

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Australian National Championship 2021

**The Queensland Committee has
 reluctantly made the decision that
 the Nationals will NOT be held in
 Queensland at Easter 2021.**

There are currently too many uncertainties
 and restrictions for it to be a practicable and
 viable event in Queensland at this time.

CASPA is now considering options
 to ascertain how a Nationals can
 proceed in 2021.

Please stay tuned to updates via the Scrabble
 Australia website and our email channels.

Jane Brown, President, Scrabble Queensland.

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Whilst, particularly in Victoria, COVID restrictions have impacted on the ability to hold face-to-face tournaments, those State Organisers where play has resumed are to be commended for the forethought and diligence they have put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of players. Thank you.

The US and Canada (NASPA - US and Canada National Association) has expunged 259 slur words which reference personal identity from the official word lists for play in those countries.

The NASPA Word List 2020 Edition (NWL2020) and the NASPA School Word List

2020 Edition (NSWL2020) will take effect at sanctioned clubs and tournaments in the US and Canada on January 6, 2021 but does not include Collins clubs or tournaments held in those countries.

There has also been a recent decision by WESPA (World English Speaking Players Association) that the WESPA Championship which would have been held in late 2021 will be cancelled and the next WESPA Championship will take place in 2023. The major event, the Alchemist Cup, is confirmed that it will go ahead in 2022.

*Carol Johnsen
Coordinator*

Vale Meg Henderson

It was sad to hear of the passing last month of Meg Henderson.

She was a vibrant and instrumental figure in the growth of clubs and tournaments in Victoria from the early 80's, running the Hawthorn, then Camberwell clubs well into the 2010's.

She was a founding member of travel Scrabble, with the first adventure on a cruise on the *Oriana*.

After the 2nd Moomba tournament held in the early 1980s, Meg was part of the group which laid the guidelines for clubs to start up, and later she participated in deliberations with Mattel over propriety rights; and strongly advocated for the "double dictionary".

Along with Barry Harridge and Lesley Mack, Meg contributed to the creation of the Scrabble crossword competitions in the 1980s in *The Herald* for many years which attracted thousands of entries.

The Camberwell tournaments which she organised for many years were always the most popular, being run in February and regularly attracting over 100 participants. Records back to 1998 show the 2000 tournament with 126 players.

Meg commissioned the Mega board which we use for exhibitions and, being an architect and builder (2 of her home designs were listed for individual merit in the heritage register) Meg was a stickler for detail and her good design principles were applied to it.

Meg retired from tournament Scrabble in 2012, however she continued to operate the Scrabble tile bank.

Meg also graduated with a BSc in physiology (particularly endocrinology). It was always interesting to hear of Meg's research into her discovery of the "male cycle".

Vale Meg

*Carol Johnsen
CASPA Coordinator*

Around the States

ACT

AGM

The ASPA ACT AGM was held on Thursday, 24th September 2020 at the Woden Southern Cross Club, Phillip from 12 noon to 12:50 pm. A quorum was reached, and all committee positions vacated. Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the new committee: John Hamilton (President); Terry Horan (Treasurer); Arlene Williams (Secretary); Noel Barrett (Tournament Players Representative); and Vincent Nguyen (Recreational Players Representative).

Vincent Nguyen began a discussion on whether two tournaments that were previously planned would still go ahead; that is, the Trans-Tasman and the ACT Championships. Owing to COVID travel bubbles, it was acknowledged that the Trans-Tasman was most unlikely to happen in November or in the immediate future, but the ACT Championships were likely to proceed as planned on the weekend November 14/15, 2020 [at the time of writing, this is now confirmed and the tournament has been publicised].

Jeff Danaher brought up the important point of our slowly declining total membership, a problem we think is not isolated to the ACT. It was agreed that it was imperative for our membership to be increased. Promotional methods in the past have included public games at Weston Creek, competitions at Woden Library and the National Library, Scrabble lessons at the club, advertising in the press, an open day at the Old Bus Depot Markets, interviews, etc. There was unanimous consensus to continue our efforts to promote Scrabble, and perhaps also look at advertising on the side of a bus (if a realistic price becomes available).

Arlene Williams held a short discussion on Scabble etiquette and why it was important to our Scrabble community. Although Scrabble Australia's ASPA Tournament Etiquette Guide is principally for tournament players, much of it also applies to social players. She especially talked about points 9-12 in the guide, emphasising the mention of groaning during play about a player's tiles and luck when the

opponent really doesn't want to hear all this. She also wanted to add something not mentioned in the etiquette guide; that is, there should be no ageist, racist, sexist or ableist comments during our sessions, especially under COVID when we need to be nice to each other!

Tim Reddan suggested that it would be a good idea to start training up some members as tournament directors and/or helpers, and this was universally agreed.

Upcoming Tournaments

ACT Championships ~ Saturday & Sunday
14th & 15th November at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Saturday: Arrive by 9am for a 9:15am start (8 games). Sunday: Arrive by 9am for a 9:10 start (8 games). Contact: John Hamilton
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New South Wales

Events Roundup

Despite some restrictions on group gatherings still being in place, Scrabble NSW managed to provide a series of rated events for the benefit of its members during the past three months.

These were made up of alfresco events organised by Youth Co-Ordinator Tony Hunt, round robins in private homes, and the Home Challenge final, State Championship and Spring Marathon all held at Revesby Workers Club.

On the weekend of 15th and 16th August, four separate Round Robin events took place in the homes of Chelton, Jackman, Tracey and Hunt. The top 2 players in each event would progress to the Homes Challenge final two weeks later. Those players were Graeme Lock Lee and Rene Chelton, Joanne Craig and Bob Jackman, Rod Talbot and John Barker from the Tracey residence and Noel Barrett and John Holgate from the Hunt residence. Of interest was that Joan Rosenthal took part in and won the Round Robin at the Tracey household, but could not progress to the final due to a pre-arranged birding trip.

The following weekend saw the first of two alfresco events organised by Tony Hunt take place. This was a junior event held at Chipping Norton, in which fourteen juniors took part. The winner was Jeffery Lam on 5 wins, and who in one game amassed an incredible score of 701, which included the 9-timer DEPOSITS for 140 plus four other bingos. His brother Alex was runner-up with Patrick Hunyh one win further back in third place.

The following Saturday the Homes Challenge final was played out at Revesby Workers Club, with Bob Jackman emerging the winner with 7 wins from 8 games. Rod Talbot and John Holgate finishing second and third respectively, with 5 wins each. A side event of 12 players was held alongside, this being won by Ivor Zetler on 7 wins, from Sharon Sorensen on 6 wins and Margaret Berliner, the highest placer on 5 wins.

A month later, Tony Hunt staged his second alfresco event midweek, this being the Out in the Open Open at Campbelltown. 14 players took part, half of whom where local youth being nurtured by Tony. The adults stole the honours however, with John Holgate winning 5 of his 6 games from Garth Van Vliet and Krystna Batten, both on 4 wins.

The following weekend saw the New South Wales Championship take place over the first two days of the October long weekend. A healthy contingent of 36 players took part, all temperature tested on arrival at the Revesby Club, all observing the established protocol of essential mask-wearing when presented with a mask, and all spaced at a mean one player per four square metres.

A display screen was used to project draws to avoid unnecessary gathering at wall-mounted printouts. We welcomed back Tony Kalayzich after a three year absence from the scene, and Wayne Jones who had been battling illness for some time

After sixteen games it was Esther Perrins who ran out the winner and so becoming the 2020 New South Wales Champion with 12 wins out of the 16 games played. Chris May was one win away in second place over spread from Rod Talbot also on 11 wins. Wayne Jones was a creditable fourth after being one of the early leaders. Up-and-coming juniors Jeffery and

Alex Lam took several awards including the high rating gain and the Jan Serisier Tournament Medal (Jeffery) and Rating Band 2 winner (Alex).

Ronnie Bennett from Canberra was conferred with the best junior performer by Tony Hunt, with his 16th placing. The other major award presented at the end of the Championship was the Joan Rosenthal award for most rating points gained in the previous twelve months. This was won for the third time by Margaret Neal, convener of the Bomaderry Club, who rose 220 points.

The last reportable event for the period was the Spring Marathon, held on 31st October, again at Revesby Workers club. Twelve games at 20 minutes per player were played by 25 players, between 9 am and 7.30 pm. Joanne Craig was a comfortable winner, displaying great stamina to lose only one game and finish two games clear of Victor Tung on 9 wins and Rod Talbot one win further back on 8 wins. Rod Talbot notched up a 601 game while John Holgate's **BAGGIEST** for 140 was the highest scoring word of the weekend.

Readers wishing to view photographic reports of the above events, featuring award winners, significant boards (including Jeffery Lam's 101) and results should visit the Scrabble NSW facebook page at

www.facebook.com/aspansw



If you have not already 'liked' it, please ensure you do so in order to be notified when further content is added.

Matchplay Progress

Due to delays caused by COVID19 the Matchplay completion date has been extended to late February. In Division A, Bob Jackman reached the final by defeating John Holgate in a seesawing, nail-biting nine game showdown, while John Barker comfortably beat Hanne Marks to progress to the B Division final.

Scrabble NSW AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Scrabble NSW was held during lunch on Day 2 of the NSW Championship. Dorothy Fields was welcomed as a first time committee member, while Graeme Lock Lee and Tony Hunt came back on to the committee, after having previously

served. Rene Chelton and Pat Schuberg did not stand again, and were thanked for their contributions.

Rating Gainers

Rod Talbot 6000 games

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Scrabble NSW website

The Scrabble NSW website underwent a change in appearance due to a required change in server at the national level. Several features which had become unviable on the old server were lost, but efforts by Edward Okulicz are now underway to restore these. The features include being able to see at a glance top 10 of rated players, most games played this year and all time, highest word score this year, highest game scores this year and all time and highest rating gains. Keep an eye on <http://scrablensw.org.au> for the new features to appear.

Upcoming Events

John Hamilton's Bundanoon event is going ahead on 12th December but the capacity of 40 has already been reached. Scrabble NSW intends to hold the JanBoree on January 9th, the City of Sydney Masters on 30th and 31st January and the Matchplay Qualifier in late February. Venues have yet to be arranged for these three events, but the likelihood is that Revesby Worker Club will continue to be the preferred venue

Queensland

It is good to be able to report that tournaments and many clubs are continuing to function in some way or other. There have been six more tournaments, two in Townsville, one in Toowoomba and the rest in Brisbane. Our main challenge has been the number restrictions with only 20 people allowed in our main venues. Everyone has been very understanding about the situation though and I believe we have ensured that everyone has had a chance to play. This situation may continue for some time. Some clubs are not yet meeting in their usual venues but are still finding ways to play face to face.

In the middle of all these restrictions I am pleased to announce a new club in Toowoomba. In addition to our Thursday

evening session, we now have a group meeting on Tuesday mornings. See club directory for details.

So many things are done differently at present and our AGM was no exception. Our first ever Zoom AGM was held on 11th October. Thanks to Sandra Woolard for facilitating this. The elected committee is: President, Jane Brown; Vice President, Paul Richards; Treasurer/Sec/ Joint Membership, Judy Mason; Joint Membership, Trish Brighton; Ratings & Website, Martin Waterworth; Rules Rep, Arnold Appelhof; Facebook manager, Karrin Henderson; Committee members, Julie Brice, Trish Reynolds and Sandra Woolard. A great team. Look forward to working with you all in these interesting times.

Jane Brown

Victoria

At the time of writing, Victoria appears to be on a cusp. COVID restrictions are expected to ease, with the possibility of in person tournaments becoming ever more likely.

It will come as unequivocally welcome news to our membership.

During an extensive lockdown, the Scrabble Victoria committee ensured there was some form of Scrabble available to its members, even if it was in a virtual rather than in person format.

Since its introduction, interest in Duplicate Scrabble has increased gradually with as many as 11 players taking part for a night of single player word play.

Equally, our online Saturday sessions, held once a month, have provided players with an afternoon of live play using Scrabble Go.

Congratulations go to Trevor Halsall, Khwanjai Thammaping, Michael Smitheram, Angie Winkler, Nick Ivanovski, Oscar Ivanovski, Rob York, and Hilary Conway for winning their divisions during the three online events that have been run.

These are RATED events, using a system introduced by Barry Harridge. We are indebted to Barry for his work on this.

The good news is, given the popularity of these platforms, that they will continue once restrictions are eased and run in conjunction with in person events. Offering a multi

platform, multi format version of Scrabble will allow us the opportunity to attract more players; especially those that cannot attend tournaments for whatever reasons.

We are also on a cusp for another reason; by the time you read this, the new Scrabble Victoria Committee will have been endorsed at our AGM, which will have been held on November 8 via Google Meet.

These are exciting times in Victoria and I am most interested in the outcomes that arise. Happy Scrabbling.

Nick Ivanovski – President

Western Australia

Last week WA had its first face to face tournament for about 8 months. Dianne Ward made a ten letter word when she extended INTIMATE by adding the letters LY to reach a TWS square, while Robin Andersen kindly provided some welcome back gifts to each of our contestants and some cake for us all to enjoy at lunch; not very saucy but wonderful to be back after such a prolonged break.

Graham Bell

Upcoming Tournaments

Bisection and AGM Tournament: 6 December
- Carol Hudson - 08 9370 5692

With COVID-19 we have yet to fix our 2021 tournament calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING YAHOO GROUPS

RE OZSCRABBLE

In October 2020, Yahoo made the decision to shut down Yahoo Groups. What this means for us is, as at December 15 2020, we will no longer be able to send and receive emails from Yahoo Groups.

The website will no longer be accessible.

The newsgroup Ozscrabble, which has been in operation in one form or another for around 30 years will cease to function.

To help aid in the transition away from Yahoo Groups, a Google Group has been set up to allow for email messages and discussions as it has been here. Equally, you can post from the new group itself.

The Group is called Scrabble Australia and can be found at the link below

<https://groups.google.com/g/scrabble-australia>

Join the Group and set your profile up in there; as with Yahoo Groups, there is an email address with which you can post

scrabble-australia@googlegroups.com.

It is really sad to see Ozscrabble close after Bob Jackman has maintained it so well for so long. Hopefully, we can continue in Google Groups and thus maintain a proper conversation within the Scrabble Community

There is always an occasional reference to Scrabble that can be found in TV shows or movies – most recently, Scrabble players were drawn to the film *Sometimes Always Never* which carried with it many Scrabble references. **KWYJIBO** from the Simpsons, **QUONE** from Seinfeld notable in television shows.

Books, on the other hand, are usually reserved for “how-to” guides: works of non-fiction where top players share their secrets. Well, those that are not word lists anyway.

So, for me, I was looking forward to reading a novel based purely on Scrabble as a competitive pursuit. The fact it was released during lockdown in Victoria meant that I had to wait almost two months for *Escapes: A Novel* to reach me.

The book, written by a competition player in Spanish Scrabble, sees the reader in the 1990s and works on the premise that it was Scrabble, not Poker, which hit the heights of TV and media interest. The scenes are set for us by two of the supposed top players in this alternate world. One having risen through the ranks of Scrabble in the UK whilst the other wins all before him in Spanish.

In this professional world, where minor events in places like Sydney have prize money of \$25000 and Scrabble is a sport at the Atlanta Olympics, the administration of the global game is, not to put too fine a point on it, run by a Scrabble Mafia.

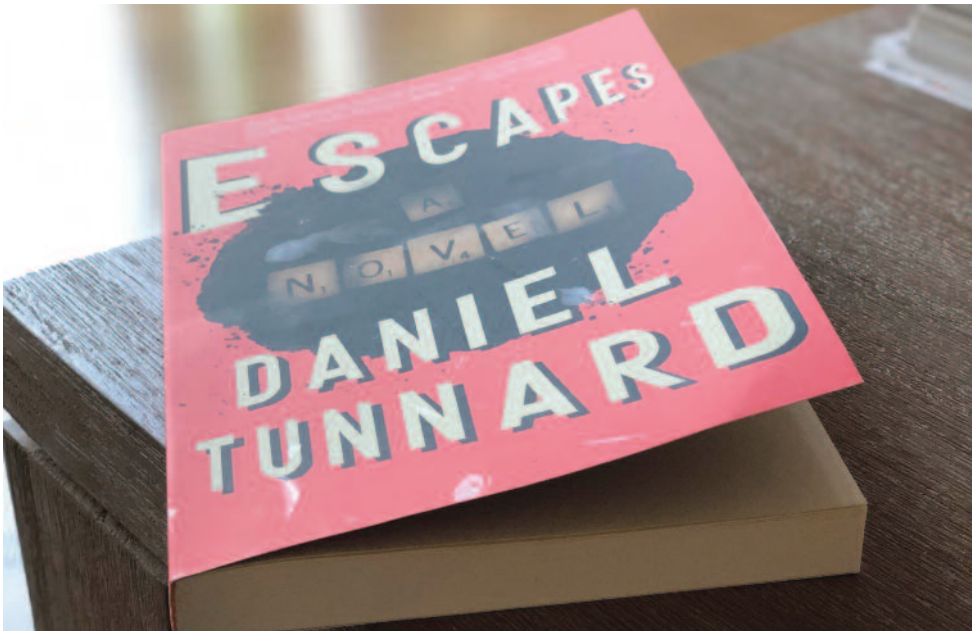
The chapters, alternately written by the two leading characters, take us through this murky world whilst they play a “final” game of Scrabble in complete isolation and on the run.

This book took two months to get to me, and was finished in 3 days. This unputdownable book clicked with me on so many levels. Its fantastic view of Scrabble in the 90s combined with the observations of players within normal tournament play made this one of the funniest and most imaginative reads about Scrabble, especially competitive Scrabble.

No, the book is not perfect, but if you suspend disbelief, as one should in fiction like this, then this is an enjoyable read.

Scrabble is not a topic you get in novels, and this is as close to fanfic as you could possibly get.

Quite frankly, I want more of it.



Vale Arie Holla

20 Aug 2020

It is with much sadness that I announce the recent passing of Arie Holla. No further details are known but the funeral will be held in Orange tomorrow, Friday 21st.

There is much that can be written about Arie. His excursion into Scrabble was one part of a rich life in Australia which started when he emigrated from Holland to work on the Snowy Mountains scheme in the early 1960s.

His contribution to Scrabble NSW was legendary. He loved to promote the game and he loved to organise tournaments.

His tournaments in the Rembrandt Club in an industrial area in far western Sydney were memorable. He once owned a car that had a Scrabble board pattern on the roof, presumably to advertise the game to truckies

I remember he first looked into a Scrabble tournament at the Rooty Hill RSL in the mid 1990s but it was not until 2000 that he joined the scene.

In all he played over 2000 games in 226 tournaments. One of these was a Tri-State Challenge in Tumut and he loved it so much he decided to move there with his new wife Dianne. His final tournament was the Tri-Sate in Junee in May 2019 and by then he was living in care in Cootamundra.

One other amazing memory that many will have of Arie is the day at a recent NSW Championship when he won the mystery word jackpot of around \$350. He won it with the word **SIXTEEN**, which was the first and only word he had written down for the entire tournament!

He was the master of the obscure word and I can thank him for putting **NEINEI** into my vocabulary. **OPGEFOK** was another of his favourites.

Arie was a major contributor to the Scrabble NSW scrapbooks which encapsulate the history of Scrabble in NSW. He loved sending me snippets of articles he had found and even some of his own creations were thrown in.

People browsing these books in the future will be reminded of the times that Arie Holla

brought pleasure to many a scrabble player in this State.

Arie, you will be sadly missed,

*Bob Jackman
President, Scrabble NSW*

Arie was one of the most enthusiastic promoters of Scrabble I've ever met.

Always looking for creative ways to promote the game.

Many fond memories including playing on a giant Scrabble board outside Parramatta Town Hall and promoting Scrabble on the TV show Enough Rope.

Never a dull moment.

Tony Hunt



20 Word Quiz

Some sevens and eights. Some might have multiple anagrams, but we are looking for a specific line of commonality.

Level = Expert

Solutions on page 18

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| 1. AFIILRT | 11. AACILMR |
| 2. AEIILNR | 12. AEGOPRT |
| 3. ABFILOTT | 13. AEOPRWY |
| 4. BGINSSU | 14. DEHIPPS |
| 5. ADGINRY | 15. ACEISSTU |
| 6. DEEFIRR | 16. EEHLPRT |
| 7. EFGHIRT | 17. AEILRRT |
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| 9. ACEJKPT | 19. CDEKRTU |
| 10. EILORRS | 20. ADEGNOW |

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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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Many thanks ~ Gillian Street

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Queensland (area code 07)

Albert & Logan, Mon 12-4.30p.m., Marilyn Smith 040 3205 040

Banora Point, Fri 1-3 pm, Anne Bennett 5513 0319

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian 4159 1935

Brisbane City, Fri 11am-3pm ~

Bronya Todd 0414 185 746

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm, Barbara Hancock 0479 183 183

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Cairns ~ Caroline Polak Scowcroft ~ 0400 427 627

Coominya, Tues 6.30pm, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

Coorparoo, Tues 9am-1pm, Benita O'Neill ~ 3398 4494

Lismore, Weds 1pm, Ademiyi Johnson, (02) 6622 0649

Logan City, Tues noon – 4.30pm,

Karrin Henderson 3133 3204

Palm Beach, Fri, Rita Humphrey Mobile: 0400 843 548

Redcliffe, Weds 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532
Southport, Weds 1pm ~ Diana McManus 0419 022 520
Sunshine Coast ~ Nambour RSL ~ Fridays 2-4pm ~
Anna Palmer ~ 07 5457 3116 or M: 0401 799 650.
Toowoomba, Tues, 10.30am, Jane Brown, 0417 903 079
Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079
Townsville, 2nd Weds of month ~ 5.30-8.30 p.m., Julie
Walder. 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185.
Underwood, Tues 1-6pm, Marilyn Smith 040 3205 040

South Australia (area code 08)

Adelaide Pub Scrabble
Mondays and Wednesdays
6-10pm Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933
Adelaide Pub Scrabble
most Sat 12 noon Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933
Blackwood Wed 12 noon ~Margaret Gibson 8381 4570
Brighton Thu 12.30 pm ~ Julie Hockley ~ 0410 053 973
Campbelltown - Sat 11am - Alison Hall - 8366 9358
Henley and Grange ~ Fri ~ 1.00pm ~
Jacqui Pearce ~ 0439 806 309
Maslins Beach Wed 1pm ~ Rosemarie Mitchell
0448 948 224
Noarlunga ~ Wed 7.30pm Robyn Davill - 0401 364 019
Nuriootpa Tuesday ~ 1.30pm Judith Bailey 8562 1107
Port Adelaide Library - Monday 2:30-5:30 -
Rachel Telfer - 8405 6584
Prospect - Tue 1:30pm - Louisa Atsas - 0432 907 646
Seaside (Yankalilla) ~ Mon ~ 1pm ~ Lorraine Downes ~
8558 2549
Seaford ~ Fri ~ 1-4pm ~ Eileen Baldwin 8386 3319
Victor Harbor Wed 1pm ~ Betty Mitchell ~ 8554 2191

Tasmania (area code 03)

Beaumaris ~ Sun 2pm ~ Marion Merickel ~ 6372 5337
Bellerive ~ Thu 7pm ~ Margaret Bishop ~ 6244 5545
Glenorchy ~ Tue 1pm ~ Jill Norton ~ 6228 1861
Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meerding ~ 6229 5840
Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

**Most clubs listed here have
suspended regular meetings due
to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**When those restrictions are lifted
there will no doubt be many
changes to this list.**

**We would hope to bring this list
up to date when that happens.**

Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat ~ Tues 10m ~ Marjorie Clark ~ 0456 098 982
Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366
Bentleigh - Mondays 1pm-4pm (during School terms) -
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195
Box Hill ~ 1st& 3rd Tue 1pm ~ Marj Bloom ~ 9808 1386
Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne
Library ~ Katie Rowe ~ 0420 934 176
Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fitzroy - Occasional - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251
Frankston ~ Wed 1pm ~ Brenda Thurgar ~ 5971 5686
Frankston North ~ Sat 1-5pm ~ Ray Alford ~ 5977 0819
Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363
Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Mondays - 9.30-3pm and
Wed 9.30am-3pm ~ Christiane McCann ~ 0432 290 880
Greensborough Tue 12.30pm ~
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529
Langwarrin ~ Tue 7pm ~ Dorothy Rice ~ 9775 6150
Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466
Paynesville ~ Tues 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~ 5156 7443
Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~
Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525
Sunbury ~ Mondays 3-6pm ~
Norma Fisher ~ 0450 356 407
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ Jeanette Swann ~ 0429 702 122
Wodonga ~ Thur 1st & 3rd 5-8pm ~
Ruth Grogan ~ 0448 989 833

Western Australia (area code 08)

Albany ~ Mon 10am ~ Jane Taylor ~ 0429 448 666
Bassendean ~ Wed 9am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
Bunbury ~ Fri 9am ~ Marie Cross ~ 9721 5704
Darlington ~ Tue 9am ~ Carmelita Maxwell ~ 9299 6713
Esperance ~ Sat 1pm ~ Ann Wallace ~ 0412 942 205
Floreat ~ Tues 12.30pm ~ Wendy Naunton ~ 9446 3108
Hammersley ~ Tues 1pm ~ Joan Dye ~ 9345 4275
Hammersley ~ Sat 1pm ~ Mike Clarke ~ 0438 606 617
Mandurah ~ Wed 8.30am ~ Marg Fisher ~ 9581 6852
Manjimup ~ Wed 1 pm ~ Pat Parkinson ~ 9771 2882
Melville ~ Mon 10am ~ Alan Mathews ~ 0400 330 615
Nedlands ~ Tues 9.45 am ~ Chris Hassell ~
0428 846 325
Perth ~ Thurs 9 am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
Rockingham ~ Mon 9.15am ~ Dee Harrison ~
0431 345 139
Spearwood ~ Tues 10 am ~ Jenny Coetzee ~ 9434 9349

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
<i>Highest losing score</i>	504	Chris May (NSW) vs Esther Perrins (NSW) 547; 27.01.2020
<i>Highest word</i>	176	WHITT LER, Dawn Boyle (Tas) 15.03.2020
<i>Highest opening play</i>	100	MaIL BOX, Adam Kretschmer (SA) 08.11.2020
<i>Highest play, non-bonus</i>	135	s(WITC HER, Emanuel Atsas (SA) 11.01.2020
<i>Highest play, non-triple-triple</i>	134	QuIN IES, Karen Richards (Qld) 23.02.2020
<i>Longest word</i>		
<i>Most consecutive bonus words by individual in a game</i>	3	Joanne Craig (NSW): AUDI ENT, HAN DLIK(E), BAND IES; 25.01.2020 Adam Kretschmer (SA): (T)EEN AGES, BE(A) UTIES, ARRA IGN(S); 12.07.2020
<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 score</i>	494	David Eldar (Vic) 23.02.2020 (7 games)
	493	Michael Cameron (SA) 08.02.2020 (5 games)
	479	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 12.01.2020 (8 games)
	475	Jeffery Lam (NSW) 04.01.2020 (9 games)
	473	David Vanzyl (WA) 16.01.2020 (5 games)
		David Eldar (Vic) 25.01.2020 (9 games)

Category	Record	Details
<i>Highest average margin</i>	255	Jeffery Lam (NSW) 04.01.2020 (9 games)
	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)
130	David Vanzyl (WA) 16.01.2020 (5 games)	

10 Years Ago

Letters and Numbers

There must be very few members of the Scrabble world in Australia who do not know about the new game on SBS, which began in August and screens every night at 6.00pm, hosted by one of Australia's favourites, Richard Morecroft.

In Season 1, a number of Scrabblers took part very successfully, and included Chris Scholten-Smith, Jason Stockdale, Alan Stewart, Rob York, Andrew Fisher, Kashi Ross, and Naween Fernando, all from Victoria (where the show is produced), and Esther Perrins from New South Wales. Finals will begin airing on 8 December and I can report that one of the Scrabblers will appear in that first final.

Recording of Season 2 has commenced and so far I know that Peter Kougi, Barry Harridge and Victor Tung have participated.

Letters and Numbers is based on a successful game show which originated in France in the 1960s, Des Chiffres et des Lettres, and which evolved in the UK in the 1980s as Countdown. Two challengers are tested on their anagramming ability, and their skill in using mathematical principles to figure a randomly generated number.

Katie Rowe, ATB Editor at that time

Editor's note:

That was 2010 believe it or not. The series is currently being rescreened on SBS.



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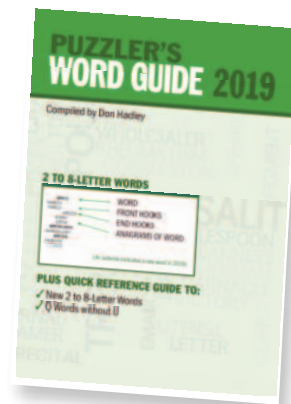
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Results Roundup

A smattering of events to report. Results Roundup will sometimes include ISC events as well as regular tournaments. Enjoy anyway. Editor

ACT

No conventional tournaments in this period

NSW

16.08.2020 HOMES CHALLENGE

JACKMAN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Bob Jackman; 3 Ivor Zetler; **HG** Joanne Craig 497; **HW** Sharon Sorensen **RECITERS** 149

CHELTON: 1 Graeme Lock Lee; 2 Natalie Tadday; 3 Alex Timpano; **HG** Graeme Lock Lee 542

TRACEY: 1 Joan Rosenthal; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 John Barker; **HG** Rod Talbot 538

HUNT: 1 Noel Barrett; 2 John Holgate; 3 Tony Hunt; **HG** John Holgate 598; **HW** Tony **INFOTECH** 167

23.08.2020 Junior Chipping Norton

OPEN: 1 Jeffery Lam; 2 Alex Lam; 3 Patrick Huynh; **HG** Jeffery Lam 701; **HW** Jeffery **DEPOSITS** 140

29.08.2020 Home Challenge Final

SHOWDOWN: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 John Holgate; **HG** Joanne Craig 575; **HW** Bob Jackman **HEXAPODS** 113

SIDE EVENT: 1 Ivor Zetler; 2 Sharon Sorensen; 3 Margaret Berliner; **HG** Peter Shaw 515; **HW** Margaret Berliner **FISTIER** 119

29.09.2020 Campbelltown oitoo

O: 1 John Holgate; 2 Garth Van Vliet; 3 Krystyna Batten; **HG** Garth Van Vliet 572; **HW** Krystyna Batten **OVARIES** 89

03.10.2020 NSW CHAMPS 2020

OPEN: 1 Esther Perrins; 2 Chris May; 3 Rod Talbot; **HG** Chris May 585; **HW** Esther Perrins **WINGIEST** 149

31.10.2020 Spring Marathon

OPEN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Victor Tung; 3 Rod Talbot; **HG** Rod Talbot 602; **HW** John Holgate **BAGGIEST** 140

11.11.2020 Words Nov 2020

OPEN: 1 Graeme Lock Lee; 2 Tony Hunt; 3 Richard Birch; **HG** Lexie Neale 512; **HW** Lexie **DRIZZLE** 130

QLD

22.08.2020 Townsville Sat

RR: 1 Caroline Scowcroft; 2 Julie Brice; 3 Tim Walton; **HG** Caroline Scowcroft 484; **HW** Caroline **DEWAXING** 122

25.08.2020 Townsville Tue

RR: 1 Patti Ashwin; 2 Tim Walton; 3 Caroline Scowcroft; **HG** Tim Walton 558; **HW** Patti Ashwin **ENGRAVER** 94

05.09.2020 Toowoomba Spring

OPEN: 1 Olga Visser; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Jane Brown; **HG** Paul Richards 579; **HW** Roberta Tait **GNASHED** 101

21.09.2020 Bethania

OPEN: 1 Karen Richards; 2 Paul Richards; 3 Olga Visser; **HG** Karen Richards 535

04.10.2020 oct qah

OPEN: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Paul Richards; 3 Jane Brown; **HG** Martin Waterworth 525; **HW** Sheryl Davidson **REUNITED** 140

25.10.2020 Redcliffe

OPEN: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Karrin Henderson; 3 Rhonda Rickard; **HG** Cameron Farlow 554; **HW** Cameron Farlow **RELAXED** 102

SA

02.08.2020 SA August

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Adam Kretschmer; 3 Michael Cameron; **HG** Jane Taylor 569; **HW** Simon Walton **EVICTEES** 102

B: 1 Judy Mansfield; 2 Francoise Finlayson; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Judy Mansfield 514; **HW** Antony Kimber **ROTATED** 99

C: 1 Victoria Gates; 2 Julie Robins; 3 Baheej Al Kassem; **HG** Louisa Atsas 479; **HW** Victoria Gates **COOINGS** 102

16.08.2020 SA August Extra

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; 2 Trevor Tao; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 506; **HW** Daniel Piechnick **ROSTERED** 122

B: 1 Francoise Finlayson; 2 Tracey Kneebone; 3 Margaret Gibson; **HG** Tracey Kneebone 506; **HW** Francoise Finlayson **REEDITED** 131

C: 1 Louisa Atsas; **2** Baheej Al Kassem; **3** Emanuel Atsas; **HG** Emanuel Atsas 497; **HW** Mel Leckie **AERATION** 122

06.09.2020 SA September

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Carmel Dodd 513; **HW** Jane Taylor **IONIZES** 107

B: 1 Tracey Kneebone; **2** Margaret Gibson; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Antony Kimber 607; **HW** Julie Robins **SESSION** 98

C: 1 Neal Whibley; **2** Mel Leckie; **3** Emanuel Atsas; **HG** Louisa Atsas 473; **HW** Louisa Atsas **FORAYED** 118

11.10.2020 SA October

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Michael Cameron; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 557; **HW** Adam Kretschmer **SHARPENS** 95

B: 1 Victoria Gates; **2** Judy Mansfield; **3** Larrie Strautmanis; **HG** Larrie Strautmanis 513; **HW** Judy Mansfield **VAUNTERS** 131

C: 1 Elana Jaremy; **2** Emanuel Atsas; **3** Mel Leckie; **HG** Emanuel Atsas 508; **HW** Mel Leckie **GOLDIES** 88

08.11.2020 SA November

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Carmel Dodd; **HG** Michael Cameron 536; **HW** Antony Kimber **QUININE** 125

B: 1 Malcolm McAnulty; **2** Adam Kauschke; **3** Rowena Vnuk; **HG** Françoise Finlayson 502; **HW** Malcolm McAnulty **ANOESTRA** 113

C: 1 Victoria Gates; **2** Suzanne Healey; **3** Julie Robins; **HG** Judy Mansfield 440; **HW** Victoria Gates **EXPENSE** 88

D: 1 Neal Whibley; **2** Louisa Atsas; **3** Baheej Al Kassem; **HG** Mel Leckie 451; **HW** Louisa Atsas **SPLASHY** 120

TAS

14.07.2020 Bellrobin1

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Sandy McConnell; **HG** Martin Rose 468; **HW** Khen Meerding **OUTLINE** 111

15.08.2020 RossAug20

OPEN: 1 Martin Rose; **2** Betty Smith; **3** Margaret Bishop; **HG** Martin Rose 492

10.09.2020 Bellerive

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Khen Meerding; **HG** Stephen Mooney Purse 527; **HW** Martin Rose **STOMPER** 101

GROUP 2: 1 Sandy McConnell; 2 Bonnie Donehue; **3** Margaret Griggs; **HG** Margaret Griggs 473; **HW** Dawn Boyle **ZINGERS** 153

01.11.2020 Tasmanian Championship

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; **2** Jon Ford-King; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Martin Rose; **HW** Jane Taylor **RANSOMED** 149

VIC

No conventional tournaments in this period

WA

01.11.2020 RRNOV20

A: 1 Louise Love; **2** Jegatheva Jegathesan; **3** Dianne Ward; **HG** Ian Ting; **HW** Louise Love **PEERLESS** 104

B: 1 Anne Stewart; **2** Rhonda Reynish; **3** Donna Sekkouah; **HG** Cori Lodder 526; **HW** Cori Lodder **DERANGED** 122

C: 1 Delys Carbon; **2** Carol Hudson; **3** Colleen McCormick; **HG** Colleen McCormick 511; **HW** Delys Carbon **PUTZ** 96

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Staying at home has its compensations: as I type I have three books I'm enjoying practically simultaneously. Brings back my student days! One is Tolstoy's Anna Karenina, and I'm asking myself why it took me so long to pick it up.

I'm finding Constance Garnett's translation difficult to put down! Another is (still) Joseph Campbell's *Primitive Mythology*, the first in his Masks of God trilogy; the bookmark sits in the middle of the book, but he can wait.

My current preoccupation is with Claire Tomalin's *Samuel Pepys, The Unequalled Self* which won the 2002 Whitbread Book of the Year Award, and though I'm all of 25 pages in, I can see why! My copy is the 2003 Penguin edition.

So far I've come across only one word I'd never come across before, when Tomalin paraphrases a 1619 reprint of *The Schoole of Vertue*, which, according to Endnote 16 on page 389, "was printed 'next to the Globe' and sold 'at the sign of the Bull, by St Paul's Churchyard'. It was first published in 1577 and went on being reprinted until 1626." See if you guess the word that was new to me: (Page 7)

Contemporary books of manners for children give some idea of what was expected of them at home. There was advice on how to set the table for family dinner, with trenchers (wooden plates), napkins, salt and bread; glasses should be placed well away from the edge of the table to avoid knocking them off.

Children should not crumble their bread into 'mammocks' but cut it up properly; salt was taken with the knife, and they should not overload their spoons with (page 8) 'pottage', which might spill on the cloth. A polite child would volunteer to remove and fold up the cloth after the meal and bring a jug of water, basin and towel for parents to wash their hands." (Endnote 16!)

Aah, them were the days!

And you guessed **MAMMOCK**, of course.

VERTUE (and **VERTU**) and **TRENCHER** (and **RETRENCH**) are all good.

ULU lists 33 seven-letter words with **MMM** (or **MM?**) and 25 eight-letter ones, very few of which I've ever seen. The first, AMOMUM, is a plant of the ginger family, Well, there you go! So **MM?AOU** on your rack?

Enough already

20 Word Quiz

Solutions from page 10

All transport related but some have non-transport anagrams, they are listed below.

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. AIRLIFT | 8. HAULIER | 15. SUITCASE |
| 2. AIRLINE | 9. JETPACK | 16. TELPHER |
| 3. BOATLIFT | 10. LORRIES | 17. TRAILER |
| 4. BUSSING | 11. MAILCAR | 18. TRAWLEY |
| 5. DRAYING | 12. PORTAGE | 19. TRUCKED |
| 6. FERRIED | 13. ROPEWAY | 20. WAGONED |
| 7. FREIGHT | 14. SHIPPED | |

4. also **BUSINGS**; 5. also **YARDING**; 6. also **REFIRED**, **REFRIED**; 7. also **FIGHTER**, **REFIGHT**; 12. also **POTAGER**; 15. also **SAUCIER**; 17. also **RETRIAL**, **RETIRAL**; 20. also **GOWANED**.

Woogles.io is a word gaming platform that aims to become the premier place to play word games online. After a tremendously successful Kickstarter campaign that saw the site raise its goal of \$15,000 in less than 24 hours and a total of over \$26,000, Woogles successfully entered an open beta phase on October 15.

ISC has been a perfectly adequate platform for players to get their fix online for nearly 20 years. But a group of Scrabble players with backgrounds in app development, project management, and design have created Woogles with ambitions going far beyond adequate: Woogles' goal is nothing less than to redefine the online word gaming experience.

Woogles launched with a slew of impressive features, including an elegant, modern design, highly customizable game settings, unlimited game history, always-available high-level bot opponents, a 'match counter' that shows your record across multiple games with the same opponent, an Export to GCG button allowing players to create a Quackle game file with just one click, and an in-browser analyzer allowing players to quickly review their games and see what moves are available in spectated games.

The lead developer of Woogles is Cesar Del Solar, creator of the word-study site Aerolith; product manager and data lead Jesse Day, UX designer Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, front-end developer BriAnna McKissen, and software developer Josh Castellano round out the original Woogles team. Prior to the site's October launch, Woogles also added Will Anderson and Doug Brockmeier to the team to help with outreach, community engagement, and growth.

Even before the onset of the pandemic, Cesar was determined to build the word gaming platform that he had always wanted to use. Once live play came to a halt and play migrated entirely to online platforms, he felt an increased urgency to build this platform; shortly thereafter, he began to assemble the official Woogles team.

The team is determined to continue improving the Woogles experience. The first priority is support for competitive tournament and club play, with emphasis on automation of result reporting, pairings, and standings, as well as fully customizable options for directors. The goal is to revolutionize the way online events are organized and run. A functional version of Tournament Mode should be available by mid-November, with the release of the full version set for early 2021.

Other features in the development pipeline include an in-browser game analyzer surpassing even Quackle, learning tools geared towards helping newer players improve, and full integration with live streaming platforms like Twitch and YouTube. On the design side, look out for a dark theme, as well as more customizability in the in-game display. Other long-term goals include algorithmic cheat detection and a full suite of available word games to play, including commonly played variants.

The Woogles team encourages any interested players to follow their Facebook page and join their Discord server for updates on new features and discussion of the site, including opportunities to provide feedback. The team plans to be completely transparent about every aspect of the site, including usage of its funds, development timeline for key features, and even right down to its code, which is fully open-source. But most of all, team Woogles invites you all to stop by the site for a game!

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Victor Tung for sourcing this article for publication in Across the Board.



October 2020

Determined not to join the ranks of **NAYSAYERS** and **SCOFFLAWS**, we remain ever vigilant and recognise that the virus is a real thing that can kill.

When we visit a cafe or restaurant I have my smart phone at the ready to do a QR Scan which registers my presence via Service NSW should there be an outbreak. Even the local coffee shop with 2 staff has this all set up.

So, when I had to visit my local council offices, I was called over to the desk to register. I whipped out my trusty iPhone to do the scan. "Sorry, but we only do it by you reciting your name, address and telephone number while I scribble it down on this clipboardy thing with an analogue pen". (She didn't actually say all that but you get the idea). March of progress must have gone up the side street that day.

My wife and I, ever willing to try something new, have enrolled in a COVID-19 vaccination trial. A couple of other COVID trials by other laboratory groups have been paused due to complications with some of their subjects. We have been assured that we will also be paused should the same occur with this trial.

At time of writing we are 4 weeks into a 15 month trial, and so far this has involved lengthy interviews, blood tests and nasal swabs. We also have an app on our phones where we get a daily reminder for a week after each jab to scroll through and report on how we have been affected, if at all.

The participants are divided into 5 groups, some have been given varying doses of the vaccine some containing an **ADJUVANT**, (change one letter and you also have **ADJUTANT**) or it could be a **PLACEBO** (salty water) or a mixture of any of those. So it is a double blind test.

We carry a card at all times so that if we fall ill, have a heart attack, bus attack or anything serious, then a procedure called emergency **UNBLINDING** can be implemented. This means that any treatment can be assessed depending on whether we had the placebo version or the real version. We don't know which one we have until the trial is over, 15

months from the start. Between 750 and 1500 people are enrolled in the trial. One thing I found out is that I am 1 centimetre taller than I thought. My wife thinks it is because my legs were straightened by the surgeon when I had a knee replacement 6 years ago with the effect of jacking up my body by that much.

The vaccine itself is a **PROTEIN** version as against a virus version. The famous spikes you see on graphics is the protein section. So we are being tested to see if we build up any **ANTIBODIES**.

On each consultation we come away with a showbag. So far we have gained a digital thermometer, nasal swabs, transport tubes, mailing kit and step by step instructions.

20 November

Have now done 2 lots of Covid self testing which involves poking swabs up our own nostrils.

Fairly low on the Fun Things to Do list



Some local friends went on line to find some accommodation for a short **GETAWAY** over the NSW long weekend, but everywhere they were interested in was booked out. So 6 of us started planning a **STAYCATION**, with lunch, dinner and card games at one house on Saturday, Sunday another couple would drive us all over the countryside in search of lunch, then our place Monday for lunch then evening down at the firepit (ex Simpson washing machine barrel) with foiled up potatoes.

It mainly went according to plan except twelve people ended up around the firepit on Monday. Mercifully, one of the add ons was quite happy feeding potatoes into and out of the fire. Grated cheese and butter masked a fair bit of the charcoal dominated result.

Rake's Progress

After clearing out a large patch of **FLAX** recently, I was tidying up and couldn't find the rake. Then it hit me. As I had trodden on it the handle had some tremendous speed as it whacked me on the cheek bone. Luckily I was able to use a **GRAWLIX** (#\$%&) to express my surprise. Roughly translated it means "golly gosh, that made my eyes water".

Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 17 November 2020

1	David Eldar	2124	68	Garth van Vliet	1455	135	Lorraine Thomas	1276
2	Andrew Fisher	2026	69	Phillip Hamilton	1453	136	Cheryle Jerram	1276
3	Peter Kougi	1966	70	Dianne Davis	1450	137	Anne Stewart	1269
4	Jakob Teitelbaum	1962	71	Jyoti Chandna	1448	138	Jacqui Pearce	1267
5	Chris May	1957	72	Dianne Brumby	1444	139	Susan MacGillivray	1264
6	Cameron Farlow	1947	73	Margaret Neal	1444	140	Sharon Sorensen	1263
7	Esther Perrins	1933	74	Michael Vnuk	1443	141	Judy Jones	1262
8	Edward Okulicz	1919	75	Alex Boiko	1437	142	Glenys Logan	1261
9	Naween Fernando	1918	76	Olga Visser	1435	143	Margaret Griggs	1261
10	Anand Bharadwaj	1913	77	John Barker	1432	144	Teresa Dean	1260
11	Trevor Halsall	1901	78	Adam Kauschke	1417	145	Larrie Strautmanis	1260
12	Daniel Piechnick	1900	79	Antonios Syrigos	1404	146	Janine Whittaker	1259
13	Michael Cameron	1797	80	Greg Pinchbeck	1403	147	Jan Hill	1259
14	Joanne Craig	1769	81	Gwen Lampre	1403	148	Margaret Gibson	1258
15	Ryan Sutton	1765	82	Malcolm McAnulty	1402	149	Maureen See	1256
16	David Vanzyl	1753	83	Peter Shaw	1401	150	Rob Hutchinson	1256
17	Adam Kretschmer	1751	84	Julie Brice	1401	151	Shaun Donnelly	1256
18	Rael Hayman	1735	85	Kerry Constable	1400	152	Carol Colwill	1255
19	Wayne Jones	1732	86	Colleen Birch	1396	153	Sue Gergelifi	1254
20	Ron Baginski	1724	87	Barry Harridge	1391	154	Ian Hoffman	1246
21	Rod Talbot	1718	88	Louise Love	1386	155	Rowena Vnuk	1243
22	Mythili Rudra	1715	89	Khen Meerding	1385	156	Robyn Cameron	1243
23	Victor Tung	1710	90	Shirley de Silva	1374	157	Moana Nepia	1241
24	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1702	91	Arnold Appelfhof	1373	158	Joyce Browett	1241
25	Carmel Dodd	1699	92	Therese Nichols	1371	159	Natalie Tadday	1238
26	Trevor Tao	1698	93	Karrin Henderson	1370	160	Christie Godby	1235
27	Geoff Wright	1688	94	Gillian Kinder	1369	161	Tracey Kneebone	1234
28	Tim Mason	1685	95	Chris Ostrowski	1367	162	Frank Csarics	1233
29	Russell Honeybun	1684	96	Pam Bennett	1365	163	Francoise Finlayson	1226
30	John Holgate	1679	97	Sheryl Davidson	1364	164	Janet Bau	1218
31	Andrew Hamblin	1651	98	Trish Reynolds	1357	165	Rob York	1216
32	Karen Richards	1648	99	Tim Reddan	1356	166	Yvonne Edwards	1213
33	Joan Rosenthal	1639	100	Monica Dwyer	1354	167	Paula Messer	1209
34	Tony Hunt	1610	101	Keith Bioletti	1353	168	Patti Ashwin	1208
35	Rocky Sharma	1610	102	Geoff Shepheard	1351	169	Sandra Masel	1207
36	John Hamilton	1608	103	Charles Quartey	1350	170	Nancy Sparling	1207
37	Nick Ivanovski	1605	104	Keri Heart	1345	171	Mal Eden	1206
38	Simon Walton	1605	105	Anne Zion	1339	172	Diane Stoyan	1206
39	Bob Jackman	1603	106	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1338	173	Robin Andersen	1200
40	Chris Hall	1588	107	Richard Birch	1337	174	Lynne Jarvis	1200
41	John Spaan	1581	108	Margaret Webb	1337	175	Tim Walton	1200
42	Graeme Lock Lee	1569	109	Benjamin Lee	1334	176	John Parker	1196
43	Natasha Podesser	1566	110	Susan Rayner	1331	177	Judy Mansfield	1196
44	Norma Fisher	1565	111	Angie Pearse	1330	178	Peter Bauer	1195
45	Eddie Mueller	1556	112	Lexie Neale	1329	179	Duncan Smith	1193
46	Jane Brown	1553	113	Liz Blanch	1328	180	Christina Linwood	1192
47	Barry Jordan	1541	114	Kris Howat	1326	181	Yvette Copley	1191
48	Tony Miller	1539	115	Trish Windhurst	1325	182	Evelyn Goh	1191
49	Dianne Ward	1530	116	Hailey Sutton	1325	183	Norma Tracey	1190
50	Jane Taylor	1529	117	Neil Leow	1325	184	Margaret Bishop	1187
51	Ian Ting	1528	118	Tony Williams	1324	185	Jan Chapman	1187
52	Heather Long	1521	119	Boots Moon	1323	186	Cheryl Michler	1186
53	Noel Barrett	1521	120	Faye Williams	1320	187	Khwanjai Thammaping	1185
54	Roberta Tait	1515	121	Marj Miller	1317	188	Wayne Stoyan	1182
55	Carol Johnsen	1504	122	Martin Waterworth	1313	189	Dianne Gibson	1177
56	Ronnie Bennett	1499	123	Penny Wells	1312	190	Jenny Schafer	1175
57	Ray Alford	1497	124	Hanne Marks	1310	191	Rhona Kenyon	1174
58	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1486	125	Rhonda Rickard	1309	192	Marion Miller	1174
59	Jeremy Yip	1476	126	Lainie Chojna	1308	193	Kerry Reimers	1173
60	Jon Ford-King	1473	127	Noel Coulter	1306	194	Tony Kalayzich	1167
61	Paul Richards	1471	128	Jenny Brysha	1304	195	Jean Gillespie	1166
62	Antony Kimber	1468	129	John Rider	1292	196	Heather Bernstein	1162
63	Mark Smith	1464	130	Felicity Devitt	1287	197	Sunny Wright	1161
64	Trish Brighton	1462	131	June Valentine	1283	198	John Salmon	1159
65	Ivor Zetler	1460	132	John Hayes	1281	199	Jeanette Hansen	1157
66	Martin Rose	1460	133	Anne Schick	1279	200	Bernice Jonathan	1155
67	Kashi Thirisi	1457	134	Gary Pollard	1278			

Handy Lists

7s & 8s with 2 consonants

ABOIDEAU	ABOITEAU	ABOULIA
ACEQUIA	AECIDIA	AENEUS
AEOLIAN	AEONIAN	AEROBIA
AGEUSIA	AIERIES	ALIENEE
AMOEBAE	ANAEMIA	AQUARIA
AQUEOUS	AREOLAE	AUDITEE
AUREATE	AURELIA	AUREOLA
AUREOLAE	AUREOLE	AURORAE
AUTOCUE	CAMAIEU	COUTEAU
DEQUEUE	DIANOIA	DOULEIA
EATERIE	ENQUEUE	EPINAOI
EPOPOEIA	EPUISSE	EQUINIA
ETAERIO	EUCAINE	EUGARIE
EUGENIA	EULOGIA	EULOGIAE
EUPNOEA	EUTAXIA	EUTEXIA
EVACUEE	EXUVIAE	IPOMOEA
KOEKOEAE	MIAOUED	MOINEAU
NOUVEAU	OIDIOID	OLEARIA
OOGONIA	OUABAIN	OUAKARI
OUGUIYA	QUEENIE	RAOULIA
ROULEAU	SAOUARI	SEQUOIA
TAENIAE	URAEMIA	ZOOECIA

Ay Ay!

AALII	NAUPLII
ACCESSORII	OCTONARII
ANTIBACCHII	PERRADII
BACCHII	RADII
CONGII	RETIARII
DENARII	RISORII
DOCHMII	SARTORII
DUPONDII	SENARII
FILII	SEPTENARII
GASTROCNEMII	SESTERTII
GENII	SEXTARII
INTERRADII	SPLENII
KAWAII	STAPEDII
LEYLANDII	TORII
MEDII	TRAPEZII
MODII	

Oh Oh!

ACHOO	GOOROO	PROO
AGLOO	HALLALOO	RATOO
AHCHOO	HALLOO	RAZOO
ALOO	HOLLOO	RUBABOO
ATISHOO	HOODOO	RUBBABOO
BABOO	HOOPOO	SAMFOO
BALLYHOO	HOOROO	SAMSHOO
BALOO	HUBBUBOO	SHAMPOO
BAMBOO	HULLABALLOO	SHIVOO
BAZOO	HULLABALOO	SHOO
BOOBOO	HULLOO	SHYPOO
BOOCOO	IGLOO	SISSOO
BOOGALOO	JACKAROO	SKIDDOO
BOOHOO	JACKEROO	SKIDOO
BOOKOO	JIGABOO	SMACKEROO
BROO	JILLAROO	SMASHEROO
BUCKAROO	JORDELOO	STINKEROO
BUCKEROO	JUNKANOO	SUPERLOO
BUGABOO	KANGAROO	SWITCHEROO
BURGOO	KAROO	TABOO
BUROO	KARROO	TATTOO
CALALOO	KAZOO	TICKETTYBOO
CALLALOO	KERCHOO	TUKTOO
CARIBOO	KOODOO	TWIGLOO
CASHOO	LANTERLOO	VAUDDO
COCKAPOO	MALTIPOO	VINDALOO
COCKATOO	MOOLOO	VOODOO
COOCOO	NANDOO	WAHOO
CUCKOO	NAPOO	WALLAROO
DIDGERIDOO	NARDOO	WANDEROO
DIDJERIDOO	PAKAPOO	WANDOO
DOODOO	PARLEYVOO	WATERLOO
FORHOO	PEEKABOO	WAZOO
GARDYLOO	PEEKAPOO	WOOHOO
GAZOO	PEKEPOO	YAHOO
GENTOO	POTOO	ZOOZOO
GILLAROO	POTOROO	

V End

CHAV	GOV	LEITMOTIV	OLLAV	SCHAV
CHIV	GRAV	LEV	OMOV	SEV
DEEV	GUV	LISTSERV	PAREV	SHIV
DERV	HALIEROV	LUV	PAV	SOV
DEV	IMPROV	MAGLEV	PERV	SPIV
DIV	ISOGRIV	MAZELTOV	RAV	STOTINOV
EREV	KALASHNIKOV	MIRV	REV	TAV
ERUV	KIEV	MOSHAV	SATNAV	TOLARJEV
GANEV	LAV	NAV	SAV	VAV

J End

AFLAJ	BENJ	HAJ	SVARAJ
BASEEJ	FALAJ	HAJJ	SWARAJ
BASIJ	HADJ	RAJ	TAJ

No Vowels

BRR	FY	HMMM	MYRRHY	RHYTHMS	SYLPHS	TYGS
BRRR	FYRD	HWYL	MYTH	RYND	SYLPHY	TYMP
BY	FYRDS	HWYLS	MYTHS	RYNDS	SYN	TYMPS
BYRL	GHYLL	HYMN	MYTHY	SCRY	SYNC	TYND
BYRLS	GHYLLS	HYMNS	NTH	SH	SYNCH	TYPY
BYS	GLYCYL	HYP	NY	SHH	SYNCHS	TYPYS
CH	GLYCYLS	HYPHY	NYM	SHHH	SYNCS	TYPY
CHYND	GLYPH	HYPS	NYMPH	SHY	SYND	VLY
CLY	GLYPHS	JYNX	NYMPHLY	SHYLY	SYNDS	WHY
CRWTH	GRR	KY	NYMPHS	SKRY	SYNTH	WHYS
CRWTHS	GRRL	KYDST	NYS	SKY	SYNTHS	WRY
CRY	GRRLS	KYND	PFFT	SKYF	SYPH	WRYLY
CRYPT	GRRRL	KYNDY	PHPHT	SKYFS	SYPHS	WYCH
CRYPTS	GRRRLS	LYCH	PHT	SKYR	SYZYGY	WYN
CWM	GRYPT	LYM	PLY	SKYRS	THY	WYND
CWMS	GYM	LYMPH	PRY	SLY	THYMY	WYNDY
CWTC	GYMP	LYMPHS	PRYS	SLYLY	TRY	WYNDY
CYST	GYMPS	LYMS	PSST	SNY	TRYP	WYNN
CYSTS	GYMS	LYNCH	PST	SPHYNX	TRYPY	WYNNY
DRY	GYNNY	LYNX	PSYCH	SPRY	TRYST	WYNS
DRYLY	GYNY	MM	PSYCHS	SPRYLY	TRYSTS	XYLYL
DRYS	GYP	MMM	PWN	SPY	TSK	XYLYLS
FLY	GYPPY	MY	PWNS	ST	TSKS	XYST
FLYBY	GYPS	MYC	PYGYM	STY	TSKTSK	XYSTY
FLYBYS	GYPSY	MYCS	PYX	STYMY	TSKTSKS	YMPY
FLYSCH	HM	MYRRH	RHY	SWY	TWP	ZZZ
FRY	HMM	MYRRHS	RHYTHM	SYLPH	TYG	ZZZY

This article features an interesting position from an online game I saw last month. I pick up the action with Waseem Khatri to move holding the rack **EILPSTU**, but trailing his opponent Ben Schoenbrun 261 - 322 (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT4f8n5BH6o> to view the game in its entirety).

Waseem chose the highest scoring play of **(G)ULPIEST** at 15H for 86 points. Good alternatives are **PULIEST**, **PUTELIS** or **STIPULE** which can be hooked onto **ZA** and/or **FOREPART** for over 80 points.

However, with a cheeky grin on his face, the American co-commentator Conrad Bassett-Bouchard suggested the very imaginative and saucy, albeit invalid extension of the opening play of **KETCH** to **(KETCH)UPLIEST!**

How did the game finish up? Each player made another bonus word so seven bonuses in all were played. Ben Schoenbrun, trailing by 33 points with the bag empty found an out-in-two sequence to narrowly win 530 - 528, but Waseem lost 5 points under penalty challenge rules in force for the event when he challenged **YAKIMONO** early on in the game.

As it turned out **KETCHUPLIEST*** was invalid, the six letter extension of **KETCH** to **(KETCH)UPIEST** is a valid word but was rejected, so **QORMA** (a mild curry) was as saucy as we got.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1			S		B	E	Z								
2	M	A	T	A	D	O	R	A							
3			Y												
4			G												
5		O	I												
6		F	A	Y											
7			N	a											
8				K	E	T	C	H							
9				I											
10				m											
11			Q	O	R	M	A								
12				N				V							
13			F	O	R	E	P	A	R	T					
14					E	X		N							
15								G							