

N.Z. SCRABBLE CLUBS - NORTH TO SOUTH

- WHANGAREI Contact Glynis Jennings Ph 50037
- BAYS Tues 10am Cambells Bay Methodist Church Hall, Ph Marge Dalzell 478-6248
- NORTH SHORE Thurs 7pm Takapuna Senior Citizens Hall, Ph Allie Quinn 437-806
- MT ALBERT Fri 7pm Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall, Ph Bev Barker 676-830
- HOWICK THURS 7pm St John Ambulance Hall Ph Doris Shearer 535-4329
- PAKURANGA
- HAMILTON Tues 7.30pm Civil Defence Rooms W.C.C. Ph Jo Jackson 52290
- MT MAUNGANUI Mon 7pm Ph Ngaire Steel 421-035
- TAURANGA Thurs 7.15pm Matua School Staff-room Ph Noel Maisey 63218
- TOKOROA Wed 7.15pm Contact Lesley Edgeler Ph 68374
- NEW PLYMOUTH Ph Leanne Cutfield 32366
- HASTINGS Ph Jeff Grant 86654
- WANGANUI Mon 7pm Old Library Buildings Ph Frances Loader
- MASTERTON Thurs 7.15pm Camera Club Rooms Ph Alliette Hay 83279
- PORIRUA Ph Frances Katene 377-615
- AVALON Thurs 1pm Ph Stephanie Radich 379-357
- LOWER HUTT Tues 7.30pm Senior Citizens Rooms Queensgate Ph Glenyss Buchanan Ph 695-433
- WELLINGTON Tues 7.30pm Kilbirnie Plunket Rooms Ph Lynn Wood 872-581
- SYDENHAM Fri 7pm Sydenham Community Centre Ph Katrine Renwick 890-028
- DUNEDIN Mon 7pm Otago Chess Club Rooms Ph Ian Patterson 879-438

FORWORDS

NUMBER 9

More than 100 deputations their words at this year's national Scrabble championships.

Her fourth prize was for the player who made the best score using the letter 'Z' with 87 points (433 and 407).

Couple set up club

A love of words and the game of Scrabble inspired Mr Pinner and his wife Dorothy, of Blockhouse Bay, to form Auckland central's first Scrabble club.

The Mt Albert Scrabble Club formed just six months ago. The club's members are people either, both the national champions have been in the 20 to 30 year age group.

The hallmarks of a good Scrabble player are a vast vocabulary and a keen eye for words. Mr Pinner says he does not play the game often. The Scrabble Club has two official members.



Scrabble shine

WITH THREE rounds to go in this year's national Scrabble championships there are two women in with a chance of winning the A-grade title. Glennie...

Scramble for Orpington

NZPA-Reuter Orpington The police in the southern English town of Orpington reacted swiftly after a small boy called the emergency 999 telephone number and said he needed help.

But when the crew of a patrol car knocked on Purser's front door, they discovered he had called the emergency number because he was angry that his sister had cheated at "Scrabble."

"The lad sounded upset and could only give us his phone number. We had to trace the address and send a car as soon as possible," said a Kent police spokesman, Sergeant Brian Rose.

Seven members of the Mount Albert Scrabble Club competed at Te Anau in a tournament and mixed fortunes.

The outright winner of the A-grade Championship was Ross of Tauranga with four wins in five games. James of Mt Albert was second with four wins.

The other Mt Albert players were Tony Nicholls (1 win), David Pinner (1 win), Dorothy Pinner (2) and Char Curl (2).

In the B grade the winner was Glynis Jennings of Whangarei. Yvette Hewlett of Mt Albert was equal second with 4 wins. Daphne Curl had two wins.

Despite the absence of wins Dorothy Pinner picked up four prizes, more than anybody else at the tournament. She came second in aggregate points with 2042, an average of 408 a game. She also had the best individual score in a game with 433, the only player to...



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Scrabble results

Mt Albert scrabble cl

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORE OVERSPECIALIZED WORDS.....Jeff Grant

Since the article on overspecialized words appeared in issue 2 of Forwards back in December 1985, a number of people have expressed interest in these lexical oddities. The time seems right to unleash a few more from their hidden recesses in the depths of the dictionary.

One of the strangest terms of all has to be sooterkin, defined in Chambers as 'a fabulous afterbirth induced by Dutch women sitting over their stoves.' If you think the OSPD is a bit mundane, consider stoss, facing the direction from which a glacier moves.

Progressing to larger references you are likely to encounter all manner of weird and wonderful overspecialized words. How about qualtagh, the first person seen on going out on a particular day; if you were really unlucky it could be a comprachico, that

is a buyer and seller of children, especially after deforming them. Why would anyone want to do that? Perhaps you could find the answer by indulging in a spot of lecanomancy, divination by gazing into water in a basin. Personally I think all comprachicos should be subjected to a little bangstry, masterful violence, even at the risk of getting the odd winklehawk, rectangular tear, in your clothing.

The concept of infinitesimalism is most intriguing. It is the doctrine that the more a drug is diluted, the more potent it becomes;



but for pure specificity it would be hard to beat case oil, kerosene contained in 5-gallon tin cans packed by twos in wooden cases.

If you are thinking that maybe a few of these terms are just a figment of some logomaniac's wild imagination, closer to myth than reality, what you need is a mythometer, a measure for judging myths!



LECANOMANCER AT WORK

SOLUTION: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 8

The highest move possible is to make the word HIGHJACK going down to the bottom middle triple from the H of HO, which scores a total of 158.

Correct entries were received from Glynis Jennings (Whangarei), Florence Velduizen (Tokoroa), Joy Hunter (Hamilton), John Foster (Mt. Albert), Alan Duval (Mt Albert), and Val Frew (Avalon).

A draw was held and the winner of Scrabble contest no. 8 is Glynis Jennings. Congratulations!

SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 9

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century (1983 Edition), and The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

Entries to be sent to Jeff Grant, Waipatu Settlement Road, R.D.2., Hastings by 1/12/87.

The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!
Your opponent opens the game with OZEKI (I on the centre square). What is the highest scoring move possible if you have the letters ABCDEF, and a blank?

UNAM - UNBE.....May Quigley

When word lists were being discussed at the management meeting following the Nationals, I mentioned that I could not find the word UNAM in the dictionary. Jeff Grant said that it came under UNBE.

Chambers definition of UNBE, a verb, "to cause not to be, to cease to, to be non-existent! The meaning of "an" is given as the first person singular of the verb "to be!" So UNAM must surely mean "not to be!"

Surely Shakespeare's immortal line "to be or not to be" would not have made such an impression, had the bard said "to be or unam"

But there, that is my question.

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I hope this analogy will make things clearer. Once, in a game against Lynne Powell, I challenged the word UNWROTE. I couldn't see the sense in this word for ages, the past part. of UNWRITE is UNWRITTEN. But the past tense of WRITE is WROTE, hence UNWROTE.

Now look up BE. The present indicative is given in brackets (am, art, is, are) So therefore you can have UNART, UNIS, and UNARE as well. Note that UNWAS, UNWAST, UNWERE, and UNWERT are also permissible as past tense variations.

There. It should be as clear as a bell now.

-Ed.

IS THERE LIFE AFTER SCRABBLE?

That's what I'm about to find out!

I first started playing Scrabble in 1975, with my husband Paul, and another young couple that lived in the flat next door. We had a lot of fun, and it was quite hilarious as we discovered new and obscure words. I really enjoyed it and wanted to play more and more often, especially as I began to win more frequently - unfortunately at this stage the other couple got a bit tired of the game, and didn't want to play anymore. Paul would give me the occasional game, but under protest.

In 1978 I saw a tiny notice in the 'North Shore Times', it read "scrabble, anyone interested in forming a Scrabble Club phone.... I dialed the number and spoke with Georgie Offringa, she said she had received a good response from the ad, and we arranged to meet. It wasn't till some time later, Georgie admitted I was, in fact, the only person that replied to the ad, but she exaggerated a little so as not to thwart my enthusiasm, and she made up the numbers with all her table tennis friends. More advertising brought more interest, and we began to meet regularly at one another's homes, and then later hired a room at the YMCA at Northcote. Our youngest son Stephen, was only three then, and he used to go to the creche.

In June 1978 we held a tournament to raise funds for Telethon, we were proud when they announced \$72.00 had been pledged by the North Shore Scrabble Club, - "New Zealand's only Scrabble Club". This brought reaction from Noel Maisey, who informed us of the other Scrabble clubs in Tauranga, Waiheke Island, Lower Hutt and Tokoroa. The North Shore Club went into recess for a couple of years. Georgie was involved with Table tennis (very successfully too - she was in the rep team for 11 years). I joined the newly formed Bays club when I moved to Browns Bay in 1979.

The first N.Z. National Competition in 1980, organised by the Tauranga Scrabble Enthusiasts, was a major turning point for Scrabble in New Zealand. I am glad to have been part of that tournament. Also there, were Glenyss

Buchanan(Lower Hutt), Kevin and Lesley Edgeler (Tokoroa), David and Dorothy Pinner (Bays), Terry Darby and John Schischka (Orewa), Maurine Sullivan and Jan Ross (Tauranga), Joy Hunter (Independent of Hamilton) and Doris Reilly (Bays), to name a few stalwarts.

We used the Websters and Oxford Dictionaries for adjudication then, and it was as difficult then as it is now. In an endeavour to have everything covered for the tournament, Tauranga used Websters, OSPD, Funk & Wagnells and the Shorter Oxford for adjudication. I will always remember Kevins displeasure at not being allowed 'QIBLA', a word listed in the Concise Oxford, but alas, not to be found in the massive 2 volume set of the Shorter Oxford. Hence Kevins penname 'QIBLA', now allowable in Chambers. Over the years I have thoroughly enjoyed the Scrabble scene, and taking part in tournaments, although it has meant spending most long weekends away from my family. I had thought of giving Scrabble up for a while, but when the crunch came, I couldn't not attend this years National tournament, even though I fared badly, I still enjoyed being there.

At the beginning of this year I started a new job with the Auckland Savings Bank working full time and a late night Thursday, unfortunately this coincides with the North Shore Scrabble Club meetings. However, I still get the occasional game with Mum at the weekends.

Last year I learnt to play Bridge, a fascinating game, I have had a few little triumphs - last year I won a prize for improved new player, and early this year my partner and I won the Junior Summer Pairs Tournament held over a four week period, our first tourney.

I am handing over the magazine to David Lloyd who I'm sure will give it new life. I hope the readers will give him every support and send in your stories etc. I would like to thank everyone that contributed to 'Forwards', especially Jeff Grant for his innovative contests and fantastic articles, Kevin Edgeler for his news items, John Foster for sharing his word study with us all (although as yet I haven't been able to get CHONDROPTYGII down). David Lloyd and Alan Hignet for photos, Chris Day for providing a good supply of cartoons, Ian Patterson,

Daph and Charlie Curl for all sorts of bits of info - and to everyone. Please encourage your club mates to subscribe to 'Forwards', without your subscriptions, and contributions, the magazine will cease to be. I have gained a lot from being a part of the NZASP. Special thanks to Georgie for getting me started.

Sue Marrow

SYDENHAM SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT, JULY 4th
Seven 50 minute games.

Placings		Wins	Av.	B.W.
1	Ian Patterson	Dun	6	416 16
2	Hilary Ruscoe	Syd	6	386 6
3	Marian Ashley	Dun	5½	366 5
4	Anna Harraway	Oam	4½	360 1
5	Alan Boyd	Dun	4	375 5
6	Marie Buchanan	Dun	4	346 9
7	Anne Stewart	Dun	3	337 6
8	Veronica Middleton	Syd	3	314 3
9	Gowan Banbury	Syd	3	304 0
10	Margaret Lyall	Syd	3	293 2
11	Anne Ravenscroft	Syd	2	315 1
12	Daisy Madden =av.	Dun	2	281 5
13	Aliee Doust =av.	Dun	2	281 0
14	Laney de Gooyer	Oam	1	254 0

Prizes:

Raffle; Marie Buchanan
Spot prizes; First word, Anne Stewart
Last word, Marian Ashley
Highest aggregate, Ian Patterson,
Anne Ravenscroft, 818
Best word, Margaret Lyall, 99,
Ian Patterson, 101
Bonus words, Ian Patterson, 16
Best game score, Ian Patterson,
547.

TOKOROA SCRABBLE CLUB

PRIZE GIVING, 1987.....Kevin Edgeler.

The Tokoroa Scrabble Club celebrated its 8th birthday on the 25th of July with a dinner and an annual presentation of trophies. The 1986/87 year proved an eventful one for the club with a small rise in membership.

The major highlights were Florence Veldhuizens' National C Grade title win and subsequent promotion to B Grade, Janice Jacobis' promotion to D Grade, and a successfully run 5th tournament last February.

A novelty night was held last week with spot prizes being awarded for;

Highest losing score- Gina Swanson, 404,

Highest take off score at end of game-

Kevin Edgeler, 34,

Highest score with a blank- Kevin Edgeler- 101..

Prize winners for 1986/87 were:

Most wins Florence Veldhuizen 80

Most bonus words Florence Veldhuizen 118

Most bonus words over 90 Kevin Edgeler 9

Highest game score Lesley Edgeler 551

Highest 3 game aggregate Florence Veldhuizen 1370

Highest word score Kevin Edgeler 149

Betty Price Salver (Club Championship)

Florence Veldhuizen

runner up Kevin Edgeler.

Ann Pledsted Competition Nights Trophy

1st Kevin Edgeler 111 pts

2nd Florence Veldhuizen 108pts

FIFTH HAMILTON TOURNAMENT 9th of August 1987

GROUP 1

		Wins	Ave.	B/Ws.
1	David Blumhardt (Nth/Sh)	7	440	13
2	David Lloyd (Mt. Albert)	5	426	15
3	Glennis Hale (Mt. Albert)	4	409	12
4	Andrew Bradley (Mt. Albert)	3	424	11
5	Jeff Grant (Hastings)	3	402	12
6	Betty Gibb (Hamilton)	3	361	7
7	Jan Ross (Tauranga)	2	405	12
8	May Quigley (Nth/Sh)	1	371	10

GROUP 2

1	Ngairie Steel (Mt. Maung)	5	411	12
2	Charlie Curl (Mt. Albert)	4½	402	12
3	Maurine Sullivan (Tauranga)	4	399	11
4	Jo Jackson (Hamilton)	4	368	6
5	Bob Johnstone (Bays)	3	377	8
6	Lois Kelly (Tokoroa)	3	344	5
7	Georgie Offringa (Nth/Sh)	2½	383	8
8	Lynne Powell (Bays)	2	369	9

GROUP 3

1	John Foster (Mt. Albert)	5	400	13
2	Allie Quinn (Nth/ Sh)	5	390	8
3	Daphne Curl (Mt. Albert)	4	384	7
4	Andrew Coombes (Mt. Maung.)	4	358	8
5	Yvonne James (N. Plymouth)	3	377	5
6	Lesley Edgeler (Tokoroa)	3	362	4
7	Leanne Cutfield (N. Plymouth)	2	365	5
8	Roger Coates (Hamilton)	2	362	5

GROUP 4

1	Bev Barker (Mt. Albert)	6	383	7
2	Alveen Seon (Mt. Albert)	5	360	6
3	Gerald Warner (Mt. Albert)	4½	347	7
4	Cathy Woods (Mt. Albert)	3½	356	7
5	Marj Baillie (Hamilton)	3	379	5
6	Enez Beach (Hamilton)	3	353	5
7	Gladys Barrett (Hamilton)	2	322	4
8	Shirley Morrison (Tauranga)	1	319	4

WANGANUI TOURNAMENT 1987

GROUP 5		Wins	Ave.	B/Ws
1	Bernard Flower (Nth/Sh)	6	373	8
2	Annette Coombes (Mt.Maung.)	5	351	5
3	Shirley Bonthron (Tauranga)	5	347	4
4	Eileen Mead (Hamilton)	4	343	1
5	Isabel Zyp (Hamilton)	4	339	5
6	Pat Johnstone (Bays)	3	338	8
7	Elaine Moltzen (Hamilton)	3	328	3
8	Lorna Boulcomb (Nth/Sh)	2	337	1
9	Willy van Hasselt (Mt.Maung.)	2	303	1
10	Daphne Watson (Hamilton)	1	312	1

GROUP 6		Wins	Ave.	B/Ws
1	Lyn Toka (Hamilton)	6	395	9
2	Doreen Rowlands (N.Plymouth)	5	356	7
3	Dianne Kawana (N.Plymouth)	5	340	6
4	Joy Maxwell (Hamilton)	4	361	3
5	Carole Coates (Hamilton)	4	360	6
6	Doris Reilly (Nth/Sh)	4	350	3
7	Jan Jacobi (Tokoroa)	4	338	3
8	Peggy Wallace (Hamilton)	2	346	3
9	George Autridge (N.Plymouth)	1	328	5
10	Jillian Greening (Hamilton)	0	284	4

HIGHEST GAME SCORES

Group 1	Andrew Bradley	551
Group 2	Georgie Offringa	505
Group 3	John Foster	502
Group 4	Enez Beach	474
Group 5	Bernard Flower	476
Group 6	Lyn Toka	474

SPOT PRIZES

First turn	Roger Coates	56
Letter J	Isabel Zyp	52
Letter K	Diane Kawana/ Marj Baillie	53
Letter Q	Ngairie Steel	88
Letter X	Lyn Toka	106
Letter Z	Willy van Hasselt	53
Last Turn	Andrew Bradley	88

OYSTERS

PLACING	NAME	WINS	B/WORDS	AVERAGE	TOTAL
1	Mike Sigley	7	19	471	3298
2	Glenyss Buchanan	5	10	398	2785
3	Yvonne James	5	6	393	2752
4	Paul Lister	5	9	383	2679
5	Charlie Curl	4.5	12	416	2911
6	Denise Gordon	4	16	443	3099
7	Lyrne Wood	3	12	368	2574
8	Tony Nicholls	3	2	344	2411
9	Daphne Curl	2.5	2	344	2411
10	Andree Prentice	1	4	356	2489
11	John Bailey	1	3	344	2410
12	Leanne Cutfield	1	7	324	2268

MUSSELS

PLACING	NAME	WINS	B/WORDS	AVERAGE	TOTAL
1	Puti Rowe	6	7	388	2714
2	Nita Oldham	6	4	377	2638
3	Jean Walsh	5.5	3	335	2011
4	Eileen Mead	5	2	354	2481
5	Frances Loader	4	7	374	2617
6	Olive Heath	4	7	359	2511
7	Doreen Poole	4	2	332	2322
8	Diane Kawana	3	6	318	2227
9	Doreen Rowlands	3	0	306	2139
10	Sue Osborne	1.5	2	297	1784
11	Ruth O'Neil	1	3	334	2339
12	Hilda Dawson	1	2	301	2110

CLAMS

PLACING	NAME	WINS	B/WORDS	AVERAGE	TOTAL
1	Betty Erickson	7	5	363	2541
2	Reeva Pearson	5	8	382	2675
3	Isabel Zyp	5	4	379	2653
4	Fae Olson	5	6	351	2456
5	George Autridge	5	3	331	2320
6	Martha Morgan	4	0	328	2299
7	Margaret Bell	3	1	296	2070
8	Jean Kerr	2	1	291	2036
9	Grace Gilman	2	0	289	2024
10	Frank Newmarch	2	0	286	2003
11	John Fleet	1	2	277	1938
12	Bruce Boyd	1	0	273	1914

SPOT PRIZES

Most bonus words	Mike Sigley 19
Highest 7 letter word	Glenyss Buchanan 107 "concise"
Lowest winning score	George Autridge 270
Highest losing score	Charlie Curl 405
Highest "Q" word	Mike Sigley 102 "quezals"
Highest "Z" word	Charlie Curl 81 "azures"
Highest "J" word	Jean Walsh 72 "joshing"
Highest "K" word	George Autridge 103 "streaks"
Highest "X" word	Lynne Wood 84 "flax"
Highest last word	Yvonne James 70 "stagnant"

HIGHEST SINGLE TURN SCORE.....David Lloyd

Here is an attempt to satisfy my curiosity as to what may be the highest single turn score possible, using our dictionaries, Chambers and OSPD.

It could hardly ever happen, but it shows the numerous possibilities that Scrabble possesses.

25 moves are required before 'psychoanalyzing' is interweaved into the top row:

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| 1 ring | 19 lard |
| 2 umbering | 20 rotl |
| 3 uraei | 21 thundered |
| 4 ar | 22 develop |
| 5 awful | 23 developments |
| 6 ye | 24 redevelopments |
| 7 inkiest | 25 so |
| 8 torc | |
| 9 cations | 26 psychoanalyzing/
predevelopments/
ythundered/clovered/
numbering/lawful/
zinkiest/
gratifications,
totalling 1681 pts. |
| 10 ratifications | |
| 11 no/or | |
| 12 in | |
| 13 tam | |
| 14 oot | |
| 15 hoa | |
| 16 drawer | |
| 17 loved | |
| 18 uva | |

Psychoanalyzing is a triple triple triple worth 1427 pts by itself, including the 50 pt bonus.

Can anybody improve on 1681 pts?

P Y C N L Z G

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V	³ L	D	R	A	W	E	R	L	E		³ L	F	
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