



# NASPA Bulletin

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### It Takes All Kinds

by Chris Cree

Last month I had the pleasure of returning to play in San Diego after many years. One of NASPA's brightest young stars, Conrad Bassett-Bouchard (Moraga, CA), organized the San Diego Open. The event took place at a local Crowne Plaza. The hotel had a super playing room.

Conrad assembled a crack staff to direct: Mark Milan (Laguna Niguel, CA), Bennett Jacobstein (San Jose, CA) and Chris Patrick Morgan (San Francisco). The format was the resurgent one-division open format. Some players like to test their mettle against higher rated players and this format affords that opportunity. There are always upsets. The SDO had some great ones.



Janet Elliott

92nd seed Janet Elliott (La Jolla, CA) overcame a 2053-1076 rating difference to beat two-time National SCRABBLE Champion Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR) by a score of 381-355 in Round 2. She went on to beat 1817-rated

Rusty Peltz (San Diego, CA) 498-401 in the next round, and 1736-rated Ron Howard (Irvine, CA) 438-401 in Round 12. Janet earned a 1743 performance rating in the first half of the 20-round event, and increased her rating overall 140 points to 1216, a career high.



James Leong

James Leong (Vancouver, BC), the 2007 Players Champion, came out on top of the 106-player field. A walking advertisement for opens, Kevin Fraley (San Jose, CA) the 39th seed, finished in 2nd place. Kevin's rating jumped 146 points from 1633 to 1779.

Another young star, Doug Brockmeier, (Yorba Linda, CA) finished in third place to add another honor to his mantle, which includes winning the 2009 Hartford Open.

A couple of other notable achievements were Verna Richards Berg (New York, NY), the 47th seed, who finished in 14th place

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TD Scott Jackson (Minneapolis, MN), SCRABBLE Flash winner Joe Gaspard (St. Paul, MN)

### Call The Director!

by Rebecca Slivka

**Hey, Players!**

*You know what drives directors crazy?* It's when you come up us after a game, or during a break, and say "A funny thing just happened and I wondered... what should I have done?" Aarrghh! It doesn't matter what the scenario is, the correct answer is always the same: **you should have CALLED THE DIRECTOR if..**

- a rules question comes up that you and your opponent don't agree on or aren't sure about;
- or your opponent is drawing tiles in a manner that looks suspicious;
- or the person at the next game is talking loudly and distracting you from your game;
- or something else.

Your task is simple: Neutralize the clock, Raise your hand, and call "Director!"

*Any questionable situation* is the time to call the Director. That's what we are here for: to keep the tournament running smoothly, enforce the rules, and adjudicate any disputes. Remember that a director can resolve an issue quickly, fairly, and usually more quietly than two players on their own. Many people are reluctant to call for the director

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### 2011 Rules Changes

by Jan Dixon

Here is a summary of changes to the NASPA Rules, which will take effect on June 16th, 2011. More significant changes are shown in **bold type**. The full text of the new rules document will be posted on the website on June 1st.

1. Rule I.A.(Cheating and Collusion): This rule is now a combination of old rules I.A. (Cheating) and I.E. (Collusion). **All references to gambling and "rotisserie" arrangements have been removed from the rules.**

2. Rule II.A. (Clock Neutralization): Improved the wording and added that **tiles may not be tracked, the blank may not be designated, and tiles may not be touched or adjusted while the clock is neutralized.**

3. Rule II.C.2. (Observing Infractions): This rule now mentions observation of disconnected tiles by third parties.

4. Rule II.C. (Observing Infractions): The last paragraph was reworded to indicate that observers may not point out mistakes regarding scoring or time clocks until the tally sheet has been signed.

5. Rule III.A.2. (Tiles): We noted that tiles which give visual clues are less preferred.

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## The Majors

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and had a 176-rating points gain from 1562 to 1738 and Carol Kaplan (San Diego, CA), the 42nd seed, who finished in 20th place and had a 172-rating points gain from 1602 to 1774.

A continent away, Sherrie Saint John (Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA) was hosting the 30th annual Boston Area Tournament. Quackle coauthor, John O’Laughlin (Boston, MA), took the prestigious Premier Division Championship. Chris Lipe (Rome, NY) qualified for next year’s Premier Division by taking Division 1. Other division winners in that 151-player field were Michael Ecsedy, (Brookfield, CT), Yvonne Lobo (Mississauga, ON) and Joseph Waldbaum (Danvers, MA).

This Memorial Day Weekend, seven official NASPA tournaments are on the docket with about 350 NASPA members participating in official SCRABBLE tournaments.

In another month or so, the prolific Annette Tedesco (Stillwater, NY) will be organizing her wonderful annual Fourth of July SCRABBLE tournament, which promises to be one of the biggest ever.

We have organizers, directors and players that are new, experienced, up and coming, promising and every adjective in between. It is an exciting time for tournament SCRABBLE!!

## Advisory Board Rulings

by the *Advisory Board*

The NASPA Advisory Board (AB) exercised its appellate and disciplinary functions recently in two separate rulings.

In its Ruling #19, the AB overturned a Canadian Committee ruling that had placed James Leong (Vancouver, BC) behind Andy Saunders (Guelph, ON) in the Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship qualification rankings.

In Ruling #20, the AB imposed a disciplinary sanction on a NASPA member for violations of the NASPA Code of Conduct. Details of disciplinary rulings are kept confidential.

The AB meets next on June 7.

## Mystery Word

by *John Chew*

Our March issue’s mystery word was GLEG, which can be found in the following words: GLEGLY, GLEGNESS, PEG-LEGGED and JUNGLEGYM.

This week’s word has four acceptable anagrams in OTCWL2, including its reversal. (Two words are reversals if they use the same letters arranged in opposite directions, like AGENES and SENEGA.) The reversal of one of those anagrams is acceptable only in CSW. What is the word?

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## Director!

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because they don’t want to be perceived as accusing an opponent of something, but you have to get past that hesitation. Do yourself and everyone around you a favor and get the Director involved.

### Hey, Directors!

You aren’t off the hook either. *You are the boss* at the tournament (or club session) and it’s your job to pay attention to what is going on and make sure that players are following the rules and behaving themselves. Also, just because someone hasn’t called for the director you haven’t been absolved from injecting yourself into a situation to clear stuff up. If you hear loud voices, or a game seems to be taking a lot longer than everyone else in the division, then you need to go investigate. Don’t wait to be invited!

If a player complains to you about another player, it’s important to take it seriously and deal with them IMMEDIATELY. Get an explanation from both sides (and from witnesses—if there are any). Refer to the Rule Book, not just your memory of the rules when making adjudications. Explain to the players why you are ruling in particular way and, if they ask, show them the applicable rule.

If you decide that a player is misbehaving, give them a *real warning*, with immediate consequences. After the second warning (or the first, if the behavior is egregious enough), tell the player that the next offense will get them booted from the tournament—and then follow through with your threat.

Players need to know that there are consequences that they will experience right away; not months later after a complaint has been received by the Tournament Committee. It may be uncomfortable to confront a player who is misbehaving, but as a Director it’s your responsibility occasionally to take on this unpleasant task.

While you can always tell a player that they can file an Incident Report with NASPA, and of course you should file one yourself if you’ve had to mete out any remedy beyond the basic rules violations correction, you should “discipline first and report later.”

### Why are we talking about this now?

One of the jobs of the Tournament Committee is to investigate Incident Reports and complaints and recommend sanctions (if appropriate). We’ve observed a disturbing pattern in the past year or so where we have received complaints about bad behavior that continued through several games (or several days) of a tournament, but the director didn’t discipline the player at the tournament.

In some of these cases, the players/witnesses didn’t complain directly to the Director either. Not until afterwards, that is, when they wrote up Incident Reports and sent them on to the Tournament Committee. In at least a

few of these cases, if the director had acted earlier (at the tournament) the incident may not have escalated into a situation where a player had to be sanctioned.

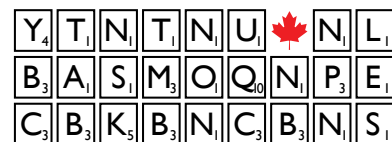
We also get witness reports that say a player has been misbehaving for months *or even years* with impunity. We want that to stop, and we need your help to do it. Players need to complain “early and often” and demand that a director take the complaint seriously and directors need to have low tolerance for bad behavior so they can nip it in the bud.

We all want the same thing: to play SCRABBLE games in a comfortable, pleasant environment (and win a few games, from time to time). Help us get there by being informed and proactive players and directors.

Thanks!

Rebecca Slivka

NASPA Tournament Committee



2011 Canadian National  
SCRABBLE® Championship

## CNSC 2011 News

by *John Chew*

Hasbro Canada is sponsoring another Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship (CNSC) on June 10-13, 2011, at the Bond Place Hotel next to Yonge-Dundas Square in downtown Toronto. Registration and qualification are now closed for the invitational main event, but there are still a limited number of places available for the open Early Bird on June 10.

Registered players are reminded to check the News link at the top of the event webpage for last-minute instructions frequently as the championship draws near. For example, a recent update tells players that the equipment section of the main page has been updated to mention that they may use event Protiles from the 2011 or any past CNSC.

The last four main event places went in qualifying tournaments to Jeff Parsons (St. John’s, NL), Betty Bergeron (Calgary, AB), Jackson Smylie (Toronto, ON) and Shan Abasi (Mississauga, ON). Jackson, one of this year’s National School SCRABBLE Champions, earned his seat with style, going undefeated 8-0 +1250 at the Eastern qualifier, adding 174 points to his 1151 rating, not scoring less than 415 points in any game, and crushing his final opponent 643-195.

Please follow along with the annotated games and Sherrie Saint John’s live coverage during the event, and stay tuned to see who emerges victorious in the best-of-five finals on June 13 to claim the \$7,000 top prize and WSC berth.

## The New Rules

from 2011 RULES CHANGES, p. 1

6. Rule III.A.4. (Racks/Boards): We specified that boards whose premium square colors are not the traditional red/pink/blue are less preferred.

7. Rule III.A.7. (Other Objects): The wording was slightly changed and we mentioned specifically that calculators may not be used.

8. Rule III.C. (Arriving Late): We specified the **procedure to follow if both players are late for a game.**

9. Rules III.F.3. (Misoriented Tiles), III.F.4. (Poorly Positioned Tiles), and III.F.5. (Disconnected Tiles or Words): We slightly adjusted the wording of III.F.3., and we added III.F.4. and III.F.5. to specify **how to handle sloppily placed or disconnected tiles. Tiles are considered to be in whatever square they most cover, or to be off the board if more of the tile is off the board than in any square. The player whose turn follows a play in which tiles are not completely placed in their squares may neutralize the clock to place them in the squares they most cover. If a tile is flipped, that player may restart the opponent's clock until the tile is properly faced. If tiles are disconnected, the play is illegal and MUST be removed with loss of turn. Subsequent plays to any disconnected tiles still on the board are also illegal and must be removed (along with the disconnected tiles they were played to). Such subsequent plays also incur loss of turn. Further details are in Rule III.F.5.**

10. Rule IV.B.1. (How to Draw Tiles): **The wording now requires the drawer to place the bag opening above eye level, and not to hold the bag directly between the drawer and his/her opponent.**

11. Rule IV.B.4.a. (Overdraw Procedure): We clarified that overdraw tiles placed anywhere on one's rack are considered to be "combined" with one's old tiles.

12. Rule IV.C.2. (Counting Tiles): **The wording now instructs the tile counter to place the bag opening above eye level, to not hold the bag directly between the counter and his/her opponent, and to not hold his/her own tiles in either hand while counting.**

13. Rule IV.C.2. (Counting Tiles): We clarified wording to indicate that the player whose clock is running may request the bag even if the other player is drawing tiles.

14. Rule IV.D. (Board Etiquette): We specified that you should not touch the board or any tiles on the board when your opponent's clock is running.

15. Rule IV.D.(Board Etiquette): We added a reference to IV.C.1. (Keeping tiles on the rack).

16. Rule IV.E.1. (Passing): The wording was slightly changed from "If you mistakenly

start your opponent's clock..." to "If you start your opponent's clock in error..."

17. Rule IV.E.2.a.(4). (Tile Exchange Procedure): We removed the unnecessary phrase "to verify the count" after the phrase "placing them face down on the table."

18. Rule IV.F.1. (How to Designate the Blank): We added that the director may modify the blank designation procedure as s/he sees fit to accommodate blind players.

19. Rule IV.F.1. (How to Designate the Blank): **We defined the proper way to designate two blanks played on the same turn.**

20. Rule IV.G.1.b. (How to Complete a Turn): **Wording was changed slightly to prohibit adjusting tile placement after starting opponent's clock.**

21. Rule IV.G.1.e. (How to Complete a Turn): We clarified the wording to indicate when one's turn ends during an "out" play.

22. Rule IV.H.3. (Willfully Fostering Incorrect Scores): We added that it is considered cheating to allow a disconnected play to stand.

23. Rule IV.I.1 (When to Hold or Challenge) and Rule V.D. (Neutralizing the Clock on the Out Play): **We specified that revealing your tiles or their point value after the last play of the game is considered acceptance of the play and disallows the player from thereafter holding or challenging that play.**

24. Rule IV.I.2. (Holding the Play): The wording was slightly changed from "If you wish to consider challenging a play, call 'hold'..." to "To reserve the right to challenge a play, call 'hold'..."

25. Rule IV.I.3. (Challenging the Play): **We added that either player may concede a challenge without a formal lookup.**

26. Rule IV.J.1.1. (Software Self-Lookup Procedure): **We added that if a challenge is successful the written blank designation must be erased or crossed out,** and we clarified that, after a challenge, it is not considered a delay of game if a player records his/her cumulative score.

27. Rule IV.K.2. (The Manual Lookup Procedure): A minor wording change was made to the note at the end of this section. The words "before the Director has adjudicated the play" were changed to "before the play has been adjudicated."

28. Rule V.C.2. (Final Play): Minor wording change to cover plays scoring six consecutive plays of zero points involving disconnected tiles.

29. Rule V.D. (Neutralizing the Clock on the Out Play): **We added that tiles should not be touched until tally slips have been signed.**

30. Rule V.H. (Recounting the Game): **We added that the Director must give a one minute warning before terminating a recount, and that the Director may terminate any recount deemed frivolous (or**

**where the players do not have the means to verify each turn quickly and without dispute).**

31. Rule V.I. (Recording the Game): We specifically defined "tally slips" and "scorecards." **We added that it is the responsibility of the winner (or the player going first if the game is a tie) to submit the tally slip or scorecards.**

32. Appendix I.B. (Subsequent Plays): Wording was changed slightly and we specified that "disconnected" plays must be removed from the board.

Jan Dixon

Chair, NASPA Rules Committee



## NSC 2011 News

by the Championship Committee

We have over 70 players from 22 states and provinces registered so far for the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC), the annual festival of our SCRABBLE community that will take place in Dallas on August 6–10 this summer. Early registration closes on June 22nd, after which a \$50 late fee will apply.

This year's tournament has four divisions, split at ratings of 1700, 1400 and 1100. Unlimited play-up is permitted, just like last year. New this year is a Lunch Bird tournament, directed by Dan Horowitz, for those who want to squeeze in an eighth game each day.

Activity Director Robin Gates has been hard at work again researching outings and activities for NSC players and their friends and families. If there's something you would like to do while you're in Dallas, or you're wondering what there is to do, please send her email.

If you're looking for a roommate or ride to or from the airport, or if there's any other way in which we can help you prepare for the event of the year, please let us know.

We have our key event staff recruited, but are still looking for some registration day volunteers. If you have a couple of hours of your time to donate, please contact Mary Rhoades.

We will have vendor tables again, including wares from Sam Kantimathi, Gene Tyszk, Michael Thelen and Merriam-Webster Inc. If you have a game-related product to sell to the keenest SCRABBLE players in the country, we are still accepting vendor table applications.

See you all in Dallas!

## WSC 2011 News

by John Chew

I had the opportunity to meet with the organizer of the 2011 World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC), Philip Nelkon of Mattel U.K., on a recent trip to England, on my way home from directing the European Open and the Malta International C Open, both in Malta. We talked about the logistics of organizing a first event in Warsaw, and of expanding the event from its past format of three eight-game days to its new format of four nine-game days. As the event's webmaster, I look forward to an interesting challenge.

Canadian players are reminded that their qualification period for the WSC ends immediately after the Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship (CNSC) in June. David Boys (Dorval, QC) and Joel Wapnick (Montréal, QC) have earned places on the Canadian team through their WSC 2009 performance. The current leading contenders for the remaining six places are: Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON), Tony Leah (Ajax, ON), Dean Saldanha (Richmond, BC), Nick Ball (Victoria, BC), Dielle Saldanha (Richmond, BC) and Ron Hoekstra (Vancouver, BC). If the CNSC is won by a player who is not at the top of the qualifying rating list, then only five players will be chosen on rating.

Twelve of the 15 members of the U.S. team will be determined on June 23rd, based on who has registered to qualify on WSC 2009 performance or qualifying rating; the remaining members and an alternate will be chosen at a qualifying tournament on July 15-17 in northeast Ohio. The twelfth currently registered player has a peak rating of 1936.

## The New Words

by the International Committee

If you were tuned into the news media this month, you probably heard someone, most likely a NASPA member, being interviewed about the crazy new slang words that are being added to the SCRABBLE dictionary: ARGH, GRRL, GRRRL, INNIT, JUVIE, MEH, NOOB and THANG. We particularly recommend Stefan Fatsis' article at Slate.com.

Most of the reportage has been misleading on the following points. The changes do not take effect until January 2012, and more importantly, the dictionary in question is the Collins lexicon (SOWPODS), used mainly in international play, and by a growing but still small minority of NASPA players and tournaments. Also, we all know that the lexicon already includes lots of crazy slang words!

We expect that by the time the word list is updated, about 10% of the NASPA playing population will have played in at least one Collins tournament, but the Executive Committee says that as long as players want

to keep playing OTCWL games, that option will remain open. The Dictionary Committee does not yet know what effect the Collins changes will have on the next edition of OTCWL, currently scheduled for publication in 2013.

We'll be writing more about this new word list though later in the year. From a player's point of view, the most interesting short additions are likely to be ANS, ATS, FIQH(S), NOTAIRE(S), QIN(S), RONZ, SLANTIER, SOZ, XRAY and ZARI. There are also the usual additions of foreign currency units (TEIN), newly popular food terms (ALOO, ALU, DAAL, SAAG), technology terms (AUTOSAVE, DEQUEUE, EMAILER, ENQUEUE, INBOX, INTERWEB, MUNGE, NETROOT, VOIP, WIKI), and names of animals and plants (HOKA, SUNI). And there are about 200 words that will no longer be acceptable, including ARC-COS, ARCSIN, ARCTAN, CIAOS, GOD-SOS, ODSOS, OHOS, TOHOS and YOS.

## Bermuda Cruise

by the Tournament Committee

Every now and then we get a tournament sanction application that is a little out of the ordinary, and deserves extra mention. Tony Leah (Toronto, ON), in association with NASPA member travel agents Shauna Petrie and Dave Krook (Mississauga, ON), have put together their first SCRABBLE travel of-



fering: a weeklong cruise aboard the Celebrity Summit from New Jersey to Bermuda, May 6-13, 2012.

The itinerary includes 18 games of rated SCRABBLE play during the three days spent at sea, and three days docked in Bermuda. A wide range of fares are available starting at \$727.68 per person (double occupancy); bookings are available now and fully refundable until February 21, 2012. The entry fee for the event is \$75, but each stateroom will receive a \$75 shipboard credit.

Newcomers to SCRABBLE play are welcome; and if there is sufficient interest, a NASPA- and WESPA-rated Collins division will be held.

See the NASPA tournament calendar or cross-tables.com for more information including registration details.

## Mystery Word Clue 2

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You can contain the mystery word inside nine different three-letter words to make longer acceptable words. (For example, if the mystery word were BETTA, one example of a three-letter container would be ALS, because ABETTALS is a word.) What is the word?

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## NASPA In The News

by the Bulletin Committee

**Sound Shore**, April 29, reported on local Bedford, NY and New Rochelle, NY students that attended the National School SCRABBLE Championship (NSSC). The team of Matthew O'Connor and Seth Tilliss (Bedford, NY) came in third place, and the team of Kevin E Rosenberg and Mack Meller came in fifth place.

The **Toronto Star** printed a letter on May 1st from Gabrielle Bauer, mother of one of a NSSC winner, entitled "SCRABBLE win fair and square", addressing criticism about how the team of Alex Li and Jackson Smylie (Scarborough, ON) won the championship.

The **Star Tribune** reported on May 3rd on Jimmy Kimmel inviting the middle-school NSSC winners to his show.

On May 3, **DI-VE** reported on the Malta International SCRABBLE Open (MISO, webmaster John Chew).

The **South Charlotte News**, May 4th, reported on four students from Randolph Middle School that attended the NSSC. Eliza Lieberman (Charlotte, NC) and her fellow students are highlighted in the article.

The **Daily Brew**, May 5th, posted an article entitled "Canadian teen SCRABBLE champions defeat Jimmy Kimmel in style," mentioning Alex Li, Jackson Smylie and John D. Williams Jr. (Greenport, NY). The "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" Show segment is available in [two parts](#) on [YouTube](#), and portions were also shown on CBC's "The National."

The **Times of Malta**, May 5th, reported on the European Open SCRABBLE Championship (EOSC) and MISO. The **Malta Independent** ran a similar article on May 7th.

The **Cambridge Times** ran a short article on May 11, reporting on the Eastern CNSC Qualifying Tournament hosted by the Golden Triangle SCRABBLE Club. Both Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON) and John Robertson (Cambridge, ON) were mentioned.

The **Ridgefield Press**, May 11, posted an article titled "Ridgefield SCRABBLE team does well in national meet," featuring the team of Amy Rowland (Ridgefield, CT) and Kell Pogue (Westport, CT) and celebrates their second 10th place NSSC finish under coach Cornelia Guest (Ridgefield, CT).

News of changes to the Collins lexicon was everywhere this month. Written by the illustrious NASPA member Stefan Fatsis

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## Words and Glory

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(author of *Word Freak*), [Slate.com](#)'s article "Word Freakout" has his take on the subject (posted May 12).

[The Record](#) has quite a lengthy article entitled "A word to the wise from SCRABBLE whiz," which features Jackson Smylie, who won every game he played at the Eastern Qualifying Tournament in Valens, ON, winning the tournament and qualifying him for the 2011 CNSC. Shan Abbasi (Mississauga, ON) came in 2nd. Mentioned also were Jackson's School SCRABBLE tournament partner Alex Li, Stephen Karp (Waterloo, ON), and John Robertson, organizer of the tournament (posted May 16).

Tacoma WA's [News Tribune](#) ran an article May 16, entitled "Better your SCRABBLE game at Tuesday class," reporting on a course offered by Jessica Stone (Richland, WA) through Kennewick Community Education that will help word lovers master the games basics and supply tips and strategies.

The [Pakistan Express Tribune](#), May 16, reported on the sad passing of Ishtiaq Chishty, the oldest player to have competed in the World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC). He had a long career in our rating system, over 300 trophies and a letter from Alfred Mosher Butts, praising his efforts and contributions to the game. NASPA mourns his passing.

Shan Abbasi appeared on [CBC Radio](#)'s "The Current" on May 20, to talk about changes to the Collins lexicon.

[blogTO](#) posted an article on May 23 about the eighth anniversary party for the "SCRABBLE in the City" club organized by Roger Cullman (Toronto, ON).

The Milwaukee [A.V. Club](#) wrote on May 23 about Renato Umali (Milwaukee, WI) and his 10th annual Award Gala.

On May 24, [CityNews Toronto](#) posted a lengthy article about Alex Li and Jackson Smylie. The article has their reaction to winning the NSSC and the "intense glory" that has followed, along with tips and highlight plays. There is also a video interview.

The May 26 event listings in the [Montreal Gazette](#) mentions the Montreal SCRABBLE Tournament, directed by Sary Karanofsky (Cote Saint-Luc, QC).

Malaysia's [The Star](#), May 27, ran an article entitled "SCRABBLE a game without boundaries," featuring 2009 WSC champ Pakorn Nemitramansuk (Bangkok, THA).

On May 29, [DI-VE](#) had a follow-up article to their first one about the EOSC and MISO.

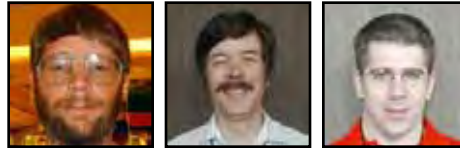
## Mystery Word Clue 3

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Among the more unusual suffixes for the mystery word are: -ETS, -FLOWER, and -NOSE. Answer to appear next issue.

## Top Active Players

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (OTCWL) rating system, as of May 1, 2011.



*The top-rated three: Nigel, David & Brian*

1. 2140 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2102 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2068 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
4. 2059 Logan, Adam (ON)
5. 2053 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2047 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
7. 2014 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2014 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
9. 2005 Sherman, Joel (NY)
10. 2004 Johnson, Carl (OR)
11. 2002 Mallick, Joey (ME)
12. 1999 Stern, Rafi (WA)
13. 1998 Swift, Orry (TX)
14. 1989 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
15. 1968 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
16. 1967 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
17. 1964 Edley, Joe (NY)
18. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
19. 1948 Nemitramansuk, Pakorn (THA)
20. 1945 Tran, Eric (AB)
21. 1932 Koenig, David (MD)
22. 1931 Day, Jesse (CA)
23. 1929 Leong, James (BC)
24. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
24. 1928 Sujjayakorn, Panupol (THA)
26. 1922 Meyer, Nick (CA)
27. 1920 Cree, Chris (TX)
28. 1916 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
29. 1915 Walton, Noah (OR)
30. 1914 Gabriel, Marty (IL)
31. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
31. 1911 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
33. 1910 Macneil, Rod (MA)
34. 1905 Frenzt, Mike (WA)
34. 1905 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
36. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
37. 1898 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
38. 1897 Luebkekmann, John (VA)
39. 1894 Withers, Ben (TX)
40. 1893 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
41. 1892 Rosin, Sam (NJ)
42. 1891 Kramer, Jim (MN)
43. 1890 Saldanha, Dean (BC)
44. 1889 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
45. 1888 Cornelis, Lou (ON)
46. 1887 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
47. 1886 Lipe, Chris (NY)
48. 1883 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
48. 1883 Le, Cecilia (MA)
48. 1883 Winter (TX)

The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of May 1, 2011.



*The top CSW three: Nigel, Philip & Nathan*

1. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
3. 2072 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
4. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
5. 2028 Nemitramansuk, Pakorn (THA)
6. 2019 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
7. 2015 Logan, Adam (ON)
8. 2007 Eldar, David (AUS)
9. 1968 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
10. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
11. 1943 Bowman, Brian (KY)
12. 1926 Boys, David (QC)
13. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
14. 1918 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
15. 1916 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
16. 1912 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
17. 1907 Leah, Tony (ON)
18. 1902 Macneil, Rod (MA)
19. 1901 Panitch, Max (ON)
20. 1891 Cree, Chris (TX)

## Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



*Chris Cree, Wilma Pitzer & Linda Oliva*

### Most Rated Wins

1. 27 Cree, Chris (TX)
1. 27 Pitzer, Wilma (OH)
3. 25 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
3. 25 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)
5. 24 Mallick, Joey (ME)
5. 24 Settle, Ben (AB)

### Most Games Played

1. 49 Oliva, Linda (MD)
2. 48 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)
2. 48 Avrin, Paul (NY)
4. 42 Engelhardt, David (MD)
5. 41 Gabriel, Marty (IL)



*Marla Riff, Jeremy Hall & Puneet Sharma*

### Most Games Undeclared

1. 8 Riff, Marla (FL)
1. 8 Hall, Jeremy (NY)
3. 6 McCall, Heather (ON)

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3. 6 Ward, Bruce (CA)
3. 6 Greenberg, Morris (MA)
3. 6 Ozorio, Sophia (ON)

### Biggest Rating Gains

1. +405 = 1432 Sharma, Puneet (MA)
2. +188 = 864 Greene, Chuck (NC)
3. +177 = 1845 McKenzie, Kelly (KY)
4. +151 = 1229 Riff, Marla (FL)
5. +146 = 1779 Fraley, Kevin (CA)



First-time player Carol McDonald of Northboro, MA earned this month's highest initial rating, the highest so far this year, with a 10-5 record in Division C at Boston.

### Highest Initial Rating

1. 1466 McDonald, Carol (MA)
2. 1262 Goldstein, Danny (CA)
3. 1177 Weinstein, Seth (NY)
4. 1118 Brown, Vivian (TX)
5. 1017 Lee, Debby (MB)

## 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 tournament ending in April 2011, together with their wins, losses, cumulative spread, old and new ratings. Out-of-state winners are identified with their home state (or province).



Joey Mallick, George MacAulay, Bruce Ward

### Bloomington, MN: April 1-3

Twain Cities SCRABBLE Tournament

(14 PLAYERS)

- 15-3 +1657 2002 2021 Mallick, Joey (ME)  
 13-5 +921 1920 1942 Cree, Chris (TX)  
 12-6 +307 1786 1813 Jackson, Scott

### Moose Jaw, SK: April 2-3

25th Annual Moose Jaw Tournament

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

- 12-0 +1797 1709 1747 MacAulay, George  
 8-4 +33 1194 1239 Bray, Michael  
 7-5 +150 1210 1229 Ghiglione, Laurina

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

- 9-3 +707 1091 1135 Kaufmann, Annelies (MB)  
 9-3 +488 954 1046 Steeves-Gurnsey, Teresa  
 7-5 +32 925 966 Lazeski, John

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

- 9-3 +403 879 935 Woodward, Shirley  
 7-5 +15 888 901 Knight, Amy (MB)  
 7-5 +1 865 883 Keal, Maureen

DIVISION D (10 PLAYERS)

- 9-3 +847 792 838 Kapoor-Dozois, Angela (MB)  
 9-3 +644 0 1017 Lee, Debby (MB)  
 8-4 +798 766 780 Brammall, Faith

### Berkeley, CA: April 3

DIVISION A (7 PLAYERS)

- 7-0 +621 1718 1788 Ward, Bruce  
 6-1 +422 1676 1716 Karris, John  
 4-3 +196 1494 1509 Frodyma, KC

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

- 4-2 +137 1376 1397 Barfuss, William (NM)  
 3-2 -124 1406 1415 Wiley, John  
 3-3 +255 1343 1348 Catanese, Paula

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

- 5-1 +296 1325 1347 Demeter, Jon  
 4-2 +273 1263 1274 Jacobi, Gunther (OR)  
 3-3 +138 1028 1046 Smith, Peter

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

- 5-1 +620 797 874 White, Michael  
 4-2 +69 905 911 Baginski, Bruce  
 4-2 +35 464 527 Bailie, Michelle (OR)



Rachel Knapp, Jason Keller, Pete Zeigler

### Laguna Woods, CA: April 3

(4 PLAYERS)

- 7-0 +1127 1704 1742 Knapp, Rachel  
 4-3 +398 1593 1584 D'Ambrosio, Bruce  
 3-4 -185 1386 1366 Moss, Gary

### Philadelphia, PA: April 3

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

- 6-1 +655 1811 1828 Keller, Jason (NJ)  
 5-2 +322 2005 1997 Sherman, Joel (NY)  
 4-3 +311 1430 1457 Bodrazic, Erica Norris

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

- 5-2 +467 1399 1420 Roth, Edwin  
 5-2 +233 1406 1425 Jaslow, Frank  
 5-2 +218 1392 1410 Milton, Daniel (VA)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

- 7-0 +532 1192 1259 Vasquez, Nicholas (NY)  
 5-2 +534 1053 1084 Fiorelli, Doreen (NY)  
 5-2 +181 905 965 Horowitz, Dan (DE)

DIVISION D (16 PLAYERS)

- 6-1 +670 0 1177 Weinstein, Seth (NY)  
 6-1 +592 834 875 Thornton, Lucille (NJ)  
 5-2 +606 733 754 Roberts, Beverly (DC)

### Akron, OH LCT: April 7

(4 PLAYERS)

- 3-1 +454 1604 1608 Zeigler, Pete  
 2-2 -70 1506 1506 McCarthy, Kevin, Sr  
 2-2 -130 1205 1212 Johnson, Dallas

### Boston Area Tournament, MA: April 8

NAST Satellite Event

EARLY BIRD (30 PLAYERS)

- 5-0 +521 1806 1834 Wolfberg, Michael  
 5-0 +416 1882 1904 Glass, Steve (FL)  
 4-1 +679 1731 1748 Higby, Karl (NY)



Mike Wolfberg, Chris Lipe, James Leong

### Boston Area Tournament, MA: April 8-10

30th Annual BAT

DIVISION A (26 PLAYERS)

- 11-4 +1063 1886 1929 Lipe, Chris (NY)  
 11-4 +571 1673 1818 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)  
 10-5 +412 1838 1866 Whitmarsh, Bradley

DIVISION B (34 PLAYERS)

- 12-3 +1116 1645 1692 Ecsedy, Michael (CT)  
 12-3 +718 1537 1610 Finkey, Don (NH)  
 10-5 +308 1447 1511 Townsend, Adam (NY)

DIVISION C (40 PLAYERS)

- 12-3 +430 1360 1424 Lobo, Yvonne (ON)  
 11-4 +752 1112 1252 Kirchhausen, Susan  
 11-4 +493 1278 1340 Mikesell, Marci (VT)

DIVISION D (35 PLAYERS)

- 13-2 +353 988 1084 Waldbaum, Joseph  
 11-4 +978 1026 1072 Conti, Jane  
 11-4 +256 943 992 Lichtman, Emily (NY)

PREMIER DIVISION (16 PLAYERS)

- 10-4 +538 1905 1958 O'Laughlin, John  
 10-5 +521 2059 2068 Logan, Adam (ON)  
 10-5 +129 1856 1911 Robinsky, Rob (MN)

### San Diego, CA: April 8-10

San Diego Open

(106 PLAYERS)

- 17-3 +1511 1929 1995 Leong, James (BC)  
 15-5 +1143 1633 1779 Fraley, Kevin  
 15-5 +814 1864 1909 Brockmeier, Doug

### Baton Rouge, LA: April 9

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-2 +446 1479 1529 Clark, William  
 5-3 +486 1467 1492 Thornton, Paul (TX)  
 5-3 -81 1629 1632 Dynes, Jerry

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-2 +355 1355 1391 Bahra, James  
 5-3 +161 1418 1425 Drake, Carole  
 4-4 +440 1332 1332 Braud, Conrad

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-2 +193 1228 1251 Smith, Brenda (MS)  
 5-3 +160 1165 1177 Bee, Margaret (TX)  
 4-4 +114 958 978 Waits, Sarah

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-2 +517 856 888 Murphy, Joan (CA)  
 5-3 +209 796 826 Guimont, Lawrence  
 5-3 +160 909 913 Lewis, Queen Ester (MS)

### Fenton, MI: April 9

Spring Solstice Tournaments

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-1 +375 1686 1742 Stock, Daniel (OH)  
 5-2 +361 1602 1640 Smith, Jason J  
 5-2 +113 1607 1643 Knapp, Stephen

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

- 6-1 +444 1420 1466 Ravichandran, Carol  
 5-2 +298 1420 1441 Anstandig, Steve  
 4-3 +194 1409 1411 Glowniak, Elaine

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**DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)**

7-0 +449 1149 1211 Sutherland, Margaret  
 5-2 +308 1100 1114 Washburn, Kathleen  
 5-2 +284 948 979 Stock, Joyce (OH)



*William Clark, Daniel Stock, Caesar Jaramillo*

**Lubbock, TX: April 9**

**DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)**

5-0 +578 1492 1513 Jaramillo, Caesar  
 4-1 +377 1523 1522 Tyler, Cheryl  
 2-3 -83 885 890 McGrath, Grace

**DIVISION B (7 PLAYERS)**

5-0 +798 0 1118 Brown, Vivian  
 4-1 +113 718 741 Skylstad, Ann  
 3-2 +275 731 723 Weston, Kay

**Boston Area Tournament, MA: April 9**

**NEWCOMERS EVENT (12 PLAYERS)**

6-0 +485 977 1012 Greenberg, Morris  
 4-2 +348 661 712 Klopper, Aron  
 4-2 +145 0 850 McCarthy, Evan (NH)



*George MacAulay, Jeff Clark, John O'Laughlin*

**Edmonton, AB: April 9-10**

**DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)**

12-2 +845 1747 1788 MacAulay, George (SK)  
 9-5 +234 1692 1682 Pivovarov, Juraj  
 8-6 +440 1574 1566 Clifford, Wayne

**DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)**

11-3 +778 1114 1165 Bodah, Moses  
 10-4 +284 972 1032 Settle, Ben  
 9-5 +232 1090 1104 Morris, Maureen

**DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)**

10-4 +656 706 747 Young, Dorothy  
 9-5 +224 785 786 Woodward, William R (SK)  
 9-5 +124 500 618 Barnes, Kerwin

**Fenton, MI: April 10**

**(12 PLAYERS)**

6-1 +704 1740 1763 Clark, Jeff  
 5-2 +278 1742 1744 Stock, Daniel (OH)  
 5-2 +90 1378 1403 Hoggatt, Linda

**Boston Area Tournament, MA CSW: April 10**

**DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)**

5-1 +602 1918 1945 O'Laughlin, John  
 5-1 +207 1859 1894 Gabriel, Marty (IL)  
 3-3 +175 1825 1829 Keller, Jason (NJ)

**DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)**

5-1 +713 1738 1754 Lipe, Chris (NY)  
 4-2 +98 1403 1432 Sharma, Puneet  
 3-3 +128 1445 1447 Seetharam, Prashanth



*Paul Thornton, Jeremy Hall, Steve Hartsman*

**Oklahoma City, OK: April 15**

**SoonerScramble**

**DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)**

4-1 +266 1492 1544 Thornton, Paul (TX)  
 3-2 +115 1692 1689 Schultz, Wallace (NM)  
 3-2 +107 1803 1793 Hodge, Matthew

**DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)**

4-1 +474 1263 1265 Donegan, Michael (TX)  
 4-1 +259 1248 1251 Brooks, Lee (TX)  
 4-1 +205 1089 1103 Dowaliby, John (MA)

**Bayside Queens, NY: April 16**

**DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)**

8-0 +977 1561 1645 Hall, Jeremy  
 6-2 +497 1704 1710 Avrin, Paul  
 4-4 +127 1386 1398 Gable, Sue

**DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)**

8-0 +644 1164 1238 Shea, Colleen  
 6-2 +105 1128 1157 Nussbaum, Phyllis  
 5-3 +323 1181 1175 Wancel, Linda

**Danville, IL: April 16**

**SCRABBLE For Literacy Fundraiser**

**DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)**

6-1 +328 1712 1747 Hartsman, Steve (WI)  
 5-2 +222 1823 1825 Helfgott, Alan  
 4-3 +172 1357 1395 Fultz, John

**DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +153 993 1032 Palmer, Beth (IN)  
 4-3 +301 926 951 Davis, Elizabeth (OH)  
 4-3 +278 1207 1198 Greene, Lois (OH)

**DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)**

6-1 +420 879 925 Thompson, Troy (IN)  
 5-2 -34 814 843 Chan, Harry  
 4-3 -221 719 740 Hamburg, Tootsie

**DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +669 649 668 Albin, Becky  
 5-2 +224 605 629 Lutz, Della  
 5-2 +195 500 573 Hawker, Cheryl



*Steve Glass, Daniel Stock, Michael Baker*

**Pinellas Park, FL: April 16**

**(6 PLAYERS)**

7-0 +890 1925 1930 Glass, Steve  
 5-3 +559 1385 1399 Huber, Stefan  
 4-3 -102 1302 1313 Boyda, Marlene (MI)

**Richfield, OH: April 16**

**NEOSCRABBLE Spring Fling**

**DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)**

6-1 +499 1744 1767 Stock, Daniel  
 5-2 +177 1620 1646 Krieger, Steve  
 5-2 +135 1276 1342 Lee, Frank

**DIVISION B (11 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +218 1166 1182 Hardwick, Pat  
 5-2 +212 979 1012 Stock, Joyce  
 5-2 -53 766 823 Zitzman, Brandon (KY)

**Coeur D'Alene, ID: April 16-17**

**NW USA vs. W Canada TCC**

**DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)**

10-4 +435 1704 1721 Baker, Michael (OR)  
 10-4 -6 1508 1562 Tillekeratne, Siri (AB)  
 9-5 +789 1682 1677 Pivovarov, Juraj (AB)

**DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)**

11-3 +1024 1093 1158 Anderson, Zana (UT)  
 11-3 +219 1032 1074 Settle, Ben (AB)  
 9-5 +747 1273 1234 Ward, Noella (AB)

**Oklahoma City, OK: April 16-17**

**DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)**

10-3 +214 1765 1797 Purinton, Jeffrey  
 8-5 +635 1514 1567 Watson, Kathleen (TX)  
 8-5 +388 1689 1699 Schultz, Wallace (NM)

**DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)**

10-3 +632 1265 1312 Donegan, Michael (TX)  
 10-3 +505 1155 1227 Morris, Rhonda  
 9-3 +496 1195 1246 Jonsson, Ellen



*Harriette Lakernick, Evan Berofsky, David Gibson*

**Danville, IL: April 17**

**DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)**

7-0 +368 1508 1646 Lakernick, Harriette  
 5-2 +400 1825 1834 Helfgott, Alan  
 5-2 +154 1590 1631 Amster, Barbara

**DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +389 1395 1406 Fultz, John  
 5-2 +142 1409 1418 Terkell, Dan  
 4-3 +38 1412 1401 Brush, Maureen

**DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +254 951 974 Davis, Elizabeth (OH)  
 5-2 +85 903 932 Adukia, Ranjana  
 4-3 +94 843 860 Chan, Harry

**DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)**

5-2 +349 0 943 Gay, Roxane  
 5-2 +283 668 700 Albin, Becky  
 5-2 +109 704 731 Nalepka, James

**Guelph, ON: April 17**

**DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)**

5-1 +359 1893 1911 Berofsky, Evan  
 4-2 +218 1782 1801 Gauthier-Shalom, Gabriel (QC)  
 3-3 +76 1754 1749 Vijayakumar, Sinna

**DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)**

6-0 +272 1443 1490 McCall, Heather  
 4-2 +240 1321 1333 Bowman, Joseph  
 3-3 +285 1207 1215 Bryan, Sean

**DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)**

6-0 +698 1070 1127 Ozorio, Sophia  
 4-2 +148 784 828 Sawatzky, Peter  
 3-3 +225 887 886 Spanier, Crayne

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Kelly McKenzie, Chris Williams, Becky Dyer

### Gatlinburg, TN: April 22-24

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)			
16-4 +963	2102	2117	Gibson, David (SC)
13-7 +744	1759	1865	Hersom, Randy (NC)
11-9 +513	1765	1797	Cardia, Jan (DE)
DIVISION B (18 PLAYERS)			
16-4 +1163	1435	1511	Engelhardt, David (MD)
13-7 +127	1196	1312	Lieberman, Noah (NC)
12-8 +570	1252	1307	Melvin, Cheryl (MI)
DIVISION C (19 PLAYERS)			
17-3 +1353	1264	1312	Pitzer, Wilma (OH)
15-5 +1544	1071	1130	Pomeroy, Marilyn (NC)
15-5 +1216	1097	1142	Taylor, Flora (NC)

### Gatlinburg, TN CSW: April 22-24

(6 PLAYERS)			
12-8 +583	1668	1845	McKenzie, Kelly (KY)
12-8 +380	1943	1936	Bowman, Brian (KY)
11-9 +261	1817	1834	Linn, Robert (MD)

### Seattle, WA: April 23

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +700	1781	1816	Williams, Chris (BC)
5-3 +119	1784	1778	Goodwin, Daniel
4-4 +197	1545	1556	Slivka, Rebecca
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +454	1140	1251	Henderson, Adam
5-2 -49	1216	1250	Nelson, Matthew (CA)
4-3 +100	1167	1176	Bissonnette, Jane
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +483	837	889	Wisniew, Dawn Camille
7-1 +329	812	881	Nelson, Byron
6-2 +251	731	857	Enniful, George

### Austin, TX: April 30

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
4-2 +215	1618	1634	Dyer, Becky
4-2 +197	1598	1616	Leeds, Kevin
3-3 -37	1546	1551	Thornton, Paul
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +326	1443	1484	Redding, John
5-1 +311	1422	1468	Roeder, Oliver
3-3 -98	1313	1323	Solis, Ruben
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +486	1144	1204	Zuckerman, David
5-1 +287	1312	1325	Donegan, Michael
4-2 -209	992	1009	Connally, Michael

### Berlin, NJ: April 30

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +457	1825	1845	Keller, Jason
5-2 +393	1655	1675	Cook, Jeff (WV)
5-2 +103	1645	1676	Petree, Joe (PA)
DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +236	1420	1475	Roth, Edwin (PA)
5-2 +352	1331	1365	Castoro, Jane



Jason Keller, Trip Payne, Jason Idalski

4-3 +251	1442	1442	Jacobson, Jeffrey (PA)
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +685	1254	1300	Shaw, Frances
5-2 +355	1194	1221	Calabro, Marian
5-2 +4	1207	1236	Mohoric, Ed (PA)
DIVISION D (12 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +409	875	930	Thornton, Lucille
5-2 +290	897	920	Clancy, Sarah
5-2 +172	945	962	McDaniel, Betty C

### Fort Lauderdale, FL: April 30

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +419	1756	1811	Payne, Trip
5-3 +475	1916	1913	Tiekert, Ron
3-5 -103	1603	1597	Scalzo, John (NY)
DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)			
8-0 +690	1078	1229	Riff, Marla
6-2 +294	1193	1234	Marques, Sophie
5-3 +22	1110	1138	Saperstein, Maxine
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +93	828	915	Souza, Marilena
5-2 +146	1019	1035	Ullman, Claire
4-3 +203	992	992	Levin, Cheryl
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +296	0	983	Wright, Louise
5-3 +214	653	682	Buck, Patricia
5-3 +159	752	766	Berger, Fred

### South Lyon, MI: April 30

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +157	1842	1864	Idalski, Jason
5-3 +436	1880	1880	Epstein, Paul
5-3 +366	1767	1786	Stock, Daniel (OH)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +439	1441	1490	Anstandig, Steve
5-3 +283	1368	1404	Glowniak, Elaine
5-3 +259	1521	1533	Easter, Carolyn
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +642	1206	1266	Sutherland, Margaret
6-1 +246	1157	1213	Garner, Michael
6-2 +284	1207	1237	Gray, Janet

## Upcoming Tournaments

by the Tournament Committee

**JUNE 1-15, LCT — TORONTO, ON, CAN:** Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. Wed: 6:45 PM, 3 RDS. EF: \$10 (CAN). PRZ: \$70%. **9-round Local Club Tournament - 3 rounds each on June 1, 8 and 15. Players must attend all three sessions.** Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St, Toronto. CT. John Chew, 416-876-7675, <poslfit@gmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 2, LCT — AKRON, OH:** Thu: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. **Free event. Typically paired with 3 rounds of modified Swiss and 1 round of KOTH, minimizing repeats.** CT. Dallas Johnson, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscramble.com>. HA.

**JUNE 4, LANSING, MI:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$27. **Checks should be made payable to Delta Township District Library and sent to: Delta Township District Library; 5130 Davenport; Lansing, Michigan 48917; Attention: Tom Moore.** CT. Joanne Grow, (517) 323-7414 or (517) 648-1882, <jgrow48@comcast.net>. HA.

**JUNE 4, MISSISSAUGA, ON, CAN:** Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$45 (CAN)/\$45 (US). **LUN. incl. in entry fee. Parking \$5. Entries must be received by June 2, 2011, but late registrations will be considered at discretion of the director.** University of Toronto Student Centre, 3359 Mississauga Road North, Mississauga, L5L 1C6. CT. Shan Abbasi, 416-305-4736, <tournament@mississaugascramble.com> or Jean Barinque, 3291 Alpaca Avenue, Mississauga, ON L5M 7V4 CANADA. HA.

**JUNE 4, NAST CHAMPIONSHIP - REVERE, MA:** Sat: 6 RDS. **One DIV. Open (6 games). NAST pairing using tsh. Players win regional events to qualify for the NAST. Buy-in berths can be purchased for \$180.** Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway, Revere, MA 02151, 781-485-3600. HP: Overnight rooms: \$109 per night, plus tax, incl. a hot BK. This rate for single or double (additional people \$10 each per day). Overnight guests contact hotel on own and ask for NAST rate. CT. Sherrie Saint John, 978-526-7876, <saint@pobox.com>. HA.

**JUNE 4-5, CALGARY, AB, CAN:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$60 (CAN)/\$60 (US), Div. 2: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). **2 DIVS. divided @ 1200 ratings; unlimited playups.** Sierras of Heritage, 8535 Bonaventure Dr. SE, Calgary, AB, Canada. CT. Betty Bergeron, 140 Sunlake Circle SE, Calgary, AB, T2X 3H9, Canada, (403) 201 2206, <bettyb140@shaw.ca>. HA.

**JUNE 4-5, CHARLOTTE, NC:** Sat: 9:30 AM, 9 RDS. EF: \$55/\$50/\$45. **3 divs divided at 1200 and 800, subject to change at director's discretion.** Main Event 2: Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$45. **At home of Katya Lezin. LUN. incl. Please specify allergies upon registration. Directions provided week prior to tournament.** Park Road Park & Lezin/Lieberman Home, Charlotte, NC. CT. Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlottescramble.com>. HA.

**JUNE 4-5, KENNER (NEW ORLEANS), LA:** Sat: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$80/\$70/\$60/\$50. **LUN. and snacks are provided Sat and Sun by Club #541. Three or Four DIVS. divided at <1400 <1200 <1000 approx. Director reserves the right to arrange DIVS. based on the number of entries.** Days Inn New Orleans Airport, 1021 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062, 1-800-333-8278. HP: A

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RM.rate of \$50/night has been negotiated. Ask for the Scrabble block. The \$50 rate is also available for 3 days before and 3 days after the tourney. CT. Lila Crotty, 3957 Had-don Street, Metairie, LA 70002, 504-885-1616, <liliuokalani\_q@yahoo.com>. HA.

**JUNE 4-5, PITTSBURGH, PA:** Sat: 7 RDS. Sun: 6 RDS. EF: \$90/\$75/\$60. **3 DIVS.: cutoffs at 1400 and 1000. Maximum of 64 players. Format to be determined by the number of players.** Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, 1-800-328-9297. CT. M.W. Schroeder, <msch@nauticom.net> or Stan Angrist, <sangrist@verizon.net>. HA.

**JUNE 5, BERKELEY, CA:** Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley CA 94704. CT. Bennett Jacobstein, 408-506-0407, <bjacobstein@gmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 5, GUELPH, ON, CAN:** Sun: 2:30 PM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30 (CAN). **DIVS. of 6-11 players set at director's discretion. Register by 11:30 AM on day of tournament. Food purchase strongly encouraged.** Squirrel Tooth Alice's, 649 Scottsdale Drive, Unit 5, Guelph, ON. CT. Andy Saunders, 82 Clairfields Drive West, Guelph, ON, N1G 5H8, (416) 668-7500, <andy@andys-thoughts.com>. HA.

**JUNE 5, LAGUNA WOODS, CA:** EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes: 1st \$90; 2nd \$50 in every group of 8.** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 5, REVERE, MA:** Sun: 6 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. EF: \$40. **Register with Sherric Saint John by 22 May 2011.** Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway, Revere, MA 02151, 781-485-3600. HP: Overnight rooms: \$109 per night, plus tax, incl. a hot BK. This rate for single or double (additional people \$10 each per day). Overnight guests contact hotel on own and ask for NAST rate. Reservations must be made by 19 May 2011 for spec. rate. CT. Sherric Saint John, 978.526.7876, <saint@pobox.com>. HA.

**JUNE 10-13, CANADIAN NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Main event is invitational to top 52 Canadians, see website. Early Bird: Fri: 9:15 AM 7 RDS. Main Event: Fri: 7:30 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Late Bird: Mon: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. **Best-of-five Finals for top two Main Event players.** Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas Street East, Toronto, ON. CT. John Chew, 9 Fulton Avenue, Toronto ON, Canada M4K 1X6, (416) 876-7675, <info@scrabbleplayers.org>. HA.

**JUNE 11, BAYSIDE, NY:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$64. **Entry fee incl. player participation fee, deli LUN., coffee & tea all day, RM.rental & prizes.** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, 631-399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

**JUNE 11-12, CORRALES, NM:** 2011 SWILLNS Tournament. Sat: 9:30 AM, 11 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$150. **WILL BE LIMITED TO FIRST 24 WHO PRE-REGISTER, based on postmark. (Checks will not be cashed until 6/1/11.) Pairings: Day 1: 24 players, split-half round-robin; Day 2: 3-game RR, then 1-4, 1-3, 1-2.** Pamina Deutsch & Mike Baron's place, 696 Mission Valley Road, in Corrales, New Mexico, 87048. CT. Chris Cree, <ccree@earthlink.net>.

**JUNE 11-12, KANSAS CITY, MO:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. Three DIVS. (1500+/1000-1499/<1000) (potentially adjusted at director's discretion). EF: \$80. **Entry fee increases to \$90 if received 6/1/2011 or later - no checks accepted after 6/6/2011.** Airport Inn & Suites, 11130 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153, (816) 891-9111. HP: \$89.99/night - mention the Scrabble group to obtain this pricing. Note Hotel name/ownership change (was called Holiday Inn Express KCI). CT. John Merlau, P.O. Box 480252, Kansas City, MO 64148, (816) 686-3839, <jmerlau@kc.rr.com>. HA.

**JUNE 11-12, OLDSMAR, FL:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$70. **Must pre-register no later than June 7. No refunds after June 10. Limited to 80 players.** The Nielsen Company's Cafeteria, 501 Brooker Creek Boulevard, Oldsmar, FL 34677 (Please park in the guest lot.) CT. Stefan Huber, 4618 South Datura Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611, 813-389-3192, <stfnhbr@gmail.com>, JC Green/Art Moore. HA.

**JUNE 12, WILMINGTON, DE:** Sun: 10:30 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$50. **Pairings - round robin groups of 8 (for groups of more than 8, 5 game round robin, followed by two KOTH rounds).** Bridge Studio of Delaware, 1409 Foulk Road, Suite 101, Wilmington, DE 19803, 302-479-5431 (day of event only). CT. Richard Popper, 302-764-3208, <rjapopper@verizon.net>. HA.

**JUNE 16-19, HANCOCK, MA:** Scrabble Tournament at the Peak. Early Bird: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. **Registration from 11 a.m. to noon. \$45 entry fee - pay at the door only. Format determined by number of entries.** Early Bird 2: Fri: 11:00 AM, 6 RDS. **Registration from 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$40 entry fee - pay at the door only. Format determined by number of entries.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$90/\$80/\$80. **DIVS.: 1. 1600 and above;**

**2. 1200-1599; 3. Below 1200. The most current rating will be used to seed DIVS. Unlimited play-ups will be allowed into any DIV.** Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, 57 Corey Rd, Hancock, Mass 01237, 800-882-8859. HP: Book reservation from 12/1/10 - 6/1/11. Mention "Scrabble". RM.rate is \$109.57 plus tax per night with max 4 occupants per suite. Suites feature 2 rooms with kitchen, pull-out sofa, and 2 tvs. Larger condos available by request. www.jiminypeak.com. CT. Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350, 518-664-1619, <101ted@nycap.rr.com> or Andy Saunders. HA. A Collins DIV. will be added if sufficient interest warrants.

**JUNE 18, DALLAS, TX:** Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Round robin groups (with director discretion predicated upon mix of field). LUN. after 2 games. Walk-ins o.k.** Crowne Plaza Suites - Dallas Park Centra, 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. CT. Chris Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <chris.cree@yahoo.com> or Carla Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4680, <cc.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

**JUNE 18, EDMONTON, AB, CAN:** Sat: 9:30 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$30 (CAN). **EF payable to Edmonton Scrabble Club; send cheque to Huguette Settle, 112 Clareview Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 3Y3. Register as early as possible but no later than the THU. before the tournament.** Stanley A. Milner Library, Centennial Room, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, AB. CT. Huguette Settle, 112 Clareview Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 3Y3, 780.476.8019, <hsettle@hotmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 18-19, KNOXVILLE, TN:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$70. **After June 5th \$80 entry fee. Mail entries to Trish Harrop postmarked by June 5 to avoid the late fee. Entries accepted through June 15th, but you must contact us to arrange payment.** Harvest Park Main Building, 4775 New Harvest Lane, Knoxville, TN. HP: Clairon Hotel recommended 865-687-8989 5634 Merchant Center Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37912 Mention Scrabble Tournament for discount. CT. Trish Harrop, 2413 Chimney Ridge Rd., Knoxville, TN 37923, 865-539-1539, <MPHarrop@aol.com> or Vicki Blizzard, 865-680-2659. HA.

**JUNE 25, AUSTIN, TX:** Sat: 10:30 AM. EF: \$20. **In addition to TWL DIVS., a Collins DIV. will be offered provided that there are at least 4 players in the Collins DIV. 10 point challenge penalty will be used in Collins DIV.** Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 1001 Cumberland Road, Austin TX 78704, 512-442-3212. CT. Geoff Thevenot, <gwtthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

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## Still More Tourneys

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**JUNE 25, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$35. **Add \$5 late fee after June 15, 2011. Round robin pairings - 2 to 4 DIVS., determined by number of entrants.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. CT. Tim Wise, 954-942-6319, <wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 25, NORWALK, CT:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **Reduced entry fee of \$40 for first-time players.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (restricted to players under 18 as of January 1, 2011).** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (restricted to players under 18 as of January 1, 2011).** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT, 06850, 203-644-3037. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

**JUNE 25-26, MICHIGAN MADNESS - ROMULUS, MI:** 13th Annual Michigan Madness Tournament. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$70/\$60/\$50. **Entry & payment must be received by June 23rd. Limited to the first 64 paid entries.** Romulus Athletic Center, Cirrus Room, 35765 Northline Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 858-2079. HP: Hampton Inn, 31700 Smith Road, Romulus, MI: \$69 King; \$79 Double or King Suite; \$89 Double Suite. Hilton Garden Inn, 31800 Smith Road, Romulus, MI: \$69 King or Double; \$129 King Suite. Call 1-800-445-8667 for either hotel, and use Group Code: MMST. CT. Carol Ravichandran, 39757 Manchester Ct., Northville, MI 48167, <carolravi@msn.com> or Margaret Sutherland, 810-653-0152. HA.

**JUNE 27-JULY 4, MEKONG RIVER CRUISE AND TOURNAMENT:** EF: \$60. **\$50/entry returned as cash prizes. 12 games: DIVS. and pairings depend on # of players.** CT. Rich Baker, 707-502-7518, <scrabbletours@yahoo.com>. HA.

**JUNE 30-JULY 4, ALBANY, NY:** 16th ANNUAL NOR'EASTER SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT. CSW if sufficient interest. Early Bird: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. Early Bird 2: Fri: 11:00 AM, 6 RDS. Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 6 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. Late Bird: Mon: 4:00 PM, 6 RDS. EF: \$45. **One Open DIV. Registration from 3-4pm. Pay at the door only.** Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Road, Colonie (Albany), NY, 518-458-8444. HP: Book reservations directly through the Marriott at 800-443-8952 from February 1 to June 17. Mention the Scrabble Group when making reservations. CT. Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350, 518-664-1619, <101ted@nycap.rr.com>, John Robertson or Allen Pengelly. HA.

## Challenge Contest 5

by the *Bulletin Committee*

This month's challenge is to construct the highest-scoring two-player game where each player gets five turns each, but the second player can only extend existing words on the board by one or more letters, and may not play a word that does not contain all of some other word. As usual, every play must be acceptable in the usual OTCWL+LL lexicon. In the sample solution, the words DO, JUDO, JOIST, BANJOIST, TIBIA, ANTIBIAS, HART, JUDOIST, ORRISROOT and UNCHARTERED are played in that order for a total of 402 points.

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



We asked last month for the lowest-scoring game that uses all 12 triple-letter bonus squares. Several entries scored fewer than 80 points, but last month's runner-up Rachel Knapp (Tustin, CA) wins the year's membership renewal for submitting the only 76-point solution (below).



## Submissions Wanted

by the *Bulletin Committee*

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

## Game Position

by the *Bulletin Committee*

Mike Baron (Corrales, NM) opened the game shown in the diagram below with the vertical play h6 AZON for 26 points in a game played online against Frank Tangredi (West Babylon, NY). Frank's opening rack was the extremely productive ?BELMRS, but he chose to sacrifice several points in a successful attempt to draw a challenge. What word would you play, and what word did Frank play? Would you have challenged Frank's play?

Last month's answer was to play the bingo EyELIFTS through the F in the bottom row, rather than a more obvious seven-letter bingo.



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