



NASPA Bulletin

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The Big Easy & Other Points Hither and Yon

by Chris Cree

Official SCRABBLE tournaments returned to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend west of the Mississippi and did so with a big splash!

Lila Crotty (Metairie, LA) and Kate Fukawa-Connelly (Kittery, ME) produced the Inaugural Crescent City Cup SCRABBLE Tournament in New Orleans, LA. Their husbands, Tim & Tim, handled respectively data entry and direction of the event. The event took place at the Inn on Bourbon, a quaint oasis in the midst of the French Quarter. The room was the perfect size for the event.

In a wild finish befitting the personality of this city, 6 people had identical records entering the final round. Jesse Day (Berkeley, CA) bested Joel Sherman (Bronx, NY) at Table 1 and had enough cumulative point spread to fend off the two others who finished with Jesse's 14-6 record. The hostess, Kate Fukawa-Connelly, finished second and Jim Burlant (Grapevine, TX) finished third.

In the Lite Division (with a nod to Portland's description of the second division at an Open), Roy Dixon (Dade City, FL) held off Lindsey Dimmick (Baton Rouge, LA) and Harry Durbin (Collierville, TN) for the title.

In the Collins Division, Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR) held off hard-charging Brian Bowman (Villa Hills, KY) and February's inductee to the Texas State SCRABBLE Hall of Fame, Geoff Thevenot (Austin, TX).

Attendance was strong and diverse; both coasts and both countries and all of the places in between that make up NASPA were represented. Many came early and/or stayed late to enjoy this unique destination. I had plenty of superb meals. Even the airport served scrumptious fried shrimp poboyos.

Lila has announced that she and Kate have decided to do it again for 2013! This event will be a sellout. Get your reservations in early. Email Kate <katefc@gmail.com> or Lila <liliuokalani_q@yahoo.com>.

Also this weekend, Ian Weinstein (Coral Springs, FL) kept his hot streak going by taking the 20-game Ft. Lauderdale tournament. Randy Greenspan (Delray Beach, FL) and Robert Kahn (Plantation, FL) rounded out the top 3. Kit Morehead (Berkley, MI) took Division 2 and Shereen E. Weinstein (Tamarac, FL) captured Division 3.

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Alan Mason (Eureka, CA) won the SCRABBLE Flash game at the Redwood Coast SCRABBLE Club's February 12 tournament in Arcata, CA. The tournament was directed by Leah Kruley.

Member Services

by the Web Committee

We are often asked if we can provide some sort of information or service to our members and directors. Most of the time, we can point people at the Member Services section of our website; if what they want isn't there, we are happy to add it. Here's what's available for NASPA members now: access to the current Bulletin issue, a printable NASPA business card, printable full-page board diagrams for presentations, the Code of Conduct, a tool for submitting Bulletin contest entries, printable membership cards, a tool for searching for fellow members and their contact information (if they have agreed to share it), a payment tool (see below), a profile photo uploader, a referral bonus link to give to your friends, membership renewals, and the online voting system.

In addition, directors have access to the following services: adding new members on account, enhanced member search, information about accommodations for players unable to play according to regular rules, information about player suspensions, renewing members on account, the complete membership list, rating data submission and our the certificate of liability insurance that covers sanctioned activities.

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2012 NSC Update

by John Chew

As we go to press, we have broken 100 paid registrants to this year's National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC), which will take place on August 11-15 at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, FL! We have players registered so far from 27 states and Canadian provinces, with the event still more than five months away.

Last month, the organizing committee met on site with conference center staff to go over plans for the event. The hotel, an extremely popular Universal resort property whose guests automatically get priority access at the neighboring Universal theme parks, has been the venue for several National School SCRABBLE Championships (NSSC)s as well as the 2008 NSC. We are looking forward to working together both on this year's NSSC in April, and our NSC in August. It's a real pleasure working with professional hotel staff who *get* SCRABBLE tournaments.

While in town for the planning session, Chris Cree and NSC Director Dallas Johnson (Stow, OH) also played in a weekend tournament organized by Art Moore (Ocoee, FL), and were impressed in all respects with the quality of the event. When we are scout-

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The Big Easy

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The second annual charity event in Durham, NC founded by David Klionsky (Durham, NC) also took place this holiday weekend. All proceeds went to benefit the Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. \$5,655 was raised for this very worthy cause (NASPA made a donation of \$200). Winners were Erickson Smith (Cary, NC), Susan Bertoni (Clemmons/Winston-Salem, NC) and John Price (Cary, NC).

There were also 30 players at Cornelia Guest's (Bethel, CT) one-day event in Norwalk, CT, won by Sheng Guo (Amawalk, NY), Scott Leifer (Mansfield, MA) and Brandon Randall (New Haven, CT); and 25 players at a one-day event in Winnipeg, MB, directed by Linda Pearn and Julie Kading, won by Donna Carruthers (all of Winnipeg).

All total, 200 NASPA members participated in official SCRABBLE tournaments during the attractive three-day holiday weekend.

As I write this, the next big three-day weekend is Presidents' Day weekend in February. Sam Kantimathi has brought back SCRABBLE tournaments to western North America on this holiday weekend with his huge event at The Palms in Las Vegas. The Eastern Championship will take place on the "right coast" in beautiful Charlotte, NC. Ryan Fischer has been at the helm the past 4 years and just does it better and better each time. He has found a superb location at the Doubletree Charlotte South Park.

With these two events and one day events in Dallas, TX and Guelph, ON, NASPA expects approximately 300 attendees playing in official SCRABBLE tournaments this Presidents' Day weekend. See ya on the circuit!

Up From Down Under

by the *International Committee*

In Vol. 3 No. 7 last year, we reported on the successful conclusion of negotiations between NASPA and the Association of British SCRABBLE Players (ABSP) on reciprocal membership benefits for players belonging to each of those organizations. We are pleased to belatedly announce the establishment of a similar agreement between NASPA and the Australian SCRABBLE Players Association (ASPA) last fall.

As is the case with the ABSP agreement, NASPA members in good standing who reside in the United States or Canada no longer have to pay ASPA's non-member tournament levy; in exchange, ASPA members who are resident in Australia may apply for free guest membership in NASPA in order to play in our sanctioned tournaments.

We welcome suggestions for other agreements that might be beneficial to NASPA members. For further details about this agreement, please read its full text online at NASPAWiki.

Member Services

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Our Committee members have access to an even wider range of services, which they use to perform their duties and maintain the website.

The payment tool mentioned above is one of the most frequently accessed parts of Member Services. You can use this page to check that we have received your mailed-in payment; review your account payment history with us; or make miscellaneous payments for items for which we do not have specific webpages, such as NSC division change fees or the Director's Test fee. At the request of some of our more prolific directors, we have recently made changes to this webpage. It used to display your entire account history with us, dating back as far as our launch on July 1st, 2009. It now displays by default the past 365 days' worth of transactions, and offers you the choice of adjusting that range. We welcome additional suggestions for improvements to our site.

New at the Bulletin

by *John Chew*

With the extremely helpful support of the rest of the Bulletin Committee, in particular copyediting and proofreading by Kristen Chew (Toronto, ON), and design and layout by Alice Ching-Chew (Kingston, ON), we managed to publish a record eleven issues in 2011. That was one issue short of our target of one per month, due to unanticipated personal difficulties; we will work hard to deliver twelve issues in 2012, and welcome your suggestions and contributions.

If you're a tournament director, or player or fan, please send us your photos and tournament stories — the Bulletin was read online by over half of our membership last year, and is a great way to share your enjoyment of the game or promote your local events.

Coming up next month, please keep an eye out for a special offer from MENSA, and the beginning of a new puzzle feature from renowned three-time National SCRABBLE Champion and prolific SCRABBLE author Joe Edley (Port Jefferson, NY).

Mystery Word

by *John Chew*

Last issue's mystery word was BOUZOUKI: a musical instrument that takes an -A or an -S, and is part of the famous Monty Python Cheese Shop sketch.

This month's word is a six-letter word for a type of cactus.

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Collins Update

by *John Chew*

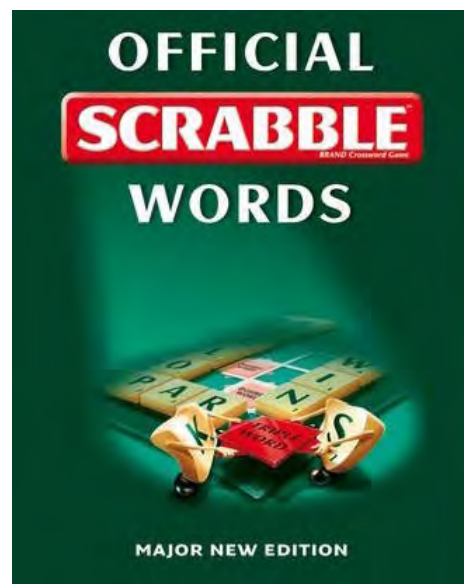
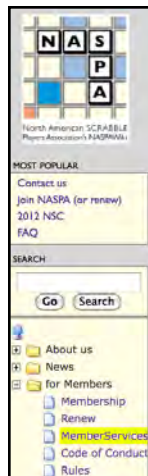
The international lexicon (often still called SOWPODS, but now properly Collins, or CSW) was revised this year, with 2,809 additions and 396 deletions. If you're one of those players who loves this game for the opportunity to learn new words, now's the time to dive in. (Regular TWL players will be getting their own lexicon update in the next year or two.) The addition of the new lexicon also occasioned a new edition of Quackle, version 0.97, which fixes a few minor bugs as well as including the new words.

On the night before the change, WC3 director Travis Chaney (Ashland, OR) posted gleefully on Facebook: "It's CSW12 eve! Whether you are in INDIA or QUEBEC, rejoice! Whether your name is JULIET or MI-CHAEL, be glad! And don't be a BUZZKILL tonight." I replied: Also among my frequent SCRABBLE correspondents, CONNIE, NANG and PUKY (Barbara, from QUEBEC), but nobody who is MALTESE or a NUTJOB. Nick Ball (Victoria, BC) has posted a QUICKY READ-ME WIKITORIAL about the changes. I'd write more, but I'm BONETIRED from a long drive yesterday; time to AUTOSAVE and MOBCAST to the TOPSCORED BLOGGERATI here on FACEBOOK on the INTERWEBS, brush out the BEDHEAD, change into my DAY-WEAR, put on the WIREFRAMES and TRICKSILY BOOGALOO downstairs to pour myself a bowl of CRISPIES. FABBIE, INNIT?"

Other names appearing in our membership database that are also now acceptable are: COHEN, DIANE, MELBA, SHAHID, TIAN and TINA; the only one we've lost is TEDESCO.



Travis Chaney



NSC Collins Refund Revisited

by the Championship Committee

Thanks to very helpful feedback from many players, we have rewritten the refund policy for players intending to compete in the Collins (CSW, also known as SOWPODS) division at the 2012 National SCRABBLE Championship (NSC). If you are playing in one of the regular TWL divisions, you do not need to keep reading; but if you are thinking of registering for CSW, please read this very carefully, and email us at nsc@scrabbleplayers.org if you have any questions.

Until April 6, 2012: Refund requests and division change requests will be honored unconditionally.

From April 7 to May 6, 2012: If there are 40 or fewer paid registrants, your refund or division change request will remain pending until there are 41 paid registrants, or May 7, whichever comes first. If there are 41 or more paid registrants, we will honor refund or division change requests in the order in which they are received, provided they do not make the number of paid registrants drop below 40.

On May 6th, a decision will be made whether or not the CSW division will take place, based on whether or not there are 40 paid registrants; if the division is cancelled, paid registrants will be offered the following three choices: transfer to a TWL division (with \$25 refund if switching to Division 2-4), credit toward a future NSC or similar event's entry fee, or refund less \$10 handling fee.

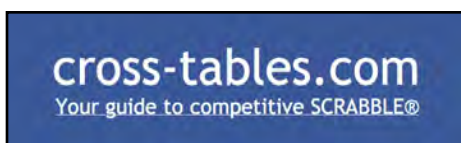
From May 7 to July 31, 2012: As long as there are 41 or more paid registrants, we will honor refund or division change requests in the order in which they are received, provided they do not make the number of paid registrants drop below 40.

After August 1, 2012: Refunds and division changes are not permitted.

Renewing Online

by the Web Committee

Connie Creed (Philadelphia, PA) recently asked if Seth Lipkin (Hopkinton, MA) could update his popular website cross-tables.com to make it easier for players to renew their NASPA memberships in time to play in tournaments. No sooner said than done: a link from your cross-tables.com player page to the NASPA renewal page, where you or anyone else can renew your membership for you. All it takes is a credit card (Visa or MasterCard); no login or password necessary!



Know The Rules: Deliberate Noncooperation

by John Robertson

NASPA's Code of Conduct (COC) covers personal department at NASPA clubs and tournaments. It has proven of great help in making the tournament scene more enjoyable for everyone by reducing bad behavior.

Many sections of the COC are open-ended. For instance, it states that deliberate noncooperation with tournament officials is a violation of the COC, but it doesn't list every possible example. This leaves it to the director's discretion to determine which actions or inactions fall under the umbrella of deliberate noncooperation.

The COC states that refusing to complete mandatory paperwork, refusing to cooperate with game annotators, refusing to leave the playing area when asked, and refusing to tidy the playing area are acts of noncooperation. It also states that other acts of noncooperation that hinder the smooth operation of a tournament are also punishable.

Here's one example: I, and many directors, have a policy that requires players — at critical points in the tournament — to verify that the official standings are accurate. Before the final two rounds of a tourney I commonly announce that players have five minutes to compare the data on their scorecards to the data generated by the tournament's computer. If no one reports any problems, the pairings for the next round are generated. Major problems can and do occur if there are inaccuracies — usually the result of flip-flopped scores — and players don't report them. The end result is skewed pairings. Several times, I've had players sheepishly report errors long after they should have been spotted. I have no qualms about giving players COC violations under those circumstances because they did not heed my plea to check the standings.

Here's the bottom line: When a director asks you to do something, do it! It will prevent problems and save you from a possible COC violation.

New & Returning Clubs

by Mary Rhoades

At the end of 2010, the Club/Director Committee met and unanimously voted to end the club sanctioning fee of \$30 at the end of 2011. Part of the original rationale in charging the fee was to insure that clubs were still active; this purpose has been achieved. As a result, some former NSA clubs are now rejoining the NASPA Club Roster. We welcome back clubs #130 in Syracuse, NY, directed by Kieran O'Connor; #616 in Ashland, OR, directed by Travis Chaney; #674 in Bothwell, ON, directed by Sharon Lehnert; and #545 in Vancouver, BC, directed by Miriam Gregory, Chris Williams and Evan Kramer.

New World High Game SCRABBLE Record Set

by Cornelia Guest

On December 9, SCRABBLE legend Joel Sherman (Bronx, NY) set a new World Record for the highest-scoring SCRABBLE game ever played in a tournament: 803. Playing at the Northeast SCRABBLE Championship in Stamford, CT, Sherman scored seven bingos (50-point bonus plays using all his tiles) in his 803-285 win over Bradley Robbins (Windham, NH). He also tied for most bingos played by a player in a tournament game (7: CRUMPLED, OUTRATED, COTHURNI, TRAVOISE, SHAKING, AVENGED, and AIRLINE — the "L" in CRUMPLED and the "A" in AVENGED were blanks), and the game tied for the game with the most bingos played. (Bradley Robbins bingo-ed with ISO-LATES.)



Joel Sherman



Bradley Robbins

The previous record game was Edward de Guzman's (San Francisco, CA) 771 on July 1, 2010, in Reno, NV.

Joel Sherman, 49, is a top American SCRABBLE expert and former world and national champion (he was World SCRABBLE Champion in 1997 and National SCRABBLE Champion in 2002). Since beginning his career in 1988, he has played at least 4,200 tournament games, winning about 64%, and earning at least \$115,000 in prize money. He is director of North American SCRABBLE Players Association Club #56, which meets on Thursday evenings in New York City. Nicknamed "G.I. Joel," Sherman was featured in Stefan Fatsis' (Washington, DC) bestselling "Word Freak" and the movie "Word Wars."

Bradley Robbins, a high school freshman, was the 2010 National School SCRABBLE Champion.



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ing locations for future Championships, an important criterion is local interest in SCRABBLE tournaments and availability of volunteers to help us set up and run the event. If you haven't yet contacted the organizing committee about volunteering, and are able to donate even an hour of your time (or your travel partner's), please consider doing so soon.



Alex Trebek, host of Jeopardy!,
with champion Jason Keller

John Robertson (Cambridge, ON) is continuing to develop his plans for his trivia contest. Jason Keller (Highland Park, NJ), who was a nine-day Jeopardy! champion in December with much of our community eagerly cheering him on to his \$213,900 in winnings, has kindly agreed to participate, in a format that is still to be determined. Jason's appearance on the popular television quiz show has given competitive SCRABBLE play a little boost — I've met a few people since his run whose interest in SCRABBLE play was rekindled by following Jason's story, including one of his fellow contestants at a local charity fundraiser#!

Two-Sided Tally Sheets

by the Web Committee

At the request of Dan Horowitz, the Directors page now includes in its list of downloadable tournament supplies a two-sided version of the combined tally sheet. This document is for use at NASPA tournaments, is printed 4-up on letter-size paper, and lets players record all of the pertinent results of a game: division, round number, player names, player initials, player numbers, game scores, game spread, who went first, blank designations and words challenged.

The new two-sided version is for use in duplex (double-sided) printing, for directors who wish to conserve paper. When using this version, directors should be careful to avoid putting back into use any slips that have words recorded on them in the "Words challenged" section, or anywhere else where they might affect subsequent game play.

SCRABBLE is PSPACE-Complete

by John Chew

The SCRABBLE research community was abuzz in January with news that Michael Lampis, Valia Mitsou and Karolina Soltys had proved that the problem of determining optimal play in a generalized SCRABBLE game is, in terms of its computational complexity, PSPACE-complete.

Computational complexity theory is a branch of computer science which seeks to categorize computational problems into different classes according to how much of a computer's memory and running time resources are required to solve them. By convention, "how much" is expressed as a function of the size of the problem; this is why the researchers have chosen to look at "generalized SCRABBLE" games played on n -by- n games rather than just 15-15. To these computer scientists, the game as we know it is not of academic interest, because it could in theory be solved by building an immense dictionary listing every possible combination of board position and rack and the best corresponding move: such a document would be huge, but of some fixed, finite size, and once it was written that would be that. The researchers have also chosen to simplify their analysis by examining only a variant of the game, sometimes played by mail, in which the order in which the tiles will be drawn out of the bag is predetermined and known to both players.

A PSPACE problem is one whose memory usage is bounded by a power of the size of the problem; PSPACE-complete problems are the hardest PSPACE problems: the ones whose solutions can be used to find solutions to all other PSPACE problems. For a list of almost 500 other complexity classes, see the

popular website Complexity Zoo.

The computational complexity of a board game is however not always closely related to how difficult it is for a human to play it. This is for three reasons. First, humans process problems differently from computers. Second, the computational complexity of a game played on a finite board is related to how many choices players have and how long the game can continue. In SCRABBLE games, this is typically bounded by a power of the board size, because as in other PSPACE-complete games such as generalized tic-tac-toe or Reversi, the game is finite: it has to end when the last playable tile is on the board. In games like checkers, chess, Chinese checkers or Go (or at least their abstract generalizations as analyzed by computer scientists), play can in theory continue indefinitely, making it difficult for a computer to exhaustively analyze all possibilities. Still, it's good to know that when you're stuck looking for that best play, you're working on a problem that has been mathematically proven to be extremely difficult.

Newly Certified

by Mary Rhoades

Patricia Barrett (Houston, TX), Timothy Bottorff (Orlando, FL), Michael Kapernaros (Essex, CT), Elaine Livers (Maurice, LA) and Mary Pastore (Pearland, TX) have passed their exams and are now officially designated as apprentice directors. Congratulations to Tim on his perfect score!

Sharon Lehnert (Bothwell, ON) has successfully recertified after several years' absence from directing.

We thank all the directors who are stepping up to the plate to mentor our new apprentice directors, and of course all the apprentices who are signing up for certification: 25 in 2011! If you are interested in becoming a director too, please consult the Directors section of our website.

Committee Updates

by the Web Committee

Jim Pate and the Dictionary Committee are recruiting volunteers to help research changes to the next edition of the word list. Last month, they were joined by Adam Henderson (Bellevue, WA). Adam is rated in the 1200s and has been playing competitively since 2005. He's listed in Keith Smith's Total SCRABBLE e-book as one of a short list of players who have played bingos of more than nine letters: SUPER-STITION at Club #253 in Seattle, WA. Thanks for volunteering, Adam!

Mystery Word Clue 2

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If you drop the word's first letter, you're left with a greeting.

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North American SCRABBLE® Players Association Making words, building friendships		Combined Score Slip	Division	Round
Name	Player Number	Score	Initials	
W	1st			
	2nd			
L	1st			
	2nd			
		Spread (difference in scores)		
A B C D E F G H I J K L M				
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z				
Circle the letters to designate blanks played.				
A B C D E F G H I J K L M				
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z				
Words challenged				

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Word Buzz

by the Bulletin Committee

Our regular NASPA In The News section relies on our members and an automated search to let us know when NASPA members have made it into the media through their SCRABBLE-related activities. This new column will list other news about our members' non-SCRABBLE activities and the SCRABBLE world beyond our own competitive community.

Former World SCRABBLE Champion Mark Nyman (GBR) published a book called the *Collins Little Book Of SCRABBLE Secrets* on October 6, just in time for the Christmas season.

Philip Nelkon announced on January 14 that, effective immediately, Mattel U.S. would be taking over responsibility of the World SCRABBLE Championship, casting the future of that event in doubt.

On January 31, Fern Lindzon's album *Two Kites* was nominated for a Juno Award in the category of Vocal Jazz Album of the Year; the award ceremony will be hosted by William Shatner in Ottawa, ON on April 1.

On February 8th, pop artist John Kahn sold for \$12,000 what was billed as the world's largest SCRABBLE game, a board similar to the Big Board used at major championships such as the National SCRABBLE Championship, but designed to be mounted on a wall, with CD storage racks repurposed to hold the tiles when not in use. The board was much smaller than the 8.8-metre tall "World's Largest" board used in Singapore in 2008; which itself was much smaller than the Army vs. Navy game, organized by Philip Nelkon at Wembley Stadium in 1998 and played on a board that was 30 metres on each side.

Hasbro and Zynga announced on February 9 that they had established a partnership in which Hasbro would make toys and board games using Zynga's brands, including the popular app Words With Friends.



Mark Nyman's Collins Little Book of SCRABBLE Secrets



Fern Lindzon Two Kites



Kahn's Big Board

NASPA in the News

By the Bulletin Committee

On December 5th, the *Times Standard* ran a feature on NASPA Club #566 in Arcata, CA, including a picture of Terry Marlow (Trinidad, CA).

On December 5th, the *Catholic Sentinel* recommended Meg Wolitzer's (New York, NY) book *The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman* on its Christmas list.

On December 5th, *Dawn* reported in its online sports section that Pakorn Nemiramsuk (THA) had won \$10,000 at the Causeway Challenge.

On December 6th, Kottke.org quoted Stefan Fatsis (Washington, DC) on Nigel Richards (MYS).

On December 8, Ogilvy Broadcast posted their PR summary video of the 2012 World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC) featuring many NASPA players.

On January 8, the *Sunday Mercury* reported on NASPA players playing at the UK Open, including Steve Polatnick (Miami, FL), Nigel Richards, Robert Linn (Potomac, MD), Ben Withers (Houston, TX).

On December 9, the *Jerusalem Post* published a feature on the continuing SCRABBLE career of Roz Grossman, a native New Yorker now living in Kfar Saba, ISR.

On December 10, the *Stamford Advocate* reported on Joel Sherman's (Bronx, NY) record-setting 803-point game.

On December 12, *Wired* magazine reported on Joel Sherman's 803 game.

On December 13, MarketWatch.com posted the original PR Newswire press release about Joel Sherman's 803 game. The press release could be found at many other sites online, including Yahoo! Finance.

On December 15, BSC Kids also reported on Joel Sherman's 803 game.

On December 16th, the *Post-Standard* reported on the popularity of NASPA Club #130 in Syracuse, NY.

On December 19, Examiner.com ran a brief article by Daniel Heck (Des Moines, IA) promoting the Johnston (IA) Fireside SCRABBLE Fest and the Des Moines SCRABBLE Club.

On December 30th, myCentralJersey.com reported on Jason Keller's (Highland Park, NJ) \$213,900 9-day record as a Jeopardy! champion.

On January 4, the *BBC News* reported on Bob Linn and Steve Polatnick attending the UK Open in Coventry, GBR.

On January 8, the *Seaway News* announced "A prestigious SCRABBLE tournament will be held at the Cornwall Public

Library on Saturday, Jan. 28. This is not just any tournament, but a NASPA (North American SCRABBLE Players Association) rated tournament. The challenge will involve members of the greater part of Ottawa (Ottawa SCRABBLE Club), members of the greater part of Montreal (Montreal SCRABBLE Club) and members of Cornwall SCRABBLE."

On January 9, *The Suffolk Times* announced the 6th Annual Family SCRABBLE Festival featuring NSA Executive Director John D. Williams, Jr. (Greenport, NY). The event was also mentioned in their sister publication, the *Riverhead News-Review*.

On January 9, Examiner.com reported on the results of the Fireside SCRABBLE Fest.

On January 11, *North Fork Patch* reported on John D. Williams, Jr., the NSA, and the Family SCRABBLE Festival.

On January 15, IndyWeek.com announced a tournament organized by NASPA Club #623 in Durham, NC.

On January 17, *Jewish Journal* ran a lengthy feature on Jason Keller and his appearances on Jeopardy!

On January 17, *The Chronicle* ran an article by Andrew Beaton (New York, NY) about David Kliensky's (Durham, NC) fundraising tournament that raised \$5,565 in support of Duke Hospital's Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program.

On January 21, the *Independent Mail* reported on a series of fundraising tournaments directed by David Gibson (Spartanburg, SC) which aimed to raise \$2,500 for the Education Foundation of Oconee County.

On January 21, the *Morning Sun* posted a notice about a meeting about NASPA Club #613, directed by Dan Lee (Pittsburg, KS).

On January 25, Michael Lampis of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden and his colleagues published a paper on arXiv.org proving that in computational complexity terms, a generalized SCRABBLE game is PSPACE-complete.

On January 27, *Technology Review* announced the results of Lampis et al. concerning the computational complexity of a generalized SCRABBLE game.

On January 29, *Harrison Patch* mentioned Cornelia Guest's (Ridgefield, CT) School SCRABBLE program in their list of things to do that week.

On January 29, the *Galesburg Register-Mail* published a feature article on Peter Schwartzman (Galesburg, IL).

On January 31, the *Cornwall Standard Freeholder* reported on the Montreal-Ottawa interclub match.

Mystery Word Clue 3

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If you add an O and anagram, you can spell a kind of beverage.

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Mystery Word Clue 4

from MYSTERY WORD previous column

The mystery word is not the name of a kind of bread, but could easily be confused with one.

Austin Stalnaker Remembered

by Chris Lipe and Joseph Bowman

The SCRABBLE community lost a popular member in Austin Stalnaker (Rome, NY) on January 28. Two of his friends wrote eloquently about his passing, and have kindly granted permission for us to reprint their thoughts here in slightly condensed form.

Chris Lipe (Rome, NY) reported initially on Austin's death:

With a heavy heart I bring this news to you all—today we have lost our friend Austin Stalnaker.

Many of you know that Austin has been fighting a valiant battle against cancer over the last several months. His ill health has prevented him from playing much recently—with October's Lake George event a bright exception. Today's one-day event in Utica, being local to him, and only eight games, was something Austin was bound and determined to attend. His daughter brought him this morning; he had been having a series of good days after a recent hospitalization. During Round Four, however, while playing Annette Tedesco (Stillwater, NY), his breathing became labored, and his daughter was there with a nebulizer device or something. After this breathing treatment, Austin decided he didn't feel well enough for the rest of the day and needed to head home. The trip home became a trip to the hospital, but sadly, Austin didn't complete that trip.

Austin has been a regular at northeastern tournaments for many years now; my own SCRABBLE story is woefully incomplete without him. He was the first friend I made in the SCRABBLE scene: I played him my very first time at a SCRABBLE club, we live in the same small city, and both had for many years a pretty heavy tournament schedule.

At my first tournament, I went 3-9 in the bottom division and came out with an initial rating of 500-something. As the story goes, this epic fail motivated me to do better. The other part of the story, though, was Austin's encouragement. Before the tournament, he asked me about going to a tournament in Saratoga two weeks later. "You can ride with me, and we could split a room there," he offered to this complete stranger newbie. By the end of the tournament, my answer was "Yes I'm coming." Without having a travel buddy, an instant new friend, someone as eternally positive as Austin to share my newfound obsession with, I may never have had the enduring motivation to accomplish in this game the list of things I have.

Austin's presence in our community will be very deeply missed.

Joseph Bowman (Mississauga, ON) delivered this eulogy at Austin's funeral:

There's a miracle called friendship,
That dwells within the heart.

You don't know how it happens,
Or where it gets its start.
But the happiness it brings you,
Always gives a special lift.
Until you realize that friendship
Is God's most precious gift.

Over the past nine years, I have been honoured and blessed to have experienced and lived out this miracle called friendship with Austin Stalnaker. And this evening, I am honoured and blessed to have been given this opportunity to share this journey with you. Given Austin's love for words and the game of SCRABBLE, something that I shared with him, I believe it is fitting for me to share this with you by using the letters of Austin's name.

So let's begin with A. It's a vowel. In SCRABBLE it's worth one point. A is for Authentic. As we travel along this journey we call life, we meet up with all kinds of people. Friends, family, coworkers, parishioners, and so forth. And sometimes, our various spheres collide with each other. Sometimes we'll meet up with a parishioner at the grocery store unexpectedly. Or we'll see a coworker at a social function outside of work. And sometimes, what we find is that the person we know from work or school or church or even a family member for that matter is a completely different person in that other setting. The way your coworker acts and behaves at work and the way he or she acts at a social function or at the grocery store makes you think that he or she is a completely different person. It makes you think that there's something that's not authentic about them. Something just doesn't quite add up. This was not true of Austin Stalnaker.

You know, there's been a lot of talk lately of a football player named Tim Tebow. One of his teammates, when recently interviewed talking about Tim Tebow said, "The only reason I would think people wouldn't like him is because they don't believe that he's really all that he is, but to tell you the truth, he really is, being around him every day. What you see is what you get with him. There's nothing fake about him." The same can be said of Austin. In the nine years that I have known Austin, I can tell you without hesitation, "There was nothing fake about him." Whether it was sitting across the SCRABBLE board, or sitting in his or my living chatting about this journey called life, Austin was one in the same person. No question about it. He was authentic.

That takes us to U. Another vowel, worth one point. U is for Unselfish. Austin's generosity and hospitality were second to none. I've lost count the number of times over the past nine years that I've been a guest in Austin's home. Probably about a dozen. Every time I would make the five-hour drive from Toronto to Rome along Highway 401 and the Thruway, I could count on a place to



crash my head. Whatever I needed, Austin and Cindy would be sure to provide. Austin was generous with his time and his helpfulness, asking for little or nothing in return.

Here's an example I'd like to share with you. Austin attended the Mohawk Valley SCRABBLE Club on Monday nights for many years. Fellow Rome resident Mary Le-onbruno would travel with him. Mary was an older woman who did not drive. Austin gave her a ride every week. Mary would insist on giving Austin gas money every week. Austin would say "Mary, I'm going anyway. You're on my way. There's no need for this." But there was no arguing with Mary.

But still, that was Austin. Always there with a helping hand. Always willing to offer a ride, a place to stay. That was Austin. Unselfish in every way. Never thinking about himself, but putting the needs and cares of others before his own.

Well, that brings us to S. It's also worth one point. One of the power tiles of SCRABBLE. S, of course, can only stand for one thing. S is for SCRABBLE.

I started playing SCRABBLE in 2003. My very first SCRABBLE tournament was the Michael Wise Memorial SCRABBLE Tournament in September 2003. Because the club is so large, we would billet out-of-town players in our homes to save the cost of hotel and restaurants. That weekend, Austin Stalnaker was my guest. So as you can see, Austin has been part of my SCRABBLE world since Day One. That first weekend I didn't even know what a SATINE or RETINA stem bingo was. Austin introduced me to new terminology. Stems. Hooks. Power Tiles. Bingos. I soon learned a lot more about SCRABBLE.

I remember that weekend that after day one, Austin was in the middle of the pack. But on the Sunday he won all five games and finished third winning \$50.00 Canadian.

Austin was also the one who, after the 2005 Michael Wise Memorial, encouraged me to consider attending the Lake George, NY tournament a few weeks later. I took him up on the offer. And I've never missed a Lake

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Austin Stalnaker

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George tournament since. It's become my favorite tournament of the year.

Austin's first tournament was the Canajoharie Cup in March 2002. This is a five-game tournament between the Mohawk Valley and Albany clubs. Kevin Gauthier of the Albany Club calls it the cheapest trophy in all of sport. The winning club takes possession of a ceramic coffee mug!

Austin's first tournament win came later in 2002 when he won \$250 in Shelton, CT.

Austin's other big SCRABBLE win was at the Early Bird at the Boston Area Tournament in 2007, often referred to simply as the BAT. Unfortunately, the thrill of that win was short-lived. He then proceeded to finish dead last in the BAT main event.

Austin had the opportunity to play in the National SCRABBLE Championships in Orlando, Florida in 2008, a whole four days, 28 games of non-stop SCRABBLE, plus fun games in the evenings.

Over the past decade, Austin has played in 127 tournaments. 664 wins, 745 losses, and 18 ties. In 1400 games of SCRABBLE, EIGHTEEN ties.

In all of SCRABBLE, Austin is tied for 14th as having the most ties, and ranks FIRST in all of SCRABBLE, percentage wise, for the most ties. This is something that Austin will be noted for.

But for me, Austin will be most remembered in SCRABBLE for his witty quotes.

It all started in August 2003, in Parsippany, NJ. Austin was having a horrible day. Plagued with consistently having too many vowels on his rack. At the lunch break he was noted to have said, "I'm going back to my room and study the seven-vowelled# sevens!" And so it began.

In 2005, Austin, Chris Lipe and Denise Dixon (Oneida, NY) all stayed at my apartment for the Michael Wise Memorial tournament. Back at my house after game play on the Saturday, we debriefed on how our day had gone. I told how I had played a phony word. Austin said, "Something like that is good, tho. What's the correct spelling of that phony?" To which we all had a good laugh.

A year or so later, at another tournament, we were again discussing getting away with a phony bingo. I chuckled and said, "OK, what's the correct spelling of that phony?" To which Austin responded, "No, no. It stayed on the board. So that WAS the correct spelling for that phony!"

When the new SCRABBLE dictionary OSPD4 came out, we were discussing some of the new words and their meanings. We were looking up the word QADI. And then we looked up KHADI and KADI. Austin asked, "So is it an alternate spelling with the same meaning?"

We discovered that QADI and KADI

are. It's an Islamic Judge. KHADI, however, is a homespun cloth. To which Austin thus responded, "Oh, so it's an alternate spelling with a different meaning!"

These funny SCRABBLE memories will remain with me for a lifetime.

Austin loved SCRABBLE. And as you all know, he was playing SCRABBLE an hour before he left us. He wasn't even able to complete his last game.

You know what I like to think? I like to imagine that Mary Leonbruno, who passed away a couple years ago, was waiting for Austin up in heaven, with the board set up, calling over to him saying "Let's play!"

When it comes to SCRABBLE, Austin will not be forgotten. Online tributes on two different SCRABBLE newsgroups that Austin was part of, have been pouring in from across the continent.

Next January, if not sooner, the Utica SCRABBLE tournament will be renamed the Austin Stalnaker Memorial. And Denise and I have already mused that there should be an Austin prize for anyone who gets a TIE GAME. Lipe, take note.

Well, I need to move on. That brings us to T. Also worth one point. T is for Tried, Tested, and True.

Statistics show that the vast majority of the people and friends that we have in this journey called life are only with us for a brief period of time, a year or two at the most, and then drift away. Only a scant few become friends for life, people you are never out of touch with for as long as you live.

For me personally, Austin was one of those friends. Tried, tested, and true. Trustworthy. For the past nine years, even when we were miles apart distance wise, emails, phone calls, online games of SCRABBLE, Austin was never far away. I couldn't ask for someone more loyal a friend than he has been over the now too brief time that I have known Austin. Faithful, honest, devoted. OK, so they don't begin with T. Nothing ever faded him. These are things about our friendship I will cherish forever.

Next is I. Another vowel. Worth one point. I is for Insurmountable and for that matter Indestructible. Austin has overcome challenges in his life that many of us never will. Thirty years ago, long before I knew him, Austin battled cancer once before. Hodgkin's Disease. And he beat it.

In 2004, just a week before the Mohawk Valley tournament, where I was supposed to stay at Austin's home, Austin had a major heart attack and was unable to play. But Austin beat the odds and bounced back. He even showed up at the tournament site after game play on Sunday, just to say hi.

A couple years after that, it was Cindy who was sick. And Austin and Cindy had to get through that battle. And they did. Then came Austin's next heart attack. I believe that

when Denise Dixon called me to tell me about it, she phrased it as "multiple heart attacks."

But Austin fought back again. Despite insurmountable odds, he fought back. And then came the tumor in 2011. But Austin was once again resilient. He was going to fight. And even during chemotherapy treatments last fall, Austin was determined to play the Lake George tournament. Heck, when I saw him show up, he still had all his hair! His voice was a rasp, but he was still the same resilient, insurmountable, indestructible Austin. Wheelchair and all, he came to play. And as I've already said, he played in a tournament on the day we lost him. Right to the end, Austin was a fighter.

Well, that brings me to N. It's also worth one point. Every letter in Austin's name is worth one point. Heck, if you add his last name, the only letter not worth one point in his last name is the K. So N is for Number 1.

Outside of the Toronto Club, Austin was my first SCRABBLE friend. Chris Lipe and Denise Dixon would tell you all the same thing. He was our Number One ambassador of SCRABBLE. But more than that, in our SCRABBLE community, he was our number one SCRABBLE friend, period. Chris Lipe shared that a month after his first tournament, the Mohawk Valley Tournament in 2005, Austin invited Chris to join him at the Saratoga Springs tournament. They'd travel together and share a room. Chris took Austin up on that offer. We all remember the humble low beginnings that Chris Lipe had in SCRABBLE, but is now one of our experts and has even gone to the World Championships in Poland. And it started with a friendship with Austin. As I've already said, my favorite tournament of the entire year is Lake George, New York. I will never miss that tournament. And it's due to the number one friend, Austin.

Austin will always be number one in my book when it comes to SCRABBLE. Always.

The poet Robert Frost, in his epic poem, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, closed with these words:

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

In 2000, former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, who was Prime Minister from 1968 to 1984, passed away. At his funeral, his son Justin delivered the eulogy. He used the words of Frost's poem, but he changed the last lines slightly. I'd like to do the same for Austin.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

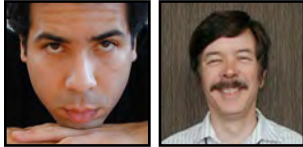
But he has kept his promise and has earned his sleep.

Rest in peace, my friend. There are no phonies in heaven. Every word's a winner. Just like you.

December Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



Winter, David Gibson

Most Rated Wins

1. 36 Winter (TX)
2. 34 Avrin, Paul (NY)
3. 30 Horowitz, Dan (DE)
4. 26 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
5. 24 Lavoie, Michael (WA)
5. 24 Downey, Sharon (PA)

Most Games Played

1. 58 Winter (TX)
2. 53 Wancel, Linda (NY)
2. 53 Avrin, Paul (NY)
4. 52 Lavoie, Michael (WA)
4. 52 Downey, Sharon (PA)

Most Games Undeclared

1. 15 Gibson, David (SC)
2. 6 Karris, John (CA)
2. 6 Ozorio, Sophia (ON)
4. 5 Blake, Daniel (NY)
4. 5 Clinchy, Evans (MA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +142 = 1362 Fine, Adam (MD)
2. +136 = 1687 Avrin, Paul (NY)
3. +123 = 1828 Meller, Mack (NY)
4. +112 = 1354 Fraher, Nick (CA)
5. +108 = 1528 Short, Glenda (OK)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1422 Culver, Jacob (WA)
2. 1028 Moreinis, Bram (VT)
3. 879 Holz, Laurie (CA)
3. 879 Aghedoh, Bruno (CA)
5. 789 Shocket, Millicent (MD)

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

Calgary, AB: December 3

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)			
8-4	+97	1510 1533	Clifford, Wayne
7-5	+458	1724 1692	Pivovarov, Juraj
7-5	+173	1755 1715	MacAulay, George (SK)
DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)			
9-3	+745	883 934	Nakano, Kathy
7-4	+216	1000 1000	Clifford, Maureen
7-5	+417	1077 1060	Bergeron, Betty

Fort Lauderdale, FL: December 3-4

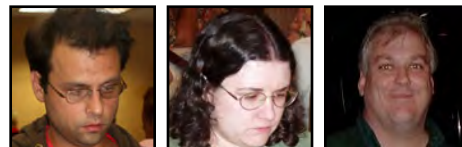
DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)			
12-4	+1195	1940 1985	Weinstein, Ian
11-5	+486	1993 2006	Tiekert, Ron
11-5	+261	1864 1909	Polatnick, Steve
DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)			
11-5	+495	1490 1490	Gradus, Larry
10-6	+306	1111 1201	Doyle, Dawn
10-6	+293	1252 1294	Garner, Michael (MI)
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
12-4	+544	990 1053	Levin, Cheryl
10-6	+382	917 946	Weithers, Merlene
9-7	-41	1058 1039	Wise, Tim



Wayne Clifford, Ian Weinstein, Chris Cree

Austin, TX: December 3-4

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)			
10-3	+331	1956 1967	Cree, Chris
9-4	+701	1824 1839	Canik, Matt
8-4	+370	1724 1754	Early, Michael
DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)			
11-2	+425	1420 1528	Short, Glenda (OK)
8-5	+507	1495 1506	Jaramillo, Caesar
8-5	+457	1310 1362	Solis, Ruben
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)			
10-3	+823	1183 1279	Major, Wendy
8-5	+185	1278 1298	Scott, Nancy
7-6	+56	1249 1258	Donegan, Michael
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)			
10-3	+557	1066 1097	Callaway, Evelyn
9-4	+559	1037 1048	Rivard, Alexander
8-5	+305	867 886	Gates, Robin



Andrew Friedman, Rachel Knapp, Mike Baker

Philadelphia, PA: December 4

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)			
6-1	+801	1732 1790	Friedman, Andrew (NY)
6-1	+280	1959 1976	Sherman, Joel (NY)
5-2	+374	1564 1614	Gable, Sue (NY)
DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)			
5-2	+400	1394 1418	Barrett, Ted (NJ)
5-2	+36	1468 1483	Grosman, Diana (MD)
4-3	+333	1463 1461	Creed, Connie
DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)			
6-1	+361	946 1003	Buckley, Bernadette (NJ)
5-2	+375	1011 1030	Gorchov, Bunny
5-2	+155	938 968	Horowitz, Dan (DE)

Laguna Woods, CA: December 4

Monthly one-day (8 PLAYERS)			
6-1	+969	1799 1806	Knapp, Rachel
6-1	+745	1573 1603	Loritz, Yukiko
4-3	+292	1314 1332	Slavin, David

Lake Oswego, OR: December 4

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
4-2	+169	1706 1729	Baker, Michael
4-2	+145	1767 1780	Winter (TX)
3-3	+175	1812 1804	Alexander, Steven
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)			
5-1	+388	1290 1352	Kaplan, Charley
3-3	+64	1490 1477	Koehler, Kolton
3-3	-55	1317 1321	Gott, P K
DIVISION C (9 PLAYERS)			
5-1	+640	1224 1242	Sutrov, Kathy
5-1	+100	0 1422	Culver, Jacob (WA)
4-2	-73	989 996	Bergeron, Leesa

Berkeley, CA: December 4

DIVISION A (7 PLAYERS)			
6-1	+330	1917 1943	Lerman, Jerry
6-1	+278	1977 1998	Brockmeier, Doug
4-3	+136	1756 1766	Ward, Bruce
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)			
6-0	+440	1570 1662	Karris, John
4-2	+273	1659 1674	Morgan, Chris Patrick
4-2	-259	1528 1556	Jonnalagedda, Raghuram
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)			
5-1	+578	1387 1437	Catanese, Paula
4-2	+224	1401 1420	Stevens, Mary Aline
4-2	+68	1375 1396	Michaels, Andrea
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)			
5-1	+406	1226 1233	Wilson, Jeannie J
4-2	+263	957 962	Mocine, Joan
4-2	+54	598 664	Graim, Tom



Jerry Lerman, Pete Zeigler, Joel Sherman

Akron, OH LCT: December 7

(5 PLAYERS)			
4-0	+414	1667 1671	Zeigler, Pete
3-1	+252	1547 1550	Viebranz, George
2-2	-9	1828 1819	Stock, Daniel

Stamford, CT: December 9

Early Bird

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)			
3-2	+294	1976 1961	Sherman, Joel (NY)
3-2	+86	1551 1568	Avrin, Paul (NY)
3-2	+18	1597 1609	Eichenbaum, Jack (NY)
DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)			
4-1	+84	1255 1286	Wancel, Linda (NY)
3-2	+257	1306 1302	Economos, Christine (NY)
3-2	+192	1333 1327	Casey, Brenda

Stamford, CT: December 9-11

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)			
13-2	+1384	1705 1828	Meller, Mack (NY)
12-4	+1485	1961 1971	Sherman, Joel (NY)
11-5	+634	1665 1737	Tangredi, Frank (NY)
DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)			
11-5	+918	1664 1669	Tier, Steve (NY)
11-5	+652	1439 1504	Randall, Brandon
11-5	+142	1528 1569	Becker, Bob (MA)

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More December Results

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DIVISION C (13 PLAYERS)
 10-6 +754 1246 1235 Cohen, Jo Anne (NY)
 10-6 +460 1068 1105 Fiorelli, Doreen (NY)
 10-6 +286 1153 1166 Hooper, Kathy (NY)



Mack Meller, David Gibson, Stefan Fatsis

Atlanta (College Park), GA: December 10-11

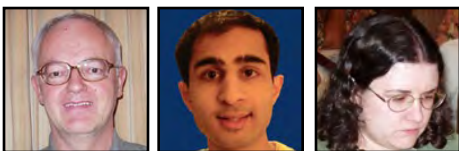
DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)
 15-0 +1642 2062 2093 Gibson, David (SC)
 9-6 +722 1749 1758 Fischer, Ryan (NC)
 9-6 -22 1589 1644 Steffy, Heather
DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)
 12-3 +854 1446 1515 Jeffers, Jeremy
 9-6 +411 1388 1415 Pate, Jim (AL)
 9-6 +346 1411 1432 O'Rourke, Tom
DIVISION C (18 PLAYERS)
 11-4 +699 1272 1299 Bassett, Michael (OH)
 11-4 +477 1147 1203 Bond, Charlie (TN)
 10-5 +609 1044 1108 Ingram, Guy
DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)
 10-5 +718 957 979 Gardner, Andrew
 10-5 +313 790 858 Scruggs, Julia
 9-6 +159 995 987 Carter, Phyllis

Bethesda, MD: December 10

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)
 6-2 +455 1509 1535 Fatsis, Stefan (DC)
 6-2 +106 1492 1520 Anum, Francis (VA)
 5-3 +326 1473 1489 Stewart, Edward
DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)
 8-0 +744 1220 1310 Fine, Adam
 6-2 +268 1176 1205 Schlauch, Robin
 6-2 +216 1163 1217 Gilary, Aaron (VA)
DIVISION C (13 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +509 968 992 Horowitz, Dan (DE)
 6-2 +400 708 742 Masling, Sam (DC)
 5-3 +288 849 844 Werner, Greg

Bethesda, MD: December 10

(9 PLAYERS)
 3-0 +449 728 767 Radack, Jacob (DC)
 3-0 +260 500 581 Quion, Patrick (VA)
 3-1 +442 500 551 Radack, Samuel (DC)



Lou Cornelis, Shan Abbasi, Rachel Knapp

Strongsville, OH: December 11

(30 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +320 1866 1894 Cornelis, Lou (ON)
 6-2 +451 1506 1548 Easter, Carolyn (MI)
 6-2 +255 1418 1441 Melvin, Cheryl (MI)

Guelph, ON: December 11

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +382 1512 1566 Abbasi, Shan
 4-2 +302 1475 1497 Lobo, Yvonne
 4-2 -30 1635 1645 Ubeika, Jason
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)
 6-0 +472 1191 1264 Ozorio, Sophia
 3-3 -51 1035 1047 Petrie, Shauna
 3-3 -92 1091 1096 De Young, Henry
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +427 920 943 Krook, Dave
 4-2 +154 764 784 Apissoghoman, John (QC)
 4-2 +55 736 761 Daniells, Ardyss

Covina, CA: December 11

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 7-0 +773 1806 1877 Knapp, Rachel
 6-1 +373 1832 1867 Del Solar, Cesar
 5-2 +249 1816 1837 Pearl, David
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +337 1702 1764 Kamen, Roy
 5-1 +368 1706 1747 Howard, Ronald
 5-2 +556 1699 1728 Singleton, Tom
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)
 5-2 +415 1628 1639 Filio, Roland
 4-3 +311 1547 1548 Tantua, Victor
 4-3 +13 1332 1359 Slavin, David
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +680 1242 1354 Fraher, Nick
 5-2 +207 1154 1201 Braverman, Mollie
 4-3 +132 1286 1291 Maria, Julie Ellen
DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +327 1139 1186 Schutz, Arna
 5-2 -1 973 1021 Crosby, Ralph
 4-3 +141 929 957 Kerner, Diane
DIVISION F (8 PLAYERS)
 5-2 +128 864 898 Macasimbar, Rasul
 4-3 +568 0 879 Aghedoh, Bruno
 4-3 +103 517 609 Riner, Corbett



Michael Garner, Sam Dick-Onuoha, Richard Poppers

Tampa Bay (Pinellas Park), FL: December 17

(4 PLAYERS)
 7-1 +266 1294 1307 Garner, Michael (MI)
 4-4 +291 1059 1039 Knight, Chris
 4-4 +143 877 878 Green, JC

Dallas, TX: December 17

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +294 1585 1644 Dick-Onuoha, Sam
 4-2 +19 1550 1579 Simon, Kristina
 3-3 +67 1727 1715 Burlant, Jim
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +409 1232 1287 Pepper, Bryan
 5-1 +149 1229 1284 Sjostrom, Craig
 3-3 -72 1345 1336 Hagestein, Paul
DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)
 5-1 +284 1068 1089 Sanchez, Pat
 3-3 -105 672 699 Logullo, Mary
 2-4 +105 1024 990 Owen, Phyllis

Wilmington, DE: December 22

Delaware SCRABBLE Festivus Early Bird 1
DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)
 4-1 +323 1639 1669 Popper, Richard
 4-1 +155 1558 1603 Avrin, Paul (NY)
 3-2 +253 1780 1775 Winter (TX)
DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)
 3-2 +239 1285 1300 Wancel, Linda (NY)
 3-2 +44 1315 1327 Gest, Ted (DC)
 3-2 -124 1354 1362 Moser, Sharon (MD)
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)
 4-1 +64 1040 1073 Cohen, Jacob (NC)
 3-2 +17 1065 1072 Klionsky, David (NC)
 3-2 -10 1106 1109 Dlugosz, David (PA)



Paul Avrin, Mitchell Brook, Winter

Wilmington, DE: December 23

Delaware SCRABBLE Festivus Early Bird 2
DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +432 1603 1664 Avrin, Paul (NY)
 4-3 +184 1775 1763 Winter (TX)
 4-3 +126 1506 1527 Neff, Joe (PA)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 5-2 +358 1442 1461 Roland, Tobey (MD)
 5-2 +261 1329 1363 Cohen, Joanne (MD)
 5-2 +233 1405 1429 Cole, Judy (MA)
DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)
 5-2 +350 1073 1108 Cohen, Jacob (NC)
 5-2 +286 1262 1273 Clark, James
 4-3 -91 1014 1036 Epstein, Barbara (NY)
DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +604 992 1024 Horowitz, Dan
 5-2 +358 980 993 Diamant, Elizabeth (AK)
 4-3 -258 880 885 Tillson, Carol (MD)

Wilmington, DE: December 23-25

Delaware SCRABBLE Festivus Main Event
DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)
 12-8 +552 1518 1585 Brook, Mitchell (PA)
 12-8 +421 1664 1687 Avrin, Paul (NY)
 12-8 +337 1763 1756 Winter (TX)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 15-5 +636 1310 1362 Fine, Adam (MD)
 13-7 +189 1316 1340 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
 10-9 +284 1108 1176 Cohen, Jacob (NC)
DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)
 15-5 +896 1067 1108 Klionsky, David (NC)
 12-8 +190 993 1008 Diamant, Elizabeth (AK)
 11-9 +203 846 886 Brower, Ruth

Wilmington, DE: December 26

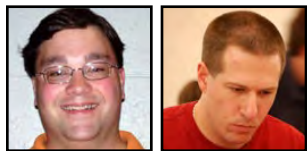
DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)
 6-1 +615 1756 1784 Winter (TX)
 5-2 +216 1358 1408 Milton, Daniel (VA)
 4-3 +165 1362 1385 Moser, Sharon (MD)
DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)
 7-0 +504 1273 1349 Clark, James
 5-2 +125 1109 1147 Dlugosz, David (PA)
 3-4 +130 1207 1192 Kuno, Margo (PA)
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Still More Results

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DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +147	751	835	Gold, Martin (VA)
5-2 +383	783	821	Lavoie, Michael (WA)
4-3 -39	760	789	Shocket, Millicent (MD)



Bradley Whitmarsh, Karl Higby

Bethesda, MD: December 28

(10 PLAYERS)

4-0 +664	1238	1248	Mast, Ted
4-0 +264	1301	1312	Gest, Ted (DC)
3-1 +499	744	768	Masling, Sam (DC)

Albany, NY: December 29

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +655	1855	1878	Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
5-3 +423	1784	1788	Winter (TX)
5-3 +174	1645	1669	Ubeika, Jason (ON)

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

5-3 +427	1312	1332	Pitzer, Wilma (OH)
5-3 +401	1366	1376	Ubeika, Shelley (ON)
5-3 +248	1299	1317	Kester, Barb (VT)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

7-1 +596	1184	1227	Blanchard, Susan (NC)
6-2 +201	1169	1189	Hawkins, Scott (IL)
6-2 +131	1187	1209	Guest, Cornelia (CT)



Evans Clinchy, Arthur Braden

Albany, NY: December 30

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +416	1746	1792	Higby, Karl
4-1 +134	1845	1865	Anderson, Will
3-2 +25	1751	1766	Schoenbrun, Ben

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

4-0 +155	1669	1711	Ubeika, Jason (ON)
3-2 +102	1580	1593	Barkman, Peter
3-2 +73	1542	1558	Rau, Terry Kang

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +141	1417	1447	Larsen, Mona
3-2 +141	1400	1409	Barrett, Ted (NJ)
3-2 +90	1338	1354	Gauthier, Kevin

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-0 +377	1265	1334	Blake, Daniel
3-2 +5	1317	1323	Kester, Barb (VT)
3-2 -63	1200	1219	Pearl, Elouise (VT)

DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)

5-0 +276	1008	1106	Downey, Sharon (PA)
4-1 +118	1006	1065	Lieberman, Hannah (NC)
3-2 +197	1047	1065	Petrie, Shauna (ON)

DIVISION F (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +142	877	911	McGrew, Bridget
3-2 +397	948	952	Wroblewski, Nancy
3-2 +134	841	852	Major, Barbara (VA)

DIVISION G (7 PLAYERS)

4-1 +528	0	1028	Moreinis, Bram (VT)
4-1 +92	543	619	Rinne, Peter
4-1 +25	774	783	Hipenbecker, Les

Albany, NY CSW: December 30

(8 PLAYERS)

5-0 +536	1861	1908	Clinchy, Evans (MA)
3-2 +318	1932	1928	Bowman, Brian (KY)
3-2 +311	1968	1964	OLaughlin, John (MA)

Roseville, CA LCT: December 31

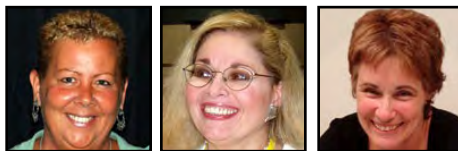
(12 PLAYERS)

4-0 +496	1304	1314	Braden, Arthur
4-0 +351	1283	1295	Sterling, Linda Stolow
3-1 +470	1334	1336	Lindgren, Tapani

January Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists the players with the best results in January 2012.



Gerianne Abriano, Linda Wancel, Jan Cardia

Most Rated Wins

1. 26 Abriano, Gerianne (NY)
1. 26 Wancel, Linda (NY)
1. 26 Cardia, Jan (DE)
4. 25 Day, Jesse (CA)
4. 25 Cree, Chris (TX)
4. 25 Dixon, Roy (FL)

Most Games Played

1. 47 Abriano, Gerianne (NY)
1. 47 Rau, Terry Kang (NY)
1. 47 Wancel, Linda (NY)
4. 40 Cree, Chris (TX)
5. 39 Shuman, Bruce (NC)
5. 39 Oliva, Linda (MD)
5. 39 Engelhardt, David (MD)
5. 39 Milton, Daniel (VA)
5. 39 Cardia, Jan (DE)
5. 39 Donegan, Michael (TX)

Most Games Undeclared

1. 20 Price, John (NC)
2. 8 Carruthers, Donna (MB)
2. 8 Hergott, Deen (ON)
4. 7 May, Paul (MI)
5. 6 Gauthier, Helena (NH)
5. 6 Norman, Jack (CA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +264 = 1262 Price, John (NC)
2. +174 = 1521 Smith, Erickson (NC)
3. +166 = 1232 Asberry, Tasha (IL)
3. +166 = 1683 Ridout, Matthew (IA)
5. +155 = 745 Nemarugommula, Bindu (NC)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1213 Masel, Sandra (AZ)
2. 1205 Gavino, Kate (NY)
3. 1103 Jackson, Brett (FL)

4. 1092 Durbin, Larry (TN)
5. 800 Sulzinsky, Ben (CT)
5. 800 Baughman, Emma (CT)

January Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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Gary Moss, Jeff Fiszbein, Adam Townsend

Laguna Woods, CA: January 1

(11 PLAYERS)

6-1 +630	1439	1461	Moss, Gary
6-1 +408	1079	1183	Elliott, Janet
4-3 +382	1877	1840	Knapp, Rachel

Linden, MI: January 7

New Year's Outlook

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +387	1727	1789	Fiszbein, Jeff
5-2 +15	1682	1716	Pianowski, Scott
4-3 +229	1894	1885	Cornelis, Lou (ON)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +450	1276	1366	Sinanan, Lilla (ON)
6-1 +382	1415	1471	Garrod, Mark
4-3 +244	1398	1407	Stafford, Mike (OH)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

7-0 +769	1159	1227	May, Paul
4-3 +240	960	976	Henney, Stephen
4-3 +105	728	782	Sienkowski, Mark

Bayside Queens, NY: January 7

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +473	1546	1576	Townsend, Adam
5-3 +303	1570	1574	Konipol, Nancy
5-3 -72	1221	1274	Wancel, Linda

DIVISION B (11 PLAYERS)

6-2 +698	0	1205	Gavino, Kate
6-2 +375	1132	1156	Abriano, Gerianne
6-2 +269	706	756	Conlon, Mary Jane



Matthew Ridout, Jason Idalski, Conrad Bassett-Bouchard

Johnston, IA: January 7-8

Fiveside SCRABBLE Fest IV

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

11-1 +972	1517	1683	Ridout, Matthew
6-6 +252	1616	1607	Ferguson, James
6-6 +85	1583	1590	Sirois, Ricky (KS)

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DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

9-3 +486 1084 1128 Feirer, Alan
7-5 +124 1158 1149 Purifoy, Nick (KS)
6-6 +115 955 972 Witz, Benjamin (WI)

DIVISION C (18 PLAYERS)

10-2 +354 886 920 Wilkinson, Wendy (KY)
9-3 +848 834 874 Mojica, Avery (KS)
9-3 +467 722 843 Zimmerman, Cindy (NE)

Linden, MI: January 8

New Year's Outlook Late Bird

(6 PLAYERS)

6-1 +524 1909 1922 Idalski, Jason
5-2 +361 1407 1462 Glowniak, Elaine
3-4 +177 1885 1850 Cornelis, Lou (ON)

Berkeley, CA: January 8

DIVISION A (7 PLAYERS)

6-1 +566 1972 1995 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad
6-1 +414 1959 1983 Day, Jesse
5-2 +260 1854 1871 Armstrong, Peter (WI)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +679 1674 1748 Morgan, Chris Patrick
4-2 +226 1533 1564 Frodyma, KC
4-2 +96 1582 1607 Levin, Robin

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +475 1491 1518 Weissman, Emely
4-2 -104 1368 1389 Veevers, Terry
3-3 +172 1112 1138 Smith, Peter

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +915 938 1049 Norman, Jack
3-2 -20 725 752 Seitzer, Phil
3-3 -41 1015 996 Scott, S E



Dave Wiegand, Roy Dixon, Ian Weinstein

Independence, OH LCT: January 10

(7 PLAYERS)

3-1 +337 855 866 Brown, Lisa (IL)
3-1 +297 1826 1822 Stock, Daniel
3-1 +290 1019 1021 Graf, Greg

Winnipeg, MB: January 14

(25 PLAYERS)

8-0 +382 1051 1145 Carruthers, Donna
7-1 +792 1131 1183 Bowman, Derek
7-1 +316 1134 1159 Kaufmann, Annelies

New Orleans, LA CSW: January 14-16

(10 PLAYERS)

15-5 +1148 2023 2043 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
13-7 +341 1925 1950 Bowman, Brian (KY)
11-9 +702 2007 1985 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)

New Orleans, LA: January 14-16

DIVISION OPEN (52 PLAYERS)

14-6 +1222 1983 1975 Day, Jesse (CA)
14-6 +909 1858 1888 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
14-6 +571 1715 1763 Burlant, Jim (TX)

DIVISION LITE (28 PLAYERS)

16-4 +969 1297 1356 Dixon, Roy (FL)
13-6 +646 1078 1165 Dimmick, Lindsey
13-6 +271 1035 1115 Durbin, Harry (TN)

Fort Lauderdale, FL: January 14-16

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

15-5 +1006 1985 2002 Weinstein, Ian
13-7 +465 1819 1843 Greenspan, Randy
12-8 +183 1791 1807 Kahn, Robert

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

17-3 +1304 1456 1517 Morehead, Kit (MI)
13-7 +511 1186 1252 Kidd, Danny (MI)
12-8 +52 1231 1263 Riff, Marla

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

14-6 +614 1011 1059 Weinstein, Shereen E
12-8 +390 820 885 Osbourne, Rex
12-8 +216 1039 1038 Wise, Tim



Erickson Smith, Scott Leifer, Travis Carlson

Durham, NC: January 14-16

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

15-5 +1524 1347 1521 Smith, Erickson
13-7 +1048 1653 1670 McKeown, Rahn
13-7 +754 1735 1718 Bernardina, Matthew

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

14-5 +1016 1276 1387 Bertoni, Susan
12-7 +448 1094 1182 Pomeroy, Marilyn
12-8 +128 1109 1197 Schaeffer, Teresa

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

20-0 +1991 998 1262 Price, John
14-6 +932 786 930 Zhuang, Edward
12-8 +835 799 881 He, Jeffrey

Norwalk, CT: January 14

Youth Division

(8 PLAYERS)

4-0 +1011 454 531 Guo, Sheng (NY)
3-1 +16 0 800 Sulzinsky, Ben
3-1 -31 0 800 Baughman, Emma

Norwalk, CT: January 14

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

7-1 +493 1716 1762 Leifer, Scott (MA)
6-2 +108 1819 1829 Schoenbrun, Ben (NY)
5-3 +295 1596 1624 Nelson, Jeffrey (VT)

DIVISION B (11 PLAYERS)

7-1 +1092 1504 1531 Randall, Brandon
7-1 +955 1508 1527 Schoneboom, Marjorie (NY)
6-2 +612 1370 1375 Cole, Judy (MA)

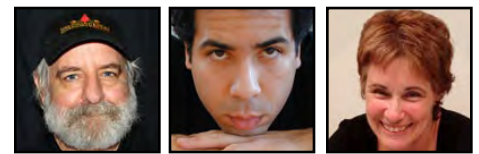
Tucson, AZ: January 21

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

6-2 +688 1503 1524 Carlson, Travis
4-4 +159 1675 1629 Spence, Richard
4-4 -98 1349 1351 Saul, Lewis

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

6-2 +175 1003 1032 Readle, Robert
6-2 +55 0 1213 Masel, Sandra
5-3 +298 918 946 Boykan, Sara



Michael Early, Winter, Jan Cardia

Hudson, OH: January 21

(13 PLAYERS)

5-2 +485 1618 1626 Kopczak, Josh
5-2 +310 1504 1518 Viebranz, George
5-2 +281 1922 1911 Idalski, Jason (MI)

Dallas, TX: January 21

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +540 1718 1765 Early, Michael
4-2 +46 1644 1667 Dick-Onuoha, Sam
4-2 -106 1783 1794 Day, Darrell

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +189 1203 1256 Brooks, Lee
4-2 +319 1336 1343 Smith, Mariah
4-2 +207 1434 1428 Shults, Keil

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +481 801 844 Osondu, Ejike (GA)
5-1 +275 500 619 Hildenbrand, Barbara
4-2 +218 851 852 Oppenlander, Patricia

Tucson, AZ CSW: January 21

(4 PLAYERS)

5-3 -50 1722 1753 Winter (TX)
4-4 +390 2060 2042 Benedict, Nathan
4-4 +181 1932 1915 Cohen, Laurie

Atlantic City, NJ: January 21-23

Boards on the Boardwalk

DIVISION A (20 PLAYERS)

15-4 +1239 1628 1761 Cardia, Jan (DE)
13-6 +1330 1878 1878 Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
12-7 +438 1700 1726 Pistol, Howard (FL)

DIVISION B (22 PLAYERS)

16-3 +1524 1564 1667 Ginzberg, Adam (PA)
13-6 +1030 1595 1611 Rosenberg, Mark
13-6 +568 1557 1587 Berg, Verna Richards (NY)

DIVISION C (26 PLAYERS)

14-5 +1060 1211 1341 Weinstein, Seth (NY)
13-6 +785 1237 1291 Shaw, Frances
12-6 +373 1362 1363 Fine, Adam (MD)

DIVISION D (16 PLAYERS)

15-4 +667 998 1035 Cornetto, Janet
13-6 +572 953 965 Filandro, Marie (DE)
12-6 +784 919 936 Thornton, Lucille



Ed Liebfried, Max Panitch, Stefan Rau

Brattleboro, VT LCT: January 22

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +735 1630 1644 Liebfried, Ed
3-3 +380 1750 1746 Wolfberg, Michael (MA)
3-3 +49 1686 1684 Horn, Joel (MA)

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DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +73	1466	1487	McDonald, Carol (MA)
3-2 +85	1503	1506	Finkey, Don (NH)
3-3 +94	1532	1530	Hogeboom, Thomas

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +429	1275	1290	Gauthier, Helena (NH)
5-1 +342	1116	1131	Schmidt, Marilyn (MA)
4-2 +328	1194	1201	Guest, Cornelia (CT)

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +307	691	705	McMahon, Megan (MA)
4-2 +32	865	867	Kazarian, Nicole (MA)
3-3 +173	0	718	Misnick, Susan

Guelph, ON: January 22

DIVISION A (11 PLAYERS)

6-1 +214	1817	1832	Panitch, Max
5-2 +481	1855	1858	Leah, Tony
5-2 +263	1695	1710	Vijayakumar, Sinna

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

5-1 +363	1264	1287	Ozorio, Sophia
5-1 +195	1135	1177	Aitken, Terry
5-1 +89	1033	1084	Stewart, Lynette

Utica, NY: January 28

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +612	1825	1851	Rau, Stefan
5-3 +309	1457	1508	Drumm, Heather
5-3 +286	1543	1578	Rau, Terry Kang

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +401	1236	1302	Drumm, Don
6-2 +282	1273	1328	Blake, Daniel
6-2 +172	1313	1360	Durant, Olivia

DIVISION C (9 PLAYERS)

7-1 +426	1147	1209	Dlugosz, David (PA)
6-2 +255	1231	1258	Tedesco, Annette
5-3 +545	1065	1087	Pizer, Marion



Deen Hergott, Jerry Lerman, Adam Logan

Cornwall, ON: January 28

Montreal vs. Ottawa Interclub Match

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

8-0 +592	1699	1785	Hergott, Deen
7-1 +419	1896	1911	Tunncliffe, Matthew
6-2 +174	1828	1834	Brown, Ross

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

7-1 +725	1124	1156	Lovett, Norma (QC)
5-3 +160	828	852	Polson, Sylvia (QC)
5-3 +24	1002	1007	Ramos, Lany (QC)

Regina, SK: January 28

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +302	1146	1192	Bray, Michael
6-2 +126	1311	1329	Horowitz, Risa
5-3 +112	1044	1079	Rea, Leila

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +416	883	934	Keal, Maureen
6-2 +454	945	972	Woodward, Shirley
6-2 +143	896	924	Buhnai, Tanya

Austin, TX: January 28

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +430	1664	1710	Dyer, Becky
4-2 +122	1839	1838	Canik, Matt
4-2 +102	1694	1709	Riblet, Doug

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +285	1499	1509	Roeder, Oliver
4-2 +195	1448	1464	Millard, Leslie
4-2 +62	1343	1370	Smith, Mariah

DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)

6-0 +1123	1019	1073	Rivard, Alexander
3-3 -98	1028	1010	Gaudier, Deborah
3-3 -344	875	874	Cawthon, Woody

Berkeley, CA: January 28

(12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +521	1943	1979	Lerman, Jerry
6-2 +479	1748	1808	Morgan, Chris Patrick
6-2 +292	1975	1993	Day, Jesse

Cornwall, ON CSW: January 28

(4 PLAYERS)

6-2 +878	2109	2121	Logan, Adam
5-3 +52	1971	1981	Boys, David (QC)
4-4 -489	2002	1995	Wapnick, Joel (QC)



David Gibson, Eric Tran, Chris Cree

Knoxville, TN: January 28-29

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

12-3 +264	2093	2096	Gibson, David (SC)
10-5 +250	1528	1644	Seales, Cynthia (GA)
9-6 +467	1810	1815	Gabriel, Marty (IL)

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

10-4 +251	1236	1287	Meredith, David (KY)
10-5 +867	1352	1368	Scott, Will (KY)
10-5 +371	1219	1269	Ushry, Yolanda (GA)

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

11-4 +646	1058	1088	Davis, Elizabeth (OH)
9-5 +620	1006	1018	Poole, Cathy (NC)
9-6 +422	945	966	Lewis, Ruth

Calgary, AB: January 28-29

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

13-1 +1600	1906	1934	Tran, Eric
10-4 +125	1368	1460	Ward, Noella
9-5 +326	1602	1610	Simon, Allan

DIVISION B (13 PLAYERS)

11-3 +728	1060	1082	Bergeron, Betty
10-4 +491	1049	1056	King, Sylvia
9-4 +104	820	864	Slater, Linda

Orlando, FL: January 28-29

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

11-3 +1193	1876	1886	Cree, Chris (TX)
10-4 +471	1676	1710	Scalzo, John (NY)
10-4 +206	1531	1604	Bottorff, Timothy

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

10-4 +727	1356	1384	Dixon, Roy
10-4 +218	1351	1380	Miller, Brian
10-4 +128	1153	1230	Rothbart, Sam (NY)

DIVISION C (9 PLAYERS)

10-4 +812	1014	1041	Thompson, Celia Dayrit (NJ)
10-4 +147	693	819	Thompson, Blossom
9-4 +591	0	1103	Jackson, Brett

February Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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Joel Sherman, Paul Avrin, George Rogers

Most Rated Wins

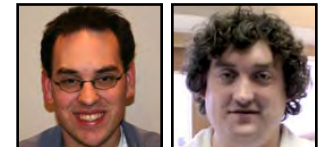
- 35 Sherman, Joel (NY)
- 33 Creed, Connie (PA)
- 33 Wancel, Linda (NY)
- 32 Avrin, Paul (NY)
- 29 Wood, Betsey (MA)
- 29 Engelhardt, David (MD)
- 29 D'Ambrosio, Bruce (CA)

Most Games Played

- 59 Avrin, Paul (NY)
- 56 Pitzer, Wilma (OH)
- 55 Creed, Connie (PA)
- 55 Wancel, Linda (NY)
- 54 Wood, Betsey (MA)
- 54 Sherman, Joel (NY)

Most Games Undeclared

- 8 Rogers, George (FL)
- 6 Gates, Robin (TX)
- 6 Rodriguez, Alex (NY)
- 6 Michaels, Andrea (CA)
- 6 Machi, Michael (CA)



Matthew Bernadina, Craig Beevers

Biggest Rating Gains

- +244 = 1962 Bernadina, Matthew (NC)
- +218 = 718 Grady, Tamara (NY)
- +169 = 1752 D'Ambrosio, Bruce (CA)
- +151 = 1702 Curley, James (NY)
- +147 = 756 Riner, Corbett (CA)

Highest Initial Rating

- 2364 Beevers, Craig (GBR)
- 1764 Quao, Michael (GHA)
- 1635 Addo, George (GHA)
- 1561 DeMello, Martin (CA)
- 1308 Addo, Ferdinand (PA)

February Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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More February Results

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Stephen DeBacco, Connie Creed, Jason Keller

Akron, OH LCT: February 2

(6 PLAYERS)

3-1 +462	1467	1471	DeBacco, Stephen
3-1 +372	1779	1778	Stock, Daniel
3-1 +255	1594	1596	Zeigler, Pete

Baltimore (Catonsville), MD: February 4

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

6-2 +325	1454	1520	Creed, Connie (PA)
6-2 +319	1832	1833	Koshute, Phil
6-2 +137	1475	1532	Grosman, Diana

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

7-1 +625	1291	1353	Ensey, Thomas
6-2 +313	1286	1320	Wisseh, Elston
5-3 +217	1312	1322	Gest, Ted (DC)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

7-1 +576	0	1268	Jones, Jason
6-2 +364	768	829	Masling, Sam (DC)
6-2 +136	835	880	Gold, Martin (VA)

DIVISION D (12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +662	0	1003	Cave, Andrew (WV)
6-2 +723	0	979	Vratsanos, Alex (DE)
6-2 +364	653	703	Gasperetti, Lily (DC)

Norwalk, CT: February 4

Main event

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +345	1808	1837	Keller, Jason (NJ)
6-2 +181	1722	1766	Lipkin, Seth (MA)
5-3 +330	1845	1854	Clinchy, Evans (MA)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +587	1568	1663	Konipol, Nancy (NY)
5-3 +427	1648	1665	Avrin, Paul (NY)
4-4 +280	1583	1590	Harrison, Ben (MA)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

5-3 +276	1444	1465	Kapernaros, Michael
5-3 +122	1411	1437	Kelly, Joan (NY)
5-3 +72	1531	1541	Randall, Brandon

DIVISION D (12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +358	1166	1234	Hoopar, Kathy (NY)
6-2 +352	1248	1267	Wancel, Linda (NY)
5-3 +134	921	980	Imperato, Kyle (NY)

Seven Hills, OH: February 4

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +360	1911	1918	Idalski, Jason (MI)
6-2 +339	1676	1721	Clark, Jeff (MI)
5-3 +916	1596	1622	Zeigler, Pete

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +475	1253	1301	Bassett, Michael
5-3 +349	1407	1407	Stafford, Mike
5-3 -23	1201	1231	Sutherland, Margaret (MI)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +398	1180	1192	Popich, Eileen
5-3 +206	973	991	Robinson, Linda
4-3 +229	1037	1039	Zurbrick, Kristy



Jason Idalski, Noah Walton, Rachel Knapp

Berkeley, CA: February 5

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +713	1934	1955	Walton, Noah
5-1 -73	1808	1838	Morgan, Chris Patrick
4-2 +74	1730	1760	De Guzman, Edward

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +564	1601	1634	Karris, John
4-2 +412	1413	1440	Stevens, Mary Aline
4-2 +100	1607	1619	Levin, Robin

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +813	1396	1444	Michaels, Andrea
4-2 +110	1341	1347	Unger, Dan
3-3 +36	1355	1335	Diener, Pat

Laguna Woods, CA: February 5

(5 PLAYERS)

6-1 +636	1840	1842	Knapp, Rachel
5-2 +501	1583	1585	D'Ambrosio, Bruce
5-2 -156	1461	1469	Moss, Gary



Steve Glass, Chris Cree, Nigel Peltier

Salado, TX: February 10

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-0 +345	1875	1924	Glass, Steve (FL)
3-2 +278	1849	1856	Withers, Ben
3-2 +225	1954	1954	Thevenot, Geoff

DIVISION B (5 PLAYERS)

3-2 +288	1571	1570	Dalton, John
3-2 +113	1547	1548	Leeds, Kevin
3-2 +102	1572	1571	Jaramillo, Caesar

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-1 +117	1387	1422	Randolph, Jason
3-2 +373	1370	1382	Smith, Mariah
3-2 +341	1458	1462	Lewis, Robin

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

4-1 +271	1191	1224	Asuquo, Jan
4-1 +76	1089	1141	Sanchez, Pat
3-2 +146	1209	1217	Donegan, Michael

DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +546	1010	1022	Gaudier, Deborah
3-2 +157	1032	1022	Schexneider, Rhonda
3-2 +149	914	920	Hidalgo, Regenia

Salado, TX: February 11-12

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

9-4 +952	1875	1900	Cree, Chris
9-4 +232	1924	1940	Glass, Steve (FL)
8-5 +227	1856	1868	Withers, Ben

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

9-4 +579	1402	1479	Fenske, Robert
9-4 +319	1520	1565	Silver, Fran
8-5 +239	1523	1548	Frankki, James

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

10-3 +542	1336	1388	Hagelstein, Paul
9-4 +721	1362	1389	Solis, Ruben
9-4 +677	1252	1303	Sjostrom, Craig

DIVISION D (15 PLAYERS)

10-3 +1064	1085	1107	Titzman, Joey
10-3 +921	1074	1104	Rivard, Alexander
9-4 +383	647	734	Beal, Brent

Arcata, CA: February 12

DIVISION A (4 PLAYERS)

5-1 +641	1922	1928	Peltier, Nigel (OR)
3-3 -46	1641	1640	Henderson, James
2-4 -241	1488	1484	Jacobi, Gunther (OR)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +184	1063	1128	Machi, Michael
4-2 +189	885	911	Mason, Alan
3-3 +82	659	682	Burns, Violet



Joel Sherman, Bruce D'Ambrosio, Matthew Bernardina

Philadelphia, PA: February 12

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)

7-0 +969	1873	1903	Sherman, Joel (NY)
5-2 +642	1837	1840	Keller, Jason (NJ)
5-2 +68	1680	1700	Petree, Joe

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

5-2 +534	1452	1467	Roland, Tobey (MD)
5-2 +498	1267	1311	Wancel, Linda (NY)
5-2 +493	1335	1364	Rosenthal, Judy (NY)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

5-2 +504	1190	1208	Dlugosz, David
5-2 +92	1087	1120	White, Charlene (NJ)
5-2 +28	1113	1140	Freedman, Joseph

DIVISION D (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +731	0	1308	Addo, Ferdinand
6-1 +438	0	1220	Gutsche, Rose
5-2 +429	965	978	Filandro, Marie (DE)

Las Vegas, NV: February 16

Early Bird 1

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +382	1585	1701	D'Ambrosio, Bruce (CA)
3-3 +146	1921	1904	Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
3-3 -86	1609	1619	Kantimathi, Sam (CA)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-0 +337	1309	1381	Pitzer, Wilma (OH)
4-2 +141	1298	1313	Moniz, Steve (NH)
4-2 +119	1311	1329	Wancel, Linda (NY)

Eastern Championship, NC: February 17

(28 PLAYERS)

8-0 +1062	1718	1780	Bernardina, Matthew
6-2 +400	1842	1838	Knapp, Rachel (CA)
6-2 +345	1572	1583	Steffy, Heather (GA)

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Las Vegas, NV: February 17

Early Bird 2

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

5-1 +418	1704	1746	Baker, Michael (OR)
5-1 +83	1701	1747	D'Ambrosio, Bruce (CA)
4-2 +259	1619	1644	Kantimathi, Sam (CA)

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +440	1329	1386	Wancel, Linda (NY)
4-2 +360	1531	1532	Stevens, Michael (UT)
3-3 +87	1327	1332	Melvin, Cheryl (MI)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +886	1313	1347	Moniz, Steve (NH)
3-3 -130	1178	1158	Morris, Maureen (AB)
3-3 -167	1115	1109	Durbin, Harry (TN)



Michael Baker, James Curley, Ian Weinstein

Las Vegas, NV CSW: February 17

Early Bird 1

(10 PLAYERS)

5-1 +461	1551	1663	Curley, James (NY)
4-2 +593	2042	2033	Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
4-2 +254	1816	1812	Lipe, Chris (NY)

Eastern Championship, NC: February 17-20

DIVISION A (18 PLAYERS)

17-7 +1138	1992	2019	Weinstein, Ian (FL)
16-8 +651	2096	2090	Gibson, David (SC)
15-9 +748	1903	1940	Sherman, Joel (NY)

DIVISION B (36 PLAYERS)

16-7 +391	1274	1394	Bowman, Tracy (IL)
16-8 +1458	1468	1494	Engelhardt, David (MD)
16-8 +1206	1449	1496	Hopkins, Matt P

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

18-6 +1725	989	1088	Salgado, Erik
17-7 +683	1077	1130	OLaughlin, Tom (WI)
15-9 +287	1165	1147	Dimmick, Lindsey (LA)

Eastern Championship, NC CSW:

February 17-20

(6 PLAYERS)

17-7 +1098	1860	1962	Bernardina, Matthew
16-8 +1324	1882	1951	Koenig, David (MD)
13-11 -447	1813	1851	Hersom, Randy

Dallas, TX: February 18

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +529	1726	1765	Holser, Paul
3-3 +78	1611	1621	Dick-Onuoha, Sam
3-3 +48	1549	1566	Whitt, Brian

DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)

5-1 +399	1162	1208	Villarreal, Linda
4-2 +115	1166	1185	Sanchez, Pat
3-3 -51	1267	1253	Pepper, Bryan

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +652	886	957	Gates, Robin
4-2 +225	949	954	Bratcher, Nancy
3-3 +291	844	829	Osondu, Ejike (GA)

Eastern Championship, NC: February 18

(15 PLAYERS)

5-1 +427	483	620	Miklaucic, Nicholas
5-1 +343	0	833	Rao, Suraj
4-2 +377	639	666	Choslovsky, Marla (MA)

Las Vegas, NV: February 18-20

Main event

DIVISION A (19 PLAYERS)

17-6 +1203	1895	1953	Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
17-6 +1142	1993	2014	Day, Jesse (CA)
16-6 +1207	1975	2001	Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)

DIVISION B (28 PLAYERS)

18-5 +1369	1495	1609	Greenside, Gerry
17-6 +473	1522	1597	Saunders, Ed (AZ)
16-7 +1036	1655	1668	Shafritz, Luise

DIVISION C (22 PLAYERS)

17-6 +734	1063	1151	Kait, Alan (CA)
16-7 +898	1163	1235	Khury, Stan
15-7 +574	1183	1198	Villena, Marina A (CA)

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

21-2 +2021	0	1197	Whitaker, Michelle (CA)
13-10 +669	774	797	Scruggs, Julia (GA)
13-10 -228	614	718	Grady, Tamara (NY)



Matthew Bernardina, Paul Holser, Robin Pollock-Daniel

Las Vegas, NV CSW: February 18-20

Main event

(23 PLAYERS)

18-5 +1639	2033	2042	Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
18-5 +1634	0	2364	Beevers, Craig (GBR)
18-5 +1315	1825	1880	Polatnick, Steve (FL)

Guelph, ON: February 19

Monthly one-day event

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +759	1832	1846	Panitch, Max
4-2 +207	1530	1570	Abbasi, Shan
4-2 -254	1548	1589	Lobo, Yvonne

DIVISION B (9 PLAYERS)

7-0 +457	1448	1512	Rodriguez, Alex (NY)
5-2 +560	1464	1466	Fernando, Priya
5-2 +297	1113	1150	Spanier, Crayne



Nathan Benedict, Evans Clinchy, Larry Sherman

Saratoga Springs, NY: February 24

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

4-1 +406	1854	1861	Clinchy, Evans (MA)
3-2 +190	1834	1826	Brown, Ross (ON)
3-2 +172	1564	1578	Rau, Terry Kang

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-1 +357	1339	1368	Wancel, Linda
4-1 +257	1270	1312	Gauthier, Kevin
3-2 -9	1315	1325	Pitzer, Wilma (OH)

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

4-1 +358	1125	1141	Whitmore, Jane (VT)
3-2 +162	1161	1149	McGrew, Barbara Bordwell (VT)
3-2 +56	694	734	Rambo, Julia

Saratoga Springs, NY: February 24-26

Main Event

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)

12-4 +492	1728	1808	Sherman, Larry
11-5 +1141	1940	1951	Sherman, Joel
11-5 +482	1840	1865	Keller, Jason (NJ)

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

12-4 +1544	1578	1637	Rau, Terry Kang
10-5 +315	1494	1544	Engelhardt, David (MD)
10-5 +231	1422	1493	Porporo, Dean (ON)

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)

11-4 +762	1367	1417	Keras, Lydia (QC)
11-5 +768	1291	1350	Cole, Judy (MA)
11-5 +366	1340	1388	O'Connor, Matthew

DIVISION D (21 PLAYERS)

13-3 +468	1125	1200	Wood, Betsey (MA)
12-4 +889	1123	1168	Bergeron, MaryEllen (MA)
12-4 +792	1125	1165	Abriano, Gerianne



Geoff Thevenot, Howard Pistol, Cesar Del Solar

Austin, TX: February 25

(10 PLAYERS)

5-1 +341	1934	1941	Thevenot, Geoff
4-2 +787	1837	1829	Canik, Matt
4-2 +342	1709	1733	Riblet, Doug

Fort Lauderdale, FL: February 25

DIVISION A (4 PLAYERS)

5-3 -51	1726	1744	Pistol, Howard
5-3 -251	1551	1595	Livermore, Noel
4-4 +427	1946	1917	Tiekert, Ron

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

8-0 +814	1284	1381	Rogers, George
7-1 +303	1281	1340	Resnick, Marshall (NJ)
6-2 +414	1350	1370	Krohn, Patricia A (WI)

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

6-2 +446	938	961	DeGlopper, Jennifer
6-2 +86	1038	1046	Wise, Tim
5-2 +396	683	754	Buck, Patricia

Covina, CA: February 26

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

6-1 +499	1915	1939	Del Solar, Cesar
5-2 +392	1723	1752	D'Ambrosio, Bruce
4-3 +223	1820	1821	Payne, Trip

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

6-1 +638	1354	1470	Fraher, Nick
5-2 +321	1425	1447	Yenser, Jessup
5-2 +181	1206	1255	Scaglione, Ida (NY)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

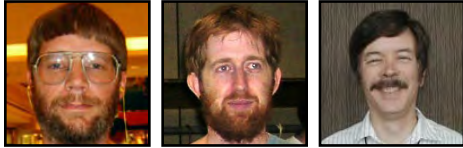
5-2 +499	1041	1064	Postal, David
5-2 +323	1114	1120	Kisich, Esther
5-2 +312	609	756	Riner, Corbett

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January Top Active Players

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of January 1, 2012.



Nigel Richards, Adam Logan, David Gibson

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2093 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2042 Leong, James (BC)
5. 2041 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2018 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
9. 2010 Swift, Orry (TX)
10. 2009 Mallick, Joey (ME)
11. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
12. 2006 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
13. 1998 Brockmeier, Doug (CA)
14. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
15. 1985 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
16. 1972 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
17. 1971 Sherman, Joel (NY)
18. 1967 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
18. 1967 Cree, Chris (TX)
18. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)
21. 1959 Day, Jesse (CA)
22. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
22. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
24. 1954 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
25. 1951 Edley, Joe (NY)
25. 1951 Jackson, Scott (MN)
27. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
27. 1948 Walton, Noah (CA)
29. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
30. 1943 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
31. 1937 Luebkmann, John (GA)
32. 1932 Rau, Stefan (NY)
33. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
34. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
35. 1922 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
36. 1921 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
37. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
38. 1909 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
38. 1909 Polatnick, Steve (FL)
40. 1906 Tran, Eric (AB)
41. 1901 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
41. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
43. 1897 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
44. 1895 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
45. 1894 Cornelis, Lou (ON)
46. 1893 Meyer, Nick (CA)
47. 1886 Le, Cecilia (MA)
48. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
49. 1882 Idalski, Jason (MI)
49. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)

The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of January 1, 2012.



Nigel Richards Philip Nelkon, Adam Logan

1. 2224 Quackle (MA)
2. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
3. 2086 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
5. 2060 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
6. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
7. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
8. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
9. 2023 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
10. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
11. 2007 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
12. 2002 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
13. 1971 Boys, David (QC)
14. 1964 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
15. 1960 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
16. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
17. 1932 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
18. 1928 Bowman, Brian (KY)
19. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
20. 1916 Kenas, Mark (WI)

February Top Active Players

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of February 1, 2012.



Nigel Richards, David Gibson, Adam Logan

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2096 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2042 Leong, James (BC)
5. 2041 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2018 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
9. 2010 Swift, Orry (TX)
10. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
11. 2002 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
12. 1998 Brockmeier, Doug (CA)
13. 1993 Day, Jesse (CA)
14. 1992 Mallick, Joey (ME)
15. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
16. 1979 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
17. 1975 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
18. 1967 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
18. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)

20. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
20. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
22. 1954 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
23. 1951 Jackson, Scott (MN)
24. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
25. 1946 Anderson, Will (NY)
25. 1946 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
25. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
28. 1937 Luebkmann, John (GA)
29. 1934 Tran, Eric (AB)
29. 1934 Walton, Noah (CA)
31. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
32. 1929 Edley, Joe (NY)
33. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
34. 1922 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
35. 1921 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
36. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
36. 1911 Idalski, Jason (MI)
36. 1911 Tunncliffe, Matthew (ON)
39. 1909 Polatnick, Steve (FL)
39. 1909 Sherman, Joel (NY)
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. 1888 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
47. 1886 Cree, Chris (TX)
48. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
49. 1883 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
50. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)

The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of February 1, 2012.



Nigel Richards, Adam Logan, Philip Nelkon

1. 2224 Quackle (MA)
2. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
3. 2121 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
5. 2043 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2042 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
6. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
9. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
10. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
11. 1995 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
12. 1985 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
13. 1981 Boys, David (QC)
14. 1960 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
15. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
15. 1956 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
17. 1950 Bowman, Brian (KY)
18. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)
19. 1916 Kenas, Mark (WI)
20. 1915 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)

March Top Active Players

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of March 1, 2012.



Nigel Richards, David Gibson, Adam Logan

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2090 Gibson, David (SC)
3. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
4. 2042 Leong, James (BC)
5. 2041 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2019 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
9. 2014 Day, Jesse (CA)
10. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
11. 2001 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
12. 1998 Brockmeier, Doug (CA)
13. 1997 Matsumoto, Kenji (CA)
14. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
15. 1987 Swift, Orry (TX)
16. 1979 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
17. 1967 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
17. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)
19. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
19. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
21. 1955 Walton, Noah (CA)
22. 1953 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
23. 1951 Jackson, Scott (MN)
23. 1951 Sherman, Joel (NY)
25. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
26. 1946 Anderson, Will (NY)
26. 1946 Mallick, Joey (ME)
26. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
29. 1945 Luebkmann, John (GA)
30. 1941 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
31. 1940 Glass, Steve (FL)
32. 1939 Del Solar Cesar (CA)
33. 1932 Tran, Eric (AB)
34. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
35. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
35. 1928 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
37. 1918 Idalski, Jason (MI)
38. 1917 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
39. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
39. 1911 Tunncliffe, Matthew (ON)
41. 1909 Polatnick, Steve (FL)
42. 1904 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
43. 1901 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
43. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
45. 1897 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
46. 1893 Edley, Joe (NY)
46. 1893 Meyer, Nick (CA)
48. 1888 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
49. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
50. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)

The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of March 1, 2012.



Craig Beevers, Nigel Richards, Adam Logan

1. 2364 Beevers, Craig (GBR)
2. 2224 Quackle (MA)
3. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
4. 2121 Logan, Adam (ON)
5. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
6. 2042 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
6. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
9. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
10. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
11. 2006 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
12. 1995 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
13. 1985 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
14. 1981 Boys, David (QC)
15. 1962 Bernardina, Matthew (NC)
16. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
16. 1956 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
18. 1952 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
19. 1951 Koenig, David (MD)
20. 1950 Bowman, Brian (KY)

Upcoming Tournaments

by the Tournament Committee

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@rain-bowltd.ca>. HA.

MARCH 3, PITTSBURGH, PA: Sat: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$25. **Entry fee incl. LUN. No walk in registrations. DIVS. and pairings TBD based on attendance.** Mount Lebanon Public Library, Meeting

Room A, Lower Level, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228. CT. M.W. Schroeder, <msch@nauticom.net>. HA.

MARCH 4, 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.

MARCH 10, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$20 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 10:00 AM, 3 RDS. EF: \$20. **Unrated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$25. **Rated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

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

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. Bryan Pepper, <screamingmonkeys3@yahoo.com>. HA.

MARCH 17, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 9 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. **\$66.50 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
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More Upcoming Events

from *UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS*, p. 16
Purple & Green. Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. Sun:
9:00 AM, 6 RDS. **Entry fee: \$61 if pay-
ment 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 available. 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, <Daniel-
Stock@aol.com> or Joyce Stock, 3614 Kings
Mill Run, Rocky River, OH, 44116, 440-
356-7366, <ohjoyisme63@aol.com>. HA.

MARCH 18, BRATTLEBORO, VT:
Sun: 10:00 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. EF:
\$30. **At least 70% of entry fees returned
as prizes. Registration begins at 9:00
a.m.** Marlboro College Graduate Center,
Room 2E, 28 Vernon Street, Brattleboro,
VT 05301. CT. Kath Mullholand, <kathnh@
comcast.net> or Ed Liebfried, <ed.liebfried@
gmail.com>. HA.

MARCH 18, PHILADELPHIA, PA:
Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH.
Equal DIVS. - sizes and cutoffs will be deter-
mined at director's discretion based on num-
ber of participants. EF: \$50. **\$10 entry fee
for 1st time tourney players only - Must
be a member of NASPA. With advance no-
tice, new players can join NASPA online or
on site, \$15 for six month Trial Member-
ship.** 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.

MARCH 24, CAMBRIDGE, ON, CAN:
Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$40 (CAN).
**DIVS. of 16 players using "boxed fours"
pairing format. LUN. is provided.** Cam-
bridge Christian School, 229 Myers Road,
Cambridge, ON. CT. John Robertson, 17
Fourth Avenue, Cambridge, ON, N1S 2C9,
Canada, 519-621-6432, <jgroberson@sym-
patco.ca>. HA.

**MARCH 24, FORT LAUDERDALE,
FL:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$35.
**4 DIVS. determined by ratings. Entry due
by March 16, 2012, after the 16th \$5.00
late fee.** 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.

MARCH 24, PALM HARBOR, FL:
Tampa Bay Tourney. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS.
R-R/K-H. EF: \$20. **Entry fee increases to
\$25 if paid on-site. Make checks pay-
able to: Stefan Huber, 4618 South Da-**

tura Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611. The
Westlake Village Club House, 810 Village
Way, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. CT. Stefan
Huber, 4618 South Datura Avenue, Tampa,
FL 33611, 813-389-3192, <stfnhbr@gmail.
com> or John iJCi Green, 727-278-2030,
<jcgreen00@tampabay.rr.com>. HA.

MARCH 24-25, 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. di-
vided 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.

MARCH 25, LONG BEACH, CA: Sun:
8:45 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$55. **Entry fee in-
creases to \$65 if received after February
25. No refunds after March 11. No walk-
ins. Check-in at 8:30 a.m.** El Dorado Park
Golf Course, 2400 N Studebaker Rd., Long
Beach, CA 90815. CT. Mark Milan or David
Pearl, 6157 E Hunt Dale Street, Long Beach,
CA 90808, (714) 350-0730, <jamb.0810@
gmail.com>. HA.

MARCH 30-31, LINDEN, MI: Early
Bird: Fri: 12:30 PM. EF: \$10. **5-6 rounds,
depending upon entries. One DIV. Limit
of 16 players. Pairings based on atten-
dance. Cash only at the door.** Main Event:
Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40.
**Entry fee increases to \$45 after 3/22 and
before 3/30. \$50 cash only at the door.**
Loose Senior Citizen Center, 707 N Bridge
St, Linden MI 48451. CT. Margaret Suther-
land, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399,
Otisville MI 48463, (810) 653-0152, <drag-
onlady317@charter.net>. HA.

**MARCH 30-APRIL 1, MYRTLE
BEACH, SC:** Early Bird: Fri: 6:00 PM, 4
RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$25. Main Event: Sat:
9:00 AM, 9 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS.
EF: \$80. Grand Strand Senior Center, 1268
21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC
29578. CT. Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlotte-
scrabble.com>. HA.

**MARCH 30-APRIL 1, PRINCETON,
NJ:** Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. R-R. EF:
\$55. Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat:
9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. R-
R/K-H. EF: \$110. Marriott Princeton Hotel
& Conf. Ctr., Forrestal. CT. Lynda Woods
Cleary, 22 Springwood Court, Princeton,
NJ 08540, <lwcleary@clearywoods.com> or
Scott Kitchen. HA.

MARCH 31, 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 pen-
alty will be used in Collins DIV.** Salvation
Army Corps Community Center, 1001 Cum-
berland Road, Austin TX 78704, 512-442-
3212. CT. Geoff Thevenot, <gwtvevnot@

gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

MARCH 31-APRIL 1, DANVILLE, IL:
Sat: 10:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **En-
try fee reduced to \$35 if also playing on
SUN., April 1.** Main Event 2: Sun: 10:30
AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **Entry fee
reduced to \$35 if also playing on SAT.,
March 31.** Danville Area Community Col-
lege, Lincoln/Hall Student Union, 2000 E.
Main St., Danville, IL 61832. CT. Marty
Gabriel, 2941 Whitetail Drive, Charleston,
IL 61920, (H)217-348-9230 (C)217-508-
9035, <daivamart@mchsi.com>. HA.

**MARCH 31-APRIL 1, ROCHESTER
(WEBSTER), NY:** Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS.
Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. PS. EF: \$80/\$60/\$50.
**Limited to the first 72 entrants. Three
DIVS., with cutoffs at 1600 and 1300
(100 point playup permitted).** Holiday Inn
Express, 860 Holt Road, Webster, NY, (585)
872-0900. HP: SAT., March 31st 2012 -10
Double Queens at \$87.00 rate. SUN., April
1st 2012-10 Double Queens at \$87.00 The
cut -off date for the guestrooms is Feb. 29th
2012. Suites are \$117. Hotel tax is 14%.
Complimentary BK. in the lounge area. CT.
Ted Rosen, 585-244-2189, <TedScrab@aol.
com>. HA.

APRIL 1, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6
RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.**
The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck
Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Chris Pat-
rick Morgan, <xpmorgan@gmail.com>. HA.

APRIL 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, Club-
house 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna
Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss,
(949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>.
HA.

APRIL 1, LINDEN, MI: Sat: 9:00 AM, 7
RDS. Mod.Swiss. EF: \$30. **\$35 cash only at
the door.** Loose Senior Citizen Center, 707
N Bridge St, Linden MI 48451. CT. Mar-
garet Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies,
PO Box 399, Otisville MI 48463, (810) 653-
0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

APRIL 7, HUDSON, NY: Sat: 11:00
AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$60. **Registra-
tion begins at 10:15 a.m. Three DIVS.
based on rating, plus separate Collins
DIV., if at least 6 players register to play
Collins. Limited to 32 players total.** Kang-
Rau House, 301 Millbrook Road, Hudson,
New York, 518-851-7456 or 267-978-6794.
CT. Chris Lipe. HA.

APRIL 8, 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 tourna-
ment. Food purchase strongly encouraged.**
Squirrel Tooth Alice's, 649 Scottsdale Drive,
Unit 5, Guelph, ON. CT. Andy Saunders,

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Still More Tournneys

from *MORE UPCOMING*, p. 16

82 Clairfields Drive West, Guelph, ON, N1G 5H8, (416) 668-7500, <andy@andys-thoughts.com>. HA.

APRIL 13-15, BAT (GREATER BOSTON), MA: Details TBA. CT. Sherrie Saint John. HA.

APRIL 14-15, EDMONTON, AB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. Gibson rule applies. EF: \$65 (CAN). **Entry fee payable to Edmonton Scrabble Club; send cheque to Huguette Settle, 112 Clareview Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 3Y3. Registration and payment must be received before April 13th, 2012.** Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Ctr, 11727 Kingsway Avenue, Commercial Room (Conference Centre). CT. Huguette Settle, 780-476-8019, <hsettle@hotmail.com>. HA.

APRIL 14-15, LUBBOCK, TX: West Texas Challenge. Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$60, Div. 2 and lower: \$50. **If not sure you will be in DIV. one, submit the \$60.00 entry fee. Refund will be given. Submit entries by 11 April 2012 to Sandra Harper, 2710 25th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79410. You may also pay by PayPal to caesarjaramillo@yahoo.com.** Ashmore Inn and Suites, 4019 South Loop @ Quaker St., Lubbock, TX, 806-785-0060 or 800-785-0061. HP: www.ashmore-inn.com Single/double \$76.99, incl. hot BK. Cutoff date 1 April 2012. Mention Scrabble tournament. CT. Mary Rhoades, <mrhoadestx@gmail.com> or Caesar Jaramillo, 1117 12th St., Seagraves, TX, 79359, 806-332-9212, <caesarjaramillo@yahoo.com>. HA.

APRIL 21, BATON ROUGE, LA: Sat: 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$40. **Send in entry by April 18, 2012. \$20 extra fee charged to late payments (cash only).** Comfort Suites University, 3045 Valley Creek Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 923-3377. CT.

Bingo Skills Answers

Take a look at the quiz first on p. 20

TWL answers: AGINNER, CANAPES, COMETIC, GINGERS, GRASSES, PETERED, SAHUARO, TEMPEST, ANODIZES, DECLARES, ENDOGENY, GILLYING, INVOLVES, MASSAGES, OUTCAPER, OUTSMART, POSITION, PREPPILY, SALTNESS, TRINDLED, APPRAISER, CARTHORSE, HAPPENING, KIBITZERS.

CSW answers: BEAGLED, BETTONG, CWTCHED, FOUTRAS, NAMASTE, SDEINED, STANYEL, TWIZZLE, BREADIER, CIABATTE, CROMORNE, EMBAILED, FAINTIER, FORMATED, GUESIRE, LEMONING, ORIFEXES, OVERBRIM, QUETHING, STANYELS, BOMBSITES, CITRANGES, ENCHAFING, SAPONARIA.

Mike Waugh, 40285 Abby James Rd Prairieville, LA 70769, 225-252-4352, <mikewaughbr@yahoo.com> or Annette McCaffery. HA.

APRIL 21, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$35. **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, 817-538-7750, <screamingmonkeys3@yahoo.com>. HA.

APRIL 21, LCT - MILLBURN, NJ: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$40. **Start time 10 AM sharp - we have time constraints so please be prompt. First 6 rounds round-robin or snake-paired depending on number of entrants, last round KOTH.** Millburn Library, 200 Glen Ave, Millburn, NJ. CT. Ed Zurav, <eztheman@juno.com> or Don Carson, <revdoncarson@verizon.net>. HA.

APRIL 21, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$20 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 10:00 AM, 3 RDS. EF: \$20. **Unrated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$25. **Rated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

APRIL 21-22, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH: NEOSCRABBLE Spring Fling. Sat: 10:30 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$85. **Entry fee increases to \$100 if paid after 4/1/2012, but by 4/15/2012. Thereafter, entry fee is \$125 cash only payable at the door (must register by 4/15). Limited to first 64 paid entrants. Entry incl. LUN. both days, DIN. on SAT, and snacks.** Night Bird: Sat: 7:30 PM, 4 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$15. **Groups of 4 based on rating, playing 3 rounds of round robin followed by final KOTH round.** Lions Park Lodge, 641 Silver Lake Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. HP: No on site hotel. For a list of nearby hotels, visit www.neoscrabble.com/spring. CT. Dallas Johnson, 4880 Heights Drive, Stow, OH 44224, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscrabble.com>. HA.

APRIL 22, 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 tourney 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, <partygirl@verizon.net>. HA.

APRIL 27-29, SAN DIEGO, CA: Fri: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$110. Commuter fee: \$25. **One open DIV.** Crowne Plaza San Diego, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, (888) 233-9527 or (619) 297-1101. HP: \$109/night. Link to reserve hotel rooms at group rate: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2012SanDiegoOpen. CT. Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, (925) 323-4423, <conradbb@gmail.com> or Mark Milan, <scrabble@cox.net>. HA.

APRIL 28, AUSTIN, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$20. **In addition to TWL DIVS. (s), a Collins DIV. will be offered provided that there are at least 4 players in the Collins DIV. 10 point challenge penalty will be used in Collins DIV.** Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 1001 Cumberland Road, Austin TX 78704, 512-442-3212. CT. Geoff Thevenot, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur. HA.

APRIL 28, BERLIN, NJ: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$64. **Registration fee discounted to \$59 if paid by April 21. 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 Duble 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.

APRIL 28, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$35. **4 DIVS. determined by ratings. Entry due by April 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.

APRIL 28, SOUTH LYON, MI: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$50. **Add \$5 to entry fee, if paid after 4/21/2012. Format based on number of entries. Registration from 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.** South Lyon United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. CT. Jeff Fiszbein, 10092 Pembroke Circle, South Lyon, MI 48178-8521, (248) 310-4257, <fiszbein@sbcglobal.net>. HA.

APRIL 28, TCC - OLIVE HILL, KY: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$25. **Entries due by April 21. DIV. and pairings subject to director's discretion based on entries.** Carter Caves State Resort Park Lodge, 344 Caveland Dr., Olive Hill, KY 41164, (606) 286-4411. CT. Steve Bush, <bush3262@ya-

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May Tourneys

from *STILL MORE TOURNEYS*, p. 18
hoo.com> or Brad Mills, <wvscrabble@gmail.com>. HA.

APRIL 28-29, SIOUX FALLS, SD: 19th ANNUAL SIOUX FALLS SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$45/\$45/\$35. **Three DIVS.: Over 1600, 1200-1600, Under 1200.** Please report to tournament RM. by 8:30AM on SAT. to check-in. Country Inn and Suites, 200 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102, 605-373-0153. HP: Special RM. Rates for rooms reserved before April 6th 2012, if you call the hotel directly and mention the tournament. Call soon. rooms may sell out!. CT. Mark Oppenheimer, 4704 South Pasque Circle, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105, 605-332-8404, <mejoppen@sio.midco.net>. HA.

APRIL 28-29, WINNIPEG, MB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$65 (CAN). **The number of DIVS. will be based on the number of players, divided strictly by ratings.** Kenaston Village Recreation Centre, 516 Kenaston Boulevard, Winnipeg, MB (northeast corner of Grant and Kenaston, behind Grapes). CT. Linda Pearn, 204-253-8978, <lpearn@mts.net> or Julie Kading, 204-257-4742, <jkading@shaw.ca>. HA.

MAY 4-6, GATLINBURG, TN: Fri: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$120/\$100/\$90. CT. Ryan Fischer, <ryan@charlottescrabble.com>. HA.

MAY 4-6, PORTLAND, OR: The Oregon Tile. Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$30. **OWL and Collins DIVS. (if at least 6 players register to play Collins). Collins DIV. will use 10 point challenge rule.** Main Event: Fri: 6:30 PM, 4 RDS. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 3 RDS. **2 OWL DIVS.: TILE (open) and LITE (<1300), 1 open Collins DIV. (if at least 10 players register to play Collins). Collins DIV. will use 10 point challenge penalty.** Late Bird: Sun: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **OWL and Collins DIVS. (if at least 6 players register to play Collins). Collins DIV. will use 10 point challenge rule.** Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland OR, 503-256-5000. HP: \$92, use code OTS. CT. Dave Wiegand, 3104 NE Fremont St, Portland OR 97212, 971-404-5205, <davewiegand@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 5, STRONGSVILLE, OH: Sat: 12:30 PM, 7 RDS. Mod. Swiss/K-H. EF: \$25. **Entry fee discounted to \$22.50 if paid by April 30. Registration/set-up begins at noon.** Royalton Greens Apartments - Clubhouse, 18572 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio. CT. Dean Scouloukas, <djs3771@aol.com>. HA.

MAY 6, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$35. **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.

MAY 6-13, BERMUDA TREASURES SCRABBLE CRUISE: EF: \$75. **DIVS. and pairings based on number of entrants. TWL, with a Collins DIV. if a minimum of 4 register for Collins (NASPA and WESPA rated).** Celebrity Summit, Departing from Bayonne, New Jersey. HP: Staterooms available starting from \$727.68 per person (double occupancy) incl. cruise fare, port charges and all taxes. A refundable DEP. of \$500 will hold your cabin, with the balance due February 21, 2012. CT. Tony Leah, leaht@caw.ca, <416-274-1875>. HA.

MAY 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, <mshp@core.com>. HA.

MAY 12, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$20 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 10:00 AM, 3 RDS. EF: \$20. **Unrated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$25. **Rated novice tournament (new players and players rated under 1,000). Check in at 9 a.m. \$5 discount for youth players and first-time players.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 12-13, SASKATOON, SK, CAN: EF: \$60 (CAN)/\$60 (US). **14 games. 12 rounds of round robin with 2 KOTH.** Heritage Inn Hotel, 102 Cardinal Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, (306) 665-8121. CT. George MacAulay, <g.macaulay@shaw.ca> or Bill Woodward. HA.

MAY 13, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. John Karris, <jgkarris@comcast.net>. HA.

MAY 18-19, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: 22nd Annual Orange County Scrabble Tournament. Sat: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$75. **Modified Round Robin pairings. DIVS. of 14, when appropriate (no KOTH in DIVS. of 14).** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 19, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat:

9:00 AM, 9 RDS. R-R/K-H. **\$66.50 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.

MAY 19, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$35. **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, 817-538-7750, <screamingmonkeys3@yahoo.com>. HA.

MAY 19, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$35. **4 DIVS. determined by ratings. Entry due by May 6, 2012, after the 6th \$5.00 late fee.** 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.

MAY 19-20, ROMULUS, MI: May Mayhem. Sat: 9:00 AM, 9 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$101. **OWL and Collins DIVS. (if 8 players register to play Collins). OWL DIV. limited to 8 players.** Hilton Garden Inn, 31800 Smith Rd., Romulus, MI, 734-727-6000. HP: RM. rate \$79/night for a king or double if mentioning the tournament. incl. BK. at the Great American Grill each morning. Shuttle service to/from Detroit Metro Airport. CT. Jason Idalski, 2294 Woodview Rd #859, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, (586) 219-2462, <jason.idalski@gmail.com>. HA.

MAY 20, WILMINGTON, DE: Sun: 10:30 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$50. Bridge Studio of Delaware, 1409 Foulk Road, Suite 101, Wilmington, DE 19803. CT. Richard Popper, 302-764-3208, <rjapopper@verizon.net>. HA.

MAY 25-28, TARRYTOWN, NY: Early Bird: Fri: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$50. **Registration at 10:00 a.m. Format and size of DIVS. is at the director's discretion, depending upon number of entrants.** Main Event: Fri: 8:30 PM, 2 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 10:00 AM, 3 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$110. Commuter fee: \$30. **Registration on FRI. at 7:30 p.m. Gibson rule in effect. Director reserves the right to adjust the size and pairings of DIVS., based on attendance.** Late Bird: Mon: 3:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$40. **Registration at 2:30 p.m. Format and size of DIVS. is at the director's discretion, depending upon number of entrants.** DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591, (914) 631-5700 or (800) 435-7435. HP: \$99 per night incl. free internet access, parking, pool, and fitness facilities. Available-

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ity guaranteed through TUE., May 1, 2012. Scrabble RM.rate code: MWC. CT. Linda Wancel, <scrabbleamazon@aol.com>. HA.

MAY 26-27, COTE ST. LUC, QC, CAN: Montreal's 31st Annual Scrabble Players Tournament. Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: Div. All: \$75 (CAN)/\$75 (US), Div. All: \$65 (CAN)/\$65 (US), Div. All: \$65 (CAN)/\$65 (US). **Three TWL DIVS. plus Collins DIV. DIV. A: 1500+; DIV. B: 1000-1499; DIV. C: under 1000. Collins DIV.: \$75 entry fee.** Trudeau Park, 6975 Mackle Rd., Cote St. Luc, Montreal (Chalet #1). CT. Bernard Gotlieb, 5770 Hudson Ave., Côte St. Luc, Montreal, Québec H4W 2K6, (514) 484-0824 or Sary Karanofsky, <skaranofsky@jpps.ca>. 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: AN- CA- CO- DE- EN- GRA- IN- MA- OUT- PE- PRE- SA- TE- TRI- -ED -ER -ERS -ES -EST -IC -ING -LY -NESS -RED -SE -TION.

- AACENPS AAEGMSSS
- AAHORSU ACDEELRS
- AEGINNR ACEOPRTU
- AEGRSSS ADEINOSZ
- CCEIMOT AELNSSST
- DEEEPRT AMORSTTU
- EEMPSTT DDEILNRT
- EGGINRS DEEGNNOY
- AAEIPRRS EILNOSVV
- ACEHORRST EILPPPRY
- AEGHINNPP GGIILLNY
- BEIIKRSTZ IINOOPST

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: EN- FOR- OVER- ST- -AS -ED -ER -ES -IA -ING -ITES -LE -NE -NG -RE -TE.

- AAEMNST AABCEITT
- ABDEEGL ABDEEILM
- AELNSTY ABDEEIRR
- AFORSTU ADEFMORT
- BEGNOTT AEFIINRT
- CCDEHTW AELNSSST
- DDEEINS BEIMORRV
- EILTWZZ CEMNOORR
- AAAINOPRS DEEGIRSU
- ACEFGHINN EEFIORSX
- ACEGINRST EGHINQTU
- BBEIMOSST EGILMNNO

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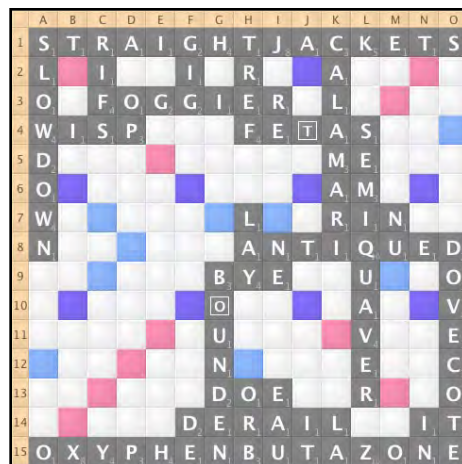
by the Bulletin Committee

This month's challenge is to construct the highest-scoring solitaire game where no tile may be placed above the line joining O1 to A15. As usual, every play must be able to withstand a OTCWL2+LL challenge. You do not need to use up all the tiles in the bag, but the value of any tiles left unplayed should be deducted from your final score. In the sample solution shown below, the words played scored a total of 266 points, leaving tiles worth 125 points in the bag, for a net score of 141.



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 ET on the evening of March 28. 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, all of whose main words were played in alphabetical order. The winning submission scored 3,567 including two triple-triples, and gets first-time winner Terry Hammond (Wenatchee, WA) 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 in a tournament game submitted to the Bulletin Committee. The player held AEILNRT and a 384-309 lead, with ?AEEGIINOTU unseen (four in the bag). Opponent's last two plays were exchange 5, followed by DUD (10). Should the player play a ten-letter bingo, or make a shorter play that does not empty the bag, and if so, what? What would you do, and why? Would it matter if the opponent were a human being or a computer program?



Last month's answer to the position from the 2011 Kingston Cup was that David Boys (Dorval, QC) played FU\$TIAN double-doubled for 105 points, making ABA and KIN. for an estimated 93% chance to win.

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