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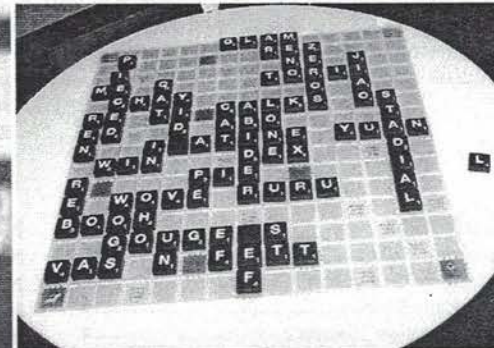
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Editor's Note



Congratulations to Mike Sigley and our alpha(bet) male, Howard Warner for their big wins in the NZ Masters and Nationals respectively. And congratulations also to the winners of the other grades at the Nationals in Christchurch, from what I've heard it was a very well-run and interesting competition. For those of us who were unable to make it to Christchurch, it was wonderful to see the coverage on TV1's Close Up on the Monday night.

There have been other tourneys at Dunedin, the South Island champs and North Shore Bays. All were well-attended and results are to be found in the last pages of this issue. Well done to those clubs who continue to provide the players with well-run tournaments.

We now have a new President of NZASP. Lynn Wood of Wellington, has taken over the reins from Liz Fagerlund, who will continue her work on the Executive as Secretary. Allie Quinn has resigned from the committee after 12 years of efficient dedication to NZ Scrabble. Most of us don't realise how much work goes on behind the scenes in running a national organisation and all members of the Executive, past and present are to be commended for giving of their time and unflagging efforts. Thank you.

One of the events that the Executive is involved in is the

World Scrabble Champs. This year the WSC will be held in London, and our Executive liaises between our team and the organisers, books airfares and accommodation etc. They also provide the team with much moral support and encouragement. Our 2003 WSC team earned another spot for NZ for this WSC and, after due deliberation, an invitation has been extended to Nigel Richards to fill that 5th spot. Though eligibility has been determined for the other 4 positions, our team is not yet finalised as players ponder their availability. The final team will be announced as soon as possible.

Our hard-working Layout Editor, Glenda Foster is departing for a month of warmer weather at the beginning of September so we will have to bring the closing date for contributions to the September issue forward. Could all you wonderful people who send in club news, articles, competitions, jokes, photos etc, please take note of the earlier date...

Closing date for the September issue is August 10th.

Take care and stay warm,

Lynne



5 Point Penalty

from Steven Brown (KAP)

In response to some of the points raised in Forwards, I don't think the 5-point rule takes away the adrenaline rush associated with challenging (at least, not entirely), but rather moves it to the person who has to decide whether or not to try playing a word that they are not entirely sure of, and then if they do try it, to see if the other person will challenge it, and if they do, waiting to see if it was right to play it.

My experience of the double-challenge rule (both while coming up through the grades, and more recently), is that it tended to favour two groups of players — those who knew more words (who are rightly favoured anyway, but I mean disproportionately so in the case of the double-challenge rule), and those who were willing to play words that they knew were wrong.

With double-challenge, the gamble was generally to see if one could get away with playing bad words, while with 5-point challenge, the gamble is whether the words you are playing are actually good.

5 Points Not Enough?

from Chris Handley (DUN)

The only reservation I have with the new challenge rule, is that I don't think 5 points is enough of a disincentive to challenge anything mildly dubious. I would prefer to see the penalty be 10 points, but that may just be me.

5 Point Challenge Rule

from Joan Thomas (HAS)

I personally found the double challenge rule quite stimulating and I was spurred on to learn more words. However I think others were quite put off — and this, I conjecture resulted in the loss of potential players. I remember two things very clearly from the first tournament I played in Hastings under the Double-Challenge rule.

1. New players found it very daunting to challenge words they had not yet learned and were upset to lose a turn, hence they were easily bamboozled and experienced players knew it and took advantage.
2. An experienced player in either Grade B or C played the then up-and-coming Nigel Richards and challenged three times and lost three turns. The spread was enormous...

Whereas — with the 15 point penalty which would have been incurred by today's rules and by not losing three turns, the outcome would have been much closer and the game more enjoyable.

Mysterious Move

Michael Vnuk (Q D)

Reading Joe Edley's annotations of the game between Nigel Richards and Komol Panyasophonlert (*Forwards*, March 2005, p11), I note that Joe described Nigel's fifth play of FIG as seeming mysterious. And I agree. Even FIGO would balance the rack better.

What is also mysterious to me is that Nigel scored it as 20 points, but it is only 14 points. Joe made no comment on this error.

The New Zealand Challenge Shield

by John Foster (NSB)

At this year's Masters Tournament the NZ Challenge Shield was contested for the first time in four years. It was the first time it has been played for under the new format where a challenge is automatic at the Masters and National tournaments if sufficient eligible players are present.

Mt Albert were the automatic challenger of right by virtue of having the higher rated player, Howard Warner, in their team. This earned them the challenge ahead of Wanganui, the only other potential challenger.

The challenging Mt Albert team was the seemingly formidable combination of Howard Warner, Patrick Carter, and Glennis Hale. The North Shore Bays team defending the shield seemed rather more lightweight by comparison even though bolstered by the late inclusion of Jeff Grant to join Rogelio Talosig and John Foster after Allie Quinn was forced to withdraw for family reasons. Some mild derision greeted the announcement that Jeff was to replace Allie but it is totally within the rules and gave Jeff his first, and perhaps only ever, opportunity to compete for this trophy. In the final analysis his inclusion did not affect the outcome as John and Rogelio together won five of their six games which would have been enough for victory although Jeff did contribute with a win against Glennis in the 11th round to make the final score North Shore Bays 6, Mt Albert 3.

The shield was again defended by North Shore Bays against an automatic challenge from Mt Albert

at the 2005 National Championships. The Mt Albert team had a different look to it with only Patrick Carter remaining from the previous challenge, the two new members being Andrew Bradley and Liz Fagerlund.

The North Shore Bays team was comparatively unchanged, the only difference being Steven Brown replacing Jeff Grant as the third member along with seasoned campaigners John Foster and Rogelio Talosig.

The result was an overwhelming victory to North Shore Bays by a margin of 8 games to 1, a clean sweep only being averted by Liz Fagerlund beating John Foster in the very last game.

The shield will next be contested at the 2006 Masters with the likely challenger either Mt Albert or Wanganui.



There are a few Scrabble words, like ZIZZ, that are very rarely seen, because they need both blanks. Here are a dozen of these exotic specimens to dazzle your opponents:

ANGEKKOK	PAZAZZES
BAZAZZ	PIZAZZY
BEZAZZ	RIFFRAFF
BIZAZZ	ZIZZING
KICKBACK	ZIZZLED
NIFFNAFF	ZYZZYVA



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No 79

Your opponent starts the game with JOCK ('O' on centre square) for 34, and you have the rack EEGILOT. What is the best move?

Send entries by mail or email to:

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Closing date is 20 August, 2005.

Solution Scrabble Contest No 78

1. fine fin
2. planet plane
3. shiny shin
4. stark star
5. teak tea
6. badger badge
7. think thin
8. tooth tooth
9. papal papa
10. pixy pix
11. needless needles
12. pipi pip
13. limbo limb
14. daisy dais
15. puffing puffin
16. spitz spit
17. sparkless sparkles
18. turbot turbo
19. tarot taro
20. radiant radian

Full marks to Leila Thomson (LOH), Margaret Bundock (HBC), Chris Handley (DUN) and Rhoda Cashman (ROD). First name out of the hat was Chris. Well done!

Limerick Dictionary

by Steven Brown (KAP)

Though not directly Scrabble-related, some people who enjoy Scrabble might also like the OEDILF. What's the OEDILF? It's the Omnificent English Dictionary in Limerick Form, of course. Based at www.oedilf.com, it's an attempt to write at least one limerick for every sense of every word in the language (and then some). In a bit over a year they've just got up to the words starting with ba-. (Hunting around for words in the range aa- to ba- that don't have limericks yet is probably good for the Scrabble.)

Every limerick submitted gets thoroughly workshopped (I've been participating there since early March, have submitted 50-odd limericks and have had 20-odd approved (with another dozen "ready for approval")). As a group, they're very keen on getting meter and rhyme exactly right, as well as providing a good definition of the word (preferably in the limerick, but sometimes in the "author's note"). But they're fairly tolerant of rhymes etc. that only work in the variety of English spoken by the writer (once you explain that you're not American).

One thing to watch out for if you're tempted to try it out is that the main site and the message-boards require separate sign-ups and log-ins.

(What? You wanted an example? Go look at the site!)

[There is a keen Scrabblor named Steven
Who plays words with tiles numbering seven
He often gets them down
This Scrabblor called Brown
And then he's in Scrabble heaven. — Ed]

Listen UP!

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP'. It's easy to understand UP in the context of 'toward the sky' or 'at the top of the list', but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, why are officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends and use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning and we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be

knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP 'UP' in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost quarter of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but let's wrap it UP now because the time is UP, so... time to shut UP.....!

There are almost 640 allowable Scrabble words starting with UP- in OSW and they are easy to access; here is a sample of 6 and 7 letter words ending with -UP (not including those words like CHIRRUP, STIRRUP, KETCHUP or CATSUP):-

BACKUP	GROWNUP	PUSHUP	TOUCHUP
BALLUP	HANGUP	ROUNDUP	TUNEUP
BLOWUP	HOLDUP	SCALEUP	TURNUP
BREAKUP	HOOKUP	SCREWUP	WALKUP
BRUSHUP	KICKUP	SENDUP	WARMUP
BUILDUP	LINEUP	SHAKEUP	WASHUP
CATCHUP	LINKUP	SHAPEUP	WINDUP
CHECKUP	LOCKUP	SLIPUP	WORKUP
CLEANUP	MAKEUP	SMASHUP	
COCKUP	MARKUP	SPEEDUP	
COVERUP	MATCHUP	STACKUP	
CRACKUP	MOCKUP	STANDUP	
DUSTUP	PASTEUP	STARTUP	
FACEUP	PICKUP	STICKUP	
FUCKUP	PILEUP	TAKEUP	
GIDDYUP	PULLUP	TOSSUP	

Dagwords

by Jeff Grant

The Dag's Dictionary, (pub. 2004) by Australian Richard Glover is an entertaining collection of "words that should exist, but don't". Here are some of my favourites — one for each letter of the alphabet.

abdomino effect	descriptive of the way a group of male friends gradually gets fatter, as each bloke in turn lets himself go.
blokeade	the impassable wedge of men surrounding the beer and food at any party.
catasonic decorotation	the speed at which a cat moves after you tread on its tail. the art of moving around your furniture in order to cover up the latest wine spill.
eskyvate	to dig downwards in an esky (chilly bin) in order to uncover the very last can of cold beer.
fixulator	a person who always starts projects around the house but never finishes them.
gizmozeum	in the kitchen, the second or third drawer down, which contains every utensil and implement that is rarely, if ever, used.
hope couture	the item of clothing you keep around for years in the vain hope you might fit back into it someday.
I-jacking	the practice of following a conversation in order to spot the moment when you can jump in and make it all about yourself.
jobsconder	a person who always disappears when there is work to be done.
kindyscretion	the loud, inappropriate, but usually truthful comment that your child makes at the worst possible moment.
liebry	a pile of unread but fashionable books placed on a coffee table in order to impress visitors.
mansoon	the sharp intake of breath when a young woman passes a group of business guys, and they all suck in their stomachs.
nannasecond	the split second between a child's arrival at their grandmother's and the provision of lollies and treats.
ophthalparanoia	the belief, as you get older, that people are deliberately printing books and product instructions using smaller and smaller type, probably just to annoy you.
perfplume	the wave of perfume that sweeps over you in the wake of an overdressed woman.

quizotic	compelled to shout answers at a TV set whenever a quiz show is being broadcast, in the unrealistic belief that you'd easily win if you were there.
rumpage	the amount of bum-cleavage on display in a woman's hipster pants.
sinband	the band of pale skin found on a middle-aged man's ring finger, just after he's removed his wedding ring in the vain hope of appearing single.
tiechosis	an affliction whereby a person wears a cartoon-character tie in a futile attempt to appear amusing.
upendectomy	a process by which funfair operators earn coins and other valuables by turning their customers upside down, and giving them a good shake.
verboaster	a person who always uses a complicated and pretentious word when a simple one will do.
wasmosis	the rule whereby every era of fashion, however ugly, finally works its way back to the top, and to a revival.
xlation	the grunt made by a fat man when he bends down to pick something up.
yellephonist	a person who talks loudly on their mobile phone, content to reveal the most intimate details of their private lives for everyone to hear.
zebars	the white stripes left on women's bodies after sunbathing in a bikini.

Tournament	Where	Dates
Kiwi	Hamilton	2 Ju y
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	3 Ju y
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
World Scrabble Champs	London	17-20 November
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	19 November
Waikato Phoenix	Hamilton	20 November
* to be confirmed		

PAGE FROM THE PAST

This feature highlights pages from past issues of *Forwards*. This page is from Issue 8, June 1987, recording results from the National Champs that year. Only 5 players from that year's A Grade are competing in the 2005 Champs.

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A GRADE	CLUB	WINS	POINTS	AVE	7's
1. Glennis Hale	Mt Albert	10	4994	416	20
2. David Lloyd	Mt Albert	9	5076	423	22
3. David Blumhardt	N. Shore	8	4888	407	21
4. Glynis Jennings	Whangarei	8	4843	404	16
5. Jan Ross	Tauranga	8	4754	396	14
6. Michael Sigley	Wanganui	7	5008	417	28
7. Jeff Grant	Hastings	7	4966	414	22
8. May Quigley	Bays	4	4990	408	17
9. Betty Gibb	Hamilton	7	4808	401	20
10. Lynne Powell	Bays	7	4702	392	15
11. Charlie Curl	Mt Albert	7	4620	385	15
12. Maurine Sullivan	Tauranga	6	4946	412	21
13. Karen Rodgers	Lower Hutt	6	4803	400	16
14. Georgie Offringa	N. Shore	6	4743	395	19
15. Michelle Wansink	Hamilton	6	4661	388	11
16. Ngaire Steel	Mount	6	4539	378	11
17. Kevin Edgeler	Tokoroa	6	4349	362	10
18. Sue Marrow	N. Shore	5	4967	414	27
19. Bill Barclay	L. Hutt	4	4523	377	14
20. Bob Johnstone	N. Shore	4	4283	357	8
21. Lois Kelly	Tokoroa	4	4246	354	12
22. Rita Moore	Hamilton	3	4233	353	14
23. Gaye Norgren	Wanganui	3	4187	349	13

Highest Points: David Lloyd 5076

Best Game: Michael Sigley & Maurine Sullivan 936

Best Individual Game: May Quigley 593

Most Bonus Words: Michael Sigley 28

Team Trophy: Mt Albert 28 wins, Total points 14580
Glennis Hale, Correne James & David Lloyd

Spots: 1st Turn Michelle Wansink & Georgie Offringa 8
Top L.H. Cnr Glennis Hale 45, 'Z' May Quigley 69
B.R. Cnr Karen Rodgers 82, 'K' Lynne Powell 86

NZ Masters Championship 2005

by Glenda Foster

The 2005 Masters was held in Wellington at the Miramar Bridge Club rooms. The 24 players included first-timers Jennifer Smith, Shirley van Essen, David Gunn, Joan Thomas and Nick Ascroft.

Day 1

Andrew Bradley started on a high in round 1, achieving 676 points to Leila Thomson's 344. This turned out to be the highest individual and combined score for the tournament.

After the first eight games on day 1 leader of the pack was John Foster (NSB) on 7 wins, after losing by only 2 points to Andrew Bradley (MTA) in game 3. There were 6 players on 6 wins—in order of spread: Lynne Butler (NPL), Jeff Grant (IND), Glennis Hale (IND), Peter Sinton (DUN), Andrew and Nick Ascroft (DUN).

Nick only needed 4.1 wins to achieve his win expectancy and earn the President's prize of a bottle of wine. He achieved this feat by winning the first five games of the tournament — the first ever to do this.

Day 2

John won 5 games from 8 on day 2, but Jeff won 6 and climbed into the lead on spread with 12 wins. Mike Sigley (WAN) came into contention, winning seven games and taking third place on spread ahead of Lynne. Glennis, Peter and Nick stayed in contention on 10 wins and Howard Warner (IND) won 6 to join them.

Day 3

At lunch on day 3 Mike, Jeff and John occupied the top three placings on 14 wins apiece, with Mike ahead on spread. Lynne, Glennis and Howard were only one win behind, while Peter and Nick were still in contention on 12 wins.

Mike, Jeff and John all won the first game after lunch, to remain in the top 3. Howard and Lynne had an interesting battle which Lynne won 428-418 to achieve 4th place ahead of Glennis who also won her game with Andrew.

In the penultimate game Mike, Jeff and John won again, leaving the leaderboard unchanged. So going into the last game only one of these three had a realistic chance of becoming the new Masters champion.

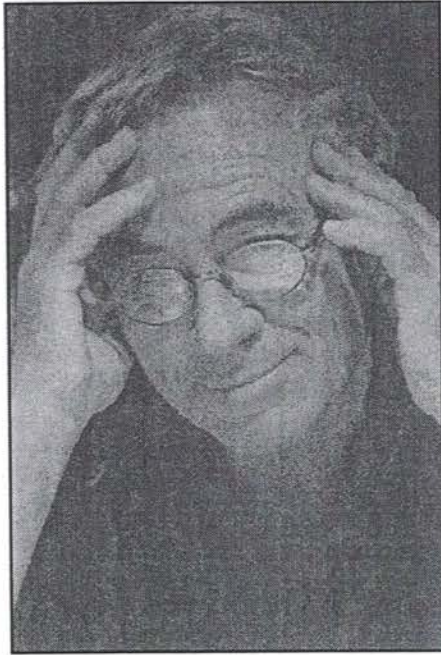
Jeff played Howard and lost 346-467. John won his game by a healthy margin of 244 points, but not enough to knock out Mike if he won his game. Mike also won his game to take his 6th Masters title, with an average game score of 445.

Wrap up

The hard luck story of the tournament was Denise Gordon's 1 point loss to Steven Brown by 479-480. Nick achieved the remarkable performance of 14 wins in his first Masters, ending in 9th place. The only Masters first-timer to achieve a higher place has been Nigel Richards who placed third in 1998 and then won in 1999.

Full results are on page 25.

Scrabble champion proves the game's as easy as xyst



Mike Sigley

It is not every day you get to use a word like xyst. Actually, this is the first time it has ever appeared in this newspaper. Aups and yug are also making their first — and probably last — appearance. But such obscure words are used regularly by keen Scrabble players like the 24 who competed in Wellington during the weekend for the New Zealand Masters title.

And they do not even have to know what they mean.

The tournament was won by Mike Sigley, a member of the

by Anne-Marie Johnson
Reprinted from *Dominion Post*

Wanganui Scrabble Club. And xyst helped him do it.

Though it has only four letters, careful placing of the high-scoring X gave him one of his top scores for a single word in the 23 games he played during the tournament.

New Zealand's top 24 players compete each year for the New Zealand Masters title. Mr Sigley, an environmental health officer, has won it five times, though he was only ranked sixth.

"You've got to memorise words. It's good competition — there are a lot of tactics, working out what your opponent might have and what they might try to do." Though



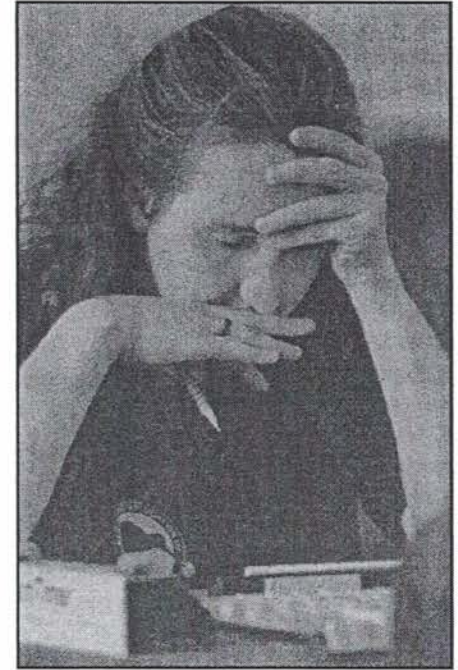
John Foster

he does not have a favourite word, he says Z (worth 10 points) is his favourite letter, along with the blanks. They are not worth anything on their own but can help win the 50-point bonus for a seven-letter word.

Mr Sigley's average game score in the tournament was 444. Runner-up was John Foster of the North Shore Bays club and third was Jeff Grant of Hastings.

And for the record, xyst is a covered portico used by athletes for their exercises. Aups is a type of elf and yug is defined as an age of time in Hinduism.

Pictures: Phil Reid and Rob Kitchin



Debbie Caldwell

The Philosophy of Hippocratic Ambiguity (Part 4)

- ☆ Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- ☆ If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- ☆ If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- ☆ Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
- ☆ What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- ☆ How is it possible to have a civil war?

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELIOT



cartoon submitted by Pat Grant

Masterly Words

by Jeff Grant

Many of the country's top Scrabblers competed in the NZ Masters Championship in Wellington at Easter. Here are some of the words they

Allowed		Disallowed
NEURITIC	FROWIER	INGRAVED
BELAUDS	ENDBRAIN	RERUB
UNEDGED	ADESSIVE	BARNIES
TEGUMINA	PAEONIES	CRATINGS
INCHOATE	FENNY	EXEUNTS
OUTGUIDE	TRYSTER	REMAINDER
CIZERS	LEACHY	DWEBBIER
HANUMANS	CATTIE	LOBBIER
ENNUIED	SLAIRGS	TWEEDING
BOBAK	BRAGGIER	OUTGLIDE
TITTUP	OUTGRIN	PREFITS
ALEWIFE	UNBENDS	OVERLINE
CORDINER	SHODDEN	CODENAME
UNWITS	FETTLER	CAJUNS
GLOZINGS	OVERNEAR	GOLDMINE
BLOVIATE	SODALITY	RELOVING
PAWNAGE	BIFFY	LUMINATE
STIRRAH	ARGUFIES	UNWIPED
KAINITE	GUTTTLER	NEENISH
SWINKED	TRITICAL	INTONAL
FONTAL	RUDERALS	ULTIMAE
NEARLIER	VOLUTED	GLINTER

🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱

Solution — Cat Caption Contest

Ray Goodyear

Puss couldn't get a cat's whisker between Margaret Forbes with "Pushy Pussy" and Roslyn Lister with "Cat...astrophe". We declared them equal winners and 'Cat' scratchies on the way to each.

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Palindromic Quartette

In the second game of the North Shore tournament, Howard Warner started with the palindrome WOW. Rogelio Talosig responded with ANA directly on top of WOW. Howard's third move was ENE making a very cute little word square containing four palindromes...

ANA
WOW
ENE

NZ National Champs

by Kaitie Hansen (CHC)

Howard Warner is New Zealand's National Scrabble champion. Howard achieved first place with a staggering 13 wins and a 1115 point spread at the 26th National Scrabble Championship, held in Christchurch over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Howard successfully placed 34 bonus words during the fifteen game tournament, with an average of 449.

A close 2nd was Jack Dymond with a spread of 1205, 32 bonus words, a 456 average but 12 games to Howard's thirteen. Jeff Grant took third place with a 12 game win, 830 point spread, 31 bonus words and 435 average.

Dunedin's Peter Sinton followed in fourth place with 10 wins, a 779 spread, 29 bonus words and a 429 average.

Rogelio Talosig and Lynne Powell both won 9 games each and were placed 5th and 6th respectively.

The A-grade lineup read like a *Who's Who* of World Scrabble. Jack Dymond was once placed 6th in the world championships, Jeff Grant 13th in the last World championships, Howard Warner and Peter Sinton, have both achieved 6th place in previous Worlds and Mike Sigley was placed fourth in a prior World championship.

B Grade

B Grade winner was Joanne Craig from Sydney but affiliated with the Christchurch club, with 13 wins, a

convincing 1656 spread, 439 average and 24 bonus words.

Nelson's Ann Hough took 2nd place with 10 wins, a 222 spread, 376 average and 15 bonus words. Murray Rogers, also from Nelson won 10 games but his spread was just 19. He had 15 bonus words and an average of 390. Gerald Warner (Howard's father) from Hibiscus Coast took a convincing 4th place with 9 wins, a spread of 365, 18 bonus words and a 410 average.

C Grade

In C grade, Rosalind Phillips from Mt Albert won 13 games, with a 732 spread, 20 bonus words and 396 average. A close 2nd was Dunedin's Karyn McDougall with 12 wins, 300 point spread, 19 bonus words and a 387 average.

Third place and also from Mt Albert, Hazel Purdie won 11 games, played 18 bonus words, had an average of 403 and a spread of 530.

Pakuranga's Margaret Cherry was 4th with 10 wins, a 520 spread, 18 bonus words and a 398 average.



D Grade

Christchurch's Colleen Cook took 1st place in D grade with 11 wins, a 522 point spread, 18 bonus words and 393 average, followed by Margaret Flaws of Tauranga with 9 wins, 552 spread, 18 bonus words and a 406 average. Third place getter was Su Walker of Mt Albert with 8 wins, a 492 spread, 22 bonus words and an average of 396. Kathleen Mori-Barker of Christchurch was 4th with 8 wins, a 110 point spread, 15 bonus words and 381 average.

E Grade

Marion Ross of Dunedin took first place in E grade with 10 wins, 20 bonus words, a 669 spread and 20 bonus words, hotly followed by Christchurch player Yvonne MacKenzie also with 10 wins, a 494 spread, 371 average and 15 bonus words. Third place was another Christchurch player, Gabrielle bolt with 9 wins, 448 spread, 11 bonus words and 352 average. Thelma



Chisholm of Wellington was 4th with 9 wins, -263 spread, 8 bonus words and 338 average.

F Grade

Christchurch players took first and second place in F grade with Betty Sutherland 1st gaining 12 wins, a 409 spread, 4 bonus words and a 328 average, followed closely by Jean Craib on 11 wins, a 651 spread, 8 bonus words and a 352 average. Third place getter was Nelson's Tony Charlton with 10 winning games, a 787 spread, 6 bonus words, and a 342 average.

Charles Kiewiet took fourth place with 9 wins, 178 point spread and 3 bonus words, with an average of 333.

Conclusion

Eighty-seven players entered the two-day 15 match event, with 12 New Zealand clubs represented, one player from Australia, one from England and 8 independent players competing. Christchurch took off the club championship.



Howard Warner



Joanne Craig



Rosalind Phillips



Colleen Cook



Marian Ross



Betty Sutherland

Net Scrabble Forum - Rhyme Thyme

Steven Brown

Early this year I removed the old nzscrabbletalk list that I set up at Yahoo years ago (for consensus games) and replaced it with one on a mailing list server running on my own computer. I doubt if I'll have time to run a consensus game in the near future, but I'd like to encourage debate on various Scrabble issues, or any other fun stuff to do with NZ Scrabble, there. The list allows posting only by people who are members, and I'm vetting all membership requests, so there won't be any spam; and each message from the list has [nzst] in the subject, so they're easy to filter out of your inbox for later attention.

If you'd like to join, email me at sgbrown@mac.com and I'll sign you up and send you the information about where to post etc. (Also email me there if you want to be removed, or if you change your email address — there's one person who signed up at the beginning of the year whose messages are bouncing, but I don't know what their new address is.)

Inspired by the March Scrabble Puzzle, Margaret Lyall (CHC) compiled this list of words which have only the first letter changed to make a rhyming pair, for example 'naughty boy' = 'bad lad'.

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| Scary reducing | - Harrowing |
| | narrowing |
| Footwear thrower | - Slipper flipper |
| Sloping garden | - Slanting planting |
| Sorceresses' trenches | - Witches' ditches |
| Reptile sorcerer | - Lizard wizard |
| Spread knife | - Butter cutter |
| Vegetable carrier | - Marrow barrow |
| Stove viewer | - Cooker looker |
| Bonny pig | - Corker porker |
| Jersey disposer | - Jumper dumper |
| Thief friend | - Robber clobber |
| Amusing rabbit | - Funny bunny |
| Rodent residence | - Mouse house |
| Furry sprite | - Hairy fairy |
| Neighbourhood singer | - Local vocal |
| Rubbish collision | - Trash crash |
| Unreal speech | - Fiction diction |
| Donkey wit | - Moke joke |
| Pink seashore | - Peach beach |
| Cod pie | - Fish dish |

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Naween Wins Australian Championships

as reported by Roy Kietzman (Bahrain)

Naween Fernando, former teenage Bahrain champion and Gulf titleholder, won the 21st Australian National Scrabble Championships in March. He pocketed wins in 18 of 21 games at the championships in Tasmania among 98 competitors vying for the title.

His final game was against Rod Talbot (AUS) who was a mere half point behind Naween at that point. Had Rod won against Naween, besides the championship, he would've earned a seat on the Australian team for the World Scrabble Championship later this year. Rod ranked third at the end of the tournament.

Naween, aged 25, has already qualified for the four-player Australian team, due to his high rating (+2000).

Having started in competitive Scrabble at the age of seven in the Bahrain Scrabble League, Naween was runnerup in the first (Bahrain) National Championship in 1987. Some of the early League members grumbled about a kid beating just about everyone else and ending up having a best of three with the champion, also relatively new to competitive Scrabble.

When the veteran players from Saudi Arabia came to play in a team contest back in the late 1980s, they smiled benignly that a pre-teen was in the tourney, suggesting that he should play in a junior tournament. However, once they played against Naween, there was no more smile on their faces. Ishtiaq Chishty compared Naween and later Akshay Bhandarkar with

"machines with computer brains". Naween finally took the Bahrain title at age 10 in 1990 and four more times, in '92, '94-'96, while earning the Gulf championship four times: '92, '94, '95 and '97. Six years ago, he was laureate of a major international tournament in Singapore with \$25,000 as top prize — the first time Scrabble hit the front page of the Gulf Daily News, one of the Persian Gulf's leading English-language dailies.

Last November, he flew to Oman for an international competition, took the \$1,000 prize and returned to Australia that evening. Having completed his studies Down Under, he lives and works in Australia. "Well, I guess I've won bigger tournaments than this," Naween commented, "but winning a national championship with good quality opposition is always special, and it's been a while since I've won a major [competition], if I may say so. It's definitely good for the confidence."

The 15th Gulf Scrabble Tournament will be held June 1-3, Hilton Hotel, Manama, Bahrain

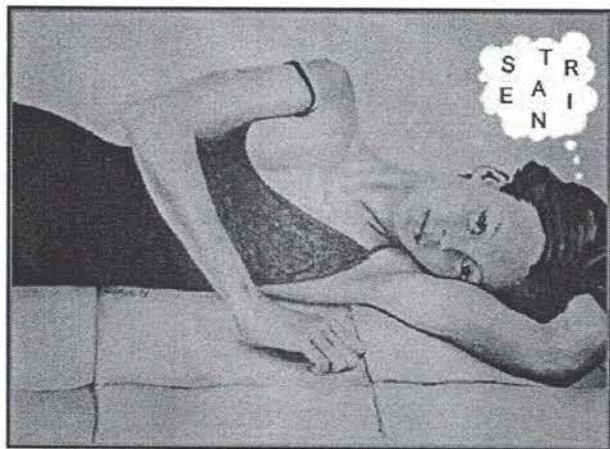


Naween Fernando

Supine Anagrams

by Lenny Brulte

It's a tense moment in the final round of the World Scrabble Champs. Both players are staring intently at their racks. Suddenly one of the players leaves her chair and lies on her back on the floor. Has she thrown in the towel? Is she ill? No, she is trying to remember all the anagrams for SATIRE + N...



"she is trying to remember all the anagrams for SATIRE + N"

According to an article by Judy Skatssoon, in *ABC Science Online* on May 10, 2005, we're smarter and more creative lying down than standing up. An Australian researcher believes this helps to explain Archimedes' "eureka" moment. Darren Lipnicki from the school of psychology at the Australian National University

found that people solve anagrams more quickly when they are on their backs than on their feet. He said his research, which will be published in the journal *Cognitive Brain Research*, relates to how neurotransmitters are released.

Does this herald a whole new Scrabble scene? Beds instead of chairs? Lower tables? People transporting camp stretchers as well as the plethora of paraphernalia already in tow? Are recliner rockers as effective? Would tournaments be held in a hospital ward or a school dormitory to obtain the requisite number of beds? Should we wear our PJ's?

The mind boggles — perhaps I should have a lie down...

And for the record, the anagrams for SATIRE + N are:- ANESTRI, ANTSIER, NASTIER, RATINES, RESIANT, RETAINS, RETINAS, RETSINA, STAINER, STARNIE, STEARIN.

Top Ten Placings Australian National Championships

March 26-28, 2005

Player	Wins	Mar
1 Naween Fernando	18	1359
2 Andrew Fisher	16.5	1683
3 Rod Talbot	16.5	1305
4 Chris May	15	928
5 Cheah Siu Hean	14	942
6 Tan Jin Chor	13.5	640
7 Joanne Craig	13.5	567
8 Bob Jackman	13	883
9 Paul Cleary	13	852
10 David Eldar	13	728

CLUB NEWS

Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

Nationals:

The club committee has been working steadily in preparation for hosting this event and it should be very successful.

Friday Night Averages:

Name	Games	Ave	B/W
Shirley v E	7	432	11
Kathleen	17	427	26
Paul	17	409	22
Lyn P	9	407	9
Shirley H	15	406	19

Wednesday Afternoon Averages:

John	27	388	23
Paula	11	331	8
Riki	15	326	5
Terry	4	306	1
Betty W	13	305	5

Glen Holmes supplied this list of bonus words. The '?' can be replaced by each of the five vowels to make five bonus words for each set of letters — eg BL?NDER = BLANDER, BLENDER, BLINDER, BLONDER, BLUNDER

B?NDING	B?GGING	B?LLING
B?TTING	CL?CKED	D?CKERS
TR?CKED	R?CKING	R?DDING
H?LLOED	F?NDING	L?GGERS
P?TTERS	L?GGING	M?SSING
P?PPING	P?TTING	R?TTING

Dunedin Newsletter

by Bill Grigg

Western Australia Tournament - January 9

Marion Ross finished 4th in the B Grade with 4 wins and also got the highest game score (459). An ex-Dunedin player, Anne Stewart came 7th in the D Grade with 2 wins. When not playing Scrabble she was enjoying the lovely weather.

Nelson Tournament February.

Olivia En, the only Dunedin entrant, came 4th in D Grade with 8 wins.

Vancouver, Canada.

Michael and Ruth Groffman had a great holiday in British Columbia over our summer, and even played some Scrabble.

Dunedin Lion Open April 2-4

Day 1: Karyn McDougall (A1, 6 wins, DUN), Kathleen Mori-Barker (B1, 5 wins, CHC), Henry Goldstein (C1, 6 wins, DUN).

Day 2: Murray Rogers (A1, 6 wins, NEL), Olivia En (B1, 5 wins, DUN), Trevor Rowell (C1, 7 wins, DUN). Thanks to Betty Eriksen (WAN), Murray Rogers (NEL), and the Christchurch and Dunedin contingents for making it a great tournament.

South Island Championships May 7-8

Dunedin players did well — Karyn McDougall (B1, 11 wins) Ruth

Groffman (B2, 8.5 wins), Michael Groffman (C2, 10 wins), Chris Handley (D1, 12 wins). Overall Winner: Jeff Grant (IND).

Bill Grigg had a dizzy spell around Easter time and was taken to hospital. Exhaustive tests failed to determine a cause (although it is suspected that the Scrabble node has enlarged and is putting pressure on the rest of his brain — CCH), so he recuperated in Waikari Hospital for some time and was discharged mid May. He now wears a necklace to alert St John's ambulance if he has another attack. He would like to thank all those who visited and/or sent cards and letters. Their thoughtfulness is much appreciated. We are looking forward to having him back on Club nights before too long.

Quiz

Which of these words should be challenged?:

- (a) FLINTER, (b) OUTGAIN, (c) REGULOS, (d) SIMPALS.

**Otago Lion Open Tournament
Nov 13-14.**

15 game triple Round Robin, 6 per grade. For details contact Ruth Groffman, 4 Wycolla Avenue Dunedin
ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

Quiz Answer

Only (a) FLINTER is wrong.

Great Scrabble to you all and may the letters be with you.

Bill.

It Was Simple

found in an English magazine and submitted by Margaret Cherry (PAK)

When I was a girl it was simple,
Surf came in on a wave by the sea.
A mouse was a little grey rodent
Not one that I liked, I agree.
A web was a net spun by spiders
Silvered by frost at the gate,
And a text was a basis for sermons
That our parson would chose to relate.
So now even words have new meanings,
But when I feel slightly outweighed,
I take myself out to the garden,
A spade's, as they say, still a spade.

**ANAGRAM
CORNER**

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, eg CYLIX to XYLIC, and IMPEDES to SEMIPED. On a higher level, THE LOST PARADISE could well be EARTH'S IDEAL SPOT. Here are anagrams of five first-time Masters players plus this year's winner Mike Sigley.

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| NICK ASCROFT | CAN OF TRICKS |
| JOAN THOMAS | JAM (SHOO,ANT!) |
| JENNIFER SMITH | FIRM HEN IN JEST |
| DAVID GUNN | 'VANING' - DUD! |
| SHIRLEY VAN ESSEN | ANY SILVER SHEENS |
| MIKE SIGLEY | GEE, I'M SILKY |

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EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



I started as president in 2001 at the first Nationals to be held in Christchurch, and will be handing over the reins to my successor, Lynn Wood at the 2nd Christchurch nationals. However, I will be taking over Allie's role as secretary, and after 12 years working hard for NZ Scrabble, Allie can enjoy a much deserved break.

It's been an interesting and busy four years as president, with mostly enjoyable tasks to perform. I've had a great committee to work with, and thanks to computers and emailing, we have been able to sort out many things via email discussions—important when committee members live in different parts of NZ.

The Masters at Easter was hosted by the Wellington club; thanks to Wellington club members and particularly Lynn for organising and running that successfully. Congratulations to Mike Sigley who emerged as this year's Masters champion with 17 wins; well done Mike! John Foster was 2nd also on 17 wins — John had been having a tough time at tournaments over the last 12 months and had dropped down in the rankings. Well done John, this result has put you back amongst the top!

Mention must also go to Nick Ascroft, who scraped in to the Masters after the late withdrawal of Allie Quinn. Nick did very well indeed in his first Masters, finishing 9th on 14 wins, and easily winning the president's bottle of wine, exceeding his win expectancy on the first day.

Dunedin, North Shore and Christchurch have all held successful tournaments recently; and in July Kiwi and Waikato will be holding tournaments.

This year's World Scrabble Champs will be held in London 17-20 November. Good luck to our 5 players in that event.

I missed this year's Masters tournament, instead opting for an Australian/Asian cruise on the Sapphire Princess (as my daughter and son in law work on it, there was no cost — who could turn down that opportunity?). I spent a lot of time resting up, trying to recuperate from my broken leg, which is still slowing me down a bit! I managed to get in a few games of Scrabble — in one of the daily ship newsletters they advertised a 'Scrabble tournament' for the following day. Wow, this is good, I thought!! The 'tournament' was actually only 1 game, 4 people per board, and playing in pairs. I had my international word list book with me, so was able to let others check that some of the words I came up with really did exist. My partner and I won — not very challenging, but fun. I was far more challenged (and beaten) when I met Jocelyn Lor at Sentral Railway Station in Kuala Lumpur and had 2 games of Scrabble in McDonalds while the others went off shopping!

Well, it's goodbye from me as president. Happy Scrabbling to all

Liz Fagerlund

NZASP Rankings List as at 6 June 2005

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2096	815	1168	70%	48 Leila Thomson	1569	350	784	45%
2 Jeff Grant	2066	1157.5	1504	77%	49 Frank Robinson	1568	105.5	205	51%
3 Jack Dymond	2060	315	423	74%	50 Shirley Hol	1562	352	724	49%
4 Peter Sinton	1991	427.5	587	73%	51 Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%
5 Lynne Butler	1966	635	1043	61%	52 Yvonne Wilson	1524	265	488	54%
6 Lynne Powell	1953	714	1384	52%	53 Allie Quinn	1521	643.5	1345	48%
7 Rogelio Talosig	1950	179.5	295	61%	54 Faye Cronhelm	1509	519	1039	50%
8 Mike Sigley	1944	669	921	73%	55 Glenda Geard	1496	657	1315	50%
9 Steven Brown	1924	517.5	967	54%	56 Helen Sillis	1495	519	1018	51%
10 John Foster	1914	903	1597	57%	57 Karyn McDougall	1459	428.5	818	52%
11 Patrick Carter	1870	589	946	62%	58 Rosalind Phillips	1457	157	273	58%
12 Lisa McLean	1868	391.5	763	51%	59 Kim Graham	1438	253	467	54%
13 Glenda Foster	1857	588.5	1134	52%	60 Stan Gregec	1431	117	193	61%
14 Cecilia Ruto	1841	221.5	434	51%	61 Isabel Zyp	1407	340	673	51%
15 Joanne Craig	1841	51	88	58%	62 Hazel Purdie	1389	491	991	50%
16 Andrew Bradley	1836	441	893	49%	63 Maureen Holliday	1384	417	813	51%
17 Chris Hooks	1829	600.5	1239	48%	64 Shirley Martin	1384	402.5	764	53%
18 Liz Fagerlund	1822	499.5	936	53%	65 Hilda Scott	1362	246.5	471	52%
19 Glennis Hale	1812	957.5	1725	56%	66 Margaret Bundock	1361	518.5	1082	48%
20 Marianne Bentley	1794	175.5	376	47%	67 Margaret Cherry	1359	318	627	51%
21 Peter Jones	1792	615	1237	50%	68 Delcie Macbeth	1357	466	879	53%
22 Nick Ascroft	1765	99	153	65%	69 Pam Barlow	1356	319.5	608	53%
23 Paul Lister	1763	485.5	849	57%	70 Ann Candler	1336	530.5	1123	47%
24 Jane Walton	1762	255	500	51%	71 David Bragg	1335	125.5	210	60%
25 Ann Hough	1751	306.5	587	52%	72 Rhoda Cashman	1330	586	1231	48%
26 Glynis Jennings	1747	352.5	753	47%	73 Jean O'Brien	1323	598	1173	51%
27 Jennifer Smith	1746	468.5	851	55%	74 Elaine Maltzen	1319	365	725	50%
28 Val Mills	1744	550.5	1157	48%	75 Selena Chan	1305	124.5	208	60%
29 Pam Robson	1742	406	865	47%	76 Yvette Hewlett	1305	236.5	492	48%
30 Eileen McLean	1731	816.5	1580	52%	77 Lawson Sue	1299	108.5	186	58%
31 Murray Rogers	1702	247	464	53%	78 Lyn Toka	1244	265.5	508	52%
32 Shirley van Essen	1689	228	421	54%	79 Correne James	1214	488	1026	48%
33 Julie Atkinson	1678	215.5	392	55%	80 Ruth Groffman	1212	218	414	53%
34 Glenyss Buchanan	1674	424	877	48%	81 Lorraine Van Veen	1199	517	1020	51%
35 Denise Gordon	1673	493	967	51%	82 Jim Wills	1194	105	167	63%
36 Janice Cherry	1668	245	449	55%	83 Colleen Cook	1193	93	168	55%
37 Rosemary Cleary	1663	404	878	46%	84 Lynn Carter	1192	117	197	59%
38 Debbie Caldwell	1660	246.5	419	59%	85 Andree Prentice	1190	576	1119	51%
39 Andrew Denmead	1657	188.5	372	51%	86 Margaret Lyall	1190	345	696	50%
40 June Mackwell	1657	432.5	963	45%	87 Lyn Dawson	1188	248.5	437	57%
41 Gerald Warner	1656	793.5	1691	47%	88 Marianne Patchett	1180	189.5	361	52%
42 Doreen O'Shea	1652	348.5	692	50%	89 Steve Richards	1177	144	279	52%
43 Roger Coates	1608	421.5	866	49%	90 Samantha Samuels	1162	101	202	50%
44 David Gunn	1598	806	1573	51%	91 Kaite Hansen	1161	77	134	57%
45 Fae Olson	1583	976.5	2051	48%	92 Doreen Ogston	1143	457.5	956	48%
46 Lynn Wood	1582	911	1930	47%	93 Margaret Flaws	1116	125	209	60%
47 Joan Thomas	1572	431.5	834	52%	94 Ernie Gidman	1115	171	347	49%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Amelia Carrington	1114	128	218	59%
96 Su Walker	1103	426.5	845	50%
97 Carolyn Kyle	1089	277	564	49%
98 Betty Eriksen	1085	475.5	971	49%
99 Joan Pratt	1070	443.5	841	53%
100 Liz Richards	1067	144.5	277	52%
101 Allison Torrance	1064	168	309	54%
102 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1062	200.5	428	47%
103 Connie Flores	1038	64.5	86	75%
104 Catherine Henry	1024	134.5	223	60%
105 Shirley Wyatt	1013	339.5	733	46%
106 Roger Cole-Baker	990	83	148	56%
107 Veronica Zilinskas	981	94	162	58%
108 Bev Barker	972	401	825	49%
109 Valma Gidman	965	426	851	50%
110 Carole Coates	960	345.5	691	50%
111 Mescal Kelly	957	58	109	53%
112 Dianne Cole-Baker	940	67	123	54%
113 Roto Mitchell	921	266	503	53%
114 Karen Miller	901	305.5	632	48%
115 Marian Ross	873	270.5	565	48%
116 Yvonne MacKenzie	856	245	537	46%
117 Pat Bryan	855	32	60	53%
118 Shirley Morrison	852	34	79	43%
119 Gabrielle Bolt	825	161.5	310	52%
120 Liz Catchpole	819	242.5	509	48%
121 Karl Scherer	815	22	41	54%
122 Dawn Smith	812	75.5	156	48%
123 Pam Mayall	811	217.5	413	53%
124 Jo Ann Ingram	808	49.5	90	55%
125 Thelma Chisholm	804	96	190	51%
126 Chris Handley	784	209	416	50%
127 Margaret Durdle	782	100	197	51%
128 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	780	337	703	48%
129 Anderina McLean	779	28.5	58	49%
130 Olivia En	778	59	102	58%
131 Jean Wacker	767	105	208	50%
132 Dominic Lister	759	165	338	49%
133 Ella Rushton	746	50	80	63%
134 Ray Goodyear	732	125.5	265	47%
135 Irene Hague-Smith	731	377	808	47%
136 Kate Wignall	719	481	968	50%
137 Michael Graffman	661	103.5	227	46%
138 Bernice Hyde	656	51.5	96	54%
139 Heather London	648	49	101	49%
140 Margaret Hanson	643	320.5	649	49%
141 Trevor Rowell	641	59	111	53%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
142 Maria Clinton	626	106	216	49%
143 Olwen Skelton	619	377.5	793	48%
144 Roslyn Lister	612	201	411	49%
145 Iris Boulton	603	96.5	198	49%
146 Elaine Ware	594	284	553	51%
147 Tim Henneveld	585	97.5	217	45%
148 Janni Henneveld	578	92	218	42%
149 Betty Sutherland	547	147.5	349	42%
150 Dorothy Haining	538	409.5	827	50%
151 Pauline Smeaton	533	110	238	46%
152 Jena Yousif	531	113	242	47%
153 Jillian Greening	515	205	433	47%
154 Paula Gibbons	506	231.5	505	46%
155 Maureen McBain	503	124.5	293	42%
156 Barbara Dunn	499	23.5	40	59%
157 Jean Craib	480	186	445	42%
158 Tony Charlton	444	58.5	126	46%
159 Noelene Bettjeman	444	49.5	113	44%
160 Margaret Miller	420	30.5	79	39%
161 Sue Mayn	404	42.5	118	36%
162 Resie Coenen	386	163.5	415	39%
163 Charles Kiewiet	374	116.5	226	52%
164 Madge Watson	372	17.5	55	32%
165 Joy Hewson	369	20	40	50%
166 Ed Olson	339	582.5	1455	40%
167 Betty Wilson	330	187.5	381	49%
168 Linda Moore	308	25	47	53%
169 Elvira Steel	265	131.5	587	22%
170 Sue Foster	226	25	78	32%
171 Bev Griffin	113	9	40	23%
172 Delwyn Hall	104	9	70	13%
173 Anne-Louise Milne	35	6	69	9%

World Scrabble Champs

The World Scrabble Champs (WSC) will be held in London from 17-20 November.

The qualifiers for the NZ team were announced at the prize-giving dinner at the National Champs. They are Howard Warner, Jack Dymond, Jeff Grant, Peter Sinton and Nigel Richards. First two reserves are Rogelio Talosig and Mike Sigley.

The team will be confirmed following acceptance notification from the qualifying players.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



NZ Masters Championship 26-28 March

23 Games

Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	17	1763	445	48
2 John Foster	NSB	17	1503	417	40
3 Jeff Grant	IND	16	1234	436	50
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	16	1154	430	43
5 Glennis Hale	MTA	15	933	425	43
6 Peter Sinton	DUN	15	759	421	40
7 Howard Warner	MTA	15	497	422	36
8 Steven Brown	KAP	14	816	423	47
9 Nick Ascroft	DUN	14	93	396	25
10 Patrick Carter	MTA	13	482	394	30
11 Andrew Bradley	MTA	13	354	412	38
12 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	13	-721	389	40
13 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	10	-28	387	37
14 Glenda Foster	WEL	10	-322	396	33
15 Denise Gordon	WAN	10	-374	390	36
16 Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	-702	370	25
17 Ann Hough	NEL	9	-308	384	34

Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
18 Lynn Wood	WEL	9	-322	371	19
19 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	9	-483	376	33
20 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	-725	388	37
21 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	7	-1166	374	31
22 Joan Thomas	HAS	7	-1289	363	31
23 David Gunn	WKP	6	-1586	356	27
24 Leila Thomson	LOH	3	-1562	365	25

Dunedin Lion Open 2 April

7 Games

Player	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Karyn McDougall	6	501	401	9
2 Murray Rogers	5	520	420	9
3 Jean O'Brien	5	197	391	8
4 Betty Eriksen	3	-93	361	6
5 Carolyn Kyle	3	-93	361	6
6 Ruth Graffman	2	-450	332	3
7 Colleen Cook	2	-450	332	3
8 Doreen Ogston	1	-195	362	11

B Grade

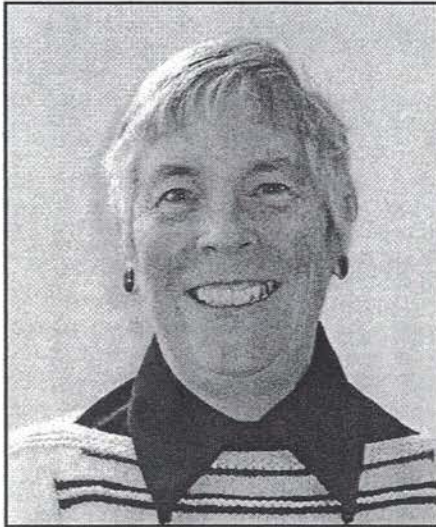
1 Kathleen Mori-Barker	5	176	390	9
2 Marian Ross	4	200	391	7
3 Ella Rushton	4	113	386	6
4 Gabrielle Bolt	4	98	366	7
5 Yvonne MacKenzie	4	-33	395	9
6 Olivia En	3	5	357	6
7 Paul Freeman	2	-180	365	12
8 Michael Graffman	2	-379	326	3

C Grade

1 Henry Goldstein	6	412	385	6
2 Paula Gibbons	5	439	373	5
3 Trevor Rowell	5	118	347	4
4 Jean Craib	3	-180	347	5
5 Karen Gray	1	-195	332	3
6 Anne-Louise Milne	1	-594	276	0



Nick Ascroft (DUN), 9th in Masters



Kathleen Mori-Barker (CHC)
B Grade winner at Dunedin day 1

**North Shore Bay's
Scrabble Tournament
23rd April**

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	5	417	463	17
2 Steven Brown	HAM	5	-167	404	15
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	4.5	80	407	8
4 Lynne Butler	NPL	4	255	432	13
5 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	4	67	399	14
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-25	380	9
7 John Foster	NSB	2.5	24	406	12
8 Glennis Hale	MTA	0	-651	354	7

Grade B

1 Chris Hooks	MTA	5	316	419	13
2 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	251	415	16
3 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	184	393	8
4 Glynis Jennings	MTA	4	99	399	13
5 Glenda Foster	WEL	4	59	404	7
6 Eileen McLean	MTA	4	44	403	8
7 Peter Jones	HAM	2	-197	382	9
8 June Mackwell	NSB	1	-756	334	6

Grade C

1 Fae Olson	NSB	4	160	415	12
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	124	391	10
3 Glenda Geard	IND	4	-13	390	10
4 David Gunn	WKP	4	-89	379	8
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	168	383	8
6 Roger Coates	KIW	3	77	376	8
7 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	-130	383	5
8 Gerald Warner	HBC	3	-297	360	4

Grade D

1 Pam Barlow	PAK	5	291	420	13
2 Stan Gregec	IND	5	159	388	7
3 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	4.5	141	396	6
4 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	38	382	8
5 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-129	368	7
6 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	2.5	-284	315	8
7 Yvette Hewlett	IND	2	-81	311	7
8 Margaret Bundock	HBC	2	-135	359	4

Grade E

1 Lynn Carter	NSB	6	251	401	9
2 Correne James	IND	5	-11	360	5
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	297	409	8
4 Su Walker	MTA	3	124	385	9
5 Lyn Toka	KIW	3	51	386	8
6 Jim Wills	PAK	3	2	377	7
7 Ernie Gidman	ROD	2	-160	345	5
8 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	2	-554	342	6

3 April

7 Games

Player	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade				
1 Murray Rogers	6	444	397	8
2 Karyn McDougall	5	403	406	8
3 Carolyn Kyle	4	-12	385	10
4 Doreen Ogston	4	-54	381	10
5 Ruth Groffman	3	87	381	10
6 Colleen Cook	2	-210	385	10
7 Betty Eriksen	2	-226	337	6
8 Jean O'Brien	2	-432	363	7

B Grade

1 Olivia En	5	171	373	7
2 Ella Rushton	4	280	388	7
3 Yvonne MacKenzie	4	-34	376	9
4 Marian Ross	3	171	376	5
5 Gabrielle Bolt	3	-131	343	3
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	2	-457	353	9

C Grade

1 Trevor Rowell	7	344	371	9
2 Paula Gibbons	6	386	345	4
3 Chris Handley	5	203	338	4
4 Jean Craib	2	-260	318	3
5 Bev Allen	1	-215	291	0
6 Anne-Louise Milne	0	-458	271	0

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade F					
1 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	4	110	371	6
2 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	4	72	391	9
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	-37	363	8
4 Bev Barker	MTA	4	-50	342	3
5 Carole Coates	KIW	4	-130	336	5
6 Joan Pratt	HBC	3	132	367	5
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	18	371	7
8 Karen Miller	PAK	2	-115	366	5

Grade G

1 Roger French	MTA	6	423	401	8
2 Pat Bryan	MTA	5	272	387	8
3 Pauline Scott	NSB	4.5	35	371	7
4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	3.5	-60	347	1
5 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	314	388	11
6 Jill Johnson	PHC	3	-21	356	2
7 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	2	-570	329	5
8 Margaret Hanson	PHC	1	-393	322	2

Grade H

1 Lyres Freeth	ROD	5	232	383	5
2 Bernice Hyde	NSB	4	4	362	3
3 Anderina McLean	MTA	4	-7	365	8
4 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	4	-199	334	4
5 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3	160	356	2
6 Olwen Skelton	ROD	3	105	359	4
7 Elaine Ware	MTA	3	92	370	7
8 Jena Youusif	KIW	2	-387	326	2

Grade I

1 Melody Freeth	ROD	5	265	324	1
2 Paddy Hoffman	HBC	5	180	327	2
3 Sue Mayn	ROD	5	85	331	4
4 Madge Watson	HBC	5	30	322	1
5 Joy Hewson	HBC	4	195	345	1
6 Margaret Miller	HBC	4	42	325	3
7 Resie Coenen	PHC	3.5	33	323	1

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Linda Moore	ROD	3	-49	306	1
9 Tony Turner	PHC	3	-52	332	4
10 Merle Spinetto	ROD	3	-114	332	3
11 Evelyn Haywood	??	1	-249	294	0
12 Diana Quennell-Smith	??	0.5	-366	281	0

**South Island Champs
May 7-8 2005**

14 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	11	855	432	27
2 Jack Dymond	IND	11	739	416	23
3 Paul Lister	CHC	9	148	397	18
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	47	400	18
5 Shirley Hol	CHC	6	-212	385	17
6 Joanne Craig	CHC	5	-255	388	16
7 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	4	-949	379	18
8 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	-373	359	14

Grade B

1 Karyn McDougall	DUN	11	859	405	17
2 Ruth Groffman	DUN	8.5	118	382	13
3 Kaite Hansen	CHC	7	301	384	12
4 Selena Chan	CHC	7	19	383	19
5 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-203	368	13
6 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	-413	355	15
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	5.5	-192	375	22
8 Veronica Zilinskaskas	CHC	5	-489	348	11

Grade C

1 Connie Flores	CHC	12	864	404	14
2 Colleen Cook	CHC	9	268	385	8
3 Karen Miller	PAK	8	18	360	7
4 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	8	-214	372	17
5 Olivia En	DUN	6	-3	373	18
6 Ray Goodyear	CHC	5	-34	367	9
7 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	5	-200	367	11
8 Dominic Lister	CHC	3	-699	324	9

Grade D

1 Chris Handley	DUN	12	1247	398	15
2 Michael Groffman	DUN	10	879	401	10
3 John Boird	CHC	10	389	364	10
4 Roslyn Lister	CHC	10	-33	337	7
5 Paula Gibbons	CHC	9	92	341	10
6 Tony Charlton	NEL	8	-117	331	5
7 Jean Craib	CHC	7	-132	341	10
8 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	5	-374	312	1
9 Betty Wilson	CHC	5	-660	298	3
10 Betty Sutherland	CHC	4	-712	303	7
11 Alison Holmes	CHC	4	-579	288	4



Margaret Lyall (CHC)

National Championships 4-5 June 2005

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	13	1115	449	34
2 Jack Dymond	IND	12	1205	456	32
3 Jeff Grant	IND	12	830	435	31
4 Peter Sinton	DUN	10	779	429	29
5 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	9	446	406	29
6 Lynne Powell	HBC	9	116	420	24
7 David Lloyd	IND	8	-314	395	20
8 Glenda Foster	WEL	7	120	405	22
9 John Foster	NSB	7	-65	398	19
10 Mike Sigley	WAN	7	-115	395	27
11 Steven Brown	KAP	7	-459	389	27
12 Andrew Bradley	MTA	5	-559	384	24
13 Patrick Carter	MTA	4	-287	393	17
14 Glennis Hale	IND	4	-747	395	23
15 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-1009	367	15
16 Nick Ascroft	WEL	3	-1056	357	12

Grade B

1 Joanne Craig	CHC	13	1656	439	24
2 Ann Hough	NEL	10	222	376	15
3 Murray Rogers	NEL	10	19	390	15
4 Gerald Warner	HBC	9	365	410	18
5 Val Mills	PAK	9	-40	397	21
6 Shirley van Essen	CHC	8	517	402	18
7 Andrew Denmead	NEL	8	-108	386	21
8 Janice Cherry	IND	8	-219	380	15
9 Julie Atkinson	MTA	7	202	395	25
10 Doreen O'Shea	HAS	7	-173	398	17
11 Denise Gordon	WAN	6	14	384	20
12 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	6	-45	367	11
13 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	-492	370	17
14 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-581	378	19
15 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-786	363	19
16 Allie Quinn	NSB	4	-551	367	15

Grade C

1 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	13	732	396	20
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	12	300	387	19
3 Hazel Purdie	MTA	11	530	403	18
4 Margaret Chery	PAK	10	520	398	18
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	9	283	384	19
6 Selena Chan	CHC	9	124	384	16
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	279	389	15
8 Maureen Holliday	HBC	8	232	376	15
9 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	6	-181	366	19
10 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-273	350	8
11 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	-282	359	17
12 Steve Richards	NEL	5.5	-236	369	21
13 Lynn Carter	NSB	5	-501	370	16

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
14 Kaite Hansen	CHC	5	-580	350	9
15 Andree Prentice	WAN	3.5	-260	368	12
16 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	3	-687	336	9

Grade D

1 Colleen Cook	CHC	11	522	393	18
2 Margaret Flaws	TGA	9	552	406	18
3 Su Walker	MTA	8	492	396	22
4 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	8	110	381	15
5 Liz Richards	NEL	8	-19	366	15
6 Joan Pratt	HBC	8	-123	359	14
7 Betty Eriksen	WAN	7.5	-191	365	17
8 Allison Torrance	CHC	7	283	374	18
9 Catherine Henry	TGA	7	-86	361	9
10 Connie Flores	CHC	6.5	-83	362	8
11 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-240	360	12
12 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	5	-18	360	13
13 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5	-170	353	9
14 Bev Barker	MTA	5	-382	354	8
15 Karen Miller	PAK	4	-647	341	5

Grade E

1 Marian Ross	DUN	10	669	387	20
2 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	10	494	371	15
3 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	9	448	352	11
4 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	9	-263	338	8
5 Chris Handley	DUN	8.5	277	367	16
6 Anderina McLean	MTA	8.5	6	350	10
7 Jean Wacker	TGA	8	280	350	11
8 Dominic Lister	CHC	8	203	367	13
9 Olivia En	DUN	8	168	379	23
10 Ella Rushton	DUN	7	315	361	12
11 Ray Goodyear	CHC	7	-68	359	10
12 John Baird	CHC	7	-494	335	8
13 Heather Landon	TGA	6	-294	329	9
14 Michael Groffman	DUN	6	-323	335	7
15 Roslyn Lister	CHC	5	-685	330	9
16 Paula Gibbons	CHC	3	-733	311	5

Grade F

1 Betty Sutherland	CHC	12	409	328	4
2 Jean Craib	CHC	11	651	352	8
3 Tony Charlton	NEL	10	787	342	6
4 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	9	178	333	3
5 Betty Wilson	CHC	8	364	324	6
6 Delwyn Hall	HAS	4	-1138	274	6
7 Evelyn Haywood	HBC	3	-536	303	2
8 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	3	-715	275	0

Team Trophy

Christchurch Club—Joanne Craig, Rosalind Phillips, Colleen Cook

High Game

Gerald Warner—583

Georgie Award

Olivia En

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)