

SPECIAL EDITION

2020

Scrabble as a social event has been put on hold so there is not as much to report in the regular features of ATB.

However, all is not lost.

We have some special contributions this issue.

John Parker has brought out his drawing equipment to give us his take on the pandemic.

Karen Richards has put together a tutorial on Zyzzyva Card Box.

Nick Ivanovski has been ultra busy convening online play and competitions and puts us in the picture.

We have short stories, poems, quizzes, photos.

We have the top 200 rated players listed.

And, Michael Vnuk has performed the mammoth Quarantine 40, a daily teaser over 40 days. These have been collated into a special section featuring the first 20 days. The next 20 days will be published in the September 2020 edition

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issue of **Across the Board**
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The Council of Australian Scrabble Players; Associations whilst having to make the decision to cancel this year's Australian Championship, nevertheless still held its AGM on Friday, 10 April.

With the able technical assistance of Nick Ivanovski, all the Presidents and board members meet via Facebook Messenger. Once we overcame the initial glitches in the hook-ups, the meeting took on the form of a "normal" meeting and lasted for 2½ hours.

With the cancellation of the national Championship, it was agreed that Queensland was willing and able to take on the hosting of the event in 2021.

The following nominations were elected unopposed to the Board for 2020-21:

Co-Ordinator:	Carol Johnsen
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Ratings Officer:	Martin Waterworth (withdrawn), Barry Harridge (including Qualifications)
Records Officer:	Martin Waterworth, Barry Harridge (withdrawn)

Wayne Willis has stepped down from the position of Rules Coordinator and we are grateful for his coordination of the Rules Committee undertaken over the past decade.

Also, Martin Waterworth will stay on only as Records Officer and, once again, we thank him for his contribution to CASPA for over 10 years as Web Coordinator and Ratings Officer. It was agreed that Martin Waterworth would assist in web coordination with Nick Ivanovski for 3 months. Martin Waterworth would update States with the latest AUPAIR program (which included the date of the event).

Richard Birch reported that the June edition of the publication would be by email only due to the COV-19 restrictions and it was suggested that States would bear the costs of printing and postage to members who wished only to receive a hard copy.

Whilst the Tri-State Challenge on May 2 would be non-rated, the meeting agreed to have the winner's details engraved on the perpetual trophy.

Tony Hunt, Youth Officer, has been a very busy and enthusiastic coordinator of youth events in Australia and overseas. The meeting was pleased to approve the following motion:

MOTION: Commencing Easter 2021 CASPA announces a National Youth Champion as the best performing Australian citizen/permanent resident player in the Championship Division of the Australian National Championship. To be eligible, a player must have qualified to play in the Championship division, must pre-register (so we can validate) and must not have had their 16th birthday.

Failing any suitable candidate, then the best-placed youth performer in the Plate will be the winner. And that this is a perpetual annual award.

Moved: Tony Hunt, Seconded: Nick Ivanovski Carried.

It was also agreed that the games threshold for youth players be reduced to 40 games.

With the uncertainty of when we can return to face-to-face tournament play, it was agreed that the qualification periods for 2020 Australian Masters and State Challenge 2020 Trans Tasman team and 2020 Alchemist Cup will not be extended and qualifications taken as they are at the end of April 2020.

Also, the qualification periods for Australian Masters and State Challenge and 2021 WESPA Championship will not commence in May 2020 and the start date will be advised at a later date.

***Carol Johnsen,
Coordinator***

Around the States

New South Wales

Tournament Roundup

The Matchplay Qualifier was held at Burwood RSL Club. This is a nine game tournament held in two Divisions to determine qualifiers who will meet each other privately through the coming months to arrive at Matchplay Champions for each Division. In A Division the qualifiers were (in finishing order) John Holgate, Karen Richards, Rod Talbot, Bob Jackman, Noel Barrett, Ivor Zetler, Therese Nicholls and Peter Shaw while in B Division the qualifiers were Sharon Sorensen, John Barker, Hanne Marks, Janine Whittaker, Norma Tracey, Margaret Berliner, Fay Van Oyen and Cheryl Michler.

A week later Empire Bay on the Central Coast staged one of their mini tournaments for players rated up to 1400. Chris Ostrowski took out the honours in A Division, with Norma Tracey winning B Division, and Neil Leow returning from a long absence in competitive Scrabble winning C Division.

The last face to face tournament held prior to COVID-19 restrictions was at Bomaderry on the South Coast on March 14th. This time it was the locals taking the honours with club convenor Margaret Neal winning A Division, Greg Hopson winning B Division and Terry Horan biking from the ACT to win C Division.

Lake Macquarie was scheduled for the following weekend and that was cancelled as by then restrictions on sizes of gatherings at been implemented. It is hoped that this event will be reinstated in a condensed form once regulations allow.

The next scheduled event involving NSW players was the Tri-State Challenge on May 2nd. Originally planned to take place in June, this became an unrated virtual event, with 32 players playing 45 minute games on Scrabble GO. Nick Ivanovski set up a playing room on Google Hangouts where draws and progressive results were posted. 32 players took part, 14 from NSW and Victoria and 4 from the ACT (including Michael Smitheram borrowed from Victoria). ACT were the eventual winners. A big thanks goes to Nick

Ivanovski, Victorian President, for organizing and coordinating the whole event.

Matchplay Progress

In B Division two quarter finals were conducted prior to restrictions being placed. Cheryl Michler defeated Sharon Sorensen while Hanne Marks defeated Margaret Beriner.

In A Division Rod Talbot beat Ivor Zetler while Bob Jackman defeated Noel Barrett remotely using the Internet Scrabble Club facility.

Rating Gains by NSW Players

Sharon Sorensen +82 Matchplay Qualifier

Veena Mohe +29 Empire Bay Mini

Hanne Marks +71 Bomaderry

Upcoming Tournaments TBA

Bob Jackman

South Australia

In the leafy inner-north suburb of Prospect, on the morning of Saturday March 7th, fifty keen Scrabblers from five states gathered in a primary school gymnasium waiting to commence the annual South Australian Scrabble Championship. For the first time, the winner of the event would take home a \$1,000 prize, and 6 of Australia's top 20 players were there to battle it out. At around 9:30am, after a long list of announcements, we commenced play for game 1 of the South Australian Championship.

Daniel Piechnick took the early lead with a high-game of 590 in round 1 and was followed closely by Adam Kretschmer & Naween Fernando (VIC), while Trevor Halsall (VIC) scraped through with a 4 point win against his much lower rated opponent.

After game 2, Jane Taylor jumped to the lead with a big win over Naween and then followed that up with a comfortable win over Daniel P in game 3. Meanwhile, Fiona Braendler was one to watch in the tilde-section (best of the bottom-half) having beaten her first two higher rated opponents in Paul Richards (QLD) & Carol Colwill.

After 4 rounds, only Trevor Tao, Carol Johnsen and Trevor Halsall remained undefeated, with Trevor T having the superior margin. With a win over Carol, Trevor T took a game and

250+ margin lead heading into round 6, while Trevor H had a narrow loss to 2019 champion – Carmel Dodd.

Round 7 saw the first loss for Trevor T against Naween which brought four players, including Naween, Trevor T, Trevor H & Carmel level on 6 wins. In Round 8, Trevor H & Naween won again to remain the only 2 players on 7 wins. In the following round, Trevor H prevailed over Naween to become the outright leader at the end of play on day 1.

Round 10 saw a rematch of Trevor H and Naween after the draw was reset. Trevor prevailed again keeping a 1 game advantage over the now second-placed David Vanzyl (WA). Meanwhile, in the battle for the tilde-section, Arnold Applehof (QLD) had stormed to the lead with a victory over Simon Walton by 6 points.

After round 11, Trevor H stretched his lead to 2 games, with Naween, David and locals, Barry Jordan and Tony Miller rounding out the top 5. Round 12 and 13 saw two more victories to Trevor H to maintain his lead at the top. Meanwhile, Arnold Applehof had snuck into the top 5 with successive victories over higher-rated opponents.

With three rounds to go Bob Jackman had climbed into the top 5 and would be Trevor's next opponent. Bob was defeated, and a loss for Naween meant that Trevor H had sewn up

the title with a 3-game lead and only 1 game to play.

Trevor Halsall was a worthy winner, only losing 1 game on his way to his first SA Championship title. Naween finished 2nd, David Vanzyl 3rd, Daniel Piechnick 4th and Antony Kimber 5th.

Interestingly, Daniel's high game (590) from round 1 remained as the highest game of the tournament. Rowena Vnuk pipped her rivals to win the top of the tilde-section on margin beating highly fancied opponents Russell Honeybun and Michael Cameron along the way. Fiona Braendler and Arnold Applehof finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the tilde section.

Thank you to our tournament director, James Gunner and caterer Jacqui Pearce who volunteered their time over the weekend to look after fifty keen Scrabblers. Also, a big thank you to Prospect Primary School for kindly offering the use of their gym over the weekend. The school received our gratitude in the form of five new Scrabble sets which they said their students would be keen to use. Lastly, thanks to the volunteers who helped plan this event, including the South Australian committee and those who helped set-up and pack-up over the weekend.

Simon Walton
Scrabble SA President

Scrabble Go

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Screen shot towards end of AGM, Good Friday 10 April via Zoom

Technology Corner

As further evidence we are living in a sci-fi world a couple of things have emerged that this writer considers interesting.

On a local Facebook page someone asked if anybody else had noticed bright lights in the sky over our suburb recently. One respondent suggested it might be the *Eta Aquariid* meteor shower which we passed through recently (and wouldn't have been just our suburb, the entire planet more likely).

Then another respondent suggested it might have been the Star Links, a series of satellites put up by one Elon Musk of Tesla fame. Several thousand more are planned, each weighing around 250 kg in order to bring internet to every corner of the planet. They can be seen by the naked eye and can be tracked on your smartphone. I use NightSky app.

The project has come under criticism from astronomers as it interferes with deep space observations. A bit like hiking across a wilderness region taking in the peace and tranquility only to be buzzed by trailbikes. Apologies to any trailbike riding astronomers.

What3Words

If you break a leg on your hike across a wilderness region and there are no trailbike riders to rescue you then you can ring for an ambulance, assuming you can get internet/phone service from a Star Link satellite.

Smartphones should be able to give an exact location by way of a GPS. This would mean reading out latitude and longitude coordinates, each typically 8 digits long.

A backup system used as a further locator by emergency services is [what3words](#), a human friendly location system, and it works like this.

The entire planet is divided up into squares measuring 3m x 3m just enough to fit 9 people at a safe social distance, even out in the ocean.

Each square is identified with 3 common words which is easier to convey than the GPS coordinates. For example you will find [///open.enter.pits](#) is located in Parliament House dining rooms, Canberra.

The App can be downloaded from the App Store or GooglePlay. If you need to contact me I will be hovering at [///kgotla.aalii.isogriv](#).

Richard Birch

Short Stories

The Great Outdoors

I took a thermos of coffee and a slice of my healthy, home-made, tea-bag fruit cake, down to Bobbin Head this morning, hoping to find sanctuary in a quaint, little rustic hut, drink in the fresh air and relax in the knowledge no possible harm could come to me there; not even Coronavirus.

No sooner had I jammed myself between the hut wall and the splintery old table; unpacked my thermos and cake, did I hear a large vehicle rumble down the road, and pull up abruptly in the parking space directly behind my cubby.

I thought, 'Surely not!'

I listened incredulously as the occupant of said vehicle, coughing and sneezing as he went, plonk himself down in the seat immediately behind me, so close, I could almost feel the backs of his ankles!

I thought, 'Of all the ... !'

Then, on my way to the ladies room, an enormous Goanna lumbered across my path.

Washed my hands to the tune of Happy Birthday twice (no soap) and a startled bush turkey ambushed me at the door.

I think I'll go to back to my old stomping ground in Westfield for my morning coffee next time; it's got to be safer!

Healthy Tea-Bag Fruit Cake

Add 2 cups of mixed dried fruit (or 1 cup of fruit and 1 cup of diced ginger) to 2 cups of water, and add a tea-bag.

Bring to the boil for 10 minutes, then allow to cool.

Add 1 and a half cups of self-raising flour, stir gently and put mixture into a loaf tin.

Cook in a moderate oven for 40 minutes.

Julianne Roberts, Waitara Club

19 March 2020

In the Style of GLL

Shtupping the Covin Nankeen Varus bye Emboly Broider Wale, yuke kainit rillettes shtup it, betcha kain "fatten the kerb," as sexperts sei. This re quaeres prologued stane

at holme for moste peepul--ex spatially us oldsters. lther wyes the dackers enures sus an hospitia coude begum oba whammed. This wud coz cereus canso quitches fer aiver bawdy.

The yonker partyers airt gittin nit, howe waiver--et lis nowt in Nosh vill, weir barkeeps refuged to cloze an the barres were jambed .Fard de younkers, the prob is lues singh thir peachick an naught bing gabelle to padi rente ar afeard grosz tsuris. Or kookum.

Tho the whirries are cirrous, weakon benni fet in minny wheys by holpen northers an by tacan this chints to honker dawen an git ousels in baidar ordure. By actin now to closedown, the mojarra ti hwyll likably be okeh and weel mete agin withe mor aubretia shen for wot we helve an farouche chuddar.

*by Emily Brodeur,
Nashville Tennessee
(Utah Scrabble Club)
In the style of GLL*

19 March 2020

Deleing Withy Coronae Varus

Ef yar phreaking owt about the Coronae varus, hearsay feu hents fer rident out the globule paan demic.

Firths: Navar tuchun nother pur sen oyer facies.

Secund: Cleanup yer hausen yaird.

Thirled: Bi a lota toilette peeper.

Forth: Wair a garlicky necklets.

Viffed: Practise guid hijinks.

Sext: Wotcher hansa lot.

Savin nth: Wark fem heaume.

Ait: Goanna whirled cruse. (Sike!)

Naan: Eat chirr veges.

Tein: Stey seif!

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Quiz

Sevens and eights. Several have multiple anagrams, many might have hooks but we are looking for a specific line of commonality.

Level = Expert

Solutions on page 13

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| 1. AABCELOS | 11. ACEEKLMR |
| 2. AEEFILW | 12. EFMOPRT |
| 3. AAANORW | 13. AENPPRS |
| 4. EEOPTU | 14. AGINRSTY |
| 5. ACELOS | 15. EGNORSTU |
| 6. AADEFHLT | 16. AAIILPT |
| 7. EDFLNROU | 17. ACDEENV |
| 8. AGGILNRY | 18. AEELLWY |
| 9. ADGNRRU | 19. AEHORUV |
| 10. AELMPRY | 20. GHIINTW |

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I would like to start a campaign to support a minority group within Scrabble that is often despised, rejected and thus marginalised. 'Group' does not at first seem the right word here as there are only two of these in any one place at a time.

Though multiply that by the thousands of Scrabble sets in the world, not to mention online games, then they are definitely a group. I am talking about **vs**.

How many times do we hear players muttering 'I hate **vs**'? How many times are they thrown contemptuously back into the bag or hastily dumped on the board.

Imagine the hurt, lowering of self-esteem such repeated actions cause and it is a wonder they still play the game.

It is rumoured there were originally three **vs** in each Scrabble set, but one could take the humiliation no longer and self-destructed. What a waste of a good letter.

Their main 'sin' seems to be that they do not make any two letter words and are therefore difficult to play. But **vs** can be wonderful.

How many bingo words must have gone unplayed because a competitor was too hasty in discarding this precious letter? And then there are the almost audible groans when two **vs** arrive on a rack! '**EVQVAE**', the **vs** want to shout, 'and what about **VIVARIA, VOIVODE, VETIVER, VERVETS, VIVACITY, VELVETS**.

Don't say to yourself **CRIVVENS** (Scots expression of dismay), when you see two **vs**; you don't have to know words like **AKVAVIT** and **DVANDVA**. We can be **SAVVIER** or **SPIVVIER**, we have **EVOLVED, DEVOLVED, REVOLVED** and are **INVOLVED**. We could be **DIVISIVE, INTRUSIVE** or **EVASIVE**, but **LUVVIES**, we are **SURVIVORS** and we love **PAVLOVA**.'

I was able to chat to a **v** recently. It took some time to get his trust, but he finally opened up to me. It seems that not only do players discriminate against **vs**, but neither are they welcomed by other letters. When a hand comes in the bag the tiles cluster round the popular guys, the **E, S**, and of course the blanks. They hope that if they are picked with these tiles, they will get the kudos of making a bonus word. They are certainly less likely to be thrown back when in such company.

So most other tiles stay as far as possible from a **v**. The isolation is difficult, the **v** told me. I was able to tell him that there are players who make a special effort to learn words containing **Vs**. He was surprised and clearly delighted. Have you ever seen a **v** smile? It is quite beautiful and they almost become a **U**. So if you want to be a friend of the **vs**, please support this campaign and learn more words containing a **v**. Who knows, you might get to see a **v** smile too.

Banjo Wren aka Jane Brown

Survival

Denise Smith

S is for Scrabble, a game we all play, we hope with some help, we'll keep **CORONA** at bay

C is for cursed as we will all be, if we don't keep the distance between you and me.

R is for red, the colour of skin, as we scrub and we scrub, to ensure we will win.

A is for after, we hope and we pray, that after it's gone its Scrabble we'll play.

B is for bubbles, the result of the soap, no forgetting the backs of your hands, as you hope

B is for blue, that is how we feel now, but with patience and will, we'll survive this somehow.

L is for love, the love our game, as well as the people we all know by name.

E is for everyone; we should all pull as one, this will help us get back to enjoyment and fun.

23 March 2020

Club Directory

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Blackwood Wed 12 noon ~Margaret Gibson 8381 4570

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Norma Fisher ~ 0450 356 407

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Records 2020 so far...

<i>Highest game score</i>	682	Joanne Craig (NSW) 25.01.2020
	653	Bob Jackman (NSW) 25.01.2020
	647	David Eldar (Vic) 27.01.2020
	642	Graeme Lock Lee (NSW) 02.02.2020
	641	Joanne Craig (NSW) 02.02.2020
	629	Andrew Fisher (Vic) 27.01.2020
	617	Norma Tracey(NSW) 01.03.2020
	607	Edward Okulicz (Vic) 04.01.2020
<i>Largest game margin</i>	444	Bob Jackman (NSW) vs Arlene Williams (ACT) at 25.01.2020; 653-209
<i>Highest drawn game</i>	415	Chris May (NSW) vs Graeme Lock Lee (NSW) 13.01.2020
<i>Highest combined score</i>	1041	Esther Perrins (NSW) 547 vs Chris May (NSW) 504; 27.01.2020
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<i>Most bonus words in a game</i>	6	Joanne Craig (NSW): SCAL IER, ETA erIO, ELO INER, AUDI ENT, HAN DLIK(E), BAND IES; 25.01.2020
<i>Highest average margin</i>	494	David Eldar (Vic) 23.02.2020 (7 games)
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	475	Jeffery Lam (NSW) 04.01.2020 (9 games)
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<i>Longest winning streak</i>	255	Jeffery Lam (NSW) 04.01.2020 (9 games)

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	144	Jenni Henderson (WA) 02.02.2020 (5 games)
	133	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 12.01.2020 (8 games) Michael Cameron (SA) 08.02.2020 (5 games)
	132	David Eldar (Vic) 23.02.2020 (7 games)
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Longest winning streak

Game Changer



Quiz

Solutions from page 8

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| 2. ALEWIFE | 12. POMFRET |
| 3. AROWANA | 13. SNAPPER |
| 4. EELPOUT | 14. STINGRAY |
| 5. ESCOLAR | 15. STURGEON |
| 6. FLATHEAD | 16. TILAPIA |
| 7. FLOUNDER | 17. VENDACE |
| 8. GRAYLING | 18. WALLEYE |
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| 10. LAMPREY | 20. WHITING |



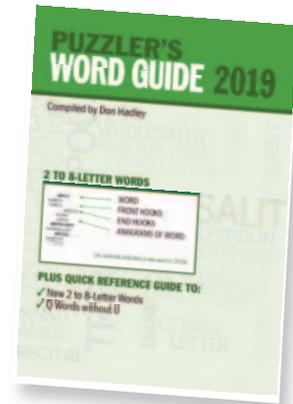
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Results Roundup

This will be the last edition of Results Roundup until the pandemic isolation is over. Lots of activity on line but not rated as yet. Enjoy anyway. Editor

NSW

02.02.2020 Ulladulla Championship

A: 1 Rael Hayman; **2** Joanne Craig; **3** Bob Jackman; **HG** Graeme Lock Lee 642; **HW** Joanne Craig **AIRTHING** 140

B: 1 Monica Dwyer; **2** Janine Whittaker; **3** Gary Pollard; **HG** Monica Dwyer 522; **HW** Monica Dwyer **MESSIEST** 122

C: 1 Sue Fullerton; **2** Rodney Wallace; **3** Kara Eddington; **HG** Kerri Friend 537; **HW** Kerri Friend **SPEWIER** 93

08.02.2020 WORDS SUMMER

A: 1 Noel Barrett; **2** Joanne Craig; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Tony Hunt 555; **HW** Karen Richards **PROCAINE** 149

B: 1 Paul Richards; **2** Ronnie Bennett; **3** Kerry Constable; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 547; **HW** Ivor Zetler **ROOFTOPS** 167

C: 1 Caroline Scowcroft; **2** Margaret Neal; **3** Lexie Neale; **HG** Caroline Scowcroft 493; **HW** Margaret Neal **CLEAVES** 105

D: 1 Gary Pollard; **2** Yvonne Edwards; **3** Sharon Sorensen; **HG** Norma Tracey 547; **HW** Yvonne Edwards **SNORKEL** 94

E: 1 Kara Eddington; **2** Pat Schuberg; **3** Margaret Berliner; **HG** Pat Schuberg 482; **HW** Kara Eddington **DARKIES** 108

F: 1 Sue Fullerton; **2** Alex Lam; **3** David Eddington; **HG** Liz Jackman 484; **HW** Alex Lam **CLARIES** 84

G: 1 Rodney Wallace; **2** Michael Adler; **3** Terry Horan; **HG** Terry Horan 461; **HW** Michael Adler **QUIDS** 93

H: 1 Liza Unity; **2** Anna Vu; **3** Louisa Doyle; **HG** Louisa Doyle 421; **HW** Liza Unity **OBLIQUE** 111

22.02.2020 MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER

A: 1 John Holgate; **2** Karen Richards; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Paul Richards 591; **HW** Natalie Taddy **BOXIEST** 113

B: 1 Sharon Sorensen; **2** John Barker; **3** Hanne Marks; **HG** Sue Fullerton 513; **HW** Janine Whittaker **ADVICES** 98

01.03.2020 Empire Bay Mini (1)

A: 1 Chris Ostrowski; **2** Colleen Birch; **3** John Barker; **HG** Chris Ostrowski 479; **HW** Monica Dwyer **QUADRATE** 104

B: 1 Norma Tracey; **2** Richard Birch; **3** Jan Chapman; **HG** Norma Tracey 617; **HW** Norma Tracey **INDITES** 94

C: 1 Neil Leow; **2** Veena Mohe; **3** Donna MacDonald; **HG** Neil Leow 432; **HW** Neil Leow **FLAVORS** 103

14.03.2020 Bomaderry

A: 1 Margaret Neal; **2** Hanne Marks; **3** Tony Hunt; **HG** Tony Hunt 529; **HW** Tony Hunt **SNIFFLES** 104

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C: 1 Terry Horan; **2** Julie Banister; **3** Brenda Sloane; **HG** Michael Adler 474; **HW** Kerri Friend **BINDERS** 94

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12.02.2020 Bethania Wed

ALL: 1 Paul Richards; **2** Olga Visser; **3** Jeanette Hansen; **HG** Karen Richards 528; **HW** Karen Richards **PUNCHING** 107

23.02.2020 Zephyr Fundraiser

ALL: 1 Paul Richards; **2** Glenys Logan; **3** Cameron Farlow; **HG** Vicki Russell 531; **HW** Karen Richards **QUINIES** 134

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08.02.2020 February Pub Tourney

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Larrie Strautmanis; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Michael Cameron 573; **HW** Michael Cameron **DINGERS** 111

B: 1 Wendi Symes; **2** Victoria Gates; **3** Julie Robins; **HG** Judy Mansfield 448; **HW** Victoria Gates **KAOLINE** 85

C: 1 Neal Whibley; **2** Baheej Al Kassem; **3** Louisa Atsas; **HG** Louisa Atsas 458; **HW** Neal Whibley **FORCEPS** 106

23.02.2020 Feb 4-4-4

OPEN: 1 Adam Kretschmer; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Michael Cameron; **HG** Michael Cameron 574; **HW** Neal Whibley **SIZABLE** 131

08.03.2020 SA Championship

OPEN: 1 Trevor Halsall; 2 Naween Fernando; 3 David Vanzyl; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 590; **HW** David Vanzyl **MORALISE** 131

TAS**15.03.2020 Kingston**

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Purcell; 2 Martin Rose; 3 Penny Wells; **HG** Stephen Mooney Purcell 573; **HW** Dawn Boyle **WHITTLER** 176

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A: 1 Carol Johnsen; 2 Naween Fernando; 3 Edward Okulicz; **HG** Carol Johnsen 519

B: 1 Angie Pearse; 2 Kris Howat; 3 John Rider; **HG** Noel Coulter 492

C: 1 Rob Hutchinson; 2 Dianne Gibson; 3 Glen Chandler; **HG** Christie Godby 483

D: 1 Michael Smitheram; 2 Glenys Dettmann; 3 Carol Mascitti; **HG** Glenys Dettmann 463

E: 1 Elize Plaganyi; 2 Jenny Kearney; 3 Ann Goodwin; **HG** Ann Goodwin 448

F: 1 Eileen Mills; 2 Elizabeth McKean; 3 Balada Catanchin; **HG** Elizabeth McKean 451

G: 1 Marisa Nuccitelli; 2 Norma Engel; 3 Michael Sacco; **HG** Norma Engel 435

23.02.2020 Generations 2020

A: 1 David Eldar; 2 Edward Okulicz; 3 Noel Coulter; **HG** David Eldar 567

29.02.2020 matchplay rd 1

A: 1 Andrew Fisher; 2 Carol Johnsen; **HG** Andrew Fisher 438

B: 1 Geoff Wright; 2 Christie Godby; **HG** Geoff Wright 443

C: 1 Ayorinde Saidu; 2 Rob York; **HG** Ayorinde Saidu 539

D: 1 Natasha Podesser; 2 Mohammed Hegazi; **HG** Natasha Podesser 531

E: 1 Anand Bharadwaj; 2 Angie Pearse; **HG** Anand Bharadwaj 578

F: 1 Nick Ivanovski; 2 Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 429

G: 1 Trevor Halsall; 2 Noel Coulter; **HG** Trevor Halsall 533

H: 1 Kashi Thiris; 2 Trish Magee; **HG** Kashi Thiris 465

29.02.2020 Sat Sess 2020B

A: 1 David Eldar; 2 Peter Kougi; 3 Anand Bharadwaj; **HG** Naween Fernando 524

B: 1 Mythili Rudra; 2 Natasha Podesser; 3 Geoff Wright; **HG** Mythili Rudra 540

C: 1 Noel Coulter; 2 Kris Howat; 3 Lainie Chojna; **HG** Noel Coulter 525

D: 1 John Parker; 2 Christie Godby; 3 Dianne Gibson; **HG** John Parker 541

E: 1 Glenys Dettmann; 2 Christiane McCann; 3 Ann Goodwin; **HG** Doreen Ivanovski 500

F: 1 Mohammed Hegazi; 2 Angie Winkler; 3 Elize Plaganyi; **HG** Mohammed Hegazi 431

G: 1 Lina Camilleri; 2 Faye Leeder; 3 Trish Magee; **HG** Faye Leeder 491

WA**02.02.2020 Feb Half AM**

A: 1 Tim Mason; 2 Howard Rayner; 3 Russell Honeybun; **HG** Susan Rayner 513; **HW** Howard Rayner **JOSTLED** 104

B: 1 Louise Love; 2 Judy Jones; 3 Faye Williams; **HG** Louise Love 485

C: 1 Jenni Henderson; 2 Carol Hudson; 3 Alan Mathews; **HG** Alan Mathews 475; **HW** Pauline Coulter **FAVOURS** 102

02.02.2020 Feb Half PM

A: 1 Tim Mason; 2 Russell Honeybun; 3 Geoff Shephard; **HG** Tim Mason 596; **HW** Louise Love **AQUILINE** 114

B: 1 Benjamin Lee; 2 Susan Rayner; 3 Faye Williams; **HG** Benjamin Lee 505; **HW** Anne Zion **GATHERS** 96

C: 1 Alan Mathews; 2 John Salmon; 3 Jane Walker; **HG** Jane Walker 496; **HW** Alan Mathews **WEAKLING** 88

D: 1 Maureen Gill; 2 Henry Yates; 3 Chris Sanders; **HG** Chris Sanders 464; **HW** Henry Yates **GLAZIER** 111

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All: 1 Howard Rayner; 2 Edie Mueller; 3 Anne Zion; **HG** Edie Mueller 523; **HW** Edie Mueller **PLAITERS** 140

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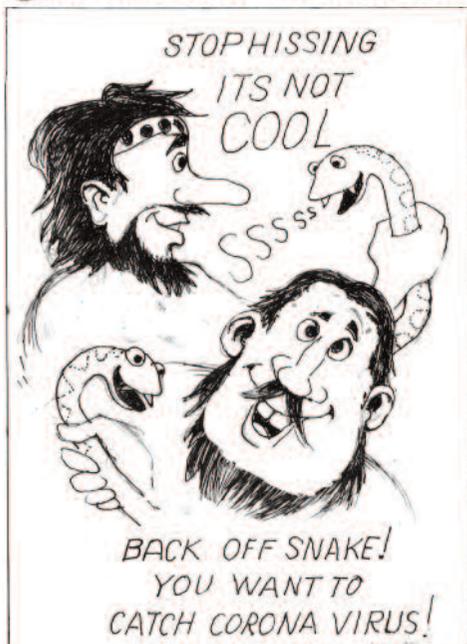


Here is an example of how we are now playing face to face Scrabble in the West!

The game was played at home a few weeks ago on a outdoor table approximately 2m x 2m in size (so meeting both the one person per 4 square metres and 1.5 metre social distancing rules) using a small demonstration board I have. The players are my mother, aunty (who both live in the same household) and my visiting sister so also met the gathering size restrictions that were in place at the time. As you see the game was played how our inventor envisaged it (with more than 2 players) rather than as 2 players games like we typically do.

Graham Bell, WA President

SNAKEBIT BEATNIKS



CRAZY ANAGRAMS by John Parker

Manx Champs Update

All being well for travel, the inaugural Manx Scrabble Championship has been postponed by one year and is booked to take place at the historic Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man on 8&9 May 2021. This will be an ABSP (British) and WESPA (world) rated tournament.

Please send expressions of interest to receive updates to manxscrabble@gmail.com.

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Scrabble during COVID19 - an evolution of online play Nick Ivanovski

There is a notable irony that Scrabble tournaments were one of the more early events to be postponed due to COVID19 only to find playing Scrabble (and board games in general) was one of the options promoted to help people through "lockdown".

As restrictions came in, limiting the number of people congregating inside downward, the last Scrabble tournaments were playing out in March; Victoria effectively ceased theirs in February with a foreshadowed tournament in the middle of March postponed in the final stages.

Tournament after tournament suddenly came and went; even the Nationals passed without being able to be run for the first time in 40 years.

This was a bitter pill to swallow.

Scrabble tournaments, whilst providing an outlet for playing a game we all love, are also a great opportunity for people to catch up generally - and one of the more graver consequences of restriction is the possibility of isolation without being able to take solace in a familiar outlet..

It was very early into proceedings, that the need for some Scrabble outlet was obvious.

The solution, thankfully, was equally as obvious. Provide an online version that people could play.

Online leagues are not new concepts - and many versions of them are prevalent around the world. Personally, I run two: one devoted exclusively to Victorian players and one devoted exclusively to Australian players. Mechanisms for providing an online Scrabble event were therefore easy to establish.

Scrabble, as something to do during the time of COVID, was also being recognised - so much so, that when Scrabble Victoria ran an advertisement looking for players, we received 20 enquiries from players in the state (four of those started playing in an online league tournament in May).

Indeed, the evolution of these tournaments was fascinating and what followed could

potentially have provided additional options for what we can offer once a "normal" returns.

The first of these commenced in late March and were designed around a "sit and go" experience. Players can play at their own pace rather than play in real time... but there was one small challenge ahead.

The mobile/tablet version of Scrabble was changing for the first time in 7 years, morphing from "Scrabble EA" to Scrabble Go. The differences between the two apps could not be as stark - yet there were underlying similarities in the Classic Mode of the latter, and it was this that formed the basis of an online tournament format that became very popular with those who have partaken in them.

To assist players to become familiar with how to navigate Scrabble Go, an adaptation from the workplace was introduced: enter Zoom.

On Anzac Day, 25 Scrabble players from around the country assembled to view a half hour session on how to get the most out of a new Scrabble app. As an app, there is the potential to be distracted by the side games and miss the fact that underneath it was a game of Scrabble familiar to many.



Not since the days of the ubiquitous Scrabulous in the late 2000s was there the opportunity to play an app where you did not have to be someone's friend on Facebook to play Scrabble with them. Indeed, now, you did not need to even be on Facebook to play an officially recognised Scrabble app.

During this time, there was some work done on how to incorporate Scrabble Go into real time events, like clubs and tournaments. Some great work done in NSW had two sets of tournaments for younger players across the country that showcased some of the possibilities on offer in a virtual "Scrabble hall".

Virtual tournaments are not new, but there aren't many that have been run using an app like Scrabble Go. At the start of May, when the TriState Challenge would have normally seen players congregate in Junee, 30 players stayed at home and played an 8 round Tri State with the Tournament room being in Google Hangouts.

This tournament, aside from being run in real time, was also run in TSH, using a format that meant that every round was a "live" rubber. No player would play someone from their home state, and, together with a chat room format in Google, provided an enjoyable tournament format. The event went from 10am, with a virtual check in, until just before 6pm.

The result went right down to the final games and, when Ronnie Bennett announced his victory in the final game, ACT emerged the victors from NSW as runners up and Victoria in third.

It was a great day for Scrabble.

Some time soon, we will return to more familiar situations: players turning up to play in a hall, face to face. The most enjoyable format of all.

Tri State Challenge 2020

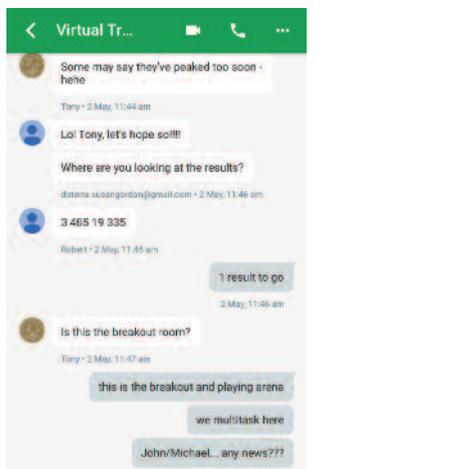
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2	7-1	+862	1354	1304	+48	98374082, NormaFisher (#6)	2W 457-305 #3
3	7-1	+282	1888	1848	+48	95181448, JohnHamilton (#4)	1W 379-332 #17
4	9-3	+668	1726	1888	-28	101417924, TomHunt (#1)	1W 478-278 #22
5	9-3	+592	1482	1848	+7	102834400, RonnieBennett (#13)	2W 423-372 #12
6	9-3	+332	1346	1316	+20	90614982, AngiePearse (#17)	2L 322-379 #4
7	9-3	+328	1848	1300	+6	90839398, Nick Ivanovski (#5)	1W 402-358 #14
8	9-3	+344	1887	1888	-10	101782842, Sobotzman (#3)	1L 305-457 #9
9	9-3	+222	1847	1308	+11	110867202, ChrisOstromo (#10)	1W 401-312 #28
10	9-3	+68	1050	1858	+52	104913316, AsherChinabra (#27)	1W 559-334 #10
11	9-3	+176	1820	1880	+10	97840258, MichaelSmitheram (#26)	2W 454-385 #13
12	85-10	+18	1332	1324	+8	119570246, GaryPollard (#18)	2T 424-424 #21
13	85-10	-9	1248	1410	+36	92784526, PaulMesser (#21)	2L 342-356 #29
14	8-4	+385	1834	1328	+8	115420140, NataschaPetersen (#7)	2L 361-388 #2
15	8-4	+236	1300	1980	+60	90839398, OscarIvanovski (#29)	2L 312-401 #16
16	8-4	+85	788	838	+48	101988826, JefferyLam (#8)	1W 358-342 #8
17	8-4	+84	1808	1481	-34	100855516, CarolJohnsen (#8)	2L 342-356 #29
18	8-4	+22	1352	1385	-27	92715498, JyotiChandra (#13)	1L 385-454 #26
19	8-4	+8	1322	1338	+30	98015474, VincentGuyen (#24)	2L 367-417 #15
20	8-4	-78	1824	1868	+24	102490282, AlexLam (#25)	2L 373-397 #10
21	8-4	-33	1370	1358	-12	99334242, GeoffShepherd (#15)	1W 417-367 #24
22	8-4	-305	1436	1300	-27	117887788, GregPinchbeck (#12)	1L 372-423 #11
23	8-4	-208	1208	1308	+30	90188918, LamineCrisna (#9)	2L 354-359 #27
24	9-5	-49	1383	1363	-20	104869858, SusanGordon (#23)	1W 452-288 #32
25	9-5	-18	1458	1482	+18	110834632, DianneDavis (#10)	1W 397-373 #25
26	9-5	-398	1238	1229	-23	92976866, JanineWhittaker (#20)	1W 429-340 #31
27	9-5	-287	1907	1367	-12	92658602, MargaretNeal (#14)	2L 358-402 #5
28	9-5	-932	1289	1389	-2	104005065, KivrajniTeammaging (#22)	2L 278-478 #1
29	3-5	-88	788	798	+28	107806750, PatrickHuynh (#3)	1W 420-340 #9
30	8-8	-840	1454	1351	-183	108502445, KashiThiras (#6)	2L 340-420 #30
31	8-8	-880	188	882	-18	104292600, NileshVahesan (#31)	2L 340-420 #20
32	8-8	-2897	880	880	-20	90370842, TonyQuinn (#32)	2L 388-452 #23

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But in the background, after a couple of months of experimentation, there lies another option, with a phone/tablet app that is an officially sanctioned application.

An option that someday, can be used to complement what we have always done, and attract more players to the game we love.

Nick Ivanovski



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The greatest distance we have travelled recently is around the area we live in order to get in our 10k steps per day.

As we go we reflect on the intrusion of words and phrases that have become everyday, possibly for the moment or permanently. Social Distancing, immunocompromised, asymptomatic, trajectory, incubate, intubate and the dreaded "positive".

We pass other walkers, dog walkers, joggers, cyclists getting their daily exercise. We pass at well over the 1.5m safe distance. Not even an elbow bump is considered safe these days.

Going to the supermarket is a different experience these days. We go once a week now rather than when we run out of milk. We make a shopping list and adhere to it (roughly). "Where shall I put these 14 bananas?"

Arriving at the supermarket we try to choose a park close to the trolley return station. We select our trolley, then with the provided wipes, we proceed to detail it as if we were going to sell it. I absolutely refuse to take photos of it against a dystopian background.

On the occasions we have gone shopping, there is generally plenty of the stuff we want. It was pointed out to me that because restaurants, pubs, cafes etc were shut down or had reduced operations, they were not buying produce in bulk so there was much more to be moved to the general public.

A lot of our friends are cruising tragics as we are. Missed out on one cruise because of family commitments. That ship yielded several cases of Covid-19.

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Having to date this as situation changes day by day. Group conferencing is becoming very vogue (and vague). CASPA AGM being organised via one platform. Vocational Teaching organisation uses another. The high level of understanding makes convening a meeting difficult.

Watching a steady stream of TV interviews by web cam, it is apparent that the background is important. If you are a corporate high flyer,

you don't want to have 3 days of dirty dishes in view. Or be in your pyjamas at 10 am.

People are learning to cook using things from the back of the cupboard. Use by dates have a mathematical equation applied. (When does pasta go off?). And the Ten-Second Rule (ok to eat something that falls to the floor if it is picked up within 10 Seconds) is now the Zero-Second Rule.

Didn't buy Hot Cross Buns on our last foray to the Supermarket. So got out the recipe book (google on iPad) and found a recipe. From memory, they are supposed to be light and fluffy. Mine turned out the complete opposite, and I don't mean Cold Calm Buns, more like doorstops. I wouldn't want to get hit in the head by one.

We have a disproportionate number of friends or acquaintances testing positive. Neighbour is out of ICU today, Ruby Princess passenger. Good news indeed.

Commentators take small comfort that the rate in increase is getting smaller. An increase still.

Cruise companies still sending promo emails. As are airlines and holiday destinations.

Good Friday

Getting ready for virtual AGM with CASPA Officers and State Presidents. We had a dummy run earlier in the week. I think we have the basis for a decent sitcom.

Easter Monday

A bit of a routine. Coffee, catch up on FB, (drivel mostly), make Scrabble moves on iPad, (hoping it doesn't disappear today), Read online SMH, Breakfast, Sudoku, Cryptic Crossword. Rearrange shed, rearrange vege patch. Three games face to face Scrabble. Walk aiming at 10,000 steps. Dinner, Netflix (at the end of 12 episodes of a binge watch, we find out who did it — but can't remember what they did).

Still some shed work to do and when this is all over it will be a different world, some good, some not so good, but at least it will be a neater and tidier world.

Words **ENCOUNTERED** (1 - an obvious front hook) on the labels of **CONTAINERS** (2 – one of four anagrams) in my refrigerator **INCLUDE** (3) sweetener **ERYTHRITOL** - “ a sweet crystalline compound extracted from certain algae and lichens and used in medicine to dilate the blood vessels of the heart” : I live and learn!!

From the same label I learn of acidity regulators, in this bottle,” **FUMARIC** acid, potassium **CITRATE** (4 – one of three anagrams) , **MALIC** (5 – anagram and end hook?) acid”; another sweetener, *steviol **GLYCOSIDES** is listed: as a **GLYCOSIDE** is “any of a group of compounds derived from

MONOSACCHARIDES”, I wonder about the grammatical accuracy of sweetener/ glycosides - I think I'll go pour me a glass of Low Sugar Cranberry ...10 calories per serving – even though I detest the flavour of **STEVIA** (6 anagram?)

- 1) **RENCOUNTERED**
- 2) **CRENATIONS, NARCOTINES, SANCTIONER –S**
- 3) **NUCLIDE –S**
- 4) **ATRETTIC, S- CATTIER**
- 5) **CLAIM –S, MALICE.**
- 6) **SATIVE**

SNIPPETS

Anagram Announcement

CARNIVOROUS – TENTATION. PEKE SCOLIA DANCIENT LURES. SHAW SHAND. GOUCH DAN NEEZES OINT ETH BOWEL.

*Jane Brown
3 April 2020*

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KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE RULES.
WASH HANDS.
COUGH AND SNEEZE INTO THE ELBOW**

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Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 6 April 2020

1	David Eldar	2124	68	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1466	135	Benjamin Lee	1314
2	Andrew Fisher	2026	69	Mark Smith	1464	136	David More	1311
3	Chris May	1985	70	Tony Loui	1460	137	Hanne Marks	1310
4	Peter Kougi	1966	71	Kashi Thiris	1457	138	Lainie Chojna	1308
5	Cameron Farlow	1929	72	Phillip Hamilton	1453	139	Noel Coulter	1306
6	Edward Okulicz	1919	73	Peter Shaw	1452	140	Jenny Brysha	1304
7	Esther Perrins	1919	74	Dianne Davis	1450	141	Natalie Tadday	1302
8	Naween Fernando	1918	75	Alex Boiko	1449	142	John Barker	1292
9	Anand Bharadwaj	1913	76	Khen Meerding	1448	143	John Rider	1292
10	Trevor Halsall	1901	77	Anne McGinnes	1446	144	Sharon Sorensen	1291
11	Jakob Teitelbaum	1897	78	Alan Burn	1445	145	Sue Gergeliffi	1290
12	Joanne Craig	1853	79	Margaret Neal	1444	146	June Valentine	1283
13	Michael Cameron	1834	80	Michael Vnuk	1443	147	Anne Schick	1280
14	Daniel Piechnick	1824	81	Julie Brice	1437	148	Gary Pollard	1278
15	Ryan Sutton	1765	82	Ronnie Bennett	1433	149	Lorraine Thomas	1276
16	David Vanzyl	1753	83	Jon Ford-King	1433	150	Cheryle Jerram	1276
17	Graham Bell	1738	84	Julie Belle	1430	151	Lynn Weaver	1275
18	Rael Hayman	1735	85	Ivor Zetler	1421	152	Rhonda Rickard	1272
19	Ron Baginski	1724	86	Greg Pinchbeck	1416	153	Rod Casey	1271
20	Mythili Rudra	1715	87	Jyoti Chandna	1412	154	Larrie Strautmanis	1271
21	Wayne Jones	1713	88	Adam Kauschke	1411	155	Jacqui Pearce	1267
22	Derek McKenzie	1703	89	Chris Scholten	1409	156	Karrin Henderson	1264
23	Jimmy Scarff	1699	90	Sheryl Davidson	1408	157	Susan MacGillivray	1264
24	John Holgate	1698	91	Antonios Syrigos	1404	158	Tracey Kneebone	1263
25	Trevor Tao	1698	92	Gwen Lampre	1403	159	Judy Jones	1262
26	Tony Hunt	1696	93	Kerry Constable	1397	160	Teresa Dean	1260
27	Geoff Wright	1688	94	Therese Nichols	1395	161	Felicity Devitt	1260
28	Rod Talbot	1686	95	Margaret Webb	1395	162	Janine Whittaker	1259
29	Tim Mason	1685	96	Carolyn Watt	1394	163	Deborah Dwyer	1259
30	Russell Honeybun	1684	97	Barry Harridge	1391	164	Rob Hutchinson	1256
31	Victor Tung	1674	98	Olga Visser	1380	165	Shaun Donnelly	1256
32	Simon Walton	1673	99	Geoff Shepheard	1379	166	Glenys Logan	1255
33	Carmel Dodd	1667	100	Martin Waterworth	1377	167	Carol Colwill	1255
34	Bob Jackman	1653	101	Shirley de <i>Silva</i>	1374	168	Richard Birch	1254
35	Andrew Hamblin	1651	102	Malcolm McAnulty	1372	169	Jan Hill	1253
36	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1641	103	Liz Blanch	1370	170	Robin Andersen	1251
37	Helen Hynes	1635	104	Gillian Kinder	1369	171	Margaret Gibson	1251
38	Rocky Sharma	1627	105	Chris Ostrowski	1365	172	Ian Hoffman	1246
39	Karen Richards	1623	106	Pam Bennett	1365	173	Francoise Finlayson	1244
40	Adam Kretschmer	1608	107	Ros Wilkinson	1361	174	Sue Quirke	1244
41	John Hamilton	1608	108	David Lemish	1358	175	Robyn Cameron	1243
42	Noel Barrett	1605	109	Trish Reynolds	1357	176	Joyce Browett	1241
43	Nick Ivanovski	1605	110	Monica Dwyer	1354	177	Bernice Jonathan	1238
44	John Spaan	1595	111	Colleen Birch	1350	178	Christie Godby	1235
45	Tony Miller	1589	112	Louise Love	1350	179	Rowena Vnuk	1234
46	Chris Hall	1588	113	Charles Quartey	1350	180	Frank Csarics	1233
47	Graeme Lock Lee	1584	114	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1349	181	John Hayes	1233
48	Natasha Possesser	1566	115	Keith Bioletti	1349	182	Marc Hudson	1233
49	Norma Fisher	1565	116	Lexie Neale	1347	183	Julie Pampling	1232
50	Eddie Mueller	1556	117	Lindy Lawson	1345	184	Sylvia Galloway	1227
51	Jane Taylor	1554	118	Anne Zion	1339	185	Jenny Schafer	1224
52	Antony Kimber	1553	119	Keri Heart	1335	186	Moana Nepia	1222
53	Paul Richards	1546	120	Katie Rowe	1334	187	Norma Tracey	1219
54	Lois Binnie	1541	121	Margaret Griggs	1331	188	Yvette Copley	1219
55	Barry Jordan	1541	122	Susan Rayner	1331	189	Janet Bau	1218
56	Roberta Tait	1539	123	Angie Pearse	1330	190	Yvonne Edwards	1216
57	Ian Ting	1537	124	Kris Howat	1326	191	Rob York	1216
58	Heather Long	1521	125	Trish Windhurst	1325	192	Anne Stewart	1213
59	Dianne Ward	1517	126	Hailey Sutton	1325	193	Rhona Kenyon	1213
60	Carol Johnsen	1504	127	Neil Leow	1325	194	Jean Noonan	1210
61	Ray Alford	1497	128	Tony Williams	1324	195	Paula Messer	1209
62	Martin Rose	1491	129	Boots Moon	1323	196	Sandra Masel	1207
63	Garth van <i>Viet</i>	1486	130	Faye Williams	1321	197	Nancy Sparling	1207
64	Dianne Brumby	1484	131	Marj Miller	1317	198	Mal Eden	1206
65	Jane Brown	1477	132	Tim Reddan	1317	199	Diane Stoyan	1206
66	Jeremy Yip	1476	133	Penny Wells	1317	200	Pam Thomas	1198
67	Trish Brighton	1468	134	Arnold Appelfhof	1316			

I was originally going to continue our Seven Up Series covering past Australian Scrabble Championships held in Queensland. Needing a Plan “B” after the 2020 event in Southport was cancelled, I travelled a further 20km or so north to Dreamworld; the perfect spot to cover our Fantasy Scrabble (Dream Team) Competitions instead.

Held between 2014 – 2019 in conjunction with the Australian Scrabble Championship players select a “dream team” of six players, consisting of three Championship players and three Plate entrants with teams having no more than one player from the same state or territory and a total rating of 8,000 points or less.

A total of 127 players have participated in past Australian Championship dream team competitions, with 11 having entered all six previous events. Past winners shown in the “Hall of Fame” below may not necessarily be the best players in Australia; but they can lay claim to being the best talent scouts!

Hall of Fame - National Championships

2014	Stephen Mooney-Pursell
2015	Yeo Kian Hung
2016	Louise Love
2017	Victor Tung
2018	Antony Kimber
2019	Pam Bennett

Our all-time top three players as measured by total wins are Esther Perrins (NSW), followed by Russell Honeybun (WA) and Adam Kretschmer (SA). Thirty players have participated in at least four competitions and from this group here is my all-time “dream team” of talent scouts:

State	Division	Player	Rating
TAS	Champs	Stephen Mooney-Pursell	1641
ACT	Champs	John Hamilton	1608
WA	Champs	Russell Honeybun	1684
SA	Plate	Gina Jordan	940
NSW	Plate	Jacky Booth	797
QLD	Plate	Karrin Henderson	1264
Cumulative Ratings			7934

For my Championship players Stephen Mooney-Pursell picks himself as the 2014 National dream team champion and winner of a similar 2015 Australian Masters/State Team Challenge competition. John Hamilton warrants selection for both organising the event and as the #5 player on the all-time list. Russell Honeybun’s 2nd place on the all-time list and our 2017 Australian Champion made him another perfect choice.

For my Plate players Gina Jordan’s potential is clear with over 300 dream team wins and a rating that has impressively risen from 500 in 2014 to 940 in 2019. Jacky Booth has a 500-point game with a rating under 800 which offers excellent value, while Karrin Henderson has over 3,000 tournament games behind her with a 600+ high game; exceptional experience to help identify talent!

Graham Bell

Karen Richards is always keen to upskill junior players so she has put together this tutorial on Zyzzyva Cardbox study. Seasoned players can also peer over her shoulder to see how it is done – published here as a supplement to ATB with thanks to Karen.

In 2009, I watched youngsters competing in the World Youth Scrabble Championship and was struck by the number of players using high probability, but relatively obscure, words like ETAERIO and ANORETIC. Obviously, they had started more focused study (many of them on a computer), and the standard of play has been improving ever since. For most people, a small amount of orderly study, starting with high-probability words, will raise your tournament rating by 200 points. Adding one additional high-scoring move per game is often all you need to win. I introduced Anand Bharadwaj to Cardbox, aged 9, and he became World Youth Scrabble Champion aged 11 - an incredible feat, and I am certain Cardbox played a role.

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People learn differently, so you need to choose what works best for you – some people prefer printed lists, some make up stories using weird words, some play multiple computer games, and write down new words they learn there etc. Approximately 80% find Cardbox useful. The beauty of Cardbox is that you do not spend time learning what you already know.

I overlearn words, so that I do not transpose letters/confuse with other words. If I cannot see it within 2 seconds, I mark it as “missed”. In a game, you do not want to spend ages looking for a simple word, because you need to spend time thinking about the strategy side as well.

Firstly – what is Cardbox?

In the “olden” days, we wrote a group of letters on one side of a business card, with all possible anagrams on the reverse. We tested ourselves. If we found all valid words, this card went into the “got it” pile, and we ended up with a set of “don’t know” cards - the “active study” pile. Zyzzyva Cardbox works similarly, only better. If you solve the puzzle once, it moves it from Cardbox 0 to Cardbox 1, and you will not see it again for about 3 days. After 3 days, if you get it right again, it moves to Cardbox 2, and you will not see it for about 10 days. After you find the words correctly a number of times (consecutively) it stretches out the frequency of revision, so you will not see it again for 18 months (These parameters can be adjusted. Alastair found that was too infrequent, and changed it to 6 months maximum)

What device do I need for Cardbox?

It only works on a desktop or laptop (Windows or Mac). Sadly, there is no equivalent on other devices. Whilst there are ways to study on other devices, for me, they are inferior – Zyzzyva does it all, from the structured memorisation, to the inclusion of hooks, alternative spellings, meanings etc - all things which can help difficult words to stick.

Xerafin is an online option (based on the same principals as Cardbox Zyzzyva, but you need to study online). You can integrate your offline Cardbox into Xerafin, and practice online.

What words are in a Cardbox?

A Cardbox is individual - You cannot share with anyone else (if two people are using the same computer, you *can* log in as different users, and download it twice). What goes into a Cardbox, is what you feel you need to know. Maybe you have trouble with a vowel-heavy rack, so you might like to

study all the words with 5 or 6 vowels, up to 8 letters. Or maybe you do not know the 5-letter words starting with X. Add what *you* want to study, but do not add too much at once. This is the biggest mistake players make.

How do I study using Cardbox?

You study offline (after first downloading it from Collins Dictionary website). Ideally, spend a regular time at the computer, say 10 to 30 minutes daily (or every second day). Like learning to play a musical instrument - if you practice for 10 minutes every day, you learn better than having a 3-hour session once a week. It “trains your brain” to find words quickly.

Is there a suggested order to add words to Cardbox?

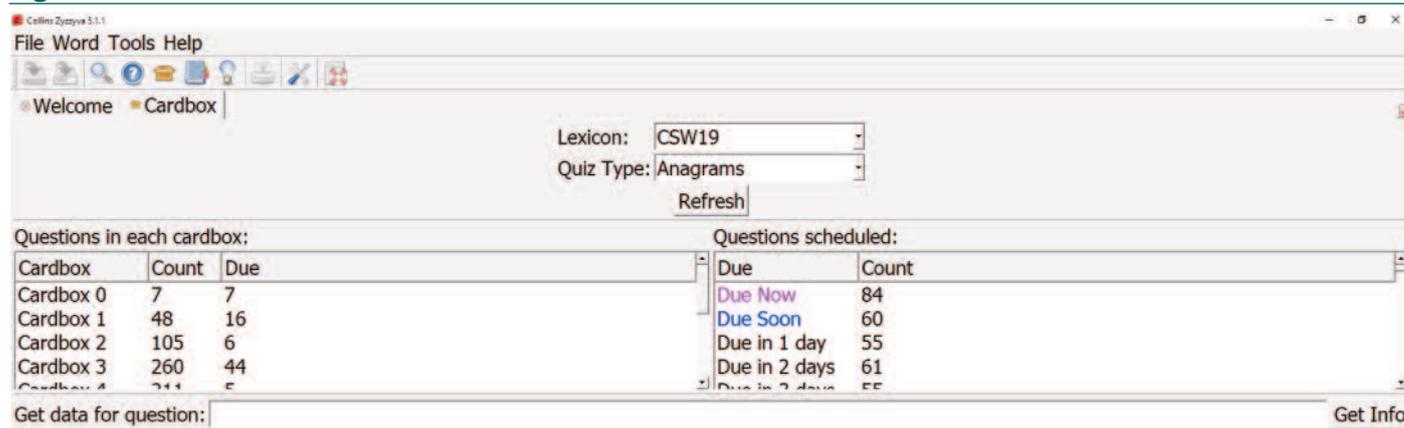
Alastair devised the following as a guide only (first 6 to 12 months):

- **OTARINE** + 1
- **RETAINS** + 1
- Hooks for twos – e.g. PATTERN *AA and AA* (can use the separate Hook Cardbox function)
- Add all 7s with a probability of 1 to 50 plus all 8’s with a probability of 1 to 100.
- All words which are only vowels, and all 3’s which are only consonants.
- All 7’s with a probability of 51 to 100 plus all 8’s with a probability of 101 to 200.
- All 3’s with a Q, X, J or Z
- All 5s ending with X ????X
- All 5s with Z in fourth position ???Z?
- All 7s with a probability of 101 to 150 plus all 8s with probability of 201 to 300
- All remaining 3s
- All 5s with 4 vowels
- Remainder of the all-consonant words (i.e. 4 to 9 letters).
- All 7s with a probability of 151 to 200 plus all 8s with probability of 301 to 400.
- Add some more sets if desired, e.g. SATIRE + 1, TISANE + 1
- Gradually increase 7s and 8s, in roughly the proportion 1:2, according to probability.

Whilst this is obviously aimed at beginners, it gives you some idea of the balance you should be having, between useful short words, and bonuses, e.g. start with twice as many 8s as 7s. If you are not emptying your Cardbox every time you do it, then you have too many words in it, and it will not work as it is designed to do.

What are the different Cardboxes?

When you add more words into Cardbox, they will be randomly mixed with the existing pool, so that a study session might have a mix of words started with X, plus words with no vowels, plus bonuses. The different Cardboxes labelled 1, 2, 3 etc indicate how many times, consecutively, you have answered correctly, so Cardbox 4 means 4 correct tests in a row.

Fig. 1

(In the above example [Fig. 1], the player has 84 letter combinations to test today, 7 of which he failed last time he tried, 16 of which he found the last time he tried, 6 of which he has found correctly the last twice, and 44 of which he has answered correctly 3 times in a row.)

However, there is a separate type of Cardbox you can use, which is the HOOK Cardbox. This works by adding, for instance, all the 2s as patterns, and then testing on front and back hooks. If you tried to do this with the normal Cardbox, you would have silly things like having to solve AA, rather than focusing on what goes in front and behind AA.

To set up and find your Cardbox:

Get Zyzzyva

Firstly, get Zyzzyva (needs internet for initial download)

Go to Collins dictionary website

Look for "Scrabble Tools"

Find Zyzzyva.

Choose what type of operating system you have on your computer. (If you do not know whether your computer uses 32 or 64 bits, try 32 if it is very old, or 64 for newer computers – if it does not download, then use the other option)

Choose the dictionary - CSW 19

7. Download

(*If you find that you have no meanings, alternative spellings etc, you have not correctly created the dictionary, and still need to do so – that can take up to 20 minutes. However, you will still be able to use Zyzzyva for adjudication.)

Set up your personal Cardbox

Decide what is a priority for you. I will use, as an example, the set **OTARINE**+1 (highest probability 8s, and only a small group to learn first)

Create a list of those words: Open Zyzzyva, click on SEARCH (or the magnifying glass) There is a box, with anagram next to it.

Type in **OTARINE**. or **OTARINE?** (note that either "." or "?" can be used to indicate a blank)

Hit SEARCH

You should now have a list of 31 words (12 different anagrams)

On the large screen with all the words and meaning, *right* click your mouse anywhere on the right of this screen, and you will get a dropdown menu showing 6 options, including PRINT LIST. The option you need to choose is called ADD LIST TO CARDBOX. Click on that.

You will now get a confirmation box showing what you are about to add to Cardbox (i.e. 31 words). At the bottom, click OK. You now have 12 questions in your Cardbox.

These steps need to be done only once. If you later add an overlapping list, e.g. 50 highest probability 8s, it will not affect the original list. You will not have double entries, e.g. for **AERATION**.

Access your Cardbox (offline) – should be done regularly!

Open QUIZ or click on the ? (question mark)

The third box says STANDARD. If you click on arrow to the right, you will see a dropdown menu with Cardbox. Choose Cardbox.

Then check OK at the bottom.

You need to do this step every time you want to study.

If you have done this correctly, you will have some anagrams to test – it should show, bottom left, that you have 12 questions.

Work your way through these, by typing in answers you know, then CHECK ANSWERS for those you do not know. If you get them correct, they will tell you that the next time you will be tested will be 3, 4, or 5 days. If you get it wrong, it will show 1 day.

Continue until you have answered all questions, then come back tomorrow, when you will have fewer to solve. Maybe add a few more, if you think you can cope (i.e. you can empty it every day)

OPTIONS:

Rescheduling: If you leave your study for a few days, or weeks, and come back to an overwhelming number of questions, it is best to just move all questions forward a number of days (e.g. if you missed 20 days, more than back 20 days). To do this, choose TOOLS at the top, and select Reschedule Cardbox Contents – then choose to reschedule by this many days, e.g. 20. If you have worked through them fast, and need more questions, you can bring them forward, e.g. choose "shift words so this many are ready now", and then add, say, 100 – in the same area (Tools).

FLASHCARDS:

Because I am a lousy typist, the typing option is too slow for me. Therefore, I use FLASHCARD mode on the bottom left of the screen where your actual questions come up. This way, you can just mark as Missed, if you cannot recall all combos quickly. (To move very fast, keep one finger on the ENTER key, and one on the M key, for "Missed")

Updating your Cardbox:

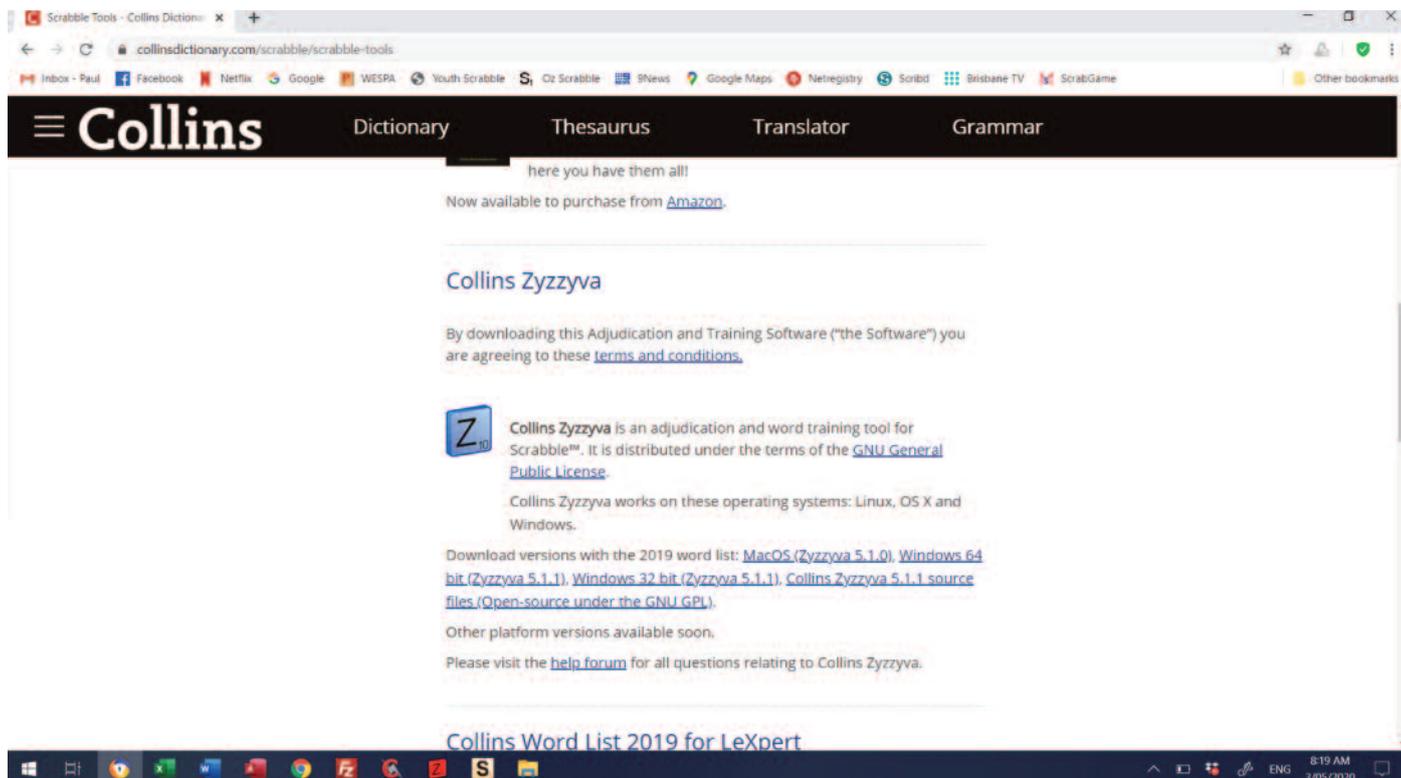
When there are not enough words each day, add some more. For the average person, best to add between 50 to 100 at once, then add more a few days later if all is under control. I add to my Cardbox after each tournament – words that I have missed during a game, or interesting words that my opponent has played. I have already half-learned these, so a few more exposures in Cardbox, and I will have them for life.

You need to play around with all the options shown in the dropdown menu – for instance, to get a list of words without vowels, choose "number of vowels is 0", always check the words lengths (e.g. if you want 8 letter words, put both minimum and maximum as 8). You can be specific, e.g. to find 5-letter words starting in **X**, you chose Pattern, then **X....** or **X????** If you want some fun, you can look for things like all words ending in **MAN**, by choosing Pattern ***MAN** or **?????MAN** (if you only want 8 letter words). If you use

asterisk symbol *, it will find every single word, from 4 letters to 15, which end in **MAN**.

I hope this helps to unravel the mystery. Once you master this, you will find Cardbox an excellent structured way to study!

Karen Richards



Michael Vnuk (a past editor of ATB) has been busy compiling 40 teasers. These have appeared on the OzScrabble List at the rate of one per day and the first 20 are now published here as a supplement to ATB with thanks to Michael. Final 20 next edition.

40-0 April 12

Although the subject line looks like a tennis score, it's not what's happening here. The number indicates the **ZEROTH** (yes, that is a word) post in a series of 40 over 40 days. The first post is numbered '40-1', then '40-2', and so on, which will help you find them or ignore them, depending on your preference.

Our current period of isolation reminded me that **QUARANTINE** is derived from the Italian word for 'forty' – the number of days that a ship had to remain outside a port to prevent disease being transferred on landing – so a series of 40 posts seemed apt now. It will give me something to do, and, hopefully, it will provide some distraction for readers. Perhaps our isolation will be over before my series finishes.

The puzzles and questions are of variable difficulty, length and interest.

Some puzzles may have hints, which will be mentioned in the question and then included in the answers.

All answers will be checked as far as possible. In the case of answers concerning words allowed in Scrabble, I will use Zyzzyva with CSW19.

The number in the post's title will not necessarily be related to the puzzle or its answer.

Some of the puzzles may be familiar, either because I am recycling them from my previous posts or ATB articles, or because I have taken them from another place that you have seen.

Michael Vnuk ~ 12 April 2020

40-1 April 13

Let's start with a quick puzzle.

NINETIES has an anagram. What is it?

Hint 1: Are you smart enough to get it?

Hint 2: It starts with E.

40-2 April 14

What number (in the standard counting numbers) has the same number of letters in its name as its value?

40-3 April 15

Which of the numbers from **ONE** to **TEN** has the most anagrams for its name?

40-4 April 16

43 words ending in **-ILLION** are allowed in Scrabble, many of which are related to numbers. The alphabetical list below excludes all the non-number words and the few number words that start with **MULTI-**. The remaining number words are of two types:

Actual number names that have accepted uses and positions in the counting system fictional number and names that are not part of the counting system and are used for exaggeration or humour or other purposes.

Which number names in the list are fictional?

BAJILLION	BAZILLION
BILLION	CENTILLION
DECILLION	DUODECILLION
GAZILLION	GILLION
GRILLION	JILLION
KAZILLION	MILLION
NONILLION	NOVEMDECILLION
OCTILLION	OCTODECILLION
QUADRILLION	QUINDECILLION
QUINTILLION	SEPTENDECILLION
SEPTILLION	SEXDECILLION
SEXTILLION	SQUILLION
TREDECILLION	TRILLION
UNDECILLION	VIGINTILLION
ZILLION	

40-5 April 17

What is the anagram for each of the following 8-letter combinations? None of the words are obscure.

ONE+TRIED, TWO+BOARS, THREE+VAW, FOUR+LYES, FIVE+HERS, SIX+ALGAE, SEVEN+LAD, EIGHT+RAP, NINE+BLAW, TEN+RADAR

40-6 April 18

I recall a book from my childhood that had some rhymes to help remember important events from history. I can only dredge two items from my memory:

*In fourteen hundred and ninety-two,
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
In sixteen hundred and sixty-six,
London burnt like rotten sticks.*

What is special about the number 1666, apart from being the year of the Great Fire of London?

40-7 April 19

Which standard number name, when written with Scrabble tiles, has a face value equal to its numerical value?

For this question, no blanks are allowed. Also, ignore any hyphenated numbers, such as TWENTY-ONE.

40-8 April 20

Oarsome Foursome, is the widely used nickname for the Australian men's rowing coxless four crew.

OARSOME*, which is not allowed in Scrabble, is a play on **AWESOME**, as the two words sound the same in Australian English because we don't pronounce the **R** in 'oarsome'. **FOURSOME** is allowed in Scrabble.

So let's look at some **-SOME** words and there are 161 **-SOME** words allowed in Scrabble.

Some of the **-SOME** words are biological. For these words, the **-SOME** is pronounced to rhyme with 'dome', and it means 'body' (from Greek, via Latin). For example, the well-known **CHROMOSOMES** are little bodies within cells that can be strongly stained by certain dyes (hence the **CHROMO-** part).

There is also the delightful word **MESOSOME**, which is notable for some unusual, although not unique, reasons: the first half is an anagram of the second half; the first two pairs of letters are swapped to form the second half of the word; any pair of adjacent letters in the word makes an allowable 2-letter word (when reading in the usual direction); and the word can be sung as notes (me-so-so-me - **ME** is a variant spelling of the note **MI**, and **SO** is a variant spelling of the note **SOH**).

Some of the **-SOME** words (in fact, most of them) refer to a quality characterised by a certain thing, state or action, eg **BOTHERSOME, FLAVOURSOME, QUARRELSOME, WEARISOME**. The -

SOME is originally from Old English or older, and is pronounced 'suhm' with a reduced vowel.

And some of the -SOME words denote groups, often of people. The -SOME is pronounced the same as in the previous paragraph, and is a special use of the word 'some'.

Which leads (finally!) to the question: Besides **FOUR**, what other numbers (between **ONE** and **TEN**) can go before SOME?

40-9 April 21

What is the next letter in this sequence?

O N E T W H R F U I V S X G

40-10 April 22

Which of the number names from **ONE** to **TEN** can make the most bonus words by placing 7 tiles around it?

The 7 tiles can be added at the front or the back or at both ends. Examples, with the number word underlined:

adding 7 tiles to the front of **ONE** makes **GRINDSTONE**

adding 7 tiles to the back of **SIX** makes **SIXTEENTHS**

adding 7 tiles to the front and back of **EIGHT** makes **WEIGHTLIFTER**.

40-11 April 23

What is the first counting number (ie starting at **ONE**, and allowing hyphenated and multiword forms) that contains the letter **A**?

4-12 April 24

When I was growing up in Adelaide in the 1960s, a special treat for, say, a birthday party, was what we called 'hundreds and thousands sandwiches'. It wasn't until some years later that I heard these delights being called 'fairy bread'. I don't know why I hadn't encountered the term 'fairy bread', because most sources think that the term originated in Australia several decades before I was born.

Anyway, as most of you probably know, the ingredients for fairy bread are simple: bread, butter, and hundreds and thousands. In my understanding, the bread has to be white. Using brown bread or grain bread or some sort of artisanal sourdough bread made from stoneground flour would be like serving the finest wine in a chipped jam jar – some of the magic is lost.

The theme of today's puzzles is, of course, HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS.

1. **THOUSAND** has an anagram. What is it?
2. Because **HUNDRED** and **THOUSAND** are already longish words, I can't ask about 7-letter and 8-letter bonus words, so here are some longer sets of letters. What is the anagram for each set? I have tried to avoid really obscure words.

HUNDRED+AD+E
HUNDRED+BIT+R
HUNDRED+WEIGHT
HUNDRED+RAG+TAG
HUNDRED+LO+F
HUNDRED+ELM+WE
HUNDRED+GIS
HUNDRED+OE
HUNDRED+IS+OO
HUNDRED+C+E
THOUSAND+WARM+G
THOUSAND+SPICE+IT
THOUSAND+IRE+U
THOUSAND+LI

3. The final set of letters to anagram comes as two versions, **HUNDRED+GOATS** or **THOUSAND+DREG**, but there is only one answer.

40-13 April 25

I, for one, like Roman numerals

(I wish I could remember where I read the clever heading, so that I can credit the author.)

Roman numerals are clumsy for doing maths, but are common enough – for example, in historical texts, on clocks, in

inscriptions, in lists – that we need to know how to read and write them. There are numerous variations for writing Roman numerals (see Wikipedia,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_numerals). However, the standard rules appear to be the following:

Only 7 different symbols are used, being the following uppercase letters, each with a specific value:

I = 1; **V** = 5; **X** = 10; **L** = 50; **C** = 100; **D** = 500; **M** = 1000

A number is represented by breaking it into components and using the simplest number of letters, written in order from largest to smallest. Thus 2706 is MMDCCVI. Note how 6 has been simplified to VI, rather than IIIII. (Note also, that what would be a zero in our system is effectively ignored.)

The Romans had a space-saving trick for some numbers. Rather than writing IIII, they wrote IV, where a smaller number in front of a bigger number means 'subtract the first from the second'. Thus IV = V - I (4 = 5 - 1). In the standard rules, only certain combinations using this subtractive concept are allowed:

IV = 4; **IX** = 9; **XL** = 40; **XC** = 90; **CD** = 400; **CM** = 900

Confusion arises because some people generalise the subtractive concept to more combinations. For instance, they write 99 as IC, when the standard rules require XCIX; or they write 1990 as MXM, when it should be MCMXC.

An effect of this subtractive concept is that no more than 3 letters in a row are allowed.

And those seem to be the standard rules. Extra lines or bars or letters have been proposed for representing large numbers, but are not standard.

Some of you may be wondering why clocks with Roman numerals usually show IIII (for 4), when we would be expecting IV according to the standard rules. It seems to be just a well-established variant.

And if you think the subtractive concept for numbers is a bit awkward or odd, then have a look at the Roman calendar, where most days were described in reference to how many days they were before a special day of the month (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_calendar).

Here are some questions.

(I have numbered the questions with Roman numerals, in keeping with today's theme, but note that I have used lowercase, as this is a well-established and preferred variant for lists.)

- (i) What standard Roman number is the largest in value?
- (ii) What standard Roman number has the most characters?
- (iii) What is the longest Scrabble word that is also a valid Roman number? (In fact, there are only 8 words to consider.)



- (iv) What allowable Scrabble word that is also a valid Roman number has the highest numerical value?
- (v) Ignoring whether or not a word forms a valid Roman number, what is the longest allowable Scrabble word that uses any combination of the seven standard symbols? (Repeats are allowed; not all symbols need to appear; order doesn't matter.)
- (vi) As for (v), but this time what allowable Scrabble word uses the most different Roman symbols? (For example, LI, ILL and LILL all use only 2 different symbols each.)
- (vii) When I was in Europe in MCMXCVII (1997), I saw a few inscriptions in which some of the letters were emphasised, such as being larger or in a different colour. This disturbed my editor's requirements for consistency. I later found out that the emphasised letters comprised only the 7 Roman numerals and that they were meant to be rearranged to form a date.

Here is a short example that I found on Wikipedia: 'ChristVs DuX ergo trIVMphVs' ('Christ the Leader, so a triumph') is on a coin struck by Gustavus Adolphus. In this case, the uppercase letters are (in order) CIVDXIVMV, which can be rearranged to give MDCXVII or 1627, the year that the coin was struck. (I wish I could find an image of the coin to prove it.) Note that the symbols add up to the year, not that they form the year, which would be MDCXXVII in the standard notation. Note also that they 'cheated' and rendered U as V, but not in every case. I don't understand all the complexities of how U and V could be interchanged in older writing, but it gave them some flexibility. (Other types of coding or conventions can also apply to how to construct or interpret these sorts of inscriptions. For instance, one version keeps the letters in correct order, so rearranging is not necessary. Another version requires every word to contain a numeral. Some inscriptions stick to poetic forms. And so on.)

There is a name for a sentence or inscription (regardless of language or writing system or number system) in which specific letters, interpreted as numerals, stand for a particular date when rearranged. I had forgotten the name, but the wonders of Google allowed me to find it again using a simple search. What is the name for such a sentence or inscription? The word is allowed in Scrabble.

Editor's Note:

An Ogden Nash short poem written in 1969 goes:

*"We have met the Sassenachs and they are ours;
even the year is now McMLXIX"*

40-14 April 26

Front hooks for the number words ONE to TEN are restricted to three numbers:

ONE has 13 front hooks.

EIGHT has 3 front hooks.

TEN has 2 front hooks.

Can you find all 18 words?

By 'front hook', I mean a single letter that can be added to the beginning of a word, such that the whole new word is also valid. A 'back hook' or 'end hook' is similar but goes at the end of a word. The 'hook' part suggests the use. Not only can we add a letter to the front (or the end) of a word on a Scrabble board, but the added letter can be part of a word itself and we have 'hooked' it to the original word. We then count a score for two words, not just one.

For the front hooks of **ONE** (for example), we are looking for all the words with the pattern **?ONE**.

40-15 April 27

Rowena played **FOLD** against me a few days ago. Unfortunately, there was no space to build at the front of the word. If there had been space, there are 51 words that end with **-FOLD**, and many of them are related to numbers.

Here is a twofold question.

For the first part, what number names from **ONE** to **HUNDRED** can be placed in front of **FOLD** to make allowable Scrabble words? Ignore hyphenated numbers (such as 'forty-two'), which can't be played in Scrabble, even if they are listed in a relevant dictionary.

For the second part, which of the allowed words can take an S at the end?

40-16 April 28

We recently had the NBN connected, so I was rearranging cables and other things in my room. The cable between the modem and my computer is an Ethernet cable. 'Ethernet' is the name for a group of computer networking technologies, but the name is capitalised and so is not allowed in Scrabble. (Another computing term, 'Wi-Fi', is doubly disallowed for Scrabble, because of the capitals and the hyphen, but variant renderings are out there, including a Scrabble-friendly version, so it may become a Scrabble word one day.)

What links 'Ethernet' to my posts is that the word is an anagram of two number names, **THREE+TEN**, which set me wondering: What other words are anagrams of two or more number names?

Note that all of these questions are only about the number words from **ONE** to **TEN**.

Question 1

What is the only number word that has an anagram when doubled? So if the number was **ZERO** (which it is not), the question is asking for the anagram of **ZERO+ZERO** (which has no anagram anyway).

Question 2

When a number word is doubled and a blank is added, only two number words form anagrams. The first is just the uninteresting answer for Question 1 with an S on the end. However, **TEN** doubled with a blank (that is, **TEN+TEN+?**) has three anagrams. What are the three anagrams?

Question 3

With more than one letter added to the doubled number words, there are lots of anagrams, with words incorporating a doubled **ONE**, **NINE** or **TEN** being the most common. Can you work out the following anagrams? All words are reasonably common.

ONE+ONE+MAD+CRIM+T

ONE+ONE+SHRIMP+C

ONE+ONE+FRY+TIC+C

ONE+ONE+HM+P+N

ONE+ONE+C+C+D+L+S

NINE+NINE+COVE+C

TEN+TEN+SAD+PAIRS

TEN+TEN+A+CAD

TEN+TEN+CH+MAN

TEN+TEN+IS+IS

TEN+TEN+RIP+U

TEN+TEN+I+R

TEN+TEN+HI+I

Question 4

If we combine two different number words (eg **THREE+SEVEN**, not that this necessarily has an anagram), 4 out of the 45 possible combinations have single anagrams. What are they? Two combinations produce common words, while the other two combinations produce much less common words.

Question 5

What happens if we combine three different number words (eg **ONE+TWO+THREE**, not that this necessarily has an anagram)? Do any combinations make an allowable Scrabble word? Well, after a short amount of thinking, I got lucky and found a solution.

There may be more, but it would take me too long to check all the possible combinations, so I'm sitting back smugly knowing that I have one solution. See if you can work it out. It is a fairly common word. If you find a different solution, post it to the I list, but not immediately, in case others are still working on the problem.

Hint for Question 1: The anagram starts with F.

Hint for Question 4: **TEN** will help with the two easy combinations.

Hint for Question 5: All three numbers are short words.

40-17 April 29

The number words **ONE** to **TEN** all have at least one end hook, except one number. Which one?

There are actually 18 hooks; however, half of them involve the letter **S**, which is important, but not very interesting. (**ONE** can take an **S** to make **ONES**, **TWO** can take an **S** to make **TWOS**, and so on.)

For the remaining 9 non-S examples, what number word has the following end hook? Most of the new words created are common. R can add to the end of 3 different number words. Some number words appear more than once, and some number words don't appear at all.

D
E
H
P
R (3)
T
Y

40-18 April 30

666 is considered to be the number of the Beast. It's a biblical reference – see chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation. (Although, as with most things biblical, there are other interpretations because manuscripts vary or translations differ, or for other reasons. Some scholars think that the number is actually 616.)

666 is linked with the Antichrist or evil in general. Certain people see the number 666 in many places or ascribe special significance to things when they find it. For example, using different coding schemes to match numbers to letters allows the name Nero (with various titles) to add up to 666, which is 'proof' to some of the evilness of Nero.

Linking Nero to 666 was first done many centuries ago. A more recent example concerns the logo for Bankcard. The logo is a simplified lowercase 'b', but some people thought that the 'b' looked like a '6', and it does vaguely. Then, because it was rendered in 3 strips of colours, one could trace 3 instances of this '6', which means (to certain people) 666. For this reason, Bankcard was evil and to be avoided. (Bankcard was used between 1974 and 2006 in Australia, and for much of that time in New Zealand also. However, not everyone has cottoned on to the fact that Bankcard is not operating. The invoice from the SA Department for Education that I received for Lachlan's school fees a few weeks ago listed options for payment by credit card as: Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa, Other.)

Meanwhile, the numbers in a roulette wheel (1 to 36) add up to 666. For some people, that is reason enough to avoid roulette. For me, I am convinced by the maths showing that the house wins in the long run.

And some people seem to use 666 just because they know it upsets others. For example, heavy-metal band Iron Maiden had an album in 1982 titled The Number of the Beast. Of course that led to controversy (and publicity).

So, if 666 is the number of the Beast, what is 668?

Hint 1: Think laterally.

Hint 2: Think literally laterally, in the sense of something being next to something else.

40-19 May 1

1-2-3-4-5

Today's puzzle is one that Jeff Grant, New Zealand's top Scrabble player for many years, once asked in the New Zealand Scrabble magazine. I can't remember the exact wording, but this is the gist of it.

Find a 15-letter word which can be divided into 5 consecutive parts consisting of a single letter, then a 2-letter word, a 3-letter word, a 4-letter word, and a 5-letter word. All five words (the 4 constituent words and the 15-letter word) are allowed in Scrabble, and all are reasonably common. All other subdivisions of the full word, whether they are allowed or not, are irrelevant. What is the 15-letter word?

As examples to get you started, here are some words that match the criteria for a shorter version. For a 6-letter word, it comprises a single letter, then a 2-letter word, and a 3-letter word:

ATOMIC = A-TO-MIC

BARROW = B-AR-ROW

COMBAT = C-OM-BAT

And we could even extend the last one to make a 10-letter word, comprising a single letter, a 2-letter word, a 3-letter word, and a 4-letter word:

COMBATANTS = C-OM-BAT-ANTS

What is the 15-letter word?

Hint 1: The word starts with **T**.

Hint 2: The 2-letter word is **EM**, meaning that the 15-letter word starts with **TEM-**.

Hint 3: The 3-letter word is **PER**, meaning that the 15-letter word starts with **TEMPER-**.

40-20 May 2

Something can go in front of **SOMETHING** to form a valid Scrabble word. What number names can go before **SOMETHING**?

ANSWERS on next few pages

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SOLUTIONS TO TEASERS 1-20

40-1

EINSTEIN

The word, meaning a very intelligent person, is derived from Albert Einstein, of course.

40-2

FOUR

Interestingly, all counting numbers below **FOUR** have more letters than their value (**ONE**, **TWO**, **THREE**), while all numbers above **FOUR** have fewer letters than their value (**FIVE**, **SIX**, **SEVEN**, etc).

40-3

TWO and **SEVEN** both have 3 anagrams.

The full list is:

ONE has 1 anagram: **EON**

TWO has 3 anagrams: **OWT TOW WOT**

THREE has 2 anagrams: **ETHER THERE**

FOUR has 0 anagrams

FIVE has 0 anagrams

SIX has 1 anagram: **XIS**

SEVEN has 3 anagrams: **EEVNS EVENS NEVES**

EIGHT has 0 anagrams

NINE has 0 anagrams

TEN has 1 anagram: **NET**

40-4

BAJILLION*

BILLION

DECILLION

GAZILLION*

GRILLION*

KAZILLION*

NONILLION

OCTILLION

QUADRILLION

QUINTILLION

SEPTILLION

SEXTILLION

TREDECILLION

UNDECILLION

ZILLION*

BAZILLION*

CENTILLION

DUODECILLION

GILLION

JILLION*

MILLION

NOVEMDECILLION

OCTODECILLION

QUINDECILLION

SEPTENDECILLION

SEXDECILLION

SQUILLION*

TRILLION

VIGINTILLION

So that's 8 fictional names.

The 20 standard names for the main numbers between **MILLION** and **VIGINTILLION**, for both the short scale and the long scale, are listed below in increasing order of magnitude.

MILLION, BILLION, TRILLION, QUADRILLION, QUINTILLION, SEXTILLION, SEPTILLION, OCTILLION, NONILLION, DECILLION, UNDECILLION, DUODECILLION, TREDECILLION, QUATTUORDECILLION, QUINDECILLION, SEXDECILLION, SEPTENDECILLION, OCTODECILLION, NOVEMDECILLION, VIGINTILLION

All of these words are allowed in Zyzzyva, except the 14th term, **QUATTUORDECILLION**. However, what I initially thought was an error of omission by the compilers of Zyzzyva turns out to be a legitimate omission – the word is 17 letters in length and thus not relevant for Scrabble.

40-5

ONE+TRIED = **ORIENTED**

TWO+BOARS = **ROWBOATS**

THREE+VAW = **WHATEVER**

FOUR+LYES = **YOURSELF**

FIVE+HERS = **FEVERISH**

SIX+ALGAE = **GALAXIES**

SEVEN+LAD = **ENSLAVED**

EIGHT+RAP = **GRAPHITE**

NINE+BLAW = **WINNABLE**

TEN+RADAR = **NARRATED**

And while we're doing anagrams, this one is an oldie but a goodie:

ELEVEN PLUS TWO = **TWELVE PLUS ONE**

It's a true statement, both arithmetically and anagrammatically.

A thank-you to Kris Saether for reminding me.

40-6

1666 is MDCLXVI in Roman numerals. The number is special because it uses each of the seven standard Roman numerals and, additionally, because the numerals are in descending order of magnitude. (Several other arrangements of the seven Roman numerals also give valid numbers, eg MCDLXIV is 1464.)

40-7

Only **TWELVE** = 1+4+1+1+4+1 = 12

I'll leave it up to others to find answers with one or two blanks.

40-8

Besides **FOURSOME**, only **TWOSOME**, **THREESOME** and **EIGHTSOME**.

I expected some more. There are some other -SOME words related to numbers, either by meaning or by variant spelling, such as **OWNSOME**, **LONESOME**, **TWASOME** and **TWYSOME**.

40-9

Answer = **L**.

The letters are in the order of their first appearance in the counting numbers. **L** does not appear until **ELEVEN**.

40-10

My first guess was that the answer would be either **ONE** or **TEN**, and the answer is **ONE** by a significant margin.

The full list follows (showing each number word and its potential bonuses), and you can see that the numbers **TWO** to **NINE** are not very productive.

ONE	456
TWO	36
THREE	2
FOUR	6
FIVE	1
SIX	4
SEVEN	2
EIGHT	18
NINE	31
TEN	355

And here are further examples of the potential bonus words. One of these might be waiting for you to play in your next game of Scrabble!

CITRONELLA, COLLARBONE, EXONERATED, GRAMOPHONE, HONEYEATER, IMPRISONED, MAISONETTE, NONEXPERTS, BASKETWORK, OUTWORKERS, STUNTWOMAN, MISEVENT, AIRFREIGHTED, SCRAWNINESS, STRYCHNINES, ATTENDANCE, CENTENNIAL, HYPOTENUSE, LIEUTENANT, OMNIPOTENT, STENCILLED

40-11

Well, it depends.

I first saw this puzzle in an American magazine several decades ago. The answer they had was **ONE THOUSAND**. But how could that be, I thought? What about **NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE**? There is an **A** right there in the **AND**. And we could keep going lower, all the way down to **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE**. What is going on?

As far as I can make out, American speakers omit the **AND** in the names of numbers, whereas British and Australian speakers (and others, who are not essential to this discussion) include the **AND**. Americans say **ONE HUNDRED ONE**, but we say **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE**. So, the magazine was correct for its American audience, but not correct for me as a speaker of Australian English.

But there is an additional quirk. In British and Australian English, we often use just **A** instead of **ONE**, especially in less formal settings. We say **A HUNDRED**, rather than **ONE HUNDRED**. I certainly remember childhood games of hide-and-seek that involved counting. It was '... ninety-eight, ninety-nine, a hundred. Ready or not, here I come!'

So, the first counting number with **A** in its name is:
1000 – **ONE THOUSAND**, if you speak American English
101 – **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE**, if you speak British or Australian English
100 – **A HUNDRED**, if you speak colloquial British or Australian English.

(Please note: I have no idea how speakers of other variants of English would answer this question.)

4-12

1. HANDOUTS

2. DUNDERHEAD

THUNDERBIRD

HUNDREDWEIGHT (I hope you got it!)

GRANDDAUGHTER

FUNDHOLDER

UNDERWHELMED

SHUDDERING

DEERHOUND

DISHONOURED

CHUNDERED

DRAUGHTSWOMAN

UNSOPHISTICATED

UNAUTHORISED

OUTLANDISH

Oddly, the spelling checker for this version of Microsoft Outlook accepts all the words listed above, except **CHUNDERED**, and yet it claims to be using English (Australian) for its dictionary..

3. DREADNOUGHTS.

A **DREADNOUGHT** (also spelled **DREADNAUGHT**) is a fearless person, a heavy overcoat (or the material it is made from), or a class of battleship from the early 20th century, named after the Royal Navy's Dreadnought, the first of its kind.

40-13

- (i) MMMCMXCIX = 3999
- (ii) MMMDCCCLXXXVIII = 3888 (15 letters)
- (iii) DIV (504), MIX (1009) or MMM (3000).
The remaining words that are valid numbers are: XI (11), LI (51), DI (501), MI (1001) and MM (2000).
- (iv) MMM = 3000. This word only became allowable in the last few years. Because it needs a blank to play it, you won't see it often on a Scrabble board. (These two reasons explain why I didn't even think of this answer myself.)
- (v) DIVIDIVI, which is the seedpod of a tropical tree.
- (vi) CIVIL, IMIDIC, LIVID, MILD and VILD all contain 4 different Roman numerals. My preferred answer (for what it's worth) is MILD, because it is short and common. There are only 41 words altogether that contain some of the 7 Roman numerals in any combination.
- (vii) CHRONOGRAM. See explanations and examples at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chronogram>.

40-14

Front hooks for **ONE: BONE; CONE; DONE; FONE; GONE; HONE; LONE; NONE; PONE; RONE; SONE; TONE; ZONE**

Front hooks for **EIGHT: HEIGHT; KEIGHT; WEIGHT**

Front hooks for **TEN: ETEN; STEN**

40-15

Allowed words: **ONEFOLD; TWOFOLD, TWOFOLDS; THREEFOLD; FOURFOLD; FIVEFOLD; SIXFOLD; SEVENFOLD; EIGHTFOLD; NINEFOLD; TENFOLD; TENFOLDS; TWELVEFOLD; TWENTYFOLD; TWENTYFOLDS; THIRTYFOLD; FORTYFOLD; FIFTYFOLD; SIXTYFOLD; HUNDREDFOLD; HUNDREDFOLDS**

I don't know why some words are allowed and others are not, nor do I understand why only a few words can take an S.

Other obviously number-related words are **THOUSANDFOLD** and **MILLIONFOLD**. Variants of number words include **TWIFOLD** and **TWYFOLD, BIFOLD** and **TRIFOLD**, and **MYRIADFOLD** (a myriad being 10,000, from a Greek word). More indirect number words are **MANIFOLD** and **MANYFOLD, MULTIFOLD** and **SEVERALFOLD**.

In addition, **AEFALD, AEFAULD, AFALD** and **AFAWLD** (meaning **ONEFOLD**) and **TWAFALD** (meaning **TWOFOLD**) are also allowed.

40-16

Question 1

FOUR+FOUR = FROUFROU, which almost writes itself.

Question 2

FROUFROUS is the simple plural.

The words from **TEN+TEN+?** are:

TEN+TEN+E = ENTENTE

TEN+TEN+K = KENNETT (derived from Jeff Kennett, former Victorian premier)

TEN+TEN+O = NONETTE (a musical piece for 9 players).

Question 3

ONE+ONE+MAD+CRIM+T = RECOMMENDATION

ONE+ONE+SHRIMP+C = COMPREHENSION

ONE+ONE+FRY+TIC+C = CONFECTIONERY

ONE+ONE+HM+P+N = PHENOMENON

ONE+ONE+C+C+D+L+S = CONDOLENCES

NINE+NINE+COVE+C = INCONVENIENCE

TEN+TEN+SAD+PAIRS = ANTIDEPRESSANT

TEN+TEN+A+CAD = ATTENDANCE

TEN+TEN+CH+MAN = ENCHANTMENT

TEN+TEN+IS+IS = INTESTINES

TEN+TEN+RIP+U = TURPENTINE

TEN+TEN+I+R = INTERNET

TEN+TEN+HI+I = NINETIETH

Question 4

4+10 = FOUR+TEN = FORTUNE

8+10 = EIGHT+TEN = TEETHING

4+8 = FOUR+EIGHT = FOUGHTIER

1+7 = ONE+SEVEN = VENENOSE

Question 5

ONE+SIX+TEN = EXTENSION

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SIX is the only number word (from **ONE** to **TEN**) that does not take an end hook. According to the usual pattern of plural formation, **SIX** forms its plural by adding **-ES** to give **SIXES**.

D – TEND

E – TENE

H – EIGHTH

P – THREEP

R – ONER, FIVER, NINER

T – TENT

Y – EIGHTY

THREEP (or **THREAP**) is a Scots word meaning to rebuke, to insist on, to contradict, etc.

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668 is the neighbour of the Beast.

There are many other jokes about 666 on the internet, such as:

\$665.99 – the retail price of the Beast

Route 666 – the highway of the Beast

666 °F – the oven temperature for roast Beast

666i – the BMW of the Beast

And here's some fun with numbers:

$123 + 456 + 78 + 9 = 666$

$9 + 87 + 6 + 543 + 21 = 666$

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TEMPERAMENTALLY = T-EM-PER-AMEN-TALLY

There may be other solutions. Post them to this list if you find them, but not immediately, in case others are still working on this puzzle.

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THIRTY is the only number word, and it makes **THIRTYSOMETHING**.

No other word (number-related or not) can go before **SOMETHING**. I thought that there would be more, as I'm sure I've heard of someone being described as 'twenty-something' or 'forty-something'. And '-something' can apply to other numbers besides ages, such as money amounts (eg 'It usually costs me fifty-something dollars to fill my petrol tank') and point scores. However, although '-something' can be added as a hyphenated suffix to many words, it seems that it is the influence of the American television series Thirtysomething (1987–91), with its unhyphenated form, that led to only that particular word becoming allowed in Scrabble.

Zyzyva defines **THIRTYSOMETHING** as 'a little over thirty', but most other definitions that I could find say that it means 'in the thirties', ie between 30 and 39 inclusive.

By the way, even though some Scrabble players are 'seventy-something' and the average bonus score in Scrabble is probably 'seventy-something' points, the unhyphenated form would never be allowed in Scrabble because it is too long at 16 letters.

THIRTYSOMETHING has 15 letters.

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