



NASPA Bulletin

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Humans Play Quackle

by Chris Cree

This has been a very busy month for NASPA with some exciting developments to announce.

First, I had the opportunity to meet with the head of marketing at MENSA. We have discussed and are presently ironing out an agreement for reciprocal member benefits between our two organizations. In addition, we are looking into a reciprocal advertising agreement. Both entities will be able to reach a market that they might not have been able to before.

Second, we are having our first teleconference with the new Advisory Board this evening. This will be an introduction of the new members — Kate Fukawa-Connelly (Kittery, ME), Siri Tillekeratne (Calgary, AB), Jan Cardia (Wilmington, DE) and Shelley Ubeika (Mississauga, ON) as well as some discussion of recent issues and issues going forward. John Chew and I are excited to be working with these fine people.

I have just returned from playing in the Toronto International SCRABBLE Open (TISO), a Collins event. On hand were defending NSC and former World Champion Nigel Richards (MYS), Leslie Charles (TTO) and Amy Byrne (GBR) from Scotland and former Canadian, National and World Champion Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON), in addition to some of the great names in North American Collins play — Nathan Benedict (Tucson, AZ), Geoff Thevenot (Austin, TX), Sam Kantimathi (Sacramento, CA), Robert Linn (Potomac, MD) and Dielle Saldanha (Richmond, BC) among others. There was also a five-year-old computer program named Quackle developed by NASPA's John O'Laughlin (Cambridge, MA) and Jason Katz-Brown (JPN) playing in its first rated event.

The format was an interesting one. A 21-game round robin where all players got to play Quackle, followed by five positioning rounds. After those 26 rounds, the humans divided up \$5,350 in cash prizes, and their leader advanced to face Quackle in a \$500 best-of-four (spread tiebreaker) challenge match, projected in a neighboring theatre for the also-rans and curious spectators.

These five players beat the computer: first Shan Abbasi (Mississauga, ON), then Jeremy Hildebrand (Ottawa, ON), Adam Logan, Nathan Benedict and finally Nigel Richards. Because the computer was paired with op-



World SCRABBLE Champion Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON) playing in the final rounds against first-time computer player Quackle at the 2011 Toronto Open. Photo: John Chew

ponents in increasing order of strength, suspense grew early on to see who would be the first to defeat the computer player, then to see how astronomical its initial rating would be (2232, dropping to 2224 after the final rounds).

Adam Logan topped Nigel Richards in round 26 to win the TISO, the \$3,000 top prize and land a seat in the challenge match. Geoff Thevenot finished third.

In the challenge match, Quackle double-blanked Adam in the first two games and built a hefty 2-0 +236 lead. In round 3, Adam drew both of the blanks and put a major hurt on "the duck". In the deciding round 4, a split blank game, Adam came out on top, but by 28 too few points of point spread. So, Quackle was determined to be the winner.

Some interesting notes were that with three tiles left in the bag in game 4, Adam smartly played 2. However, in a 1 out of 3 scenario, he drew a J and a D and left a critical A for Quackle. It appeared that Adam had an easy out in 2 starting by playing JA(R) for 27 from the top middle triple. The blank R was from a Quackle bingo going across on row 3 — rETIFORM. With less than a minute of time left on his clock, Adam noticed that playing the J and A would give Quackle, whose A one tile draw gave it ADEKPRS,

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Know the Rules

by Dallas Johnson

The game is over: what now? The tile bag is empty and you have three tiles on your

rack. You make an "out" play using those three tiles, announce the score of the play, and neutralize the clock, ending the game. You and your opponent agree on a final score of 432-312 in your favor. You then begin to complete a tally slip for the game. Meanwhile, your opponent decides to square the tiles on the board to save time. What should you do?

Rule V.D. of the NASPA Official Tournament Rules provides, in part: "Both players should avoid touching the clock or any played tiles until all required scorecards/tally slips have been signed or initialed."

Because the tally slip has not yet been completed and signed, you should instruct your opponent not to disturb the tiles on the board or reset the game clock until the tally slip has been completed and signed by both of you. Call the director to intervene, if necessary.

It is a natural instinct to get the game area ready for the next game, look up unknown words, or "postmortem" a game once it has been played to conclusion. But players should remember that completing and signing the tally slip should be handled as soon as a final score is agreed upon. Doing the paperwork before analyzing plays, squaring the board, or resetting the clock helps ensure that any discrepancies are resolved appropriately, without reference to prohibited items such as calculators and anagramming tools. Submitting paperwork as promptly as possible also helps the director to keep the tournament running smoothly.

Humans Play

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PARK(A)DES/DE/ET/SI. He made a subsequent play that won, but not by enough.

Neither the human nor computer player is truly equipped to factor spread into the decision making equation on each move. We tend to think about spread as we plan our endgame. Would you play a bingo for 78 opening a triple-triple possibility when there was a much safer play for 70 that was not as volatile? If both blanks were still out? At tile 85? Your opponent had just played one letter? You needed to win and win by 59 to win the event?

There is an entirely different level of thinking that would be required if spread became even more important than it is — in a tournament or should it one day be incorporated into the ratings equation.

Food for thought and discussion.

Subscribe to NASPA's discussion group, *naspa-pro*. Send a blank email to *naspa-pro-subscribe@yahoo.com*. You will receive an email asking you to confirm. Hit "reply" and "send" and you will be good to go.

Any and all official announcements from the Association will be posted to *naspa-pro*.

Mystery Word

by John Chew

Last month's mystery words were BLOWPIPE and BULLWHIP, which are the only two eight-letter words which share the five letters BILPW, and are memorable for appearing together in the opening sequence of the classic movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

This month's word is a five-letter word for a marsupial.

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2011 Toronto International SCRABBLE Open organizer Tony Leah presents winner Adam Logan with the \$3,000 top prize

Newly Certified Club and Tournament Directors

by the Club/Director Committee

The NASPA Club/Director Committee congratulates Christopher Ross (Clendenin, WV) on graduating his apprenticeship to become a fully certified tournament director, and welcomes Eric Tran (Calgary, AB) to the apprenticeship program.

If you are interested in becoming a director too, please consult the Directors section of our website.

NASPA in the News

by the Bulletin Committee

The *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* reported in its obituaries section on the death of local player and director Melissa Pike after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

BBC Radio 4 asked Michael Thelen about the probability of a recent news item involving a man who had the opening rack JANITOR twice in his life.

NJ.com reported on the death in a traffic accident on September 5 of NASPA tournament director Dave Cullen, of East Windsor, NJ.

Mark Abadi wrote a humorous column in the *Daily Tar Heel*, intertwining concerns about the economy with sound SCRABBLE advice.

Daniel Shapiro was credited in an article on the ten most useful SCRABBLE words that appeared in CMC Forum.

On September 13, Vocabulary.com ran an excerpt from Stefan Fatsis' (Washington DC) classic book *Word Freak*, in celebration of its new tenth-anniversary edition. The excerpt told the story of how Michael Cresta (Saugus, MA) and Wayne Yorra (Sharon, MA) set the 1,320-point record for points scored in a club game.

Richmond News ran a story on Dean and Dielle Saldanha's preparations for the World SCRABBLE Championship.

On September 15, the *Florida Times-Union's* Jacksonville.com website ran a feature on an informal club attended by Jeff Cooley.

On September 16, Stefan Fatsis reviewed Meg Wolitzer's new YA book, *The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman*, in a *New York Times* *NASPA News continued on p. 4*



Late in the 2011 Toronto Open: a reporter watches World Champions Richards and Logan play at Board 1, while organizer Tony Leah plays Chris Cree in the foreground.

Canadian Committee Elections

by John Robertson

As always at this time of year, the annual nomination period for two of the six seats on NASPA's Canadian Committee (CC) will begin on September 1. This period extends to October 15.

The CC is comprised of six members who determine policies that pertain specifically to NASPA's Canadian players. The CC creates policies to determine, among other things, the qualification process for the Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship, and the Canadian teams for various international SCRABBLE events. Members each serve staggered three-year terms, with two members' terms expiring on December 31 of each year. This year the terms of David Boys (Dorval, QC) and Siri Tillekeratne (Calgary, AB) both expire. David Boys had indicated he will be taking a hiatus from the CC and therefore won't run for reelection.

The two vacant seats are filled by a November election in which all Canadian NASPA members may vote online or by paper ballot. (Last year 70 Canadians cast ballots in which John Robertson (Cambridge, ON) and Jeff Parsons (Logy Bay, NL) were both reelected.) If you wish to nominate someone for election or enter the electoral process yourself, please contact the CC through the email link on the NASPA website.

This article, which also ran last month, is being rerun to remind Canadian members of the nomination process. As we go to press, four candidates have been nominated for the two seats: Lisa Kessler (Toronto, ON), Mad Palazzo (Richmond Hill, ON), Carl Madden (Brantford, ON) and the incumbent Siri Tillekeratne.



Winners of the Fall Word Fest, the inaugural event of the 2011-2012 Toronto School SCRABBLE season, posing with their medals and prizes



2012 NSC News

by the Championship Committee

We'll be making a special announcement in the next issue of the Bulletin about early registration for next year's National SCRABBLE Championship, which takes place on August 11–15 at the Royal Pacific Resort. Stay tuned!

Mystery Word Clue 2

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The mystery word has a face value of fourteen points.

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New at our Website

by the Web Committee

New this month at the NASPA website is an updated version of the NASPA Membership Card, including your profile photo, phone number and email address.

Also new, and intended primarily for the club and tournament directors who have been asking for it, but not restricted just to them, is a business card customized for each member, giving full contact information from their membership profile.

Take a look at both of them online at NASPA Member Services.

We have also extended fine-grain profile information access controls to extend to birthdates. As with other personal information, it is not shared with the public, and you can grant permission to share it with directors, players or vendors. (We keep track of birthdates so that we can offer age or birthday-related promotions, more easily tell apart people with similar names, and identify our members to the media in the customary "name, age, occupation" style.)



The top players in Toronto, dining over 350 metres above ground level.



Fall Word Fest Grade 5/6 Winners Zakk and Sophie, with organizer Vera Bigall

Sharing Information

by Connie Creed

Most NASPA membership renewals will be coming up at the end of the year. Now might be a good time to change your privacy settings and share your contact information with directors. Before every tourney it seems that there are always players that I need to contact and it requires an act of congress or John Chew to get the job done. If you chose to share your contact info with directors only, your privacy will not be abused. Just last week (Aug 28), I had to cancel a tourney at the last minute due to extreme weather conditions on the east coast, Hurricane Irene. Had I not had the contact info for all the registrants, there would have been some mighty angry players who showed up at Dover Downs to find out it was called off. That was an extreme case, but as Forrest Gump once said "it happens". Updates, last minute changes, the unforeseen can occur and we need to reach you. If you have your settings at "no contact", please reconsider. It will make our life easier and it will be in your best interest too.

Advisory Board News

by the Advisory Board

The NASPA Advisory Board (AB) convened for its monthly teleconference on September 29th. A number of issues of ongoing concern were discussed, but no rulings were issued. It will convene next on October 25th, again by conference call.

If you have concerns that you would like brought to the attention of the AB, please contact your elected representative, or the board at large through its general mailing list at naspa-advisoryboard@yahoogroups.com.

Meanwhile in Toronto

by John Chew

Also helping to kick off the fall SCRABBLE season in Toronto were five other events sharing space with the Toronto International SCRABBLE Open and Human vs. Computer Showdown. The most photogenic of these by far was the Fall Word Fest, a three-round event for local students in Grades 5–8 wanting to practice for the district and citywide finals.

There were also the Toronto SCRABBLE Club's usual events: the Leah Katz Memorial SCRABBLE Tournament, the early bird for the Michael Wise Memorial SCRABBLE Tournament, named for a player with an insatiable appetite for tournament games, won by Mark Edelson (Toronto, ON); the MWMST itself, named for one of the founding fathers of organizes SCRABBLE play in North America and held in support of his memorial fund at the Princess Margaret (cancer research) Hospital, divisions won by Geoffrey Newman (Brampton, ON), Kevin Turner (Mississauga, ON) and Mike McClennan (Toronto, ON); a pairs tournament, won by Newman and the author; and a speed tournament with three-minute clocks, won by Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON).

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Sunday Book Review article entitled "How to Win at Scrabble in a Parallel Universe." His verdict? "Wolitzer gets the Scrabble right."

On the same day, Wolitzer herself had an article published in the *New York Times*, entitled "Words with Strangers."

On September 16, West Virginia Public Broadcasting aired an interview with Brad Mills (Charleston, WV) about his upcoming tournament.

On September 17, the *Wall Street Journal* also gave a favorable review of *The Finger of Duncan* listed the Toronto International Scrabble Open as #4 on its list of things to do on the September 24-25 weekend.

Mystery Word Clue 3

from MYSTERY WORD, p. 3

You can change the middle letter of the word to one of two other vowels to make unrelated words.

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In Memoriam

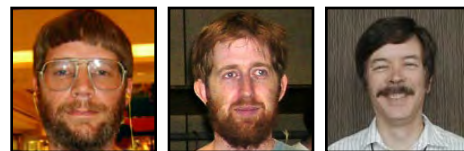
by the Bulletin Committee

We were saddened to learn through the media of the passing of two NASPA directors of note.

Melissa Pike (Worcester, MA) succumbed to a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer; Dave Cullen (East Windsor, NJ) died as the result of a traffic accident. We mourn their loss.

Top Active Players

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



Nigel Richards, Adam Logan, David Gibson

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
3. 2075 Gibson, David (SC)
4. 2036 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
5. 2032 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2009 Mallick, Joey (ME)
9. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
10. 2005 Day, Jesse (CA)
11. 2000 Swift, Orry (TX)
12. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
12. 1991 Leong, James (BC)
14. 1983 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
15. 1980 Edley, Joe (NY)
16. 1979 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
17. 1977 Brockmeier, Doug (FL)
18. 1970 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
19. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)
20. 1963 Sherman, Joel (NY)
21. 1959 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
22. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
22. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
24. 1948 Nemitmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
25. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
26. 1940 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
27. 1936 Walton, Noah (OR)
28. 1935 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
28. 1935 Cree, Chris (TX)
30. 1934 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
31. 1932 Jackson, Scott (MN)
32. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
33. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
33. 1928 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
35. 1924 Meyer, Nick (CA)
36. 1921 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
37. 1920 Luebke, John (VA)
38. 1919 Macneil, Rod (MA)
39. 1918 Idalski, Jason (MI)
40. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
41. 1906 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
41. 1906 Tran, Eric (AB)
43. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
44. 1895 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
45. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
46. 1883 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
47. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)
48. 1879 Armstrong, Chuck (MI)
49. 1877 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
50. 1876 Frentz, Mike (WA)

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Top Players

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



Nigel Richards,
Philip Nelkon, Nathan Benedict

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. 2009 Boys, David (QC)
10. 1998 Logan, Adam (ON)
11. 1962 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
12. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
13. 1950 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
14. 1945 Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
15. 1935 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
16. 1932 Bowman, Brian (KY)
16. 1932 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
18. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
19. 1916 Kenas, Mark (WI)
20. 1907 Leah, Tony (ON)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



Brian Bowman, Scott Pianowski, Jack Overby

Most Rated Wins

1. 32 Bowman, Brian (KY)
2. 29 Stock, Joyce (OH)
3. 27 Abriano, Gerianne (NY)
3. 27 Blyler, Bob (FL)
3. 27 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)

Most Games Played

1. 52 Pianowski, Scott (MI)
1. 52 Fiszbein, Jeff (MI)
1. 52 Stock, Joyce (OH)
4. 46 Blyler, Bob (FL)
5. 45 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
5. 45 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
5. 45 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
5. 45 Huber, Cecilia (OH)
5. 45 Bowman, Brian (KY)
5. 45 Le, Cecilia (MA)

5. 45 Matthews, Jesse (BC)
 5. 45 Ubeika, Shelley (ON)
 5. 45 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)
 5. 45 Ubeika, Jason (ON)
 5. 45 Saldanha, Dielle (BC)
- Most Games Undeclared*
1. 8 Slaughter, Amy (NC)
 1. 8 Rogers, George (FL)
 3. 7 Randall, Brandon (CT)
 3. 7 Zitzman, Brandon (KY)
 5. 6 Stevens, Mary Aline (CA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +596 = 1540 Overby, Jack (MN)
2. +450 = 1559 Rao, Suhas (NC)
3. +219 = 832 Heller, Jacqueline (CA)
4. +204 = 1719 Spence, Richard (AZ)
5. +192 = 1400 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1331 Proulx, Kim (BC)
2. 1141 Sayaves, Chalomrit (THA)
3. 900 Slaughter, Amy (NC)
4. 779 Rourke, Evan (NY)
5. 657 Bond, Hal (ON)

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



Daniel Stock, Nigel Richards, Steve Glass

2011 NSC Early Bird: August 5

Invitational for directors and staff only

- (8 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 4-0 +332 | 1752 1782 | Stock, Daniel (OH) |
| 3-1 +34 | 1818 1821 | Keller, Jason (NJ) |
| 2-2 +134 | 1438 1443 | Crotty, Lila (LA) |

2011 NSC: August 6-10

National SCRABBLE Championship, Dallas, TX

- DIVISION 1 (108 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 22-9 +1532 | 2140 2154 | Richards, Nigel (MYS) |
| 22-9 +1186 | 1970 2036 | Matsumoto, Kenji (HI) |
| 22-9 +1028 | 1845 1988 | Bowman, Brian (KY) |
- DIVISION 2 (90 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 25-6 +2207 | 1515 1719 | Spence, Richard (AZ) |
| 23-8 +1430 | 1701 1777 | Canik, Matt (TX) |
| 21-10 +1323 | 1565 1682 | Citron, Daniel (NY) |
- DIVISION 3 (71 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 26-5 +3424 | 1109 1636 | Rao, Suhas (NC) |
| 23-8 +1710 | 1337 1478 | Randolph, Jason (TX) |
| 21-10 +1742 | 1309 1435 | Lean, Mike (DC) |
- DIVISION 4 (58 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 21-9 +746 | 839 1019 | Forrester, Randy (NM) |
| 21-10 +951 | 950 1048 | Stock, Joyce (OH) |
| 20-11 +818 | 974 1058 | Davis, Elizabeth (OH) |

2011 NSC Lunch Bird: August 6-10

First-ever NSC lunch tournament

- DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 5-0 +377 | 1819 1843 | Glass, Steve (FL) |
| 3-2 +369 | 1725 1722 | Winter (TX) |
| 3-2 -65 | 1640 1644 | Early, Michael (TX) |
- DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| 4-1 +145 | 1335 1369 | Shuman, Bruce (NC) |
| 3-2 +40 | 1402 1406 | Newhouse, Judy (TX) |
| 2-3 +5 | 1237 1236 | Meredith, David (KY) |
- DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 4-1 +319 | 1261 1269 | Pepper, Bryan (TX) |
| 4-1 +72 | 1021 1040 | Lieberman, Hannah (NC) |
| 3-2 +75 | 919 938 | Horowitz, Dan (DE) |



Peter Barkman, Nick Meyer, Max Panitch

Norwalk, CT: August 13

- DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 8-0 +600 | 1571 1659 | Barkman, Peter (NY) |
| 5-3 +74 | 1296 1370 | Beaton, Andrew (NY) |
| 4-4 +205 | 1434 1437 | Gable, Sue (NY) |
- DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 8-0 +1081 | 1275 1322 | Randall, Brandon |
| 6-2 +307 | 1103 1131 | Wood, Betsy (MA) |
| 5-3 +96 | 1019 1048 | Malaby, Andrew (MA) |

Norwalk, CT: August 13

Youth tournament

- (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|---------|---------------------|
| 4-0 +580 | 569 676 | Tilliss, Jared (NY) |
| 3-1 +119 | 688 710 | Tilliss, Seth (NY) |
| 2-2 +333 | 684 679 | Rowland, Amy |

Norwalk, CT: August 13

Youth tournament

- (3 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|---------|---------------------|
| 3-1 +386 | 710 723 | Tilliss, Seth (NY) |
| 3-1 -26 | 679 679 | Rowland, Amy |
| 2-2 -160 | 676 663 | Tilliss, Jared (NY) |

Berkeley, CA: August 14

Monthly one-day event

- DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 4-2 +372 | 1922 1924 | Meyer, Nick |
| 4-2 -174 | 1813 1826 | Schonbrun, Lester |
| 3-3 +103 | 1719 1722 | Ward, Bruce |
- DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 6-0 +474 | 1552 1644 | Stevens, Mary Aline |
| 3-3 +91 | 1537 1542 | Rosenberg, Kevin E |
| 3-3 +11 | 1559 1562 | Frodyma, KC |
- DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------------|
| 5-1 +185 | 1376 1431 | Whitman, Alan |
| 4-2 +195 | 1284 1318 | Diener, Pat |
| 4-2 +143 | 1449 1463 | Julian, Vicky |
- DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)
- | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------|
| 5-1 +476 | 1068 1093 | Smith, Peter |
| 5-1 +19 | 670 761 | Zuckerberg, Judy |
| 4-2 +167 | 1045 1048 | Morley, Maggie |

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More Results

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Guelph, ON: August 14

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

4-2 +326 1792 1799 Panitch, Max
4-2 +282 1721 1730 Nanavati, Jim
4-2 +218 1854 1855 Leah, Tony

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +196 1142 1219 Ozorio, Sophia
4-1 +473 1406 1421 Ubeika, Shelley
3-3 +121 1281 1280 Blake, Daniel (NY)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +301 1070 1067 Petrie, Shauna
4-2 +216 952 973 Spanier, Crayne
3-3 +230 667 690 Smylie, Tara



Jeremy Hall, Chris Cree, Jarett Myskiw

Bayside Queens, NY: August 20

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

7-2 +164 1655 1687 Hall, Jeremy
6-3 +399 1571 1596 Avrin, Paul
5-4 +146 1483 1501 Mendoza, Froilan (NJ)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-3 +554 1298 1313 Chen, Woody
6-3 +178 1177 1246 Tsigos, Chris
6-3 +69 1259 1283 Rodriguez, Alex

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

7-2 +238 1081 1097 Abriano, Gerianne
6-3 +169 845 876 Newman, Barbara
5-4 +121 705 767 Abrams, Shaunette

Dallas, TX: August 20

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +672 1923 1935 Cree, Chris
4-2 +440 1751 1765 Dick-Onuoha, Sam
4-2 -132 1725 1740 Burlant, Jim

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-1 +159 1088 1142 Sanchez, Pat
4-2 +342 1183 1215 Sallah, Ebrahima
3-3 -3 1122 1137 Saia, David

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +360 932 946 Bratcher, Nancy
4-2 +346 733 769 Oppenlander, Patricia
4-2 +285 955 962 Hidalgo, Regenia

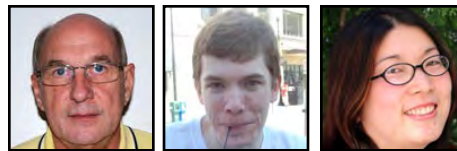
Edmonton, AB: August 20

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +110 1589 1606 Myskiw, Jarett (MB)
4-2 +4 1302 1331 Guilbault, Brian
3-2 +237 1548 1541 Larocque, Matthew

DIVISION B (7 PLAYERS)

5-1 +356 1050 1059 Guilbault, Ed
5-1 +190 1104 1126 Morris, Maureen
4-2 +149 1017 1021 Ridge, Geraldine



Bob Blyler, Jason Idalski, Kate Fukawa-Connelly

Tampa Bay (Pinellas Park), FL: August 20

(7 PLAYERS)

6-2 +800 1207 1229 Blyler, Bob
6-2 +570 1259 1274 Fisher, Jan
5-3 +403 1493 1464 Huber, Stefan

Independence, OH: August 20-21

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-0 +438 1902 1945 Idalski, Jason (MI)
4-3 +116 1988 1972 Bowman, Brian (KY)
4-3 -168 1782 1785 Stock, Daniel

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +485 1496 1520 Swint, Flossie
5-2 +90 1102 1167 Konicki, Walter
5-2 +74 1140 1196 Johnson, Dallas

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

5-2 +73 998 1020 Huber, Cecilia
5-2 +55 905 939 Rosenthal, Kevin
4-3 +234 1048 1045 Stock, Joyce

Utica (New Hartford), NY: August 20-21

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

10-4 +881 1922 1934 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
9-5 -63 1833 1850 Le, Cecilia (MA)
6-8 +53 1590 1591 Rau, Terry Kang

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

10-4 +987 1471 1499 Drumm, Heather
9-5 +77 1260 1323 OConnor, Matthew
7-7 +146 1478 1443 Horn, Judy (MA)

Utica, NY CSW: August 20-21

(4 PLAYERS)

10-4 +1257 1816 1857 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
8-6 +508 1992 1950 OLaughlin, John (MA)
6-8 -642 1515 1531 Cheras, John (MA)

Independence, OH: August 21

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +497 1630 1720 Alexander, Dorcas (PA)
6-1 +456 1972 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
5-2 +218 1785 1808 Stock, Daniel

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-2 +414 1349 1396 Smith, Gerry
4-3 +166 1373 1391 Stafford, Mike
4-3 +61 1520 1520 Swint, Flossie

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

5-2 +490 1271 1287 Scouloukas, Dean
5-2 +354 1252 1270 Oblander, Terry
5-2 +242 1224 1247 Joseph, Diane

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

7-0 +714 823 912 Zitzman, Brandon (KY)
5-2 +236 800 826 Angrist, Stanley (PA)
4-3 +210 684 714 Conley, Patricia (PA)

Austin, TX: August 27

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +567 1928 1940 Thevenot, Geoff
4-2 +145 1700 1715 Riblet, Doug
3-3 +109 1777 1769 Canik, Matt

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +321 1406 1424 Newhouse, Judy
5-1 +143 1266 1303 Solis, Ruben
3-3 +338 1470 1439 Roeder, Oliver



Evans Clinchy, Dorcas Alexander, Geoff Thevenot

Durham, NC: August 27

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +688 1683 1726 Bernardina, Matthew
6-2 +376 1854 1853 Fischer, Ryan
5-3 +416 1655 1661 McKeown, Rahn

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +389 1245 1270 Lieberman, Noah
5-3 +154 1102 1130 Price, Richard
5-3 +138 1183 1197 Bianca, Linda (SC)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +155 1029 1049 Klionsky, David
5-2 +561 890 912 Salgado, Erik
5-2 +173 1039 1048 Hoang, Andy

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

8-0 +835 0 900 Slaughter, Amy
5-3 +126 424 476 Grinnell, Mary
5-3 -64 500 539 Salgado, Midori

Fort Lauderdale, FL: August 27

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

7-1 +403 1958 1979 Tiekert, Ron
6-2 +323 1843 1858 Greenspan, Randy
5-3 +306 1766 1778 Kahn, Robert

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

8-0 +1004 1290 1373 Rogers, George
5-3 -159 1194 1214 Riff, Marla
4-3 +224 1229 1228 Blyler, Bob

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +188 748 796 Souza, Marilena
5-2 +129 770 805 Berger, Fred
5-3 +121 723 764 Osbourne, Rex

Linden, MI: August 27

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +391 1622 1698 Fiszbein, Jeff



Ron Tiekert, Jeff Fiszbein, Arie Sinke

6-1 +288 1808 1835 Stock, Daniel (OH)
4-3 +248 1689 1697 Grob, Steve

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +341 1347 1432 Melvin, Cheryl
5-2 +266 1391 1427 Stafford, Mike (OH)
4-3 +297 1518 1518 Ravichandran, Carol

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

5-2 +269 1115 1131 Washburn, Kathleen
4-3 +133 1171 1161 Kidd, Danny

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4-3 +5 1178 1172 Sutherland, Margaret
 4-3 +5 500 641 Henney, Stephen

Stratford, ON: August 27

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +514 1709 1778 Sinke, Arie
 6-2 +358 1799 1817 Panitch, Max
 5-3 -112 1592 1621 Dunlop, Glenn
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +513 1515 1563 Ozorio, Steve
 5-3 +28 1283 1321 Rodriguez, Alex (NY)
 4-4 +67 1487 1476 Lobo, Yvonne
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +554 1219 1269 Ozorio, Sophia
 5-3 +230 1134 1157 Ross, Don
 4-4 +163 1067 1076 Petrie, Shauna
DIVISION D (10 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +455 1008 1042 Brown, Allan
 6-2 +238 901 932 Krook, Dave
 6-2 +81 806 855 Mallory, Catherine

Vancouver, BC: August 27-28

(28 PLAYERS)
 12-2 +1153 1967 1991 Leong, James
 10-4 +1137 1763 1776 Schellenberg, Mark
 10-4 +565 1804 1822 Williams, Chris

Linden, MI: August 28

(16 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +289 1859 1879 Armstrong, Chuck
 5-2 +543 1835 1841 Stock, Daniel (OH)
 5-2 +397 1600 1623 Smith, Jason J

Upcoming Tournaments

by the *Tournament Committee*

OCTOBER 1, BERLIN, NJ: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$59. **Registration fee incl. continental BK. and LUN. RSVP to Wayne Ollick, 117 Washington Ave., Berlin, N.J.08009. 6 rounds of round robin plus 1 round KOTH, in groups of 8 or more.** Bud Doble Senior Center, 33 Cooper Folly Road, Atco, NJ. CT. Herb Lewis, <herblewis1@comcast.net>, Wayne Ollick, <scrabbler1@comcast.net> or Betty McDaniel, 856-728-9446. HA.

OCTOBER 1, CAMBRIDGE, ON, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. LUN. incl. in entry fee. DIVS. of 16 players. **“Boxed Fours” format. Limited to the first 80 entrants.** Calvary Pentecostal Assembly, 127 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON. CT. John Robertson, 17 Fourth Avenue, Cambridge, Ontario N1S 2C9, 519-621-6432, <jgrob-ertson@sympatico.ca>. HA.

OCTOBER 2, 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.

OCTOBER 2, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? 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.

OCTOBER 2, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$50. **\$10 entry fee for 1st time tourney players only. DIV. sizes and cutoffs will be determined at the Director’s discretion. Collins DIV. will be offered.** University of Pennsylvania - Houston Hal, Hall of Flags, 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA. CT. Connie Creed, 233 South 6th Street, #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 5, LCT - AKRON, OH: Wed: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. **Free event. Typically paired with 3 rounds of modified Swiss and 1 round of KOTH, minimizing repeats as much as possible.** The Highland Square Apartments, Party Room (1st Floor - Room 101), 733 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44303. CT. Dallas Johnson, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscrabble.com>. HA.

OCTOBER 8-9, ORLANDO, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$80. **Check-in at 8:00 a.m. DIVS. of approx. 14, based on attendance.** Holiday Inn Express, 8686 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836. HP: RM.Rate \$79/night, BK. incl. NO HIDDEN RESORT FEES. Ask for Scrabble tournament rate, or book online: <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/orlando/mcopp/hoteldetail?for mErrorCode=1013572125698580880>. CT. Art Moore, 407-733-2095, <lazyart@earthlink.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 9, 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.

OCTOBER 12-16, CALGARY, AB, CAN: Western Canadian Scrabble Championship. Early Bird: Wed: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. 3 equal-sized Divs based on the latest ratings. EF: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). Early Bird 2: Thu: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. 3 Divs. divided at 1500 & 1100 ratings. No playups except to even out Divs. EF: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). Main Event: Fri: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sat:

9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. R-R/K-H. 4 Divs. Divided at 1600, 1300 and 1000 ratings. 100 pt. playup permitted. EF: Div. 1: \$110 (CAN)/\$110 (US), Div. 2: \$90 (CAN)/\$90 (US), Div. 3: \$70 (CAN)/\$70 (US), Div. 4: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). Radisson Hotel, 2120 16 Ave. NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, (403) 291 4666, toll free 1 800 333 3333. HP: \$124 + tax, single/double. CT. Siri Tillekeratne, 16 Cedarwood Pl. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2W 3G6, Canada, (403) 281 2459, <sirit@shaw.ca>. HA. The Director reserves the right to make adjustments to avoid extreme DIV. size or pairing discrepancies.

OCTOBER 13-16, LAKE GEORGE, NY: Early Bird: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. EF: \$50. **8 fully-rated games; format determined by number of entries (Pay at Door Only). Registration from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.** Early Bird 2: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$35. **5 fully-rated games; format determined by number of entries (Pay at Door Only). Registration from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$85. Commuter fee: \$15. **COMM. fee applies if not on the hotel package. Registration from 7 - 8 p.m. on FRI.** The Tiki Resort, 2 Canada Street, Lake George, NY. HP: RM.rates are: \$126/person double occupancy; \$177/person single occupancy; \$106/person triple occupancy. Package incl. all taxes and gratuities, two deluxe continental BK. (incl. toast), and a full-buffet DIN. on SAT. night. CT. Annette Tedesco, 41 Ferry Lane, Stillwater, NY 12170-1350, 518-664-1619, <101ted@nycap.rr.com>, John Robertson or Ross Brown. HA.

OCTOBER 15, 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, 214-701-4681, <cc.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

OCTOBER 22, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$35. **Add \$5 late fee after October 10, 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.

OCTOBER 22, 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:

Mystery Word Clue 4

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The mystery word refers to a kind of dasyure. What is it? Answer to appear next issue. The mystery word has a face value of 14 points.

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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.

OCTOBER 22, ROCKY RIVER, OH: Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$31. **Entry fee increases to \$36 if payment and entry form received after Oct. 10 but by Oct. 20. \$41 cash only at the door (subject to availability). \$1 from each entry will be donated to cross-tables.com; the rest will be returned as prizes.** West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH. CT. Daniel Stock, 3614 Kings Mill Run, Rocky River OH 44116, (440) 356-7366, <danielstock@aol.com> or Joyce Stock, 3614 Kings Mill Run, Rocky River OH 44116, (440) 356-7366. HA.

OCTOBER 22, YORK, PA: Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$60. **Entry fee incl. LUN. Registration begins at 8 a.m. 4 DIVS.: ratings cut-offs based on attendance (we will attempt to have no more than a 250 point rating spread for DIVS.). Registrations received after October 17 are not guaranteed a spot.** B.P.O. Elks Lodge #213, 223 N. George Street, York, PA 17401. CT. Don Hake, 18 S. George Street #44, York, PA 17401, 717-764-0792, <donhake@comcast.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 22-23, ASHEVILLE, NC: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2 and lower: \$80. **DIV. One for those rated 1700 and higher, play up if within 100 points. Four lower DIVS. at directors' discretion. Pairing system: Modified Round Robin with KOH & Gibson rule.** Senior Opportunity Center, 36 Grove Street Asheville, NC 28801. CT. Bill Snoddy, 828-252-8154, <williamrsnoddy@gmail.com> or JoAnn Goddard, 828-252-4895, <artichokes58@yahoo.com>. HA.

OCTOBER 23, ELK HORN, IA: Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$25. Town Hall, 4212 Main St., Elk Horn, Iowa 51531-8018, (712) 764-5512. CT. Kirk Troutman, H: 402-592-3951 or C: 402-216-5571, <ktroutman@cox.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 28-30, CAMBRIDGE, MD: Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$30. Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$110. **Modified RR plus 2 KOTH. Collins DIV. offered (\$125 entry fee).** Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, 100 Heron Blvd. at Route 50 i Cambridge, Maryland, 410-901-1234. HP: 3 Day, 2 Night Hotel Package incl. 2 bottles of water per day, miniature golf, use of fitness center, volleyball, use of tennis courts, indoor pool, resort shuttle, all taxes & fees and Lite LUN.

on SUN. \$315 sgl; \$177.50 pp dbl; \$132.50 pp trpl. CT. Connie Creed, 215-238-1880 (H), 215-837-3037 (C), <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 28-30, SAN FRANCISCO, CA: 4th Annual California Open. Fri: 8 RDS. Sat: 8 RDS. Sun: 4 RDS. EF: \$100. Commuter fee: \$25. **This is an OPEN tournament with 1 DIV. Pairing system TBD. Entries must be received by October 15.** Parc 55 Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin St., San Francisco, CA, 419-392-8000. HP: Scrabble tournament rate of \$139/night. More info to come. CT. Ed DeGuzman, 415-335-6926, <edwardd@gmail.com> or Chris Patrick Morgan, 415-573-5926, <xpmorgan@gmail.com>. HA.

OCTOBER 29, 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. HP: 512-442-3212. CT. Geoff Thevenot, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

OCTOBER 29, SOUTH LYON, MI: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$50. **Entry fee increases to \$55 if paid after 10/22. \$60 cash only at the door. Registration begins at 8:30.** South Lyon United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. CT. Jef Fiszbein, 10092 Pembroke Circle, South Lyon, MI 48178-8521, (248) 310-4257, <fiszbein@sbcglobal.net>. HA.

OCTOBER 29, TAMPA BAY (PINELAS 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.

OCTOBER 29-30, BATON ROUGE, LA: Sat: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. R-R/K-H. Gibson rule applies. EF: \$70/\$60/\$50. **3 DIVS. rated split at 1500 and 1100 approx., with the option to add another DIV. depending on the number of competitors.** Baton Rouge Bridge Club, 3033 Old Forge Rd. Baton Rouge LA 70808. HP: Hotel information: Comfort Suites University, 3045 Valley Creek Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Phone: (225) 923-3377. Mention Scrabble to get the special RM.rate of \$69. CT. Mike Waugh, 40285 Abby James Rd, Prairieville, LA 70769, 225-252-4352, <mikewaughbr@yahoo.com> or Annette McCaffery. HA.

NOVEMBER 5, BRANTFORD, ON, CAN: Sat: 10:00 AM. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 90, 21 Oak Street, Brantford, Ontario. CT. Glenn Dunlop, (519) 752 2242. HA.

NOVEMBER 5, PITTSBURGH, PA: Sat: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$25. **Entry fee incl. LUN. Limited to 24 players.** Mount Lebanon Library, Meeting Room A, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd. (Lower Level), Pittsburgh, PA. CT. M.W. Schroeder, <msch@nauticom.net> or Stan Angrist, sangrist@verizon.net, <412-422-7878>. HA.

NOVEMBER 5-6, NACOGDOCHES, TX: The Old Town Showdown. Sat: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$75. **\$20 late fee applies after October 21, 2011. Walk-ins accepted only if space available. Sat, 9:30 to 10:30 am, Mandatory Check-In. Rounds 1-7 played straight through (bring snacks).** The Old University Building, 515 N. Mound Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. CT. Brent D. Beal, 920 Millard Dr., Nacogdoches, TX 75965, 225-802-7015, <brent@thebeals.net> or Judy Newhouse, <jnhouse@aol.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 6, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee includes buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Chris Patrick Morgan, <xpmorgan@gmail.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 6, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? 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.

NOVEMBER 6, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. equal DIVS., Collins DIV. if enough interest. EF: \$50. TBD - Philadelphia. CT. Connie Creed, 233 South 6th Street, #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

NOVEMBER 6, TORONTO, ON, CAN: at Great Canadian Game Show. Sun: 11:00 AM, 6 RDS. One open DIV., Chew pairings. EF: \$30 (CAN). **Players must pay additional entry fee to enter the game show (\$12/day with coupon from show website, as of 2010).** International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga ON. CT. John Chew, 9 Fulton Avenue, Toronto ON M4K 1X6, (416) 876-7675, <poslfit@gmail.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 8, 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, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 11-13, EMERALD CITY (SEATTLE), WA: Fri: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. Mod.Swiss/R-R/K-H. Three DIV. separated at 1100 and 1600, with unlimited play-up. separate open Collins DIV. EF: Div. 1:

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\$110, Div. 2: \$90, Div. 3: \$75, Div. C: \$110. Commuter fee: \$20. **Must register and pay by Noon Nov 9th. \$15 Late fee after Oct 26th. Pay by Aug 11th to enter drawing for full refund of entry fee. Collins/CSW DIV. will be rated by both NASPA and WESPA.** Seatac Holiday Inn, 17338 International Blvd, Seatac WA 98188, (800) 860-7715 or (206) 248-1000. HP: \$79 for one King or two Double beds. CT. Lynn Dreyer (Director), 253-579-3004 or Mark Peltier (Registration), P.O. Box 9069, Seattle WA 98109, 206-784-9706, <mark_my_words_again@yahoo>. HA.

NOVEMBER 12, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 9 RDS. 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.

NOVEMBER 12, CHICAGO, IL: Sat: 10:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$50. 1500 N. Dayton Street, Chicago, IL 60402. CT. Marty Gabriel, 2941 Whitetail Drive, Charleston IL 61920, (H) 217-348-9230 (C) 217-508-9035, <daivamart@mchsi.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 12, 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. CT. Huguette Settle, 112 Clareview Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 3Y3, 780.476.8019, <hsettle@hotmail.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 12-13, BRANDON, MB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$65 (CAN). **Entry fee increases to \$65 after November 10. Entry fee incl. coffee breaks and SUN. LUN.** Assiniboine Adult Collegiate, 725 Rosser Ave, Brandon, MB. HP: See flyer for hotel suggestions. Free parking on Rosser Ave and at all city meters on the weekend. CT. Amy Knight, 811 15th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 4W9, 204-728-3271, <acknight@mts.net> or Carol Enns. HA.

NOVEMBER 13, 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.

NOVEMBER 13, ROCKY RIVER, OH: The 2011 Stockjobber Open. Sun: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. PRZ: \$100%. **One DIV. Arrive no later than 9:15 to hold your place. Maximum of 16 players. Pairing method based on number of entries.** Home of Joyce and Dan Stock, 3614 Kings Mill Run, Rocky River, OH 44116, 440-356-7366. HP: The venue is NOT handicapped accessible (it is a private residence with two steps at the door, and the hallways/restrooms are not up to commercial code). CT. Daniel Stock, 3614 Kings Mill Run, Rocky River, OH 44116, 440-356-7366, <DanielStock@aol.com>.

NOVEMBER 18-20, ESSEX, VT: 6th Annual Green Mountain Challenge. **Details TBA.** Essex Resort and Spa, 70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, VT 05452. CT. Sherrie Saint John, <saint@pobox.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, APEX, NC: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. One Open DIV. - Quads, Modified Swiss, KotH. EF: \$50. All Fun and Games, 958 US Hwy 64 Apex, NC 27523. CT. Katie Bernardina, 7501 Cove Point Dr. Apt 20 Raleigh, NC 27613, <kbernardina@gmail.com> or Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlottescrabble.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, 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, 214-701-4681, <cc.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$35. **Add \$5 late fee after November 7, 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.

NOVEMBER 19, LINDEN, MI: Faux Fenthion. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **Entry fee increases to \$45 after 11/9 and before 11/19. \$50 cash only at the door.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N Bridge Street, Linden, MI. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, MILLBURN, NJ: Sat: 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$45. **3 or 4 DIVS. depending on number of entrants.** The Millburn Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, NJ. CT. Seth Mandel, <dentalmesh@yahoo.com> or Don Carson. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, OSHAWA, ON, CAN: Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$75 (CAN)/\$75 (US). **Entry fee increases to \$80 if received after**

10/31/2011. Entry fee incl. LUN. both days. Registrations may not be accepted after 11/14/2011, except to even DIVS. Caribbean Cultural Centre, 600 Wentworth Street East, Oshawa, ON, L1H 3V9 Canada, 905-721-1672 (day of tourney only). CT. Trevor Sealy, 811 Ormond Drive, Oshawa, Ontario L1K 3B6, 905-432-1732 or 905-666-6464, <sealy_trevor@durham.edu.on.ca>. HA.

NOVEMBER 19, 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.

NOVEMBER 19, TUCSON, AZ: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$35. **Entries limited to the first 24 PAID players. ALL entries must be PAID and received by November 17, 2011. No entries accepted at the door. All cancelled entries are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. NO REFUNDS for cancellations made after 9 PM on 11/17.** Denny's Restaurant, 3655 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716. CT. Ed Saunders, 223 W. Weishorn St., Oro Valley, AZ 85737, (520) 575-6734, <ed@tucson-scrabble.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 20, LINDEN, MI: Faux Fenthion. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mod. Swiss. EF: \$30. **1 DIV. Class prize. \$35 if paid at the door.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N Bridge Street, Linden, MI. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

NOVEMBER 25-27, TARRYTOWN, NY: Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$45. **Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Size and format of DIVS. are at director's discretion, depending upon number of entries.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$100. **Robin robin with a play-off round(s). DIVS. of 16 (bottom DIV. subject to change based on number of entries).** DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591, (914) 631-5700 or (800) 435-7435. HP: Ask for Scrabble rate of \$99 per night (incl. free internet access, parking, pool, and fitness facilities). Availability guaranteed through FRI., November 11, 2011. CT. Linda Wancel, <scrabbleamazon@aol.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 26-27, GLEN ELLYN, IL: Sat: 9:00 AM. Sun: 9:00 AM. R-R/K-H. EF: \$55. **Entry fee increases to \$60 on November 1st. Check in at 8:30 a.m. Limit 72 players. The size of the last DIV. to be determined by the Directors. No refunds after November 24.** Crowne Plaza Glen Ellyn, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 61037, 630-629-6000. CT.

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More Tournaments

from *UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS*, p. 9
 Thomas Tremont, 630-469-2282, <tomtremont@gmail.com> or Don Rathberger. HA.

NOVEMBER 26-27, TCC - KINGSTON, ON, CAN: Toronto v. Montreal. R-R/Mod.R-R. EF: \$20 (CAN). **Game schedule & DIVS.: 3 DIVS., 12 games, modified round robin. Game #1 begins 1pm SAT., 11/26; # games each day TBD by vote.** Confederation Place Hotel, 237 Ontario St, Kingston ON, 888 825-4656. HP: Rooms held until Nov. 11; no deadline on guaranteed RM rate of \$89/night. Contact hotel 613 549-6300 and mention Scrabble tournament. <http://www.confederationplace.com/>. CT. Lisa Kessler, <likes@primus.ca> or Sary Karanofsky, <sary.karanofsky@jpps.ca>. HA.

DECEMBER 3-4, AUSTIN, TX: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$80/\$60/\$50/\$40. **Fixed DIV. sizes of 14 by rating; bottom two DIVS. may be smaller or larger than 14, or combined at director's discretion. Collins DIV. will be offered if at least six players sign up for it (\$80 entry fee).** Visual Innovations, 8500 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin TX 78757. CT. Geoff Thevenot, 512-921-9169, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur, 512-293-2360, <jmca@mail.utexas.edu>. HA.

DECEMBER 3-4, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2-4: \$80. **\$25 late fee after November 19, 2011. Entry due November 19, 2011. 16 games. 4 DIVS.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. HP: Contact Tim Wise (call 954-942-6319 or email wise9778@gmail.com) for a list of hotels close to Holiday Park. CT. Tim Wise, 954-942-6319, <wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 4, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Ed DeGuzman. HA.

DECEMBER 4, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? 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.

DECEMBER 4, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. equal DIVS., Collins DIV. if enough interest. EF: \$50. TBD - Philadelphia. CT. Connie Creed, 233 South 6th Street, #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

DECEMBER 7, LCT - AKRON, OH: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. CT. Dallas Johnson, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscrabble.com>. HA.

Challenge Contest 9

by the Bulletin Committee

This month's challenge is to construct the highest-scoring solitaire game as follows. Each play's score must be evenly divisible by ten. As usual, every play must be able to withstand a OTCWL2+LL challenge. You do not need to use up all the tiles, and any left in the bag should not be deducted from your final score. In the sample solution, the words played — DECILE (20), DIGITAL (20), INTENSE (70), DECIMATE (80) and VANDYKED (230) score a total of 420 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 October 22nd. 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 solitaire game each of whose main words is a lexical 4-4 compound. The winning submission below used 16 words to score 2,158 points and gets Tony Rasch (for the second month in a row) a year's NASPA membership renewal.



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

The position showed below occurred in the last round of the finals on September 25th, 2011 at the Human Computer Showdown between Adam Logan (human) and Quacke (Computer) in Toronto, ON, in a tournament game rated in the NASPA CSW rating system. Adam held AEEINTU and a 382-349 lead over Quacke, but needed to widen that to a 60-point lead to claim the prize. What did he do? What would you have done? What should Adam have done?



Last month's answer to the position from the NSC tournament was for Nigel Richards to play TuG-H-RIKS as a double-double through the H at 5h.

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