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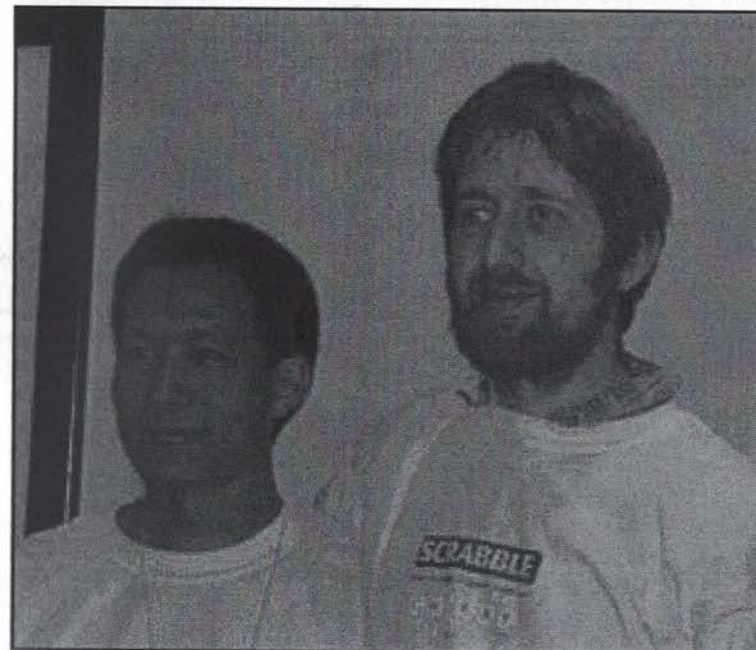
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Editor's Note



HO HO HO! Christmas is almost upon us again and much valuable Scrabble time will be taken up with shopping, shopping, shopping. ☺ Hopefully though, once the festive season is over, there will be plenty of R&R time for meeting up with fellow Scrabblers for a game or twenty to bring in the new year.

Since the last issue of Forwards, there have been six, well-attended and successful tournaments in NZ, plus the evergreen Norfolk Island event and the two-yearly WSC. Unfortunately things didn't go as well as hoped for NZ at the WSC, but a huge thank you to the team for their time and efforts in representing us.

This will be my last issue as editor of *Forwards*. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience (despite my occasional grumbling) and would recommend it to anyone out there who likes to keep a finger on the pulse of the Scrabble world. If you are interested in taking over, email either Lynn Wood or myself for further info. There are many stalwarts who have constantly provided competitions, articles, snippets, club news, support and encouragement etc. I would love to mention you all by name, but I'm too scared of leaving someone out. You know who you are — thank you all so very, very much.

Ooops, I lied. I'm going to mention one person — Glenda Foster. It is Glenda who makes this

magazine look so good with her layout and publishing talents. And somehow she fits it in with maintaining the website and officiating on the Executive. Thank you very much, Glenda for your patience, expertise, time, hard work and humour. It's been a pleasure!

Contributors — continue to send articles to me until we know who will be taking over and I will ensure that they are forwarded to the new editor.

And, just a wee note — when emailing re the magazine, ensure that you put "Forwards" or "Scrabble mag" in the message header. I receive a lot of spam and many times I have almost deleted Scrabble stuff because I haven't recognised the sender's name or email address — so, if you sent me something and it didn't appear in the next issue it could have been deleted in error.

Queries re subscriptions go to Joan Thomas and magazine distribution queries go to Glenda.

That's it from me — time to hang up my editorial keyboard. Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and good health and happiness in 2006.

Closing date
for the March
issue —
February 20,
2006

Lynne
☺

Mailbox

She who dares...

from Howard Warner

In *Forwards* recently, Jeff Grant advised Scrabblers to fearlessly challenge every word they don't know for sure – it's only five points.

June Mackwell took this to heart, playing in the A grade at the Mt Albert Tournament. She challenged seven of my words (the runners were exhausted, poor things). Sure, she conceded 30 points in penalties for the right to look at PLOWTER, REGROW, CULTIGEN, NIFFER, SINFONIE and URAEI. But then she saved 40 points by challenging off 'glump'. All in all, she made a net gain of 10 points – and so proved the Grant Rule.

No Wise Man?

from Allie Quinn

At Mt. Albert tournament I had WISEMAN on my rack. I didn't like it so I dumped the 'W' and 'M'. Found out afterwards that I could have had MANWISE. But I also found out that you could have WISEWOMAN/WISEWOMEN. I thought there was a lot of merit in that.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

May's Teapot

On a recent trip to England, May Quigley's daughter, Janet went many miles out of her way to visit The Teapot Factory in the town of Bovey Tracey, near Exeter. The factory specializes in teapots and tea sets and Janet bought the only Scrabble one. The factory has many novelty teapots such as Winnie the Pooh as well as regular domestic pots in all sizes, colours and shapes. TEAPOT = APTOTE



Having a Shuftie

At the Mt Albert tournament Jeff Grant hooked an S on the front of QUIZ making SHUFTIE/SQUIZ for 120 points. Both words are slang for a quick look or glance. Unfortunately for Jeff only the forms SHUFTI and SHUFTY (plural SHUFTIES) are allowed in Scrabble, so John was able to challenge off the play and put down his own word, SEPTIME (the seventh parrying position in fencing), for 110 — a 230-point swing for move!

Marriage Made in Scrabble Heaven

If Anna Nicole Smith married Kelsey Grammer... she'd be Anna Grammer.

Wise Words

Following on from Allie Quinn's letter here is a list of all the WISE words, up to 8 letters.

ARCHWISE
BENDWISE
COMBWISE
CRABWISE
DROPWISE
EDGEWISE
ELSEWISE
FESSWISE
FLATWISE
LIKEWISE
LONGWISE
OVERWISE
PAIRWISE
PALEWISE
RINGWISE
SIDEWISE
SOMEWISE
STEPWISE
SUCHWISE
TEAMWISE
TENTWISE
THUSWISE
WARPWISE
WEFTWISE
AIRWISE
ANYWISE
ENDWISE
FANWISE
MANWISE
MAPWISE
SUNWISE

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F₁
O₁
R₁
W₁
O₁
R₁
D₂
S₁

E₁
D₂
I₁
T₁
O₁
R₁

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Internet & email access preferred

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DAZZLING DOZEN

Most people are probably familiar with TSAR, TSETSE and TSUNAMI. Here are a dozen less common words beginning with TS-

TSAREVNA	TSORES
TSARITZA	TSORRISS
TSESSEBE	TSOTSI
TSIMMES	TSUBA
TSKING	TSUNAMIC
TSOORIS	TSUTSUMU



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No 81

Assuming you have the first turn, what are the highest-scoring moves you can make with these opening racks? They are all names of competitors at the 2005 World Scrabble Champs in London.

1. APPLEBY
2. GONGOLO
3. WAPNICK
4. TALOSIG
5. SHERMAN
6. KAUFMAN
7. WIEGAND
8. LITUNYA
9. KALUMBA
10. COLLINS

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 Closing date is 20 February, 2006.

Solution: Scrabble Contest No 80

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| 1. minute | 11. pate |
| 2. row | 12. number |
| 3. poop | 13. dove |
| 4. lead | 14. does |
| 5. bass | 15. wound |
| 6. couch | 16. lied |
| 7. refuse | 17. supply |
| 8. mere | 18. bowman |
| 9. finish | 19. flower |
| 10. moped | 20. lamed |

Lots of correct entries this time. First name out of the hat was Rhoda Cashman (HBC). Well done!

Daffy Questions Part 1

How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit?
 Unique Up On It.

How Do You Catch a Tame Rabbit?
 Tame Way, Unique Up On It.

How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest?
 They Take The Psycho Path

How Do You Get Holy Water?
 You Boil The Hell Out Of It.

What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall?
 Dam!

What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice too Long?
 Polaroid's

What Do You Call a Boomerang That Doesn't work?
 A Stick

What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?
 Nacho Cheese.

What Do You Call Santa's Helpers?
 Subordinate Clauses.

What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand?
 Quattro Sinko..

What Do You Get From a Pampered Cow?
 Spoiled Milk.

What Do You Get When You Cross a Snowman With a Vampire?
 Frostbite.

What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches?
 A Nervous Wreck.

Tournament Calendar 2006

January							February							March						
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Tournament	Dates	Tournament	Dates
Pakuranga	28-29 January	Kiwi	16 July
ACC Masters Games	4-5 February	Hamilton	5-6 August
Nelson	11-12 February	Tauranga	2-3 September
New Plymouth	11&12 March	Christchurch	9-10 September
Dunedin Open	1-2 April	Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	18-22 September *
NZ Masters Championship	15-17 April	Mt Albert	30 September - 1 October
North Shore	22 April	Wanganui	21-22 October
Sth Island Champs	6-7 May	Trans Tasman Challenge	4-6 November
NZ National Champs	3-4 June	Rodney	11 November
Wellington	24-25 June	Otago Open	11-12 November
Waikato Phoenix	15 July	Waikato Phoenix	25-26 November *
* to be confirmed		Kapiti	9&10 December

Scrabble in the ESL Classroom

by Howard Warner

Scrabble could be a valuable tool for teaching English to non-native speakers. That's the finding of new research published in Australian academic journal *Prospect* (the National Centre for Language Teaching and Research, Macquarie University).

The report, entitled 'Scrabble Unscrabbled: adult ESL students' perceptions of Scrabble as a classroom learning tool', shows that students view the game as, among other things, a legitimate way to have 'fun' while learning; a focused way of acquiring and retaining new vocabulary; and a catalyst for natural conversation (in English, of course).

Actually, this classroom research project was my own. It began life as part of my Graduate Diploma of Language Teaching at UNITEC last year, with my class at Mt Roskill as (willing) guinea pigs.

For this project, I surveyed my class of 12 students — various Asian nationalities, a wide range of ages and backgrounds — through a mix of questionnaires (before and after class Scrabble sessions, held over three successive weeks), teacher observation of the group dynamics, and peer-group and focus-group discussions about the experience.

The key research findings:

- Scrabble validates the 'fun' element in language learning, among cultures that are used to dry, serious teaching methods and styles;
- Students like playing in pairs rather than solo, because it forces them to converse about things such

as strategy, scoring, word-formation;

- The game structure focuses their minds, so that any new words are more likely to stick in the memory banks;
- The main sticking points tend to be dictionary use and length of turns (just like domestic Scrabble among native English speakers).

Some observations that might interest Scrabblers:

- ESL students are competitive but enjoy the social interaction; they're good at scoring; and they're not wedded to words in their lexical context, as many native-speaker 'knockers' are.
- Different nationalities show signs of different strategic approaches (for example, Koreans are instinctive at parallel plays);
- ESL students quickly get the Scrabble bug. They're unlikely to join 'native-speaking' clubs, because they're shy of exposing their 'inferior' English skills. However, they'll happily buy a set and play among their own kind, and they're comfortable with on-line play. Also, Asian students find Thailand's success in English-language Scrabble inspiring.

I think the publication of these findings is significant as a 'start'. I've searched high and low, but there doesn't seem to be any

research anywhere on Scrabble in education — other than one maths project from England. (Honestly, I'd love to be proved wrong.) There are about 20 "school Scrabble" websites worldwide, and most proclaim the educational benefits. However, their claims tend to be rhetorical and anecdotal rather than based on any validated research. In fact, there's very little on the competitive element in classroom games, full-stop. So the field is wide open for any educators-cum-Scrabblers.

It seems obvious to me that ESL learners represent a huge potential catchment for expanding competitive Scrabble. The challenge now is to get educators in New Zealand and elsewhere to recognize the learning benefits of Scrabble. If second language speakers can embrace the game, so should native-speaking learners.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Scrabbling Sibling Rivalry

More celebrity Scrabblers who are legends in their own leisure time... *ScreamingMedia* reports from Australia, in a story entitled *Kylie and Dannii Tackle Rushdie at Scrabble*:

Australian pop singer siblings Kylie and Dannii Minogue both have a secret talent — they are experts at word-based board game Scrabble.

The pair regularly play at the home of writer pal Kathy Lette, and frequently give her intellectual novelist pal Salman Rushdie a run for his money.

Rushdie reveals: "The three of us played together. Did I win? Of course I did. Kylie came second. She is one of those people who knows all the three and four-letter words — a crucial talent."

Lette reveals Rushdie's more embarrassing defeat at the hands of Dannii: "He was here playing very recently, and he did lose to Kylie's sister Dannii."

Similar articles submitted by Howard Warner and Dianne Cole-Baker

Fringe Comedy

These clever gems were sent in by Jeff Grant...

- ☺ I realised I was dyslexic when I went to a toga party dressed as a goat.
- ☺ The right to bear arms is only slightly less ludicrous than the right to arm bears.
- ☺ First the dodo died, then Didi died and Dodi died — Dido must be feeling very nervous...

PAGE FROM THE PAST

This feature highlights pages from past issues of *Forwards*. This page is from issue no 10 dated January 1988. This was Jeff Grant's first published anagrams of Scrabblers' names. He has made this a regular feature of the magazine since.

SCRABBLERS' ANAGRAMS Jeff Grant

I sometimes amuse myself anagramming the names of my fellow Scrabblers. Current national title-holder Glennis Hale becomes the delightful "ENGLISH LANE" and Masters Champ David Lloyd is "ODDLY VALID". Playing styles vary; Kevin Edgeler may sometimes "DELVE IN GREEK", while Glenyss Buchanan "HAS CANNY BUNGLES". For Ian Patterson the letters could flow like "INSTANT OPERA", where Georgine Offringa may feel as if she is "FORAGING IN A FORGE", looking for the right word. Andrew Bradley isn't really a "BRANDED LAWYER", nor is Joy Hunter "ON THE JURY". Correne James never "JEERS ROMANCE", and Kathy Solomon doesn't have "MANY HOT LOOKS", even after a particularly bad day. A sense of humour is essential; Peter Jones is an "OPEN JESTER", Ngairie Steel "RETAINS GLEE", and Iren Smith will "SEE IN MIRTH".

If you are interested in the Scrabble scene "COME AND BROWSE" as Andrew Coombes might say. You would observe everything from the "GREAT FONDLES" of Glenda Foster to the REDONE DOINGS of Denise Gordon, and of course the redoubtable reversible Noel Maisey "YES I AM, LEON. Paul Lister, who is well over 6 foot, would probably "RISE UP TALL" to greet you, while former National winner Michael Sigley, "HE GLEAMS ICILY". but only during the intensity of competition, where everyone tries to be a "REAL COOL ONE" like Leonora Cole. After the last game of the day it is a time when brain-drained players relax together and talk about their families, sporting interests, and a myriad of other diverse topics including, not surprisingly, Scrabble.

Word Play

submitted by Trevor Frew (Canberra)

Glenda's brother sent these examples of wordplay which have been stolen over the years from the *Washington Post*

Abattour	The line of rubbernecks driving slowly by the scene of a traffic accident hoping to see some gore.
Beginity	The other end of infinity.
Cabbage	Taxi fare.
Docyoumeant	The letter you should have written.
Epoxy	Infected with a computer virus.
Flabbergasted	Appalled over how much weight you have gained.
Gethsemoney	Thirty pieces of silver.
Hste	When there's just no time for spelling the whole word.
Internapping	Web browsing with a dial-up.
Jestation	That pregnant pause between joke and punch line.
Kimchihuahua	Asian food made with secret special ingredients.
Liverworst	The unkindest cold cut of all.
Meander	A lovers' stroll.
Negligent	Condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown
Osteo-witticism	A humerus play on words; a bone mot.
Pi-eyed	3.1415962653 sheets to the wind.
Queery	To ask the question that dares not speak its name.
Robust	Underwire bra.
Slumber	Sawing logs.
Thesaurus	Extinct lizard-like creature with good language skills.
Unaqueue	The single line that should be formed when waiting before two ATMs, rather than forming a separate line before each
Vomittee	A work group that spews out report after report.
Westhamptonboroughminsterburginshire	A small village in England, pronounced "Wesher."
Xxylophone	A percussing instrument.
Yearner's-permit	A credit card.

World Scrabble Champs 2005

by Glenda Foster



The 2005 Champs, sponsored by Mattel, were held in London from 17-20 November. There were 102 players competing in a 24-game competition, with the top two going on to a best-of-five game final.

The Players

The field was impressive with many high profile players. There were five previous WSC winners — Mark Nyman (1993), David Boys (1995), Joel Sherman (1997), Joel Wapnick (1999) and Panupol Sujjayakorn (2003).

From North America there were the current champ Dave Wiegand (US) and former champ Adam Logan (Canada), as well as former Canadian champ Ron Hoekstra

From the UK there were former national champs winners Russell Byers, Phil Appleby, Brett Smitheram and Harshan Lambadusuriya, as well as former Scottish champ Allan Simmons.

From Africa there were former national champs Trevor Hovelmeier and Dylan Early (South Africa),

From Asia there were 2003 WSC runner-up Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thailand), Malaysian champ Ganesh Asirvatham, Indian and former Gulf Champ Akshay Bhandarkar, former Australian Champ Cheah Siu Hean (Singapore).

From Australia there were current Australian champ and former Gulf champ Naweena Fernando, former Australian champ Paul Cleary, former British champ

Andrew Fisher.

Of those players who gave their age, the youngest was Samitha Amarasinghe, aged 14 from Sri Lanka, while the oldest was Joel Wapnick, aged 59, from Canada.

Team NZ

New Zealand was represented by

☆ Jeff Grant, who is one of only two players to have played in all eight WSC events (the other is Joel Wapnick). Jeff has multiple NZ national and Masters titles and his best place in WSC is 3rd in 1995.

☆ Nigel Richards, currently resident in Malaysia. Nigel, a former NZ national and Masters champ, placed 8th in WSC in 1999, and has won many events in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, as well as placing 2nd and 3rd in the last two North American champs.

☆ Howard Warner, who placed 19th at the 2001 WSC. Howard also has many NZ Nationals and Masters titles and is currently top of the NZ ratings list.

☆ Peter Sinton, who placed 12th at the 2001 WSC. He was also the top player at the 1998 Trans Tasman Challenge.

☆ Rogelio Talosig who placed 68th at the 2003 WSC.



Jeff Grant



Howard Warner



Rogelio Talosig



Peter Sinton



Nigel Richards

Day 1

Team NZ got off to a bad start, with only Nigel and Peter being able to win their round 1 games. By round 4, Nigel had climbed up to second on the leader board with 4 wins. Peter and Rogelio were on 2 wins. Jeff had a draw against Panupol with 430 points, and was on 1.5 wins, with Howard on 1 win. There were at that stage 6 unbeaten players.

At the end of day 1 after 8 games Adam Logan (Canada) was the sole unbeaten player. Ganesh Asirvatham (Malaysia) and David Boys (Canada) were on 7 wins and Gerald Carter (Thailand) was on 6.5.

Nigel was in the next group of 10 players on 6 wins, and in 9th place. Jeff ended the day on 4.5 wins, with Rogelio, Howard and Peter all on 3 wins.

Day 2

After four games on day 2 Nigel was holding on to 10th place with 8 wins, while the other Kiwis struggled for form. Adam dropped two games to slip to second place and Ganesh took the lead. Australia held the next three places, with Andrew, Paul and Naweena all on 9 wins.

At the end of 9 games on day 2 it was tight at the top with 4 players on

13 wins from 17 — Adam, Naweena, Pakorn and Peter Armstrong (US). Nigel remained the best Kiwi, but had slipped to 20th place on 10 wins. Howard won 6 games (unfortunately at the expense of Peter and Jeff) and climbed up the leader board. In round 16 Rogelio had a good game against Mark Nyman (England), bingoing three times with PENCILS, TURDOID and RESITING, ending up with 425 points. He would have won, too, except that Mark scored 680 points, bingoing HEATHEN, NEMATODE, PREADULT and the triple-triple TETANIZE (see board over page).

Day 3

After four games, Adam was the only one of the top four to win all the games and he took a 1 game lead on 17 wins, ahead of Naweena (16), Paul and Pakorn (15). It was looking good for Australia, with all four of their team in the top 13. Howard and Nigel were the best of the Kiwis on 11 wins, but were well down the field.

In round 22 Adam beat Naweena 432-386 and took a two-win lead. Pakorn beat Paul and joined Naweena on 16 wins. With only two rounds left to go Adam was virtually assured of taking the top

spot as his spread was more than 700 points ahead of his nearest rival. Attention turned to who might face him in the final.

In round 23 Pakorn and Naween faced off. In a very tight game, with both players in time trouble, Pakorn emerged the winner by 393-327 and took a 1-win lead over the field going into the final round.

There were three contenders for the second spot in the final — Pakorn needed only to win his final game versus Gareth Williams (Wales); If Naween or Ganesh win and Pakorn loses, they may get to play. If Gareth wins big over Pakorn, he could be a contender.

Pakorn ended up winning by only 1 point and plays in his second WSC final. Naween beat Ganesh by five points and retained

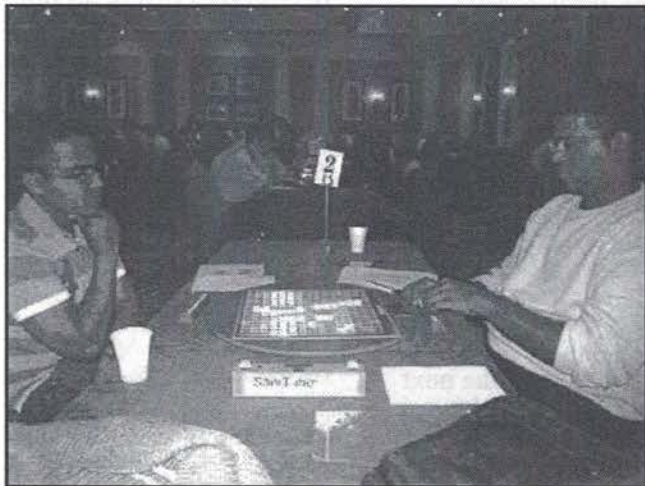


Rogelio game vs Mark Nyman

third place on 17 wins. Ganesh and Gareth ended up in fourth and fifth place respectively on 16 wins.

An extraordinary performance by the Australian team, with all four players in the top quarter of the field means that they will get an extra team member in the next WSC. David Eldar finished in 11th

place—a fantastic performance for a 16-year-old in his first WSC. Howard won his last three games and climbed up to 18th place on 14 wins. Nigel had four consecutive losses and dropped to 47th place on 12 wins. Rogelio also managed 12 wins, while Jeff and Peter finished on 11.5 and 10 wins respectively.



Naween Fernando (left) plays Ganesh Asirvatham

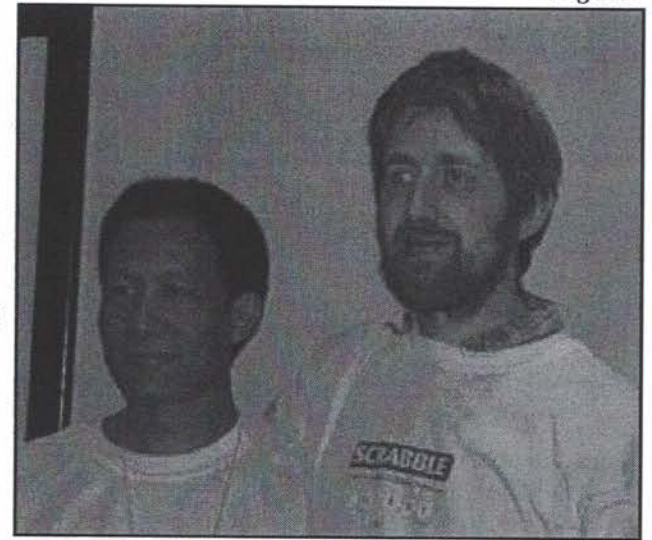
Final

Game 1 was a tense affair. Adam built a 44-point lead, but Pakorn found the first bingo. Holding ACDIOSU he played EDACIOUS through a floating E. Adam kept pace until Pakorn scored his second and third bingos — GRINDER and VALETING to take a 86-point lead. Adam replied with a bingo of his own — STATURE to reduce the lead to 18 points, but Pakorn scored 59 with the Z and went into the end game with a 56-point lead.

Unfortunately for him Adam was able to score 140 points for the triple-triple TWISTIER and Adam won 524-419.

In game 2 Adam scored 89 for RIBANDS on his second turn Pakorn came straight back with CATTAILS. Adam went ahead again with 77 for GNARRED, and when he scored 60 for REX/XENIA it was looking grim for Pakorn. Another bingo — VAUNTIER let Pakorn back into the game, and he managed to get to within 44 points of the lead with 54 points for YOMP on a triple. However Adam played his third bingo ELODEAS and kept a comfortable lead for the rest of the game. Pakorn got caught with the Q as well as a 30-point time penalty, for a 520-316 loss.

Adam started the next game with a rack of AEIIPRU, but found the unusual EURIPI to rid himself of unpromising tiles. Pakorn was not so lucky — holding ACIGLUW



Pakorn Nemitmansuk (left) and Adam Logan

he could only play WAG. Adam immediately hooked an S in front, making AURATES, and in his next move he scored a double-double with RECOINED and a 120-point lead. Pakorn got down TEAMING and after his fifth move the game was even at 218-216 to Adam. A further bingo—ANCONES put Adam out in front. But Pakorn scored well with his Z and found a late bingo with BIRSLED to put him 20 points in front, with only 14 unplayed tiles remaining.

Adam scored 50 points for HORNED on the triple, and picked up the two remaining tiles. Pakorn held FIIHLUW and was only able to score 28 for HUI to trail by 2 points. Adam played out with IRK to win the game 465-426 and become the 2005 World Champion.

Material for this article was obtained from the WSC website <http://www.wscgames.com/2005/>

WSC Results after 24 Rounds

Name	Country	Wins	Spread	Name	Country	Wins	Spread
1 Adam Logan	CAN	20.0	+1613	52 Mark Nyman	Eng	12.0	+193
2 Pakorn Nemitmansuk	THA	18.0	+678	53 David Poder	USA	12.0	+60
3 Naween Fernando	AUS	17.0	+741	54 Jiang Pern Goh	SGP	12.0	-159
4 Ganesh Asirvatham	MYS	16.0	+690	55 Rogelio Talosig	NZL	12.0	-376
5 Gareth Williams	Wal	16.0	+664	56 Asad ul-Haq	QAT	12.0	-386
6 Paul Cleary	AUS	16.0	+643	57 Patrick Litunya	KEN	12.0	-452
7 David Boys	CAN	16.0	+612	58 Zev Kaufman	CAN	12.0	-507
8 Dave Wiegand	USA	16.0	+599	59 Jeff Grant	NZL	11.5	-553
9 Lukeman Owolabi	NGA	15.0	+832	60 Jason Katz-Brown	USA	11.0	+663
10 Siu Hean Cheah	SGP	15.0	+776	61 Jim Kramer	USA	11.0	+318
11 David Eldar	AUS	15.0	+672	62 Peter Finley	Eng	11.0	+257
12 Paul Allan	SCO	15.0	+591	63 Leslie Charles	TTO	11.0	+179
13 Dean Soldanha	CAN	15.0	+414	64 Olatunde Odunwale	NGA	11.0	+136
14 John O'Laughlin	USA	15.0	+367	65 Leonardo Capuno	ARE	11.0	+132
15 Michael Arthur Quao	GHA	14.5	+725	66 Karl Khoshnaw	Kur	11.0	-9
16 Panupol Sujjayakorn	Wsc	14.5	+422	67 Ralph Lobo	OMN	11.0	-27
17 Harshan Lamabadusuriya	Eng	14.0	+1209	68 Andy Kurnia	SGP	11.0	-48
18 Howard Warner	NZL	14.0	+894	69 Randy Hersom	USA	11.0	-367
19 Joel Sherman	USA	14.0	+847	70 Sherwin Rodrigues	IND	11.0	-487
20 Terry Kirk	Eng	14.0	+770	71 Paul Yandisha Kalumba	ZMB	11.0	-667
21 Andrew Fisher	AUS	14.0	+724	72 Dylan Early	ZAF	11.0	-813
22 Chrys Placca	GHA	14.0	+437	73 Anthony Ikalo	NGA	11.0	-981
23 Oscar T. Rivera	PHL	14.0	+254	74 Kien Hung Yeo	MYS	10.5	+95
24 Edward Martin	Eng	14.0	+210	75 Allan Simmons	SCO	10.0	+416
25 Tim Adamson	USA	14.0	+166	76 Abdul Jabbar	PAK	10.0	+221
26 Akshay Bhandarkar	IND	14.0	+127	77 Navapadol Sayaveso	THA	10.0	+48
27 Manop Phiphatboonserm	THA	14.0	-553	78 Peter Sinton	NZL	10.0	-208
28 Peter Armstrong	USA	14.0	-815	79 Shaila Amalean	LKA	10.0	-518
29 Helen Gipson	Eng	13.0	+736	80 Lakshan Wanniarachchi	LKA	10.0	-532
30 Steve Polatnick	USA	13.0	+492	81 Evan Cohen	ISR	10.0	-615
31 Nick Ball	Eng	13.0	+407	82 Cecil Fernandes Prabhu	OMN	10.0	-623
32 Albert Hahn	CAN	13.0	+405	83 Rashid Ateeq Khan	PAK	10.0	-625
33 Joel Wapnick	CAN	13.0	+395	84 Samuel Taneq Fomum	CMR	10.0	-665
34 John Luebkeermann	USA	13.0	+392	85 Neil Green	Wal	10.0	-698
35 Theresa Camilleri	MLT	13.0	+349	86 Anand Buddhdev	NLD	10.0	-1399
36 Femi Awowode	Eng	13.0	+332	87 Trevor Mark Hovelmeier	ZAF	9.5	+581
37 Keiichiro Hirai	JPN	13.0	+330	88 Matoyo Bwire	KEN	9.0	+65
38 Lisa Odom	USA	13.0	+272	89 Paloma Raychbart	ISR	9.0	-398
39 Jojo Delia	MLT	13.0	+260	90 Brendan McDonnell	IRL	9.0	-556
40 Yawo Takyi Ananga	GHA	13.0	+183	91 Ben Filio	BHR	9.0	-806
41 Phil Appleby	Eng	13.0	+167	92 Samitha Amarasinghe	LKA	9.0	-900
42 Gerald Carter	THA	12.5	+249	93 Herve Bahbot	FRA	9.0	-901
43 Brett Smithieram	Eng	12.5	+117	94 Chris Ntege	UGA	9.0	-1115
44 Andrew Davis	Eng	12.0	+808	95 Adeeb Ahmad	BHR	9.0	-1187
45 Russell Byers	Eng	12.0	+469	96 Mateusz Zbikowski	POL	9.0	-1652
46 Joey Mallick	USA	12.0	+361	97 Rohaina Tanveer	KWT	8.5	-1061
47 Nigel Richards	NZL	12.0	+294	98 Ferdynandus	IDN	8.0	-402
48 John Edward Tabosa	PHL	12.0	+289	99 Mushtak Esmail	TZA	8.0	-791
49 Jerry Lerman	USA	12.0	+246	100 Dan Laurentiu Sandu	ROM	6.0	-1413
50 Ron Hoekstra	CAN	12.0	+200	101 Kunihiko Kuroda	JPN	6.0	-1844
51 Mark Kenas	USA	12.0	+196	102 Marten Bjorkman	SWE	5.0	-1806

Cryptograms

By Howard Warner

Read the clues to work out the anagram pairs (word lengths in brackets)

Example: *Walrus comes from South America (8) = MANATEES, EMANATES*

1. A lonely business supporting the monarchy. (8)
2. Clear thinking, like a lawyer. (8)
3. He has a devilish sense of humour. (8)
4. It ain't sexy to worry so much. (8)
5. Heaved up his guts in the toilet. (7)
6. The director finds a new leading lady. (7)
7. My sweetheart gains weight. (7)
8. The result of being stuck in a lift on your way to work. (8)
9. Go to school – or else! (9)
10. Group singing breaks out. (7)
11. Unemployment breeds criminals. (8)
12. Harsh words can break bones. (7)
13. The whole lot, for all time. (8)
14. It's too hot up in the loft. Hallelujah! (8)
15. She's just like my sister, only Chinese. (8)
16. Grab a lump of hair and hold tight. (5)
17. Asian migration is a serious problem. (7)
18. This time he denied ever having poured the wine. (8)
19. Legume with legroom, speed and power. (7)
20. One attached to each leg – both look the same. (7)

Answers on Page 21

An Expensive WAQF

WAQF is one of those handy little words that gets rid of pesky tiles and rakes up a reasonable score especially if it hits a bonus square. But, would you pay money to play it? You might have to if you live in Turkey...

In October this year, a Turkish court fined 20 people for using the letters Q and W on placards at a Kurdish new year celebration, under a law that bans use of characters not in the Turkish alphabet. The court in southeast Turkey fined each of the 20 people 100 new lira (NZ\$75.53) for holding up the placards, written in Kurdish, at the event last year.

The 1928 Law on the Adoption and Application of Turkish Letters changed the Turkish alphabet from the Arabic script to a modified Latin script and required all signs, advertising, newspapers and official documents to only use Turkish letters. The letters Q and W do not exist in the Turkish alphabet.

No one likes getting stuck with the unplayed Q at the end of a game, but in Turkey, if it meant attracting a fine, it might be a different matter. It makes one wonder if there would also be a fine if blanks were designated as the W and Q? It would sure make me SQUAWK!

[Under some pressure from the European Union, Turkey has improved language and human rights for its Kurdish minority, but implementation has been patchy and loopholes remain.]

WAQF - S : (Arabic) a religious endowment in Islam, typically devoting a building or plot of land for Muslim religious purposes.

Double Letters Score in Welsh Scrabble

by Hywel Trewyn, *Daily Post*

Welsh is the latest language to boast its own version of the world-famous board game Scrabble.

The letters q and z are missing — as they don't appear in the Welsh language.

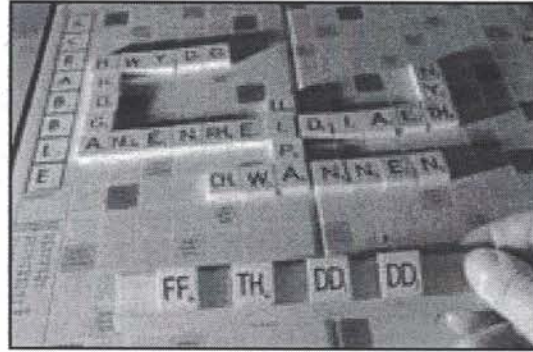
Instead the tiles familiar to families across the UK carry the Welsh phonics of ll, rh and th, plus ng and rh.

Scrabble experts calculate players could notch up a top score of 164 with the word *angenrheidiaeth* — but more if it lands on a treble word score.

In comparison, its English translation — necessity — manages to score 176 points.

Makers Mattel said it's banking on the game being a hit with Wales' half-million Welsh speakers — plus expat communities around the world, from Patagonia and New Zealand to Canada.

Scrabble yn Gymraeg, with a



£19.99 price-tag, is being backed by the Welsh Books Council.

Director Gwerfyl Pierce Jones said it long felt Scrabble should be available in Welsh and so is providing financial and practical support for the venture.

"Scrabble, an institution for word game lovers, had both educational and popular appeal and would therefore attract a wide audience of Welsh speakers, including the growing number of children and adults committed to learning the language," she said.

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Collins Misses Scrabble Deadline

by Roy Kietzman

Despite missing its end-of-September deadline for final proofs, Harper Collins is struggling to meet publication early next month for *Collins Scrabble Dictionary*, the official new reference for competitive players around the world of the brainy game.

Both the Association of British Scrabble Players and the World English-language Scrabble Players Association approved CSD in August on condition that the publisher meets certain criteria important for the game. Collins had set a November 7 publication date.

"The Collins team has been working hard to deliver a supportable word list," reports ABSP-Wespa chairman Allan Simmons, "but, unfortunately, as at the target date agreed at the British association's annual general meeting, the publisher hasn't been able to supply the dictionary committee with final proofs to sign off.

"Collins advises that it's endeavouring to still meet an early November publication date."

The globe's top exponents in the game have anticipated a launch event of CSD at the eighth World Scrabble Championship in London in November 17-21 which now seems unlikely.

The ABSP-Wespa dictionary committees have examined the final proofs of just one letter, B, which "appears to be correct, and the layout looks good and acceptable," says Allan. That leaves 25 letters to go.

Given the delays, ABSP, a key

national association, underlines that it will not be introducing CSD in sanctioned tournaments as of January 1.

"Signoff by the dictionary committees can't be completed until they've seen final proofs for all letters and verified these as meeting requirements."

Once all production steps have been completed, ABSP will agree on a date for use of CSD in competitions, allowing a few months between publication and adoption that "best fits in with the tournament calendar."

Once British players give the nod to the dictionary, Wespa will doubtless follow.

Meanwhile, based on the new CSD, ABSP is working on an adjudication computer program as well as a booklet of useful new words — both possibly available at the end of next month.

[There will be no change for New Zealand until a remit is passed at an AGM. — Ed]

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Norfolk Island — October 8 - 15, 2005

by Jeff Grant

The first Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival was held in 1985. Twenty years on, the 2005 event was attended by 40 keen Scrabblers from New Zealand and Australia, as well as many supporters.

Anson Bay grade was closely contested. Karyn McDougall led going into the final day, but dropped a couple of games, which left Glynis Jennings (who played in the first festival) and amazing octogenarian Audree Clifton to fight it out in the final round. Things went Audree's way and she took the title ahead of Karyn, Glynis and NZASP president Lynn Wood. Audree must be one of the most 'experientially enhanced' players ever to win the top grade of a tournament. Some of you will remember Audree's sister, top Aussie Marie Knight, who came runner-up to yours truly at the 1985 Norfolk tourney and also competed in the NZ National Champs.

The battle for Highest Single

Turn Score started on Day 1 when Karyn got 99 for CZARS/RINSINGS. Yvonne MacKenzie then scored 102 for PUNCHES followed by 112 for QUINCES. Kathleen Mori-Barker's triple triple LEAGUERS for 149 stood until Jean Wacker got down SPARKLES on a triple triple for 167 (against Kathleen!) to take the award. High Game Score was won by Colleen Cook with 523, narrowly beating Lynn Wood's 519.

The Handicap Knockout event was won by Jane Taylor from Lynn's mum Thelma Chisholm, and the Most Unusual Word prize went to Kathleen for SCEAT, a small Anglo-Saxon coin, pronounced "shat" and pluralised SCEATTAS. Despite the free challenge rule, quite a few interesting non-words like SLANTIER, SWINES and SQUAWL found their way onto the boards.

Spot prizes were awarded in each round. In Game 1 Glynis won a 'Bird' prize for CRANE, which was appropriate as her husband

Glen, an avid avian photographer, brought over his camera and took hundreds of shots of Norfolk birds during the week. Another calendar coming up perhaps? Janni Henneveld won the 'Shopping'



spot prize for BUNDLES, Jane took the 'Z' one with QUIZZED and Colleen got 85 for QUITE to win the Q prize.

Ace puzzlers Correne James and Jacky Booth combined as 'Les Femmes Formidable' to win the weeklong Word Puzzle competition, ahead of 'The Kempsey Kittens' (Vicki Underhill, Sherie Brown, Joy Smith). New Zealand won the Team Prize, and Australia's Norma Engel was a popular winner of the Sportsperson

award.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time on beautiful Norfolk Island. Away from the Scrabble, Pat and I got in plenty of swimming, picnics, beach-combing, cross-stitching, reading, tennis, and of course a little shopping. A very relaxing interlude before heading off to the World Champs in London. Like many others, we're already looking forward to Norfolk '06.

Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival Results







Name	Country	Wins	Points	B/W
Anson Bay				
1 Audree Clifton	AU	16	8164	30
2 Karyn McDougall	NZ	15	8599	28
3 Glynis Jennings	NZ	15	8498	25
4 Lynn Wood	NZ	14	8325	24
5 Lynn Carter	NZ	9	7711	23
6 Sunny Wright	AU	8	7501	16
7 Colleen Cook	NZ	4	7221	9
8 Norma Engel	NZ	3	6909	10
Ball Bay				
1 Correne James	NZ	14.5	7763	18
2 Vicki Underhill	AU	13.5	7589	11
3 Wayne Willis	AU	13	7507	18
4 Margaret Flaws	NZ	11	8090	22
5 Kathleen Mori-Barker	NZ	10	7701	25
6 Ruth Goffman	NZ	10	7559	10
7 Sherie Brown	AU	9	7227	16
8 Dorothy Bull	AU	3	6648	5
Cascade Bay				
1 Jane Taylor	AU	16	7759	20
2 Yvonne MacKenzie	NZ	13	7513	22
3 Catherine Henry	NZ	11	7371	16
4 Thelma Chisholm	NZ	11	7206	11
5 Jo-Ann Ingram	NZ	11	7074	22
6 Margaret Hanson	NZ	10	7225	17
7 Joy Smith	AU	6	6702	5
8 Gianna Devic	AU	6	6299	5
Duncombe Bay				
1 Jean Boyle	NZ	17	7645	20
2 Michael Goffman	NZ	14	7757	12
3 Irene Hague-Smith	NZ	14	7611	27
4 Jean Wacker	NZ	12	7383	13
5 Heather Landon	NZ	11.5	7225	13
6 Leah Jackson	AU	5.5	6193	5
7 Barbara Nakkan	AU	5	6565	7
8 Jacky Booth	AU	5	6008	9
Emily Bay				
1 Noeleen Bettjeman	NZ	16	7025	10
2 Janni Henneveld	NZ	14	7205	11
3 Tim Henneveld	NZ	13	7051	7
4 Judith Bach	NZ	12	7224	6
5 Paula Gibbons	NZ	10	6745	12
6 Mary Simmonds	AU	7	6623	13
7 Raymond Seddon	NZ	6	6224	5
8 Anne-Louise Milne	NZ	6	5936	1
Prizes				
Most Unusual Word: Kathleen Mori-Barker - SCEAT				
Highest Individual Game Score: Colleen Cook - 523				
Highest Scoring Word: Jean Wacker "Sparkles" - 167 Kathleen Mori-Barker "Leaguers" - 149				
Word Puzzles:				
1. Les Femmes Formidable—Jacky Booth/Correne James				
2. Kempsey Kittens—Vicki Underhill/Sherie Brown/Joy Smith				
3. JoAnn Ingram & Margaret Flaws				
Sports Person				
Norma Engel				
Knockout Winner				
Jane Taylor				
Knockout R/U				
Thelma Chisholm				
NZ Champion				
Karyn McDougall				
Australian Champion				
Audree Clifton				
Team Trophy				
New Zealand				

Christmas Sudoku






For a special Yuletide treat here are two CHRISTMAS sudoku. Put the letters of the word CHRISTMAS into the blank squares so that each column, each row and each 3x3 block has one of each letter. The word CHRISTMAS will appear somewhere in each grid. Answers on Page 25

*NB Because CHRISTMAS contains two esses, the final S has been designated as a happy Santa face.

No 1

S		H	C			I		
R		A	T					H
			H			A		
	R	C			I			S
			M	T	C			
A			S			C		
		M						C
C		R			T	M		
					M	H		I

No 2

				S	C	T	R	
R	S		T			C		
I						S	H	
M							T	
T			R		S			C
	A			C				R
		R			M			T
		M			A		C	
	T	I	S	R		M		

Wildwords Winner

The WildWords Game Company has declared a winner in its contest to find a slogan that would appeal to serious Scrabble® players. According to the contest rules, the slogan was to be written in Scrabblese which was defined as “the short, odd words in the Official Scrabble Dictionary that never appear in print media and are never spoken.”

WildWords, unlike Scrabble®, is played with a regular English reference dictionary, since any word, no matter how long, can be played in the game.

Scrabblese is not essential to playing the game brilliantly. Peter Roizen, the creator of WildWords, said he and other WildWords players simply did not speak Scrabblese well enough to author even a crummy promotional phrase in the language.

Roizen says, “I was hoping for something soft and subtle with a poetic sense along the lines of ‘E Pluribus Unum’.”

The winning entry was “Come one, come all, faqirs and qaid, vavasors and chalutzim, soucars and judokas, kabakas and kamaainas. An oe of flux is shaking the Scrabble aalii, so put that quaih of kvass in its zarf, scrape together your sous, zaires, xu or prutah, put on your zoris or chukkas, and climb in your troika, caique, bidarka or quadriga and make like a jehu (not an ai) to your closest souk to buy WILDWORDS!”

The winning entry was submitted by Megan Romer who writes the board game section at the BellaOnline website. Roizen is not quite sure what to make of it, but he did check a translation to make sure the phrase was not obscene or promoting violence.

Cryptograms

answers (from p 15)

1. SOLITARY, ROYALIST
2. RATIONAL, NOTARIAL
3. DAEMONIC/DEMONIAC, COMEDIAN
4. UNEROTIC, NEUROTIC
5. ENTRAIL, LATRINE
6. RECASTS, ACTRESS
7. DARLING, LARDING
8. ELEVATOR, OVERLATE
9. EDUCATION, CAUTIONED
10. CHORALE, CHOLERA
11. OVERIDLE, EVILDOER
12. THREATS, SHATTER
13. ENTIRETY, ETERNITY
14. ORGANIST, ROASTING
15. ORIENTAL, RELATION
16. CLASP, SCALP
17. EASTERN, EARNEST
18. RECANTED, DECANter
19. HARICOT, CHARIOT
20. CALIPER, REPLICa



Anthea James (KIW)

It's a Numbers Game

by Howard Warner

Scrabble outsiders always assume that the best players must work with words in some way.

A quick trawl through the player profiles of the 102 representatives at WSC 2005 shows a very different reality.

It's hardly a scientific survey, but clearly there is a preponderance of people whose work requires advanced technical or mathematical skills.

The single largest occupational group is engineer — and that's not even including former engineers who have tried a new field, like our own Rogelio Talosig.

Close behind are accountants, computer/IT geeks, teachers/lecturers (maths is the most popular subject), and students. The number of members in this last category is well up on previous years, showing that the game is making inroads into the youth market around the world (if not yet in New Zealand).

Also fairly large are a couple of loose groupings: business (including business owners, contractors, consultants, company managers); and word whizzes (assorted writers, editors, publishers, translators). Jeff Grant and I proudly count ourselves among this minority breed.

The next occupational layer has the categories of medicine, banking, science, professional gamblers or casino workers, marketing, and officialdom.

Some one-off occupations featured among the display of Scrabble talent in London are waiter, TV producer, truck driver, antiques dealer, architect, quality assurance assessor, and plumber (that's our Peter Sinton).

Mt Albert Words

Adjudicator Pat Grant noted the following words at the Mt Albert event in October:

Allowed

CALLOWS	STOOPES
DUMAIST	BIFFY
VAMPIRED	DAUBIEST
PLOWTER	CULTIGEN
SINFONIE	NIFFER
LOUNGY	DEEPIE
MATADORE	OVERWENT
UNBELIEF	MISTLED
ROOTAGES	GIUSTED
APORIAS	HACKLED
HEEZE	TROELIES
OTALGIA	BACULINE

Disallowed

DEFUR	STANDOVER
SURRIES	PEGABLE
TASTIES	PAROLER
TRAYED	PENNINGS
LAVVIES	STINKIE
DROOLER	CRAY
OVERTEND	RELIANTS
OUTSEEK	WAGGY
SHUB	EXED

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?



CLUB NEWS

Noel Maisey Trophy

by Heather Landon

At the recent Tauranga tournament the Noel Maisey trophy, which is awarded to the highest placed novice payer, was won by Marilyn Anderson of Tauranga.

This trophy was awarded by the Maisey family in honour of (Mrs) Noel Maisey who founded New Zealand's first Scrabble Club at Tauranga.

Whangarei

by Allie Quinn

The Whangarei Club will be holding their inaugural tournament on July 8/9th, 2006. Please put this date on your calendar and come along to support us.

Kiwi

by Elaine Moltzen

Early in the year six of our members travelled to Tauranga for the inaugural Trans-Kaimai Challenge.

A fantastic idea and a great day was had by all. The amazing result was 18 wins per team and Tauranga won the trophy with the higher spread. We look forward to winning it off them early next year.

There was an interesting article in the September issue on the odds of both players drawing a blank to determine who starts a game. It happened to Roger and Elaine one club night in July. Also on the same night Margaret and Anthea both drew four I's before they got a starter for their game.

Another good achievement this year has been a total of 25 words of 100+ points, including four each to Lyn, Jacqueline, Karen and Margaret.

Over the last few weeks we have been running a sales table, for example, fruit veges or something from home worth selling and we have made \$64.00 and added another \$100.00 from our club funds and donated it towards the World Champ Fund.

We have had a great year again.

Merry Xmas everyone
from the Kiwi Scrabblers

Daffy Questions Part 2

What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup?

Anyone Can Roast Beef.

Where Do You Find a Dog With No Legs?

Right Where You Left Him.

Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils?

Because They Have Big Fingers.

Why Don't Blind People Like To Sky Dive?

Because It Scares The Dog.

What Kind Of Coffee Was Served On The Titanic? Sanka.

Why Did Pilgrims' Pants Always Fall Down?

Because They Wore Their Belt Buckle On Their Hat.

What's The Difference Between a Bad Golfer And a Bad Skydiver?

A Bad Golfer Goes, Whack, Dang!
A Bad Skydiver Goes Dang! Whack.

WESPA News

by Roy Kietzman

The World English-language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) set in motion a five-point programme, from ratings to rules.

The 11-member management committee appointed chairpersons to work out various aspects of Wespa's work.

Chief Toke Aka (Nigeria) chairs a subcommittee to define what constitutes an international tournament and what standards are to be expected. Sponsorships will also be examined.

Amy Byrne (Britain) will form a subcommittee to look into rules, proposing a basic set of rules after examining regional variations. Establishing a rating system will be explored by Sam Kantimathi (USA).

Wespa chairman Allan Simmons (Britain) expects initial subcommittee reports by the end of the year with quarterly progress given thereafter.

As part of the start-up process, Wespa treasurer (Australia) is initiating banking procedures while Roy Kietzman from Bahrain, a country seen as "a crossroads" for the global association, is looking at setting up headquarters in that island nation.

The dictionary subcommittee remains under the chairmanship of Darryl Francis with a meeting scheduled for this month with HarperCollins to determine how to proceed when the publisher issued Scrabble dictionaries without Wespa having reviewed the pages prior to printing. A website is to be completed in the

next weeks.

Simmons is to contact Scrabble copyright owners - Hasbro for North America and Mattel for the rest of the world — to assure them that newly constituted Wespa intends "working [with them] in the spirit of mutual co-operation, recognition and respecting trademarks and intellectual property rights." Bryne was brought onto the management committee to fill a vacancy.

Formed two years ago in Kuala Lumpur, Wespa was formally constituted when over 40 delegates from 18 countries gathered to vote on a constitution and a five-tier membership structure.

With a constitution and membership basis, the management expects to move ahead more resolutely in the 2005-07 term.

ANAGRAM CORNER










Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example MAJOR to JORAM and EUPHORIC to POUCHIER. On a higher level, ELECTION RESULTS turn into LIES — LET'S RECOUNT (thank goodness we didn't have to!) Here are anagrams for six players who attended this year's Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival.

AUDREE CLIFTON	ACE TILER FOUND
DOROTHY BULL	THROB LOUDLY
NORMA ENGEL	LONGER NAME
CATHERINE HENRY	THEIR CHEERY NAN
ANNE-LOUISE MILNE	A ONE-MILE SUN-LINE
IRENE HAGUE-SMITH	ENSURE A HIGH TIME







Christmas Sudoku

Answers (from p 20)

No 1

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T	S		A	C	M	H	R	I

No 2

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T	I	H	R	A	S		M	C
	A	S	M	C	T	H	I	R
A		R	C	H	M	I	S	T
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EXECUTIVE ERTIONS



Dear Scrabblers

Another year draws to a close and most of the clubs will be celebrating their end of year. The tournament calendar was a big one, and several clubs managed to host multiple events. Thank you one and all for keeping the game alive and well. 2006 will see additional events, and in particular New Plymouth resurrecting their tourney, Wellington celebrating their 21st birthday and Kapiti holding their first tournament.

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who gave so generously to help fund our world team to London, your efforts were all appreciated. It isn't too late to contribute, and as the coffers are looking very sad, further funds will be taken with open arms. The final figure of in excess of \$13,000 was within the budget, and we did stress just how expensive the participation would be. The team tried their very best, but as all good Scrabblers know, sometimes the tile fairy hasn't waved her magic over your bag. Liz annotated games, and she can report racks from hell for some of the boys. A big thank you to Howard, Jeff, Peter, Rogelio and Nigel for representing New Zealand and giving it your best shot. Roll on 2007 and another bite at the pie.

Australia is to be congratulated for their effort in the worlds, and in an email to Bob Jackman concerning the Trans Tasman, I expressed ours on behalf of New Zealand. Naween in third place was the equivalent of Jeff in the same position in 1995. How proud we were then of what our little country achieved. David Elder did very well for his tender 16 years, and we need to be encouraging young New Zealand blood to take up the

challenge. Howard has ideas yet to be released, and Ruth Groffman from Dunedin is on the way to promoting the game to our younger generation.

Lynne has resigned her position as Editor of our great publication, and we are desperately looking for a replacement. If you are up to the challenge, feel free to give me a call or an email, or Lynne herself, to explain the procedure. Thank you Lynne for all the tireless efforts over the years, we have enjoyed the work you have produced. Lynne is joining the full time work brigade, and we wish her well in the new venture. Thanks too to Glenda for her work as layout editor, it is great working with you ladies.

My thanks to the committee who beaver away at making this association so great: Glenda, as vice president and manager of the web site, Liz, the secretary with an inside knowledge of the workings of office, and Joan the great keeper of the purse. I appreciate your untiring efforts for another great Scrabble year, and look forward to the challenges of 2006.

May the festive season be good to you and your family. Leave thumb prints in the dictionary as you learn new words to dazzle opponents, and return to the new year and the first tourney in Auckland, refreshed and invigorated for the way ahead. 'Going forward' is a newish buzz phrase, and we all need to be doing just that.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all. May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart with love and the Scrabble bag with luck.

Lynn.

NZASP Rankings List as at 10 December 2005

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2095	859	1222	70%	48 Andrew Denmead	1530	190.5	387	49%
2 Jeff Grant	2070	1188.5	1544	77%	49 Joan Thomas	1529	465	900	52%
3 Jack Dymond	2060	315	423	74%	50 Helen Sillis	1519	531	1045	51%
4 Mike Sigley	2013	681	935	73%	51 David Gunn	1518	831	1626	51%
5 Rogelio Talosig	2011	199.5	321	62%	52 Frank Robinson	1496	110.5	219	50%
6 Peter Sinton	1991	427.5	587	73%	53 Lawson Sue	1471	133.5	232	58%
7 John Foster	1965	930.5	1636	57%	54 Faye Cronhelm	1463	544	1092	50%
8 Lynne Butler	1921	642	1057	61%	55 Glenda Beard	1441	684	1368	50%
9 Glennis Hale	1917	991.5	1778	56%	56 Jean O'Brien	1426	634	1242	51%
10 Liz Fagerlund	1894	520	976	53%	57 Hazel Purdie	1423	515.5	1044	49%
11 Andrew Bradley	1881	449	906	50%	58 Pam Barlow	1421	333.5	641	52%
12 Chris Hooks	1870	620.5	1279	49%	59 Ann Candler	1420	537.5	1136	47%
13 Patrick Carter	1870	589	946	62%	60 Karyn McDougall	1416	448.5	848	53%
14 Lisa McLean	1868	391.5	763	51%	61 Maureen Holliday	1412	450	879	51%
15 Joanne Craig	1841	51	88	58%	62 Rhoda Cashman	1379	598	1257	48%
16 Neil Talbot	1840	32	57	56%	63 Elaine Moltzen	1367	371	732	51%
17 Lynne Powell	1833	725	1410	51%	64 Selena Chan	1347	134.5	223	60%
18 Steven Brown	1808	526.5	995	53%	65 Doreen Ogston	1345	476.5	986	48%
19 Shirley van Essen	1806	240	436	55%	66 Amelia Carrington	1335	164	264	62%
20 Glenda Foster	1802	609.5	1174	52%	67 Kim Yoon Fong	1303	261.5	487	54%
21 Ann Hough	1800	317.5	602	53%	68 Lynn Carter	1293	160	279	57%
22 Paul Lister	1755	494.5	864	57%	69 Delcie Macbeth	1285	491	932	53%
23 Marianne Bentley	1755	186.5	403	46%	70 Margaret Bundock	1282	530.5	1108	48%
24 Peter Jones	1729	650	1304	50%	71 Margaret Cherry	1282	330	653	51%
25 Val Mills	1729	570.5	1210	47%	72 David Bragg	1276	133.5	223	60%
26 Eileen McLean	1723	847.5	1646	51%	73 Colleen Cook	1261	101	183	55%
27 Glynis Jennings	1715	355.5	760	47%	74 Lyn Toka	1254	289.5	548	53%
28 June Mackwell	1715	443.5	989	45%	75 Su Walker	1246	466.5	911	51%
29 Denise Gordon	1713	498	981	51%	76 Andree Prentice	1223	590	1146	51%
30 Nick Ascroft	1696	101	166	61%	77 Ruth Groffman	1209	230	444	52%
31 Pam Robson	1696	413	885	47%	78 Rosalind Phillips	1203	171	314	54%
32 Glenyss Buchanan	1687	428	891	48%	79 Margaret Lyall	1189	351	711	49%
33 Janice Cherry	1687	259	475	55%	80 Lyn Dawson	1188	248.5	437	57%
34 Murray Rogers	1680	254	479	53%	81 Margaret Flaws	1186	149	262	57%
35 Julie Atkinson	1678	215.5	392	55%	82 Betty Eriksen	1184	536	1081	50%
36 Debbie Caldwell	1660	246.5	419	59%	83 Kaitie Hansen	1184	83	149	56%
37 Doreen O'Shea	1652	348.5	692	50%	84 Samantha Samuels	1183	107	216	50%
38 Allie Quinn	1644	671.5	1397	48%	85 Shirley Martin	1181	415.5	803	52%
39 Jennifer Smith	1625	495.5	917	54%	86 Steve Richards	1177	144	279	52%
40 Fae Olson	1607	981	2064	48%	87 Lorraine Van Veen	1173	541	1073	50%
41 Rosemary Cleary	1596	411	892	46%	88 Carole Coates	1148	371.5	744	50%
42 Gerald Warner	1595	826.5	1757	47%	89 Roto Mitchell	1142	292	557	52%
43 Roger Coates	1594	443	919	48%	90 Correne James	1140	516	1079	48%
44 Leila Thomson	1582	358	798	45%	91 Marianne Patchett	1138	195.5	374	52%
45 Lynn Wood	1572	936	1970	48%	92 Yvette Hewlett	1137	248.5	520	48%
46 Stan Gregec	1567	130	213	61%	93 Ernie Gidman	1131	184	374	49%
47 Shirley Hol	1548	356	739	48%	94 Catherine Henry	1120	162.5	289	56%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
95 Roger Cole-Baker	1106	100	187	53%
96 Shirley Wyatt	1086	345.5	746	46%
97 Judith Thomas	1085	20	40	50%
98 Jim Wills	1071	109	180	61%
99 Liz Richards	1067	144.5	277	52%
100 Kathleen Mori-Barker	1062	200.5	428	47%
101 Connie Flores	1038	64.5	86	75%
102 Allison Torrance	1032	175	324	54%
103 Bev Barker	1031	414	845	49%
104 Roger French	1010	69	116	59%
105 Ella Rushton	999	62	95	65%
106 Karen Miller	980	319.5	658	49%
107 Yvonne MacKenzie	977	251	552	45%
108 Anderina McLean	971	46.5	84	55%
109 Pat Bryan	959	41	73	56%
110 Joan Pratt	949	470	907	52%
111 Jean Boyle	930	118.5	200	59%
112 Mescal Kelly	909	70	129	54%
113 Veronica Zilinskis	906	98	177	55%
114 Shirley Morrison	906	46	106	43%
115 Jena Yousif	899	147.5	295	50%
116 Marian Ross	873	270.5	565	48%
117 Olivia En	862	77	132	58%
118 Carolyn Kyle	857	292.5	594	49%
119 John Baird	855	26	43	60%
120 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	829	359	743	48%
121 Gabrielle Bolt	825	161.5	310	52%
122 Liz Catchpole	822	248.5	522	48%
123 Valma Gidman	818	438	878	50%
124 Dianne Cole-Baker	815	81.5	162	50%
125 Sheila Reed	793	55	117	47%
126 Jo Ann Ingram	787	58.5	103	57%
127 Ray Goodyear	779	133.5	280	48%
128 Dominic Lister	776	173	353	49%
129 Chris Handley	773	217	431	50%
130 Heather Landon	769	78.5	154	51%
131 Kate Wignall	767	513	1027	50%
132 Pam Mayall	743	227.5	433	53%
133 Margaret Durdle	732	123.5	250	49%
134 Michael Groffman	729	109.5	242	45%
135 Elaine Ware	723	289	566	51%
136 Bernice Hyde	697	77.5	149	52%
137 Resie Coenen	660	191	455	42%
138 Thelma Chisholm	651	101	204	50%
139 Trevor Rowell	641	59	111	53%
140 Maureen McBain	641	131.5	306	43%
141 Olwen Skelton	636	386	807	48%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
142 Maria Clinton	633	110	231	48%
143 Iris Boulton	603	96.5	198	49%
144 Patricia Fletcher	575	27.5	65	42%
145 Jean Wacker	567	129	261	49%
146 Margaret Hanson	562	352.5	715	49%
147 Anthea Jones	546	50	99	51%
148 Janni Henneveld	540	115	256	45%
149 Dorothy Haining	538	409.5	827	50%
150 Roslyn Lister	509	203	426	48%
151 Charles Kiewiet	502	126	240	53%
152 Paula Gibbons	500	251.5	534	47%
153 Barbara Dunn	491	51	79	65%
154 Pauline Smeaton	489	142	303	47%
155 Sue Mayn	470	46.5	131	35%
156 Rosemary Wauters	463	38.5	72	53%
157 Noelene Bettjeman	450	71.5	152	47%
158 Tony Charlton	444	58.5	126	46%
159 Betty Wilson	391	205.5	410	50%
160 Betty Sutherland	378	154.5	363	43%
161 Madge Watson	365	31.5	81	39%
162 Jean Craib	353	193	459	42%
163 Bev Griffin	351	27	79	34%
164 Jillian Greening	351	230	485	47%
165 Tim Henneveld	301	108	255	42%
166 Margaret Miller	299	35.5	92	39%
167 Evelyn Haywood	285	33	86	38%
168 Sue Foster	268	40	130	31%
169 Ed Olson	232	588.5	1468	40%
170 Alison Holmes	138	14	42	33%
171 Anne-Louise Milne	69	10	84	12%



Anne-Louise Milne (DUN)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

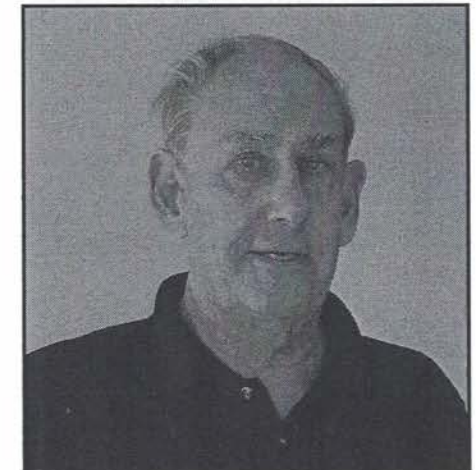


Tauranga Club Tournament 2-3 September

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 John Foster	NSB	10.5	887	437	30
2 Glennis Hale	IND	9	391	396	17
3 Neil Talbot	WEL	8	221	391	20
4 Val Mills	PAK	8	87	389	17
5 June Mackwell	NSB	7	415	406	19
6 Eileen McLean	MTA	7	-56	384	16
7 Peter Jones	HAM	6	-99	372	17
8 Lynne Powell	HBC	6	-186	397	20
9 Gerald Warner	WRE	6	-206	378	11
10 Janice Cherry	IND	6	-338	394	17
11 Marianne Bentley	TGA	5	77	392	16
12 Fae Olson	NSB	4.5	-353	376	14
13 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	-407	372	16
14 Roger Coates	KIW	4	-433	363	16
Grade B					
1 Maureen Holliday	HBC	11	667	410	17
2 David Gunn	WKP	9	289	404	23
3 Joan Thomas	HAS	8.5	466	403	19
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	7	234	375	13
5 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	7	112	379	10
6 Delcie Macbeth	IND	7	-76	381	17
7 Lynn Carter	NSB	6	-209	373	16
8 May Quigley	IND	6	-254	356	10
9 Lawson Sue	PAK	6	-386	365	15
10 Hazel Purdie	MTA	5.5	180	387	18
11 Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	134	386	16
12 Allie Quinn	WRE	5	-25	383	16
13 Glenda Geard	IND	5	-341	370	13
14 Margaret Bundock	HBC	3	-791	354	11
Grade C					
1 Amelia Carrington	IND	10	689	411	15
2 Su Walker	MTA	8	206	391	22
3 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	8	11	368	14
4 Mary Gray	MTA	7.5	292	376	13
5 Margaret Flaws	TGA	7	213	382	18
6 Joan Pratt	HBC	6.5	232	380	14
7 Carole Coates	KIW	6.5	-108	353	12
8 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	6	120	383	14
9 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-4	359	11
10 Correne James	IND	6	-82	379	19

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Catherine Henry	TGA	6	-209	350	11
12 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	7	372	12
13 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	4.5	-452	354	12
14 Shirley Morrison	TGA	4	-915	328	8
Grade D					
1 Margaret Hanson	PHC	11	706	366	9
2 Margaret Durdle	TGA	9	505	359	12
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	9	493	363	10
4 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	9	420	362	13
5 Heather Landon	TGA	7.5	-228	352	11
6 Maureen McBain	TGA	7	20	338	7
7 Patricia Fletcher	TGA	7	-12	356	10
8 Pip Hartley	PAK	6	263	351	7
9 Annette Coombes	WKP	6	86	360	16
10 Janni Henneveld	IND	6	-215	335	6
11 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	4	-507	329	4
12 Sue Mayn	ROD	4	-543	315	9
13 Tim Henneveld	IND	3.5	-469	315	3
14 Jean Wacker	TGA	2	-519	312	3
Grade E					
1 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	11	909	376	12
2 Jillian Greening	HAM	10	309	345	16
3 Evelyn Haywood	WRE	9	474	355	11
4 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	8	148	314	5



John Foster (NSB)
A Grade winner at Tauranga

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Madge Watson	HBC	8	68	309	2
6 Noel Davenport	TGA	7	-203	302	1
7 Ed Olson	NSB	6	220	337	4
8 Valerie Scott	TGA	6	29	327	2
9 Bev Griffin	TGA	5	10	323	1
10 Sue Foster	TGA	4	-103	319	1
11 Hazel Smith	TGA	4	-394	311	4
12 Marilyn Anderson	TGA	0	-1467	233	0

**Canterbury Open
10-11 September 2005**

15 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Shirley van Essen	CHC	12	821	27	
2 Ann Hough	NEL	11	511	20	
3 Paul Lister	CHC	9	576	15	
4 Murray Rogers	NEL	7	-208	8	
5 Shirley Hol	CHC	4	-813	16	
6 Andrew Denmead	NEL	2	-887	16	
Grade B					
1 Selena Chan	CHC	10	437	19	
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	9	552	18	
3 Colleen Cook	CHC	8	-388	13	
4 Kaite Hansen	CHC	6	64	11	
5 Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	-319	22	
6 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-346	10	



John Baird (CHC)
D grade winner at Canterbury

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade C					
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	10.5	420	19	
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	9	203	28	
3 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	8.5	348	21	
4 Allison Torrance	CHC	7	-74	14	
5 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	6	-486	13	
6 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	4	-411	13	
Grade D					
1 John Baird	CHC	10	421	10	
2 Olivia En	DUN	9	427	13	
3 Ray Goodyear	CHC	8	551	17	
4 Chris Handley	DUN	8	71	13	
5 Dominic Lister	CHC	8	-498	7	
6 Roslyn Lister	CHC	2	-972	8	
Grade E					
1 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	10.5	311	3	
2 Paula Gibbons	CHC	10	642	11	
3 Betty Wilson	CHC	10	270	11	
4 Jean Craib	CHC	8	292	8	
5 Betty Sutherland	CHC	8	-9	2	
6 Alison Holmes	CHC	7	-217	3	
7 Judith Bach	CHC	6.5	-181	5	
8 Sue Purdie	CHC	0	-1108	0	

**Mt Albert Club Tournament
1-2 October**

13 games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	10	760	439	26
2 Jeff Grant	IND	10	591	430	27
3 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	10	523	430	29
4 John Foster	NSB	9	779	427	21
5 Andrew Bradley	MTA	8	883	427	25
6 Glennis Hale	IND	8	250	406	20
7 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	8	-19	405	18
8 Chris Hooks	MTA	7	-129	403	20
9 Lynne Powell	HBC	5	18	390	21
10 Val Mills	PAK	4	-606	380	16
11 June Mackwell	NSB	4	-756	372	14
12 Eileen McLean	MTA	3	-633	358	13
13 Jennifer Smith	HAM	3	-1118	343	13
14 Nick Ascroft	WEL	2	-543	379	14
Grade B					
1 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	177	404	21
2 Lawson Sue	PAK	8	432	412	22
3 David Bragg	IND	8	215	400	19
4 Allie Quinn	WRE	8	76	393	21
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	7	289	393	18
6 Ann Candler	NSB	7	239	399	17
7 Gerald Warner	WRE	7	85	396	16

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
8 Glenda Geard	IND	7	-105	373	12
9 Hazel Purdie	MTA	6	-23	399	15
10 Maureen Holliday	HBC	6	-87	386	14
11 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	-126	360	9
12 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	5	-165	365	9
13 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	-329	373	15
14 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	-678	349	14
Grade C					
1 Amelia Carrington	IND	11	817	407	16
2 Lynn Carter	NSB	11	519	393	13
3 Margaret Bundock	HBC	9	399	374	10
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	630	397	20
5 Correne James	IND	7	324	368	9
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	7	48	375	16
7 Su Walker	MTA	7	-19	376	18
8 Marianne Patchett	MTA	6	84	360	8
9 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	6	-195	368	11
10 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-425	362	12
11 Catherine Henry	TGA	4	-226	357	10
12 Jim Wills	PAK	4	-360	351	12
13 Roger French	MTA	3	-943	346	11
14 Joan Pratt	HBC	2	-653	337	11
Grade D					
1 Bev Barker	MTA	10	365	372	13
2 Pat Bryan	MTA	9	464	380	12
3 Karen Miller	PAK	9	340	382	12
4 Jena Yousif	KIW	8	416	394	13
5 Mescal Kelly	MTA	7	-120	344	8
6 Anderina McLean	MTA	7	-163	352	15
7 Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	151	368	14
8 Liz Catchpole	MTA	6	115	365	5
9 Bernice Hyde	NSB	6	-229	362	16
10 Valma Gidman	ROD	5	-82	354	8
11 Elaine Ware	MTA	5	-175	355	7
12 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	5	-201	351	9
13 Margaret Hanson	PHC	5	-382	347	11
14 Kate Wignall	MTA	3	-499	345	7
Grade E					
1 Resie Coenen	PHC	11	958	364	4
2 Jean Wacker	TGA	11	706	355	8
3 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	8	4	320	6
4 Evelyn Haywood	WRE	7	-94	324	0
5 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	6	77	333	6
6 Madge Watson	HBC	6	-170	312	2
7 Margaret Miller	HBC	5	-90	327	6
8 Lynn Thompson	WRE	4	-248	318	4
9 Suzanne Harding	WRE	4	-610	295	4
10 Errol Hooker	WRE	3	-533	301	2

**Wanganui Club Tournament
October 22-23 2005**

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Mike Sigley	WAN	12	1186	443	31
2 Howard Warner	IND	11	1691	481	35
3 Lynne Butler	NPL	7	64	411	16
4 Peter Jones	HAM	7	-48	401	23
5 Denise Gordon	WAN	5	-316	388	21
6 Glenda Foster	WEL	5	-794	387	23
7 Steven Brown	KAP	5	-1067	362	20
8 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	-716	370	18
Grade B					
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	10	1081	422	21
2 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	52	371	14
3 Lynn Wood	WEL	8	17	382	16
4 Leila Thomson	LOH	8	-27	384	18
5 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	7	80	373	18
6 Helen Sillis	NPL	7	3	389	18
7 Frank Robinson	WEL	5	-424	365	15
8 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	3	-782	353	12
Grade C					
1 Clare Ruckstuhl	WEL	10	79	382	14
2 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	529	400	17
3 Lynn Carter	NSB	8	-8	383	15
4 Roto Mitchell	WAN	7	15	361	9
5 Geoff Vautier	WEL	7	-57	377	20
6 Yvette Hewlett	IND	5	39	399	25
7 Betty Eriksen	WAN	5	-42	362	14
8 Judith Thomas	WEL	5	-555	349	13
Grade D					
1 Jean Boyle	WAN	10	599	386	14
2 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	10	51	340	5
3 Sheila Reed	WEL	8	194	354	7
4 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	5	-68	339	5
5 Sue Osborne	WAN	5	-388	328	9
6 Alison Vautier	IND	4	-388	332	3

**Otago Lion Open Tournament
12-13 November 2005**

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Karyn McDougall	DUN	11	733	24	
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	10	372	29	
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	9	-55	21	
4 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	22	22	
5 Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-31	6	
6 Lynn Carter	NSB	1	-1137	14	

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade B					
1 Ella Rushton	DUN	12	678	13	
2 Olivia En	DUN	9	414	13	
3 Jean Boyle	WAN	7	123	18	
4 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	48	15	
5 Michael Groffman	DUN	6	-450	6	
6 Maria Clinton	NEL	4	-813	8	
Grade C					
1 Karen Gray	DUN	14	1194	11	
2 Paula Gibbons	CHC	11	494	10	
3 Betty Wilson	CHC	9	114	8	
4 Alison Holmes	CHC	5	-15	4	
5 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	4	-643	0	
6 Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	2	-1144	2	



Anderina McLean (MTA)
C grade winner at Waikato Phoenix

**Waikato Phoenix Club
Tournament
26-27 November 2005**

13 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Glenda Foster	WEL	10	618	415	21
2 Allie Quinn	WRE	10	239	395	23
3 Eileen McLean	MTA	9	152	388	15
4 Janice Cherry	PAK	8	147	399	13
5 Stan Gregec	IND	7	283	392	15
6 Gerald Warner	WRE	7	131	389	11
7 Roger Coates	KIW	6	-128	382	18
8 Peter Jones	HAM	6	-130	386	21
9 Jennifer Smith	HAM	6	-372	371	13
10 David Gunn	WKP	5	254	415	27
11 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	-118	386	14
12 Helen Sillis	NPL	5	-218	374	14
13 Faye Cranhelm	IND	5	-501	374	16
14 Maureen Holliday	HBC	2	-357	370	16
Grade B					
1 Lyn Toka	KIW	8	487	401	20
2 Lynn Carter	NSB	8	192	392	18
3 Su Walker	MTA	8	-300	365	14
4 Kim Yoon Fong	KIW	7.5	140	393	14
5 Lorraine van Veen	IND	7	-3	373	14
6 Margaret Flaws	TGA	7	-29	372	15
7 Margaret Cherry	PAK	7	-154	367	12
8 Carole Coates	KIW	6.5	-129	371	18
9 Delcie Macbeth	IND	6	68	383	16
10 Catherine Henry	TGA	6	2	358	9
11 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-182	367	13
12 Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	-199	359	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
13 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	4	388	389	18
14 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	-281	365	16

Grade C

1 Anderina Mclean	MTA	11	885	395	18
2 Jean Boyle	WAN	10	580	374	12
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	10	304	361	13
4 Jena Yousif	KIW	9	621	387	10
5 Jacqueline Caldham-Fussell	KIW	8	95	367	12
6 Heather Landon	TGA	7	380	364	10
7 Kate Wignall	MTA	7	-3	356	4
8 Margaret Durdle	TGA	6	-291	338	5
9 Bernice Hyde	NSB	5	57	366	17
10 Daphne Hick	NPL	5	-279	336	3
11 Resie Coenen	PHC	5	-366	329	5
12 Jean Wacker	TGA	3	-450	323	7
13 Patricia Fletcher	TGA	3	-778	324	5
14 Margaret Hanson	PHC	2	-755	333	7

Grade D

1 Anthea Jones	KIW	9	217	0	8
2 Janni Henneveld	IND	8	304	23	9
3 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	8	295	29	10
4 Barbara Dunn	TGA	7	655	19	8
5 Rosemary Wouters	TGA	7	226	24	7
6 Bev Griffin	TGA	6	-108	25	4
7 Maria Barker	WKP	6	-453	22	4
8 Jillian Greening	HAM	5	32	23	11
9 Lynn Thompson	WRE	5	-196	25	2
10 Sue Foster	TGA	5	-203	31	1
11 Tim Henneveld	IND	4	-76	24	4
12 Evelyn Haywood	WRE	4	-294	21	6
13 Suzanne Harding	WRE	4	-399	19	7

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)	7	Jeff Grant (IND)
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)