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Although there has been no Committee meeting since the last issue, there has been a lot of discussion on the Committee group and via email. I am pleased to report that we have three new volunteers joining us on the Committee. **Peter Ashurst** has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and will take over from Ross at the June meeting. **Paula Walker**, who has first hand experience of schools Scrabble has taken on the role of Youth Officer and **Barry Grossman** joins Allan Simmons on the Promotions team.

The ABSP promotion to attract new members has boosted membership by about 5% and we hope that those new members will in turn encourage others to join. The promotion closes at the end of May and the Committee will review doing something similar at some point in the future.

Preparations are underway for the Masters event and entries are being received for the BMSC. There will be a list of BMSC 'entrants so far' on CentreStar.

The draft AGM agenda includes motions on adopting the new wordlist from 1st January 2012, and adopting WESPA Rules version 2 from the same date. There is also a member motion to soften the overdraw rule, and a motion giving members the option to join for two years at a discount, provided they opt for electronic copies of OnBoard. The subscription rate for members who want to continue receiving OnBoard by post will not be changing. Details on all these are still being finalised and will be published in due course.

Laura Finley
Secretary, ABSP

New Committee Member



Peter Ashurst

*The committee is delighted to welcome onto its ranks **Peter Ashurst** who takes on the role of ABSP Treasurer, taking over from chairman Ross Mackenzie who has been having to 'multitask'*

By way of introduction, (although many of you will already know him) Peter wrote the following pen portrait of himself...

"After watching the TV programmes showing the 1991 World Scrabble Championships, I began playing the game on the computer. A few months later I wrote to Spears to find out about Scrabble Clubs and from that I started to attend Preston Scrabble in April 1991.

One of the Preston members had a copy of Onwords which had information on the ABSP and Scrabble tournaments. I then joined the APSP in 1993 and entered the tournament scene at the 1993 BMSC. Since then I have entered numerous tournaments all over the country regularly clocking up over 200 rated games a year.

I am a member of both Preston and Whitefield Scrabble Clubs, but work commitments limit my attendance to the Preston club. Over previous years I have helped run several small local tournaments and more recently been computer operator at some others.

I am a chartered quantity surveyor and outside interests include watching motor racing and ice hockey and several US TV series, mostly crime and investigation. I also have a large collection of jigsaws of varying sizes, which can take up too much time."

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Sheila Spate RIP

It was on 24th April that Clive Spate broke the bad news:

It is with much sadness that I have to report my darling Sheila's death late last night. The cause of death will probably be given as pneumonia - her immune system being compromised by five months of intensive, but ultimately unsuccessful, chemotherapy.

I am afraid that even a Scrabble vocabulary doesn't enable me to put together the words to express what I would wish to say. -- Clive

Tributes from ABSP members to Sheila immediately started pouring in - here are extracts from a few of them:



Andrew Eames – Sheila's cheery personality in the face of such adversity will live long in the memory for many of us.

Robert Richland and Kathy Suddick – This is extremely sad news indeed. In the 25 years I have known Sheila, she has always been a cheerful, friendly and helpful lady, always with more than a touch of warmth in her greeting at Scrabble tourneys.

Lorna Rapley – No matter how ill she felt, Sheila was always cheerful and cared about how others were feeling.

Maurice Brown – Sheila was very active in getting Scrabble 'off the ground' in the Nottingham area. Over the years, I became very friendly with Sheila, and she was always available as a listening ear. She will be sadly missed by all at the Nomads club, where she was a regular until her illness got a grip on her again.

Nick Deller – Sheila was one of the most remarkable, courageous, friendly, welcoming people I'll ever meet, and I think will be terribly missed by everybody who knew her. RIP.

Jackie McLeod – I am very saddened at losing such a lovely, loyal and special friend. Even through her many bouts of serious illness and gruelling treatment regimes in recent years she managed to stay cheerful and positive, and if anything more concerned about other people's troubles than her own. I will remember her as a warm and supportive friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Brett Smitheram – As many others have said, I too found Sheila to be one of the lights of my Scrabble experience.

Rachelle Winer – I feel so sad today to lose my friend Sheila. A special, lovely lady always interested and caring towards others, despite suffering for so long. Sheila I will miss you.

Mike Whiteoak – Like everyone, I am terribly saddened by this news. Sheila was a lovely lady; I remember meeting her at my first Nomads when, out of all the hundred or so players there, she made me feel that I was the person she was particularly pleased to see. Of course, she had the wonderful ability to make everyone feel this way..

Femi Awowade – With Deep Sympathy Clive. The Nomads will never be the same again.

Elie Dangoor – I was so sad to read this. Sheila put up a really brave fight.

Donna Stanton – Like everyone I am deeply saddened to learn of Sheila's passing. A truly remarkable person who will be missed by all who knew her.

Alec Webb and Yvonne Eade – We are privileged to have known Sheila, and to know her was to love her. She will be so missed.

Ivy Dixon Baird – In a lifetime you meet many people - but most people can count on one hand the true friends. Sheila was my true friend and I will miss her.

Clive on Sheila ...

Sheila was the face and guiding light of Nottingham Scrabble for over 30 years. A co-founder of Nottingham SC before starting Mapperley SC and eventually the Nomads.

She also acted as a gamesmaster for the Postal SC in the 1980s.

She was a strong player - better than she gave herself credit for – with a genuine love of the game. Always happy to have a weekend or week with a house full of players in the days when tournaments were not as plentiful as they are today. She probably hosted more committee meetings for the APSP (as it then was) than anyone else. As Graeme Thomas often remarked, you knew there would be a flamflew at Longacre !

Despite her own love of the game, neither her two sons, Paul and Mark, or grandchildren, Daniel and Lucy, showed much interest in playing. Paul did use his electronic expertise to produce about 100 digital timers in the 1990s. Those black boxes can still be seen in use at tournaments.

Of course, there was more to Sheila than Scrabble. She played piano to a good standard having achieved an ARCM diploma. She had been an active member and officer in the Girls Brigade which led to her being teetotal throughout her life

She enjoyed doing jigsaws, especially large ones featuring New York skylines. Her largest had over 18000 pieces. We were both fascinated by magic and illusion and are probably two of just a few people who went to Las Vegas to see magic shows rather than play the slots and tables.

Life took on a different hue in late 1995 when she was diagnosed with lymphoma. At that year's WSC in London we were awaiting the results of initial tests and it was one occasion when Scrabble seemed totally irrelevant. Over the next 15 years the disease in various forms relapsed three times – the worst being in 2006/7 when the treatment involved her losing her hair.

However, out of adversity can come positive things. It was Sheilas idea to raise funds for cancer charities via the Nomads weekends at the Gateway Hotel in Nottingham. These have produced the bulk of £24000 that has been raised for the Lymphoma Association and Leukaemia Research. She involved herself in the Associations 'buddy' scheme – essentially being available by telephone for people who have been diagnosed with something similar and want to talk to someone other than a nurse or doctor. I can't think of anyone better suited to this task.

From 1996 for several years we organised Scrabble and walking holidays; first working for Countrywide Holidays and latterly organising things ourselves. Among the many tributes sent to me after Sheila died was one which would have given her much pleasure. It was from someone who we first met as a beginner in Whitby on one of these holidays and has since become a regular player in tournaments. Being the person she was, I think that she would be touched, surprised and not a little embarrassed to read the many tributes - both on uk-scrabble and sent to me personally.

Having survived the lymphoma for over 15 years, it came as a massive shock in November 2009 to discover that she had another blood cancer – myeloma. Six months of chemotherapy produced just over five months in remission. Her myeloma relapsed in November 2010 and all treatment thereafter left her totally fatigued. This was why she couldn't make even a brief appearance at last February's Nomads event.

She will be much missed, not just by close friends and family, but also by those who met her once or twice a year when she was selling raffle tickets at the Gateway I am so proud to have known and loved this wonderful lady. She made me a better person.



Robert Richland

Robert Richland is the regular compiler of OnBoard's *Dusting of the Archives* feature, due to his having stored all the previous issues of the ABSP newsletter.

For over 27 years Robert has been part of the Scrabble firmament, having gained a reputation for remembering dates and birthdays, quickly giving the day of the week of any given date, as well as doing the odd impersonation or two.

"Many have said that I missed my vocation," says Robert "but I disagree. My impersonations tend to be little soundbites, rather than full-blown dialogues, so if I went on stage I'd be finished well before the interval !

Robert was born in Hampstead, London in 1959 and spent the first fifty years of his existence living in a swathe of areas north of the Thames around London. In 2009 he made the 180-mile move north to Warrington to live with fellow ABSP member, Kathy Suddick. Says Robert...

“ Having endured three different primary schools, I then attended Hendon County Grammar. Another regular Scrabbler, Paloma Raychbart, had attended the same school, along with infamous luminaries Peter Mandelson and Gerald Ratner. Much of my time at that school was spent drawing several hundred cartoons during lessons I wasn't remotely interested in!

A clutch of O- and A-levels later, 1978 found me at Warwick University trying to get my head round theoretical Maths and Statistics that I could never quite logically grasp at all. In fact, I'd go far as to say that it almost killed off my mental arithmetic skills which, mercifully, were reignited via Scrabble and my eventual taxi career.

Still, an honours degree did come forth in 1981 but, still clueless as to what to do in the real world, I blindly staggered into a one-year postgraduate Maths degree course at Nottingham University. Halfway through that academic year I'd pretty much lost interest and, needless to say, an MSc wasn't to be added to the BSc. As I made an anonymous exit from Nottingham University in 1982, little did I know that within five years I would be frequently returning to the campus as a seasoned Scrabbler when it became the venue for the high-score Masters tournament and several BMSCs !

So, what career to choose? Thinking that "the future was in computers" (which has turned out to be very true), I successfully landed a trainee computer programming job at a software house just south of Westminster Bridge. Ten years (and several sackings) later, I eventually woke up to the fact that had been staring me in the face all along ...I was a crappy programmer! I'd even taken time out in 1988 to try my hand as an estate agent; that lasted just two months before the P45 was thrust into my hand again.

I exited my last programming job early in 1991, during an awful recession. Eighteen months and 30+ interviews (and zilch job offers) later, it was suggested to me by my dad that becoming a London taxi driver would suit me much better. So in December 1992 I became a Knowledge boy, and was expected by the Public Carriage Office to get on a moped (as 99+% did) and learn all the streets and buildings within a six-mile radius of Charing Cross. However, there was no way on earth I was getting on a moped (the very thought gave me the willies), so I spent the entire duration of the Knowledge either in my car or on foot.

The average time it took to do the Knowledge was two and a half to three years... I managed it in a year and ten months due, I suspect, to my photographic memory of the

streets I had travelled on. I received my “bill and badge” in October 1994 and I was now self-employed!

For the next fifteen years or so, I endured a full spectrum of emotions on the streets of London as I encountered a generous crop of famous people (too numerous to mention here) and the occasional long fare out to Heathrow airport or beyond. Unfortunately, the upsides were far outweighed by the downsides, including bad drivers, traffic wardens, cyclists who'd never read the Highway Code, CCTV cameras and over zealous police.

Even after moving to Warrington, I continued to travel once a month down to London for one-week spells in a cab. But early in 2010 I had had enough and wound up my business. Since December 2010 I have enjoyed a much less stressful (and much happier) job as a mail sorter at the local Royal Mail depot. So now I'm memorising postcodes instead of streets!

My first encounter with Scrabble occurred around 1966, when my uncle brought out a board. He opened with the word BATH, whereupon I immediately extended it to SAB-BATH. Not bad for a seven year-old!

Actually, “Scrabble For Juniors” was more the flavour of the month for me that year. It wasn't until Christmas 1971 that I was the owner of a “proper” Scrabble set! There followed several evenings at home playing with my parents, most notably my dad taking up to half an hour to make one move (he often visited the loo during his move!) with a game lasting up to three hours!

I frequently wondered if there were other more ambitious Scrabble players out there who would provide a far greater challenge. My answer came in 1983 when I travelled to Leeds to appear on Channel 4's “Countdown”. I took an autograph book with me. Alongside autographs from Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman was one from a certain “Mark Nyman”, who'd just recorded his Final from the previous series. On another two trips to “Countdown” in 1984, I also met Allan Simmons and Mike Willis, whilst witnessing several Scrabble games taking place in both the green room and the Queen's Hotel where we were all staying. Then on seeing both the Chambers dictionary and a long list of 2 and 3-letter words, I knew there was no turning back!

Shortly afterwards, I joined the London League in June 1984. My first tourney was the one-day 4-game London Open at the Barbican Hotel that October. I was in awe at some of the big Scrabble names that were there. This was still the high-score era, with rated matchplay events still three years away. In those days, the two main yardsticks for UK Scrabble success were the NSC and the (old high-score) Masters. With the Scrabble fraternity far smaller, everyone knew who the top players were.

I quickly became part of the “Scrabble family”, with League matches once, twice, sometimes three times a week becoming the norm, along with the regular Sunday drives. In 1986, Clive Spate and Sheila Arnold (as was) invited me to spend an entire week at their house in Nottingham with several others playing Scrabble from dawn to dusk. Hedonistic times indeed!

In 1986, I was co-opted on to the London League committee as Treasurer, a post I held for nine years. I also co-ran the Sunday drives between 1988 and 1995.

When the BMSC made its debut in 1987, there were 15 games over three days. No big deal these days, but back then I and many others were not used to such concentrated competition. I was so mentally knackered afterwards I couldn't play another Scrabble game for a week!

1989 saw me encounter overseas Scrabble for the first time, complete with the OSPD word list and the double-challenge rule. I spent a week in Israel and visited the Jerusalem Club, run by the late Sam Orbaum. I can remember the sheer look of disbelief on his face when I told him that the UK National Finals were settled by just three games!

The following year, 1990, I took an even greater plunge and took part in the North American Nationals in Washington DC, along with Mark Nyman, Phil Appleby and a 12 year-old Allan

Saldanha. More Scrabble visits to the USA followed until 1995, when I had a woeful 10–21 record at the Reno tourney. At that point I vowed never to return until they had changed to a world dictionary and tamed their challenge rule. Happily, a return visit cannot be far away now, as world dictionary (and 5pp/10pp) players in the USA are increasingly well catered for.

Alongside my Scrabble activities, I was also in a tenpin bowling league near Heathrow airport from 1983 to 1995. Other games I've tried include squash, bridge and chess, but Scrabble remained top of the tree until 2005, when I succumbed to the lure of online poker. Since then, Scrabble and poker have sat happily next to one another as my joint top pursuits. Any dreams of becoming both a jet-setting poker pro and a jet-setting Scrabbler have yet to be properly realised, but I'm working on it!

In January 2007, at the Chester weekend tourney, I met my current partner Kathy who, luckily, has the same appetite for Scrabble as I have. It's a pleasure to call her my partner and soulmate. I wouldn't have moved to Warrington in 2009 otherwise and, after two years, I have no regrets whatsoever!

Following my "Countdown" stint on Series 4 in 1984 (semi-finalist), the TV bug bit further, with appearances on shows including "Cross-Wits", "Catchword", "Turnabout", "Brainteaser", "The People Versus" (£3000 won) and, last but not least, my £8000 win on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" in 2000. Clive Spate was my chosen "phone-a-friend", with Paloma Raychbart my "friend in the audience". For my £2000 question, I was asked what a red snapper was... the choices were bird, fish, spider and alligator. I asked the audience as I hadn't a clue. I initially thought it was an alligator! Since then, I have used the nickname "redsnapper" online on several websites; it's also my handle on the Internet Scrabble Club!

My musical tastes are far and wide, but at the forefront are the sounds of the 1960s, the most eclectic decade ever. I have been on several radio pop quizzes since 1983, including Radio 2's "Spot The Intro" and Capital Gold's "Music Game Challenge" in 1989, when I emerged the winner and owner of a brand new Fiat Panda car. Since 1992 I have regularly attended local and national pop quizzes with a lot of success.

Since 1969 I have been an avid follower of Tottenham Hotspur football club. My grandpa, who used to take me to matches regularly, had supported them since the First World War! Since my move north, I've even started following rugby league, in particular the Warrington Wolves, who captured two Challenge Cups after I'd lived here for barely a year.

Scrabble highlights? Scoring 284 for MONOXIDE was an early highlight in 1985. Fourth place at the 1990 NSC was another. Of all the tourneys won over the years, the most satisfying is arguably my recent win at Chester in January 2011. Not only did I successfully defend my title, against some strong opposition, but I had an identical record to the year before, 14–3!

Before shuffling off this mortal coil, I'd still love to represent England in the WSC one day, maybe even have a closer tilt at the NSC title. Despite the ever increasing standards, ably assisted by word learning programs such as Quackle and Zyzzyva, one should never say never, even as someone who now qualifies for a SAGA holiday! ””

Robert's story has been the longest one so far - I could have edited it down, but I thought it was a good enough read to leave almost untouched. I hope you agree, but I always welcome feedback whatever the opinion.

OnBoard remains primarily a club newsletter so I am interested in receiving other members' stories. However Scrabble players are a modest bunch, so if you know of someone who deserves to be better known by us all please send me their name and I will approach them. AW

around the tournaments

Apologies...

Firstly to Robert Richland and Helen Gipson for managing to omit their names from the A Division table of the Chester event by showing positions 3rd to 5th instead of 1st to 3rd.

The correct table should have been:

Chester A		
Robert Richland	14	837
Helen Gipson	13	1543
Wayne Kelly	12	542

My second apology is to Alison Sadler for inadvertently overlooking an email she sent me with a few lines to append to the results from the tournament at Leicester on 26th February. In particular Alison wanted to say "The event raised £300 for the Leicester Haematology Research Fund; many thanks to everyone whose help and participation made this possible."

Coventry Double

March 26th-27th (11 Rounds x 2)

Coventry (Saturday) A			Coventry (Saturday) B		
Paul Richards	9	107	Amanda Sodhy	9	410
Mark Nyman	8	1078	Ruth MacInerney	8	147
Chris Finlay	8	95	Victoria Kingham	7	577

Coventry (Saturday) C			Coventry (Saturday) D		
Reeyaaz Goolamhossen	8	212	Jenny Sakamoto	9	778
Peter Hall	7	135	Caroline Elliott	8	743
Anne Darby	6	294	Joy Rowe	7	633

Coventry (Sunday) A			Coventry (Sunday) B		
Mark Nyman	10	1063	Jackie McLeod	9	950
Wayne Kelly	9	638	Ann Golding	7	69
Paul Richards	7	458	David Shenkin	6½	521

Coventry (Sunday) C			Coventry (Sunday) D		
Rowan Callaghan	9	440	Stany Arnold	9	867
Jake Berliner	8	693	Syd Berger	9	702
Teresa Lyes	7	300	Geoff Cooper	8	611

Divisions A and B were 12-player Round Robins. Division C and D were 10-player Round Robins plus 2 rounds King-of-the-Hill. At the end of Saturday the top 4 players from each of the lower three divisions were promoted and the bottom 4 players of the top 3 divisions were relegated. The format for Sunday was then the same as for Saturday

Aylsbury

April 2nd (7 Rounds)

Aylsbury A		
David Sutton	6	537
Austin Shin	5	740
Diane Pratesi	5	419

Aylsbury B		
Evelyn Wallace	6	834
Stephen Wintle	6	325
Martin Taylor	5	710

Aylsbury C		
Evelyn Wansbrough	6	211
Audrey Medhurst	5	517
Emma Brown	5	392

AW: David Sutton sent a game by game report of his tournament to the uk-scrabble email group. Reluctant as I am to duplicate material from that source, David's writings are always worthy of a wider readership, so here are his accounts of two games, his first and his last...

Game 1 v. Sandie Simonis

The game started inauspiciously for me when Sandie opened with back-to-back bonuses, but I reduced her lead with the rather obvious bonus from EFILRSTT on my third move.

Poor Sandie was suffering from the noise levels, in particular the tramp of marching feet to the self-adjudication station near us, and at her request we moved table down to a lower division, but this didn't help much, since I have noted that there is a roughly inverse correlation between the ambient noise level and the level of the ambient players. I am not myself bothered by the pleasant hubbub (or perhaps hullabaloo would be a better word) of the average tournament room - I remember Elizabeth Hull saying that the only thing that actually got through her concentration was people saying 'SHH' in a loud voice - but I can see that for those more sensitive it can be a problem.

Still, for many a bit of chat is part of the day out, and short of calling in air strikes I'm not sure that organisers can do any more than they do. Anyway, the tiles ran out for Sandie and I edged steadily away to win 469-324.

Game 7 v. Diane Pratesi

The big guns had managed to lose in the previous round leaving only Diane and myself on five wins, so it was a straight fight for first place. Things started well for me when on the third move I found the bonus from BEKOTT? round a floating U for a beautiful double-double scoring 102 points*. I am sometimes mildly reproved by correspondents for including in my quizzes words that will never come up in a month of Sundays, but sometimes that 32nd Sunday arrives, and then you're glad of those happy hours you spent rummaging around down in the 30,000s (bonus words by probability).

With a lead of over 100 I was already having visions of tossing an envelope full of crisp twenties on to the dining room table and generally enjoying one of those rare moments of being able to justify my existence to my long-suffering wife. Such thoughts are, of course, a great mistake: the tile gods don't like premature hubris and I was soon struggling with an unplayable Q and three As while Diane steadily eroded my lead. In the end I burned a blank to play AQUAS for a mere thirty-odd points, when I should have simply changed earlier and accepted the lost tempo, and then, despite some spectacularly incompetent endgame play, just about held on to win 390-386.

* KETUBOTH

Sutton Coldfield

April 9th (7 Rounds)

Sutton Coldfield A		
Wayne Kelly	6	695
Jared Robinson	5	604
Joanne Hiley	5	361

Sutton Coldfield B		
Jack Anscomb	6	734
Mike Evans	5	331
Carol Arthurton	5	69

Sutton Coldfield C		
Trevor Latham	7	392
Trevor Warwick	6	473
Joe Reece	5	478

Southampton

April 10th (6 Rounds)

Report from Alan Bailey

The 22nd annual Southampton Tournament was held on 10 April in Hedge End Village Hall. 92 players were assigned to 4 divisions in a 6-game contest which finished as follows:-

Southampton A			Southampton B		
Ed Rossiter	6	609	Victoria Kingham	5	466
David Sutton	5	390	Peter Hall	5	311
Steve Perry	4	413	Kim Phipps	5	155

Southampton C			Southampton D		
Evelyn Wansbrough	5	335	Yvonne Lambert	5	467
Judy Young	5	151	Jill Warren	5	50
Janet Bonham	4	248	Hannah Corbett	4	386

The Terry Hollington Memorial Shield for best performance against rating on the day went to Sally Twine.

3rd prize in Division D was awarded at the time to Fay Goble. Only afterwards was that outcome queried. It transpired that, in completing a score-sheet in round 3, two players reversed their player numbers. The computer of course recognises players by number, not name, and correctly processed what it was told. Before the returns went to the Ratings Officer the error was identified and the figures were corrected. By then the prize and trophy had been awarded. Thus can a careless error on a score-sheet cost money and prestige, if not on this occasion a rating point or two. With results displayed after every round this particular error should have been noticed well before the end of the tournament.

Congratulations to all winners, especially Ed Rossiter following up his 2nd place at Andover in February.

Particular thanks to the many volunteers who helped to set up and clear the furniture. A special word to two unsung heroines

(1) Lucille Terry who came only as driver for husband Peter but on arrival offered to step in as reserve player, to the great relief of me and especially...

(2) Janet Harley, local club founder and stalwart, who was thereby spared to revert to runner, of which I was unexpectedly short. She was relieved as she had the pressure of moving house the following day. A lesser person would have opted out altogether in such circumstances.

As a final word, my runners broke records for ages at either end; Peter Farr, well into his 80s, and Emma Appleby aged 6, making a very calm and impressive debut.

Havering Evergreens

April 16th (7 Rounds)

Report from Cindy Hollyer

This event, as always was a convivial occasion with old friends meeting up, but not detracting from the competitiveness. The 46 players were channeled into 3 divisions, results as follows:

Havering Evergreens A			Havering Evergreens B			Havering Evergreens C		
Rachelle Winer	6	466	Adrian Noller	5	311	Peter Terry	6	530
Kevin Synnott	5	55	Carmen Dolan	5	194	Joan Rees	6	417
Victoria Kingham	4	276	Terry Corps	5	178	Malcolm Davis	5	294

The raffle raised £70.00 which as usual will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Glevum (Gloucester)

April 22nd-23rd (8 Rounds)



Glevum A		
Phil Robertshaw	8	1251
Anand Buddhdev	7	521
Wayne Kelly	5	386

Glevum B		
Marjorie Struggles	7	186
Anne Ashmore	6	549
Barbara Goodban	6	317

Glevum C		
Pam Sparkes	8	525
Peter Ashurst	6	579
Kenneth Lovell	6	361

Easter Matchplay (Gloucester)

April 23rd-25th (21 Rounds)

The Easter Matchplay this year moved to a new home, the Bowden Hall Hotel, just on the outskirts of Gloucester, and what a remarkably good venue it was; delightful rural setting, excellent facilities and playing room. The food was very good too. Results were as follows:

Easter Matchplay A		
Elie Dangoor	17	1568
Theresa Brousson	15	1202
Wayne Kelly	13	1075
Sandie Simonis	13	226



Easter Matchplay B		
Moira Conway	15	942
Beverley Calder	15	303
Suzanne Dundas	14	441
Janet Phillips	12½	148

Easter Matchplay C		
Christine Strawbridge	18	1401
Heather Laird	14	604
Jim Lyes	13	721
Samantha Beckwith	13	460



Easter Matchplay D		
Stany Arnold	15	1233
Ted Lewis	14	1174
Paul Dundas	14	976
Syd Berger	13	598

Spring Matchplay (Newport Pagnall)

April 30th-May 2nd (25Rounds)

Spring Matchplay A			Spring Matchplay B			Spring Matchplay C		
Martin Harrison	19	1465	Victoria Kingham	20	1164	Sarah Khawaja	21	2211
Femi Awowade	17	963	Olajide Akinyemi	17	1153	Christine Tudge	19	724
Wayne Kelly	17	398	Moira Conway	17	756	Anne Darby	17	749

European Open (Qawra, Malta)

May 6th-9th (32 Rounds)

This was an open event with 42 competitors from 11 nations all playing in a single division.

European Open 2011				
1	Theresa Brousson	Malta	25	2664
2	Chinedu Okwelogu	Nigeria	23	1762
3	Mikki Nicholson	England	21	1593
4	Mohammad Sulaiman	UAE	20	966
5	Helen Gipson	Scotland	20	889
6	Jojo Delia	Malta	19	1140
7	David Delicata	Malta	19	923
8	Cecil Muscat	Malta	19	893
9	Jayne Mackenzie	England	19	830
10	Eileen Meghen	Ireland	19	-277



Theresa Brousson congratulated by Tournament Director Amy Byrne (Photo: John Chew/NASPA)

Bournemouth

May 8th (7 Rounds)

Report from Val Wright

The 9th Bournemouth Spring Charity Scrabble Tournament was held on 8 May 2011 in aid of the Bournemouth Society for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) at their Rooper Hall in Moordown, our regular venue. There were 62 entrants playing 7 games in round robin format. The results were as follows:

Bournemouth A			Bournemouth B			Bournemouth C		
Ed Rossiter	5	424	Graham Bonham	5	497	Karen Game	6	439
Gary Oliver	5	367	Brian Jones	5	354	Maureen Chamberlain	5	366
Bournemouth D			Bournemouth E			Bournemouth F		
Elizabeth Ramsay	7	637	Janet Bonham	7	472	Colin St Hill	6	479
Phyllis Fernandez	5	371	Heather Roberts	4	190	Jenny Sakamoto	5	345
Bournemouth G			Bournemouth H					
Fay Goble	6	287	Sheila Bromly	5	193			
Joy Rowe	6	277	Helen Thompson	4	-3			

It is interesting to note that Sheila Bromly is able to benefit from the BSVI as someone with sight impairment. She concluded the final game with the word MAGIC to win against fellow Bournemouth Club member Chas Best.

Highest word score: Graham Bonham scored 114 for ENZONES. A raffle raised £93 for the BSVI and sales of homemade cakes, marmalade and chutney raised a further £47.

We donated £550 from the entry fees, despite declining entries each year. Thus, the BSVI benefited by a total of £690.

Bournemouth Scrabble Club and the BSVI express their thanks to all the players for their support of the event. Thanks must also go to all the BSVI helpers and supporters who act as runners, serve the tea/coffee and lay out and put away the tables and chairs. Finally we wish to thank our Tournament Director and organiser Ruth Marsden, without whom this event would not run.

The next Bournemouth Tournament will be on Sunday 2 October. The format will be matchplay, 6 games.

Malta International Scrabble Open (Qawra, Malta)

May 13th–15th (24 Rounds)

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Malta A		
Helen Gipson	18	1106
Evan Cohen	17½	747
Mikki Nicholson	16	1310
Carmel Dodd	16	179

Malta B		
Margaret Armstrong	21	1450
Jim Wilkie	17	822
Pauline Cilia	16	137
Gila Blits	15	551

Harrogate

May 13-15th (14 Rounds)

Harrogate A		
Moira Conway	10	281
Steve Balmert	8	296

Harrogate B		
June Johnstone	10	229
Barbara Lukey	9	516

Harrogate C		
Anne Atherton	10½	343
Ruby Flood	9	700

NSC(T) Southern Regional

May 15th (7 Rounds)

NSC(T) Southern Regional		
Ed Rossiter	7	1232
Gary Oliver	6	313
Penny Downer	5	533
Noel Turner	5	269
Elizabeth Ramsay	5	120

Qualifiers for the NSC Semi Final from this regional are Ed Rossiter, Gary Oliver, Penny Downer, Elizabeth Hull, Graham Bonham, and Ebi Sosseh. Qualifying but declining their places are Noel Turner and Elizabeth Ramsey.

Team winners, qualifying for the NSCT Final are Sainly Southamton – Ed Rossiter, Gary Oliver and Brian Jones.

NSC(T) Midland Regional

May 21st (7 Rounds)

Qualifiers for the NSC Semi Final from this regional are Paul Allan, Jared Robinson, Martin Harrison, Jake Jacobs, Greg Kelly, Maurice Brown, Alec Webb, John Ashmore, Ash Coldrick, Chris Hawkins, Nuala O'Rourke, Lewis Mackay, Jim Lyes and Ben Wilson. Jason Carney qualified but declined his place.



NSC(T) Midland Regional

Paul Allan	7	716
Jared Robinson	6	671
Martin Harrison	6	608
Jake Jacobs	5	677
Greg Kelly	5	562

Team winners, qualifying for the NSCT Final are Jason and the Argonauts – Jason Carney, Greg Kelly and Ash Coldrick. Also qualifying from 2nd place are the Lincoln Wookkies – Geoff Cooper, Ben Wilson and Martin Harrison.

Record broken

On 25th April one of the all-time ABSP records was broken at an invitational event in Ilford, East London. The move was played by Brenda Northcott and scored 153 points. Brenda's last 4 tiles of the game were VING which she was able to play around an existing OUCH to make VOUCHING, with both the V and the G on triple word scores thereby multiplying the 17 point tile score by 9. This broke the record points score for a non-bonus word which previously stood at 144. A stunning way to finish a game!

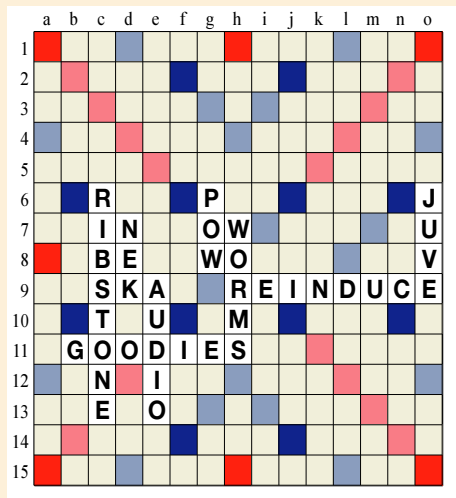
move to be proud of

This one is by Barry Grossman from a recent tournament in Ilford. Barry found the highest scoring move, which was worth three times the second highest.

Barry's rack was:



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ratings snapshot

These pages are a snapshot of how the ratings looked on 22nd May 2011. Players listed here have played at least 30 ABSP-rated games in total on that date, and at least 1 since May 22nd 2010. ABSP membership number is in the column before name, or blank if not a member.

There are rated games taking place every week so for the most up-to-date list you should consult the ABSP website: absp.org.uk

206	1841	Nigel Richards(GM)	179	0770	Jake Jacobs	169	1057	Mike Whiteoak
204	0057	Mark Nyman(GM)	179		Sam Kantimathi	168	1347	Adekeyeje Adegbesan
200	0774	Brett Smitheram(GM)	179		Philips Owolabi	168		Anand Buddhdev
199		Chris May	179	1163	David Sutton(Exp)	168	0202	Penny Downer(Exp)
195		Nathan Benedict	179	1687	Howard Wilde	168	1706	Clement Ikolo
194	0751	Paul Allan(GM)	178	0004	Philip Nelkon(GM)	168	0115	Diane Pratesi(Exp)
191	0652	Nick Ball(Exp)	178	0362	Gary Oliver(GM)	168	0101	Robert Richland(Exp)
191	0158	Ed Martin(GM)	178		Biyi Oyadiran	167	0609	Bob Lynn
191	1427	Mikki Nicholson(GM)	178		Ben Tarlow	167		Bob Violett(Exp)
190	0147	Helen Gipson(GM)	178	1869	Feargal Weatherhead	166	1221	Jojo Delia
190	0745	Harshan	176	0880	Femi Awowade(GM)	166		Mark Goodwin
		Lamabadusuriya(GM)	176		Richard Evans(Exp)	166	0045	Barry Grossman(Exp)
190	0764	Lewis Mackay(GM)	176		Yi En Gan	166	1429	Stewart Houten
189	1618	Paul Gallen(Exp)	175	0058	Russell Byers(GM)	166	1006	Ross Mackenzie
188	1355	Craig Beevers(GM)	175	0060	Terry Kirk(GM)	166	1510	Jessica Pratesi
187	1428	Martin Harrison(Exp)	174	0072	John Grayson(GM)	166	1170	Paloma Raychbart
187	0823	Wayne Kelly(GM)	174	1191	Neil Green	166		Jin Chor Tan
187	1368	Phil Robertshaw(Exp)	173		Gerry Carter	165	1116	Paul Bassett
186		Joanne Craig	173		Andrew Goodwin	165	0978	Andy Becher
186		Kevin McMahon	173	1000	Stewart Holden(GM)	165		David Delicata
186	1713	Alastair Richards	173		Gary Polhill(Exp)	165	1164	Karl Kwiatkowski
186	0482	Neil Scott(GM)	172	0103	Danny Bekhor	165	0086	Frankie Mairey
186	0846	Austin Shin(Exp)	172	1197	Christian Brown	165	0162	Alec Webb(Exp)
185	1220	Theresa	172	0005	Brian Sugar(GM)	164	0999	Kay McColgan
		Brousson(Exp)	171	1202	Jason Carney	164		Mihai Pantis
185		Evan Cohen	171	1423	Calum Edwards	164		Chris Vicary
185		Chinedu Okwelogu	171	0038	Jackie McLeod(Exp)	163		Chris Cummins
185		Steve Polatnick	171	1349	Fidelis Olotu	163	0836	Chris Fenwick
185	0021	Evan Simpson(GM)	171	1714	Karen Richards	163	1203	Greg Kelly
184	0338	David Webb(GM)	171	0123	Noel Turner(Exp)	163	0165	Cecil Muscat
183	0015	Phil Appleby(GM)	170		Ademola Ajayi	163	0281	Steve Perry
183	0007	Allan Simmons(GM)	170	1679	Toke Aka	163	0088	Sandie Simonis(Exp)
182	0478	Elie Dangoor(Exp)	170	1491	Stephen Hunt	162		Alex Gboye Balogun
182	0814	Jared Robinson(Exp)	170	1814	Rik Kennedy	162		David Brook
181	1851	Bob Linn	169	1016	John Ashmore	162	0734	Nick Deller
181	1497	Azu Ogbogu(Exp)	169	0014	Di Dennis(GM)	162	0199	Graham Harding
181	1488	Ed Rossiter	169		Carmel Dodd	162		Mark Hollingsworth
180	0368	Chris Hawkins(Exp)	169	0006	Darryl Francis(Exp)	162		Peter Igweke
180	1102	Paul[England]	169	1469	James Rossiter	162	0888	Chris Keeley
		Richards	169	0428	Kwaku Sapong	162		Dan Sandu
180	0041	Gareth Williams(GM)	169		Mohammad Sulaiman	162	0226	Alan Sinclair
179	1422	Wale Fashina	169					

162	1231	David Steel	155		Ed Garrett-Jones	147	0161	Margaret Pritchett
162		Dianne Ward	155	1608	David Holmes	147		Omri Rosenkrantz
161		Bob Berry	155	0986	Robert Pells	147		Kevin Synnott
161	1301	Rick Blakeway	155	0268	Donna Stanton	146		John Balloch
161	0914	Vincent Boyle	155	0919	Peter Thomas	146		Ed Breed
161		Alan Georgeson	154		Tony Bearn	146	1765	Beverley Calder
161	1362	Graham Haigh	154	1375	Mike Chappell	146	1602	Kim Hands
161	0463	Helen Harding	154		Gerard Fox	146	1411	Rebecca Sheldrick
161	0488	Marion Keatings	154	0176	Jayne Mackenzie	146	0790	Margaret Staunton
161	1863	Tim Knight	154	0229	Graham Wakefield	145	1473	Neil Broom
161		Paul Nind	154	0094	Rachelle Winer	145	1861	Rose Calder
161	0116	Martin Thompson	153		John Barker	145	0852	Maureen Chamberlain
160	1754	Quentin Baker	153	1739	Feroza Bartlett	145	1466	Suzanne Dundas
160	0766	Christo Davison	153	0835	Maurice Brown	145	0084	Pauline Johnson
160	1419	John Hardie	153	0530	George Gruner(Exp)	145	1768	Charles Micallef
160		Joseph McGinley	153		Raz Naot	145	1123	Chrystal Rose
160	0154	Mike O'Rourke	153	1691	Wojtek Usakiewicz	145		Lesley Trotter
160	0479	Andrew Roughton(Exp)	152	1824	Oliver Garner	145		Nicky Vella-Laurenti
159		Billy Dott	152		Victoria Kingham	144	1631	Jack Anscomb
159	0553	Brian Jones	152	1269	Richard Moody	144		Chris Civil
159	0213	Neil Rowley	152	0719	Kate Surtees	144		Mike Evans
159	1649	Paul{Halifax} Thompson	152	1389	Paul{Tranmere} Thomson	144	0933	Ann Golding
159	0810	Linda Vickers	151	0051	Cathy Anderson	144	0688	Lorraine Gordon
158	1440	Tim Charlton	151	0534	Caroline Atkins	144	1115	Nick Jenkins
158	1486	Ashley Coldrick	151	1210	Graham Bonham	144	0707	Gwynfor Owen
158	1243	Doj Graham	151	0343	Amy Byrne	144	0480	Anne Ramsay
158	1862	Stu Harkness	151	0837	Peter Liggett	144		Mario Saliba
158	0793	Joanne Hiley	151		Matthew Pinner	144	1457	Amanda Sodhy
158	0105	Elisabeth Jardine	151	0476	David Shenkin	144	1287	Stuart Solomons
158	0631	Alison Sadler	151	0789	Alan Bailey	144	1189	Martin Taylor
158	1268	Ebi Sosseh	150	1412	Melanie Beaumont	143	0471	Anne Ashmore
158	0292	Wilma Warwick	150		Chris Downer	143		Martin Bloomberg
158	1459	Ronan Webb	150		Christine McKenzie	143		Alan Catherall
157	1211	Ian Coventry	150	0489	Tom Wilson	143	0507	Kathryn Henry
157	0059	Simon Gillam(Exp)	149	0066	Sue Bowman	143	0655	Mary Jones
157	0997	Phil Kelly	149		Chris Harrison	143		Wendy Lindridge
157	0408	Nuala O'Rourke	149		Sandra Hoffland	143		Brenda Margereson
157	1380	Anthony Pinnell	149		Naomi Landau	143	0760	Sanmi Odelana
157		Chris Quartermaine	149		Timothy Lawrence	143		David Reading
157		Angela Swain	149	0272	Ivan Swallow	143	1732	James Squires
157	0111	Neil Talbot	149	0272	Ivan Swallow	143	0589	Anne Steward
157	0555	Raymond Tate	148	0069	Moira Conway	143	1468	Kathy Suddick
157	1279	Ben Wilson	148	1456	Andrew Eames	142	1870	Abiodun Adeyemi
157	1674	Ricky Zinger	148	0093	Ruth MacInerney	142	0228	Adrienne Berger
156	1635	Nick Ascroft	148	1270	Len Moir	142	0061	Lorraine Crouch
156	1693	Rafal Dominiczak	148	0020	Janet Phillips	142	1145	Peter Darby
156	0079	Chris Finlay	148	1053	Stephen Wintle	142	0003	Laura Finley
155		Olakunle Ajayi	147	0124	Ivy Dixon-Baird	142	0232	Iain Harley
			147		Pramit Kamath	142		Mark Murray

142	1511	Colin Nicol	135	Jean Bridge	130	Peter Hunt
142	0637	Val Wright	135	Verity Cross	130	Terry Jones
141	0635	Philip Aldous	135	1424 Len Edwards	129	0419 Michael Baxendale
141	0080	Mary Allen	135	0035 Lois McLeod	129	0238 Margaret Burdon
141	1559	Joe Bridal	135	0932 Jill Parker	129	0737 Margaret Harkness
141	1770	Tia Corkish	135	1206 Sarah Wilks	129	0263 Sheila Jolliffe
141	1217	Carolyn Emery	135	1175 Rosalind Wilson	129	1509 Heather Laird
141	0242	Sheila Green	134	1010 Tolani Ayo-Awojobi	129	Frankie Latham
141	0458	Eileen Meghen	134	1540 Rowan Callaghan	129	0904 George Newman
140	0399	Louise Brundell	134	1262 Ginny Dixon	129	Bryn Packer
140	0081	Joyce Cansfield(Exp)	134	0163 Yvonne Eade	129	1854 Michael Thomas
140	0449	Alan Childs	134	1591 Mick Healy	129	Rita Todd
140	1484	Karen Game	134	1479 Bob Jarvie	128	0822 Jill Bright
140	1383	Sarah-Jane Jamison	134	Duncan Keet	128	Liam Donnelly
140	0100	David Lawton	134	1853 Sarah Khawaja	128	0223 June Edwards
140	1237	Dorn Osborne	134	Marc Meakin	128	1003 Sheena Wilson
140	0028	Lorna Rapley	134	Gordon Procter	128	Margaret Yeadon
140	0422	Carol Stanley	134	0423 Alec Robertson	127	0856 Minu Anderson
140	0876	Evelyn Wallace	134	0960 Mary Siggers	127	0943 Carol Arthurton
139	0738	Margaret Armstrong	134	0470 Norman Smith	127	0557 Janice Bease
139	0150	David Longley	134	Evan Terrett	127	Terry Corps
139	0713	Trish Matthews	133	Brenda Baxter	127	1667 Mary Doyle
139	Kate McNulty		133	Graham Buckingham	127	0964 Phyllis Fernandez
139	0802	Patricia Pay	133	1455 Angela Burke	127	0572 Val Hoskings
139	Jean Rappitt		133	1199 Richard Hitchcock	127	1293 Dennis Hussey
139	0099	Josef Thompson	133	0923 Teresa Lyes	127	0625 John Mitchell
139	1149	Jim Wilkie	133	0886 Ruth Marsden	127	Mauro Pratesi
139	0636	David Williams	133	0690 Maureen Reynolds	127	Jo Ramjane
138	0096	Diana Beasley	132	0252 Steve Balment	127	Pauline Russell
138	0469	Tony Davis	132	0406 Moya Dewar	127	0291 Sylvia Swaney
138	0544	Marjory Flight	132	0092 Priscilla Encarnacion	126	Bob Christie
138	1413	Geoff Goodwin	132	1762 Reeyaaz Goolamhossen	126	0570 Jean Gallacher
138	0523	Kate Leckie	132	1533 Colin Kendall	126	0776 Peter Hall
138	Jonny Maitland		132	0267 Graham Maker	126	0975 Jill Harrison
138	Kay Powick		132	0996 Kenneth Ross	126	0537 Carol Malkin
138	1294	Christine Strawbridge	132	0632 Carol{Norwich} Smith	126	0829 Kim Phipps
137	Nick Baker		132	1598 Carmen Toscano	126	1823 Elizabeth Ramsay
137	1892	Noel Barnes	132	1504 Andrea Waddington	126	0029 Marlene Skinner
137	1020	Derek Bower	131	0639 Esther Bacon	126	Martin Smith
137	0254	Ian Burn	131	1092 Heather Burnet	126	0246 Wendy Tiley
137	0689	Kenneth Gordon	131	1877 Jayne Grey	125	Mario Camilleri
137	Celine McCart		131	Sheila Hinett	125	1282 Barbara Goodban
137	1050	Yvonne McKeon	131	0875 Jim Lyes	125	1849 Theresa Scallan
136	1391	Jan Bailey	131	1317 Marjorie Struggles	125	0477 Malcolm Shaw
136	0899	Jake Berliner	131	0177 Henry Walton	124	0924 Linda{Lincoln} Barratt
136	1035	Andy Gray	130	0511 Samantha Beckwith	124	0330 Viv Beckmann
136	0840	Rhoda Gray	130	1238 Juliet Green	124	Catalin Caba
136	Richard Woodward		130	John Harrison	124	Jean Carter
136	Michael Zinger		130	1022 Nicky Huitson	124	Jean Crowder

124	Joy Fox	120	1848	Sally Twine	114	Irene Catherall
124	Marian Hamer	120	1867	Pauline Weatherhead	114	0565 Ann Coleman
124	0381 Michael Harley	120		Jean{Cardiff} Williams	114	Ann McDonnell
124	1146 Leonora Hutton	120		Yair Yehuda	114	Paul Mifsud
124	1654 Ian Kendall	119		Joe Caruana	114	0626 Martha Mitchell
124	Sammy Mangion	119		Moshe Feingold	114	1183 Priscilla Munday
124	Julie Nelkon	119	0718	Pat Friend	114	Willie Scott
124	Tanya Robson	119	1705	Sharon Hewitt	114	1253 Philip Turner
124	Mario Seychell	119	1169	Yvonne Holland	114	1276 Evelyn Wansbrough
124	0775 Pat Wheeler	119	0901	Dave Hoskisson	113	1532 Lyn Alcock
123	0922 Barbara Allen	119	0972	Denise Saxton	113	1385 Mark Bradley
123	Elizabeth{IW} Allen	119		Maureen Underdown	113	0107 Joan Caws
123	0110 Liz Barber	119		Albert Zammit	113	1489 Anne Cheesman
123	1577 Esther Kasket	118	1752	Carol Bartlett	113	0928 Iris Cornish
123	Ralph Obemeasor	118	0257	Syd Berger	113	1331 Carol Grant
123	1656 Damian O'Malley	118	1403	Emma Brown	113	1007 Margaret Irons
123	1642 Alan Payne	118	0915	Shirley Chidwick	113	0320 Fay Madeley
123	0169 Sue Thompson	118		Lorna Franks	113	0782 Richard Pajak
122	0427 Peter Ashurst	118	1773	Cody McCormick	113	Paul Walford
122	Linda Bird	118		Mark Redhead	113	Judy Young
122	1119 Anne Darby	117	1049	Ken Bird	112	0761 Mary Adams
122	0414 Jill Jones	117		Paul Dundas	112	Ben Berger
122	0938 Helen Polhill	117	1575	Margaret Marshall	112	1064 June Johnstone
122	Brenda Rodwell	117	0185	Lou McMeeken	112	1054 Barbara Lukey
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121	0390 Betty Balding	117		Mary Morgan	112	1118 Remie Salazar
121	Gila Blits	117	1089	Vivienne Newman	112	1478 Vivienne Stokes
121	0603 Linda Bradford	117	1738	Heather Roberts	112	Jo Tebbutt
121	0992 Geoff Cooper	117	1450	Christine Tudge	112	1640 Nova Williams
121	1298 Helgamarie Farrow	117	1442	Gordon Winter	112	0356 Pamela Windosr
121	0948 Eileen Foster	116		Hilda Ben-Nun	111	1259 Sheila{Rmfrd} Anderson
121	0715 Barbara Hill	116	1625	Georgie Burchell	111	0743 Nora Bain
121	1222 Bronagh Kenny	116		Maureen Hoch	111	Linda Beard
121	1574 Ken McGinness	116	1136	Ted Lewis	111	Jill Dyer
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121	Tom Sharp	115	1373	Stany Arnold	111	Marjorie Gardner
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120	Sue Ball	115	0735	Hilary Birdsall	111	Colin StHill
120	Eileen Basham	115		Anna Borg	111	Jane Weston
120	0682 Janet Bonham	115	1653	Tim Butcher	110	Andrea Bailey
120	Pat Broderick	115	0106	Ian Caws	110	Jill Burgess
120	0868 Christine Gillespie	115		Carmen Dolan	110	Gill Carr
120	1113 Chris Jackson	115		Pete McCosh	110	Tricia Cooper
120	0077 Joy Lloyd	115		David Mills	110	0442 Agnes Gunn
120	Josephine Mayo	115	1666	Brid Ui Bhriain	110	0917 Nicola Staunton
120	Brenda Northcott	115		Carole Wheatley	109	0953 Peter Bailey
120	Hazel Parker	114	1503	Maureen Barlow	109	Frans Farugia
120	Ovidiu Tamas	114	0982	Ron Bucknell	109	Maggie Fleming

109	1525	Caroline Foy	103	Jenny Corps	99	0818	Rose Wall
109	0931	Janet Milford	103	1855 Jack Durand	99		Chris Wide
109		Pamela Vahed	103	1306 Margaret Emmott	98		Len Choules
109		Sandra Walton	103	Paul Grimshaw	98		Pauline Cilia
108		Fran Burling	103	1779 Joseph Knapper	98	0827	Ann Clark
108	0725	Paul Cartman	103	0798 Peter Lindeck	98		Florence Davies
108		Lena Cook	103	Jean Mainwaring	98	1828	Mel Maltz
108		Cecilia Cotton	103	0927 Audrey Medhurst	98		Jenetta Mills
108		Pawlu Frendo	103	1786 David Phillips	98	1304	Linda Moir
108	0374	Joy Hodge	103	Jeanne Rossiter	98	1633	Robert Peters
108		Jean Owen	103	0451 Vera Sime	98		Joan Rees
108		Peter Sime	103	0483 Peter Terry	98	1820	Rosemary Wood
108	0826	Elizabeth Terry	103	1084 Rod Winfield	97		Kathryn Allen
108	1552	Charles Tollit	103	Julie Wise	97	1168	Brian Beaumont
108	1868	Trevor Warwick	102	Janice Ball	97	1289	Kerry Constant
107	1686	Angele Andrews	102	Rosina Cornelius	97		Amos Fabian
107		Raquelle Azran	102	1524 Malcolm Davis	97		Fay Goble
107		Les Costin	102	1261 Jo Holland	97		Sandra Harrap
107		Maisie Culpin	101	Eve Dwyer	97		Yvonne Lambert
107	1480	Doreen Jarvie	101	1200 Caroline Elliott	97		Jean MacLellan
107		Barbara Kent	101	Joan Everitt	97		Maria Treadwell
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106	1063	Irene Atkinson	101	1726 Duncan MacFarlane	95	1544	Anne Atherton
106		Dominic Borg	101	Marina Mehta	95	1866	Terry Avery
106		Jenny Burgess	101	1085 Betty Simmonds	95	1496	Margaret Keeper
106	1212	Marjorie Gillott	101	0935 Ian Whyte	95		Sandra Weston
106	0298	Mavis Harding	100	1471 Scott Bowman	94	1465	Doreen Clayton
106	1009	Jenny Sakamoto	100	Jean Buckley	94	1207	Hannah Corbett
106		Helen Sandler	100	Bridget Busk	94		Sally Hanson
106	1171	Susan Thorne	100	1248 Margaret Coleman	94	1648	Irene Lawes
105		Rachel Bingham	100	0405 Peter Ernest	94	1492	Peggy Moore
105		Peter{Prtsmth} Edwards	100	1112 Peter Johnson	94		Susan Richardson
105		Barbara McLaren	100	1502 Cathy Poacher	94		Beryl Shoesmith
104		Nancy Alroy	100	0692 Margaret Seabrook	94	1252	Ruth Turner
104		Joyce Ashmore	100	0357 Jean Shaw	94	1398	Jill Warren
104	0384	Mabel Choularton	99	0709 Betty Benton	94		Isla Wilkie
104	1327	Sonia Cox	99	1704 Paul Carter	93		Norah Cole
104		Joan Ellis	99	0726 Christine Cartman	93	1225	Lena Glass
104	1742	Lee Fisher	99	Shirley Cave	93	1008	Yvonne Goodridge
104	1657	David Garland	99	1340 Paula Docherty	93	1073	Jenny Harris
104	0791	Rosemary Jordan	99	Alan Everitt	93		Gwen Linfoot
104	1788	Julie Tate	99	Florence Fontaine	93	1873	Paul Roberts
104		Thelma Wood	99	June Lindridge	93		Avril Shaw
104		Alfred Xuereb	99	Maria Marczak	93	1506	Gill{Norwich} Thompson
103	1038	Jacquie Aldous	99	1587 Irene Newberry	93	0872	Jacqui White
103		Elisabeth{ClvInd} Allen	99	1554 Vicky Owen	92		Eileen Bradshaw
103	1630	Ted Anscomb	99	Claire Violett	92	1176	Gordon Lamb
			99	Jan Vokes-Taylor	92	1392	Chris Leathem

92	1787	Natasha Pratesi	85	Amabel Winter	76	Audrey Shergold
92	1448	Joy Rowe	84	Rita Barton	76	1792 Dan Smith
92	1699	Nick Stone	84	Pat Evans	75	Ann Duncan
91		Peter Basham	84	0030 Ruby Flood	75	1782 John Fyfe
91	1548	Viv Bishop	84	Craig Gurney	75	1616 Iris Grover
91		Agi Brener	84	1832 Shrinidhi Prakash	75	Teresa Haycock
91	1808	Juliet Collins	84	Brian Rowell	75	1719 Eileen Johnson
91		Baldip Kaur	84	Reno Zammit	74	John Boughton
91		John McCart	83	Sheila Bromly	74	1143 Letty Burrell
91		Mona Nobil	83	Linda Marguy	74	Tom Creed
91	1454	Janet Watson	83	Judith Puttick	74	1086 Margaret Webb
91	1523	Kath Williams	83	Doreen Searles	73	Pat Carr
90		Chris Chapman	83	Joyce Watson	73	Jane Craig
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90	0851	Sheila Smith	82	Hazel Boddy	73	Ann Gregson
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89	1148	Renee Gilbert	82	Kevin Macdonald	72	Helen Thompson
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89	0799	Cindy Hollyer	82	1745 Douglas Morris	70	Steven Henry
89	1734	Olive Martin	82	1588 Angela Rigley	70	Margaret{Edbgh} McGhee
89		Lionel Millmore	81	0359 Vera Allen	69	Kay Faust
89	1267	Margot Montgomery	81	1882 Gil Hunter	69	1399 Carol Russell
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89		Mary Pugh	80	Anne Lynas	68	Bob Horne
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88		Hazel Packham	78	Chris{S'hampton} Baker	60	0949 Barbara Horlock
88		Maria Scicluna	78	1834 Peggy Fehily	60	1028 Peggy Lavender
88		Margaret Speight	78	Dorothy Henry	59	1316 Veronica Baker
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87		Beryl Basey	78	Keith Woodruff	59	Emma Flynn-Davies
87		Hilda Bennett	77	Margaret Barratt	56	1740 Zandra Begg
87		Sybil Berrecloth	77	1795 Valery Jansen	55	Gusta Gross
87		Rosemarie Howis	77	Lydia Sharkey	55	1748 Connie Walton
86	1397	Christine Silvester	76	Brigitte Brath	54	Judy McBride
86	1174	Peter Trembath	76	0563 Fred Burford	53	Sonia Russell
85	1039	Dorothy Edwards	76	Margaret Cooke	50	Elisheva Auerbach
85		Marcia Hall	76	1599 Margaret{Fife} McGhee	50	Beate Holder
85	0998	Jean Hendrick	76	Patricia Parton		
85		Jill Russell	76	1710 Sandra Richards		
85	1629	Maggie Shutt	76	Margaret Scamell		
85	1850	Rena Waddell	76			

dusting off the archives

A stroll down Memory Lane with Robert Richland

20 years ago

APSP Newsletter, May 1991, editor Clive Spate

This issue was in stapled A4 format and unnumbered.

- At the recent Durham event in March, the idea of a ladies event was first mooted. This came to fruition in August as the BMSC curtain-raiser.
- At the NSC South-East Regional (3 games in those days), Martin Bloomberg's record was two wins and an unfinished game where the scores were level (in those days there was simply a time limit for each NSC game rather than the use of chess clocks). However, rather than award half a win each to Martin and his opponent, organiser Leonard Hodge (using his twisted logic) somehow decided to award a win to Martin's opponent, because s/he had scored the highest single move. To make matters worse, those who'd had two wins and an actual loss qualified for the NSC finals ahead of Martin because of a higher spread.
- Lorna Rapley wrote to ask the APSP for some ruling that would penalise players who use unsportsmanlike conduct and bad language during games.
- Joan Cussens wrote about the frustrating inclusions/omissions from OSW regarding words of 10 letters or longer. For example, MEMORANDA was included, but not MEMORANDUM, also DISBELIEF but not DISBELIEVE.
- Mike Goldman saw fit to start legal action against the APSP following the 'incident' in Folkestone the previous December.

Recent tourney wins included: Darryl Francis (East Berks), Simon Gillam (Durham), Brian Sugar / John Grayson (London round robin), Maureen Rayson (Minehead).

Top 3 ratings (May 12th 1991): Phil Appleby / Gareth Williams 195, John Grayson 191.

15 years ago

APSP Newsletter, issue 48, June 1996, editor Hartley Moorhouse*

* Hartley insisted that this really was the last Newsletter he was editing.

- Cardiff SC announced with deep regret the passing of Roger Allen, who was the club's former chairman, after a short illness.
- Graeme Thomas recounted his recent experiences 'Scrabbling Round North America'. He guested as Tournament Director at Waltham (near Boston, MA). His travels then took him to the clubs in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, including playing in a tourney in Mississauga (a Toronto suburb). Despite the American word list and, of course, their double-challenge rule, Graeme had a reasonable 3-4 record in Group B.
- Andrew Fisher concluded (via his article) that playing in the WSC does damage one's Scrabble health. Or at least it did back in 1996, due to the studying of the extra words in the American OSPD that weren't in our OSW, and mentally compartmentalising the two lists.
- Gareth Williams was the 1996 APSP Masters champion with a 13-3 record. This year's venue was in Leamington Spa.

Other recent tourney wins: Andrew Davis (Southampton), Neil Scott (Bon Accord, Lothian), Cecil Muscat (ISCA), Andrew Fisher (Easter Matchplay), Debbie Heaton (Frodsham), Jackie McLeod (Wimbledon Marsden), Terry Kirk (Leicester Charity), Helen Grayson (Bury), Graeme Thomas (Melton Mowbray), Caroline Malkin (Scottish Championship).

Top 3 ratings (May 29th 1996): Allan Saldanha / Clive Spate 196, David Acton 195.

10 years ago

The Last Word, issue 78, June 2001, editor Christina French

- In his Chairman's Report, Pete Finley mentioned that the ABSP should have its own website by the AGM in August. Amy Byrne's daughter Cath (an IBM employee) offered to develop the site, and was working in partnership with Stewart Holden and Brett Smitheram.
- There was plenty of correspondence on the Readers' Letters pages (following David Webb's penalty challenge article in the previous issue), none more so than from Andy Roughton, who, in a long letter, said that "the switch to World Dictionary and penalty challenge proposals are for the benefit of the few" (referring to the players rated 180+).
- Michael Partner had conducted a survey on behalf of the Southern Counties League; he said it clearly indicated that many players feel much happier playing to OSW4, rather than OSWI, which was being phased in during 2001 as part of 'The Way Forward'.
- In an interview for TLW, ratings officer Andrew Fisher was awaiting the go-ahead from Australia House within six months, so he could emigrate down-under.

Recent tourney wins included: Nick Ball (Grand Hampshire), Evan Simpson (Richmond), Ruth MacInerney (Swindon), Joyce Cansfield (Newcastle), Sheila Green (Jersey), George Gruner (Romford), Phil Appleby (Southampton), Gareth Williams (Easter Matchplay).

Top 4 ratings: David Webb 200, Andrew Perry 199, Andrew Fisher / Brett Smitheram 197.

5 years ago

The Last Word, issue 108, June 2006, editor Wayne Kelly

- The tragic death of Pete Finley was the issue's major headline. Pete went missing while walking in Lake District on May 21st. Sadly, on June 7th, the Scrabble fraternity learned that his body was found in the area. Pete was one of Scrabble's leading lights. A founder member of the ABSP in 1987, he was also an ABSP Chairman, Grand Master player, and a prominent Scrabble activist and innovator.

The ABSP Committee set up a fund in Pete's honour, in aid of the Langdale/Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team, a voluntary group who spent hundreds of hours searching for Pete.

- Elsewhere, there was a report by Pete on the North East v North West Challenge, held in March. 18 players from each region each played 6 games, with the result an incredible 54–54 tie. However, it was the North West who ultimately triumphed on spread... by 2 points !
- In his regular *Author Author!* article (as part of Edgeways), David Sutton focused on none other than William Shakespeare, citing some OSWI words that came from *Othello*, such as ACKNOW, INGENER, QUILLET and YERK.
- Elisabeth Jardine recounted her exploits at the Gibraltar tournament, where she received two trophies for the highest game and highest word. The overall winner was Bob Lynn.

Other recent tourney wins included: Robert Richland (Chester), Andy Roughton (Grantham), Gary Fox (East Sussex), Gary Oliver (Southampton), Terry Kirk (Peterborough Penalty Challenge), Ben Tarlow (Billericay), Wayne Kelly (Durham), Rael Hayman (ISCA), Brett Smitheram (Easter Matchplay), Bob Violett (Oakdove), Laura Finley (Newcastle), Ruth MacInerney (Havering Evergreen), Gareth Williams (Welsh Masters), Helen Gipson (Scottish Masters), Moira Conway (Worthing), Wale Fashina (Bournemouth).

Top 4 ratings: Adam Logan 211, Brett Smitheram 202, Helen Gipson/Harshan Lamabadusuriya 199.

≡≡≡ david sutton's categories ≡≡≡

A few years ago David Sutton posted a series of themed word lists on a variety of subjects to the uk-scrabble email group. Each was preceded by a short entertaining prologue. The problem with emails of course is that they tend to have a very short lifespan. They are read (if you have time) and then ignored or discarded in favour of new messages arriving. David's 'Categories' were worthy of something better and I shall be reproducing some in this magazine. AW

Swimming:

I started swimming seriously about ten years ago, when I decided I needed to supplement my running with something a little easier on the joints. I hadn't swum since I was at school, but assumed that my marathon fitness would sustain me, so I plunged in planning to do a quick forty lengths and set off in my best crawl style like a demented paddle-steamer. At the end of the first length I felt I was dying; halfway down the second I was overtaken by a couple of old ladies doing breast-stroke, immaculately coiffed heads held swan-like out the water as they glided past discussing recipes for quiche.

The thing about water is that it is very heavy stuff, and most of the art of swimming lies in persuading it to get out of the way: fitness and strength obviously matter, but anyone with an ounce of technique will beat the superfit but untrained any day. I have sadly accepted that I shall never be another Ian Thorpe (I blame my rather small feet), but ten years on I have at least progressed to a state where I can swim a relaxed mile or so and enjoy it. And quiche-eating old ladies have learned not to mess with me. Ha!

aquabatic relating to AQUABATICS.

aquabatics spectacular feats in water.

aquacade an exhibition of swimming, diving etc.

aqualung a lightweight, self-contained diving apparatus with compressed-air supply carried on the back.

aquanaut a skin-diver; someone who explores and/or lives in the sea at considerable depth.

aquanautics skin-diving.

aquarobic relating to a system of exercises, similar to aerobics, performed to music in chest-high water:

aquashow an exhibition of swimming and diving.

aquatics water sports.

aswim swimming.

backstroke a swimming stroke executed on the back and usually consisting of alternating circular arm pulls and a flutter kick.

beltman the member of a lifesaving team who swims out to the rescue, with a line tied to his belt.

bikini a brief swimming-costume, in two separate parts: BIKINIS, BIKINIED.

bogie (Aust.) to bathe or swim: BOGIES, BOGIEING, BOGIED

breaststroke a swimming-stroke performed breast-down, with circling movements of the arms and a frog-like movement of the legs.

butterfly a very energetic swimming stroke ideal for terrorising old ladies.

butterflyer a swimmer who does the butterfly stroke.

crawl a swimming stroke in which the arms are held in front of the body and rotated from the shoulder alternately and the feet kicked up and down.

dive to enter water more or less head-first.

diver one that dives.

flipper a broad flat limb used for swimming, as those of seals, sea turtles, whales, etc; a rubber foot-covering imitating this.

floatier one who floats or swims.

- freediving** the sport of diving for depth without apparatus: FREEDIVINGS.
- freestyle** an event where the swimmer can choose the swimming stroke; since crawl is the fastest stroke freestyle is more or less synonymous with crawl.
- freestyler** a swimmer who swims freestyle.
- freestyling** the act of swimming FREESTYLE.
- frogman** a person equipped for extended periods of underwater swimming.
- header** a dive head foremost.
- jackknife** a type of dive in which the body is hinged; (verb) to perform a jackknife.
- kickboard** a buoyant rectangular board held by swimmers to practise kicking technique.
- lido** a bathing beach; an open-air swimming pool: LIDOS. [The original Lido is a beach resort near Venice, Italy. The town's name comes from the Italian word lido, shore or bank.]
- lifeline** a line thrown to swimmers in difficulties.
- lifesaving** the skill or practice of saving or protecting the lives especially of drowning persons.
- lifeguard** one employed to assist swimmers in difficulties; (verb) to act as a lifeguard.
- lifesaver** a lifeguard.
- monokini** a woman's topless beach garment consisting of the lower half of a bikini.
- natation** swimming.
- natational** relating to NATATION.
- natatorial, natatory** of or relating to swimming; adapted to or characterized by swimming e.g. natatorial birds. Human beings are basically not natatorial creatures.
- natatorium** an indoor swimming-pool: NATATORIUMS or NATATORIA.
- nonswimmer** someone who does not swim.
- outsweep** to make an outward movement of the arms in swimming breast-stroke.
- outswim** to swim faster or farther than
- overswim** to swim across.
- paddleboard** a long narrow buoyant board used for rescuing swimmers.
- piscine** a pool, a pond, esp. one for bathing or swimming.
- poolside** the area at the side of a swimming pool.
- postdive** after a dive.
- predive** before diving e.g. 'his predive routine'.
- schnorkel, snorkel** to swim underwater using a breathing-tube.
- scuba** an underwater breathing device; (verb) to dive using a scub: SCUBAS, SCUBAING, SCUBAED.
- sidestroke** a swimming stroke which is executed on the side and in which the arms are swept in separate strokes towards the feet and downward and the legs do a scissors kick.
- snorkeler** one who snorkels.
- soom** (Scots) to swim.
- subaqua** under water.
- subaquatic** taking place under water.
- swim** to propel oneself in water by natural means: SWIMS, SWIMMING, SWAM, SWUM.
- swimmable** capable of being swum.
- swimmer** one that swims.
- swimmingly** in swimming fashion.
- swimsuit** a costume worn for swimming.
- swimwear** anything worn for swimming:
- synchro** synchronized swimming: SYNCHROS.
- tankini** a women's two-piece swimming costume.
- trudgen, trudgeon** a swimming stroke in which each hand alternately is raised above the surface, thrust forward, and pulled back through the water.
- urinant** in heraldry, shown with head down, diving.
- urinator** a diver.
- wetsuit** a suit worn to keep warm in cold water
- wettie** (NZ) a wetsuit.

scrabble tips

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

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

Q CUNNING

When the Q arrives on your rack it's nearly always best to play it as soon as you are able to. With a selection of U-less Q words to choose from, including QI, these days it's rare to be stuck with it for long. However, that doesn't mean you should just be thankful for any score you can get — there could be some scope for a little strategic thinking.

What would you play with these two racks on the early board position shown here?

A F I O Q T U

A B L N Q S U

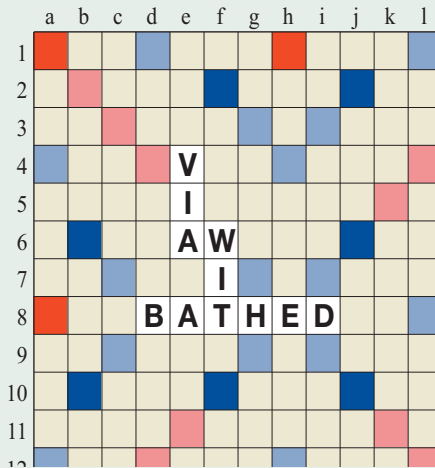
Read on when you're ready.

The playable Q words you may have spotted with the first rack include QUOIT A9a (21), QUIT B9a (20), QUITE or QUOTE H4d (24), and AQUA E8d (26). QUOIF is a nice word, but unplayable.

Did you also look for U-less Q possibilities? They can easily be overlooked when holding a U. Such a play could leave the Q in a position that could benefit you in the next turn, using the retained U. In this case, QAT at C9a (28) is a good strategic choice. Note the play leaves the possibility for QUOIF next turn, irrespective of what is picked from the bag.

The second rack is less generous for Q words. The possibilities are SQUAW B6a (19) AQUA E8d (26), QUALE H4d (24) or SQUAB A9a (25). Of those QUALE looks best because it uses an extra consonant over AQUA and doesn't waste the S. Better still, how about SUNBATHED A8a (45)? The awkwardness of the retained Q is countered by the availability if the U at B8 and the QI dump option at D5.

Using the board position right, can you find a play with each of these racks (with or without the Q) such that the combined total for both plays is over 80 ?



E G K N O Q U

A B C F Q U Y

Coping with Consonantitis

If you have a surplus of vowels on your rack, it helps to be familiar with a selection of vowel-heavy words. The opposite problem of too many consonants is easier to resolve because of the abundance of common words containing just one vowel. If there are one or two vowels on the board which you can play through, you can dump a few consonants, score reasonably well, and redress your rack balance.

However, if your rack-leave is still consonant-heavy, give some thought to the synergy of those letters with each other, and with any potential scoring spots on the board. Maybe a different dump of consonants could provide a slightly stronger leave.

Have a think about what you might play and keep with each of the consonant-bound racks provided below, using the board position shown.

H L N T V X Y

G G H N R T W

G G C P R T U

C D G H L P T

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	Red	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
2	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
3	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
4	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
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13	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
14	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
15	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

Read on for some suggestions when you're ready.

In each case you should be trying to use at least four consonants. The floating U and I of BUILD or the E of DOZER are the spots offering double-word scores.

With the first rack, VEX (note VEXT is also valid) K11d 26 (or 28) is tempting. Better is VINYL at C3a (24), using more letters and keeping a pleasant THX. An A, E, or O pickup will enable AX, EX or OX to score 52 using the F10 hotspot. Best is THINLY B3a (32). The retained V might even be playable in VEX or VOX D10a (56) on the next turn.

The second rack suggests NIGHT C3a (20), but the W is awkward on the rack. Better are WRIGHT B3a (28) keeping NG for -ING possibilities, or WRUNG B2a (28) to keep the GHT synergy.

Rack three might have tricked you. It looks as if there's little more to do than play GRIP B3a (14), CREPT K10d (18), or GRUB A1a (21). However, the problem is best solved with the delightful play of EGGCUP HJ8a (42), keeping a compatible TR.

The final rack yields a good score for PITCH C3a (32) or PLIGHT B3a (32), but it's useful to keep that P for hooking (P)RIVET at D11 which makes GLITCH at B3a (32) the superior play.

Scrabble articles like these can be found each Saturday in The Times. There is also a book, published by Collins, of a collection of over 90 of such Scrabble tips and articles by Allan Simmons that appeared in The Times between 2005-2006:
The Times Scrabble Workout – ISBN 978-0-00-730303-8 rrp £7.99.

SCRABBLE® LOGOLOGIC

Compiled by Allan Simmons

Your challenge is to recreate the Scrabble game using all the 17 words given below. The number of tiles in each row or column, and the total face-value of those tiles (ie ignoring premium squares) in each row or column are shown alongside the empty board. It is assumed that readers are familiar with the letter values.

When you have completed the diagram can you find the elusive highest scoring play that scores exactly **32 points** with this rack?

L I C K B O D

No.		1	5	3	2	8	2	5	6	5	3	1	2	1	
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4	8		■			■				■				■	
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4	7	■						■					■		■
6	12			■						■				■	
3	6		■			■				■				■	
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E,H E,M E,VER F,I,V,E,S
 H,O I,D,O,L I,N,C,H O,F,T
 R,E S,A,F,E S,U,P,E,R T,H,Y
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 W,I,S,E W,I,S,P

cryptogram

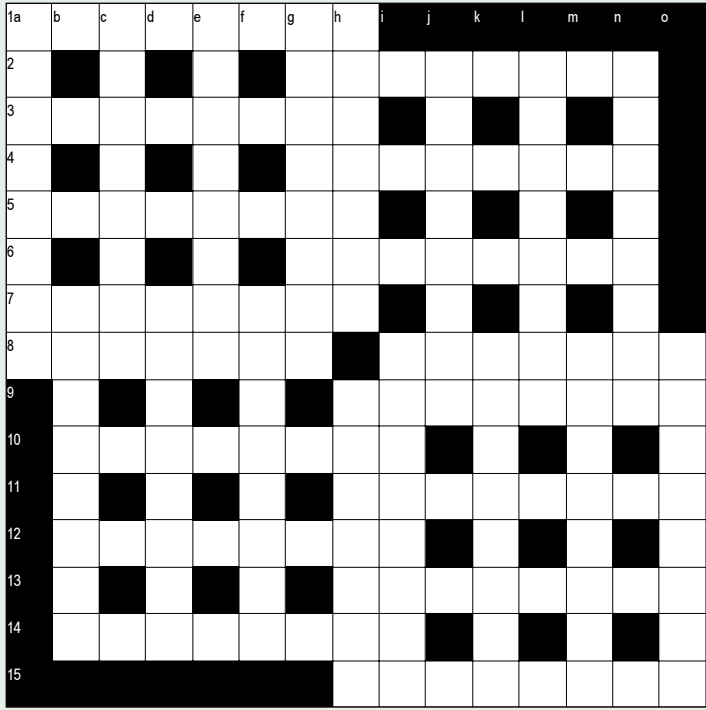
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11	3	12	8	13	4	19		26	23	4	8	8	18	13
	6	4	10	18	6	13	3		21		8		13	
20	4	20	3	8		3	13	26	5	24	18	12	8	3
	22	3	12	8	21		8		22		6		22	
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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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anagrid

The answers are simply anagrams of the clues



HORIZONTAL CLUES

- 1. SLUGFEFE
- 2. LIMASWUM
- 3. OUTGONEX
- 4. RELASQUE
- 5. UNGASTLY
- 6. SEATROLE
- 7. TRYANSRU
- 8. SUITSES - UMFLOOD
- 9. SECEAGER
- 10. HYETALLL
- 11. CITIREEN
- 12. NOTECHAP
- 13. AVISAPAS
- 14. ANDMISSY
- 15. VIEGTEES

VERTICAL CLUES

- a. SUNYMOVE
- b. SKINCLIB
- c. ETTFULS
- d. STUNGTIT
- e. ALLUSING
- f. DATEREST
- g. ROOMLESS
- h. YEWLEST - PILEPIC
- i. CYGANIDH
- j. DOURLATA
- k. SOSERGES
- l. AMMILETE
- m. MANIFIZE
- n. SSUUUSRR
- o. EGREAVEL

Solution on page 36

prize puzzle

The Prize Puzzle is within the scope of all OnBoard readers.

Your challenge is to find a play with the tiles shown that scores exactly **50** points. Senders of the correct solution will be entered into a draw to win a £10 Tilefish voucher

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

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

or email: editor@absp.org.uk

Closing date 15th July 2011.

This puzzle was created for OnBoard by Stewart Holden; similar challenges by the same author can be found in The Guardian's Weekend magazine every Saturday

The winning entry each issue is decided by using the bonus ball number in the National Lottery. Assigned numbers are posted to the uk-scrabble email group.

The winner of the February prize puzzle was Esther Bacon who found AFICIONADO as shown on the board below.

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
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Scrabble continues to be a popular subject for verse, though not usually of a serious nature. Jill Fisher of Stroud S.C. wrote to tell me that whilst sorting through some of the clubs newsletters from the 1980's she recently came across a poem she wrote at that time. Jill read it out to current club members and they suggested she send it to OnBoard (I may have to think of a suitable punishment), Anyway, here it is (with apologies to Stanley Holloway)

There's a famous Spears game known as Scrabble
that's noted for word-power and fun,
and to help people play the game better
the Stroud Scrabble Club was begun.
To St Laurence Church Hall go the members,
on a Monday, each fortnight at two,
so if you would like to play Scrabble
there's a place in our club just for you.

We play from September to Springtime,
and matches we find lots of fun;
some enter the inter-club contests,
how nice it would be if we won!

The two-letter words you'll soon master
and words made with J, Q and Z,
but you'll find it will take a bit longer
to get three-letter words in your head.

You will puzzle which words can be pluralled,
or if you can add I - N - G,
and how you can get on a 'triple'
with your X, and so score it times three.
Each game you will try to do better,
but sometimes you'll feel quite a dunce.
Then suddenly up comes a bonus
when you play seven letters at once.

We've travelled to Bristol and Cardiff,
and each time we've learned something new.
We may not have won many matches,
but we've had fun and made some friends too.
Each time there's a prize for the winner,
a biscuit and nice cup of tea.
So even if you're a beginner,
you'll enjoy it, come join us and see!

Jill Fisher

forthcoming tournaments

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

NSC/NSCT Regionals

London & SE	Southgate, London	25 June
Northern Ireland	Belfast	12 June
North	Shipley	19 June
Scotland	Perth	12 June
South West/Wales	Bristol	19 June

Contact – Philip Nelkon 01628 500623 email: philip.nelkon&mattel.com

Anglesey (14 games)

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th June

Contact Viv Beckmann
Telephone: 0191 2742420

Brighton & Hove (6 games)

Sunday 12th June 2011

Contact: Doj Graham

Telephone: 01273 699811

Emergency number (on the day)

Mobile: 07743 317565

Venue: The Woodland Centre,
Woodlands Avenue, Rustington,
West Sussex, BN16 3HB

Registration 09:30

First game 10:15 Departure 17:30

3 divisional tournament

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member

£15.50 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Brighton & Hove Scrabble Club and sent to Doj Graham, Flat 2, 8-9 Hanover Crescent, Brighton BN2 9SB

New Malden (7 games)

Saturday 18th June 2011

Contact Elizabeth Terry

Telephone: 01483 3474011

Emergency number on day only

Telephone: 07995-090101

Venue Christ Church Centre, Coombe
Road, NewMalden KT3 4RE

Registration 09:15 – 09:45

First game 10:00 Departure 17:45

4/5 divisional tournament

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member

£16.00 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if bringing clock which you are prepared to lend

Cheques payable to Elizabeth Terry
Tournament a/c and sent to Elizabeth Terry,
114 Hermitage Woods Crescent, Woking,
GU21 8UF

Scottish Open (13 games)

Saturday 25th–Sunday 26th June

Contact: Amy Byrne

Telephone: 0131 6613869

Lincoln (7 games)

Saturday 25th June 2011

Contact: Ben Wilson

Telephone: 01522 687077

Emergency number on the day

Telephone: 07857 519807

Venue: All Saints Church Hall, Moor
Lane, North Hykeham, LN6 9AB

Divisions according to entries

Registration 9.30

First game 10.00 Departure 17.45

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the start and between games

Entry costs: £15.00 For ABSP members

£17.00 for non-ABSP member

Add 50p if not bringing a timer that you can lend. Deduct £5 if aged under 18 on the day of the event

Cheques payable to Lincoln Scrabble Club and sent to Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9RJ

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

Sunday 26th June 2011

Contact Diane Pratesi

Telephone 0208 556 2902

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

Registration 09.30

First game 09.45 Departure 17.30

Refreshments available throughout the day.

Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP member

£17.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to
33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7EROrganised to raise funds for Jessica and/or
Natasha Pratesi to attend the World Youth
Scrabble Championship likely to be held in
December 2011 in Malaysia.

Romford (7 games)

Saturday 2nd July 2011

Contact: Cindy Hollyer

Telephone: 01277 822050

Venue: Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall,
School Road, Kelvedon Hatch,
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0DL.

Divisions according to entries

Registration 9.15

First game 10.00 Departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the
start and between games

Entry costs: £13.50 For ABSP members

£15.50 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a
timerCheques payable to Romford Scrabble Club
c/o Cindy Hollyer, 78 Peartree Lane,
Doddington, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH

Ayr/Prestwick (7 games)

Saturday 9 July 2011

Contact Yvonne Holland

Telephone 01292 283277

Venue Monkton & Prestwick North
Parish Church, Monkton Road ,
Prestwick KA9 1AR

Registration 09.15

First game 09.45 Departure 18.00

Refreshments available throughout the day,
Lunch is NOT provided

Entry costs: £10.00 for ABSP member

£12.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Yvonne Holland and sent
to, 41 East Park Road, Ayr KA8 9JF

Corby (7 games)

Sunday 10th July 2011

Contact J. Carmen Toscano

Tel 01536 601987

Venue Best Western Hotel, Rockingham
Road, Corby, NN17 1AE

Registration 09.15

First game 09.45 Departure 18.30

MorningTea/Coffee biscuits, Lunch &
Tea/Coffee biscuits mid-afternoon

Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP member

£22.00 for non-ABSP member

Deduct £1.00 if bringing clock
which you are prepared to lendCheques payable to Corby Scrabble Club and
sent to J C Toscano, 14 Corfe Close, Corby,
Northants, NN18 8PQ

English Open Coventry (21 games)

Friday 15th–Sunday 17th July

Contact Len Moir

Telephone: 01913 880033

Southport (14 games)

Friday 22nd –Sunday 24th July

Contact Viv Beckmann

Telephone: 0191 2742420

Lothian (6 games)

Saturday 23rd July 2011

Contact Alan Sinclair

Tel 0131 669 7316

Venue Newhaven Church Hall,
Craighall Road, Edinburgh,
EH6 4NE

Registration 09:15

First game 10.00 Departure 17.30

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £10.00 for ABSP member

£12.00 for Non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Alan Sinclair and sent to
19 Duddingston Avenue, Edinburgh, EH15 1SJ

Peterborough 24 Hour (24 games)

Saturday 23rd- Sunday 24th July

Contact Chris Hawkins

Telephone: 01733 223202

Nottingham Nomads

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August

Contact Clive Spate
Telephone: 0115 9200208

Scottish Round Robin (14 games)

Saturday 13th–Sunday 14th August

Contact Amy Byrne
Telephone: 0131 6613869

Wetherby (7 games)

Sunday 14th August 2011

Contact Andrea Waddington

Telephone 01977 731977

Venue Collingham Memorial Hall,
Main Street, Collingham,
Wetherby, LS22 5AS

Registration 09:30

First game 10:00 Deaprture 18.15

2/3 divisional tournament

Entry costs: £14.50 for ABSP member

£16.50 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if bringing a clock
which you are prepared to lend

Cheques payable to Andrea Waddington and
sent to Andrea Waddington, 2 Cumberland
Road, Castleford, WF10 2QZ

London New Player Event at MSO (6 games)

**A one division, swiss-paired tournament of
six games. Entry will only be permitted to
players who have played fewer than 15
ABSP-rated games and have either no rating
or are rated under 130.**

Saturday 20th August

Contact Ben Wilson

Telephone 01522 687077

Emergency number on the day

Mobile 07857 519807

Venue University of London Union,
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY

Registration 9.00

First game 10.00 Departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the
start and between games

Entry costs: £10.00 (under 18 - £5)

Cheques payable to Mr. B. J. Wilson and sent
to: Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North
Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9RJ

MSO (7 games)

Sunday 21st August 2011

Contact Steve Perry

Telephone 01367 244757

Emergency number on day only

Mobile 07565 602436

Venue ULU, Malet Street, London
WC1E 7HY

Registration 09:00

First game 10:00 Time of departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee available to purchase throughout
the day

Entry costs: £12.00 for ABSP member

£15.00 for Non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Steve Perry and sent to:
29 Elm Road, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7EJ
Or via Paypal to sperry123@talktalk.net
(please add £0.50p to cover transaction
charges if appropriate)

BMSC (21 games) Mens/Ladies (6 games)

Friday 26th–Monday 29th August

Contact Sarah Wilkes
Telephone: 07703 014789

Havering (7 games)

Saturday 3rd September 2011

Contact: Cindy Hollyer

Telephone: 01277-822050

Venue: Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall,
Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood,
Essex

Registration 09:15

First game 10:00 Departure 18:00

Tea/Coffees/squash & biscuits available
throughout the day but lunch is not provided.

Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member

£15.50 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if bringing clock which you are
prepared to lend

Cheques payable to Havering Scrabble Club
and sent to Cindy Hollyer, 78 Peartree Lane,
Doddington, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH

Morecambe (14 games)

Friday 9th – Monday 12th September

Contact Viv Beckmann
Telephone: 0191 2742420

NSC Semi Final (14 games)	Contact Philip Nelkon Telephone 01628 500623
Saturday 10th–Sunday 11th September	
Middlesbrough Open (7 games)	First game 10.00 Departure 18.30 Entry costs: £14.00 For ABSP members £16.00 for non-ABSP member Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a timer
Sunday 18th September	
Contact Samantha Beckwith	
Telephone 01915-866436	
Venue Linthorpe Community Centre, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JG	Cheques payable to Cleveland Scrabble Club and sent to: Samantha Beckwith, 91 Hatfield Place, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 5SU
Divisions/prizes according to entries	
Registration 9.30	
Leamington Spa (14 games)	Contact Viv Beckmann Telephone: 0191 2742420
Friday 23rd–Monday 26th September	
NSCT Final (7 games)	Contact Philip Nelkon Telephone 01628 500623
Sunday 24th September	
Norwich (7 games)	2 or 3 divisional tournament depending on entries Tea/Coffee/cakes provided (but not lunch) Entry costs: £12.00 to ABSP members £14.00 to non-ABSP players
Sunday 25th September	
Contact: Jacquie Aldous	
Tel: 01362 638320	
Venue: Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3JJ	Cheques payable to Norwich Scrabble Club and sent to Jacquie Aldous, 4 Rump Close, Swanton Morley, Dereham, NR29 4NH
Registration 09.30	
First game 10:00 Departure 18.00	
Bournemouth Autumn (6 games)	Registration: 09:30 First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.10 Tea/Coffee available throughout the day Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member £15.50 for Non-ABSP member
Sunday 2nd October 2011	
Contact: Ruth Marsden	
Telephone: 01202 707148	
Emergency number on day only	
Mobile; 07720 949 825	
Venue: Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park Road, Moordown, Bournemouth	Cheques payable to Bournemouth Scrabble Tournament and sent to Ruth Marsden, 27 Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, BH13 7ET
Cock o' the North (22 games)	Contact Len Moir Telephone 01913 880033
Friday 7th–Sunday 9th October	
Coventry Triple (27 games)	Contact Len Moir Telephone 01913 880033
Tuesday 11th–Thursday 13th October	
Oxford (14 games)	Contact Viv Beckmann Telephone: 0191 2742420
Friday 14th – Sunday 16th October	
Bourne (7 games)	First game 10:00 3 divisional tournament Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member £15.00 for non-ABSP member
Sunday 16th October 2011	
Contact Betty Benton	
Tel 01778-425234	
Venue Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, Lincs, PE10 9EF	Cheques payable to Bourne & District Scrabble Club and sent to Betty Benton, Walnut Farm, Twenty, Bourne, Lincs PE10 0BH
Registration 09:15	

Nailsea (7 games)

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

Tea/coffee and biscuits available throughout the day

Entry costs: £13.00 For ABSP members
£15.00 for others
£2 discount for Nailsea club members
Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a timer

Cheques payable Nailsea Scrabble Club and sent to Pam Sparkes at 3 Summerlands, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3NZ

London (Knightsbridge) (7 games)

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

Registration 09:30
First game 10:10 Departure 18.30
3 division tournament (subject to entries)
Buffet lunch included. Refreshments available on arrival and throughout the day.
Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP or LSL member
£22.00 all others

Cheques payable to London Scrabble League and sent to Sandie Simonis, 90 Woodhall Gate, Pinner Middx, HA5 4TZ

Lincoln Round Robin (8 games)

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

Registration 9.30
First game 9.45 Departure 18.10
Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the start and between games
Entry costs: £8.00 For ABSP members
£10.00 for non-ABSP member
Add 50p if not bringing a timer that you can lend

Cheques payable to Mr. B. J. Wilson and sent to Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9RJ

Luton (7 games)

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

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

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

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

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

Harrogate (14 games)

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th December

Contact Viv Beckmann

Telephone: 0191 2742420

Chester (17 games)

Friday 27th–Sunday 29th January 2012

Contact Kathy Rush

Telephone 01928 733565

Israel Open (17 games)

Friday 10th–Sunday 12th February 2012

Contact Evan Cohen

Email evan@post.tau.ac.il

Corby (16 games)

Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th February 2012

Contact Carmen Toscano

Telephone 01536 601987

New Malden (7 games)

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Contact Elizabeth Terry

Telephone 01483 474011

Emergency number on day only

Mobile 07995 090101

Venue Christ Church Centre, Coombe
Road, New Malden, KT3 4RE

Registration 09:15 – 09:45

First game 10:00 Departure 17:45

3-5 divisional tournament

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member

£16.00 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if bringing clock

which you are prepared to lend

Cheques payable to:

Elizabeth Terry Tournament a/c and sent to

Elizabeth Terry, 114 Hermitage Woods

Crescent, Woking, GU21 8UF

Romanian Open (22 games)

Friday 12th–Sunday 14th October 2012

Contact Dan-Laurentiu Siddhu

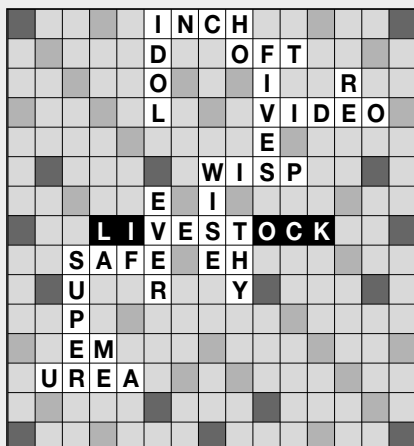
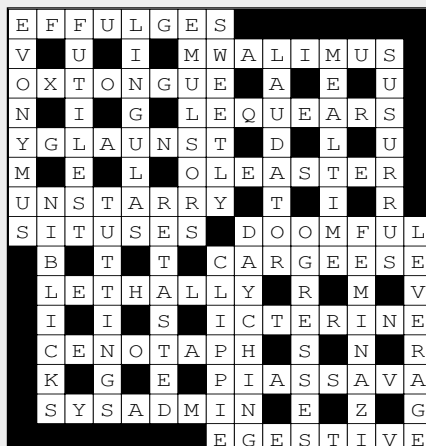
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Move to be proud of (page 13)

Barry extended JUVE into JUVENILITY for 72pts

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Cryptogram1=F, 2=K, 3=A, 4=I, 5=U, 6=D, 7=Z, 8=T, 9=X, 10=H, 11=C, 12=N, 13=R, 14=J, 15=Q, 16=B,
17=Y, 18=E, 19=P, 20=V, 21=O, 22=S, 23=L, 24=M, 25=W, 26=G.**Logologic****Anagrid**

tournaments coming up...

Date	Event	Games	Organiser	Telephone
Jun 10th-12th	H-B Holidays - Anglesey	14	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Jun 12th	Brighton & Hove	6	Doj Graham	01273 699811
Jun 12th	NSC(T) Scotland - Perth	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Jun 12th	NSC(T) Northern Ireland	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Jun 18th	New Malden	7	Elizabeth Terry	01483 474011
Jun 19th	NSC(T) South West - Bristol	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Jun 19th	NSC(T) North - Shipley	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Jun 25th	Lincoln	7	Ben Wilson	01522 687 077
Jun 25th	NSC(T) London & SE	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Jun 25th-26th	Scottish Open - Perth	13	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
Jun 26th	Project Qatar - Chigwell	8	Diane Pratesi	0208 556 2902
Jul 2nd	Romford	7	Cindy Hollyer	01277 822050
Jul 9th	Ayr	7	Yvonne Holland	01292 283277
Jul 10th	Corby	7	Carmen Toscano	01536 601987
Jul 15th-17th	English Open - Coventry	21	Len Moir	01913 880033
Jul 22nd-24th	H-B Holidays - Southport	14	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Jul 23rd	Lothian	6	Alan Sinclair	0131 669 7316
Jul 23rd-24th	Peterborough 'All Nighter'	27	Chris Hawkins	01733 223202
Aug 6th-7th	Nottingham Nomads	18	Clive Spate	0115 9200208
Aug 13th-14th	Scottish Round Robin - Perth	14	Marion Keatings	01592 265524
Aug 14th	Wetherby	7	Andrea Waddington	01977 731977
Aug 20th	New Player Event MSO	6	Ben Wilson	01522 687 077
Aug 21st	MSO - London	7	Steve Perry	01367 244757
Aug 26th-27th	BMSC Ladies/Mens Event	6	Sarah Wilks	07703 014 789
Aug 27th-29th	BMSC Main Event	21	Sarah Wilks	07703 014 789
Sep 3rd	Havering	7	Cindy Hollyer	01277 822050
Sep 9th-12th	H-B Holidays - Morecambe	14	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Sep 10th-11th	NSC Semi-Final - Leeds	14	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Sep 18th	Middlesbrough	7	Sam Beckwith	0191 5866463
Sep 23rd-25th	H-B Holidays - Leamington Spa	14	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Sep 24th	NSCT Final - Bradford	7	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Sep 25th	Norwich	7	Jacquie Aldous	01362 638320
Oct 2nd	Bournemouth	7	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
Oct 7th-9th	Cock of the North	22	Len Moir	01913 880033
Oct 11th-13th	Coventry Triple	27	Len Moir	01913 880033
Oct 12th-16th	WSC - Warsaw, Poland	36	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283

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