

# ACROSS THE BOARD



The Australian contingent to Malta on their way home. Karrin Henderson, Karen Richards, Paul Richards, Joanne Craig, Sharon Sorensen, Olga Visser and Rene Chelton. *Elsewhere*, John Rider and Arnold Appelfhof

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# Vale Matte Dunn

It is with sadness that we hear of the passing of Matte Dunn. Unfortunately he died with asthma in October.

Whilst Matte last played in tournaments in Victoria in 2018, many players throughout Australia will remember Matte who had played for many years previously.

He won the Queensland Championship in 2006 and was part of the Australian team in 2014 for the Trans Tasman Challenge. Few knew that he had a troubled life and was for most of his life homeless and sleeping rough. He was friendly and generous in helping those new to Scrabble.

There was another side to Matte, He sought to raise himself out of homelessness and in 2015 gained a BA.

He was also the subject of media attention. From the ABC there was this item <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-10-20/a-night-in-the-life-of-an-melbourne-homeless-man/7943024>

And from *The Age* there was this article <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/s-this-melbournes-most-accomplished-homeless-man-20151217-glpjit.html>



Matte Dunn with Dr Phil Moors, graduating from La Trobe University with a Bachelor of Arts in May 2015.  
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# Australian Master/State Challenge

*Forty of Australia's best players gathered in the Lawson Room of the Reesby Workers Club on the first weekend of September to contest both the Australian Masters and the State Challenge.*

*Report by Bob Jackman*

An unforeseen no-show by a NSW player in the State Challenge ensured there would be no bye in that event while at the same time giving NSW zero chance of taking the team award. Ironically the local stand-in player Chris Ostrowski has already been seconded to the WA team, with Chris going on to be the individual winner from Jane Brown (QLD) and Dianne Brumby (TAS). The coveted team award went to Queensland, with team comprising with Jane Brown, Liz Blanch and Sheryl Davidson.

The Masters was a hard fought battle with Naween Fernando (VIC) leading for the most of the way, but then being pipped on the post by Edward Okulicz (VIC). Naween still managed second place with Esther Perrins (NSW) finished strongly to take third place.

Both Edward and Naween had been in Sydney just over a week earlier to attend the funeral of their close friend Chris May, so the result was a fitting one. Edward spoke in honour of Chris prior to the presentation of the awards for the best words starting with **C H R I S M A Y**. Two of these words were the highest scoring words in their events – Rob Hutchinson's **SNAZZIER** for 194 (Team Challenge) and Joanne Craig's **APEHOODS** for 185 (Masters)





Prizes were awarded at the **AMSC** for words beginning with the letters of **C H R I S M A Y**.

<b>CANDIES</b>	Edward Okulicz	94
<b>HALLOES</b>	Greg Pinchbeck	114
<b>RINGLETTY</b>	Jane Taylor	94
<b>IMBOSKED</b>	Trevor Halsall	115
<b>SNAZZIER</b>	Rob Hutchison	194
<b>MOSEYED</b>	Esther Perrins	99
<b>APEHOODS</b>	Joanne Craig	185
<b>YEARNERS</b>	Chris Ostrowski	67

# Around the States

## ACT

### *Scrabble ACT hosted tournaments in September, October and November.*

There were 8 games in the September 16 Tournament with 14 players. The winner was Noel Barrett, with Alex Boiko in 2nd place and John Spaan in 3rd. The high game went to Noel Barrett (616) and the high word to Susan MacGillivray for **JUNGLES** (110).

Congratulations to Vincent Nguyen, Noel Barrett, Lexia Smallwood and Rebecca Hill who all achieved their highest ever rating on the day.

Ten players competed in 8 games in the October 22 Tournament. Place-getters were Noel Barret (1st), John Spaan (2nd) and Tim Reddan (3rd). Prizes also went to Tim Reddan for high game (592) and Owen Randall for high word (**ADJOINED** 203). Rebecca Hill had the highest rating gain of +35.

The 2023 ACT Championship Tournament was held on 18 and 19 November, with 15 games being played across the two days.

Of the 11 players, Ryan Sutton (who travelled from Sydney for the tournament) won 14 games, which earned him 1st place. 2nd place went to Noel Barrett and 3rd to Ronnie Bennett. Owen Randall won the lower rating band prize. High game went to Ryan Sutton (620) and the high word to Noel Barrett for **MALIGNED** (158). Arlene Williams had the highest rating gain of +62.

## New South Wales

### Matchplay Progress

Both Matchplays have reached the same stage with only the final playoffs to take place to determine the respective winners. In B Division, Peter Griffiths defeated Josie Mally 5 games to 3 to qualify while Steven Savona also defeated Sharon Sorensen 5 games to 3 to also qualify for the final. In A Division Joanne Craig and Esther Perrins are set to contest the final.

### Hybrid Events

Scrabble NSW will be trialling hybrid events commencing with the JanBoree. This is to

cater for the needs of those who have decided they no longer wish to play to CSW19, or any lexicon containing slur words. Those players will need to nominate this preference at entry, and once nominated all their opponents will be required to play CSW22.

### Tournament Round Up

The major event of the quarter was the NSW Championship, staged over three days at Revesby Workers Club. Edward Okulicz from Victoria joined us again and just as for Australian Masters (see report elsewhere) and took out the honours with 17 wins out of the 24 games. Esther Perrins was one win back and Victor Tung snared 3rd with highest spread in a group with 15 wins.

Two weeks later we moved to Burwood for the annual Spring Marathon, an open event of 11 games of 20 minutes per player duration. Three players finished on 8 wins, separated by spread. They were Ryan Sutton (winner), Rod Talbot (runner-up) and Bob Jackman (third).

The next scheduled event was Lake Macquarie, but a serious accident sustained by your editor and event organiser (Richard Birch) caused the cancellation of the event.

A replacement event was hastily organised by the writer at a new venue, Roseville RSL. The venue turned out to be adequate for the 23 players in attendance, most taking advantage of the lunch subsidy.

Scrabble couple Rod Talbot and Jyoti Chandna took the honours in A Division with Rod winning all his games. In B Division three players finished on 6 wins, but honours went to Sue Fullerton who had the highest score. Josie Mally and junior player Ryder Lo filled the other two placings.

Jack Bell, a young local playing only his second tournament, provided valuable assistance on the day and showed a willingness to learn the organisational aspects of running Scrabble tournaments. It is hoped we see more of him.

Another player we hope to see more of is Josh Watt, a teacher on the Central Coast. Josh achieved a rating of over 1300 at his

first event, the Central Coast tournament held on Nov 26th. Again Rod Talbot and Jyoti Chandna filled the top two placings, this time with 7 wins each.

## Upcoming Events

Bundanoon CSW22 - 9th December - John Hamilton 0422 782 802

JanBoree Round Robin Hybrid - Burwood 6th January - Bob Jackman 0400 226 541

Australian Women's Championship CSW19 - Bankstown 26th January - Joanne Craig 0419 509 778

City of Sydney International Masters CSW19 - Bankstown 27th & 28th January - Bob Jackman 0400 226 541

Matchplay Qualifier - Burwood 24th February - Bob Jackman 0400 226 541

Lake Macquarie - 16th March - Richard Birch 0418 428 459

## Queensland

***Cameron Farlow is the Queensland Champion following the Championship held at Coorparoo in August. Second was Nick Ivanoski (Victoria) and third was Julie Brice who made the trip down from Townsville.***

Cameron Farlow has been Queensland Champion nine times - every year since 2012 except for 2013 and 2016 when Alastair Richards took the championship. It was pleasing to have 34 participants this year with entries from New Zealand, Victoria, New South Wales and regional Queensland. The award for the Queensland member with the highest rating gain over the last year was presented to Gail Hamilton from Townsville. Second was our youth player, Ashwin Page.

The Queensland Championships was also the commencement of earning points towards the Queensland Tournament Player and Club of the Year awards that will be presented at the Queensland Championships each coming year. As of 20th November, the top three clubs are Coorparoo (109 points), Toowoomba (79 points), and Southport (76 points). The three highest placed individuals are Cameron Farlow and Karen Richards (both on 44 points), and Olga Visser (33 points). Points are gained from placings in divisions or rating

bands in any rated tournament worldwide. First - 10 points, second - 8 points, third - 6 points, fourth - 4 points, fifth - 3 points, novice player - 5 points, provisional rated player - 3 points, any other player - 1 point.

A new public Facebook Group - Queensland Scrabble Hub has been set up to complement the Scrabble Queensland page. It is hoped that the group will encourage more interaction between those interested in scrabble in Queensland.

A fundraising tournament was held to support Ashwin Page going to Thailand to represent Australia at the WESPA Youth Cup. The event had a social section with about a dozen people trying out scrabble. Many of these people came from the scout group Ashwin attends. We had two novices start at that tournament, and two more in the tournaments following it.

On the international front, we wish Queenslander Ashwin Page (and the other Australian Players) good fortune in the WESPA Youth Cup being held in Thailand. A contingent of five Queenslanders recently returned from Malta and the Seniors World Championship. Olga Visser came second in the over 80 section. Other attendees were Karrin Henderson, Arnold Appelhof, Karen Richards, and Paul Richards.

*Paul Richards  
President Scrabble Queensland*

## South Australia

### Border Challenge Report

***Each year in November since 2010, Victoria and South Australia meet for the Border Challenge. This year it was South Australia's turn to organize the event and rather than meet half way on the Duke's Highway in Horsham we decided to vary it a bit and try Mount Gambier.***

So how do you go about organizing a venue for a two day tournament with nearby accommodation and restaurants remotely? Ring the Information Service of course. Not only did they suggest a venue but also informed me that the U3A ran a Scrabble group in Mount Gambier.

Judy Mansfield previously provided an article for Across the Board where she described our trip to the Victorian Championships in June via Mount Gambier to check out the Mason's Lodge, the suggested venue.

This antiquated 1950s building proved to be an ideal location for a tournament with suitable tables and chairs and a great break out area and only \$250 hire fee for the weekend. It is also located right next door to a motel, with another across the road and surrounded by shops and restaurants.

Most competitors travelled down on the Friday so a group dinner was booked at Mac's Hotel just down the street from the venue. The food was good, reasonably priced and they provided us with their private parlour room as well.

Play started in the ten game tournament after lunch on Saturday and South Australia got ahead to an early lead which Victoria could not catch up, eventually winning the championship board, for the fifth time in a row, 88 games to 41. There were 17 players from South Australia and 13 from Victoria but the games where a South Australian played against another from South Australia were not counted in the final tally.

Three members from the U3A Scrabble group dropped in during the afternoon and observed how a tournament runs. They also watched a game between myself and Rob Hutchinson and Rob very graciously did not mind a bit of explanation regarding rules and protocols. They are now going to list their club on the South Australian web site so the contact had a good outcome.

We played 6 games before dinner and enjoyed a range of pizzas, garlic bread, and icecream before playing the 7th game of the day. On Sunday morning we played the last 3 games with most competitors setting out for the long drive home, but a few stayed on for some sightseeing making a holiday of it.

Carmel Dodd took out the competition with a ten game straight tally. Adam Kretschmer came second and Jane Taylor third. There were also prizes in the bottom half and Suzanne Healy came first, Emmanuel Atsas second and Paula Messer third. Carol Johnsen won the prize for the best player from the losing state. Angie Pearse won high

word with 149 for dearness and Susan Roberts won the high word for the bottom half with 102 for pithiest. Helen Jones won high game in the bottom half with 612 and Carmel Dodd in the top half with 557.

There were also bars of chocolate for the highest scoring word starting with the letters of BORDER. Helen Jones scored 75 points for beatier, Wendi Symes scored 101 points for oversew, Barry Harridge scored 91 points for roadies, Angie Pearse scored 149 for dearness, Rob Hutchinson scored 89 points for enamored and Paula Messer scored 100 points for shearer (ending in r).

It was a great weekend and it is nice to be on the same team as your usual competitors. We did our bit for the economy of Mount Gambier and look forward to what Victoria organizes for next year.

*Jane Taylor*

## **Tasmania**

We had a beautiful sunny day for our tournament in the historic town of Ross. Seven ladies battled seven games. Ros Wilkinson was the clear winner with six games with A margin of 224. Ros also won the prize for the highest non bonus word Galax for 77 Points.

We had some tense moments when one of us was locked in the loo. Quick thinking led to undoing the door with scissors as we did not have a Phillips head screwdriver.

All ended well and we all enjoyed the successful day.

*Margaret Bishop*

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

## **Victoria**

It is not long now until the end of 2023, and it has been a very memorable year. Victoria has provided the country with its National Champion and the world with the WESPA Champion - there is much to celebrate!

The WESPA rated Decathlon is the big drawcard on our calendar to end the Scrabble year and we are hoping for another big day of word play.

Geoff Wright is in an unbeatable position in our Player of the Year competition, and we are

looking forward to award him his prize at the event!

At the time of writing, the 2024 Scrabble Calendar is in the mid to final stage of completion and promises:

- 21 domestic in person events
- A minimum of 12 Online rated events
- Other Scrabble events over the month

Membership growth and player participation will be a focus point in 2024; our aim is

welcome back more players to our events and help grow the game in our state further as we look forward to the year after next, which is the 40th anniversary of ASPA (Vic).

In the meantime, happy Scrabbling!

## Western Australia

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

***See Advert for Australian National Championship below.***

# 2024 Australian Scrabble Championship

will be held at the South Perth Community Centre,  
cnr South Terrace & Sandgate St, South Perth, WA

**during the Easter weekend of**

**Saturday 30th March ~ Monday 1st April**

There will be two divisions:

**Championship**, for players rated at least **1300**, and

**Plate**, for players rated below **1200**, at the time of entry.

*Players rated between 1200 and 1300 may choose to play in either division.*

*You may use either an Australian rating or WESPA rating to determine eligibility.*

**Format:** 24 games over three days (8 Saturday, 9 Sunday, 7 Monday)

**Lexicon:** Championship: CSW21

Plate: currently CSW19 but could change to CSW21

**Challenges:** Single challenge (no penalty for incorrect challenges)

The registration form can be accessed  
via the Tournament Calendar  
or directly at <https://tinyurl.com/auscrabble24>.



A collection of yellow Scrabble tiles with black letters scattered across the top of the page. Some visible letters include N, Z, H, E, I, A, O, R, T, F, Q, G, V, S, J, and A.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

# 2024

(to be held in conjunction with the City of  
Sydney International Masters, January 27 & 28)

**WHEN:** Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2024,  
8.30am check-in for 9am start

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**WHERE:** Bankstown Sports Club,  
8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown  
(on-site accommodation available at Mercure Sydney Bankstown)

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**FORMAT:** 8 games, 25 minutes per player,  
Australian Draw, CSW19

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**ENTRY FEE:** \$30

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**PRIZES:** Cash for 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>,  
High game & High word

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**ENTRIES TO ORGANISER:** Joanne Craig by email  
josephinite@aol.com  
(mobile on the day 0410509778)

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**DIRECTOR:** Paul Richards

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# Border Challenge



*Border Challenge 18 and 19 November, Mt Gambier SA. SA team:  
Back - Malcolm McNulty, Suzanne Healey, Angie Pearse, Antony Kimber, Helen Jones, Fiona Brandtler, Françoise Finlayson, Adam Kretschmer  
Front - Louisa Atsas, Carmel Dodd, Adam Kauschke, Emanuel Atsas, Wendi Symes, Jane Taylor, Judy Mansfield, Susan Roberts, Paula Brown*



*Vic team: Back ; Faye Leeder, Mal Eden, Paula Messer, Barry Harridge,  
Front: Glen Chandler, Angie Winkler, Sandra Masel, Carol Johnsen, Carol Mascitti, Shaun Donnelly, Khwanjai Thammaping; Kneeling; Lay-Hoon Ng*

# Club Directory

Any changes to this club directory should be made to the Editor [editor@scrabble.org.au](mailto:editor@scrabble.org.au) as well as your State representative. Club information to be limited to name of club, time of operation, club contact and contact phone number. Full details can be obtained by visiting <http://www.scrabble.org.au/clubs/index.htm>

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Southern Cross Club, Woden Thurs 9 am to 1 pm,  
Terry Horan ~ 0424 229 254

Southern Cross Club, Woden Wed 7 pm to 10 pm  
Tim Reddan ~ (02) 6179 5000

## New South Wales (area code 02)

Baulkham Hills~Tue 7pm~  
Chris Ostrowski~0410 448 286

Belmont ~ Mon 1.30 ~ 4.30pm ~  
Bob Burr ~ 0431 887 087

Bomaderry ~ Wed 10:30am-4:30pm ~  
Margaret Neal 0428 429 077

Bondi ~ Wed 7.00 pm ~ Owen Fisher ~ 0412 931 440

Bowral 2nd & 4th Fridays, Sylvia Carless 0419 165 293

Empire Bay ~ Tue 9.15-12.30 ~  
Shirley Crocker 4369 2634

Inner West Day (Marrickville) ~ Tues 9.30-13.30,  
Sue Tuckett, 0401 644 096

Lake Macquarie ~ Thursday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm ~  
Richard Birch 0418 428 459

Lane Cove: Thursdays 5.30 to 9.00pm  
Julie Simonds, 0427 035 465

Lismore ~ Wed 11-3 pm ~ Ademiyi Johnson ~ 6622 0649

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Maitland ~ Tue 10-2pm ~ Pam Rowlands ~ 0421 111 253

Newcastle ~ Sat 11.30-3.30pm ~ Julie Russell 4956 3008.

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Greg Hopson ~ 0438 897 540

Ourimbah ~ Thurs 10 ~2pm ~ Sandra Elliott 0410 438 525

Petersham, Mondays fortnightly from 7pm. ~  
Ryan Sutton 0432 384 240

Revesby ~ Tue from 7pm ~ Peter Griffiths 0432 638 994

South West Rocks ~ Alternate Thurs 10am ~ 4pm ~  
Shirley Winkler ~ 6566 7220

St George ~ Tues 10-3pm ~ Jo Anne Deady ~ 9718 4069

Sutherland ~ Thur 10.30-4.00 ~ Ann Fiddler-9589 0128

Sydney ~ Monthly Sunday Comp 11.30am ~  
Cheryl Michler, 0408 595 219

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Bev Batros 0409 913 679

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am~2pm ~ Mike Oxbly ~ 4332 6485

Ulladulla ~ Mon 1pm ~ 5pm ~ Gary Pollard ~ 4456 5139

Waverley ~ Tue 1 pm ~ Devorah Ullman ~ 0434 190 396

Wollongong ~ Mon evening and Thursday daytime ~  
Rene Chelton ~ 4283 2442

Woy Woy ~ Thur noon-4pm ~ Denise Smith ~ 4365 5645

## Queensland (area code 07)

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Marilyn Smith 0403 205 040

Bargara, Thurs 1.30pm, Virginia Christian 4159 1935

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm,  
Stephen Bellerby 0407 844 718

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Coominya, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

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

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Southport, Wed 1pm, Diana McManus 0419 022 520

Sunshine Coast, Trevor Sauer, 5445 7770

Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079

Townsville, 2nd Wed of month, 5.30-8.30 pm,  
Julie Walder, 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185

## South Australia (area code 08)

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Julie Hockley 0410 053 973

Collinswood ~ Friday 6:00pm ~  
Rob Marotta ~ 0401 978 098

Pub Scrabble at Highway ~ Monday 6:00pm ~  
Baheej Al Kassem ~ 414 081 641

Henley & Grange ~ Friday 1pm ~  
Jacqui Pearce 0439 806 309

Noarlunga / Christies Beach ~ Wednesday 7.30pm ~  
Robyn Davill 0401 364 019

Port Adelaide Library ~ Monday (excl. Public Holidays)  
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Glenorchy ~ Tue 1pm ~ Jill Norton ~ 6228 1861

Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meerding ~ 6229 5840

Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

## Victoria (area code 03)

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Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366

Bentleigh - Wednesday 1pm-4pm (during School terms)  
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195

Box Hill – now called Surrey Hills (see below)

Brunswick East - New club Pub Scrabble, 2nd Thursday of the month - 4pm-8pm, Alchemy Brewing Company, 396 Lygon Street, East Brunswick, Rob York - 0417 512 535 - tryerbrook@gmail.com

Brunswick - 2nd Thurs - 4pm-8pm - Rob York - 0417 512 535

Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne Library ~ Gayle Cameron – 0419 302 185.

Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535

Fairfield/Northcote – Mon 7-9pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535

Fitzroy - New club Pub Scrabble  
1st Wednesday of the month - 7pm-10pm  
Boardies Bar, 189 Smith Street, Fitzroy  
Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 - nicksfbemal@gmail.com

Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363

Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Wed 9.30am-noon ~ Lynne Goodinson - 0402 164 329

Greensborough Wednesday 1-4pm ~ Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529

Langwarrin ~ Tue 1-4pm During school terms ~ Alan Burn 0407 524 797

Maldon - (new club) 1st Saturday of the month  
Maldon Athenaeum Library  
Tina Fratta - 0437 094 469

Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466

Paynesville ~ Tues 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~ 5156 7443

Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~ Watsonia Library ~ Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525

Surrey Hills – Tuesdays fortnightly - Judith McNaughton – 0447 387 493

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Lay-Hoon Ng – 0408 802 207

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Wodonga - Mon 4pm-6pm - Luke Breen - 0424 841 438

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Wendy Naunton – 0411 824 502

Hamersley (Tues) – 1pm – Joan Dye – 0400 761 356

Hamersley (Sat) – 1pm – Mike Clarke – 0438 606 617

Mandurah – Wed 8.30am – Marj Fisher – 9581 6852

Manjimup – Wed 1pm – Pat Parkinson – 9771 2882

Melville – Mon 10am – Rosie Anghie – 9450 6856

Nedlands – Tues 9.30am – Chris Hassell – 0428 846 325

Perth – Thurs 9.30am – Anne Stewart – 0410 346 849

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## WORD BUILDER

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# Results Roundup

## ACT

### 16.09.2023 September

**A:** 1 Noel Barrett; **2** Alex Boiko; **3** John Spaan;  
**HG** Noel Barrett 616; **HW** Susan MacGillivray  
**JUNGLES** 110

### 22.10.2023 October

**OPEN:** 1 Noel Barrett; **2** John Spaan; **3** Tim Reddan; **HG** Tim Reddan 592; **HW** Owen Randall **ADJOINED** 203

## NSW

### 26.08.2023 Youth Fundraiser

**A:** 1 Ryan Sutton; **2** Garth Van Vliet; **3** Chris Ostrowski; **HG** Garth Van Vliet 537; **HW** Tony Hunt **CHAINSAW** 101

**B:** 1 Vinh Nguyen; **2** Ryder Lo; **3** Deborah Ullman; **HG** Nathan Tang 556; **HW** Nathan Tang **FRESHEST** 176

### 02.09.2023 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS

**MASTERS:** 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Naween Fernando; **3** Esther Perrins; **HG** Edward Okulicz 635; **HW** Joanne Craig **APEHOODS** 185

**STATES:** 1 Chris Ostrowski; **2** Jane Brown; **3** Dianne Brumby; **HG** Carol Johnsen 574; **HW** Rob Hutchison **SNAZZIER** 194

### 17.09.2023 Revesby September

**A:** 1 Ryan Sutton; **2** John Holgate; **3** Noel Barrett; **HG** Bob Jackman 608; **HW** Steven Savona **NONPARTY** 167

**B:** 1 Norma Tracey; **2** John Barker; **3** Cheryl Michler; **HG** Cheryl Michler 489; **HW** Norma Tracey **JEERING** 92

**C:** 1 Sandra Elliott; **2** Deborah Ullman; **3** Ann Fiddler; **HG** Ann Fiddler 441; **HW** Lara Cassar **COOPERED** 102

### 26.09.2023 oitoo Spring

**OPEN:** 1 Rael Hayman; **2** Julie Banister; **3** Steven Savona; **HG** Steven Savona 532; **HW** Josie Mally **ZEALOUS** 105

### 30.09.2023 NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

**OPEN:** 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Esther Perrins; **3** Victor Tung 15 890; **HG** Edward Okulicz 647; **HW** Lexie Neale **RIVETERS** 149

### 14.10.2023 NSW SPRING MARATHON

**OPEN:** 1 Ryan Sutton; **2** Rod Talbot; **3** Bob Jackman; **HG** Ryan Sutton 633; **HW** Ryan Sutton **SHONKIER** 176

### 21.10.2023 Last Chance

**OPEN:** 1 Jeffery Lam; **2** Tony Hunt; **3** Ryder Lo; **HG** Tony Hunt 581; **HW** Tony Hunt **RIVULOSE** 149

### 04.11.2023 Roseville

**A:** 1 Rod Talbot; **2** Jyoti Chandna; **3** Bob Jackman; **HG** Rod Talbot 540; **HW** Jyoti Chandna **ETHANOL** 99

**B:** 1 Sue Fullerton; **2** Josie Mally; **3** Ryder Lo; **HG** Krystyna Batten 503; **HW** Liz Jackman **SQUIDGE** 108

### 11.11.2023 Four Sticks

**OPEN:** 1 Nathan Tang; **2** Ryder Lo; **3** Tony Hunt; **HG** Tony Hunt 555; **HW** Alex Lam **QUESTOR** 109

## QLD

### 19.08.2023 Qld Champs

**OPEN:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Nick Ivanovski; **3** Julie Brice 11 562; **HG** Martin Waterworth 598; **HW** Paul Richards **RECOUNTS** 140

### 16.09.2023 Toowoomba Spring

**A:** 1 Karen Richards; **2** Jane Brown; **3** Martin Waterworth; **HG** Martin Waterworth 557; **HW** Karen Richards **EQUALING** 104

**B:** 1 Ashwin Page; **2** Josef Peeters; **3** Kerry Reimers; **HG** Anne Hough 518; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **UNSAFELY** 92

### 08.10.2023 WYC Fundraiser

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Karen Richards; **3** Karrin Henderson 4 -114; **HG** Arnold Appelfhof 531; **HW** Arnold Appelfhof **ESPOUSAL** 149

**B:** 1 Jeanette Hansen; **2** Kerry Reimers; **3** Olga Visser; **HG** Olga Visser 501; **HW** Patti Ashwin **ZANIER** 101

**C:** 1 Diana McManus; **2** Judy Mason; **3** Roland Page; **HG** Claire Freedman 436; **HW** Judy Mason **QUEST** 105

### 15.10.2023 Queensland AGM

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Paul Richards; **3** Arnold Appelfhof; **HG** Cameron Farlow 507; **HW** Jane Brown **ZONES** 106

**B:** 1 Olga Visser; **2** Yan Rui Ko; **3** Kerry Reimers;  
**HG** Yan Rui Ko 531; **HW** Yan Rui Ko **WHOOPERS**  
102

## SA

### 13.08.2023 Lyndee Hill

**A:** 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Daniel Piechnick 9.5 1278; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 575;  
**HW** Carmel Dodd **MARLIEST** 149

### 09.09.2023 SS090923

**A:** 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Victoria Gates; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 581; **HW** Jane Taylor **REEDIEST** 140

**B:** 1 Dieter Jedamski; **2** Fiona Braendler; **3** Baheej Al Kassem; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 493;  
**HW** Fiona Braendler **FOXIEST** 120

### 24.09.2023 SA September

**A:** 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Tony Miller; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 569; **HW** Michael Vnuk **SQUALENE** 101

**B:** 1 Fiona Braendler; **2** Baheej Al Kassem; **3** Susan Roberts; **HG** Kenn Rawlings 476; **HW** Kenn Rawlings **BONFIRES** 98

### 14.10.2023 Seaford October

**A:** 1 Angie Pearse; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Nancy Sparling; **HG** Antony Kimber 505; **HW** Antony Kimber **REMOVERS** 90

### 22.10.2023 SA October

**A:** 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Michael Vnuk 571; **HW** Antony Kimber **EXTINES** 103

**B:** 1 Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Rowena Vnuk; **3** Kenn Rawlings 4 70; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 496; **HW** Paula Brown **JESTERS** 122

### 04.11.2023 Seaford November

**A:** 1 Carmel Dodd; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Judy Mansfield; **HG** Jane Taylor 516; **HW** Antony Kimber **UNDEAFS** 104

## TAS

### 22.08.2023 Kingston Round Robin

**OPEN:** 1 Stephen Mooney Purse; **2** Helen Metaxas; **3** Bernadette Donehue 3 49; **HG** Helen Metaxas 511; **HW** Helen Metaxas **WEARILY** 105

### 16.09.2023 Ross Spring

**A:** 1 Marion Merickel; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Margaret Griggs; **HG** Marion Merickel 533

### 28.10.2023 Tasmanian Championship

**OPEN:** 1 Khen Meerding; **2** Jon Ford-King; **3** Martin Rose 10 850; **HG** Sandy McConnell 540;  
**HW** Lynne Jarvis **FASTENS** 93

## VIC

### 27.08.2023 August

**A:** 1 David Eldar; **2** Edward Okulicz; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** David Eldar 591; **HW** Naween Fernando **AZIMUTH** 104

**B:** 1 Dieter Jedamski; **2** Lainie Mercieca; **3** John Rider; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 505; **HW** Carol Rollmann **BEEPING** 98

### 09.09.2023 Wodonga Open

**OPEN:** 1 Nick Ivanovski; **2** Caroline Scowcroft; **3** Rob Hutchinson; **HG** Carol Johnsen 584; **HW** Nick Ivanovski **ADMIXES** 115

### 24.09.2023 SUNDAY SESSIONS 4

**A:** 1 David Eldar; **2** Naween Fernando; **3** Geoff Wright 3 -164; **HG** David Eldar 654; **HW** David Eldar **OVERFAST** 167

**B:** 1 Nick Ivanovski; **2** Oscar Ivanovski; **3** Shaun Donnelly 3 -324; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 571; **HW** Rex Shakespeare **ANXIETY** 99

**C:** 1 Rob York; **2** Aaradhya Srivastava; **3** Robin Steward; **HG** Robin Steward 485; **HW** Kris Howat **WHEREBY** 85

**D:** 1 Doreen Ivanovski; **2** Jenny Kearney; **3** Glenys Dettmann 3 71; **HG** Doreen Ivanovski 527; **HW** Fintan Conway **INJURED** 110

### 08.10.2023 Sunday 5

**A:** 1 Geoff Wright; **2** Rob York; **3** Lainie Mercieca; **HG** Rob York 547; **HW** John Rider **EQUATES** 126

**B:** 1 Mal Eden; **2** Carol Rollmann; **3** Cherry Chapman; **HG** Cherry Chapman 471; **HW** Carol Rollmann **MUCKIEST** 110

### 29.10.2023 BAYSIDE OPEN 2

**OPEN:** 1 Naween Fernando; **2** Peter Kougi; **3** Shaun Donnelly; **HG** Naween Fernando 615; **HW** David Eldar **ACAUDATE** 149

## WA

### 10.09.2023 Bassendean 2023

**A DIVISION:** 1 Max Mason; **2** David Vanzyl; **3** Geoff Shepheard 5 52; **HG** Max Mason 592; **HW** Max Mason **MISFIRED** 106

**B DIVISION:** 1 Anne Stewart; **2** Cori Lodder; **3** John Salmon; **HG** John Salmon 488; **HW** Anne Stewart **UNLASHED** 88

**C DIVISION:** 1 Henny Yates; **2** Carol Hudson; **3** Jenny Coetzee 4 85; **HG** Henny Yates 479; **HW** Carol Hudson **BREVITY** 92

### 08.10.2023 October Round Robin

**A DIVISION:** 1 Ian Ting; **2** Chris Hall; **3** Anne Zion; **HG** Anne Zion 602; **HW** Anne Zion **EXUVIAE** 108

**B DIVISION:** 1 Judy Godfrey; **2** Anne Stewart; **3** Faye Williams; **HG** Faye Williams 531; **HW** Anne Stewart **POULTRY** 104

**C DIVISION:** 1 Jenny Coetzee; **2** Marge Roberts; **3** Pauline Coulter 3 18; **HG** Chris Sanders 414; **HW** Pauline Coulter **SHEAVED** 95

### 05.11.2023 November Bisection

**A DIVISION:** 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Chris Hall; **3** Max Mason 4.5 75; **HG** Russell Honeybun 527; **HW** Russell Honeybun **BEWARING** 121

**B DIVISION:** 1 John Salmon; **2** Pauline Coulter; **3** Joanna Moss; **HG** Joanna Moss 466; **HW** Thanu Sriskantharaja **WAITERS** 94

## Traveller's Tales

Richard Birch

*I left off last Traveller's Tales as we were heading to Fort Lauderdale in Florida to board another cruise. This time taking in Iceland and Norway.*

The demographic on this cruise was slightly different to our last one. The average age came down slightly, with a greatly increased number of Americans of the MAGA variety.

A typical scenario at a shared dinner table would go something like this: "Australia? I would like to go there some day, but it sounds a bit dangerous with all those snakes, crazy ants and crocodiles!" Irony and sarcasm didn't seem to take hold on these occasions.

Either side of this would be "What did you do before you retired? How much are you worth? How big is your house?"

After a shore visit at Halifax to Peggy's Cove and its iconic lighthouse, we had a few sea days before arriving at Iceland and so we played plenty of Scrabble.

We found Iceland fascinating with many geological features. We were able to walk down a path where on the left was the North American Tectonic Plate and on the right was the Eurasian Tectonic Plate. Basically walking in a massive crack in the Earth's surface.

This is where all the seismic activity comes from giving Iceland large amounts of thermal energy. Steam emanating from everywhere. Along with a large amount of hydroelectric power they are able to support a growing number of electric cars, dispensing with the need to import fossil fuels.

They have an interesting offshoot industry in the form of carbon capture. Using basalt to lock in carbon via mineralisation, sort of turned into stone.

Norway, later on the same ship, also has a high degree of energy self sufficiency, hydroelectric being the dominant industry. And, again, many electric cars.

Walking round a town we were alerted by locals that a air raid siren was about to be tested, nationwide. This is because Norway borders Russia at the top of the country and who knows what could happen.

Up there we were well inside the Arctic Circle so the sun didn't disappear for very long. Although the weather can change quickly, I got by with a short sleeved shirt on many days.

The fjords are stunning. What else can I say.

The Norwegian national dish appears to be Pizza. So many pizzarias everywhere.

At the end of that cruise, we disembarked in Southampton for a few weeks in UK. Most high streets we encountered had a few things in common. At least two nail parlours, a **VAPE** shop, and at least four opshops. The latter came in handy as I needed a formal jacket for our next cruise on the *Queen Mary 2*. Ten pounds (nobody says quid anymore), got me a suitable jacket which sleeves were almost long enough.

**Note: I wouldn't want to compare myself to Mark Twain, but, "reports of my death are greatly exaggerated" See NSW Report.**

# Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 13 November 2023

1	David Eldar	2041	68	Anne Zion	1443	135	Jeffery Lam	1260
2	Cameron Farlow	1958	69	Liz Blanch	1439	136	Vincent Nguyen	1259
3	Naween Fernando	1942	70	Tony Williams	1434	137	Francoise Finlayson	1257
4	Edward Okulicz	1923	71	Roberta Tait	1429	138	Julie Pampling	1257
5	Peter Kougi	1915	72	Adam Kauschke	1425	139	Gary Pollard	1254
6	Andrew Fisher	1889	73	Greg Pinchbeck	1424	140	Ros Wilkinson	1253
7	Esther Perrins	1882	74	Justin Moyle	1421	141	Olga Visser	1252
8	Russell Honeybun	1862	75	Peter Shaw	1416	142	Natalie Tadday	1246
9	Trevor Halsall	1829	76	Norma Fisher	1416	143	John Linney	1242
10	Daniel Piechnick	1803	77	Chris Scholten	1414	144	Janine Whittaker	1241
11	Victor Tung	1783	78	Judy Godfrey	1412	145	Martin Waterworth	1240
12	Joanne Craig	1776	79	Malcolm McNulty	1409	146	Sue Gergelifi	1239
13	Michael Hornung	1775	80	Khen Meerding	1404	147	John Rider	1239
14	Rod Talbot	1763	81	Kashi Thiris	1404	148	Yvonne Edwards	1235
15	Geoff Wright	1762	82	Margaret Webb	1400	149	Anne Stewart	1235
16	Adam Kretschmer	1749	83	Alex Lam	1392	150	Margaret Gibson	1234
17	Max Mason	1736	84	Ivor Zetler	1391	151	Anne Schick	1232
18	John Holgate	1729	85	Shaun Donnelly	1387	152	Rod Casey	1232
19	Mythili Rudra	1725	86	Trish Brighton	1385	153	Vicki Russell	1232
20	Ryan Sutton	1709	87	Alex Boiko	1384	154	Margaret Triggs	1228
21	Nick Ivanovski	1706	88	Carol Johnsen	1382	155	Khwanjai Thammaping	1227
22	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1696	89	Arnold Appelhof	1381	156	Sharon Sorensen	1223
23	Derek McKenzie	1687	90	Yan Rui Ko	1371	157	John Salmon	1220
24	Bob Jackman	1685	91	Jenny Brysha	1368	158	Margaret Neal	1218
25	David Vanzyl	1665	92	Therese Nichols	1365	159	Penny Wells	1216
26	Noel Barrett	1664	93	Helen Metaxas	1363	160	Barbara Joffe	1214
27	Ronnie Bennett	1660	94	Geoff Shepheard	1365	161	Yvette Copley	1213
28	Chris Hall	1636	95	Phillip Hamilton	1363	162	Norma Tracey	1208
29	Rael Hayman	1631	96	Sheryl Davidson	1360	163	Cheryl Michler	1207
30	John Spaan	1630	97	Kerry Constable	1356	164	Nancy Sparling	1205
31	John Hamilton	1618	98	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1356	165	Owen Randall	1193
32	Alistair Kane	1613	99	Glenys Logan	1355	166	Dieter Jedamski	1190
33	Karen Richards	1607	100	Neil McLean	1355	167	Sylvia Galloway	1190
34	Carmel Dodd	1602	101	Karrin Henderson	1349	168	Frank Csarics	1189
35	Trevor Tao	1596	102	Tim Reddan	1346	169	Susan Roberts	1189
36	Jane Taylor	1588	103	Benjamin Lee	1345	170	Marion Miller	1187
37	Tony Hunt	1585	104	Chris Ostrowski	1343	171	John Barker	1184
38	Nat Podesser	1573	105	Angie Pearse	1339	172	John Minas	1181
39	Ian Ting	1568	106	Rex Shakespeare	1338	173	Kerry Reimers	1178
40	Sally Martin	1557	107	Carolyn Watt	1337	174	Pam Bennett	1177
41	Helen Hynes	1545	108	Victoria Gates	1336	175	Karen Woodhead	1171
42	Rocky Sharma	1542	109	Rob Hutchinson	1335	176	Josef Peeters	1170
43	Graeme Lock Lee	1539	110	Steven Savona	1327	177	Tim Walton	1170
44	Dianne Ward	1532	111	Aaradhya Srivastava	1325	178	Jenny Schafer	1166
45	Howard Rayner	1523	112	Colleen Birch	1324	179	Mardi Healy	1165
46	Paul Richards	1517	113	Monica Dwyer	1321	180	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1161
47	Heather Long	1517	114	Lexie Neale	1317	181	Hanne Marks	1158
48	Antony Kimber	1516	115	June Valentine	1316	182	Lynne Jarvis	1158
49	Michael Vnuk	1502	116	Lainie Mercieca	1316	183	Glen Chandler	1156
50	Jyoti Chandna	1496	117	Maureen See	1315	184	Kim Grayson	1155
51	Dianne Davis	1494	118	Keri Heart	1314	185	Bernadette Donehue	1153
52	Martin Rose	1491	119	Kris Howat	1311	186	Rhonda Reynish	1150
53	Julie Brice	1489	120	Susan MacGillivray	1309	187	Tony Kalayzich	1148
54	Alan Burn	1489	121	Judy Mansfield	1308	188	Helen Jones	1148
55	Tony Miller	1487	122	Rob York	1301	189	Jan Chapman	1147
56	Gwen Lampre	1486	123	Hailey Sutton	1297	190	Stephen Saunders	1147
57	Lois Binnie	1482	124	Tracey Kneebone	1291	191	Fiona Braendler	1145
58	Oscar Ivanovski	1478	125	Gillian Street	1289	192	Rob Marotta	1144
59	Antonios Syrigos	1474	126	Noel Coulter	1288	193	Pat Schuberg	1141
60	Jane Brown	1470	127	Moana Nepia	1284	194	Sandra Elliott	1137
61	Dianne Brumby	1468	128	Louise Love	1279	195	Michael Smitheram	1137
62	Edie Mueller	1464	129	Richard Birch	1277	196	Jenny Mitchell	1137
63	Garth van Vliet	1461	130	Peter Griffiths	1276	197	Cori Lodder	1136
64	Jon Ford-King	1453	131	John Hayes	1267	198	Sam Greenberg	1135
65	Ray Alford	1451	132	Jan Hill	1266	199	Wendi Symes	1134
66	Darren Chaitman	1451	133	Jacqui Pearce	1266	200	Robin Stewart	1133
67	Susan Rayner	1450	134	Faye Williams	1261			

*In a fit of tidying up I went through my score sheets for my 2022 Club games. We play each Wednesday night and, during 2022, I played a couple of Thursday mornings (mostly because I was in paid employment and couldn't get to Thursdays unless I was holidaying). On Wednesday night play goes from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm and I generally played five games each night.*

Over the whole of the calendar year, I played 222 games against twelve different opponents and won 176 (79.3%), lost 45 (20.3%), and drew once (0.5%). My results table is below:

This is a bit better than my tournament results where, over several years, I have played 1,192 games with only 597 wins (50.1%), 592 losses (49.7%), and 3 draws (0.3%). But this can be partially put down to the higher ratings of my tournament opponents.

Over these games, I played 291 valid bonus words and seven phony bonuses (2.3%) that weren't challenged – an average of 1.3 valid bonus words per game. The thing that surprised me was the nature of my bonus plays.

Of my valid bonuses, I played 202 sevens, 88 eights, and one nine (**QUIETENED** in case you're interested). 216 of my bonus plays (74%) contained the letter "S" and I played

mostly unique bonus words. I only repeated eleven words over all my games during the 2022 year: **DILATES; EXPIRES; INGATES; INTONED; RELATED; RESTING; RUTTIEST; SERRATE; SORTIES; TRIAGES; UNITIES.**

Each of these words I played on two occasions but no other words were repeated. I also tended to not play many anagrams. For example, although I played **INGATES** twice, I didn't play any of its six anagrams once (I'm learning them again).

Only 66 words (23%) were in Zyzvva's top 1,000 probability words. Given that the CSW19 lexicon is 279,496 words, these top words might be overrepresented in my games but calculating the correct statistical comparison is beyond me (word frequency versus letter frequency probabilities are apples and oranges I think).

I guess it also raises the difference between difficulty of finding bonuses and the probability of the word occurring randomly on one's rack. My least probable bonus according to Zyzvva was **CLIMBING**. This would not appear to be a hard word to find even though one had to find a letter on the board to play through. Unlike the most probable letter combination that I played – **NOTAIRE** (**OTARINE** – not played) which is what I would call a Scrabble-only word (I

Opponent	Tim Wins	Opponent Wins	Game Ties	Total Games	Win %
Owen Randall	48	17	1	66	73%
Tony Beer	47	2	0	49	96%
Rebecca Hill	37	8	0	45	82%
Terry Horan	23	6	0	29	79%
Arlene Williams	13	4	0	17	76%
Caroline Scrowcroft	2	4	0	6	33%
Stella Zelnik	3	0	0	3	100%
Lexia Smallwood	2	0	0	2	100%
Tony Williams	0	2	0	2	0%
John Hamilton	0	1	0	1	0%
Anne Schick	0	1	0	1	0%
Vincent Nguyen	1	0	0	1	100%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>222</b>	
% of games	79.3%	20.3%	0.5%		

guess I rarely need to find a French official to attest or certify my documents – or discuss matters concerning the eared seal). I note that **OBVIOUS** (a bonus word that I played) is 23,651 on the probability list is less probable than **ZONATED** (the only bonus starting with zed that I played) which comes in at 3,112.

As it happens 122 of the bonuses that I played (42%) had no anagram. A further 80 (27%) had only one anagram – often one I would call regular and the other not. For example, **EXPIRES** which I played twice also yields **PREXIES** which I didn't play at all. Similarly with **INTONED** and **NOINTED**. I played **LOFTIER** but never **TREFOIL**; **TOROIDS** but not **DISROOT**; **DEIGNED** but not **DEEDING**. I really need to get into this anagramming business.

*Here are twenty-four unique solution sevens for you to try:*

- |                  |                   |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <b>AEGINOR</b> | 9 <b>AEIKLNT</b>  | 17 <b>ADEETUX</b> |
| 2 <b>EINORTU</b> | 10 <b>ADENOTZ</b> | 18 <b>AEGNNTT</b> |
| 3 <b>AEGINTU</b> | 11 <b>AEFMORT</b> | 19 <b>BGINOOT</b> |
| 4 <b>AEEGILT</b> | 12 <b>GIILNOT</b> | 20 <b>FGINOOT</b> |
| 5 <b>ADENOTV</b> | 13 <b>DEIKLOR</b> | 21 <b>AGHIMNR</b> |
| 6 <b>EEGLNOR</b> | 14 <b>AEHIIRR</b> | 22 <b>DEEERTX</b> |
| 7 <b>EGINORV</b> | 15 <b>DFINOTU</b> | 23 <b>ADGHINN</b> |
| 8 <b>AEHILRU</b> | 16 <b>DDEIINT</b> | 24 <b>ACCENOV</b> |

I am not sure of the lessons I should learn from this for my play. Do I hoard the letter “s” and this yields bonuses or do I rely on the letter too much and so lose sight of other plays? Also, I do try to have more fun in Club play and may risk words that I wouldn't in a tournament (often to my regret). What do you get from Club play?

### Answers

8 <b>HAULIER</b>	16 <b>INDILED</b>	24 <b>CONCAVE</b>
7 <b>OVERING</b>	15 <b>OUTPIND</b>	23 <b>HANDING</b>
9 <b>ERELONG</b>	14 <b>HAIRIER</b>	22 <b>EXERTEB</b>
5 <b>NOVALED</b>	13 <b>RODLIKE</b>	21 <b>HARMING</b>
4 <b>EGALITE</b>	12 <b>TOILING</b>	20 <b>FOOTING</b>
3 <b>UNTAGE</b>	11 <b>FORMATE</b>	19 <b>BOOTING</b>
2 <b>ROUTINE</b>	10 <b>ZONATED</b>	18 <b>TANGENT</b>
1 <b>ORIGANE</b>	9 <b>ANTLIKE</b>	17 <b>EXUDATE</b>

### Traveller's Tale Snippet

On our local train trip from the port of Civitavecchia to Central Rome, a local, (who turned out to be originally from California) pointed out a large steel structure once used to store domestic gas and now deemed Industrial Architecture was planned to be converted into a shopping centre. So a **GASOMETER** was being turned into a **MEGASTORE**. RB

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<i>High game score</i>	<b>732</b>	David Eldar 732 against Oscar Ivanovski 278 at 13.08.2023 The Classic/AGM 2023
<i>Large game margin</i>	<b>518</b>	Kelvin Korn 573 against Annie Ly 55 at 22.07.2023 WYC Fundraiser July
<i>High drawn game</i>	<b>428</b>	Max Mason 428 against Faye Williams at 05.11.2023 WA November Bisection.
<i>High combined score</i>	<b>1054</b>	Cameron Farlow 645 against Ronnie Bennett 409 at 08.04.2023 AUS CHAMPS
<i>High average score</i>	<b>522.3</b>	(7 games) Russell Honeybun at 06.08.2023 Glenys Lawrie Memorial
<i>High average spread</i>	<b>176.7</b>	(7 games) Russell Honeybun at 06.08.2023 Glenys Lawrie Memorial
<i>High losing score</i>	<b>495</b>	Graeme Lock Lee 495 against Liz Jackman 496 at 16.07.2023 2023 Winter Masters
<i>Long winning streak</i>	<b>15</b>	David Eldar at 22.01.2023 THE PLATE AND SIDE and 05.02.2023 Bayside Open and 05.03.2023 SUNDAY SESSIONS 2
<i>High word</i>	<b>212</b>	<b>SQUARING</b> : Sue Gergelifi at 04.06.2023 Southport Winter
<i>High opening score</i>	<b>102</b>	<b>REQUEST</b> : Naween Fernando at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	<b>162</b>	<b>FEI(JO)ADA</b> : Ronnie Bennett at Canberra Summer 18.02.2023
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	<b>140</b>	<b>SEAQUAKE</b> : Michael Vnuk at Seaford April 29.04.2023
<i>Long word</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>REMIATES</b> : Edward Okulicz at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023
<i>Many bingos</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>SAINTLY; ABEYING; JONGLEUR; VIREMIAS; VIOLATED; VILIFIER</b> : Esther Perrins at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023 see board
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>DIPPERS; FERNIEST; PERIDOTE</b> : Antony Kimber at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023 <b>SAINTLY; ABEYING; JONGLEUR</b> : Esther Perrins at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023 <b>VIREMIAS; VIOLATED; VILIFIER</b> : Esther Perrins at AUS CHAMPS 08.04.2023



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