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From the Editor

Comings and goings

We're gaining more than we're losing. I'm not referring to our waistslines, but rather to our vocabulary!

As the development of a new official Scrabble list continues, several of you have expressed concern to me about how many words you will have to unlearn. The good news is, not many – always depending, of course, on how many words you actually know in the first place! Certainly nowhere near as many as we will need to learn.

Jeff Grant, in consultation with Darryl Francis, the WESPA representative spear-heading the dictionary negotiations, has given me the following information (Remember, none of this is official in New Zealand yet.):

There are probably only about 100 deletions altogether, and they're mostly longer, obsolete words that are rarely used in Scrabble, eg. SYRLYE, EMBREWE and PICCADELL.

We are losing just one two-letter word, PH (along with its bigger relative in the threes list, PHS). However, we will be gaining four: FE, JA, KI and ZA.

As an aside, the word attracting the most comment on the internet and in overseas papers is ZA, an abbreviation for PIZZA. The discussion is summed up in this extract from an article by Virginia Linn in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on 26 April:

Italian Village Pizza in Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania, does brisk business in a diverse neighborhood, but none of the workers there can ever recall anyone ordering a 'za.'

"A what?" asked Cory Savit, who's now at his second pizza shop in a year.

You know, a 'za' – a slang term for pizza. What do you call pizza?

"Pizza," he replied with a puzzled look.

No matter, the word 'za' is now part of a new list of acceptable words for the crossword game.

Jeff says ZA has been around since the 1960s, in both the *Oxford English Dictionary* and the *Random House Dictionary*.

Apart from PHS, the only three-letter words we will be losing are EMF (along with its bigger relative in the fours list, EMFS). However, we will be gaining 128, including what look like our ethnic words AUA, AUE, IW, REO, UMU and WAI. The complete list of threes-in-waiting is given on page 12.

The only four-letter word going will be the aforementioned EMFS.

So that's not too scary, is it?

Perhaps not, but here's the daunting news – the new words include 300 or so fours, several hundred fives, and over a thousand sixes. Bonus-size new words number more than 3500 (about 1600 sevens and 2000 eights). The new words include not only those from *Collins Dictionary* in UK, but also those from the *Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 4th edition*, the latest American reference.

So we're in for an exciting time – not to mention a lot of work as we update anagrams and other lists. We will need to re-examine every little thing we've ever taught ourselves – such as, "there are no anagrams for DARTLES" or "there are no end hooks for MIXT". (SLARTED and MIXTE are two newcomers.)

For more information on the coming word list, read the article by David Sutton on pages 10-11. It's long, but we've reproduced it almost in its entirety as it's delightfully written.

May you enjoy many a night on the tiles!



Jennifer

From the Executive

Winter has struck with such a force, it takes your breath away. Great weather for playing Scrabble though, and learning new strategies to impress the opposition.

The Masters held at Easter in Auckland saw some impressive games and some tightly fought contests. The hard luck story of the weekend would have to be Andrew's. Going into the last game against Lisa, he needed to win to give him first place. Lisa had just taken out Mike in the game before, and was in survival mode. There were numerous challenges from the table, a great game was played, and Lisa ended up the winner. This let Howard into first place, Mike second and Andrew third. Bad luck, Andrew.

The next weekend was the North Shore tourney, and Thelma and I had stayed in Takapuna for this event. It was great playing my 2000th game and my 2006th game in 2006. The new venue for this tournament was also great, but very hot. All the cold fish of Scrabble loved it. John Foster did an excellent job of running the tournament, and the catering was A1. Thanks, John.

Christchurch hosted the South Island champs, and made the weekend a no-frills affair. This tournament had 40 participants, the biggest field so far. Scrabblers, this really is the way to go for your tournaments; it lets more people play, and leaves fewer people feeling left out because they are in the kitchen. Why don't you consider it in the future, and if you are a club who has never hosted a tournament, give it a go.

A late announcement this year sees Nelson Club hosting a second tournament for the year at Golden Bay. Two tournaments a year is a good thing,

especially if your location is a little more distant. Well done.

The venue has been decided for the Trans Tasman Challenge this year, and Auckland is the host. The tennis club that accommodated the Masters will be the battlefield for the top twelve available qualifiers for the New Zealand team. Go, New Zealand!

Take the time to learn a few new words every day and enjoy your games of Scrabble to the max.

Lynn

Postscript

Since writing this message, I learned of Eileen McLean's death on 17 May. Our hearts go out to Lisa, who was on her way to New Zealand at the time. Eileen had been diagnosed with lung cancer, but had been advised that it was treatable, and she had chemotherapy on Monday. Sadly the procedure was unsuccessful.

Not just in the past

Here are ten words that sound like past participles, but that take an S:

ATE, ATES	blind ambition that drives one to ruin
BENT, BENTS	stiff or wiry grass
CAME, CAMES	= KAME, lead rod in frame
FLEW, FLEWS	a dog's pendulous chop
SAID, SAIDS	= SAYYID, SAYID, SAYED, honorary Muslim title
SANG, SANGS	blood
SOLD, SOLDS	pay, remuneration
SUNK, SUNKS	a turf seat
TORE, TORES	= TORUS
TROD, TRODS	a track



Competition Corner

Scrabble Contest No. 83

Streams of consciousness

Imagine you are dozing, dreaming about Scrabble maybe, and the following words flow through your fuddled mind: ADVERSE, BULLSWOOL, COCKEYE, DEADMAN, EPSILON, FUSCHIA, GREEK, HERCULES, IANTHE, JOHNNYCAKE, KILLDEVIL, LOOKUP, MAILMAN, NARDOO, OXTAIL, PEGMATITE, QUOICH, RHEUMATIC, SLAPJACK, TOERAG, WOOLWASH, UNCLE, VENUS, YASHMAK, ZULU.

Questions:

1. What is the odd word out?
2. How many are not allowed in Scrabble?
3. Which one means, in Scotland, a shallow cup with ears for handles?
4. Which one is a Scottish fishing vessel?
5. What do all these words have in common?

Send entries by mail or email to:

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Closing date is 20 August 2006.

Scrabble by the stars

The Chicago Sun-Times gave the following horoscope for Cancer for the week starting 7 May:

Competition is good for you. Stick to the original rules of Scrabble.

Clearly, all the winners of tournaments in May were born between 23 June and 22 July!

Solution: Contest No. 82

1. Oslo loos
2. made Edam
3. Biro brio
4. Ugli iglu
5. Virgo vigor
6. Croat actor
7. Norse snore
8. Texel telex
9. Velcro clover
10. slaked Daleks
11. Romany mornay
12. evince Venice
13. Monday dynamo
14. Unimogs mousing
15. Croesus sources
16. Samoyed someday
17. Olympian palimony
18. personate Esperanto
19. Cointreau cautioner
20. Simmental mentalism



Correct entries were received from Rosalind Phillips, Karen Stewart, Margaret Bundock, Jethro Snafflerod, Rhoda Cashman, Margaret Forbes, Glennis Hale, Joan Thomas, Leila Thomson and Lyn Toka. First name out of the hat was

Editor's challenge

All bogus words in this magazine that are not otherwise clearly identified as unacceptable Scrabble words are marked with an asterisk – except one, which has been deliberately left un-asterisked for you to find.

Can you find it? Answer on page 39.

Club News



Nelson

The Nelson Scrabble Club, in conjunction with the Golden Bay Scrabble Club, will hold a two-day rated tournament on 19/20 August in Golden Bay. Enquiries to Murray Rogers (03 525 8286) or Debbie Caldwell (03 546 8843).

Since we have discovered the Wanganui Masters clashes with Nelson's tourney, we have decided to put the other Nelson tourney back to 3/4 February 2007. We hope this enables some people to attend both.

Christchurch

Avice Hill Crafts Day, Sunday 26 February, was a well attended day and was good for club profile. A stand was set up with trial Scrabble games and manned variously by Jean Craib, Alison Holmes, Betty Sutherland, and Roslyn and Paul Lister. Club members, including Nick, Alexandria and Carol, undertook games with interested onlookers, and many Scrabble Club cards were given out. On a rotating basis Scrabble Club 'staff' would regale themselves with various fair items such as toffee apples or exotic foods and drinks.

We held an unrated tournament on 25 March. The objective of this enjoyable annual one-day, seven-game competition is to introduce new Club members to tournament conditions, without the pressure of a rated event. A record number of players participated. Results were:

Group 1

1. Shirley van Essen
2. Paul Lister
3. Selena Chan

Group 2

1. Allison Torrance
2. Gabrielle Bolt
3. Veronica Zilinskas

Group 3

1. Judith Bach
2. Jean Craib
3. Paula Gibbons

Pakuranga

Back in 1996 the Pakuranga Club challenged Holy Cross Club to a friendly tournament. This was such a success that we decided to have two such tournaments per year, competing for the Holbrook Cup.

Our latest tournament was on Saturday 29 April and resulted in a 13-12 win to Pakuranga.

Individual winners were:

- A Grade Val Mills, Pakuranga
- B Grade Margaret Bignal, Pakuranga
- C Grade Mary Smyth, Holy Cross

The afternoon concluded with a delicious afternoon tea provided by Holy Cross. We plan to meet again in September.

Whangarei

The Whangarei Scrabble Club is fast approaching its first birthday. Active membership has now consolidated at around 15, including not only retirees but also some keen nurses on shift work.

Everyone regularly brings along 'spot prizes' - in fact, a lot more often than required!

Every month sees the circulation among members of a chatty newsletter. This contains, due to apparent lack of local newspaper space, some outstanding results in club games, as well as who did or did not do well in tournaments. Allie also lets us benefit from some of the strange words she has added to her vocabulary thanks to Patrick Carter's computer lists. And at times the latest scandal invades these pages too!

Scrabble in the Far North is healthy and booming. All (within numerical reason) are invited along to our inaugural tournament on 8-9 July to witness that for themselves.



Dunedin February 2006 < ONE EVENT - TWO VENUES > Wanganui February 2007

Wanganui

10-18 February, 2007

Many of you will know that Scrabble has now been registered as a sport in the 2007 ACC Masters Games in Wanganui, as it was in the Dunedin Masters Games in February 2006 and 2004.

To register an interest or to get on the mailing list: Freephone: 0800 35 40 45 or email info@nzmg.com or go to www.nzmg.com.

Register your interest now and you will receive your Registration Booklet as soon as it becomes available in July. The booklet has all sports' details and entry forms, plus an accommodation list. The only way to enter the Scrabble tournament is via the Masters Games Registration.

Registration Fees: Early Bird, approx \$35, open July to September; Standard, \$50, 1 October to 12 January; Late, \$70, from 13 January.

Participants can enter as many sports as they wish with the one registration fee but each sport will also set its own fee to meet its individual running costs. The likely cost for Scrabble will be \$20 (no lunches).

Scrabble will be played on Saturday January 10, and Sunday January 11, 2007.

Your \$35 registration fee is also your entry to the Games Village, a very popular meeting place for sports participants and supporters, so come and join the biggest sporting event in New Zealand. Why not make a week of it!

The Wanganui Scrabble Club looks forward to seeing you here.



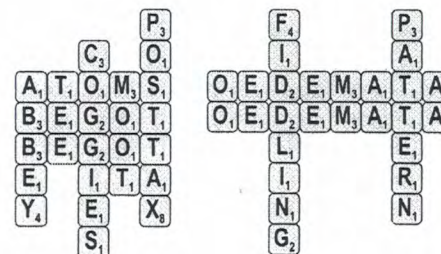
Tireless ambassador for the Masters Games, Betty Eriksen, is a walking advertisement for the event to be held in Wanganui in February

Seeing Double

-as on p26 in last issue
-from Jeff Grant

Even nicer, after the next player put down ABBEY, if the other one played POSTTAX to make ATOMS, BEGOT, BEGOT.

With an opening sequence like PATTERN, OEDEMATA, FIDDLING, OEDEMATA it would be theoretically possible to have two identical 8-letter words side by side.



Mailbox

Editor's bogus

-from Jeff Grant

I like your idea of an 'Editor's Challenge Word' each issue. Very hard to leave just one crookie* of course. Ignoring uranus*, how about dillying* on page 14?

Yes, you're right, Jeff. Uranus needs a capital letter, but it was an accidental error. The chocolate fish is yours for DILLYING*, The only other entry, from Margaret Lyall, arrived too late to catch the fish. (Too hard? Or was the reward too pathetic?) Although you can dally and dilly-dally, you can't dilly*.

Déjà vu*

-from John Foster aka* Jethro Snafflerod

There are two articles in Forwards 82 on which I would like to comment.

The first is the article "Confusing Directions" on page 19. The content is correct but I would like to point out that EASTLANDS used to be allowed, but was singled out for deletion along with 931 other words in the 1995 revision of Chambers. Many of those words reappeared in later editions but this was not one of them.

The second article on which I wish to comment concerns a possible instance of plagiarism by one of your contributors. I refer to the article on page 29 attributed to Patrick Carter. If you check your archives you will find a very similar article written by my humble self on the fourth-to-last page of Forwards No 7, March 1987 (we evidently didn't have the technology to number pages back then).

Of the 20 words in Patrick's list, 15 are direct copies from my original article, but the cruncher is the title, AYE, AYE, PATRICK whereas my article was titled AYE - AYE SIR. I rest my case.

If I were a vindictive person I might contemplate a multi-million dollar lawsuit (yeah, right - like that'd work) but will most likely agree to settle out of court for the price of a beer.

Quite interesting about the Aye, Aye article - and poor Patrick shouldn't take the brunt of your cheek because:

1. He didn't "contribute" the article, as such - I just used it, with his permission, from the stuff he sends the bingo hunters.
2. His list had no heading. I supplied that.

The idea for the heading just popped into my head as I was preparing the article for the magazine. It could not even have been a sub-conscious plagiarism, as I wasn't a Scrabble member back in 1987 when you first published it, and I've certainly never seen any old magazines.

So I can only conclude that you and I have the same warped minds! I find that a flattering thought, but you might not be so impressed!

Disputing the maths

-from Margaret Flaws

The giant tiles (page 18 last issue) may stack up, but the numbers don't. If each tile has an area of 1.5 sq m (16 sq ft) the total surface area must be at least 324 sq m (3600 sq ft). Linear dimensions would be approx 1.22 m (4 ft) and 18m (60 ft) each way. That's not allowing for any spaces between tiles, so watch your toes and fingers as you place/remove tiles.

I think I must have made some mistakes when I was typing out the extract. Sorry about that. But now you've forced me to pay attention to the figures, I see that yours don't stack up, either, Margaret!

A word of thanks

-from Pam Robson

Just a word of thanks to the past and present editors and the layout editor of Forwards. You do a wonderful job, and be assured we really appreciate all the time, effort and dedication that goes into producing such a great little magazine.

I loved your little photographic cartoon on the March '06 edition cover, Jennifer. Very clever, well done!

An oldie, but a goodie!

-by John Foster

Congratulations to June Mackwell for her achievement of further extending her record as the oldest player to compete in a New Zealand Masters.

Two years ago, in Christchurch, she became the first octogenarian to compete and has now raised the bar to 82 years and 312 days, her age on the last day of competition this year.

This record could last for a very long time even if she doesn't further increase it, considering that I am probably at the head of the chasing field and will have to live another 15 years to threaten it.



June Mackwell, North Shore Bays

Thought for the day

-from the Coffee Times
-sent in by Margaret Cherry

Do Scrabble players ever stop for a spell?

Now there's a desirable address

Forget about Remuera and Gulf Harbour. The place to live is Hard Scrabble Road, Richland County, South Caroline, USA.

Mastering the words

Here are some of the more unusual words recorded by adjudicator Pat Grant at the New Zealand Masters tournament in Auckland. Pat estimates about two thirds of words challenged were correct.

Allowed

ANIGHT
AZIONE
BONESET
BOUGHTEN
BROCH
BUAT
CHORALLY
SCANDIUM
CHURR
DEFLEAD
DIRIGENT
EUPAD
FERBAMS
FORHAILE
FUNICLE
GIPSIED
IGNATIAS
INTRADA
LEAGUERED
LEIDGERS
MESELED
MOTTLERS
PLEDGET
ROUGHLEG
SABLING
SALTIER
SCUMMED
SPLITTED
THUNK
TORRIFY
TYSTIES
VOGUIEST
VULTURNS
YARTO
ZOOTOMY
ZOOTY

Disallowed

AUTORAIL*
CATTLES*
CHALKERS*
DIFF*
FIRABLE*
GRISTLED*
MANEATER*
NEATENER*
NOVATES*
ODORISE*
OUTWIRED*
PINER*
REGULANT*
REWATER*
SLURRIER*
SNOGGER*
SOILERY*
SPITLED*
TRIVIAS*
UNPLATED*
UNREGAL*
WHEATING*



saltiers

The new words are coming

I have just been out to watch the new recruits from Collins marching past on their way to a rendezvous with the main host that can surely now be only a few months off.

Leading the vanguard come FE, JA, KI and ZA. The first three look mildly surprised not to have been asked to the party before; ZA by contrast has a brash "Wanna make something of it?" air. They are followed by a cosmopolitan bunch of more than sixty threes: I notice JAI and JAL from India, IWI and REO from New Zealand, SIK, VAG and WOF from Australia, ZOL, DOF and SIF from South Africa. In a touching gesture, some stop to lay flowers on the roadside graves of their lost predecessors PHS and EMF, gunned down in their prime so cruelly by those notorious mercenaries of the word world, Allan "Mad Dog" Simmons and Desperate Darryl Francis.

Behind the threes come a sturdy contingent of around three hundred fours, marching along with an unpretentious, workmanlike air. As one who seems to have a fatal attraction for surplus Us, I am particularly pleased to see HUHU (a New Zealand beetle), JUKU (a Japanese school), KUTU (a body louse) and WUDU (in Islam, ritual washing before the daily prayer).

Next come a squad of several hundred fives. These are a discontented looking lot, and there is already dissension in the ranks about how much better known some are going to be than others. "It's all right for WUXIA and ZOOEY and QUINO and MIXTE and JAXIE", grumble some, "people will be all over them, but are they going to take any notice of poor little SUGAN and GLUTE and FITNA? You bet the MOFOS aren't."

In contrast with the fives, the large

-by David Sutton, UK

contingent of well over a thousand sixes walk with eyes cast down, quite resigned to the fact that almost nobody is going to take any notice of them, though some are wearing T-shirts that proclaim hopefully "Interesting new hook for an existing five". One of these is BILLYO, very proud to be out for the first time without his hyphen. He tells me shyly that his big brother BILLYOH will be along soon. I am inclined to think that among these cadets the most likely to succeed are AZERTY (a European version of the typewriter keyboard), ROMAJI (a system of transliterating Japanese into the Roman alphabet) and ADJIGO (an Australian yam plant).

The sixes are followed by a squadron of over sixteen hundred sevens. Spearheading these is an elite bunch carrying a banner "New High Probability", who have the confident air of those who know they are going to be welcomed with open arms and given top place at the table. Among them I see RESILIN, ALNICOS, CARDONS, SERGERS, SLARTED and SNARFED. But foremost among this elite are a number wearing T-shirts with the slogan "New Unique Rack Solution": these include COLTANS, SOSATIE and SOUTIES.

Hard on the sevens follow over two thousand eights. These are a tough-looking lot, who clearly regard the sevens as a bunch of wusses, since they are chanting as they go "ADENYLIC, FABULATE/Who do we appreciate?/MANUHIRI, MUTICATE/Real men's bonuses use eight".

After the eights, trailing back into the distance, come a great rabble of nines to fifteens. These are for the most part a rather unprepossessing lot, pale and undernourished, many exhausted from dragging along great suffixes like -NESSES and -LITIES. Just occasionally there is a

flash of something more colourful: a beautiful green and golden bird swoops past squawking PIPWHARAUROA, a talkative Scots woman announces that she is a SWEETIEWIFE, and all the way from Newfoundland has come BALLICATTER to give us a word for ice that forms along a shore from waves and freezing spray.

As the host passes me I spot some interesting groupings. One can hardly fail to notice a large group of sunburnt, rather raucous words wearing shorts and hats with corks on and tossing beer-cans aside as they go. These are the new Australian slang words, largely pejorative in nature: the air is full of good-natured insults like FIGJAM, BOOFHEAD, COUGAN, PLONKO and SCOZZA. They have chummed up with an equally large contingent of straw-chewing, smock-wearing yokels who turn out to be new (or possibly very old) English dialect words: these include FRAWZEY (a celebration), CHARVER (a young woman), CHELLUP (a noise), SLUTCHY (muddy) and the delightful DAWBAKE (a dim-witted person).

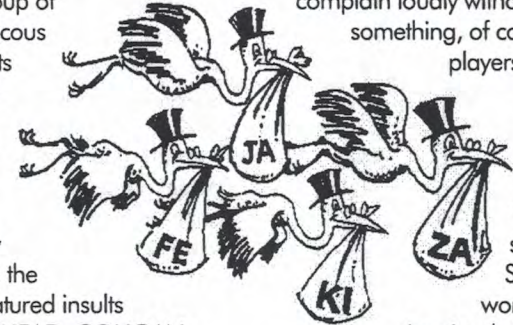
Walking proudly apart with a distinctly exotic air is several rugby teams' worth of Maori words, for which Collins clearly have a special affection: these include KETE, KOHA, KUIA, KAWAKAWA, KAINGA, KORO, HANGI, ARIKI, HAKU, INANGA and HEITIKI.

Other languages are not represented in quite such abundance, but nonetheless there is a great influx of immigrants from all over the globe: Russia has sent us PASHKA, a rich dessert of cottage cheese, cream, almonds, raisins etc. traditionally served at Easter. Swahili has supplied MADAFU (coconut milk), MWALIMI (a

teacher), POSHO (cornmeal mush) and DEBE (a tin). Afrikaans has given us a raft of short words such as EISH, BRAK, BOET, DWAAL, JAAP and GOGGA. The Scots have added greatly to their already large SOWPODS stock with words including GEGGIE (mouth), STOOKIE (stucco), SPEUG (a sparrow) and SHOWD (to rock). The Irish have also added a good number including the wonderful OLOGOAN, to complain loudly without reason (not something, of course, that Scrabble players would ever actually do, even Irish ones). Even the Welsh have come up with CWTCH (to snuggle) and SHINKIN (a worthless person).

I notice that many of the new recruits, such as BLING, BLOG, CHAV, MOBY, ADWARE, CHATBOT and NETHEAD, look very young but nevertheless they have a confident air and seem quite oblivious of the distaste with which they are viewed by a small band of protesters at the roadside holding up placards that read "Give us back our lost words", "Edmund Spenser rocks!" and "SERUEWE is innocent, OK?". Many of these protesters wear black armbands, each inscribed with one of the words that will now so sadly be shortly gone from us: "DOTTIPOLL R.I.P.", "FRITHGILD we shall miss you", "ORECROWE gone but not forgotten", "OUTRAIGNE 1406-2006".

At last the march past is over. As I watch the final 15-letter straggler (ZINJANTHROPUSES) disappear into the distance, I can't help reflecting a little sadly that when I was a young lad of, oh, say 52, I'd have had that lot off cold before breakfast. Now, alas, I fear that it's going to be an all-day job.



Threes-in-waiting

This is the complete list of the new three-letter words that will soon be included in our official Scrabble word list. Remember, these words are not yet official in New Zealand.

AGS	DOF	JAL	SIK
AHI	DOY	JOL	SOM
AKA	DUH	KAK	TEC
ALF	ECO	KIS	TEX
APO	EDS	LOU	TIX
APP	EMO	MEE	UMU
AUA	EVO	MIC	URP
AUE	EXO	MYC	VAG
BES	FAA	NEG	WAI
BOI	FAE	ONO	WOF
BRU	FEG	ONY	YAD
CAA	FES	PAV	YAE
CAG	HOM	PLU	YAG
CAZ	IGG	REO	ZAS
DEG	IWI	SAV	ZEP
DIF	JAI	SIF	ZOL

Upcoming tournaments

Wellington	24-25 June
Whangarei	8-9 July
Kiwi	15 July
Hamilton	5-6 August
Golden Bay	19-20 August
Tauranga	2-3 September
Christchurch	9-10 September
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	18-22 September
Mt Albert	30 September - 1 October
Wanganui	21-22 October
Trans-Tasman Challenge	4-6 November
Rodney	11 November
Otago Open	11-12 November
Waikato Phoenix	25-26 November *
Kapiti	2&3 December

Dictionary anticipation

-by Margaret Flaws

My brother sent me from England the *Collins Official Word List 2005* (book £7, postage £8!), so I hope the new words are approved soon, as I am just itching to make a 15-letter word for a triple triple score sometime – always provided my opponent has a hangover.

Just imagine a rack with A E N N Q S U – not wonderful? BUT, already on the top line, are DRAG and ARIA. So here comes QUAdragENariaNS for a score of $27 \times 26 + 50 = 752$.

Next day your rack has C E O P R X Y. Forget about PROXY, because your opponent is too busy making big scores further down the board to notice the top line already holds NOM and HI and ALL, which are just begging for extensions in all directions.

So you play XEnomORPhiCALLY for a score of $27 \times 34 + 50 = 968$.

Not a bad score for a nearly QUADRAGENARIAN for the second time!

When you're ahead

-tip in *Across the Board, March 2006*
-from an article by Edward Okulicz

When you're ahead, turn over tiles.

All things being equal, it's usually better to play more tiles, but this rule applies doubly when you're ahead. The more tiles you can play when you're ahead, the more quickly the game ends. To the player who already has a lead, this means fewer chances for their opponent to contrive the comeback bonus or set up a high scoring play. Additionally, turning over tiles when you're ahead means that the helpful equalising tiles are more likely to turn up on your rack, and a player who is behind is more likely to play few tiles to help their rack mature into a bonus.

Forum

Changing tiles

For this issue of *Forwards*, Glennis Hale (G), Howard Warner (H), Jeff Grant (J) and Lynne Butler (L) have agreed to share their thoughts and tips on changing tiles: the when, how, why and whether to swap tiles.



Glennis Hale,
Independent

- Q. How often would you change tiles?
G. Rarely, probably not as often as I should. I would rather play out the tiles as there is never any guarantee that you will pick up. Besides, I'm never that successful at fishing!
- H. I try to avoid changing tiles. When you change tiles you lose scoring momentum. Your opponent goes a turn ahead. Then the pressure is on for you to produce bonus words to catch up. But bonus words don't come on demand – they're a bonus, not a given.
- J. I change reluctantly! I play through bad racks if possible, but will change when necessary.
- L. Changing **always** depends on many factors – but the short answer is – I change rarely and reluctantly because I feel I should be able to 'play away' most of the dross on my rack. If I can't, I 'throw up' as I like to put it.
- Q. So, for example, in a one-day tournament of seven games, what would be the likely number of times you would change in the day?
G. More than likely never. I tend to sit and suffer! I have just been through my score pad which has my last 43 games in it. I have made two changes in those games, once getting rid of all 7 and the other changing 2. I changed once in the Masters ... i.e. 1/23 games.
- H. I would probably do it once in two or

three games.

- J. Maybe once in four or five games. If you have a good run you may not need to change at all in a one-dayer, but on the other hand you may have to change a dozen times!
- L. Probably once – unless the Good Luck Fairy has totally deserted me.
- Q. Under what circumstances do you change? Do you change as readily/more readily towards the end of the game as you do at the beginning?
G. Usually when I have little or no option. There has been the odd time when I have thought my opponent may be close to a bingo, so rather than open up a very tight board, especially in a close game, I have changed. Of course opening with 7 unplayable tiles is always an opportune time to change!!
- H. The time I'm most likely to change is when starting first: if I have a terrible rack, or I can only play EUOI for 8 and will be leaving good letters and spots for my opponent to work with, I figure I'm better off swapping. It gives me a 'free' chance to get my rack in order. Other low-impact times to swap are just after your opponent has done it, or if it's late in the game and you're miles ahead.
- J. I change when the rack is hopeless, e.g. 7 vowels or 7 awkward consonants. I prefer to change 6 or 7

files if most of the goodies are still in the bag. Also, maybe dump the Q if it's a tight board with not much chance of playing it and only 7 or 8 in the bag.

- L. Many factors come into play here. If my first rack is really ghastly and I'm going first, I will probably exchange more readily than as I feel I'm not really losing any advantage.
- Q. Do you have any rules for yourself as to when you would try to "play out" of a bad rack, and when you wouldn't?
- G. Not really. You may already know I am not much of a 'rules' person. I usually choose to play out anyway. Maybe my frugality coming to the fore. Would rather score than get nothing at all. It sometimes comes back to bite me though, eg. when I pick up almost the same letters as I've played out!
- H. As a rule, I won't change if I can dump letters and balance my rack for 10 points or more, without setting up a good spot for my opponent in the process. At times, I've been amazed and delighted when I've gone from DHKWXYZ to a nice, simple bingo in three moves.
- J. No, it depends on the situation.
- L. Depends on the rack – I'd be more inclined to change if I'm ahead and there are plenty of goodies left in the bag.
- Q. How do you decide which letters to keep?
- G. Depends on the letters already played and remaining, the availability of certain hooks on the board, the score and position of the game and the time remaining. Good rack balance is pretty important though.
- H. For me, swapping is about either getting a balanced rack for a bingo or managing the high-scoring tiles towards the end of the game. A balanced rack means a good mix of

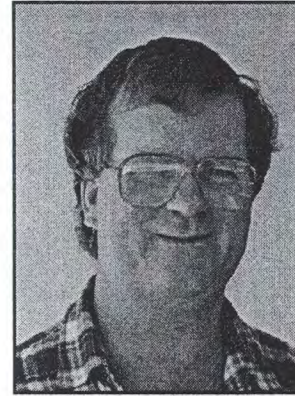
vowels and consonants. So I will retain combinations that gel with all other letters, such as ET, ERS, EIRT. But I also take into account the risk of

double-ups. This is where continuous tile-tracking is important. Lately, I've been shy of retaining I because I'll always pick up one or two more. I don't necessarily hold back an E, just because it's a useful letter. There are usually plenty more in the bag. The exception is if I have seven vowels. We all know what it's like: you dump all seven vowels and pick up seven consonants – or vice versa. As a rule, I will hold onto ING or INGS for one turn only, then break it. I almost never 'go fishing' for a single letter. The odds are against it, it's an all-or-nothing strategy and definitely a momentum-stopper. (Perhaps if there are seven tiles left in the bag, I need an E, and my tracking shows that several are to come...)

- J. Try to keep good balanced combinations, eg. ES, ERT, STINE.
- L. Depends very much on the state of the game – what's left in the bag, what openings are on the board, what hook letters I may have, eg. if the only opening on the board is at the front of HOOK and all the S's and blanks are gone I would hang on tightly to the C. I usually get rid of doubletons and try to balance consonants and vowels. However, if there are very few vowels left I might keep more. In a nutshell, I




Howard Warner,
Independent



Jeff Grant, Independent

would do a sweep of the board, decide which letters are the most valuable for hooking, high scoring moves, etc., keep those, then discard the rest.

- Q. What, if anything, do you conclude when your opponent changes? Does it, or how does it, affect what you do next?
- G. Depends on the number of letters exchanged. All 7 ... little effect at all. Of course, if only one or two are exchanged the scenario is very different. On an open board which can not be blocked ... panic ... especially when you are miles behind. Know that feeling?
- H. If my opponent changes tiles (and they often do), it tells me a lot. I can then follow up with a defensive play to try to thwart their plans. It also changes the momentum of the game – usually my way. So please, feel free!
- J. If your opponent changes 6 or 7 tiles they could pick up anything (depending on how many tiles are left in the bag), but if they change just 1 or 2 tiles they probably have a good rack so be careful!
- L. I don't usually worry too much about trying to figure out what my opponent is doing – I have enough trouble  looking after myself. However, if they exchange just one tile, I might think they have a bingo-prone rack and I would take the opportunity to close up the board. At

the end of the game, I might think they are putting the Q back and I would then have to think about playing only one or two tiles at a time to avoid the Q – unless I had the makings of a good Q word myself, in which case I would try to snaffle the Q out of the bag.

- Q. Do you have any stories about times when you or your opponent has changed?
- L. Probably one of the most advantageous changes for me was many years ago when I was living in Australia. My opponent and I were playing a very defensive game and the board was very tight. He played a word and there was nowhere for me to play without opening the board. I decided to change, rather than open. My opponent opened and I was able to slap down a bingo and go on to win.
- Q. Have you ever changed an S or a blank, or thrown back a bonus? (Just curious!)
- J. Can't recall any, but apparently Peter Jones accidentally threw a blank back once.
- L. I've never thrown back a bonus that I can recall, but I have thrown back S's and blanks. Sometimes too many S's can be just as bad as too many I's or U's. I've thrown back a blank when the board is tight and there are no high scoring spots for a blank (it does happen!). In that instance, a well-positioned H, W, or B could win the game, whereas a blank in the same spot scores nothing.
- G. I don't recall ever changing a blank! Yes, I have changed the odd S ... I can remember having all 4 once with 3 consonants. No other alternative.
- Q. Any general comments?
- G. My motto could be: endeavour to make the most of the bad tiles and capitalise on the good ones.

- H. For me, momentum is everything. I prefer to work through sticky racks, by dumping the difficult letters on the board. This is where learning of 4- to 6-letter words comes into its own. However, there are occasions when you dump and dump and keep picking the same old rubbish while getting further behind on the score-sheet. Then I might swap the lot to try to 'change my luck'. If that doesn't work, I can always take up fiddly-winks.
- J. The main reason for changing is an excess of vowels, in particular too many I's. The best way to avoid this happening too often is to try and leave a good balance of vowels and consonants on your rack after each move, and to learn words with lots of vowels that can help you play out of trouble, eg AIA, INIA, OIDA, EUOI, URAEI, AULOI, AALII.
- L. Changing tiles should never be taken lightly. I always play to my strengths. I don't mind having 3 x I's on my rack because I've studied all the three-eyed monster words and feel I can play through them. However, if they are accompanied by a couple of U's and a W, I'd throw the lot back. If I can make a play over 25 points I'll keep going with what I have. I usually try to sort my rack with what I want to keep and what I don't want, and if I can get rid of most of the dross I don't change but play on. I also keep an eye on my scoring: if I've made two low-scoring moves (under 20 points) I'll consider changing on the next move – again, depending on if I'm ahead, what's left in the bag, etc.

Forum is to become a regular *Forwards* column. Other topics that could be covered in the future are:

- ◆ rack management
- ◆ how do you use tile tracking
- ◆ how do you (physically) tile track
- ◆ what mnemonics do you invent to remember things
- ◆ tips for playing the first turn
- ◆ what homework do you do after tournaments
- ◆ when to close the board
- ◆ when to open the board
- ◆ how to close/open the board
- ◆ how to avoid giving 'gifts' to your opponent
- ◆ how to deal with pet hate racks
- ◆ how do you prepare for a tournament
- ◆ practical non-Scrabble tips for performing at peak at a tournament
- ◆ clock management

Glennis, Howard, Jeff and Lynne made up our first Forum panel, but it won't always be the high-ranked players who are asked to contribute. So, if you get a tap on the shoulder, please step forward. On the other hand, you might even consider volunteering if you would like to contribute some thoughts on one of the above topics.

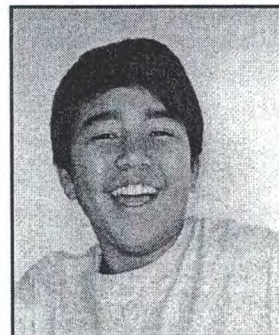
And, of course, if you would like to add anything to the discussion on this month's topic, send a letter to the editor.



Lynne Butler,
New Plymouth

Every letter counts

-by Mra Kyaw Kaung (13), Myanmar



Bearing in mind that we have new players joining our ranks all the time, we should repeat aspects of the story of Scrabble from time to time. Last issue we read about the young Scrabble player, Mra Kyaw Kaung. The following is his account of the history of Scrabble

Scrabble was conceived by Alfred Moshier Butts in 1931, named Scrabble in 1947 and marketed by Brunot in 1948. Butts combined chance and skill to invent the game that has become an American cultural icon. Even though it's a word game, the real story behind Scrabble is numbers. Over 120,000 words can be used in this game.

Butts, an out-of-work architect from New York, invented the board game. Analyzing games, he found they fell into three categories: number games; games of chance, such as dice and bingo; move games of skill, such as chess and checkers; and word games, such as crosswords and anagrams. Attempting to create a game that would use both chance and skill, Butts combined features of anagrams and the crossword puzzle. First called Lexiko, the game was later called Criss Cross Words.

To decide on letter distribution, Butts studied the front page of The New York Times and did painstaking calculations of letter frequency. His basic cryptographic

analysis of our language and his original tile distribution [for the English version of the game] has remained valid for almost three generations. Billions of games have been played, in over thirty different languages.

Anagram Corner

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example SEPOY to POESY and FLESHER to HERSELF. On a higher level, BRITNEY SPEARS turns to PRESBYTERIANS who are supposedly BEST IN PRAYERS. Here are anagrams of six NZ Scrabble clubs.

TOKOROA	OAK ROOT
HASTINGS	HITS SNAG
HAMILTON	THIN LOAM
MASTERTON	SMART TONE
MOUNT ALBERT	TOTAL NUMBER
NORTH SHORE BAYS	HARBORS HONESTY



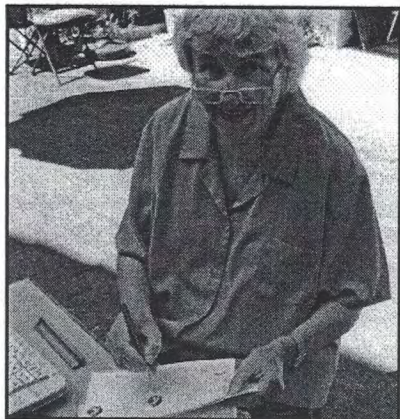
The letters U V W don't go well together on a Scrabble rack. Here are a dozen ways to get rid of these awkward tiles in one go.

UNAVOWED	VROUW
SURVIEW	UNVIEWED
UNWIVE	OVERSWUM
PURVIEW	UNWOVEN
WAVEROUS	HUSWIVES
UNWEAVE	SURVIEW

Apology

-from the editor

Sorry I got Jean Wacker's name wrong in the centrefold last issue. Jean, bless her, was not worried.



Here she is again, Jean Wacker (not Walker)

What's in a name?

These are the elite few whose first and surnames are both Scrabble words:

JEFF GRANT	JOHN FOSTER
PATRICK CARTER	STEVEN BROWN
PAUL LISTER	PETER JONES
ANN HOUGH	MURRAY ROGERS
ROGER COATES	ANN CANDLER
PAM BARLOW	COLLEEN COOK
ROGER COLE-BAKER	ROGER FRENCH
MESCAL KELLY	SHEILA REED
JO-ANN INGRAM	JEAN WACKER
RAY GOODYEAR	SUE FOSTER

Do any of you 21 people also have Scrabble-acceptable middle names?

Ten of the top 40 players in the 13 March rankings have anagrams for both their names. That's 25%! Of the other 132, just 11 (8.3%) are so distinguished.

Perhaps we've just stumbled upon what makes a good Scrabble player?

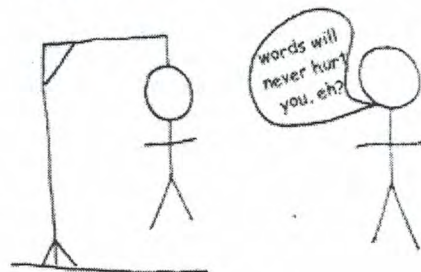
It aint necessarily so

Su Walker sent in the following email that's been doing the rounds, and wondered how true it is:

- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: ABSTEMIOUS and FACETIOUS.
- There are only four words which end in -DOUS: TREMENDOUS, HORRENDOUS, STUPENDOUS and HAZARDOUS.
- DREAMT is the only English word that ends in the letters -MT.
- No word in the English language rhymes with MONTH, ORANGE, SILVER or PURPLE.

Wrong on most counts (according to our word list).

- ABSTENTIOUS and FACETIOUSLY also have all five vowels in alphabetical order, as do CAESIOUS, PARECIOUS ARSENIOUS – not to mention the 30 other words that have extra vowels in them.
- Twenty-one words altogether end in -DOUS.
- The -MT statement is sort of true, except you should probably count DAYDREAMT, OUTDREAMT and UNDREAMT too.
- The last sentence may be true, who would know? We're Scrabblers, not poets!



Words, words, mere words!

-information supplied by Rex Shakespeare, Australia

I stumbled on a Shakespeare glossary recently and have listed some SOWPODS words with meanings.

Some will be known to all, but very few were known to me.

From Othello

acknow: aware
caitiff: wretch (term of endearment)
callet: whore
engluts: devours
enwheel: encompass
unbitted: uncontrolled
yerked: stabbed

From Hamlet

aery: nest
argal: therefore
arrant: out-and-out
arras: tapestry, commonly hung in castles from ceiling to floor to prevent drafts
beshrew: a curse, plague upon
betoken: indicate
bilboes: fetters
cautel: craft
chough: jackdaw (i.e. a chatterer)
drabbing: associating with prostitutes
gaged: indebted
springe: snare
yoke: consider your day's work done

From Romeo and Juliet

amerce: punish
atomies: miniature beings
beshrew: blame
gleek: jest, mock
hilding: a good-for-nothing
holp: archaic form of helped
jaunce: trudge about
princox: PRIN/ce of COX/combs; pert, saucy boy, upstart
publind: quite blind or merely dim sighted
truckle: small bed on wheels which (for a servant) was pushed under a larger bed (the master's)

From King Lear

asquint: crookedly, falsely
corky: dry with age
distaff: the spinning staff, and hence symbol of the woman
fordid: destroyed
maugre: despite
sennet: a musical phrase played on the trumpet indicating a ceremonial entrance
nuncle: an abbreviation of mine uncle

From Twelfth Night

bawcock: fine fellow
beshrew: confound
clodpole: blockhead
coystril: knave or base fellow
fadge: fall into place
fustian: bombastic, ridiculously pompous (when used as an adjective)
gaskins: breeches
leman: sweetheart
malapert: impertinent
prithee: I entreat you
welkin: sky, one of the elements

From Macbeth

beldams: hags
dudgeon: handle
dunnest: darkest
ronyon: a term of abuse or contempt
shoughs: shaggy-haired dogs

From Julius Caesar

betimes: at once
intermit: hold off
lethe: death
praetor: magistrate
rheumy: moist
swounded: fainted
ungently: discourteously

From The Tempest

bosky: wooded
flote: flood, and hence also sea

foison: harvest, abundance
 mooncalf: monstrosity
 pignuts: peanuts

From King Henry IV, Part 1

busky: bushy
 caliver: light kind of musket introduced during the 16th century
 micher: truant
 stronds: shores

From The Merchant of Venice

cozen: cheat
 gaged: pledged
 gramercy: many thanks
 younker: youngster

[Yes, that is the author's real name, and his middle name is William. Rex says his interest in Shakespeare has really only come along in recent years.

¹ *The quotation in the heading is from Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida. – Ed.]*

Poorly named websites

-sent in by Liz Fagerlund

People spend a lot of time thinking up their children's names. It's just a pity they don't always think as hard about their domain names.

Firstly, there is Who Represents, a database for agencies to the rich and famous:

<http://www.whorepresents.com>

Second is the Experts Exchange, a knowledge base where programmers can exchange advice and views:

<http://www.expertsexchange.com>

Looking for a pen? Look no further than Pen Island:

<http://www.penisland.net>

Need a therapist? Try:

<http://www.therapistfinder.com>

And there is an Italian Power company:

<http://www.powergenitalia.com>

Finally we have the Mole Station Native Nursery, based in New South Wales:

<http://www.molestationnursery.com>

Scrabble shapes us

A 2.5m (8 feet) tall woman made entirely from 4,200 Scrabble tiles has been created in a sculpture park in England.

Artist David Mach has named his sculpture Myslexia to highlight the problems of dyslexia. It is on display in West Sussex at the Cass Sculpture Foundation, which displays more than 60 large works of outdoor sculpture by today's leading British artists.



Got any old sets of Scrabble tiles? If you also had David Mach's talent you could turn them into a £50,000 work of art!

Tribute to Mary Farmer

29 October 1928 - 21 January 2006

-put together by members of Mt Albert Scrabble Club and June Mackwell, North Shore Bays

Scrabblers from several clubs in and around Auckland shared a great sense of loss of a special person when Mary Farmer passed away on 21 January.

Mary joined the Mt Albert Scrabble Club in 1983 with June Mackwell when the club was 18 months old.

Mary was always good for a funny story, often recounting incidents against herself. She was famous in the club and beyond for her wonderful mnemonics that helped her (and others) to remember a wide range of unusual scrabble words. She made up fun sentences out of her mnemonics, often referring to members of her own family in the

process, eg. Eve never leave your mother (neve, leve, yeve, meve). Eve was her daughter!

The club remembered Mary in a special way. On 7 May they ran a fun, non-rated Swiss draw tournament in her honour. Thirty-four people from Auckland and surrounds participated, and lists of Mary's mnemonics were shared with everyone.

One poignant note was that this was Eileen McLean's last attendance at the club – she had discharged herself from hospital, determined to honour Mary's memory.

Mary brought laughter and enjoyment to the club, and will be sadly missed.

Do you REALLY know our game?

-by Jennifer Smith

I belong to a team that takes part in a pub quiz most weeks. When sports/games is the topic, I'm the one my workmates look to when the inevitable Scrabble question pops up:

What is the value of K in Scrabble?

How many Vs in a game of Scrabble?

How many tiles in a Scrabble set?

How many tiles are drawn to start a game of Scrabble? (That was harder because I knew too much. Did they want 1 or 2 to decide the first turn, or 7 or 14? We got it right with 7.)

But last week's question had me guessing. See if you can answer this without peeking at a board first:

What is the symbol on the middle square of a Scrabble Board?

I could not recall ever having noticed! And I wonder how many of you are thinking the same right now? After all, that square's always covered for the whole duration of the game, isn't it?



New Zealand Masters Tournament 2006

-by Glenda Foster

The 2005 Masters was held in Auckland at a tennis club rooms in Mt Albert. The 24 players included one first-timer — Janice Cherry.

Day 1

After the first eight games on day 1, surprise leader of the pack was Liz Fagerlund on 7 wins, after losing by 48 points to Nick Ascroft in game 2. Liz's wins included a 347-345 tussle against Andrew Bradley and a 404-401 battle with Mike Sigley. John Foster was in second place with 6.5 wins after drawing with Chris Hooks earlier in the day. There were 2 players on 6 wins — in order of spread: Howard Warner and Glynis Jennings

The top score on day 1 was Howard's 534 versus Chris.

Day 2

Liz didn't manage to maintain her winning streak and slipped to eighth place, with only 3 wins on day 2. Mike won all 8 games and took a 2-win lead on 13 wins. There were 5 players on 11 wins — Howard was in second place with a massive spread of 1207, followed by Jeff Grant, Glynis, Glennis Hale and Andrew. John slipped down to seventh on 10.5 wins.

Nick achieved the feat of being the first player to reach his win expectancy and received the President's bottle of bubbly. This is the second consecutive time Nick has achieved this.

The top score on day 2 was Liz's 616 against Denise Gordon, winning by a massive 367 points. This turned out to be the top score for the tournament.

Day 3

At lunch on day 3, Mike and Andrew occupied the top two placings on 15 wins apiece, with Mike ahead on spread. Howard, Jeff and Glennis were only one win behind, while Glynis and John were still in contention on 13 and 12.5 wins respectively.

Mike and Andrew won the first game after lunch, to remain in the top 2, while Howard, Jeff and Glennis all had wins to remain one win behind. These five players were the only ones with a chance of winning the tournament, with the best of the remaining players being Glenda Foster and Glynis on 13 wins.

In the penultimate game Andrew and Howard were the only players in the top 5 to win. This left Andrew alone in the top spot on 17 wins, with both Howard and Mike on 16. Going into the final round the winning equation for each player was:

- ◆ Andrew needed to win or draw his game, or if he lost, hope that Howard and Mike lost their games too.
- ◆ Howard needed to win his game and hope that Andrew lost.
- ◆ Mike needed to win his game and hope that both Howard and Andrew lost.

Andrew played Lisa McLean and lost 396-450. Mike won his game against Nick 446-420, and waited anxiously for the outcome of the game between Howard and Jeff. Howard had a dream run and beat Jeff 511-330 to take his fifth Masters title with 17 wins and a spread of 1950 points.

Mike placed second, also on 17 wins, with a spread of 1074, while Andrew dropped down to third with his spread of 540. Glynis, Jeff and Glennis were 2 wins behind.

The top score on day 3 was Glenda's 572 against Glenys Buchanan.

A separate competition was played between teams from the North Shore Bays club and Mt Albert clubs for the New Zealand Shield. North Shore was represented by John Foster, June Mackwell and Steven Brown, while Mt Albert was represented by Andrew Bradley, Chris Hooks and Liz Fagerlund. The Mt Albert team proved too strong and Andrew collected the shield.

Full results are on page 43.

Words that should exist

-sent in by Glennis Hale

Abacadabblor: an amateur magician.

Badaptation: a bad movie version of a good book.

Carbage: the trash found in your automobile.

Dadicated: being the best father you can be.

Ecrastinate: checking your e-mail just one more time in the hopes you'll have something to read or write and not have to do any work.

Faddict: someone who has to try every new trend that comes along.

Gabberflasted: the state of being speechless due to someone else talking too much.

Hackchoo: when you sneeze and cough at the same time.

Iceburg: an uppity, snobbish neighborhood.

Jobsolote: a position within a company that no longer exists.

Knewlyweds: second marriage for both.

Lamplify: turning on (or up) the lights

within a room.

Mandals: sandals for men.

Nagivator: someone who constantly assists with driving directions in an overly-critical manner.

Obliment: an obligatory compliment.

Pestarrific: adjective describing a particularly pesty person.

Qcumbersome: a salad that contains too many cucumbers.

Ramdumbtious: a rowdy, energetic person who's not too bright.

Sanktuary: a graveyard for ships.

Testimoney: fees paid to expert witnesses.

Unbrella: an umbrella that the wind has turned inside-out.

Vehiculized: you own a vehicle.

Wackajacky: very messed up.

Xerocks: two identical pieces of stone.

Yawnese: the language of someone trying to speak while yawning.

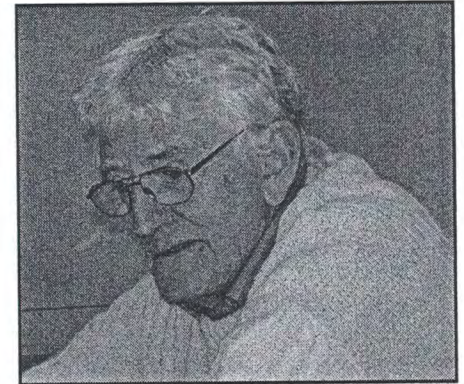
Zit Code: knowing where your next pimple will appear.

Multipack

-from *The Last Word*,
magazine of the Association of
British Scrabble Players, April 2006

A RIDGEL (useful -L hook!) is a male animal with only one testicle in position, the other being lost or undescended. The derivation is apparently from RIDGE, the undescended testicle being thought of as remaining near the animal's 'ridge' or back. It has the following variants:

RIDGEL
RIDGIL
RIDGELING
RIDGLING
RIGGALD
RIGLIN
RIGLING



Ray Seddon, Tauranga



Goodbye to our Scrabble friend

-from Pam Robson

It was with immense sadness that we farewelled our dear Scrabble friend, Eileen, at Thames on Monday 22 May.

Eileen joined the Scrabble Association in 1991, her first tournament being Rodney where she was placed 2nd in F grade. Some 1690 tournament games later she had long since progressed through to the upper ranks, qualifying several times to play in the NZ Masters. Eileen consistently maintained a rating in the 1600-1800 range from the early 1990s. Only four other players have played more tournament games than Eileen and each had joined the Association far earlier than her. This shows what an avid and passionate Scrabbler Eileen was. She achieved considerable success, winning her grade 21 times and being placed 2nd or 3rd on numerous occasions.

Eileen was a happy, cheerful and caring person. No doubt these attributes and her dedication to helping others served her well in her chosen profession. Her nursing career spanned some 44 years, most of this time employed at the Thames Hospital. Her nursing colleagues paid tribute at the service by forming a guard of honour as her casket left the church.

Sheryl Davidson and Chris Hooks, who were among the 30 Scrabble players who attended the service, also acted as pallbearers. As they had been two of Eileen's most regular passengers to Scrabble tournaments, it was fitting they should carry Eileen on the final leg of her earthly journey.

To Lisa we offer our most heartfelt sympathy. We all know that Eileen was not

only your dear mum, but also your best friend. She was extremely proud of you Lisa. Treasure the wonderful memories you have. Rest in peace Eileen. You will be sadly missed but always remembered by us all. God bless you.

Tributes to Eileen McLean

27 September 1943 - 17 May 2006



Eileen and Lisa have always been the best of friends.]

A prolific player

-from David Gunn's eulogy at Eileen's funeral

I met Eileen about 15 years ago through Scrabble. We ended up playing each other regularly as we both had around the same rating, but Eileen was a better player. She played every tournament in the country, flying to the South Island or driving all the way to Christchurch and Dunedin occasionally, and with many trips to Taranaki, Wanganui, Hastings and Wellington, and one very memorable trip to Queenstown in 1999, when we got trapped for a couple of days by flooding.

Eileen was a prolific player despite being isolated in Thames – only Lynn Wood, Glennis Hale, Fae Olson and Gerald Warner have played more games.

She was also very supportive of our Association. When we held a raffle, she



always sold the most tickets, a tribute to her powers of persuasion and the many friends she had. We'll miss you, Eileen. Wherever you are, I hope you're still pulling esses and blanks and making

seven-letter bonuses with the Q.

The Scrabbling Eileen

-from Val Mills' eulogy at her funeral

Eileen has been as part of our Scrabble family for as long as I have played Scrabble.

She was a regular attendee at tournaments from Dunedin to Auckland. She has driven me, and Chris and Sheryl, to numerous tournaments around the country – Hastings, New Plymouth, Stratford, Wanganui. Staying in a little concrete bunker on the sea shore at the Te Awanga camping ground, near Hastings, was one memorable time. Eileen was always the driver, and she was a great driver – never in a hurry and always willing to try a different route, check things out along the way and make the trip enjoyable. We've stopped on bridges to look at the river below, and stopped at river beds to eat lunch.

Eileen was a private person – never talking much about her personal situation but always willing to share her word knowledge after a game.

She was stoic and never complaining. When she had a bad rack you never knew, she just changed her tiles or got on with playing what she had. And she used to come out with some beauties! Two weeks ago we had a tourney in memory of Mary Farmer, another Scrabble friend who had died. Eileen discharged herself from hospital and drove to Auckland to be a part of that tourney. We didn't know that she had been diagnosed with cancer, and looking back on it, we can see just how brave she was to make the effort to be there.

She was kind and caring. We know all about the cats she took care of at the hospital, and when she used to drive up to Auckland on a Thursday night to play Scrabble at the Pakuranga Club she would bring her dog Mac. Between games she would make sure he had something to eat and drink and take him for quick walks. Later she started driving up on Friday nights to play at the Mount Albert Club, stopping in at Chris's on the way to have a few games and to give him a ride to club.

She has cared for and supported Chris over the past few years and this was to their mutual benefit as Eileen gradually moved up the Scrabble ranks to become one of the top players, regularly taking part in the Masters Tournament at Easter. Her Scrabble also improved when Lisa started playing – both Lisa and Eileen are up there with the top players in this country.

She was a great mum; she was so proud of you Lisa (and Tracey and Cory) and you are lucky to have had such a special mum.



Eileen at her nursing graduation. Now you know where all those medical words came from!

Things Eileen taught me

-from Val Mills

- that as well as having a CAROTID artery, you have a PAROTID (salivary gland).
- that APNOEA, APNOEAS, APNOEAL and APNOEIC . . . and APNEA, APNEAS, APNEAL and APNEIC are all words.
- that as well as LUMBAGO you can have PLUMBAGO (graphite).
- that WEIGELA and WEIGELIA are words for the same flowering shrub.
- that there are no anagrams of Eileen, but with an A you can have ALIENEE, and with a B, BEELINE.

A good sport

-from Jennifer Smith

Because she was always so relaxed and pleasant, and an unfailing good sport, Eileen was one of my favourite opponents. Just one example of her sportsmanship:

When I was playing against her at North Shore in April, I was uncertain about a hook, so dithered over playing my word, placing the letters, picking them up and placing them again . . . until Eileen said with a smile, "For goodness sake, play it – it's a word!"

Sad news from the UK

It has been reported in



overseas newspapers that well-known and respected English Scrabble player, Peter Finley, went missing in the Lake District on 21 May while on a walk with friends. At the time of going to press, it was reported that a body had been found, but had not yet been identified as Peter.

Pete played at the World Champs in 1991 (11th), 1993 and last year in 2005. Many Kiwis who have attended the World Champs will know him.

A member of the Association of British Scrabble Players, Peter has taken part in many tournaments. In May 2004, he took on 19 opponents from the Cleveland Scrabble Club at the same time. We send our condolences to his wife, Laura, and their two sons.

Life Membership

A nice surprise awaited Glennis Hale when she picked up the telephone about late afternoon on Saturday 3 June. It was NZASP President, Lynn Wood, phoning from the AGM to tell Glennis that she had been made a Life Member of the New Zealand Association of Scrabble Players.

Glennis's nomination was put forward by Bev Barker, supported by Jeff Grant, and the motion was carried unanimously at the AGM.

The following is the citation outlining Glennis's contribution to Scrabble:

- ◆ Mt Albert President 1985-1989
- ◆ Secretary NZASP, 1986-1988
- ◆ Vice-President NZASP, 1990-1992
- ◆ NZASP President 1998-2001
- ◆ Typed much of the material for *Forwards* magazine, 1987-1993
- ◆ Joint organiser of the Norfolk Scrabble Festival, since 1996
- ◆ National A grade Champion, 1987
- ◆ Played every Nationals, 1983-2005 (only missing the 2006 Nationals because of surgery)
- ◆ Played in all 23 Masters events, with a best placing of 2nd in 1989
- ◆ Represented New Zealand at the 1995 World Championships in London
- ◆ Represented New Zealand at every TransTasman event since it started in 1996
- ◆ Even after handing over the NZASP presidency, has still been very much involved with Scrabble, eg. looking after supplies of clocks and books, fundraising, and liaising with the games company Holdsworths
- ◆ She has done all this while caring for a family and having a full-time teaching job.

Glennis has always displayed amazing dedication and enthusiasm, and in competition is gracious whether winning or losing. With her sportsmanship and modesty, coupled with her playing ability and service to the game, Glennis would be a most deserving recipient of Life Membership.



A punnet of puns

-sent in by Andrée Prentice

- ☺ Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
- ☺ Practise safe eating – always use condiments.
- ☺ A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
- ☺ She was engaged to a bloke with a wooden leg but broke it off.
- ☺ A lot of money is tainted — it taint yours and it taint mine.
- ☺ He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
- ☺ A midget fortune teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- ☺ Those who get too big for their breeches will be exposed in the end.
- ☺ Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- ☺ Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
- ☺ Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

NZ National Championships

-by Glenda Foster

The National Champs got underway in Hamilton on Saturday 3 June with 90 competitors representing 18 clubs, 10 Independents and 2 players resident in Australia. The venue was the Hamilton Bowling Club, which had well-appointed facilities.

Day 1

In the **A Grade** Howard Warner won all his games and was in top spot on the leader board. Jeff Grant, Joanne Craig and Steven Brown all recorded 6 wins., with Jeff in second place on spread, followed by Joanne and Steven.

In **B Grade** Murray Rogers topped the field, achieving 6 wins, ahead of Roger Coates on spread. Janice Cherry, Paul Lister and Lynn Wood filled the remaining top 5 spots, all on 5 wins.

In **C Grade** David Gunn and Lawson Sue won 6 games, with David ahead on spread. Maureen Holliday, Amelia Carrington and Pam Barlow all finished the day on 5 wins in third to fifth place.

There was a close contest in **D Grade**, with three players on 5 wins and six on 4 wins. Rosalind Phillips was ahead of Betty Eriksen and Lyn Toka on spread. Margaret Flaws and Delcie Macbeth were at the top of those on 4 wins.

In **E Grade** Olivia En and John Baird were on 6 wins, with Olivia ahead on spread. Mescal Kelly, Joan Pratt and Jean Boyle were all on 5 wins. Unfortunately Karen Gray couldn't find the venue and did not arrive until lunch time, so 4 players got automatic wins in the morning.

In **F Grade** Liz Catchpole won all 7 games to lead the field. Anthea Jones, Jean Wacker, Thelma Chisholm and Valma Gidman were in second to fifth place on 5 wins apiece.

G Grade had only 6 players and so a triple round robin was played. First time tournament player Heleena Togakilo was in front on 6 wins, with Paula Gibbons on 5 wins, and Alison Holmes and Margaret Penniket both on 4 wins.

Day 2

By lunch time on day two the **A Grade** was sorting itself out. Howard and Jeff were top of the field on 10 wins, but Patrick Carter and Blue Thorogood were also in contention on 8 wins.

Going into the final game Howard had already secured his fourth National Champion title, with 13 wins, 1 ahead of Jeff and with an unassailable spread. Jeff was secure in second spot on 12 wins, two clear of Patrick and Blue. Both Patrick and Blue lost the final game and Patrick finished third on spread.

In **B Grade** Lynn had climbed to top spot on 10 wins. However close on her heels with 9 wins were Val Mills, Murray and Paul, all of whom could overtake her if she lost the last game. Lynn did lose the last game and waited nervously to find out the results of the other contenders. Val and Paul also lost. Murray managed a 414-414 draw against Marianne, allowing Lynn to win the grade, while he achieved second place. Val came in third with a large spread advantage over Paul.

In **C Grade** Lawson had a 2-win lead over David, who had a 2-win lead over the rest of the field. Jean O'Brien, Amelia, Helen Sillis, Hazel Purdie and Pam were battling it out for third place. Helen, Hazel and Pam all won their final game, but Helen slipped into third place with a small spread margin over Hazel.

In **D Grade** the close contest continued, with Delcie, Ernie Gidman, Ruth Groffman,

and Lyn all on 9 wins and only 120 spread points difference between them. Delcie, Ruth and Lyn all won their final game. Ruth won her game by 134 points, but Delcie's 48-point victory was enough to win the grade.

In **E Grade** Olivia and John were locked on 10 wins. Mescal Kelly, Joan and Jean were all in a position to win if Olivia and John both lost the final game. However both Olivia and John posted wins. Olivia's spread was adjusted due to the bye she had earlier, and she finished in top spot on 11 wins. Joan won her game to finish in third place.

In **F Grade** Liz held a 2-game advantage over Valma. Barbara Dunn and Thelma were fighting for second to fourth spots. Both Thelma and Valma lost their game and Barbara won to take second place on spread over Valma.

In **G Grade** the withdrawal of Michelle Hawes after day one due to ill health meant that there was a bye every round, with an automatic win for the player. Heleena was holding a 2-win advantage over Alison, and Paula was in third spot. Alison won her game, and Paula retained third place despite losing.

Prize-giving

The prize-giving dinner was held at the venue. An excellent buffet meal was followed by presentation of prizes. The Team Trophy was taken by the Mt Albert Club — Liz, Heleena and Lawson. The Georgie Award was presented to Barbara Dunn in recognition of her above-expectancy performance in F Grade.

The high game of the tournament was Howard Warner's QUILTERS for 194 points.

NZ Trans Tasman team

The NZ Nationals marked the end of the qualifying period for NZ's team to play in the Trans Tasman tournament in Auckland in November. The following qualifiers were announced:

Howard Warner (Independent)
 Jeff Grant (Independent)
 Jack Dymond (Independent)
 Mike Sigley (Wanganui)
 Peter Sinton (Dunedin)
 Patrick Carter (Mt Albert)
 Glennis Hale (Independent)
 Lynne Butler (New Plymouth)
 John Foster (North Shore Bays)
 Steven Brown (Kapiti)
 Joanne Craig (Christchurch)
 Rogelio Talosig (North Shore Bays)

The following reserves were announced:

Glynis Jennings (Mt Albert)
 Debbie Caldwell (Nelson)
 Glenda Foster (Wellington)
 Andrew Bradley (Mt Albert)

Rule changes

Two rule changes were agreed at the Annual General Meeting in June:

Balanced starts

Any club hosting a tournament has the discretion to apply balanced starts; and the National Association, as organiser of the National Championships, has the discretion to apply balanced starts to that event.

Drawing tiles from the bag

When drawing tiles, the proper procedure is to hold the bag above the table so that the contents are not visible, **show an open palm**, and draw the required number of tiles from the bag and place them face down in front of the player.

President's Report 2006

Well one year on, and I get to keep the job. I'm very grateful to all New Zealand Scrabble players for giving me the opportunity to represent you once again. As a team, the committee gel very well, and I believe we serve you with Scrabble first and foremost in our mind.

Joan, our trusty treasurer, is in England at present, leaving Liz to co-ordinate the Nationals, financially and secretarially*. Thank you Liz for this outstanding job. I bet you didn't know quite how much work the secretary had to maintain.

The website is a prided piece of New Zealand Scrabble, and we thank you Glenda, for maintaining it to such a high standard. After a tournament, you might be like me, and jump at the opportunity to see where you are on the rankings. The number of hits would be a reflection on the quality of the site, and it is visited by New Zealand and overseas players alike. Glenda also arranges all the paperwork for tournaments, draws, charts and results, and never complains when a club decides to have two one-day events. Thanks a million, Glenda.

The magazine changed editorial hands this year, when Lynne Butler stepped down. Thanks Lynne, I hope you are enjoying the full time work brigade again. Jennifer Smith took up the challenge, and we thank her for that. This is your magazine and I encourage you to make a contribution, no matter how large or small. Jokes about our loved game, unusual happenings in your club, or just fantastic play, are all welcome. Presenting good reading helps the sales volume, and promotes our country at the same time.

The dictionary saga continues. Thanks go to Jeff Grant for his labour intensive work on the publication, we really do appreciate it. A special general meeting

will be arranged prior to the adoption of the dictionary. You may be thinking, why? If we are to compete on an international level as we do, we need to engage within the rules of WESPA, and this includes the dictionary.

The World Champs team gave their all last year, but were unsuccessful in winning any of the major prizes. It was financially a very draining event, but as we had budgeted for great expense, we weren't disappointed with the final result. A huge thank you to all the clubs and individuals who contributed to the fund. Without your support, we wouldn't have a team that could be funded to attend. Liz arranged a Lotto bonus number draw again, and some of the recipients donated their win as well. A fantastic gesture, thanks.

The Trans Tasman will be held in Auckland in November at the same venue as the Masters for this year. We need a strong team to challenge our neighbours, and this will be decided after this tournament.

Go New Zealand!

Lynn

Masters and Nationals venues

At the Annual General Meeting and the Management meeting in June the following venues were confirmed:

Masters 2007	Tauranga
Nationals 2007	Wellington
Masters 2008	New Plymouth

Trivia Question

Which word has more definitions than any other in the *Oxford English Dictionary*? (Answer on page 39)



Overseas news



Overseas tournaments

Bahrain

Ozzie Fernandes won the 20th Bahrain Scrabble Cup. Runner up was Beboy Balaba.

India

Udayan Grover from Mumbai won the 3rd All India Open Scrabble Tournament 2006 Championship. Runner up was Shaik Ahmed from Hyderabad. Thirty-six players participated.

Israel

Evan Cohen is the new Israeli Scrabble Champion.

Malta

Theresa Camilleri, a former squash champion, became the new Maltese Scrabble Champion in April by beating David Delicata, holder of the title for the five previous years.

Nigeria

Ten countries are expected to participate in the 7th edition of the African Scrabble Championship in September, for a total prize pool of US\$20,000.

Oman

The Championship Division of the Annual Open Scrabble Tournament, staged in April, was won by 17 year-old Sherwin Rodrigues. The top seven players go on to the Gulf Scrabble Tournament in Bahrain in June. The tournament also ran three divisions for school children. Winners were: Gayash Dias (Young Juniors), Pranav Laxman (Intermediate) and Dhara Toprani (Teenagers).

Singapore

Andy Kurnia won the 8th Singapore Scrabble Open.

Switzerland

5200 schoolchildren took part in the Schools Scrabble Championship.

Trinidad

200 students from Primary and Secondary schools took part in the First Citizens 11th Annual National Schools Scrabble Tournament held in May.

USA

Students participating in the School Scrabble Program competed in the 4th National School Scrabble Championship in April. About one million students in the 20,000 schools that participate in the program compete in their home states to be one of 196 players to play in the Championship in Boston. Apparently this is played by teams of two, as the winners were Aaron Jacobs (14) and Nathan Mendelsohn (13), a team from Maryland. They won \$5000.

Also USA

Jason Katz-Brown, a sophomore at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, officially claimed the title of No. 1 Scrabble player in the USA by beating GI Joel Sherman at the Boston Area Scrabble Tournament in April in a game that saw seven bingos played.



Keeping the Dakota language alive

-from various sources, including United Press International, Inforum News and FortWayne.com

The game-maker Hasbro has teamed up with an American Indian official in South Dakota, Tammy DeCoteau, to produce the first Scrabble game in the Sioux language known as Dakota.

Today the US is home to some 170,000 Sioux or part-Sioux, but only about 127 American Indians in Minnesota and South Dakota speak the Sioux language. When those elders die, the language could die, too. DeCoteau hopes Scrabble will help prevent that. She says even she cannot speak Dakota fluently.

The Dakota were one of three Sioux tribes and the first to be pushed from their homeland in the mid-1800s. When they revolted in 1862, 38 were hanged in the largest mass executions in US history.

The first Dakota Scrabble tournament was held in North Dakota in March. Students from eight Dakota reservation schools competed.

The Dakota language has no F, L, Q, R or V, but it has six dotted letters and one N-with-a-tail, resulting in 28 letters, two more than English has. The T-with-a-dot and the P-with-a-dot are the equivalent of our 10-point Zs and Qs. A and K are the most common, and there are more of these one-pointers than Es. The game uses 100 tiles, but players draw 10 tiles instead of seven. They play with a 2,500 word Scrabble Dictionary written by tribal elders.

A limited number of handcrafted educational sets have been made for educational purposes, but the home version will consist of the dictionary and a bag of tiles, and will use a standard board.

Keeping up with the Joneses

-information from Mattel, UK

Generally Mattel reckon that they need about four million speakers of a language before they can commercially justify producing a Scrabble game in that language.

Welsh has about half a million speakers. Even so, a Welsh version of Scrabble is now being produced under licence from Mattel by Tinderbox. It was launched in October 2005.

In the Welsh version, the highest scoring letters in English, Q and Z, as well as K and V, don't even make an appearance, but there are 28 letters represented, including single tiles for CH (worth 5 points), DD(1), FF(4), LL(5), NG(10), RH(10) and TH(4).

In total there are 105 tiles, made up of 46 vowels and 57 consonants, a slightly higher ratio of vowels than in English. It's interesting that W and Y are considered to be vowels in Welsh.

A commercially available dictionary is recommended – there is no dedicated Welsh Scrabble dictionary.

Rebuses

What phrases or expressions are depicted below?

Example: 'sgeg' depicts scrambled eggs.

1. ISM
2. 97S27A43F11E84T35Y61
3. mce mce mce
4. rae faed
5. wowolfol
6. getgetitgetget
7. step pets pets
8. knowitno
9. pbluesaisnuerses
10. Hamlet words

(Answers on page 39)

Who's playing Scrabble?

Climbers at Everest Base Camp (altitude 5350m)

Hi It's Paul. Last night around 6pm the winds picked up and continued to be strong throughout the night. Some of the guy ropes on our tent were pulled out, but otherwise things were fine.

Mary is playing Scrabble as I write this with one of the other climbers. I am not sure of the score, but I don't think it will be going Mary's way, as there are some extremely good Scrabble players here.

- as reported on EverestNews.com,
14 May 2006

Jack Black (Tenacious D)

Jack Black has been forced to delay the release of Tenacious D's new album, after becoming addicted to internet Scrabble.

The actor/singer admits he has wasted valuable recording time fixed to the computer screen beating all-comers at the word game.

Black says: "I play a lot of internet Scrabble."

- as reported on IrishExaminer.com,
9 March 2006

Journalists at the corruption trial of George Ryan, USA

Journalists who have been covering the marathon corruption trial of former Gov. George Ryan are exploring the furthest reaches of boredom. One comes up with a daily limerick. Some play Scrabble. Others softly admit reading trashy celebrity magazines to pass the time.

After nearly a month of deliberations in the historic case, these reporters must sit in what's been collegially dubbed "Camp Ryan" and wait. Said Phil Rogers, a reporter for NBC-Ch. 5 and self-proclaimed Scrabble champion of Camp Ryan. "Stakeouts can drive you nuts. Reporters don't like to sit around doing nothing."

"Sometimes, you kind of ask yourself if you can remember how to do your job," said Paul Meincke of ABC-Ch. 7, the resident master of amusing but largely unprintable limericks. One reporter does impressions of local political figures. Another is developing a nasty Sudoku addiction.

On the day U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer denied a jury request for a legal dictionary, she hand-delivered a regular dictionary to the Scrabble-playing reporters so they could quell an argument over whether 'zoa' is a word. (It is.)

- from an article by Rex W Huppke in the Chicago Tribune, 11 April 2006

And Oprah Winfrey

She's reported to be a very good tactician.

Australia v New Zealand

Like our *Forwards*, the Australian Scrabble newsletter, *Across the Board*, also lists their national Scrabble records. Here are the comparative figures for the tournament records that can be compared:

	New Zealand	Australia
Highest game score	717	689
Highest losing score	513	498
Highest drawn game	487	474
Highest single turn (non-bonus)	135	144
Highest single turn	221	284
Highest combined score	1078	1063
Largest winning margin	493	447
Most consecutive bonus words	5	5
Highest average score	584	507

-as in March 2006 newsletters

Australia also includes records for longest word (13 letters), highest opening play (124 points), longest winning streak (26 games), youngest national champion (age 18), and oldest tournament player (age 98).

Youth Scrabble

World Youth Scrabble Championship

-by Ruth Groffman

Scrabble association members throughout the world are invited to compete in the inaugural World Youth Scrabble Championship (WYSC), to be held at Wollongong University (East Campus), near Sydney, Australia, from 1-3 December 2006. Competitors must be under 18 as at 31 December 2006 (i.e. born 1 January 1989 or later).

International tournament

-by Ruth Groffman

Two separate international tournaments are to be held on Tuesday 28 November and Wednesday 29 November 2006, also at Wollongong University, which is about two hours from Sydney. Entry is free to any WYSC players, plus one reserve player from each country.

Adult escorts, parents, helpers and additional youth players may compete. However, to raise funds for the WYSC, there will be an entry fee of A\$20 per day for overseas players and A\$50 per day for Australian players. Australian clubs are fundraising for this event, but if any club in New Zealand would like to contribute in any way it would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to participate in any of the above tournaments, please contact me (ruthgroffman@hotmail.com) before 15 June 2006 to find out if you are eligible.

When in Rome ...

Roman numerals use the letters I, V, X, L, C, D and M. Thirty-nine Scrabble words can be formed using those letters alone.

(We'll call these "roman" words – without the upper case R, since ROMAN/S itself is a Scrabble word.)

1. How many of those 39 romans do you know?
2. Suppose that if you were playing Scrabble in Rome you could expect to score 11 for XI, 51 for LI, etc. Which would be the highest scoring roman word you could play?
3. Only 9 other roman words (apart from XI and LI) form acceptable roman numerals. What are they? Hint: none of them is longer than three letters.
4. Is it possible to play a bonus roman?
5. Find an 8-letter word that uses all the roman numerals except V. You will need to use two other letters.
6. What are the four roman palindromes?
7. [This one's specially for Jeff Grant] Rearrange a selection of roman words to form a palindrome. What's the longest list you can make using no word more than once?

Who invented Trivial Pursuit?

In a Canadian court case expected to last eight months, David Wall is suing to be acknowledged as the inventor on Trivial Pursuit, which was launched in 1982. Wall alleges that in 1979 he was hitchhiking in Nova Scotia when he was picked up by one of the game's four owners. He claims he shared his idea for the game during the drive. According to the owners, two of them dreamed up the idea in 45 minutes during a game of Scrabble in 1979.

Lucky Liz

-by Liz Fagerlund, Mt Albert

On 4 March at around 8.05pm I found myself in possession of the Lotto ticket (there's only one drawn each week) with the winning wheel number on it – astounding when there must be many hundreds of thousands of Lotto tickets in each weekly draw! It was an exciting feeling, but I found out early the next week that I would have to wait until 6 May to get my trip to Wellington to spin the wheel.

It's an odd feeling knowing you *will* win a big prize – the 30 prizes on the wheel range from a car with a value of about \$36,000 up to \$1,000,000. There's plenty of time to wonder whether you will win enough to decide to leave work, do house renovations etc. My family, friends and workmates were incredibly supportive and enthusiastic – many saying it was so nice to know someone that was going to be on TV and win!

The weekend finally came. My daughter and I got flown to Wellington on Friday for a great weekend: two nights in the Duxton hotel, breakfasts, lunches, airport pickup all included, and \$200 in my account for Friday and Saturday nights' dinners. The lovely White House restaurant at Oriental Bay took care of most of the dinner budget on Friday night! A \$500 budget for an outfit saw us shopping with the wardrobe expert in Kirkcaldies – very nice! Lunch on Saturday was with Kylee, the Lotto presenter for that night, and Steph the co-ordinator.

We were at Avalon studio from about 5.45pm, getting ready, practising the spin (they stop the wheel once it slows down during the practice, as you wouldn't want to spin the \$1 million in the practice!

A few nerves while the Lotto numbers were being drawn, and I was standing by the wheel waiting – this was it! Once Kylee



came over I felt OK, did my spin, and was happy with my \$100,000 which was in my bank account by Monday night.

This Scrabbler wasn't lost for words after the wheel had stopped – FANTASTIC – now there's a good nine letter word! And it describes the whole weekend. The people from Lotto were delightful, and helped give me a very special weekend. I would recommend it to anyone!

Headlines for 2029

- Baby conceived naturally. Scientists stumped.
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- George Z Bush says he will run for President in 2036.
- Petrol increases to \$17.56/litre.
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How do you think things might be in 2029? Here's your chance to predict the future. Send your 2029 headline to the Editor, and we'll print your suggestions.

Super Scrabble

As I contemplated my fiendish rack of C C C I U V and W – not a hope of a word as far as I knew – a wail came from the opposite side of the table, “I’ve never even heard of a word with two Qs in it!”

My daughter and I were playing Super Scrabble, a game she had brought back from America.

The board, made by Hasbro, is 21x21 squares. The inside 225 squares are exactly as the traditional board, but three more rows have been added to all four sides. In those rows, there are more of the usual premium squares as well as quadruple letter and quadruple word squares. So in a 7-letter range you can get the following premium squares:

- two double word and one quadruple letter
- two triple word and one double letter
- one triple word and two double letter

With eight letters you can get a quadruple-triple word which includes a double letter!

So there are plenty of chances of a large word score, even if not a bonus. Our score-sheets are littered with many turns scoring more than 100 points, and many non-bonus turns over 60, with some even in the 80s. We had an average aggregate of 1916, more than twice what we average normally.

Although the game’s played with 200 tiles, the letter distribution is not just double the traditional distribution. This is the surprising tile distribution:

A	16	B	4	C	6
D	8	E	24	F	4
G	5	H	5	I	13
J	2	K	2	L	7
M	6	N	13	O	15
P	4	Q	2	R	13

-reviewed by Jennifer Smith

S	10	T	5	U	7
V	3	W	4	X	2
Y	2	Z	2		

You will immediately realise one of the drawbacks to the game – it’s pretty disconcerting to see 3 Vs on your rack, or 2 Qs with no U or I. Or to get rid of two Ws, only to pick up another two! You will also notice this makes 75 vowels (37.5%), not twice the 42 we have in the traditional Scrabble set (42%).

So perhaps it wasn’t our imagination that we seemed to get a lot of racks with a vowel shortage, and the letter distribution seemed to reduce the chances of finding a bonus on our racks.

We were not terribly impressed after our first game, but decided we would play only Super Scrabble for the whole of Easter, to give it a fair go. So my opinion of Super Scrabble is based on eight games. Not many games of Scrabble for an Easter weekend, you’re thinking? Well, Super Scrabble takes a lot longer to play!

That was our main criticism – quite honestly, we both got a little bored with each game before it was over! Sure, we weren’t playing with clocks, but the games did seem to drag on somewhat. (Can you believe a Scrabble addict is actually saying that!!)

After the initial shock of the unusual rack combinations, we adjusted. For a start, simply because the game was longer, you had more time to “play out” of a bad rack combination. Number of turns averaged 27.

It was also nice to have enough time to be able to catch up from a long way behind. The scores did not show the big spreads you might expect. In seven games, the average spread was only 55, and the eighth game had a 202 spread. Not a lot



different from traditional spreads. The highest individual game score was 1066 (quite an invasion!).

You’d think it would open the game up more to have a bigger board, but that didn’t seem to be the case. We quickly moved the playing area out to the edges of the board to reach the higher scoring squares, but because the premium squares are close together out there, we were tending to play parallel turns to grab smaller high-scoring words while we could, rather than play perpendicular ones. And so we never seemed never to have letters to wrap round, and had to hook rather than wrap. We averaged nearly 6 bonus words between us per game. We normally manage more than three between us in a traditional game.

With 6xCs and 3xVs and still only four “corners” on the board, large areas of the board seemed to get blocked off quickly

It was hard to keep track of opportunities opening up over the whole board. For example, a C sitting next to a triple word score was entirely overlooked as we played out the three remaining Hs. We found we were tending to play a high scoring turn rather than the best possible turn because there wasn’t enough time to explore all possibilities.

It was a pleasant change having more Ss, but we learned not to hang on to them.

Since they became less important, it was refreshingly different to be able to use some of the smaller words that contain an S. The different letter proportions did seem to open up a new range of playable words. And the reduced number of Is might have been a blessing occasionally.

But overall, I’m not convinced that Hasbro have got Super Scrabble right – at least, they have not got it “as right” as they could have. I don’t think the designer has played enough experimental games on the extended board design before deciding on its final layout. And I can’t understand why a double set of letters in the normal and perfectly satisfactory distribution wasn’t good enough. I wonder if it has something to do with copyright?

In summary, I wouldn’t advise you to buy Super Scrabble for non-serious Scrabblers – it’s too long and they would probably find it boring. It’s certainly not easier. For interest’s sake, buy a board for yourself, though, if you get the chance. See if you can come up with a better layout for the premium squares on the additional area.

The experience made me appreciate once again, as I do often, how well-designed the original Butts game is – he got the combination of components exactly right.

Two PSs:

1. Eight games on a flat board with 200 sliding tiles was more than enough! I was glad to get back to the old 15x15 with ridges.
2. When I got home, I checked last issue’s Dazzling Dozen to see what playable words have two Qs in them – just QAIMAQAM. Otherwise, I could only think of Albuquerque*!

Could we get back to sports on ESPN?

-from the Clayton-News Daily, Georgia, USA, 22 May 2006
by Jeff Hensley

[Editorial warning: This article could be bad for your health. Read it only if your sense of humour is fully operational.]

Last night I came home for my lunch break to find the house empty. My wife and son were out on a nature walk, and the television was begging me to find a baseball game.

I stripped down to my T-shirt and jeans, kicked off my shoes and laid back into the lovingly worn arms of my brown leather recliner, remote in hand, intent on finding a game.

Instead, I stumbled onto a troubling trend on ESPN. Rather than sports, I found one station broadcasting a poker tournament and the other playing a show hosted by the reigning World Series of Poker champion, teaching viewers how to toss cards into his Stetson.

I just about lost it when a commercial announced ESPN would be covering the national spelling bee. Earlier this year ESPN broadcast the national Scrabble competition.

Is this what the world of sports has come to? Is there nothing more compelling to watch than a wanna-be Maverick throwing cards into his hat, a bunch of word-nerds playing Scrabble for a living and 10,000 kids sounding out the word bourgeoisie?

OK, I like poker as much as the next

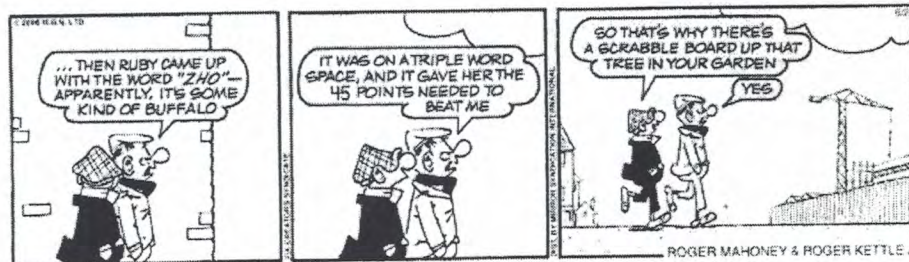
guy, Scrabble's great on a rainy night at the house and I don't see anything wrong with the spelling bee getting some airtime, but is ESPN really the place for these events?

Am I wrong to think a channel with the word 'sports' in its title should air sports predominantly?

Let's not even get into the argument of how to determine what is and isn't a sport. I'm relatively liberal in this area. I'm all right with calling bowling a sport, I'll give throwing darts a pass and I'll even go so far as to say curling is a sport.

Defining sports isn't brain surgery. At the very least a game must be comprised of some sort of physical activity to be termed a sport. Keeping a straight face when you're holding a royal straight flush, not scaring off the competition by over bidding and keeping your hand organized just doesn't cut the mustard.

Sports fans shouldn't be subjected to board games and poker faces when they're looking for a baseball game on Friday night. Just one more celebrity poker showdown or Scrabble competition and I'm laying down my cards. I'm holding a full house in this hand, kings over jacks, and the remote control is wild.



Grade winners at the Nationals
Liz Catchpole (D Grade), Lynn Wood (B Grade), Olivia En (E Grade) and Heleena Togakilo (F Grade)



Answers

Trivia question

The word SET has the greatest number of definitions in the Oxford English Dictionary, with 464. RUN is in second place with 396. Rounding out the top ten are GO with 368, TAKE with 343, STAND with 334, GET with 289, TURN with 288, PUT with 268, FALL with 264, and STRIKE with 250.

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When in Rome . . .

1. DI, ID, LI, MI, MM, XI, CID, DID, DIM, DIV, ILL, LID, MID, MIL, MIX, VID, VIM, DIVI, CILL, DILL, DIXI, IMID, LILL, MIDI, MILD, MILL, VILD, VILL, CIVIL, CIVIC, DILLI, IMMIX, LIVID, MIMIC, VILLI, VIVID, IMIDIC, DIVIDIVI. (MIM is not correct according to the "rules" of Roman numerals, where I can only be placed before V or X.)
2. MM for 2000.
3. DI, DIV, ID, IM, MI, MID, MIL, MIX and MM for 501, 504, 499, 999, 1499, 1049, 1009 and 2000 respectively (not MIM - see above)
4. Yes. DIVIDIVI.

5. CLIMAXED.
6. MM, MIM, CIVIC and DID.
7. The best I could do was 18 words and 63 letters long. Did you do better?

Rebuses

1. The end of communism
2. Safety in numbers
3. Three blind mice (no I's)
4. Turning a deaf ear
5. Wolf in sheep's clothing
6. Forget about it
7. One step forward, two steps back
8. No two ways about it
9. Mixing business with pleasure
10. Play on words

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Rankings

NZASP Rankings list as at 5 June 2006

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1 Howard Warner	2134	907	1281	71%	42 Leila Thomson	1579	370	827	45%
2 Jeff Grant	2066	1216.5	1582	77%	43 Koryn McDougall	1574	475.5	891	53%
3 Jack Dymond	2060	315	423	74%	44 Fae Olson	1574	983	2071	47%
4 Mike Sigley	2007	709	972	73%	45 Andrew Denmead	1530	190.5	387	49%
5 Peter Sinton	1991	427.5	587	73%	46 Joan Thomas	1526	491	943	52%
6 Patrick Carter	1980	613	982	62%	47 Stan Gregec	1519	132	220	60%
7 Glennis Hale	1937	1011.5	1808	56%	48 David Gunn	1513	846	1655	51%
8 Lynne Butler	1930	652	1071	61%	49 Allie Quinn	1491	675.5	1419	48%
9 John Foster	1929	962	1688	57%	50 Helen Sillis	1454	548	1081	51%
10 Steven Brown	1904	564.5	1061	53%	51 Ann Candler	1447	549.5	1157	47%
11 Joanne Craig	1901	70	117	60%	52 Maureen Holliday	1422	474	929	51%
12 Rogelio Talosig	1895	215	357	60%	53 Pam Barlow	1414	350.5	677	52%
13 Glynis Jennings	1879	374.5	790	47%	54 Hazel Purdie	1411	532.5	1080	49%
14 Debbie Caldwell	1871	276.5	463	60%	55 Jean O'Brien	1398	664	1299	51%
15 Glenda Foster	1864	654.5	1255	52%	56 Amelia Carrington	1385	172	279	62%
16 Andrew Bradley	1859	474	951	50%	57 Faye Cronhelm	1383	561.5	1128	50%
17 Chris Hooks	1810	645	1338	48%	58 Margaret Cherry	1382	345	681	51%
18 Liz Fagerlund	1794	551	1049	53%	59 Rhoda Cashman	1346	601	1264	48%
19 Denise Gordon	1783	516	1018	51%	60 Shirley Martin	1345	437.5	839	52%
20 Lisa McLean	1762	407.5	808	50%	61 Su Walker	1342	488	960	51%
21 Pam Robson	1760	428.5	923	46%	62 Selena Chan	1333	149.5	252	59%
22 Nick Ascroft	1758	120	203	59%	63 Delcie Macbeth	1307	504	954	53%
23 Lynne Powell	1742	735	1439	51%	64 Lyn Toka	1303	311.5	584	53%
24 Murray Rogers	1723	277.5	523	53%	65 Lyn Dawson	1298	256	451	57%
25 Lynn Wood	1716	972	2035	48%	66 Ruth Groffman	1296	263	510	52%
26 Paul Lister	1715	548.5	959	57%	67 Andree Prentice	1295	618	1204	51%
27 Peter Jones	1707	653	1311	50%	68 Steve Richards	1293	152	294	52%
28 Val Mills	1704	605.5	1291	47%	69 Yoon Kim Fong	1286	278.5	523	53%
29 Marianne Bentley	1689	202	441	46%	70 David Bragg	1276	133.5	223	60%
30 Janice Cherry	1679	275	513	54%	71 Doreen Ogston	1264	487.5	1014	48%
31 Jennifer Smith	1661	520.5	967	54%	72 Ernie Gidman	1263	199	396	50%
32 June Mackwell	1650	461.5	1034	45%	73 Rosalind Phillips	1241	187	342	55%
33 Rosemary Cleary	1646	436	935	47%	74 Betty Eriksen	1234	573.5	1166	49%
34 Shirley van Essen	1631	253	473	53%	75 Lynn Carter	1219	183	328	56%
35 Ann Hough	1614	336.5	655	51%	76 Margaret Flaws	1214	157	277	57%
36 Gerald Warner	1606	845.5	1792	47%	77 Margaret Bundock	1196	539.5	1128	48%
37 Shirley Hol	1604	379	783	48%	78 Margaret Lyll	1189	351	711	49%
38 Julie Atkinson	1603	223.5	413	54%	79 Carole Coates	1184	383.5	766	50%
39 Roger Coates	1602	458	948	48%	80 Samantha Samuels	1183	107	216	50%
40 Glenyss Buchanan	1587	447	943	47%	81 Elaine Moltzen	1172	388	774	50%
41 Lawson Sue	1581	156.5	268	58%	82 Pat Bryan	1169	55	94	59%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
83 Kaitie Hansen	1165	98	178	55%
84 Catherine Henry	1165	169.5	304	56%
85 Correne James	1150	523	1093	48%
86 Glenda Geard	1146	689	1397	49%
87 Yvette Hewlett	1132	254.5	534	48%
88 Marianne Patchett	1124	203.5	396	51%
89 Colleen Cook	1113	116.5	226	52%
90 Jim Willis	1091	117	194	60%
91 Roto Mitchell	1088	302	586	52%
92 Connie Flores	1086	72.5	100	73%
93 Olivia En	1086	105	175	60%
94 Shirley Wyatt	1084	351.5	760	46%
95 Gabrielle Bolt	1077	178.5	338	53%
96 John Baird	1068	47	72	65%
97 Carolyn Kyle	1044	321.5	652	49%
98 Roger French	1035	74	123	60%
99 Joan Pratt	1033	500	956	52%
100 Roger Cole-Baker	1020	106	201	53%
101 Liz Richards	1016	153.5	292	53%
102 Heather Landon	1002	95.5	182	52%
103 Mescal Kelly	997	93.5	164	57%
104 Kathleen Mori-Barker	996	215.5	457	47%
105 Jean Boyle	990	152.5	257	59%
106 Marian Ross	970	286.5	586	49%
107 Ella Rushton	967	85	138	62%
108 Yvonne MacKenzie	957	265	580	46%
109 Jena Yousif	941	155.5	310	50%
110 Karen Gray	937	27	47	57%
111 Bev Barker	926	419	859	49%
112 Lorraine Van Veen	921	546	1094	50%
113 Shirley Morrison	906	46	106	43%
114 Liz Catchpole	900	265.5	544	49%
115 Anderina McLean	897	71.5	134	53%
116 Allison Torrance	892	195	368	53%
117 Karen Miller	853	329	680	48%
118 Bernice Hyde	838	94.5	184	51%
119 Veronica Zilinskaskas	836	106	191	55%
120 Dianne Cole-Baker	815	81.5	162	50%
121 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	806	364	758	48%
122 Suzanne Frederick	781	28	53	53%
123 Ray Goodyear	779	133.5	280	48%
124 Dominic Lister	776	173	353	49%
125 Chris Handley	773	217	431	50%
126 Barbara Dunn	765	62	94	66%
127 Valma Gidman	765	459	914	50%

Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
128 Pam Mayall	743	227.5	433	53%
129 Margaret Durdle	732	123.5	250	49%
130 Michael Groffman	727	127.5	271	47%
131 Thelma Chisholm	709	112	226	50%
132 Kate Wignall	681	535	1063	50%
133 Elaine Ware	672	295	580	51%
134 Jo Ann Ingram	668	60.5	118	51%
135 Jean Wacker	661	138	276	50%
136 Maureen McBain	641	131.5	306	43%
137 Annette Coombes	632	352	785	45%
138 Iris Boulton	586	105	213	49%
139 Patricia Fletcher	575	27.5	65	42%
140 Olwen Skelton	566	402.5	843	48%
141 Jean Craib	565	228	515	44%
142 Anthea Jones	564	57	114	50%
143 Maria Clinton	559	118	246	48%
144 Janni Henneveld	540	115	256	45%
145 Dorothy Haining	517	413	834	50%
146 Margaret Hanson	514	366.5	751	49%
147 Betty Sutherland	513	163	392	42%
148 Roslyn Lister	509	203	426	48%
149 Charles Kiewiet	503	129	254	51%
150 Pauline Smeaton	501	151	317	48%
151 Tony Charlton	499	68.5	155	44%
152 Sue Mayn	495	53.5	145	37%
153 Betty Wilson	490	224.5	436	51%
154 Resie Coenen	480	206	491	42%
155 Rosemary Wauters	463	38.5	72	53%
156 Evelyn Haywood-Warner	455	46.5	121	38%
157 Alison Holmes	399	40	85	47%
158 Marc Van Hoecke	387	16	42	38%
159 Suzanne Harding	352	14	46	30%
160 Bev Griffin	351	27	79	34%
161 Jillian Greening	351	230	485	47%
162 Noelene Bettjeman	319	79.5	173	46%
163 Tim Henneveld	301	108	255	42%
164 Paula Gibbons	293	292.5	604	48%
165 Margaret Miller	291	42	106	40%
166 Sue Foster	268	40	130	31%
167 Margaret Penniket	170	24	61	39%
168 Madge Watson	133	31.5	88	36%
169 Lynn Thompson	84	14.5	46	32%
170 Anne-Louise Milne	63	14	111	13%

Tournament results

Dunedin Lion Open Tournament Saturday 1st April 2006

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Paul Lister	CHC	6	480	406	8
2 Karyn McDougall	DUN	5	134	389	8
3 Nick Ascroft	WEL	4	202	409	8
4 Jean O'Brien	IND	4	-64	376	7
5 Colleen Cook	CHC	3	-83	371	5
6 Doreen Ogston	CHC	2	-164	376	11
7 Betty Eriksen	WAN	2	-214	375	10
8 Bill Grigg	DUN	2	-291	351	5

Grade B

1 Paul Freeman	DUN	6	483	425	12
2 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	5	354	415	9
3 Ella Rushton	DUN	5	65	366	7
4 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	4	384	408	10
5 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	3	7	375	8
6 Michael Groffman	DUN	2	57	390	9
7 Karen Gray	DUN	2	-304	347	4
8 Scott Chaput	DUN	1	-864	303	5

Grade C

1 Susi Nicholson	DUN	6	434	365	6
2 Jean Craib	CHC	5	-49	331	3
3 Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	4	146	345	1
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	4	87	332	2
5 Betty Wilson	CHC	2	-140	317	2
6 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	0	-478	272	0

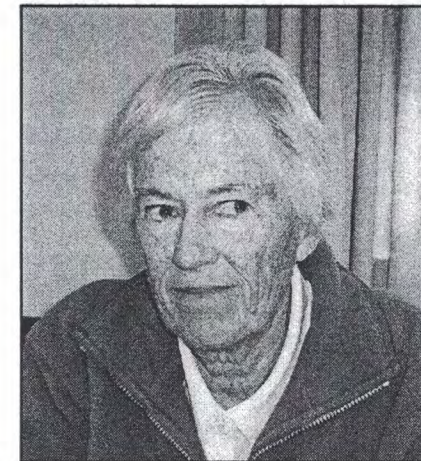
Sunday 2nd April 2006

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Paul Lister	CHC	6	679	433	12
2 Doreen Ogston	CHC	4	343	392	12
3 Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	187	375	7
4 Karyn McDougall	DUN	4	106	396	9
5 Nick Ascroft	WEL	4	24	374	3
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	3	-272	370	9
7 Colleen Cook	CHC	2	-596	325	2
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	1	-471	350	7

Grade B

1 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	6	384	391	9
2 Marian Ross	DUN	5	367	399	9
3 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	4	27	381	8
4 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	4	-274	343	6



Gabrielle Bolt (Christchurch) B Grade winner day 2 Dunedin

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Karen Gray	DUN	3	271	384	7
6 Ella Rushton	DUN	3	-126	364	7
7 Michael Groffman	DUN	2	-270	338	4
8 Scott Chaput	DUN	1	-379	343	11
Grade C					
1 Betty Wilson	CHC	5	150	339	3
2 Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	5	394	361	3
3 Jean Craib	CHC	4	186	356	6
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	3	-2	325	3
5 Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	2	-263	300	2
6 Bev Allen	DUN	2	-465	288	2

NZ Masters Championship 15-17 April 2006

23 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Howard Warner	IND	17	1950	448	41
2 Mike Sigley	WAN	17	1074	436	51
3 Andrew Bradley	MTA	17	540	400	32
4 Glynis Jennings	MTA	15	796	416	40
5 Jeff Grant	IND	15	661	424	38
6 Glennis Hale	IND	15	439	395	31
7 John Foster	NSB	14.5	632	403	32
8 Glenda Foster	WEL	14	614	410	38
9 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	14	223	391	31
10 Steven Brown	KAP	13	694	422	50

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Chris Hooks	MTA	11.5	-576	378	28
12 Pam Robson	HAM	11	-93	380	32
13 Nick Ascroft	WEL	11	-233	397	31
14 Denise Gordon	WAN	11	-368	396	38
15 Shirley van Essen	CHC	10	-208	389	31
16 Lisa McLean	IND	10	-648	371	27
17 Paul Lister	CHC	9	-308	388	31
18 Ann Hough	NEL	9	-408	375	24
19 Eileen McLean	MTA	9	-854	376	31
20 Val Mills	PAK	8	-707	372	32
21 Janice Cherry	PAK	8	-1165	362	25
22 Marianne Bentley	TGA	7	-709	378	23
23 June Mackwell	NSB	6	-557	369	24
24 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	4	-789	380	30

**North Shore Bays Tournament
22 April 2006**

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	7	311	443	13
2 Patrick Carter	MTA	6	593	437	11
3 Lynne Powell	HBC	4	274	434	15
4 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	3	-106	379	9
5 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	3	-169	362	5
6 Eileen McLean	MTA	2	39	388	10
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	2	-361	369	9
8 Lisa McLean	IND	1	-581	352	8
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	5	335	414	8
2 June Mackwell	NSB	5	300	404	12
3 Val Mills	PAK	4	207	390	6
4 Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	54	386	8
5 Roger Coates	KIW	4	-53	377	9
6 Gerald Warner	WRE	3	209	400	9
7 Fae Olson	NSB	2	-749	345	5
8 Allie Quinn	WRE	1	-303	365	6
Grade C					
1 Lawson Sue	PAK	5	282	411	11
2 Julie Atkinson	MTA	5	-48	390	7
3 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	4	103	389	9
4 Helen Sillis	NPL	4	64	376	9
5 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	128	404	9
6 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	-23	374	6
7 Ann Candler	NSB	3	-165	369	8
8 Su Walker	MTA	1	-341	369	10
Grade D					
1 May Quigley	IND	6	278	396	8
2 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	5	206	409	9
3 Shirley Martin	HAM	4	97	387	12
4 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	3	13	393	9

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Delcie Macbeth	IND	3	12	409	12
6 Rhoda Cashman	HBC	3	-154	365	8
7 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	-206	377	9
8 Pam Barlow	PAK	2	-246	368	7
Grade E					
1 Ernie Gidman	ROD	6	337	395	9
2 Lyn Toka	KIW	5	181	394	9
3 Correne James	IND	4	-36	366	4
4 Pat Bryan	MTA	3	-14	358	7
5 Margaret Bundock	HBC	3	-40	326	2
6 Lynn Carter	NSB	3	-236	359	5
7 Marianne Patchett	MTA	2	-76	373	6
8 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	2	-116	380	8
Grade F					
1 Jim Wills	PAK	6	198	383	9
2 Mescal Kelly	MTA	5	103	366	4
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	262	375	6
4 Karen Miller	PAK	4	49	368	4
5 Bev Barker	MTA	3	-11	341	3
6 Bernice Hyde	NSB	3	-151	376	8
7 Anderina McLean	MTA	2	-217	342	4
8 Lorraine Van Veen	IND	1	-233	334	2
Grade G					
1 Irene Hague-Smith	MTA	6	479	394	7
2 Lyres Freeth	ROD	5	318	383	5
3 Kate Wignall	MTA	4	-141	357	5
4 Liz Catchpole	MTA	3	175	377	6
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	-218	351	5
6 Resie Coenen	PAK	3	-265	332	3
7 Elaine Ware	MTA	3	-272	351	5
8 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	1	-76	345	5
Grade H					
1 Chris Higgins	PAK	6	507	386	7
2 Olwen Skelton	ROD	6	84	355	5
3 Margaret Hanson	PHC	4	201	354	2
4 Dorothy Haining	ROD	3.5	120	363	2
5 Melody Freeth	ROD	3.5	-13	349	3
6 Evelyn Haywood-Warner	WRE	3	-107	354	5
7 Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	1	-308	299	4
8 Suzanne Harding	WRE	1	-484	325	3
Grade I					
1 Linda Moore	ROD	6	362	349	4
2 Janet Williamson	NSB	6	311	340	1
3 Merle Spinetto	ROD	5	207	339	1
4 Margaret Miller	HBC	3.5	95	349	4
5 Elvie Perrin	ROD	3	-102	342	5
6 Lynn Thompson	WRE	2.5	-259	303	2
7 Poobie Pillay	NSB	2	-44	331	2
8 Madge Watson	HBC	0	-570	298	1

**South Island Champs - Christchurch
6-7 May 2006**

14 Game double round robin

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	10	898	446	29
2 Joanne Craig	CHC	10	721	439	20
3 Murray Rogers	NEL	8	-227	391	18
4 Paul Lister	CHC	7	-102	382	18
5 Lynn Wood	WEL	6	218	402	19
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	6	-608	376	15
7 Karyn McDougall	DUN	6	-753	373	20
8 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	3	-147	385	18
B Grade					
1 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	858	411	24
2 Selena Chan	CHC	9	470	392	16
3 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	-68	378	13
4 Lyn Dawson	CHC	7.5	38	370	13
5 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6.5	-422	357	10
6 Colleen Cook	CHC	6	-276	373	13
7 Doreen Ogston	CHC	5	-252	382	22
8 Ruth Graffman	DUN	5	-348	364	8
C Grade					
1 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	8	689	390	12
2 Kaite Hansen	CHC	8	113	355	11
3 Olivia En	WEL	8	39	360	16
4 Connie Flores	CHC	8	-3	376	11
5 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	15	374	14
6 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-27	367	9
7 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	6	-239	380	21
8 Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	5	-587	352	9

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
D Grade					
1 Marian Ross	DUN	11	810	397	18
2 Ella Rushton	DUN	11	722	381	13
3 John Baird	CHC	10	654	395	21
4 Allison Torrance	CHC	8	398	366	16
5 Veronica Zilinskas	CHC	8	-48	365	12
6 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	3	-594	330	7
7 Tony Charlton	NEL	2.5	-509	328	8
8 Betty Sutherland	CHC	2.5	-1433	293	3
E Grade					
1 Betty Wilson	CHC	12	572	346	8
2 Jean Craib	CHC	11	764	370	10
3 Alison Holmes	CHC	9	649	370	10
4 Paula Gibbons	CHC	9	420	339	7
5 Pat Stefferson	CHC	6	-497	300	5
6 Judith Bach	CHC	5	30	349	7
7 Di Barritt	CHC	3	-510	291	5
8 Joy Reiha	CHC	1	-1428	241	0

**NZ National Championship
3-4 June 2006**

15 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1 Howard Warner	IND	14	1582	459	33
2 Jeff Grant	IND	13	981	423	26
3 Patrick Carter	MTA	10	840	415	22
4 Blue Thorogood	IND	10	505	427	23
5 Joanne Craig	CHC	9	618	424	20
6 Steven Brown	KAP	9	167	410	31
7 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	369	409	25
8 John Foster	NSB	8	4	373	21
9 Glenda Foster	WEL	7	-423	380	18
10 Rogelio Talosig	NSB	6.5	-741	367	23
11 Chris Hooks	MTA	6	4	394	23
12 Lisa McLean	IND	5	-791	354	18
13 Pam Robson	HAM	4.5	-959	366	18
14 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	4	-363	395	17
15 Andrew Bradley	MTA	4	-813	366	17
16 Lynne Powell	HBC	2	-980	396	23
Grade B					
1 Lynn Wood	WEL	10	140	390	20
2 Murray Rogers	NEL	9.5	504	398	15
3 Val Mills	PAK	9	747	406	20
4 Paul Lister	CHC	9	36	371	14
5 Margie Hurly	WRE	9	1	394	20
6 Marianne Bentley	TGA	8.5	370	400	21
7 Janice Cherry	IND	8	522	404	15
8 Jennifer Smith	HAM	8	190	392	17
9 Rosemary Cleary	WAN	8	94	377	18
10 June Mackwell	NSB	7	-135	355	16



Debbie Caldwell (Nelson) A Grade winner at Christchurch

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Shirley Hol	CHC	7	-394	384	22
12 Leila Thomson	LOH	7	-450	366	14
13 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	6	-108	392	24
14 Roger Coates	KIW	6	-388	376	16
15 Ann Hough	NEL	5	-382	374	15
16 Allie Quinn	WRE	3	-747	353	15

Grade C

1 Lawson Sue	MTA	13	560	401	22
2 David Gunn	WKP	11	593	407	26
3 Helen Sillis	NPY	9	179	385	16
4 Hazel Purdie	MTA	9	153	388	20
5 Pam Barlow	PAK	9	-278	364	12
6 Jean O'Brien	IND	8	581	413	20
7 Amelia Carrington	IND	8	146	396	12
8 Maureen Holliday	HBC	8	37	381	15
9 Margaret Chery	PAK	8	-145	379	17
10 Shirley Martin	HAM	7	7	383	21
11 Faye Cronhelm	IND	6.5	105	384	17
12 Su Walker	MTA	6.5	41	395	25
13 Selena Chan	CHC	6	-136	377	11
14 Andree Prentice	WAN	5	-194	361	13
15 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	5	-566	373	13
16 Glenda Geard	IND	1	-1083	365	15

Grade D

1 Delcie Macbeth	IND	10	302	393	25
2 Ruth Goffman	DUN	10	271	380	13
3 Lyn Toka	KIW	10	230	376	13
4 Ernie Gidman	ROD	9	145	378	17
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	8	388	368	14
6 Margaret Flaws	TGA	8	345	396	14
7 Lynn Carter	NSB	8	12	368	16
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	8	-24	364	16
9 Kaite Hansen	CHC	7	123	365	11
10 Carole Coates	KIW	7	21	357	17
11 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	7	9	357	12
12 Catherine Henry	TGA	7	-106	361	9
13 Marianne Patchett	MTA	6	-333	369	13
14 Mary Gray	MTA	5.5	-337	354	12
15 Roto Mitchell	WAN	5	-314	347	8
16 Colleen Cook	CHC	4.5	-732	339	5

Grade E

1 Olivia En	WEL	11	439.357	409	15
2 John Baird	CHC	11	416	361	19
3 Joan Pratt	HBC	10	371	377	16
4 Heather Landon	TGA	9.5	183	370	13
5 Mescal Kelly	MTA	9	275.429	361	11
6 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	9	197	373	16
7 Jean Boyle	WAN	9	154.357	386	19
8 Jena Yousif	KIW	8	-65	387	18
9 Karen Gray	DUN	7	400	388	10
10 Anderina McLean	MTA	7	91	366	13
11 Allison Torrance	CHC	7	-40	361	14

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
12 Bernice Hyde	NSB	6	-209.929	338	13
13 Karen Miller	PAK	5.5	-308	380	9
14 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	5	-346	350	14
15 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	4	-619	339	6
16 Jo Ann Ingram	TGA	2	-899	329	11

Grade F

1 Liz Catchpole	MTA	14	1420	404	16
2 Barbara Dunn	TGA	11	605	373	12
3 Valma Gidman	ROD	11	295	363	11
4 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	10	217	354	8
5 Kate Wignall	MTA	9	257	354	6
6 Jean Wacker	TGA	9	200	345	9
7 Annette Coombes	WKP	8	14	348	20
8 Anthea Jones	KIW	7	205	345	12
9 Olwen Skelton	ROD	7	62	335	4
10 Jean Craib	CHC	7	-381	328	9
11 Betty Sutherland	CHC	6	-231	332	11
12 Margaret Hanson	PAK	6	-239	342	8
13 Resie Coenen	PAK	5	-336	338	4
14 Maria Barker	WKP	4	-626	308	10
15 David Sutcliffe	WKP	4	-716	319	9
16 Janet Williamson	NSB	2	-746	301	1

Grade G

1 Heleena Togakilo	MTA	14	636	360	5
2 Alison Holmes	CHC	11	563	340	4
3 Paula Gibbons	CHC	9	488	344	7
4 Margaret Penniket	KIW	7	-532	316	8
5 Ray Seddon	TGA	3	-653	303	1
6 Michelle Hawes	HAM	1	-502	273	0



*Delcie Macbeth (Independent)
E Grade winner at the Nationals*

NZ Scrabble Records

Record	Tournament		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) Karyn McDougall (DUN)
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)	—	—

New Zealand 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)