



NASPA Bulletin

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Your Committees at Work

by Chris Cree

On Wednesday evening, November 30, NASPA held a conference call for a portion of its committee chairs. Each gave an overview of what they have done and what they are currently working on. The highlights were:

Membership Committee — Committee Member Tony Leah, in attendance to give the update for Chair Mad Palazzo, reported that the committee had just made their first proposal for the possibility of a NASPA Lifetime Membership. NASPA has had the benefit of meeting and being able to speak with a few MENSA America officers about this and other facets of their organization. The committee also looked at the United States Chess Federation's model.

NASPA is considering this possibility and will try to come to a decision during the first quarter of 2012.

The Recognition portion of the Ratings and Recognition Committee — Cochair Seth Lipkin is working on a quantifiable method to determine a NASPA Expert, Master and Grandmaster. These terms are bestowed upon people in bridge and chess, amongst other endeavors. The Association of British SCRABBLE Players (ABSP) also does this and was kind enough to share their formula. Seth is taking the idiosyncrasies of not only our current rating system, but the history of our rating system into account to come up with something that identifies and honors our players who have accomplished the most over the years.

Tournament Committee — Chair Dallas Johnson reports that his committee is sanctioning tournaments that "come in waves". There are 153 tournaments, thus far, on the calendar for the coming year. Dallas was pleased to report that we have no disciplinary issues on the docket. NASPA feels that the enforcement of the Code of Conduct is having an impact on the overall comportment of the players.

Dictionary Committee — Chair Jim Pate, gave us an update on his newest committee members, who are working on the Long List as well as the rest of the committee's plans to work with Merriam-Webster for the next update. To clarify, NASPA is beholden to Hasbro. Merriam-Webster has the working relationship in regards to our word list with the game's trademark holder in North America,
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Dave Johnson (Portland, OR) presents a SCRABBLE Flash set to Maggie Morley (Kensington, CA), the Most Improved Player at his tournament.

2012 NSC Update

by the Championship Committee

Registration for the 2012 National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC) is now open! As we go to press, there are 19 players already registered, led by 2002-rated former champion Joel Wapnick (Montreal, QC). The NSC will take place on August 11–15, 2012, at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, FL, returning to the popular venue of the 2008 NSC and the 2011 National School SCRABBLE Championship.

Early registration is being driven by a new offer this year, where entry fees are reduced by \$25 until the end of December 2011.

Also new this year will be an event T-shirt designed by expert player and professional artist Jeremy Hildebrand (Ottawa, ON), which will be available for pre-order on our website early in the new year.

Division cutoffs remain unchanged from 2011 at 1700, 1400 and 1100, with unlimited play-up permitted. The guaranteed top prize for Division 1 will be \$10,000; further details about the rest of the prize pool will be announced as registration progresses.

Entry fees have remained the same as last year: \$175 in Division 1 and \$150 in Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Youths (under 18 years as of August 11, 2012) are eligible for a special
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27-Year Friendly Rivalry

by John Chew

Tournament SCRABBLE players start playing because they're competitive and like the game, but what keeps everyone coming year after year is the personal relationships that are formed when we see each other at our home club, favorite tournaments or championships. After all, which is more fun: trouncing an old friend who will remember your brilliant plays for years (and if not, be reminded of them), or a random player you've never met before?

My predecessor as director of the Toronto SCRABBLE Club, Mike Wise, boiled this down to two words when he said that our game is at its best when it is played in a spirit of friendly rivalry. At no event is this spirit more immanent than at the annual Kingston Cup interclub match between the Toronto ON and Montreal QC clubs. The 27th installation of this event took place on November 26–27, by tradition on neutral territory midway between these cities, in a ballroom at the Confederation Place Hotel in Kingston ON, with a beautiful view of the head of the St. Lawrence River.

42 players contested three divisional trophies, with the Toronto side under more pressure than usual to regain honor lost last
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2011 Kingston Cup Tournament Participants (Photo: Kate Doe)

Kingston Cup

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year, when Montreal swept the event. As it's seldom possible to accommodate all players in both cities who want to play without mismatched team sizes, several ringers were recruited by both teams from nearby Ontario clubs in Brantford, Kingston and Ottawa.

In Division C, contesting the Midway Cup, 7 Toronto players faced four Montreals, two Ottawans and one Kingstonian. While Diane Brown (Toronto ON) led the field with an impressive 11-1 record, the next five places ended up going to Montreal: Lany Ramos (Montreal QC), Daria Pecht (Gananoque ON), Emilie Henkelman (Nepean ON), Patrick Niesink (Ottawa ON) and Akiva Gitelman (Montreal QC), giving them a 47-37 win.

In Division B, the pairing officer faced unusual challenges. A few days before the event, it looked like there were going to be eight players for Toronto and six for Montreal, for which a complicated schedule involving one Toronto-Toronto game each round was constructed. Then there was one emergency medical cancellation on both sides, necessitating the construction of a similar 7-on-5 schedule. Toronto prevailed 39-21 over twelve rounds, and swept the top five places to reclaim the 401 Trophy (named for a highway): Alex Rodriguez, Anna Miransky, Geoff Gibson, Lisa Kessler and Roger Cullman (all of Toronto ON).

Division A was unusual in a different way, in that it was split into two eight-player groups, one playing TWL and the other CSW. The Collins division had Jeremy Hildebrand and Adam Logan (both of Ottawa, ON) playing opposite each other; Montreal's TWL division was led by Gabriel Gauthier-Shalom, currently studying in Waterloo, ON and planning on moving in the new year to Toronto, but still at heart a Quebecker. Montreal beat Toronto 27-21 at TWL, but Toronto beat Montreal 29-19 at CSW; added together these gave Toronto a 50-46 victory and the coveted Kingston Cup.

Of course, some would say there is little

point in holding any sort of competition for 27 years without meticulously documenting the statistics of the event; and in any large group there are usually people willing to take on this task. I am pleased to report that a total of 147 players have now participated in 869 appearances at the Kingston Cup, playing 5,177 rated games. Montreal leads Toronto in Division A 15½-11½ and 9-7 in Division B; Toronto leads Montreal 7½-2½ in Division C.

Lynda Wise (Toronto ON) is the only player to have missed only one of the 27 years. David Boys (Dorval QC) has the most wins with a 208-93 record over 25 years. Joel Wapnick (Montreal QC) holds the distinction of being the only player ever to go undefeated at this event, a feat he has accomplished twice, in the inaugural year of 1985 (12-0) and then again in 1999 (13-0), the year he won the World SCRABBLE Championship.

I'm happy to have maintained my even record, now 79½-79½ with a 6-6 record against a tough field this year, and looking forward to many more year of competition to come.

No Pointless Games!

by John Chew

The Kingston Cup match was also unusual in one technical respect: it was the last regularly held rated tournament in which players (at least if they were playing for Montreal) were encouraged to resign games rather than playing them out. Until this year, no final scores were recorded for games, only the win/loss outcome.

Beginning this year however, we changed to conform with a quietly introduced new requirement of NASPA rated tournaments that they report all game scores. This should not affect any other events, as it has been more than a year since anyone reported a win/loss event; and it should have the beneficial effects of giving official recognition to things like individual high game scores, as well as providing valuable data for investigating possible future score-based rating systems.

Working Committees

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Hasbro. NASPA has a very good relationship with Merriam-Webster and looks forward to continuing to do what the NSA's Dictionary Committees did: work with them on updating the dictionary. When might that be? The target date as I type is the latter part of 2014. That is subject to change.

Not surprisingly, Jim had the most questions to answer by the committee chairs who are, first and foremost, SCRABBLE Players!

Rules Committee — Chair Jan Cardia, did such a great job last year in her first year as chair. She asked what kind of timetable we would like to see for the next update to the rules. I would think the same kind of schedule as this past year. She said she would get on the 100 issues right away! Someone asked a rules related question and Jan responded, "Make that 101!". It was asked if the rules could be printed by NASPA for directors who wished it. We feel that any printing would have to be budgeted for approximately 420 directors and each change to the rules would make the previous printing obsolete. NASPA asks that directors who do not have Internet access at their events download the PDF or copy and paste it into a Word document and keep it available on a computer or handheld at their tournament site or print their own current copy.

International Committee — Cochairs Sam Kantimathi and Tony Leah announced that WESPA would continue to rate NASPA Collins events and thanked NASPA for rating Collins Divisions at tournaments.

Director's Manual Committee — Chair Rebecca Slivka reported that no updates have gone into the DM at this time. Rebecca also serves on the Technology and Web Committees. For the Technology Committee, she brought up and reiterated that handheld devices are inappropriate for tournament play, be it for adjudication, time keeping or arithmetic. Jan Cardia mentioned that reference to that is in the rules.

Club/Directors Committee — Chair Mary Rhoades reported that her committee has certified 22 directors so far this year.

This call took 2 hours and 10 minutes on a Wednesday night. Thanks to all of our Committee Chairs and Members for their dedication to NASPA and the game we play: SCRABBLE.

Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season!

Mystery Word

by John Chew

Last month's mystery word was GRILSE, a young salmon, the anagram of LIGERS (the offspring of a male lion and a female tiger). This month's mystery word is the name of a musical instrument whose plural consists of the word followed either by -A or by -S.

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NATIONAL SCRABBLE® CHAMPIONSHIP



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rate of \$50. An additional late fee of \$50 will apply to any player registering after June 30, 2012.

There will be side events, as in past years, which will also be announced as the event approaches, including a Saturday night Trivia Contest organized by John Robertson (Cambridge, ON). If you are interested in running other after-hours events, please apply to the Championship Committee as soon as possible, before the schedule fills up.

Players familiar with the venue will appreciate its family-friendly location; all resort guests get front-of-the-line access to Universal Theme Park rides. There is a wide range of food and accommodation within a reasonable distance of the hotel, and Orlando International Airport (MCO) is well-connected, a hub for AirTran and focus city for SouthWest and JetBlue. Best of all, Robin Gates (Dallas, TX), the most popular NSC volunteer, has agreed to reprise her role as NSC Activities Director (a/k/a “conciierge”).

If you have any questions about next year’s event, whether you are a prospective player, volunteer, or vendor, please email us at nsc@scrabbleplayers.org.

See you all in Orlando!

New & Returning Clubs

by the Club/Director Committee

We are in the process of contacting all clubs listed in the NASPA Club Roster to confirm that they are still active, and to remind them that while their directors need to be current NASPA members, there is no longer an annual club registration fee.

We welcome back our clubs in Evansville, IL (directed by Beth Palmer), Tulsa, OK (Barbara Santee), and Ft. Myers, FL (Daniel Hellman); and the new club #807 in Brattleboro, VT (Ed Liebfried).

Mystery Word Clue 2

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There is an alternate spelling of this word, but the one we are looking for has a face value of 23 points.

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NASPA in the News

By the Bulletin Committee

On November 2nd, Laura Murphy of *News Letter* interviewed the team representing Northern Ireland at last month’s World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC) at length, and included an uncredited photo by John Chew of the playing room, showing Chris Cree in the middle of the image.

On November 6th, Maev Kennedy of *The Guardian* reported on the UK NSC, organized by Philip Nelkon, who “used to be a contender.”

On November 8th, Mike Tony of *The Daily Pennsylvanian* interviewed Stefan Fatsis about Connie Creed’s Penn SCRABBLE Club.

On November 12, the *Democrat and Chronicle* ran an obituary for Jean Carol.

On November 14, *The Plain Dealer* ran an obituary for Terry Oblander.

On November 13, *Don’t Panic* magazine ran an online article about Roger Cullman’s SCRABBLE Portraits project.

On November 23, the *Charlotte Observer* ran a feature article about competitive SCRABBLE play, mentioning local director Ryan Fischer, NASPA and of course the “missing G” scandal at the WSC.

Lisa Kessler Elected to Canadian Committee

by John Robertson

Each year two of the six seats on the Canadian Committee (CC) become vacant as two of the members’ terms expire. This year the terms of David Boys (Dorval, QC) and Siri Tillekeratne (Calgary, AB) expire on December 31. David chose not to run for reelection. Siri chose to seek reelection though, and was joined by candidates Carl Madden (Brantford, ON) and Lisa Kessler (Toronto, ON).

This led to an interesting scenario: There are already two sitting committee members from Ontario, but CC rules prohibit having more than three members from any region (Ontario, Québec and the Maritime provinces, or Western Canada). Therefore, Siri in effect won his Western Canada seat by acclamation, leaving Carl and Lisa to vie for the seat being vacated by David.

The 2011 CC Election was contested from November 1–30. All Canadian members were eligible to vote either online through NASPA Member Services or by paper ballot. A total of 44 votes were cast (37 online and 7 by paper ballot). Lisa edged Carl, garnering 23 (52%) votes to Carl’s 21 (48%).

Lisa becomes the CC’s first-ever female member. Her term will run from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. Thank you to all those who participated in the democratic process.



Know The Rules

by Shelley Ubeika

PLAYIN? The Blank

You lay down a beauty — V?QUERO — declaring “The blank is an A as in AWE-SOME,” but you don’t write it down. What happens next?

You should expect your opponent to restart your clock and request you write down the blank. You should then designate the blank on the appropriate sheet and place it halfway between you and your opponent before hitting the clock again. Placing the paper midway is actually a requirement. You’re not allowed to hog that paper all to yourself because verbal designation of the blank is no longer accepted as official.

If you’re lucky enough to play a word using both blanks, be sure you write them down in the correct order. The first blank indicated on your slip will be considered the first blank in the word. For example, if you plop down S?ELLE? and write down D then P, you’re in trouble because SDELLEP* is not a word. You want to be sure you put that P down first so that your word is considered SPELLED correctly. I’d also recommend not writing down H and Y because SHELLEY* is not a valid SCRABBLE word. Pfft.

It’s important that you write the letters clearly or circle neatly, depending on the slip. Any challenge made where the opponent is confused about the blank because of your sloppy penmanship may be withdrawn so long as it has not yet been adjudicated. In that situation, the Director should be called. The Director will restart the designator’s clock and request that it be clarified neatly. If you refuse to write down the blank designation, you should expect the Director to flog you with a wet noodle. S/he also has the authority to reasonably designate the blank, so just write it down neatly and avoid any confusion during your game.

In Memoriam

by the Bulletin Committee

Jean Carol, polyglot and music teacher, a longtime tournament SCRABBLE player with a career spanning almost 200 tournaments dating back to 1977 and a career high rating of 1957, passed away on November 12 in a nursing home, following a series of strokes.



Terry Oblander, journalist and puzzle composer, had almost as lengthy a tournament career as Jean, dating back to 1981. He was a regular fixture at Northeast Ohio tournaments, and a source of delight to his fellow players. He died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack at the age of 64, on November 13.



What's New in CSW12

by the International Committee

Players who compete using the Collins SCRABBLE Words lexicon (still often referred to domestically as SOWPODS) will see about 1% of that word list change soon. NASPA clubs may begin using the new CSW2012 lexicon informally whenever it suits local players; tournaments must use it if their event ends on or after January 1, 2012, and must not use it otherwise. This means that the players at Annette Tedesco's (Stillwater, NY) annual New Year's tournament in Albany will not only be ringing in the new year, but 2,809 new words as well.

Here's a small sampling of the changes. Gone are 396 words, including: YOS, FIFI, FOHS, OHOS, WASM(S), GRENZ, JAMBOS, ARCCOS(ES), ARCSIN(S), ARCTAN(S), JANDAL(S), AEROBUS(S) ES), JOCKNEY(S), LERN(A)EAN, MOLERAT(S), TEDESCA, TEDESCO, TIEROD(S), ZIMMER(S), HEXAGLOT, CORAMINE(S), JETPLANE(S), TANAISTE(S). Some of the words entering the lexicon are: AIRGUN(S), ALOO(S), ALU(S), AME(S), ANS, ATS, AT-TONED, AUTOSAVE(D,S), AWK(S), BARCODE(D,S), BEDHEAD(S), BLIT(S), BUZZKILL(S), CANDYMAN, CANDY-MEN, CARPHONE(S), CARSHARE(S), COMBOVER(S), DATAGRAM(S), DAYPACK(S), DUNGHEAP(S), EDAMAME(S), EMAILER(S), ENARGITE(S), ERM, FACEBOOK(S), FANBOYS(S), FANSITE(S), FANSUB(S), FIQH(S), FLOX, GAK(S), GAW(S), GER(S), GOJI(S), GRR(R)L, HAOS, ING(S), LOANEE(S), LONGLIST(S), MEH, MINOTAUR, MWAH, NANG, NANITE(S), NOILIER, NOTAIRE(S), NUTJOB(S), OATIEST, OIS, OLIGURIC, PEL(S), QIN(S), QINTARKA, QUEBEC(S), RAGU(S), RAV(S), README, REALTONE(S), RONZ, SLANTIER, SOZ, SPYCAM(S), SUG(S), TIK(S), UMS, VLOG(S), WEBIFY, WIKI(S), XRAY(S), YANKEE(S), ZARI(S).

Many of these words may eventually work their way into the next edition of OSPD and OTCWL, currently planned for 2013/2014.

Newly Certified Club & Tournament Directors

by the Club/Director Committee

The NASPA Club/Director Committee welcomes David Pearl (Long Beach, CA) and Suzette Rodriguez (Flushing, NY) to the apprenticeship program. If you are interested in becoming a director also, please consult the [Directors section](#) of our website.

Mystery Word Clue 3

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The mystery word is eight letters long.

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Top Active Players

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



Nigel Richards, Adam Logan, David Gibson

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
3. 2062 Gibson, David (SC)
4. 2041 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
5. 2033 Mallick, Joey (ME)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2018 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
9. 2017 Leong, James (BC)
10. 2010 Swift, Orry (TX)
11. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
12. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
13. 1983 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
14. 1978 Cree, Chris (TX)
14. 1978 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
16. 1977 Brockmeier, Doug (FL)
17. 1972 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
17. 1972 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
19. 1967 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
19. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)
21. 1963 Sherman, Joel (NY)
22. 1959 Day, Jesse (CA)
23. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
23. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
25. 1954 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
26. 1951 Edley, Joe (NY)
26. 1951 Jackson, Scott (MN)
28. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
29. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
30. 1937 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
30. 1937 Luebkekmann, John (GA)
30. 1937 Walton, Noah (CA)
33. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
34. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
35. 1921 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
36. 1918 Idalski, Jason (MI)
37. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
38. 1906 Tran, Eric (AB)
39. 1903 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
40. 1902 Fukawa-Connolly, Kate (ME)
41. 1901 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
41. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
43. 1897 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
44. 1895 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
45. 1893 Meyer, Nick (CA)
46. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
47. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)
48. 1879 Armstrong, Chuck (MI)
49. 1876 Rau, Stefan (NY)
50. 1870 Rosin, Sam (NJ)

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



Nigel Richards, Philip Nelkon, Adam Logan

1. 2224 Quackle (MA)
2. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
3. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
4. 2068 Logan, Adam (ON)
5. 2060 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
6. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
7. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
8. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
9. 2019 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
10. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
11. 2009 Boys, David (QC)
12. 2007 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
13. 1984 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
14. 1979 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
15. 1969 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
16. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
17. 1932 Bowman, Brian (KY)
17. 1932 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
19. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
20. 1917 Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



Daniel Milton, Atiruth Sakdiyakorn

Most Rated Wins

1. 40 Milton, Daniel (VA)
2. 29 Engelhardt, David (MD)
3. 28 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
3. 28 Spanfelner, Florence (PA)
3. 28 Williams, Chris (BC)

Most Games Played

1. 71 Milton, Daniel (VA)
2. 58 Wancel, Linda (NY)
3. 57 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
3. 57 Gable, Sue (NY)
5. 53 Seales, Cynthia (GA)
5. 53 Oliva, Linda (MD)
5. 53 Engelhardt, David (MD)

Most Games Undeclared

1. 8 Draper, Thomas (NJ)
2. 7 Berg, Mark (NY)
3. 6 Norman, Jack (CA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +228 = 938 Norman, Jack (CA)
2. +180 = 1750 McIntyre, Evan (AB)
3. +162 = 1342 Louie, Ken (CA)
4. +148 = 1487 Gupta, Ruchi (TN)
5. +136 = 899 Guimont, Lawrence (LA)

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More Monthly Leaders

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Highest Initial Rating

1. 2000 Sakdiyakorn, Atiruth (THA)
2. 1362 Ghosh, Souparno (MA)
3. 1309 Maronpot, Jason (MD)
4. 1235 Gagnon, Randy (AB)
5. 1148 Draper, Thomas (NJ)

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



Joey Mallick, Jason Ubeika, Erica Norris Bodrazic

Bloomington, MN: September 30–October 2

(18 PLAYERS)

18-2 +1250	2009	2033	Mallick, Joey (ME)
15-5 +635	1932	1951	Jackson, Scott
14-6 +743	1967	1967	Kramer, Jim

Cambridge, ON: October 1

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +153	1623	1678	Ubeika, Jason
5-2 +571	1970	1967	Berofsky, Evan
5-2 +404	1397	1476	Lobo, Yvonne

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +328	1357	1400	Rodriguez, Alex (NY)
5-2 +376	1327	1350	Cullman, Roger
5-2 +165	1212	1240	Anderson, Janice

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +483	937	985	McClellan, Mike
5-2 +230	982	996	Ahmad, Israr
5-2 +214	984	1006	De Young, Henry

Berlin, NJ: October 1

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

6-1 +689	1414	1504	Strieb, Jay (PA)
5-2 +524	1855	1852	Keller, Jason
5-2 +122	1515	1545	Engelhardt, David (MD)

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

6-1 +543	1236	1307	Mohoric, Ed (PA)
6-1 +440	1257	1322	Kuno, Margo (PA)
5-2 +290	1396	1412	Kitchen, Scott

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

6-1 +335	1114	1163	Hanley, Nancy (DE)
5-2 -210	962	996	McDaniel, Betty C
4-3 +111	1090	1093	Cleary, Lynda Woods

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There are over 500,000 Google hits for this word together with the word "cheese".

DIVISION D (10 PLAYERS)

5-2 +335	920	932	Clancy, Sarah
5-2 +316	845	851	Gannon, Jeanne
5-2 +157	875	880	Brower, Ruth (DE)

Philadelphia, PA: October 2

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

5-2 +409	1514	1555	Bodrazic, Erica Norris
5-2 +406	1513	1558	Harris, Jermaine
5-2 +147	1611	1637	Miller, Mark

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

7-0 +421	1461	1541	Berg, Mark (NY)
5-2 +297	1476	1493	Creed, Connie
5-2 +182	1243	1287	Wancel, Linda (NY)

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

7-0 +624	920	1095	Avener, Margaret
5-2 +363	1060	1077	Dlugosz, David
5-2 +275	1093	1102	Cleary, Lynda Woods (NJ)



Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, Kevin McCarthy Sr., Jim Peters

Berkeley, CA: October 2

Monthly one-day tourney

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +388	1939	1963	Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad
5-1 +315	1884	1912	Lerman, Jerry
5-1 +98	1787	1838	Berahovich, Leesa

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +191	1573	1606	Karris, John
4-2 +152	1412	1440	Whitman, Alan
4-2 +50	1407	1438	Jacobstein, Bennett

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +240	710	938	Norman, Jack
4-2 +309	1358	1348	Demeter, Jon
4-2 +13	1091	1100	Smith, Peter

Akron, OH LCT: October 5

(6 PLAYERS)

4-0 +418	1430	1443	McCarthy, Kevin, Sr
2-2 +228	1825	1817	Stock, Daniel
2-2 +162	1591	1584	Zeigler, Pete

Orlando, FL: October 8–9

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

11-3 +782	1628	1659	Peters, Jim
9-5 +756	1646	1637	Haynes, Wendell
8-5 +481	1199	1285	Bailey, Justin

DIVISION B (11 PLAYERS)

11-3 +728	1151	1197	Knobelsdorf, Joan
9-5 +290	938	980	Callies, Tacy
8-5 +509	1194	1176	Blyler, Bob

Guelph, ON: October 9

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +417	1810	1812	Gauthier-Shalom, Gabriel (QC)
4-2 +321	1705	1719	Nanavati, Jim
4-2 +189	1707	1721	Edelson, Mark

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +380	1360	1369	Ubeika, Shelley
4-2 -219	866	911	Helewa, Charles
3-3 +258	1344	1312	Bowman, Joseph



Gabriel Guthier-Shalom, Matthew Laroque, Juraj Pivovarov

Calgary, AB: October 12

Western Canadian SCRABBLE Championship
Early Bird 1

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +323	1578	1657	Larocque, Matthew
5-3 +662	1537	1560	Hamilton, Ruth (OR)
5-3 +107	1720	1720	Pivovarov, Juraj

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +310	1274	1300	Settle, Huguette
5-2 +8	1228	1250	Payne, Bill
5-3 +167	1109	1135	Bergeron, Betty

DIVISION C (11 PLAYERS)

7-1 +187	744	830	Brookes, Laverne
6-2 +398	880	908	Harris, Grace
6-2 +384	889	918	Mahmood, Maliha (CA)

Calgary, AB: October 13

Western Canadian SCRABBLE Championship
Early Bird 2

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +353	1720	1737	Pivovarov, Juraj
5-3 -17	1525	1552	Tillekeratne, Siri
4-4 +269	1560	1559	Hamilton, Ruth (OR)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-0 +468	1300	1388	Settle, Huguette
6-2 +293	1427	1447	Romann, Judy (WA)
5-3 +146	1313	1331	Charach, Richard (MB)

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +362	0	1359	Gagnon, Randy
5-2 +62	1004	1020	Carruthers, Donna (MB)
5-3 +211	782	818	Slater, Linda

Lake George, NY: October 13

Early Bird 1

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

8-0 +819	1862	1898	Hill, Marlon (MD)
6-2 +374	1807	1816	Wolfberg, Michael (MA)
5-3 +179	1576	1582	Avrin, Paul

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

6-2 +424	1161	1185	McGrew, Barbara Bordwell (VT)
6-2 +403	1202	1227	Pearl, Louise (VT)
6-2 +197	1146	1175	Elliott, Janet (CA)

Lake George, NY: October 14

Early Bird 2

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +384	1709	1748	Higby, Karl
4-1 +184	1816	1833	Wolfberg, Michael (MA)
3-2 +343	1898	1893	Hill, Marlon (MD)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +202	1326	1366	ten Den, Chris (ON)
3-2 +146	1324	1337	Porporo, Dean (ON)
3-2 +102	1358	1367	Rackham, Anita (QC)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +455	1314	1341	Chepita, Ryan (ON)
4-1 +138	1298	1330	Donegan, Michael (TX)
4-1 +119	1270	1307	Lezin, Katya (NC)

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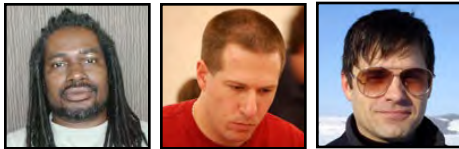
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DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-0 +390 1185 1257 McGrew, Barbara Borchwell (VT)
3-2 +283 1167 1178 Stalnaker, Austin
3-2 +81 1123 1137 McKinstry, Russell (MA)

DIVISION E (11 PLAYERS)

4-1 +411 822 877 Shapiro, Ida Ann
4-1 +262 1074 1091 White, Ginger
4-1 +154 820 848 Marsh, Jane



Marlon Hill, Karl Higby, Evan McIntyre

Calgary, AB: October 14-16

Western Canadian SCRABBLE Championship
Main Event

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

17-4 +1252 1570 1750 McIntyre, Evan
16-5 +1304 1780 1829 Williams, Chris (BC)
13-8 +589 1744 1755 MacAulay, George (SK)

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

16-4 +671 1552 1602 Simon, Allan
12-9 +1024 1447 1450 Romann, Judy (WA)
12-9 +224 1264 1361 Ward, Noella

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)

16-5 +960 1136 1222 Simon, Roland
15-6 +1193 1132 1198 Balabanov, Yukari (BC)
13-8 +260 1008 1108 Murnane, Lilia (BC)

DIVISION D (26 PLAYERS)

17-4 +934 851 1000 Clifford, Maureen
15-6 +720 933 996 Gudlaugson, Sunshine (BC)
15-6 +453 843 921 Millington, Troy

Lake George, NY: October 14-16

Main Event

DIVISION A (28 PLAYERS)

10-5 +1389 1816 1836 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
10-5 +149 1561 1660 Engelhardt, David (MD)
10-5 -216 1650 1716 Barron, Mic (NH)

DIVISION B (28 PLAYERS)

13-2 +757 1527 1616 Townsend, Adam
10-4 +548 1538 1569 Brooks, Jim (WV)
10-5 +728 1337 1408 Porporo, Dean (ON)

DIVISION C (28 PLAYERS)

12-3 +490 1315 1389 Brennan, Jim (ON)
11-4 +691 1266 1333 Spanfelner, Florence (PA)
11-4 +463 1283 1344 Gauthier, Kevin

DIVISION D (28 PLAYERS)

11-4 +814 1161 1201 Kirchhausen, Susan (MA)
11-4 +464 1146 1186 Phillips, Mark
11-4 +438 1137 1184 McKinstry, Russell (MA)

DIVISION E (14 PLAYERS)

14-1 +1354 848 964 Polson, Sylvia (QC)
10-5 +346 806 828 de Vries, Gerda (ON)
9-6 +63 604 660 Huber, Valeria (ON)

Dallas, TX: October 15

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +414 1466 1517 Whitt, Brian
4-2 +29 1779 1783 Day, Darrell
4-2 +2 1681 1698 Early, Michael



Evans Clinchy, Brian Whitt, Daniel Stock

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +90 1182 1213 Saia, David
3-3 +211 1447 1428 Segrest, Dee
3-3 +208 1307 1302 Rhoades, Mary

DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)

4-2 +311 1138 1124 Sanchez, Pat
4-2 +233 728 760 Nees, Joy
4-2 -101 803 825 Oppenlander, Patricia

Norwalk, CT: October 22

Youth Event

(4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +313 0 1123 Draper, Thomas (NJ)
2-2 +139 723 728 Tilliss, Seth (NY)
1-2 -101 0 500 Kochansky, Jack (NY)

Rocky River, OH: October 22

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +293 1817 1830 Stock, Daniel
5-2 +263 1584 1605 Zeigler, Pete
4-3 +299 1536 1543 Fyr, Jacquelyn (IN)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-2 +176 1020 1051 Huber, Cecilia
5-2 +54 1172 1185 Sutherland, Margaret (MI)
4-3 +207 1015 1027 Hardwick, Pat

Norwalk, CT: October 22

Adult Event

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +347 1564 1593 Berg, Verna Richards (NY)
5-3 +38 1448 1485 Umlas, Bob (NY)
4-4 +416 1570 1555 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +673 1158 1194 Brown, Jack
7-1 +424 1205 1263 Weinstein, Seth (NY)
6-2 +695 1280 1279 Vasquez, Nicholas (NY)

Fort Lauderdale, FL: October 22

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +222 1734 1792 Kahn, Robert
5-3 +583 1983 1978 Weinstein, Ian
5-3 +21 1661 1698 Pistol, Howard

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +448 1296 1324 Vacianna, Michael
5-3 +139 1192 1210 Marques, Sophie
5-3 +53 1181 1200 Reed, Irving

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

6-2 +381 955 977 Diamante, Jeri (NJ)
5-3 +469 861 877 Lenzen, Polly
5-3 +322 772 798 Souza, Marilena



Verna Richards Berg, Robert Kahn,
John Luebkekmann

York, PA: October 22

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +436 1726 1747 Davis, Tim (MD)
5-3 +351 1727 1728 Oliger, Steve
4-4 +184 1736 1711 Castellano, Vince (VA)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +387 1289 1321 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
5-3 +453 1271 1282 Settle, Rick (VA)
5-3 +340 1316 1324 Milton, Daniel (VA)

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +995 0 1309 Maronpot, Jason (MD)
6-2 +348 959 974 Horowitz, Dan (DE)
5-3 +701 874 896 Roque-Lutz, Marichelle

Asheville, NC: October 22-23

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

11-3 +772 1894 1937 Luebkekmann, John (GA)
9-5 +584 2075 2062 Gibson, David (SC)
8-6 -140 1751 1779 Haughney, Brett

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

11-3 +700 1339 1487 Gupta, Ruchi (TN)
9-5 +531 1648 1646 Schmidt, Mark (SC)
9-5 +497 1436 1482 Seales, Cynthia (GA)

DIVISION C (18 PLAYERS)

11-3 +562 1160 1261 Bassett, Michael (OH)
10-4 +714 1114 1195 Taylor, Flora
10-4 +595 1261 1303 Lezin, Katya

DIVISION D (14 PLAYERS)

11-3 +528 1121 1168 Mahnken, Denise (SC)
11-3 +399 959 1046 Cohen, Jacob
10-4 +940 1045 1089 Goddard, Joann

DIVISION E (12 PLAYERS)

13-1 +1416 895 957 Gardner, Andrew (GA)
10-4 +568 843 875 Delorenzo, Christine
9-5 +209 602 706 Pedroza, Donetta

Norwalk, CT: October 22

Youth Event

(4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +598 1123 1148 Draper, Thomas (NJ)
2-2 +497 663 666 Tilliss, Jared (NY)
2-2 +367 728 738 Tilliss, Seth (NY)

Elk Horn, IA: October 23

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +562 1525 1548 Asaka, George (NE)
5-2 +329 1390 1412 Daly, Aaron (SD)
5-3 -2 1509 1502 Riordan, Chuck

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +326 784 834 Mojica, Avery (KS)
6-2 +301 893 921 Leigh, Donna (WI)
5-3 +252 742 771 Taylor, Kimberly

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +629 698 771 Koziol, Clay (NE)
5-3 +211 549 578 Tinsley, Christian (NE)
5-3 +210 478 512 Troutman, Judy (NE)

Cambridge, MD: October 28

Early Bird

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +282 0 2086 Sakdiyakom, Atiruth (THA)
4-1 +237 1373 1434 Kitchen, Scott (NJ)
3-2 +324 1846 1847 Rau, Stefan (NY)

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Still More Results

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DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +475	1323	1334	Geibler, Joe (PA)
4-1 +161	1232	1249	Griffith, Robb (MHL)
3-2 +83	1184	1178	Stewart, Gwen



Geroge Asaka, Atiruth Sakdiyakorn, Stefan Rau

Cambridge, MD: October 28-30

DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)

12-4 +860	1847	1876	Rau, Stefan (NY)
11-5 +499	1653	1719	Gaboury, Pat
11-5 +193	1649	1708	Petree, Joe (PA)

DIVISION B (18 PLAYERS)

12-4 +649	1434	1479	Kitchen, Scott (NJ)
11-5 +401	1486	1502	Grosman, Diana
10-6 +852	1475	1473	Stewart, Edward

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)

12-4 +385	1157	1176	Schlauch, Robin
10-6 +574	995	1015	Dickens, Nandini
10-6 +377	1007	1029	Thompson, Celia Dayrit (NJ)



James Leong, Stefan Huber, Geoff Thevenot

San Francisco, CA: October 28-30

(74 PLAYERS)

16-4 +1200	1991	2017	Leong, James (BC)
14-6 +1336	1963	1972	Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad
14-6 +817	1912	1937	Lerman, Jerry

Tampa Bay (Pinellas Park), FL: October 29

(7 PLAYERS)

6-2 +401	1464	1464	Huber, Stefan
6-2 +367	1197	1231	Knobelsdorf, Joan
6-2 +326	1319	1336	Fisher, Jan

Austin, TX: October 29

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +196	1940	1954	Thevenot, Geoff
4-2 +214	1604	1647	Dyer, Becky
4-2 +104	1814	1824	Canik, Matt

DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)

5-1 +575	1294	1328	Smith, Mariah
3-3 +66	1321	1310	Solis, Ruben
2-4 -224	1257	1234	Donegan, Michael

South Lyon, MI: October 29

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +560	1619	1669	Pianowski, Scott
5-3 +471	1830	1826	Stock, Daniel (OH)
5-3 +225	1685	1700	Grob, Steve

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +308	1492	1511	Morehead, Kit
6-2 +187	1400	1425	Melvin, Cheryl
5-2 +171	1185	1226	Sutherland, Margaret



Scott Pianowski, Mic Barron, Evans Clinchy

Lexington, MA: October 29

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +203	1716	1765	Barron, Mic (NH)
4-2 -39	1649	1678	Liebfried, Ed (VT)
3-3 +0	1687	1691	Horn, Joel

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +297	1643	1659	Bergmann, Jacob
4-2 -7	1254	1288	Greenberg, Morris
3-3 +312	1415	1417	Horn, Judy

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +360	0	1362	Ghosh, Souparno
4-2 -51	1184	1203	McKinstry, Russell
3-3 +196	1131	1139	Prince, Jackie

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +567	1069	1085	Giovinazzo, Linda
4-2 +159	721	756	Kraus, Marvin
4-2 -55	707	785	Cassel, Claudia

Lexington, MA CSW: October 29

(6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +391	1817	1846	Clinchy, Evans
3-2 -90	1561	1587	Seetharam, Prashanth
3-3 +83	1592	1608	Durdan, Carl

Baton Rouge, LA: October 29-30

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

9-3 +634	1487	1539	Cahanin, Eric
8-4 +333	1689	1680	Noland, Rod
7-4 +431	1524	1536	DeWaelche, Matt (TX)

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

10-2 +372	763	899	Guimont, Lawrence
8-4 +510	1149	1133	Altazan, Peggy
7-5 +393	603	672	Livers, Elaine

Upcoming Tournaments

by the Tournament Committee

DECEMBER 17, 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.

DECEMBER 17, 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.

DECEMBER 23-26, WILMINGTON, DE: The 2011 Delaware SCRABBLE Festival. Early Bird: Fri: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$50. Main Event: Fri: 5:00 PM, 4 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM,

8 RDS. EF: \$125/\$120/\$115/\$110. **Local COMM. fee: \$15/Other COMM.: \$30.** Late Bird: Mon: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$50. Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, 100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713. HP: The Wilmington/Christiana Hilton is conveniently located near Delaware Park casino***. The \$89/night RM.rate will include a hot buffet BK. for two each morning, and free Internet access. See registration form for additional information. CT. Dan Horowitz, 223 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803, (215) 760-8261, <dhorowit@alumni.law.upenn.edu>. HA.

DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 2, ALBANY, NY: NEW YEAR'S 2012 SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT. Early Bird: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. EF: \$45. **8 games, fully-rated; 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 games, fully-rated; 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: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$95, Div. 2 and lower: \$80. **TWL: DIVS.: 1: 1700+; 2: 1300-1699; 3: Below 1300. Play up within 100 points at Director's discretion.** Crowne Plaza, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY, 518-462-6611. HP: Book reservations directly through the Crowne Plaza at 877-227-6963 from September 1 to December 17. Ask for the SCRABBLE group rate when making reservations. \$89 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3-4 occupants per RM. 24-hour cancellation policy. CT. Annette Tedesco, <101ted@nycap.rr.com> or John Robertson. HA.

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JANUARY 1, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. 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.

JANUARY 7, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$64. **Entry fee incl. player participation fee, deli LUN., coffee & tea all day, RM.rental & prizes.** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, 631-399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

JANUARY 7, LINDEN, MI: New Year's Outlook. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **Add \$5 to entry fee if paid after 12/24 and before 1/6. \$50 cash only at the door.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge Street, Linden, MI. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o

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More Tournaments

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Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

JANUARY 7-8, JOHNSTON, IA: Fire-side SCRABBLE Fest IV. Sat: 8:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 8:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$60. **Entry due by January 2, 2012. No walk-ins. No refunds after January 2, 2012.** Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Court, Johnston, IA 50131. HP: Reduced rooms (\$89-99) at Stoney Creek Inn for SCRABBLE Tourney participants – let the front desk know you're playing. CT. Pat Boddy, Box 22220, Clive, Iowa 50325, <DesMoinesSCRABBLE@yahoo.com>. HA.

JANUARY 8, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee includes buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Ed De Guzman, <edwardd@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 8, LINDEN, MI: New Year's Outlook Late Bird. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mod.Swiss. EF: \$30. **Entry fee is \$35 if paid at the door. 1 open DIV. with class prize.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 388, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

JANUARY 10, 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.

JANUARY 14, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$15 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 1:30 p.m.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14, WINNIPEG, MB, CAN:

Bingo Skills Answers

Take a look at the quiz first on p. 10

TWL answers: bouvier, gumline, lightly, odorous, peaking, plaited, polkaed, unbrace, apterous, carouser, cervical, footnote, glaziest, grinches, laminals, pachadom, purpuras, rezoning, scuttles, unrigged, planisher, tachisms, trichoses, wrenching.

CSW answers: cushies, disload, excusal, extines, goolies, ornises, sabkhas, wetties, berghaan, engoring, enranges, footered, karakias, madebies, marinera, smilings, stoushie, swindges, talayots, unhearse, bemouthed, minginess, seraskier, skeariest.

Details TBA. Kenaston Village Recreation Centre, 516 Kenaston Boulevard, Winnipeg, MB. CT. Linda Pearn, 25 Sherwood Place, Winnipeg, MB R2M 0M5, 204-253-8978, <lpearn@mts.net>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, DURHAM, NC: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. Mod.Swiss/K-H. **3 DIVS., divided at approx. 1500, 1100. Must Register by 1/4/12. Entry Fee: \$80 donation (check) to "Duke PBMT Family Support Program, plus \$10 (cash or check) for participation fee.** Duke Hospital -North Pavilion, 2400 Pratt Street, Durham, NC 27705. CT. David Klionsky, 1010 N. Duke Street, Durham, NC 27701, 919-699-9831, <trianglescrabble@hotmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. R-R. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2 and lower: \$80. **Entry due by January 7, 2012 (after the 7th \$25.00 late fee applies). 4 DIVS. determined by ratings.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, 700 N E 6th Terrace Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304. CT. Tim Wise, 954-630-8779 or mobile 954-461-3333, <Wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, NEW ORLEANS, LA: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. **3 DIVS.: Open TWL DIV. with class prizes – open to all players; Lite TWL DIV. available for those rated 1300 and below as of Jan 8, 2012; Open COLLINS DIV. IF there are at least 10 players registered by 11/30/2011.** The Inn on Bourbon, 541 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 524-7611 or (800) 535-7891. HP: <http://www.innonbourbon.com> — \$105/nt (single or double); \$125/nt triple; \$145/nt quad — rs for non-guests). Parking not incl.: \$18/day for hotel guests, \$10/10 hours for non-guests. Ask for the NASPA rate. Deadline to book: 12/19/2011. CT. Tim Fukawa-Connelly, Kate Fukawa-Connelly, <katefc@gmail.com> or Geoff Thevenot. HA.

JANUARY 21, 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. Bryan Pepper screamingmonkeys3@yahoo.com 817-538-7750. HA.

JANUARY 21, HUDSON, OH: Sat: Noon, 7 RDS. EF: \$35. **Pay \$5 more at door (cash) or \$10 more at door (check).** Clarion Inn, 240 Hines Hill Rd., Hudson, OH 44236. CT. Christopher Sheppard, 2237 Fairway Blvd., Hudson, OH 44236, 330-656-2476, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

JANUARY 21, TUCSON, AZ: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$35. **8:30 – 9:20 AM: Registration and setup. Late**

registrants may be removed from the draw. Entries limited to the first 24 PAID players. ALL entries must be PAID and received by January 19, 2012. No entries accepted at the door. Denny's Restaurant, 3655 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716. CT. Ed Saunders, 223 W. Weisshorn St., Oro Valley, AZ 85737, (520) 575 -6734, <ed@tucsonscrabble.com>. HA.

JANUARY 21-23, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ: Boards on the Boardwalk. Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 10:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$125/\$110/\$110/\$110. Commuter fee: \$30. **Deduct \$10 from entry fee if postmarked by Nov. 15. Format based on DIV. sizes (final rounds KOTH).** Trump Plaza-Imperial Ballroom (6th flr), On the Boardwalk at Mississippi Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ. HP: Single \$270, Double \$145 pp, Triple \$114 pp. 3 Day, 2 Night Stay incl.: Coffee on SAT., Soup and Sandwich LUN. Break on MON., All Taxes and Gratuities. Hotel Package Price Guarantee only until January 5th. CT. Connie Creed, 233 S. 6th St. #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygirl@verizon.net>. HA.

JANUARY 28, UTICA, NY: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. **Players sorted into even DIVS. of 8 (as possible) based on ratings.** Whitesboro Presbyterian Church, Corner of Main and Elm Streets, Whitesboro, NY. CT. Chris Lipe, <chris.lipe@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 28-29, CALGARY, AB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$60 (CAN)/\$60 (US), Div. 2: \$50 (CAN)/\$50 (US). **Two DIVS. divided at 1200 rating. Unlimited playups.** Banquet Room, Sierras of Heritage, 8535 Bonaventure Dr. SE, Calgary, AB, Canada. CT. Siri Tillekeratne, 16 Cedarwood Pl. SW, Calgary, AB, T2W 3G6, Canada, (403) 281 2459, <sirit@shaw.ca>. HA.

JANUARY 28-29, KNOXVILLE, TN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$70. **Entry fee increases to \$80 for entries postmarked after January 18, 2012. Entries will be accepted through Jan 26th, but you must contact us in advance and arrange payment. No refunds after January 26th.** Harvest Park Main Building, 4775 New Harvest Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee. HP: The Quality Inn at 117 Cedar Lane in Knoxville, TN is the recommended hotel 865-342-3701. CT. Trish Harrop, 2413 Chimney Ridge Rd., Knoxville, TN 37923, 865-539-1539, <mpharrop@aol.com> or Vicki Blizzard, 865-680-2659, <msbliz@aol.com>. HA.

JANUARY 28-29, ORLANDO, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$90. **Entry fee increases to \$110 after January 16, 2012. Entry deadline: January 23, 2012. Check-in begins SAT. at 8:00 a.m.** Holiday Inn Express, 8686 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836. CT. Art

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Moore, 1419 Carriage Oak Ct, Ocoee, FL 34761, 407-733-2095, <lazyard@earthlink.net>. HA.

FEBRUARY 4, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$15 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 1:30 p.m.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 4, SEVEN HILLS, OH: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$25. **Add \$5 to entry fee if not paid by 1/31/2012. Registration begins at 9 a.m.** Seven Hills Community Center, 7777 Summitview Dr., Seven Hills, Ohio. CT. Dean Scouloukas, 216-421-6207, <djs3771@aol.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 5, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, <conradbb@gmail.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 5, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. 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.

FEBRUARY 10, SALADO, TX: Details TBA. Stagecoach Inn, Salado, TX. CT. Michael Willis, <tilebag1@sbcglobal.net>. HA.

FEBRUARY 11-12, TCC — SALADO, TX: Texas SCRABBLE Championship. **Details TBA.** Stagecoach Inn, Salado, TX. CT. Michael Willis, <tilebag1@sbcglobal.net>. HA.

FEBRUARY 12, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. Equal DIVS. — sizes and cutoffs will be determined at director's discretion based on number of participants. EF: \$50. **\$10 entry fee for 1st time tournament players only — Must be a member of NASPA. With advance notice, new players can join NASPA online or on site, \$15 for six month Trial Membership.** Univ of Pennsylvania Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street Philadelphia In the Hall Of Flags. CT. Connie Creed, 233 South 6th Street, #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

FEBRUARY 17-20, EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP, NC: Early Bird: Fri: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$50. **Walkins okay, but add \$10, and only for even numbers.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:00

AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. Mod.Swiss. \$1,500 First Prize based on 24 DIV. One entrants or 80 entrants overall. EF: \$130/\$110/\$90. Com-muter fee: \$30. CT. Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlottescrabble.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 17-20, LAS VEGAS, NV: Both TWL and Collins DIVS. CT. Sam Kantimathi, <sam@samtimer.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 18, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Round robin groups (with director discretion predicated upon mix of field). LUN. after 2 games. Walk-ins o.k.** Crowne Plaza Suites — Dallas Park Cntrl., 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. CT. Bryan Pepper screamingmonkeys3@yahoo.com 817-538-7750. HA.

FEBRUARY 24-26, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY: Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$45. **Registration begins at 11 a.m. Size and format of DIVS. at director's discretion, based on attendance.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$95. Commuter fee: \$25. **Registration begins at 7 p.m. on FRI. Director reserves the right to adjust size and format of DIVS., based on attendance. Seeding based on ratings as of 2/23/2012.** Holiday Inn at Saratoga Springs, 233 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, (518) 584-4550. HP: Call hotel and use the scrabble rate code SPR. Rates good through February 10, 2012. Single: \$110/nt + tax; Double: \$120/nt + tax; Triple: \$130/nt + tax. incl. 2 full buffet BK. Extra nights \$99/nt. CT. Linda Wancel, <scrabbleamazon@aol.com> or Annette Tedesco, <l01ted@nycap.rr.com>. HA.

FEBRUARY 25, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$35. **4 DIVS. determined by ratings. Entry due by February 16, 2012, after the 16th \$5.00 late fee.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, 700 N E 6th Terrace Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, 954-630-8779. CT. Tim Wise, 954-630-8779 or mobile 954-461-3333, <Wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

MARCH 2-4, VANCOUVER (RICHMOND), BC, CAN: Early Bird: Fri: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$35 (CAN). Commuter fee: \$5. **COMM. fee applies to all players not staying at the Hilton under the Vancouver SCRABBLE Club RM.block. Check-in begins at 8:30 A.M. Directors reserve the right to modify DIV. size and pairings for the bottom DIV., based on attendance.** Main Event: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. Mod. Swiss/K-H. EF: Div. A: \$90 (CAN), Div. B: \$70 (CAN), Div. C: \$50 (CAN). Commuter fee: \$10. **COMM. fee applies to all players not staying at the Hilton under the Vancouver SCRABBLE Club RM.block. Check in begins at 8:30 on SAT.** Hilton Vancouver Airport, 5911 Minoru Blvd., Richmond, BC, 604-232-5030. HP: Ask

for Vancouver SCRABBLE Club group rate. \$105/night + taxes for either a guest RM. with two double beds, or a junior suite with one king bed and sofa bed. <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/Y/YVRAHHF-VSC-20120229/index.jhtml>. CT. Miriam Gregory, 604-736-4198, <gregory@rainbowltd.ca>. HA.

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MARCH 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. Jesse Day, <magratheazaphod@gmail.com>. HA.

MARCH 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, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

MARCH 16-18, DALLAS, TX: For a little slice of heaven, play the DO7!. **TBA.** CT. Chris Cree, <chris.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

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

MARCH 17-18, ELYRIA, OH: The 2012 Purple & Green. Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. **Entry fee: \$61 if payment and entry form received by March 5; \$71 if payment and entry form received by March 15; \$81 cash only at the door walk-ins must arrive by 9:15. \$1 per entry will to cross-tables; up to \$20 per entry to expenses; rest to prizes.** Ramada Elyria, 1825 Lorain Blvd., Elyria, OH 44035, 440-324-5411. HP: A special rate of \$59.99 per night (plus tax) is avail-

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 able. To reserve, call 440-324-5411 and ask for the “National SCRABBLE Tournament” rate by March 2. 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, <ohjoyisme63@aol.com>. HA.

MARCH 18, PHILADELPHIA, PA:
 Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. Equal DIVS. — sizes and cutoffs will be at director’s discretion based on # of participants. EF: \$50. CT. Connie Creed, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

Bingo Skills

by the Bulletin Committee

Finding bingos is a skill that you can improve with practice, and in this section (based on a popular NSA feature by Joe Edley), we’ll help you do so. When you look for bingos, it often helps to look for frequently occurring letter groups at the beginning or end of a word. Each of this issue’s racks can be anagrammed to make a word with one of the following initial or final letter groups: CA-LA- PA- PE- RE- TRI- UN- -AL -AS -ED -ER -ES -IEST -INE -ING -LY -TE -US.

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| ADEKLOP | ACCEILRV |
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| DOORSU | AEOPRSTU |
| EGILMNU | APRRSUU |
| GHILTY | CEGHINRS |
| ACEHIMSST | CELSSTTU |
| AEHILNPRS | DEGGINRU |
| CEGHINNRW | EFNOOOTT |
| CEHIORSST | EGINNORZ |

And for players who use the Collins lexicon, here are some racks with anagrams that are only acceptable in Collins, and which have the following letter groups: DIS- EN-MA- SE- STO- TA- UN- -AL -AN -AS -ED -ER -ES -IES -IEST -INES -ING -INGS -ISES -SE -SS.

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| ADDILOS | AAEIMNRR |
| CEHISSU | AALOSTTY |
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| EEISTTW | AEEGNRS |
| EGILOOS | AAEHNRSU |
| EINORSS | DEEFOORT |
| AEEIKRRSS | DEGINSSW |
| AEEIKRSST | EGGINNOR |
| BDEEHMOTU | EHIOSSTU |
| EGIIMNSS | GIILMNSS |

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Challenge Contest I I

by the Bulletin Committee

This month’s challenge is to construct the highest-scoring solitaire game where the sequence consisting of the main word of each successive play is in alphabetical order. 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 AARRGHH (86), CHRESARD (78), JUMBUCKS (150), JUT (10) and ZOOEY (61) score a total of 385 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 January 15, 2012. 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 high game with plays made in order of increasing score. The winning submission scored 1924 points and Tony Rasch (Hamilton, MT) a year’s NASPA membership renewal. Honorable mention to Terry Hammond (Wenatchee, WA) who later equaled Tony’s score.



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 tenth round of play at the Kingston Cup Tournament at the Confederation Place Hotel in Kingston ON, on November 27, 2011, in a Collins lexicon game between Dave Boys (Dorval, QC) representing Montreal and John Chew (Toronto, ON) representing Toronto. Toronto was leading Montreal 41–31 with 24 games remaining; Dave himself was ahead 102–84, held ?AFINTU and made the optimal play: what was it?



Last month’s answer to the position from the World SCRABBLE Championship was that Nigel Richards played the bingo KILOLITER doubled through I_E against Dave Wiegand.

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