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committee matters

The Committee meets next on October 2nd at Philips house in London. Apart from the AGM, there have been no 'regular' Committee meetings since the last edition of OnBoard.

The BMSC went very smoothly and the new rooming arrangements seemed very popular, with all divisions in the same room. The AGM saw some lively discussion, but remained a very civil occasion, well chaired by Ross Mackenzie. Paula Davenport made her public debut as Youth Officer and her enthusiasm for the role was evident. It was good to see so many of our young players taking part in BMSC this year and we wish them all good luck in the WYSC later this year. Cheques from the Graeme Thomas Fund, to help toward the cost of attending, were presented to WYSC players at the end of the tournament.

You will find the minutes of the AGM on page 31, but points raised at the meeting included:

- Following questions from the floor, the BMSC surplus was explained, as was stock held (logo wear, round boards).
- It was suggested that there might be a membership discount without changing to the online magazine – the cost of postage and printing was reiterated.
- Committee have looked at Direct Debit as a possible means of subscription payment.
- It was asked if members might receive the electronic version of the magazine as well as the hard copy.
- It was suggested that longer term memberships might be considered.

The Committee will discuss these points in the near future and, as usual, if you have any points to raise please do not hesitate to contact me or any Committee member.

Laura Finley - Secretary, ABSP



Some of the Committee facing members at the AGM. At the back, Laura Finley (Secretary) and Ross Mackenzie (Chairman). In front, Paula Davenport (Youth Officer), Steve Perry (Tournament Organiser), Alec Webb (OnBoard Editor), Peter Ashurst (Treasurer), Liz Jardine, Wayne Kelly (Publications Officer) and Elie Dangoor (Data Controller/Complaints Officer).

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around the tournaments

Luton

May 21 (7 Rounds)

Tables reproduced incorrectly in hard copy version of last OnBoard

Luton A		
Austin Shin	7	793
Diane Pratesi	5	780
Jessica Pratesi	5	292

Luton B		
Andrew Eames	6	650
Jack Anscomb	6	370
Sanmi Odelana	5	233

Luton C		
Margaret Marshall	7	388
Emma Brown	6	517
Val Hoskings	5	307

Luton D		
Trevor Warwick	6	967
Jack Durand	6	221
Ted Anscomb	5	148

Peterborough 24 hour

July 23rd-24th

Report from Chris Hawkins

The fifth Peterborough '24-Hour' Tournament took place over the weekend of 23-24th July, with a full compliment of 27 entrants in three divisions of 9. Games commenced at 12.30 despite three missing players delayed by traffic, but as they were in different divisions it was possible to rejig games so that all three received their bye in round 1 and nobody lost out.

In the C division top rated players Bronagh Kenny and Geoff Cooper were given a run for their money by Scott Bowman and Malcolm Davis. Going into the final round all were on 5-2, but only three would be promoted (and only two would win money!). Geoff beat Bronagh to win the division and push her down to fourth (Malcolm and Scott both won their final games to gain promotion too, Malcolm pipping Scott to second place)

In the B division Victoria Kingham led for most of the way only to fade near the end and ultimately finish fourth. Bartosz Pieta, having travelled 1400km from Poland to attend the event, won his last four games to finish top of the group. Chris Harrison won a tightly fought battle for second and the other player to be promoted to A for the second round robin was Anne Ashmore.



Dawn breaks, and one intrepid Scrabbler uses a break to mentally run through the five-vowel eights.

In the A division, there were three players rated in the 180's, Lewis Mackay, Wayne Kelly and Austin Shin, then a 20 point gap to the rest of the division. This meant that these three would be likely to be battling for the top three places in A all weekend and so it proved to be. Wayne won his first five games but then lost three in a row to finish third. Lewis got off to a terrible start losing two of his first three but finished strongly to end up second. Austin was the most consistent and won 6 of his 8 games to top the group.

The second set of round robin games started at 10.00pm after the evening meal break and was scheduled to go right through the night, finishing at 6.00am. In previous years some entrants found these games quite tough especially towards the end of the night and so it proved again, while others seemed to come to life, obviously life's insomniacs!

The format of the competition means that three players get relegated from A and B at the end of each round robin. In C division those three relegated players did battle for the top three places and instant promotion back up to B. With one round to go Nicky Huitson and Kim Hands were both on 6-1, two wins clear of Chrystal Rose in third, and playing each other to see who would win the division. In the end Nicky beat Kim by 54 to be promoted as group winner. Kim and Chrystal also went straight back up. The highlight of the night games in division C was undoubtedly Martyn Washbourne's attire, as he changed into a rather fetching pair of blue checked pajamas, and signed his scoresheets 'Pajama Man' for the rest of the night!

Two of the three relegated players from the A division did battle for the top spot in B through the night. Ebi Sosseh and Paul Thompson were both on 6-1 going into the last round but weren't due to play each other. They both won their final game and Paul won the division due to his superior spread. Victoria Kingham pipped Frankie Latham to the third promotion spot.

In the A division, Lewis, Wayne and Austin maintained their stranglehold on the top three places, with Lewis triumphing at the end by winning all eight of his games. Wayne beat Austin to finish second on 7-1.

As well as the individual round robins counting for prize money, players' cumulative wins and spreads were being recorded. After all players had played 16 games, Lewis was in front on 13-3, having won his last 11 games, Austin and Wayne were both on 12 wins separated by just 24 spread points, and Nicky Huitson and Paul Thompson occupied fourth and fifth spots on 10 wins.

The final round robins started at 6.15am, being interrupted by a couple of meal breaks at breakfast time and a buffet lunch. In the C division Geoff Cooper went on a run of 7 straight wins and only fell at the final hurdle, losing to Yvonne Lambert. His 16 wins in C, then B, then C division again were enough to help him finish fourth in the '24 game' competition.

In the final B division round robin, Chrystal Rose got off to the best start, then Bartosz Pieta took over at the top of the table but ultimately it was Greg Kelly who finished strongest on 6 wins. Chris Harrison pipped Chrystal for second place.

In the A division, Lewis won his first six games taking his winning streak to an amazing 17 games, but in his seventh game he lost to Wayne who was also on an unbeaten run of 11 games. Wayne went on to win his last game too to finish on 8-0 (and an unbeaten run of 13 games) and topped the table. Lewis was second and Austin was third.

It was always going to be the case that the top three in A were going to top the '24 game' competition, and in the end the final positions were Lewis in first on 20-4 +2306, Wayne in second also on 20 wins, and Austin in third on 18 wins.

Apart from one person who didn't quite make it to the end of the event due to illness, everyone completed their 24 games, indeed a few played some extra rated games in their bye rounds! The next All-Nighter will be in the middle third of the year in 2012, as the shorter period of darkness at this time of the year seemed to go down well with most of the competitors.

First Round Robins		Second Round Robins		Third Round Robins	
Austin Shin	6 757	Lewis Mackay	8 1074	Wayne Kelly	8 635
Lewis Mackay	5 468	Wayne Kelly	7 620	Lewis Mackay	7 764
Bartosz Pieta	6 627	Paul Thompson	7 856	Greg Kelly	6 336
Chris Harrison	5 77	Ebi Sosseh	7 545	Chris Harrison	5 530
Geoff Cooper	6 342	Nicky Huitson	7 711	Geoff Cooper	7 816
Malcolm Davis	6 308	Kim Hands	6 253	Reeyaaz Goolamhossen	6 516

Nottingham Nomads

August 6/7th 8 games each day

SATURDAY			SUNDAY					
Anderson			Randall			Fox		
Phil Robertshaw	7	478	Tim Butcher	7	732	Janet Phillips	7	351
Martin Harrison	5	130	Fay Madeley	5	257	Paul Thomson	6	641
Beckinsale			Sillitoe			Hawksmoor		
Cecil Muscat	6	-88	Paul Cartman	7	739	Ann Golding	6	292
John Ashmore	5	400	Caroline Elliott	5	422	Steve Balment	6	243
Coates			Wolfit			Larwood		
David Shenkin	7	757	Kerry Constant	7	456	Peter Ashurst	7	790
Victoria Kingham	7	248	Anne Lynas	6	330	Rosalind Wilson	6	230
Froch						Player		
Carolyn Emery	6	596				Fay Madeley	7	219
Adrienne Berger	6	94				John Mitchell	6	119
Horne						Rimington		
Jill Parker	6	308				Caroline Elliott	7	543
Teresa Lyes	5	361				Syd Berger	6	31
Lovelace						Smith		
Steve Balment	7½	318				Martha Mitchell	6	411
Lois Mcleod	6	413				June Johnstone	6	241
Pleasance						Westwood		
Marlene Skinner	5½	135				Philippa Morris	7	667
Geoff Cooper	5	330				Peter Terry	6	337

Scottish Round Robin

August 13/14th 7 games each day

The theme on Saturday was “Children’s characters” and on Sunday “Shakespeare”

SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
Asterix			Antonio		
Ross Mackenzie	6	380	Ross Mackenzie	5	410
Raymond Tate	6	354	Kate Surtees	5	140
Bagpuss			Banquo		
Margaret Armstrong	6	763	Graham Haigh	5	468
Tom Wilson	5	247	Marion Keatings	5	380
Charlie Brown			Cordelia		
Linda Bradford	6	142	Melanie Beaumont	6	601
Sylvia Swaney	4	270	Moyar Kewar	6	390
Donald Duck			Desdemona		
Margaret Irons	6	430	Helen Polhill	5	322
Caoline Foy	5	392	Maria Marczak	5	165

Other Prizewinners: Saturday Theme Word, Amy Byrne for DUMBO – Sunday Theme Word, Ray Tate for FAERIE – High Game Score, Nigel Sibbett 555 – High Move Score, Moyar Dewar 149 for SHANTIES – Overall Best Performance, Ross Mackenzie.

Wetherby

August 14th 7 games



Wetherby A

KimHands	6	287
Martin Thompson	5	600
Neil Rowley	5	598



Wetherby B

Paul Cartman	6	616
Viv Beckmann	6	137
Geoff Cooper	5	561

Ilford

August 14th 9 games

Ilford A

Calum Edwards	8	567
Vincent Boyle	7	359
Mike Whiteoak	6	265

Ilford B

Carmen Toscano	7	531
Marc Meakin	7	462
Nick Jenkins	6	113

Ilford C

Ron Bucknell	8	617
Sue Ball	8	371
Carmen Dolan	8	269

Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO)

August 21st 7 games

MSO A

Philip Nelkon	5	513
Nick Ascroft	5	178
Calum Edwards	5	162

MSO B

Chrystal Rose	6	726
Nick Stone	6	389
Lee Graham	5	672

As in previous years the MSO head-to-head results before spread to rank players for medals. Consequently the medal awards were:

Division A: Gold - Nick Ascroft, Silver - Philip Nelkon, Bronze - Rik Kennedy

Division B: Winner - Chrystal Rose, Second - Nick Stone, Third - Reeyaz Goolamhossen

Juniors: Gold - Oliver Garner, Silver - Jessica Pratesi, Bronze - Natasha Pratesi

Scrabble Variants : The MSO also held a Scrabble Variants competition the winners were:

Clabbers: 1 Nuala O'Rourke, 2 Andrei Russel-Gebbert, 3 Oliver Garner

If Only: 1 Nuala O'Rourke, 2 Andrei russel-Gebbert, 3 Sandie Simonis

Duplicate: 1 Sandie Simonis, 2 Michael Chapell, 3 Andrei Russel Gebbert

Combined: 1 Andrei Russel-Gebbert, 2 Nualo O'Rourke, 3 Sandie Simonis

BMSC Ladies/Mens

August 26-27th 6 games

Report from Mauro Pratesi



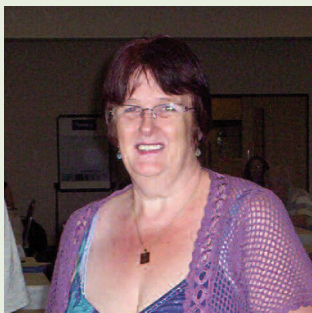
Ladies A

Diane Pratesi	5	373
Amy Byrne	5	327
Karen Richards	5	322



Mens A

Martin Harrison	5	398
Terry Kirk	5	182
Neil Scott	4	319



Ladies B

Sarah Wilks	5	329
Janet Bonham	5	302
Philippa Morris	5	176



Mens B

Len Edwards	5	298
Chris Harrison	5	141
Graham Bonham	4	369

On Friday 26th August the Ladies and Mens tournaments started the BMSC four day event . This was the seventh year running the Yarnfield Conference Centre near Stone played host to the event. The facilities had been upgraded so that this year; all the contestants played in one big room. Coffees, teas and juice were available on tap from the new self service area in the foyer. Wayne Kelly had ordered some sticky white paper which when placed on the noticeboard you actually could place single sheets of fixtures and table standings without the use of pins, blu-tac, plastic folders or sellotape. Seeing was believing!

There were 42 ladies and 32 men playing in the warm-up events who played a total of six rounds for the Kay Thorne and John Rusted perpetual trophies. Alec Webb stood in as Tournament Director in place of Allan Simmons. There was only one key note of improper action and that was "players should *not* use the self adjudication computers to check combinations or missed words". One particular computer had the word checking program

reset to default Collins 2012 and a misadjudication happened because of it. Alec had to announce a stern reminder to the players.

Pauline Johnson was there to defend the trophy along with other former winners but it was Australian Karen Richards in round 5 who defeated her 488-380. That win for Karen put her second along with Amy Byrne in third with four wins each. Out in front having won all her five games was Diane Pratesi with a 380 spread. In the last round Diane faced off with Karen while Amy faced Jessica Pratesi. The spread difference was 65 between Diane and Karen. They were two very tense and close games. Amy's result came in first and Jessica kept Amy's winning spread to a low 21 (427-406). Then Karen marginally beat Diane by a mere seven points, little enough to warrant a massive post-mortem on the play and outcome but computer operator Mauro Pratesi knew the score. With five wins each the finishing order was Diane, Amy and Karen with only 51 points separating first from third. Diane wins the Kay Thorne trophy for the second time having won it in 2007. Karen had won it in 2009.

Ladies Division B was won by Sarah Wilks in similar fashion. Sarah led with five wins going into the last round followed by Janet Bonham, Heather Laird and Philippa Morris who were one win behind. This time the spread difference between Sarah and Janet was 113. In the last round Sarah played Philippa and Janet played Heather. Janet bested Heather 407-378 and Philippa bested Sarah 399-337. But Sarah still held on to win Ladies B with 329 spread from her five wins. Janet was second with 302 spread and Philippa came third with 176.

In a very strong rated Men's Division A Neil Scott was leading three other players on spread with four wins going into the last round. Neil was paired with Wayne Kelly to whom he lost 425-444. Martin Harrison who was second played Steve Perry who was third. Martin thumped Steve 461-342 to win the Men's A Division. With Terry Kirk also having beaten Joe McGinley 370-344, Terry finished second while Neil bravely hung on to third place.

In the Men's B Division Len Edwards had won all his games and led by one win from Graham Bonham and Chris Harrison. Len then lost his last game to Chris Harrison 376-419 and Graham lost 348-368 to Andy Gray. Len held on to win on spread from Chris while Graham lost by just little enough to hold on to third spot.

British Matchplay Scrabble Championship 2011

August 27-29th 21 games

Report from Wayne Kelly

136 players gathered in Yarnfield for the ABSP's flagship event, the 2011 British Matchplay Scrabble Championships. We were unfortunately without the man that traditionally holds it all together, Allan Simmons, due to injury, but the rest of the team pulled together to make everything run as smoothly as possible.

Before we get to the Scrabble – a few words of appreciation.

Many thanks go to Sarah Wilks for her efforts sorting out venue queries and helping with the entries. It made my life a lot easier!

Mauro Pratesi did a fantastic job on the computer, while Jared was busy adding various bits and pieces to the CentreStar website (www.centrestar.co.uk) including a huge selection of annotated games. Ben Wilson and young Natasha Pratesi worked their socks off annotating a game each per round. Fred Saxton and Yoke Shin were the runners for those less mobile, while 'she who must obeyed', Amy Byrne, made sure we all toed the line in her capacity as Tournament Director.

The venue had had a facelift since last year, so for the first time in a very long time, the whole of the field was in one room. The food had improved greatly and the staff were as pleasant as ever. I think we might go there again!

The Scrabble started slightly late due to a few late arrivals but there was just one player missing for Game 1 while the rest of us commenced battle.

Saturday

In division D, at the end of the first day there were 2 unbeaten players – Christine Tudge and Julie Tate, with 2 games daylight between 3rd and 4th. Barbara Lukey, Paul Cartman and Jean Owen had all been in the lead at some point during the day.

In division C, things were more clear cut, with Peter Ashurst unbeaten and 3 wins clear of the pack already. Margaret Harkness and Tim Butcher were early leaders but by round 3 Peter had taken root!

Division C and D were round robins, but Division B was a 28-player strong division. Nobody was running away with this group, by the end of Saturday, with Paul Thomson and Israel's Naomi Landau leading, having lost one game each. The lead had changed hands three times in the first three rounds with Ginny Dixon, Sarah Wilks fresh from her Ladies Division B win, and Ian Coventry all sticking their head above the parapet. Ian held the top for a couple of rounds before succumbing to Paul.

The Open division was huge this year, as almost half the entrants had decided to take the plunge. Not only was there a good prize fund, but also there was the last WSC place up for grabs for the highest placed non-qualifier. The criteria also required that the player was a UK resident, so there were a good few candidates who were not eligible. In a field this big, everything was up for the taking!

Nobody was unbeaten by the end of Day 1, with Stewart Holden leading from Lewis Mackay and Steve Perry. They had all lost just 1 game, and Steve was looking good for the last WSC spot, with Austin Shin and Paul Bassett a game behind.

Theresa Brousson, Mike Whiteoak and Neil Scott had been early leaders till Paul Allan took over for a couple of rounds. David Eldar visiting from Australia took the top spot in Round 6, but Paul gained it back, before losing it to Stewart.

There were 2 ratings prizes in the Open division and the aforementioned Steve Perry was doing best in the B category, while Andrew Eames was doing similar for the C rated players.

Sunday

Sunday's games finish at the evening meal to make way for the AGM so there was another 8 games to add on.

In Division D, Christine Tudge stumbled on the first game, leaving Julie Tate to claim the lead for herself outright. Julie managed another win to take her to her personal best winning streak of 10. Christine reclaimed the lead and the two ladies swapped places for a few rounds and then in round 15 Jean Owen rose to the top, but could remain there for only one round before Christine regained pole position for overnight. Paul Cartman and Joe Knapper were breathing down her neck though!

One division higher, Peter Ashurst started the morning with his first loss, but was still two games clear till round 13, when Marlene Skinner got to one game behind him. By round 15 he was 3 games clear again but was reduced to two in the last game of the day. Marlene was still in second but with a negative spread despite winning more than double the number of games she had lost.

In Division B, Paul Thomson and Naomi Landau were see-sawing with the lead all day, but Paul managed to hold her off by dinner. Moira Conway was lying in third place, with early leader Ian Coventry another win behind, who had recorded the highest score of the division in round 15 – 558.

Stewart Holden and Steve Perry continued their winning ways in the first game of the day in the Open division, Steve was out on his own after the second! This was the kiss of death

though as Steve then lost his next seven games. Paul Gallen took over the lead for one round while there was a certain sense of inevitability by round 12 as last year's winner, Brett Smitheram took the lead and hung on for the rest of the day. Overnight he was two wins clear. Cecil Muscat was in the driving seat for the final WSC place, with the chasing pack at least one off the pace, while Terry Kirk was outperforming the rest of the B class. Anne Ashmore was going against the odds for the C's – not to mention being two wins clear of her other half! So after a lovely meal, the AGM took place – details of that can be found elsewhere in the newsletter – and then it was a choice of bar or bed!

Monday

With just 5 games on the Monday, there could be no sloppiness and Paul Cartman sneaked into the lead in Division D after a big win. He then kept the lead over Christine Tudge who was subsequently overtaken by WYSC hopeful Joe Knapper. Paul didn't give an inch though and ran out the winner with two games to spare. Joe managed to hold onto second while Christine came in third.

In Division C, things started to get a bit hairy for Peter Ashurst, as two losses let Marlene Skinner catch up on the number of wins, though Peter's spread was superior.

With one game to go they were still level but guaranteed first and second between them as Ted Lewis lost the penultimate game to Marlene. This was fortunate for them both as they both lost their final game with Peter's spread making all the difference. So it was Peter first, Marlene second and Ted winning his final game to secure third.

In Division B, Paul Thomson lost his first two games which let Moira Conway into the lead for the first time. Paul lost again and so did Moira, allowing Ian Coventry back to the top with Naomi into second. Naomi had just beaten Moira by 2! Ian then lost and Naomi took the lead again but unfortunately she lost the last game. The division was incredibly tight at the top, and Moira Conway took the title at the death. Steve Balment came into second place, pushing Naomi to third while Beverley Calder made a last minute surge (a win by +264!) to claim 4th place.

There was also a ratings prize in B, which went to Sarah Wilks in 7th – a much-deserved prize for her continued efforts. It was also announced that she received a proposal of marriage the day before the event, so it was celebrations all round!

If Sunday's final position in the Open division had an air of inevitability about it, the start of Monday turned the world on its head. Brett lost the first game of the day to Phil Robertshaw, and then lost to Lewis Mackay who had caught him up. Lewis was still second on spread but with three rounds to go it was wide open. Brett lost again to Paul Gallen, allowing Lewis to get ahead, with Paul in second.

In the penultimate round Paul Gallen beat Lewis Mackay creating a straight shoot-out for the title. Phil Robertshaw inflicted Brett's 4th straight defeat and forced them into a repeat match, where potentially the runner-up spot was still for grabs.



BMSC D		
Paul Cartman	17	1048
Joseph Knapper	15	808
Christine Tudge	15	765



BMSC C		
Peter Ashurst	15	648
Marlene Skinner	15	33
Ted Lewis	14½	599

There were three people not the slightest concerned with that possibility though as with Brian Sugar back in the lead for the WSC place but declaring he was not going to take it, his opponent Austin Shin needed only to win to make sure the place was his. Although Calum Edwards and a certain individual called Wayne Kelly, were hoping that Brian would continue his winning run, as they were the only two who could overtake Austin.

The final game saw Austin lose to Brian meaning the winner of Calum and I would take the WSC spot. Calum went off like a train (actually more like a plane as he started with AIRFARE!), and a bad miss on move two left me grounded. Very well done to Calum, who will be making his WSC debut in October.

Have I forgotten something? Ah yes, the fight for the BMSC title... Lewis v Paul and Brett v Phil (both these games were annotated and can be found on the Centrestar website).

Lewis hit the ground running in the final game and played almost faultlessly for the main part of the game, giving him his first BMSC win, to add to his growing collection of major victories. (Photo, front cover)

By contrast, Phil and Brett's game was much more of a needle match, but a mistake by Phil let Brett close the board down to take third place. Phil's spread kept him in fourth ahead of Stewart Holden.

So that is it for another year – many thanks go to everyone who helped in any way. I would like to give special thanks to Allan Simmons, who is now leaving the Committee and therefore his BMSC organiser role. It was a great shame he could not be there for his last appointment to soak up the appreciation, and also to see the delight of people's faces when they got their free ABSP travel mug! His presence was definitely missed.



BMSC B

Moira Conway	15	630
Steve Balment	14	733
Naomi Landau	14	689

BMSC Open

Lewis Mackay	16	829
Paul Gallen	15	1262
Brett Smitheram	15	904
Phil Robertshaw	14	1321
Stewart Holden	14	769
Brian Sugar	14	718
Paul Allan	13	1161
Calum Edwards	13	1022
Neil Scott	13	945
Austin Shin	13	549

Havinging

September 3rd 7 games

Report from Cindy Hollyer

Havinging A

Austin Shin	6	893
Danny Bekhor	5	308
David Shenkin	5	56

Havinging B

Nick Jenkins	6	443
Mark Bradley	5	321
Derek Bower	5	246

Havinging C

Peter Terry	5	552
Nick Stone	5	456
Dan Smith	5	417

This Havinging tournament saw a drastic drop in numbers due to holidays, illness and non attendance. However, 50 contestants helped make it very competitive, especially in a very strong Division A. It was good to see some new names featuring at the top end of both divisions B and C. As usual the Essex sunshine provided a diversion in between games as the local footballers were out in force for their fixtures.

The nominated charity – The Royal Institute for the Blind – will benefit from the raffle donation of £50.00

UK Youth Scrabble Festival

September 2nd-4th

Report from Paula Davenport

The UK Youth Festival weekend started on the Friday with Karen and Alastair Richards doing a brain dump on us. The amount we learnt over the first two days was awesome. Zyzzyva, OTARINE +1, word study, board strategy, rack balance, keeping physically fit, being mentally prepared, what to do if you lose, were all drummed into us. It's hard work if you want to get to the top! Jessica Pratesi did some tuition too which she took to like a duck to water. We all had a go at taking on Alastair, he played 6 separate games at the same time. I am proud to report that at least two of us beat Alastair. Joe was one, and I was another.

On Saturday afternoon, there was an 'All in' event. This enabled the young players to play against adults in a less intimidating environment than a 3 day tournament. It helped the beginners to learn about etiquette and rules in a practical way. And it was a great warm up for Sunday's UK Youth Championships. There were 6 players in each of the 3 divisions with Karen and Alastair taking part too. No surprise who won the event! :) Alastair was top, Karen came second with Diane Pratesi in third place. In Division B, Jack Durand (age 11) won but only just from Christine Cartman. Natalie Zolty who had never played in a face-to-face tournament before, won beating me into second place. The highest scoring word was REQUIRES (a whopping 203 points) by Paul Cartman.

The UK Youth Championship kicked off bright and early on the Sunday morning. The main contenders had rolled into town – some serious Scrabble was about to happen. There were two divisions, Division A was made up of the seven qualifiers for the World Youth Scrabble Championships (Malaysia), and Division B which was a recreational tournament made up of two complete novices plus two slightly more experienced players.

Now, this next bit was kindly written by Mauro Pratesi as he was the man behind the desk:

In Division A, they played 8 games - a straight round robin with king-of-the-hill final round. In the other division, they played a double round robin of only six rounds. Once top two rated players Jessica Pratesi and Oliver Garner lost their opening matches to Jack Durand and Shrinidhi Prakash respectively we knew it was going to be a tough tournament. Further losses for Jessica and Oliver didn't help their situation and it was Tim Butcher who led the tournament going into the final rounds. For Jessica to retain her title she had to hope Oliver could beat Tim and Natasha Pratesi could beat Joe Knappner. Jessica was the sit out for that round and due to play Oliver in the last of the round robin pairings. Oliver did beat Tim and Natasha did beat Joe. In round seven Oliver bested Jessica 365-335 while Tim lost to Joe 395-401 which set up Tim and Oliver to battle it out for the championship. Oliver got off to a bonus start with AFFORDS for 76. TELAMONS for 70 through Tim's BEEPERS made the game safe for Oliver. Finishing with the impressive RAOULIA Oliver beat Tim 503-297 to become UK Youth Champion with five wins and 586 spread. Jessica beat Joe 448-371 to finish second with four wins and 438 spread.

There were very few high scoring games and very few high scoring words. Jessica topped both with the highest game score of 509 and the highest word score of 106 for EVINCES and won trophies for both achievements, although Jessica kindly gave up her high score trophy to sister Natasha who had the next two highest word scores of 91 for RUSTING/PRIZES and 90 for TOWNIER/JAR. In the "All-in" Natasha had scored 92 for WINGERS/NETS. Kiran Pal won a trophy for the highest performance above their rating.

All in all, it was a fantastic event. Some of the youngsters are showing such potential, but we need more youngsters to create a solid UK Youth Team. If you would like to get involved with Youth Scrabble, then please contact me: pdavenport@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk



A fine crop of youth talent. Standing: Steffan Taylor, George Bateman, Gemma Davis, Oliver Garner, Joe Knapper, Tim Butcher. Seated: Kieran Pal, Shrinidhi Prakash, Jessica Pratesi, Natasha Pratesi and Jack Durand.

And finally, without the following, the UK Youth Championship couldn't have happened. So a huge thank you to Karen and Alastair Richards, Tracy, the Pratesi family, the young people who took part and all the parents who watched patiently.

NSC Semi Final (Leeds)

September 10-11th

A high quality field of 56 players met at the Leeds Hilton Hotel, having qualified from regional tournaments all around the country.

There were surprise results right from round one with reigning champion Mikki Nicholson losing to Ann Golding, and later Jim Lyes overcoming a ratings difference of 76 points to topple Mark Nyman.

Round nine and John Ashmore at 8-1 was a win clear of the field, but there was an abundance of powerful players in this event and a clutch of Grand Masters eventually surged to the top. Going into the final round six of them filled the top six places. Who were the top two finishers going to be to go on to the prestigious head-to-head NSC Final in London on November 6th?

One win ahead and with a high spread Gary Oliver needed only to avoid a big defeat to Helen Gipson. As it turned out Gary did lose, but by just 19. Sadly for Helen that was not quite good enough for her and Wayne Kelly took second place by just 5 points of spread.

A report of the final will be in the December issue of OnBoard

NSC Semi Final		
Gary Oliver	10	802
Wayne Kelly	10	562
Helen Gipson	10	557
Howard Wilde	10	436
Mikki Nicholson	10	425

ratings snapshot

These pages are a snapshot of how the ratings looked on 14th September 2011. Players listed here have played at least 30 ABSP-rated games in total on that date, and at least 1 since 14th September 2010. ABSP membership number is in the column before name, or blank if not a member. There are rated games taking place every week so for the most up-to-date list you should go to the ABSP website: absp.org.uk > results > ratings

207	1481	Nigel Richards (GM)	178		Ben Tarlow	166	1116	Paul Bassett
202	774	Brett Smitheram (GM)	178	1869	Feargal Weatherhead	166	914	Vincent Boyle
199	57	Mark Nyman (GM)	177	880	Femi Awowade (GM)	166	14	Di Dennis (GM)
197	764	Lewis Mackay (GM)	177	1197	Christian Brown	166	1429	Stewart Houten
195		Nathan Benedict	177	814	Jared Robinson (Exp)	166	281	Steve Perry
193	147	Helen Gipson (GM)	176		Richard Evans (Exp)	166	101	Robert Richland (Exp)
192	1427	Mikki Nicholson (GM)	176		Yi_En Gan	166	428	Kwaku Sapong
192	1368	Phil Robertshaw (Exp)	176		Andrew Goodwin	166		Bob Violett (Exp)
191	652	Nick Ball (Exp)	176	1846	Albert Hahn	165	978	Andy Becher
191	1355	Craig Beevers (GM)	176	1000	Stewart Holden (GM)	165		David Delicata
191	1618	Paul Gallen (Exp)	176	4	Philip Nelkon (GM)	165		Mark Goodwin
191	158	Ed Martin (GM)	176	41	Gareth Williams (GM)	165	1706	Clement Ikolo
190	745	Harshan Lama'suriya (GM)	175	58	Russell Byers (GM)	165	888	Chris Keeley
			175	1423	Calum Edwards	165	1164	Karl Kwiatkowski
188	751	Paul Allan (GM)	175	1814	Rik Kennedy	165	86	Frankie Mairey
188	1220	Theresa Brousson (Exp)	175	5	Brian Sugar (GM)	164	1120	Anand Buddhdev
			174	72	John Grayson (GM)	164	1221	Jojo Delia
188	823	Wayne Kelly (GM)	174	1191	Neil Green	164	1419	John Hardie
188	482	Neil Scott (GM)	173	368	Chris Hawkins (Exp)	164		Mihai Pantis
188	846	Austin Shin (Exp)	173	165	Cecil Muscat	164		Jin_Chor Tan
187	1713	Alastair Richards	172	1202	Jason Carney	164		Chris Vicary
187	338	David Webb (GM)	172	1491	Stephen Hunt	163	1301	Rick Blakeway
186		Kevin McMahon	171	1016	John Ashmore	163		Chris Cummins
185		Evan Cohen	171		Ian Gucklhorn	163	836	Chris Fenwick
185	1422	Wale Fashina	171	60	Terry Kirk (GM)	163	1006	Ross Mackenzie
185		Chinedu Okwelogu	170	1679	Toke Aka	163	999	Kay McColgan
185		Steve Polatnick	170	202	Penny Downer (Exp)	163	555	Raymond Tate
184	1497	Azu Ogbogu (Exp)	170	45	Barry Grossman (Exp)	162		Alex_Gboye Balogun
184	21	Evan Simpson (GM)	169	103	Danny Bekhor	162		David Brook
183	15	Phil Appleby (GM)	169		Carmel Dodd	162	734	Nick Deller
183	7	Allan Simmons (GM)	169	38	Jackie McLeod (Exp)	162	59	Simon Gillam (Exp)
182	362	Gary Oliver (GM)	169	1469	James Rossiter	162	199	Graham Harding
181	1851	Bob Linn	169		Mohammad Sulaiman	162		Dan Sandu
180	478	Elie Dangoor (Exp)	169	123	Noel Turner (Exp)	162	88	Sandie Simonis (Exp)
180	1428	Martin Harrison (Exp)	168	1714	Karen Richards	162	1231	David Steel
180	1102	Paul[England] Richards	168	162	Alec Webb (Exp)	162	116	Martin Thompson
			167	1347	Adekoyejo Adegbesan	162		Dianne Ward
180	1488	Ed Rossiter	167	6	Darryl Francis (Exp)	161	1375	Mike Chappell
180	1687	Howard Wilde	167	609	Bob Lynn	161		Alan Gardeson
179		Sam Kantimathi	167	1349	Fidelis Olotu	161	463	Helen Harding
179	1163	David Sutton (Exp)	167	1057	Mike Whiteoak	161		Mark Hollingsworth
178	770	Jake Jacobs						

161	1863	Tim Knight	155	1456	Andrew Eames	146	480	Anne Ramsay
161	1170	Paloma Raychbart	155	1824	Oliver Garner	146	1411	Rebecca Sheldrick
161		Andrei Russell-Gebbett	155		Ed Garrett-Jones	146	589	Anne Steward
161	226	Alan Sinclair	155	1203	Greg Kelly	145	1210	Graham Bonham
160		Bob Berry	154	835	Maurice Brown	145	124	Ivy Dixon-Baird
160	766	Christo Davison	154	268	Donna Stanton	145	1768	Charles Micallef
160	154	Mike O'Rourke	154	229	Graham Wakefield	145	1287	Stuart Solomons
160	479	Andrew Roughton (Exp)	153		John Barker	145		Lesley Trotter
160	213	Neil Rowley	153	180	Neil Darbyshire	145		Nicky Vella-Laurenti
160	292	Wilma Warwick	153	79	Chris Finlay	144	1770	Tia Corkish
159	1486	Ashley Coldrick	153		Gerard Fox	144		Mike Evans
159	1362	Graham Haigh	153		Victoria Kingham	144	688	Lorraine Gordon
159	1862	Stu Harkness	153	1269	Richard Moody	144	1602	Kim Hands
159	553	Brian Jones	153		Raz Naot	144	707	Gwynfor Owen
159		Joseph McGinley	153		Bartosz Pieta	144	1123	Chrystal Rose
159	1510	Jessica Pratesi	153	631	Alison Sadler	144		Mario Saliba
159	1649	Paul{Halifax} Thompson	153	919	Peter Thomas	144	1457	Amanda Sodhy
159	810	Linda Vickers	153	1691	Wojtek Usakiewicz	144	1189	Martin Taylor
158	1754	Quentin Baker	152	1739	Feroza Bartlett	143	80	Mary Allen
158	1693	Rafal Dominiczak	152	1051	Elizabeth Hull	143		John Balloch
158		Billy Dott	152		Naomi Landau	143	252	Steve Balment
158	1243	Doj Graham	152	176	Jayne Mackenzie	143	1473	Neil Broom
158	530	George Gruner (Exp)	152	408	Nuala O'Rourke	143	1861	Rose Calder
158	115	Diane Pratesi (Exp)	152	1389	Paul{Tranmere} Thomson	143		Alan Catherall
158	1268	Ebi Sosseh	151	51	Cathy Anderson	143		Chris Civil
158	1459	Ronan Webb	151	534	Caroline Atkins	143	469	Tony Davis
158	1279	Ben Wilson	151	837	Peter Liggett	143	1217	Carolyn Emery
157	1635	Nick Ascroft	151		Fern Wheelwright	143	1484	Karen Game
157	1440	Tim Charlton	150			143	507	Kathryn Henry
157	1211	Ian Coventry	150	471	Anne Ashmore	143		Wendy Lindridge
157	1608	David Holmes	150	1765	Beverley Calder	143		Brenda Margereson
157	105	Elisabeth Jardine	150		Chris Downer	143	760	Sanmi Odelana
157	873	Matthew Pinner	150	20	Janet Phillips	143	161	Margaret Pritchett
157		Chris Quartermaine	150	94	Rachelle Winer	143		David Reading
157		Angela Swain	149		Chris Harrison	143	1732	James Squires
157	111	Neil Talbot	149	84	Pauline Johnson	143	1053	Stephen Wintle
157	1674	Ricky Zinger	149		Timothy Lawrence	142	635	Philip Aldous
156		Olakunle Ajayi	149		Christine McKenzie	142	1412	Melanie Beaumont
156	343	Amy Byrne	149	719	Kate Surtees	142	399	Louise Brundell
156	793	Joanne Hiley	149	272	Ivan Swallow	142	1145	Peter Darby
156	488	Marion Keatings	148	789	Alan Bailey	142	655	Mary Jones
156	997	Phil Kelly	148	228	Adrienne Berger	142	923	Teresa Lyes
156	986	Robert Pells	148	93	Ruth MacInerney	142	1598	Carmen Toscano
156	1380	Anthony Pinnell	148		Kevin Synnott	142	489	Tom Wilson
156	476	David Shenkin	147	852	Maureen Chamberlain	142	637	Val Wright
155		Tony Bearn	147		Pramit Kamath	141	1870	Abiodun Adeyemi
155	69	Moira Conway	147		Omri Rosenkrantz	141	738	Margaret Armstrong
			146	1631	Jack Anscomb	141	1559	Joe Bridal
			146		Ed Breed	141	1466	Suzanne Dundas

141	933	Ann Golding	136	523	Kate Leckie	130	511	Samantha Beckwith
141	458	Eileen Meghan	136	291	Sylvia Swaney	130		Lee Graham
141	1270	Len Moir	136		Michael Zinger	130		John Harrison
141	1468	Kathy Suddick	135	1179	Janet Adams	130	1199	Richard Hitchcock
140	1020	Derek Bower	135	1892	Noel Barnes	130		Peter Hunt
140	3	Laura Finley	135		Jean Bridge	130		Bryn Packer
140	1383	Sarah-Jane Jamison	135	1005	Verity Cross	130	1823	Elizabeth Ramsay
140		Mark Murray	135	406	Moya Dewar	129	419	Michael Baxendale
140		Jean Rappitt	135	689	Kenneth Gordon	129	1092	Heather Burnet
140	422	Carol Stanley	135	35	Lois McLeod	129	840	Rhoda Gray
140	790	Margaret Staunton	135		Richard Woodward	129	1654	Ian Kendall
139	96	Diana Beasley	134	1455	Angela Burke	129	904	George Newman
139		Alan Guy	134	163	Yvonne Eade	129	1656	Damian O'Malley
139	232	Iain Harley	134	1591	Mick Healy	129	829	Kim Phipps
139	150	David Longley	134		Duncan Keet	129	1854	Michael Thomas
139	713	Trish Matthews	134	1533	Colin Kendall	128	943	Carol Arthurton
139		Kate McNulty	134	1853	Sarah Khawaja	128	603	Linda Bradford
139	932	Jill Parker	134		Evan Terrett	128		Liam Donnelly
139	802	Patricia Pay	133	1010	Tolani Ayo-Awojobi	128	1282	Barbara Goodban
139	1149	Jim Wilkie	133		Graham Buckingham	128	1238	Juliet Green
138	1540	Rowan Callaghan	133	1424	Len Edwards	128	263	Sheila Jolliffe
138	449	Alan Childs	133	1762	Reeyaaz	128		Margaret Yeadon
138	1262	Ginny Dixon			Goolamhossen	127	856	Minu Anderson
138	1413	Geoff Goodwin	133	1509	Heather Laird	127	557	Janice Bease
138	242	Sheila Green	133		Frankie Latham	127	238	Margaret Burdon
138	1479	Bob Jarvie	133	690	Maureen Reynolds	127		Terry Corps
138	1115	Nick Jenkins	133	423	Alec Robertson	127	1667	Mary Doyle
138	100	David Lawton	133	960	Mary Siggers	127	223	June Edwards
138		Jonny Maitland	133	470	Norman Smith	127	776	Peter Hall
138		Marc Meakin	133	1175	Rosalind Wilson	127	975	Jill Harrison
138	1237	Dorn Osborne	132	639	Esther Bacon	127	29	Marlene Skinner
138		Kay Powick	132	92	Priscilla Encarnacion	127		Rita Todd
138	28	Lorna Rapley	132		Sonny Hemachandra	127	775	Pat Wheeler
138	1294	Christine Strawbridge	132		Terry Jones	127	1003	Sheena Wilson
138	876	Evelyn Wallace	132	875	Jim Lyes	126	330	Viv Beckmann
138	1206	Sarah Wilks	132	267	Graham Maker	126	570	Jean Gallacher
138	636	David Williams	132	886	Ruth Marsden	126	1293	Dennis Hussey
137	899	Jake Berliner	132	996	Kenneth Ross	126	1577	Esther Kasket
137	254	Ian Burn	132	632	Carol{Norwich} Smith	126	537	Carol Malkin
137	544	Marjory Flight	132	1317	Marjorie Struggles	126	625	John Mitchell
137	1035	Andy Gray	131		Martin Bloomberg	126		Mauro Pratesi
137	1022	Nicky Huitson	131	1877	Jayne Grey	126		Pauline Russell
137		Celine McCart	131		Sheila Hinett	126		Martin Smith
137	1050	Yvonne McKeon	131		Jayanthi Kannan	126	246	Wendy Tiley
137	1511	Colin Nicol	131	1136	Ted Lewis	125		Mario Camilleri
136	1391	Jan Bailey	131		Gordon Procter	125		Marian Hamer
136	66	Sue Bowman	131	1504	Andrea Waddington	125	737	Margaret Harkness
136	81	Joyce Cansfield (Exp)	131	177	Henry Walton	125	1849	Theresa Scallan
136	61	Lorraine Crouch	130	427	Peter Ashurst	124	924	Linda Barratt

124	1385	Mark Bradley	120	Josephine Mayo	114	1503	Maureen Barlow
124		Catalin Caba	120	Hazel Parker	114	735	Hilary Birdsall
124		Jean Carter	120	Ovidiu Tamas	114		Irene Catherall
124		Jean Crowder	120	1848 Sally Twine	114	565	Ann Coleman
124		Carmen Dolan	120	Maureen Underdown	114	1222	Bronagh Kenny
124		Joy Fox	120	1867 Pauline Weatherhead	114		Paul Mifsud
124	572	Val Hoskings	120	Jean{Cardiff} Williams	114	626	Martha Mitchell
124	1146	Leonora Hutton	120	Yair Yehuda	114	1450	Christine Tudge
124		Sammy Mangion	119	1049 Ken Bird	114		Judy Young
124		Tanya Robson	119	Joe Caruana	113	1263	Barbara Barker
124		Mario Seychell	119	Moshe Feingold	113	982	Ron Bucknell
124	477	Malcolm Shaw	119	718 Pat Friend	113	107	Joan Caws
123	922	Barbara Allen	119	1705 Sharon Hewitt	113	1331	Carol Grant
123		Elizabeth{IW} Allen	119	1089 Vivienne Newman	113	1064	June Johnstone
123	110	Liz Barber	119	Brenda Northcott	113	1779	Joe Knapper
123	992	Geoff Cooper	119	Albert Zammit	113		David Mills
123	1298	Helgamarie Farrow	118	1752 Carol Bartlett	113	782	Richard Pajak
123	381	Michael Harley	118	1403 Emma Brown	113	1118	Remie Salazar
123		Julie Nelkon	118	920 Eleanor Dobson	113		Paul Walford
123		Ralph Obemeasor	118	Lorna Franks	113	1276	Evelyn Wansbrough
123	1642	Alan Payne	118	715 Barbara Hill	112	761	Mary Adams
122		Sheila{Perth} Anderson	118	901 Dave Hoskisson	112	1532	Lyn Allcock
122	822	Jill Bright	118	1113 Chris Jackson	112	953	Peter Bailey
122	725	Paul Cartman	118	414 Jill Jones	112		Ben Berger
122	948	Eileen Foster	118	1575 Margaret Marshall	112	1054	Barbara Lukey
122	1066	Barbara Morris	118	Carole Wheatley	112	1183	Priscilla Munday
122	938	Helen Polhill	117	Paul Dundas	112	1478	Vivienne Stokes
122		Brenda Rodwell	117	Sara Hardy	112		Jo Tebbutt
122	1580	Nigel Sibbett	117	1696 Ena McNamara	112	1640	Nova Williams
122	1675	Mark Smith	117	Judy Monger	112	356	Pamela Windsor
121	390	Betty Balding	117	Mary Morgan	111		Linda Beard
121		Sue Ball	117	1738 Heather Roberts	111	1119	Anne Darby
121		Linda Bird	117	Willie Scott	111		Jill Dyer
121		Gila Blits	116	Hilda Ben-Nun	111	1200	Caroline Elliott
121	1843	Chris Davies	116	1625 Georgie Burchell	111	420	Marie English
121	964	Phyllis Fernandez	116	Maureen Hoch	111	1525	Caroline Foy
121	868	Christine Gillespie	116	1773 Cody McCormick	111		Marjorie Gardner
121	1169	Yvonne Holland	116	1683 Janet Southworth	111	1644	Kenneth Lovell
121	1574	Ken McGinness	116	1341 Pam Sparkes	111		Mary Orr
121		Jo Ramjane	116	1253 Philip Turner	111		Jane Weston
121	972	Denise Saxton	116	1666 Brid Ui_Bhriain	110	743	Nora Bain
121		Tom Sharp	115	1373 Stany Arnold	110		Jill Burgess
121	169	Sue Thompson	115	Anna Borg	110	1489	Anne Cheesman
120		Eileen Basham	115	106 Ian Caws	110		Tricia Cooper
120	257	Syd Berger	115	1007 Margaret Irons	110	1657	David Garland
120	682	Janet Bonham	115	320 Fay Madeley	110	442	Agnes Gunn
120		Pat Broderick	115	Pete McCosh	110		Sylvia McCulloch
120	1653	Tim Butcher	115	185 Lou McMeeken	110	931	Janet Milford
120	77	Joy Lloyd	115	1442 Gordon Winter	110	917	Nicola Staunton

110	1868	Trevor Warwick	104		Alfred Xuereb	98		Florence Davies
109		Gill Carr	103	1038	Jacquie Aldous	98	1524	Malcolm Davis
109	928	Iris Cornish	103		Anne Convery	98	1855	Jack Durand
109		Frans Farrugia	103		Joan Ellis	98		Yvonne Lambert
109		Maggie Fleming	103	1306	Margaret Emmott	98	1726	Duncan MacFarlane
109	976	Adrian Noller	103	1742	Lee Fisher	98		Jenetta Mills
109		Jean Owen	103	1729	Paul Harding	98	1304	Linda Moir
109	1788	Julie Tate	103	798	Peter Lindeck	98	1820	Rosemary Wood
109		Pamela Vahed	103	927	Audrey Medhurst	97	726	Christine Cartman
109		Sandra Walton	103	1786	David Phillips	97		Anne Connolly
108	1063	Irene Atkinson	103		Jeanne Rossiter	97		Amos Fabian
108		Fran Burling	103	451	Vera Sime	97		Fay Goble
108		Cecilia Cotton	103	1085	Betty Simmonds	97		Sandra Harrap
108		Pawlu Frendo	103	483	Peter Terry	97	1633	Robert Peters
108	941	Audrey Harvey	103	935	Ian Whyte	97	1787	Natasha Pratesi
108		Peter Sime	103		Julie Wise	97	1873	Paul Roberts
108	826	Elizabeth Terry	102		Janice Ball	97		Maria Treadwell
108	1552	Charles Tollit	102		Joyce Frost	97		Jan Vokes-Taylor
107		Raquelle Azran	102	1112	Peter Johnson	96	1168	Brian Beaumont
107		Les Costin	102		Maria Marczak	96		Shirley Cave
107		Maisie Culpin	102		Barbara McLaren	96	1289	Kerry Constant
107		Barbara Kent	102		Robert Orr	96	1134	Dorothy Kemlicz
107	211	Philippa Morris	102	357	Jean Shaw	95	1544	Anne Atherton
107		Jean Robinson	102	1699	Nick Stone	95	1866	Terry Avery
107	1009	Jenny Sakamoto	101		Rosina Cornelius	95		Sally Hanson
106	1686	Angele Andrews	101		Eve Dwyer	95		Jean MacLellan
106		Dominic Borg	101	736	Molly Lane	95	1501	Brenda Young
106		Jenny Burgess	101	1828	Mel Maltz	94	1225	Lena Glass
106		Lena Cook	101		Moreen Shillitoe	94	1261	Jo Holland
106		Paul Grimshaw	101	1084	Rod Winfield	94		Baldip Kaur
106	298	Mavis Harding	100	709	Betty Benton	94	1648	Irene Lawes
106		Helen Sandler	100		Jean Buckley	94		Gwen Linfoot
105	1259	Sheila{Rmfrd} Anderson	100		Bridget Busk	94	1492	Peggy Moore
105	1630	Ted Anscomb	100	1248	Margaret Coleman	94		Joan Rees
105		Rachel Bingham	100	1340	Paula Docherty	94	83	Pat Rockley
105		Peter{Prtsmth} Edwards	100	405	Peter Ernest	94		Beryl Shoesmith
105	1889	Valerie Morris	100	1212	Marjorie Gillott	94	1506	Gill{Norwich} Thompson
105		Colin StHill	100	1554	Vicky Owen	94	1252	Ruth Turner
105	1171	Susan Thorne	100		Claire Violett	94	1398	Jill Warren
104		Nancy Alroy	99		Alan Everitt	94		Isla Wilkie
104		Joyce Ashmore	99		Joan Everitt	93	1465	Doreen Clayton
104	1471	Scott Bowman	99		Florence Fontaine	93	1207	Hannah Corbett
104	384	Mabel Choularton	99		June Lindridge	93		John McCart
104		Jenny Corps	99	1587	Irene Newberry	93		Avril Shaw
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104	1480	Doreen Jarvie	99	818	Rose Wall	92	1548	Viv Bishop
104	791	Rosemary Jordan	98		Len Choules	92		Eileen Bradshaw
			98		Pauline Cilia	92	1176	Gordon Lamb
			98	827	Ann Clark			

92	1392	Chris Leathem	85	998	Jean Hendrick	75	563	Fred Burford
92		Peter Thorpe	85		Jill Russell	75		Ann Duncan
91		Peter Basham	85	1629	Maggie Shutt	75	1782	John Fyfe
91		Agi Brener	85	1792	Dan Smith	75		Teresa Haycock
91		Norah Cole	85		Amabel Winter	75	1290	Mary Kennedy
91	1808	Juliet Collins	84		Craig Gurney	74	1143	Letty Burrell
91	1073	Jenny Harris	84		Anne Lynas	74		Margaret Cooke
91		Monica Marden	84		Reno Zammit	74		Tom Creed
91	1734	Olive Martin	83		Rita Barton	74		Jean Geldard
91		Mona Nobil	83		Sheila Bromly	74		Helen Thompson
91	1448	Joy Rowe	83	1767	Martin Byrne	74	1086	Margaret Webb
91	1232	Brett Scaife	83		Linda Marguy	73		Pat Carr
91		Alison Stilwell	83	1745	Douglas Morris	73		Ann Gregson
91	485	Ann Toft	83		Judith Puttick	73	1719	Eileen Johnson
91		Sandra Weston	83		Doreen Searles	73		Anne Parry
91	1893	Angela Wright	83	1332	Sheila Wyatt	73		Steve Wilkinson
90		Chris Chapman	82		Joyce Hoffbrand	71		John Boughton
90	1781	Carol Joahill	82	1541	Marjorie Lunn	71	1874	Lucille Terry
90	1852	Estelle Matthews	82		Kevin Macdonald	70		Mary Harris
90	1769	Jennifer Payne	82	1588	Angela Rigley	70		Steven Henry
90	1832	Shrinidhi Prakash	81	359	Vera Allen	70		Margaret{Edbgh} McGhee
90	1454	Janet Watson	81		Lionel Howard	69		Kay Faust
89		Sybil Berrecloth	81	1882	Gil Hunter	69	1399	Carol Russell
89		Josephine Croasdale	81	1553	Brenda Keast	69		Shirley Stokley
89	1148	Renee Gilbert	80	30	Ruby Flood	68		Jane Craig
89		Frances Goulding	80	1229	Eileen Hunter	68		Dorothy Jackson
89		Lionel Millmore	80		Olive Matthew	67	1334	Catherine McMillan
89	1267	Margot Montgomery	80	1599	Margaret{Fife} McGhee	67		Charlotte Perlin
88	1677	Mary Baty	80	1135	Sylvia Oates	65		Bob Horne
88	985	Carmen Borg	80		Alison Peters	65		Michael Slow
88		Hazel Packham	80	1390	Maria Raffaelli	65	1774	Margaret Smith
88		Maria Scicluna	80	1850	Rena Waddell	63	1805	Marion Loewenstein
88		Margaret Speight	80	1819	Stanley Wilkinson	60	1316	Veronica Baker
88	1523	Kath Williams	79	410	Myra Copleston	60	1741	Bill Croft
87		Margaret Aldous	79		Dorothy Henry	60	1028	Peggy Lavender
87		Beryl Basey	78		Chris{S'hampton} Baker	59	949	Barbara Horlock
87		Hilda Bennett	78		Brigitte Brath	58	541	Pamela Brown
87	683	Mavis Ernest	78	1822	Pat Johnson	58	1748	Connie Walton
87	799	Cindy Hollyer	78		Michael Murray	57	1844	Gemma Davis
87		Rosemarie Howis	78		Keith Woodruff	56	1740	Zandra Begg
87		Mary Pugh	77		Margaret Barratt	55		Gusta Gross
87	851	Sheila Smith	77		Sheila Johnston	55	1474	Carol Mouncey
86	1039	Dorothy Edwards	76		Paula Davenport	54		Judy McBride
86		Pat Evans	76		Paula Davenport	53		Sonia Russell
86	1397	Christine Silvester	76	1795	Valery Jansen	50		Elisheva Auerbach
86	1174	Peter Trembath	76		Patricia Parton	50		Beate Holder
86		Martyn Washbourne	76	1710	Sandra Richards			
85	1834	Peggy Fehily	76		Margaret Scamell			
85		Marcia Hall	76		Audrey Shergold			



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DEFINITIONS

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Key of abbreviations used in definitions

adj	adjective	intj	interjection	pton	pronoun
adv	adverb	n	noun	s	s can be added
aka	also known as	phr	phrase	usu	usually
coll	colloquial	pl	plural	v	verb
esp	especially	prep	preposition	vf	verb form

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Brief Encounter Revisited, or, The New Threes

A little story by David Sutton to help you remember the new 3-letter words in CSW12.

So there I was on the train on my way to a rehearsal with this new experimental orchestra specialising in Chinese music, accompanied by my **QIN** which as you no doubt know is a sort of zither with silken strings. It's a rather delicate instrument, so I was not best pleased when this girl comes along and in an attempt to put her own bag on the luggage rack knocks mine off. 'Oh, **SOZ**', she says apologetically, 'I hope I haven't done any damage'. She's rather pretty, a dark Jewish-looking girl, with eyes full of what the French call **AME** or soul, but I bought the instrument in Laos and it cost me about a thousand million **ATS** (I know that sounds a lot, but an at or att is 1/100th of a kip, and there are 13000 kips to the pound). So I hesitate. '**ERM**...' 'Oh dear' she says 'when someone **UMS** that means they want to tell the truth but don't like to. Can I make it up to you in some way? I've got an Indian takeaway here I could share with you'. She opens a box to show me a curry and a rather large **ALU** or Indian potato. '**MEH**', I say, declining the offer; I'm not a great fan of Indian food. 'Tell you what, just tell me a bit about yourself and we'll call it quits'.

'All right' she said. 'I used to be a computer programmer for a trendy London advertising agency, writing applications in **AWK**, but the job got me down. There were a lot of fairly obnoxious **OIS** in the office, you know, blokes who were into taking **GAK** and **TIK**...' 'What are they?', I said; I can't keep up with the drug jargon of the young. '**GAK** is cocaine' she explained, 'and **TIK** is crystal meth. Not my scene, and my **RAV**, my spiritual teacher, wouldn't approve at all. And I didn't much like having to write in **AWK**, it's clumsy when you have to manipulate things at the the level of the individual **PEL** or pixel. And then the boss wanted me to help out with market research, which basically meant having to **SUG** people – you know, you call them up pretending you just want their help with a survey, but really you're trying to sell them something. So anyway, I gave it all up and now I live out in the wilds in a **GER**, that's a sort of Mongolian skin tent, rather like a yurt.'

I look out of the window. There is a **GAW** in the sky, an imperfect rainbow, supposed to be a sign of coming wet weather. 'What's it like when it rains?' I ask. 'Oh, they're amazingly waterproof', she says. 'And although I've set up camp on a meadow by a river, to be near a source of water, it's actually quite a well-drained **ING**, so no problem there. Well, we're just coming into my stop. Been nice talking to you.'

I think of asking her for a date and she seems to hesitate for a moment but before I can get the words out the train stops and with a wave she's gone. So that relationship is just another of the great ifs and **ANS**, things which might have happened but did not. Ah well, I've learnt a few new words for next time I play Scrabble...

JQXZ Words New in CSW12 up to 5 Letters

(-S hooks shown)

GOJI s	QIN s	FLOX	SOZ
BASIJ	FIQH s	XRAY s	RONZ
JAFFA s	GUQIN s	BOXTY	ZARI s
JAMON		CAPEX	CEZVE s
JIBBA s		COXIB s	LEEZE
JUVIE s		INBOX	
		OXIES	

NEW THREE-LETTER WORDS [19 Words]

ALU	s n	(Hindi) a potato
AME	s n	(French) a soul
ANS	pl	as in IFS AND ANS, things that might have happened, but did not
ATS	pl	AT, a monetary unit of Laos
AWK	s n	a computer-programming language used for data processing
ERM	intj	expressing hesitation or doubt
GAK	s n	(slang) cocaine
GAW	s n	an imperfect rainbow or other supposed sign of coming weather
GER	s n	in Mongolia, another name for a YURT, a felt tent
ING	s n	a meadow, esp one beside a river
MEH	intj	mediocre or boring; an expression of indifference or boredom
OIS	pl	OI, a bloke
PEL	s n	an earlier, now less common, word for a pixel
QIN	s n	a kind of Chinese zither with silken strings
RAV	s n	a rabbi, esp one in authority; a teacher or mentor
SOZ	intj	short for sorry
SUG	s v	to attempt to sell while purporting to be in market research
TIK	s n	the drug methamphetamine in crystal form
UMS	vf	UM, to say um

NEW FOUR-LETTER WORDS [76 WORDS]

AIDA	s n	a finely-meshed cotton fabric used for cross-stitch embroidery
AKAS	pl	AKA, a New Zealand vine
ALOO	s n	(Hindi) a potato
ALUS	pl	ALU, a potato
AMES	pl	AME, a soul
ARGH	intj	expressing pain or dismay
AUAS	pl	AUA, the yellow-eye mullet
AWFY	adv	(Scots) awfully, extremely
AWKS	pl	AWK, a computer-programming language used for data processing
BAHU	s n	(Hindi) a daughter-in-law, esp one who lives with her husband's family
BHAI	s n	(Hindi) brother; a form of address for a man
BLIT	s v	to transfer a large array of bits between parts of a computer's memory
BOTE	s n	compensation for injury or damage to property
CAACK	s n	faeces, rubbish
CHUR	intj	(NZ) an informal expression of agreement
CLIT	s n	(vulgar slang) the clitoris
CRIA	s n	the offspring of a llama
CUMS	pl	CUM, ejaculated sperm
DAAL	s n	the pigeon pea, a pea-like plant cultivated in India and the tropics
DEFO	intj	definitely, as an expression of agreement or consent
DEGU	s n	a small rodent native to Chile, aka Brush-Tailed Rat

DIVO	s	n	(Italian) a highly distinguished male singer
DIYA	s	n	a small oil lamp, usu of terracotta, used in Hindu worship, at Diwali
ERHU	s	n	a Chinese two-stringed musical instrument, played with a bow
FEWS		pl	FEW, a small number
FIQH	s	n	Islamic jurisprudence, an expansion of the Sharia Islamic law
FLOB	s	v	(slang) to spit or gob
FLOX	phr		as in FLOX SILK, a kind of silk, aka floss silk
GAKS		pl	GAK, cocaine
GAWS		pl	GAW, an imperfect rainbow or other supposed sign of coming weather
GERS		pl	GER, a yurt or felt tent
GOBI	s	n	(Hindi) a cabbage or cauliflower
GOJI	s	n	the vitamin-rich berry of a solanaceous Chinese plant
GRRL	s	n	as in RIOT GRRL, a young woman of an aggressively feminist style
HAOS		pl	HAO, a monetary unit of Vietnam
HASS		n	as in WHITE HASS, an oatmeal pudding made with sheep's gullet
HOOR	s	n	a Scots and Irish form of WHORE; a difficult or unpleasant thing
INGS		pl	ING, a meadow beside a river
KACK	s	n	faeces, rubbish
KIEV	s	n	a dish made of thin fillets of meat, esp chicken (chicken kiev)
KOKA	s	n	a throw or hold in judo, worth three points
MAHA	phr		as in MAHA YOGA, yoga that incorporates all eight classical yogas
MILF	s	n	a sexually attractive middle-aged woman
MWAH	intj		a representation of the sound of a kiss
NANG	adj		(slang) excellent, cool
NGAI	phr		clan or tribe, as used before the names of certain Maori tribes
NOOB	s	n	an Internet novice, a NEWBIE
OATY	adj		like oats
OFFY		n	(slang) an off-licence
OLDE	adj		a facetious spelling of OLD
PAAN	s	n	betel leaf
PELS		pl	PEL, an earlier, now less common, word for a pixel
PUKY	adj		reminiscent of or resembling vomit
QINS		pl	QIN, a kind of Chinese zither with silken strings
RAGU	s	n	in Italian cookery, a meat and tomato sauce
RAVS		pl	RAV, a rabbi, esp one in authority
RIAD	s	n	a traditional Moroccan house or palace with an interior garden
RONZ		n	an acronym: the rest of New Zealand
SAAG	s	n	in Indian cookery, spinach
SLEB	s	n	(slang) a celebrity
SUGO	s	n	an Italian meat sauce
SUGS	vf		SUG, to attempt to sell a product under the guise of market research
SUNI	s	n	a small South African antelope
TEIN	s	n	a monetary unit of Kazakhstan, equal to one hundredth of a tenge

TIAN	s n	a vegetable gratin baked in an earthenware dish
TIKS	pl	TIK, the drug methamphetamine in crystal form
TINA	s n	(slang) crystal meth
UMMA	s n	the body of Muslim believers considered as one community
UMRA	s n	a lesser pilgrimage to Mecca made at any time of year
UMUS	pl	UMU, a Maori oven
VLOG	s n	a blog using the medium of video
VOIP	s n	a system for converting analogue signals to digital
WELS	n	the American giant catfish, introduced into European rivers
WIKI	s n	a collaborative website that allows users control over the site's content
XRAY	s n	(in international radio communication) a code word for the letter x
ZARI	s n	a thread of fine gold or silver used in Indian and Pakistani garments

CSW07 WORDS THAT ONLY TAKE AN –S HOOK IN CSW12

2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 letter words only. The S's are shown so you might better envisage the valid words

TWOs	SENE s	SIXes	KOTUKU s	AMOKURA s	NAGGING s
AN s	WHIO s	ADDING s	LURING s	ARBORIO s	NGARARA s
AT s	YABA s	AKATEA s	MAMAKO s	BLOWING s	PAPAUMA s
OI s		AWHATO s	MAMAKU s	BOSSING s	PHRENIC s
UM s	FIVES	AWHETO s	MANAIA s	BULKING s	PIMPING s
THREEs	AHURU s	BUYING s	MANATU s	COOLING s	PUBBING s
AKA s	ALULA s	CARDIO s	MAOMAO s	COSTING s	PUMPING s
AUA s	ARIKI s	CARING s	MATATA s	DEAREST s	QUANTUM s
CUM s	ARUHE s	CUEING s	MOKIHI s	DICKING s	REREMAI s
FEW s	AWATO s	EASING s	MONOAO s	DIMMING s	RIPPING s
HAO s	CIVIL s	FRENNE s	ORIHOU s	EYEWEAR s	RORTING s
HAS s	GOPIK s	HAKARI s	PANINI s	FELLING s	RUNANGA s
UMU s	HINAU s	HUPIRO s	PARERA s	GAPPING s	RUNFLAT s
FOURs	KANAE s	KAMAHI s	PARORE s	GRADING s	SABBING s
ARCO s	KAURU s	KANUKA s	PATAKA s	HASHING s	SEAMING s
DORE s	KAWAU s	KAPUKA s	PATIKI s	HILLING s	SELLING s
HOKA s	KIORE s	KEKENO s	PIOPIO s	HOROEKA s	SURREAL s
KARO s	KOURA s	KERERU s	RAWARU s	HOUHERE s	TARAIRE s
KETE s	LIEVE s	KOKIRI s	SALWAR s	KISSING s	TAUPATA s
KORO s	MAPAU s	KOKOPU s	SEXING s	KNEIDEL s	TAWHIRI s
LEVE s	MOHUA s	KONAKI s	SIRING s	KOEKOE s	TEENAGE s
LIPA s	NANUA s	KONEKE s	TAUHOU s	KOROWAI s	TEXTING s
MIHA s	PORAE s	KONINI s	TUATUA s	MAMAKAU s	VETTING s
MIRO s	RAUPO s	KORARI s	SEVENs	MANGEAO s	WAREHOU s
NAMU s	TYIYN s	KOTARE s	AKIRAHO s	MURRINE s	ZIPLOCK s

UNIQUE CSW HOOKS TO TWOS, THREES & FOURS

(new CSW12 words, and new CSW12 hooks to existing CSW07 words,
are shown in upper case bold)

TWOS	l-AME	v-ATS	GER-t	p-OIS
a1-U	n-AME	w-ATS	gob-I	K-oka
am-E	AME-n	aua-S	hao-S	old-E
an-S	s-AME	c-AWK	has-S	H-oor
at-S	AME-S	d-AWK	hoo-R	PEL-a
G-aw	t-AME	g-AWK	b-ING	PEL-e
aw-K	w-AME	h-AWK	d-ING	PEL-f
M-eh	ANS-a	l-AWK	g-ING	PEL-l
P-el	b-ANS	m-AWK	h-ING	PEL-S
G-er	c-ANS	p-AWK	k-ING	PEL-t
er-M	d-ANS	AWK-S	l-ING	QIN-S
in-G	e-ANS	bah-U	m-ING	rag-U
Q-in	f-ANS	bot-E	ING-o	RAV-e
O-is	g-ANS	cum-S	p-ING	g-RAV
A-me	k-ANS	def-O	r-ING	RAV-S
me-H	m-ANS	deg-U	s-ING	X-ray
oi-S	n-ANS	div-O	ING-S	C-ria
pe-L	p-ANS	P-els	t-ING	ria-D
qi-N	s-ANS	W-els	w-ING	SUG-h
so-Z	t-ANS	b-ERM	z-ING	SUG-O
ti-K	v-ANS	d-ERM	Q-ins	SUG-S
S-ug	w-ANS	f-ERM	A-kas	sun-I
um-S	H-ass	g-ERM	B-lit	TIK-a
	b-ATS	h-ERM	C-lit	TIK-e
	c-ATS	p-ERM	F-lob	TIK-i
	e-ATS	t-ERM	V-log	TIK-S
	f-ATS	G-ers	A-loo	tin-A
	g-ATS	few-S	F-lox	S-ugs
	h-ATS	GAK-S	A-mes	umm-A
	k-ATS	GAW-d	mil-F	b-UMS
	l-ATS	GAW-k	U-mus	C-UMS
	m-ATS	GAW-p	nan-G	f-UMS
	n-ATS	GAW-S	noo-B	g-UMS
	o-ATS	a-GER	oat-Y	h-UMS
	p-ATS	e-GER	G-obi	l-UMS
	q-ATS	GER-e	off-Y	m-UMS
	r-ATS	GER-m	b-OIS	r-UMS
	t-ATS	GER-S	k-OIS	s-UMS
THREES				
D-aal				
M-aha				
aid-A				
aka-S				
b-ALU				
ALU-m				
ALU-S				
c-AME				
d-AME				
f-AME				
g-AME				
h-AME				
k-AME				

t-UMS	g-AWKS	FLOB-S	koro-S	C-reps
v-UMS	h-AWKS	gait-A	F-lava	E-rhus
umu-S	l-AWKS	GAWS-y	leve-S	RIAD-S
S-uni	m-AWKS	O-geed	lipa-S	t-RIAD
FOURS	p-AWKS	a-GERS	B-lits	C-rias
D-aals	BAHU-S	e-GERS	C-lits	P-rotorued-A
Y-abas	BAHU-t	GOBI-S	F-lobs	G-rund
G-abba	base-N	goes-T	V-logs	SAAG-S
AIDA-S	BHAI-S	GOJI-S	B-look	sene-S
h-AKAS	BLIT-e	GRRL-S	A-loos	SLEB-S
k-AKAS	BLIT-S	gule-T	miha-S	stud-E
t-AKAS	BLIT-z	T-hale	MILF-S	SUGO-S
V-AKAS	BOTE-l	T-hang	miro-S	SUNI-S
w-AKAS	BOTE-S	c-HAOS	mobe-Y	TEIN-d
b-ALOO	bran-E	P-harm	moon-G	s-TEIN
ALOO-f	I-brik	hoka-S	mung-E	TEIN-S
ALOO-S	brik-I	C-hoon	namu-S	than-G
b-ALUS	CACK-S	HOOR-d	NGAI-o	TIAN-S
t-ALUS	CACK-y	HOOR-S	NOOB-S	TINA-S
c-AMES	cape-X	F-ides	g-OATY	S-trim
d-AMES	cert-Y	b-INGS	M-obey	g-UMMA
f-AMES	A-char	d-INGS	G-obis	UMMA-H
g-AMES	CHUR-l	g-INGS	t-OFFY	s-UMMA
h-AMES	CHUR-n	h-INGS	ogee-D	UMMA-S
j-AMES	CHUR-r	k-INGS	H-okas	UMRA-H
k-AMES	CLIT-S	l-INGS	K-okas	UMRA-S
l-AMES	CRIA-S	m-INGS	OLDE-n	h-UMUS
n-AMES	s-CUMS	p-INGS	OLDE-r	m-UMUS
s-AMES	cusp-Y	r-INGS	s-OLDE	S-unis
t-AMES	DAAL-S	s-INGS	D-ores	VLOG-S
w-AMES	DEFO-g	t-INGS	G-ouch	VOIP-S
N-amus	DEGU-m	w-INGS	PAAN-S	WELS-h
R-anga	DEGU-S	z-INGS	perv-Y	whio-S
C-apex	DIVO-S	jibb-A	pian-I	WIKI-S
arco-S	DIVO-t	KACK-S	S-pork	XRAY-S
a-ARGH	DIYA-S	karo-S	puka-S	yaba-S
Z-aris	dore-S	kata-L	puke-Y	ZARI-S
p-AUAS	S-enes	kava-L	RAGU-S	
K-aval	ERHU-S	kete-S	raki-A	
c-AWKS	L-eves	KIEV-e	rang-A	
d-AWKS	fear-T	KIEV-S	g-RAVS	
	FIQH-S	KOKA-S	X-rays	

NEW FIVE-LETTER WORDS [186 Words]

ACHAR	BUFTY	DIVOS	GOUCH	KETES	NOOBS	SABHA	TINAS
AGUNA	CACKS	DIYAS	GOYLE	KIEVS	OFFIE	SAOLA	TIYIN
AIDAS	CAPEX	DOOCE	GREBO	KITUL	OGEED	SEHRI	TOPPY
AIGHT	CARON	DORES	GRRLS	KOGAL	OUENS	SENES	UMMAH
ALOOS	CERTY	DYKON	GRRRL	KOHEN	OXIES	SLEBS	UMMAS
ARCOS	CEZVE	ENURN	GRUND	KOKAS	PAANS	SMEIK	UMMED
BAHUS	CHANA	ERHUS	GULET	KOROS	PAEDO	SMEKE	UMRAH
BANYA	CHOON	FABBY	GUQIN	KRUNK	PANKO	SOHUR	UMRAS
BASEN	CLITS	FAKIE	HOKAS	LAVVY	PATKA	SPLOG	VAKAS
BASIJ	COHEN	FEART	HOORS	LEEZE	PERVY	SPOK	VLOGS
BENGA	COUTA	FELCH	HYPHY	LEVES	PETRI	STRAK	VODDY
BHAIS	COXIB	FIDES	IBRIK	LIPAS	PHARM	STRIM	VOIPS
BIACH	CREPS	FILII	INBOX	MAERL	PIANI	STUDE	WAGYU
BISOM	CRIAS	FIQHS	INDIA	MELBA	PREON	SUGOS	WHIOS
BLITS	CRUNK	FLAVA	INNIT	MIHAS	PROTO	SUHUR	WIKIS
BLOOK	CUSPY	FLOBS	JAFFA	MILFS	PUBCO	SUKUK	XRAYS
BODHI	CUSUM	FOGOU	JAMON	MIROS	PUKAS	SULPH	YABAS
BOOAI	DAALS	GABBA	JIBBA	MOBEY	PUKEY	SUNIS	ZARIS
BOOAY	DAIKO	GAITA	JUVIE	MOOBS	RAGUS	TAIKO	
BOSIE	DANCY	GOBAR	KACKS	MOONG	RAKIA	TARGA	
BOTES	DEBUR	GOBIS	KAROS	MUNGE	RANGA	TEINS	
BOXTY	DEGUS	GOEST	KATAL	NAMUS	RIADS	THALE	
BRANE	DIANE	GOETH	KAVAL	NIKAB	RUEDA	THANG	
BRIKI	DIVNA	GOJIS	KEEMA	NIKAH	SAAGS	TIAN	

VOWEL-HEAVY WORDS UNIQUE TO CSW12

Four, five, seven and eight-letter words

FOURs (3 vowels)	AIDA	INDIA	SAOLA	BOOGALOO
	ALOO	JUVIE	TAIKO	DEQUEUED
	AUAS	KEEMA	SEVENs (5 vowels)	DEQUEUES
		LEEZE		ENQUEUED
FIVEs (4 vowels)	COUTA	OFFIE	DEQUEUE	ENQUEUES
	DAIKO	OGEED	ENQUEUE	EQUATIVE
	DIANE	OUENS		FEIJOADA
FIVES (3 vowels)	DOOCE	OXIES	Eights (6 vowels)	HONOUREE
	FAKIE	PAEDO		IOPANOIC
	FILII	PIANI		KALOOKIE
	FOGOU	RAKIA	ANIRIDIA	
	GAITA	RUEDA	AUTOSAVE	KOEKOEAS

**UNIQUE CSW12 7-LETTER WORDS FROM TOP 1000 LIKELY
BONUS WORDS (showing CSW07 anagrams in lower case)**

AAEGILR	RAILAGE lairage regalia	ACINORS RACINOS	AIRCONS saronic	AEHOSTW AEINNST	AWHETOS NANITES inanest
AAEMPRT ABCDEOR	APTAMER BARCODE brocade	ADEEGNT	ENDGATE agented negated	AEINOPZ	stanine tannies APIEZON
ABDEEST	BEASTED bestead debates	ADEEMRS	MEDRESA remades remeads smeared	AEINORT	epizoan NOTAIRE otarine
ABDEILR	BLADIER baldier bedrail brailed railbed ridable	ADEFINN ADEKNOU ADEKNRT ADENOTT	FANNIED UNOAKED DARKNET ATTONED notated	AEIOSTT AEKORST AELOPST	OATIEST ostiate toastie KOTARES POTALES apostle
ABEFIRT	FIBRATE barefit	ADOORTW	WOODRAT		pelotas
ABEISTT	BATTIES batiste bistate	AEEGST	SANGEET negates	AEMORRS	MAREROS remoras roamers
ABEOORT ABIRSTU ACDENRU	AEROBOT ABITURS UNCARED durance unraced	AEEILMR AEELMST AEELNOS	EMAILER mealier MALTESE LOANEES enolase	AENOSTV AEOPRRS AGINRSU AGNORST	NOVATES PARORES AIRGUNS SNOTRAG
ACDEORR	CERRADO corrade	AEERTTW	REWATER waterer	BDEEIRT BDEINRR BDEIOOR	BEDRITE BREDRIN DOOBRIE
ACDINRU	CANDIRU iracund	AEFILNN AEFINST	FLANNIE FANSITE fainest naifest	BEEGIIR BEEGILR BEILRTT	BEIGIER GLEBIER BLITTER brittle
ACDIORS	CARDIOS sarcoid		EASINGS agnises seasing		triblet
ACEMORS	SCREAMO amorces	AEGINSS		BEIORRS CDEINRS	BROSIER NERDICS cinders
ACENRTY	TRANCEY encraty nectary	AEGLNSU	LEGUANS angelus lagunes langues		discern rescind
ACGINRS	CARINGS arcings racings sacring scaring	AEHIPST AEHISTY	APESHIT HAYIEST	CEEHIOR	ECHOIER cheerio

CEGINSU	CUEINGS	DEEOPTU	TOUPEED	EILLOST	STELLIO
CEILNST	LENTISC	DEGLNRU	GRUNDLE		oillets
	clients	DEGORST	TODGERS		tollies
	lectins		stodger	EILOOST	TOOLIES
	stencil	DEIINSY	YINDIES		oolites
CEILOOT	CLOOTIE	EEFIIRR	FEIRIER		ostiole
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CENORST	CRETONS	EEHISTT	HETTIES		rosiest
	conster	EEIKNRS	KEIRENS		siroset
	cornets	EFGIRST	REGIFTS		sortes
	creston	EGHILNR	GHRELIN		sorties
	cronets		herling		stories
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**UNIQUE CSW12 8-LETTER WORDS FROM TOP 1000 LIKELY
BONUS WORDS** (showing CSW07 anagrams in lower case)

AABDEINR	BANDEIRA	AAEIRRST	TARAIREs	ABEORST	AEROBOTS
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	cavalier	ABCDEORS	BARCODES		corrades
AADEIRTT	DIATRETA		brocades	ACDINRSU	CANDIRUS
AADHILRT	HARDTAIL	ABCINOTU	BUTANOIC	ACEEHILS	HELICASE
AADIIINR	ANIRIDIA	ABDEEIRR	BREADIER	ACEHINRU	ECHIURAN
AAEENSTX	ANATEXES		beardier	ACEIINRR	CAIRNIER
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	interage	AEIRSTTW	SWATTIER	EEIPRSTV	PERVIEST
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	waterers		bistered	EHIOORST	TOOSHIER
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AEFINSST	FANSITES	BEEGIIST	BEIGIEST		etiolins
AEGHILTT	TEALIGHT	BEEGILST	GLEBIEST	EILLORTT	TORTELLI
AEGINOPT	PINOTAGE	BEEGINST	BEESTING	EILMNNOO	MONOLINE
AEGNNRTW	GNATWREN		beignets	EINORSTX	NITROXES
AEHORSTU	ARTHOUSE	BEEINRTW	INTERWEB	ENoorSTT	NETROOTS
	outhears	BEGIILNR	BLINGIER	GINORRST	RORTINGS
	rathouse	BEIORSST	BROSIEST		
AEIKLNRR	KNARLIER		sorbites		

Words No Longer Valid

ACIDFREAK	COHABITOR	GRENZ	POPRINS	TADVANCE
ADDIOS	COMPINGS	HARDBAG	PORNOMAG	TAFFETIES
AEROBUS	CORAGGIOS	HARDBAGS	PORNOMAGS	TAHOU
AEROBUSES	CORAMINE	HEPTAGLOT	PROFORMAS	TAHOUS
ALBRICIAS	CORAMINES	HEROE	PUCKEROOD	TANAISTE
ALECTRYON	CORNRENT	HEXAGLOT	PURIM	TANAISTES
AMYGDALAS	CORNRENTS	INSULAS	PURIMS	TAOISEACH
AMYTAL	CRASHLAND	ISODOMONS	QUEERCORE	TASSWAGE
AMYTALS	CULMENS	JAMBOS	REEDMACE	TEDESCA
ARCCOS	DEERHORN	JANDAL	REEDMACES	TEDESCHE
ARCCOSES	DEERHORNS	JANDALS	REEDSTOP	TEDESCHI
ARCSIN	DOGDAYS	JETPLANE	REEDSTOPS	TEDESCO
ARCSINS	EBBTIDE	JETPLANES	RETES	TELOSES
ARCTAN	EBBTIDES	JOCKNEY	RIGHTOS	TIEROD
ARCTANS	EDUSKUNTA	JOCKNEYS	RIVOS	TIERODS
AWESTRIKE	EIGHTFOOT	LERNAEAN	ROCKCRESS	TOHOS
BACKPAY	ENGISCOPE	LERNEAN	ROMAS	UPSWARM
BACKPAYS	EPROM	LIGGEN	SAUTEES	UPSWARMED
BANGINGS	EPROMS	MARCHESES	SCLATED	UPSWARMS
BELLPUSH	FAITHCURE	MINCINGS	SCLATING	VAKASS
BLANKIES	FAMULUSES	MINGIN	SCOPAS	VAKASSES
BLANKY	FATWAED	MOLEHUNT	SERPULA	VICTROLLA
BLOODHEAT	FEELBADS	MOLEHUNTS	SERPULAE	WAKANE
BLOWKART	FEELGOODS	MOLERAT	SHOTPUT	WAKANES
BLOWKARTS	FIFI	MOLERATS	SHOTPUTS	WANTINGS
BONSAIS	FILARIAS	MOYGASHEL	SMOKEBUSH	WASM
BULLBAR	FOHS	NICKY	SMOKETREE	WASMS
CAGEBIRD	FOOTROT	OAKLEAF	SOFTPASTE	WELDMESH
CAGEBIRDS	FOOTROTS	OAKLEAVES	SPAGERICS	WINDROSE
CARPARK	FORLESE	ODSOS	SPAGERIST	WINDROSES
CARPARKS	FORLESES	OHOS	SPAGIRICS	WRINGINGS
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CHALANING	FORLORE	ONCOMOUSE	STEADICAM	XERAPHIM
CHALLANED	FORTUNISE	PANISLAM	STINKINGS	XERAPHIMS
CHILIOI	FREON	PANISLAMs	STOCKHORN	YOPPER
CHILIOIS	FREONS	PAROTISES	SWEETPEA	YOPPERS
CHONS	GADSOS	PENTEL	SWEETPEAS	YOS
CIAOS	GAMBOS	PENTELS	SWONE	ZIMMER
CLOVEPINK	GLOBOSES	PHOHS	SWONES	ZIMMERS
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Yarnfield Conference Centre, Sunday 28th August 2011

1. Ross Mackenzie (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM. Committee members present introduced themselves and Ross introduced absent members. The Chair's report was accepted as read.
2. The Treasurer's report, Independent Examiner's report and the accounts were accepted.
3. Allan Simmons is standing down from the Committee, he was thanked for more than 20 years' service to the ABSP and a vote of thanks from the floor was recorded.
4. There were no objections to Karen Willis as Independent Examiner for 2011.
5. (a) The subscription for 2012 was set at £15 (£7.50 for people aged under 18 at the time of joining/renewing) by a show of hands.
(b) It was proposed that, as an alternative to paying £15 for membership for 2012, a person can pay one subscription of £20 (£10 for people aged under 18 at the time of joining/renewing) to be a member for both 2012 and 2013, on condition they receive an electronic copy of the magazine instead of a hard copy through the post.
This motion was carried: (votes for 112, votes against 13, abstentions 3)
6. (a) It was proposed that WESPA Rules version 2 be adopted.
This motion was carried: (votes for 103, votes against 20, abstentions 4)
(b) It was proposed that the 2011 edition of Collins Official Scrabble Words be adopted.
This motion was carried: (votes for 124, votes against 4, abstentions 3)
(c) It was proposed that the game rule 2.2 Starting the Timer be amended.
This motion was defeated: (votes for 36, votes against 91, abstentions 5)
(d) It was proposed that the game rules concerning overdrawing (within rule 3.9) be amended.
This motion was defeated: (votes for 25, votes against 97, abstentions 5)
(e) It was proposed that game rule 5.2 Six Consecutive Zero Scores be amended.
This motion was defeated: (votes for 27, votes against 90, abstentions 7)
7. AOB:
Paula Davenport outlined the Youth Scrabble tournament in Solihull. Seven youngsters are going to WYSC this year and, hopefully, the WYSC will be held in the UK next year, when volunteer helpers will be required.
There was a vote of thanks to John Grayson for his excellent work as Ratings Officer. As well as 'life membership' of ABSP, it was agreed by all present to give Allan Simmons free entry to BMSC 2012 in recognition of his years of work for ABSP.
It was suggested that there should be an 'inbox' on the ABSP website for members to contact Committee.
A vote of thanks was proposed to the Committee.

dusting off the archives

A stroll down Memory Lane with Robert Richland

20 years ago

APSP Newsletter, September 1991, editor Clive Spate

This issue was in stapled A4 format and unnumbered.

- APSP membership had reached 250-plus.
- Both Clive Spate and Graeme Thomas had been criticised for seemingly belittling the chances of the UK players taking part in the inaugural WSC in late September. Clive put the record straight by explaining that he and Graeme were trying to express a disappointment that the APSP ratings had been ignored (by NSC organiser Leonard Hodge, no doubt) in the selection process. Selected instead were the eight quarter-finalists from the 64-player 'straight-knockout' NSC finals in June. Even Phil Appleby, in his NSC winner's speech, publicly criticised this blinkered selection process which involved the luck-induced factor of single-game elimination. Clive then went on to wish the eight British selectees the best of luck in the event.
- Allan Simmons won his third BMSC title and gave a round-by-round account of his 15 games at the event.
- Ruth Morgan-Thomas won the inaugural Ladies Event (the BMSC warm-up).
- The other recent tourney win: Gareth Williams (Wilmslow).

Top 4 ratings (Sep 1st 1991): Gareth Williams 196, Clive Spate 193, Phil Appleby, Mark Nyman 192.

15 years ago

APSP Newsletter, issue 50, October 1996, editor Phil Appleby

- The internet was starting to enter the general public psyche by 1996, so much so that a list of 'Online Scrabble players' (together with their email addresses) were listed... all 29 of them. Mike Willis explained some of the ins and outs of getting online, and the potential pitfalls awaiting the unwary. In those days it cost as much as £7 for up to 5 hours online with providers Compuserve, Microsoft and AOL !
- Lots of readers' letters in this issue. I already mentioned (in the previous issue) Graeme Thomas's remark about Brian Sugar's 'Ilford and not-Ilford' mindset. Pete Finley and Mike Willis (amongst others) sided with Graeme. Another reader (name and address supplied) complained about the effect that garlic- and curry-flavoured meals (at tourneys) had on players breath/body odour. And finally Ivy Dixon-Baird fervently mentioned the traditional North v South football match (during the BMSC weekend). The entire North team, to the delight of the ladies present, stripped to the waist (to distinguish themselves from the South team). Ivy's man of the match was Phil Appleby, but her 'best body' award went to Mark Nyman!
- Mark Nyman also won a more significant title... the 1996 BMSC itself !

Recent tourney wins: Ruth Morgan-Thomas (Essex Classic), Priscilla Encarnacion (East Sussex), Terry Kirk (Richmond Invitational), Steve Gruzd (Merton), Allan Saldanha (Cambridge)

Top 3 ratings (January 1st 1996): Clive Spate 199, Allan Saldanha 197, Mark Nyman 195.

10 years ago

The Last Word, issue 80, October 2001, editor Christina French

- The ABSP went online: its new website (www.absp.org.uk) was officially launched at the BMSC weekend on August 26th. It was designed by Cath Byrne (Amy's daughter), based on a prototype by Ian Finley (Pete's son) and much of the original content was written by Stewart Holden and Graeme Thomas.
- Cardiff SC announced, with deep regret, the death of Peter Groves, who had spent his life as a Master Mariner.
- Hazel Hens wrote in asking how many ABSP members had a full name (like hers) which is an allowable Scrabble word.
- At the AGM (during the BMSC weekend), Michael Partner's motion 'that OSW4 be allowed in tournaments and recognised for rating purposes in addition to OSWI' was soundly defeated.
- In the recent Luton event, Sandie Simonis (with a rack of IIMNOSS, her surname alphagram) played the bonus SIMONIST (onto a T) !
- Andrew Cook was the 2001 BMSC Champion (undisputed, now that the top divisions had been reunified with The Way Forward).

Other recent tourney wins: Cathy Anderson (Cleveland Challenge), Stewart Holden (Luton), Alan Bailey (Richmond), Paul Allan (Summer Matchplay), and (visiting American) Robert Felt (Havering).

Top 4 ratings (Oct 9th 2001): David Webb 207, Andrew Fisher 206, Robert Felt 204.

5 years ago

TLW, issue 110, October 2006, editor Ben Wilson

- A second prominent loss (in the space of four months) to the UK Scrabble world occurred when Karl Khoshnaw passed away in September, aged 57. Peter Keller wrote a two-page obituary on Karl. Karl represented Kurdistan-Iraq in the WSC on many occasions. He will always be remembered for his record-breaking 392-point nine-timer CAZIQUES, which he achieved in April 1982 in Manchester. He also had the distinction of appearing on Channel 4's *Countdown* in two different series under two different names, firstly under his real name (series 1 in 1982) and then again in 1987 under the pseudonym 'Karl Kurdistan'. At the time, the producers were keen to have contestants from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Karl was survived by an older brother and sister, his partner Antje and 3 year-old son Valentin, and a 20 year-old daughter Zara.
- Also sadly passing away was Jessie Tollick (Lang Toun SC in Kirkcaldy).
- Amongst the Moves To Be Proud Of (in Phil Appleby's regular *Across The Board* feature), was the extension of LING to OVERBOI-LING by Jill Bright (Warrington SC).
- David Sutton's *Edgeways* featured a host of valid Japanese words like NOGAKU, TANUKI and YUKATA along, of course, with the more familiar SUMO.
- Brett Smitheram won his third BMSC title in the space of four years. The Bournemouth Magpies won the Yvonne Jukes Challenge team event on the Isle of Wight. And, sadly ironic (in the above circumstances), Karl Khoshnaw won the NSC South Regional.

Other recent tourney wins included: Chris Keeley (Luton), Wayne Kelly (Manchester), David Williams (Swansea), Jackie McLeod (Stoke Rochford), Di Dennis (West Berks)

Top 5 ratings (Feb 14th 2006) Adam Logan 211, Harshan Lamabadusuriya 201, Andrew Davis, Helen Gipson and Brett Smitheram 198.

...continuing Stephen Wintle's look into our Scrabble future

2021 and the Wispa chocolate bar sponsored WESPA World Scrabble Championships from Wismar in Germany take place a little later than scheduled following disruption from the small but vocal anti WESPA protest group SPEWA (Scrabble Players European and Worldwide Alliance). Their grudges with WESPA are numerous and wide-ranging and include old chestnuts like the Penalty Challenge Rule and more obscure ones like playing room conditions - temperature and relative humidity parameters - and alleged proof of Machiavellian scale corruption amongst elite members of the WESPA committee, known as the Politburo. The situation is resolved when SPEWA are granted their own World Championships.

In the WESPA event a nail - biting final sees 'The Phenomenon' (Phillip Edwin Mugisha of Uganda) just pipped by the Phillipino, Polyplankton Pantopopcorn, 4-3 in the best of 7 games play-off.

Meanwhile, details of the SPEWA event remain sketchy but it is rumoured to have taken place in a location not a million miles from Halifax in Yorkshire and is won by somebody with the initials PT. Colchester based player Peter Thomas affirms categorically that this is not him and that he has no links whatsoever with, "That bunch of freaks and weirdos."

Police, firefighters and ambulances are called to the Chipping Sodbury Tournament after elderly participant Frank Spencer, the only player ever to hold a rating below 50, suffers a series of mishaps involving coffee spillages, computers and computer cables, resulting in a significant conflagration. Although the venue is gutted, no serious injuries occur although Mr Spencer himself does suffer a double fracture of the humerus. Wife Betty, in charge of refreshments, assures everyone that he'll be back again next year.

To celebrate three of the most popular board games in the world, a group of Scrabble, Chess and Monopoly enthusiasts decide to stage a triangular tournament on the balmy, sun-soaked Atlantic island of Bermuda. However, the event is marred by the mysterious disappearance of several of the competitors. Holidaying on the island at the time is a certain Inspector Clouseau of the renowned Paris Sûreté, who kindly offers his services for free to assist the tiny Bermudan police force. M Clouseau declares that, "I suspect everyone and I suspect no one," and adds, "I will leave no stone turned over". Unfortunately more disappearances occur including three members of the police and Chief Commissioner Marie Celeste.

One of the main talking points of the Scrabble year occurs at the long running Winter Matchplay, held at the habitual Holiday Inn venue in Milton Keynes in November. New player Rick Startwright commences a game by simply putting an 'A' on the board. This is naturally challenged off. A couple of games later his first move is a single 'I'. When this too is rejected he storms out of the event in disgust, informing his stunned audience of the absurdity of not being able to play two of the most basic English words in the foremost English wordgame. Completely hacked off, he writes a damning article in the popular literary journal, *News Of The Word*, resulting in a frenzy of media interest and a record one day posting to UK-Scrabble of 473 items. ABSP Chairwoman Nicky Huitson declares that the committee will discuss a possible change in the rules to accommodate these two 'one letter' words at the start of a game.

The above event also sees the tournament debuts of four year old twins Marco and Maurizio Pratesi, believed to be the youngest ever players to take part in a rated Scrabble event. Alongside them are mother Jessica (who keeps the Pratesi name on marrying), aunt Natasha and grandparents Diane and Mauro (who has a rare day off from computer duties). Completing the eight strong Pratesi line-up - believed to be the largest number of people ever

to compete at a Scrabble tournament with the same name - and over in the UK for a few days from their home in Pisa, is the towering figure of Great Uncle Giuseppe and diminutive Great Aunt Isabella (who leans heavily on her husband for support).

Since the first 'Intelligent' Scrabble boards appeared in 2015, allowing instant adjudication on the validity of words and giving move scores, technology has developed rapidly enabling later models to perform a wide range of functions. Recent radical advances in the field of robotics has further enhanced both the range and quality of applications available and in December Philip Nelkon-Mattel proudly announces plans for a board that will actually be able to 'walk' to its allotted table. Many players, however, express an uneasiness with this latest innovation and feel this could be a step too far.

Well, that's the end of my crystal ball gazing for the moment, but I feel sure it will be resurrected some time next year to see if 2022 holds as many incidents and surprises in the Scrabble year as 2021. Before then I look forward to once again having you all on board Onboard's Overboard slot as I bring you, in the next issue, a round-up of some recent Scrabble stories and miscellanea from around the world that you may just have missed...

the perfect game

Childs Play

What are the criteria for the 'Perfect Game' of Scrabble? Alan Childs of Bournemouth S.C. gave this some consideration and came up with the following:

It should be played in the minimal number of moves, fourteen. Every move made should score the 50 point bonus. It should be as high scoring as possible.

Alan decided to see if he could construct such a game. He took the difficult option of ignoring the blank tiles, so these are the two tiles left unplayed at the end. The game Alan came up with is shown below. It contains four 9-timers and three 4-timers. Score-wise it is going to be very difficult to beat, but I suspect it can be done. Is anyone up to the challenge?

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	P	R	O	X	E	M	I	C							V
2					A										A
3	U	N	S	E	E	D	E	D							N
4					E							T			Q
5					F	R	O	S	T	I	E	R			U
6					I		T	A	N	D	O	O	R	I	
7					S							U			S
8	F				E		G	A	L	A	B	E	A	H	
9	R									E	L				
10	O	V	E	R	G	O	T			Y	I				
11	W				A	B	U	T	I	L	O	N			
12	Z	O	N	E	T	I	M	E	A	G					
13	I									N					
14	L									D					
15	Y							W	H	I	P	J	A	C	K

	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2
GALABEA	76	LEYLANDI 74
WHIPJACK	383	ABUTILON 90
ONETIME	83	OVERGOT 87
FROWZILY	403	TROUBLING 98
TANDOORI	63	VANQUISH 389
FROSTIER	106	MADERISE 65
UNSEEDED	72	PROXEMIC 311
TOTAL	1186	TOTAL 1114

AGGREGATE 2300

absp personality



Liz Barber

I was born in York in 1930, but the family moved to Sheffield in 1934, so, at the age of 4½ I became a convent boarder. During the war I was once more a boarder, this time in Southport. In my working life I trained as a radiographer and worked in Scunthorpe before finally returning back to Sheffield.

My sister, Ruth, bought one of the first Scrabble sets in 1953 and we recorded any game scores of over 200 on the lid of the box! Sadly she died in 1985.

Steel City was one of the early Sheffield Scrabble Clubs, followed shortly by Psalter. Now, Sheffield boasts also Chapeltown, and a U3A Club, and though numbers are small, there is plenty of enthusiasm for the game. I have made several attempts to get some of the local schools to start lunchtime Scrabble clubs, but with hardly any response.

I have always been keen on sport. I represented Sheffield Works Association at hockey and tennis, but my first love has always been cricket, and having had some coaching at an early age from a relative who had played for England and Warwickshire, I played cricket for Sheffield Women.

My sister and her husband had a hotel in Scotland, so this meant salmon fishing in the summer, with skiing, skating and curling in the winter! However did I find time for work and Scrabble?

I didn't mention Badminton? I met Henry whilst playing for Sheffield Teachers Badminton Team and we were married in 1961. Our two daughters shudder when I mention Scrabble, and Henry rushes off to the Golf Club!

Some years ago I was at my nephew's house when his son, aged 8½ asked me to show him how to play Scrabble. He brought out a box which I instantly recognised as the one on which Ruth and I had written down those scores all those years ago! Six months later that young lad was regularly playing at the Club.

When I retired in 1992 from my post as Superintendent Radiographer at Nether Edge Hospital, I was asked by Saga to run their Scrabble Holidays. After some years, Saga became more interested in cruise holidays and insurance and their Scrabble interest declined, but then I was asked by Holiday Friendship Holidays to work for them. Sadly, their lack of planning these holidays (who would travel to the Isle of Mull for 2 days!?) prompted me to start my 'Holidays with Scrabble'. It was easy to find venues – the hotels I had used with Saga and HF were only too willing to have our business! So I organised holidays ranging from Eastbourne, Boumemouth, Torquay and Paignton in the south to Llandudno and Scarborough in the north. I generally include a day away from Scrabble to allow for individual pursuits, a theatre visit and what has come to be known as my diabolical quiz (I generally forget to bring the answers).

This summer I have joined Sheffield U3A Croquet Club, and am enjoying the game immensely. I make sure the players there know all about U3A Scrabble as well!

I am a lover of classical music, my favourite composers being Dvorak, Tchaikovsky and John Rutter. I still enjoy playing piano duets.

On television, I won Countdown in 1990, and more recently, I was lucky enough to win The Weakest Link.

I'm now teaching my 8 year old granddaughter to play Scrabble. Oh, and the name of that young boy who brought out my old Scrabble set all those years ago? Lewis Mackay, 2011 British Matchplay Champion!

scrabble tips

for home players and those new to the ABSP - by Allan Simmons

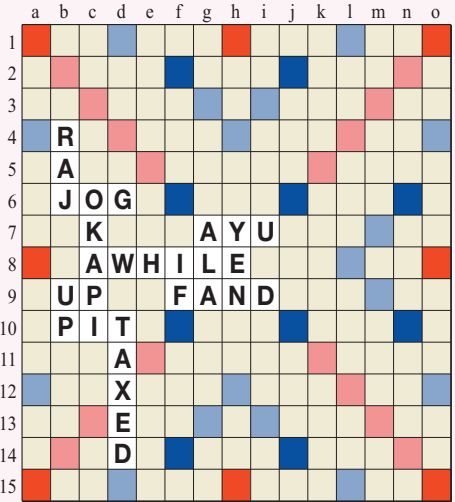
This section within OnBoard is specifically for newer players or those that might have joined the ABSP as a regular home player. Some of the material is new but a lot of it is tailored from articles that may have appeared elsewhere over the years.

The Balancing Act

The need to think about rack balance is often mentioned in advice to newer players, but what is meant by a balanced rack? The letter distribution for Scrabble is not arbitrary — it was painstakingly worked out by Scrabble’s creator, Alfred Butts, through scrutiny of English usage in the New York Times. With some fine-tuning he created a set of letters that provided just the right conditions for players to have a reasonable choice of plays each turn — and to get the occasional seven or eight-letter 50-point bonus. The ratio of vowels to consonants is about three to four, excluding the two blanks.

From this, a balanced rack could be described as one with three vowels and four consonants but it is obvious that the rack VVGGIII is far from balanced. So duplication has to be avoided (except perhaps E or S). Even then a rack such as DGVWIOU is dispiritingly unbalanced. So what balance is required?

The compatibility of the four consonants is key, and needs to be a mixture of hard consonants (eg, G,B,K) and soft ones (eg, L,N,R). With an S or Y a rack can be balanced with just two vowels (eg, AEFNRST or EOLRTVY). Likewise, if the consonants form digraphs (two letters as one sound, such as PH or TH) or trigraphs (such as GHT). Such balanced racks will yield more choice of moves, thus giving greater scope for plays that also help maintain the balance. However, the more letters used each turn, the more the balance is at the mercy of the letter bag. So difficult racks will occur even if the best plays are made. How an imbalance is handled is often what separates top players from the rest. Specific vocabulary and awareness of the letter distribution undoubtedly help, but simply avoiding keeping duplicates or incompatible consonants is also sensible insurance. If you don’t try and remedy an imbalance then your rack will deteriorate and your plays and scores will spiral into decline.



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BELLVWT

Your challenge is to use the board shown here and these racks to find plays that score more than 25 points and do not keep duplicates. The words are not obscure. (Solution p.48)

Some Definitions	ALA	A winglike side petal
	AYU	a small edible Japanese fish
	FAND	Scottish for FOUND

Improving Your Luck

Every Scrabble player hopes to get their fair share of the power tiles to help them score well. Along with the J, Q, X and Z, I include the four Ss and two blanks because of their value in playing bonus words. It follows that anything you can do to improve your chances of picking more than your fair share of power tiles must be worth considering. One way you can do this is to play more tiles than your opponent — especially in the early stages of the game, when most of the power tiles are in the bag and there’s plenty of scope to reap the benefits. The number of tiles played in a move is termed “turnover”. Given the choice of similar scoring plays, it can be worth considering the option that uses an extra tile or two. However, it is rarely worth playing a long word just for the sake of it. Score and rack leave are still important considerations. Don’t worry about a longer word opening more of the board, as long as it is not foolishly open. If the greater turnover rewards you with a power tile then a more open board will favour you. Let’s look at a couple of examples with the board position shown here.

It’s early in the game and there are plenty of power tiles to play for. What plays would you consider with this weak vowel rack?

A A E E O R T

The second rack looks worse, but can you spot a good five-tile move to improve the rack and increase the chances of picking a power tile?

E E F I U U Y

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	Red			Blue			LOG			Blue					Red
2		Red				ZIP		Blue						Red	
3			Red			OM		Blue					Red		
4	Blue			Red			OF		P		Red				Blue
5					Red			O	U						
6		Blue				Blue	HUNK								Blue
7			Blue				LE								
8	Red			Blue			L					Blue			Red
9			Blue				Y						Blue		
10		Blue				Blue				Blue				Blue	
11				Red								Red			
12	Blue			Red				Blue				Red			Blue
13			Red				Blue		Blue				Red		
14		Red				Blue			Blue				Red		
15	Red			Blue				Red			Blue			Red	

With the first example, playing the O at F4 for 18 is tempting, but using just one tile doesn’t help the rack. The higher turnover of AERATE or AORTAE at K7d (14) or I8d (16) make them a more valuable choice. If you can spot AREOLAE D7a (18) then, although it has good turnover, it’s also an example of a foolishly open play because it creates an easy high-scoring opening for the A8 triple word. With the second rack, the best score is 25 for FEY at G9d. Playing YE K6d (22) is also tempting, but in both cases the rack leave is weak. The solution is to dump five letters with EYEFUL C8a (16) and expect some reward for the high turnover.

Finally, using the same board what is the highest turnover play with this rack? (Solution p.48)

A A G I N O U

Scrabble articles like these can be found each Saturday in The Times. There is also a book, published by Collins, of a collection of over 90 of such Scrabble tips and articles by Allan Simmons that appeared in The Times between 2005-2006:

The Times Scrabble Workout – ISBN 978-0-00-730303-8 rrp £7.99

SCRABBLE® LOGOLOGIC

Compiled by Allan Simmons

Your challenge is to recreate the Scrabble game using all the **16 words** given below. The number of tiles in each row or column, and the total face-value of those tiles (ie ignoring premium squares) in each row or column are shown alongside the empty board. It is assumed that readers are familiar with the letter values.

When you have completed the diagram can you find the elusive highest scoring play that scores exactly **64 points** with this rack? (Solution p.48)

D A M V E W S

No.		1	4	4	3	3	4	8	2	1	5	6	3	3	3
	Val.	1	7	7	3	3	6	12	2	1	5	6	12	6	7
1	1	■						■							■
4	6		■				■			■					■
6	8			■				■				■			
2	2	■			■				■				■		■
10	16					■					■				
3	3		■				■			■				■	
8	11			■				■				■			
3	7	■			■				■				■		■
7	17			■				■					■		
5	5		■				■			■				■	
1	1				■						■				
			■			■						■			■
				■			■						■		
			■					■					■		■
		■						■					■		■

A C T **A I R** **A I S L E** **A R I A**
A R M E D **A T** **C A N** **E N J O Y**
F I R E S **F O R** **F O U R**
F R O **L O O S E** **S I L K I E R**
S T A R **T O H O**

cryptogram

	14		23		9	22	5	21	18		18		23	
25	6	11	8	21	26		2	21	21	2	25	3	21	23
20	18	8	24	17	20		20	11	24	25	15	21	18	6
11	20	20	16	21	11	6		6	21	26	2	8	12	25
8	13	15	21	11	8	23	26		26	2	8	11	21	23
26	25	11	23		25	11	8	23		8	24	23	11	8
15	11	6		16	26	25	11		19	21	17	26		13
0	9		10	11	21	23		1	20	26	26		7	
3		23	25	21	26		7	21	26	15		25	22	25
6	20	22	26	21		4	25	15	26		24	22	19	10
13	11	21	21	26	2		16	21	18	20	8	23	25	18
2	25	18	18	8	20	24		26	25	18	15	8	11	21
21	24	18	8	24	16	21	23		24	8	11	18	8	15
26	15	8	24	17	8	21	26		23	20	6	21	24	26
0	26		21		26	19	20	17	26		18		17	

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	H											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

(Solution p.48)

Anagrid

The clues are simply anagrams of the answers. (Solution p.48)

1a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
2	■		■		■									■
3							■							
4	■		■		■									■
5							■							
6	■		■		■									■
7							■							
8	■		■		■		■	■		■		■		■
9							■							
10									■		■		■	
11							■							
12									■		■		■	
13							■							
14									■		■		■	
15	■		■		■		■							

HORIZONTAL CLUES

1. ONELAPS
2. HISSYLOT
3. KAMOULE - SPITELM
4. IGRAFTED
5. KEOHIID - GENIDIC
6. IGGSTAIN
7. RUNNSED - ONEYAGS
8. -
9. UGHNIPP - FETTEDS
10. UNICREED
11. SAASIGA - YARKETS
12. TALENTLY
13. ATSCEED - ONERUIN
14. ETCERESS
15. STRISSE

VERTICAL CLUES

- a. LAUGHYN
- b. URONLESS
- c. CUPKELD - ASPSEED
- d. EPETAXIS
- e. PIROLEO - IGNASTE
- f. DENCONAN
- g. SADTSAD - URSTIAG
- h. -
- i. NILDIXY - YDENESS
- j. FEMOLISE
- k. MISTOTT - SEFRURU
- l. CITEPASS
- m. NIGGISE - ATLIEGE
- n. GNASHST
- o. SWEETRY

prize puzzle

This puzzle is designed to be within the capability of **all** OnBoard readers and everyone sending in a correct solution will be entered into a draw to win a £10 voucher toward the purchase of goods from TILEFISH 'your one stop Scrabble shop'.

Your challenge is to find a play with the tiles shown that scores exactly **80** points.

As ABSP members it is presumed that you already know the points value of the tiles and the values of the premium squares.

To be entered into the draw, send your solution to OnBoard, 17 St Margarets Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4HS.

or email: editor@absp.org.uk

Closing date 12th November 2011.

This puzzle was created for OnBoard by Stewart Holden; a similar target-score prize challenge by Allan appears in the Guardian's Weekend magazine every Saturday

An error on last issue's Prize Puzzle board (C,H and I of CHAI omitted) meant that there was more than one winning answer available, although most entrants did find the intended answer which was RENDITION played as shown below

The winning entrant is Heather Roberts from Salisbury.

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	Red			Blue				Red			Blue				Red
2		Red					Blue								Red
3			Red					Blue						Red	
4	Blue			Red					Blue				Red		Blue
5		P			Red				J	O	W	A	R	I	
6		O				C		I			Blue		A		Blue
7		L	Blue		H		R					F			
8		O	N	B	O	A	R	D				T			Red
9			Blue	A					Blue				I		
10		Blue				R	E	N	D	I	T	I	O	N	Blue
11					Red								U	G	
12	Blue					I							R		Blue
13			Red										A		Red
14		Red					Blue				Blue		L	A	Z
15	Red												I		Red

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	Red			Blue					Red				Blue		Red
2	F	U	N	K				Blue			Blue				Red
3			Red		I	T	C	H	E	D				Red	
4	Blue			Red					V				Red		Blue
5					Red				I			Red			
6			Blue					Blue	C		Blue				Blue
7			Blue			T	I	N	T		Blue			Blue	
8	B	E	L	O	W			E	I	D	E	A	T	E	
9				Blue		O	U	T	D	I	D			Blue	
10		Blue						Blue	I			Blue			Blue
11					Red				M				Red		
12	G	I	N	S	H	O	P				Blue			Red	Blue
13			Red						A		Blue			Red	
14		Red						Blue	N		Blue				Red
15	Red								I		Red				Red

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forthcoming tournaments

This list is compiled by Steve Perry who is the ABSP's Tournament Co-ordinator. Steve's role is to manage the Scrabble calendar so he will need to know as early as possible if you are considering running an event. Steve's email is: steveperry414@gmail.com

Bournemouth Autumn (7 games)

Sunday 2nd October 2011
Contact: Ruth Marsden
Telephone: 01202 707148
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07720 949 825
Venue: Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park
Road, Moordown, Bournemouth

Registration: 09:30
First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.10
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Bournemouth Scrabble
Tournament and sent to Ruth Marsden, 27
Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, BH13 7ET

Cock o' the North (22 games)

Friday 7th–Sunday 9th October

Contact Len Moir
Telephone 01913 880033

Edinburgh Open (7 games)

Saturday 8th October
Contact: Margaret Harkness
Telephone: 0131 4403649
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07804 889468
Venue: Carlton Bridge Club,
36b Warriston Gardens,
Edinburgh EH3 5NE
Registration: 09:15
First game: 10:00 Time of departure 18.00

Light lunch included. Tea/Coffee available
throughout the day
Entry costs: £17.50 for ABSP member
£19.50 for Non-ABSP member
Deduct 50p if you are able to
bring a clock
Cheques payable to Margaret Harkness –
Edinburgh Open and sent to Margaret
Harkness, 2 Fowler Crescent, Loanhead,
Midlothian EH20 9RX

Hove Actually (9 games – 20 mins)

Sunday 9th October 2011
Contact: Doj Graham
Telephone: 01273 699811
Emergency number (on the day)
Mobile: 07743 317565
Venue: St Lawrence's Church Hall,
Glebe Villas, Hove BN3 5SS
Registration: 09:00

First game: 09.30 Departure 17:45
3 divisional round robin tournament
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP member
£22.00 for non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Doj Graham and sent to
Doj Graham, Flat 2, 8-9 Hanover Crescent,
Brighton BN2 9SB

Coventry Triple (27 games)

Tuesday 11th–Thursday 13th October

Contact Len Moir
Telephone 01913 880033

Bourne (7 games)

Sunday 16th October 2011
Contact: Betty Benton
Telephone: 01778-425234
Venue: Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey
Road, Bourne, Lincs, PE10 9EF
Registration: 09:15
First game: 10:00

3 divisional tournament
Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member
£15.00 for non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Bourne & District
Scrabble Club and sent to Betty Benton,
Walnut Farm, Twenty, Bourne, Lincs
PE10 0BH

Nailsea (7 games)

Sunday 23rd October 2011
Contact Pam Sparkes
Telephone 01275 464864
Emergency number on the day
Mobile 0783762145 or 07929936832
Venue Mizzymead Recreation Centre,
Nailsea
Divisions: Maximum of 3 divisions of 20
Registration 9.15
First game 10.00 Departure 18.30

Tea/coffee and biscuits available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.00 For ABSP members
£15.00 for others
£2 discount for Nailsea club members
Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a timer
Cheques payable Nailsea Scrabble Club and sent to Pam Sparkes at 3 Summerlands, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3NZ

London (Knightsbridge) (7 games)

Sunday 30th October 2011
London Scrabble League 40th Anniversary Tournament
Contact Sandie Simonis
Telephone 020 8428 3397
Emergency number on the day
Mobile 0771 259 0585
Venue Kent House, Rutland Gardens,
Knightsbridge, London SW7 1BX

Registration 09:30
First game 10:10 Departure 18.30
3 division tournament (subject to entries)
Buffet lunch included. Refreshments available on arrival and throughout the day.
Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP or LSL member
£22.00 all others
Cheques payable to London Scrabble League and sent to Sandie Simonis, 90 Woodhall Gate, Pinner Middx, HA5 4TZ

Cheadle (14 games)

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th November

Contact: Amy Byrne
Telephone: 0131 6613869

Lincoln Round Robin (8 games)

Saturday 5th November 2011
Contact Ben Wilson
Telephone 01522 687077
Emergency number on the day
Telephone 07857 519807
Venue Memorial Hall, Newark Road,
North Hykeham, LN6 9RY
Divisions according to entries
5 Point penalty challenge per word

Registration 9.30
First game 9.45 Departure 18.10
Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the start and between games
Entry costs: £8.00 For ABSP members
£10.00 for non-ABSP member
Add 50p if not bringing a timer that you can lend
Cheques payable to Mr. B. J. Wilson and sent to Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9RJ

NSC Final

Sunday 6th November

Contact: Philip Nelkon
Telephone: 01628 500623

Four Nations

Saturday 12th - Sunday 13th November

Contact: Stewart Holden
Telephone: 02890 289355

Luton (7 games)

Saturday 12th November
Contact Adrian Noller
Telephone 01582 656234
Emergency number on day only
Mobile 07753 143262
Venue St Lukes Church, Leagrave High
Street, Luton, LU4 9JY

Registration: 09:20
First game 10:00 Time of departure 17.45
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Luton Scrabble Club and sent to Adrian Noller, 1 Wendover Way, Luton LU2 7LS

Glasgow (7 games)

Saturday 12 November 2011
Contact: Tom Wilson
Telephone: 01324 832257
Emergency number on the day
Mobile: 07789 442051
Venue: Crosshill Church Hall, Airbles
Street, Motherwell ML1 1XE

Divisions/prizes 2/3 according to entries
Registration 9.15
First game 10.00 Departure 18.00
Entry costs: £10.00 For ABSP members
£12.00 for non-members
Cheques payable to Glasgow Scrabble Club
Tournament a/c, and sent to:
Mrs Mary Jones, 40 Riverside Park, Netherlee,
Glasgow G44 3PG

**Project WYSC Chigwell
(8 games – timers set to 20 minutes)**

Sunday 13th November 2011
Contact Diane Pratesi
Telephone 0208 556 2902
Venue Victory Hall, Hainault Road,
Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QX
Registration 09.30
First game 09.45 Departure 17.30

Refreshments available throughout the day,
Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP member
£17.00 for non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to
33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7ER
This tournament is being organised to raise
funds for Jessica and/or Natasha Pratesi to
attend the World Youth Scrabble
Championship likely to be held in December
2011 in Malaysia.

Winter Matchplay (15 games)

Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 November

Contact: Mike Willis
Telephone: 07976 256554

Harrogate (14 games)

Friday 2nd- Sunday 4th December

Contact: Viv Beckmann
Telephone: 0191 2742420

Workshop (14/5/5/5 games)

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th December

Contact: Jared Robinson
Telephone: 01628 500623

Twixmas (15 games)

Thursday 29th - Friday 30th December

Contact: Amy Byrne
Telephone: 0131 6613869

UK Open (18/38 games)

Tuesday 3rd - Saturday 8th January

Contact: Len Moir
Telephone 01913 880033

Pitlochry (14/9 games)

Sunday 15th – Friday 21st January 2012

Contact Alan Sinclair
Telephone: 0131 6697316

West Berks (7 games)

Saturday 21st January 2012
Contact: Ian Burn
Telephone: 0118-984-5045
Venue: The Barn, Beech Road,
Purley-on-Thames, Berks,
Registration: 9.30

First game: 10:00 Departure: 18.30
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member
£15.00 for Non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to West Berks Scrabble Club
Tournament A/c and sent to Ian Burn, Valley
View, 92 Purley Rise, Purley-on-Thames,
Berks, RG8 8DH

Chester (17 games)

Friday 27th–Sunday 29th January 2012

Contact Kathy Rush
Telephone 01928 733565

West Sussex (6 games)

Sunday 29 January 2012
Contact: Peter Hall
Telephone: 01903-775396
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07724-545641
Venue The Woodland Centre,
Woodlands Avenue, Rustington,
West Sussex, BN16 3HX

Registration 09.30
First game: 10:00 Time of departure 17.00
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member
£16.00 for Non-ABSP member
Deduct 50p if you bring and are prepared to
lend a clock
Cheques payable to Rustington Scrabble Club
and sent to RSC, c/o Peter Hall, 34 Lawrence
Ave, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3HX

Israel Open (17 games)

Friday 10th–Sunday 12th February 2012

Contact Evan Cohen
Email evan@post.tau.ac.il

Corby (16 games)

Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th February 2012

Contact Carmen Toscano
Telephone 01536 601987

Leicester (7 games)

Saturday 25th February 2012
Contact: Alison Sadler
Telephone: 01509-550797
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07773-629118
Venue St. Peter's Church hall, Church
Road, Glenfield, Leicester.
LE3 8DP

Registration 09:00
First game: 09.45 Departure: 17:30
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £12.00 for ABSP member
£14.00 for non-ABSP member
Deduct 50p if bringing clock which you are
prepared to lend
Cheques payable to Leicester Scrabble Club
and sent to Alison Sadler, 31 Kenilworth
Avenue, Loughborough, LE11 4SL

New Malden (7 games)

Saturday 3rd March 2012
Contact Elizabeth Terry
Telephone 01483 474011
Emergency number on day only
Mobile 07995 090101
Venue Christ Church Centre, Coombe
Road, New Malden, KT3 4RE
Registration: 09:15 – 09:45
First game: 10:00 Departure 17:45

3-5 divisional tournament
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member
£16.00 for non-ABSP member
Deduct 50p if bringing clock
which you are prepared to lend
Cheques payable to:
Elizabeth Terry Tournament a/c and sent to
Elizabeth Terry, 114 Hermitage Woods
Crescent, Woking, GU21 8UF

Aylesbury (7 games)

Saturday 31st March 2012
Contact: Janet Bonham
Telephone: 01296 483717
Venue: Stoke Mandeville Village
Community Centre, Eskdale Park
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville
HP22 5UJ
Registration: 09:15

First game: 10:00 Departure 17:45
3/4 divisional tournament
Tea/Coffee available 9.30 onwards
Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member
£16.00 for non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Aylesbury Scrabble Club
Tournament Account, and sent to Janet
Bonham, 14 Earlswood Close, Aylesbury,
Bucks, HP21 7PG

Easter Matchplay (Bristol) (22 games)

Friday 6th - Monday 9th April

Contact: Ronnie Reid
Telephone: 01256 895690

Newcastle (7 games)

Saturday 21st April
Contact: Michael Murray
Telephone: 0191 2742420
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07818 831917
Venue: West Denton Community
Association, Hillhead Road,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE5 1DN

Registration :09.00
First game: 10:00 Departure 17.45
Refreshments available most of the day. Lunch
is NOT provided
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member
£15.50 for non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to 'Newcastle Scrabble Club',
and sent to Michael Muray. 12 Benwell Village
Mews, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6LF

Bournemouth Spring (7 games)

Sunday 13th May 2012
Contact: Ruth Marsden
Telephone: 01202 707148
Emergency number on day only
Mobile; 07720 949 825
Venue: Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park
Road, Moordown, Bournemouth

Registration: 09:30
First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.10
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Bournemouth Scrabble
Tournament and sent to Ruth Marsden, 27
Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, BH13 7ET

Chigwell Pairs and Singles (7 games)

Entries can be from pairs or from individuals
Sunday 20th May 2012
Contact: Diane Pratesi
Telephone: 0208 556 2902
Venue: Victory Hall, Hainault Road,
Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QX
Registration: 09.30

First game: 09.40 Departure 17.15
Refreshments available throughout the day,
Lunch is NOT provided
Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP member or LSL
member
£17.00 for all others
Cheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to
33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7ER

Luton (7 games)

Saturday 26th May
Contact: Rosalind Wilson
Telephone: 01582 507249
Emergency number on day only
Mobile: 07753 143262
Venue: St. Luke's Church Hall, High
Street, Leagrave, Luton LU4 9JY

Registration: 09:20
First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.00
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member
Cheques payable to Luton Scrabble Club and
sent to Rosalind Wilson, 22 Sherborne Avenue,
Luton, LU2 7BB

New Malden (7 games)

Saturday 16th June 2012
Contact Elizabeth Terry
Telephone 01483 474011
Emergency number on day only
Mobile 07995 090101
Venue Christ Church Centre, Coombe
Road, New Malden, KT3 4RE
Registration: 09:15 – 09:45
First game: 10:00 Departure 17:45

3-5 divisional tournament
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day
Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member
£16.00 for non-ABSP member
Deduct 50p if bringing clock
which you are prepared to lend
Cheques payable to:
Elizabeth Terry Tournament a/c and sent to
Elizabeth Terry, 114 Hermitage Woods
Crescent, Woking, GU21 8UF

Project WYSC Chigwell

(8 games – timers set to 20 minutes)

Sunday 24th June 2012

Contact Diane Pratesi

Telephone 0208 556 2902

Venue: Victory Hall, Hainault Road,
Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QX

Registration 09.30

First game 09.45 Departure 17.30

Refreshments available throughout the day,

Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP member

£17.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to
33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7ER.

Bournemouth Autumn (7 games)

Sunday 7th October 2012

Contact: Ruth Marsden

Telephone: 01202 707148

Emergency number on day only

Mobile; 07720 949 825

Venue: Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park
Road, Moordown, Bournemouth

Registration: 09:30

First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.10

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member

£15.50 for Non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Bournemouth Scrabble

Tournament and sent to Ruth Marsden, 27

Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, BH13 7ET

Romanian Open (22 games)

Friday 12th–Sunday 14th October 2012

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Solutions

The Balancing Act (p36)

FRIGID A4a (30) and TWELVE B13a (28)

Improving Your Luck (p37)

AGAIN K1d (20) uses five letters.

Other plays that use five letters but score less and are more obscure include:

AGNAIL or AGONAL C7a (15), NGAIO K7d (14), GUANAY C9a (13)

Cryptogram Solution (p39)

1=F, 2=H, 3=W, 4=Q, 5=Z, 6=Y, 7=J, 8=I,
9=P, 10=B, 11=R, 12=V, 13=C, 14=X,
15=T, 16=K, 17=G, 18=L, 19=M, 20=O,
21=E, 22=U, 23=D, 24=N, 25=A, 26=S.

Anagrid Solution

N	O	P	A	L	E	S	X	T	S				
Y	L	O	T	H	Y	L	O	S	I	S			
L	E	U	K	O	M	A	L	I	M	P	E	T	S
G	C	P	D	R	I	F	T	A	G	E			
H	I	K	O	I	E	D	D	E	I	C	I	N	G
A	E	E	A	G	I	S	T	I	N	G			
U	N	D	E	R	N	S	N	O	S	E	G	A	Y
O	X	O	M	S	H								
H	U	P	P	I	N	G	D	E	F	T	E	S	T
R	E	I	N	D	U	C	E	U	G	W			
A	S	S	A	G	A	I	S	T	R	E	A	K	Y
L	A	T	E	N	T	L	Y	E	L	E			
T	E	D	E	S	C	A	N	O	U	N	I	E	R
S	E	S	T	E	R	C	E	R	T	E			
S	A	S	S	I	S	T	E	R	S				

Logologic Solution

No.		1	4	4	3	3	4	8	2	1	5	6	3	3	3				
Val.		1	7	7	3	3	6	12	2	1	5	6	12	6	7				
1	1						A												
4	6						C	A	N			S							
6	8						A	T					T	O	H	O			
2	2						I						A						
10	16						F	I	R	E	S		A	R	M	E	D		
5	3						O					M	I	D	W	I	V	E	S
8	11						F	R	O				L	O	O	S	E		
5	7						O						K	L					
7	17						U						I	E	N	J	O	Y	
5	5						A	R	I	A			E						
1	1												R						

tournaments coming up...

Event	Date	Games	Organiser	Telephone
Bournemouth	Oct 2nd	(6)	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
Cock o' the North	Oct 7th - 9th	(22)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Edinburgh	Oct 8th	(7)	Margaret Harkness	0131 440 3649
Hove Actually	Oct 9th	(9)	Doj Graham	01273 699811
Coventry Triple	Oct 11th - 13th	(27)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Bourne	Oct 16th	(7)	Betty Benton	01778 425234
Nailsea	Oct 23rd	(7)	Pam Sparkes	01275 464864
London Knightsbridge	Oct 30th	(7)	Sandie Simonis	020 8428 3397
Cheadle	Nov 5th - 6th	(15)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
Lincoln RR	Nov 5th	(8)	Ben Wilson	01522 687077
NSC Final	Nov 6th	(5)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Four Nations	Nov 12th		Stewart Holden	02890 289355
Luton	Nov 12th	(7)	Adrian Noller	01582 656234
Glasgow	Nov 12th	(7)	Tom Wilson	01324 832257
Chigwell	Nov 13th	(7)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
Winter Matchplay	Nov 19th - 20th	(15)	Mike Willis	07976 256554
Harrogate	Dec 2nd - 4th	(14)	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Workshop	Dec 9th - 11th	(29)	Jared Robinson	0115 818 0171
Twixmas	Dec 29th - 30th	(15)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
UK Open Warm-Up	Jan 3rd - 4th	(18)	Len Moir	01913 880033
UK Open	Jan 5th - 8th	(38)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Pitlochry	Jan 15th - 20th	(14)/(9)	Alan Sinclair	0131 6697316
Northern Ireland*	Jan 21st - 22nd	(15)	Sarah-Jane Jamison	02890 289355
West Berks	Jan 21st	(7)	Ian Burn	0118 984 5045
Chester	Jan 27th - 29th	(17)	Kathy Rush	01928 733565
West Sussex	Jan 29th	(6)	Peter Hall	01903 775396
Israel Open	Feb 10th - 12th	(20)	Evan Cohen	
Corby	Feb 18th - 19th	(16)	Carmen Toscano	01536 601987
Leicester	Feb 25th	(7)	Alison Sadler	01509 550797
New Malden	Mar 3rd	(7)	Elizabeth Terry	01483 474011
Swindon*	Mar 11th	(7)	Steve Perry	01367 244757
Coventry Double*	Mar 17th - 18th	(22)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Southampton*	Mar 25th	(6)	Alan Bailey	02392 384360
Aylesbury	Mar 31st	(7)	Janet Bonham	01296 483717
Easter	Apr 6th - 9th	(8)/(21)	Ronnie Reid	01256 895690
Newcastle	Apr 21st	(7)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
Isle of Wight*	Apr 27th - 29th		Penny Downer	
European Open*	May 11th - 14th			
Bournemouth	May 13th	(8)	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
Malta*	May 18th - 20th			
Chigwell Pairs	May 20th	(7)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
Luton	May 26th	(7)	Rosalind Wilson	01582 507249
English Grand*	June 1st - 4th	(25)	Len Moir	01913 880033
New Malden	Jun 16th	(7)	Elizabeth Terry	01483 474011
ChigwellIWYSC	Jun 24th	(8)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
English Open*	Jul 13th - 15th	(21)	Len Moir	01913 880033
BMSC*	Aug 24th - 27th	(6)/(21)		
Morecambe*	Sep 7th - 10th	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
Warwick*	Sep 21st - 23rd	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420

* Rating not yet applied for.