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Let's Talk!

by Chris Cree

I remember my parents' 40th wedding anniversary. After dinner and toasts from the attendees, my father stood up and spoke to the many friends he had there, though he was looking dead-square at his ten adult children and said to us, "To help ensure a successful marriage, remember the three C's—communication, communication and communication."

Amongst the challenges that NASPA has had in its two years of existence is establishing proper ways of communication to and for its membership. Thus far, we have employed our comprehensive website, including NASPAWiki. That has taken some adjustment for people to use. On it, we have a "Breaking News" section and a Twitter feed. Thus, if something of note happens like a new record in official club or tournament play or a special event in one's area, not only are you able to know that, but that information is then archived.

We do have a mailing list of all of the 3,845 people who have joined NASPA in its short existence that we send a monthly announcement with directions of how to access another way we try to inform and entertain—this NASPA Bulletin. We are cognizant of spam laws and want to make sure that we comply. In addition, this process will become slower and slower with increased membership as there is a 100 address per hour limit on sending out email. So, we are now investigating some of the email services that would allow NASPA to send out many more per hour and still allow for easy unsubscribing should one not wish to receive notices.

We are announcing three new ways of communication to and from NASPA and its membership that are now in place. First, the North American SCRABBLE Players Association has its own Facebook page that we are using to facilitate access to breaking news and allow for NASPA members to post their own news concerning their clubs and tournaments.

Second, NASPA will finally have its own Yahoo group; naspapro.com. We would like to poll our members for opinions on various issues. To effectively do so, we need to know that those from whom we are hearing are NASPA members.

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Pat Conley (Pittsburgh, PA), was the winner of the SCRABBLE Flash game on June 5th in Pittsburgh, PA. Co-director Stan Angrist (Pittsburgh, PA) presented the award.

2011 NSC: Last Minute Thoughts

by the Championship Committee

If you haven't already registered for the premier SCRABBLE event of the year, the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship, which takes place August 6-10 at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Addison (Dallas), TX, get ready for a great show online, reading Sherrie Saint John's commentary, live stats and Board One games being posted on our website.

If you have your bags packed and can't wait to come join us, have you registered for Dan Horowitz's first-time Lunch Bird (a five-game tournament, one round per day, held during the lunch break), the Early Bird (a four-game tournament restricted to NASPA directors and NSC staff and volunteers), or the after-hours Tag Team and Trivia contests? Have you decided what you're going to see or do in Dallas before or after your trip, and asked Activities Director Robin Gates for help in planning it? Has Robin helped you arrange to share a ride to and from the airport?

If you've got any last-minute questions about the event, please send them to us at nsc@scrabbleplayers.org. See you in Dallas!

Reciprocal Benefits

by the International Committee

The NASPA International Committee, which looks after the interests of all our NASPA members who play in tournaments abroad, has just finished negotiating the first of what it hopes will be a series of bilateral agreements with its peer organizations. U.S. and Canadian residents who are NASPA members and travel to Europe to play in tournaments sanctioned by the Association of British Scrabble Players (ABSP), such as the European Open, the Malta Open, not to mention all the events held each year in the United Kingdom, will be entitled to ABSP member discounts on their entry fees. In return, U.K. residents who are ABSP members may play in NASPA-sanctioned tournaments as ABSP members without having to become NASPA members.

A proposal has also been prepared to enact a similar multilateral agreement among all member associations within the World English-language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA), of which NASPA is a member, and will be discussed further at the WESPA meeting at the World SCRABBLE Championship in Warsaw, Poland in October. For more information, please email naspa-international@yahoo.com.

More Talk

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Naspa-pro is open to all NASPA members in good standing and is for the respectful discourse amongst its membership of NASPA issues, for challenging and fun quizzes, for polling our membership on issues of import to the organization and for the announcements of NASPA activities and accomplishments.

You may join this Yahoo group in one of two ways. Send an email with your name and NASPA Membership number/ID to info@scrabbleplayers.org and ask for an invitation to join or send a blank email to naspa-pro-subscribe@yahoogroups.com—you will receive an email from Yahoo asking you to confirm your request. To do so, simply hit “reply” and “send”. That is it. You will be good to go.

Third, my copresident John Chew is running a Google+ Circle for NASPA members on that new social network. If you would like to join Google+, email info@scrabbleplayers.org; if you are already there and would like to be in the NASPA Circle, add John to one of your own circles, and he'll add you back right away. At present, the Google+ NASPA Circle receives announcements immediately after each tournament is rated, as well as copies of major announcements from other sources. In future, as soon as Google+ rolls out planned corporate accounts, NASPA will have its own web presence there too.

As I type this, we are a week away from the start of the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship being held at the InterContinental Hotel in Dallas (Addison), Texas.

I would like to offer special thanks in this Bulletin to our corporate sponsors: Hasbro, Inc.; Winning Moves Games; the National SCRABBLE Association; JP Morgan Investments and Private Banking; Southwest Displays, Inc. and the City of Addison, Texas.

Know the Rules

By Bryan Pepper

Player A makes a six letter play, only the last letter in the new word is not connected (there is a space between letter 5 and six). Player A has completed his turn by hitting the clock. Player B does not immediately notice the problem and makes a play in a different area of the board. BEFORE Player B hits the clock to complete her play, Player B sees the disconnected tile. What do you do?

According to the newly worded Rule III.F.5.a: If the opponent has not yet played AND started the offender's clock, the illegal play will be removed, the offender will lose his/her turn, and any tiles drawn by the offender will be handled via the overdraw procedure. (See Rule IV.B.4.a.)

So, in this case, the illegal play's tiles (6 tiles) PLUS any replacement tiles (6 tiles) are mixed and the overdraw rule is observed.



A view of about one third of the King's Cup playing area (photo: John Chew)

Advisory Board News

by the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board convened by email on July 8 and 22 to deliberate and vote on disciplinary issues, details of which will remain confidential.

If you haven't yet voted in the historic first-ever Advisory Board elections, hurry straight to Member Services at the NASPA website to cast your vote by July 31st. Congratulations to Siri Tillekeratne (Calgary, AB) on being acclaimed in the Western District; good luck to Eastern District candidates Doug Brockmeier (Saint Petersburg, FL), Jan Cardia (Wilmington, DE), Shelley Stevens Ubeika (Mississauga, ON) and Betsey Wood (Concord, MA).

The Future of the Game?

by John Chew

When I make my annual pilgrimage to Bangkok to help Amnuay Ploysangnam (Bangkok, THA) and his crew put on the magnificent show that is their King's Cup tournament, it's not (entirely) for the opportunity to eat the world's best food in one of my favourite cities, though you can probably tell from my blogs that that's a big part of it. I go to watch and learn, and dream about what we can do with our partner organization, the National SCRABBLE Association (NSA), to make our competitive word game as popular as it is in Thailand.

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Nigel Richards (MYS) and Manop (THA) playing at the King's Cup (photo: John Chew)

SCRABBLE In Thailand

from *THE FUTURE OF THE GAME*, p. 2

The King's Cup, which as the name suggests, enjoys royal patronage from the King of Thailand, is the premier competition for mind sports in the country and the region, featuring SCRABBLE-like games of different sizes and lexica (OTCWL, SOWPODS, Thai, mathematical equation), and other events like trivia, crossword puzzles and Sudoku. It attracts a fair number of overseas players, along with several thousand school-children from across Thailand, a country where games like this are part of the school curriculum. In the International Open SOWPODS division, players may refer to official cheat sheets of 2- and 3-letter words, and compete over 27 rounds for a \$10,000 top prize, a total prize fund that is multiple times the entry fee pool, and a prize structure where any player who wins even one game will win a prize. If you think our National SCRABBLE Championship is a big deal, consider that the number of players at our NSC is comparable to the number of staff and volunteers at the King's Cup.

The Thai Crossword Association, the equivalent of NASPA and the NSA and Word Gear rolled up into one, works out of a large office at the top of a modern skyscraper in Bangkok, where they organize events, publish magazines, develop new products, work on weekly radio and television programming, and have a great time together.

Their success has not come overnight, but is the result of decades of hard work building relationships with government, institutional and corporate sponsors.

My wanting to be a part of building competitive SCRABBLE play in North America into something like what it is in Thailand is why I work with my NASPA copresident Chris Cree every day of the year. If you'd like to help us build that dream, please get in touch.

Zyzyva 2.1.5

by Michael Thelen

The latest version (2.1.5) of the word study and adjudication program Zyzyva, was released earlier this month. Here's what's new.

The Word Judge takes more careful account of the screen size, improving performance on net-books.

You can optionally use hyphens to denote inner hooks.

The Collins Scrabble Words copyright notice has been enlarged.

Several bugs were fixed, involving text with umlauts, blank lexicon names in the lexicon list, 64-bit Linux and word definitions.

Come visit the Zyzyva table at the National SCRABBLE Championship next month in Dallas for Zyzyva T-shirts, lapel pins, tile bags and tiles!



The marching band warming up to welcome the King's Cup royal sponsor (photo: John Chew)

WSC Qualifying Tourney Results

By the International Committee

Congratulations to Mark Kenas (Madison, WI), Chris Lipe (Rome, NY) and Jim Kramer (Roseville, MN) on qualifying to represent the United States at the World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC) in Warsaw, Poland. These three players finished at the top of a qualifying tournament directed by Dallas Johnson (Stow, OH) on July 15-17, 2011. Bradley Whitmarsh (Attleboro, MA), who finished fourth in the 14-player field, will be the official team alternate.

Congratulations also to Dielle Saldanha (Richmond, BC) and Andrew Golding (Montreal, QC) on qualifying to represent Canada at the WSC, after Sinnadurai Vijayakumar (Mississauga, ON) conceded the Canadian WSC qualifying tournament to them.



Mark Kenas, Chris Lipe, Jim Kramer



NASPA In The News

by the Bulletin Committee

On July 7, BurlingtonPatch ran an article about an appearance by Bradley Robbins (Windham, NH) at the Burlington Public Library's SCRABBLE Club

The Wall Street Journal's online MarketWatch service ran an NSA press release on July 7 about Mack Meller (Bedford, NY) becoming the youngest player (age 11) to reach a 1600 tournament rating.

PR Newswire ran an NSA press release (picked up by several major outlets) about the 2011 NSC, quoting Chris Cree and John D. Williams, Jr., and mentioning defending champion Nigel Richards (MYS).

Greenwich Time ran a long article about Cornelia Guest's (Ridgefield, CT) weekend tournament, quoting local resident and player Elena Abrahams, Adam Ginzberg (Swarthmore, PA) and Joe Edley (Port Jefferson, NY).

The Revolutions blog mentions an interesting academic paper by Andrew C. Thomas (Pittsburgh, PA) entitled "Variance Decomposition and Replication In Scrabble: When You Can Blame Your Tiles?"

On July 29, RedBankGreen ran a calendar note about Jason Keller's (Highland Park, NJ) upcoming SCRABBLE BY THE SEA fundraiser.

On July 30, the Utica Observer-Dispatch published an article about Chris Lipe (Rome, NY) qualifying to represent the United States in the World SCRABBLE Championship, discussing at length his approach to the game, including quotes from Lipe and Jeremy Cahnmann (Chicago, IL) and mentioning Mark Kenas (Madison, WI) as another qualifier.

Mack Meller: Youngest Expert!

By Cornelia Guest

Mack Meller (Westchester, NY), age 11, made SCRABBLE history last month. Entering the June 25 Norwalk CT tournament with a rating of 1585, Mack's 2nd Place, Division 1 finish (with a 5.5-2.5 +1029 record) yielded +53 rating points. His new 1638 rating earns him the honor of being the youngest player ever to attain an official expert-level 1600+ SCRABBLE rating in North American competitive play. In the course of the tournament Mack scored 3 games over 500: 565, 554 and 526.



Mack played his first tournament just 7 months ago, winning Division 3 at the November 21 Ardsley, NY tournament. Norwalk was his 7th tournament.

Top Active Players

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



The top-rated three: Nigel, David & Adam

1. 2140 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2108 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2100 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2046 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
5. 2036 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2025 Johnson, Carl (OR)
7. 2017 Mallick, Joey (ME)
8. 2004 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
9. 2000 Swift, Orry (TX)
10. 1999 Appel, Scott (NJ)
11. 1986 Stern, Rafi (WA)
11. 1986 Tran, Eric (AB)
13. 1973 Sherman, Joel (NY)
14. 1970 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
15. 1967 Leong, James (BC)
16. 1966 Edley, Joe (NY)
17. 1964 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
17. 1964 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
19. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
19. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
21. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
22. 1947 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
23. 1940 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
24. 1936 Walton, Noah (OR)
25. 1928 Brockmeier, Doug (CA)
25. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
25. 1928 Sujjayakorn, Panupol (THA)
28. 1922 Meyer, Nick (CA)
29. 1914 Cree, Chris (TX)
30. 1911 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
30. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)

30. 1911 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
33. 1908 Koenig, David (MD)
34. 1907 Lipe, Chris (NY)
35. 1906 Macneil, Rod (MA)
36. 1903 Cornelis, Lou (ON)
37. 1901 Day, Jesse (CA)
37. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
39. 1898 Luebckemann, John (VA)
39. 1898 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
41. 1897 Saldanha, Dean (BC)
42. 1892 Rosin, Sam (NJ)
43. 1891 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
44. 1887 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
45. 1886 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
46. 1883 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
47. 1881 Le, Cecilia (MA)
48. 1880 Epstein, Paul (MI)
49. 1877 Withers, Ben (TX)
50. 1876 Frentz, Mike (WA)

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



The top CSW three: Nigel, Philip & Nathan

1. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
3. 2056 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
4. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
5. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
6. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
7. 2019 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
8. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
9. 1998 Logan, Adam (ON)
10. 1989 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
11. 1985 Boys, David (QC)
12. 1968 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
13. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
14. 1932 Bowman, Brian (KY)
15. 1931 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
16. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
17. 1908 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
18. 1907 Leah, Tony (ON)
19. 1902 Macneil, Rod (MA)
20. 1901 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
20. 1901 Panitch, Max (ON)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



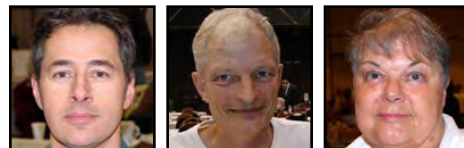
Evan Berofsky, Evans Clinchy & Jason Keller

Most Rated Wins

1. 34 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
2. 33 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
3. 30 Keller, Jason (NJ)
4. 29 Leah, Tony (ON)
5. 28 Ubeika, Jason (ON)

Most Games Played

1. 57 Keller, Jason (NJ)
2. 56 Ubeika, Jason (ON)
3. 55 Avrin, Paul (NY)
4. 50 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
5. 49 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
5. 49 Dunlop, Glenn (ON)



Nicholas Schneider, Chuck Armstrong & Lee Brooks

Most Games Undeclared

1. 8 Schneider, Nicholas (ON)
2. 7 Stewart, Mary (MD)
2. 7 Armstrong, Chuck (MI)
4. 6 Brooks, Lee (TX)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +246 = 1109 Rao, Suhas (NC)
2. +234 = 1136 Simon, Roland (ON)
3. +218 = 806 Bowen, Diana (VA)
4. +209 = 728 Sienkowski, Mark (MI)
5. +193 = 693 Larkins, Broderick, Jr (LA)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1488 Umlas, Bob (NY)
2. 1118 Holmes, John (NH)
3. 943 Imperato, Christopher (NY)
4. 803 Raucher-Sutton, Eileen (AB)
5. 799 He, Jeffrey (NC)

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



Mark Edelson, Heather Steffy & Ryan Fisher

Toronto, ON LCT: June 1-15

- DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)
- 7-2 +523 1677 1694 Edelson, Mark
- 7-2 +382 1855 1861 Leah, Tony
- 6-3 +934 1911 1909 Berofsky, Evan
- DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)
- 7-2 +499 1140 1162 Bathgate, Jillian

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More Results

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7-2 +457	1615	1610	Fingold, Lee
6-3 +464	1293	1295	Palazzo, Mad
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)			
7-2 +547	810	823	Caughran, Jim
7-2 +358	764	777	Muskovitch, Barry
5-3 +169	982	975	Falconer, Karen

Akron, OH LCT: June 2

(6 PLAYERS)			
4-0 +524	1559	1571	Steffy, Heather
3-1 +300	1623	1626	Zeigler, Pete
2-2 -57	1744	1739	Stock, Daniel

Charlotte, NC: June 4

Scrabblin' in the Park IV

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
7-2 +472	1760	1781	Fischer, Ryan
7-2 +458	1649	1702	Bernardina, Matthew
5-4 +159	1865	1833	Hersom, Randy
DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)			
7-2 +444	976	1073	Novinson, Daniel (GA)
6-3 +403	827	930	Hoang, Andy
6-3 +92	1169	1170	Blanchard, Susan
DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)			
7-2 +669	623	725	Hoang, Kenny
6-3 +796	0	786	Zhuang, Edward
6-3 +783	0	799	He, Jeffrey



Eric Tran, Marlene Milkent, Clay Daniel

Lansing, MI: June 4

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
7-0 +843	1813	1859	Armstrong, Chuck
5-2 +237	1566	1612	Pianowski, Scott
4-3 -42	1613	1628	Smith, Jason J
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
5-2 +371	1404	1423	Glowniak, Elaine
5-2 +114	1243	1285	Breitbeil, Connie (OH)
4-3 +167	1250	1268	Melvin, Cheryl
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +229	519	755	Sienkowski, Mark
4-3 -129	1137	1123	Grow, Joanne
3-4 +174	808	810	Bell, Mike

Mississauga, ON: June 4

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +450	1909	1934	Berofsky, Evan
6-2 +88	1694	1732	Edelson, Mark
5-3 +353	1690	1714	Nanavati, Jim
DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +603	1422	1470	Ubeika, Shelley
6-2 +301	1493	1528	Saunders, Andy
5-3 +293	1472	1486	Ozorio, Steve
DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +242	1099	1164	Horowitz, Risa
6-2 +240	1325	1350	Smylie, Jackson
5-3 +304	1307	1317	Kessler, Lisa

DIVISION D (14 PLAYERS)			
7-0 +281	945	1061	Schneider, Nicholas
6-2 +124	973	1020	Stewart, Lynette
5-3 +281	984	1008	Brown, Allan
DIVISION E (13 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +594	817	852	Raviraj, Vimalan
6-2 +298	823	851	Caughran, Jim
6-2 +160	830	866	Helewa, Charles

Revere, MA: June 4

(16 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +381	1841	1877	Clinchy, Evans
5-1 +353	1947	1971	Weinstein, Ian (FL)
4-2 +375	1973	1979	Sherman, Joel (NY)

Calgary, AB: June 4-5

DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)			
11-3 +1136	1986	1989	Tran, Eric
10-4 +1029	1848	1852	Saldanha, Dielle (BC)
10-4 +253	1374	1520	Larocque, Matthew
DIVISION B (19 PLAYERS)			
13-1 +807	902	1136	Simon, Roland (ON)
11-3 +651	1055	1095	Morigeau, Terri
10-4 +532	1084	1108	Settle, Ben

Kenner (New Orleans), LA: June 4-5

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)			
11-1 +968	1836	1868	Milkent, Marlene (MS)
9-3 +481	1914	1906	Cree, Chris (TX)
7-5 +447	1529	1550	Clark, William
DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)			
9-3 +331	1041	1154	Dimmick, Lindsey
8-4 +597	1253	1273	Gatlin, Danny (MS)
7-5 +197	1222	1232	Larkins, Broderick
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
10-2 +640	840	901	Rivard, Alexander (TX)
8-4 +431	838	863	Murphy, Joan (CA)
8-4 +330	500	693	Larkins, Broderick, Jr

Pittsburgh, PA: June 4-5

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)			
9-4 +601	1737	1758	Daniel, Clay (VA)
9-4 +225	1612	1668	Cook, Jeff (WV)
8-5 +522	1626	1662	Galebach, Brian (MD)
DIVISION B (18 PLAYERS)			
11-1 +987	1348	1401	Szymkowiak, Doug (OH)
9-4 +653	1028	1121	Stone, Bob (VA)
9-4 +179	1154	1202	Lysowski, Jack
DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)			



Leesa Berahovich, Heather McCall, Bruce D'Ambrosio

11-2 +459	818	896	Cass, Pamela (OH)
9-4 -121	609	777	Rupert, Matthew
8-5 +656	941	932	Vith, Ed

Berkeley, CA: June 5

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
4-2 +395	1751	1772	Berahovich, Leesa
4-2 +160	1891	1897	Lerman, Jerry
4-2 +8	1730	1753	De Guzman, Edward

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +399	1425	1473	Jacobstein, Bennett
4-2 +232	1456	1472	Patterson, Kay
3-3 +209	1386	1389	Whitman, Alan
DIVISION C (7 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +484	874	957	White, Michael
5-2 +184	739	804	Van Vliet, Nik
5-2 +37	893	911	Joseph, Lynn

Guelph, ON: June 5

DIVISION A (7 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +557	1534	1560	McCall, Heather
6-1 +412	1557	1581	Robertson, John
5-2 +459	1575	1577	Pengelly, Allen
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +556	1119	1148	Farini, Sharmaine
4-2 +86	886	952	Spanier, Crayne
4-2 -71	1095	1105	Petrie, Shauna



Steve Glass, Bradley Whitmarsh, Flora Taylor

Laguna Woods, CA: June 5

(10 PLAYERS)			
5-2 +384	1519	1533	D'Ambrosio, Bruce
5-2 +196	1657	1662	Howard, Ronald
5-2 +82	1464	1508	Filio, Roland

Revere, MA: June 5

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
6-0 +665	1839	1902	Glass, Steve (FL)
4-2 -38	1879	1891	Robinsky, Rob (MN)
3-3 +246	1689	1704	Pellinen, Steve (MN)
DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)			
4-2 +270	1586	1596	Nelson, Jeffrey (VT)
4-2 +192	1591	1600	Karris, John (CA)
3-3 -63	1389	1403	Cole, Judy
DIVISION C (5 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +255	696	721	Kraus, Marvin
4-2 -15	0	707	Cassel, Claudia
3-3 +187	708	691	McMahon, Megan

Revere, MA CSW: June 5

(6 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +469	1881	1907	Whitmarsh, Bradley
3-3 +181	1789	1783	Buck, Richard
3-3 +11	1558	1588	Durdan, Carl

Charlotte, NC: June 5

(18 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +470	1127	1225	Taylor, Flora
6-2 +984	1833	1820	Hersom, Randy
6-2 +740	1781	1770	Fischer, Ryan

Toronto, ON: June 10

(16 PLAYERS)			
6-1 +639	1560	1620	Wood, David
6-1 +320	1714	1745	Hoekstra, Ron (BC)
5-2 +33	1541	1551	Parsons, Jeff (NL)

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More Resultsfrom *RECENT RESULTS*, p. 5*David Wood, Joel Wapnick, Jeremy Hall***Toronto, ON: June 10-13**

(52 PLAYERS)

13-5 +1107 1911 1947 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
 13-5 +1106 2100 2098 Logan, Adam
 13-5 +866 1828 1891 Leah, Tony

Bayside, NY: June 11

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +565 1664 1672 Hall, Jeremy
 6-2 +227 1611 1626 Berg, Verna Richards
 6-2 +225 1282 1346 Schneider, Frederick

DIVISION B (7 PLAYERS)

7-1 +974 1081 1177 Tsigos, Chris
 6-2 +789 1145 1163 Nussbaum, Phyllis
 5-3 +204 1086 1086 Gartner, Sheldon

Corrales, NM: June 11-12

(24 PLAYERS)

14-3 +1356 1820 1907 Wright, Trey (CA)
 13-4 +1168 1940 1988 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
 12-5 +868 1898 1935 Luebkekmann, John (VA)

Kansas City, MO: June 11-12

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

11-2 +633 1443 1551 Asaka, George (NE)
 8-5 +607 1764 1732 Hodge, Matthew (OK)
 8-5 +280 1638 1623 Sirois, Ricky (KS)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

9-4 +349 848 886 Troutman, Kirk (NE)
 8-5 +544 728 774 Mojica, Eflen (KS)
 8-5 +369 886 894 Frick, Robert

*Trey Wright, George Asaka, Doug Brockmeier***Oldsmar, FL: June 11-12**

(12 PLAYERS)

12-2 +1846 1928 1921 Brockmeier, Doug
 11-3 +770 1483 1520 Huber, Stefan
 9-5 +868 1502 1493 Abbate, Elspeth

Wilmington, DE: June 12

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +510 1832 1859 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
 5-2 +469 1662 1698 Galebach, Brian (MD)
 4-3 +156 1730 1737 Cardia, Jan

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-2 +233 1552 1577 Miller, Mark (PA)
 5-2 +135 1497 1529 Denton, Carole (MD)
 4-3 +200 1517 1527 Stewart, Edward (MD)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

5-2 +288 1441 1463 Roth, Edwin (PA)
 4-3 +352 1457 1457 Creed, Connie (PA)
 4-3 -2 1406 1413 Williams, Stan (PA)

DIVISION D (10 PLAYERS)

6-1 +442 1303 1346 Barrett, Ted (NJ)
 4-3 +294 1198 1210 Hanley, Nancy
 4-3 +85 1090 1113 Gorchoy, Bunny (PA)

DIVISION E (12 PLAYERS)

7-0 +820 986 1056 Stewart, Mary (MD)
 5-2 +337 706 748 Fine, Susan (MD)
 5-2 +170 951 966 Thompson, Celia Day-rit (NJ)

Toronto, ON: June 13

(2 PLAYERS)

3-0 +252 1947 1991 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
 0-3 -252 2098 2082 Logan, Adam

Hancock, MA: June 16

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +540 1839 1872 Clinchy, Evans
 5-3 +396 1842 1839 Hill, Marlon (MD)
 5-3 +294 1864 1856 Gabriel, Marty (IL)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +464 1428 1455 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
 6-2 +320 1085 1154 Pearl, Elouise (VT)
 5-3 +144 906 971 Hatch, Andrea (CO)

*Jason Bednarz, Marlon Hill, Kate Fukawa-Connelly***Hancock, MA: June 17**

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +217 1839 1865 Hill, Marlon (MD)
 4-2 +285 1872 1881 Clinchy, Evans
 3-3 +273 1699 1709 Schultz, Wallace (NM)

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +125 1455 1484 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
 4-2 +120 1513 1535 Rackham, Anita (QC)
 3-3 +25 1596 1592 Nelson, Jeffrey (VT)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +545 1417 1436 Horn, Judy
 3-3 +87 1448 1443 Ubeika, Shelley (ON)
 3-3 -52 1454 1448 Barclay, Wayne (ON)

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +330 1313 1323 Drumm, Don (NY)
 4-2 +38 1208 1231 Riff, Marla (FL)
 4-2 -58 1185 1211 Wancel, Linda (NY)

DIVISION E (10 PLAYERS)

6-0 +526 910 1014 Zeff, Annette (VT)
 5-1 +523 1005 1042 McKinstry, Russell
 5-1 +254 1086 1110 Wittman, Dianne (NY)

Hancock, MA: June 17-19

DIVISION A (22 PLAYERS)

12-4 +865 1808 1865 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
 12-4 +524 1740 1837 Keller, Jason (NJ)
 11-5 +447 1979 1987 Sherman, Joel (NY)

DIVISION B (33 PLAYERS)

12-4 +664 1468 1524 Engelhardt, David (MD)
 11-5 +1031 1457 1490 Creed, Connie (PA)

11-5 +690 1448 1473 Barclay, Wayne (ON)

Dallas, TX: June 18

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +233 1591 1670 Holser, Paul
 4-2 +206 1746 1764 Dick-Onuoha, Sam
 3-3 +5 1582 1600 Burlant, Jim

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +112 1491 1534 Shults, Keil
 4-2 +249 1487 1504 Speicher, Gregg
 3-3 +207 1573 1561 Cree, Carla

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +311 1243 1335 Brooks, Lee
 3-3 +58 1270 1271 Villarreal, Linda
 3-3 -53 1301 1297 Pepper, Bryan

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +470 899 984 Saia, David
 4-2 +506 1083 1082 Sanchez, Pat
 4-2 +194 997 1010 Hidalgo, Regenia

*Paul Holser, Matthew Larocque, David Gibson***Edmonton, AB: June 18**

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +722 1352 1420 Latis, George
 5-1 +267 1520 1548 Larocque, Matthew
 4-2 -49 1220 1276 Anderson, Timothy

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +418 962 996 Weis, Rodney
 4-2 +153 821 851 Middleton, Ken
 4-2 +140 855 901 Hackett, Finola

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +228 618 715 Barnes, Kerwin
 4-2 +277 715 726 Snyder, Darlene
 4-2 +71 0 803 Raucher-Sutton, Eileen

Knoxville, TN: June 18-19

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

13-2 +1286 1770 1845 Fischer, Ryan (NC)
 9-6 +431 2108 2075 Gibson, David (SC)
 9-6 +386 1638 1675 Garner, Scott

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

10-5 +617 1233 1275 Meredith, David (KY)
 9-6 +356 1186 1217 Ushry, Yolanda (GA)
 9-6 +170 1156 1196 Schin, Frank

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

11-4 +773 1068 1118 Scruggs, Wayne (GA)
 9-6 +376 1026 1056 Ingram, Guy (GA)
 9-6 +375 1011 1036 Goddard, Joann (NC)

DIVISION D (12 PLAYERS)

12-3 +652 752 831 Gardner, Andrew (GA)
 11-4 +498 588 806 Bowen, Diana (VA)
 9-6 +435 829 823 Bowen, Nancy (VA)

Austin, TX: June 25

(4 PLAYERS)

4-2 +377 1968 1962 Thevenot, Geoff
 4-2 +70 1632 1683 Dyer, Becky
 2-4 -100 1877 1831 Withers, Ben

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Austin, TX CSW: June 25

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
4-2 +232	1693	1699	Riblet, Doug
4-2 +165	1645	1656	Leeds, Kevin
3-3 +183	1545	1550	Cook, Tony
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)			
5-1 +501	1434	1470	Roeder, Oliver
3-3 -55	1453	1444	DeWaelche, Matt
3-3 -68	1268	1278	Donegan, Michael
DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)			
4-2 +108	509	655	Titzman, Jack
4-2 +67	991	1008	Titzman, Joey
3-3 +33	901	904	Rivard, Alexander

Fort Lauderdale, FL: June 25

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +299	1964	1971	Tiekert, Ron
5-3 +172	1808	1821	Greenspan, Randy
4-4 +38	1768	1771	Kahn, Robert
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +209	1261	1285	Ford, Judith
6-2 +19	1283	1304	Rogers, George
5-3 +251	1070	1096	Feigin, Pat
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +313	891	917	Weithers, Merlene
5-3 +261	820	842	Hynes, Geraldine
5-3 +89	781	803	Christian, Carrol

Norwalk, CT: June 25

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +516	1857	1871	Anderson, Will (NY)
5-2 +1039	1585	1638	Meller, Mack (NY)
5-3 +13	1987	1973	Sherman, Joel (NY)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +309	1544	1568	Lewis, David
5-3 +465	1418	1441	Townsend, Adam (NY)
5-3 +157	1497	1506	Robbins, Bradley (NH)
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)			
6-2 +424	1346	1371	Schneider, Frederick (NY)
6-2 +170	1184	1243	Randall, Brandon
5-3 +304	1231	1254	Gauthier, Kevin (NY)
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +642	0	1488	Umlas, Bob (NY)
5-2 -36	1138	1154	Epstein, Barbara (NY)
5-3 +260	1123	1138	Hoopier, Kathy (NY)



Geoff Thevenot, Doug Riblet, Ron Tiekert

Michigan Madness - Romulus, MI: June 25-26

DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)			
11-3 +1058	1880	1918	Epstein, Paul
11-3 +831	1864	1902	Idalski, Jason
9-5 +391	1402	1496	Hoggatt, Linda
DIVISION B (22 PLAYERS)			
11-3 +171	1261	1364	Stafford, Mike (OH)
9-5 +725	1423	1426	Glowniak, Elaine
9-5 +422	1268	1309	Melvin, Cheryl
DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)			



Will Anderson, Paul Epstein, Karl Higby

11-3 +741	1121	1144	Mahnken, Denise (NY)
11-3 +464	1004	1053	De Young, Henry (ON)
10-4 +472	990	1020	Van Tol, Arthur

Albany, NY: June 30

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +501	1868	1901	Clinchy, Evans (MA)
7-1 +412	1837	1873	Keller, Jason (NJ)
5-3 +524	1772	1780	Higby, Karl
DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +73	1247	1312	Rosenthal, Judy
6-2 +486	1281	1309	Palazzo, Mad (ON)
5-3 +191	1167	1192	Blanchard, Susan (NC)
DIVISION C (11 PLAYERS)			
7-1 +270	985	1020	Brown, Diane (ON)
6-2 +365	826	876	Shapiro, Ida Ann
6-2 +91	894	918	Brower, Ruth (DE)

Upcoming Tournaments

by the Tournament Committee

AUGUST 5, TCC - DALLAS, TX: Fri: Noon, 4 RDS. **NSC Staff/Directors Tournament - entry restricted to NSC staff and NASPA directors.** Hotel InterContinental Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001, +1 972 386 6000, +1 888 424 6835. CT. John Chew, <info@scrabbleplayers.org>. HA.

AUGUST 6-10, NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP: Addison TX. Full details at NASPA website. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Tue: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Wed: 9:00 AM, 3 RDS. 4 Divs, separated at 1700, 1400 and 1100. Unlimited play up allowed. EF: Div. 1: \$175, Div. 2 and lower: \$150. Commuter fee: \$50. **Must Register by July 22nd. Must check-in Aug 5th. Entry fee just \$50 if under 18 years old.** Hotel InterContinental Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001, +1 972 386 6000, +1 888 424 6835. HP: 129. CT. NASPA, <info@scrabbleplayers.org>. HA. see separate listing for LUN. Bird tournament.

AUGUST 6-10, NSC LUNCH BIRD: games start promptly at 1:50pm each day, except the last day when it starts immediately after the last NSC round. Sat: 1 RDS. Sun: 1 RDS. Mon: 1 RDS. Tue: 1 RDS. Wed: 1 RDS. EF: \$30. **must register by July 31st. Space is limited. Registration for this LUN. bird is separate from NSC.** Hotel Intercontinental Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX. CT. Dan Horowitz, 223 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803, (215) 760-8261, <dhorowit@alumni.law.upenn.edu (no z!)>. HA.

AUGUST 7, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri be-**

fore 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.

AUGUST 13, 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, <corneliasguest@gmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 14, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. John Karris. HA.

AUGUST 14, 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@andysthoughts.com>. HA.

AUGUST 20, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 9 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$64. **Deadline 5 days before tournament. Entry fee incl. RM. rental, NASPA participation fee, LUN., coffee & tea all day, cash prizes, and fun prizes (puzzles, games, etc.).** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, (631) 399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

AUGUST 20, 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.

AUGUST 20, EDMONTON, AB, CAN: Sat: 9:30 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$30 (CAN). **Entry fee 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.

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CT. Huguette Settle, 112 Clareview Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 3Y3, 780.476.8019, <hsettle@hotmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 20, TAMPA BAY (PINELLAS PARK), FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$30. **Registration 08:40-08:55; eight games start at 09:00; DIVS. of 6-8.** The Auditorium, 7690 59th St N, Pinellas Park FL 33781. CT. JC Green, (727) 278-2030, <jcgreen00@tampabay.rr.com>. HA.

AUGUST 20-21, INDEPENDENCE, OH: Cornerstone of Hope Scrabble "Hope Raiser". Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. DIVS. divided approx. at >1500, 1250-1500, 1000-1249 and <1000. EF: \$35. **Coffee, tea, snacks and LUN. provided. \$1 per player donated to cross-tables.** Main Event 2: Sun: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. DIVS. divided approx. at >1500, 1250-1500, 1000-1249 and <1000. EF: \$35. **Coffee, tea, snacks and LUN. provided. \$1 per player donated to cross-tables.** Cornerstone of Hope, 5905 Brecks-ville Rd., Independence, Ohio. CT. Dean Scouloukas, 330-412-2728, <djs3771@aol.com>. HA.

AUGUST 20-21, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sat: 7 RDS. Sun: 6 RDS. EF: \$75. **Modified Round Robin pairings. DIVS. of 14, when appropriate (no KOTH in DIVS. of 14).** 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.

AUGUST 20-21, UTICA (NEW HARTFORD), NY: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$90/\$70. **TWL: 2 DIVS. 1500+ with unlimited playups (\$90) and below 1500 (\$70). Collins DIV.: 1 open DIV. (\$90).** St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, 150 Clinton Road, New Hartford, NY. CT. Don Drumm, <dnhdrumm@adelphia.net> or Chris Lipe (Apprentice), <chris.lipe@gmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 27, AUSTIN, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$20. **In addition to TWL DIVS.(s), 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, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

AUGUST 27, DURHAM, NC: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$40. All Fun and Games, 58 U.S. Highway 64, Apex, NC 27523. CT. David Klionsky, 1010 N Duke St, Durham, NC 27701, (919) 699-9831, <trianglescrabble@hotmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 27, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$35. **Add \$5 late fee after August 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.

AUGUST 27, LINDEN, MI: Summer Scrummage. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **Late entry fee \$45 after 8/15 and before 8/27. \$50 at the door.** Loose Senior Citizen Center, 707 N Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451. CT. Margaret (Miki) Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

AUGUST 27, STRATFORD, ON, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$45 (CAN)/\$45 (US). **Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Games start promptly at 9:00 a.m. LUN. and snacks provided. Format: 7 Round Robin/1 King of the Hill (total 8 games). DIVS. of 8-12 players at directors' discretion.** Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Morgan St., Stratford, Ontario. CT. Terry Aitken, 172 Sir Adam Beck Road, Stratford, Ontario N5A 8C2, (519) 273-2233, <terence.aitken@gmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 27, TORONTO, ON, CAN: Sat: 11:00 AM. EF: \$10 (CAN). **4 rounds. Subject to cancellation if 4-player minimum not reached; players are responsible for paying their own show admission and strongly encouraged to avoid lines by getting a deluxe pass.** FanExpo, Metro Toronto Convention Center, 255 Front Street West, Toronto, ON. CT. John Chew, 416-876-7675, <poslfit@gmail.com>. HA.

AUGUST 27-28, TCC - VANCOUVER, BC, CAN: British Columbia Provincial Scrabble Championship. Sat: 10:00 AM. Sun: 10:00 AM. **Details TBA.** Steveston Hotel, Sockeye Room, 12111 3rd Avenue, Richmond, BC. CT. Jesse Matthews, 250-575-7396, <tournament@jessematthews.com>. HA.

AUGUST 27-29, DOVER, DE: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 10:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$110. Commuter fee: \$30. **\$10 off registration fee if post-marked by June 15th. Registration opens 10:30 a.m. on SAT.** Dover Downs, 1131 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE, 302-674-4600. HP: 3 Day 2 Night Hotel Package incl. all taxes and Lite LUN. on MON.: \$315 single, \$177.50pp double, \$132.50 pp triple. Hotel will only hold rooms until July 29th, no exceptions, no extensions. Optional FRI. Nt. Stay: \$195 Sgl, \$97.50 Dbl, \$65 Trpl. CT. Connie Creed, 233 S. 6th St. #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

AUGUST 28, LINDEN, MI: Summer Scrummage. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mod. Swiss. EF: \$30. **\$30 before August 28. \$35**

at the door. 1 DIV. Class prize. Loose Senior Citizen Center, 707 N Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451. CT. Margaret (Miki) Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 2-5, PORTLAND, OR: Early Bird: Fri: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$40. **Round robin groups of 8. Registration closes 10 minutes before game time.** Main Event: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$110. **Registration deadline ñ noon, FRI., Sept. 2, 2011.** Late Bird: Mon: 2:30 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$15. **2 DIVS. of approx. equal size. Registration closes 10 minutes before game time.** Red Lion Hotel, Portland Convention Ctr, 1021 NE Grand, Portland OR 97232, 503-235-2100. HP: RM.rate \$85/night ñ mention iPortland Scrabble.i Free parking for all tournament participants. CT. Dave Johnson, 269 N. Hayden Bay Dr., Portland, OR 97217, 503-283-8515, <TheProf2@aol.com>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 3-5, ATLANTA, GA: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$100. **Entry fee increases to \$120 after August 3, 2011. 3 DIVS.: 1600+; 1200-1599; <1200.** The Embassy Suites, 5955 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30022, (678) 566-8800. HP: SCRABBLE Rate of \$84/night incl. BK. and parking. CT. Ryan Fischer, 1316 Bonnie Lane, Charlotte, NC 28213, <ryan@charlottescrabble.com>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 3-5, BURLINGTON, MA: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$100. **TWL - Equal DIVS. DIV. sizes and cutoffs will be determined at the Director's discretion based on number of participants. Collins - DIV. will be offered if there are at least 8 players. NASPA/WESPA rated. 5-point challenge rule.** Boston Marriott Burlington, One Burlington Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803, 781-229-6565. CT. Judy Horn, <jhornx2@aol.com> or Judy Cole, <judithcole@msn.com>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 3-5, TAMPA BAY (PINELLAS PARK), FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$70. **Must pre-register. Registration deadline: August 29, 2011. No refunds after September 1, 2011.** The Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781 (Located next to the Pinellas Park Police Station). HP: No host hotel. See tournament flyer for nearby hotels. CT. Stefan Huber, 4618 South Datura Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611, 813-389-3192, <stfnhbr@gmail.com> or JC Green. HA.

SEPTEMBER 4, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes:**

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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.

SEPTEMBER 10, BALTIMORE, MD: Sat: 10:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$30. **FORMAT: 6 round robin followed by 1 King-of-the-Hill round ñ seven games total.** University of Maryland Baltimore County, Sky Light Lounge ñ The Commons ñ third floor, Catonsville, Maryland. CT. Linda Oliva, Linda Oliva, UMBC, Department of Education, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, Maryland 21250, 443 340-8469, <lindainlisbon@gmail.com>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Cntrl., 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.

SEPTEMBER 11, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Pat Diener. HA.

SEPTEMBER 11, NORWALK, CT: Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **Reduced entry fee of \$40 for first-time players.** Main Event 2: Sun: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (restricted to players under 18 as of January 1, 2011).** Main Event 3: Sun: 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@tgmail.com>. HA.

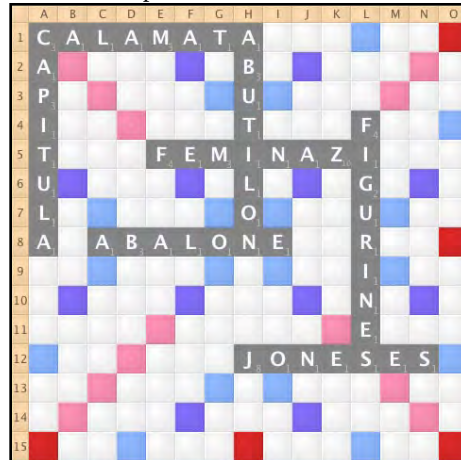
SEPTEMBER 13, LCT - INDEPENDENCE, OH: Tue: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$4. **Sponsored by NASPA Club #164 (Independence, OH). Pay at the door.** Angie's Pizza, 6932 Hillside Road, Independence, OH 44131. CT. Christopher Sheppard, <mshp@core.com>. HA.

SEPTEMBER 16-18, CHARLESTON, WV: Early Bird: Fri: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$15. **RR groups of 4 with KOTH final round.** Main Event: Sat: 9:00 AM, 9 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$69/\$59/\$49/\$39. PRZ: \$90%. **Format TBD based on number of entries. 4 DIVS., split at 1550/1250/950.** CT. Brad Mills, 3607 Naylor Ave., Charleston, WV 25302, 304-345-0484 (evenings), <wvscrabble@gmail.com>. HA.

Challenge Contest 7

by the *Bulletin Committee*

This month's challenge is to construct the highest-scoring solitaire game involving only words which alternate vowels (AEIOU) and consonants (all other letters), like TEXAS or ALUMINOSILICATE. As usual, every play must be able to withstand a OTCWL2+LL challenge. You do not need to use all the tiles in the bag, but any tiles left in the bag should be deducted from your final score. In the sample solution, the words played score 669 points leaving 103 points in the bag for a net score of 566 points.



To enter the contest, enter your game into Quackle (assigning alternate moves to each player), and save and upload a .gcg file through NASPA Member Services, before midnight EDT on the evening of August 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 highest-scoring play that does not use three triple-word bonus squares, and the resulting entries showed the most creativity I've seen so far in interpreting the rules of the contest. Several entries scored well with OXYPHENBUTAZONE at 8a, using higher-scoring



mid-hooks than are possible in the traditional placement of the big O. One entry scored a largish number of points from the opponent's rack by making the O-word the final play. The winner this month, earning a free year's NASPA subscription, is Matthew O'Connor (DeWitt, NY), who observed that SCRABBLE games occasionally begin by a player missing the centre star, which could eventually lead to the position shown, where BEOPXYZ could be played for 1,111 points in an exceedingly rare TWS-DWS-TWS.

Submissions Wanted

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We're always looking for great new ideas, articles, photos and other submissions for your monthly SCRABBLE newsletter, the NASPA Bulletin. Please send them to us at info@scrabbleplayers.org!

Game Position

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The position showed below occurred in Round 26 on June 26, 2011 at the King's Cup in Bangkok, THA, in a CSW game between Sam Kantimathi (Sacramento, CA) and Charas Worapojpisut (THA). What is the best play to make if holding ??EORST?

Last month's answer was for Boys to play IGNATIA and lose to Hoekstra's seven-tile overlap with TOURIST.



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