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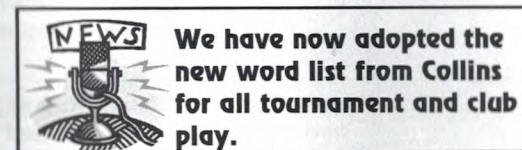
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From the Editor



I keep a Scrabble word list on my desk at work – you wouldn't believe how many new words have been added to my Scrabble repertoire as a result of emails and other communications at work, and it's good to be able to check them out on the spot.

I organise a corporate calendar each year, and source paintings, photographs etc for each one. When I asked one wonderful artist what his painting style was called, he told me GOUACHE, a method of painting in opaque pigments ground in water and thickened with a glue-like substance. Look at all those unlikely letters, and four vowels! (And I learnt GLUELIKE as well.) I've played GOUACHE twice in games, and had it challenged both times.

We deal with genetics, and I remember one particularly heavy meeting being lightened by my learning the threesome, HAPLOID (cell having a single set of chromosomes), DIPLOID (one with two complete sets), and EUPLOID (multiple sets). I've played HAPLOID and DIPLOID to date, and had one of them challenged.

An email the other week said: "Throughout the week volunteers deposit milk containers into the recycling fadge for monthly pick-up. Yesterday's storm did an 'un-scheduled pick-up' and flung a good many of those milk containers far and wide! So, if you're out-and-about on the grounds over the next few days and come across a milk container, we'd be most grateful if you made the effort to pick it up and deposit it back into the fadge on the loading dock."

I had never heard of the word FADGE before. So I looked up in my word list, and there it was: FADGE. Also FADGED, FADGES and FADGING.

Our various jobs and backgrounds can often give us an advantage in Scrabble games. I had never seen the word DIASPORA that crops up this month in the article on British names, yet my daughter has "always" known it – she works in foreign affairs.

I've learnt not to challenge nurse Val Flint's words on Club nights when she plays anything vaguely medical, and to watch out for financial words played by Joan Thomas in tournaments (BOURSES).

I've been burnt when I've challenged Scots words played by Allie Quinn (I remember SALTIRE), French words played by Andre Prentice (BEURRE), and South African/Dutch words played by Shirley van Essen (NARTJIE). Mind you, I think I've also won some challenges from those same people because the foreign words they know aren't in the official word list!

If David Gunn plays DAVIDIA, Patrick Carter plays PATRICK or PAITRICK, Jeff Grant plays JEFE or JEFF and Lynn Wood plays LIN, I figure that they're more likely to know the words that are similar to their names than I am. (Now I suppose I've given people a carte blanche* to play all sorts of words that look vaguely like their names whenever they're playing against me!)

I guess it was the same logic that stopped my opponent challenging my JINNEES* recently.

That's the joy of Scrabble – win some, lose some!

Jennifer

From the Executive

Over several weeks Scrabblers have been selling tickets in the raffle organised by Pat and Jeff Grant to raise funds for our World Champs Team. Many thanks to all who participated. Pat beavered away for weeks to source gifts and goods for the great prizes, and to assemble and distribute them. We all, and especially this year's team, owe Pat a huge vote of thanks for her efforts.

The prize draw took place as in the past at the Hastings RSA, utilising their electronic random number selection system. I was scrutineer and the draw was carried out by the RSA president. As the numbers appeared on the overhead screen they were matched to the lists of ticket holders. Congratulations to all the winners.

Some of our Clubs and individual members opted to make a straight donation rather than sell raffle tickets – thank you for your generosity.

At the Masters tournament held in Tauranga at Easter this year, Glennis Hale was in the lead for most of the tournament but lost out to Jeff Grant on the last afternoon. Tauranga were wonderful hosts and presented commemorative pens to all the players. Next year New Plymouth is organising the event — plans are already under way.

In early May Kapiti Coast Club held their second tournament. For the first time, we think, all of your committee members played in the A Grade in a Club tournament – though someone who remembers the early days may prove us wrong. We all stayed at the Sandcastle Motel on Peka Peka Beach. It was a pleasure to have a leisurely committee meeting on Saturday night while we enjoyed a few nibbles and a

glass of wine, with no rush to be ready for the next game, or to wolf down lunch. On Sunday morning we were able to take a stroll on the almost deserted beach before heading off for the tournament. Bliss.

Vice-president Glenda Foster is also our web master. She updates the ratings and rankings after all tournaments and posts these, together with results, reports etc to the website, which she has developed. Go to www.scrabble.org.nz. Her expertise is called upon for most tournaments to do the draw, calculate expectancies, prepare the scoring template and print out documents.

Glenda will be enjoying the sun in Rarotonga during this year's Nationals but we are lucky to have Steven Brown available to fill this important role in her absence.

As I write this the Nationals tournament is still a few days away. After the tournament our World Champs Team will be announced, so competition will be fierce at the top of the rankings.

I've been reading *The Lighthouse* by P D James. In it is a delightful description of someone looking over a player's shoulder as a game of Scrabble is concluding. He finds and announces a great end-play. The player's opponent declares the game null and void due to interference. The rack was EIMOSS, the play was MEIOSIS. Would you have found it?

Joan



Club News



Dunedin

Thanks to Jennifer Smith (Hamilton) and Betty Eriksen (Wanganui) for travelling so far to compete in our Dunedin Lion Open Tournament. The most unusual word played was PIROJKI for 30, played by Paul Freeman (Dunedin).

We welcome Denise Cockburn and Christine Wilson to our Club, and were pleased to have Shirley van Essen (Christchurch) visit one evening.

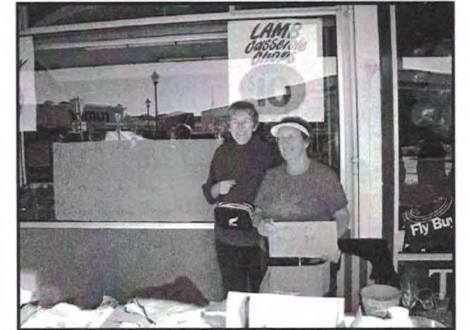
Marion Ross has tried to get a Tuesday afternoon club going through advertisements in the local community newspaper, but so far it has not taken off.

Kiwi

Please note that Kiwi will not be holding a tournament this year – sorry!

In order to raise funds to assist Kiwi Club Members to attend the Nationals in Wellington, Elaine Moltzen and Lyn

Toka held a stall at Cambridge Market. They raised \$460 from selling bric-a-brac donated by Kiwi Members and friends. The money raised went toward hiring a mini van for transport, and members' accommodation costs.



Kiwi Club stall

Kiwi/Tauranga

The second annual interclub challenge between Kiwi and Tauranga clubs was held on Saturday 10 March at Roger and Carole Coates' house in Hamilton. Eight players from each club competed for a shield trophy.

The Tauranga team was Stan Skinner, Chris Day, Shirley Bonthron, Catherine Henry, Heather Landon, Shirley Morrison, Barbara Dunn and Ray Seddon; while the Kiwi Team was



Kiwi versus Tauranga tournament

Roger Coates, Yoon Kim, Lyn Toka, Jena Yousif, Sam Samuels, Anthea Jones, Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell, and Karen Stewart.

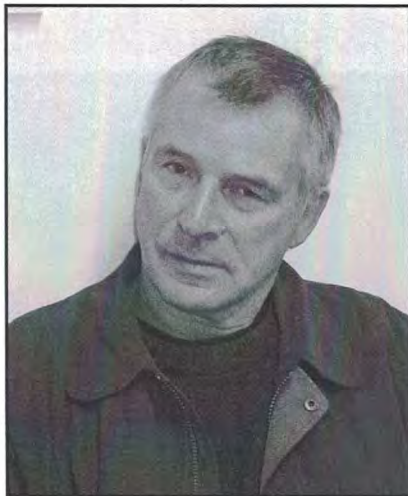
Tauranga won 24 games to Kiwi's 23, but a good time was had by all.

Nelson

The Nelson club now meets on Thursday evenings instead of Wednesday.

Wellington

Those of us in the Wellington Scrabble Club have grown used to a unique and colourful club-mate who enlivens each club night he attends. Frank Robinson's forthright manner can be a little unnerving for visitors and new members so we do our best to shelter them before they run screaming into the night. A few of the gems trotted out on a regular basis which we have come to know and love include:



Frank Robinson, Wellington

1. "When I win, it's skill – when you win, it's luck".
2. "It's only a game" (only said when losing).
3. "When I want your opinion I'll give it to you".
4. "Frankie don't play no duds". (when on the receiving end of a challenge – a bald-faced lie).
5. "I wouldn't do this against a good player" (when about to open up the board).

However, we also know that Frank has a heart of gold although he would deny this strenuously and does his best to cover it up. Our club would certainly be the poorer (and much quieter!) if he wasn't there.

Christchurch

The Christchurch Club now meets on Fridays at 6.45pm, and has an additional meeting in the daytime on Wednesdays at 12.35pm.

We have just celebrated the 26th birthday of our newsletter and the club has been in existence for over 30 years.

North Shore Bays

North Shore Bays was very pleased to carry on the traditional one-day Anzac tourney (we hope to continue as usual next year, too).

To commemorate the occasion, Fae and Eddie Olson baked special Anagram Anzac Biscuits with letters iced on top to decipher into a seven-letter word before eating. These were a delight to eat and a subject of avid conversation at break time. Many thanks for this ingenious thoughtful effort.

Some Scrabble memories

- by Val Flint

In the 1980s I learned to play 'serious' Scrabble in the UK.

The rules were quite different then, even under national competition rules. An adjudicator sat with a clock at the table with the competing couple and timed each move to the maximum of two minutes. At 1½ minutes a warning was given; this was extremely off-putting for the slower thinkers like myself! The pressure was on because you knew that after two minutes you missed a turn.

You could also swap the correct letter with blanks already played and miss a turn.

Gyles Brandreth was the MC, and Betty Kirkpatrick, editor of *Chambers 20th Dictionary*, was the word checker for challenges. Her judgement was final!

One year I got lucky and reached the UK National Finals. My first game was against a formidable player, Joyce Cansfield. She watched me writing on the back of a scrap of paper and asked what I was doing. I told her that I could often pick out anagrams for crosswords by putting letters in a circle, or by writing horizontally rather than vertically – can't spell vertically!

She asked me which crossword I did – it was the *Telegraph* cryptic. I learned that Joyce was a *Times* crossword compiler, so she constantly had her nose in a dictionary for her livelihood. She also had a Maths degree so knew all those strange mathematical terms, so she was going to be a tough opponent.

It's weird the totally useless things you remember, and I can clearly recall some of the words Joyce played.

She started the game with VARICES

(plural of VARIX – a dilated tortuous vein), a word that I was not familiar with.

ERIC (a blood fine paid by a murderer to the victim's family in old Irish law) was another word I learned that day, then CORVINE (crow-like).

When Joyce played LORINER I thought she had misspelt LORIMER (a maker of metal parts of horse harness); she advised me not to challenge it as she knew it was an OK word; However, challenge I did, and had to miss a turn. LORINER is a variant of LORIMER – another learning curve!

She won the game with a score of well over 500. Joyce went on to win that entire contest so I reflected that a score of 345 against her was fairly respectable

Over the next couple of years Joyce went on to win both Mastermind and Countdown; evidently a person with a brilliant brain.

Winners of raffle

Results of raffle run by Jeff and Pat Grant for the 2007 WSC team

1st	(796)	Rogelio Talosig	Auckland
2nd	(783)	John Foster	Auckland
3rd	(663)	Gaye Tiplady	Auckland
4th	(143)	Sarah Frank	Hamilton
5th	(106)	Patrick Lister & Anna Priest	Christchurch
6th	(600)	Joan Jones	Orewa
7th	(639)	T Lowe	Hamilton
8th	(190)	Steve Foster	Auckland
9th	(717)	Valerie Scott	Tauranga
10th	(470)	Dwenda Rice	Papamoa

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets or bought tickets. Special thanks to Pat and Jeff Grant for all the work organising it.

Odd one out

What do thirty of the following thirty-one words have in common, and what's the odd one out?

GO
BET
EVE
OOF
WIS
AMEN
BORE
CLAD
FERE
LIKE
RAPT
RENT
SAME
TOST
BOUND
BRENT
CLEPT
ESTER
PIGHT
SHENT
UMPED
WROKE
YRIVD
MOLTEN
PLIGHT
SLAKED
CLEEPING
EARNINGS
RAVISHED
SHENDING
OURSELVES

Answer on page 38.

Cross words

- by Cheah Siu Hean and Jobeth Pan in the SA News

These "cross words" describe hybrids or crosses between different animal species.

Hybrids are named by the portmanteau method, combing the names of the two parent species. Since the traits of hybrid offspring often vary depending on which species was mother and which was father, it is traditional to use the father's species as the first half of the portmanteau. For example, a LIGER is a cross between a male lion and a female tiger, while a TIGON is a cross between a male tiger and a female lion.

CATTABU	cow x zebu
ZO, ZHO, DSO, DZHO	yak x cow
DSOMO, ZHOMO	
CAMA	camel x a llama
JOMO, ZOBU, DSOBO	are feminine versions of
	yak x cow
CATALO, CATTALO	cow x buffalo
BEEFALO	cow x North American buffalo
JUMART	supposedly bull x mare, or
	stallion x cow (realistically
	impossible)
YAKOW	yak x cow
PEKEPOO, PEEKAPOO	a Pekinese x a poodle
GEEP	goat x sheep
TIGON, TIGLON	tiger x lioness
LIGER	lion x tigress
ZEBRASS	male zebra x female ass;
	adjectives ZEBRINE, ZEBROID
ZEBRINNY	male horse x female zebra
ZEBRULE ZEBRULA	male zebra x female horse
HINNY	stallion x female ass or
	donkey
HENNY	horse x jenny
MULE, MOYL, MOYLE	donkey x horse
COCKAPOO	cocker spaniel x poodle



cockapoo



geep

The Masters Tournament

by John Foster

At this year's Masters Tournament which was very successfully hosted by the Tauranga Club there were a number of events which need to be recorded.

100th player

The countdown to see who will be the 100th player to compete in a NZ Masters inched forward another notch with Murray Rogers becoming number 94. At this rate we may have to wait a few more years for the momentous occasion.

Oldest competitor

The evergreen June Mackwell has again extended her record as the oldest competitor. Her age on the final day of competition this year was 83 years 304 days, at least a clear 15 years ahead of any potential challengers.

Heavenly hosts

The Tauranga Club's hosting of the event was first class. A well-lit, spacious venue, lovely lunches and a very generous gesture at the end when president Stan Skinner presented each player with a beautiful engraved Parker pen.

Thank you, Tauranga.

NZ Shield Challenge saga

There was a big oops with the NZ Shield challenge.

The Shield, held by Mt Albert, was to be challenged for by Wellington, the only club with the necessary three players competing when the original acceptances were announced.

When Denise Gordon came into the field as a result of withdrawals,

Wanganui also had the required number and became the challenger because their top player, Mike Sigley, had a higher rating than Glenda Foster, the top Wellington player.

This all changed on the night before the competition when Rosemary Cleary had to withdraw, and Wellington was reinstated as the challenger.

During this process it was unfortunately overlooked that Ann Hough had slipped in under the radar as a late entry and that Nelson should be the challenger as they now had the required three players and Debbie Caldwell was ranked higher than Glenda. This glitch was only discovered half way through the competition, so at that stage Nelson was installed as challenger.

A rapid count-back of games was done to determine the position at that point. Six of the nine games had been completed, with the score Mt Albert 4, Nelson 2. It was announced that for Mt Albert to keep the Shield, Chris Hooks only had to win one of his three games against Nelson players, which he duly did.

And so Mt Albert retains the Shield. Congratulations, Mt Albert.

Say it with Scrabble

In the episode of EastEnders currently screening in Britain:

While teenagers Libby and Darren are playing Scrabble, Darren asks Libby if they're a couple now, and Libby spells out YES on the Scrabble board.

[Waste of an S, I'd say! - Ed.]

ANAGRAM CORNER

Scrabblers like transposing letters, for example DARWIN* to INWARD and AUSTRALIAN* to SATURNALIA (an orgy). On a higher level, THE AUSTRALIAN ECHIDNAS transposes to A LUNCH? A DIET? HIS ARE ANTS.

Here are anagrams of the six members of the Aussie Scrabble team for the 2007 World Champs.

CHRIS MAY	ICY MARSH
ANDREW FISHER	REWIND AFRESH
DAVID ELDER	VALID DREAD
EDWARD OKULICZ	O WIZARD LUCK, EDI
NAWEEN FERNANDO	NON-FADE, NEAR-NEW
BOB JACKMAN	BANK JOB, MAC

Word mastery

There were 463 challenges during the NZ Masters event in Tauranga at Easter. Of these, 197 were correct and 266 incorrect. The most challenges (35) occurred in round 7, and the least (10) in round 10.

Adjudicator Pat Grant noted the following unusual words, all of which are allowed:

ECLOGITE	BILLMEN	OIKIST
SANDFISH	INTUSE	GASOHL
TOEIST	AMATION	HOGNUTS
BAUERA	TRAHISON	DURBARS
SEICENTO	VERDOY	BAWTIE
ENOLASE	FILMOGER	VERVAIN
WAIPT	FULLERS	ZIGANKA
DRUTHERS	AGAMETE	DICLINY
BEACHIER	RONDELLE	OUTSTART
YMPES	GRENNED	ZEALLESS
PECULIA	SCAMELS	

There were also many words which look reasonable, but are not allowed, for example:

FILIP*	ENTHREAD*	ENDFLAPS*
BAHS*	RESULTED*	RETICKED*
OBELIAN*	YARNINGS*	ANTIEST*
ENSPIRIT*	YEAT*	INVESTURE*
BARNIES*	ENCODINGS*	SEABOAT*
TOXICLY*	TRINODE*	CRUSTER*
AMOURIST*	COQUITA*	TOOLAGE*
BIPOLES*	NONABLE*	SEALANE*
OREOLES*		

The following were not allowed at the time, but are allowed now!
MAXED, SUGARER PRICINGS

Editor's challenge

As always, unless they are included as part of a question as to their correctness, or are clearly invented words (as in "Unit Conversions" on page 19), 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 left deliberately un-asterisked for you to find.

Can you find it? Answer on page 38.

Word puzzle

- sent in by Su Walker

Can you figure out what these words have in common?

Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Uneven
Assess

Answer on page 38. (Don't peek until you've given it another try!)

Introduction to a logophile

- by Kaite Hansen

I am an addict. My habit consumes me. From hypnagogic state to deepest sleep, I feed, feed, feed. Dreams, restless as gypsies, saunter through my brain, images, symbols, seductive, compelling. And I am powerless, a victim of my own gluttony.

When dawn scampers across the skies, I stuff myself with optimism. This time, I will make it through the day. But it is a hope devoid of promise. Already, I am reaching out, desperate to fulfil my need.

Hah. I see you are picturing me, a ballooning caricature of a woman, my body a cellulite dimpled ball with saused* arms and garlic loafed legs. Perhaps you imagine me in a buttercup sweatshirt blotted with food stains? Are my legs sheathed in spandex tights, the seams buckling like burnt bacon? Do I splotch around my kitchen in brown sandals with overstretched Velcro fasteners?

But you are wrong. If we met on a wet street, you would nod politely and pass me by, my features so unremarkable they would blur like heavy rain on windows. I am not outwardly branded by my affliction. In me you will not see the raddled despair of the heroin addict. Nor do I carry the hollow cheeks of the bulimic, the fatuous bonhomie of the drinker or the frazzled frown of the co-dependant. No. My addiction burns within, yet its intensity guarantees my perdition will be as complete as that of my fellow habitués.

You are puzzled. Your quick brain dances like sequins on mirrored water,

computing options. You stab randomly. Is it gambling? Infidelity? You delve deeper. Voyeur? Self mutilation? Sex addiction? Child pornography? Murder?

Stop. Right there. I will reveal myself. I am, let me take a breath here so that I can enunciate clearly, I am a Scrabble Fanatic, a Word Freak, an Anagram Junkie.

Scrabble. Say it softly. Experience its sibilance. Scrabble, an ingenious strategy challenge, disguised as a simple board game. Indulge me. Admire the delicious symmetry of painted squares on a revolving board. Eight red boxes offer an instant triple word fix. Twelve flamboyant turquoise squares promise triple letter highs, 16 pink double word scorers surge energy through me. Even the 24 double letter boxes feed me.

The tile rack is, of course, polished pine. Beside it, a bag, deerskin smooth, is filled with wooden tiles, their corners slightly rounded to please the finger-smith. Each tile has a letter engraved, a number value attributed in its bottom right hand corner. A clock with dual faces analogues our allotted twenty-five minutes each. I consult my rack, admiring the profiterole perfect letters, a doughy D, a luscious L.



Kaite Hansen

Can you appreciate my yearning to smother the triple word square with a seven-letter triumph? To fit DEXTRAL into a right hand triple word corner, knowing the word means turning to the right? What about the ecstasy of converting CAUTION to AUCTION, ROYALIST to SOLITARY?

You shake your head. Throw your hands in the air, astounded. Please. Stay with me. Try to understand. I am about to begin.

The board sits atop a polished oak table, a sacred offering on an altar. Anticipation moistens my throat like the juices from a plump chicken. I take the left seat.

My opponent sits opposite. There is a momentary eye contact. He smiles, indicating I should draw the first tile from the bag. Oh, the pleasure, the wanton promise. With the sensuous fingers of an experienced lover, I delve into the silken smoothness of the bag, emerge with a letter. P. P for piquant pickle that coats the tongue with lingering after flavours.

I show my opponent my letter, offer him the bag to draw his tile. He produces an M, M as in millefeuille, those exquisite French pastries. My opponent's letter is closest to A, so he will begin this addictive game of chance, tactics and mental stamina. I watch his surgeon's hands extract seven fresh tiles. Despite his casual manner, I feel his tension, his avarice, his greed for the thrill of the randomly drawn letter.

My pulse quickens, my heartbeat accelerates. I click the clock so he is already being timed. Inside I am wired, vibrantly alive. Yet my

expression is one of intense serenity. I draw my tiles, contemplate my letters. A...V...L...A...P...O...V. I move the letters around on my rack, where is the pattern, how do they best link? My mind is a seafood smorgasbord of options.

He places his word on the board with the reverence of a chef serving scallops. COXAE. "Thirty-four." He clicks his clock so my side is activated and draws five more tiles.

Adrenalin pumps through me like a ravenous bride. Again, I jumble my letters. A miracle occurs. I lay out PAVLOVA over my opponent's A, announce my 74-point score and replenish my rack. Inside, I am as succulent as fat feijoas ready to plop from a tree.

But my pleasure is abruptly splintered. In my eagerness I have placed PAVLOVA one square back from the Triple Word box. It is a foolhardy move.

Hooking an S on PAVLOVA, my partner responds with STYPTIC, laddering it down from the triple word square. I know this word, it is an astringent used to check bleeding. Regretting my impulsiveness, I calculate his score. In two moves he has achieved 177 points. "Nice word," I acknowledge, struggling to stem the panic threatening to corrode my confidence. I study my rack. Two Cs are not promising. But wait. Yes. I uncover the word CACHEXY, meaning a depraved habit of mind. But the board is hostile, there is no place I can fit it. I am forced to put down HEX, earning a starveling 21 points.

Oxymorons

-from Glennis Hale

You are at my shoulder, observing. Is your appetite whetted by these delicious tiles? Now do you comprehend the pull, the power, the magnetic compulsion of this treacherous game of words?

Look. My opponent puts NERVILY on the board, cunningly laying his V on a double letter score, his Y lands on the triple word square. A score of 101 points. He leaps 113 points ahead. His shoulders relax, there is a peacefulness around his eyes. I catch his quick, smug smile. Resent it.

We play on. Word by word, point by point, we battle, we challenge, we compete. Nerves needle my skin but outwardly I am the epitome of meditative grace.

The tile bag is empty. Four minutes remain on the clock and I have the Q. Suddenly I see my opportunity, take it. AQUAVIT, a caraway flavoured liqueur. A satisfying 128 points.

I have won.

For one glorious moment I am sated, drenched in the succulence of Victory. My opponent congratulates me, yet his eyes challenge. "Shall we have another?"

And so, again, the ritual continues. B...L...C...E...R...S...B...A. SCRABBLE.

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
10. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
11. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
12. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
13. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
14. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
15. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
16. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?

Mailbox

From Allie Quinn, Whangarei

Jennifer — I didn't get 'your word' but the first word that stood out as soon as I opened the magazine was 'reminiscing' but perhaps that was just a typographical error??????

[Or plain ignorance! I'd like to say my finger slipped on the missing C, but to be honest, I think I would have spelt it the same incorrect way next time if you hadn't drawn my attention to it. Just as well it's too long to have much chance of making it onto a Scrabble board! — Ed.]

From Sheila Reed, Wellington

This is not a clever article but an ordinary suggestion!

If you're staying at a motel for a Scrabble tournament, don't pour your unused milk away or leave it in the fridge. Instead take it to the venue to help out milk supplies on the last day.

From Sarah Frank (non-member), winner of 4th prize in raffle

What a FANTASTIC PRIZE . . .

Everyone has been asking what I won — a bag FULL of stuff . . .

Gift / Note Cards	1000 piece puzzle
Toy Car	Bottle of wine
Shampoo	Garlic and bacon dressing
Dilmah Tea (x 2)	Watties Just Add Sauce
Serviettes	2kg washing powder
Candles	Wok creations sauce
Peanut Butter	Oil burner with 2 oils
Soaps, moisturiser, make-up bag	
Cans of corn, tomatoes and tomato puree	
Aromatherapy foot scrub, facial scrub and body scrub	

POCKET SCRABBLE!!!! Yey!!!

All in a big duffle bag

AWESOME ay?

Thanks heaps, Scrabble people.

From Sue Morrow, foundation Forwards editor

I used to belong to the NZASP, in fact I was at the inaugural meeting of the association years ago. I started playing club Scrabble back in 1978, when the North Shore Scrabble club first began. I was the first New Zealand Scrabble Champion in 1980 (I think that was the year), or it may have been 1981.

The Forwards magazine was my initiative, and I produced the first eight issues, that I typed on a manual typewriter, and then took to the local stationery shop and photocopied about 100 issues. It was a long laborious task!!!

I am really glad to see the magazine is still going strong.

I have a Franklin Mint Collectors Set that I would like to sell (\$450). It is one of the ones with gold plated letters. Phone 09-4205671 or 027-2315671 or email p.smarrow@xtra.co.nz

From Val Flint, Hamilton

Congrats to the Ed for Forwards, great reading.

I'm a fairly new reader, and a great fan of Forwards. I laughed out loud at the Wacky Definitions in the March 2007 edition, particularly as I don't know the real meanings of most of the listed words — the ones given are no doubt infinitely more fun.

[I agree, Val, and would love to make Wacky Definitions a regular feature. So please keep those humorous/clever definitions coming in, folks. — Ed.]

How British names conquered the world

- by Charles Clover
- sent in by Lynne Butler

The biggest concentration of people called Salt is in Stoke-on-Trent, as is the greatest number of people called Pepper, according to a new study which maps the spread of British names across the globe.

The number of people with either surname is roughly equal so the reason for this is likely to be that both Salts and Peppers derived their names from people who made pots for condiments in the potteries, according to the authors of the study, published at the Royal Geographical Society's annual conference yesterday.

What the study of 20,000 British surnames over five generations has

enabled researchers to do for the first time is to track the migration of people with British names and to see where the largest concentration of people of that name lives.

Now anyone may do this by logging on to the website www.spatial-literacy.org.

The name Blair, for example, originated in the west of Scotland. The number of Blairs in Britain has grown by 50 per cent since the 19th century to 12,473 today. They are outnumbered, however, by their 27,379 cousins in the United States, who are concentrated in Kentucky. There is also a respectable concentration of 2,581 Blairs in Tasmania.

The name Beckham originated in Walsingham, Norfolk, and although it

cannot be traced in Australia, descendants of Beckhams cluster today in Northland, New Zealand, and Mississippi.

A database of more than 100 million people's names in the United States, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada was used to track the British migration.

The authors of the study say that the size and extent of the big diasporas of British people living abroad, such as prisoners and settlers to Australia, and Scottish and English colonialists in Ireland, were unknown until the latest developments in information technology. The authors have devised a ranking of the most adventurous and least adventurous names.

There are relatively few Yorkshire names, such as Broadbent, Midgeley or Illingworth, in the United States.

This may be because Yorkshire has generally been prosperous and not subject to major disruptions such as the Highland Clearances.

The Welsh are less travelled than the Scots, the English or the Irish.

The most travelled names, not surprisingly, tend to be from Scotland, Cornwall or some of the grimmer northern towns such as Bradford or Halifax.

There are, for instance, fewer McDonalds in Britain now than in 1881 and more in the United States, where the largest concentration is in Mississippi.

Richard Webber, visiting professor at



University College, London, and one of the authors of the study, said: "The conclusion we've come to is that people think people migrate randomly to another country whereas in fact migration flows are very specific. They tend to move from one part of one country to another part of another country at a specific time – Scots went to Tasmania in the 1890s, for instance, and people from Cornwall to Wyoming in the 1860s."

The reasons for names disappearing extend beyond migration. Researchers compiled a list of "most embarrassing" names, which people have tended to change.

There were 3,211 Cocks in Britain in 1881 – when most were centred around Truro – but only 826 in 1996. Likewise, the number of Handcocks, Smellies, Haggards, Slows, Willys, Piggs, Hustlers, Nutters and Glasscocks has fallen.

Conclusions can also be reached about Christian names. The upper classes, defined by educational achievement, have tended to stick to the same Christian names over time – the top 10 being Felicity, Katherine, Phillippa, Penelope, Elizabeth, Hilary, Giles, Annabel, Alastair and Jeremy. The lower classes, defined by education, are more likely to choose newer names. Tracey or Tracy, topping the list, followed by Michelle, Lee, Darren, Jason, Donna, Annie and Kelly.

Gift for someone you love

Francine Parnes, writing for the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette (USA), suggested the following gift for Fathers/Mothers Day:

On a Scrabble board, make a personalized crossword of words significant to Dad/Mum (names of family members; the street they live on;

where born; college, favourite song or sports team, etc.). Glue the tiles down. Centre and attach the board to a piece of heavy cardboard. Fill up the Scrabble tile holders with more special words. Glue the tiles in place, then attach the tile holders to the cardboard, along the game board's four sides. Get the whole thing framed.

Aussie ABC

- by Jeff Grant

Following their Nationals at Easter, an appropriately alphabetical team was announced to represent Australia at the 2007 World Scrabble Championships.

Andrew Fisher
Bob Jackman
Chris May
David Eldar
Edward Okulicz
Fernando, Naween

What's the answer?

The Spaniards say "patata" (potato), the Danes "appelsin" (orange), the Swedes "omelette", the Finns "maikku" (a kind of fish), the Koreans "kim chi" (cabbage), the Poles "dzem" (marmalade), and the Chinese "qiezi" or "ch'ieh tzu" (eggplant). Some Australian households have begun to use the word "money", the Japanese use the English word "whisky", and the Czechs used to say "syr" (cheese) but lately have opted for "fax", better befitting their modern republic.

What do most speakers of English say and what's the point of all these utterings anyway?

Answer on page 38.

PUSH or PULL?

This cartoon prompted an investigation of PUSH and PULL words



Doesn't matter whether you push or pull these ones!

BELLPULL	BELLPUSH
OUTPULL (v)	OUTPUSH
PULLOVER	PUSHOVER
PULLUP(S)	PUSHUP(S)

"Pull only" words

PULLI	PULLOUT
PULLET(S)	PULLBACK
UNPULLED	

"Push only" words

PUSHBALL	PUSHCART
PUSHDOWN	PUSHPIN
PUSHROD	PUSHFUL

Only for the "gifted", perhaps?

OCTOPUSH
AMPULLA(E)(R)(S)
PULLMAN (note PULLMANS not PULLMEN)
PULLORUM
7-letter addition to PULL
PULLULATION, PULLULATING
7-letter addition to PUSH
PUSHFULNESS, PUSHINESSES

IOU* an explanation

How did IOU* come about?

No, it's not an early example of text language.

The U of IOU* does not really stand for "you".

Originally the borrower wrote "I Owe Unto" followed by the lender's name.

The game's up

by Bill Hearld



It's a crying shame, but the world, it seems, is bored with board games. Another of our cherished traditions is dying out.

When did you last hear of a Ludo league? How many times do you get to work and hear someone say: "We had a killer game of snakes and ladders last night"?

And, apparently, it's all the fault of youngsters, who have the attention span of a gnat's kneecap.

The situation is so dire, the makers of Monopoly and Scrabble have had to create speeded-up versions of their famous games.

Okay, Monopoly needed speeding up. It was never my favourite game, but I have always baulked at the thought of sitting there for hours, landing on someone else's Park Lane while I can only afford the Old Kent Road, and am never allowed to pass Go and collect my £200.

A new Express Monopoly game can be over in 20 minutes, enough time to get in a quick session between your favourite soaps. It also leaves youngsters plenty of time to indulge in their favourite pastime of text messaging. The new Monopoly board is smaller and round – surprise, surprise, the exact shape of a DVD – and it uses multiple dice with symbols labelled with properties, or even "Go To Jail".

The new Scrabble board is also smaller, and instead of digging into a bag of tactile tiles, you get your letters from the throw of several dice. That's sacrilege.

The nation's disenchantment with board games can also be blamed on the disunity of family life. You can't play a family game when kids are in the bedroom on their computers, mum is in the lounge watching her nail polish dry and dad is in his den watching the sport.

Sadly, I remember the times when the whole family would gather in one room listening to the wireless, and playing fun games of cards or frantically trying to get that last counter "home" on the Ludo board.

There was bagatelle, draughts, chess, even a horse-racing game called Escalado, with a plastic cloth track that was vibrated by frantically turning a handle.

Even now, we like to switch off the boring old telly and fall out over games of Connect Four or backgammon. If you play for pennies it's even more fun (and vicious).

Card games can still keep us going for hours, with a little skill and the luck of the draw.

My granddad taught me how to play cribbage. I used to call in at his house in my school lunch hour for game after game. He was a hard man and never gave any quarter against his young, inexperienced opponent.

My dad taught me poker, a game that kept him sane – and deprived him of his meagre Army pay – throughout North Africa and Europe in the Second World War.

And when there was no one else around, there was always patience, now renamed solo, that you can play on a computer at work when the boss isn't looking. It always mystified me that games came as standard on work computers.

In the world of business where the

sales chart is almighty, board games are too reliable for their own good. A Scrabble or Ludo set can last for decades. A chess set can last forever.

They don't involve any electronic circuitry or digital components, so there is no need to replace them every three months, like I have to do with most of my electronic stuff.

Mr Blair is always harping on about family values and introducing new, knee-jerk laws to look after us in his nanny state. So why doesn't he do something really useful in his last few months of office, and bring in laws compelling families to sit in one room one evening each week and play board games, even charades (Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory is hilarious to act out)?

Nothing has really changed, people still like playing games. It's just that they have got out of the habit of having to think and compete, when it is so much easier to sit with a remote control and channel hop between Big Brother, EastEnders, QVC shopping and a soft porn version of Jackanory.

Shame, really.

[When I wrote and asked Bill if we could reproduce his article in Forwards, this was his delightful reply:

I'd be delighted for you to reproduce the article. All we ask is that you put in a credit line saying "Reproduced courtesy of Bill Hearld, *The Press*, York, England." Or something like that. And thanks for even asking permission. So many people just rip us off, these days.

My wife and I spend many happy – and cut-throat – hours playing Scrabble, Chess, backgammon etc. I don't think we've even got a plug on the TV.

Keep games alive!

Parent bloopers

These are REAL notes written by parents in a Tennessee school district. (Spellings have been left intact.)

- ☺ My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.
- ☺ Please excuse Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.
- ☺ Dear school: please excuse John being absent on Jan 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.
- ☺ Please excuse Gloria from jim today. She is administrating.
- ☺ John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
- ☺ Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
- ☺ Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- ☺ Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had ~~diarre~~, ~~dyrea~~, ~~dirae~~, ~~dirae~~, the sh**s.
- ☺ Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.
- ☺ My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the marines.
- ☺ Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.
- ☺ Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.
- ☺ Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday we thought it was Sunday.

Unit conversions

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = won ton
3. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
4. Weight one evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
5. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = knofurlong
6. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
7. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
8. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
9. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
10. Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line
11. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
12. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
13. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
14. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilo mockingbirds
15. 52 cards = 1 decacards
16. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
17. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
18. 10 rations = 1 decoration
19. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
20. Approximately 3 miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League



Overseas news



Australia

Australian Masters Championships

- 1st Bob Jackman
- 2nd David Eldar
- 3rd Naween Fernando

Bahrain

Two women, Loreta Alban and Lauren Alleyne, form the team to represent Qatar in the Gulf Air 17th Gulf Scrabble Tournament in June. According to the Gulf daily newspaper, Peninsula, this is "the first all-women contingent in a game dominated by men".

Israel

4th Sam Orbaum Memorial Tournament
Winner Evan Cohen

India

International Tournament, Bangalore, January

- 1st Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (Thailand)
- 2nd Akshay Bhandarkar (India)
- 3rd Suresh Chinniyah (Sri Lanka)

4th All India Open Scrabble Tournament, April

In all, 32 participants from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Goa contested the title.

- 1st Nakul Prabhu (Mumbai)
- 2nd Charles Carneiro (Goa)
- 3rd Sherwin Rodrigues, age 17 (Mumbai)
- 4th Irineu Gonsalves (Goa)

Philippines

First Cebu rated Scrabble tournament

- 1st Teodoro Martus Jr., of the University of the Visayas
- 2nd Reynante dela Cerna
- 3rd Joel Toroy

Singapore

8th Singapore Millennium Cup, January

- 1st Lim Li Wei
- 2nd Benjamin Chow
- 3rd Toh Weibin

Uruguay

Twelve countries competed in the International Spanish Speaking Scrabble Championships, Montevideo, December: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, USA and Venezuela.

The winner was Enric Hernandez (Spain), who was runner-up in 2005.

USA

2007 National School Scrabble Championship, May

A team from the Ridgefield Library in Ridgefield, Connecticut, won the 2007 National School SCRABBLE Championship. Aune Mitchell (14) and her teammate Matthew Silver (13) walked away with \$5,000. During the final Championship round, the Connecticut team defeated Joey Krafchick (12) and Dorian Hill (13) of Georgia.

ESPN will telecast the Championship in late August/September.

More than one million students in 20,000 schools play Scrabble in the USA.

Jason Katz-Brown: player, inventor

At 20, after just three years of playing Scrabble, Jason Katz-Brown is ranked number one in North American Scrabble. He has memorised every word in the Scrabble dictionary that he always carries in the pocket of his shorts.

But what's really got the Scrabble world buzzing about Katz-Brown is his role in creating Quackle, an artificial intelligence program that defeated a



former world champion in the finals of a human vs. computer tournament in Toronto in November.

When you know all the words in Scrabble, as Katz-Brown and maybe a dozen other humans do, the game becomes something different. "The misconception is that it's about who has the better vocabulary," according to Fatsis, who says competitive Scrabble is really a process of solving a constantly shifting mathematical puzzle.

Even with all its mathematical power, Quackle still loses to humans much of the time. Quackle uses similar look-ahead algorithms to the ones in chess artificial intelligence. But while chess is a two-dimensional game, Scrabble is a three-dimensional game. "And that third dimension is luck," says Marlon Hill, a highly regarded US player.

Joel Sherman, who estimates that he beats Quackle half the time, says, "There's enough luck in the game that it's not really possible for pure word knowledge to defeat a slightly less pure word knowledge every time."

Katz-Brown has as close to that pure word knowledge as anyone. He says he can look at a rack and determine in a few seconds whether there are any seven-letter words to be made. "I guess my memory is well-suited to retaining things." On the 4,000 new words approved for North American Scrabble last year, he commented: "Once you've learned all the words, the joy of learning disappears, so I was excited to get some new ones."

from the Boston Globe, USA

World Scrabble Championship 2007



Mattel Inc. has announced that the 2007 World Scrabble Championships will be held in Mumbai, India from Friday 9 to Monday 12 November at the Taj President Hotel.

The website for the event can be found at www.wscgames.com.

There will be a 24 round modified Swiss tournament from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 November, starting each day at 8.00am. Players will not play anyone from the same country in Round 1. No player will play any other player more than once per day.

On Monday 12, the two top players will contest a five game final, which will be open to all to attend. The award ceremony will be held once the final has finished, probably around 6pm.

The Official Dictionary will be the *Collins Scrabble Tournament and Club Word List*.

If a challenge is unsuccessful, there will be a 5 point penalty on the challenger for each challenged word that is found to be valid.

The prize fund for the event will be US\$30,000 with prizes paid down to 10th position with US\$15,000 going to the winner.

Jeff Grant says that having the WSC in India is a great marketing exercise for Mattel.

He quotes David Crystal in *The Stories of English* (2004): - "There are probably more English speakers in India today than in the whole of America and Britain combined."

Jeff says, "That's obviously a huge potential for selling Scrabble products!"

Dictionary

You will see by the article on the previous page, that the *Collins Scrabble Tournament and Club Word List* is to be the official dictionary for the WSC.

By the time you are reading this, we will probably have discussed the subject at our AGM in June, and adopted the CSW for our tournaments. Australia, Britain and Singapore all adopted it for their domestic tournaments from May, even though dictionaries and tournament adjudication software were still not available at that stage.

World Scrabble Championships

A global study on the method of determining country allocations for World Scrabble Championships (WSC) is being undertaken in an advisory capacity for Mattel by the Wespa tournament subcommittee, because Mattel, a copyright holder of Scrabble and prime sponsor of the WSC, does not want the field to increase above its present 100-player level.

The study is also looking at 'wildcard' representation.

Wildcard entries are those with high ratings or rankings but not qualifying under current national rulings. For example, at the World Youth Scrabble Championship last December a seat was granted to the winner to this year's WSC as a wildcard entry.

Some players in this category are considered 'stateless' as they may reside in a country without a national association, or are unable to take part in qualifying competitions and thereby are 'shut out' of the WSC.

The survey feedback will be considered by Mattel which will then

make its own decision as WSC organiser.

Wespa tournament subcommittee members processing feedback are Chief Toke Ake (Nigeria), Albert Hahn (Canada) and Bob Jackman (Australia).

Developing passion

- by Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell

Passion

1. Ardent desire, esp. sexual.
2. Any strongly felt emotion.
3. Suffering (esp. that of Christ).

Passionate

a. (easily) moved by strong emotions.

Compassion

a. pity, sympathy – compassionate a. – compassionately adj.

I guess a lot of us Scrabblers are passionate about playing Scrabble. It is our passion. Do we have compassion for our opponent when we beat them?

July 1989

While playing a game of Scrabble with Michael, my husband, I put down the word PASSION (68) with my first turn.

Later, Michael added -ATE to it, and made PASSIONATE, and I added -LY to make PASSIONATELY.

Michael was not happy with my scoring so much with PASSIONATELY (51), so he then added COM- in front to make COMPASSIONATELY (72), a 15-letter word from the left middle triple word score right across the board to the other side.

Reflecting on it, my passion turned passionate, and then passionately to compassionately.

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Twenty years ago today

- by John Foster

This month's selection is simply the results of the 4th NZ Masters Tournament hosted by the Wanganui Club.

This tournament was an important personal milestone for me as it was the very first time I had qualified.

Eight players from that event also played in this year's contest, and four of those eight players have played in every intervening year as well.

The four are me, Mike, and of course, Jeff and Glennis, the only two players to have competed in all 24 tournaments so far. A number of other players from the 1987 event are still regular tournament players.

	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>7's</u>
1. DAVID LLOYD	MT ALBERT	19	440	46
2. MICHAEL SIGLEY	WANGANUI	18	435	49
3. GLENNIS HALE	MT ALBERT	17	429	37
4. ANDREW BRADLEY	MT ALBERT	16	403	38
5. JEFF GRANT	HASTINGS	15	426	39
6. JAN ROSS	TAURANGA	14	410	36
7. MAURINE SULLIVAN	TAURANGA	14	408	30
8. GLYNIS JENNINGS	WHANGAREI	14	392	28
9. GLENDA FOSTER	LOWER HUTT	14	389	23
10. GLENYSS BUCHANAN	LOWER HUTT	13	409	32
11. MAY QUITLEY	BAYS	13	403	37
12. CHARLIE CURL	MT ALBERT	13	400	34
13. LYNNE POWELL	BAYS	12	406	40
14. SUE MARROW	NORTH SHORE	12	399	38
15. DOROTHY PINNER	HOW/PAKURANGA	11	403	49
16. JOHN FOSTER	NORTH SHORE	11	393	39
17. KEVIN EDGELE	TOKOROA	11	367	16
18. DAVID PINNER	HOW/PAKURANGA	10	395	29
19. GAYE NORGREN	WANGANUI	9	382	32
20. IAN PATTERSON	DUNEDIN	5	362	35
21. ALLIE QUINN	NORTH SHORE	4	365	27
22. GEOFF VAUTIER	WELLINGTON	4	354	26
23. DOREEN OGSTON	SYDENHAM	4	338	24
24. LYNN WOOD	WELLINGTON	3	332	22

ROUND ROBIN - 23 GAMES

Scan of actual article

It's magic

- from a posting by David J Sutton on the internet

A collection of words for kinds of magic, practitioners of magic and various magical accessories.

ABRACADABRA	a magic word, used as a charm
ABRAXAS	a gem engraved with a mystical word and bearing a human-animal figure (pl. ABRAXASES)
AMULET	a charm worn to ward off evil, disease, etc; a medicine supposed to operate magically
AMULETIC	of or pertaining to an AMULET; operating as a charm.
ANGAKOK, ANGEKKOK, ANGEKOK	an Inuit sorcerer
APOTROPAIC	turning aside evil as of eg. a TALISMAN
ARCANUM	a secret; a mystery (generally used in the pl. ARCANA or ARCANUMS)
ARCHIMAGE	a great magician
BAETYL	a magical or holy meteoric stone
BOYLA	a witch-doctor
CANTRAI, CANTRAP, CANTRIP	a charm; an incantation
CONJURE	to practise magical tricks; CONJURATION
CONJURER, CONJUROR	one who conjures
CONJURY	magic
DIABLERIE, DIABLERY	black magic; demon lore; mischievous conduct or manner
ENCHANTER	a sorcerer or magician
ENSORCEL, ENSORCELL	to enchant
GALDRAGON	in Scotland, an obsolete Shetland word for a sorceress or witch-
GLAMOUR, GLAMOR	to enchant, cast a spell over
GOETY	black magic; GOETIC
GRAMARY, GRAMARYE	magic, enchantment
GREEGREE, GRIGRI, GRISGRIS	an African talisman or spell (pl. GREEGREES, GRIGRIS, GRISGRIS)
GRIMOIRE	a magician's manual for invoking demons and spirits of the dead
HAGBORN	born of a hag or witch
HAGRIDE	to drive as though possessed by a witch: HAGRODE, HAGRIDDEN
HELLBROTH	a composition for infernal purposes; a magical preparation
HEX	something that brings misfortune; (verb) to bewitch.
HEXER	one who HEXES
HEXEREI	witchcraft

HOODOO	a body of practices of sympathetic magic traditional esp. among blacks in the southern US; (verb) to bewitch, bring bad luck to; HOODOOISM
ICHTHYS	an amulet or talismanic carving in the shape of a fish (pl. ICHTHYSES)
JETTATURA	the evil eye
JINX	a person or thing that brings bad luck; an unlucky influence; (verb) to bring bad luck to, or put an unlucky spell on
JUJU	a fetish, a supernatural power
KAHUNA	(Hawaiian) a witch-doctor; an expert in any field
MAGE, MAGUS	a magician; a person of exceptional wisdom and learning (pl. MAGES, MAGI); MAGISM
MAGESHIP	the state of being a MAGE
MAGIAN	of or pertaining to the Magi; (noun) a sorcerer
MAGIANISM	the teachings or philosophy of the MAGI
MAGIC	to practise magic: MAGICKED; MAGICALLY MAGICAL
MAGICIAN	one who practises magic
MGANGA	in Tanzania and other parts of East Africa: an indigenous African doctor, a witch-doctor
MOJO	magic, from the West African word meaning soul. In the US it has come to mean an object invested with soul power, or spirit power, which thus has the capacity to heal, or especially, to influence (pl. MOJOS or MOJOES)
MOLY	a magical herb given by Hermes to Odysseus against the charms of Circe; a species of wild onion
MUTI	a traditional medicine, associated with witch-doctors
MYAL	relating to MYALISM, a magic cult among West Indian blacks
OBE, OBEAH, OBEAHISM, OBEISM, OBIA, OBIISM	West Indian witchcraft. OBEAH and OBI can also be verbs, to bewitch: OBIED, OBEAHED
OUIJA	a board with signs and letters on it, used with a planchette to receive alleged messages from the dead
PENTACLE, PENTAGRAM, PENTANGLE	a five-pointed star, formerly used as a mystic or magical symbol
PERIAPT	a charm worn as a protection against disease or mischief; an amulet
PHILTER, PHILTRE	a love potion; magic potion; (verb) to put under the spell of a love potion
PISHOGE, PISHOGUE	sorcery
PLANCHETTE	a board mounted on two castors and a pencil-point, used as a medium for automatic writing and supposed spirit-messages



SABBAT	a witches' midnight meeting
SANGOMA	a witch-doctor
SHAMAN	a doctor-priest or medicine man working by magic, esp a priest of Asian SHAMANISM (pl. SHAMANS not SHAMEN*)
SIRENISE, SIRENIZE	to bewitch, allure or enchant
SORCERER	a magician who employs SORCERY, divination by the assistance of evil spirits
SORCERESS	a female SORCERER
SORCERY	divination by the assistance of evil spirits, SORCEROUS
SPELLBIND	to bind by or as by a spell
SPELLFUL	abounding in spells, or charms
TALISMAN	an object supposed to have occult or magic powers, esp. an inscribed stone or ring worn as an amulet to avert evil or bring good luck, health, etc
TELESM	a kind of amulet or magical charm
THEURGY	magic or miracles by the agency of good spirits, THEURGIC, THEURGICAL
TOADSTONE	any stone or stone-like concretion believed to be formed in a toad and to have magic powers
UNSPELL	to free from a spell
UNWITCH	to free from witchcraft
VAODOO, VAUDOUX, VODOUN, VODUN, VOODOO, VOODOOIST	West Indian black magic. VOODOO and VOODOU can also be used as verbs, to bewitch by VOODOO; VOODOOISM, VOODOOIST
WARLOCK	a sorcerer
WARLOCKRY	sorcery
WHAMMY	a malevolent spell or influence
WICCA	the practice of witchcraft
WICCAN	a member of the cult of WICCA
WISARD	a wizard
WISEWOMAN	a witch or seeress
WITCH	a person, esp. a woman, supposed to have supernatural or magical power and knowledge esp. through compact with the devil or a minor evil spirit; (verb) to bewitch
WITCHERY	enchantment; witchcraft
WITCHKNOT	a knot in hair supposedly tied by witches
WITCHLIKE, WITCHY	like a witch.; WITCHIER, WITCHIEST
WIZARD	a man who practises witchcraft or magic
WIZARDLY	like a wizard
WIZARDRY	sorcery, magic
ZENDIK	in the east, one who abstains from magic or practises religion



voodoo doll

Who's playing Scrabble?

Movie director, Scott Glosserman

Scott Glosserman is the director of *Behind the Mask: The Rise Of Leslie Vernon*.

Outside of film, he plays soccer, and has been playing piano all of his life. He has a fascination with crossword puzzles and Scrabble, and he collects vintage Scrabble boards.

"I think I'm the only collecting vintage boards, because vintage Scrabble boards sell for about nine dollars."

People in Connecticut USA who want to sell their homes

Land agents advise vendors on how to put the finishing touches to (or "stage") their homes to encourage a sale.

"A single Gerber daisy in a vase on a window sill can do wonders to perk up a space. Similarly, a glass bowl filled with fresh lemons and limes can add a punch of color, while a covered cake stand stacked with fresh white

eggs can add simple interest to your kitchen.

"Set an interesting table for two in the dining room complete with chargers, candlesticks and glass ware. Have a game of Scrabble or chess going on the coffee table in the den. In the bedroom, place an open book with a bookmark flat on a well made bed and a small vase of accent flowers on the night table. Finish off this vignette with a new pair of terry-cloth slippers nearby."

Actress, Ashley Judd

Apparently, Scrabble is not Ashley's only word interest. She has just been awarded a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Kentucky.



Slips on slips

Organisers of the annual Scrabble tournament in Phoenix USA, have developed a novel way to solve the problem of errors on results slip.

When a mistake is submitted on a results slip, BOTH players are fined \$1. At the end of the tournament, all the collected money is awarded to one of the players with perfect results slips. The winner is decided by a draw.

[I record this with some embarrassment. I have had mistakes on my slips at each of the last two tournaments! - Ed.]

Idol name choice

Sanjaya Malakar has got more attention for losing on American Idol than anyone else ever has.

Sanjaya has presented a top 10 spoof of himself titled "Top ten little-known facts about American Idol's Sanjaya" on the David Letterman Show.

One of his ten "facts": His parents named him based on letters they drew in a game of Scrabble.



Forum

Rack management

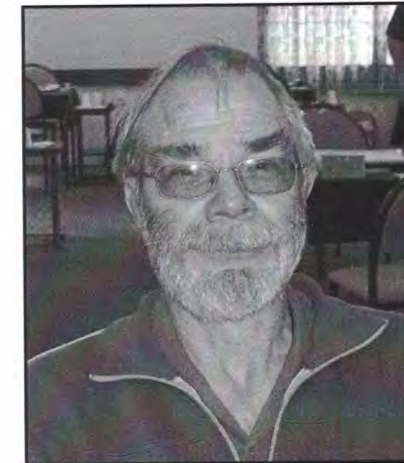
This issue, Chris Handley (Ch) Clare Ruckstuhl (Cl), Gerald Warner (G) and Val Mills (V) share their thoughts and tips on rack management.

What do you consider to be a "good leave?"

- Ch. The cynic in me says "Anything better than what I started with!" Realistically I try to balance my rack, keep good combinations, and eliminate multiple letter holdings (which seem to be one of my specialities ☺).
- Cl. I try to aim for combinations such as IER, ATE, ERS which can be added to existing words or make a good base for new words.
- G. All my rack management is conditioned by something negative in my play: I am not good at "anagrammatising". And this regrettable fact conditions all my play, forcing me to tighten the game - to the despair of many of my opponents. So a "good leave" is obviously one that will supplement what is left, which in turn would have been conditioned by what I might have scored otherwise.
- V. A good hold is any of the tiles from 'SATIRE' or 'RETAINS', preferably an E and two consonants, and of course, an S and the blank come in handy.
- Ch. No "rules" as such, just a great desire not to get stuck with difficult combinations.
- G. I try to play letters like V and C for a reasonable score and the biggies when I can for a good score, depending on the stage of the game. The emphasis is on "try"!
- V. No rules, but I do like to keep at least one vowel if I've only put down two or three tiles. If I put down five or six tiles then I don't worry too much. If I have three of one tile on my rack I try to play at least two of them, as if I don't, Murphy's law is that I will pick up another!

Do you have any general rules for yourself on what you will have left on your rack after a turn?

Ch. Not really, but see above.



Chris Handley

When do you break those rules?

- Ch. It seems like most of the time, but probably isn't. Chiefly when there are only very few words that I see and that I can play, all of which leave me with a mess on my rack.
- Cl. All rules are subject to having a fantastic scoring play on my rack which I just can't ignore, such as getting the Q on a triple letter score and then a double word

score added on top!

- V. If the move is too good to resist and scores me heaps, then I may only put down two tiles and leave myself with no vowels or consonants.

Are you happy to play a turn and leave yourself with only consonants or only vowels on your rack?

- Ch. Depends. I don't mind 3 or 4 consonants if they 'fit' reasonably well (W W Y Y does not qualify). Four or more vowels make me edgy, three 'reasonable' ones I can (and often have to) live with — A E U is okay, I U U is not.
- Cl. I will do this if the score justifies it but it also depends on how close the game is, what I think my opponent might have on his/her rack as indicated by tile tracking, and if there are places to put the tiles left.
- G. I would not be happy, but will do so for a good score.
- V. No, I am not happy to do this. I usually like to leave myself with a mixture, but in reality, I am often left with only consonants or only vowels.

Apart from the extremes (eg. 7 x Os), what are your "pet hate" racks?

- Ch. Basically 'yucky' ones — the ones where a kibitzer walks away smirking! Too many multiples (C C U U U V V W), letters that are great in themselves but just don't fit (H H I U W X Y).
- Cl. Multiple Is and Us with consonants such as W, V or C. I find it really hard to make decent words out of this lot.
- G. I hate combinations like W and U,



Clare Ruckstuhl

or two Vs and two Is, as generally only small scores are possible for a move or two.

- V. I don't like four consonants that don't go together, eg. P F B W, or something like that, as it usually takes two turns to get your rack right. I don't like Is for some reason and always try to get rid of them quickly.

What do you do about them?

- Ch. Play what I can, if I can, otherwise swap four.
- Cl. If it's early in the game, or I'm comfortably ahead (or even if I'm behind and desperate!), I'll change. Otherwise I'm pretty much stuck with eking them out as I can and praying that I get decent replacements.
- G. I usually persevere for one or even two moves, as I dislike changing.

How much will you sacrifice points in a turn in order to keep a good rack?

- Ch. Probably about 10 or 15, depending on the state of the game and the leave — ING would rate a tad lower than E S and a

blank, say.

- Cl. It very much depends on the closeness of the game and what is left in the bag. Tile tracking is so handy here!
- G. I will sacrifice some points, depending on the stage of the game — say, five points.
- V. I don't usually sacrifice points to keep a good rack but I do sacrifice points if the good move gives a wonderful play to my opponent.

For what sort of score are you willing to leave yourself with a dreadful rack. (For example, would you play QUA for 46 points if you were going to be left with four Is on your rack?)

- Ch. Probably. It would depend on whether I thought my opponent could hook off it for a better score. I so often have I I I I (or worse U U U U) on my rack that I am used to it.
- Cl. I think it would have to be more than 50 points to compensate for a terrible leave. However, if it was the end game and I knew that my opponent couldn't beat me, even with doubling what was left on my rack, then I would go for less.
- G. Yes, I would make the sample move here described, in the expectation of either using either two or more Is next move or changing.
- V. I don't change very often, but do change:
 - when there is absolutely nothing I can do,
 - when by making a move I still have a terrible rack, eg. I still have three Is,
 - when I have all vowels or all consonants and can't play at least two (preferably three) of them.



Gerald Warner

In what situations would you change to improve your rack? What would you be aiming achieve?

- Ch. Never just to 'improve' my rack. Typically in situations where the rack is unplayable or the best I can get is 6 or 8 (and opening a hot spot). I never swap with any particular object in mind, knowing with my luck it won't happen.
- Cl. I probably change fairly often (about once every couple of games). Usually it's because I've had a difficult rack for two or three turns and I'm fed up with it! Most of the time it does help but it's worth knowing how many of the blanks, Ss and other high scoring tiles are already out to see if it's worth it.
- G. If I can only score in single figures, I would consider that just about unplayable. I would certainly wish to have a combination that lends itself to a decent score, ie. a minimum of 25, or, more desirable, over 30.
- V. When I have lovely high probability tiles, but no bonus (that

I can see!) I might change one or two and go fishing, in the hope something more workable comes out of the bag.

Have you made an effort to learn a particular group of words so that you can manage the difficult racks better?

- Ch. No. I know I should have, but don't really have the time. Maybe after I retire in a couple of years.
- Cl. I try to keep up with the multiple-vowel words like EUOI, NAOI, LOUIE, etc. I've also found WUD, YUM, VUG, HILI, PILI, WILI invaluable on many occasions.
- G. Apart from 2- and 3-letter words, I have not learned word groups as such. I once made up a list of geographical terms that are allowable words, but I rarely refer to it.
- V. Not yet, but that's a good idea! I have trouble enough learning the words for common stems.

Do you use tile tracking to help manage/predict what you might end up with on your rack?

- Ch. I do try to tile track, and I am getting better. I will sometimes check the (lack of) availability to see how things are going.
- Cl. Tile tracking is invaluable – provided you do it right! Unfortunately I find that I can get distracted if there's a challenge or a good word I don't know and I forget to track, but it doesn't usually take too long to catch up. It's been a lifesaver in many tournament games.
- G. I'm afraid I do not tile track, though I certainly see the advantage of it. I personally have



Val Mills

found it time- and especially attention-consuming, and when I attempted it, I made too many mistakes.

- V. Yes, but sometimes have to start again and tile track at the end because I get distracted and get it wrong far too often. (Help!! some of this information could be quite useful to my opponents!)

Do you manage to keep a poker face when you have a bad rack, or are you inclined to let your opponent know that things are bad for you (either deliberately, or subconsciously)?

- Ch. At the club I don't try too hard, but I do make more of an effort in tournaments. However, some racks are just so awful that I can't help myself.
- Cl. It depends on who my opponent is and how close the game is. If I'm losing badly then a deep groan isn't going to disadvantage me! I really try to keep a poker face for my close or tournament games. I do like it, though, when others

give it away, especially if it's close!

- G. In tournament games I certainly try not to "give the game away", though I doubt my acting is always good enough. I certainly have not yet deliberately tried to give the wrong impressions, though certain other players do just that at times.
- V. I try not to say or give away too much, but sometimes can't help myself, especially if I'm on a bad roll. (I get hot, fidgety, restless, but this is usually when I am running out of time, or can't see something that I know I should be seeing.) I definitely try not to give anything away if I'm sitting on two blanks and an S!

What are some of the signs that an opponent might have a bad rack?

- Ch. Often the same as an 'almost bingo' rack — frenetic fiddling followed by OO, AE or two or three consonants around an open vowel.
- Cl. The old shoulder slump, eyes raised to the heavens, despairing sigh – I love them all.
- G. A poor or low-scoring move more than once, though certain players (unwisely, I think) will do just that to get their eventual bingo.
- V. Playing out either two vowels or two consonants for the last three moves, playing out a 4-letter word with two vowels the same for a small score, playing EUOI, changing five or more, swearing, nervous twitching, sighing, biting finger nails, etc.

Do you have any rack management anecdotes?

- Ch. Threw I I I O O O away from I I I I O O O and picked up G G I I V V!
- Cl. Nothing specific comes to mind, just my regular nightmare of changing four Is and getting four more!
- V. Yes:
 - having two Us on my rack, not being able to play them and picking up the other two Us
 - changing one tile and picking up the blank
 - I think I've had up to five turns with no vowels or consonants, even when I've been putting out 2-3 each turn.
 - no Es till my last turn.
 I am amazed at how often we pick up the same tiles that we've just thrown back!

Do you have any other comments?

- Ch. I have been told that sacrificing a black goat at midnight in the dark of the moon is a sure-fire way of appeasing the tile gods, but I do not know where to find one. Can you help?
- Cl. If you're not already tile tracking, get practising! With practice it does get faster and can very often be a game winner.
- G. I have not yet had the courage to play a word that scores less than an alternative bingo, as has happened, I believe, at World Champs.
- V. Watching games at the Masters or the Trans Tasman has made me realise that the good players get just as much rubbish as we do, but they have learnt what to do with it.

Competition Corner

Solution: Contest no. 87

The highest-scoring move is SERFLIKE for 89 points, but a better play is to extend JEW to JEWELFISH for 75, keeping a blank.

Correct answers were received from Denise Gordon (WAN), Pam Barlow (PAK), Lyn Toka (KIW), Jean Craib (CHC) and Leila Thomson (LOH). First name out of the hat was Jean — well done!

Scrabble Contest no. 88

Short words are important in Scrabble. Can you solve the following two-letter terms? (NB They are not all allowed in Scrabble.)

Example: fourth note of musical scale = fa

1. point after deuce (tennis)
2. L. Frank Baum's marvelous land
3. twenty-two over seven
4. Maori digging-stick
5. fifth letter of Hebrew alphabet
6. -- Gein, American serial killer
7. a 'six-pack' muscle
8. Wei Chi
9. to raise or increase
10. former capital of Sierra Leone
11. Robert -- Castella, Aussie runner
12. NZ grey-faced petrel
13. Thor Heyerdahl's raft
14. rougher than pahoehoe
15. Little --, 1950s Wimbledon champ
16. long Russian river
17. has more toes than a unau
18. 100 of these make a dong
19. lost Pacific continent
20. Italian vermouth

Send entries by mail or email to:
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Closing date is
 18 August 2007.

The winner will receive a copy of *The Concise Dictionary of 2-Letter Words* (Jeff Grant, 2006).



DAZZLING DOZEN

The everyday word JAM is often played for a good score. Here are a dozen interesting ways this word can be extended.

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| JAMBU | LOGJAM |
| JAMDANI | ENJAMB |
| JAMPOT | PAJAMAED |
| JAMPAN | UJAMAA |
| JAMBOOL | SJAMBOK |
| JAMBEUX | DOORJAMB |

Upcoming tournaments	
Tournament	Dates
Whangarei	7-8 July
Hamilton	11-12 August
Tauranga	1-2 September
Christchurch	8-9 September
Mt Albert	29-30 September
Golden Bay	29-30 September
Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	7-14 October
Wanganui	20-21 October
World Champs	9-12 November
Otago Open	17-18 November

@ – a sign of the times

Your email wouldn't get delivered without it, but where did it come from?

The @ character, often called the 'at sign', is known to typographers as a ligature, which means two letters tied together.

The Latin preposition 'ad' means at, to or toward, and was simplified into something like the @ character probably around the 13th or 14th century, although some say it could have been as early as the 6th or 7th century. The bowl of the 'a' and 'd' merged, and the upstroke of the 'd' was exaggerated and curved to the left.

In English, it is formally called the 'commercial at' or 'at-sign' and was for a long time synonymous with 'at the price of ... each'.

The @ sign first became a part of email thanks to Ray Tomlinson who, in 1972 was writing programs for a system with electronic mail. He searched for a symbol that would clearly and unmistakably separate the recipient's name from the domain identity. The symbol could not be a letter or a number.

The 'at-sign' made perfect sense and solved the problem.

But a fair number of internet (now an official word again) users live in countries that don't use the same alphabet that English does, and where the keyboards did not conveniently include the @ character until after its widespread use on the internet made it a necessity.

Metaphors for the @ symbol range from animals (snail, worm, little dog, horse), to food (rollmops herring, strudel, cinnamon roll, pretzel).

In Afrikaans, it is known as 'aapstert' or monkey's tail (aapstert is

also a term of endearment for someone who's made a silly mistake); in Germany as 'klammeraffe' or hanging monkey; in Denmark as 'snabel' or elephant's trunk; in Czech as 'zavinac' or pickled herring; in Italy as 'chiocciola' or the snail; in Hungary as 'kukac' or worm or maggot; in Norway as 'grisehale' or pig's tail. In Turkey most people call it 'kulak', meaning ear.

[KULAK is the only one of these names allowable in Scrabble.]

Ruth's rice-cheese casserole

- from Ruth Groffman

People who attend Dunedin Scrabble tournaments always ask for the recipe for this dish, which has become a traditional part of the lunchtime menu over the years:

- 3 cups of grated carrots
- 2 cups of cooked rice
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ cup of light cream
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons of grated onion
- 2 cups of grated cheese

Combine the carrots, rice, eggs, cream, salt, pepper, onion and 1½ cups cheese. Pour into a greased baking dish. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake in a 350°F (180°C) oven 50 minutes. Serves 6.



President's Report 2007

Scrabble friends, Scrabble enthusiasts and others.

What a fantastic Scrabble year we have experienced and what a great year lies ahead.

This AGM will be the gateway to new horizons when the Collins dictionary is adopted. There won't be too many words to unlearn, but lots to add to our vocabulary. A huge thanks must go to Jeff Grant for his input of listings of new words including Maori words, in this publication. There has been unnecessary grief with the dictionary, but as it is the world official bible now, it needs to be adopted for future play. I am confident this will prevail tonight.

The venue for the World Champs is Mumbai, India this year, and our team will be announced at the prize giving dinner tomorrow night. Competition for this prestigious placement is fiercely fought, and we as a body, are sure that our team will give their all, as they always do. The world fund is in reasonable shape, thanks to clubs and individuals raising the bar and fundraising.

Pat and Jeff Grant ran a very successful raffle, with the first prize of an original painting by Denise Gordon of Wanganui. I'm sorry that Denise didn't enter the Nationals this year, and hope that painting hasn't taken over her preferred pastime. Liz ran lotto bonus numbers draw again, and the Association benefited from this hugely popular and easily maintained fundraiser. Thanks Liz.

Donations, no matter the size will always be acceptable and acknowledged by our treasurer Joan.

Our association has a wonderful

magazine with appreciation comments made both in NZ and overseas. Thanks to Jennifer for her position as editor; she is now well installed in this role. Thanks also to Glenda for her layout work, and for locating a new printer for the mag, it looks superb. And to cap accolades off, Glenda handles the website with style, and is vice president of this association. Thanks Glenda, you deserve your 40th wedding anniversary holiday in Rarotonga.

No association would be complete without a secretary who knows the ropes, and knows how to apply them. Thanks Liz for your sterling effort; long may it continue.

The bean counter of our organisation has again got the very best of financial rates for our money, and beavers away at keeping our finances in great shape. Joan, you are the treasure of the treasury.

Chris Handley relinquished his role as contact for the Scrabble list earlier in the year. Thanks go to him for his efforts over the years, we appreciate them. Chris is a very modest person, and he reminded us that Cathy was the biggest help in this job, so we have rewarded them in an appropriate way, at the Christchurch tournament. Steven Brown has taken this role in his stride, and we thank you for your effort so far. I am particularly grateful for the analysis Steven has supplied me – good work Steven.

Let's now get the remits under way, and leave the venue satisfied that we have made the right decisions.

Lynn.



Historic AGM

To borrow the historic "the eagle has landed" quote, we can now say "the stork has landed"!

As a result of the votes at the AGM in June, the following changes will be made to our constitution – the most far-reaching and important one being the adoption of the new dictionary. Start familiarising yourself with these new word list, because it is the official word list from now on.

Please be sure make yourself familiar with the new rules on tile set-up, drawing tiles and playing the blank, as these are relevant to how you play the game.

Dictionary

Rule 15.1.1 will be amended to read:

The only allowed dictionary and word list is - Collins Scrabble Tournament and Club Word List 2007 (CSW).

This means all other word list references in the rules will be deleted (Rules 15.1.1.1 to 15.1.1.4), and rule numbers will change accordingly.

Tile setup

Rule 15.5.1 will be amended to read:

It is the responsibility of both players to determine before commencing play that there are 100 correct tiles. For the first game tiles may be set out on a tile distribution sheet or directly on to the board in any format that clearly shows 100 tiles are present.

For all subsequent games tiles are to be arranged on the board in any format that clearly shows 100 tiles are present. (e.g. 10x10, 4 blocks of 5x5).

A corresponding change will be made to Rule 15.8.7.



Drawing tiles

Rule 15.6.2 will be amended as follows:

When drawing tiles the bag must be held above the table so that the contents are not visible. Tiles can be placed either face down in front of the player or directly onto the rack, but if insufficient tiles have been drawn an open palm must be shown to the opponent before drawing any more tiles from the bag.

Playing the blank

The first sentence of Rule 15.6.5 will be amended to read:

When playing a blank the player must declare what letter it represents and both players must write the declared letter on their score sheet.

(Note: This avoids disputes later in the game where players may have misheard or forgotten the declared letter. This change is consistent with Australian and US rules.)

Adjudication

Rules 15.7.5, 15.7.7 and 15.7.8

will be amended to read:

The decision of the adjudicator will be indicated on the challenge slip. The adjudicator must not give any indication to either player that any particular word is wrong or right, but adjudicate on the turn as a whole.

If the challenge is successful, i.e. the turn played is incorrect, the tiles played in the turn are removed from the board, the player then misses a turn. This will be indicated on the scoresheet and the player restarts the challenger's clock.

If the challenge is unsuccessful, i.e. the turn played is correct, the challenger does not miss a turn; however the player receives 5 points for each word challenged in addition to his/her turn score. The player restarts the challenger's clock.

Bonus words

Rule 15.10.4 will have the words "number of bonus words" deleted.

It will now be up to tournament organisers to determine whether they wish players to record their bonus words or not, just as high word scores, game scores, aggregate scores or unusual word plays are currently managed.

Honorarium

Rule 7.11 will have an addition to read:

The Forwards Magazine Editor and Layout Editor shall receive an honorarium of \$100 each.

This had been earlier decided at the June 1996 Management Meeting, but it had not been added to the constitution.

The revised constitution can, as usual, be viewed on our website, www.scrabble.org.nz.

Answers

What's the answer (from page 16)

They say 'say cheese', of course, a photography practice that originated in British public schools circa 1910. All the expressions are used to tease the mouth into a fetching facsimile of a smile, for those subjects a bit camera-shy, says Angus Trumble in *A Brief History of the Smile*.

Malays and some other Muslims, Gypsies, North American Indians and certain tribes of Aboriginal Australians have traditionally avoided having their photos taken, so they say nothing at all.

Odd one out (from page 8)

Did the odd one out, YRIVD give you a clue? All the rest take Y as a front hook:

YGO, YBET, YEVE, YOOF, YWIS, YAMEN, YBORE, YCLAD, YFERE, YLIKE, YRAPT, YRENT, YSAME, YTOST, YBOUND, YBRENT, YCLEPT, YESTER, YPIGHT, YSHENT, YUMPED, YWROKE, YMOLTEN, YPLIGHT, YSLAKED, YCLEEPIING, YEARNINGS, YRAVISHED, YSHENDING, YOURSELVES

Word puzzle (from page 10)

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, you will get the same word. (Did you solve it, Mr Anagram Grant?)

Editor's challenge (from page 10)

The bogus word is yey* (see Mailbox). At least, that was the only **deliberate** mistake!

Rankings

NZASP Rankings list as at 12 June 2007

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Jeff Grant	2106	1289.5	1674	77%	46	Selena Chan	1514	172	295	58%
2	Howard Warner	2038	991.5	1390	71%	47	Fae Olson	1492	991	2091	47%
3	Joanne Craig	2001	110	172	64%	48	Shirley Hol	1488	404	840	48%
4	Patrick Carter	1967	627	1002	63%	49	Olivia En	1487	165	273	60%
5	Rogelio Talosig	1950	287	468	61%	50	Glenda Geard	1473	727.5	1470	49%
6	Lynne Butler	1950	710	1152	62%	51	Roger Coates	1472	479	1016	47%
7	Glennis Hale	1934	1077.5	1926	56%	52	Karyn McDougall	1452	516.5	962	54%
8	Mike Sigley	1918	750	1038	72%	53	Amelia Carrington	1442	187	301	62%
9	John Foster	1903	1029.5	1799	57%	54	Gerald Warner	1433	872.5	1861	47%
10	Andrew Bradley	1878	524	1042	50%	55	Leila Thomson	1429	396	898	44%
11	Steven Brown	1873	631.5	1188	53%	56	Irene Smith	1427	36	68	53%
12	Glynis Jennings	1843	376.5	797	47%	57	Betty Eriksen	1418	666.5	1356	49%
13	Debbie Caldwell	1820	355.5	585	61%	58	Yoon Kim Fong	1377	339.5	637	53%
14	Chris Hooks	1815	693	1438	48%	59	Pam Barlow	1367	385	746	52%
15	Liz Fagerlund	1796	623	1182	53%	60	Lynn Carter	1355	244	444	55%
16	Glenda Foster	1792	699.5	1349	52%	61	Andree Prentice	1351	662	1290	51%
17	Lynne Powell	1768	751	1473	51%	62	Faye Cronhelm	1347	595.5	1188	50%
18	Lisa McLean	1762	407.5	808	50%	63	Steve Richards	1343	164	329	50%
19	Shirley van Essen	1755	273	516	53%	64	Lyn Dawson	1321	267	479	56%
20	Nick Ascroft	1731	146	254	57%	65	Ernie Gidman	1313	226	450	50%
21	Peter Jones	1729	673	1358	50%	66	Delcie Macbeth	1303	543	1026	53%
22	Paul Lister	1729	584.5	1016	58%	67	Doreen Ogston	1302	493.5	1029	48%
23	Pam Robson	1712	443.5	959	46%	68	Carolyn Kyle	1286	368.5	738	50%
24	Glenyss Buchanan	1700	490	1037	47%	69	Ruth Groffman	1279	286.5	568	50%
25	June Mackwell	1699	496.5	1125	44%	70	Ann Candler	1273	572.5	1217	47%
26	Lawson Sue	1660	183.5	321	57%	71	Rhoda Cashman	1270	631	1325	48%
27	Janice Cherry	1647	279	526	53%	72	Roto Mitchell	1267	368	705	52%
28	Marianne Bentley	1639	209	464	45%	73	Clare Ruckstuhl	1258	139	266	52%
29	Val Mills	1638	644.5	1373	47%	74	Jean O'Brien	1245	712	1383	51%
30	Joan Thomas	1620	548	1063	52%	75	Margaret Cherry	1244	350	701	50%
31	Denise Gordon	1610	556	1111	50%	76	Margaret Lyall	1239	361	725	50%
32	Ann Hough	1610	366.5	735	50%	77	Pat Bryan	1234	72	120	60%
33	Julie Atkinson	1604	231.5	426	54%	78	Yvette Hewlett	1212	289.5	604	48%
34	Rosemary Cleary	1600	477	1026	46%	79	Margaret Bundock	1210	554.5	1166	48%
35	Jennifer Smith	1597	592.5	1143	52%	80	Elaine Moltzen	1206	410	822	50%
36	Frank Robinson	1597	135.5	262	52%	81	Kaite Hansen	1203	109	193	56%
37	Helen Sillis	1591	573	1124	51%	82	Hazel Purdie	1190	600.5	1225	49%
38	Rosalind Phillips	1590	239.5	438	55%	83	Samantha Samuels	1183	123	244	50%
39	Murray Rogers	1589	329.5	631	52%	84	Margaret Flaws	1180	163	290	56%
40	David Gunn	1558	892	1772	50%	85	Shirley Wyatt	1175	377.5	812	46%
41	Lynn Wood	1558	1027	2170	47%	86	Liz Catchpole	1157	300	601	50%
42	Allie Quinn	1556	733.5	1513	48%	87	Lorraine Van Veen	1134	583	1163	50%
43	Maureen Holliday	1538	513	997	51%	88	Connie Flores	1132	87.5	128	68%
44	Shirley Martin	1535	497.5	947	53%	89	Colleen Cook	1123	148.5	298	50%
45	Stan Gregec	1533	136	233	58%	90	Anderina McLean	1122	104	183	57%

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
91	Roger French	1119	89	151	59%
92	Lyn Toka	1098	341.5	652	52%
93	Gabrielle Bolt	1091	202	395	51%
94	Marian Ross	1088	334.5	670	50%
95	Su Walker	1083	539	1067	51%
96	Allison Torrance	1077	213	396	54%
97	Marianne Patchett	1074	210.5	409	51%
98	Correne James	1047	546	1130	48%
99	Mary Gray	1040	244.5	466	52%
100	Liz Richards	1028	171.5	327	52%
101	Karen Miller	1027	350	709	49%
102	Agnes Rowland	1026	24	43	56%
103	Roger Cole-Baker	1026	149	270	55%
104	John Baird	1022	61	101	60%
105	Geoff Vautier	1019	79	214	37%
106	Karen Gray	1017	60	105	57%
107	Judith Thomas	1015	40	90	44%
108	Barbara Dunn	1014	108.5	177	61%
109	Shirley Morrison	994	54	120	45%
110	Heather Landon	976	117.5	236	50%
111	Jean Boyle	961	212.5	369	58%
112	Joan Pratt	956	535	1023	52%
113	Carole Coates	945	407.5	834	49%
114	Chris Higgins	937	36	53	68%
115	Ray Goodyear	935	144.5	294	49%
116	Suzanne Frederick	931	71	124	57%
117	Catherine Henry	908	210.5	399	53%
118	Ella Rushton	887	120	196	61%
119	Michael Groffman	872	143.5	300	48%
120	Jo Ann Ingram	870	79.5	145	55%
121	Chris Handley	862	236	460	51%
122	Veronica Zilinskas	856	112	205	55%
123	Sheila Reed	852	79	174	45%
124	Jan Evans	839	58	128	45%



Jan Evans, Nelson

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
125	Bev Barker	823	425	879	48%
126	Kate Wignall	813	578.5	1141	51%
127	Jena Yousif	809	185	379	49%
128	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	801	389	810	48%
129	Yvonne MacKenzie	779	304	665	46%
130	Dianne Cole-Baker	774	122.5	231	53%
131	Betty Wilson	755	247	471	52%
132	Kathleen Mori-Barker	748	234.5	500	47%
133	Alison Holmes	731	60.5	113	54%
134	Janni Henneveld	711	151	317	48%
135	Bernice Hyde	706	143.5	277	52%
136	Olwen Skelton	691	427.5	897	48%
137	Margaret Hanson	686	398.5	813	49%
138	Barbara Cornell	682	13	43	30%
139	Margaret Durdle	673	134.5	277	49%
140	Valma Gidman	663	491.5	976	50%
141	Thelma Chisholm	622	147.5	310	48%
142	Marc Van Hoecke	617	30	69	43%
143	Dorothy Haining	591	427	868	49%
144	Rosemary Wauters	590	58.5	116	50%
145	Paula Gibbons	584	330	688	48%
146	Jean Wacker	574	159	318	50%
147	Noelene Bettjeman	567	104.5	225	46%
148	Bev Edwards	561	23	40	58%
149	Annette Coombes	549	380	851	45%
150	Alison Vautier	531	27	86	31%
151	Maria Clinton	513	123	260	47%
152	Tony Charlton	499	68.5	155	44%
153	Tim Henneveld	480	138	316	44%
154	Anthea Jones	477	81	161	50%
155	Sue Mayn	456	66.5	192	35%
156	Rahimah Abdullah	451	15.5	43	36%
157	Roslyn Lister	450	220	451	49%
158	Ruth Godwin	431	8.5	49	17%
159	Jillian Greening	417	247	518	48%
160	Pauline Smeaton	412	185	380	49%
161	Suzanne Harding	410	37	92	40%
162	Jean Craib	405	243	540	45%
163	Elaine Ware	403	299	600	50%
164	Lynn Thompson	386	43.5	104	42%
165	Judith Bach	352	20	47	43%
166	Betty Sutherland	336	175	417	42%
167	Resie Coenen	328	215	516	42%
168	Bev Griffin	284	35	107	33%
169	Charles Kiewiet	229	141	279	51%
170	Maria Barker	171	21	61	34%
171	Margaret Miller	94	46	126	37%
172	Anne-Louise Milne	72	16	140	11%
173	Sue Foster	30	44	143	31%

Tournament results

NZ Masters Championship 7-9 April 2007

23 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1	Jeff Grant	IND	20	1777	445 42
2	Glennis Hale	IND	18	1062	416 42
3	Rogelio Talosig	IND	17	837	404 36
4	Mike Sigley	WAN	16	1633	439 43
5	Andrew Bradley	MTA	15	580	405 28
6	Steven Brown	KAP	15	526	406 45
7	Lynne Butler	NPL	14	953	421 36
8	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	13	599	407 29
9	John Foster	IND	13	232	395 30
10	Glenda Foster	WEL	13	80	387 35
11	Debbie Caldwell	NEL	13	44	403 38
12	June Mackwell	NSB	11	34	375 24
13	Glenyssh Buchanan	LOH	10	222	408 38
14	Chris Hooks	MTA	10	-422	382 26
15	Jennifer Smith	HAM	9	-594	376 27
16	Nick Ascroft	WEL	9	-635	386 31
17	Pam Robson	WKP	9	-696	371 30
18	Murray Rogers	NEL	8	-458	373 20
19	Ann Hough	NEL	8	-485	373 33
20	David Gunn	WKP	8	-977	374 32
21	Joan Thomas	HAS	8	-1007	373 30
22	Marianne Bentley	TGA	7	-957	379 24
23	Lynn Wood	WEL	7	-1148	364 24
24	Denise Gordon	WAN	5	-1200	365 31



Ella Rushton, Dunedin,
3rd place in B Grade at Dunedin
Open and F Grade winner at the
National Champs

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
B Grade					
1	Karen Gray	DUN	10	627	375 9
2	Michael Groffman	DUN	10	558	348 10
3	Ella Rushton	DUN	9	515	350 13
4	Susi Nicholson	DUN	9	155	346 13
5	Chris Handley	DUN	9	139	336 12
6	Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	7	230	345 13
7	Paula Gibbons	CHC	2	-884	287 3
8	Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	0	-1340	263 1

North Shore Bays Tournament 21 April

7 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade A					
1	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	6	343	410 9
2	Lawson Sue	PAK	5	340	421 12
3	Chris Hooks	MTA	4	134	416 12
4	Lynne Powell	HBC	4	-192	391 12
5	Patrick Carter	MTA	3	-3	386 6
6	Val Mills	PAK	3	-43	398 10
7	Helen Sillis	NPL	2	-338	365 6
8	David Gunn	WKP	1	-241	373 11

Dunedin Lion Open Tournament 15-16 April 2007

14 Games

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1	Peter Sinton	DUN	13	1775	419 27
2	Betty Eriksen	WAN	9	136	357 17
3	Carolyn Kyle	CHC	8	-22	346 13
4	Paul Freeman	DUN	6.5	-607	341 19
5	Karyn McDougall	DUN	6	264	365 19
6	Ruth Groffman	DUN	6	-334	336 5
7	Jennifer Smith	HAM	4	-330	329 13
8	Marian Ross	DUN	3.5	-882	327 12



**Pat Bryan, Mt Albert,
2nd in C Grade at North Shore**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade B					
1 Allie Quinn	WRE	5	355	386	8
2 Gerald Warner	WRE	5	131	414	7
3 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	88	391	12
4 Maureen Holliday	HBC	3	33	392	7
5 Rebecca Freeth	ROD	3	-49	380	7
6 Fae Olson	NSB	3	-351	352	6
7 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	2	-74	384	10
8 Roger Coates	KIW	2	-133	386	10
Grade C					
1 Shirley Martin	HAM	6	180	368	8
2 Glenda Geard	IND	5	159	396	9
3 Pam Barlow	PAK	4	106	379	6
4 Ann Candler	NSB	4	-125	377	5
5 Ernie Gidman	ROD	3	14	349	5
6 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	3	-100	374	7
7 Lynn Carter	NSB	3	-234	357	8
Grade D					
1 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	6	467	427	12
2 Pat Bryan	MTA	4	231	382	9
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-72	384	9
4 Shirley Wyatt	MTA	3	-79	370	6
5 Liz Catchpole	MTA	3	-135	343	5
6 Anderina McLean	MTA	3	-136	366	6
7 Su Walker	MTA	3	-257	365	10
8 Hazel Purdie	MTA	2	-19	378	8
Grade E					
1 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	6	468	405	7
2 Lyres Freeth	ROD	5	491	411	8
3 Chris Higgins	PAK	5	119	384	6
4 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	4	62	372	7

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
5 Joan Pratt	HBC	4	-92	353	5
6 Jena Yousif	KIW	3	-239	359	7
7 Carole Coates	KIW	1	-501	329	6
8 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	0	-308	347	7
Grade F					
1 Olwen Skelton	ROD	4	132	349	5
2 Jill Johnson	PAP	4	15	344	1
3 Janni Henneveld	IND	4	2	335	4
4 Chris Day	TGA	4	-69	328	2
5 Valma Gidman	ROD	3	155	378	5
6 Ruth Munnings	ROD	3	65	367	4
7 Margaret Hanson	PAK	3	-33	337	5
8 Bernice Hyde	NSB	3	-267	361	6
Grade G					
1 Dorothy Haining	ROD	5	265	380	4
2 Melody Freeth	ROD	5	168	367	2
3 Annette Coombes	WKP	4	329	389	8
4 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	4	168	376	9
5 Suzanne Harding	WRE	3	-73	350	3
6 Tim Henneveld	IND	3	-151	321	1
7 Joy Hewson	HBC	2	-291	309	2
8 Anthea Jones	KIW	2	-415	325	5
Grade H					
1 Bev Edwards	WRE	6	433	364	2
2 Lynn Thompson	WRE	5	499	366	3
3 Merle Spinetto	ROD	5	219	351	3
4 Pam Muirhead	HBC	5	-33	335	3
5 Antonia Aarts	NSB	2	-181	292	0
6 Diana Quennell-Smith	HBC	2	-239	298	0
7 Zara Schofield	HBC	2	-461	288	2
8 Margaret Miller	HBC	1	-237	294	2



**Roto Mitchell, Wanganui,
3rd and 2nd in B grade at Kapiti**

29 April 2007

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Steven Brown	KAP	7	827	462	19
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	564	446	18
3 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	4	209	404	10
4 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	67	380	8
5 Glenda Foster	WEL	3	-55	372	11
6 Joan Thomas	HAS	3	-177	359	8
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	1	-616	340	5
8 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	0	-819	331	6
B Grade					
1 Jean O'Brien	IND	5	389	403	6
2 Roto Mitchell	WAN	5	145	368	5
3 Olivia En	WEL	4	212	391	10
4 Vicky Robertson	WEL	4	-26	369	11
5 Andree Prentice	WAN	4	-60	376	6
6 Jean Boyle	WAN	3	-198	358	8
7 Yvette Hewlett	IND	2	-132	393	14
8 Betty Eriksen	WAN	1	-330	362	8
C Grade					
1 Agnes Rowland	KAP	5	334	370	5
2 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	5	316	395	7
3 Pat Grant	IND	4	527	398	7
4 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	4	76	346	3
5 Barbara Dunn	TGA	4	48	362	3
6 Nola Borrell	IND	4	-89	345	5
7 Pam Sinclair	KAP	3	-103	329	0
8 Alison Vautier	KAP	3	-126	328	2



**Steven Brown, Kapiti,
A Grade winner at Kapiti day 2**

**Kapiti Coast Club Tournament
28 April**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Games					
A Grade					
1 Lynne Butler	NPL	6	592	454	15
2 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	306	410	11
3 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	5	139	417	12
4 Glenda Foster	WEL	4	-197	390	10
5 Steven Brown	KAP	3	141	415	12
6 Lynn Wood	WEL	3	140	388	8
7 Leila Thomson	LOH	1	-448	371	5
8 Joan Thomas	HAS	1	-673	353	8
B Grade					
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	479	389	8
2 Olivia En	WEL	5	423	420	13
3 Roto Mitchell	WAN	4	-315	360	5
4 Yvette Hewlett	IND	3	74	378	10
5 Sheila Reed	WEL	3	-10	356	5
6 Jean Boyle	WAN	3	-202	338	9
7 Jean O'Brien	IND	2	-164	363	8
8 Andree Prentice	WAN	2	-285	374	6
C Grade					
1 Barbara Dunn	TGA	6	374	382	6
2 Pat Grant	IND	5	619	394	7
3 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	5	531	407	10
4 Agnes Rowland	KAP	5	145	361	4
5 Nola Borrell	IND	4	-85	348	5
6 Rahimah Abdullah	KAP	3	-139	343	1
7 Pam Sinclair	KAP	3	-238	312	2
8 Alison Vautier	KAP	2	-353	325	1
9 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	1	-205	327	4
10 Anne Smith	KAP	1	-649	287	2



**Nola Borrell, Independent, playing at
her second tournament at Kapiti**



Yvonne Mackenzie, Christchurch, 2nd in D grade at Christchurch

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
9 Rahimah Abdullah	KAP	2	-309	341	4
10 Anne Smith	KAP	1	-674	295	0

South Island Champs - Christchurch 5-6 May 2007

14 Game double round robin

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
A Grade					
1 Blue Thorogood	IND	13	1831	468	33
2 Paul Lister	CHC	9	159	404	21
3 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	8	494	435	32
4 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	8	66	387	20
5 Ann Hough	NEL	6	-484	381	17
6 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-866	362	16
7 Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-532	354	10
8 Murray Rogers	NEL	3	-668	364	12
B Grade					
1 Andree Prentice	WAN	9	520	380	15
2 Olivia En	WEL	9	148	366	20
3 Karyn McDougall	DUN	8	571	413	20
4 Selena Chan	CHC	7.5	193	394	18
5 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	6	392	363	14
6 Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	-464	356	12
7 Ruth Groffman	DUN	5.5	-400	359	11
8 Lyn Dawson	CHC	5	-176	360	16

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
C Grade					
1 Colleen Cook	CHC	10.5	529	379	11
2 Margaret Lyall	CHC	10	275	377	22
3 Marian Ross	DUN	7.5	146	394	20
4 Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	7	61	367	11
5 Connie Flores	CHC	7	-100	364	11
6 Allison Torrance	CHC	6	-133	362	16
7 Jean Boyle	WAN	6	-238	360	17
8 John Baird	CHC	2	-540	353	15
D Grade					
1 Ray Goodyear	CHC	11	965	400	11
2 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	9	334	363	10
3 Betty Wilson	CHC	7.5	-263	338	8
4 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	7	-387	340	12
5 Gordon Pinchin	CHC	6.5	-270	348	16
6 Paula Gibbons	CHC	6	-468	331	9
7 Jan Evans	NEL	5	180	361	12
8 Ella Rushton	DUN	4	-91	354	12
E Grade					
1 Alison Holmes	CHC	11.5	798	334	7
2 Roslyn Lister	CHC	10	808	343	15
3 Jean Craib	CHC	9	236	324	7
4 Judith Bach	CHC	9	104	290	2
5 Di Barritt	CHC	8.5	-44	268	5
6 Betty Sutherland	CHC	8	-94	288	5
7 Charles Kiewiet	CHC	6	-120	277	2
8 Pat Stefferson	CHC	5	-755	234	0
9 Trish Fox	CHC	3	-933	-933	1



Ray Goodyear, Christchurch, D Grade winner at Sth Island Champs



Tim Henneveld, Independent, Grade E winner at Waikato Phoenix

Waikato Phoenix Club Tournament 18 May

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
7 Games					
Grade A					
1 Jennifer Smith	HAM	5	247	417	7
2 Joan Thomas	HAS	5	159	411	11
3 Allie Quinn	WRE	4	278	401	7
4 David Gunn	WKP	3	-53	389	12
5 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	3	-66	367	7
6 Roger Coates	KIW	3	-161	372	8
7 Glenda Geard	IND	3	-191	363	8
8 Val Mills	PAK	2	-213	378	7
Grade B					
1 Shirley Martin	HAM	7	684	432	10
2 Lynn Carter	NSB	4	-81	369	9
3 Delcie Macbeth	IND	4	-107	382	8
4 Elaine Moltzen	KIW	3	-24	375	9
5 Stan Skinner	TGA	3	-142	352	7
6 Faye Cronhelm	IND	3	-207	373	6
7 Ann Candler	NSB	2	-53	383	9
8 Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	2	-70	381	8
Grade C					
1 Heather Landon	TGA	5	414	398	8
2 Carole Coates	KIW	5	208	397	7
3 Samantha Samuels	KIW	4	172	388	6
4 Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	-242	371	4
5 Jena Yousif	KIW	3	24	393	8
6 Su Walker	MTA	3	-15	387	11
7 Lyn Toka	KIW	2	-230	368	9
8 Catherine Henry	TGA	2	-331	345	2

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
Grade D					
1 Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	6	101	360	2
2 Bernice Hyde	NSB	5	211	364	7
3 Janni Henneveld	IND	4	329	387	5
4 Rosemary Wauters	TGA	4	-199	337	4
5 Pat Wood	TGA	2	-435	292	0
Grade E					
1 Tim Henneveld	IND	7	719	399	5
2 Anthea Jones	KIW	5	239	350	5
3 Jillian Greening	HAM	3	23	340	5
4 Pauline Smeaton	TGA	3	-234	311	0
5 Bev Griffin	TGA	2	-342	309	1
6 Maria Barker	WKP	1	-405	321	4

NZ National Championships 2-3 June

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
15 games					
A Grade					
1 Jeff Grant	IND	14	907	430	28
2 Lynne Butler	NPL	9	871	449	32
3 Joanne Craig	CHC	9	551	442	26
4 Howard Warner	IND	9	462	425	25
5 John Foster	IND	9	324	424	24
6 Rogelio Talosig	IND	9	136	395	29
7 Chris Hooks	MTA	8	305	417	25
8 Andrew Bradley	MTA	8	122	404	21
9 Glennis Hale	IND	8	-102	384	14
10 Shirley Van Essen	CHC	7	120	402	23
11 Steven Brown	KAP	7	-115	396	29
12 Debbie Caldwell	NEL	7	-220	398	22
13 Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	-883	366	15
14 Glenyss Buchanan	LOH	5	-1034	366	21
15 June Mackwell	NSB	4	-447	377	22
16 Ann Hough	NEL	2	-997	356	18
B Grade					
1 Val Mills	PAK	11	267	396	14
2 Rosalind Phillips	MTA	10	613	404	21
3 Frank Robinson	WEL	10	162	372	18
4 Joan Thomas	HAS	9	581	408	28
5 Murray Rogers	NEL	9	237	377	11
6 Jennifer Smith	HAM	9	36	386	19
7 Helen Sillis	NPL	9	-8	391	20
8 Selena Chan	CHC	8	6	382	17
9 Shirley Martin	HAM	8	-320	358	16
10 Yvonne Wilson	HAS	7	245	378	18



**Jeff Grant, Independent,
Winner of NZ Masters and NZ
Nationals A Grade**

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
11 Olivia En	WEL	7	154	392	20
12 Lynn Wood	WEL	7	-378	372	13
13 Shirley Hol	CHC	5	44	383	16
14 Gerald Warner	WRE	4	-250	395	13
15 Leila Thomson	LOH	4	-681	354	11
16 Andree Prentice	WAN	3	-708	366	13

C Grade					
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Betty Eriksen	WAN	11	466	377	19
2 Amelia Carrington	IND	11	103	386	13
3 Yoon Kim Fong	KIWI	10	741	393	19
4 Pam Barlow	PAK	9	466	384	24
5 Lynn Carter	NSB	9	-42	373	14
6 Ernie Gidman	ROD	8	113	380	18
7 Vicky Robertson	WEL	8	-276	363	14
8 Clare Ruckstuhl	WEL	7	301	381	16
9 Roto Mitchell	WAN	7	-19	380	13
10 Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	-64	369	18
11 Ruth Goffman	DUN	7	-378	364	7
12 Sandra Stacey	WEL	6	129	390	18
13 Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-235	371	14
14 Yvette Hewlett	IND	6	-261	380	23
15 Elaine Moltzen	KIWI	5	-416	368	19
16 Colleen Cook	CHC	3	-628	355	9

D Grade					
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Hazel Purdie	MTA	11	795	404	16
2 Kaite Hansen	CHC	11	150	370	13
3 Lyn Toka	KIW	9	280	394	27
4 Roger French	MTA	9	235	389	14
5 Anderina McLean	MTA	9	51	370	18
6 Marian Ross	DUN	8	210	373	15
7 Su Walker	MTA	8	-182	391	26
8 Karen Gray	DUN	7	458	377	12

Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
9 Barbara Dunn	TGA	7	45	371	11
10 Judith Thomas	WEL	7	-32	357	9
11 Roger Cole-Baker	MTA	7	-95	370	16
12 Agnes Rowland	KAP	7	-223	358	11
13 Geoff Vautier	WEL	7	-374	349	16
14 Heather Landon	TGA	6	-628	349	11
15 Jean Boyle	WAN	5	-9	357	13
16 Sheila Reed	WEL	2	-681	340	13

E Grade					
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Karen Miller	PAK	12	948	398	12
2 John Baird	CHC	12	799	380	15
3 Catherine Henry	TGA	10	582	391	17
4 Suzanne Frederick	WAN	10	347	388	20
5 Jan Evans	NEL	8	305	358	12
6 Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	7	152	356	17
7 Nola Borrell	IND	7	-141	357	12
8 Jena Yousif	KIWI	7	-157	376	10
9 Dianne Cole-Baker	MTA	6	-142	339	9
10 Kathleen Mori-Barker	CHC	6	-292	356	17
11 Thelma Chisholm	WEL	3.5	-568	340	7
12 Judy Driscoll	KAP	1.5	-1833	283	4

F Grade					
Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave	B/W
1 Ella Rushton	DUN	13	1243	393	16
2 Alison Holmes	CHC	10	97	333	2
3 Janni Henneveld	IND	10	87	351	12
4 Valma Gidman	ROD	9	108	340	6
5 Jean Wacker	TGA	7	126	341	10
6 Paula Gibbons	CHC	7	-129	324	6
7 Alison Vautier	KAP	6	-268	335	8
8 Tim Henneveld	IND	5	-336	315	3
9 Rahimah Abdullah	KAP	4.5	-376	333	4
10 Ruth Godwin	IND	3.5	-552	308	4



**Karen Millar, Pakuranga, E grade
winner at the NZ National Champs**

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)