play a bonus word.

Two people worked this out — Michael Vnuk (Queensland) and Lyn Toka (KIW). First name out of the hat was Lyn. Well done!

Caption Contest

While Ray Goodyear of Christchurch was playing a game with his neighbour, Christine, her cat, jumped onto the board scattering letters everywhere. Ray had been just one turn away from victory.



Send your captions to:

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10 Veronica Place

Bishopdale

Christchurch

Closing date: 20 May, 2005



Ray
Goodyear

A Very Victorian Pastime

by Howard Warner



Scrabble myth No 1: Australia and New Zealand are neighbours, so they must play the game the same way. Firstly, the gulf between the two countries is wider than the Tasman Sea. Secondly, no two states of Australia play it the same way. And even clubs over there are at odds.

I spent much of this summer in Melbourne, and played in a few tournaments there. So I am now able to strip the veil from what perennial stirrer Geoff Wright calls the "very Victorian state of Victoria". (Wright is a Melburnian through and through, but he began his competitive Scrabble playing in New Zealand — Invercargill and Lower Hutt, to be precise — a quarter century ago.) In revealing the Scrabble practices of this obscure sect, I will try not to be too judgmental. After all, every contained group has its traditional ways and resists change. Who's to say what is right or wrong, whether one way is better than another? Of course, that does not stop Victorians from assuming that everyone everywhere plays exactly the same as they do.

Tournaments

Victorians love rated tournaments, and they'll organise one at the drop of a hat. It doesn't have to be sanctioned and announced for the start of a new year. Nor is the circuit confined to one event per club. So tournaments get landed with an array of colourful names, based on legendary individuals, time of year, tournament format or anything else.

Among those held so far this year are the White Rabbit (first of the month), Bil Rose Aestival (named after Australia's oldest competitive player) and Decathlon (10 games in a day). I was given the privilege of naming the first ever weeknight tournament, the NOTTURNO (or NOTTURNI in the plural), due to start April and repeat on the first Thursday of every month.

Though general rules of play are set by the state body, many aspects of tournament organisation are arbitrary. The organisers choose their own number of games, time-limit (25, 22 or 20 minutes), challenge rules, grading structure, draw etc. So you have to be awake during announcements at the start of play. One-dayers are common in Victoria: more often on Sunday than Saturday. These can feature between six and 10 games. Starting time is anything from 8.30 to 11am. You express interest in a tournament beforehand but register and pay your entry fee at the door on the day. Tournaments usually have a continuous supply of coffee, tea and nibbles, but lunch is BYO. However, I did enjoy an outdoor barbie at one tournament and a 'liquid lunch' at another (held in a pub one Sunday).

Equipment

Most venues are lovely big areas, with long, spacious trestle tables that we would kill for. But very

little of that space actually gets used, due to the Victorians' unique seating arrangements. You see, they have always played on the old bendy boards, rather than our revolving boards. To accommodate the lack of swivel and avoid touching the boards (a sin worse than concealing blanks), they sit side on to the board. For this, they must perch on the corner of the table, twisting their torsos. The time-clock is positioned on the far side of the board, almost beyond reach; your rack is easily viewed by an opponent with good peripheral vision; and there's nowhere left for either score sheets or tile bag. If you happen to prefer a revolving board (very rare), you must supply your own and move it around for each game. But side on gets preference. You can also claim a full-day exemption in advance, on health grounds – this will be announced to all and sundry at the start of play.

Some interesting Australian Scrabble initiatives:

Public demonstrations: A Victorian club recently reported staging games in public with 'Australia's largest Scrabble board'. They attracted a large, constant crowd of gawpers, some of whom joined in.

Matchplay tournaments: Both New South Wales and Victoria have adopted this British concept of hosting a single-field tournament, from which the top 16 go on to a knockout series at private homes and the last two standing play a public best-of-nine match.

Interstate challenges: These are held annually between Victoria-New South Wales and Victoria-South Australia. Even-sized teams of the top-ranked players from each state meet at a halfway point to battle it out. These are rated events.

Australian Masters: In Australia, Masters usually refers to the top grade of a tournament. Now the first 'closed' major

event is being organised, for Melbourne in July. It will be like the New Zealand and British Masters events — a round robin for the top 24 players nationally. A simultaneous side tournament will involve the next highest-ranked four players from each state.

Draw
Depending on the number of entries in a tournament, players are grouped in up to four 'fields', called Recreation, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters. You generally stay in your allotted field, but those who place in a tournament can sometimes earn a 'move up' certificate, valid for the next tourney. Most draws are forms of Swiss, though I did play a one-day round robin. The increasing global influence on Scrabble has brought some innovative forms of draw, such as the Nunawading Matchplay Tournament (a one-day Swiss tournament followed by a home-

event is being organised, for Melbourne in July. It will be like the New Zealand and British Masters events — a round robin for the top 24 players nationally. A simultaneous side tournament will involve the next highest-ranked four players from each state.

Scrabble Manager: A year-long betting programme. Players are assigned values, and each bettor selects five players whose tournament progress they will follow. The one whose group has the best record scoops the pool.

Weeknight tournament: The first 'Notturmo' is planned for April, at a games-focused pub in suburban Melbourne. It will be held monthly and rated.

Helpline: This is an advertised, dedicated phone line in Melbourne for new players wanting to find a club.

Workshops: Various top players have set up weekends (or longer) of intensive skills coaching, for keen up-and-comers.

play knockout series and a public best-of-nine final) and two annual interstate challenges. In Swiss draws, the first round

matchups are ratings-based. Subsequent matchups, determined by running positions, are posted on the board. Starts are usually balanced, and indicated on the draw sheet. Obviously, you don't get a draw sheet at the start, because the draw is not known in advance. Nor do you receive any kind of form to note your progressive results on. After each game, the winner writes both game scores on a big sheet or whiteboard: winners in red, losers in blue.

Rules

As mentioned earlier, these can differ from one tournament to the next, depending on the organiser's whim. Australian tournaments are traditionally single-challenge, but recently some have moved to a five-point penalty. Double challenge has never been, and will never be, used. If considering a challenge, you must say "hold" immediately, otherwise your opponent can draw out new tiles. Tournaments can be decided either on wins and aggregates or wins and margins. Clocks can be started the moment you have drawn a tile from the bag. If you overdraw a tile, your opponent picks only one from your rack. Both players must cover their racks (using those tent-shaped card thingies referred to earlier) during a challenge. When one player goes out, they 'add and subtract' their opponent's leave, rather than doubling and adding.

"The increasing global influence on Scrabble has brought some innovative forms of draw"

Results

As with all Swiss formats, results are posted on a notice board after each round, combined with matchups for the next round. No printouts of final results are made available. You can only find out by checking on line. However, this will also include comprehensive ratings changes for all players. You can find out what your rating was before the tournament, how much it is altered by, what it has become, your old position on both national and state ranking lists, and your new position on them. Because of the large fields, ratings can swing wildly.

Prizes

The dearth of lunches is explained by the policy of putting entry fees into cash prizes or lavish keepsake trophies. Prize tables are unheard of. All place-getters and prize winners from a grade are read out at once, usually in order from Recreation up to Masters. Prizes are also awarded in each grade for highest word and highest game, but never for most bonus words. 'Move up' certificates may also be given out.

Postscript

For days afterwards, individual players report to the CASPA email list about their amazing plays and finds and misses — the more important the tournament the longer it goes on. You could actually miss the next tournament because you were still reading about the last one. Like any good Victorian, you would not be amused, I imagine.

Anyone for Scrabble?

Marian Ross (DN) saw this poem on the Internet whilst holidaying in Perth, Dec04/Jan05

For three hours each Wednesday, I play Scrabble,
A game in which I earnestly dabble.
I like it a lot, but what chance have I got
Against experts whose words seem like 'gabble'.

They really are my betters
With their words of seven letters
And inwardly I do a silent 'growl'.
My confidence is shaken, all high consonants are taken
And I am left with just low-scoring vowels.

"What word is that?" again I look,
It matters not "it's in the book".

My partner's play is deft, blocking openings I have left;
And when I see I have the winning play
She plays 'wizened' and 'wed', with the 'ZED' on the red
And once again, today is not my day!

The record's in the numbers, confirming all my blunders,
And once again it shows a losing score;
Which now is much depleted, but I don't feel defeated,
I love the game, and I'll be back for more!

Adapted from an original poem by Gwen Metcalfe WA, Australia
and published in Across the Board, December 2004

Pocket Samtimers for Sale

Glennis Hale has just received a final order of 30 pocket Samtimers from the US. This is definitely the last shipment. The available colours are:

Yellow	3	Purple	3
Green	14	Silver	10

Price—NZ\$65 (less or more depending on US\$ exchange rate at time of purchase)



Contact Glennis to place your order—please give colour preference:
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How to Deal with a Vowel Heavy Rack

adapted from an article by Philip Nelkon
December 2004 issue of *Scrabble Club News* (UK)

A 'vowel heavy rack' for the purpose of this article is defined as a rack with either 1 or 0 consonants.

There are 42 vowels out of the 100 letters in a Scrabble set. They are all worth one point. Therefore a rack which is mainly vowel-based is much more likely to score low. A premium is placed on knowing the unusual words of 2-5 letters that contain more than one vowel.

The principles particular to this problem are as follows:

1. In most situations it will pay to concentrate more on turning over a good number of letters and less on score than you would do normally.
2. If you're making a play including your only consonant, then try to play four letters, certainly not less than three.
3. If your play does not include the consonant you have more flexibility over what you play but certainly try to play at least three letters.

There are other principles which apply more generally when playing which are also important here. Avoid leaving duplicates on your rack wherever you can. Try to retain the better vowels, it is not normally dangerous to keep back 2 E's or combinations such as A, E, or even A, E, I. Certainly, I's, O's and U's should be discarded in preference to A's and E's.

With scores achieved when holding a 'rackful' of vowels being much lower than with a similar number of consonants, then you

should certainly be considering a change more often. If you cannot score well, say more than 20 points and you are maintaining 4 vowels on your rack, then generally a change will benefit you in the long run. Very often even retaining 3 vowels on their own can be dangerous. If you do change, keep an E and change 6 rather than changing all 7.

Some unusual words that could be helpful include - AIA, EAU, EUOI, ANOA, EOAN, URAO, MOOI, AALII, AECIA, AURAE, AERIE, AINEE, ZOEAE, AUREI, AREA, URAEI, ZOOEA, AIDOI, OIDA, AIOLI, AULOI, COOEE, OORIE, OURIE, LOOIE, LOUIE.

When you have a poor rack, it's always a case of balancing score against improving the rack; the above guidelines should help.

The Philosophy of Hippocratic Ambiguity (Part 1)

- ☆ Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- ☆ One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor....
- ☆ Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- ☆ If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- ☆ The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
- ☆ I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said that if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

This feature highlights pages from past issues of *Forwards*. This 'page' is actually two half pages recording a significant event in NZ Scrabble history, from Issue 6, December 1986. The pages didn't reproduce very well so I have typed out the text in the original style, including a spelling error!

WELLINGTON COMPUTERISED SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

A N.Z. first! On the 20 and 21 September the small Wellington club staged the first computerized Scrabble tournament. Congratulations must go to Geoff Vautier on the splendid job he did in setting up the draw and doing all the scoring, with the help of his wife. It was quite unusual to see a competitor finish his game, then start feeding results into the computer between games and so giving everyone an update throughout the tournament. The computer was also set up to select the winner for the spot prizes. Our two scorers also managed to look after their toddler who was resident in the playpen. While Geoff took care of the computer side of things, we had Lynn Wood who organised the tournament. A gutsy lady who single handedly ran the tournament, adjudicated, made and served 40 lunches each day, organised and cooked a dinner party for 20 at her own home, on the Saturday night and had three billets to stay for three nights. Anyone else would have panicked and taken a week off work to get organised, but Lynn managed everything with unflappable calm and worked right through. The weather was kind, and it was very pleasant having lunch on the balcony 9 stories up with a panoramic view of the city. A few contemplated throwing themselves off the side when the tiles weren't falling right. The prizegiving went off very smoothly (computer doesn't make mistakes) and the meat packs in small chilly bins were very popular. Everyone was delighted to be presented with a complete resumé of results - a sample of which is shown below. Let's hope that in the not too distant future we may see this sort of result sheet after major national tournaments.

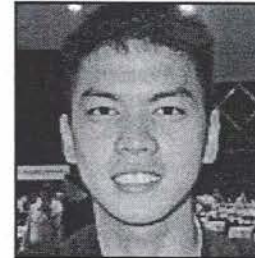
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Mike					Glenda				
OPPONENT	W/L	FOR	AG.	7S SPOT	OPPONENT	W/L	FOR	AG.	7S SPOT
Marj	W	609	290	3-1 42	Bill	W	367	284	0-0 39
Lynne	W	429	398	2-2 41	Karen	W	492	296	2-1 46
Teresa	W	387	377	1-1 0	Lucy	W	396	299	0-0 18
Glenda	W	366	346	2-0 0	Mike	L	346	366	0-2 0
Geoff	W	539	292	3-0 0	Denise	W	371	358	0-2 60
John B	L	332	359	2-1 34	Glenyss	L	374	394	1-1 39
Denise	W	565	349	5-1 0	Geoff	W	393	314	1-1 76
Bill	L	356	357	2-1 0	Marj	W	352	306	1-0 13

Komol Panyasophonlert vs Nigel Richards Game annotated by Joe Edley

Scrabble News, February 2005

This is a slightly abridged account of a game between Komol Panyasophonlert of Thailand and Nigel Richards of Malaysia (formerly from Christchurch) at the 2004 National Scrabble Championship in the US. The word authority was the US Official Tournament and Club Word List. Nigel ended the tournament in third place, while Komol was sixth. The final board layout, with word placement references is over page.



Turn	Komol Panyasophonlert (Thailand)				Nigel Richards (Malaysia)			
	Rack	Play	Score	Total	Rack	Play	Score	Total
1	BGGINWY	WIGGY	34	34	ABEQRUZ	BRAIZE	34	34
	GYBING at 8C for 34 is not quite as good, but it is strong.				The mundane ZAG at F6 for 33 sims better than QUAL at E5 for 26, which in turn sims better than QUIZ and BRAIZE. There's no good reason why he has to set up the S hook with BRAIZE.			
2	BFNPSTU	FUBS	54	88	EHLQUTU	QUELL	28	62
	The S-hook saves his rack.				The right choice. TUQUE would save HLL, a rack killer.			
3	INPRTV?	PIT	20	108	EEHOTTU	TUTEE	17	79
	PRIVY H4 16 is his best way to clean up his rack. PIT leaves him open to drawing poorly next turn.				YOUTH H8 15 has the advantage of allowing a better leave, but both plays are excellent.			
4	DINRSV?	VIS	33	141	AHIKOOR	KAROO	33	112
	Best. It's often not wrong to take points when you have the blank and are trying to balance your rack to bingo.				This may be an excellent example of how inferences may influence our play. With PIT and VIS there is a strong reason to believe that Komol either has another S or a blank. Given that, the K may be better placed on D1 than D2 because Richards will have a chance to catch up with the K going to the TWS. Otherwise IROKO B2 may be better because of the leave.			

Komol Panyasophonlert (Thailand)					Nigel Richards (Malaysia)			
Turn	Rack	Play	Score	Total	Rack	Play	Score	Total
5	DINRXY?	DINKY	39	180	EFHIIMO	FIG	20	132
	With no bingo, this is best. It's too many points better than LYNX 14C 30 to be inferior, despite retaining the clunky X.				This seems mysterious. Why would he not want to use more tiles to draw a blank or S? EHIMO is not a good leave, even though it may be decent for medium-range points between 25-35. FOGIE G6 is far better for leave and draw chances, as well as being worth a few more points.			
6	EPRUVX?	EX	25	205	EGHIMOS	HI	19	151
	Tough decision whether to play this or perhaps TUX 4F 18 or LUV 13C or 14C 6pts. However the 25 pt from EX seems enough to make the difference.				Another mystery. Playing the I seems counterproductive, especially since there are 5 Ns to draw, giving him the very strong -ING. HO G3 is my preferred play.			
7	EOPRUV?	OVERSUP	71	276	EEGJMOS	JOGS	48	199
	There is a second bingo, PULLOVER 13A for several fewer points. However, after PULLOVER he would be up over 115py and the board is not very bingo friendly. After OVERSUP Richards has tremendous chances to catch up, and Komol should be alert to the fact that Richards has been playing as if he's close to a bingo. I would play PULLOVER every time.				Of course. After PULLOVER he would be hard-pressed to mount much of a comeback.			

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	D ₂	I ₁	N ₁	K ₅	Y ₄					A ₁					
2	E ₁			A ₁	T ₁					W ₄					
3	C ₃			R ₁	U ₁	H ₄				A ₁					
4	I ₁			O ₁	T ₁	I ₁				R ₁		L ₁			
5	M ₃			O ₁	B ₃	E ₁				D ₂		L ₁			
6	A ₁	P ₃		R ₁	E ₁	F ₄				E ₁		A ₁		J ₅	
7	T ₁	I ₁		A ₁	I ₁					R ₁	U ₁	M ₃		O ₁	
8	E ₁	T ₁	W ₄	I ₁	G ₂	G ₂	Y ₄			N ₁	A ₁			G ₂	S ₂
9					Z ₁₀				O ₁	V ₄	E ₁	R ₁	S ₁	U ₁	P ₃
10			Q ₁₀		E ₁	X ₈					O ₁			R ₁	
11		F ₄	U ₁	B ₃	S ₁						O ₁			E ₁	
12			E ₁						N ₁		T ₁			D ₂	
13			L ₁		D ₂	E ₁	N ₁	O ₁	T ₁	E ₁	S ₁			I ₁	
14			L ₁					N ₁	A ₁	H ₄				C ₃	
15	V ₄	I ₁	S ₁					A ₁						T ₁	

E₁ I₁ N₁ O₁

Komol Panyasophonlert (Thailand)					Nigel Richards (Malaysia)			
Turn	Rack	Play	Score	Total	Rack	Play	Score	Total
8	AALLMOT	LLAMAS	16	292	ACEEIM?	DECIMATE	89	288
	Good thinking to block the board. But there is a better way. AMATOLS L3 18pt does it very nicely and gets rid of the O.				Giving himself new life!			
9	INNOOTU	UNROOT	18	310	DEENOST	DENOTES	67	355
	With this dump he makes the best of a bad situation.				Manna from heaven!			
10	AEINNNR	NONA	15	325	AADEHRW	NAH	29	384
	Keeps his hopes alive, but he has to draw very well hereafter to win this.				Best, as it scores and blocks.			
11	CDEINRT	PREDICT	28	353	AADERRW	AWARDER	76	460
	He had one last chance to win. He needs to dump the D with DO 10J 14pt. Then, if the O is in the bag, as it is, he would have a chance to play REACTION 1H 149 and win! AllStar Jim Kramer offers CAD 15G, allowing for APERIENT N8 and in case Richards won't know where to block (TAWNIER, APERIENT).				Had Komol left two in the bag, it would have been right for Richards to forgo the bingo for a smaller score but certain win.			
				353				
							+8	468

Tournament	Where	Dates
Dunedin Open	Dunedin	2 & 3 April
North Shore	Auckland	23 April
Christchurch	Christchurch	7-8 May
NZ National Champs	Christchurch	4-5 June
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	2 July
Kiwi	Hamilton	3 July
Hamilton	Hamilton	6-7 August *
Tauranga	Tauranga	3-4 September
Canterbury Open	Christchurch	10-11 September
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	Norfolk Island	9-16 October
Mt Albert	Auckland	1-2 October
Wanganui	Wanganui	22-23 October
Otago Open	Dunedin	12-13 November
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	19 November *
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	20 November *
* to be confirmed		

Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts: A Blow by Blow Account

On Tuesday morning,, 10 to 12, enthusiasts foregather
At the Bridge Club, Ngatai Road, no matter what the w(e)ather.

They come with just a single aim inventive words to make.
If the right tiles don't appear a thrashing they will take.

I couldn't let the chance escape without some special mention
Of those who've caused both grief and joy. They each deserve attention.

There's Maureen — she's the President. Her words merit applause.
She shouldn't be antagonized. You see — she does the draws!

And then there's Maureen number two, a culinary master
For tournament festivities, no other has surpast 'er.

I won't mention Marianne, for words she's never lost,
And Stan's, I hear, about as good. Avoid them at all cost.

Of Eleanors we have a brace, and Jacquies also double.
But only one out of the four found Skiing any trouble!

I really must make on complaint, I know Ethne agrees.
There are too many "i's" and "o's" to utilize with "e's".

Diarrhoea, oxymoron, these are words to conjure,
If Margaret Durdle's on her game she'll make them even longer.

Now, Joyce, a word unto the wise, to stop more bones a crackin',
Pajamas are for lying down, but they should not be sat-in.

Shirley Bonthron's skills we know, huge scores she can acquire,
But she excelled even herself when putting out BONFIRE.

Beware when you are drawn with Jean, out treasurer's a cracker
So you will have to play your best to have a chance to whack 'er.

Gwenda looks a gentle soul, but do not be misled,
Just when you think you've won the game she'll triple with a zed!

Should Margaret your opponent be, don't seek to find her flaws,
And never, never challenge her. Why? Really? Just Becaws.

After the first game's won or lost to Hazel then we turn
For bikkies, coffee, tea and milk and her ever-bubbling urn.

Oh, Rosemary, do you recall that Tuesday terror beckoned?
The china milk jug we mislaid. Bermuda's safe, we reckoned.

Heather she has many skills, vocabulary compendious,
And when you play her, if you do, her score will be stupendious!

You may think that I've ignored the men, that wasn't my intention.
Eric, Noel, Brian and Ray deserve a special mention (Stan's had his!)
They play with passion and with skill, they cope with female wiles,
And if they lose — a rare event — they don't go off the rails.

This year has seen some rising stars in Scrabble's firmament
As Bev and Pat and Barbara too to tournaments they went.
I can't remember all their scores, such memory I lack,
But they must have behaved themselves — they've been invited back!

I haven't mentioned everyone — a lot have been omitted,
But time and inspiration lapsed, and then the Muse, she flitted!

And now I think my journey's done, I'll cede the floor to betters.
My wish for you Q Z J X — and words of seven letters.

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CLUB NEWS

Nelson

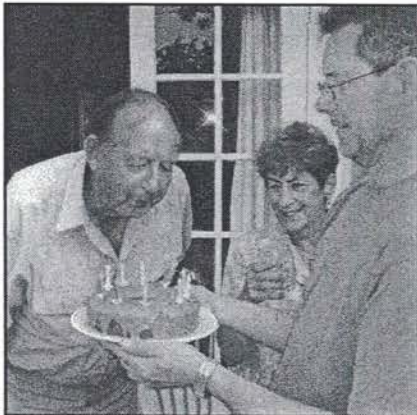
by Debbie Caldwell

Nelson Scrabble Club's 10th birthday was on January 26th and we celebrated with a trip around the Mapua estuary on the 'Flat Bottom Floozie'. (FLOOZIES, of course, if placed correctly is worth 320 points on a triple-triple)

Twelve club members came and the trip took about an hour. We explored several inlets and saw a Royal Spoonbill colony, the remains of a submarine and, most importantly, Steve and Liz Richard's house overlooking the estuary. It was lovely weather and the estuary looked great with the tide in.

After our boat trip we all went to Steve and Liz's, admired the house and gardens and played a few games of Scrabble. We had a shared tea and indulged in a piece of our 10th birthday cake.

A couple of weeks later was our



Jack McArtney, Maria Clinton and Steve Richards—all at the original set up meeting for our club

annual tournament. We had over 30 players, including a few Northerners, who took a most disproportionate number of prizes back over the ditch with them.

Good weather, good tournament and a lot of us went to the Opera in the Park this year. Yulia Townsend, amongst others, were singing and there was the usual fantastic fireworks display.

Looking forward to another good Scrabbling year, Debbie

Kiwi Scrabblers

by Elaine Moltzen

Please note everyone — our Annual Tournament is now being held on Saturday 2nd July, 2005 at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club. This one-day tourney is replacing our former Xmas Tournament.

2004 was another great year for our club with some outstanding results from most of our members. Samantha Samuels broke two of our longstanding records, both previously held by Roger. They were for Most Championship Points in 3 games - was 38, now 39; and Highest Aggregate Score in 3 games - was 1508, now 1542. Well done Samantha! Roger's going to have to work to get them back.

Results from End of Year Prize giving Club Champion

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

Pot Luck Champion

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

Pyramid Trophy

- 1st Lyn Toka
- 2nd Samantha Samuels
- 3rd Roger Coates
- 4th Betty Gibb

Ladder Trophy

- 1st Elaine Moltzen
- 2nd Samantha Samuels
- 3rd Betty Gibb

Round Robin Group 1

- 1st Betty Gibb
- 2nd Kim Graham
- 3rd Lyn Toka

Round Robin Group 2

- 1st Jena Yousif
- 2nd Marj Baillie
- 3rd Jacqueline Coldham-Fussel

Most Bonus Words

- 1st Elaine Moltzen
- 2nd Roger Coates
- 3rd Lyn Toka

Most 100pt Words

- 1st Karen Stewart
- 2nd Samantha Samuels
- 3rd Elaine Moltzen

Achievement Award

Samantha Samuels

Most Improved Player

Samantha Samuels

Best Performing Social Player

Shirley Martin

Best Performing Average Player

Jena Yousif



Samantha Samuels

Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

Both Friday night and Wednesday afternoon group numbers are increasing again and in addition to regular attenders, we are pleased to welcome newcomers and those who have been absent for a while.

Friday Night Averages

Name	Games	Ave	B/W
Paul	15	423	21
Colleen	12	408	13
Gabrielle	5	386	5
Shirley H	13	385	16
Selena	6	383	4

Wednesday Afternoon Averages

Name	Games	Ave	B/W
Mary	2	361	2
Paula	4	355	2
Betty W	4	330	3
Margaret P	5	318	1
John	9	317	5

De Prefix

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, does it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed and drycleaners depressed?

Ja, das ist noch Scrabble

by Howard Warner

Spotted in the Foreign Languages Shop in central Melbourne: a huge display of Scrabble sets in 18 different languages. Among them were German, Russian, Polish, Spanish, Italian, French, Hebrew, Slovenian, Czech, Arabic. But no Asian, pictogram-based languages. And no Martian — yet.

Christchurch Unrated Tournament

by Paul Lister

The Christchurch Club held its annual unrated tournament to teach newcomers the niceties of tournament play and give a good workout to the more seasoned campaigners.

John Baird had been with the club only a few months but played very well to win C Grade. We have had a visitor from Britain for the past several years — Jean Rappitt. Jean usually returns to Britain before the tournaments begin, but stayed long enough this time to display her excellence with a high placing and average in A Grade.

Big thanks to Ivan Marshall for reconfiguring our computer and to Leon Middleditch and Gordon Pinchin for their excellent adjudication and scoring.

Christchurch Unrated Tournament March 03, 2005

Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade				
Shirley Van Essen	6	453	410	8
Jean Rappitt	5	444	405	5
Kaite Hansen	4	13	377	11
Paul Lister	4	-34	393	8
Margaret Lyall	4	-62	394	11
Shirley Hol	4	47	388	10
Doreen Ogston	1	-428	348	8
Veronica Zilinskas	1	-433	357	5
Highest Game	524		Paul Lister	
Highest Aggregate	940		Paul Lister/Margaret Lyall	
Highest Winning Margin	184		Shirley Hol	
B Grade				
Selena Chan	5	362	392	7
Gabrielle Bolt	5	267	381	8
Ray Goodyear	4	348	386	5
Yvonne McKenzie	4	180	367	5
Connie Flores	4	24	368	4
Colleen Cook	3	-201	347	2
Allison Torrance	2	-335	361	7
Kathleen Mori Barker	1	-645	326	5
Highest Game	494		Selena Chan	

Highest Aggregate	858		Selena Chan/Allison Torrance	
Highest Winning Margin	189		Ray Goodyear	
Name	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
C Grade				
John Baird	6	493	325	3
Ros Lister	5	413	300	5
Betty Sutherland	5	55	260	1
Paula Gibbons	5	19	268	2
Jean Craib	5	-16	272	0
Charles Kiewiet	4	3	317	1
Betty Wilson	4	-44	276	4
Judith Bach	3	-115	325	1
Alison Homes	2	-89	319	3
Pat Stefferson	2	-239	230	0
Margaret Preston	1	-466	266	0
Highest Game	434		John Baird	
Highest Aggregate	754		Ros Lister/Judith Bach	
Highest Winning Margin	182		John Baird	

Tournament entry forms

Would all Clubs please note that Taupo Scrabble Club no longer exists and tournament entry forms should no longer be sent. (Gwen Robb)

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, eg GROWN to WRONG, and TARTISH to ATHIRST. On a higher level, an inept WORLD CUP TEAM could be described as TALCUM POWDER. Here are anagrams of six players who competed at Pakuranga in January.

BERNICE HYDE	NEEDY? BE RICH!
JOAN BEALE	AN ABLE JOE
ANDERINA MCLEAN	MAIDEN CAN LEARN
SUE MAYN	ANY MUSE
DIANE COLE-BAKER	BREAK ALIEN CODE
ROSALIND PHILLIPS	HOLD ASPIRIN PILLS

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Happy New Year — even if somewhat belated. The festive season is a very distant memory now, roll on Christmas 2005.

Pakuranga kicked off the new Scrabble year with 2 excellent 1 day tourneys. A good showing of participants spent the Auckland anniversary weekend playing the game so loved by all.

Nelson were next on the list, and their triple round robin was also a hit with those who participated. Good to see a showing from the North Island, with Auckland, Hastings, Wanganui and Wellington showing the flag. This year Nelson hosted a no-frills, no-lunch tourney, and I'm sure it went down well with the crowd. The change of venue was good too, well done Nelson.

By the time this article goes to print the Masters will either have been completed, or be in process. Congratulations to the first timers- I know they will all enjoy being part of the prestige tournament of the year. The Masters has only ever been into the 40's on the ranking list once before, so this adds a thrill to those who have been invited to play. Nick Ascroft is the first reserve and as he is now a resident of Wellington, he will be hoping for another 'dropout'.

Liz Fagerlund is on a well deserved cruise, having broken her ankle in February. We all hope she enjoys her time away and comes home refreshed and relaxed.

I spent two weeks in February visiting the States, on Air New Zealand air points dollars of course. These seem to accumulate from all the tournaments I attend within the year. LA and Las Vegas were my two ports of call, and I guess it would be fair to say I'm in no hurry to return. Vegas produced too much smoke, and the queues for everything were unbearable. Escaping to a wedding chapel was the only way to breathe clean air, but the gambling was great fun. Shopping was good in LA, but the traffic was too much for this kid. I must be showing the signs of age!!

Keep up the good tourneys, and don't forget the Nationals at Queen's Birthday weekend in Christchurch. This event promises to be a boomer.

Happy scrabbling, and may the tile fairy sprinkle esses and blanks your way.

Lynn

The Philosophy of Hippocratic Ambiguity (Part 2)

- ☆ What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- ☆ If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- ☆ If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
- ☆ Is there another word for synonym?



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Pakuranga Club Tourney 29 January 2005

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	429	434	11
2 Jack Dymond	IND	5	460	445	15
3 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	182	418	13
4 Jeff Grant	IND	5	16	396	10
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	2	-81	403	12
6 Andrew Bradley	MTA	2	-209	393	12
7 Rogelio Talosig	NSH	2	-557	384	10
8 Steven Brown	KAP	1	-240	387	13
Grade B					
1 Peter Jones	HAM	7	366	415	14
2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	6	290	390	11
3 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	305	419	13
4 John Foster	NSB	3	187	394	10
5 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	-247	380	8
6 Eileen McLean	MTA	2	-282	353	4
7 Jennifer Smith	HAM	1	-215	365	7
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	1	-404	365	9
Grade C					
1 Roger Coates	KIW	7	611	419	12
2 Gerald Warner	HBC	4	111	391	7
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	-3	408	11
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	240	396	9
5 Stan Skinner	TGA	3	6	359	9
6 David Gunn	WKP	3	-323	365	9
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-292	333	5
8 Margaret Bundock	HBC	2	-350	344	3
Grade D					
1 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	5	232	399	10
2 Margaret Cherry	PAK	4	415	411	12
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	115	408	10
4 Jim Wills	PAK	4	-77	368	9
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-72	372	8
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	3	-137	366	9
7 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	-87	360	6
8 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	-389	333	5
Grade E					
1 Lynn Carter	NSB	6	142	381	8
2 Karen Miller	PAK	5	294	377	4
3 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	5	287	390	8

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Su Walker	MTA	4	114	365	9
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	4	-57	353	6
6 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	108	379	7
7 Carole Coates	KIW	1	-496	310	4
8 Jeanette Owlser	PAK	0	-392	325	3
Grade F					
1 Liz Catchpole	MTA	5	179	356	2
2 Bernice Hyde	NSB	4	350	385	7
3 Jill Johnson	PHC	4	289	387	3
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	286	392	8
5 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	-245	333	4
6 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	-12	365	7
7 Olwen Skelton	ROD	2	-388	316	4
8 Elaine Ware	MTA	2	-459	319	2
Grade G					
1 Margaret Miller	HBC	6	117	335	0
2 Dorothy Haining	ROD	4	305	361	2
3 Resie Coenen	PHC	4	259	338	0
4 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	4	-2	333	5
5 Patricia Wareing	PAK	3	95	340	3
6 Joan Beale	PHC	3	-58	330	2
7 Madge Watson	HBC	2	-281	302	2
8 Sue Mayn	ROD	2	-435	302	0



Betty Eriksen (WAN)
Competed at Pakuranga and Nelson,
and plans to compete in almost every
tourney this year

30 January 2005

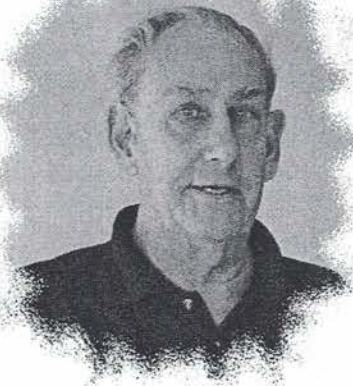
7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	6	498	447	15
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	419	462	15
3 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	4	-123	429	13
4 Steven Brown	KAP	4	-137	411	14
5 Jack Dymond	IND	3	308	438	14
6 Glennis Hale	MTA	3	-334	382	7
7 Peter Jones	HAM	2	-221	390	13
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	-410	395	9
Grade B					
1 John Foster	NSB	6	419	412	12
2 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	555	414	10
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	4	8	383	8
4 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	-338	377	8
5 David Gunn	WKP	3	-212	373	10
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	-63	391	10
7 Glynis Jennings	MTA	2	-160	375	9
8 Allie Quinn	NSB	2	-209	365	9
Grade C					
1 Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-10	393	6
2 Gerald Warner	HBC	5	311	401	5
3 Maureen Holliday	HBC	5	309	396	8
4 Faye Cronhelm	IND	4	378	420	12
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-23	390	9
6 Margaret Bundock	HBC	3	-279	362	7
7 Pam Barlow	PAK	1	-242	357	5
8 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	1	-444	337	3



Margaret Hanson (PHC)
F Grade winner at Pakuranga day 2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	5	285	406	10
2 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	5	116	399	9
3 Lorraine van Veen	IND	5	58	386	12
4 Lynn Carter	NSB	4	4	360	4
5 Hazel Purdie	MTA	3	-42	395	7
6 Su Walker	MTA	3	-138	379	11
7 Jim Wills	PAK	2	-282	358	8
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	1	-1	349	7
Grade E					
1 Bev Barker	MTA	6	107	379	8
2 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	17	365	6
3 Karen Miller	PAK	4	-2	377	3
4 Joan Pratt	HBC	3	107	376	11
5 Mescal Kelly	MTA	3	79	359	3
6 Diane Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-62	369	5
7 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-109	356	5
8 Valma Gidman	ROD	2	-137	362	7
Grade F					
1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	145	350	5
2 Bernice Hyde	NSB	4	257	385	9
3 Patricia Wareing	PAK	4	78	355	2
4 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	52	344	2
5 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	20	342	5
6 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	3	19	354	7
7 Resie Coenen	PHC	3	15	346	4
8 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	-80	350	4
9 Anderina McLean	MTA	3	-161	322	3
10 Sue Mayn	ROD	2	-345	318	5



John Foster (MTA)
Winner of B Grade at Pakuranga day 2

Nelson Scrabble Club Tourney 12-13 February

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave Score	B/W
Grade A					
1 Lynne Powell	HBC	11	679	419	31
2 Glenda Foster	WEL	9	312	415	23
3 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	356	419	26
4 Neil Talbot	WEL	8	90	394	23
5 Val Mills	PAK	6	-322	366	16
6 Ann Hough	NEL	3	-1115	351	14
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	11	440	403	18
2 Andrew Denmead	NEL	10	297	398	28
3 Shirley Hol	CHC	8	67	385	21
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	7	9	389	23
5 Murray Rogers	NEL	5	-453	382	16
6 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	-360	377	18
Grade C					
1 Doreen Ogston	CHC	10	237	371	19
2 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	568	376	17
3 Margaret Lyall	CHC	8	187	372	19
4 Lyn Dawson	CHC	8	-111	360	16
5 Steve Richards	NEL	7	-59	362	12
6 Ray Goodyear	CHC	4	-822	328	11
Grade D					
1 Liz Richards	NEL	11.5	570	366	13
2 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	10	456	377	13
3 Dawn Smith	NEL	8	75	351	11
4 Olivia En	DUN	8	-130	354	13
5 Maria Clinton	NEL	4	-662	336	4
6 Iris Boulton	NEL	3.5	-309	361	15

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave Score	B/W
Grade E					
1 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	12	588	362	9
2 Katrina Allen	NEL	12	442	356	10
3 Julia Jonas	NEL	10	105	351	8
4 Tony Charlton	NEL	9	101	335	3
5 Jean Craib	CHC	8	-211	325	3
6 Jan Evans	NEL	7	-181	319	2
7 Karen Brookes	NEL	2	-829	292	1



Thelma Chisholm (WEL)
E Grade winner at Nelson



The four big letters J, Q, X, Z often yield scores of 50 or more. Some words contain two of these letters, eg JONQUIL and OXIDIZE. Here are a dozen such words to dazzle your opponents.

JERQUE	JEZAIL
QUINCUNX	QUEZAL
BANJAX	MEZQUIT
EXEQUY	OXAZINE
JAWBOX	QUILLAJA
AZULEJO	ZOOTAXY



Lynne Powell (NSB)
A Grade winner at Nelson

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

NZ Masters (23 Games)

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