



# NASPA Bulletin

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### Renewed Direction

By Chris Cree

About one year ago, Bryan Pepper (Bedford, TX), National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC) Division 1 Leader and Official SCRABBLE Tournament Director since 1998, announced to one and all that he was going to *PLAY SCRABBLE* tournaments in 2011. That meant that not only were we going to have to find another Division 1 leader at this year's NSC — thanks, John Robertson (Cambridge, ON) — but that the Dallas Open and all of our local one-day events were going to need a new director.

Mary Rhoades (Bedford, TX) stepped in for this year's Dallas Open and yours truly volunteered to take over the one-day events and direct for the first time in about 23 years.

That leads to a question I get asked often: How did you first get started playing Official SCRABBLE tournaments?

I was a freshman at SMU in Dallas in 1973. A kid named Michael Griffin decided to have a SCRABBLE tournament for our dorm. We had 2 out of 3 matches. I wiped everybody out, even got to play YTTERRIA in one of the games and naively thought, "I must be good." I asked my parents for a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for Christmas, bought a deluxe board and started lugging those two items around, playing mostly mothers of girls I went out with, former teachers and college friends.

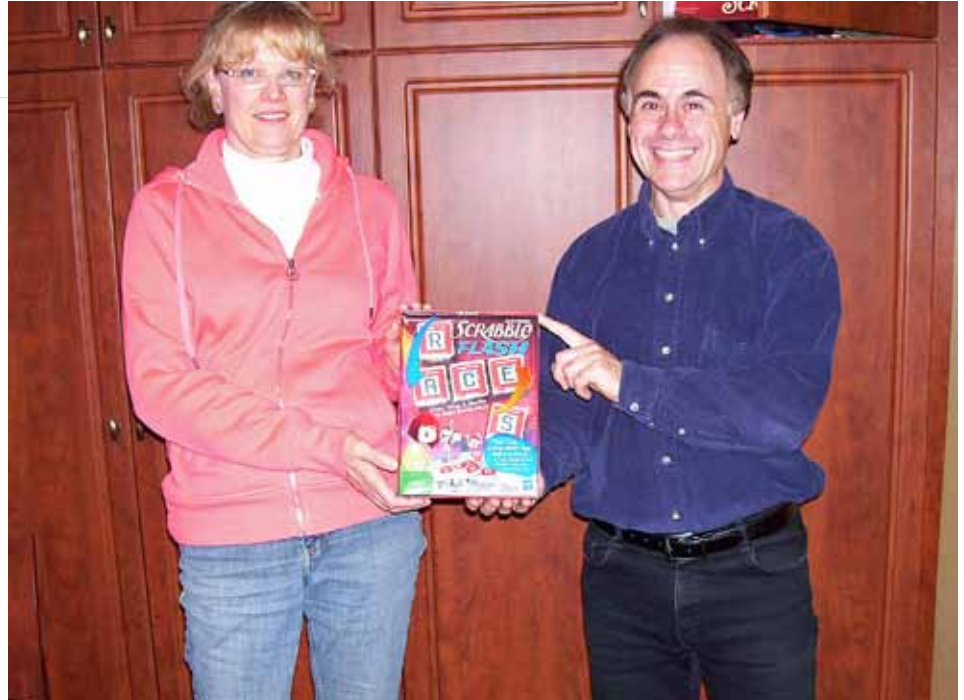
There was a flyer in the SCRABBLE set with an ad for what was then called SCRABBLE Players. I looked at that ad off and on for 7 years before I finally got the nerve to call Mr. Jim Houle, head of the SPA, in February, 1980. I was told there was a club here in Dallas and a tournament that weekend.

*"SIGN ME UP!"*

I was totally hooked. I met players who were to become some of my dearest friends for 31 years.

There was a woman named Bettye Williams (she taught Geometry at my old high school — two of my little brothers had her as a teacher) who ran the club. She did so until she could no longer. I took the Director's Test and got my Director's Certificate in 1982 or 1983. Somewhere along the way, I ended up directing the club for a few years before turning it over to Michael Willis (Midlothian, TX).

We have had so many updates to the rules in that time that, even though I had a grandfathered Director's Certificate, I knew that I really needed a refresher course to be "tour-



*Nick Fall, Director of the Kingston, Ontario SCRABBLE Club, presenting a SCRABBLE Flash game to Daria Petch, Kingston SCRABBLE Club tournament winner, which took place on December 1, 2010 at the Waterford Retirement Residence in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.*

namant ready." I read the NASPA Official Tournament Rules a time or two and took the new test. I PASSED!

Saturday, January 29, 2011 marked my reentry into directing official SCRABBLE tournaments. I absolutely loved it.

I did have help. The night before, my wife, Carla, made some player scorecards and then we had two dry runs with John Chew's tsh program. Carla came to the tournament site Saturday morning, and she and Bryan Pepper helped me get everything rolling though, like good teachers, they had me learning by doing. Bryan also brought his "crate," which contains anything a Director might want to have handy at a tournament site. I was totally impressed. Eve Engelbrite (Lewisville, TX) and Michael Early (Fort Worth, TX) were there ahead of time and helped set up tables with challenge and tally slips. Entering the data and submitting the results were a snap.

There was one director's call:

*Player A:* "I played three letters and drew three. A fourth tile fell out of the bag face-down. I picked it up with the same hand that held the other three and now all four tiles are in my closed hand. I haven't seen any of them."

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### NSC 2011 Update

by the Championship Committee

The Hotel InterContinental Dallas, site of the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC), has made rooms available for group rate bookings (\$129/night) well in advance of our planned late-March opening of event registration. You can follow the link from the NSC page in NASPAWiki to book your rooms now. As any tournament organizer does, we try hard to negotiate the best possible rate for players, whose hotel charges help pay for the playing space and other common hotel services. We appreciate your supporting the event by staying on site.

Between now and the end of March, the committee will be busy finishing its review of all of the 124 comment cards it received at last year's NSC, to see which of the many helpful suggestions for improvement we can implement. One of the most frequent requests was to shorten the two-hour lunch break and play eight games per day. We can't shorten the lunch break, as it's traditionally the only time when working committees can get together for face-to-face discussions. And, since 86% of players were fine with the current seven games, we are hoping to add an optional Lunch Bird event to give the remaining 14% the extra daily game they want.

## 2011 World SCRABBLE Championship Update

by the Championship Committee

Organizers of the 2011 World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC) are still negotiating the details of a planned championship in Poland late this year, but whenever and wherever it takes place, the United States and Canada will be able to field strong teams as usual. Canada and the U.S. are the only countries which have won three of the ten championships to date.

NASPA members interested in qualifying for Team U.S.A. or Team Canada should be sure they are registered with the NASPA International Committee or Canadian Committee respectively, and check NASPAWiki for current standings in the qualification systems devised by those bodies.

American hopefuls (currently numbering 28) can qualify by any of the following routes: World English-language SCRABBLE Players Association (WESPA) bye (in 2009, WESPA awarded byes to the 2007 finalists and a World Youth SCRABBLE Champion), performance at WSC 2009, peak OWL or CSW tournament rating, or through a qualifying tournament. Canadian hopefuls (currently 15) can qualify by the same routes, or by winning the 2011 Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship (see elsewhere in this issue).

WSC 2009 performance places go to Americans Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR), Nathan Benedict (Tucson, AZ) and Jason Katz-Brown (Tokyo, JPN); and Canadian former World Champions David Boys (Dorval, QC) and Joel Wapnick (Montreal, QC). Good luck to all!

## A Tough Call

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You Make The Call!

If she had not picked up that fourth tile with the hand that held the other three drawn tiles, the fourth tile, seen or unseen, would have been considered an inadvertent tile and gone back in the bag. But, as the player commingled the four drawn tiles, it became an overdraw and the overdraw rules applied.

I have asked Bryan Pepper to author a section in the Bulletin about Director's calls. He is taking actual tournament Director calls and will describe them in detail, ask you to make the call, and then indicate the correct ruling and applicable rule(s).

We are always looking for qualified directors. If you would like to direct a club or tournament, please apply to our Club/Director Committee at [naspa-club-directors@yahoo.com](mailto:naspa-club-directors@yahoo.com).

When's your next tournament?

## FLASH 2010 Game of the Year

by the Bulletin Committee

Earlier this month at the Toy Industry Association's (TIA) Toy of the Year Awards, Hasbro's SCRABBLE FLASH, the latest addition to the SCRABBLE brand, received the prestigious Game of the Year award. In doing so, it edged out Hasbro's own SCRABBLE SLAM card game and five other nominees.

The award was announced along with eleven others on February 12th at the opening of the 108th American International Toy Fair at the Toy Center in New York City. This year, for the first time, the voting process was expanded to include not only TIA members, but retailers, journalists, bloggers and consumers. Hasbro has received at least one award in each of the past five years.

SCRABBLE FLASH consists of a set of five SmartLink letter cubes, which can display random letters but communicate their location and letters with each other, allowing one or more players to play an automatically adjudicated version of a game like Anagrams. SCRABBLE FLASH uses the OSPD4 word list.

In late 2010, NASPA was able to negotiate the resumption of Hasbro's game shipments to sanctioned tournament directors for use as prizes at their tournaments. Eligible directors have received copies of SCRABBLE FLASH, and the Bulletin has run photos of happy winners receiving their FLASH prize. For more details about the game prize program, directors should contact Mary Rhoades.

## Can-Am Challenge Update

by John Chew

The teams have been finalized for next month's Can-Am SCRABBLE Challenge, and memorialized in a T-shirt logo designed by Jeremy Hildebrand (Ottawa, ON). The United States will be represented by Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR), Chris Cree (Dallas, TX), Brian Bowman (Villa Hills, KY), Marty Gabriel (Charleston, IL), Sam Kantimathi (Sacramento, CA), Jerry Lerman (Foster City, CA) and Bradley Whitmarsh (Attleboro, MA); Canada by Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON), Eric Tran (Calgary, AB), Ron Hoekstra (Vancouver, BC), Tony Leah (Toronto, ON), Robin Pollock Daniel (Toronto, ON), Dean Saldanha (Richmond, BC) and Sinna Vijayakumar (Mississauga, ON).

The 9th Can-Am SCRABBLE Challenge takes place on March 19-20 in Calgary, AB. Directed by club directors Siri Tillekeratne and Betty Bergeron, this invitational event features the top seven players from each country vying for possession of a newly enlarged Challenge Trophy. The U.S. leads Canada 5-2 in the history of the event, and has a 1911-1885 edge in average team rating as this issue goes to press.

## Top 50 Active Players

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

The following are the top fifty active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of February 1, 2011.

1. 2140 Richards Nigel (MYS)
2. 2102 Gibson David (SC)
3. 2047 Cappelletto Brian (IL)
3. 2047 Matsumoto Kenji (HI)
5. 2037 Logan Adam (ON)
6. 2034 Swift Orry (TX)
7. 2014 Appel Scott (NJ)
7. 2014 Bassett-Bouchard Conrad (CA)
9. 2006 Sherman Joel (NY)
10. 2004 Johnson Carl (OR)
11. 1999 Stern Rafi (WA)
12. 1989 Wiegand Dave (OR)
13. 1968 Benedict Nathan (AZ)
14. 1958 Cohen Laurie (AZ)
15. 1955 Weinstein Ian (FL)
16. 1948 Nemitmansuk Pakorn (THA)
17. 1941 Mallick Joey (ME)
17. 1941 Thevenot Geoff (TX)
19. 1939 Koenig David (MD)
20. 1936 Tiekert Ron (FL)
21. 1934 Gabriel Marty (IL)
22. 1929 Leong James (BC)
23. 1928 Okosagah Sammy (MD)
23. 1928 Sujjayakorn Panupol (THA)
25. 1922 Meyer Nick (CA)
26. 1919 MacNeil Rod (MA)
27. 1918 Edley Joe (NY)
28. 1914 Cree Chris (TX)
29. 1913 Tran Eric (AB)
30. 1912 Clinchy Evans (MA)
31. 1911 Dackman Joe (NV)
31. 1911 Wapnick Joel (QC)
33. 1909 Lerman Jerry (CA)
34. 1905 Daniel Robin Pollock (ON)
34. 1905 Epstein Paul (MI)
34. 1905 Frenz Mike (WA)
37. 1901 Mancine Dominick (CO)
38. 1900 Day Jesse (CA)
38. 1900 Walton Noah (OR)
40. 1899 Rosin Sam (NJ)
41. 1894 Le Cecilia (MA)
41. 1894 Saldanha Dean (BC)
43. 1892 Withers Ben (TX)
44. 1891 Kramer Jim (MN)
45. 1888 Sykes Christopher (ON)
46. 1887 Armstrong Peter (WI)
47. 1883 Leah Tony (ON)
47. 1883 Winter (TX)
49. 1879 Martinez Lewis (CA)
50. 1876 Glass Steve (FL)
50. 1876 Luebke John (VA)



Can-Am Challenge logo, by Jeremy Hildebrand

## CNSC 2011 Is On

by John Chew

I am delighted to be able to announce on behalf of event sponsor Hasbro Canada that the 2011 Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship (CNSC) will take place in Toronto on June 10-13 at the Bond Place Hotel at 65 Dundas Street East. Registration is open effective immediately, and instructions are available on NASPAWiki.

Although we are in a new venue again this year, most of the details are the same as at the last CNSC. The prize pool remains unchanged at \$12,150, and the new champion will receive \$7,000, possession of the trophy, and the right to represent Canada at this year's World SCRABBLE Championship. The defending three-time champion, Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON), qualifies to play in this invitational event, and 47 more places are available based on qualifying rating, with four more available through one qualifying tournament (QT) each in Eastern and Western Canada. The main event will consist of 18 rounds from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, followed by a best-of-five finals on Monday. There will still be an open Early Bird on Friday, but just as a warmup, not a wildcard QT.

The event will feature live web coverage (as it has every year since its inception), and NASPA's website will include photos and commentary by Sherrie Saint John, and annotated Table 1 games. I will direct the championship, assisted by Mad Palazzo, though I still dream of playing in the championship again some day.

I'm also looking forward to our first time holding an event at the Bond Place Hotel. It's a newly renovated venue one block east of the "Heart of the City," Yonge-Dundas Square, in an exciting downtown neighbourhood full of shopping, dining and entertainment, while easily accessible by car or public transit. Kristen and I have been enjoying researching restaurant recommendations for players.

The Bond Place Hotel will also host Tony Leah's Toronto International SCRABBLE Open later this year in September, when 100 human and computer CSW players from around the world join the annual Michael Wise Memorial Tournament for a global SCRABBLE celebration.

## A Plea for Submissions

by the Bulletin Committee

Greetings to all! Do you have a great photograph from a tournament, an interesting SCRABBLE-related story, an unbelievable phoney, a mind-boggling bingo, or a really great scoring combination that you would like to share? Email the Bulletin at info@scrabbleplayers.org, and you may find yourself front and center of the next issue! We want to hear from you!

## Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists the players with the best results in January 2011.

### Most Rated Wins

1. 34 Cole, Judy (MA)
2. 32 Castellano, Vince (VA)
3. 31 Steffy, Heather (OH)
4. 28 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)
5. 27 Wood, Betsey (MA)
5. 27 Faria, Alyssa (MA)

### Most Games Played

1. 62 Cole, Judy (MA)
2. 56 Faria, Alyssa (MA)
3. 55 Castellano, Vince (VA)
4. 54 Wood, Betsey (MA)
5. 51 Steffy, Heather (OH)

### Most Games Undeclared

1. 7 Del Solar, Cesar (CA)
2. 6 Ziegeweid, Eric (WI)
3. 3 Routzahn, Melissa (IL)

### Biggest Rating Gains

1. +190 = 844 Ryder, Kimberly (TN)
2. +181 = 1454 Meller, Mack (NY)
3. +158 = 931 Clifford, Maureen (AB)
4. +113 = 1414 Milton, Daniel (VA)
4. +113 = 1685 Horn, Joel (MA)

### Highest Initial Rating

1. 1558 Ratanapitaksuk, Worapol (IL)
2. 1252 Norwood, Daniella (NY)
3. 1210 Brennet, Namoli (AZ)
4. 1090 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
5. 1015 Rachlin, Jackson (FL)

## Recent Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists all players who finished in the top three places in their division in a rated event ending in January, together with their wins, losses, cumulative spread, old and new ratings. Out-of-state winners are identified with their home state (or province).

### Albany, NY: December 30 – January 2

DIVISION A (24 PLAYERS)  
 16-6 +722 2026 2047 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)  
 14-8 +938 2003 2006 Sherman, Joel  
 14-8 +673 1865 1918 Edley, Joe  
 DIVISION B (30 PLAYERS)  
 17-5 +1007 1572 1683 Horn, Joel (MA)  
 17-5 +539 1616 1693 Firstman, Diane  
 16-6 +1399 1656 1703 Krafchick, Joey (GA)  
 DIVISION C (28 PLAYERS)  
 20-3 +2217 1273 1454 Meller, Mack  
 15-7 +632 1108 1202 Horowitz, Risa (ON)  
 14-8 +516 1095 1152 Youngblood, Jeanmarie

### Laguna Woods, CA: January 2 (10 players)

7-0 +686 1791 1825 Del Solar, Cesar  
 5-2 +784 1714 1714 Knapp, Rachel  
 4-3 +460 1353 1366 Moss, Gary

### Flint, MI: January 8

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)  
 5-2 +346 1443 1504 Garrod, Mark  
 5-2 +179 1631 1657 Knapp, Stephen  
 4-3 +322 1834 1820 Fiszbein, Jeff  
 DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)  
 6-1 +538 1404 1430 Glowniak, Elaine  
 5-2 +436 1284 1310 Breitbeil, Connie (OH)  
 5-2 +230 1314 1325 Lee, Frank (OH)

### Dallas, TX: January 8-9

Tournament of Champions (18 players)

15-2 +1236 2009 2034 Swift, Orry  
 12-5 +753 1905 1919 Cree, Chris  
 12-5 +619 1864 1883 Winter

### Oldsmar, FL: January 8-9

(20 PLAYERS)

11-4 +721 1861 1832 Glass, Steve  
 10-5 +336 1230 1300 Ross, Robin  
 10-5 +232 1427 1452 Abbate, Elspeth

### Berkeley, CA: January 9

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +566 1887 1909 Lerman, Jerry  
 4-2 +292 1911 1916 Day, Jesse  
 4-2 +8 1714 1744 Berahovich, Leesa

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +669 1651 1704 Ward, Bruce  
 4-2 +169 1566 1580 Levin, Robin  
 4-2 +90 1338 1377 Whitman, Alan

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +382 990 1063 Wiener, Rob  
 4-2 +214 1035 1056 Smith, Peter  
 4-2 +167 1328 1322 Demeter, Jon

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +484 952 974 Moglen, Daniel  
 4-2 +474 500 545 Joshi, Nikhil  
 4-2 +178 917 919 Wiener-Brodkey, Gabriel

### Flint, MI: January 9

(8 PLAYERS)

7-0 +594 1430 1508 Glowniak, Elaine  
 5-2 +451 1534 1540 Steffy, Heather (OH)  
 5-2 +158 1415 1434 McCarthy, Kevin, Sr (OH)

### Independence, OH LCT: January 11

(6 PLAYERS)

4-0 +166 1540 1551 Steffy, Heather  
 3-1 +498 1661 1664 Stock, Daniel  
 2-2 -253 1434 1433 McCarthy, Kevin, Sr

### Brandon, MS: January 14

DIVISION A (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +230 1515 1584 Crotty, Lila (LA)  
 2-2 +139 1690 1677 Garner, Scott (TN)  
 2-2 -41 1664 1657 Noland, Rod (LA)

DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)

3-1 +262 1168 1193 Camper, Jacqueline (TN)  
 2-2 +19 1257 1254 Ganguet, Richard (AL)  
 2-2 -159 1165 1168 Altazan, Peggy (LA)

DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)

3-1 +345 1110 1122 O'Rourke, Jonathan  
 3-1 -152 1019 1040 Dimmick, Lindsey (LA)  
 2-2 +69 950 953 Flowers, Josephine (AR)

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## More Recent Results

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### Brandon, MS: January 14 (continued)

#### DIVISION D (7 PLAYERS)

4-0 +148 691 725 Donnell, Robert  
3-1 +371 871 874 Pounder, Daniel (LA)  
3-1 +168 750 765 Trotman, Jean (AR)

### Brandon, MS: January 15

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +604 1677 1688 Garner, Scott (TN)  
5-3 +109 1584 1588 Crotty, Lila (LA)  
4-4 +188 1298 1319 Waugh, Mike (LA)

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +354 1193 1216 Camper, Jacqueline (TN)  
5-3 +356 1128 1139 O'Rourke, Jonathan  
5-3 -189 977 1013 Wilson, Darryl

#### DIVISION C (11 PLAYERS)

7-1 +457 875 915 Pounder, Daniel (LA)  
6-2 +712 907 917 Dunavin, Callie (AR)  
6-2 +400 900 908 Lewis, Queen Ester

### Winnipeg, MB: January 15

#### DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +365 1314 1340 Charach, Richard  
6-2 +327 1383 1396 Ngan Tian, Eugenio  
5-3 +264 1051 1091 Kaufmann, Annelies

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +321 938 976 Lejins, John  
5-3 +377 924 926 Smith, David  
5-3 +181 756 780 Kapoor-Dozois, Angela

### Durham, NC: January 15 -16

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

9-5 +506 1877 1876 Luebemann, John (VA)  
9-5 +268 1743 1764 Fischer, Ryan  
9-5 -68 1802 1816 Castellano, Vince (VA)

#### DIVISION B (13 PLAYERS)

11-3 +372 1268 1321 Bertoni, Susan  
10-4 +693 1084 1169 Taylor, Flora  
9-5 +391 1081 1137 Bianca, Linda (SC)

#### DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

11-3 +811 790 877 Hopfensperger, Liam  
10-4 +930 835 879 Aery, Sean  
9-5 +624 974 973 Hawkins, Jim

### Northampton, MA: January 15 - 16

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

9-4 +772 1870 1880 Whitmarsh, Bradley  
9-4 +749 1918 1919 MacNeil, Rod  
8-5 +198 1625 1684 Ryan, Jamie

#### DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

11-2 +1203 1582 1613 Barron, Mic (NH)  
10-3 +305 1417 1458 Casey, Brenda (CT)  
8-5 +304 1455 1447 Greenwood, Ben

### Northampton, MA: January 15

*Night Bird*

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +94 1625 1674 Ryan, Jamie  
4-2 +190 1512 1546 Becker, Bob  
4-3 +273 1683 1685 Horn, Joel

#### DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +192 1099 1134 Phillips, Mark (NY)  
4-2 +157 1087 1101 Pearl, Elouise (VT)  
4-2 -59 1075 1092 Kelley, Jeff

### Guelph, ON: January 16

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +427 1870 1883 Leah, Tony  
4-2 -7 1706 1721 Ubeika, Jason  
3-3 +194 1560 1569 Bigall, Vera

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +275 1212 1287 Bowman, Joseph  
4-2 +124 1366 1363 Sealy, Trevor  
3-3 +71 1162 1173 Farini, Sharmaine

#### DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

4-2 +351 898 914 Blake, Daniel (NY)  
4-2 +188 1007 1009 Poulter, Maggie  
4-2 +56 958 968 Brown, Diane

### Austin, TX: January 22

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

4-2 +247 1684 1693 Leeds, Kevin  
4-2 +139 1555 1576 Canik, Matt  
4-2 +127 1556 1576 Cook, Tony

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +656 1366 1390 Solis, Ruben  
5-1 +572 1261 1295 Gordon, Edward  
4-2 +94 1311 1319 Smith, Mariah

### Fort Lauderdale, FL: January 22

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +472 1690 1739 Jones, Vernon  
5-3 +143 1752 1770 Dixon, Jan (DE)  
5-3 -24 1822 1830 Greenspan, Randy

#### DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +374 1298 1325 Rogers, George  
5-3 +284 1399 1396 Flisock, Olinga (PA)  
5-3 +118 1101 1140 Epstein, Barbara (NY)

#### DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +242 1096 1128 Feigin, Pat  
6-2 +214 1089 1123 Saperstein, Maxine  
5-3 +124 1044 1066 Heartberg, Mervet (NY)

#### DIVISION D (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +264 1019 1058 Ullman, Claire  
6-2 +745 892 935 Weithers, Merlene  
6-2 +292 1014 1034 Fonti, Mary

#### DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +235 677 766 Osbourne, Rex  
6-2 +322 0 1015 Rachlin, Jackson  
5-3 +302 650 681 Fickes, Margie

### Regina, SK: January 22

*Beat the Winter Blues*

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +560 1709 1709 MacAulay, George  
6-2 +420 1116 1162 Rea, Angela  
6-2 +338 1168 1214 Gurnsey, Trevor

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +230 845 879 Woodward, Shirley  
5-3 +149 915 919 Benesh, Daniel  
5-3 +58 851 863 Gurnsey, Joyce

### Tucson, AZ: January 22

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +580 1455 1489 Spence, Richard  
6-2 +350 1289 1327 Carlson, Travis  
6-2 +317 1428 1448 Kornell, Monique

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +644 0 1210 Brennet, Namoli  
7-1 +565 860 922 Fields, Richard (WA)  
6-2 +406 757 795 Jacobson, Sarah

### Utica, NY: January 22

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +351 1815 1813 Rau, Stefan  
5-3 +55 1363 1403 Cole, Judy (MA)  
5-3 +34 1349 1384 Ubeika, Shelley (ON)

#### DIVISION B (13 PLAYERS)

7-1 +849 1287 1320 Bowman, Joseph (ON)  
6-3 +544 1151 1167 O'Conner, Matthew  
6-3 +26 973 1033 Dixon, Denise

### Hudson, OH: January 22-23 (16 players)

8-3 +754 1445 1457 Sinanan, Lilla (ON)  
8-3 +559 1551 1562 Steffy, Heather  
8-4 +766 1888 1872 Cornelis, Lou (ON)

### La Grange Park, IL: January 29

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-0 +646 1759 1808 Ziegeweid, Eric (WI)  
6-1 +351 1510 1571 Citron, Daniel  
4-3 -162 0 1558 Ratanapitaksuk, Worapol

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +418 1305 1330 Koselke, Phyllis (IN)  
5-2 +347 1154 1176 Salas, Lesley (WI)  
5-2 +18 1024 1065 Bigane, Maureen

#### DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +362 766 851 Pignone, Jeff  
5-2 +354 1016 1026 Glover, Bernette  
4-3 +126 938 938 Krenek, Roberta

#### DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-2 +318 728 738 Burroughs, Sarah  
5-2 +233 700 713 Nalepka, James  
4-3 +212 0 645 Seltzer, Leslie (WI)

### Seattle, WA: January 29

#### DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-3 +329 2003 1999 Stern, Rafi  
5-3 +146 1889 1894 Saldanha, Dean (BC)  
5-3 +72 1785 1808 Goodwin, Daniel

#### DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +440 1610 1647 Liebfried, Ed (OR)  
5-3 +255 1336 1374 Romann, Judy  
5-3 +203 1378 1408 Howard, J Midori

#### DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +370 1230 1269 Kaplan, Charley (OR)  
6-2 +321 1218 1261 Bryde, Ted (BC)  
5-3 +21 1229 1248 Smith, Judy (BC)

#### DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

7-1 +478 1058 1140 Henderson, Adam  
5-3 -63 1079 1097 Bissonnette, George  
4-4 +328 1130 1120 Goodwin, Alice

#### DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +516 824 849 Johnson, Hilary  
5-3 +607 0 821 Blodgett, Liam  
5-3 +215 778 790 Lin, Ellen

### The Colony, TX: January 29

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#### DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +332 1634 1688 Dick-Onuoha, Sam  
4-2 +325 1615 1641 Early, Michael  
4-2 -81 1919 1914 Cree, Chris

#### DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +330 1475 1500 Shults, Keil  
4-2 +329 1319 1342 Pepper, Bryan  
3-3 +292 1274 1284 Rhoades, Mary

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## Still More Results

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### The Colony, TX: January 29 (continued)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)  
 5-2 +467 1245 1244 Brooks, Lee  
 4-2 +123 1079 1081 Owen, Phyllis  
 3-3 -65 1009 1003 Bratcher, Nancy

### San Francisco, CA: January 29

TCC: *Best of the Bay 2011* (12 PLAYERS)  
 6-2 +362 1614 1688 Kantimathi, Sam  
 5-3 +302 1769 1788 Schonbrun, Lester  
 5-3 +160 1678 1709 Apindi, Isaac

### Calgary, AB: January 29–30

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)  
 11-3 +1202 1557 1650 Pivovarov, Juraj  
 10-4 +937 1920 1913 Tran, Eric  
 10-4 +492 1635 1678 Fleetham, Jeff (BC)  
 DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)  
 13-2 +956 773 931 Clifford, Maureen  
 11-3 +501 827 904 Slater, Linda  
 10-4 +737 1063 1071 Morigeau, Terri

### Kissimmee, FL: January 29–30

OKAY: *Orlando-Kissimmee Area tourney*  
 DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)  
 14-0 +1441 1832 1876 Glass, Steve  
 10-4 +465 1726 1721 Payne, Trip  
 9-6 +620 1559 1559 Lakernick, Harriette (IL)  
 DIVISION B (15 PLAYERS)  
 11-3 +641 1128 1192 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)  
 10-4 +653 1127 1160 Blyler, Bob  
 9-5 +561 1059 1085 Pomeroy, Marilyn (NC)

### Knoxville, TN: January 29–30

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)  
 14-1 +1644 2087 2102 Gibson, David (SC)  
 10-6 +334 1764 1774 Fischer, Ryan (NC)  
 9-6 -86 1565 1603 Michaels, Tim  
 DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)  
 12-3 +745 1394 1445 Warren, Reid (MO)  
 11-4 +743 1374 1414 Bergeron, Jerri (GA)  
 11-4 +84 1259 1327 Finkel, Aaron (NC)  
 DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)  
 12-3 +1030 654 844 Ryder, Kimberly  
 12-3 +624 914 989 Nicholson, Toni  
 10-5 +442 1019 1029 Wade, Andrew (KY)

### Atlantic City, NJ: January 29–31

DIVISION A (26 PLAYERS)  
 15-4 +886 1822 1894 Le, Cecilia (MA)  
 13-6 +279 1890 1912 Clinchy, Evans (MA)  
 12-7 +622 1828 1851 Robinsky, Rob (MN)  
 DIVISION B (40 PLAYERS)  
 14-5 +1018 1590 1665 Avrin, Paul (NY)  
 14-5 +637 1638 1672 Tier, Steve (NY)  
 13-6 +1214 1697 1699 Piro, Sal (NY)  
 DIVISION C (28 PLAYERS)  
 15-4 +1074 1318 1403 Katz, Darren (NY)  
 13-6 +505 1392 1411 Fenske, Robert (TX)  
 12-7 +858 1136 1213 Fine, Adam (MD)  
 DIVISION D (20 PLAYERS)  
 17-3 +555 890 1001 Cornetto, Janet  
 15-4 +1037 897 974 Rothman, Craig  
 13-6 +809 893 928 Horowitz, Dan (DE)

## Challenge Contest 2

by the Bulletin Committee



This month's challenge is to make the highest-scoring solitaire game where: (1) every turn has a five-letter main word (one that contains all the tiles played), and (2) the game ends after five turns with no penalty for unplayed tiles. As usual, every play must be acceptable in the OTCWL2 (+ Long List) lexicon. In the sample solution, TERAI, STERN, AIRNS, ANTAE and SERIN are played for a total of 64 points.

To enter the contest, enter your game position into Quackle (assigning alternate moves to each player), and save and upload a .gcg file through Member Services at the NASPA website before midnight EST on the evening of March 15th.

The winning solution will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin, and the winner will receive a year's membership renewal. Ties will be broken in favour of the solution which is received first.

Congratulations to the winner of last month's inaugural challenge, Shan Abbasi (Mississauga, ON), for his 1,288-point game with all horizontal plays, including 285 points for the non-bingo CONSEQUENTIALLY, played through the words SERIENT and ALL.



January 2011 Contest Winner's solution

## SCRABBLE Fan Page

by the Bulletin Committee

Are you on Facebook? Maybe you're already playing the FB SCRABBLE app or the FB SCRABBLE Flash games. Now, to make your FB experience even richer, Hasbro has created an official SCRABBLE Facebook fan page for fans in the United States and Canada. It was launched on February 9, 2011, and it's the one-stop shop for all things Scrabble. On the Wall is a daily challenge or a Word-of-the-Day. Under the "All SCRABBLE" tab there are links to all the different SCRABBLE variations, games and apps, and also links for SCRABBLE Groups. That's where you'll find a link to NASPA, along with one for School SCRABBLE and the NSA. Jay Bruns from Hasbro says that within the next six months they'll be adding context and news to make the presence more robust, so keep checking it out! You'll find the SCRABBLE fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/ScrabbleNA>.

## Game Position

by the Bulletin Committee

Jake Bergmann (Lexington, MA)'s opponent had just played JAY and was up 340-215 in the position shown, when Jake found himself with DEEHMOU on his rack. Jake saw and made a 45-point play but missed the best play. What were they? (Last month's answers: OVERGILT and VERLIGTE#.)



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