

# 2019 WESPA Championship Goa, India



*The Australian contingent at the World Scrabble Championship. Every State and ACT were represented.*

*Standing: Sharon Sorensen, Wayne Jones, Russell Honeybun, Carol Johnsen, Adam Kretschmer, Susan Ensor, Karen Richards, Keri Heart, Tony Hunt, Trevor Halsall, Bob Jackman, Dianne Brumby, Liz Jackman, Victor Tung, Cameron Farlow.*

*Seated/Lying down: Grahame Lock Lee, Andrew Hamblin, John Hamilton and John Holgate.*

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## *This was my second time in India representing Australia at the World Championships.*

The first was in Mumbai in 2007 when there were only four representatives, but this time there were 14 of us out of 140 competitors. 32 games were played from the 16th to 19th October with the top two finishers to contest a best of seven game final on the 20th.

The trip got off to fairly shaky start with our travelling companion Graeme Lock Lee losing his boarding pass before even leaving Sydney. Later he would give Liz and I the slip at Delhi airport by catching an earlier flight. But a chance meeting with Dylan Early, representing New Zealand, gave us the planned company for the trip from the airport into central Goa.

Goa itself was a destination with a difference. The tourist area of Calangute, North Goa, where we stayed was characterised by narrow streets, lack of footpaths, cattle wandering about, stray dogs and eateries. There were no traffic lights and no high-rise to be seen. The beach sand was golden, but mostly too hot to touch during the day, and shade was something you had to pay for. Luckily we chose a classy hotel, so all that was outside, in stark contrast to the luxuries available to us.

Many scrabblers chose to stay near the venue, being the Peddem Indoor Sports Centre. The rest of us commuted daily by bus some 40 minutes over mostly fairly rough roads. The cheaper accommodation nearer the venue had its downsides, with tales of canceled bookings and water intrusions, with the daily commute being the main downside for the rest of us. The venue too had its problems, with power outages and malfunctioning PA systems, exacerbated by misleading announcements about bus departure times, but overall it was

an excellent, spacious venue, and our Indian hosts did their utmost to keep everyone happy. As far as my Scrabble went, the less said the better. In one game against Paul Allen from England I got down four consecutive bingos before he triple-tripled with **ABDOMINA** for 172. I went on to lose by over 100. Ten games later I scored 167 for **SLIVERED** against Tony Leah of Canada to win by over 100. As for the Australian contingent our best hope Cameron Farlow reached 3rd place on the last day, but then fell to the eventual winner to start a downward spiral which saw him finish 14th. Our best performer was Russell Honeybun who got amongst the prizemoney for his 9th placing.

The best of seven final was contested between Nigel Richards of New Zealand and Jesse Day of USA. After Nigel started well, Jesse fought back to level at 3 games each. The seventh and deciding game was won by Nigel Richards, largely thanks to a crucial triple-triple. In winning that game he deservedly claimed the honour of WESPAC Champion 2019.

## *From my point of view - it was wonderful.*

The pre-tournament lead-up website and registration were right on the ball many months beforehand which gave everyone ample notice and couldn't have been faulted. The actual running of the games was excellent and the competition was fierce.

The Nigerian contingent are excellent players and very entertaining. The competition did show that Australia may need to have a few more tournaments /opportunities to play according to WESPA rules as some Australian players in the open divisions had difficulty with them and were none too happy.

*Carole Johnsen*

## **Ex Aussie player organising Isle of Man tournament**



***I used to live in Fremantle and played Scrabble in Australia from 1987 to 2017 when I moved to the Isle of Man.***

I found no clubs on the island so have been across to England to play a few times. With plenty of encouragement and sponsorship from the Isle of Man Government (See [www.visitisleofman.com](http://www.visitisleofman.com)) I am organising the inaugural Manx Scrabble on 9th and 10th of May 2020. I would love to see some Aussie players there. All levels are welcome. Bring friends and family to visit this beautiful and fascinating country. It's only a half hour flight from Liverpool or one hour from London.

Flights are cheap if booked well in advance. Australians do not need a visa.

Anyone interested can email:

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or find the entry form with details about travel and accommodation on the [www.ABSP.org.uk](http://www.ABSP.org.uk) website. I hope to see some Australian faces there.

There will be a little surPRIZE waiting for any Aussies who book and pay before 15th February 2020.

*Best wishes  
Gillian Street*



**Mystery anagram - is a term I use where the related anagram of a word is hidden within the text of my Club Newsletters.**

There are different types of anagrams eg. *antonym*; *synonym*; they can also be a parody, criticism or satire etc. The *antigram* is the opposite in meaning to the original word such as; **RESTFUL – FLUSTER**. The *mystery anagram* concerns the type where the anagram has a related meaning to the original but not a synonym; such as **OCEAN > CANOE**; **LISTEN > SILENT**.

As I can't seem to find a term for this (but maybe a reader can enlighten me), I'll invent one – *kinagram*; where the word bears some relationship (kin) to the original.

OK, the *mystery anagram* this time is a *kinagram*: **XEROTIC** – comes from the word **XEROSIS**, abnormal dryness of bodily tissues, esp. the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes.

However, if you look closely at the word & its make-up, you'll find it consists of :- **x + erotic**; What in TARNATION! You mean, the word **erotic** takes an **x** prefix, well I'll be DARNED.

Knowing that, you should be able to find its *kinagram* somewhere within my text.

- **x** was first used to represent a kiss in a 1763 letter from Naturalist Gilbert White (according to OED research).
- Words that begin with **EX** are common but words that begin with **x** are not so common, the fewest number of any letter. And when it does start a word it is usually pronounced /z/.
- **x** is the third least frequently used letter in English (after 'q' and 'z') with a frequency of about 0.15% in words. About the same as finding love on a dating website.
- Many of the words that start with 'x' are of Greek origin, or standardised trademarks (XEROX) or acronyms (xtc).

- It is also used in abbreviations such as : XL = extra large or the labarum for 'Christ' in Xmas and Xian = Christian etc., or double XX or triple XXX denoting strong or extreme. And triple XXX cow brand in Western cowboy movies. Don't forget Four XXXX Beer – OH no, I wouldn't!
  - It is also used as a symbol such as in maths as the multiplication sign or on documents as answers to questions in boxes or **x** marks the spot on maps etc.
  - In the past illiterate people would sign a document with an '**x**' usually witnessed by a person of some authority that it was indeed the said person. Apparently, today illiterate or incapacitated persons are still able legally to do so provided it is witnessed, but can still be challenged in court.
  - **VEXT** is an uncommon way to spell **VEXED**, a real **EXCITOR**. "*Tis not fair to say, that sheep guts didst not lure such emotions from thy breast*". - Shakespeare.
- 'All My Lovin', I will send to you' XXX -

Keith Bancroft, Coffs Scrabble Club

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| 2. <b>AAFINST</b>  | 14. <b>DEEHORT</b> |
| 3. <b>ABEIRTT</b>  | 15. <b>EEGNOPR</b> |
| 4. <b>BENOOST</b>  | 16. <b>EEINOPR</b> |
| 5. <b>BDENORS</b>  | 17. <b>EIIOPTT</b> |
| 6. <b>AACEGNT</b>  | 18. <b>ADEEMRS</b> |
| 7. <b>ABDELRU</b>  | 19. <b>EIKOORS</b> |
| 8. <b>AENPRTW</b>  | 20. <b>AAHIOST</b> |
| 9. <b>AEFGINN</b>  | 21. <b>AILOPRT</b> |
| 10. <b>EIIORRV</b> | 22. <b>ADESTUV</b> |
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*At time of writing, six dedicated young Scrabble players will soon be heading off to Kuala Lumpur with their parents, myself as "Team Coach", Tisa Ng and other supporters.*

## The Aussie Youth Team In Aus Ratings Order

Ronnie Bennett	1259
Asher Chhabra	901
Alex Lam	883
Jason Tang	835
Patrick Huynh	695
Tanishsha Suppiah	500

I recently played a very tough game against Ronnie at the ACT Champs which was live-streamed.

He put up a great fight right up to the end at its obvious he's been working on his game.

You can find the game on Facebook - search for Scrabble Live Streaming.

I recently had a one-on-one training session with Jason who is progressing well and bulding his word power. Over the coming weeks I will be meeting with the other Cabramatta-based juniors for one-on-one sessions.

Asher and Tanishsha have been supported by local players to help them get ready for the big event.

It will be Alex and Patrick's first WYC. They are in the same Year 4 class at Cabramatta Public School and are quite well known to Sydney players as they have been regular tournament players over the past 12 months.

If you would like to follow the action, the best place is here:

<http://www.youthscrabble.org/>

It's quite a commitment getting to the WYC as each young player must be accompanied by a responsible adult, adding to the costs.

Some people have been very generous in their support of the youth by donating to either the GoFundMe page or by donating directly to the CASPA Youth Account.

As well, players across the country have supported various fundraising tournaments.



The players and parents very much appreciate the support!

Also, thanks to all the tournament players who have played them and shared advice and lead by good example. I'm sure it will set them in good stead.

I hope to make a final disbursement to the parents in a week or so but if you would like to assist the team I'll keep the GoFundMe page open for a week or so.

Here is the link:

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Tisa and I are working with a few young players to work towards WYC2020, as well Ashwin Page from Queensland is showing real promise.

Other states - start searching now for your youth candidates.

Let me now if you would like any support such as making connections with other young players and help getting a School Scrabble club established.

Let's get behind our youth! The future of Scrabble!

*Tony Hunt*  
**CASPA Youth Coordinator**

A baby on the way in San Francisco, my son's to carry on the family name via my grandson, started the trip of a lifetime. This year's trip of a lifetime in fact.

Babies don't say much that I can understand, so, after a week, we boarded the Queen Elizabeth for a 3 week cruise SF to New York via the Panama Canal. This also took in day visits to Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Aruba. We particularly liked Antigua in Guatemala. It has a nice feel to it with lots of Spanish Baroque architecture. It felt quite an affluent place, nice restaurants and quite a few tourists bedding in for long stays.

The canal itself was very interesting. There was very little space either side of our ship. We were tethered both sides, front and back to **MULES**. Their sole purpose was to keep us centred in the locks, otherwise we went under our own power.

We disembarked in New York and headed for La Guardia Airport. From there we caught a flight to Montreal then a connecting flight to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The last flight was in a Dash 8 turboprop.

Second family member picked us up and took us to his farm. A 100 acre semi wooded property with the nearest town of Tatamagouche. He initially suggested that as we would be on the North American continent it would be nice if we could visit him – and build him a deck around his farmhouse. I love a challenge

We had 3 weeks allocated to this visit, so next day we headed into town to get supplies. A deck I built at home started with a 50cm deep hole with a post concreted in. In Canada, the ground freezes down to 1 metre and the ice would push up the posts. "So you need to dig 5ft down (still imperial in Canadian building supplies) and put a plastic tube in then the post and each tube takes 9 bags of concrete."

"Is there another way?" we ask. After much stroking of beards we were shown a metal thing about a metre high with a large screw on one end and an adjustable bracket on t'other.

So we loaded up the truck with 10 of these things with our first load of timber (sorry, lumber). Screwing in the stirrups proved

character building. People later asked if some of them were crooked. I replied that a couple were straight.

Over the next couple of weeks we measured, sawed, screwed, hammered, cursed, adjusted and had many trips to the hardware store.

In this time a couple of Nova Scotian mates turned up with a strange looking BBQ and cooked an unidentified piece of meat in it. That was my first **MOOSE** steak. They also practiced their axe throwing as our host had to go to Sweden to represent Australia (or Japan as he is a pilot with a Japanese airline) in an international axe throwing competition.

So we were left on our own for the last week. We laid in supplies and harvested cherries and rhubarb from the property and did the fine finishing touches to our project.

All the mistakes are now hidden under a perfect looking deck. And we have recently had pictures of the first snow on the surface.

We left Canada and flew over to UK and caught up with more family and friends. First London then Nottingham. An old friend now lives in a country cottage and what a beautiful place that is. We visited the widow of a game-keeper on a huge estate, and she showed me damage to the bathroom window by the air rifle she used to shoot rabbits.

Then, the last leg of our journey, flying out of East Midlands airport to Malaga in Spain. Another of our family groups had moored their 42ft **KETCH** there after sailing from Sicily. We moved on board for a few days. Sailing to Gibraltar over 2 days. Rounding the Rock we hit a squall as we got close to the Atlantic.

We had a marina right next to the runway. The little ones amused themselves by identifying which airline was taking off. We had a stroll around to the airport, and the only road out of Gib is across the runway. So several times a day, the barriers go up, spikes come up in the road and another plane lands or takes off.

Getting on and off the boat was by way of a **\*PASSARELLE** which is French for **PLANK** about the width of an A4 page and 45° up. Challenging is the what springs to mind.

At the time of writing, they are in the Canary Islands preparing for an Atlantic crossing.



# Around the States

## ACT

### **AGM**

At the 2019 AGM on Sunday, July 28, the following committee positions were filled for 2019/2020.

*President:* Tim Reddan, *Treasurer:* Terry Horan, *Secretary:* Arlene Williams, *Tournament Players' Rep:* Noel Barrett, *Recreational Players' Rep:* Vincent Nguyen

It was also agreed that John Hamilton remain our *Tournament Rules Representative*.

### **Tournament Roundup**

On the weekend September 7/8, the Australian Masters and State Team Challenge was hosted by Canberra. In the Masters, Chris May won 14 games to finish 1<sup>st</sup>, closely followed by Cameron Farlow on 13 wins, and Victor Tung coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, also on 13 wins.

High game went to Jacob Teitelbaum 667 as well as the high word **COMPOSER** 176.

In the State challenge, the ACT successfully defended their title with the team of John Spaan, Alex Boiko and Noel Barrett winning 38 games. South Australia was second with 30 games and Tasmania third with 26 games.

High game: Edie Mueller 593

High word: Ian Ting **GRINCHES** 167

### **General contribution from Michael Adler (ACT)**

There really are an astonishing number of usages of the word "UP"! The following comes from

<https://grammarmacops.wordpress.com/tag/two-letter/>, but there are many similar posts all over the Net.

"It's easy to understand **up**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken [sic] in the morning, why do we wake **up**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **up**? Why do we speak **up** and why are the officers **up** for election and why is it **up** to the secretary to write **up** a report?"

We call **up** our friends. And we use it to brighten **up** a room, polish **up** the silver; we warm **up** the leftovers and clean **up** the kitchen. We lock **up** the house and some guys

fix **up** the old car . . . At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir **up** trouble, line **up** for tickets, work **up** an appetite and think **up** excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed **up** is special.

And this **up** is confusing: A drain must be opened **up** because it is stopped **up**. We open **up** a store in the morning, but we close it **up** at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed **up** about **up**! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **up**, look the word **up** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **up** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **up** to about thirty definitions. If you are **up** to it, you might try building **up** a list of the many ways **up** is used. It will take **up** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **up**, you may wind **up** with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **up**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **up** . . .

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things **up**. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry **up**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **up**, for now my time is **up**, so . . . it is time to shut **up**! Oh . . . one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? **U-P.**"

### **Upcoming Tournaments**

Check website for details

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## **New South Wales**

### **Matchplay Results**

Both Divisions of the NSW Matchplay were completed just prior to the NSW Championship in early October. In B Division Monica Dwyer beat Natalie Tadday 6 games to 1 in their best of 11 while in A Division Chris May accounted for Esther Perrins 6 games to 4

### **Major Upcoming Events in NSW**

The salubrious Bankstown Sports Club will again be the venue for the internationally-rated Australia Day Weekend One Day Open (25th Jan) and the City of Sydney International Masters (26th & 27th Jan), the latter for any

overseas player and Australian players rated above 1000.

The Tri-State Challenge has been scheduled to take place in June again over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd May. Arie Holla has again stated his intention to get there, so please give that event your consideration.

In 2020 the Winter Challenge and Winter Masters will be staged as a single two-day event over the weekend of 25th and 26th July. Players rated between 1200 and 1300 will have the choice of events. The likely venue is the Magpies Waitara football club.

The Bankstown Sports Club has also been booked for both the Australian Masters and State Challenge on the weekend of 12th and 13th September 2020.

The same venue has been booked for the 2021 Nationals. This venue is relatively close to the airport and there is accommodation on site. If you are regular at the Nationals, you could sample the extensive facilities within the Bankstown Sports Club in advance by attending one or both of our Australia Day Weekend events at that venue.

## **Club News**

During the last quarter two clubs were removed from the NSW clubs listing, being Nambucca Heads and Newtown. Newtown had been established and run by Edward Okulicz, who has now moved to Melbourne. The new club is at Moulamein, over the Murray River border from Swan Hill. The club has been established by Josef Peeters who had been active in both Victoria and Queensland some years ago. Josef operates the local Moulamein Lakeside Caravan park so if you are passing by that way, drop in and have a game with him.

## **Hunter Region News** **(from Monica Dwyer)**

Players are now much more aware of their fellow Scrabblers at other clubs and the mini competitions went over well. Transport to other venues is sometimes a problem.

What emerged were 3 groupings of players:

- Social players only,
- Current and ex tournament players
- Players who'd like to improve their game but are not being catered for at the club level.

In the next issue of this magazine I will outline a plan for meeting some of the needs of this group. Hang onto your hats!!

## **Rating Gains by NSW Players**

Joanne Craig +91 at NSW Championship  
Josie Malley +44 at Empire Bay  
Dorothy Fields +59 at Spring Marathon  
Margaret Neal +69 at Nowra

## **Recent Milestones**

Tony Hunt 4000 games  
Ivor Zetler 3000 games  
Lexie Neale 2000 games  
Monica Dwyer 1000 games

## **Upcoming Tournaments**

Sat 7th December – Sutherland – Ann Fiddler – 9589 0128

Sat 14th December – Bundanoon – John Hamilton – 0400 650 349

Sat 4th January – JanBoree – Burwood – George Khamis – 0405 201 552

Sat 25th January – Australia Day Open – Bankstown - Bob Jackman – 0400 226 541

Sat & Sun 26th & 27th January - City of Sydney International Masters - Bankstown - Bob Jackman – 0400 226 541

Sat 8th February – Wollongong – Rene Chelton – 4283 2442

Sat 22nd February – Matchplay Qualifier – Burwood - George Khamis – 0405 201 552

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*Julie Banister receiving the Joan Rosenthal shield from Joan herself, for her 269 ratings point gain*

## Queensland

The AGM was held during the October tournament in Brisbane. The same great committee team was re-elected with the addition of Paul Richards. Our main task is planning the Nationals for 2020 and there is information and an entry form about that in this ATB. At the AGM also we decided to introduce and overtime rule in Queensland whereby a player who goes 5 minutes over in a game will forfeit, but with allowance for discretion from the Tournament Director. At the Redcliffe tournament in October, it was good to see the new young players, Ashley and Roland Page. We hope they will get the bug! Hope to see many players too at the upcoming tournaments in Brisbane and Southport and hope you all enjoy a very happy Christmas.

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Scrabble in South Australia has had another big couple of months. The new Scrabble SA

committee was elected with Simon Walton taking over as President after our out-going president Oliver Jenner-O'Shea migrated to London. We welcomed Malcolm McAnulty & Suzanne Healey as first-time members of the committee along with a number of members continuing from the previous year. Thank you to all the committee members as well as other members who continue to help out in a variety of ways within the Scrabble community.

Several South Australians travelled to compete interstate and overseas during the recent period. At the Victorian Championships, Barry Jordan ended up 4th overall, with Adam Kretschmer 12th and the returning Dieter Jedamski 16th.

At the NSW Championships, Carmel Dodd was the highest placed South Aussie at 16th, with Barry Jordan and Rob Marotta also featuring.

At the Australian Masters and State Team Challenge in Canberra, Adam Kretschmer finished 11th in the Masters division. In the State Team Challenge, the SA team of Jane Taylor, Barry Jordan and Carmel Dodd finished 2nd overall. Carmel finished 3rd and Barry 5th in the individual standings.

Wendy Symes visited the UK and won G-division of a tournament earning herself a prize in Pound Sterling.

Adam Kretschmer competed in the WESPA Championship in Goa and finished 32nd overall, following up with 4th place in a side-event netting him a prize of Rupees.

In the WESPA Seniors Championship on the Gold Coast earlier this year, 10 players from SA competed with Jane Taylor the highest placed overall at 8th, followed by Carmel Dodd (14th), Antony Kimber (35th) and Francoise Finlayson (50th).

South Australia's Tournament Player of the Year for 2019 was narrowly won by Adam Kretschmer in the open rating band. Antony Kimber won the 1200-1500 band, Susan Roberts the 900-1200 band and Louisa Atsas won the under 900 band. Points for this competition are awarded at each SA tournament, Nationals and representative events (AM&STC, WESPAC). The bands are based on ratings at the start of the season.

The Adelaide Pub Scrabble Player of the Year has been won by Daniel Piechnick every year since its inception. However, this year we saluted a new winner for the 2019 season - Michael Cameron!

Looking to the future, South Australia will take on Victoria at the annual Border Challenge held in Horsham on the weekend of November 23-24. South Australian are aiming to extend their winning streak to 9 wins.

Possibly the most exciting news is regarding the South Australian Championship to be held on March 7-8 next year. First prize has been locked in as 1000 AUD for the first time. Please contact Adam Kretschmer to register - adam.kretschmer@yahoo.com

### Upcoming Tournaments:

Check website for full details.

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## Tasmania

### Upcoming Tournaments:

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## Victoria

"In Victorian Player news, congratulations go to Betty Egan and Naween Fernando for reaching their 1000th and 2000th game milestone respectively! We also saw Carol Johnsen and Trevor Halsall take part in the WESPA Championship in Goa during October.

In the meantime, the new Scrabble Victoria Committee has been extremely busy, planning for a big 2020.

One of the first things that was done was to survey the player base, The results were very instructive and have provided the Committee with much guidance in the planning process.

There was large support for maintaining 2 player with clock games though it is notable there was a significant minority interest in variations, eg without clocks, speed Scrabble and even 4 player games.

Location and cost were two very important factors. The Committee is keen to explore

venues and events that features more areas outside the inner and Northern suburbs that came about as a result of the 600% increase in rental expense at Box Hill.

There was support for paying a little extra if it meant the venue and food on offer was attractive. There was a little support for better overall prize money but it was not as favored as what was mentioned previously.

Events for 2020 are slowly making their way to the Australian calendar: the Saturday Sessions returns and we have secured venues for our Generations comp and Essendon tournament. For the first time in Australia, we will be running a rated Match Play knock out comp and, whilst capped at 16 players, we are hoping it will attract some players who could not make it to a standard tournament format.

Growth in player base is a focus for us and we look forward to readers' support in helping us achieve this goal."

*Nick Ivanovski*

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## Western Australia

Congratulations to Russell Honeybun and David Vanzyl for qualifying for the Australian Masters in Canberra last September and to Ian Ting, Edie Mueller and Faye Williams for qualifying for the WA team in the concurrently held State Teams Challenge.

The fortunes of WA's representative in the Australian team (Russell) at the 2019 WESPA Championship fluctuated a bit like the chart of a cyclical stock listed on the Australian Securities Exchange! See my article "The Ups and Downs of Tournament Scrabble for further details".

Attention shifts to Malaysia where the World Youth Cup starts at the end of November.

*Graham Bell  
President ASPA(WA)*

### Upcoming Tournaments:

Perth #7 - 16 January - Anne Zion - 0403 344 208

Half Marathons - 2 February (TBC) - Check the national website for further details.

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**2 Letter Traps**

**AE** *adj* one (Scots)  
**AM** *v* tense of **BE**  
**AW** *intj* used to express sympathy  
**CH** *pron* dialect form of I  
**DE** *prep* from, used in names  
**EE** *n* an eye (pl **EEN**)  
**ET** *v* tense of **EAT**  
**EW** same as **EEW**, **EEW**  
**FY** *intj* used to express dislike  
**HM** *intj* used to express thinking  
**JA** *intj* yes (German)  
**JO** *n* sweetheart (Scots)  
**KY** *n* pl cattle  
**MM** *intj* used to express assent  
**MY** *pron* possessive form of I  
**NE** *adj* born with the name of  
**OF** *prep* coming from  
**OK** expressing consent  
**OW** *intj* used to express pain  
**SH** *intj* used to urge silence  
**ST** *intj* used to urge hesitation  
**TO** *prep* in the direction of  
**UH** *intj* used to express hesitation  
**UR** *intj* used to express hesitation  
**WE** *pron* oneself plus another  
**XU** *n* pl currency of Vietnam  
**YO** *intj* used to attract attention  
**ZE** *pron* gender neutral ref

**DUH** *intj* express the obvious  
**DUI** *n* pl **DUO**, a duet  
**DUM** *adj* cooked with steam  
**ECH** *v* to augment  
**EEK** *intj* used to express fright  
**EEN** *n* pl **EE**, an eye  
**EEW** *intj* used to express disgust  
**ERF** *n* a garden plot, (pl **ERVEN**)  
**ERM** *intj* used to express hesitation  
**EXO** *adj* excellent (Aus)  
**FAE** *prep* from (Scots)  
**FAP** *adj* drunk  
**FER** *prep* for  
**FIE** *intj* used to express dislike  
**FOH** *intj* expression of disgust  
**GEY** *adj* large  
**GRR** *intj* used to express anger  
**HAN** *v* tense **HAVE**  
**HIC** *intj* used to express hiccup  
**HMM** *intj* used to express thinking  
**HOC** *pron* this  
**HOO** *intj* used to express gaiety  
**HUH** *intj* used to express surprise  
**IFF** *conj* if and only if  
**JAI** *intj* onward to victory (Indian)  
**JEU** *n* a game (pl **JEUX**)  
**JUN** *n* pl N Korea currency  
**KAM** *adj* awry  
**LED** *v* tense **LEAD**  
**LEU** *n* Romania currency (pl **LEI**)  
**LEW** *adj* lukewarm  
**LOR** *intj* used to express surprise  
**MEH** *intj* used to express boredom  
**MIM** *adj* primly demure  
**MMM** *intj* used to express agreement  
**MOI** *intj* used to express surprise  
**NAH** *adv* no  
**NAW** *adv* no  
**NEE** *adj* born with the name of  
**NOH** *n* pl Japanese drama  
**NON** *adv* not  
**NOO** *adv* now  
**NOR** *conj* and not  
**NOT** *adv* in no way  
**NTH** *adj* of a large ord number  
**NYM** *adj* as in **NYM WAR**, a publishing dispute

**OCH** *intj* express impatience  
**OFT** *adv* often  
**OHO** *intj* used to express surprise  
**ONY** *adj* any (Scots)  
**OOR** *adj* our  
**ORA** *n* pl **OS**, an orifice  
**OVA** *n* pl **OVUM**, unfertilized egg  
**OXO** *adj* containing oxygen  
**PER** *prep* for each  
**PHT** *intj* used to express annoyance  
**PIU** *adv* more (a musical direction)  
**PRE** *prep* before  
**PST** *intj* used to gain attention  
**PUH** *intj* used to express disgust  
**QUA** *adv* in the capacity of  
**RAN** *v* tense **RUN**  
**SAE** *adv* so (Scots)  
**SAT** *v* tense **SIT**  
**SAU** *n* pl Vietnam currency  
**SED** *v* tense **SAY**  
**SHA** *intj* used to urge silence  
**SHH** *intj* used to urge silence  
**SIF** *adj* syphilitic or bad (S African)  
**SHO** *adj* non-standard spelling of **SURE**  
**SIK** *adj* excellent (Aus)  
**SMA** *adj* small (Scots)  
**SUI** *adj* of himself, herself, itself  
**SUR** *prep* above  
**SYN** *adv* since  
**THE** *adj* used to specify  
**THO** *adv* though  
**TOO** *adv* in addition  
**TWP** *adj* stupid  
**UMM** *intj* used to express hesitation  
**UPO** *prep* upon  
**VAX** Vaccinate  
**VEG** *v* to laze about  
**WHA** *pron* who (Scots)  
**WHO** *pron* which person  
**YAE** *adj* one (Scots)  
**YAR** *adj* nimble  
**YEH** *adv* yes  
**YER** *pron* you  
**YGO** *v* tense **GO**  
**YOM** *n* day (pl **YOMIM**)  
**YON** *adv* over there  
**YUM** *intj* used to express pleasure  
**ZOA** *n* pl **ZOON**, fertilized egg

# Club Directory

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## ACT (area code 02)

Woden Weds 7pm Tim Reddan (02) 6286 6980

Woden Thurs 9am ~ Barbara Magi ~ (02) 6282 0436

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

## New South Wales (area code 02)

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

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

Belmont ~ Mon pm ~ Bob Burr ~ 0431 887 087

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

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

Margaret Neal 0428 429 077

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

Bowral 2nd & 4th Fridays, Sylvia Carless 0419 165 293  
Brisbane Waters~Wed 6.30-9.30pm ~ Trish Windhurst ~  
4341 9929

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

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

Cessnock ~ Thurs 9.30-1.00 pm. 4990 9599,

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

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

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

Kempsey ~ Alt Thurs 10-4pm ~ Jacky Booth ~ 6567 4511

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

Lake Macquarie ~ Thurs ~ 10-1.00pm ~ Morisset

Library, 39 Yambo St Morisset 4973 1318

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Rodney Wallace 0412 931 780

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

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

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

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

Pottsville Beach ~ Anna Butterfield ~ 0449 213 503

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Murray Hamer 4655 6755

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

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

Turrumurra ~ Tues 6pm ~ Nanette Reynolds ~ 9487 3912

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Queensland (area code 07)

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

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

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian 4159 1935

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

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

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Cairns ~ Caroline Polak Scowcroft ~ 0400 427 627

Coominya, Tues 6.30pm, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

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

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

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

Palm Beach, Fri, Rita Humphrey Mobile: 0400 843 548  
Pottsville Beach, Anna Butterfield 0449 213 503.  
Redcliffe, Weds 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532  
Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532  
Southport, Weds 1pm ~ Diana McManus 0419 022 520  
Sunshine Coast ~ Nambour RSL ~ Fridays 2-4pm ~  
Anna Palmer ~ 07 5457 3116 or M: 0401 799 650.  
Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079  
Townsville, 2nd Weds of month ~ 5.30-8.30 p.m., Julie  
Walder. 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185.  
Underwood, Tues 1-6pm, Marilyn Smith 040 3205 040

## South Australia (area code 08)

Adelaide Pub Scrabble  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
6-10pm Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933  
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most Sat 12 noon Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933  
Blackwood Wed 12 noon ~Margaret Gibson 8381 4570  
Brighton Thu 12.30 pm Joan King ~ 8443 9410  
Campbelltown - Sat 11am - Alison Hall - 8366 9358  
Henley and Grange ~ Fri ~ 12.30pm ~ Lyndee Hill –  
0423 207 650  
Highgate & Fullarton Thu 7.15pm ~  
Betty Keese 8379 7409  
Maslins Beach Wed 1pm ~ Rosemarie Mitchell  
0448 948 224  
Noarlunga ~ Wed 7.30pm Robyn Davill - 0401 364 019  
Nuriootpa Tuesday ~ 1.30pm Judith Bailey 8562 1107  
Port Adelaide Library - Monday 2:30-5:30 -  
Rachel Telfer - 8405 6584  
Prospect - Tue 1:30pm - Louisa Atsas - 8285 3092  
Seaside (Yankalilla) ~ Mon ~ 1pm ~ Lorraine Downes ~  
8558 2549  
Seaford ~ Fri ~ 1-4pm ~ Eileen Baldwin 8386 3319  
Victor Harbor Wed 1pm ~ Betty Mitchell ~ 8554 2191

## Tasmania (area code 03)

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

## Victoria (area code 03)

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

Bentleigh - Mondays 1pm-4pm (during School terms) -  
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195  
Box Hill ~ 1st& 3rd Tue 1pm ~ Marj Bloom ~ 9808 1386  
Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne  
Library ~ Katie Rowe ~ 0420 934 176  
Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535  
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~  
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535  
Fitzroy - 2nd Tues - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251  
Frankston ~ Wed 1pm ~ Brenda Thurgar ~ 5971 5686  
Frankston North ~ Sat 1-5pm – Ray Alford ~ 5977 0819  
Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363  
Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Wed 9.30am-3pm ~  
Christiane McCann ~ 0432 290 880  
Greensborough Tue 12.30pm ~  
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529  
Langwarrin ~ Tue 7pm ~ Dorothy Rice ~ 9775 6150  
Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466  
Nunawading – Tues 7pm – Geoff Shephard –  
0417 513 203  
Paynesville ~ Tues & Thurs 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~  
5156 7443  
Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~  
Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525  
Sunbury ~ Wed 5-8pm ~ Norma Fisher ~ 0450 356 407  
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.  
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ Jeanette Swann ~ 0429 702 122  
Wodonga ~ Thur 1st & 3rd 5-8pm ~ Ruth Grogan ~  
0448 989 833

## Western Australia (area code 08)

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

# AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

## 2020

**11th, 12th & 13th, April 2020**

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

**Entry Fee: \$150 with early bird discount**

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

### Two Divisions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration form on next page. Electronic entry form on website [www.scrabble.org.au](http://www.scrabble.org.au). Registration open until 4th April 2020.

**Enquiries:** Jane Brown [jb.edits@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jb.edits@bigpond.net.au) 0417 903 079

Emergency phone numbers during tournament:

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



# AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

## **Registration** *Full information on flyer on previous page*

Name .....

Address.....

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

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

Current rating .....

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

Section entered: Championship  or Plate

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

Any other playing requirements? .....

## **Presentation Dinner**

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

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

Dietary requirements.....

## **Payment details**

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

Tick payment method. ....

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

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

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

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

Post this entry form with any payment to:

Australian Scrabble Championship,

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

# Records 2019 so far ...

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

Please inform your state's records officer of any records.

Category	Record	Details
<i>Highest game score</i>	<b>677</b>	Oliver Jenner-O'Shea (SA) 06.01.2018
	<b>676</b>	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 01.07.2018
	<b>668</b>	Chris May (NSW) 29.07.2018
	<b>652</b>	Anne Zion (WA) 25.02.2018
	<b>645</b>	Edward Okulicz (NSW) 06.01.2018
	<b>642</b>	Andrew Fisher (Vic) 02.04.2018
	<b>641</b>	Joanne Craig (NSW) 28.01.2018
	<b>637</b>	Trevor Tao (SA) 21.04.2018 Daniel Piechnick (SA) 27.10.2018
	<b>636</b>	Naween Fernando (Vic) 11.11.2018
	<b>634</b>	Andrew Fisher (Vic) 02.04.2018
<i>Largest game margin</i>	<b>425</b>	Phillip Hamilton (NSW) vs Anna Vu (NSW) at 15.12.2018; 577-152
<i>Highest drawn game</i>	<b>461</b>	John Hamilton (ACT) vs Greg Pinchbeck (NSW) 12.08.2018
<i>Highest combined score</i>	<b>1095</b>	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 637 vs Simon Walton (SA) 458; 27.10.2018
<i>Highest losing score</i>	<b>506</b>	Chris May (NSW) vs John Holgate (NSW) 536; 20.05.2018
<i>Highest word</i>	<b>230</b>	<b>KVETCHES</b> , Jegatheva Jegathesan (WA) 29.07.2018
<i>Highest opening play</i>	<b>108</b>	<b>WALTZERS</b> , Pat Schuberg (NSW) 20.05.2018
<i>Highest play, non-bonus</i>	<b>123</b>	<b>FUTZ</b> , Russell Honeybun (WA) 02.04.2018
<i>Highest play, non-triple-triple</i>	<b>135</b>	<b>SQuIRED</b> , Adam Kretschmer (SA) 24.02.2018
<i>Longest word</i>	10	{{(D)ENOUNCE}R}S, Lyn Austin (SA) 21.04.2018 uNORiG(I)N(AL), Russell Honeybun (WA) 15.07.2018 [INHIB(IT)ER]S, Michael Vnuk (SA) 06.10.2018 [UN(F)ASTeN]ED, Susan Roberts (SA) 27.12.2018
<i>Most consecutive bonus words by individual in a game</i>	<b>4</b>	Andrew Fisher (Vic): <b>RELINES</b> , <b>PUNALUA</b> , <b>sHR(E)WDER</b> , <b>SNOTRAG</b> ; 02.04.2018  Trevor Tao (SA): <b>TRACHEA</b> , <b>ADONISE</b> , <b>UNDOABL(E)</b> <b>LeARN(I)NG</b> ; 21.04.2018

Cameron Farlow (Qld): **FOUDRIE, LOOSING, VIrELAY, SAD(D)ENED**; 01.07.2018

Chris May (Vic): **TROOPING, RELACING, HUMORIST, (D)EADeNED**; 29.07.2018

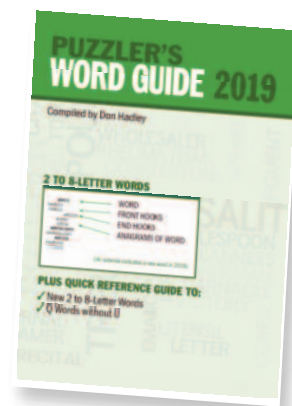
<i>Most bonus words in a game</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>VEGANIC, WEANELS, gHARIAL, RA(T)OONED, SE(L)ECTED, (S)lIMIEST</b> ; 16.06.2018
<i>Highest average score</i>	<b>511</b>	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 19.05.2018 (5 games)
	<b>499</b>	David Eldar (Vic) 03.02.2018 (5 games)
	<b>497</b>	Chris May (NSW) 29.07.2018 (18 games)
	<b>496</b>	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 27.12.2018 (5 games)
	<b>493</b>	Chris May (NSW) 02.06.2018 (7 games)
<i>Highest average margin</i>	<b>175</b>	Jeremy Yip (Vic) 14.01.2018 (5 games)
	<b>171</b>	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 06.10.2018 (6 games)
	<b>166</b>	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 19.05.2018 (5 games)
	<b>158</b>	Russell Honeybun (WA) 14.01.2018 (5 games)
	<b>150</b>	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 01.07.2018 (8 games)
<i>Longest winning streak</i>	<b>19</b>	Andrew Fisher (Vic), all 5 games at Saturday Sessions 6 (11.08.2018), all 8 games at The Hills (19.08.2018), all 5 games at August Pub Tourney (25.08.2018) and first game at Australian Masters (09.09.2018)

## Quiz

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| 1. <b>ABIETES</b>  | 13. <b>NYAOPES</b> |
| 2. <b>ANTIFAS</b>  | 14. <b>OTHERED</b> |
| 3. <b>BITRATE</b>  | 15. <b>PEROGEN</b> |
| 4. <b>BOONEST</b>  | 16. <b>PERONEI</b> |
| 5. <b>BRONDES</b>  | 17. <b>PETITIO</b> |
| 6. <b>CATAGEN</b>  | 18. <b>READMES</b> |
| 7. <b>DELUBRA</b>  | 19. <b>SOOKIER</b> |
| 8. <b>ENWRAPT</b>  | 20. <b>TAIHOAS</b> |
| 9. <b>FENINGA</b>  | 21. <b>TOPRAIL</b> |
| 10. <b>IVORIER</b> | 22. <b>VEDUTAS</b> |
| 11. <b>METICAS</b> | 23. <b>VEGIEST</b> |
| 12. <b>NANCIER</b> |                    |

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# Results Roundup

## ACT

### 11.11.2018 ACT Champs

**A:** 1 Jakob Teitelbaum; **2** Noel Barrett; **3** Alex Boiko; **HG** Rod Talbot 594; **HW** Rod Talbot  
**HUMIDEX** 104

**B:** 1 Rhona Kenyon; **2** David Hotstone; **3** Sunny Wright; **HG** Tony Beer 481; **HW** Pat Schuberg  
**SKITING** 110

## NSW

### 04.11.2018 Nowra

**A DIVISION:** 1 Graeme Lock Lee; **2** Tony Hunt; **3** John Barker; **HG** Tony Hunt 565; **HW** Tony Williams **RAINIEST** 122

**B DIVISION:** 1 Arlene Williams; **2** Sunny Wright; **3** Vasudha Mohanka; **HG** Dorothy Fields 506; **HW** Sunny Wright **HEXINGS** 126

### 19.11.2018 Nov MONDAY EVENING

**A:** 1 Keith Bioletti; **2** Natalie Taddy; **3** Rene Chelton; **HG** Keith Bioletti 490; **HW** Rene Chelton **TOPLINE** 102

**B:** 1 David Eddington; **2** Brenda Sloane; **3** Vasudha Mohanka; **HG** Dorothy Fields 451; **HW** Dorothy Fields **SCAMPED** 105

### 25.11.2018 Central Coast Championship

**A OPEN:** 1 Bob Jackman; **2** Caroline Scowcroft; **3** Chris Ostrowski; **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 542; **HW** Hanne Marks **GRANITES** 131

**B SECTION:** 1 Jan Chapman; **2** Shirley Crocker; **3** Linda Hawkes; **HG** Chlorise O'Sullivan 470; **HW** Kathryn Tiffen **EXOTICA** 116

### 01.12.2018 Sutherland Shire

**A:** 1 Bob Jackman; **2** Wayne Jones; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 613; **HW** Greg Pinchbeck **LAICISED** 167

**B:** 1 Cheryl Michler; **2** Sunny Wright; **3** Marion Miller; **HG** Peter Griffiths 502; **HW** Marion Miller **WAITERS** 99

**C:** 1 Margaret Berliner; **2** Stephen Morrow; **3** Sue Fullerton; **HG** Jason Tang 473; **HW** Krystyna Batten **WASTERS** 98

### 15.12.2018 Bundanoon

**OPEN:** 1 John Spaan; **2** Chris Ostrowski; **3** Peter Shaw; **HG** Phillip Hamilton 577; **HW** George Khamis **HEELINGS** 116

### 30.12.2018 Scrocker 9

**BIG BLIND:** 1 Victor Tung; **2** Tony Loui; **3** Tony Hunt; **HG** Tony Loui 544

**SMALL BLIND:** 1 John Barker; **2** Sharon Sorensen; **3** Hailey Sutton; **HG** Sharon Sorensen 537; **HW** Sharon Sorensen **BITCHIER** 80

### 05.01.2019 JANBOREE

**A:** 1 Edward Okulicz; **2** Bob Jackman; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Rod Talbot 588; **HW** John Holgate **DIVORCER** 149

**B:** 1 Norma Tracey; **2** John Barker; **3** Colleen Birch; **HG** Colleen Birch 520; **HW** John Barker **ETAERIOS** 122

**C:** 1 Monica Dwyer; **2** Margaret Berliner; **3** Hanne Marks; **HG** Pam Bennett 483; **HW** Sunny Wright **ENQUIRES** 109

**D:** 1 Sandra Elliott; **2** Mary Morgan; **3** Pat Schuberg; **HG** Mary Morgan 521; **HW** Ann Fiddler **UNMASKS** 110

**E:** 1 Jason Tang; **2** Devorah Ullman; **3** Patrick Huynh; **HG** Jason Tang 496; **HW** Devorah Ullman **SPOILED** 100

### 26.01.2019 AUSTRALIA DAY OPEN

**OPEN:** 1 Peter Kougi; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Noel Barrett; **HG** Sue Gergelifi 623; **HW** Sue Gergelifi **DISRATES** 140

### 28.01.2019 CSIM

**OPEN:** 1 Andrew Fisher; **2** Edward Okulicz; **3** Ryan Sutton; **HG** Russell Honeybun 668; **HW** Carmel Dodd **EROTEMAS** 154

## QLD

### 11.11.2018 November

**ALL:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Ron Baginski; **3** Karen Richards; **HG** Karen Richards 581; **HW** Arnold Appelhof **UNITISES** 122

### 25.11.2018 Southport Christmas

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Sheryl Davidson; **3** Ron Baginski; **HG** Cameron Farlow 526; **HW** Patti Ashwin **HEARINGS** 158

**B:** 1 Beth Peters; **2** Sandra Woolard; **3** Jenny Schafer; **HG** Rebecca Law 506; **HW** Judy Mason **STAUNCH** 95

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### 12.12.2018 Bethania Wed

**ALL:** 1 Martin Waterworth; 2 Olga Visser; 3 Arnold Appelhof; **HG** Arnold Appelhof 478; **HW** Arnold Appelhof **JUNKETS** 126

27.12.2018 Last Chance

**ALL:** 1 Karen Woodhead; 2 Cameron Farlow; 3 Gaile Clark; **HG** Sheryl Davidson 517; **HW** Karen Richards **REINSURE** 122

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### 20.01.2019 Tangara Jan

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Paul Richards; 3 Jane Brown; **HG** Paul Richards 532; **HW** Kerri Heart **STEDDING** 140

**B:** 1 Jenny Schafer; 2 Wendy Batt; 3 Beth Peters; **HG** Jeanette Hansen 513; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **SEXTING** 90

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## SA

### 06.10.2018 October

**A:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Antony Kimber; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 601; **HW** Daniel Piechnick **SWANKIER** 176

**B:** 1 Judy Mansfield; 2 Julie Robins; 3 Neal Whibley; **HG** Judy Mansfield 513; **HW** Lyndee Hill **QUOTERS** 105

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### 27.10.2018 October Pub Tourney

**A:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Simon Walton; 3 Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 637; **HW** Simon Walton **STINKIER** 203

**B:** 1 Margaret Gibson; 2 Michael Vnuk; 3 Francoise Finlayson; **HG** Susan Roberts 519; **HW** Francoise Finlayson **CHANGED** 88

**C:** 1 Wendi Symes; 2 Louisa Atsas; 3 Lyndee Hill; **HG** Karyn Crease 453; **HW** Wendi Symes **RETAINED** 82

**D:** 1 Baheej Al Kassem; 2 Paula Brown; 3 Mel Leckie; **HG** Mel Leckie 470; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem **QUARREL** 103

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### 17.11.2018 SA November

**A:** 1 Michael Vnuk; 2 Trevor Tao; 3 Jane Taylor; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 550; **HW** Daniel Piechnick **TAXEMES** 103

**B:** 1 Karyn Crease; 2 Julie Robins; 3 Lyndee Hill; **HG** Julie Robins 553; **HW** Louisa Atsas **EARTHING** 95

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### 24.11.2018 November Pub Tourney

**A:** 1 Michael Cameron; 2 Trevor Tao; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Michael Cameron 528; **HW** Trevor Tao **OARSMEN** 96

**B:** 1 Jane Taylor; 2 Geoff Wright; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Jane Taylor 481; **HW** Carol Colwill **HAILERS** 96

**C:** 1 Larrie Strautmanis; 2 Rowena Vnuk; 3 Lyndee Hill; **HG** Larrie Strautmanis 455; **HW** Lyndee Hill **CREATES** 93

**D:** 1 Louisa Atsas; 2 Elana Jaremyn; 3 Neal Whibley; **HG** Elana Jaremyn 430; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem **UNLEADS** 98

**E:** 1 Paula Brown; 2 Emanuel Atsas; 3 Mel Leckie; **HG** Paula Brown 516; **HW** Mel Leckie **BOULDERS** 83

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### 09.12.2018 Pub Championship

**OPEN:** 1 Trevor Tao; 2 Oliver Jenner-O'Shea; 3 Tracey Kneebone; **HG** Tony Miller 569; **HW** Michael Cameron **TIDDLERS** 140

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### 15.12.2018 Dec Seaford Fundraiser

**A:** 1 Michael Cameron; 2 Daniel Piechnick; 3 Oliver Jenner-O'Shea; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 565; **HW** Jacqui Pearce **EQUATOR** 119

**B:** 1 Eileen Baldwin; 2 Louisa Atsas; 3 Suzanne Healey; **HG** Suzanne Healey 563; **HW** Suzanne **SQUARED** 92

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### 27.12.2018 Christmas Leftovers

**A:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Michael Cameron; 3 Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 576; **HW** Tony Miller **SHRINKS** 114

**B:** 1 Tracey Kneebone; 2 Malcolm McNulty; 3 Francoise Finlayson; **HG** Francoise Finlayson 571; **HW** Francoise Finlayson **PROBATE** 106

**C:** 1 Fiona Braendler; 2 Louisa Atsas; 3 Neal Whibley; **HG** Julie Robins 490; **HW** Airlene Williams **QUARTZES** 125

**D:** 1 Sue Lyons; 2 Gina Jordan; 3 Suzanne Healey; **HG** Emanuel Atsas 453; **HW** Sue Lyons **FROSTING** 89

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### 05.01.2019 January Pub Tourney

**OPEN:** 1 Tony Miller; 2 Daniel Piechnick; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 619; **HW** Tony Miller **OBTAINED** 149

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### 19.01.2019 Jan 4-4-4

**OPEN:** 1 Adam Kretschmer; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Michael Cameron; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 605; **HW** Lyndee Hill **INQUIRE** 132

## TAS

### 04.11.2018 Tasmanian Championships

**OPEN:** 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; 2 Alan Burn; 3 Margaret Griggs; **HG** John Rider 538; **HW** John Rider **MISTERY** 128

### 08.12.2018 ROSS Dec

**A:** 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; 2 Penny Wells; 3 John Hayes; **HG** John Hayes 548

### 11.12.2018 Robin King

**OPEN:** 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; 2 Margaret Webb; 3 Khen Meerding; **HG** Margaret Webb 533; **HW** Margaret Webb **PLAICES** 95

### 13.01.2019 Ross Jan

**OPEN:** 1 Martin Rose; 2 Margaret Griggs; 3 Betty Smith; **HG** Martin Rose 451; **HW** Margaret Griggs **CIVVIES** 98

## VIC

### 11.11.2018 FaNS

**A:** 1 Naween Fernando; 2 Geoff Wright; 3 Anand Bharadwaj; **HG** Naween Fernando 635; **HW** Shirley De Silva **UPRAISED** 140

**B:** 1 Angie Pearse; 2 Lorraine Thomas; 3 John Parker; **HG** Glen Chandler 537; **HW** Paula Messer **SEQUINS** 105

**C:** 1 Christiane McCann; 2 Dorothy Barraclough; 3 Dianne Gibson; **HG** Lynne Goodinson 472; **HW** Lynne Goodinson **EXAMINER** 104

**D:** 1 Latha Weerakkody; 2 Angie Winkler; 3 Annette Casey; **HG** Eileen Mills 522; **HW** Marisa Nuccitelli **COLLINS** 88

### 01.12.2018 SUNBURY

**A:** 1 David Eldar; 2 Carol Johnsen; 3 Angie Pearse; **HG** David Eldar 604; **HW** Marj Miller **EMERITI** 96

**B:** 1 Sandra Masel; 2 Lynn Weaver; 3 Noel Coulter; **HG** Noel Coulter 472; **HW** Glen Chandler **WARDERS** 98

**C:** 1 Faye Leeder; 2 Elizabeth McKean; 3 Ashley McKean; **HG** Cherry Chapman 437; **HW** Elizabeth McKean **OUTSIZES** 98

### 30.12.2018 DECATHON

**MASTERS:** 1 David Eldar; 2 Naween Fernando; 3 Peter Kougi; **HG** Anand Bharadwaj 577; **HW** Geoff Wright **LOITERED** 122

**ADVANCED:** 1 John McNaughton; 2 Sandra Masel; 3 Geoff Shepheard; **HG** John McNaughton 554; **HW** Barry Harridge **FLAMIER** 110

**INTERMEDIATE:** 1 Jeremy Yip; 2 Rob York; 3 Sylvia Galloway; **HG** Sylvia Galloway 508; **HW** June Valentine **JONTIES** 111

**RECREATION:** 1 Jenny Plant; 2 Laura Khan; 3 Annette Casey; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 516; **HW** Elize Plaganyi **STRINGED** 91

### 13.01.2019 Bil Rose Aestival

**AIAVA:** 1 Andrew Fisher; 2 David Eldar; 3 Harry Malcolm; **HG** David Eldar 615; **HW** David Eldar **JEHADIST** 194

**BARTY:** 1 Geoff Wright; 2 Gwen Lampre; 3 Katie Rowe; **HG** Geoff Wright 509; **HW** Shirley De Silva **CRUSADE** 94

**CABRERA:** 1 Noel Coulter; 2 Lynn Weaver; 3 Angie Pearse; **HG** Noel Coulter 503; **HW** Noel Coulter **REDIVIDE** 92

**DE MINAUR:** 1 Kris Howat; 2 Paula Messer; 3 Dianne Gibson; **HG** Kris Howat 482; **HW** Kris Howat **SHIVER** 96

**EBDEN:** 1 Dominica Krstic; 2 Christie Godby; 3 Dorothy Barraclough; **HG** B.J. Winzer 516; **HW** Christie Godby **SUBHUMAN** 90

**FEDERER:** 1 Anne Menheere; 2 Latha Weerakkody; 3 Laura Khan; **HG** Annette Casey 458; **HW** Angie Winkler **JOTTERS** 88

**GAVRILOVA:** 1 Balada Catanchin; 2 Elize Plaganyi; 3 Elizabeth McKean; **HG** Elize Plaganyi 451; **HW** Fintan Conway **LENDERS** 99

**HEWITT:** 1 Oscar Ivanovski; 2 Marisa Nuccitelli; 3 Faye Leeder; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 408

## WA

### 18.11.2018 NOV OPEN

**All:** 1 Russell Honeybun; 2 Ian Ting; 3 Chris Hall; **HG** Russell Honeybun 602; **HW** Anne Zion **MISTERY** 106

### 09.12.2018 DEC OPEN

**A:** 1 Tim Mason; 2 Jenni Henderson; 3 Graham Bell; **HG** Graham Bell 582; **HW** Diane Ward **KIBITZER** 136

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## 20.01.2019 Jan Half AM

**A:** 1 Tim Mason; **2** Russell Honeybun; **3** Anne Zion; **HG** David Vanzyl 510; **HW** Tim Mason  
**SWOOPING** 98

**B:** 1 Faye Williams; **2** Louise Love; **3** Rhonda Reynish; **HG** Faye Williams 490; **HW** Faye Williams  
**EXHAUSTS** 104

**C:** 1 Alan Mathews; **2** Delys Carbon; **3** John Salmon; **HG** Alan Mathews 503; **HW** Alan Mathews  
**UPRAISE** 91

**D:** 1 Eunice Tan; **2** Colleen McCormick; **3** Bettina Tonkin; **HG** Kaustav Bhowmick 540; **HW** Eunice Tan  
**FLOWERS** 118

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## 20.01.2019 Jan Half PM

**A:** 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Louise Love; **3** David Vanzyl; **HG** Russell Honeybun 646; **HW** Russell Honeybun  
**CHEAPING** 194

**B:** 1 Ian Ting; **2** Carolyn Watt; **3** Alan Mathews; **HG** Alan Mathews 584; **HW** Ian Ting  
**ORIGANES** 122

**C:** 1 Jane Walker; **2** Anne Stewart; **3** John Salmon; **HG** Cori Lodder 507

**D:** 1 Jenni Henderson; **2** Jenny Coetzee; **3** Ann Simms; **HG** Kaustav Bhowmick 517; **HW** Kaustav Bhowmick  
**TOILETRY** 154

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# Eureka!

Hanne Marks

Becoming a member of a book club (1) has introduced me to titles and authors hitherto unknown. Next month we'll be discussing **KYLIE** (2) Tennant's *Ride On Stranger*; I had heard of her, but this is the first book of hers I've read. It won't be the last! Wikipedia lists 11 novels, one set of Short Stories, five books for children, five lots of plays, which, going by the titles, must be written for **SCHOOLCHILDREN** (all one playable word!) (3), four biography and history books, and two books of literary criticism ... so I'll be busy! (Where has she been all my life??)

To quote from Kerryn Goldsworthy's Introduction to my A&R 1994 edition, page 9, *Ride On Stranger* was Kylie Tennant's fourth novel, published in 1943 when, at the age of thirty-one, she had already acquired a reputation not only as a prize-winning novelist but also as a sharp-eyed social critic who was prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to gather material and experience for her fiction. To do this she took to the roads during the Depression with the itinerant unemployed, she lived with Aboriginal communities, and she once deliberately spent a month in jail."

Her social criticism had me crowing with laughter in buses, trains and trams (Light Rail), which is where I do most of my reading. And her sharp-eyed observation of scenery, rural and urban, especially of the Sydney I came to as a child, had me cooing with delight.

Chapter VII opens with a remarkably accurate account of the Royal Easter Show as I recall it then.

On page 59 she comments:  
"They come back year after year. Their children come back when they are grown up to do the same thing, to suffer the same boredom, the mud, the grey rain, the biting wind or broiling heat, whichever happens in a particular year to accompany the smell of manure and hot fairy floss (4), the human **WAFTURES** of sweat, the blaring music, the screams of the sellers and the shift-shift-shift of thousands of feet."

Aah, doesn't it take you back??

The heroine, Shannon, keeps moving on till the very end of the book, and she is worth following. She stays true to herself despite all the influences, quasi-religious and political, that come to bear on her life. I feel she must be very like her author ....

I know where there is a copy of her first novel, Tiburon. Loud cheers!

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(1) **BOOK CLUB**: two words. I recently came across **BOOKMAN**, **BOOKMEN** and **BOOKLAND** (with an unexpected meaning) so I just checked my word generator and discovered that there are ninety-five playable words beginning with **BOOK-**, starting with **BOOKBINDERIES** and ending with **E-BOOK-S-Y** (I reckon that's one for the books ....)

(2) **KILEY -S**, **KYLIE -S**, **YLIKE**

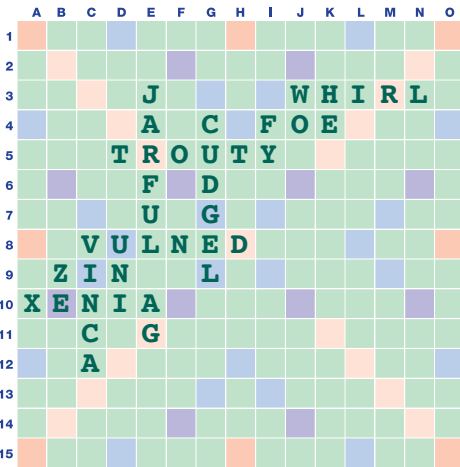
(3)... and there are seventy playable words starting with **SCHOOL-** ....

(4) **FAIRYFLOSS** and **FAIRYFLOSSES** are good ...in Scrabble ...

*A couple of months ago Australia's Prime Minister, Scott Morrison travelled to the USA to visit their President, Donald Trump. Shortly afterwards another event took place that attracted rather less media coverage – the 2019 WESPA Championship in Goa, India.*

This article briefly highlights the exploits of the top performing American and Australian player and some of the up and downs of Tournament Scrabble:

The format of the 2019 WESPA Championship was a 32 game tournament followed by a best of 7 game final the next day. Nigel Richards had an unassailable lead with a couple of games to go and was assured of a spot in the final, however the result of the round 32 clash between two American players, David Weigand and Jesse Day would determine his opponent. Weigand just played **WHIRL** at 3K for 32 points, tying the scores at 117 all.



This choice worked out badly for Weigand, but of course at the time he didn't know his opponent was holding **AEHRST**. Day played **HALTERES** at O1 for 158 points and then proceeded to draw **AEIPS??**, following up with another bonus to clinch his spot in the final.

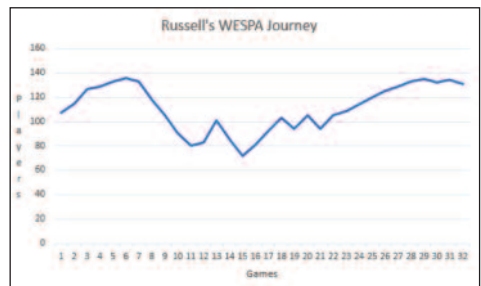
The final went down to the deciding 7th game. Richards gained the early ascendancy with the double-double bonus word **AMUSInG**, but



shortly afterwards Day responded with **OMERTAS** at 10A to narrowly trail 147 – 164 in the following position: Richards was holding **ADEIRV?** and

played **AVOIDERS** at A8 for 167 points (**AVODIRES** scores 9 less points), effectively deciding the final in his favour. A triple-triple opened the door for Jesse one day but closed it the very next day!

Australia's top performing player at WESPAC (Russell Honeybun from WA) had his own share of ups and downs in India. The following graph, reminiscent of the chart of a cyclical stock listed on the Australian Securities Exchange shows the number of players he was ahead of after each round. Russell won



his first six games but then scored 1½ points from his next 9 games to drop back into midfield. An eight-game winning streak from rounds 22 – 29 catapulted Russell back up to 5th place, only ½ point away from 2nd with just 3 games to go. A narrow 14 point loss to Jesse Day in round 30 eliminated Russell from finals contention, however still he finished up a very creditable 9th outright.

The changing fortunes of tournament scrabble!