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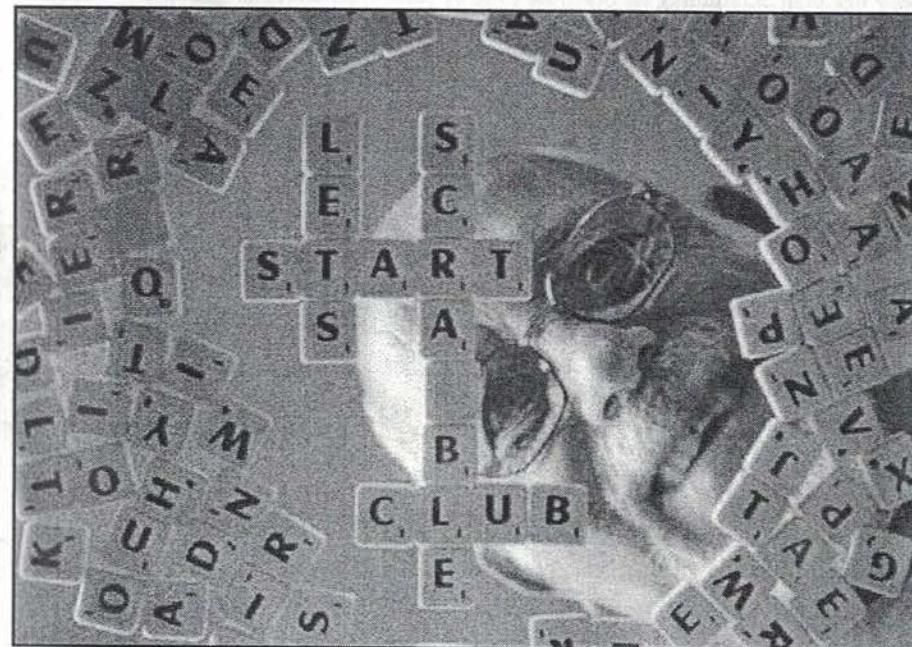
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Editor's Note



*Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"*

— Robin Williams

Do you smell the freesias? I love this time of year when the sun shows its golden face, the days lengthen and my nose and toes warm up. Is the weather too good to stay inside and play Scrabble? Never! Spring just makes the playing that much more pleasant.

My son and I were lucky enough to have some respite from New Zealand's cold and wet winter in hot and sunny Dallas, Texas. Between visits to some of Dallas' excellent art galleries (and falling desperately in love with a Monet masterpiece) I managed a game or two with Chris Cree, expert NSA player. Was it a coincidence that Chris from TEXas played ekTEXine? Suuuuure! Some Scrabble words to come alive for me were CATFISH — a freshwater fish with whiskers; GUMBO—a delicious, thick, spicy soup or stew, (though it was described to me as "primordial ooze with critters in it"); and SOONERS — first applied in 1889 to people who entered the Oklahoma District before the designated time. DALLAS is not allowed — unless you spell it backwards — SALLAD(S); but TEXAS (ES) is quite acceptable. (See Texas Taxes article on page 17.)

Since the last issue, tournaments have centred on the Waikato district with events staged by the Kiwi, Waikato Phoenix and Hamilton Clubs. All tourneys were well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated. Over the next few months the tournament calendar is full. There will be tourneys in Tauranga, Christchurch, Norfolk Island, Mt Albert, Wanganui, Dunedin and Waikato-Phoenix. Also the World

Scrabble Champs will be held in London, 17-20 November and we will be watching eagerly for a New Zealand victory. Good luck to the "alpha(bet) male" team of Howard, Jeff, Peter, Rogelio and Nigel! And a reminder to all to support the fundraising efforts of the Association, Clubs and individuals.

Best wishes to Jeff and Pat Grant. Jeff has learned that he will need a heart bypass operation at some stage and we send him and Pat our love and support. However, Jeff has assured me that his Scrabble playing is not affected, so don't expect to take an 'easy win off him! ☺

And speaking of Jeff, I am, as always, deeply appreciative of his continued support and contributions to Forwards. And, fortunately for me, Jeff is not the only Scrabblor to regularly supply articles, word lists, jokes, articles, anecdotes and letters. Thanks to every one of you who help with the magazine, and especially to Glenda and Bryan Foster. Glenda, our Layout Editor continues to do her sterling work making the magazine look fabulous, and is ably assisted by Bryan, who does much of the distribution. Glenda and Bryan are taking off for the month of September and I hope they have a relaxing holiday.

Enjoy the fine weather and remember to take time out to smell/spell the flowers! ☺

Closing date for the December issue is November 20th.





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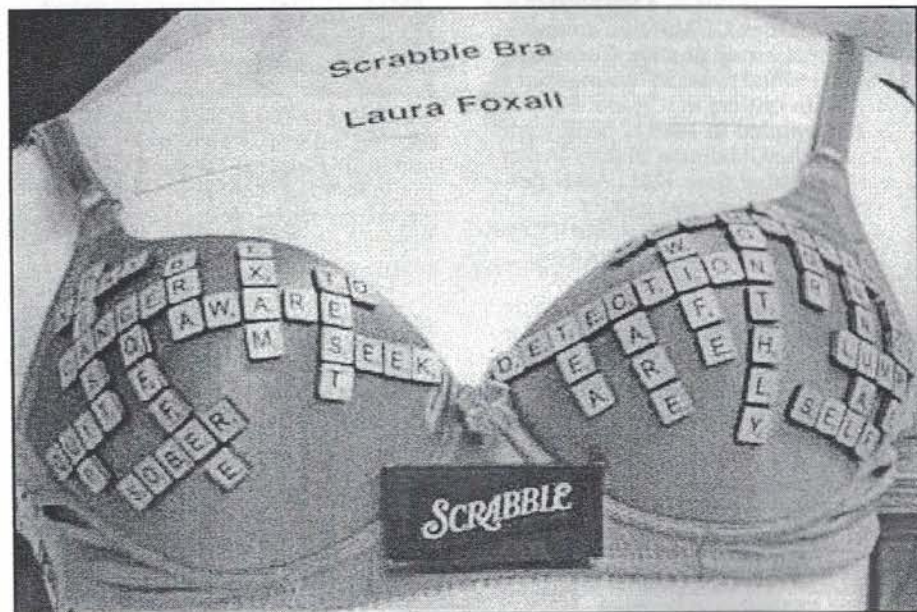
Dictionary Tampering

from Lyn Toka (KIWI)

One of our club's senior members tells of a letter from her sister (also in her 80's). Sister says she has just started playing Scrabble against the computer and really enjoys it, as she likes being in control.

If the computer plays a word that is not in her home dictionary, she simply deletes it!

[Way to go — I like her thinking! Does she add words too? I'd like OT* to be in my dictionary... :) —Ed]



making a point or two ...

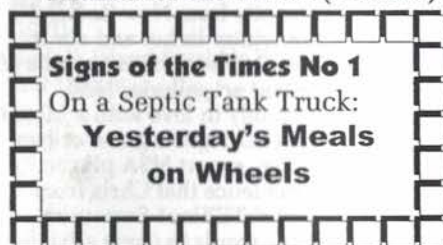
Supine Anagrams

from Bernice Vannini

While both our children were home from Uni for the holidays, they read the June issue of *Forwards*, and in particular pointed out to me the article "Supine Anagrams".

They commented, "It's now official, Mum — it's good to lie on our beds and study"; "who needs a desk?"; and, "see, I told you I was studying hard while lying on the floor in front of the TV".

Thanks for the article (I think?).



Bingo Hunters

by Tunneller

Patrick Carter's "Bingo Hunters" are studying hard. Every week Patrick emails out 60 anagrams in either list form, or as a LeXpert Quiz. The Hunters try to find the words contained in the list. Patrick posts the pure results and the results after handicap-ping, which allows for everyone to have a chance to top the list.

Patrick also comments on some of the 'good guesses' that the Hunters make while attempting to solve the anagrams — eg *INVALUED* instead of UNVAILED and *ONEHORSE* (as in a one-horse town) instead of HONOREES.

These are some of the words that a Bingo Hunter may play against you.

ANOSMIA (s)

The absence of a sense of smell, either by damage to the olfactory nerve or simply by obstruction of the nasal passages.

ORIBATID (s)

Any one of a superfamily of tiny non-parasitic mites with no eyes and a leathery appearance.

ROCAILLE (s)

An artificial rockery made of rough stone and cement.

METAYER (s)

A person doing agricultural work for a share of the yield.

GUNNERA (s)

A tropical plant with huge leaves, native to South America

CONTLINE (s)

The space between the bilges of two side-by-side casks, or the space between the strands on the outside of a rope.

VIOLONE (s)

Another name for a double bass

TRABEATE (d)

Having horizontal beams or lintels as opposed to arches. Does not take an S.

DEDALIAN

An adjective like HERCULEAN. An alternative spelling of DAEDALIAN after Daedalus who built wings to enable himself and his son Icarus to escape imprisonment. In these days of science fiction it should be an easy word to remember as it sounds like dead alien!!

PAPAINS

Enzymes obtained from unripe papayas.

DASHEEN (s)

The starchy root of the taro plant.

PODESTA (s)

Chief magistrate or governor of an Italian town, particularly in the Middle Ages or Renaissance.

ETIOLATE (d,s)

To make weak by stunting the growth of. Takes a P front hook for PETIOLATE.

CHUNTERS

Mutters.

VIDETTE (s)

An alternative spelling of VEDETTE — a sentinel, usually on horseback, stationed on the outpost of an army.

SWIPLES

The parts of a flail that strike the grain in thrashing.

If you'd like to expand your vocabulary and improve your anagramming skills, join the Bingo Hunters. Email Patrick at tripack@xtra.co.nz



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No 80

Many words are spelt the same, but pronounced differently, eg SOW (plant seed) and SOW (female pig). Can you solve the following?

Example: twist breeze (4) = WIND

1. tiny time-unit (6)
2. line argument (3)
3. deck dung (4)
4. direct heavy metal (4)
5. deep sea-perch (4)
6. sofa grass (5)
7. turn down rubbish (6)
8. simple war-club (4)
9. somewhat splendid conclusion (6)
10. motorcycle moved aimlessly (5)
11. head paste (4)
12. deader numeral (6)
13. bird plummeted (4)
14. deer achieves (4)
15. twisted injury (5)
16. song prevaricated (4)
17. lithely provide (6)
18. yachtie archer (6)
19. river bloom (6)
20. crippled Hebrew letter (5)

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Closing date is 20 November,

2005.



Solution: Scrabble Contest No 79

The bonus words ECLOGITE (64) and EKLOGITE (67) are playable, but the best move is to extend JOCK to JOCKTELEG for 72 points. This was found by Rhoda Cashman (HBC), Lyn Toka (KIW), Leila Thomson (LOH), Hazel Purdie (MTA), Nola Borrell (LOH) and Michael Vnuk (Queensland). First name out of the hat was Leila. Well done!

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, eg PROUD to PUDOR, and RADIDLY to PYRALID. On a higher level, THOSE RADIO MEN ONCE LEARNT IT is apt for THE INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE. Here are anagrams for the five players who will represent NZ at the World Champs in London in November. (Time will tell if any of these are appropriate!)

HOWARD WARNER	HE RAN WORD WAR
JEFFREY GRANT	TRY ANGER, JEFF
PETER SINTON	NINE-SPOTTER
ROGELIO TALOSIG	GO TO REGAL SOIL
NIGEL RICHARDS	RICH LAD REIGNS

Hamilton Words

by Pat Grant (adjudicator)

The following interesting words were played at the Hamilton tournament on August 6-7:

Allowed

BLUDIER	SELFING
BENTY	DUNNISH
LETTERNS	UNPAINT
OUTBLEAT	DISGAVEL
COOF	TYRONES
MORRICES	DOPAMINE
GIAOURS	GNAWN
FIRRY	SWOB
WALTY	ASSLIKE
PEYOTIST	ZEALANTS

Disallowed

BUSTRIP	TEENIES
EQUALLER	PEATLIKE
BAGLADY	UNBLOUSE
IODINED	TABLERS
OUTRISES	FUELISES
UNMINTED	OUTMAILS
CHALKERS	UNABLED
TWOSTEP	SOTTERS
GRUNTIER	GAUSIER
HICKY	ALLOTEE

Four-Letter Names

Many four-letter personal names are allowed in Scrabble, for example JOHN, MIKE and JEFF. However, there are probably even more that are not allowed, so beware! At the Hamilton tournament in August consecutive challenges were received for FRED, DANE and KATE — all incorrect.

Indigestible

NZASP president Lynn Wood (WEL) has drawn our attention to the "Word Power" column in the August 2005 edition of *Reader's Digest*. It is based on the latest *American Official Scrabble Players Dictionary* (not yet adopted), which lists many new words. Some are already acceptable in Scrabble, eg MORES, SCRUNCHY, MAGALOG, TROG and CRED, while others are in common use and will be readily assimilated

into the Scrabble vocabulary, eg HINKY (suspicious), BILBY (small marsupial), DELISH (delicious), JIGGY (pleasurably excited) and BARISTA (coffee server). New words from this latest American reference will not be adopted until after the 2006 NZ Nationals.

Trivial Question

Steve Richards (Nel)

Steve came across this question in the Genus IV version of Trivial Pursuit, General Knowledge questions:

History :

- Q. What Romanian dictator banned Scrabble because he deemed it too intellectual?
- A. Nicolai Ceausescu

[I hope you didn't have to spell the answer, Steve. —Ed]

*In Loving Memory
of*



*Joyce Clatworthy
8th May 1916—9th July 2005*

Mrs Joyce Clatworthy recently passed away peacefully in her sleep having recently celebrated her 89th birthday. She was a keen Scrabble player who thoroughly enjoyed her Friday afternoons with the other Scrabblers in Tokoroa. She was always very hospitable and often had a turn at having the Scrabblers go to her ownership flat for their Friday afternoon get togethers. The two, three and four-letter word lists never faded her. She was always

keen to learn a new word. She always made one feel very welcome and insisted on pouring you a second cup of tea after the games were finished, and provided delicious afternoon teas.

Joyce was well known in the farming community and a keen member of several different clubs and organisations. She will be sadly missed by her fellow Scrabblers.

submitted by Lesley Edgeler

Nationals Challenges

Adjudicator Pat Grant recorded the following words among over 500 challenges processed during the NZ National Scrabble Champs in Christchurch in June.

Allowed

MOREISH
DEAIRS
PONDERAL
LEASOWS
DRANTING
REMIAT
ZONKING
AUREITY
STADIAL
CRUISIE
QUEENIEST
CAPONIER
MONOCOTS
ODALIQUE
UNSTUNG
KRAB
CROMED
CATLING
NOVUM
MORISCO
EARLIES
UNVOICE
HILLOAS
HAYINGS
BUNDT
PRENTING
SPANGED
OVERLET
BRANDIED
LUTING
HUBRISES
EUSTELE
SHUFTIES
BOLLEN

Disallowed

OUTDEAL
CUDDING
ELOPINGS
VIRIDS
AGOTIZE
FORSEES
FAIXES
SQUITTING
GENTEELS
PIGLESS
ODORIZER
GOOBY
FREEEST
UNWILD
SPIDERLET
REAUDIT
THEAVED
BURPIEST
AZIOTES
AIRBAG
NIBLESS
HONKIER
SPINERS
SEEDFUL
FLUIDIER
NEIGHER
LECHE
OUTSHOWS

Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Where	Dates
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

D-lightful

In an A grade match-up during the recent double-header in Hamilton, Steven Brown and Howard Warner used up all six Ds in bonuses words. Six?! Steven played TRIAGED, STEADIE? and RAD? LING, and Howard played PROTEID. The blanks were both — you guessed it — Ds.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

This feature highlights pages from past issues of *Forwards*. David Lloyd took over the editorship with issue 9 in October 1987. It comprised a scant 12 pages — the smallest on record. David is a talented artist and he produced some great cartoons.

A QUICK RUN-DOWN ON MY FRUSTRATED FEELINGS PUTTING TOGETHER FORWORDS No. 9. — David Lloyd.

I have no typist to do this issue. I have scarcely any contributed articles for this issue. I have barely any time to make up this issue. I have been a little frustrated with this issue. I have done all the typing for this issue. I have fretted over this issue.

Only about 4 or 5 people write for *Forwards*, heaps of praise upon them. Where are you others ??? Perhaps one day when the contributions come flooding in, I will make another issue. I'm sure they will.

Here is my effort now. Do you like the cover? Please send all contributions to:

DAVID LLOYD,
210 WEST TAMAKI ROAD,
GLENDOVIE,
AUCKLAND.

P.S. If you haven't subscribed yet, then do.

P.P.S. I'm getting a typist, don't worry.

Scrabble Players Unite

by Roy Kietzman

Despite organisational hurdles, scores of inveterate Scrabble players from around the world are expected to approve a constitution and vote in a board for their association, in London in November.

Founded in Malaysia two years ago, the World English-language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) has been struggling to make its presence felt across the Scrabble-playing globe in spite of a lack of funds, a dependence on volunteers and globe-girdling distances that hamper face-to-face contact.

An 11-member management committee, with representatives from Africa, Australasia, Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, North America and western Asia, has steered Wespa in its initial term.

In addition, five subcommittees are grappling with other issues, from communications and dictionaries to tournament rules and ratings.

Allan Simmons, who is chairman of the Association of British Scrabble Players, also heads Wespa.

"At the moment Wespa is slowly coming together," explains Cheah Siu Hean, the Singapore-based association general secretary and dynamo behind the concept and structural implementation of the organisation.

"The future membership has expressed a desire for Wespa to exist, and much preliminary work has been done but it hasn't yet

been formally constituted."

Like tens of thousands of competitive Scrabble players in English in 40-45 countries, Cheah looks forward to Wespa being constituted on the sidelines of the eighth World Scrabble Championship (WSC) when a large swath of the globe's supremos in the brainy game will be present. "Wespa is intended to last, and Rome wasn't built in a day," he notes wistfully.

From the initial concept of the game in the 1930s to the actual marketing of it in the late 1940s, Scrabble has, in the meantime, spawned hundreds of clubs for exponents of the mind game.

Local, national, regional and world championships, open tournaments and international competitions proliferate on Scrabble event calendars.

After the creation of national associations and federations, "a world federation has been inevitable," underlines Cheah.

"Even the existence of a partially formed Wespa appears to have exercised the minds of players, national associations and those selected commercial entities with an interest in the game," alluding primarily to the two copyright holders to Scrabble: Hasbro in North America and Mattel in the rest of the world.

Moreover, several other enterprises, like dictionary →

publishers and manufacturers of timers and other accessories, have a vested interest in the game's development.

Up to recently, Hasbro and Mattel have set the agenda for the WSC, the choice of an approved dictionary, rules, regulations and managing player associations in London or New York.

With Wespa being formed, a bit of tension exists between the manufacturers of the game and a quasi consumer organisation in the making.

"I think Hasbro and Mattel are now aware that there's sufficient will among players to take over the WSC should the game makers ever choose to drop that ball," Cheah points out.

"And they're now aware, too, that there's considerable support from serious players for a world organisation whose only agenda is the good of the game and its players.

"Also, at the very least, it now gives players and players' associations a definite goal to aim for."

But getting Wespa on its feet has met with hindrances that have kept it from developing by leaps and bounds.

"Wespa is necessarily driven by people who've much to occupy them, not least of all playing Scrabble," Cheah explains. "If we weren't keen players, we wouldn't be doing this in the first place.

"And also the key people are

"there's considerable support from serious players for a world organisation whose only agenda is the good of the game and its players"

those much involved in organising Scrabble within their own countries – and all this in addition to normal paid

work. "Money for funding is, of course, a fairly obvious need, and this has ramifications for tournament organisation as well," he says.

"Wespa has no funding mechanism yet and won't have until it's formally constituted [presumably in November] with a fee-paying membership and other means of income generation.

"Although I think Wespa can initially be run very cheaply, for an organisation of this nature there'll still be expenses," Cheah maintains.

World French- and Spanish-language Scrabble player associations already exist.

All three world Scrabble organisations are aware of the founding earlier this year of the Paris-based International Mind Sports Association and are naturally following IMSA developments "since membership would be a logical progression for what's arguably the premier word game among mind sports."

Though millions of people play Scrabble in the living room, a corps estimated at 25,000-50,000 exponents of the English-language game compete in tournaments which are ranked, rated and timed, following watertight rules in professional events.

Wespa Management Committee

Chairman Allan Simmons (UK)
General Secretary Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore)

Chief Toke Aka (Nigeria)
Paul Allan (UK)
Akshay Bhandarkar (India)
Andrew Fisher (Australia)
Paul Kalumba (Zambia)
Sam Kanthimathi (US)
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Juts Orf Clabbers Parsley

Lynn Wood was to stay with Jennifer Smith for the Hamilton tournament in August, but Jennifer had forgotten that she had planned to help set up for the tournament on the Friday night. Unable to let Lynn know in time that no one would be home when she arrived, Jennifer left this message on her front door.

**Anagrams message for Lynn
HET ROOD SI TON CLOKED.
ASLEEP JUTS TERNE!
MEGASSE NO BAKER-FATS-BRA.**

Rather than announcing to all and sundry that the door was unlocked, she took a gamble that would-be burglars would not be too good at solving anagrams! (Needless to say, Lynn had no trouble getting the message.)

OSPD4

The fourth edition of the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary has just been released in the USA. It contains over 4,000 new words, a good many of which will already be allowed in New Zealand's SOWPODS word list. The most talked-about new words in OSPD4 are QI (which we already have) and ZA (PIZZA).

Here is a list of the new two-letter words in the fourth edition of the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

FE, FES *n* a Hebrew letter

KI, KIS *n* the vital force in Chinese thought

OI *interjoy*

QI, QIS *n* the vital force that in Chinese thought is inherent in all things

ZA, ZAS *n* a pizza

Please note: except for OI and QI/QIS these words will not be allowed in NZ Scrabble until after approval at an AGM.



There are two everyday five-letter words with a J in the middle — ENJOY and MAJOR. Here are a dozen not so common ones to dazzle your opponents.

BAJAN	PUJAH
CAJON	REJON
HAJES	SAJOU
HEJAB	SUJEE
HIJRA	UPJET

New Resident Scrambling for Scrabble Club

by Mike Dinsdale

Reprinted from *Whangarei Advocate*

Gerald Warner has a way with words. Now the 80-year-old Whangarei resident wants to share his knowledge by setting up a Scrabble club in the city.

Mr Warner, who arrived in Whangarei from the Hibiscus Coast less than a month ago, has been playing Scrabble for more than 40 years, including the last 20 competitively.

The self-confessed "Scrabbler" reckons he knows a thing or two about words and about how to help people get their heads around Scrabble. It's a family thing — his son Howard Warner was recently crowned New Zealand Scrabble A-grade champion while Mr Warner himself came fourth in the B-

grade championship.

"It's just such a fun game to play and when I saw there was no club in Whangarei I thought I'd try to set one up," he said.

"It's also pretty good for keeping the grey matter moving and I feel mental fitness is just as important as physical fitness."

The main aim is to have a social time, but Scrabblers who want to take it to the next level and compete will get the benefit of Mr Warner's experience.

He started playing Scrabble while working as an English teacher by using it as a test for his class.

"They enjoyed it so much. It was one of the best reactions I have ever had as a teacher," Mr Warner said.

While teaching French and German he then got students to make versions of the game in those languages to help their spelling. While reluctant to call himself a Scrabble expert, Mr Warner is not sheepish about his proudest achievement

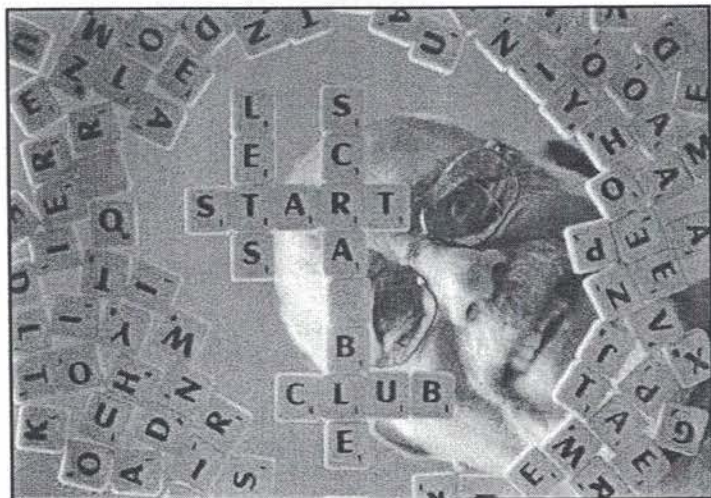


photo by Michael Cunningham

SC- or SK-?

This list of mainly shortish and quite useful words that can be spelt with either an initial SC or SK, appeared in the August edition of *The Last Word*. In most cases the SC variant is the more common.

SCAG	SKAG	colloquial for heroin
SCAIL	SKAIL	to scatter, disperse
SCALD	SKALD	a poet, a bard. SCALD is also a verb
SCART	SKART	a cormorant; SCART can also be a verb, to scrape
SCAT	SKAT	an animal dropping; SCAT is also a verb
SCAW	SKAW	a headland
SCEPTIC	SKEPTIC	doubting
SCLATE	SKLATE	to slate
SCLIFF	SKLIFF	a small piece
SCLIM	SKLIM	to climb
SCOFF	SKOFF	to devour
SCOLION	SKOLION	a Greek drinking song
SCRAN	SKRAN	food, provisions
SCRIMMAGE	SKRIMMAGE	a melee
SCRIMSHANK	SKRIMSHANK	to evade work or duty
SCRIMP	SKRIMP	to scratch and save
SCRUMP	SKRUMP	to steal fruit
SCRY	SKRY	to divine by use of a crystal ball
SCULK	SKULK	to move stealthily, lurk
SCULPIN	SKULPIN	a kind of fish
SCUTTLE	SKUTTLE	to move rapidly
SCURRY	SKURRY	to move rapidly

on the Scrabble board.

"It was at the national finals in Hamilton about 1986 or 1987 and I was facing a lady from Maungatapere, Irene Smith, and I got a rare triple-triple."

His opponent left him an E on the far left hand side of the board and he used all seven of his letters to spell "sheepier" which spanned two triple words scores.

While the face value of the tiles was only 15, because he got all seven of his tiles out and got the triple-triple, "sheepier" was worth a whopping 185 points.

■ Tips

- Don't worry about other people's knowledge, concentrate on improving your own.
- At times it's best to scrap all your tiles and replace them with others if a decent word cannot be formed. However, use this tactic sparingly as you miss a turn every time you exchange tiles.
- Don't panic if you have all vowels or all consonants — Mr Warner suggests "euouae" (or add an s for the plural) — a buccaneering cry — or

An Anagram Tour of NZ

By Howard Warner

Find the missing anagrams, from names of New Zealand cities and large towns. You may need to add, subtract, insert or hook a letter (or two) from some names, as indicated. A blank is shown by '?' The number in brackets shows how many possibilities.

Answers are on page 18



1. HASTINGS, -S (2) _____, _____
2. GISBORNE (1) _____
3. TIMARU, +? (5) _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
4. BLLENHEIM, -B (2) _____, _____
5. HAMILTON, -L (1), -N (1) _____, _____
6. NELSON, +? (3) _____, _____, _____
7. WESTPORT, -R (1) _____
8. WELLINGTON, -N (1) _____
9. TAURANGA, -A, +E (1) _____ -A, +O (1) _____
10. ROTORUA (1) _____
11. WHANGAREI, -AA (1) _____
12. MASTERTON, -T (any 3 of 4) _____, _____, _____
13. NAPIER, + insert ? (1) _____
previous answer + hook ? (1) _____
14. DUNEDIN, +? (any 3 of 7) _____, _____, _____
15. Which of the above place names are words by themselves? (3)
16. Despite our best efforts to spread the word of Scrabble around New Zealand, Palmerston NORTH has remained a _____ in our side. By its resistance to our brainy game, PALMERSTON North _____ its proud civic motto of 'City of Knowledge'

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World Championship Performances

The article "NZ National Champs" in the June *Forwards* (p13) contains some inaccuracies regarding New Zealand performances at the World Champs. For the record here are our best placings at this event:

- 3rd Jeff Grant (1995)
- 6th Jack Dymond (1997)
- 7th Mike Sigley (1993)
- 8th Nigel Richards (1999)
- 12th Jack Dymond (1999)
- 12th Peter Sinton (2001)
- 13th Jeff Grant (1997)
- 13th Jeff Grant (2003)
- 17th Jeff Grant 1991
[Plate Winner]
- 19th Mike Sigley (1995)
- 19th Howard Warner (2001)
- 20th Blue Thorogood (1993)
- 20th Howard Warner (2003)

Other Kiwis who have played at the World Champs are Lynne Butler (1991, 1993), Glennis Hale (1995), Rogelio Talosig (2003), Patrick Carter (2003) and David Lloyd, who represented Australia in 2003.

As you can see, New Zealand has a great record at the highest level of international competition. By comparison, Australia's best efforts so far are John Holgate's 10th in 1999, and Joan Rosenthal's 18th in 1995. Watch out for the Aussies this year though. They have a very strong team, headed by Naween Fernando, who was 8th in 2003 representing Sri Lanka, and Andrew Fisher, who was 5th in both 1999 and 2001 representing England.

New Zealand has an excellent team too, all of whom have performed well at the World Champs before. Let's hope they can do it again in London in November. Get in and support our players!

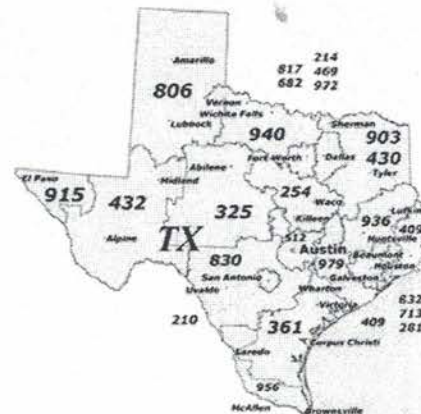
The New Zealand Team for the 2005 WSC is:
 Howard Warner Jeff Grant
 Peter Sinton Rogelio Talosig
 Nigel Richards

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Texas Taxes

by Lynne Butler

Having just spent a month in Texas I got to wonderin' how many bingo-length words there were incorporating the letters T-E-X-A-S. The list is larger than I expected so have included only the 7- and 8-letter words. (I shouldn't have been surprised because, you know what they say, "Everything's bigger in Texas!")



TEXAS + ??

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| ANTISEX
EXACTAS
HEXACTS
OXGATES
SEXTANS
TAXITES
TEXASES | ATAXIES
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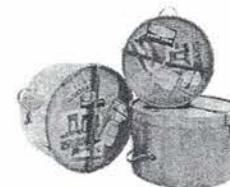
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TEXAS + ???

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CATHEXES
EUTAXIES
EXACHEAT
EXCHEATS
EXPLANTS
EXTRACTS
EXTREATS
GEOTAXES
LAXITIES
MATRIXES
OXHEARTS
SAXONITE
SEXTARII
SUPERTAX
SWEATBOX
TEABOXES | AXINITES
CURTAXES
EUTEXIAS
EXACTORS
EXHAUSTS
EXSECANT
EXTRADOS
EXUDATES
GEOTAXIS
MARTEXTS
NONTAXES
OXIDATES
SEXTAINS
STORAXES
SURTAXED
SYNTAXES
THORAXES | BAUXITES
DEXTRANS
EXACTERS
EXALTERS
EXPIATES
EXTASIES
EXTRAITS
FLAXIEST
HATBOXES
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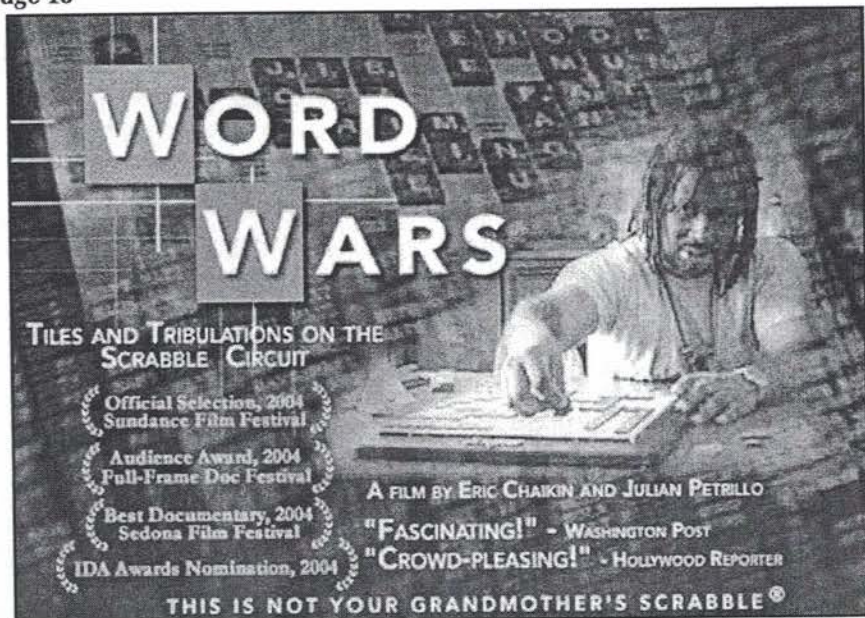


teaboxes



hatboxes





Word Wars — Emmy Nomination

The 2005 Emmy Awards Presentation are a must-see for Scrabblers this year. *Word Wars: Tiles and Tribulations on the SCRABBLE Circuit* has been nominated for a Documentary Emmy in the category of Outstanding Cultural and Artistic Programming.

Word Wars tells the stories of four of the USA's top players — Joe Edley, Joel Sherman, Matt Graham and Marlon Hill in the lead up to and during battle for the 2002 NA Open Scrabble Championship.

The award ceremony will be September 19th in New York and should be on NZ TV shortly thereafter.

An Anagram Tour of NZ Answers (from page 14)

1. HASTING, TASHING
2. SOBERING
3. ATRIUMS, MATSURI, MURIATE, NATRIUM, TIMARAU
4. HELIMEN, HEMLINE
5. MANIHOT, HALIMOT
6. NELSONS, NONSELF, RONNELS
7. STEWPOT
8. TOWELLING
9. RUNAGATE, ARGONAUT
10. OUTROAR
11. WHINGER
12. MONSTERA, ONSTREAM, STOREMAN, TONEARMS
13. NAPPIER, SNAPPIER
14. DENUDING, UNBIDDEN, UNDENIED, UNDINTED, UNHIDDEN, UNMINDED, UNRIDDEN
15. HASTINGS, NELSON, WELLINGTON
16. THORN, TRAMPLES ON



CLUB NEWS

Christchurch

by Margaret Lyall

Attendances have fluctuated during the winter months but should steady with the welcome arrival of spring!

Club averages for June and July

Friday Night

Name	Games	Avg	B/Words
Ray	13	425	17
Shirley v	3	417	5
Gabrielle	8	405	11
John	6	403	6
Margaret	18	401	25
Selena	22	391	24
Lyn	15	391	19
Paul	19	389	20
Shirley H	17	383	17
Yvonne	13	369	20

Wednesday Afternoon

Selena	3	375	3
John	12	369	13
Riki	13	367	3
Betty W	9	352	4
Paula	6	314	2

Club Member Profile — Selena Chan

Selena who has been a member of our Club for almost five years, is a great asset to the Scrabble world. She helps in many ways, such as providing computer assistance and bring Trish to Friday night sessions, and she is our competent Club Treasurer.

Apart from Scrabble, Selena is also a busy person as she lectures in the Bakery section at Polytech, in addition to caring for her husband and two (almost) adult children. Born in Singapore,

Selena came to New Zealand in the late 1970's but travels to her homeland when able, to visit relatives including her 94-year-old grandmother. She is a keen tramper and looks forward to trips in the mountains and valleys of the Southern Alps from late Spring into the Autumn. She keeps herself mentally and physically fit by commuting to work on her bike and taking long walks on the Port Hills on Sundays as well.

Selena has always had an interest in learning new words. In her teens she was a voracious reader. Nowadays however, her reading tends to be confined to non-fiction reading related to her studies in education and workplace learning and work (food science and e-learning), with some recreational reading, mainly science fiction and fantasy novels. Selena is enjoying the challenge of Scrabble and is



Selena Chan

especially interested in investigating how Scrabble players learn the game and understanding how to become a better Scrabble player.

Her pleasant personality and calm manner in dealing with awkward situations are much admired. We value Selena's input and feel privileged to have her in our club.

Contributions from Readers

These observations were noted after the Nationals...

1. What are the odds for both players drawing a blank to determine who starts a game? It happened to Murray Rogers and Rosemary Cleary. The answer is 4950 - 1.
2. Ella Rushton from Dunedin is suffering from Scrabble addiction. On Saturday night (at the Nationals) after a hard day on the tiles playing in G grade, Ella dreamed she was being arrested by a policeman. She protested very loudly, "No! You can't arrest me. I have to play Scrabble at 8.30 tomorrow morning!" She didn't say what she was being arrested for.

Dunedin Club News

by Bill Grigg

Nationals

A large contingent from Dunedin went up to Christchurch for the Nationals. Results were: Peter Sinton (A4), Karyn McDougall (C2), Ruth Groffman (C10), Carolyn Kyle (C10), Marian Ross (E1), Chris Handley (E5), Olivia En (E9), Ella Rushton (E10), Michael Groffman (E14),

Anne-Louise Milne (F8). Congratulations to Marion and Karyn for their good placings.

World Champs

Congratulations from all in the club to Peter Sinton on being chosen to represent New Zealand at the World Scrabble Championships in London, 17-20 November. Best of luck to him and the rest of the team.

Swiss Draw

Recently the Dunedin Club held its first ever unrated tournament in the form of a Swiss Draw. Congratulations to Karyn, Ella and Carolyn for their performance.

Current Standings (end of July)

Round Robin: Peter Sinton P18 W18 Ave 461
Ladder: Ruth Groffman P15 W 6 Ave 374
Challenge: Nick Ascroft* P13 W11 Ave 418
Dictionary: Karyn McDougall P5 W5 Ave 570.
 (* It pays to play only a few games and then disappear ☺)

Records at end of July

Highest Win: Karyn McDougall 632 (Ch)
Highest Loss: Daisy Madden 438 (Ch)
Highest Turn: Karyn McDougall 149 (Ch).

Quiz

Which of these would you challenge?
 (a) REDOXES (b) STELLED (c) OXTERED (d) SPERRED

International Literacy Week and Scrabble for Fun

Over 100 adults and 120 Intermediate School children will participate at various libraries in and around Dunedin. Well done Ruth for keeping Scrabble in the public view.

Otago Lion Open Tournament, November 13-14 2005

Fifteen games, triple Round Robin. For more information and

The Philosophy of Hippocratic Ambiguity (Part 5)

- ☺ How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- ☺ One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- ☺ Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
- ☺ Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- ☺ If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?
- ☺ If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- ☺ If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- ☺ Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have "S" in it?
- ☺ Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
- ☺ Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- ☺ Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- ☺ If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented?
- ☺ Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

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 Ph (03) 455-1777
 email: ruthgroffman@hotmail.com

ACC New Zealand Masters' Games, Dunedin, 4-12 February 2006

Scrabble will once again be one of the games. 15 games, triple Round Robin. This will be a rated tournament for rated players, plus there will be grades for unrated players. Contact Ruth Groffman (see above) for details.

Quiz answers:

All correct

Happy Scrabbling and may the tile fairies be with you.

Going Freelance

In the Middle Ages, knights and lords could hire out their services to the highest bidder. The Free Lancer became part of literature when Sir Walter Scott wrote in *Ivanhoe* in 1820: "Ivanhoe offers Richard the services of my Free Lancers." It became the term for the self-employed.

As Pissed as a Newt

A newt was the name given to boys who looked after gentlemen's horses in the 17th and 18th centuries. During an evening, the gentlemen would send alcoholic drinks out to the boys - who were often found rolling drunk.

EXECUTIVE EXERTIONS



Greetings from your new President.

I hope I can keep up the good work that Liz provided for 4 years, and continue with a successful Association. We've got things to do and places to go.

Thanks must go to Allie for her 12 years on the executive of NZASP as our hard working secretary. She was a great asset to us, and we wish her well in the new life in Whangarei. It's good to see a new club has registered there, and I'm sure the Allie/Gerald combination will be having tournaments in no time.

Liz steps over to be the secretary, and her grounding as president will stand her in good stead. Thanks Liz for accepting the hardest job on the executive.

Thanks too, to the keeper of the purse, Joan. We unintentionally tend to take the money side for granted, and forget that Joan has been helping our funds grow. Thanks Joan, keep up the good work.

We welcome Glenda to the team, whose work for the magazine and the excellent website, must surely be fitting for the vice president. Fresh ideas are bound to be had, and they will be welcomed and debated.

The World Champs aren't too far away, and this would have to be the dearest tournament yet. We have the extra berth, which Nigel

has been offered, and as such, he prefers to pay his own way. This leaves Howard, Jeff, Peter and Rogelio to provide flights and accommodation for. Could I please ask that clubs make a dedicated effort in raising funds for our team, not leaving it to the usual few. We are one big team of people who all enjoy this marvellous game, and our team is hopeful of doing a Michael Campbell for New Zealand Scrabble. Let's get behind them and make it happen.

Did you see the *Close Up* programme after the Nationals? This was an excellent exposure of the game, and I heard lots of interesting comments from my new place of employment. Connie has agreed to do a follow up before the team goes to London, so that is more publicity. There will also be coverage from the TV1 crew in London.

Shake those tile bags, fund raise for the team and learn new words.

Lynn.



NZASP Rankings List as at 31 August 2005

	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%		Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Howard Warner	2114	838	1195	70%	48	Puti Rowe	1555	389	787	49%
2	Jeff Grant	2069	1178.5	1531	77%	49	Hazel Purdie	1511	504	1018	50%
3	Jack Dymond	2060	315	423	74%	50	David Gunn	1502	817	1600	51%
4	Peter Sinton	1991	427.5	587	73%	51	Stan Gregec	1502	123	200	62%
5	Rogelio Talosig	1984	189.5	308	62%	52	Helen Sillis	1495	519	1018	51%
6	Lynne Butler	1966	635	1043	61%	53	Joan Thomas	1478	442.5	861	51%
7	Lynne Powell	1953	714	1384	52%	54	Glenda Geard	1471	672	1342	50%
8	Mike Sigley	1944	669	921	73%	55	Karyn McDougall	1459	428.5	818	52%
9	John Foster	1919	911	1610	57%	56	Maureen Holliday	1453	431	840	51%
10	Glennis Hale	1901	974.5	1752	56%	57	Allie Quinn	1444	648.5	1358	48%
11	Patrick Carter	1870	589	946	62%	58	Rosalind Phillips	1425	164	287	57%
12	Lisa McLean	1868	391.5	763	51%	59	Jean O'Brien	1398	610	1200	51%
13	Peter Jones	1866	631	1264	50%	60	Lawson Sue	1386	119.5	206	58%
14	Liz Fagerlund	1860	512	963	53%	61	Shirley Martin	1380	407.5	777	52%
15	Chris Hooks	1858	613.5	1266	48%	62	Elaine Moltzen	1367	371	732	51%
16	Steven Brown	1852	521.5	981	53%	63	Hilda Scott	1362	246.5	471	52%
17	Joanne Craig	1841	51	88	58%	64	Margaret Bundock	1361	518.5	1082	48%
18	Glenda Foster	1840	594.5	1147	52%	65	Margaret Cherry	1359	318	627	51%
19	Andrew Bradley	1836	441	893	49%	66	Delcie Macbeth	1354	478	906	53%
20	Marianne Bentley	1820	181.5	390	47%	67	Kim Yoon Fong	1350	254	474	54%
21	Nick Ascroft	1765	99	153	65%	68	Pam Barlow	1337	326.5	628	52%
22	Paul Lister	1763	485.5	849	57%	69	Ann Candler	1336	530.5	1123	47%
23	Ann Hough	1751	306.5	587	52%	70	Rhoda Cashman	1330	586	1231	48%
24	Jennifer Smith	1726	472.5	864	55%	71	Selena Chan	1305	124.5	208	60%
25	Eileen McLean	1724	828.5	1607	52%	72	Yvette Hewlett	1258	243.5	506	48%
26	Glynis Jennings	1715	355.5	760	47%	73	Lynn Carter	1247	126	211	60%
27	Murray Rogers	1702	247	464	53%	74	Ruth Groffman	1212	218	414	53%
28	Pam Robson	1696	413	885	47%	75	Amelia Carrington	1195	143	238	60%
29	Shirley van Essen	1689	228	421	54%	76	Jim Wills	1194	105	167	63%
30	Julie Atkinson	1678	215.5	392	55%	77	Colleen Cook	1193	93	168	55%
31	Glenyys Buchanan	1674	424	877	48%	78	Andree Prentice	1190	576	1119	51%
32	Denise Gordon	1673	493	967	51%	79	Margaret Lyall	1190	345	696	50%
33	Janice Cherry	1668	245	449	55%	80	Lyn Dawson	1188	248.5	437	57%
34	Rosemary Cleary	1663	404	878	46%	81	Lyn Toka	1185	281.5	535	53%
35	Debbie Caldwell	1660	246.5	419	59%	82	Samantha Samuels	1183	107	216	50%
36	June Mackwell	1657	432.5	963	45%	83	Marianne Patchett	1180	189.5	361	52%
37	Andrew Denmead	1657	188.5	372	51%	84	Steve Richards	1177	144	279	52%
38	Doreen O'Shea	1652	348.5	692	50%	85	Betty Eriksen	1165	492.5	998	49%
39	Val Mills	1650	558.5	1184	47%	86	Kaite Hansen	1161	77	134	57%
40	Lynn Wood	1648	922	1943	47%	87	Doreen Ogston	1143	457.5	956	48%
41	Roger Coates	1630	433	893	48%	88	Su Walker	1141	443.5	872	51%
42	Fae Olson	1583	976.5	2051	48%	89	Correne James	1136	503	1053	48%
43	Faye Cronhelm	1573	536	1066	50%	90	Roger French	1131	66	103	64%
44	Leila Thomson	1569	350	784	45%	91	Margaret Flaws	1110	135	236	57%
45	Frank Robinson	1568	105.5	205	51%	92	Lorraine Van Veen	1098	528	1047	50%
46	Gerald Warner	1563	806.5	1718	47%	93	Carolyn Kyle	1089	277	564	49%
47	Shirley Hal	1562	352	724	49%	94	Liz Richards	1067	144.5	277	52%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Allison Torrance	1064	168	309	54%
96 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1062	200.5	428	47%
97 Connie Flores	1038	64.5	86	75%
98 Ernie Gidman	1029	177	361	49%
99 Shirley Wyatt	1013	339.5	733	46%
100 Catherine Henry	999	146.5	250	59%
101 Bev Barker	989	404	832	49%
102 Mescal Kelly	986	63	116	54%
103 Veronica Zilinskask	981	94	162	58%
104 Carole Coates	975	358.5	718	50%
105 Dianne Cole-Baker	966	72	136	53%
106 Valma Gidman	960	433	865	50%
107 Karen Miller	954	310.5	645	48%
108 Joan Pratt	933	451.5	868	52%
109 Roger Cole-Baker	900	86	161	53%
110 Shirley Morrison	887	42	93	45%
111 Roto Mitchell	886	273	517	53%
112 Marian Ross	873	270.5	565	48%
113 Jean Wacker	865	113	222	51%
114 Yvonne MacKenzie	856	245	537	46%
115 Pat Bryan	855	32	60	53%
116 Gabrielle Bolt	825	161.5	310	52%
117 Liz Catchpole	819	242.5	509	48%
118 Karl Scherer	815	22	41	54%
119 Dawn Smith	812	75.5	156	48%
120 Jo Ann Ingram	808	49.5	90	55%
121 Thelma Chisholm	804	96	190	51%
122 Jena Yousif	798	130.5	269	49%
123 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	795	351	730	48%
124 Chris Handley	784	209	416	50%
125 Anderina McLean	779	28.5	58	49%
126 Olivia En	778	59	102	58%
127 Kate Wignall	769	494	988	50%
128 Dominic Lister	759	165	338	49%
129 Ella Rushton	746	50	80	63%
130 Pam Mayall	743	227.5	433	53%
131 Ray Goodyear	732	125.5	265	47%
132 Irene Hague-Smith	731	377	808	47%
133 Heather Landon	706	64	128	50%
134 Bernice Hyde	687	66.5	123	54%
135 Margaret Hanson	673	334.5	676	49%
136 Michael Groffman	661	103.5	227	46%
137 Trevor Rowell	641	59	111	53%
138 Olwen Skelton	636	386	807	48%
139 Maria Clinton	626	106	216	49%
140 Margaret Durdle	614	108.5	224	48%
141 Roslyn Lister	612	201	411	49%
142 Iris Boulton	603	96.5	198	49%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
143 Elaine Ware	594	284	553	51%
144 Barbara Dunn	593	44	67	66%
145 Betty Sutherland	547	147.5	349	42%
146 Janni Henneveld	540	101	231	44%
147 Pauline Smeaton	538	124	265	47%
148 Dorothy Haining	538	409.5	827	50%
149 Tim Henneveld	515	100.5	230	44%
150 Paula Gibbons	506	231.5	505	46%
151 Maureen McBain	503	124.5	293	42%
152 Jean Craib	480	186	445	42%
153 Resie Coenen	452	175	429	41%
154 Tony Charlton	444	58.5	126	46%
155 Margaret Miller	420	30.5	79	39%
156 Anthea Jones	404	41	87	47%
157 Sue Mayn	404	42.5	118	36%
158 Noelene Bettjeman	376	55.5	126	44%
159 Charles Kiewiet	374	116.5	226	52%
160 Madge Watson	372	17.5	55	32%
161 Joy Hewson	369	20	40	50%
162 Jillian Greening	356	215	460	47%
163 Ed Olson	339	582.5	1455	40%
164 Betty Wilson	330	187.5	381	49%
165 Elvira Steel	265	131.5	587	22%
166 Rosemary Wauters	242	20.5	47	44%
167 Bev Griffin	233	16	54	30%
168 Evelyn Haywood	180	13	48	27%
169 Sue Foster	115	31	105	30%
170 Anne-Louise Milne	35	6	69	9%

Signs of the Times No 2

On a Plumber's truck:
We repair what your husband fixed.

On a Maternity Room door:
Push. Push. Push

On a Taxidermist's window:
We really know our stuff.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Kiwi Tournament Saturday 2 July 2005

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	6	1017	480	18
2 Jeff Grant	IND	6	477	435	13
3 Glennis Hale	IND	5	579	439	14
4 Chris Hooks	MTA	4	-205	372	6
5 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	2	-116	369	6
6 Steven Brown	KAP	2	-274	375	10
7 Marianne Bentley	TGA	2	-704	359	6
8 Peter Jones	HAM	1	-774	331	8
Grade B					
1 Eileen McLean	MTA	6	434	428	13
2 Roger Coates	KIW	6	234	382	12
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	4	17	387	12
4 Gerald Warner	HBC	3	97	381	5
5 David Gunn	WKP	3	-116	379	12
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	2	-80	377	9
7 Val Mills	PAK	2	-286	369	6
8 Stan Skinner	TGA	2	-300	349	5
Grade C					
1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	6	557	434	13
2 Stan Gregec	IND	6	66	381	8
3 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	4	282	419	14
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	215	405	9
5 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-106	390	8
6 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	-427	365	3
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	-250	370	9
8 Kim Yoon Fong	KIW	1	-337	381	11
Grade D					
1 Lynn Carter	NSB	6	213	398	9
2 Lawson Sue	PAK	5	229	388	6
3 Lyn Toka	KIW	5	106	393	11
4 Correne James	IND	4	-104	379	7
5 Yvette Hewlett	IND	3	105	379	9
6 Lorraine Van Veen	PAK	2	-24	371	5
7 Samantha Samuels	KIW	2	-271	355	6
8 Margaret Flaws	TGA	1	-254	368	6
Grade E					
1 Carole Coates	KIW	5	38	367	9
2 Su Walker	MTA	4	243	402	11
3 Ernie Gidman	ROD	4	133	383	6
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	-25	361	6



Delcie Macbeth (IND)
C grade winner at Kiwi

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Shirley Bonthron	TGA	3	117	378	6
6 Catherine Henry	TGA	3	-157	366	6
7 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	-180	341	5
8 Joan Pratt	HBC	2	-169	351	4
Grade F					
1 Bernice Hyde	NSB	5	261	402	11
2 Shirley Morrison	TGA	4	-12	376	3
3 Jean Wacker	TGA	4	-120	329	1
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	3	165	389	3
5 Annette Coombes	WKP	3	-4	375	6
6 Pam Mayall	KIW	3	-62	373	5
7 Margaret Durdle	TGA	3	-71	361	5
8 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	-157	357	7
Grade G					
1 Heather Landon	TGA	6	268	372	8
2 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	119	358	8
3 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4.5	335	386	10
4 Jena Yousif	KIW	4	175	369	6
5 Barbara Dunn	TGA	4	-135	334	0
6 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	2	-175	326	1



Heather Landon (TGA)
1st in G grade at Kiwi

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Jillian Greening	HAM	2	-373	314	5
8 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	0.5	-214	337	6

Grade H

1 Resie Coenen	PHC	6	401	358	2
2 Pip Hartley	PAK	5	294	358	4
3 Hazel Smith	TGA	5	-3	336	2
4 Karen Stewart	KIW	3	-130	315	9
5 Bev Griffin	TGA	3	-141	305	0
6 Sue Foster	TGA	2	71	328	1
7 Margaret Penniket	KIW	2	-242	323	4
8 Evelyn Haywood	HBC	2	-250	296	1

**Waikato Phoenix Tournament
3 July 2005**

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	7	883	458	14
2 Jeff Grant	IND	5	241	426	12
3 Glennis Hale	IND	4	61	395	11
4 Marianne Bentley	TGA	4	-219	373	7
5 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	-15	368	5
6 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	2	-94	379	7
7 Steven Brown	KAP	2	-257	371	8
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	1	-600	338	7
Grade B					
1 Peter Jones	HAM	7	612	430	13
2 Pam Robson	HAM	4	259	405	10
3 Roger Coates	KIW	4	-35	388	10

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
4 Gerald Warner	HBC	3	-9	387	5
5 Glynis Jennings	MTA	3	-64	400	10
6 Val Mills	PAK	3	-163	356	8
7 David Gunn	WKP	2	-137	379	8
8 Joan Thomas	HAS	2	-463	377	9

Grade C

1 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	377	411	12
2 Glenda Geard	IND	6	330	405	12
3 Maureen Holliday	HBC	4	-47	370	7
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-59	358	7
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	3	-102	369	5
6 Pam Barlow	PAK	3	-169	373	7
7 Delcie Macbeth	IND	2	46	401	11
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	1	-376	338	4

Grade D

1 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	6	148	401	11
2 Correne James	IND	5	266	392	8
3 Yvette Hewlett	IND	4	294	423	14
4 Samantha Samuels	KIW	4	-105	364	8
5 Lyn Toko	KIW	3	0	398	8
6 Lynn Carter	NSB	3	-68	370	5
7 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	2	-143	369	3
8 Margaret Flaws	TGA	1	-392	366	8

Grade E

1 Amelia Carrington	ROT	6	694	419	8
2 Su Walker	MTA	5	379	404	9
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	4	-18	345	5
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	4	-117	364	18
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-263	348	4
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	2	-179	355	5



Barbara Dunn (TGA) won her grade
at Waikato and Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Joan Pratt	HBC	2	-240	349	7
8 Shirley Bonthron	TGA	2	-256	336	4

Grade F

1 Mescal Kelly	MTA	5	375	365	8
2 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	374	399	9
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	4	99	351	5
4 Jean Wacker	TGA	4	-19	335	3
5 Shirley Morrison	TGA	4	-273	346	4
6 Carole Coates	KIW	3	-91	344	6
7 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	3	-153	332	5
8 Margaret Durdle	TGA	1	-312	337	4

Grade G

1 Jena Yousif	KIW	5	294	374	7
2 Kate Wignall	MTA	5	274	372	6
3 Bernice Hyde	NSB	4	425	405	10
4 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	-190	341	5
5 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	3	-12	351	4
6 Margaret Hanson	PHC	3	-70	339	5
7 Heather Landon	TGA	2	-31	342	6
8 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	2	-690	307	3

Grade H

1 Barbara Dunn	TGA	6.5	638	390	5
2 Resie Coenen	PHC	5.5	526	363	4
3 Anthea Jones	KIW	5	472	366	7
4 Evelyn Haywood	HBC	4	73	327	2
5 Bev Griffin	TGA	4	23	327	3
6 Maria Barker	WKP	3	-233	284	0
7 Jillian Greening	HAM	2	-167	327	5
8 Robert Hogg	WKP	2	-361	294	1
9 Sue Foster	TGA	2	-362	316	4



Jena Yousif won her grade
at Waikato and Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
10 Karen Stewart	KIW	1	-609	313	9

**Hamilton Club Tournament
6-7 August**

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	10	1211	448	23
2 Jeff Grant	IND	10	554	419	17
3 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	10	545	418	26
4 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	8.5	200	389	16
5 Glennis Hale	IND	8	527	415	17
6 Peter Jones	HAM	8	204	418	28
7 John Foster	NSB	8	188	386	14
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	8	166	411	17
9 Glenda Foster	WLG	6	-116	396	19
10 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	-404	376	12
11 Pam Robson	HAM	3	-559	376	18
12 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	-674	368	18
13 Val Mills	PAK	3	-879	364	17
14 Roger Coates	KIW	1.5	-963	344	12
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WLG	11	847	408	14
2 Hazel Purdie	MTA	10	66	392	18
3 Faye Cronhelm	IND	9	514	405	25
4 Gerald Warner	HBC	7	267	408	14
5 Maureen Holliday	HBC	7	-228	382	15
6 Lawson Sue	PAK	6	82	395	13
7 Glenda Geard	IND	6	-6	392	19
8 David Gunn	WKP	6	-12	393	23



Amelia Carrington (ROT)
E grade winner at Waikato Phoenix



Roger French (MTA)
2nd in C grade at Hamilton

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
9 Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-52	375	11
10 Allie Quinn	NSB	5	-62	386	20
11 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-205	376	15
12 Shirley Martin	HAM	5	-294	354	9
13 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	-406	369	15
14 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-511	375	16

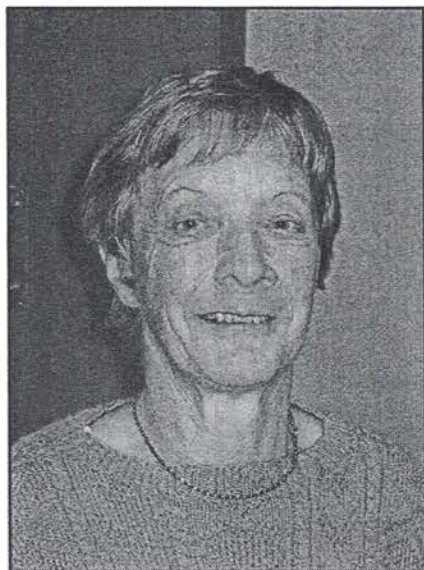
Grade C

1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	9	670	403	20
2 Roger French	MTA	9	603	406	13
3 Amelia Carrington	IND	9	457	393	11
4 Su Walker	MTA	8	397	407	23
5 Lyn Toka	KIW	8	217	391	19
6 Margaret Flaws	TGA	8	-364	362	14
7 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	7	-194	366	11
8 Correne James	IND	6	170	378	13
9 Catherine Henry	TGA	5	68	375	10
10 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5	-195	361	12
11 Carole Coates	KIW	5	-281	364	13
12 Karen Miller	PAK	5	-572	357	9
13 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	-649	350	8
14 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	3	-327	349	6

Grade D

1 Jena Yousif	KIW	8.5	378	380	11
2 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	8	303	382	16
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	8	150	356	9
4 Pam Mayall	KIW	7	540	374	8
5 Annette Coombes	WKP	7	36	364	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
6 Heather Landon	TGA	7	-178	353	11
7 Margaret Hanson	PHC	6	-18	350	10
8 Bernice Hyde	NSB	6	-372	351	13
9 Margaret Durdle	TGA	4.5	-407	339	4
10 Tim Henneveld	IND	3	-432	318	4
Grade E					
1 Barbara Dunn	TGA	10	1021	384	13
2 Jonni Henneveld	IND	9	267	336	2
3 Pauline Smeaton	TNG	9	129	338	2
4 Anthea Jones	KIW	7	-1	337	9
5 Jillian Greening	HAM	6	-26	336	12
6 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	6	-140	310	2
7 Evelyn Haywood	HBC	3	-603	313	4
8 Sue Foster	TGA	2	-647	304	1



Kate Wignall (MTA)
3rd in D grade at Hamilton

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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)