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From the Editor

Scrabble: the great teacher

At a Scrabble tournament I heard somebody say, "I've learned a lot of lessons over the Scrabble board", and it got me thinking: what lessons do we learn over the Scrabble board that are applicable to real life? These are my thoughts:

1. A loss is still a loss, no matter by how much. Get over it!
2. [From my experience playing A grade players] You're only as good as your opponent lets you be, but [nevertheless] anyone's beatable on the day.
3. It doesn't matter how far behind you are, you can still try to catch up. [Apply that thought to the mounting pile of ironing!]
4. If no-one's offering you opportunities, make your own.
5. Never be afraid to challenge another person.
6. Concede graciously when you're wrong, and don't gloat when you're right.
7. Nothing is ever so serious that you can't have fun.
8. Sometimes you have to acknowledge you've done nothing wrong, and nobody's got it in for you – it's just the luck of the draw.
9. Never be afraid to try something you don't know – it may turn out well!
10. You have plenty of time – but only if you don't waste it!
11. You don't always make the best decisions when you haven't allowed yourself enough time to consider all your options.
12. There's always something to be learned from other people, no matter how much you already know.
13. Do the best you can with what you've got and what you're given.
14. It always pays to have a backup plan.
15. Losing (or winning) is never an excuse for bad manners.
16. Don't use other people's actions as an excuse for your poor performance.
17. Complaining about your bad luck doesn't change it, and no-one wants to hear your bad luck stories.
18. "If only I'd ..." is never a good way to start a sentence. (You don't know that you would have won the game if you had challenged off their bogus opening play, because the whole game would have been different.)
When my sister was killed in a road accident more than 30 years ago, my mother kept saying "If only she had left earlier – then she wouldn't have been in that spot on the road when that idiot did the u-turn." Perhaps ... but she might have been in a different spot when some other idiot was driving badly.
19. We all have selective memories. Sometimes nothing goes right, and sometimes you get a dream run. Select the best things to remember.
20. [My personal favourite] If you worried about every possible consequence of an action, you'd never make a move.



So there you have it, a Scrabble player's comprehensive guide to life.

If Forrest Gump had played Scrabble, I'm sure he would have said, "Life is like a bag of Scrabble tiles – you never know what you're gonna get."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer".

From the Executive

Dear Scrabblers
Another year is half over and winter firmly entrenched.

Scrabble is an ideal way to pass the weekends, or for those lucky enough to have more free time, the weekdays too. The new words are taking some remembering, but clearly they are useful tools and worth the effort of learning. Whatever your method of learning, as long as the grey matter absorbs the list of words, or the random pick from the dictionary, then it is OK.

The 25th Masters at Easter was fittingly opened by the Mayor of New Plymouth, Peter Tennent, the most effervescent Mayor I have ever encountered, and proclaimed the tallest in NZ. Silver iced cup cakes had been shaped in a 25, and when the candles were lit, our senior Masters player, June Mackwell, blew them out. I might add that the silver balloons were very classy too, and both nice touches to a special year of Scrabble Masters. Thanks, Lynne [Butler] and Helen [Sillis].

Many successful tournaments have been held so far this year, and attendance numbers seem to be up in general. The airfares price war could be having an effect on this, as it is generally cheaper to fly, rather than drive.

My last ticket purchase was \$39 each way, Wellington to Auckland to attend the Hamilton tournament in August. It's worth the one hour ride to Hamilton at this price and the cost of shared petrol is minimal, even if the prices have skyrocketed.

You may consider attending the Kapiti tournament in August also, as an airfare to Wellington can be had for a reasonable amount. If you haven't got a

friend to drive you North, the Paraparaumu unit runs every half hour, and is a pleasant journey.

Our Scrabble calendar seems a little bunched up, with two South Island tournaments in April and May, and nothing in the North Island. Give thought to your programme for 2009, and let's get a more balanced schedule together. I'll be discussing the timetable at the next management meeting in October, and this schedule will be published in the December issue of *Forwards*. And please, once you have finalised your date, stick with it, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Chopping and changing upsets the timetable and people's good intentions.

Keep warm and Scrabble long and hard.

Lynn



Email contacts

The sharp-eyed among you will notice the change in format of the back page of this *Forwards*. We feel the time has come for email addresses to be included in contact details for Clubs.

Accordingly, we have used the space previously used for the meeting place for an email address. (With a phone number and an email address, it should be a simple matter to find out where meetings are held.)

However, for privacy reasons, we will not publish email addresses until we are sure that individuals are happy for us to do so. Could Clubs please let the editor (jennifersmith@xtra.co.nz) know the email address (if any) to be published. Thanks.

Ask Liz

Allison Torrance sent me a letter asking a question regarding the challenge rule. She says she told her opponent, John, that she was going to challenge before she turned the board around and looked at the word properly, at which point she realised the word was correct. Neither Allison or John knew the rule here, and John let her reverse the challenge. Allison says John would have won the game either way!



This was the wrong thing to do – rule 15.7.4 “The declaration to challenge can not be withdrawn.”

Of course, if you realise you have done this in error, you don’t have to go through the process of writing the word down and getting it checked – but you **do** have to give the extra 5 points per word challenged to your opponent. Of course, things are not as bad as they used to be in this scenario – as there is no loss of turn now for challenging a correct word or words (only for playing them!)

Tournament talk

- by Liz Fagerlund

This is what happened in one of my games at the Christchurch tournament: My opponent drew one too many tiles after one of her turns – and she didn’t notice. I waited ten seconds or so, giving her a chance to notice and advise me that she had too many.

However, this didn’t happen and I had to tell her she had too many tiles. Lucky for me, and unlucky for my opponent, that I knew the rule in this situation. My opponent held up her rack for me to select two tiles, and I had to break the bad news to her.

Yes, I’m afraid she had to show me her whole rack, and of course, I took her S and returned it to the bag!

Do **you** know the correct procedure? If not you should!

Rule 15.6.3.4 “Where a player finds that an opponent has more than 7 tiles on his/her rack then the opponent shall turn his/her rack to the player and the player shall choose which tile(s) to return to the bag.”

Best you check pretty quickly whether you have taken too many tiles and advise your opponent accordingly if you have.

If you have started to put the tiles on your rack, then your opponent just needs to take two from your rack (if you have taken one too many) and pick from those two which tile to return

If you haven’t started to put the tiles on your rack, your opponent selects the excess tile only from the table and returns it to the bag without looking at it.

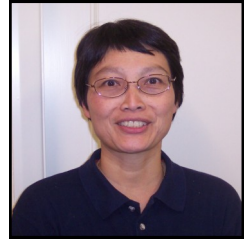
Remember, though, if you have taken too many tiles and you have started putting any on your rack, they must all go on your rack and the other player selects from both the newly taken tiles and the ones you already had. So you can see why it’s worth checking the number of tiles you have before you start putting any on your rack!

The ideal tile drawing procedure is to take new tiles and place face down in front of your rack. Then, when you have checked you have the correct amount, transfer the tiles on to your rack. That way if you take too many, at least you haven’t seen them so you don’t know what you have had to give back!

Once you have taken your hand out of the tile bag with tiles in it, you may **not** just drop excess tiles back in.

Learning about learning while playing Scrabble

This is the second in a series of articles about learning Scrabble.



- by Selena Chan

Organising learning

In the article in the last issue of *Forwards*, I introduced the concept of how you could use the VAK learning style preference to help you on your journey towards becoming a better Scrabble player. The concept of understanding how you think is known as metacognition (now that's a good word).

The VAK learning style preference is but one way to maximise how you, as an individual, work best. Another guideline you may be able to use is to figure out your general approach to learning. This is the natural and instinctive way in which you organise yourself to learn.

So have a think, are you a builder, blue printer, boffin or blender?

- BUILDERS are systematic learners, they build up their learning brick by brick and need to ensure that each brick is in place before they move on to the next brick. Builders are commonsense, practical and factual learners. They like routine and are thoughtful but not necessarily creative.
- BLUE PRINTERS are the opposite of builders. They need to be able to see the whole picture before they are able to begin the building. Blue printers tend to be visual, inventive, holistic and intuitive learners. They are less worried about getting the details right than in seeing lots of possibilities
- BOFFINS are detail people. They love facts and figures and need to always find out more. They like challenging their minds with theories, rules,

languages and abstract concepts. They might not be very practical learners though.

- BLENDERS are practical people who learn as much with their hearts as with their hands. They like to be told what to do and how to do it and find it easier to be given direction than to find their own. They like to feel comfortable and non-threatened by the learning experience.

Here are examples of each approach with regards to learning Scrabble words:

- BUILDERS thrive on a 'system', they will set up a plan to learn Scrabble words in a sequence that they feel will provide the most returns to them. They will stick to this plan unless something very profound changes it. Many good Scrabble players seem to be builders, as they recommend to beginners that "you should learn all the 2-letter then 3-letter words, the 'Q' without 'U' words and the 3-5 letter JQXZ words first"!
- BLUE PRINTERS will enjoy looking at or reading the unusual Scrabble words as these will appeal to their sense of creativity. They are more likely to not have a systematic way of learning Scrabble words but to enjoy playing the game and picking up words by 'osmosis'.
- BOFFINS are the ones who thrive on word lists. They enjoy collecting word

lists (bird names, words with 2 or more 'i's, unusual hooks for 3 and 4 letter words etc.). They also enjoy game analysis and trying to work out why certain words were played instead of other alternatives.

- BLENDERS learn best when they are playing with others. They enjoy the social aspects of learning the game when playing and tend to learn new words by assimilation and use.

How do you approach your own learning?

- Have you a plan? (builder)
- Can you see the 'bigger picture' of where you are heading with your word knowledge?(blue printer)
- Do you collect books and folders full of 'new words to learn'? (boffin) or
- Do you enjoy learning words more when you have company and are playing with people you are familiar with? (blender)

Each of the above approaches has its advantages and disadvantages,

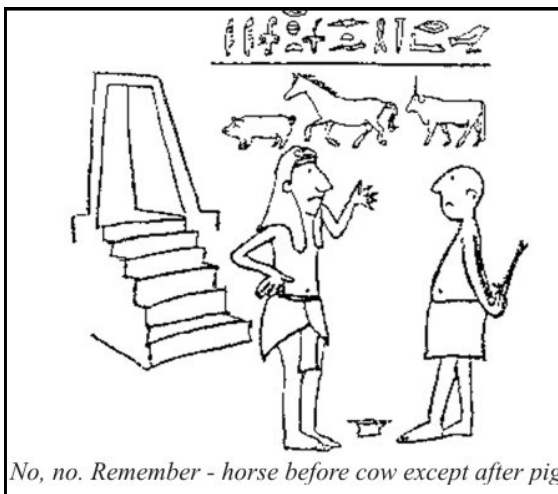
- builders need to be more flexible with the system they have set up,
- blue printers need to be more organised,
- boffins need to be able to prioritise their learning (as they become inundated by word lists) and
- blenders need to formalise their learning of words if they are to make good progress at word knowledge (if that is what they want to do!).

Again, not everyone's approach to learning is limited

to one approach or another. Each individual is often a blend of all four approaches and you need to work hard at figuring out which approach you use most and then maximise on the approach that works best for you.

I have found out that I am mostly a builder, quite dominant as a boffin and minimally a blue printer / blender. This means that I need to be careful and not get stuck into a strict pattern for learning off (builder trait) all the lists I seem to be continually collecting (boffin obsession). I need to be better at figuring out what I need to be learning more or less of (a better blue printer) and work at learning off others more efficiently (blend more).

The ability to use your strengths (I stick to a learning plan and like collecting words) to work on your weaknesses (I need to be more flexible in my learning plan by working on what words I need to learn – and these become apparent when I play games and wish I knew the 6-letter words with 4 vowels or all the hooks for 'ch') will provide you with a more systematic way to learn the words that you need (or want to) learn.



- from the Christchurch newsletter

Club News



Christchurch

We held our annual unrated tournament at the Sydenham Community Centre – a chance for newcomers to learn the niceties of tournament play and for the older hands to have a good workout before the big tournaments ahead.

Standout was Larry Beck (previously from Seattle, but now a Christchurch resident) who achieved an excellent four wins in his first tournament of any description.

North Shore Bays

At a Club night recently, June Mackwell played six bonus words in one game: IGNORES, FLEECIER, TRICKERY, STAMPEDE, SINUATE and OREADES. Unfortunately, not one of her words scored any higher than in the 70s, so her game score was not exceptionally high at 568.

Rotorua

On the first weekend in March the Rotorua Scrabble Club held a tournament attended by 68 players from all over the North Island. As it was the first tournament we have held in a couple of years, and we are a very small club, we were delighted to have the support of a number of sponsors and considerable positive feedback from many contestants. We also greatly appreciated the support of the NZASP Executive and the assistance of Heather Landon who did the scoring for us.

We endeavoured to give a Rotorua flavour to the contest with raffle prizes including a dip in the local spa pools, and freshly smoked trout served for lunch.

Tauranga

Sorry, we've been to-ing and fro-ing with our tournament!

But please note that we have changed the date back to the original date for our Tauranga Tournament, ie. it **will** be held on the 6th and 7th September.



Concentration at the Rotorua Tournament

Correction

Because of a misunderstanding, we printed incorrect information in the article "Club night activities" on pages 16-18 of the last issue of *Forwards*.

We are advised that the New York Club continues to use the Swiss system of match-ups it has always used.

Competition Corner



Solution: Contest no. 90

As anticipated, Jethro's anagram pairs proved very difficult. In fact, only two hardy puzzlers sent in entries. Well done to the winner, Lyn Toka (Kiwi), who found fifteen pairs, just ahead of Joan Thomas (Hastings) with fourteen. Between them they solved eighteen of the twenty.

1. SCHLOCKY SHYLOCK
2. TOMCODS DOTCOMS
3. SUMOIST MISSOUT
4. CAPORAL CRAPOLA
5. SOMEDAY SAMOYED
6. MAPLESS SAMPLES
7. HAGBORN HORNBAG
8. OCTOPUS COPOUTS
9. PRESSIE ESPIERS
10. LIKENED KNEIDEL
11. VAMPIER VAMPIRE
12. ACIFORM FORMICA
13. FRESHIE HEIFERS
14. SVELTER SERVLET

15. BARISTA BARTSIA
16. SKYLIKE KYLIKES
17. MONOSKI KIMONOS
18. MASSIER SARMIES
19. LITTLE TILLITE
20. PUCKING KINGCUP

Scrabble Contest no. 91

You open the game with QUIST (T on centre square) for 48, and your opponent responds with MELINITE through the T for 61. Your rack is now ADNOOR and a blank. What is the best move?

Send entries by mail or email to:

Jeff Grant

'Ardra'

1109 Allenby St

Hastings

ardra@paradise.net.nz

Closing date is 20 August 2008.

The winner will receive a book prize.

anagram corner

Scrabblers are dab hands at transposing letters, for example OWNER to ROWEN and DIVORCE to CODRIVE. On a higher level, APPLE MACINTOSH makes LAPTOP MACHINES.

Here are anagrams of six Scrabble players who competed at the ACC Masters Games, Dunedin, in February:

KARYN MCDUGALL	LONG LUCKY DRAMA
ELLA RUSHTON	ENTHRAL SOUL
IAN PATTERSON	ASPIRANT TONE
SCOTT CHAPUT	SUCH TOP TACT
MARC VAN HOECKE	CAN EVOKE CHARM
SANDRA COWEN	A SNOW DANCER

Editor's challenge

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

Can you find it? Answer on page 39.

Scrabble Scramble

Mattel has released Scrabble Scramble, a dice version of Scrabble.

It's a fast-paced game for 2-4 players, played on a 9x9 board. The twelve dice are shaken, seven are selected, you have 60 seconds to make your move. The first player to 200 points wins.

Mailbox

-from Kris Saether

Thanks to everybody who found equipment for the Scrabble club I wanted to start at varsity. We seem to have plenty.

I signed up 43 students for my Auckland varsity club in February. Of course, I didn't expect 43 people to be showing up regularly, but it's nice to generate that level of interest at least.

The club is up and running, we meet at half 6 in Forde's Front Bench on Anzac Avenue (an Irish bar) every Tuesday. Tommy, who owns the bar, puts up cash for prizes every now and then for competitions, and there's always a spot prize of a bottle of wine on a normal evening meeting. We've collected several students who come along regularly, as well as the occasional walk-in, and I'll be hoping to sign more up at the beginning of next semester in mid-July.

Response to Debbie's article

Rhyming words

- by Sheila Reed, Wellington

I did enjoy Debbie's article on rhyming words and wonder whether anyone else found themselves adding to the list in the days after they'd read it – no-go, goody-goody etc etc.

It reminded me that in Maori there is often repetition of a word to give emphasis. Thus for example, MIHIMIHI (greeting), PUKAPUKA (book), PUTIPUTI (flower), NOHINOHI (small). And this repetition occurs in lots of place

names too, KERIKERI, PEKAPEKA, KAWAKAWA and many others.

Does this occur in other languages and if so, in what forms? I await with interest to hear.

Repeaters

- by Letty Keaton, Kiwi

Musing on Debbie Caldwell's rhyming words, I reflected that many New Zealand place names are "double-ups".

One of my daughters who used to live in KAREKARE now lives in the north at the base of the KARIKARI peninsula, only an hour from KERIKERI and about the same from KAWAKAWA.

My father lives not far away from KATIKATI.

I live between WHATAWHATA and MATAMATA to the west and east, and HOPUHOPU and KIHIKIHI to the north and south. Further north is MEREMERE and further south is KIOKIO and then PIOPIO.

I can also think of TUKITUKI and TIKITIKI, WHIRIWHIRI, MITIMITI, PARAPARA and POROPORO and PIRIPIRI, KIRIKIRI and KOROKORO, KOHUKOHU and KOHEKOHE, and of course TOKATOKA.

These are just some of the many from the North Island – I haven't let my thoughts wander to the South Island, let alone move on to plants or KUNEKUNE pigs.

Repeating Scrabble pairs

- by Jennifer Smith

I have been collecting Scrabble words that are repeating pairs for some time. So far I have the following collection (not including the many 4-letter repeating pairs like GOGO, TETE, BABA, etc.):

FURFUR, GREGREE, GRISGRIS, KAIKAI, HUMHUM, LAVALAVA, LOGLOG, ZOOZOO, DIVIDIVI, BONBON, BOOBOO, CANCAN and

JIGJIG (but, annoyingly, not CHACHA!), PAWPAW, LABLAB, POMPOM, TARTAR, CHINACHINA, TOETOE, WEEWEE, KAVAKAVA (each half is also a Scrabble word). My favourite would be QUINAQUINA (the quinine tree).

TSETSE, ATLATL, COUSCOUS, FROUFROU, and GUITGUIT (each half not legit). And how about CHIQUICHIQUI (a palm tree)!

I particularly like the words like MURMUR and TARTAR, that are sort of “accidental” doubles, and words like HOTSHOTS and TESTES that are “visual” but not “aural” doubles.

Perhaps surprisingly, of the Maori words cited by Letty and Sheila, the following five are actually OK Scrabble words. (Not necessarily Maori words, though – MATAMATA, for example, is a freshwater turtle):

KAWAKAWA(S)
MATAMATA(S)
PIOPIO
KOHEKOHE
PARAPARA

We can also have the NZ trees REWAREWA(S) and RIRORIRO(S).

The economics of Scrabble

In a profile of macroeconomist Jacques Polak, the IMF magazine *Finance and Development* has a comment on Polak’s work on, of all things, the economics of Scrabble,

During a lengthy recuperation from surgery in 1955, Jacques Polak whiled away the hours playing the popular board game Scrabble. It wasn’t long before he subjected the word-building game to economic analysis—invoking such common concepts as the Keynesian multiplier and Marshallian profit maximization to divine a formula

to maximize a player’s total score.

The fundamental mistake inexperienced players make is trying to maximize their score in each turn, a strategy that, in the argot of economics, involves a cost: the “sacrifice of the score that might have been obtained with the same letter in another word,” Polak said in a 1955 article in the *American Economic Review*.

Polak developed a profit-maximizing formula of how best to make words using the 100 letter tiles in each game that have values running from 1 for common letters such as E to 10 for hard-to-use letters Q and Z. He formulated three rules:

- Letters with face values of 1 and 2 should, and those with a face value of 3 may, be used any time.
- Letters with face values of 4 and 5 should be used only if they score at least double, but a player should not hold onto them for a triple score.
- Letters with face values of 8 and 10 should almost always be kept for triple scores.

The derivation of the rules may be complicated, but Polak believes they can easily be followed in practice, even by beginners. He followed them himself, but remarked long after the article was published that he was regularly bested by his wife who cares nothing about the economics of Scrabble!



Assaulted nut

Scrabble turns 60 Happy birthday!

Scrabble is 60 years old this year.

That's 60 years of entertaining kids and adults alike, of giving pleasure and fun, of keeping minds sharp, of helping people to socialise!

Now Scrabble has sold more than 150 million sets worldwide, and is one of the favourite pastimes of Kylie Minogue, Robbie Williams and The Queen.

What a pity its inventor isn't alive to see its success. For Scrabble, which eventually became one of the world's favourite word games, was originally a failure, being rejected by some of America's biggest game manufacturers! Those who said no included Parker Bros of Monopoly fame and Milton Bradley (MB Games) who would later market money-spinning but less universally popular games such as Buckaroo, Barrel of Monkeys, Twister and Kerplunk!

Ironically, Hasbro, which now owns MB Games, took over the marketing of Scrabble in the US in the 1980s while Mattel sells it in the UK and Australia.



The 60th anniversary of the word game Scrabble is celebrated in London's Trafalgar Square

Scrabble was dreamed up during the Great Depression in 1931, when jobless US architect, Alfred Butts, created a word-devising game using lettered tiles. He originally called it Lexiko. Butts struggled to make the game a success for nearly 17 years, receiving numerous rejections from games manufacturers. So it was reduced to a family novelty, with Butts playing his wife Nina who was much better at the game than her inventor spouse. (Once she scored 234 for "quixotic" and he admitted that she "beat me at my own game – literally.")

Finally, following minor changes to the game's format, games manufacturer James Brunot added the all-important name change to Scrabble, and copyright was finally granted 60 years ago in 1948.

Within six years sales soared to almost four million games a year. The game is now sold in 29 languages in 121 countries, and there is now a biennial World Scrabble Tournament.

To mark Scrabble's 60th, a giant 20ft-wide tile rack and tiles made its way around UK landmarks, starting in Trafalgar Square in May.

Alfred Butts, who has such a long struggle making his game a success until its change of name, died in 1993 in New York, aged 93. He would no doubt be surprised to learn that around the world it's now known variously as Alfapet, Funworder, Skip-A-Cross, Spelofun, Palabras Cruzadas ("crossed words") and Word-for-Word. But not Lexiko!

DAZZLING DOZEN

There are a number of 5-letter words containing two Zs, for example, FUZZY and PIZZA. You need a blank to play them, but sometimes it's worth it. Here are a dozen more two-Z words:

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|-------|-------|-------|
| ABUZZ | HUZZA | OZZIE |
| BIZZO | IZZAT | SPAZZ |
| CHIZZ | LAZZI | ZANZA |
| FEZZY | MEZZE | ZIZIT |

World Players Championships

The 2008 World Players Championship (WPC) – a SOWPODS event – is to be held November 14-16, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Suites Dallas Park Central in Dallas, Texas, USA.

As many of you know, Hasbro has decided against sponsoring a World Championship and Mattel has been graciously doing so on a biannual basis. Many wish to have an annual major event. This WPC is to serve as a world class event to give our game's globe trotters a chance to come back to North America, to induce our top North American players back into the world scene and to afford to anyone who has wished to play in, but in prior years could not qualify for a major international event the opportunity to compete with the very best in the world .

Thursday evening – November 13, 2008 – Reception/Dinner/Meet the players. Friday through Sunday – 21-24 games.

Entry Fee – \$250 (US, presumably) including opening dinner.

Prizes – Top prize of \$10,000 and a generous prize pool.

Qualifications – The event is OPEN to anyone who has played in a sanctioned event in their home country and is a current member of their country's game association.

Hotel – The Crowne Plaza Suites Dallas Park Central has newly remodelled suites and will offer players the incredible rate of \$89 per night. Please visit www.dal-crowne.crowneplaza.com

Many world class players have already signaled that they may compete, including Nigel Richards, Brian Cappelletto, Joel Wapnick, David Boys, Howrd Warner, Mark Nyman, Ganesh Asirvathan, Jim Kramer, Dave Wiegand, Sam Kantimathi.

This is an opportunity for New Zealand Scrabble players to play in America with our Scrabble dictionary, SOWPODS. It is an international event, will be very prestigious and may be a small step on the long journey to “convert” the USA to the SOWPODS dictionary.

The website for the World Players' Championship is now up at <http://www.worldplayerschampionship.com> and has further details and registration forms.

Tournaments to consider

-from Betty Eriksen

Open section of the causeway Challenge

4-7 December 2008

Whereas the Master section of the Causeway Challenge runs from 3 to 7 December the Open section runs from 4 to 7 December. The Master section will have 45 games and the Open section 33 games. It will be a real “Scrabble feast”.

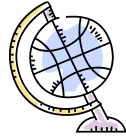
ACC Masters Games 7-8 February 2009

Wanganui will be hosting the ACC Masters Games Scrabble Tournament next year at Waitangi weekend Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 February 2009 at our usual tournament venue. The ACC Masters Games will be held from January 30 till February 8 2009, so interested persons may like to arrive earlier in the week to participate in some other sporting events.

Early Bird registrations will likely be available by August.

Go to www.nzmg.com to see what other events are available.

Overseas News



Australia

Results of Australian Masters:

1. Naween Fernando
2. David Elgar
3. Joanne Craig

Bahrain

Results of Bahrain Scrabble Championships:

1. Mohammed Zafar (defending champion)

2. Ben Filio

New immigration rules in Bahrain prevented a top Filipino wordsmith from taking part in the 18th Gulf Scrabble Championship. Highly-rated player Ronald Credo, from the UAE, was expected to raise a strong challenge for the title. But he was unable to board his plane to Bahrain because of new regulations stating travellers' residence permits must have been issued six months prior to their entry in Bahrain. Credo's visa dated back four months, as he had only recently moved to the UAE.

18th Gulf Scrabble Championships, June 2008:

1. Mohammed Zafar, Bahrain
2. Akshay Bhandarkar (United Arab Emirates), defending champion.
3. Leo Capuno (UAE).

For the first time in six years, the Gulf Scrabble Cup returned to Bahrain, which has won the trophy 10 out of 18 times.

Colombia

Ten different nationalities were represented at the 11th World Spanish speaking Championships: Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina and USA. results:

1. Benjamin Olaizola Venezuela

2. Airan Perez, Venezuela
3. Damian Gonzales, Argentina

India

iGate Tournament results:

1. Ganesh Asirvatham, Malaysia
2. Wellington Jighere, Nigeria
3. Ayorinde Saidu, Nigeria

Malaysia

Penang will probably be the venue for the 3rd World Youth Scrabble Championship is in December 2008.

Aaron Chiong reported in *The Star* in June:

Nigel Richards shows his mettle yet again

There have been three exciting tournaments in the past two months and now we're looking forward to the big ones – the ICT Penang Open and Bangkok King's Cup – at the end of this month. Reigning World Scrabble Championship (WSC) winner Nigel Richards emerged triumphant in yet another two tournaments – the KL Scrabble Marathon and the 2nd Scrabble Scramble – but had close calls with increasingly tough local competition, despite the absence of WSC runner-up Ganesh Asirvatham.

Interestingly, Richards had to win the final game in both tournaments in order to finish on top, which goes to show that local players have undoubtedly increased in strength and calibre.

The final four rounds witnessed the four leaders battling one another for RM1,000. In the 13th round, Prudencio upset Richards with ease, ascending to first place. He needed to defeat Richards again in the next round to secure the grand prize.

Richards, a master at retaining composure at all times, however, bounced

back to defeat Prudencio and reclaim pole position, but remained in danger of relinquishing the title to Chong if the latter managed to pull an upset in the final and most crucial game.

However, it was not to be. Richards showcased his prowess by not only playing a nine-timer bingo, but following it up with another two natural bingos, thus crushing Chong's hopes of his first tournament win of the year.

Final standings:

1. Nigel Richards
2. Aaron Chong
3. Marlon Prudencio
4. Scott Chung

In the masters division of the 2nd Scrabble Scramble, it was largely a two-way battle, with Nigel Richards and Yeo Kien Hung being the main contenders. In what seemed like a turn of events, Yeo ousted Richards in the 11th round with a winning margin of almost 300 points. It became imminent that Yeo was going to be far from a walkover; Nigel and Yeo exchanged blows in the subsequent two rounds.

In the final round, when it mattered most, Richards struck back. He had no qualms about taking sweet revenge on Yeo, winning the final game in true fashion – by blowing Yeo out of the water with a winning margin of over 300 points. Richards, undefeated in Malaysia for what has seemed like a Stone Age, proved his mettle yet again.

Nigeria

Schools will be presented Scrabble boards and dictionaries to equip them for the 2nd Toyin Saraki Scrabble Championship later in the year. In addition, 32 teachers will be trained as coaches, two per local government in all the 16 local council areas of the state.

Philippines

The National Association for Scrabble in the Philippines (NASCAP) recently held

the Student Scrabble Championship and Scrabble Open at SM Megamall.

Results of the Open Division:

1. Chris Abordo
2. Antonio Malonzo
3. Oscar Rivera Jr

United Kingdom

Championships winners:

Paul Allan 2007 British Matchplay Championships

Paul Allan National Scrabble Championships.

Allan Simmons 2007 UK Masters title.

Neil Scott 2007 Scottish Masters

A major new Scrabble project, the Scrabble Wiki, has been launched by Ben Wilson, who hopes to build up an online encyclopaedia about Scrabble using the same principles a Wikipedia, namely that anyone at all can edit any of the pages at any time. Go to

<http://wiki.centrestar.co.uk>

New Record

A 24-hour night on the tiles in Peterborough resulted in a British record being broken.

The biggest record in Scrabble, the highest individual game score, was smashed during the Peterborough 24 Hour Tourney. The record score of 712 was set by David Webb and included his biggest scoring word MARCONIS which got a monster 185 points. He also managed four other bonuses to beat the previous high of 705.

Afterwards, David Webb said, "It was tempting to call it a day then as there was an open bar next door in which we could celebrate with a few drinks, but unfortunately I had 23 more games to play."

This wasn't the end of the record breaking, as the tournament also saw the highest combined score for one game achieved. The huge total of 1,085 was achieved with David's record 712 score and his opponent Mr Blakeway weighing in with 373.

More on Scrabulous

The *New York Times* reported in March that two game companies, RealNetworks of Seattle and Electronic Arts of Redwood City, California, say they have signed deals with Hasbro to create online versions of the company's games. Both say their versions of Scrabble will be out shortly.

But Scrabulous has already brought Scrabble a newfound virtual popularity that none of the game companies could have anticipated. Many Scrabulous fans, some of whom say they bought the board game for the first time after playing the online version on Facebook, call their approach heavy-handed and out of touch. Tens of thousands of fans have joined in, threatening to boycott Hasbro and Mattel products. The legal questions concerning Scrabulous are complicated by the interests of the companies that own the rights to Scrabble.

Harold Zeitz, senior vice president for games at RealNetworks, is reported to be working closely with the Agarwalla brothers, the creators of Scrabulous, to bring the official Scrabble game to Facebook users.

Hasbro has reportedly said in a statement that Electronic Arts was planning to release an online version of Scrabble this spring. And Mattel, which signed a deal with RealNetworks last July, says that settling with the Agarwallas would set a bad precedent.

Neither Hasbro nor Mattel would disclose the number of Scrabble board games they have sold since Scrabulous started becoming popular last year.

There have been numerous copyright infringements of Scrabble over the years – dozens of other Web sites offer unauthorized versions of Scrabble – but none is as widespread and popular as the

Scrabulous program on Facebook.

Some online marketing experts believe the board game industry will be forced to adapt, just as the music industry has adjusted to unauthorized downloads of songs. It seems that people believe it to be in the public domain, like chess, and find it hard to accept that Scrabble belongs to a corporation.

For their part, Mattel and Hasbro are trying to protect their franchise as consumers turn increasingly to the Internet for entertainment. They are working on marketing campaigns for the game's 60th anniversary this year. The plans include adding anniversary labels to Scrabble packaging and introducing a folding edition of the deluxe Scrabble board.

Related issue:

In the meantime, Jeffrey L Seglin, author of the book *The right thing: conscience, profit and personal responsibility in today's business* poses the following:

Is Scrabulous a legitimate game in its own right, or an infringement on Hasbro's rights to Scrabble? And, if the latter, is it OK to continue playing Scrabulous, even if you believe that it was wrong for the company to have developed the game without Hasbro's consent, or should you stop playing Scrabulous until a Hasbro-approved version is available?

[He doesn't offer an answer! – Ed.]

Get into the rhythm

- What is the longest word with no vowels allowed in Scrabble?
- What about with one vowel?
- Answers on page 39.

Matchless matchplay

- by *Howard Warner*

John Foster (Independent) has emerged as the 2008 Auckland Matchplay Champion, after a close tussle with Andrew Bradley (Mt Albert). Their best-of-13 final went all the way. The pair played the 13 games straight, over eight hours.

Andrew surged to a 6-4 lead and could well have closed it in a tight 11th game. But John hung in. In his words: "In the end I snuck through by 11 points to live another day. Then I found the fluency which had been eluding me all day and had two comfortable wins." In the final game, he had a crushing 526-388 win over Andrew, including some great high-scoring plays: ZINCATES for 110, PERIGEE with a four-tile overlap for 90 and PAXIUBA (not a bingo) for 54.

In the best of 11 semifinals, Andrew had had an easier time of it, with a 6-1 beating of June Mackwell (the quarterfinal conqueror of international Rogelio Talosig). John had followed a tougher route to the final, finally winning 6-4 over a tenacious Val Mills.

Full round-by-round results:

First round (best of seven)

John Foster b Margaret Cherry 4-0
 Janice Cherry b Anderina McLean 4-2
 Rogelio Talosig b Lynn Carter 4-2
 June Mackwell b Dianne Cole-Baker 4-1
 Val Mills b Su Walker 4-0
 Liz Fagerlund b Kate Wignall 4-0
 Andrew Bradley b Pam Barlow 4-2
 Pat Bryan b Lawson Sue 4-2

Quarterfinals (best of nine)

John b Janice 5-1
 June b Rogelio 5-2
 Andrew b Liz 5-2
 Val b Pat 5-1

Semifinals (best of 11)

John b Val 6-4

Andrew b June 6-1

Final (best of 13)

John b Andrew 7-6

Preliminary event to be rated

The organisers of the matchplay event (Liz Fagerlund and myself) intend to continue it in its current form as a regular feature of the Auckland region calendar. However, the preliminary event will undergo changes for next year.

The one-day, Swiss-draw event will be hosted by the Mt Albert Club, willing it to be rated. It will change its name from the Eileen McLean Memorial Event to the Mt Albert Memorial Scrabble Event, reflecting the several stalwarts who have passed away in recent times.



Howard Warner presents the Auckland Matchplay trophy to winner, John Foster

NZ Masters roll-call of the first 25 years

The 2008 Masters Tournament was the 25th occasion the event has been held since the inaugural event in 1984 and it is an appropriate time to update the roll-call which was printed in *Forwards 71* listing the number of times each of the 85 players to have taken part had competed, ranging from Jeff Grant and Glennis Hale, the only players to have played in every event down to those with only a single appearance.

The total number of competitors is now 96 with Lawson Sue and Amelia Carrington playing for the first time this year. June Mackwell extended her record as the oldest player to compete, being aged 84 years 288 days on the last day of competition this year.

Number of appearances by each competitor

25. Jeff Grant, Glennis Hale
24. Glenda Foster, Mike Sigley
23. Denise Gordon
22. John Foster
21. Andrew Bradley
19. Glenyss Buchanan
18. Lynne Powell
15. Lynn Wood, June Mackwell
12. Lynne Butler, Howard Warner, Glynis Jennings
11. Gerald Warner, Patrick Carter, Peter Sinton
10. David Lloyd, May Quigley, Fae Olson, Pam Robson, Steven Brown
9. Rosemary Cleary
8. Georgie Offringa, Peter Jones, Sheryl Davidson, Valerie Mills, Chris Hooks
7. Dorothy Pinner, Kevin Edgeler, Ann Candler, Blue Thorogood
6. Charlie Curl, Allie Quinn, Paul Lister, Liz Fagerlund, Marianne Bentley
5. David Pinner, Ian Patterson, Maurine Sullivan, Leila Thomson, Debbie Caldwell, Ann Hough
4. Sue Marrow, Jan Ross, Lucy Bright, Puti Rowe, Eileen McLean
3. Correne James, Alan Boyd, Reeva Pearson, Rhoda Cashman, Cecilia Ruto,
2. Florence Veldhuizen, Kendall Boyd, Anna Geange, Doreen O'Shea, Lisa McLean, Rogelio Talosig, Joan Thomas, David Gunn, Nick Ascroft
2. Nigel Richards, Gaye Norgren, Doreen Ogston, Marj Bachelor, Margie Hurly, Geoff Vautier, Joy Hunter, Glenda Geard, Jennifer Smith, Shirley Van Essen, Murray Rogers
1. David Blumhardt, Rita Moore, Betty Gibb, John Moore, Terry Darby, Ngairé Steel, Irene Steel, Leigh Jenkins, Cathy Woods, Alan Duval, Andrew Coombes, Lesley Edgeler, Marc Bonthron, Roy Vannini, Bernice Vannini, Roger Tozer, Faye Cronhelm, Andree Prentice, Jane Walton, Julie Atkinson, Janice Cherry, Lawson Sue, Amelia Carrington



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Scrabble squares

- by *Eric C. Harshbarger*

On 1 March 2006 officially sanctioned Scrabble tournaments in the United States started using a new word-list. It is based off the fourth edition of the *Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary*.

This may not sound like a big deal to laymen, but believe me, I know there are many expert Scrabble players who spent several months memorizing all of the new words. Not having played competitive Scrabble now for about 18 months, I'm not even that interested in the switch to the new tournament word-list.

However, the new words did lead me to a recent *logological** challenge. After reading about my interest in word squares, another Scrabble player, Jeff Myers, told me of something he'd been trying to solve for many years now: was there a way to arrange the 100 tiles of a Scrabble game such that four 5x5 word squares are created?

While little progress had been made with the old tournament wordlist as the word source, Jeff was hopeful that the new word-list (with 289 five-letter words added) might yield a solution. He asked if I might want to take a stab at it myself.

Why yes, I would like to. I also mentioned the problem to a couple of other wordplay freaks that I know, including Mike Keith. Soon we were deep in 5x5 word squares.

There is no shortage of 5x5s that can be produced with the acceptable wordlist, but finding four of them that, together, match the Scrabble tile distribution is quite a task, indeed. There are **so many** 5x5s, that trying to exhaustively combine any four of them would take much too long. The trick then is to try to narrow down the number of 5x5s you actually consider viable candidates for the final

quartet of squares.

For example, the strategy I first employed was to only build 5x5 squares in which the distribution of each letter roughly equaled one-fourth the number of that letter in a Scrabble game (the actual formula I used was $\text{int}(N/4)+1$ — so, for the letter O, of which there are eight in a game, I only wanted to consider squares that contained, at most, three of them).

The blanks, of course, allowed for some leeway, but my search with this first restriction was unsuccessful. No solutions were found. At the time I was about to leave on a trip overseas for two weeks, so I could not implement any new strategies before I departed.

Mike, working independently, made good use of that time, and, two days after I found myself in London, he sent me an email pointing to this quartet of 5x5s. He had done it.

And, over the next couple of days he found over one hundred more solutions (including some which only use words from the old tournament word-list).

Our restricted searches were not exhaustive strategies, just plans to try to find **some** quartets of squares. None of us is sure how many solutions there actually are to this problem.

One solution is shown (see picture over page):

Postscript

So, that's that.

Well, not quite. I couldn't resist using this knowledge to cook up a mischievous item. You see, in tournament Scrabble play it is common and completely within the rules to "track tiles" during a game. This means that players will keep track of which tiles are on the board by crossing them off their score sheets. Tracking tiles



helps one know what tiles have **not** been played and (especially during a tight endgame) this can make decisions about future plays wiser.

The Official Tournament Rules explicitly state that “you may construct and use your own letter lists”. I’ve seen players group letters with all of the vowels in a bunch and the consonants elsewhere. The high scoring tiles: J, K, Q, X, and Z, are often singled out somewhere on the score sheet. I always used a simple alphabetical listing which allowed me to speedily cross off most of the tiles at the end of a close game in about two minutes.

What I had never seen, however, was a “listing” of letters/tiles which took advantage of this new 5x5 word square knowledge. Players, evidently, are allowed

to arrange the letters however they wish on their score sheet. So ... why not arrange them in the quartet of 5x5 word squares shown above?

Why do this? Well, because those four squares list 40 valid five-letter Scrabble words. Maybe a player has a hard time remembering whether AZON takes a trailing S or not. Now, looking at his score sheet, he knows, “why yes, it does.”

I know, I know, this probably violates some “spirit of the game” clause in the official rules. It is rather underhanded. But this article is just for fun and, er, well ... fun and games.

from LOGOLOG, a weblog of wordplay
www.ericharshbarger.org

Hear what's happening to English

Traditional English is set to fragment into a multitude of dialects as it spreads around the world, a language expert claims.

Professor David Crystal, one of the world's foremost experts on English, believes people will effectively have to learn two varieties of the language — one spoken in their home country, and a new kind of Standard English which can be internationally understood. The English spoken in countries with rapidly-booming economies, such as India and China, will increasingly influence this global standard.

In future, users of global Standard English might replace the British English: "I think it's going to rain", with the Indian English: "I am thinking it's going to rain".

In language, numbers count. There are more people speaking English in India than in the rest of the native English-speaking world.

Even now, if you ring a call centre, often it's an Indian voice you hear at the end of the phone. As the Indian economy grows, so might the influence of Indian English. There, people tend to use the

present continuous where we would use the present simple. For example, where we would say: "I think, I feel, I see", a speaker of Indian English might say: "I am thinking, I am feeling, I am seeing". This way of speaking could easily become sexy and part of global Standard English."

As English grows around the world it is immediately adapted to suit the local circumstances. There are older varieties of English, such as American, South African, Australian, and emerging varieties like Nigerian, Ghanaian and Singaporean. However, some of the new dialects are so individual that speakers of British English would be at a loss to understand them.

In Singapore for example, Singlish* is used on the streets but it involves so much Chinese that most other English speaking people wouldn't understand it.

This global fragmentation of English into a multitude of dialects could spell the end of the dominance of American English as the prevailing language of international affairs.

Master class

Here is a selection of bonus words played by competitors at the NZ Masters tournament in New Plymouth at Easter.

Allowed

TAPROOTS	DISBOWEL	PODLEYS	SCUTAGE	FOOTIER	GRUNTLED	IMPARTER
URHEL	OUTSMILE	LANGUETS	FOXINGS	TETCHED	DIAZINES	TUFTINGS
SILLERS	UNCORDED	BARTEND	POSTDOC	REHANGED	QUARTAN	SIMONIZE
MASTITIS	JURISTIC	GREENIE	CONGREE	OUGUIYAS	AULNAGES	INFIXED
BALSAMY	COTTAGER	NONORAL	GRAVITON	WANNING	CABALIST	FORWASTE
CRAALING	OVERJUMP	SEMEION	MOSTEST	SHIATSU		

Disallowed

UNSNARED	HORSIES	ENCYCLES	SUBSTAR	ROOFAGE	FLOUNCER	BEASTING
SOONISH	BESOILED	SPUTTED	BETTERER	FOILERS	INGORGES	UNTOWED
CRANEMAN	DIALTONE	REBOWLED	GRISTED	UNSLACK	PLAQUIER	

Gigglossary*

Who says Dictionary compilers don't have a sense of humour? The following definitions are all in the *Chambers Dictionary*:

Word	Definition
abloom	in a blooming state
bachelor's wife	an ideal woman with none of the shortcomings of married men's wives
back-seat driver	someone free of responsibility but full of advice
baffle gab	the professional logorrhoea of many politicians, officials and salespeople, characterized by prolix abstract circumlocution and/or a profusion of abstruse technical terminology, used as a means of persuasion, pacification or obfuscation
boy band	a pop group, targeting mainly the teenage market, composed of young males chosen because they look good and can dance and sometimes even sing
channel-surf	to switch rapidly between different television channels in a forlorn attempt to find anything of interest
éclair	a cake long in shape but short in duration
he-man	a man of exaggerated or extreme virility, or what some women consider to be virility
lint	small pieces of thread, fluff, etc that cling to clothes and furniture and accumulate in the filters of washing machines and driers and in navels.
live	a fishmonger's word for very fresh
massage someone's ego	to flatter someone, rub someone up the right way
middle-aged	between youth and old age, variously reckoned to suit the reckoner
mullet	a hairstyle that is short at the front, long at the back, and ridiculous all round.
perpetrate	to commit or execute (esp an offence, a poem, or a pun)
pink	a person who is something of a socialist but hardly a red
restoration	renovations and reconstruction (sometimes little differing from destruction) of a building, painting, etc

road hog	a swinishly selfish or boorishly reckless motorist or other user of the road
rock-salmon	dogfish or wolf-fish when being sold as food fish
Santa Claus	an improbable source of improbable benefits
tracksuit	a loose warm suit intended to be worn by athletes when warming up or training, but sometimes worn by others in an error of judgement.
waist-line	a line thought of as marking the waist, but not fixed by anatomy in women's fashions
xylophagan	one of the Xylophaga, a genus of boring bivalves

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Q10 advertisement

Getting older doesn't always feel better, does it?

But being ten years older seems to be doing good things for the world's most

purchased anti-wrinkle cream which isn't showing its age at all. In fact, to celebrate its 10th anniversary, **Nivea Visage Q10 Plus** has been developed for release in March with double the key ingredient Q10 for double the anti-wrinkle strength.

Q10 sounds like a really good tile to have in Scrabble, but in the world of beauty, it's just as valuable; in reducing the appearance of fine lines and minimise expression wrinkles.

Q10 coenzyme is a naturally occurring vitamin-like substance that helps the body to obtain energy. As we get older the amount of Q10 in our bodies diminishes, reducing the supply of energy needed for cell protection, repair, and regeneration.

[When will they learn – it's actually Scrabble that keeps people looking young! – Ed.]



Take it away 3

Jennifer Smith tries her hand at the Washington Post challenge (to remove the first letter from a word and define the result):

OVERCRAFT
EGOTIATING

hobby burnout
bargaining on
Trademe

RIMARY-SCHOOL
TALEMATE

workshop for poets
accomplice who

TUPENDOUS
WOSOME
OBRA

provides a false alibi
big droopy breasts
a group of pessimists
(as featured in the

Guinness Book of Records), the largest brassiere ever worn
the time taken to
recite a prayer
the mating call of a
vixen

AVELENGTH

EREWOLF

HIMSINESS

the habit of talking
about a boyfriend or
husband ad nauseum
back injury sustained
performing hip-hop
someone needing
thoracic surgery

HIPLASH

HOLEHEARTED

HARMACOLOGY

the study of victims

Thinking outside the [Scrabble] square

- by Donald Sauter

Part 1: Using a mixture of Scrabble tile sets

Long, long ago I became bored with the **Scrabble tile distribution**. One **Q**, one **Z**, four **S**, two **blanks**, game after game, week after week, month after month, year after year ... Snore.

My solution was to mix three sets together and draw out a hundred tiles from the mixture. Buy up a few extra **Scrabble games** at yard sales.

You can scoop out the 100 tiles quickly and easily if you find a cup that is the just the right size. I have a 10-ounce plastic cup that does the job. You could also take something like a peanut butter jar, put 100 tiles in, and draw a little line at the fill point.

A few extra or less tiles doesn't matter. In fact, a side benefit of scooping tiles is that you can beef up the number of tiles. Throw in an extra handful of about 8 to 12 tiles; the board can easily handle it. This is particularly beneficial for 3- or 4-person games. Players will get an extra turn or two compared to the skimpy number they get in a 100-tile game.

Rather than simply mixing together three straight sets of tiles, I highly recommend correcting the over-representation of the letter **I**. Remove three letter **I** from the mixture and replace one with an **A**, one with an **E**, and one with an **O**. Kiss goodbye those annoying three-**I** and four-**I** racks which pop up so often using the standard tile set. I consider the overload of the letter **I** the only real flaw in **Alfred Butts'** wonderful creation.

Using a **mixed set of tiles** in no way alters the fundamental essence of Scrabble. It plays the exact same way: there's the board; you have a rack of tiles;

you have to find something in your rack that fits on the board. It's like playing golf on different courses; it's still golf – and a heck of a lot more fun than playing the same course all your life.

A Scrabble novice wouldn't even notice anything out of the ordinary playing from a mixed set, but a more experienced player will get a kick out of the funny little things that happen. I've played a game with **6 V**; a game with **6 blanks**; a game with **9 S**; a game with just **5 E** and **4 I(!)**; a game with no **B**, no **F**, no **H**, but **9 L** and **14(!) N**; a game with **17 power tiles**; a game where three players each used his own **Q** to make himself a 60-point play; and a game where a lone **Q** was stuck on each of the three racks at the end. Neat!

Note that the mixed set of tiles kicks the stuffing out of **tile-tracking**. Who needs it? Isn't it more exciting *not* knowing what's left in the bag or on everybody's racks?

Think about it

Ignoring any words that are spelt with an initial capital letter, what one word in any "normal" dictionary is not a Scrabble word?

Answer on page 39.

!*#@ - off!

Thirteen 6-letter compound words end in off (such as CUTOFF).

How many can you name? Answers on page 39.

Who's playing Scrabble?

Ian Huntley, murderer

According to the *Daily Mail*, Huntley, the convicted murderer of schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, has tried to kill himself three times and prison authorities are reportedly keen to avoid another attempt.

So officers guarding Huntley at maximum-security Frankland Prison in County Durham have been told to play games including Scrabble and chess with him to “keep his spirits up”.

Saffron Burrows, actress

Saffron says, “You wouldn’t know it but I’m very good at Scrabble. I’ll always take Scrabble and chess if I’m going filming. But I do have the Scrabble dictionary, which can be infuriating for other players.”



Wise words

- sent in by Carole and Roger Coates

Mary was driving home from one of her business trips when she saw an elderly woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the woman if she would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Mary tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with her passenger. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Mary.

“What’s in the bag?” asked the old woman?

Mary looked down at the brown bag and said, “It’s a Scrabble board. I got it for my husband.”

The woman was silent for another moment or two. Then, speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: “Good trade.....”

What a coincidence!

- by Joan Thomas

Just before the Pakuranga tournament I learnt a consonant heavy word, CWTCH and I devised a way to remember it.

At Pakuranga a conversation with my friend Liz Fagerland went thus:

Me: “I learnt a new word this week, CWTCH.”

Liz: “Oh yes, Betty (Eriksen) told me that one last night. She said, ‘Liz, do you remember the old way to write a hundredweight? CWT.’

Me: “What a coincidence! My way to remember CWTCH is a hundredweight (CWT) of CHarcoal!”

One liners

- from Tony Kalayzich

Definition of autopsy: a stiff examination

Practise safe eating – use a condiment.

Twenty years ago today

- by John Foster

This month I have selected an account of a telethon party which started in Glennis Hale's home. Ah, nostalgia whatever happened to telethons? They were always lots of fun: the chance to spend 24 sleepless hours playing our favourite game with the added reward of a generous dose of warm fuzzies* from knowing we were contributing to a worthy cause.

This was the second Mt Albert telethon function. The previous one some two years or so previously, was more formal as we had a site at one of the official venues and played one board continuously for 24 hours with relays of players.

I seriously doubt that any records of that effort still exist, but from memory, I think we averaged 8-9 minutes per game over the entire period, amassing a total of around 170 games.

I do remember being the timekeeper for a game between Glennis and the late Charlie Curl which was completed in 4 min 37 sec. No guarantees were given as to the accuracy of the score, which was necessarily recorded by a third party, as they were practically flopping tiles on top of each other's hands as they attempted to see just how fast a game could be played.

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SCRABBLE HAPPENINGS FROM MOUNT ALBERT

TELETHON was a good excuse for the Mt. Albert Scrabble Club to have a get together over the weekend of June 25 & 26.

The 'Do' started at Robin & Glennis's house with a gamesathon incorporating scrabble, trivial pursuit, cards, pool and yahtzee to name a few. People drifted in and out all through the night!

At 8am, blary eyed and less than healthy looking by now, the stayers, John Foster and son Stephen, Conny van Tilburg, Glennis and cousin Marlene headed off for the next session at the clubrooms where more folks joined in to continue the fun!

Alveen arrived with a mammoth pot of soup and Charlie & Daph with hot spuds, sausages etc., for lunch, cheap at \$2 a head, and the fundraising continued. Players chose their own 'odds' and some of us discovered both winning and losing could cost plenty.

A small bring and buy table and refreshments added dollars to the kitty and the wonderful total of \$251.40 was raised! WELL DONE TEAM!

Lapses in concentration 3

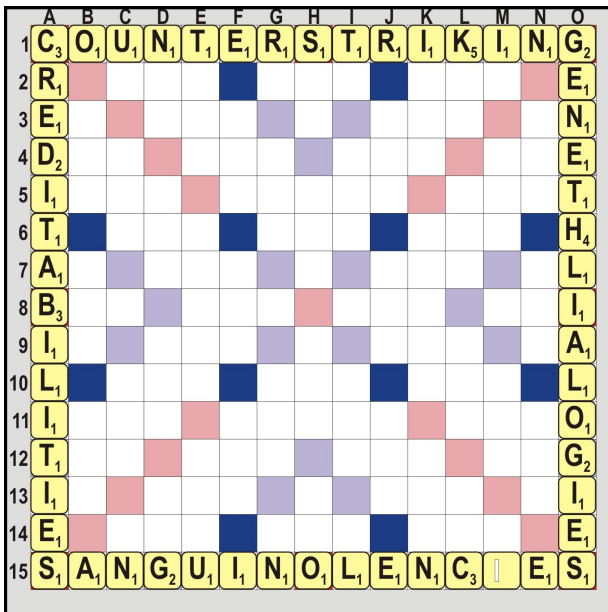
- by Shirley Martin, Hamilton

I was playing Murray Rogers at the Nationals. We were having a tense finish, with just a few points between us, so I was a little disappointed to record my final score of 365 to his 373.

I sat back, waiting for Murray to write out the results slip. And Murray just sat there, looking at me. Suddenly he leaned forward and looked at my score-sheet. "You've got the wrong total there, Shirley," he said. "You've actually won the game."

He had been waiting for **me** to write out the slip!

Sure enough, I had made a mistake of 10 points in my arithmetic several turns earlier, and although I thought he'd beaten me by 8, I'd actually beaten him by 2. So that was a nice surprise that I probably didn't deserve after my lapse in concentration!



Lapses in concentration 4

- by Lyn Toka, Kiwi

Playing in a recent tournament I had GINOURTU on my rack.

"TOURING, ROUTING, OUTRING, OUTGRIN all sound feasible. Can't see a place for any of these.

"Anything I can hook on to? An open G up the top or to the left would be good – with my ROUTING I could make GROUTING . . . Oh, there's a nice open G right down the bottom. . . . What a shame it's not up the top." (Really!) "Oh, well, can't be helped." (Truly!)

I played a small word, announced my score, and then the penny dropped.

Now that the new dictionary lists all the allowable big words, I was encouraged to try to find four 15-letter words to go around the outside of the board. The long words are vowel-hungry, so I ran out of Is, as you can see, and had to use the blanks.

Does anyone think it's possible to get six 15-letter words on the board, by going down and across the middle as well?

- from Su Walker

Of nerds and words: the etymology of technology terms we know and love

- by Ann Candler

When Gulliver came across that race of brutes known as Yahoos during his travels to fantastic lands, who could have guessed that one day that name would be worth \$200 billion on Wall Street? Coined by Jonathan Swift in his masterly 1726 satire *Gulliver's Travels*, the word has come a long way in its nearly 300+ years to becoming one of the best-known internet addresses in the world; picked in 1994 by David Filo and Jerry Yang for their newly incubated brainchild, Yahoo!

According to the Yahoo! website instigators, Filo and Yang chose it because they liked what the word represented — someone uncouth and unsophisticated. However, they later explained that the name was an acronym for “Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle.” One has to wonder whether their company would have been as successful if it had been named, say, Acme Internet Solutions,

Another site, Google, the darling among Internet search engines, owes its name to a 9-year-old boy. In the 1930s, mathematician Edward Kasner asked his nephew, Milton Sirotta, what he thought would be a good word to describe a large number — say, one followed by 100 zeros. Milton promptly suggested the word “googol.”

Decades later, when Larry Page and Sergey Brin, then computer science grad students at Stanford University, devised a clever new way to index the Web, they knew exactly what to name it. They derived a name for that uncannily precise search engine, Google, from “googol,” a fitting name for the indispensable tool that knows about billions and billions of web pages lying in the nooks and crannies of the Web and can choose from among them

just the right page!

Who said engineering is boring, that techies don't have a sense of humour, that nerds don't know much beyond bits and bytes? Engineers, in their logical world of computers, networks and the internet, rely on fiction, wordplay and whimsy to name languages, products, businesses and services. Take the word “nerd” for example.

Do you know where these lines come from?

And then, just to show them, I'll sail to Ka-Troo
And bring back an It-Kutch, a Preep and a Proo,
A Nerkle, a Nerd, and a Seersucker, too!”

If you guessed Dr. Seuss's 1950 book, *If I Ran the Zoo*, pat yourself on the back. It has been suggested that nerd may have evolved from 'knurd', the word “drunk” spelled backward, but that explanation smacks of folk etymology.

But how did “nerd” become a term referring to a studious misfit? Nobody really knows. The specific usage origin may be lost in the mists of time, but it's easy to see its transition from being a term for a social misfit to an engineer and then to a computer engineer. At a certain point, nerds began employing the term in a positive sense in the same way people within a racial group refer to each other by using terms that may be derogatory if used by someone outside the group.

I hope you enjoy these snippets of information from the internet, this item and the Yahoo and Google info are from Anu Garg (anu@wordsmith.org) who is the founder of Wordsmith.org, an online community of more than 500,000 word lovers in some 200 countries, now in its ninth year. I am one of these due to my Scrabble playing here and on the internet.

Go to the site it is fascinating.

Another great Masters

The 25th NZ Masters tournament was

opened by the New Plymouth mayor Peter Tennent. Cup cakes were arranged in a pattern spelling out 25, with 25 candles. The oldest competitor June Mackwell was invited to blow out the candles.

The seventh game produced two notable events. Amelia Carrington won the President's bottle of wine by achieving her win expectancy of 3.7 wins at that stage, and Glennis Hale became only the third player to have played 2000 tournament games.

After the first eight games on day one, leader of the pack was Jeff Grant, the only player to win all 8 games. Glennis Hale and John Foster were in second and third places on 7 wins.

Mike Sigley achieved a high word score of 203 points for SQUEEzERS on a triple-triple against Glenda Foster in the first game of the day.

The highest aggregate game score was a close fought battle in Game 3 between Howard and Lynne Butler which was won by Howard 489-469.

On the second day, Howard Warner lost only one game to finish on 13 wins, ahead of Jeff and Steven Brown (who also lost only one game) on 12 wins apiece. John Foster, Glennis and Lynne occupied the next three places.

The closest game of the tournament was Steven's one-point win over Lynne Butler.

The highest score of the tournament was Lynn Wood's 590 against Chris Hooks' 298.

At lunch on the final day Howard went ahead by two wins over Jeff. By the first game after lunch Howard was firmly in control of first place with a two-win

WELCOME TO THE 25 NZ MASTERS



June Mackwell blows out the candles at the opening

margin and a 600 point spread advantage over Jeff. Battling out the minor places were Lynne, John, Mike and Steven.

Howard achieved his 6th Masters title since 2000, having not played in 2007 and 2002. Lynne joined Jeff on 16 wins, but with a 200 point spread disadvantage.

Jeff beat Lynne in the final round, securing second place. John and Mike lost their last round, while Steven won his but was not able to catch up to Lynne's spread, leaving him in fourth place.

Amelia Carrington achieved the remarkable feat of winning 12 games in her first Masters and gaining a massive 260 rating points. First-timer Lawson Sue also achieved 12 wins and 10th place.

A separate competition was played between teams from the Mt Albert and Wanganui clubs for the New Zealand Shield. Mt Albert was represented by Andrew Bradley, Chris Hooks and Lawson Sue, while Wanganui was represented by Mike Sigley, Denise Gordon and Rosemary Cleary. The Mt Albert team proved too strong and Andrew collected the shield.

Children and Scrabble: the perfect match

If there's any game that makes kids feel left out, it's Scrabble. Because it requires reading, spelling, and vocabulary skills, many parents think Scrabble isn't for the very young. Think again! Parents these days can easily introduce the game to a child as young as four or five years old. With a little time and effort, they can help children even develop advanced skills that many adults don't know.

The Scrabble Junior Edition is by far the best way to introduce Scrabble to your four-year-old. Play resembles regular Scrabble, getting children accustomed to the flow of the game. First, children draw seven tiles from the pool. In turns they lay down tiles from their racks to match the letters on the board. Letter by letter they eventually spell out entire words, winning points. By game's end, they will have used over a hundred tiles to work a variety of different words.

Children who have mastered this simplified version can then "graduate" to the next level of play by flipping the game board over to reveal another basic version of the classic Scrabble game. Using this board and modified scoring rules, children progress in difficulty and skill level.

By eight years old, most children will be ready for regular Scrabble. Don't get caught up in talking rules and strategy at first. Just jump right in and let your child experience the game for him or herself. Even better, you might play an opponent as a team, allowing the child to suggest plays and explaining tactics as the game goes on. Even if it's not the best play, use your child's suggestions occasionally so that he or she feels like a valuable member of the team and experiences first-hand the triumph or failure of a move. Having a teammate to share the

disappointment will help when moves aren't successful, or when the child doesn't win.

Particularly in their early years, allow children to use a dictionary while playing. One rule variation used in my home while growing up was that players were allowed to "browse" the dictionary for word options as long as it wasn't their turn. This way, young players didn't get bored waiting for their turns, while they acquired a great learning skill! Dictionaries are a terrific safety net and their use can help children broaden their vocabulary base.

Outside actual play there are a few games you can teach that will help children sharpen their Scrabble skills. Using the Scrabble tiles, have your child spell out his or her name. Add up the score. Then spell out the other names of friends and family members, cities, countries, or other favorite words, adding and comparing the scores of each. Play for fun, taking off the competitive edge, and allow the child to explore the value of different word options.

Few skills are more important than anagramming to a Scrabble novice, and this is a skill you may want to explain as your child progresses. Give them a word and a time limit, and challenge them to find five, ten, twenty, or even more words using only the letters given. As they improve, encourage them to find lengthier options, maybe even offering a reward for using all the letters. I've used this game frequently in the elementary classroom, and I haven't yet found a youngster who doesn't like it. Students especially love comparing their lists. If they've found a word nobody else found (or a word I didn't) it is especially rewarding.

You may be surprised how fast your child picks up on more advanced strategies after introducing Scrabble this

way. More importantly, he or she will develop an interest in word play, which is infinitely more valuable than alternative interests in TV and video games. Go ahead, invite your child for a game of Scrabble — it'll be a perfect match!

by Emma Snow

Puzzler at the Puzzle Place

www.puzzle-place.net

(Abridged from NYCityWatch website)

On another website (Zach's Bolg), the same Emma Snow suggests the following variations when you are trying to encourage children to play Scrabble:

Eternal bonus squares

I was raised on this one. What was my disappointment when I found out at a friend's house that the rules killed the efficacy of the bonus square once it was covered! By deeming them "eternal," meaning they remain in force and count every time the word is added to, each move becomes more rewarding than the first. Scores soar into the hundreds. Egos inflate. The skillful player must try to make words that can't be added to, at least when covering a bonus square.

Blank tile substitution

This rule keeps the blank tiles in constant circulation. For instance, if someone uses a blank on the board in place of a T, and you later wind up with a T on your rack, you can substitute the real letter and re-use the blank. This is really nice toward the end of the game when everyone is down to the nubs, letter-wise.

If playing against more seasoned opponents, the use of a dictionary, along with offering free challenges, can even the playing field.

Free trades

Allowing free trades of the following

combinations reduces the element of luck, and can make the game more fun: two pair, three of the same letter, six vowels, six consonants. Y can be used as a vowel or a consonant, to the player's advantage. Only one trade is allowed per turn, although your new tiles may be rejected if it restores one of the above conditions to your rack.

Take two

This last suggestion isn't so much a house rule, but an alternative game which can be played using Scrabble tiles. To play, turn all the tiles face down in the middle of the table. Each player (doesn't matter how many) draws seven tiles, turning them over in front of him or her. Laying letters in words across and down, players attempt to connect all their letters. The first player to do so calls out, "Take two!" and everyone draws two more tiles. The game continues until the tiles run out. The winner is the first player to use all his or her tiles. The value of unused tiles is counted and a negative score is recorded. (The winner scores a perfect zero.) This game may be played in successive rounds if a longer version is desired.

Get to know your fours

According to Pat Grant, adjudicator at the National Champs, there are more 4-letter words challenged than words of any other length. Here are some that came up at the Nationals. Which ones would you challenge? (Answers on page 39)

JAGG	RUER	MUNT	RAWS
NAIK	HIMS	FABS	FIRR
COOF	JAIS	SNAB	GELL
DICY	RETE	STAP	BAGH
DARI	NOTS	NONA	EBAY
NILL	SCUP	VOIL	CAMA
YADS	MURL	CISS	LOWP
MALA	BLEB		

National Championships 2008

- by Glenda Foster

The National Champs got underway in Auckland on Saturday 31 May with 100 players competing over 15 games in two days.

Day 1

In the A Grade Jeff Grant and Blue Thorogood won six of the seven games and were in top spot on the leader board. Andrew Bradley was in second place on five wins, followed by Howard Warner (4.5 wins). Unusually, the A grade included two players playing in their first Nationals — Scott Thieman and Kris Saether.

In B Grade there were three players who achieved six wins — Paul Lister, Lynne Powell and Janice Cherry in that order on spread.

In C Grade Hazel Purdie won all seven games to top the leader board. Roger Coates, Pam Barlow, Allie Quinn and Rosalind Phillips all achieved five wins to take 2nd to 5th places.

In D grade Elaine Moltzen lost only one game on day one to take the early lead. Anderina McLean was second on 5.5 wins, followed by five players on five wins apiece.

In E grade Carolyn Kyle and Carole Coates led the field on six wins, followed by four players on five wins.

In F Grade Cicely Bruce was ahead on six wins. Roslyn Lister was on 5.5 wins, having participated in an unusual draw with

Suzanne Harding which occurred when the board was upset before the game finished. Margaret Hanson was 3rd on five wins.

Day 2

By lunch time on day two the A Grade was sorting itself out. Jeff and Andrew were top of the field on nine wins, and Lynne Butler and Glennis Hale were in contention on seven wins.

Going into the final game Jeff and Andrew were locked together on 11 wins, with Jeff well ahead on spread. Glennis was in third spot on nine wins with no chance of overtaking. Jeff had a narrow loss to Rogelio 346-351 and waited anxiously for the result of Andrew's game with Blue. When Blue took the results sheet up to the scorer Jeff could breathe a sigh of relief, having secured his 16th Nationals championship win.

In Grade B Paul had climbed to top spot on 12 wins, with his nearest rivals Denise and Lynne two wins behind. He



Kris Saether (left) and Scott Thieman playing in A grade in their first Nationals

won the final game convincingly. Both Denise and Lynne lost their last games but Denise had enough spread to retain 2nd place and Liz Fagerlund slipped into 3rd place having beaten Denise.

In Grade C Allie Quinn had overtaken Hazel and Rosalind and needed to win the last game to clinch a victory. Allie and Rosalind both lost their final games and Hazel's win put her back into the lead ahead of Allie on spread.

In Grade D Elaine and Pat Bryan were ahead on 11 wins, with Chris Higgins in third spot on 10 wins with a high spread. All three won their final game and so placings remained unchanged.

In Grade E Carole was in front on 11 wins, followed closely by Carolyn, Jean Boyle and Jena Yousif all on 10 wins. Carole lost her last game while Carolyn, Jean and Jena all won, leaving all four players on 11 wins. Carolyn came out on top on spread, followed by Jean and Carole.

In Grade F Cicely had romped out to an unassailable position on 12 wins. The battle for the minor places was between

Roslyn, newbie Herb Ramsay and Margaret. Roslyn and Herb won the final game, leaving placings unchanged.

Prize-giving

The prize-giving dinner was held at the Portage Peninsula Hotel in Avondale. A disappointing buffet meal was followed by presentation of cash prizes and certificates. The Team Trophy was taken by the Kiwi Club—Elaine, Carole and Jena. The Georgie Award was presented to Herb in recognition of his above-expectancy performance in F Grade. A new trophy, the Eileen McLean Memorial Trophy, donated by Sheryl Davidson was presented to Betty Eriksen who played the most tournament games (194) since the last Nationals.

The high word of the tournament unusually came from F Grade where Christina Linwood scored 163 for SCURRING. The highest individual game was Lynn Woods' 656.

Full results are on pages 45-46 and further photos are on pages 36-37 and page 46.

Westfield Pakuranga Scrabble Event Westfield Pakuranga Mall 26-27 July

This is a great opportunity to put Scrabble in the public eye and hopefully generate some much needed interest and new recruits. This will be a non-rated Swiss draw tournament. The mall will supply space, tables, chairs and prizes. Scrabble players will need to bring boards, clocks etc. There will be no entry fee; if you don't have your own score sheets to bring there may just be a small charge for these.

More details on time etc will be published on the Scrabble email list and to clubs. Hope you can join us to make this a successful and fun event. If successful the mall would be happy to make a space for Scrabble to be played there on a regular basis to help encourage interest in our wonderful game.

Liz Fagerlund

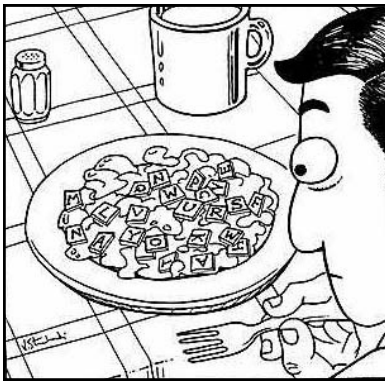
Spotted at the Nationals

In a game between Liz Fagerlund and Joan Thomas, rows 13 and 14 of the bottom left corner read:

M
E
L
O U T D O N E

Liz played INSIDES (with a blank) under every letter of OUTDONE for 93 points.

Not often you see a 7-letter parallel play.



You run the risk of getting Scrabbled eggs if you order breakfast when you've got a cold.

AGM and Management Meeting report

AGM

At the AGM held on 31 May the election of officers saw Paul Lister elected to the position of Vice-President. Paul is from the Christchurch Club and has been playing competitive Scrabble since 1993.

The new position of web master was added to the executive committee and Glenda Foster was appointed.

It was agreed that the honorarium for the executive committee and magazine editors is increased to \$1,000.

The Masters tournament for 2009 will be held in Rotorua and the 2009 Nationals will be in Christchurch.

Management Meeting

It was agreed to replace Nationals trophies with certificates and to create an on-line honours board to recognise trophy winners. Bonus word and points trophies will not be replaced by certificates.

Westfield Pakuranga are interested in holding a tournament in their mall in July and members agreed this was a good publicity opportunity (see page 34).

Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Dates	Tournament	Dates
Whangarei	5-6 July	Wanganui	25-26 October
Hamilton	9-10 August	Rodney	8 November
Tauranga	16-17 August	Otago Open	15-16 November
Kapiti	23-24 August	Trans Tasman Challenge #	28-30 November
Christchurch	13-14 September	Kiwi	29 November
Mt Albert	4-5 October	Causeway Challenge #	3-7 December
Golden Bay	4-5 October	Causeway Challenge open section	4-7 December
20th Norfolk Island Scrabble Festival	12-19 October	ACC Masters Games	7-8 February 2008

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Nationals prize giving

Winners of grades. (All captions are from left to right)



A Grade

*Jeff Grant 1st
Glennis Hale 3rd
Andrew Bradley 2nd*

B Grade

*Liz Fagerlund 3rd
Paul Lister 1st
Denise Gordon 2nd*



C Grade

*Rosalind Phillips 3rd
Allie Quinn 2nd
Hazel Purdie 1st*



D Grade

*Pat Bryan 1st
Elaine Moltzen 2nd
Chris Higgins 3rd
(not at prize-giving)*

E Grade

*Jean Boyle 2nd
Carole Coates 3rd
Carolyn Kyle 1st*



F Grade

*Herb Ramsay 3rd
Roslyn Lister 2nd
Cicely Bruce 1st*



Definitions with aptitude

- from Rhoda Cashman

- Coffee (n.) the person upon whom one coughs.
- Flabbergasted (adj.) appalled at how much weight you have gained.
- Abdicate (v.) to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- Esplanade (v.) to attempt an explanation while drunk.
- Willy-nilly (adv.) impotent.
- Negligent (adj.) describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your night gown.
- Lymph (v.) to walk with a lisp.
- Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
- Balderdash (n.) a rapidly receding hairline.
- Testicle (n.) a humorous question in an exam.
- Rectitude (n.) the formal, dignified bearing adopted by a proctologist.
- Circumvent (n.) an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Sports injury

A report in the *Otago Daily Times* said: Massage and first aid is on hand to treat injuries in more vigorous sports, but no-one thought a sports medic would be needed to treat injuries in the Scrabble competition.

Pat Bonser (69) had broken her ribs when she fell off a mountain bike at Hanmer Springs three weeks earlier. Sitting all day at the Scrabble table with broken ribs was painful because, in

protecting her ribs, she put extra pressure on her back. So at the end of the day she lay on the massage table while the therapist treated her back.

Cruise anyone?

- by Ruth Groffman

P & O Pacific Dawn departs 28/01/09, returns 06/02/09.

This 9-nights cruise travels from Sydney to Noumea, Mystery Island, Vila, Ouvéa. Price \$2,691 (per person share twin inside cabin, single person \$3844), includes return airfares from Auckland to Sydney, return airport to port transfers and taxes.

P & O Pacific Sun departs 14/02/09, returns 21/02/09.

This 7-nights cruise travels from Brisbane to Noumea, Lifou, Vila. Price \$2,297 (per person share twin inside cabin, single person \$3,165), includes return airfares from Auckland to Brisbane, return airport to port transfers and taxes.

These prices compare very favourably with Norfolk Island which does not include meals and entertainment.

Let me know if these cruises clash with any tours.

As an alternative, I'm looking into a price for a Queensland tour leaving Brisbane on the 24/01/09 for 7 nights and travelling to the Whitsundays, Cairns and Port Douglas.

Let me know if you're interested, or would like more details. My email is ruthgroffman@hotmail.com.



Sighting of ZA

-from Sam Kantimathi

In *Entrapment* the movie, 15 minutes into the film, Catherine Zeta-Jones is shown entering a London hotel room with a slice of pizza dangling from her mouth like the lizard my cat Liz used to bring to me as I went for my morning walk. (Liz was convinced she needed to bring me sustenance as I was clearly incapable of taking care of myself.)

Catherine was carrying a pizza box with the word ZA in large letters in the lower right corner.

This movie was made in 1999. So how come the Brits didn't put it in their source dictionaries before the Americans did?

In the fast food line

Momma to little boy: "What do you want, Johnny?"

Johnny (4-year-old, still getting a grip on this speech thing): "I wan' pees-suh [pizza]."

Scrabble pro, whipping out cell phone: "Boss! Get this down, we need it! I heard it with my own two ears! The kid said, 'I want a piece o' ZA!'"

- by Donald Sauter (on his website)

Word quiz

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Scrabble poem

If I only had an E
Oh, how happy I would B.

- Posted by "Lisa" on a poetry blog

Answers

Think about it (from page 24)

The word "a".

!*#@ - off (from page 24)

BUYOFF, CUTOFF, DIEOFF, FLYOFF, LAYOFF, LOGOFF, PAYOFF, PUTOFF, RIPOFF, RUBOFF, RUNOFF, SETOFF and TIPOFF. They all take an S. There are also 24 7-letter compound words that end in OFF.

from Onwords, April 2008

Get into the rhythm (from page 16)

The longest words are RHYTHMS, GLYCYLS and NYMPHLY, all bonus possibles.

With one vowel, the biggest is SULPHHYDRYLS, a 12-letter monster. The whole world could play Scrabble continuously for the next 100 years, and still that word would never be played! Other smaller improbables are HYPHOPHYLLS, DYSRHYTHMIC, POLYRHYTHMS and RHYTHMLESS. Now you see why the question told you to "get into the rhythm"!

The longest more likely word to be played is STRENGTHS.

Editor's challenge (from page 9)

The deliberate word was IMPROBABLES, used in the answer above. Funny, it's OK to play POSSIBLES, PROBABLES and IMPOSSIBLES – but not IMPROBABLES. How logical is that?!

Get to know your fours (from page 31)

The incorrect words are JAIS, DICY, FIRR, EBAY, VOIL, GELL, NOTS and CISS.

Chocolate chip cookies for scientists

A serving of new words for you to feast on.

Ingredients:

1. 532.35 cm^3 gluten
2. 4.9 cm^3 NaHCO_3
3. 4.9 cm^3 refined halite
4. 236.6 cm^3 partially hydrogenated tallow triglyceride
5. 177.45 cm^3 crystalline $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$
6. 177.45 cm^3 unrefined $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$
7. 4.9 cm^3 methyl ether of protocatechuic* aldehyde
8. Two calcium carbonate-encapsulated avian albumen-coated protein
9. 473.2 cm^3 theobromine cacao
10. 236.6 cm^3 de-encapsulated legume meats (sieve size #10)



To a 2-L jacketed round reactor vessel (reactor #1) with an overall heat transfer coefficient of about 100 Btu/F-ft²-hr, add ingredients 1, 2 and 3 with constant agitation. In a second 2-L reactor vessel (reactor #2) with a radial flow impeller operating at 100 rpm, add ingredients 4, 5, 6, and 7 until the mixture is homogenous.

To reactor #2, add ingredient 8, followed by three equal volumes of the homogenous mixture in reactor #1. Additionally, add ingredients 9 and 10 slowly, with constant agitation. Care must be taken at this point in the reaction to control any temperature rise that may be the result of an exothermic reaction.

Place the mixture piecemeal on a 316SS sheet (300 x 600 mm). Heat in a 460K oven for a period of time that is in agreement with Frank & Johnston's* first order rate expression or until golden brown. Once the reaction is complete, place the sheet on a 25C heat-transfer table, allowing the product to come to equilibrium.

Enjoy!



Rankings

NZASP Rankings list as at 2 June 2008

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
1	Jeff Grant	2031	1357	1765	77%	43	Rosalind Phillips	1487	261.5	492	53%
2	Joanne Craig	1997	149	227	66%	44	Leila Thomson	1482	410	926	44%
3	Howard Warner	1994	1105	1535	72%	45	June Mackwell	1480	523	1216	43%
4	Blue Thorogood	1988	347	504	69%	46	Karyn McDougall	1476	550.5	1032	53%
5	Andrew Bradley	1977	576	1120	51%	47	Margie Hurly	1464	216	407	53%
6	Glennis Hale	1929	1140.5	2031	56%	48	Maureen Holliday	1458	535	1036	52%
7	John Foster	1916	1091.5	1903	57%	49	Lynn Wood	1446	1096.5	2321	47%
8	Rogelio Talosig	1915	301.5	497	61%	50	Andree Prentice	1446	704	1373	51%
9	Steven Brown	1910	681.5	1265	54%	51	Ruth Groffman	1438	314.5	617	51%
10	Lynne Butler	1903	743	1204	62%	52	Roger Coates	1422	504	1071	47%
11	Mike Sigley	1901	782	1090	72%	53	Delcie Macbeth	1412	579	1094	53%
12	Glenda Foster	1830	730	1415	52%	54	Pam Barlow	1391	414	808	51%
13	Paul Lister	1805	654.5	1125	58%	55	John Baird	1377	90	144	63%
14	Chris Hooks	1792	759.5	1570	48%	56	Jean O'Brien	1375	764	1496	51%
15	Debbie Caldwell	1763	390.5	642	61%	57	Irene Smith	1370	66	124	53%
16	Val Mills	1748	697.5	1482	47%	58	Lorraine Van Veen	1360	613	1216	50%
17	Nick Ascroft	1731	146	254	57%	59	Pat Bryan	1356	90	149	60%
18	Ann Hough	1722	400.5	813	49%	60	Shirley Hol	1349	421	898	47%
19	Marianne Bentley	1718	217	477	45%	61	Marian Ross	1348	367.5	740	50%
20	Lawson Sue	1714	212.5	386	55%	62	Olivia Godfrey	1347	234	412	57%
21	Liz Fagerlund	1714	672	1278	53%	63	Elaine Moltzen	1344	441	875	50%
22	Lynne Powell	1713	786.5	1542	51%	64	Yoon Kim Fong	1331	355	678	52%
23	Denise Gordon	1709	589	1177	50%	65	Betty Eriksen	1328	771.5	1550	50%
24	David Gunn	1708	938	1875	50%	66	Glenda Geard	1322	757.5	1537	49%
25	Janice Cherry	1694	295	554	53%	67	Anderina McLean	1307	156.5	265	59%
26	Glenyss Buchanan	1677	511	1088	47%	68	Chris Higgins	1297	58	82	71%
27	Peter Jones	1669	678	1372	49%	69	Ella Rushton	1290	152	241	63%
28	Pam Robson	1668	452	982	46%	70	Steve Richards	1289	176	358	49%
29	Shirley van Essen	1664	278	530	52%	71	Ann Candler	1286	593.5	1265	47%
30	Murray Rogers	1653	380.5	740	51%	72	Margaret Flaws	1270	175	316	55%
31	Helen Sillis	1639	592	1164	51%	73	Clare Ruckstuhl	1260	148	281	53%
32	Jennifer Smith	1628	631	1251	50%	74	Sandra Stacey	1255	97	181	54%
33	Amelia Carrington	1621	220	377	58%	75	Lyn Dawson	1241	281	507	55%
34	Rosemary Cleary	1620	505	1092	46%	76	Roger French	1241	98	163	60%
35	Ian Patterson	1610	132	229	58%	77	Samantha Samuels	1239	138	270	51%
36	Shirley Martin	1595	543	1028	53%	78	Kaite Hansen	1237	130	236	55%
37	Selena Chan	1595	193	338	57%	79	Mary Gray	1211	258.5	486	53%
38	Foye Cronhelm	1552	636	1269	50%	80	Marianne Patchett	1210	226.5	436	52%
39	Allie Quinn	1524	775.5	1594	49%	81	Rhoda Cashman	1196	673	1406	48%
40	Joan Thomas	1517	588.5	1168	50%	82	Ray Goodyear	1192	160	322	50%
41	Frank Robinson	1513	150.5	290	52%	83	Ernie Gidman	1190	258	511	50%
42	Hazel Purdie	1497	659.5	1331	50%	84	Geoff Vautier	1190	87	228	38%

Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%	Rank	Name	Rating	Wins	Games	%
85	Scott Chaput	1189	48	87	55%	133	Kate Wignall	795	621.5	1234	50%
86	Lyn Toka	1177	374.5	719	52%	134	Jean Wacker	794	186	356	52%
87	Vicky Robertson	1165	34	58	59%	135	Heather Landon	790	140	289	48%
88	Lynn Carter	1163	284	525	54%	136	Jan Evans	770	79	172	46%
89	Katrina Allen	1157	58	99	59%	137	Tim Henneveld	770	173	395	44%
90	Margaret Cherry	1130	361	729	50%	138	Dorothy Haining	769	441	892	49%
91	Allison Torrance	1124	227	424	54%	139	Bev Edwards	761	50.5	93	54%
92	Margaret Bundock	1116	560.5	1180	48%	140	Kathleen Mori-Barker	753	241.5	514	47%
93	Dianne Cole-Baker	1096	152.5	283	54%	141	Olwen Skelton	744	443	923	48%
94	Gabrielle Bolt	1082	223.5	438	51%	142	Susi Nicholson	729	43.5	70	62%
95	Karen Gray	1078	99	177	56%	143	Bernice Hyde	711	170.5	325	52%
96	Correne James	1073	561	1170	48%	144	Judy Driscoll	687	9.5	43	22%
97	Yvette Hewlett	1070	307.5	646	48%	145	Rosemary Wauters	683	71.5	142	50%
98	Shirley Wyatt	1066	389.5	839	46%	146	Alison Holmes	638	76.5	142	54%
99	Carolyn Kyle	1060	429	867	49%	147	Roslyn Lister	626	246.5	494	50%
100	Jean Boyle	1057	272.5	480	57%	148	Barbara Cornell	603	18	58	31%
101	Carole Coates	1044	436.5	882	49%	149	Marc Van Hoecke	598	53	113	47%
102	Colleen Cook	1041	168.5	340	50%	150	Karen Miller	588	367.5	751	49%
103	Su Walker	1034	584	1162	50%	151	Anthea Jones	555	98	187	52%
104	Liz Catchpole	1030	328.5	662	50%	152	Margaret Hanson	551	423	867	49%
105	Jena Yousif	1016	213	432	49%	153	Alison Vautier	531	27	86	31%
106	Barbara Dunn	1014	130.5	216	60%	154	Pauline Smeaton	514	225	444	51%
107	Connie Flores	1013	101.5	156	65%	155	Margaret Miller	499	64	167	38%
108	Margaret Lyall	1004	376.5	768	49%	156	Ruth Godwin	496	33	114	29%
109	Paul Freeman	996	47.5	94	51%	157	Pat Wood	492	37.5	76	49%
110	Roger Cole-Baker	996	168	323	52%	158	Anne Scatchard	491	48	79	61%
111	Suzanne Frederick	992	109	193	56%	159	Paula Gibbons	474	346	730	47%
112	Liz Richards	979	181.5	356	51%	160	Rahimah Abdullah	451	15.5	43	36%
113	Sheila Reed	967	95	202	47%	161	Noelene Bettjeman	444	133	291	46%
114	Shirley Morrison	935	67	146	46%	162	Suzanne Harding	441	74	157	47%
115	Judith Thomas	926	53	118	45%	163	Margaret Durdle	435	145.5	302	48%
116	Agnes Rowland	925	37	71	52%	164	Sue Mayn	431	76.5	217	35%
117	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	907	418	863	48%	165	Jean Craib	417	284	613	46%
118	Chris Handley	905	266	503	53%	166	Resie Coenen	404	219	523	42%
119	Annette Coombes	896	420.5	929	45%	167	Judith Bach	399	41	90	46%
120	Valma Gidman	895	528.5	1035	51%	168	Betty Wilson	399	248.5	499	50%
121	Gordon Pinchin	887	157.5	313	50%	169	Margaret Penniket	392	35	89	39%
122	Catherine Henry	880	241.5	450	54%	170	Ray Seddon	371	38.5	110	35%
123	Michael Groffman	879	167.5	344	49%	171	Betty Sutherland	351	184	431	43%
124	Nola Borrell	879	52.5	100	53%	172	Janny Henneveld	350	178	395	45%
125	Yvonne MacKenzie	876	335.5	722	46%	173	Maria Barker	348	45	112	40%
126	Veronica Zilinskas	875	131.5	233	56%	174	Lynn Thompson	339	76.5	170	45%
127	Joan Pratt	873	560	1074	52%	175	Jillian Greening	305	250.5	531	47%
128	Bev Barker	868	436.5	900	49%	176	Anne-Louise Milne	286	31	198	16%
129	Jo Ann Ingram	861	91.5	171	54%	177	Bev Griffin	245	45	133	34%
130	Chris Day	825	33	59	56%	178	Pat Stefferson	71	23	111	21%
131	Roto Mitchell	817	407	800	51%	179	Trish Fox	0	6	51	12%
132	Thelma Chisholm	801	166.5	353	47%						

Tournament Results

NZ Masters Championship 22-24 March 2008

23 Games

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
1	Howard Warner	IND	19	2081	455
2	Jeff Grant	IND	17	1456	437
3	Lynne Butler	NPL	16	1186	423
4	Steven Brown	KAP	16	979	426
5	John Foster	IND	15.5	546	406
6	Mike Sigley	WAN	15	1094	428
7	Andrew Bradley	MTA	15	452	414
8	Glennis Hale	IND	14	614	419
9	Glenda Foster	WEL	12	36	396
10	Lawson Sue	PAK	12	19	396
11	Amelia Carrington	ROT	12	-474	391
12	Chris Hooks	MTA	12	-673	394
13	Paul Lister	CHC	11	92	400
14	David Gunn	WKP	11	-34	397
15	Val Mills	PAK	11	-379	386
16	Ann Hough	NEL	11	-435	379
17	Glennys Buchanan	LOH	9	-298	385
18	Pam Robson	HAM	8.5	-661	380
19	Denise Gordon	WAN	8	-511	386
20	June Mackwell	NSB	8	-1087	358
21	Joan Thomas	HAS	7	-1032	382
22	Murray Rogers	NEL	6	-780	370
23	Rosemary Cleary	WAN	6	-1096	361
24	Lynn Wood	WEL	4	-1095	364



Masters winner Howard Warner receives the trophy from President Lynn Wood

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Day 1

7 Games

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Jack Dymond	IND	7	1118	483
2	Paul Lister	CHC	6	448	415
3	Peter Sinton	DUN	5	754	446
4	Jean O'Brien	WAN	3	-209	363
5	Marian Ross	DUN	2	-420	355
6	Lynn Wood	WEL	2	-541	348
7	Betty Eriksen	WAN	2	-469	347
8	Karyn McDougall	DUN	1	-681	334

B Grade

1	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	5.5	326	375
2	Olivia Godfrey	WEL	5	278	404
3	Scott Chaput	DUN	5	196	381
4	Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	4.5	84	351
5	Karen Gray	DUN	3	-406	366
6	Paul Freeman	DUN	2	107	400
7	Colleen Cook	CHC	2	-325	359
8	Michael Groffman	DUN	1	-260	349

C Grade

1	Susi Nicholson	DUN	7	609	384
2	Chris Handley	DUN	6	733	399
3	Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	5	555	394
4	Stephanie Pluck	DUN	4	-67	306
5	Christina Linwood	DUN	4	-153	327
6	Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	3	41	327
7	Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	3	-107	294
8	Loretta Taylor	IND	1	-322	297
9	Bev Allen	DUN	1	-368	299
10	Gary Falconer	IND	1	-921	254

Day 2

7 Games

A Grade

1	Peter Sinton	DUN	7	618	443
2	Jean O'Brien	WAN	5	353	406
3	Ruth Groffman	DUN	4	67	377
4	Lynn Wood	WEL	3	60	396
5	Paul Lister	CHC	3	7	369

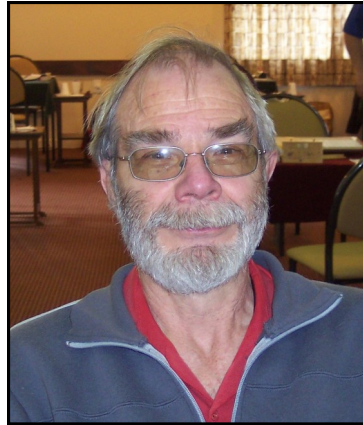
	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
6	Karyn McDougall	DUN	3	-39	388
7	Marian Ross	DUN	3	-349	346
8	Betty Eriksen	WAN	0	-717	311

B Grade

1	Scott Chaput	DUN	5	395	416
2	Olivia Godfrey	WEL	5	180	392
3	Colleen Cook	CHC	4	120	391
4	Karen Gray	DUN	4	86	405
5	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	3	-23	389
6	Gabrielle Bolt	CHC	3	-73	379
7	Paul Freeman	DUN	2	-259	369
8	Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	2	-426	330

C Grade

1	Chris Handley	DUN	7	279	358
2	Michael Groffman	DUN	6	528	355
3	Marc Van Hoecke	DUN	5	306	334
4	Susi Nicholson	DUN	4	207	358
5	Christina Linwood	DUN	2	-172	331
6	Stephanie Pluck	DUN	2	-291	295
7	Anne-Louise Milne	DUN	2	-302	293
8	Bev Allen	DUN	0	-555	297



Chris Handley, C Grade winner day 2 at Dunedin

South Island Champs - Christchurch 10-11 May 2008

14 Game double round robin

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
A Grade					
1	Blue Thorogood	CHC	12	1033	443
2	Debbie Caldwell	NEL	10	364	430
3	Murray Rogers	NEL	8	131	389
4	Paul Lister	CHC	7	337	405
5	Ian Patterson	DUN	6	-125	405
6	Selena Chan	CHC	6	-540	370
7	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	5	-254	383
8	Shirley Hol	CHC	2	-946	367

B Grade

1	Karyn McDougall	DUN	8	699	409
2	Lynn Wood	WEL	8	698	406
3	Andree Prentice	WAN	7	225	385
4	Ruth Groffman	DUN	7	-144	372
5	Marian Ross	DUN	4	-387	380
6	Hazel Purdie	MTA	4	-497	370
7	Irene Smith	CHC	4	-594	364

Player Club Wins Spread Ave

C Grade

1	Olivia Godfrey	WEL	11	660	410
2	John Baird	CHC	11	640	400
3	Betty Eriksen	WAN	9	474	386
4	Anderina McLean	MTA	7	104	357
5	Lyn Dawson	CHC	6	-14	358
6	Kaite Hansen	CHC	5	-235	358
7	Allison Torrance	CHC	4	-466	345
8	Malcolm Graham	CHC	3	-1163	311

D Grade

1	Ray Goodyear	CHC	11	677	390
2	Karen Gray	DUN	8	-10	372
3	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	7	239	384
4	Colleen Cook	CHC	7	65	371
5	Jean Boyle	WAN	7	-120	361
6	Margaret Lyall	CHC	6	31	369
7	Connie Flores	CHC	6	-300	351
8	Chris Handley	DUN	4	-582	341

E Grade

1	Tony Charlton	NEL	9.5	266	354
2	Gordon Pinchin	CHC	9.5	-22	366
3	Roto Mitchell	WAN	9	463	382
4	Veronica Zilinskis	CHC	8.5	893	403
5	Yvonne MacKenzie	CHC	6.5	-4	372
6	Jan Evans	NEL	6	-129	363
7	Roslyn Lister	CHC	6	-211	355
8	Betty Wilson	CHC	1	-1256	307



*Jean Craib, F Grade winner at
Christchurch*

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
F Grade					
1	Jean Craib	CHC	10	579	361
2	Judith Bach	CHC	10	309	355
3	Herb Ramsay	CHC	9	486	351
4	Betty Sutherland	CHC	9	318	337
5	Pat Stefferson	CHC	3	-382	301
6	Trish Fox	CHC	1	-1010	281

N.Z. National Championships 31 May - 1 June 2008

15 Games

	Name	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave Score
Grade A					
1	Jeff Grant	IND	11	966	440
2	Andrew Bradley	MTA	11	259	402
3	Glennis Hale	IND	10	319	413
4	Blue Thorogood	IND	9	503	434
5	Joanne Craig	CHC	9	2	419
6	Rogelio Talosig	IND	8.5	460	413
7	Howard Warner	MTA	8.5	265	426
8	John Foster	IND	8.5	42	410
9	Mike Sigley	WAN	8	187	417
10	Glenda Foster	WEL	7.5	-81	411
11	Lynne Butler	NPL	7	335	406
12	Kris Saether	MTA	6	32	414
13	Chris Hooks	MTA	6	-555	376
14	Glynis Jennings	MTA	4	-644	380
15	Lawson Sue	PAK	3	-627	379
16	Scott Thieman	MTA	3	-1463	348

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade B					
1	Paul Lister	CHC	13	1517	431
2	Denise Gordon	WAN	10	636	414
3	Liz Fagerlund	MTA	10	410	407
4	Janice Cherry	IND	10	211	411
5	Lynne Powell	HBC	10	-17	409
6	David Gunn	WKP	9	-6	395
7	Murray Rogers	NEL	8	241	396
8	Rosemary Cleary	WAN	8	-46	380
9	Jennifer Smith	HAM	8	-277	389
10	Shirley Martin	HAM	7	-459	361
11	Selena Chan	CHC	6	125	409
12	Faye Cronhelm	IND	6	-214	386
13	Amelia Carrington	IND	6	-422	385
14	Joan Thomas	HAS	4	-634	360
15	Margie Hurly	WRE	3	-354	365
16	June Mackwell	NSB	2	-711	367

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade C					
1	Hazel Purdie	MTA	11	578	409
2	Allie Quinn	WRE	11	536	395
3	Rosalind Phillips	MTA	10	61	391
4	Roger Coates	KIW	9	306	390
5	Lynn Wood	WEL	8	619	412
6	Ruth Groffman	DUN	8	171	372
7	Pam Barlow	PAK	8	166	397
8	Andree Prentice	WAN	8	-299	364
9	Delcie Macbeth	IND	8	-329	381
10	Betty Eriksen	WAN	6	20	380
11	Yoon Kim Fong	KIW	6	-13	391
12	Olivia Godfrey	WEL	6	-216	377
13	Jean O'Brien	IND	6	-386	351
14	Glenda Geard	IND	6	-470	374
15	Shirley Hol	CHC	5	-405	379
16	Ann Candler	NSB	4	-339	359

	Player	Club	Wins	Spread	Ave
Grade D					
1	Pat Bryan	MTA	12	644	404
2	Elaine Moltzen	KIW	12	533	403
3	Chris Higgins	PAK	11	827	410
4	Anderina Mclean	MTA	10.5	377	407
5	Clare Ruckstuhl	WEL	9	413	396
6	Kaite Hansen	CHC	9	107	376
7	Ernie Gidman	ROD	8	500	392
8	Marianne Patchett	MTA	8	-58	377
9	Katrina Allen	NEL	7	244	386
10	Rhoda Cashman	HBC	7	-259	364
11	Lyn Toka	KIW	6.5	57	387
12	Vicky Robertson	WEL	6	-258	377

13	Lynn Carter	NSB	6	-290	374
14	Yvette Hewlett	IND	5	-265	372
15	Margaret Cherry	PAK	5	-314	372
16	Correne James	IND	5	-682	359
17	Su Walker	MTA	4	-728	374
18	Liz Catchpole	MTA	4	-848	344

Grade E

1	Carolyn Kyle	DUN	11	948	398
2	Jean Boyle	WAN	11	502	382
3	Carole Coates	KIW	11	377	386
4	Jena Yousif	KIW	11	104	363
5	Suzanne Frederick	WAN	10	573	388
6	Jacqueline Coldham-Fussell	KIW	8.5	270	388
7	Yvonne Mackenzie	CHC	8	257	369
8	Valma Gidman	ROD	8	114	361
9	Annette Coombes	WKP	8	-379	344
10	Bev Barker	MTA	7.5	156	359
11	Nola Borrell	IND	7	-218	348
12	Roto Mitchell	WAN	6	-162	364
13	Thelma Chisholm	WEL	6	-267	351
14	Tim Henneveld	ROT	5.5	-403	337
15	Heather Landon	TGA	5	-215	361
16	Kate Wignall	MTA	5	-370	357
17	Bev Edwards	WRE	4.5	-195	341
18	Mary Curtis	MTA	2	-1092	335

Grade F

1	Cicely Bruce	WRE	13	878	373
2	Roslyn Lister	CHC	10.5	433	349
3	Herb Ramsay	CHC	10	455	351
4	Karen Miller	IND	9.5	781	372
5	Margaret Hanson	PAK	9	-155	327
6	Margaret Miller	HBC	8	266	337
7	Anne Scatchard	WRE	8	8	323
8	Ruth Godwin	ROT	8	-241	339
9	Christina Linwood	DUN	7	175	349
10	Suzanne Harding	WRE	7	9	342
11	Noelene Bettjeman	HBC	7	-119	338
12	Jean Craib	CHC	6.5	-159	343
13	Margaret Penniket	KIW	6	-649	326
14	Lynn Thompson	WRE	5	-462	323
15	Janny Henneveld	ROT	4.5	-237	329
16	Antonia Aarts	MTA	1	-983	296

Georgie Trophy Herb Ramsay, Christchurch
 Eileen McLean Memorial Trophy Betty Eriksen, Wanganui
 Team Trophy Kiwi Club—Elaine Moltzen, Carole Coates, Jena Yousif



Herb Ramsay, Christchurch, receives the Georgie trophy from Lynn Wood



Team trophy winners Kiwi Club Elaine Moltzen (left), Carole Coates, Jena Yousif (inset)



Eileen McLean Memorial Trophy winner Betty Eriksen, Wanganui

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 Session)			14	Jeff Grant (IND)
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)

Contact Information

Clubs (Nth to Sth)	Contact Person	Phone	Email	Meeting Day/Time
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Whangarei (WRE)	Bev Edwards	09 430 2832		Thurs 1pm
Rodney (ROD)	Linda Moore	09 425 4959		Mon 1pm
Hibiscus Coast (HBC)	Joan Pratt	09 426 4521		Mon 1pm
Nth Shore Bays (NSB)	Marge Dalzell	09 478 6248		Tues 10am
Mt Albert (MTA)	Kate Wignall	09 625 0147	wignallc@hotmail.com	Fri 7.15pm
Pakuranga/Howick (PAK)	Jeanette Owler	09 534 4453		Tues 12.30pm Thurs 7pm
Papatoetoe/Holy Cross (PHC)	May Meads	09 278 5155		Mon 1pm
Hamilton (HAM)	Jillian Greening	07 843 7652		Tues 7pm
Kiwi (KIWI)	Elaine Moltzen	07 843 5108		Thurs 7pm/1pm alt
Waikato Phoenix (WKP)	Annette Coombes	07 855 9970		Alt Weds 7pm
Mt Maunganui/Papamoa (MMP)	Ngair Steel	07 542 1035		Alt Weds
Tauranga (TGA)	Stan Skinner	07 572 0866		Tues 9.00am
Tokoroa (TOK)	Lesley Edgeler	07 886 8374		
Waitara (WTA)	Trixie Neil	06 754 8745		Wed 1.00pm
New Plymouth (NPL)	Lynne Butler	06 755 2134		Saturday
Pukekura (PUK)	Mary Waite	06 757 8654		Thurs 9.45am
Stratford (STR)	Sharon Clarke	06 765 5653		
Hastings (HAS)	Yvonne Wilson	06 878 8229		Tues 1pm
Wanganui (WAN)	Rosemary Cleary	06 347 1837		Mon 7pm
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Kapiti (KAP)	Graeme Brown	04 297 0720		Mon 7pm
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Nelson (NEL)	Steve Richards	03 544 0475		2nd Wed of nth
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