

Positions Vacant

All CASPA Officer positions are declared vacant each year at the Australian Scrabble Championship

Should you wish to nominate for any position, then your name together with a nominator and seconder should be forwarded to Carol Johnsen, CASPA Coordinator for consideration at the AGM to be held on Good Friday, (the day before commencement of the Nationals)

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There are various tournaments that have been on my “must-do” list for years (such as Kings Cup, now called Kings Trophy in Thailand - coming up to 20 consecutive years). The January event in Bangalore/Bengaluru is one of those. With four days and 34 games, it is one of the longest, comparable to 32 for WESPAC, 31 for NSC (North American Scrabble Championship), and 30 for UK Open.

This event was started by iGATE. When Caggemini took over iGATE, they inherited sponsorship of the event. Whilst they did a good job for two years, it was not their first choice of events to sponsor.

At the 2019 (and last) Caggemini, an elderly gentleman (96) made his debut, and thoroughly enjoyed it. He was concerned that the tournament would be lost, so he spoke to his grandson, the CEO of yet another IT Company (Bangalore is the IT centre of India). His grandson offered sponsorship of the event, at Mu Sigma.

They provided excellent facilities, including a cafeteria offering free breakfast, lunch, and hot/cold drinks. Mu Sigma staff also assisted with technical tasks, like live-streaming of games and inputting result.

Three of the four sections ran over 4 days, with the lowest group, mostly beginners, playing only one day. What excites me is the rapidly growing number of youth competing in India ... there were round 30 in this event. Two of them braved B division – Madhav and Suyash (pictured), who both performed



spectacularly at the recent WESPA Youth Cup (formerly called World Youth Scrabble Championship). Madhav was Under 10 World Champion, as well as winning the award for the most WESPA-rated games played over a year (220). Suyash was Under 12 Champion, and also won the prize for most-improved, jumping from 102nd in 2018 to 37th in 2019.

Around 150 players from eight countries competed, with some of the best players in the world featured. As usual, Nigel won overall. Marlon Prudencio (Singapore) lead for most of the event. However, because of the format of repeated KOH (King of the Hill) rounds on the last day, Marlon then had to play Nigel 5 times.

This repeat KOH is something I dislike, because it can mean that a player who deserves to come at least second, actually can be forced down a number of places, as happened to Marlon (who played the most difficult tournament of anyone there, but was relegated to 5th by the strange format). I played Dr Jakkrit (Thailand) 4 times, and managed to win one, the first time I have beaten him ... my only triumph for the event. Whilst I would have preferred a format with a wider range of opponents, I will certainly return next year.



Quiz

Sevens, eights and even a nine.
A definite theme being served up here.
Idea sparked by David Sutton UK (OnBoard)
Level = Expert

Solutions on page 15

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. BBCEKKO | 11. BINORSU |
| 2. ACDDEHR | 12. CEEHRTV |
| 3. EEGRRUY | 13. ACEGHMNO |
| 4. EMNRSTU | 14. AEFGMOR |
| 5. AEGINTV | 15. AAHIRTV |
| 6. AIFNNOT | 16. ACELLMY |
| 7. AAEMNPRS | 17. EGJOSTT |
| 8. CEINOOPR | 18. AHILMOU |
| 9. ACIOTTR | 19. AAGOPSS |
| 10. AEGGILOT | 20. ABEGJLRRS |

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Around the States

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Tournament Roundup

Canberra held the first official Australian tournament of the year (New Years Tournament) on January 1. This was a 5-game tournament with 12 players held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

In Division A, John Hamilton was first, with Ronnie Bennett and Alex Boiko taking out 2nd and 3rd places. High game winner was Alex with 560, and Ronnie won high word with **TAKINGS** (104).

In Division B, Terry Horan came first, followed by Heather Sorenson and Michael Adler. Michael also won high game with 449 and Terry's **REJOICE** (96) won high word.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sat 22nd May – Southern Cross Club, Phillip, Canberra: director John Hamilton.

Sat/Sun, 2nd and 3rd May – Tristate Challenge, Junee RSL Club: director John Hamilton.

Sun 10th May – Southern Cross Club, Phillip, Canberra: director TBA.

Sat 27th June – Gungahlin Library Tournament, Gungahlin, ACT: director John Hamilton

Please check Website and ozscrabble messages for full details and for any new (as yet unlisted) ACT tournaments.

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New South Wales

This year's City of Sydney International Masters held over the Australia Day Weekend was poorly attended in comparison with the 2019 equivalent which attracted 20 more people. Not only that, a no show caused an unfavourable bye situation to result and there was a shortage of clocks. The bye was resolved with one player, who only registered on the day, offering to go home and the clock shortage was overcome by the use of the timer function on mobile phones. Overall it



Marlon Prudencio from Singapore (left) battles it out with Andrew Fisher of Victoria, the overall winner of CSIM.



Ronnie Bennett of ACT (left) and Victor Tung NSW compare notes at CSIM.

was an organisers nightmare, with a heavy loss being sustained on the event as well. One positive to come out of the event was an improvement in directorship due to two back up directors being in place to handle

contested decisions. Also it was pleasing to see a healthy contingent of interstate players. The onsite accommodation is a big plus for visitors, as will be the case when the Nationals are staged there (Bankstown Sports Club) in 2021. We welcomed Marlon Prudencio from Singapore for his debut in Australia and Anne Goldstein from New Zealand for her first CSIM.

As is often the case with this event, interstaters reaped the majority of the prizemoney with Andrew Fisher from Victoria running out an easy winner with 14 wins from the 18 games, two games clear of David Eldar and Marlon Prudencio, both on 12 wins. Chris May was the best local performer finishing 4th on 11 wins.

Also worth mentioning was Ronnie Bennett's high word score of 167 for **BRIGADES**, plus he recorded a 78 point rating gain, coincidentally shared with first time fellow ACT player Vincent Nguyen. We look forward to an improved attendance at the 2021 CSIM.



*Joanne Craig had a nice surprise for her 60th birthday with this cake made by her sister Angela Craig and nephew Luke. The rack plus the **E** of **JOANNE*** combines to make her highest word to date which held the Australian record for 10 years at the Victorian Champs between 2002 and 2012.*

Ulladulla Tournament

After the devastation of the fires on the South Coast, it was good to see Scrabblers support the local area by enthusiastically competing in the Ulladulla Tournament on 1st and 2nd February. As usual, Gary Pollard and his team provided a great venue at the Ex-Servos Club and Boots Moon made sure no-one went hungry with a wide selection of nibblies all weekend. Rael Hayman beat a stellar field to take out A Division, while Monica Dwyer and Sue Fullerton took out Divisions B and C respectively.

W.O.R.D.S. Tournament

Just a week after Ulladulla, another South Coast tournament was held at Wollongong. One of the best supported tournaments on the NSW Scrabble calendar, Rene Chelton and her helpers once again showed why it is so successful. Canberra players made a big impact on results with Noel Barrett taking out A Division and young Ronnie Bennett was impressive in being runner-up to Paul Richards in B Division. Other Division winners were Caroline Scowcroft, Gary Pollard, Kara Eddington, Sue Fullerton (two wins in a row!), Rodney Wallace and Liza Unity.

Rating Gains by NSW Players

Trish Windhurst +57 Central Coast Yuletide
Evelyn Goh +57 Sutherland
Margaret Neal +64 Bundanoon
Anna Vu +63 JanBoree
Natalie Tadday +31 Wollongong Evening
Krystyna Batten +67 Australia Day Open
Tony Hunt +30 Tony Hunt
Graeme Lock Lee +88 Ulladulla
Gary Pollard +56 Wollongong

Recent Milestones

Graeme Lock Lee 4000 games

Upcoming Tournaments

Sunday 1st March ~ Empire Bay Mini ~
Empire Bay Progress Hall ~ Robyn Cameron ~
0434 426 486 ~ robyncameron@y7mail.com
Saturday 14th March ~ Bomaderry Club ~
Bomaderry Bowling Club ~ Margaret Neal ~
0428 429 077 ~ margcneal@bigpond.com

Saturday 21st March ~ Lake Macquarie ~
Dora Creek Community Hall ~ Richard Birch ~
0418 428 459 ~ richardbirch@me.com

Saturday 2nd & Sunday May ~ Tri-State
Challenge ~ Aurora Room, June RSL Club ~
Bob Jackman (NSW Only) ~ 0400 226 541 ~
rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Sunday 31st May ~ Central Coast ~ Ourimbah
RSL Club ~ Sandra Elliott ~ 0410 438 525 ~
sandee1@inet.net.au

Saturday 14th June ~ Wollongong WORDS ~
Collegians Rugby Football Club ~ Rene
Chelton ~ (02) 4283 2442 ~
rene.chelton@gmail.com

Sunday 2th July ~ Empire Bay ~ Empire Bay
Progress Hall ~ Robyn Cameron ~ 0434 426
486 ~ robyncameron@y7mail.com

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July ~ Winter
Masters & Challenge ~ Revesby Workers Club
~ Bob Jackman ~ 0400 226 541~
rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Sunday 25th October ~ Empire Bay Mini ~
Empire Bay Progress Hall ~ Robyn Cameron ~
0434 426 486 ~ robyncameron@y7mail.com

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November ~
Nowra ~ TBA

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Queensland

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to enter the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
being held this Easter at Southport on the
Gold Coast, Queensland. See the flyer and
entry form in this ATB or go to the National
website www.scrabble.org.au and click on the
link to the Australian National Championship.
Remember entries after March 28th will cost
\$10 more so get yours in quickly. Thanks to
all those who have already entered. Looking
forward to a great tournament.

In the past few months tournaments of
various sizes and shapes have been held in
Queensland. Jeanette Hansen ran a midweek
one in Brisbane for a small group, while north
Queenslanders in Townsville kicked off 2020
getting their Scrabble fix with a mini
tournament. There were other regular
tournaments in Brisbane and Southport's
Christmas one. The last Chance tournament
in December is always an enjoyable ad

different format of round robins with promotions and demotions; thanks to Olga, for organising this. Logan tournament in January was used as a fundraiser and \$120 was donated to the Queensland Rural Fire Service.

The latter part of 2019 was a sad time particularly for Southport RSL Scrabble Club with the passing of two of their faithful and much loved members. On 30th September 2019 Richard Phillipps passed away at the age of 80. Richard was a true gentleman. Then came the sad news that the lovely Rita Humphrey passed away on 10th December. They will both be much missed by their friends in the Scrabble community.

Upcoming Tournaments

Check Website for full details

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South Australia

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Tasmania

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Victoria

As mentioned last quarter, the Committee has been busy in accessing venues for tournaments in 2020. We have secured Mordy HQ Sports Club in the southern suburbs and are pleased to announce that the Victorian Championship will be held at the Melbourne Business School, part of the Melbourne University complex, a venue just on the fringe of the city which will prove very popular with interstate visitors.

Very encouraging discussions are progressing with Ryman Health Care for use of their facilities in Glen Waverley for our AGM in August and, more particularly, for the Seniors

Tournament (a different event from the free Seniors Week tournament) looking to be held over 2 days on the Cup Day weekend (31 October / 1 November).

Anticipation is growing with regard to the tournament dedicated to the memory of Ruth Fewings (passed away on 3 August 2019) to be held in her own Roman Catholic priest son's school/parish hall in Bendigo on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29. Ten games overall with plenty of time to investigate the sights of this lovely and very historic town.

Thanks to Heather Long and Peter Bauer for doing the groundwork. There has already been interest from the local Bendigo Advertiser with a feature on Ruth and the tournament in their weekend magazine. Even into her late eighties, Ruth continued to travel by train and country bus to attend tournaments throughout Victoria. And no-one can doubt her creativity in producing crosswords and word games for various publications. She also conducted postal Scrabble for many years (yes, that is right, moves by post – probably one a week!).

At the Bil Rose Aestival on 19 January, we were very pleased to announce the recipient of our first 4000 game player – Geoff Wright. Geoff has been on the scene since the 80's and no-one can deny that he has been a very colourful character throughout. His credits include Victorian Champion in 1994 and 1997, and runner-up in the National Championship in 1988. Geoff continues to be a formidable opponent at the highest level.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Check website for full details.

Mar 14 - Sat Sessions 2020C, 5 game Round Robin, St Gabriel's Primary School, Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 - nicksfbemail@gmail.com

Mar Sat 28/Sun 29 Ruth Fewings Memorial Tournament – Sat (6 games); Sun (4 games); St. Therese's Primary School, 27 Albion Street, Kennington, Bendigo, Carol Johnsen - 0476 639 195 - caroljscrabble@gmail.com

Apr 5 - Mordialloc, 6 games - Mordy HQ Sporting Club, 528 Main Street, Mordialloc, Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 - nicksfbemail@gmail.com

Apr SUNDAY 26 (note) : Sat Sessions 2020
5 game Round Robin, St Gabriel's Primary
School, Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 -
nicksfbemail@gmail.com

May Sat 2/Sun 3 - Tri-State Challenge, 25 min
games - 7 games Saturday, 3 games Sunday,
Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club, 175
Broadway Street, Junee, New South Wales

Carol Johnsen - 0476 639 195 -
caroljscrabble@gmail.com

May 17 Open – details to be announced.

Jun – Sat 6/Sun 7 – Victorian Championship,
Melbourne Business School, Melbourne
University, Open - 18 games x 25 min, 9
games per day, Resets - TBA Nick Ivanovski -
0412 175 251 - nicksfbemail@gmail.com

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Western Australia

Congratulations to Tanissha Suppiah from WA
who was part of a 6 member Australian youth
team that took part in the 2019 World Youth
Cup in Malaysia last November.

David Vanzyl finished off 2019 on a positive
note winning all seven games of the

December Open and started 2020 in similar
fashion winning all five games of Perth #7.

Our first Sunday event for 2020 consisted two
separate five game "half-marathon" events
with an optional promotion system for the
afternoon event. Congratulations to our top
performing female player on the day, Jenni
Henderson, (5 +719) and top male player, Alan
Mathews, (5 +484) as measured by
wins/margin.

*Graham Bell
Chairperson ASPA(WA)*

Upcoming Tournaments

Perth #8 – 5 March – Anne Zion – 0403 344
208

Open (Joy Deans Memorial) – 15 March –
Carol Hudson – 9370 5692

Open – 5 April – Carol Hudson – 9370 5692

Perth #9 – 30 April – Anne Zion – 0403 344
208

Melville – 17 May – Alan Mathews - 0400 330
615

WA Championship – 31 May & 1 June – Carol
Hudson – 9370 5692

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Rules Update

Tournament Etiquette re: Leaving the room, has now been changed to the Rules 6.6.

6.6 If a player must leave the room mid-game for emergency/health reasons, the TD should be made aware that this is happening. If at all possible before leaving, the player should make their move, neutralise the clock, and not replace tiles. Their opponent may continue to consider their next move. When the absent player returns, the opponent's clock is started.

Just to clarify. Within the Tournament Etiquette there was the mention about leaving the room during play. Tournament Etiquette are guidelines only. The Rules Committee was asked to look at this and maybe add this to the Tournament Rules. In doing so and after much discussion the Rules Committee voted in favour to the motion to have the Etiquette guideline moved to the National Rules as a Rule.

*Wayne Willis
CASPA Rules Co-ordinator*

Club Directory

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ACT (area code 02)

Woden Weds 7pm Tim Reddan (02) 6179 5000

Woden Thurs 9am ~ Barbara Magi ~ 0419 820 437

Gungahlin Sunday (Under 18s only) 12:30pm ~
John Hamilton ~ 0400 650 349

New South Wales (area code 02)

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

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

Belmont ~ Mon pm ~ Bob Burr ~ 0431 887 087

Blacktown ~ Thur 9.30am-3pm ~
Jan Pincott ~ 0421 103 910

Bomaderry ~ Wed 10:30am-4:30pm ~

Margaret Neal 0428 429 077

Bondi ~ Wed 7.30 pm ~ Owen Fisher ~ 0412 931 440

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

Brisbane Waters~Wed 6.30-9.30pm ~ Trish Windhurst ~
4341 9929

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

Bundanoon, 1st-3rd Wed ~ 10am-4pm Sandy
Mackenzie 0423 518 947

Cessnock ~ Thurs 9.30-1.00 pm. 4990 9599,

Coffs Harbour ~ Wed 1-4pm ~ Keith Bancroft ~
0421 334 216

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

Kiama ~ Tues 4pm ~ 8pm ~ Marie Dalton ~ 4233 2778

Lake Macquarie ~ Thurs ~ 10-1.00pm ~ Morisset

Library, 39 Yambo St Morisset 4973 1318

Lane Cove 2nd-4th Thur, 6.00 ~
Anne Hrovat 0414 560 536

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

Macarthur, 2nd&4th Wed 7pm, Tony Hunt 0417 470167

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

Mittagong 2nd-4th Tues, 10am-4pm, George Khamis
0405 201 552

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

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Rodney Wallace 0412 931 780

Oatlands ~ Wednesday 9.30am-4pm ~
Lauraine Overton 9626 9359

Orange ~ Alt Sun from 2pm ~ Audrey Ferris ~ 6362 0068

Ourimbah ~ Thurs 10am-2pm ~ Sandra Elliott 4362 3907

Port Macquarie, Tues 1-3pm, Wayne Willis 0415 572 017

Pottsville Beach ~ Anna Butterfield ~ 0449 213 503

Ramsgate ~ Thurs 1-4.30 ~ Irene Chisholm ~ 9529 5185

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

Sanctuary Point ~ Thurs 12.30 - 4.30 ~ Margaret Hille
0437 708 672

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

Sydney's West ~ All Fri ~ Frances de Lange ~ 9671 7336

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Murray Hamer 4655 6755

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am-2pm ~ Mike Oxby ~ 4332 6485

Tumut ~ Fri 10am ~ 3pm ~ Bev Sutton ~ 6947 6505

Turrumurra ~ Tues 6pm ~ Nanette Reynolds ~ 9487 3912

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

Umina Beach ~ Wed 9-12pm ~ Doreen Picker
0407 297 713

Wagga Wagga ~ Wed 7pm ~ Norm Byng 0418 293 453

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

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

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

Queensland (area code 07)

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

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

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian 4159 1935

Brisbane City, Fri 11am-3pm ~
Bronya Todd 0414 185 746

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

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Cairns ~ Caroline Polak Scowcroft ~ 0400 427 627

Coominya, Tues 6.30pm, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

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

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

Logan City, Tues noon ~ 4.30pm,
Karrin Henderson 3133 3204

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

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

South Australia (area code 08)

Adelaide Pub Scrabble
Mondays and Wednesdays
6-10pm Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933
Adelaide Pub Scrabble
most Sat 12 noon Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933
Blackwood Wed 12 noon ~Margaret Gibson 8381 4570
Brighton Thu 12.30 pm Joan King ~ 8443 9410
Campbelltown - Sat 11am - Alison Hall - 8366 9358
Henley and Grange ~ Fri ~ 12.30pm ~ Lyndee Hill ~
0423 207 650
Maslins Beach Wed 1pm ~ Rosemarie Mitchell
0448 948 224
Noarlunga ~ Wed 7.30pm Robyn Davill - 0401 364 019
Nuriootpa Tuesday ~ 1.30pm Judith Bailey 8562 1107
Port Adelaide Library - Monday 2:30-5:30 -
Rachel Telfer - 8405 6584
Prospect - Tue 1:30pm - Louisa Atsas - 0432 907 646
Seaside (Yankalilla) ~ Mon ~ 1pm ~ Lorraine Downes ~
8558 2549
Seaford ~ Fri ~ 1-4pm ~ Eileen Baldwin 8386 3319
Victor Harbor Wed 1pm ~ Betty Mitchell ~ 8554 2191

Tasmania (area code 03)

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

Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat ~ Tues 10m ~ Marjorie Clark ~ 0456 098 982
Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366

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

Western Australia (area code 08)

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

AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

2020

11th, 12th & 13th, April 2020

**Southport RSL Club
36 Scarborough Street,
Southport, Queensland**

Entry Fee: \$150 with early bird discount

(if paid before Thursday 28th March, 2020 - \$160 after this date)

Two Divisions

Championship: Players rated 1300 or above or reaching 1300 in the six months period prior to the championship have the option to play in this section. First prize: \$1500

Plate: Players rated under 1300. First prize: \$1000
Over \$9000 in cash and other prizes in both divisions.

Format: Australian rules, free challenge, 25 min games, CSW19 reference. 24 games, reset after game 12. 8 games Saturday, 9 Sunday & 7 on Monday.

Players must register by 8.30am at the venue on 11th April and be ready to start play by 9am. If you are running late you must ring the emergency number below.

Please note, the entry fee includes lunch each day at the venue, a condition of the venue hire. Licensing laws, state that only food/drink purchased on the premises may be consumed there. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Presentation dinner will be at 7pm on Monday 13th after play at Southport RSL, **\$50** per head.

Registration form on next page. Electronic entry form on website www.scrabble.org.au. Registration open until 4th April 2020.

Enquiries: Jane Brown jb.edits@bigpond.net.au 0417 903 079

Emergency phone numbers during tournament:

Judy Mason 0481 179 636; *Martin Waterworth* 0438 457 566

AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Registration *Full information on flyer on previous page*

Name

Address.....

State/Country.....Post code.....

Phone.....Email.....

Current rating

See information on flyer regarding eligibility to enter Championship or Plate section.

Section entered: Championship or Plate

Equipment Are you bringing: a rotating board? a digital clock?

Any other playing requirements?

Presentation Dinner

Number of people attending on Monday 13th April at \$50 per person

Total cost for dinner \$.....(*add to entry payment*)

Dietary requirements.....

Payment details

Entry fee \$150 if paid by 28/03/20; \$160 after this date.

Tick payment method.

Bank transfer: BSB 084917 Ac name ASPA Queensland Ac no 218714671

Reference your payment with first 3 letters of your first name and first 3 letters of your last name. Eg JANBRO is reference for Jane Brown.

Date paid:... ..Cheque or money order: Payable to ASPA Qld. ...Cash on the day. \$160. No EFTPOS at check-in. Please have correct amount.

Total amount paid. Entry \$... plus dinner/s \$...Total \$...

Post this entry form with any payment to:

Australian Scrabble Championship,

c/o Judy Mason, PO Box 322, Margate Qld 4019

Records 2019 (complete)

All of these records were achieved during officially rated ASPA tournaments.

Please inform your state's records officer of any records. 2020 records start next edition.

Category	Record	Details
<i>Highest game score</i>	749	Norma Fisher (Vic) 14.09.2019
	744	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019
	683	David Eldar (Vic) 29.12.2019
	672	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 16.03.2019
	668	Russell Honeybun (WA) 28.01.2019
	667	Jakob Teitelbaum (ACT) 08.09.2019
	666	David Eldar (Vic) 17.02.2019
	662	Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019
	657	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019
	652	Peter Kougi (Vic) 24.11.2019
<i>Largest game margin</i>	585	Norma Fisher (Vic) vs Shaun Donnelly (Vic) at 14.09.2019; 749-164
<i>Highest drawn game</i>	451	Mythili Rudra (Vic) vs Norma Fisher (Vic) 02.11.2019
<i>Highest combined score</i>	1087	Esther Perrins (NSW) 598 vs Mythili Rudra (Vic) 489; 28.01.2019
<i>Highest losing score</i>	514	Jakob Teitelbaum (ACT) vs Ryan Sutton (NSW) 534; 28.01.2019
<i>Highest word</i>	212	PROOFING , Benjamin Lee (WA) 17.03.2019
		PERCHERS , Faye Williams (WA) 19.05.2019
<i>Highest opening play</i>	112	AZYMOUS , Michael Vnuk (SA) 27.07.2019
<i>Highest play, non-bonus</i>	135	PR(ED)YING , Chris May (NSW) 20.07.2019
<i>Highest play, non-triple-triple</i>	164	VOMITOS , Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019
<i>Longest word</i>	11	(CONVICT)IONS , Daniel Piechnick (SA) 10.03.2019
<i>Most consecutive bonus words by individual in a game</i>		
	4	Wayne Jones (NSW): RESINAT(E) , DEMU(R)ING , UNILOBA(R) , HELIPAD ; 05.10.2019

Category	Record	Details
<i>Most bonus words in a game</i>	6	Noel Barrett (ACT): ISATINS, DOILTER, NOR(T)ENOS, ALIENER(S), CARBINE, OVERseL(L) ; 23.02.2019 Joanne Craig (NSW): COLURES, EBRIETy, FESTIVE, TAENIOI(D), (O)UTVOICE, ELOPERS ; 20.07.2019
<i>Highest average score</i>	530	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019 (7 games)
	518	Russell Honeybun (WA) 20.01.2019 (5 games)
	508	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 22.06.2019 (5 games)
	499	David Vanzyl (WA) 07.02.2019 (5 games)
	497	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 29.09.2019 (5 games)
<i>Highest average margin</i>	182	Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019 (7 games)
	180	John Hamilton (ACT) 14.07.2019 (6 games)
	178	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 29.09.2019 (5 games)
	168	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019 (7 games)
	155	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 10.02.2019 (8 games)
<i>Longest winning streak</i>	15	Chris May (NSW), Last game at 2019 Australian Championship (22.04.2019), first 14 games at NSW WINTER MASTERS (21.07.2019)

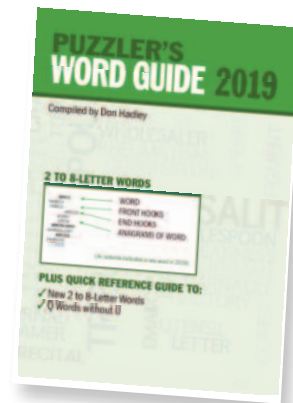
Quiz

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All Cheeses

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| 1. KEBBOCK | 11. BOURSIN |
| 2. CHEDDAR | 12. CHEVRET |
| 3. GRUYERE | 13. MANCHEGO |
| 4. MUNSTER | 14. FROMAGE |
| 5. VINTAGE | 15. HAVARTI |
| 6. FONTINA | 16. MYCELLA |
| 7. PARMESAN | 17. GJETOST |
| 8. PECORINO | 18. HALOUMI |
| 9. RICOTTA | 19. SAPSAGO |
| 10. TALEGGIO | 20. JARLSBERG |

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Results Roundup

As I stuffed up the last edition of Results Roundup I have gone back to the last correct edition which was September 2019 and followed on from there. Editor

ACT

18.08.2019 Youth Fundraiser #2

A: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Noel Barrett; **HG** Karen Richards 607; **HW** Ronnie Bennett **UNPACKED** 110

B: 1 June McKenzie; 2 Rebecca Hill; 3 Tony Beer; **HG** June McKenzie 435; **HW** June McKenzie **CRAVATS** 103

08.09.2019 Australian Masters and State Team Challenge

MASTERS: 1 Chris May; 2 Cameron Farlow; 3 Victor Tung; **HG** Jakob Teitelbaum 667; **HW** Jakob Teitelbaum **COMPOSER** 176

STATES: 1 John Spaan; 2 Alex Boiko; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Edie Mueller 593; **HW** Ian Ting **GRINCHES** 167

10.11.2019 ACT Champs

A: 1 Jakob Teitelbaum; 2 Tony Hunt; 3 Noel Barrett; **HG** Alex Boiko 583; **HW** Tony Hunt **SEDITION** 131

B: 1 Arlene Williams; 2 Julie Banister; 3 Tony Beer; **HG** Vincent Nguyen 517; **HW** Terry Horan **SAVAGED** 103

01.01.2020 Canberra New Years

A: 1 John Hamilton; 2 Ronnie Bennett; 3 Alex Boiko; **HG** Alex Boiko 560; **HW** Ronnie Bennett **TAKINGS** 104

B: 1 Terry Horan; 2 Heather Sorensen; 3 Michael Adler; **HG** Michael Adler 449; **HW** Terry Horan **REJOICE** 96

NSW

11.08.2019 Scrocker 10

BIG BLIND: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Rael Hayman; 3 Wayne Jones; **HG** Wayne Jones 532

SMALL BLIND: 1 Caroline Scowcroft; 2 Phillip Hamilton; 3 Tony Loui; **HG** Caroline Scowcroft 570

18.08.2019 HILLS Tournament

A SECTION: 1 Ryan Sutton; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Jyoti Chandna; **HG** Jyoti Chandna 509; **HW** Marion Miller **SPIRITLE** 102

B SECTION: 1 Devorah Ullman; 2 Margaret Berliner; 3 Fay Van Oyen; **HG** Asher Chhabra 502; **HW** Devorah Ullman **QUOTERS** 105

16.09.2019 WORDS SEPT MONDAY

A: 1 Graeme Lock Lee; 2 Therese Nichol; 3 Caroline Scowcroft; **HG** Tony Hunt 476; **HW** Caroline Scowcroft **MANHOLE** 99

B: 1 Ann Fiddler; 2 Rene Chelton; 3 David Eddington; **HG** Menchie Lowe 431; **HW** David Eddington **MELTINGS** 86

C: 1 Jos Ryan; 2 Vasudha Mohanka; 3 Brenda Sloane; **HG** Vasudha Mohanka 474; **HW** Jos Ryan **WEBBIEST** 94

21.09.2019 Beecroft Marathon

OPEN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Bob Jackman; 3 Karen Richards; **HG** Noel Barrett 577

07.10.2019 NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Chris May; 3 Peter Kougi; **HG** Graeme Lock Lee 604; **HW** Edward Okulicz **ERGATIVE** 158

JUNIOR 1 DAY: 1 Alex Lam; 2 Patrick Huynh; 3 Jeffery Lam; **HG** Jeffery Lam 520; **HW** Vinh Nguyen **MEERCATS** 176

26.10.2019 Spring Marathon

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Ryan Sutton; 3 Bob Jackman; **HG** Rod Talbot 605; **HW** Rod Talbot **CRESTING** 158

27.10.2019 Empire Bay Oct

A: 1 Chris Ostrowski; 2 John Barker; 3 Trish Windhurst; **HG** John Barker 503; **HW** Chris Ostrowski **FINESSE** 104

B: 1 Jan Chapman; 2 John Linney; 3 Shelley Cartwright; **HG** John Linney 487; **HW** Sandra Elliott **REAPING** 88

C: 1 Josie Mally; 2 Veena Mohe; 3 Mary-Michal Oxby; **HG** Veena Mohe 508; **HW** Josie Mally **VOYAGES** 102

03.11.2019 Nowra

A SECTION: 1 Chris Ostrowski; 2 Margaret Neal; 3 Natalie Taddy; **HG** Chris Ostrowski 503; **HW** Rene Chelton **SQUARED** 129

B SECTION: 1 Kerri Friend; **2** Julie Banister; **3** Terry Horan; **HG** Kerri Friend 486; **HW** Rodney Wallace **SPLINED** 90

24.11.2019 Central Coast Yuletide

A SECTION: 1 Trish Windhurst; **2** Joanne Craig; **3** Ivor Zetler; **HG** Joanne Craig 531; **HW** Rod Talbot **DITZIEST** 136

B SECTION: 1 Krystyna Batten; **2** Denise Smith; **3** Donna MacDonald; **HG** Krystyna Batten 588; **HW** Mary Michal Oxbay **TANKERS** 104

07.12.2019 Sutherland

A: 1 Joanne Craig; **2** Victor Tung; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Joanne Craig 551; **HW** Victor Tung **FANTASIE** 149

B: 1 Evelyn Goh; **2** Margaret Berliner; **3** Sue Gergelifi; **HG** Sue Gergelifi 521; **HW** Dorothy Fields **SEQUOIA** 105

C: 1 Kara Eddington; **2** Devorah Ullman; **3** Julie Banister; **HG** Julie Banister 524; **HW** Anna Vu **BLASTED** 94

14.12.2019 Bundanoon

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; **2** Joanne Craig; **3** Chris Ostrowski; **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 588; **HW** Lexie Neale **TINKERED** 149

04.01.2020 JanBoree

A SECTION: 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Anand Bharadwaj; **3** Esther Perrins; **HG** Edward Okulicz 607; **HW** Esther Perrins **PORTIONS** 149

B SECTION: 1 Martin Waterworth; **2** Peter Shaw; **3** Greg Pinchbeck; **HG** Garth Van Vliet 502; **HW** Colleen Birch **UNSMOKED** 101

C SECTION: 1 Janine Whittaker; **2** Pam Bennett; **3** Sue Gergelifi; **HG** Monica Dwyer 489; **HW** Duncan Smith **SQUATTER** 114

D SECTION: 1 Margaret Berliner; **2** Sandra Elliott; **3** Fay Van Oyen; **HG** Sandra Elliott 493; **HW** Lynne Carter **SQUARES** 101

E SECTION: 1 Josie Mally; **2** Jenny Templeton; **3** Liz Jackman; **HG** Vasudha Mohanka 454; **HW** Josie Mally **QUINOAS** 103

F SECTION: 1 Jeffery Lam; **2** Anna Vu; **3** Kevin Vu; **HG** Jeffery Lam 560; **HW** Jeffery Lam **QUEENED** 113

13.01.2020 Jan MONDAY EVENING

A: 1 Chris May; **2** Tony Hunt; **3** Natalie Tadday; **HG** Chris May 537; **HW** Chris May **EXOGENS** 96

B: 1 Ann Fiddler; **2** Pat Schuberger; **3** Dorothy Fields; **HG** Ann Fiddler 472; **HW** Ann Fiddler **SINKAGES** 89

C: 1 Julie Banister; **2** Vasudha Mohanka; **3** Brenda Sloane; **HG** Julie Banister 448; **HW** Vasudha Mohanka **RECONDITE** 92

D: 1 Fran Thompson; **2** Sheila Hanbidge; **3** Melissa Millwood; **HG** Fran Thompson 401; **HW** Sheila Hanbidge **DERAILS** 73

25.01.2020 Australia Day Open

OPEN: 1 David Eldar; **2** Peter Kougi; **3** Andrew Fisher; **HG** Joanne Craig 682; **HW** Andrew Fisher **ADVISING** 167

27.01.2020 City of Sydney International Masters

OPEN: 1 Andrew Fisher; **2** David Eldar; **3** Marlon Prudencio; **HG** David Eldar 647; **HW** Ronnie Bennett **BRIGADES** 167

QLD

02.02.2020 Ulladulla Championship

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

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

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

QLD

11.08.2019 Qld Championships

ALL: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Matthew O'Connor; **3** Derek McKenzie; **HG** Matthew O'Connor 599; **HW** Diane Brumby **CHARLIES** 167

17.08.2019 TSV mini

A: 1 Tony Hunt; **2** Tim Walton; **3** Julie Brice; **HG** Julie Brice 546; **HW** Tony Hunt **FAVOURED** 82

25.08.2019 WESPA Seniors 2019

Seniors: 1 Esther Perrins; **2** Joanne Craig; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Esther Perrins 628; **HW** John Rider **GODLIEST** 149

14.09.2019 Toowoomba Spring

All: 1 Paul Richards; **2** Yvette Copley; **3** Jane Brown; **HG** Jeanette Hansen 515; **HW** Roberta Tait **FRITZES** 125

06.10.2019 Oktoberfest

ALL: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Ron Baginski; **3** Jenny Schafer; **HG** Patti Ashwin 535; **HW** Karrin Henderson **UNFAZED** 128

27.10.2019 Redcliffe

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Rael Hayman; **3** Roberta Tait; **HG** Cameron Farlow 560; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **HEATINGS** 149

B: 1 Margaret Inglis; **2** Roslyn Murphy; **3** Mary Honan; **HG** Roland Page 488; **HW** Robyn Corbel **RAKINGS** 94

06.11.2019 Bethania Wed Nov

ALL: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Martin Waterworth; **3** Paul Richards; **HG** Olga Visser 505; **HW** Olga Visser **BAROQUES** 158

17.11.2019 November QAH

A: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Jane Brown; **3** Paul Richards; **HG** Jane Brown 538; **HW** Trish Brighton **ROCKETED** 107

B: 1 Kerry Reimers; **2** Jenny Schafer; **3** Shirley Pelham; **HG** Kerry Reimers 500; **HW** Kerry Reimers **QUIZZERS** 118

01.12.2019 Southport Christmas

A: 1 Andrew Hamblin; **2** Cameron Farlow; **3** Roberta Tait; **HG** Andrew Hamblin 548; **HW** Martin Waterworth **SWAGGIES** 148

B: 1 KC Johnson; **2** Ted De Boer; **3** Mary Honan; **HG** KC Johnson 478; **HW** Roslyn Murphy **THRONGS** 98

15.12.2019 Almost Last Chance

ALL: 1 Ron Baginski; **2** Margaret Inglis; **3** Glenys Logan; **HG** Paul Richards 531; **HW** Bernice Jonathan **ATEBRINS** 140

11.01.2020 TSV MiniJan

All: 1 Julie Brice; **2** Tim Walton; **3** Gail Hamilton; **HG** Julie Brice 437; **HW** Julie Brice **ACONITE** 90

12.01.2020 Logan City Clovers

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Rael Hayman; **3** Paul Richards; **HG** Cameron Farlow 551; **HW** Jean Gillespie **ZEBRASS** 111

B: 1 Patti Ashwin; **2** Karen Woodhead; **3** Vicki Russell; **HG** Lyn Mandelikova 511; **HW** Lyn Mandelikova **FEATHERS** 95

SA

18.08.2019 SA August 4-4

OPEN: 1 Geoff Wright; **2** Michael Cameron; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Michael Cameron 542; **HW** Julie Robins **READINGS** 149

31.08.2019 August Pub Tourney

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Michael Cameron; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Michael Cameron 525; **HW** Michael Cameron **ENDZONE** 131

B: 1 Antony Kimber; **2** Helen Jones; **3** Jacqui Pearce; **HG** Helen Jones 498; **HW** Helen Jones **FEBRILE** 106

C: 1 Lyndee Hill; **2** Rowena Vnuk; **3** Karyn Crease; **HG** Lyndee Hill 460; **HW** Suzanne Healey **INVADES** 85

D: 1 Elana Jaremyn; **2** Neal Whibley; **3** Emanuel Atsas; **HG** Neal Whibley 466; **HW** Neal Whibley **SHORING** 89

15.09.2019 SA September

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 574; **HW** Carmel Dodd **LADYLIKE** 107

B: 1 Victoria Gates; **2** Judy Mansfield; **3** Rowena Vnuk; **HG** Victoria Gates 546; **HW** Louisa Atsas **ZINGERS** 109

29.09.2019 Battle of the Sexes

All: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Michael Cameron; **3** Malcolm McNulty; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 593; **HW** Lyndee Hill **QUIETEST** 101

13.10.2019 SA October

All: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Michael Vnuk; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 591; **HW** Neal Whibley **JOISTED** 107

26.10.2019 October Pub Tourney

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Michael Vnuk; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 535; **HW** Adam Kretschmer **PANFRIED** 101

B: 1 Malcolm McNulty; **2** Carol Colwill; **3** Susan Roberts; **HG** Malcolm McNulty 515; **HW** Fiona Braendler **STRAINED** 86

C: 1 Rowena Vnuk; **2** Karyn Crease; **3** Louisa Atsas; **HG** Kevin Sheldrick 473; **HW** Louisa Atsas **FAIREST** 91

D: 1 Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Elana Jaremyn; **3** Suzanne Healey; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 439; **HW** Mel Leckie **ZEDS** 90

03.11.2019 SA November

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Tony Miller; **HG** Antony Kimber 522; **HW** Adam Kretschmer **SCARLETS** 140

B: 1 Rowena Vnuk; **2** Helen Jones; **3** Neal Whibley; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 522; **HW** Maureen O'Donnell **HERDERS** 102

16.11.2019 November Pub Tourney

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Trevor Tao; **HG** Michael Cameron 588; **HW** Michael Cameron **ADMIRES** 102

B: 1 Margaret Gibson; **2** Larrie Strautmanis; **3** Helen Jones; **HG** Larrie Strautmanis 462; **HW** Larrie Strautmanis **NAILERS** 95

C: 1 Fiona Braendler; **2** Kevin Sheldrick; **3** Julie Robins; **HG** Julie Robins 496; **HW** Neal Whibley **ASSENTED** 131

D: 1 Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Mel Leckie; **3** Emanuel Atsas; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 571; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem **MATTERS** 98

24.11.2019 VicSA Border Challenge

SAVIC: 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Peter Kougi; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Peter Kougi 652; **HW** Peter Kougi **BERGENIA** 167

08.12.2019 APS Championship

OPEN: 1 Simon Walton; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 588; **HW** Françoise Finlayson **CLARIFY** 121

14.12.2019 Seaford Tournament

A: 1 Trevor Tao; **2** Michael Vnuk; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Trevor Tao 530; **HW** Antony Kimber **RANZELS** 108

B: 1 Julie Robins; **2** Eileen Baldwin; **3** Mohammed Hegazi; **HG** Eileen Baldwin 497; **HW** Mohammed **AERIEST** 94

27.12.2019 SA Xmas Leftovers

A: 1 Antony Kimber; **2** Michael Cameron; **3** Benjamin Lee; **HG** Andrew Fisher 596; **HW** Carmel Dodd **SLEEPING** 122

B: 1 Jacqui Pearce; **2** Rowena Vnuk; **3** Susan Roberts; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 495; **HW** Tracey Kneebone **HOSTIES** 100

C: 1 Julie Robins; **2** Neal Whibley; **3** Paula Brown; **HG** Emanuel Atsas 499; **HW** Lyndee Hill **INQUEST** 107

11.01.2020 January Pub Tourney

OPEN: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Trevor Tao; **HG** Jacqui Pearce 589; **HW** Michael Cameron **SOURCING** 140

19.01.2020 SA JANUARY

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 538; **HW** Carmel Dodd **STEADING** 158

B: 1 Maureen O'Donnell; **2** Louisa Atsas; **3** Lyndee Hill; **HG** Maureen O'Donnell 509; **HW** Maureen O'Donnell **ACTIONS** 110

TAS

17.08.2019 ROSS AUG

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney-Pursell; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Jan Hill; **HG** Stephen Mooney-Pursell 510; **HW** Martin Rose **UNTETHER** 122

19.09.2019 Bellerive Night

OPEN: 1 Jenny Lawrence; **2** Margaret Webb; **3** Stephen Mooney-Pursell; **HG** Khen Meerding 539; **HW** Khen Meerding **EXPIRES** 101

03.11.2019 Tasmanian Champs 2019

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney-Pursell; **2** Jon Ford-King; **3** Martin Rose; **HG** Jon Ford-King 556; **HW** Cindy Brunniche **BOTCHER** 102

03.12.2019 King Robin Dec

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney-Pursell; **2** Khen Meerding; **3** Jon Ford-King; **HG** Mooney-Pursell 498; **HW** Margaret Webb **SEABIRD** 89

01.02.2020 Ulverstone 2020

OPEN: 1 Khen Meerding; **2** Martin Rose; **3** 453 Jan Hill; **HG** John Hayes 495; **HW** John Hayes **SHOWIER** 103

VIC

03.08.2019 Saturday Sessions 4A

A: 1 Naween Fernando; **2** Anand Bharadwaj; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** Norma Fisher 543

B: 1 Kashi Thiris; **2** Lynn Weaver; **3** Kris Howat; **HG** Lynn Weaver 496

C: 1 Noel Coulter; **2** Sandra Masel; **3** Christie Godby; **HG** John Rider 480

D: 1 Dianne Gibson; **2** Glen Chandler; **3** Betty Egan; **HG** Christiane McCann 519

E: 1 Ann Goodwin; **2** Oscar Ivanovski; **3** Angie Winkler; **HG** Ann Goodwin 437

F: 1 Faye Leeder; **2** Norma Engel; **3** Eileen Mills; **HG** Norma Engel 423

18.08.2019 RYMAN CLASSIC

A: 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Mythili Rudra; **3** Shirley de Silva; **HG** Andrew Fisher 587; **HW** Andrew Fisher **YUTZ** 101

B: 1 Christiane McCann; **2** Kris Howat; **3** Christie Godby; **HG** Rob York 487; **HW** Glen Chandler **CRAZIES** 91

C: 1 Annette Casey; **2** Elize Plaganyi; **3** Dorothy Rice; **HG** Ann Goodwin 476; **HW** Annette Casey **EXACTING** 122

31.08.2019 sat sessions 4b

A: 1 Naween Fernando; **2** Anand Bharadwaj; **3** Edward Okulicz; **HG** Naween Fernando 487

B: 1 Julie Belle; **2** Barry Harridge; **3** Kashi Thiris; **HG** Marj Miller 527

C: 1 Angie Pearse; **2** Lynn Weaver; **3** Christie Godby; **HG** Lynn Weaver 519

D: 1 John Rider; **2** Paula Messer; **3** Rob York; **HG** Paula Messer 495

E: 1 Doreen Ivanovski; **2** Annette Casey; **3** Ann Goodwin; **HG** Doreen Ivanovski 476

F: 1 Oscar Ivanovski; **2** Balada Catanchin; **3** Angie Winkler; **HG** Balada Catanchin 484

14.09.2019 Geelong

ABLETT: 1 Marj Miller; **2** Norma Fisher; **3** Rob York; **HG** Norma Fisher 749; **HW** Shaun Donnelly **INDENTER** 130

BARLOW: 1 Anne Menheere; **2** Dorothy Barraclough; **3** Cherry Chapman; **HG** Dorothy Barraclough 489; **HW** Dorothy Barraclough **QUIZ** 120

CATS: 1 Janet Matthews; **2** Balada Catanchin; **3** Suzy Mizzi; **HG** Tessa Knight 427; **HW** Janet Matthews **DASHERS** 93

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This is not my traveller's tale but an extension of a previous tale compiled from email and blogs.

In the last issue of ATB I related our experiences on a yacht sailing from Malaga in Spain to Gibraltar. And also deck building on a farmhouse in Nova Scotia.

Those two branches of our family recently came together for a joint adventure. After we left the yachties in Gibraltar they sailed on to Portugal for a while. The grand plan to cross the Atlantic was taking shape.

The crossing would be Portugal to the Canary Islands then onto Cape Verde Islands then across to French Guyana (**GUANAY**) [or Guiana (**IGUANA**)] in South America.

The self steering gear was installed in Gibraltar as well as a replacement 10-person life raft. Self inflating life jackets were purchased for those who had outgrown theirs.

Supermarkets were scoured for non perishable foods to stock the boat for a 3-5 week crossing. Routines on a boat need to be adhered to. Everything taken on to a yacht has to be analysed as to its consequences. A packet of spaghetti (for example) has packaging that needs to be disposed of. All waste has to be taken off and deposited ashore, sometimes by dinghy. And many coastal communities don't welcome yacht people dumping their garbage.

So, mindful that packaging waste would need to be stored in valuable space many containers were topped up with staples such as flour, rice, pasta, dried fruit.

Research and talking to others in the yachting community would let them know availability of produce in the stop off locations.

Fresh fruit and vegetables would be used in order of storability. Strawberries have a short use-by date whereas carrots, onions and potatoes last for weeks. Meat depends on a deep freeze. Precooked meals last a few days. Yacht made yoghurt recipe is currently doing the rounds on the yachting fraternity (or is it sorority?).

A satellite phone was installed with limited internet capability. We were able to track their

progress on a website as their location was transmitted every hour.

When sailing anywhere somebody needs to be on watch at all times. With Mum and Dad and a 7 year old and a 5 year old this could prove exhausting over 3 weeks, more so over 5 weeks.

So airline pilot brother of Mum rearranged his shifts and joined them in Cape Verde. His task was to take over night watch shifts. And he was also in charge of fishing. Somewhere out there he caught a large Mahi-mahi which he served up with coconut cream and the last of the onions. Another meal was prepared using up salad vegetables and a bean mix. All ready to go then a large wave sent it all crashing to the floor. Ten second rule was applied there.

They took 15 days to reach French Guyana and dropped anchor at Devil's Island, made famous by the book and movie **PAPILLON**. They were only able to anchor there one night as there was a rocket launch from the mainland and the trajectory passes over the island. Rockets from French Guyana supply the international Space Station as it is deemed to be a part of metropolitan France and close to the equator, which is the most efficient launching latitude.

They then moved up a country to Suriname (**ANEURISM**), but on arrival nothing much was open as there was a murder trial in progress and public offices had shut down. The defendant? The ex President.

The capital city Paramaribo, is on a river and they sailed quite a way up. Swimming is not recommended as there are populations of **PIRANHA** in that river, a **CARNIVOROUS (CORONAVIRUS#)** fish with a bad reputation.

At the time of writing they are moving up to the coast of South America then across to Grenada in the Carribean (**CARABINER**) as the extra crew member has to get back into the real world, ie find a flight home. I bet he will be checking out prices of yachts pretty soon.

We are not sure what the next stage of their journey will be. Eventually a Pacific crossing is most likely.

I knew I could work that word in somehow!

GEORGETTE Heyer's **REGENCY**(1) novels have delighted me for decades, and whenever I'm near a book sale I go prowling. My latest find: The **NONESUCH**(2), first published in 1962, and my copy is the 1976 Pan **PAPERBACK** ... and as far as finding wonderful and unexpectedly allowable words ... bliss!!

Many of her characters' names are allowed in our game: so already on the first page of Chapter One there are **JOSEPH(-S)**, **CALVER**(3), and **WALDO**(4).

But Ms Heyer's expertise concerning the costumes and the carriages and especially the derogatory epithets used in those days are what chiefly delight me, not to mention her wonderfully intricate and highly improbable, utterly enjoyable plots: so here we go!

Page 5: "... an engaging child in **NANKEENS** and a frilled shirt ..."

Page 9: (First 'derogatory epithet' henceforth DE): "... **RAMSHACKLE** court-card ..."

Page 10: "What the **DOOCE** (5) do you - "; "... young **SAUCEBOX**" (DE) (6)

Page11: **TOADEATER** (DE) (7)

The first of several carriages is mentioned in passing on page 13 ... a **CURRICLE** ... there are more to come on page 14: our heroes might be travelling **POST**, or **CHAISE** (8) despite the younger one's protests, for he ex-

pects to travel by **PHAETON** (9)

Her next delicious insult is almost playable: we can have the noun **BUFFLEHEAD-S**, but alas, not the *buffleheaded **CLUNCH** referred to on page 15 by someone claiming not to be a **GAPSEED** ..."

On page 16 Waldo admits that when he was younger he was a **CAWKER** (10) and explains that "- it seems so **HARDFISTED** (DE) (11) not to come to Laurie's rescue."

On page 17, Laurie is accused of being a **GAMESTER** (12) ...

And I haven't even started on Chapter Two ...

(1) Beautiful front hook for **EGENCY**

(2) **NONESUCHES**, and **UNCHOSEN**

(3) **CALVER-S**, **CARVEL-S**, **CLAVER-S**

(4) **WALDO-S**, **WOALD-S**

(5) **DOOCE-D-S**, **COOED**

(6) **SAUCEBOXES** ... Heyer hyphenated it.

(7) **TOADEATERS** ... Heyer also hyphenated it

(8) Note the end hook for **CHAIS** ...

(9) **PHAETON-S**, **PHONATE-D-S**

(10) **CAWKER-S**, **WACKER-S**

(11) Heyer hyphenated **HARDFISTED** as well

(12) **GAMESTERS**, **MEAGREST**, NB **MEAGRES**

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“If you have the words, there’s always a chance that you’ll find the way.” Seamus Hearney, Irish poet and playwright.

To make Binges, club players usually begin by searching for prefixes and suffixes on their racks to form a possible word. “I love a REREMOUSE, but I hate meeces to pieces.” Mr. Jinks. “Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.” Wayne W. Dyer. However, there are other types of affixes that can arise from time to time. These are not normally mentioned in grammar text books, apparently it’s because they are rare in English grammar but not other languages. Maybe they’re part of the Da Vinci Code – cryptex.

Circumfix is the type that has an added prefix + suffix to a word e.g. EMBOLDEN - ‘em’ & ‘en’; DELIGHTED - ‘e-d’ affixes; RETHINKS with a prefix+s or the ‘a-ing’ affixes e.g. ABATING.

Infix/adfix - ‘An infix is a word element that can be inserted within the base form of a word—rather than at its beginning or end—to create a new word or intensify meaning.’ Dictionary meaning.

Tmesis is a type of infix (pl. tmeses), is a word that includes another word inside it. Some definitions of the term state that the word being split must be a compound word, (e.g. Shakespearean ‘some-other-where’) though other definitions state that any word may be split in order to become a tmesis. The most common type of tmesis in English grammar is the expletive, as in ‘fan-bloody-tastic.’ The rule; you insert the expletive between the accented words. However, most people do it naturally, not even knowing the rule.

Cojoin infix is typically two nouns joined together into one word e.g. SPEEDoMETER or HANDiWORK etc. the ‘o’ & ‘i’ are infixes. For Scrabblers a MOTza BONAnZA etc.

“Kitchen table scrabble to competition scrabble is the difference between playing Chopsticks and playing a Chopin suite.” Stefan Fatsis author Word Freaks.

Esful infix inserts an ‘s’ before the suffix ‘ful’. For Scrabblers, esp. the Bingoist - (Definition; ‘a player who deems, if it’s not a 7 or 8 letter

word then I don’t want to know about it’) this type is handy to know you can move the ‘s’ around , e.g. TEACUPFULS >TEACUPSFUL. I get that!

Here is the list of ‘ful’ words that infix the ‘s’ - up to 9 letter words - ARMSFUL; BAGSFUL; CANSFUL; CUPSFUL; GUTSFUL; HATSFUL; JARFUL; JUGSFUL; FORKSFUL; HANDSFUL; PAILSFUL; ROOMSFUL; SACKSFUL; SPOONSFUL; PLATESFUL; SCOOPSFUL; TABLESFUL

Why these words and not the other ‘ful’ noun words like CAPFUL, TANKFUL, WAGONFUL, etc. are not included? If it started out, as they say; “arms full of packages” armsful; where the ‘s’ is added to the substantive then why isn’t it true for all such words, why not ‘basin’, you can have ‘basins full of water’? It appears to be some sort of weird grammar evolution.

SYBIL Fawly: “Why don’t you just call the 17 words exceptions and learn them?”.

BASIL Fawly: “Can’t we get you on Mastermind, Sybil? Next contestant – Sybil Fawly from Torquay. Special subject – the bleedin’ OBVS.”

Guest (Scrabble player): “Are you serious, why would I want to do that, my brain cells are already MAXED-to-the-ful, besides it sounds wear-i-bloody-some.”

Sure, you have anagrams, alphagrams, stems, pleiads, valuations etc. but in my humble opinion, I guess the Holy Grail for a Scrabbler is when a player realises that the za, zo, ze, xi, xu, jo, ja, qi, qin etc. can all be treated as affixes, then a whole plethora of possibilities awaken, my LILL ZAMOUSE. Imagine, finding out -‘for’ takes ‘ze’&‘za’ FORZE & FORZA, then along COMEDO a Bingo! FORZATI (and then what happened) FORZATO (and then he tied her to the railway tracks) FORZANDO (and then he lit the fuse to the dynamite) FORZANDI (and then along came JONES - smooth talking JONES) front ‘s’ hook – SFORZANDI (a NINER for the triple) etc. UGH! he & she UGH - HEUGH & SHEUGH. A plethora of UGHS – PLEUGHS!

“We have a language no-one else has.” Robin Pollock Daniel-highest rated American female player.

The 2019 WESPA Youth Cup, formerly known as World Youth Scrabble Championships, was held at the prestigious SMK Aminuddin Baki School in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

Six junior players from Australia competed over 3 days of competition against 190 players from 18 nations.

Ronnie Bennett (ACT) finished 15th overall and also got 3rd prize in the under 14 age division.

The Australian players gained eligibility on the basis of number of rated tournaments played. Our quota was unfilled meaning we did not have to apply a ratings filter to qualifying criteria.

Each young player was accompanied by at least one parent. Some were accompanied by both parents and siblings.

Funding support to the players was provided by a combination of direct donations, a GoFundMe campaign, tee shirt sales and fundraising tournaments. Nearly all of the funds raised have been disbursed equally to the six participating families, with a small balance retained for kickstarting the 2020 campaign (details to come later).

Tisa Ng and I had volunteer roles as helpers assisting the director. Australians featured prominently on the administration side of things.

My other role was as the Team Coach.

Patrick Huynh and his mum, Alex Lam and his dad, Tisa and I traveled together to KL from Sydney one week before the comp started.

We stayed in the same apartment complex which made it easier to conduct coaching sessions.

We also attended a training session hosted by Karen Richards in which consensus games were played. This appeared to be a very effective and authentic way of highlighting the various skills that the players needed to work on.

Despite efforts to get the Aussie team together on the Tuesday before the event, we did not come together as a whole team until the morning of the tournament. The main

reason for this was that apart from Alex and Patrick, other players stayed at different locations - geographically not that far apart, but it did make it difficult to link up. The Pakistan team and the Thai team stayed in the same accommodation which I'm sure helped in their preparations (note for future years!).

The Aussie team held training sessions between 1pm and 6pm prior to the tournament which were attended by those that could make it.

Training consisted of game play and post game analysis working on skills such as board awareness, tracking, time management and procedures. The use of the app Anagram Quizzer proved to be a good method of building word power and hook awareness, and was utilised in more informal settings, such as travelling on the Metro, in Grabs and at cafes.

Observing the games it was obvious that the players at the top half of the field had strong scrabble skills. The words on these boards indicated study of the high to medium



The 2019 Aussie Youth Team L to R: Patrick Huynh; Alex Lam; Ronnie Bennett; Tanissha Suppiah; Asher Chhabra; Jason Tang

probability 7s and 8s, as well as 3-4 hook words. The tournament had “free challenge” however in the lower quarter of the field there remained quite a few phonies on the boards.

During the games, I ditched my hat as coach and assumed my other role which involved responding to players requests for adjudications as well as general observation and attendance of the playing area and making rule reminders as required.

In previous years there were problems with tile drawing technique and parents approaching their children during play. However, apart from the occasional reminder to hold the bag higher and to avert eyes, the overall standard of following the rules was high.

And parents respected requests to avoid the playing area. In my opinion, the overall standard of following rules and etiquette was higher than the average Australian rated tournament.

Electronic devices were banned from the playing area, and during challenges both players consistently went to the challenge computer with the challenge typing the word and the challenged player verifying the word/s typed.

The most common rule reminder I needed to make was in correctly designating the blank tile, followed by reminding players not to start clocks after a challenge until their opponent was seated. Small things.

I needed to refer to the Rules Manual twice for trickier adjudications for tiles being drawn out of turn.

Apparently a rare event for KL, a power cut impacted play on the final day. Fortunately there was enough natural light to continue playing and the mature attitude of the players and the cool heads of the organisers meant the impact was minimal. It did get a bit stuffy though. The power was restored for the final round and the presentation ceremony.

Details of the various placegetters and awards are on the www.youthscrabble.org website.

With regards to the status of Scrabble in the various participant countries, it was clear that the nations of Pakistan, Thailand, Sri Lanka as well as host nation Malaysia take the promotion of Scrabble to youth seriously. Without wanting to dismiss the effort and achievements of any of our current young players and supporters, if Australia is to hold its head proud in this event, we need to do more to provide the opportunity that Scrabble offers to the children who have the potential to excel.

The families of the parents are very appreciative of the support from the Scrabble community in helping get them to Malaysia: not just financial, but in being open to allowing children to participate in regular tournaments and modelling good tournaments etiquette. And of course, the hints and tips you’ve shared.

It was a great experience and I look forward to travelling with a slightly larger team in 2020.

Proposed New Australian Youth Award Commencing 2021

I’d like to give advance notice of this award to allow young players and their parents and supporters to commence working towards qualifying.

I have placed a motion before CASPA to have a new annual National Youth Award, the Australian Youth Champion.

This is to be determined by the best result by a player yet to have reached their 16th birthday in the Championship division of the Australian Scrabble Championship.

It will be prestigious award which requires firstly that a young player must achieve the ratings necessary to play in the top division. It will also add an extra exciting dimension to an existing great tournament. As I write this, only one Australian junior player is eligible, but I am hoping this situation will change in 2021 and beyond as we extend our efforts in youth promotion.

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CASPA Youth Coordinator

I thought it was time to update my earlier article "The Rich List" (March 2017 ATB, p 20).

To derive my list I multiplied the player's number of ratable games (obtainable from the National Rating list) by their average score (taken from their personal statistical summary). Only active players who have played at least one ratable event in the last 12 months are included.

Since my last 2017 update I am delighted to induct another two players (Joanne Craig and Peter Shaw) who have scored 2 million or more points in tournament play, taking my list to six players:

Australian Scrabble Multimillionaires

State	Name	Points (Mil)
NSW	John Barker	2.987
NSW	Bob Jackman	2.787
QLD	Karen Richards	2.646
NSW	Rod Talbot	2.419
NSW	Joanne Craig	2.206
NSW	Peter Shaw	2.006

Australia currently has 51 active players, or almost 9% of the players on our current rating list who have achieved over 1 million points (up from 41 players and about 6% respectively in 2017). About a half of these players reside in NSW.

The following table shows the distribution of these players across Australia and the player who has accumulated the highest total points in each state/territory:

State	Players	Top Players	Points
NSW	25	John Barker	(2.987 million)
QLD	9	Karen Richards	(2.787 million)
SA	3	Carmel Dodd	(1.867 million)
TAS	1	Betty Foreman	(1.724 million)
VIC	9	Geoff Wright	(1.586 million)
WA	4	Russell Honeybun	(1.280 million)
ACT	0	John Spaan	(0.944 million)

Finally, Western Australian readers in particular may be interested to know I have currently scored about 430,000 points (up from about 358,000 points in 2017). At this rate of progress I will become a scrabble millionaire in the mid 2050's when I will be about 90. My mother, Beryl, played tournament scrabble well into her late 80's so I haven't conceded defeat on this one!

Graham Bell