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### Allan Simmons retires from Committee

Allan joined the Committee in 1988, very soon after the ABSP's formation. Already an active member of the UK Scrabble scene (winning the first BMSC in 1987 and producing Onwords magazine), he became the Association's first Tournament Co-ordinator, establishing the post and shaping it for successors.

In 1991 Allan became ABSP President. Although now an honorary role, at the time it required continuous dedication and commitment. Both these qualities were amply demonstrated, not just in supporting the day-to-day activities of ABSP, but also when the Association found itself embroiled in an unwelcome lawsuit from a disgruntled player. Allan, along with Clive Spate and Graeme Thomas, worked diligently to extricate ABSP from this, thanks to the support from the members.

A few years later, Allan took a brief break from Committee, returning as Chair at the 2002 AGM, taking over from Pete Finley. Allan is a great believer in working groups and project-based approaches to solving problems and implementing new initiatives, and provided a great deal of enthusiasm and motivation to those of us fortunate enough to be a part of Committee under his guidance. Just some of the developments that greatly benefited from his inputs are (deep breath): A proposed restructure of the membership levy, refocussing ABSP on coordinating and supporting tournaments and TOs/TDs rather than the day-to-day running of major events, introduction of 'logowear', the move to Collins from Chambers, the introduction of penalty challenge events to cater for members' different tastes, establishing ABSP objectives and the formation of WESPA. Managing all this while still producing Onwords and maintaining a very high ABSP rating is a feat I think few of us could ever hope to match.

Allan handed over the chair reins to Terry Kirk in 2006, taking on the extremely challenging role of sponsorship and innovation, successfully securing sponsorship for the 2007 BMSC and helping establish Youth Scrabble as an important element of ABSP's agenda for the coming years. Aside from his official remit, Allan continued to lead the management of BMSC and actively engage in all areas of Committee work, taking an interest and providing input into every corner of the Association. This level of engagement with Scrabble in the UK is invaluable to the chair and wider Committee, and his focus on key issues is a useful driver of Committee discussions.

Following a successful foray into recruiting new members through the Home Membership drive at the tail end of 2010, Allan is retiring from Committee at this year's AGM. There are few people who have dedicated so much of their leisure time to the pursuit of making Scrabble such an enjoyable hobby for so many, and I will greatly miss the hours of work he put into the tournament scene via ABSP Committee. His willingness to follow through what he believed was the right course of action, sometimes at odds with the general opinion of members, meant he received his fair share of brickbats when he stuck his head above the parapet: it is that quality, of adhering to his principles and beliefs, that I will miss more than the rest.

**Ross Mackenzie Chairman**

## Minutes of ABSP Committee Meeting: Saturday 11th June 2011

**Venue:** Laura's house, Sunderland

**Present:** Peter Ashurst (PA), Laura Finley (LF), Wayne Kelly (WK), Ross Mackenzie (RM), Anne Ramsay (AR), Allan Simmons (AS).

**Standing apologies:** Anand Buddhdev (AB), Elie Dangoor (ED), Paula Davenport (PD), Alec Webb (AW).

**Apologies:** Elisabeth Jardine (EJ), Philip Nelkon (PN), Steve Perry (SP).

**Ratings Officer:** John Grayson (JG)

**Resignations/appointments:**

- RM welcomed Peter Ashurst who has taken over the Treasury role and Paula Davenport who has taken on the role of Youth Officer.
- Darryl Francis has resigned from the ABSP Committee but will continue his work on the WESPA wordlists. Our thanks to Darryl for his input over many years.
- We are in need of a 'webmaster' to maintain the content of the ABSP website, with AB remaining in his role as 'technical advisor'.
- We are also in need of 'active' Committee members who will attend meetings and take part in discussion on the Yahoo group.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Agreed by email.

### Team member reports and discussion

**Treasurer's report:**

- RM handed over Treasury role to PA
- It was agreed to pay a further \$100 from the Graeme Thomas fund for an extra WYSC place for Shrinidhi Prakash. This leaves GTMF balance (pre-BMSC) as £1,047.
- The 2010 accounts are with Karen Willis for independent examination.

### Membership Secretary

- Total membership at 10.6.11 – 681 (this time last year – 710). Total number of new members – 61. Two year memberships – 31. Having contacted all lapsed members, it seems that age and infirmity are the main reasons for non-renewal
- It was suggested that Standing Order mandates could be sent out with renewal reminders
- A very small number of members have chosen to take OnBoard electronically
- It was agreed to offer 20 sets of tiles as an incentive for prompt renewal of membership
- PA and AR shared ideas re: membership database

**Secretary:**

- Two-year membership AGM motion agreed
- Discussion around goodwill between Mattel and ABSP membership

**Tournament Co-ordination:**

- With regard to the use of personal handhelds for adjudication, Committee referred to game rule 6.2.2L and also Tournament Directors' discretion

## **ABSP Events:**

**BMSC:** Links on CentreStar and the ABSP website to entrants list. Visit of Yarnfield arranged for first week of July – meeting the new managers, arranging menus etc.

Youth reductions – we currently offer a reduction of £20 and Yarnfield are offering a further £10. However, in the event of a parent accompanying a child, purely in order to play in BMSC, it was decided that they could apply for assistance from GTMF

Giveaway agreed.

Amy Byrne will be TD with Jared Robinson as webmaster, Mauro Pratesi on computer, Yoke Shin and Natasha Pratesi as annotators and Fred Saxton as runner.

## **Promotions:**

- Membership promotion closed at the end of May – it generated 31 new members. It was agreed that advertising in the national press is not effective and should not be used in future.
- Barry Grossman is interested in joining the Promotions team but will contact AS in due course

## **Website:**

- Jared Robinson agreed to update the ‘mugshots’ gallery
- It was agreed to offer £250 GBP to a proactive webmaster along with a list of expectations such as: Looking at the site once a fortnight; following UK-s and Committee group for content; generally keeping the site up to date (list to be added to); link on home page for media contact.

**Publications:** The new score sheets are now in use with no reported problems. Action to discuss TO Guide.

**OnBoard:** All Committee members should submit a report of recent activities in advance of publication of OnBoard.

## **Youth Officer:**

- Agreed to produce 50 more ‘Short Scrabble’ boards. PD to lead on distribution
- Agreed to waive membership differential prices for UK Youth Championships.
- New player event at MSO (Ben Wilson), ABSP support discussed

**WESPA:** Agenda received for WESPA BGM.

## **Routine discussion items**

**ABSP Objectives:** Objectives were reviewed at last meeting – it was agreed that progress has been made.

**WSC/Masters qualification:** Agreed that qualification criteria needs to be on the website – new tab under ABSP.

**Titles and Awards:** There will be an update at the end of June. It was agreed to put this on the ABSP website.

**Wordlist:** Motion to adopt CSW12 from January 2012

**Rules:** Motions received for AGM regarding rules:

Three from Ray Tate: Committee do not support any of them (against)

Four other submissions considered:

Motion requiring challenges to be written: RM to feedback re supporting arguments [motion later withdrawn]

Motion to prevent blanks going unrecorded: This is already covered in WESPA rules – issue needs to be raised with WESPA rules committee – no solution has been offered [motion later withdrawn]

Motion re UK-S under ABSP Committee control: UK-S is not an ABSP communication mouthpiece – only the ABSP website and OnBoard are official means of communication [motion later withdrawn]

Motion re harassment: refer proposer to 3.4.3 Rules of the Association in handbook [motion later withdrawn]

Order of motions at the AGM finalised

**Equality:** Two issues considered, individuals contacted appropriately

**Dates of next meetings:** 2nd October – London (provisional)

4th March – Coldingham (provisional)

## Youth Matters

**This September sees the most exciting Scrabble event in the calendar for young people.**

Karen Richards, the Dumbledore of Scrabble, will be at the King George Memorial Hall, Solihull enthusing and encouraging youngsters to improve their Scrabble with games and tips. Karen's son, Alastair (runner up in the World Youth Scrabble Championship 2009 and currently ranked 22nd in the world) will be taking on our WYSC 2011 team and other experienced players and will be putting them through their paces so that they will all be in fine form for the Championships in December in Malaysia.

The Solihull event lasts for 3 days. The first day is **Friday 2nd September** and will focus on scoring, strategy and word study. On **Saturday 3rd September**, there will be more strategy and tournament etiquette training, with a fun (and rated) 'All in' tournament for adults to give young people a run for their money... or should that be the other way around??? And on **Sunday 4th September**, it's the serious stuff. This is the day of the UK Youth Championship for all experienced tournament players. It's a good opportunity for our WSYC members to play against their team mates. There is also a recreational tournament for those children who haven't had a chance to play competitively before. There are prizes too, and Mattel have sponsored trophies for both tournaments.

If you were born after 1/1/1994, then come along and make new friends, have fun and learn tactics. The entry form is available on [www.absp.org.uk](http://www.absp.org.uk) > Play > Calendar. Please, let me know which days you can make it!

Come and find out which WSYC UK team member is fanatical about ducks, which one loves Dr. Who, who thinks Anna Sewell is a fab author, and which member of the WSYC UK team has very good taste in music (they like Guns 'n' Roses).

Oh, and I'll be there too.

**Paula (Davenport)** UK Youth Officer

# absp personality 1

## Ivy (Dixie) Dixon Baird



First let me apologise for the absence of dates or data – as my friends know I have never kept records of games or opponents, however I have been around in the Scrabble world for a very long time.

Organised Scrabble in Nottingham began when I placed an advert in the local paper seeking people one who be interested in some friendly games. There were six replies and we decided to start a club. Sheila Spate was a founder member, and she and I stayed close friends thereafter until she recently succumbed to her long illness. Ruby Flood joined us and became a most efficient club secretary. Norma Nicholson and Chris Siddall were also early members.

I believe Nottingham was the first club to organise an open tournament – in those days, of course, it was to the high-score format. No electronic gadgetry in those days, I'm sure

the computer savvy young Scrabblers of today would find it hilarious to know that we sorted out the pairings with the aid of raffle tickets. Nevertheless it was exciting to see so many Scrabble enthusiasts gathered together, many having travelled up from London.

At about that time, Spears hosted a weekend conference in the capital to which representatives from Scrabble Clubs were invited. At one such event the speaker on the subject of 'How to Organise an Open Competition' was... me (Qué?).

It was also at one of these conventions that I met Peter Newby, author of a number of word puzzle books and co-author, with Countdown producer John Meade, of *The Complete Countdown Companion*. Peter and I became good friends and he invited me to be a judge of a competition arranged to coincide with the launch of one of his books. My fellow judges turned out to be John Meade and actress Sylvia Syms. Later we enjoyed a memorable dinner party where we were joined by Peter's son Marcus and his then partner, Hayley Mills.

This great game of Scrabble can of course provide many hours of pleasure, but it can also bring solace in times of great sadness – this I found after the loss of each of my two husbands.

I've had the thrill of taking part in many TV game shows, having caught the bug after appearing on Crossword on Two in the early days of colour television. Like many other Scrabblers I have competed on *Countdown*. For me it was in the very early days, when I reached the quarter final in the first series. For a short time I also worked for John Meade on the programme.

Outside of word games, my partner Trevor and I enjoy dancing and also like to travel.

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### Final Causeway

Sadly, for personal reasons, Michael Tang has had to abort his plans for a Causeway Grand Slam series of world-wide Scrabble events in 2012 as reported in April's OnBoard. Indeed Michael has announced that this year's Causeway event in Malaysia will be the 10th and final in the series of popular international Scrabble competitions.

# around the tournaments

## Luton

May 21st (7 Rounds)

Report and Photo from Mauro Pratesi

Luton A		
Austin Shin	7	793
Diane Pratesi	5	780
Jessica Pratesi	5	292

Luton B		
Andrew Eames	6	650
Jack Anscomb	6	370
Sanmi Odelana	5	233



Austin Shin

Luton C		
Margaret Marshall	7	388
Emma Brown	6	517
Val Hoskings	5	307

Luton D		
Trevor Warwick	6	967
Jack Durand	6	221
Ted Anscomb	5	148

74 players attended the biannual Luton event slightly down on previous years (*probably due to the Midlands NSC happening simultaneously in not-too-distant Peterborough*).

Division A was dominated by Austin Shin hotly challenged by Jessica Pratesi. Both had won their first four games. Their head to head match finished with a win for Austin. Going into the final round Austin was top with 6 wins, Jessica second with 5 just ahead of David Shenkin on spread and Diane Pratesi fourth on four wins but with a massive positive spread.

The pairings for the last round matched Jessica and mum together, aargh! It is always a tough, tense contest between these two but Diane ran out winner 481-354, which put her in an unassailable second place, and Jessica relying on other results to stay third.

Such was the closeness of Division B that there was only 15 rating points separating the highest and lowest rated. Although Andrew Eames and Jack Anscombe led the division with five wins apiece, the computer program surprisingly kept them apart for the last round. Andrew played fourth placed Dorn Osborne and Jack faced Ann Golding. Both Andrew and Jack won their last games to maintain the status quo at the top.

Division C was dominated by Margaret Marshall and Emma Brown. Emma led in rounds 2, 3 and 4. Margaret beat Emma in round 5 and took the lead by one win. Both continued their winning ways until the end, Margaret taking the division with seven wins ahead of Emma on six.

In November Division D was won by Trevor Warwick but this time he started with a defeat at the hands of one of three youngsters competing in this division, Jack Durand. Trevor went on to win his next five games to lead from Jack going into the last round. Jack was paired with Shrinidhi Prakash, another pre-teen player whom he narrowly beat 350-322. However Trevor also won his final game and thereby held on to first place by spread. Shrinidhi finished in sixth place with 4 wins. The third youngster, Natasha Pratesi, lost her first three games before lunch but redeemed herself winning three out of the four games in the afternoon and finished tenth.

From the event the organisers were able to raise almost £200 in aid of the local hospice.

## English Grand (Coventry)

May 27th-30th (30 Rounds)

English Grand A		
Martin Harrison	23	2119
Phil Robertshaw	21	1747
Albert Hahn	19	1598

English Grand B		
Pauline Johnson	18½	1145
Beverley Calder	18	721
Adrienne Berger	18	613

English Grand C		
Ted Lewis	24	1885
Barbara Goodban	22	1360
Viv Beckmann	22	1204

*The English Grand was graced by a visit from Canadian member, Albert Hahn. Albert lives in Calgary, but although something of a globetrotter this was his first appearance in an British tournament. Here are Albert's thoughts on Coventry and Len's tournament.*

## **Hurray for Coventry!**

Some wag once suggested the saying "Hurray for our side" dates back to 11th Century Coventry, shouted by townspeople at the side of the street during Lady Godiva's legendary ride sidesaddle through thlle city.

The English Grand in Coventry was quite an experience for me as the tourney's format was decidedly different from the hundreds of North American tourneys I have attended.

Also Coventry's beginning, sometime in the bronze age, is decidedly different from my home town of Calgary, with its exact beginning in 1875, when a North-West Mounted Police fort was built on the south bank of the Bow River. That location was possibly the last frontier in the world, at least for the location of a major city; Calgary's population is one million.

The English Grand in Coventry; an experience not to be missed. Reason enough for North Americans to learn the Collins twos and threes and hop over the Atlantic. Or in my case, piggy-back Coventry onto a very cheap transatlantic cruise ending in Amsterdam.

My first ABSP tourney was somewhere between a delight and smashing. The whole thing seemed somehow very sedate, very English. I can't remember ever seeing anyone in North America wearing a suit and tie; there are no gentlemen left in the colonies. But, at the English Grand, I was pleased by the presence of one very proper British gentleman; twelve piece suit, handkerchief in every pocket, impeccable manners – you gotta love the guy.

I also enjoyed the regularity of director Len Moir's between-game ritual of stepping out for a fag, possibly one reason for Len allowing exactly 65 minutes per round. And I mean exactly! Len promptly and eagerly started the clocks of anyone still enjoying those last few puffs. Another ritual was Samantha Beckwith using the twenty minutes between games to knock off another one or two embroidered greeting cards; each one a different design. She sells these very cheaply, along with bookmarks and scrabble bags, for a charity which I believe was a hiking rescue club.

I made the mistake of buying a ticket for Saturday night at the Coventry's Belgrade Theatre, for a performance by 70 of the most promising boy dancers in the U.K. I had no idea that the tournament's games would continue after the common dinner till nine or ten. I enjoyed those common meals at tables of ten. A chance to meet with various people and it gave Syd Berger the opportunity to get me up to snuff on the momentousness of the Manchester-Barcelona match on the telly which he would have to miss for Round Nine. Except for very rare marathons, the tourney day almost always ends by six in the evening in North America. But I do like this idea of maximizing Scrabble time and meal time with fellow Scrabblers.

I also do somewhat like the idea of free challenge. This means that there is no ethical second guessing of oneself when playing people rated a fair bit lower. Also, with all the other stress of other decisions, the only question here is whether the challenge may be considered frivolous. Then again, in North America, amongst 'fairly equal' opponents I love the gambling aspect of well chosen, strategic, risky bluffs and potentially costly challenges.

Because of the all day Scrabble schedule, I'm so glad that I arrived a day early so I could walk to downtown Coventry. The 45 minute walk took me past the Onestop shop where I went to get some snacks for lunch which was the only meal not provided. Further on I walked past a shop with the intriguing name Holyhead Fish Saloon. I deliberately didn't check it out as I wanted to maintain that intrigue. Was it a saloon that served fish as guests or as the main course? Was it a typo for Holy Headfish Saloon? By the way, HEADFISH is good in Collins but has no other anagram.\*

When I got to the ring road around the former walls of Coventry I couldn't get past the traffic. I believe those bumper to bumper vehicles protected the city much better than any walls. I finally dodged the traffic and followed the ring road into a parking garage from which I entered the city. The Transport Museum is assuredly one of a kind in the entire world, since it has the last two vehicles to shatter the land speed record, pre-bicycle vehicles (hobby horses) from 1818, and hundreds and hundreds of important vehicles from in between. Coventry's manufacturing of vehicles made it a popular target of German bombers in 1940, destroying the Cathedral except for an outer shell and the huge tower. These have been left as a monument with the new Cathedral built beside it completed in 1962. The 12th Century Holy Trinity Church is just a few blocks away.

For me the Scrabble almost took a backseat to the city, but I seem to remember Martin Harrison winning the top division when, in the last game, he successfully held off Phil Robertshaw who needed to win by well over 100 points in their race for first place.

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\* *No, not even FISHHEAD - there are however 6 allowable words of eight letters or less that contain HH, how many can you think of? They're not overly obscure. Answers on page 39. AW*

## **Festival of Scrabble (Market Harborough)**

June 4th-5th (19 Rounds)

Festival of Scrabble A			Festival of Scrabble B			Festival of Scrabble C		
Azu Ogbogu	16	1075	Ginny Dixon	13	300	Geoff Cooper	15	1787
Wayne Kelly	13	1171	Colin Nicol	12	200	Peter Ashurst	14	461
Femi Awowade	12	964	Carmen Toscano	11	617	Stany Arnold	13	1317

## **NSC(T) Scottish Regional**

June 12th (7 Rounds)

NSC(T) Scotland		
Helen Gipson	7	727
Amy Byrne	5	519
Allan Simmons	5	395
Kate Surtees	5	171
Stu Harkness	4	233

Reivers (Helen Gipson, Allan Simmons and Stu Harkness) won the team event and accepted their place at the NSCT final.

## **NSC(T) Northern Ireland Regional**

June 12th (7 Rounds)

NSC Northern Ireland		
Kevin McMahon	6	712
Paul Gallen	6	384
Ronan Webb	4	259
Sarah-Jane Jamison	4	228
Stewart Holden	4	99

The top two NI residents qualify for the NSC Semi-Final, namely Paul Gallen and Sarah-Jane Jamison.

## Brighton

June 12th (6 Rounds)

Quirky report by Doj Graham (as the miller telling their tale).

Brighton & Hove A			Brighton & Hove B			Brighton & Hove C		
Gary Oliver	5	496	Elizabeth Ramsay	6	710	Betty Simmonds	5	318
Rik Kennedy	5	351	Heather Laird	5	261	Colin St Hill	4	280
Penny Downer	4	343	Philip Turner	4	169	Peter Bailey	4	217

It was a clear case of the crowd calling out for more as only 46 entrants wandered through their playing tiles at this unusually incident-free event, save that the ceiling flew away leaving some participants huddled together in balaclavas and 3rd cardigans to stave off the cold. The three winners rightly turned cartwheels across the floor and those who had to play Elizabeth in B had faces, at first just ghostly, like stunned silent movie stars at the end of the game.

Prizes incidental to the room humming harder were for lowest winning score, lowest losing score, and loser with the lowest margin of defeat, in keeping with the low clouds and subzero conditions. Then some, not all, were leaving for the coast.

## New Malden

June 18th (7 Rounds)

Report from Mauro Pratesi

New Malden A			New Malden B		
Femi Awowade	7	1080	Joe Bridal	6	231
Jessica Pratesi	5	353	Chrystal Rose	5	392
Steve Perry	5	238	Reeyaaz Goolamhossen	5	332

New Malden C			New Malden D		
Pana Pugalia	5	399	Nick Stone	7	740
Mel Maltz	5	221	Natasha Pratesi	6	200
Judy Young	5	204	Shrinidhi Prakash	5	519

All four divisions had 24 players. When three players (all coming in the same car) got lost on the way to New Malden, Terry Kirk made the decision to start without them. This enabled stand-by player Jessica Pratesi to play.

In Division A Femi Awowade led with 6 wins and a massive 926 spread going into the last round. Kevin Synnott with five wins was the only one theoretically able to catch him but had to overcome a 581 spread deficit. Femi thumped Kevin 487-333 to win the division unbeaten. Behind Femi seven players had four wins going into the last round. Jessica Pratesi beat Calum Edwards by 141 points to leapfrog into second place.

Chrystal Rose led Division B through the early rounds. But then suffered defeats at the hands of Jaya Kannan and Joe Bridal. In the last round Joe was paired up again with Jaya (Joe had already won 397-345 in round four) and Chrystal with Karen Game. Joe beat Jaya 399-380 to win the division, one win clear of Chrystal.

Division C had four different leaders during the course of the afternoon; Peter Terry, Mel Maltz, Judy Young and Adrian Noller. After round 5 there were two players on four wins and eleven players on three wins! After round six we had a massive nine players on four wins with one round to play. The eventual winner was Pana Pugalia.

Nick Stone led Division D with 6 wins and 671 spread going into the last round. Helen Thompson, Natasha Pratesi and Sylvia Oates all had five wins and occupied the next three places. Shrinidhi Prakash was the highest placed on four wins. In the final round Nick defeated Helen 404-335 to remain unbeaten with 7 victories and thereby win the division. Natasha Pratesi finished by defeating Sylvia 328-305 to go unbeaten for six games in a row and take second place. Shrinidhi defeated Jonathan Young 379-317 to finish third.

## NSC(T) South West Regional

June 19th (7 Rounds)

NSC(T) South West		
Stephen Hunt	6	777
Phil Robertshaw	6	739
Rick Blakeway	6	616
Tia Corkish	5	474
Elie Dangoor	5	286

Qualifiers for the NSC Semi Final from this regional are Stephen Hunt, Phil Robertshaw, Rick Blakeway, Elie Dangoor, Neil Green and Gareth Williams.

Tia Corkish qualified but declined her place.

Sutton Coldfield Ozzas (Rick Blakeway, Kim Hands and Sheila Green) won the team event and accepted their place at the NSCT final.

## NSC(T) Northern Regional

June 19th (7 Rounds)

NSC(T) North		
Wayne Kelly	7	730
Wale Fashina	6	670
Mark Nyman	6	566
Craig Beevers	5	558
Mark Goodwin	5	489

Qualifiers for the NSC Semi Final from this regional are Wayne Kelly, Wale Fashina, Mark Nyman, Craig Beevers, Mark Goodwin, Howard Wilde, John Hardie, Paul Richards, Darryl Francis and Andrew Goodwin

Donna & The Supremes (Donna Stanton, Wale Fashina and Paul Richards) won the team event and accepted their place at the NSCT final. Also qualifying were the Warrington Wordsmiths (Wayne Kelly, Robert Richland and Kathy Suddick).

## Lincoln

June 25th (7 Rounds)



Lincoln A		
Matthew Pinner	6	213
Chris Hawkins	5	417
Martin Harrison	5	402

Lincoln B		
Liz Barber	6	492
Tim Butcher	5	403
Margaret Marshall	5	277

## NSC(T) London & SE Regional

June 25th (7 Rounds)

NSC(T) London & SE		
David Webb	7	732
Cecil Muscat	6	256
Jackie McLeod	5	645
Austin Shin	5	499
David Steel	5	374

Qualifiers for the NSC Semi Final from this regional are Cecil Muscat, Jackie McLeod, Austin Shin, David Steel, Ann Golding, Adekoyejo Adegbesan, David Shenkin, Mike Chappell, Nick Jenkins, Olakunle Ajayi, Kevin Synnott, Nicky Huitson, Jessica Pratesi, Andrew Eames, Terry Kirk and Kwaku Sapong.

David Webb, Rik Kennedy and Ian Gucklhorn qualified but turned down their places

The OAP's (Jackie McLeod, Di Dennis and Ian Gucklhorn) won the team event and accepted their place at the NSCT final.

## Project Qatar (Chigwell)

June 26th (8 Rounds)

Report from Mauro Pratesi.

Project Qatar A		
Barry Grossman	8	577
Calum Edwards	6	315
Sandie Simonis	5	212

Project Qatar B		
Karen Game	6	402
Jayanthi Kanan	5	361
Ruth MacInerney	5	291

Project Qatar C		
Caroline Elliott	6	333
Dan Smith	6	138
Nick Stone	5	346

In Division A Barry Grossman had won his all his games going into the last round. Calum Edwards had dropped one game and was in second place. Barry and Calum fought tooth and nail in the last match for the right to win the Graeme Thomas Memorial Trophy, but it was Barry who ran out the winner by 467-383 to win the Division and Trophy.

Division B was a battle between Karen Game and Ruth MacInerney. They both had five wins going into the last round with Ruth ahead of Karen by 189 points on spread. Ruth then played Karen in the last round. Spoils went to Karen 446-296 who finished winner with six wins and 402 spread. Jayanthi Kanan beat Ayaz Kazi 538-366 to leapfrog above Ruth into second place.

In Division C the top four players going into the last round had five wins each. Nick Stone led on spread from Caroline Elliott, Shrinidhi Prakash and Dan Smith. In the last round Caroline bested Nick 343-304 and Dan triumphed over Shrinidhi 337-314. Caroline won the Division with six wins and 333 spread with Dan second also with six wins. Oddly enough Nick and Shrinidhi did not drop many places thanks to their higher spreads. Nick finished third and Shrinidhi fourth.

As well as performing a sterling role as tournament computer operator, Steve Thomas was invited to award his late brother's trophy to Barry Grossman.

£200 was raised to help send Jessica and Natasha Pratesi to Malaysia for the World Youth Championships in December. This providing there is no clash with exams and the school gives them permission to go.



*Barry Grossman (right) receives the Graham Thomas Trophy from Steve Thomas*

## Romford

July 2nd-3rd (7 Rounds)

Report from Cindy Hollyer

Photos from Mauro Pratesi



Romford A		
Calum Edwards	6	401
Barry Grossman	5	496
Mike Chappell	5	381

Romford B		
Ken Bird	6	406
Sue Ball	5	371
Reeyaz Goolamhossen	5	279

Romford C		
Anne Convery	7	502
Gill Thompson	5	323
Nick Stone	5	287

Sixty-two players helped make this a very pleasant event and the sun obliged by its presence all day. The home club had reason to be pleased as three of their players went home with trophies. Last year's winner, Calum Edwards made it a diuble by winning Division A, just ahead of Barry Grossman while Sue Ball came second to Ken Bird in Division B. Newcomer, Anne convery convincingly won division C.

Raffle proceeds raised £95 (made up to £100 by the club) which will be donated to The Smile Train, a charity helping children with cleft palates.

## ABSP Masters

July 2nd-3rd (16 Rounds)

Report from Peter Ashurst

The photo front cover of this magazine shows all the distinguished participants in this prestigious tournament. Standing (left to right): Lewis Mackay (GM), Gary Oliver (GM), Craig Beevers (GM), Jared Robinson (Exp), Evan Simpson (GM), Martin Harrison (Exp), Wayne Kelly (GM), Allan Simmons (GM), Phil Robertshaw (Exp), Neil Scott (GM), Theresa Brousson (Exp), David Webb (GM) and Mark Nyman (GM). Seated: Paul Allan (GM), Helen Gipson (GM) and Terry Kirk (GM).

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Craig Beevers	12	803
Mark Nyman	11	765
Wayne Kelly	11	224
Phil Robertshaw	10	692
Theresa Brousson	10	528

And so it was that twelve ABSP Grand Masters and 4 top rated ABSP Experts assembled at Stone in Staffordshire for the games to commence promptly at 11.00am. The event was a 15 game Round Robin and 1 round of King of the Hill. The timetable meant games were scheduled at one hour intervals and after four games Allan Simmons was the only unbeaten player.

Round 5 saw the end of Allan's run and Mark Nyman took over the lead on spread, Wayne Kelly and Craig Beevers are also on four wins. Round 6 sees wins for Mark and Craig, there are 5 others on 4 wins. Round 8, a win for Craig, but a loss for Mark, who drops to the chasing group of 5 players.

Round 8 saw defeat for Craig, with the other results it meant that Mark Nyman took the lead from Phil Robertshaw, Helen Gipson and the Craig, all on 6 wins. Round 9 brought wins for Mark, Phil and Craig, Helen and Allan drew their game. We all then retired to the restaurant for a pleasant meal and a relaxing evening as that was the end of play for the day.

All assembled back at the boards for 8.30am Sunday and it must have had an effect on the leading group, the top five all lost, it meant that the top 10 were split by just 2 wins.

After Round 11 Phil Robertshaw leads the field, half a win ahead of Helen Gipson, who was half a win ahead Mark, Craig and Wayne. Round 12 saw Phil lose to Gary Oliver and Craig beat Helen, which leaves Phil, Craig and Wayne on 9, Helen on 8.5, Mark and Theresa Brousson on 8 wins.

Round 13 saw wins for Phil, Craig, Wayne and Helen. All players then assembled for the group photograph before heading off for a hearty lunch.

Round 14 has defeat for Phil and wins for Craig and Wayne. Craig and Wayne both win in Round 15 to set up a straight play off for the title. Mark Nyman is third and Theresa Brousson is fourth.

Craig beats Wayne and takes the ABSP Masters 2011 title, Mark beats Theresa to take second place and Wayne is third.

The standard of the play was very high all weekend, there were 2 drawn games, 5 scores over 600, Lewis Mackay topped the list with 643, average score for starter was 432 and replier was 412.



*Masters Champion  
Craig Beevers*

## Corby

July 10th (7 Rounds)

Corby A			Corby B			Corby C		
Paul Allan	7	695	Janet Bonham	6	512	Joseph Knapper	7	890
Femi Awowade	5	483	Eileen Foster	5	572	David Garland	6	280
Kim Hands	5	430	Carol Arthurton	5	297	Paul Walford	5	383
Christian Brown	5	269	Andy Gray	5	289	Caroline Elliott	5	206

## English Open (Coventry)

July 15th-17th (21 Rounds)

English Open A			English Open B			English Open C		
Theresa Brousson	18	1541	Rafal Dominiczak	14½	1367	Mark Bradley	17	1142
Nigel Richards	17	2102	Steve Balment	14	828	Valerie Morris	14	495
Lewis Mackay	14	1072	David Shenkin	13	774	Anne Darby	13	373
Phil Robertshaw	14	818	Beverley Calder	12	445	Dave Hoskisson	12	459

# ratings snapshot

These pages are a snapshot of how the ratings looked on 13th July 2011. Players listed here have played at least 30 ABSP-rated games in total on that date, and at least 1 since July 13th 2010. ABSP membership number is in the column before name, or blank if not a member.

There are rated games taking place every week so for the most up-to-date list you should go to the ABSP website: [absp.org.uk](http://absp.org.uk) > results > ratings

206	1841	Nigel Richards(GM)	179	1488	Ed Rossiter	168		Bob Violett(Exp)
204	57	Mark Nyman(GM)	179	1163	David Sutton(Exp)	167	202	Penny Downer(Exp)
201	774	Brett Smitheram(GM)	178	368	Chris Hawkins(Exp)	167	609	Bob Lynn
199		Chris May	178	4	Philip Nelkon(GM)	167	165	Cecil Muscat
195		Nathan Benedict	178		Ben Tarlow	167	1349	Fidelis Olotu
192	751	Paul Allan(GM)	178	1869	Feargal Weatherhead	167	1057	Mike Whiteoak
192	147	Helen Gipson(GM)	178	41	Gareth Williams(GM)	166	1347	Adekeyoje Adegbesan
191	652	Nick Ball(Exp)	177	1687	Howard Wilde	166	1221	Jojo Delia
191	1355	Craig Beevers(GM)	176		Richard Evans(Exp)	166	14	Di Dennis(GM)
191	158	Ed Martin(GM)	176		Yi_En Gan	166	1429	Stewart Houten
191	1427	Mikki Nicholson(GM)	176	1846	Albert Hahn	166		Jin_Chor Tan
190	823	Wayne Kelly(GM)	175	1197	Christian Brown	165	1116	Paul Bassett
190	745	Harshan Lamabadusuriya(GM)	175	58	Russell Byers(GM)	165	978	Andy Becher
189	1618	Paul Gallen(Exp)	175	1191	Andrew Goodwin	165		David Delicata
189	764	Lewis Mackay(GM)	175	1191	Neil Green	165		Mark Goodwin
189	1368	Phil Robertshaw(Exp)	174	72	John Grayson(GM)	165	1706	Clement Ikolo
188	1220	Theresa Brousson(Exp)	173		Gerry Carter	165	1164	Karl Kwiatkowski
187	1428	Martin Harrison(Exp)	173	1814	Rik Kennedy	165	86	Frankie Mairey
187		Kevin McMahon	173		Gary Polhill(Exp)	165	162	Alec Webb(Exp)
187	338	David Webb(GM)	172	1000	Stewart Holden(GM)	164		Mihai Pantis
186	1713	Alastair Richards	172	1491	Stephen Hunt	164	281	Steve Perry
185		Evan Cohen	172	5	Brian Sugar(GM)	164	1510	Jessica Pratesi
185		Chinedu Okwelogu	171	1423	Calum Edwards	164		Chris Vicary
185		Steve Polatnick	171		Ian Gucklhorn	163	1301	Rick Blakeway
185	482	Neil Scott(GM)	171	38	Jackie McLeod(Exp)	163		Chris Cummins
185	846	Austin Shin(Exp)	171	1714	Karen Richards	163	836	Chris Fenwick
185	21	Evan Simpson(GM)	170	1679	Toke Aka	163	888	Chris Keeley
184	1422	Wale Fashina	170	1202	Jason Carney	163	999	Kay McColgan
184	1497	Azu Ogbogu(Exp)	170	6	Darryl Francis(Exp)	163	88	Sandie Simonis(Exp)
184	7	Allan Simmons(GM)	170	60	Terry Kirk(GM)	163	1231	David Steel
183	15	Phil Appleby(GM)	169	1016	John Ashmore	162		Alex_Gboye Balogun
182	478	Elie Dangoor(Exp)	169		Carmel Dodd	162		David Brook
181	1851	Bob Linn	169	45	Barry Grossman(Exp)	162	734	Nick Deller
180	362	Gary Oliver(GM)	169	1469	James Rossiter	162		Alan Georgeson
180	814	Jared Robinson(Exp)	169	428	Kwaku Spong	162	199	Graham Harding
179	880	Femi Awowade(GM)	169		Mohammad Sulaiman	162		Peter Igweke
179	770	Jake Jacobs	169	123	Noel Turner(Exp)	162	1170	Paloma Raychbart
179		Sam Kantimathi	168	103	Danny Bekhor	162		Dan Sandu
179	1102	Paul{England} Richards	168		Anand Buddhdev	162		Dianne Ward
			168	1006	Ross Mackenzie	161	1362	Graham Haigh
			168	101	Robert Richland(Exp)	161	1419	John Hardie

161	463	Helen Harding	155	488	Marion Keatings	146		Ed Breed
161		Mark Hollingsworth	155	408	Nuala O'Rourke	146	1270	Len Moir
161	1863	Tim Knight	155	873	Matthew Pinner	146	480	Anne Ramsay
161	226	Alan Sinclair	154	1635	Nick Ascroft	146	1411	Rebecca Sheldrick
160		Bob Berry	154	343	Amy Byrne	146	790	Margaret Staunton
160	914	Vincent Boyle	154	1608	David Holmes	146	589	Anne Steward
160	1375	Mike Chappell	154	176	Jayne Mackenzie	145	1473	Neil Broom
160	766	Christo Davison	154	919	Peter Thomas	145	852	Maureen Chamberlain
160		Billy Dott	154	229	Graham Wakefield	145	1466	Suzanne Dundas
160	1203	Greg Kelly	153		John Barker	145	1768	Charles Micallef
160		Joseph McGinley	153	1739	Feroza Bartlett	145	20	Janet Phillips
160	154	Mike O'Rourke	153	79	Chris Finlay	145	161	Margaret Pritchett
160	115	Diane Pratesi(Exp)	153		Gerard Fox	145	1287	Stuart Solomons
160	479	Andrew Roughton(Exp)	153		Raz Naot	145		Lesley Trotter
160	116	Martin Thompson	153	1691	Wojtek Usakiewicz	145		Nicky Vella-Laurenti
159	1486	Ashley Coldrick	152	835	Maurice Brown	144		John Balloch
159	553	Brian Jones	152	69	Moira Conway	144	1412	Melanie Beaumont
159	213	Neil Rowley	152	1824	Oliver Garner	144	228	Adrienne Berger
159	1268	Ebi Sosseh	152	1051	Elizabeth Hull	144		Chris Civil
159	555	Raymond Tate	152	1269	Richard Moody	144	1770	Tia Corkish
159	810	Linda Vickers	152	476	David Shenkin	144		Mike Evans
159	1674	Ricky Zinger	152		Kevin Synnott	144	688	Lorraine Gordon
158	1754	Quentin Baker	151	51	Cathy Anderson	144	707	Gwynfor Owen
158	1243	Doj Graham	151	534	Caroline Atkins	144	1123	Chrystal Rose
158	1862	Stu Harkness	151	837	Peter Liggett	144		Mario Saliba
158	105	Elisabeth Jardine	151	1389	Paul{Tranmere} Thomson	144	1457	Amanda Sodhy
158	1380	Anthony Pinnell	151		Fern Wheelwright	144	1189	Martin Taylor
158	631	Alison Sadler	150		Chris Downer	143	471	Anne Ashmore
158	1649	Paul{Halifax} Thompson	150	1456	Andrew Eames	143	1861	Rose Calder
158	292	Wilma Warwick	150		Victoria Kingham	143		Alan Catherall
158	1459	Ronan Webb	149	1210	Graham Bonham	143	507	Kathryn Henry
158	1279	Ben Wilson	149	66	Sue Bowman	143	655	Mary Jones
157	1440	Tim Charlton	149	1602	Kim Hands	143		Wendy Lindridge
157	1211	Ian Coventry	149		Chris Harrison	143		Brenda Margereson
157	59	Simon Gillam(Exp)	149		Naomi Landau	143	760	Sanmi Odelana
157	793	Joanne Hiley	149		Timothy Lawrence	143		David Reading
157	986	Robert Pells	149		Christine McKenzie	143	1732	James Squires
157		Chris Quartermaine	149	272	Ivan Swallow	142	61	Lorraine Crouch
157	268	Donna Stanton	148	93	Ruth MacInerney	142	1145	Peter Darby
157		Angela Swain	148	719	Kate Surtees	142	3	Laura Finley
157	111	Neil Talbot	148	489	Tom Wilson	142	1468	Kathy Suddick
156		Olakunle Ajayi	148	1053	Stephen Wintle	142	1149	Jim Wilkie
156	1693	Rafal Dominiczak	147	789	Alan Bailey	142	637	Val Wright
156	997	Phil Kelly	147	1765	Beverley Calder	141	1870	Abiodun Adeyemi
156	94	Rachelle Winer	147	124	Ivy Dixon-Baird	141	80	Mary Allen
155		Tony Bearn	147	84	Pauline Johnson	141	399	Louise Brundell
155		Ed Garrett-Jones	147		Pramit Kamath	141	1262	Ginny Dixon
155	530	George Gruner(Exp)	147		Omri Rosenkrantz	141	1217	Carolyn Emery
			146	1631	Jack Anscorn	141	933	Ann Golding

141	242	Sheila Green	135	1179	Janet Adams	130	1317	Marjorie Struggles
141	1115	Nick Jenkins	135	1892	Noel Barnes	129	1010	Tolani Ayo-Awojobi
141	458	Eileen Meghan	135		Jean Bridge	129	419	Michael Baxendale
140	635	Philip Aldous	135		Verity Cross	129	238	Margaret Burdon
140	1559	Joe Bridal	135	163	Yvonne Eade	129	840	Rhoda Gray
140	449	Alan Childs	135	1479	Bob Jarvie	129	1509	Heather Laird
140	1484	Karen Game	135	1598	Carmen Toscano	129		Frankie Latham
140	1383	Sarah-Jane Jamison	135	1206	Sarah Wilks	129	904	George Newman
140		Mark Murray	135	1175	Rosalind Wilson	129	829	Kim Phipps
140	1237	Dorn Osborne	134	1455	Angela Burke	129	1854	Michael Thomas
140	422	Carol Stanley	134	1424	Len Edwards	128	943	Carol Arthurton
140	876	Evelyn Wallace	134	1762	Reeyaaz Goolamhossen	128		Liam Donnelly
139	738	Margaret Armstrong	134	1591	Mick Healy	128	223	June Edwards
139	96	Diana Beasley	134		Duncan Keet	128	263	Sheila Jolliffe
139	1020	Derek Bower	134	1533	Colin Kendall	128	1136	Ted Lewis
139		Alan Guy	134	1853	Sarah Khawaja	128	875	Jim Lyes
139	150	David Longley	134	423	Alec Robertson	128	1003	Sheena Wilson
139	713	Trish Matthews	134		Evan Terrett	128		Margaret Yeadon
139		Kate McNulty	133		Brenda Baxter	127	856	Minu Anderson
139	802	Patricia Pay	133		Graham Buckingham	127	557	Janice Bease
139		Kay Powick	133	1540	Rowan Callaghan	127	822	Jill Bright
139	28	Lorna Rapley	133	690	Maureen Reynolds	127		Terry Corps
139		Jean Rappitt	133	960	Mary Siggers	127	1667	Mary Doyle
139	99	Josef Thompson	133	470	Norman Smith	127	776	Peter Hall
138		Martin Bloomberg	132	406	Moya Dewar	127	975	Jill Harrison
138	81	Joyce Cansfield(Exp)	132	92	Priscilla Encarnacion	127	572	Val Hoskings
138	469	Tony Davis	132	737	Margaret Harkness	127	625	John Mitchell
138	1413	Geoff Goodwin	132		Terry Jones	127	1656	Damian O'Malley
138	232	Iain Harley	132	267	Graham Maker	127		Mauro Pratesi
138	100	David Lawton	132	886	Ruth Marsden	127		Jo Ramjane
138	923	Teresa Lyes	132	35	Lois McLeod	127	291	Sylvia Swaney
138		Jonny Maitland	132	996	Kenneth Ross	127		Rita Todd
138	1294	Christine Strawbridge	132	632	Carol{Norwich} Smith	126		Bob Christie
138	636	David Williams	131	639	Esther Bacon	126	570	Jean Gallacher
137	254	Ian Burn	131	511	Samantha Beckwith	126	1282	Barbara Goodban
137	689	Kenneth Gordon	131	1092	Heather Burnet	126	1293	Dennis Hussey
137	1035	Andy Gray	131	1238	Juliet Green	126	537	Carol Malkin
137		Celine McCart	131	1877	Jayne Grey	126		Pauline Russell
137	1050	Yvonne McKeon	131		Sheila Hinett	126		Martin Smith
137	1511	Colin Nicol	131		Jayanthi Kannan	126	246	Wendy Tiley
137	932	Jill Parker	131		Gordon Procter	125	252	Steve Balment
137		Richard Woodward	131	1504	Andrea Waddington	125		Mario Camilleri
136	1391	Jan Bailey	131	177	Henry Walton	125		Marian Hamer
136	899	Jake Berliner	130		Lee Graham	125	1849	Theresa Scallan
136	544	Marjory Flight	130		John Harrison	124	924	Linda Barratt
136	1022	Nicky Huitson	130	1199	Richard Hitchcock	124	330	Viv Beckmann
136	523	Kate Leckie	130		Peter Hunt	124		Catalin Caba
136		Marc Meakin	130		Bryn Packer	124		Jean Carter
136		Michael Zinger	130	1823	Elizabeth Ramsay	124		Jean Crowder

124	1843	Chris Davies	120		Hazel Parker	115	106	Ian Caws
124		Joy Fox	120		Ovidiu Tamas	115	1119	Anne Darby
124	381	Michael Harley	120	1848	Sally Twine	115		Carmen Dolan
124	1146	Leonora Hutton	120	1867	Pauline Weatherhead	115		Pete McCosh
124	1654	Ian Kendall	120		Jean{Cardiff} Williams	114	1503	Maureen Barlow
124		Sammy Mangion	120		Yair Yehuda	114	982	Ron Bucknell
124		Tanya Robson	119	1049	Ken Bird	114		Irene Catherall
124		Mario Seychell	119		Joe Caruana	114	565	Ann Coleman
124	477	Malcolm Shaw	119		Moshe Feingold	114	1007	Margaret Irons
124	29	Marlene Skinner	119	718	Pat Friend	114		Ann McDonnell
124	775	Pat Wheeler	119	1705	Sharon Hewitt	114		Paul Mifsud
123	922	Barbara Allen	119	901	Dave Hoskisson	114	626	Martha Mitchell
123		Elizabeth{IW} Allen	119	1089	Vivienne Newman	114	1118	Remie Salazar
123	682	Janet Bonham	119	972	Denise Saxton	114		Judy Young
123	1577	Esther Kasket	119		Albert Zammit	113	107	Joan Caws
123		Julie Nelkon	118	1752	Carol Bartlett	113	928	Iris Cornish
123		Ralph Obemeasor	118	1403	Emma Brown	113	1331	Carol Grant
123	1642	Alan Payne	118	915	Shirley Chidwick	113		David Mills
123	169	Sue Thompson	118	920	Eleanor Dobson	113	782	Richard Pajak
122		Sheila{Perth} Anderson	118		Lorna Franks	113		Paul Walford
122		Sue Ball	118	1575	Margaret Marshall	113	1276	Evelyn Wansbrough
122	110	Liz Barber	118	1341	Pam Sparkes	112	761	Mary Adams
122	603	Linda Bradford	118	1450	Christine Tudge	112	1532	Lyn Allcock
122	1298	Helgamarie Farrow	117	1373	Stany Arnold	112	953	Peter Bailey
122	964	Phyllis Fernandez	117	1385	Mark Bradley	112		Ben Berger
122	948	Eileen Foster	117		Paul Dundas	112	1200	Caroline Elliott
122	1574	Ken McGinness	117		Sara Hardy	112	320	Fay Madeley
122	938	Helen Polhill	117	1054	Barbara Lukey	112	1478	Vivienne Stokes
122		Brenda Rodwell	117	1773	Cody McCormick	112		Jo Tebbutt
122	1675	Mark Smith	117	185	Lou McMeecken	112	1640	Nova Williams
121	390	Betty Balding	117	1696	Ena McNamara	112	356	Pamela Windsor
121		Linda Bird	117		Judy Monger	111	1259	Sheila{Rmfrd} Anderson
121		Gila Blits	117		Mary Morgan	111	743	Nora Bain
121	868	Christine Gillespie	117	1738	Heather Roberts	111		Linda Beard
121	1169	Yvonne Holland	117		Willie Scott	111		Jill Dyer
121	414	Jill Jones	117	1442	Gordon Winter	111	420	Marie English
121	1222	Bronagh Kenny	116		Hilda Ben-Nun	111		Marjorie Gardner
121	1066	Barbara Morris	116	257	Syd Berger	111	1064	June Johnstone
121		Tom Sharp	116	1625	Georgie Burchell	111	1788	Julie Tate
121	1580	Nigel Sibbett	116	1653	Tim Butcher	111		Jane Weston
121		Maureen Underdown	116		Maureen Hoch	110		Jill Burgess
120	427	Peter Ashurst	116	1183	Priscilla Munday	110		Gill Carr
120		Eileen Basham	116	1683	Janet Southworth	110	1489	Anne Cheesman
120		Pat Broderick	116	1253	Philip Turner	110		Tricia Cooper
120	992	Geoff Cooper	116	1666	Brid Ui_Bhriain	110	1657	David Garland
120	1113	Chris Jackson	116		Carole Wheatley	110	442	Agnes Gunn
120	77	Joy Lloyd	115	1263	Barbara Barker	110		Sylvia McCulloch
120		Josephine Mayo	115	735	Hilary Birdsall	110	931	Janet Milford
120		Brenda Northcott	115		Anna Borg	110	976	Adrian Noller

110	917	Nicola Staunton	103	Elisabeth{Clvld}	98	1633	Robert Peters
110	1868	Trevor Warwick		Allen	98	1699	Nick Stone
109		Frans Farrugia	103	384 Mabel Choularton	98		Claire Violet
109		Maggie Fleming	103	Joan Ellis	98	1820	Rosemary Wood
109	1525	Caroline Foy	103	1306 Margaret Emmott	97		Anne Connolly
109	1644	Kenneth Lovell	103	1742 Lee Fisher	97	1524	Malcolm Davis
109		Pamela Vahed	103	1729 Paul Harding	97	1855	Jack Durand
109		Sandra Walton	103	798 Peter Lindeck	97		Amos Fabian
108		Fran Burling	103	927 Audrey Medhurst	97		Fay Goble
108		Cecilia Cotton	103	1786 David Phillips	97		Sandra Harrap
108		Pawlu Frendo	103	Jeanne Rossiter	97	1261	Jo Holland
108	941	Audrey Harvey	103	451 Vera Sime	97		Yvonne Lambert
108	374	Joy Hodge	103	1085 Betty Simmonds	97		Maria Treadwell
108	211	Philippa Morris	103	483 Peter Terry	97		Jan Vokes-Taylor
108		Peter Sime	103	Julie Wise	97	1893	Angela Wright
108	826	Elizabeth Terry	102	Janice Ball	96	1168	Brian Beaumont
108	1552	Charles Tollit	102	Rosina Cornelius	96		Shirley Cave
107	1686	Angele Andrews	102	1112 Peter Johnson	96	1134	Dorothy Kemlicz
107		Raquelle Azran	102	357 Jean Shaw	96	1873	Paul Roberts
107	725	Paul Cartman	102	935 Ian Whyte	95	1544	Anne Atherton
107		Les Costin	101	Eve Dwyer	95	1866	Terry Avery
107		Maisie Culpin	101	405 Peter Ernest	95	1496	Margaret Keeper
107		Barbara Kent	101	736 Molly Lane	95		Jean MacLellan
107		Jean Robinson	101	1828 Mel Maltz	95	1787	Natasha Pratesi
107		Colin StHill	101	Marina Mehta	95	1501	Brenda Young
106	1063	Irene Atkinson	101	1084 Rod Winfield	94	1289	Kerry Constant
106		Dominic Borg	100	709 Betty Benton	94		Sally Hanson
106		Jenny Burgess	100	Jean Buckley	94		Baldip Kaur
106		Lena Cook	100	Bridget Busk	94	1648	Irene Lawes
106		Paul Grimshaw	100	1248 Margaret Coleman	94	1492	Peggy Moore
106	298	Mavis Harding	100	Joan Everitt	94		Joan Rees
106	1480	Doreen Jarvie	100	1212 Marjorie Gillott	94		Beryl Shoesmith
106	1779	Joseph Knapper	100	1554 Vicky Owen	94	1506	Gill{Norwich}
106	1009	Jenny Sakamoto	100	692 Margaret Seabrook			Thompson
106		Helen Sandler	99	726 Christine Cartman	94	1252	Ruth Turner
105	1630	Ted Anscumb	99	1340 Paula Docherty	94	1398	Jill Warren
105		Rachel Bingham	99	Alan Everitt	94		Isla Wilkie
105		Peter{Prtsmith}	99	Florence Fontaine	93	1465	Doreen Clayton
105		Edwards	99	June Lindridge	93		Norah Cole
105		Barbara McLaren	99	1726 Duncan MacFarlane	93	1207	Hannah Corbett
105	1171	Susan Thorne	99	1587 Irene Newberry	93	1225	Lena Glass
104	1038	Jacquie Aldous	99	1502 Cathy Poacher	93	1008	Yvonne Goodridge
104		Nancy Alroy	99	818 Rose Wall	93	1073	Jenny Harris
104		Joyce Ashmore	98	Len Choules	93		Gwen Linfoot
104		Jenny Corps	98	Pauline Cilia	93		John McCart
104	1327	Sonia Cox	98	827 Ann Clark	93		Avril Shaw
104	791	Rosemary Jordan	98	Florence Davies	93	872	Jacqui White
104		Thelma Wood	98	Maria Marczak	92		Eileen Bradshaw
104		Alfred Xuereb	98	Jenetta Mills	92	1176	Gordon Lamb
			98	1304 Linda Moir	92	1392	Chris Leatham

91	Peter Basham	84	Rita Barton	74	Margaret Cooke
91 1548	Viv Bishop	84	Craig Gurney	74	Tom Creed
91	Agi Brener	84	Brian Rowell	74	Helen Thompson
91 1808	Juliet Collins	84	Reno Zammit	74 1086	Margaret Webb
91	Mona Nobil	83	Sheila Bromly	73	Pat Carr
91 1448	Joy Rowe	83	Linda Marguy	73	Jean Geldard
91	Alison Stilwell	83	Judith Puttick	73	Ann Gregson
91 485	Ann Toft	83	Doreen Searles	73 1795	Valery Jansen
91	Sandra Weston	83 1850	Rena Waddell	73 1719	Eileen Johnson
91 1523	Kath Williams	83	Joyce Watson	73	Anne Parry
90	Chris Chapman	83 1332	Sheila Wyatt	73	Steve Wilkinson
90 1781	Carol Joahill	82 1767	Martin Byrne	71	John Boughton
90 1852	Estelle Matthews	82	Joyce Hoffbrand	70	Mary Harris
90 1232	Brett Scaife	82 1541	Marjorie Lunn	70	Steven Henry
90 851	Sheila Smith	82	Kevin Macdonald	70	Margaret{Edbgh} McGhee
90	Peter Thorpe	82	Olive Matthew	69	Kay Faust
90 1454	Janet Watson	82 1745	Douglas Morris	69 1399	Carol Russell
89	Sybil Berrecloth	82 1588	Angela Rigley	69	Shirley Stokley
89	Josephine Croasdale	81 359	Vera Allen	68	Jane Craig
89 1148	Renee Gilbert	81 1882	Gil Hunter	68	Bob Horne
89	Frances Goulding	81 1553	Brenda Keast	68	Dorothy Jackson
89 1734	Olive Martin	81 1792	Dan Smith	67 1334	Catherine McMillan
89	Lionel Millmore	80 1834	Peggy Fehily	67	Charlotte Perlin
89 1267	Margot Montgomery	80	Anne Lynas	67 1874	Lucille Terry
89 1769	Jennifer Payne	80 1135	Sylvia Oates	65	Michael Slow
89 1832	Shrinidhi Prakash	80 1819	Stanley Wilkinson	64 1774	Margaret Smith
89	Mary Pugh	79 410	Myra Copleston	63 1805	Marion Loewenstein
88 1677	Mary Baty	79	Michael Murray	60 1316	Veronica Baker
88 985	Carmen Borg	79	Alison Peters	60 1741	Bill Croft
88 1889	Valerie Morris	79 1390	Maria Raffaelli	60 1028	Peggy Lavender
88	Hazel Packham	78	Chris{S'hampton} Baker	59	Emma Flynn-Davies
88	Maria Scicluna	78	Dorothy Henry	59 949	Barbara Horlock
88	Margaret Speight	78 1822	Pat Johnson	58 541	Pamela Brown
87	Margaret Aldous	78	Sheila Johnston	56 1740	Zandra Begg
87	Beryl Basey	78 1599	Margaret{Fife} McGhee	55	Gusta Gross
87	Hilda Bennett	78	Keith Woodruff	55 1748	Connie Walton
87 683	Mavis Ernest	77	Margaret Barratt	54	Judy McBride
87 799	Cindy Hollyer	77 1229	Eileen Hunter	53	Sonia Russell
87	Rosemarie Howis	77 1710	Sandra Richards	50	Elisheva Auerbach
86	Pat Evans	76	Brigitte Brath	50	Beate Holder
86 1397	Christine Silvester	76	Patricia Parton		
86 1174	Peter Trembath	76	Margaret Scamell		
85 1039	Dorothy Edwards	76	Audrey Shergold		
85 30	Ruby Flood	75 563	Fred Burford		
85	Marcia Hall	75	Ann Duncan		
85 998	Jean Hendrick	75 1782	John Fyfe		
85	Jill Russell	75	Teresa Haycock		
85 1629	Maggie Shutt	74 1143	Letty Burrell		
85	Amabel Winter				

# prize puzzle

The Prize Puzzle is intended to be within the scope of all OnBoard readers.

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**Closing date 16th September 2011**

This puzzle was created for OnBoard by Stewart Holden; similar challenges by the same author can be found in The Guardian's Weekend magazine every Saturday

The winning entry each issue is decided by using the bonus ball number in the National Lottery. Assigned numbers are posted to the uk-scrabble email group.

The winner of the February prize puzzle was Joe Bridal who found RHYTHMIC as shown on the board below.

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## Association of British Scrabble Players Annual General Meeting 2011

**Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, 8.30pm On Sunday 28 August 2011**

All members present at the BMSC are encouraged to attend the AGM. If for any reason you prefer to submit a proxy vote, please use the voting form on page AGM8 and ensure this is received by Secretary Laura Finley before 7 pm on the day of the AGM.

### Agenda

- (1) To receive the Chair's report
- (2) To receive the Treasurer's report, Independent Examiner's report and accounts for 2010
- (3) Election of officers and other members of the Committee

The officers of the Committee are currently Peter Ashurst (Treasurer), Laura Finley (Secretary) and Ross Mackenzie (Chair). The Mattel representative on Committee is Philip Nelkon. The other Committee members are Anand Buddhdev, Elie Dangoor, Paula Davenport, Stewart Holden, Wayne Kelly, Elisabeth Jardine, Steve Perry, Anne Ramsay, Allan Simmons and Alec Webb.

Allan Simmons is stepping down after the AGM. All other members of Committee are standing for re-election.

The Mattel representative on Committee is Philip Nelkon.

The honorary President is Gyles Brandreth. This is not a Committee role.

- (4) To confirm the Independent Examiner for 2011 as Karen Willis
- (5) To set the subscription for 2012
  - (a) It is proposed that, in line with previous years, the subscription for 2012 is £15 (£7.50 for people aged under 18 at time of joining/renewing).

The Committee recommends members vote in favour of this motion.

- (b) It is proposed that, as an alternative to paying £15 for membership for 2012, a person can pay one subscription of £20 (£10 for people aged under 18 at time of joining/renewing) to be a member for both 2012 and 2013, on condition they receive an electronic copy of the magazine instead of a hard copy through the post.

Proposer: Allan Simmons

Seconder: Anne Ramsay

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

The cost of producing and distributing magazines to members is a high proportion of the Association's annual outgoings, and with so many members now online, the Committee feel it is now possible to offer members a discount if they choose online delivery of the magazine, without negatively impacting the resources at the Association's disposal. Electronic OnBoards are in full colour throughout and indexed for easy on-screen reading.

Annual renewals are an administrative burden on members, the Rating Officer, the membership secretary, the treasurer and other committee members. Allowing members to renew for two years at once will significantly improve the effectiveness of the renewals process for all parties.

Members who wish to continue receiving paper copies of the magazine through the post can be reassured that there are no plans and no desire at all to remove the status quo option, i.e. of paying £15 per annum for hard-copy magazines. This motion merely allows those who wish to opt-out of printed OnBoards the ability to do so, and share in the cost saving this entails.

The Committee recommends members vote in favour of this motion.

- (6) Motions (further details given overleaf: all apply to ABSP-rated games from 1 January 2012)
- (a) It is proposed that WESPA Rules version 2 are adopted
  - (b) It is proposed that the 2011 edition of Collins Official Scrabble Words is adopted
  - (c) It is proposed that game rule 2.2 Starting the Timer is amended
  - (d) It is proposed that the game rules concerning overdrawing (within rule 3.9) are amended
  - (e) It is proposed that game rule 5.2 Six Consecutive Zero Scores is amended
- (7) Any Other Business



## Chair's Report 2011

I am pleased to report on another busy twelve months' activity within ABSP and its Committee. My first thanks go to those who have finished serving on Committee this year, namely Darryl Francis, Sarah Wilks and Evan Simpson. Darryl is continuing his diligent lexicon work through WESPA, and played no small part in ensuring a fit-for-purpose update that we can adopt going forward. Sarah has handed over the Youth Scrabble portfolio to new member Paula Davenport, who receives a warm welcome and is already taking things forward among her schools contacts to build on the popularity of the game among young people. Evan's input wasn't always visible to the wider membership, but his dedication and robust, practical contributions to committee meetings and committee discussion are already sorely missed.

In addition to welcoming Paula, I will take this opportunity to formally welcome new treasurer Peter Ashurst, who took control of the reins in June. Peter is a familiar face to many tournament regulars, and will ably keep the Association's finances in check and balance.

It's been a mixed year for ABSP. The relaunch of the Association's magazine as OnBoard has been tremendously well-received among the membership. Editor Alec Webb must take the greater share of praise for this, but it is worth iterating that member contributions provide the substance to the magazine: no matter how good it looks, it is your inputs that make the magazine worth reading.

Internationally, the Association continues to be a key player in shaping world Scrabble through WESPA. Additionally, ABSP is currently looking to agree links with NASPA to allow ABSP members to participate in US events without having to join NASPA, and allow NASPA members ABSP-member discounts at ABSP-rated events.

The website revamp has enjoyed some success. Behind the scenes it is immeasurably easier to manage, but a webmaster with the time and ability to keep it fresh is a pressing requirement. I am following this up as I write, and I hope to be able to provide an update at the AGM on this matter.

I stated last year that increasing membership numbers was a priority. The home membership drive has resulted in some new members, but unfortunately not enough to reverse the general decline coming from people retiring from tournament play. The Committee will work towards improving numbers, and I hope to report good news this time next year on that front.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank every committee member for the work they do, as unpaid volunteers, in promoting and managing the UK tournament scene. Special praise is due to the Tournament Coordinator, Steve Perry, for his work in a job that never gets any easier: maintaining a busy tournament calendar and feeding into and back from the TO Forum. Thanks as always also go to Rating Officer John Grayson, whose tireless efficiency and patience should never be taken for granted.

Finally, a very special and enormous thankyou is required of me and everyone within ABSP to Allan Simmons. He leaves the Committee after an incredible total of around twenty years' dedicated service to ABSP. He is truly irreplaceable and will be a great loss to ABSP Committee.

Ross Mackenzie  
Chair



## **Treasurer's Report**

The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the Association for 2010 are presented below. These should be read in conjunction with the numbered notes and the Independent Examiner's statement.

There was a deficit of £156 in 2010, primarily due to a drop in subscription income which the Committee is working on reversing in future years through promotion of ABSP membership. The promotions spend in 2010 was largely attributable to the Home Membership Drive and promoting Scrabble in schools: promotions is unlikely to be on this scale in 2011.

The retained surplus of ABSP at the end of 2010 remains relatively healthy, and I endorse the committee's decision both to maintain the current subscription rate and to offer members the opportunity to renew for two years rather than one.

Ross Mackenzie  
Caretaker Treasurer

## Independent Examiner's Statement

### ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH SCRABBLE PLAYERS ACCOUNTANT'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2010 and the Balance Sheet as at that date as prepared by the Treasurer of the Association of British Scrabble Players and I am satisfied that the Association has maintained proper accounting records which are in agreement with the accounts and I am also satisfied that they reflect a true and accurate account of the finances of the Association.

Signed

K.L. Willis MA(Oxon) FCA

### Association of British Scrabble Players Balance Sheet as at 31 December

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank deposit account		12,104	12,098
Bank current account		4,733	5,115
PayPal account		0	114
Stocks	[4]	583	1,092
Sundry debtors		110	320
		<u>17,530</u>	<u>18,739</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Prepaid membership subs		6,025	6,773
Sundry creditors		200	147
Graeme Thomas Fund		1,147	1,505
		<u>7,372</u>	<u>8,425</u>
Retained surplus		<u>10,158</u>	<u>10,314</u>
<b>NOTES</b>		£	
<b>[4] Stocks</b>			
Protiles		337	
Round boards		85	
Results sheets		65	
Logowear		96	
		<u>583</u>	

**Association of British Scrabble Players**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December**

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
<b>Income</b>			
Membership subscriptions		10,545	11,100
Tournament surplus	[1]	474	41
Bank interest		6	9
Miscellaneous		20	22
		<u>11,045</u>	<u>11,172</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Publications and membership	[2]	8,616	8,843
Committee expenses		1,075	1,074
Miscellaneous	[3]	1,510	740
		<u>11,201</u>	<u>10,657</u>
Surplus on year		(156)	515
Surplus brought forward		10,314	9,799
Surplus carried forward		<u>10,158</u>	<u>10,314</u>

**NOTES**

**[1] Tournament surplus**

BMSC		471	
Masters		3	
		<u>474</u>	

**[2] Publications and membership**

Printing		4,617	
Postage and packaging		2,847	
Editing		575	
Enveloping		305	
Flyer income		(235)	
Membership		373	
Protiles early renewal incentive		134	
		<u>8,616</u>	

**[3] Miscellaneous expenditure**

Promotions		714	
Insurance		221	
Website		200	
Transaction costs		196	
WESPA subscription		96	
Results sheets (net)		47	
Engraving and trophies		29	
Logowear		7	
		<u>1,510</u>	

## Agenda Item 6, Motion (a)

**It is proposed that WESPA Rules version 2 are adopted for all ABSP rated games from 1 January 2012.**

The Committee recommends members vote in favour of this motion.

Please note that some rules are the subject of later motions in the agenda.

Proposer: Stewart Holden    Seconder: Allan Simmons

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

The first version of WESPA's rules for global Scrabble was released in August 2009. The Rules Committee released a second version of the rules in November 2010, after working on it for nearly a year. It is shorter and tighter than version 1, and contains a number of key changes. A full explanation of the changes along with WESPA Rules v2 in their entirety can be found on the WESPA website ([www.wespa.org](http://www.wespa.org)). Nearly all WESPA-rated events during 2011 have used v2 of the rules and they have been well received. The World Championships and Causeway events later this year will also use v2. All tournaments in Ireland will use v2 from 1st September 2011 onwards and events held in Malta and other European countries are hoping to follow the international standard by using v2 from now on, which would require the ABSP to pass this motion in order for those events to continue to be ABSP-rated. The UK is the only country in which v1 is used and this motion serves the purpose of bringing us into line with the rest of the world.

The WESPA Rules committee has indicated that any future version of the rules is a long way off since work on v3 has not yet begun in any capacity, thus v2 will be the international standard for the foreseeable future.

### **A summary of the important changes from WESPA Rules v1 to v2:**

**Overdrawing:** This rule has been simplified as the penalty for overdrawing no longer depends on who first notices/discloses the overdraw. All overdrafts are now dealt with by an X+2 rule. (Rule 3.9.5).

**Acceptance of turn:** A player's turn is now accepted if the opponent neither calls hold nor challenges before the player removes a replacement tile from the bag (Rule 3.10.1(b)). Writing by the opponent explicitly does not affect acceptance of the turn (Rule 3.10.1(d)).

In support of this major change, the new rules also:

- strengthen provisions against flash-drawing and permit challenges to proceed if flash-drawing takes place (Rule 3.10.2)
- simplify the procedure for challenging improperly ordered turns (Rule 3.10.4)

**Writing when the bag is empty.** If no tiles remain to be drawn, players now need not write any further scores and cumulative scores until the end of the game (Rules 3.1.2 and 3.5).

**Conduct section:** Part 6 of the Rules, relating to player conduct, has been redesigned. Poor conduct has been split into three distinct levels: (1) cheating and abusive behaviour, (2) unethical behaviour, (3) poor etiquette.

**Non-reflective boards:** Non-reflectiveness is now a preferred board attribute (Rule 1.3.3).

**Forfeits:** The margin in games forfeited due to lateness is now 75, down from 150, unless strategic lateness is suspected (Rule 2.3.6).

**Cosmetic changes:** Many rules have been reworked to remove superfluous material and increase readability and concision.

## **Agenda Item 6, Motion (b)**

**It is proposed that the 2011 edition of Collins Official Scrabble Words (“CSW12”) is adopted for all ABSP rated games from 1 January 2012.**

This change will be effected by amending Appendix 2 of whichever version of WESPA rules is in force for UK tournaments as at 1 January 2012. This overrides any subsequent decision of WESPA which may be contrary to this motion.

The Committee recommends members vote in favour of this motion.

Proposer: Allan Simmons    Seconder: Stewart Holden

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

The content of the new CSW12 wordlist has been solely determined by the WESPA Dictionary Committee and not by Collins. Collins are WESPA's chosen publisher for update. The new wordlist reflects the existing wordlist with changes driven by the latest Collins and Chambers editions. There are no changes coming from the North American wordlist and there is no project at this time to update that source. There are some deletions of words no longer supported by the source dictionaries. WESPA has fully endorsed the new update and is recommending adoption for all club and tournament play.

## **Agenda Item 6, Motion (c)**

**It is proposed that WESPA rule 2.2 Starting the Timer (for the purposes of ABSP-rated play from 1 January 2012) is deleted, and replaced with:**

**“The timer of the player going first may only be started once that player has seen the identity of at least one tile from the bag, or once that player has placed all seven tiles on the table.”**

This change will be effected by amending whichever version of WESPA rules is in force for UK tournaments as at 1 January 2012. This overrides any subsequent decision of WESPA which may be contrary to this motion.

The Committee recommends members vote against this motion.

Proposer: Ray Tate    Seconder: Tom Wilson

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

In view of the fact that most ABSP-rated tournaments in the UK do not attract foreign, non-resident players and are not internationally rated and that the overwhelming majority of ABSP members do not play in international tournaments abroad, the above rule change is proposed.

## **Agenda Item 6, Motion (d)**

It is proposed that the WESPA rule(s) on Overdrawing\* (for the purposes of ABSP-rated play from 1 January 2012) are deleted and replace with:

### **"3.9.5 Overdrawing**

**If a player draws too many replacement tiles ('overdraws'), the players must neutralise the timer and correct the overdraw as follows:**

- (a) if a newly drawn tile has touched the overdrawing player's rack:**
  - (i) the opponent selects X tiles from those claimed by the overdrawing player to be fresh replacement tiles, where X represents the number of overdrawn tiles;**

- (ii) the opponent returns these selected tiles to the bag, seeing the identity of any tiles that the overdrawer has already observed, leaving that player with a total of seven tiles to place on his or her rack.
- (b) if no newly drawn tile has touched the overdrawing player's rack:
  - (i) the overdrawing player places only the newly drawn tiles face down on the table;
  - (ii) the opponent chooses X tiles, where X represents the number of overdrawn tiles, and returns them to the bag with neither player seeing the identity, leaving that player with the correct number of newly drawn tiles to add to his or her rack.”

\* Rule 3.9.5 from WESPA Rules version 2, or rules 3.9.5 and 3.9.6 from WESPA Rules version 1.

This change will be effected by amending whichever version of WESPA rules is in force for UK tournaments as at 1 January 2012. This overrides any subsequent decision of WESPA which may be contrary to this motion.

The Committee recommends members vote against this motion.

Proposer: Ray Tate    Secunder: Tom Wilson

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

In view of the fact that most ABSP-rated tournaments in the UK do not attract foreign, non-resident players and are not internationally rated and that the overwhelming majority of ABSP members do not play in international tournaments abroad, the above rule change is proposed.

### **Agenda Item 6, Motion (e)**

**It is proposed that WESPA rule 5.2 Six Consecutive Zero Scores (for the purposes of ABSP rated play from 1 January 2012) is deleted, and replaced with:**

**“The game ends after six consecutive turns scoring zero, resulting from any combination of passes and successful challenges. If this occurs, each player's final score is reduced by the total value of the tiles on his or her rack. For the purposes of this rule, a legal exchange of tiles (which can only occur when there are at least seven tiles in the bag) shall NOT count as a score of zero.”**

This change will be effected by amending whichever version of WESPA rules is in force for UK tournaments as at 1 January 2012. This overrides any subsequent decision of WESPA which may be contrary to this motion.

The Committee recommends members vote against this motion.

Proposer: Ray Tate    Secunder: Tom Wilson

Supporting arguments in favour of the motion:

In view of the fact that most ABSP-rated tournaments in the UK do not attract foreign, non-resident players and are not internationally rated and that the overwhelming majority of ABSP members do not play in international tournaments abroad, the above rule change is proposed.



# ≡≡ david sutton's categories ≡≡

*Another of David Sutton's entertaining word lists previously posted to the uk-scrabble email group. Each list had an entertaining prologue. David's 'Categories' are worthy of a wider readership. With his permission I have edited out some of the 'everyday' and longer words from his list to make it more Scrabble-useful. AW*

## **Astronomy:**

Astronomy used to be the preserve of harmless eccentrics who spent their time peering through telescopes and plotting imaginary lines on the surface of Mars, but then along came a rough tough new breed who called themselves cosmologists and said hey, forget all that planetary stuff, let's face it, Mars is dead, Venus is a hellhole, Pluto shouldn't even be in the top team and anyway we've got more important questions to answer, like where did it all come from and where's it all going. And telescopes are all very well, but what you really need is a big tunnel going halfway round Switzerland.

The current state of cosmological theory may be summarised roughly as follows. First nothing happened for what would have been a long time if there had been any time, but there wasn't. Then there was a random quantum fluctuation in what would have been something if there had been anything, but there wasn't. This started off really really titchy but then grew, in fact it grew so fast that in less time than it might take you to move off when the lights go green there was a whacking great universe, and it's gone on growing ever since. At first there was just a load of particles milling around with no idea what they were supposed to be doing, rather like Scrabble players at the start of a tournament waiting for the first draw to be posted, but before too long they started organising themselves into stars, galaxies and, of course, Scrabble players.

What's going to happen to all this in the end depends on the properties of a lot of stuff that we can't see but are pretty sure must be there, for reasons I have never entirely grasped. There is also a lot of debate about something called the anthropic principle, which states that since we find ourselves in a universe playing Scrabble, it stands to reason that the universe must have been precisely engineered with the playing of Scrabble in mind. Critics of this theory say no, it's just a matter of luck, in that there is an infinite number of other universes we could have found ourselves in where Scrabble isn't played at all. But that, of course, is just too sad to think about.

Anyway, here are some selected terms from astronomy/cosmology. I hope I have managed to separate the wheat of astronomy from the chaff of astrology: thus you won't find words like ZODIAC or QUINTILE or TRINE, because I'm pretty sure that these are not concepts that an astronomer has any use for, but apologies in advance for any confusion.

**acronic** occurring at nightfall or sunset, (esp. of the rising or setting of stars.

**almagest** a textbook or handbook, especially dealing with astronomy.

**analemma** the figure-8 on a map showing the sun's seasonal course

**ansa** part of Saturn's rings: ANSAE.

**aphelion** the point when the earth is farthest from the sun during its annual orbit: APHELIA or APHELIONS. Adj. APHELIAN

**apoapsis** the high point in an orbit

**apogaic, apogeal, apogean, apogeic** relating to an APOGEE.

**apogee** the outermost point in an orbit; the highest point; the apex: APOGEEES.

**apolune** the point in the orbit of a body revolving round the moon that is farthest from the centre of the moon.

**appulse** the close approach of a planet or asteroid to a star without the occurrence of an eclipse.

**areology** the study of Mars. [From Ares, the Greek equivalent of Mars in classical mythology) + logy (study)].

**asterism** a constellation of stars; a group of asterisks; appearance of star-like reflection by certain crystals.

**azimuth** the angle a celestial object makes from due north, when measured in an eastwards direction along the horizon. [Arabic al-sumut, from al, the + samt, way].

**bolide** a large meteor that bursts; a fireball.

**cephheid** a star of a type having regular cycles of brightness which can be used to deduce their distances (aka 'standard candle').

**cislunar** on this side of the moon, i.e. between moon and earth.

**colure** a celestial circle that intersects another at the poles.

**coma** a spherical cloud of material surrounding the head of a comet: COMAE or COMAS.

**comal** relating to a COMA.

**cometary, cometic** relating to a COMET.

**corona** one of the sun's envelopes, outside the chromosphere, observable during total eclipse: CORONAS or CORONAE.

**cosmos, kosmos** the world or universe: COSMOSES, KOSMOSES. [Gk. kosmos].

**coude** (of a reflecting telescope) in which one or more plane mirrors reflects the light down the polar axis.

**dayside** the side of a planet facing the sun.

**daystar** the planet Venus.

**deorbit** to come out of an orbit.

**diskless** having no disk; appearing as a point and not expanded into a disk, as the image of a faint star in a telescope.

**earthset** the setting of the earth as seen from the moon.

**ecliptic** an imaginary circle which the sun follows from Earth perspective:

**emersion** the act of emerging esp. the reappearance of a heavenly body after eclipse or occultation.

**equant** a term in Ptolemy's astronomical system. [L. aequare, to make equal].

**evection** a lunar inequality, the combined effect of the irregularity of the point of the moon's orbit at which it is nearest to Earth and the alternate increase and decrease of the eccentricity of the moon's orbit.

**facula** an unusually bright spot on the sun's surface: FACULAE.

**facular** of or pertaining to FACULAE.

**geoprobe** a space probe for exploring space near the earth.



**gibbose, gibbous** of a moon, between half and full.

**heliac, heliacal** coincident with that of the sun, or as nearly as could be observed

**inerrant** unerring, fixed (of a star).

**loadstar, lodestar** the pole-star; one that serves as an inspiration, guide.

**lunonaut**, one who travels to the moon.

**lunet** a little moon or satellite.

**magnetar** a type of neutron star that has a very intense magnetic field.

**mascon** a concentration of dense mass beneath the moon's surface.

**moon** the satellite of a planet; (verb) to spend time idly

**moonless** lacking the light of the moon.

**moonlet** a small moon.

**moonlike** resembling the moon.

**moonset** the setting of the moon.

**nadir** the point of the heavens diametrically opposite to the zenith;

**nadiral** of or like a NADIR.

**nebula** a hazy luminous area in the night sky representing a distant cluster of stars: NEBULAE or NEBULAS.

**nebular, nebulose, nebulous** of or like a NEBULA.

**nodical** of or pertaining to the nodes, as, the nodical revolutions of the moon.

**nova** an exploding star: NOVAE or NOVAS.

**novalike** like a NOVA.



**orrery** an apparatus showing the relative positions and motions of bodies in the solar system by balls moved by wheelwork

**parallax** the seeming change of an object's position due to the observer moving.

**perigeal, perigean** relating to a PERIGEE.

**perigee** the point of the moon's orbit at which it is nearest the earth.

**perilune** the point in the path of a body orbiting the moon that is nearest to the centre of the moon.

**planetic** relating to a PLANET.

**plerion** a supernova remnant emitting radiation from both centre and shell.

**polestar** the first-magnitude star Ursae Minoris

**pulsar** a cosmic source of regular and rapid pulses of radiation usu. at radio frequencies, believed to be a rapidly rotating neutron star.

**quasar** a celestial object that resembles a star optically but is inferred to be an extremely remote and immensely powerful source of light and other radiation.

**redshift** the displacement of the light a receding object emits toward the red end of the spectrum.

**rille** one of certain narrow, crooked valleys seen, by aid of the telescope, on the surface of the moon.

**satelles** a satellite.

**selenian, selenic** of or relating to the moon. [Gk. selene, moon].

**sidereal** of or relating to the stars; measured by apparent motion of the stars



**skylab** an orbiting experimental space station.

**solunar** relating to sun and moon.

**spinar** a rapidly spinning galactic body.

**sputnik** an orbiting spacecraft.

**stardust** cosmic dust, meteoric matter in fine particles.

**stargaze** to observe stars.

**starspot** an area of relative darkness on the surface of a star.

**stellar** relating to stars.

**subdwarf** a star smaller than a dwarf star.

**sunspot** a dark spot on the surface of the sun.

**swingby** the passing of a spacecraft near a planet to use its gravitational pull: SWINGBYS.

**syzygal, syzygial** related to a SYZYGY.

**syzygy** a conjunction or opposition. [Gk. syzygia union, coupling].

**thindown** a lessening in the number of atomic particles and cosmic rays passing through the earth's atmosphere.

**triones** the seven stars of the Plough. [L. triones plough-oxen]. N.B. no TRIONE\*.

**ursid** a meteor.

# dusting off the archives

A stroll down Memory Lane with Robert Richland

## 20 years ago

APSP Newsletter, July 1991, editor Clive Spate

This issue was in stapled A4 format and unnumbered.

- Heading the news were the recent deaths of two APSP members:  
Kay Thorne (Cardiff SC) who, along with husband Derrick, organised many Evergreen and SAGA events. The BMSC Ladies' event trophy was subsequently named in her honour.  
Tony Aveline had only become an APSP member that year, and in fact a London League member for only a year or so. I personally remember him as a gentle, amiable character.
- APSP membership stood at 230, a record at the time.
- Martin Bloomberg graciously thanked the APSP, in particular Graeme Thomas, for protesting to NSC organiser Leonard Hodge, regarding the questionable way in which he was excluded from the NSC Finals (see previous issue). As a result, Martin took part in the NSC Finals after all.

Recent tourney wins included: Darryl Francis (East Berks), Simon Gillam (Durham), Brian Sugar / John Grayson (London round robin), Maureen Rayson (Minehead).

Top 3 ratings (May 12th 1991): Phil Appleby / Gareth Williams 195, John Grayson 191.

## 15 years ago

APSP Newsletter, issue 49, August 1996, editor Phil Appleby

- APSP membership had more than doubled since 1991; just short of 500 when this issue was published.
- Graeme Thomas provided a list of 'easily played nine-letter words', the criterion being that all adjacent pairs of letters are valid two-letter words. Such example included: ANATOMIST, DOMINATES, MYELOMATA, REFASHION and ZONOMIST.
- Brian Sugar wrote to complain that the annual Festival of Scrabble (held in Sheffield) was too far north, and should be placed as near to the centre of the country as possible. In the next issue (50, Oct 1996), Graeme Thomas dismissed Brian's comments as a 'piece of drivel', adding that Brian was only aware of two places, 'Ilford and not-Ilford'.

Recent tourney wins: Wilma Warwick (Peterlee), Paul Allan (Lang Toun), Allan Simmons (Surrey Charity, Egham), Gareth Williams (Havering), Cathy Anderson (Three Rivers Masters), Margaret Burdon/Helen Cowie (Cleveland Challenge), Allan Saldanha (Richmond and also Canterbury), Martin Fowkes (Summer Matchplay), Robert Richland (Luton), Terry Kirk (Romford Round-Robin).

And overseas . . . Adam Logan was the runaway victor at the North American Championship (in Dallas, Texas) with a 24-3 record, five wins ahead of his rivals.

Top 3 ratings (Aug 1st 1996): Allan Saldanha 198, David Acton / Clive Spate 196.

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## 10 years ago

The Last Word, issue 79, July 2001, editor Christina French

- John Grayson was officially chosen as the new ABSP Ratings Officer. There were seven applicants for the job, but the choice of John was unanimous. He was currently liaising with outgoing Officer, Andrew Fisher, to agree a handover date.
- At the same time, a new role of Deputy Ratings Officer was created, and handed to Phil Jefferies.
- Adrienne Berger (Whitefield SC) was interviewed by editor Christina; it was revealed that Adrienne specialises in retailing bridal tiaras and accessories.

Recent tourney wins: Paul Allan (Bon Accord), Steve Perry (Melton Mowbray), Eric Smith (Newport), SanmiOdelana (Essex Invitational), Terry Kirk (Stoke Rochford), Pete Finley (Newcastle and also Peterlee), Russell Byers (Lincoln).

Top 4 ratings (June 21st 2001): David Webb 200, Andrew Perry 199, Andrew Fisher / Brett Smitheram 197. Unchanged from the list in the previous issue!

## 5 years ago

The Last Word, issue 109, August 2006, editor Ben Wilson

- Pete Finley's life was commemorated in this issue with a special 12-page section, written by Stewart Holden, and containing many tributes from others. Outside his extensive Scrabble activities, Pete was also a talented singer and songwriter, playing alongside Pete Best (one of the original Beatles) and releasing his own album, *Dawn Chorus*.
- Wayne Kelly mentioned (in his tourney report) that the Warrington event on May 20th was Pete Finley's last before his tragic death in the Lake District the next day.
- David Sutton (in his *Edgeways* section) introduced a new feature called *Watch Your Language*, which kicked off with a list of Maori words, including AWETO, HAEREMAI, KATIPO, PIUPIU and TOHUNGA.
- David Webb was the new ABSP Masters champion, winning with an 11–4 record, ahead of four others all on 10 wins.

Other recent tourney wins: Ben Tarlow (Bourne), Shane O'Neill (Newport), Russell Byers (Mapperley), Mike Willis (Warrington), Ed martin (Brighton & Hove), Mike Whiteoak (Stoke Rochford), Lewis Mackay (Melton Mowbray), Craig Beevers (Peterlee), David Shenkin (Hendon) . . . and over in Ireland, Yvonne Eade (Bantry, West Cork).

NSC Regional wins: John Grayson (South West), Jackie McLeod (South East), NickDeller (Midlands), Wayne Kelly (North), Amy Byrne (Scottish).

Top 3 ratings (July22nd 2006): Adam Logan 211, Brett Smitheram 203, David Webb 200.

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**You've read about the past, now turn the page to read about the future...**

*AW: As editor of OnBoard, when choosing material for inclusion I often find myself having to make a decision as to whether OnBoard is primarily a Scrabble magazine or an association newsletter. Generally, I try to find a happy medium. Well this issue I can claim to have found a genuine happy medium in the form of beaming Stephen Wintle.*

*Stephen claims to come from a long line of mediums, and included amongst his family heirlooms is a crystal ball which he says, when placed upon a copy of OnBoard, gives him glimpses of Scrabble in years to come.*

*Stephen now gives you a fortaste of Scrabble in the year 2021 in his visionary work entitled...*

## Overboard

by Stephen Wintle

2021, and a busy year begins when January sees the appearance of Version 37 of the WESPA Rules in a 178 paged tome, of which just over 100 pages concerns the 'Overdrawing Rule'. Despite bamboozling some of the greatest lawyers, logicians and statisticians of the day, Rules Officer Lord Holden of Ballymena expresses his astonishment at the perceived difficulties experienced and reiterates his belief that the rules are, "Simple and straightforward." During the course of the year Versions 38, 39, 39 (supplementary) 40 (with amendment) and 41 all make their appearance.

A slightly reduced field of 68 competitors, each paying £2000 to enter, attends the UK Open at the new location of the Coventry Plaza Hotel, the fourth venue to be used for the event. Insolvency (Aston Court 2010), fire (Quality 2014) and rat infestation (Metropole 2020) have all put paid to previous establishments.

For the twelfth year running New Zealander Nigel Richards scoops the 1st prize of £60,000. The main talking point occurs in Div C with Dubliner Seamus O'Reilly taking home the top prize of £25,000. It would seem that despite an Irish rating of 162, the criteria used to place him in Division C relate only to his British performances which consist of two H-B Holidays the previous year when playing under the seriously debilitating effects of a prolonged bout of malaria, and yielding a rating of only 115. Following a plethora of complaints, organiser Sir Len Moir (knighted in 2019 for services to Scrabble), says he'll, "Look again" at this issue and also at the 12 days, 12 games per day format which has led to some to refer to it as the 'Gross Open'.

Baked potatoes, jacket potatoes, mashed and roast potatoes, chips, fries and even potato salad are all off the menu at the 2021 BMSC (won for the fourteenth time by Brett Smitheram), because one competitor suffers from an extreme potato allergy. With another player hampered by an equally acute cheese intolerance, the resultant cornucopia of rice and pasta dishes fails to go down well with the majority of entrants.



Back to the Scrabble side of things, an extraordinary finish occurs in B with a scarcely believable top 5 of:

- 1) Paul (Halifax England) Thompson
- 2) Paula (Halifax England) Thompson
- 3) Paul (Halifax Canada) Thomson
- 4) Paul (ex Tranmere now Halifax England) Thomson
- 5) Paul (not far from Halifax England) Thompson

Matters had become seriously complicated in 2015 when Paul (then Tranmere) Thomson makes the unwise (on a purely Scrabble basis) decision to relocate to Halifax. The following year when Paul (Halifax England) Thompson marries his girlfriend Paula who then takes up the game herself, merely adds to the complications!

Meanwhile new ABSP chairwoman Nicky Huitson makes her maiden address at the AGM. She speaks to the floor as well as the ceiling, the walls, the curtains and the ABSP members in attendance. Outgoing chairman Ray Tate professes his profound sadness at relinquishing the 'Jewel In The Crown' of Scrabble posts but that his chagrin is offset to some extent by the extra time he now has available to follow his favourite pursuit of making postings to uk-scrabble.

With lunar space travel now fully operational and tourist flights available daily from the USA, scientists are endeavouring to find a way of adapting a Scrabble board and tiles to the unique and inherent demands of space travel. The gravity of the situation comes to light when a group of star players are forced to abandon an attempted in-flight mini tournament. One disappointed player remarks, "We'd all been looking forward to this, no pressure on any of us of course. When we realised it was impossible to play, some of the guys started mooning about; one of the youngsters looked really spaced out. I had to give him a bit of a rocket. 'Hey, sunshine,' I said, 'Time to come back down to earth!'"

A thrilling conclusion to the NSC final sees veteran Allan Simmons overturn a 0-2 deficit to pip Oliver Garner to the £10,000 first prize. One notable feature of the regional rounds is the number of qualifiers who fail to take up their semi final places, in part due to the shenanigans at the Hilton in Leeds the previous year, in which officers from West Yorkshire Constabulary conduct a dawn raid, following a tip-off relating to drug taking and lewd behaviour at the hotel. In the London South Regional this leads to the freak qualification of centenarian Ethel Bladderwick, rated 53, who finishes 59th out of 60.

Following a narrow vote amongst participants at the 2020 Peterborough 24 hour event, the 2021 tourney morphs into the 24/7 event. The new format sees games scheduled on the hour every hour for seven successive days. Entrants are permitted to eat and drink at any time they wish, with early finishers rewarded with the chance of a catnap (or more realistically a kitten nap). Two paramedics from St John's Ambulance are in attendance throughout and additional oxygen is also available (on a strictly first come first served basis). The inaugural event is regarded as a qualified success with only 8 of the 36 starters unable to complete the week, and only 3 of these requiring hospitalisation. One noteworthy incident does occur, however. Eye witness and London League stalwart Ted Lewis, who did not wish to be named, takes up the story:

"We were nearing the end of round 141 when there was this sudden outburst from the adjacent table. This guy had apparently just lost his 21st successive game. There was this almighty crash as board, tiles and clock were hurled across the room, accompanied by a barrage of expletives!" Happily, once sedated, and supplied with a straitjacket kindly loaned out by a local mental hospital, he is able to continue for the duration of the event and even manages a couple more wins.

*To be continued. In part 2, the 2021 World Championships, SPEWA, Scrabble boards and injuries and much more! (Well, a bit more anyway).*

# absp personality 2

## Jim Lyes



It was in 1996 I decided that perhaps competitive Scrabble, a game I had played intermittently since childhood, might be an enjoyable pastime. As I recall those early games were normally played by four people and there were invariably arguments about the validity of words, often without a suitable dictionary to hand. I particularly remember one game, played in an isolated farm and therefore miles from a suitable dictionary where an opponent refused to allow my play of RAZE! I was incensed, I knew the word, knew what it meant but our word authority, a tiny English-German dictionary, chose not to include RAZE (possibly because the war was over!) so I forfeited my turn. History does not recall why our skiing trip to the wilds of Scotland included an English-German dictionary!

Earlier in 1996 I had started to play domestic Scrabble regularly but was winning too easily, I needed stronger opposition. I had read about a local tournament in Hailsham but lacked the nerve to participate, however I did visit my library and found the address of a local club. A phone call to Tim Lawrence the then chairman (and founder of the Brighton club) and I soon found myself behind a table playing a game of Scrabble, one-to-one, a game which I lost when my opponent surprisingly bonused! This game made it apparent that there was much more to Scrabble than just a good vocabulary; strategies and tactics had to be learned – and they still do!

A few weeks after joining the club I was persuaded to join the committee as Treasurer. Circumstances in the club rapidly changed, the other committee members all resigned (for a variety of reasons, hopefully nothing to do with me) and as the sole remaining member I found myself combining the jobs of chairman, treasurer, secretary and statistician! My involvement with Scrabble was increasing rapidly, playing in two clubs, twice or three times a week, the Southern League and tournaments were taking up an increasing amount of my time. I can recall my highest scoring word, a nine-timer scoring 257 for a misspelling of NARTJIES (unchallenged).

I have other interests besides Scrabble. Playing the piano and more notably birding which has been a lifelong obsession and which extends to almost any form of animal life apart, that is, from spiders! Art, both painting and drawing - generally depicting wild life themes, birds and mammals and botanical subjects have been a part of my life for a great many years.

As we all know, Scrabble also has an important social side. In 2006 I met Teresa Hill, as she then was, at the BMSC in Yarnfield. After several tournaments and dozens of emails, love developed pretty quickly. Hundreds of miles later and with an unwanted, acquired knowledge of the M25 and A1, Teresa moved to Sussex. A year later we bought a house in Kirton in Lindsey in North Lincolnshire, I retired from my job and in May 2010 we were married. As other Scrabble couples would agree, a totally unexpected bonus in playing our beloved game is sometimes you may be lucky enough to meet your beloved!



Another part of life opened up after meeting Teresa. I took pleasure out of completing my paintings and then I would store them either under a bed or in a cupboard. When these

were rooted out by my new housemate during her many spring cleaning sessions (!) it was decided that I was clearly deluded and that they should be on show!!

I have since entered a number of competitive exhibitions, the last being a finalist in the BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year competition 2011. I am a regular participant in local craft fairs selling both originals and prints of my work and we try to track down galleries that would like to exhibit and sell my paintings. The picture shown here is a recent work which, if you were fortunate to have on your Scrabble rack, would net you a very acceptable score. A possibility of 374 on a triple, triple play with the Z on a double letter!! The birds in questions are QUETZALS.



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# scrabble tips

## for home players and those new to the ABSP - by Allan Simmons

*This section within OnBoard is specifically for newer players or those that might have joined the ABSP as a regular home player. Some of the material is new but a lot of it is tailored from articles that may have appeared elsewhere over the years.*

### Superstarts

It's always a thrill to pick a bonus word out of the bag to kick off a game. Statistically it is expected that a player will have a seven-letter word on their opening rack about one in twenty games. Of course, in most cases the player may not see or know the word and it doesn't get played. Even at the top levels the low-probability sevens from CDEGKUW and CIPRUVY will be unknown or missed. There are so many more thousands of sevens that are worth knowing ahead of the likes of GWEDUCK and PYRUVIC.

Sometimes though, the more unlikely the word the more attractive it becomes to the eye and memory, especially words containing the power tiles, JQXZ. You could probably find the sevens in the following racks, if only because you've been prompted to look for them:

A G H J M N O

A K Q S U W Y

A B C H O S X

B H I O S W Z

It would be great to start a game with one of those four. Note that, apart from the J word, they can all be positioned with the power tile on a double-letter (dl) giving scores for each of them of 98, 122, 108 and 118 respectively. But when might you *not* want to play an opening seven-letter word in its optimum scoring position? What if your rack was one of these?

D E E G J R U

H I N O O R Z

B E I L O Q U

When you come to place the bonus word in the optimum scoring position, it may dawn on you that the first takes a P front hook, the second takes an S end hook, and the third takes a D, R or S end hook. Thus, especially in the third example, your opponent could easily make a triple word (tw) play and gain an easy extra 50 or so with minimal effort. However, if you placed the word suboptimally, sacrificing 12-14 points, and your opponent has the appropriate hook letter, you still have a net gain of about 20 points. Eg instead of OBLIQUE H8a (106) you play it at C8a (92) and your opponent can only score 18 for the face-value instead of 54 for triple it (you sacrifice 14 but they score 36 less), a gain of 22 for you.

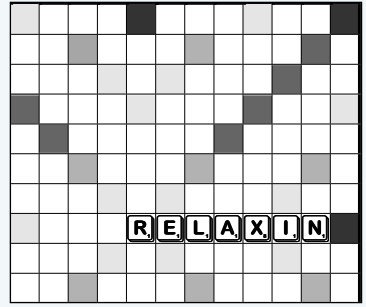
Of course, some more risky players will argue there's a fair chance you will be the first to get the hook letter, and if your opponent doesn't have the appropriate letter at the outset they will feel pressured to block the possibility, maybe wasting letters they'd rather score with elsewhere. However, if they only partially inhibit the opening or leave it alone (also preferring to take the risk), and you haven't picked the hook letter yourself, then the ball is back in your court. And you would then feel it essential to block it, most likely not playing the letters you'd rather use, or scoring as well as you could elsewhere.

My conclusion is that all of this dependency on getting the right letter early on in the game is just not worth the risk of the opponent having it, or having to play an inferior play shortly afterwards to block it yourself.

One occasion where I might override that policy is if I felt my opponent wouldn't know the valid hook or may think it takes an -S when it doesn't.

For example GENIZOT (GENIZOTH is valid but not GENIZOTS).

Now, on the board shown to the right, your opponent has been brave with their opening bonus. You can't use the triple-word, so what is your best response holding:



A B C H M O T

**Some definitions:** GWEDUCK a type of clam. GENIZOT(H) plurals of GENIZAH (GENIZAHS is also valid), a repository for sacred books in a synagogue. PYRUVIC pyruvic acid: sweet-smelling acid. RELAXIN a relaxing hormone

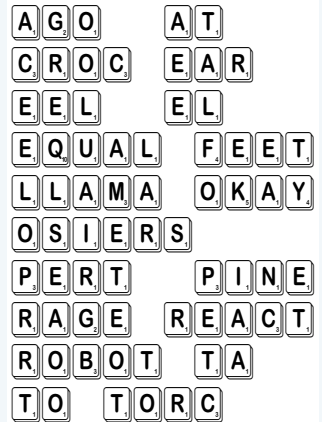
Scrabble articles like these can be found each Saturday in The Times. There is also a book, published by Collins, of a collection of over 90 of such Scrabble tips and articles by Allan Simmons that appeared in The Times between 2005-2006: The Times Scrabble Workout – ISBN 978-0-00-730303-8 rrp 7.99.

## SCRABBLE® LOGOLOGIC

Compiled by Allan Simmons

Your challenge is to recreate the Scrabble game using all the 19 words given below. The number of tiles in each row or column, and the total face-value of those tiles (ie ignoring premium squares) in each row or column are shown alongside the empty board. It is assumed that readers are familiar with the letter values.

No.					3	6	11	10	5	5	3	3	3	1
Val.					3	16	16	19	9	7	3	4	3	1
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3	3													
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3	4													
2	2													
1	5													
5	14													
1	4													



When you have completed the diagram can you find the elusive highest scoring play that scores exactly 48 points with this rack?

H I P Y I S M

# cryptogram

	15	26	9	10	17	1	4	9		13	2	10	15	7
24	23	7	24	4	7	16		21	2	2	21	2	2	16
	17	9	8	7	21	7	25	9		10	3	15	1	22
22	7	21	9	6	10	15		17	1	3	1	9	24	10
7	24	10	8	1	16	1	24	25		3	9	22	7	24
3		1		8	1	24		9	21	9		26		22
16	1	8	9	16	15	9	3	16		8	26	10	6	9
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20	1	5	9	16		14	2	15	2	17	1	16	15	16
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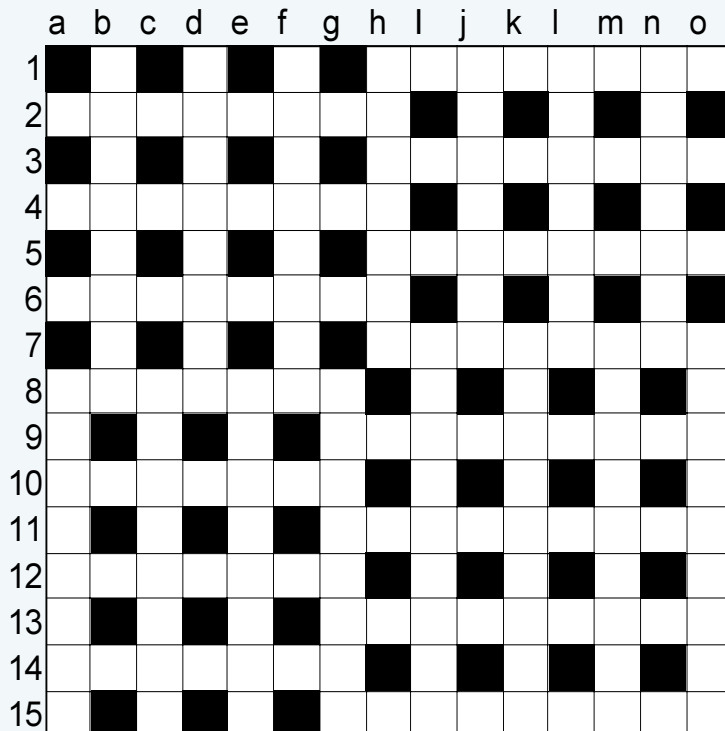
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							<b>M</b>					

Apologies to Cryptogram fans for putting the given letter in the wrong square last issue. However, Ray Tate who pointed out the error did say that he had managed to complete the puzzle regardless!

# anagrid

The answers are simply anagrams of the clues



## HORIZONTAL CLUES

1. DRAVAUEY
2. DUPSILON
3. LORGANIC
4. ECONNIMY
5. SPAIRAGE
6. SENSCKII
7. IWINESSE
8. INOPISS
9. SEMOOTILY
10. SHOGAME
11. KEIRABCDE
12. EATMAIM
13. KEIRSOREO
14. KERTKRE
15. SEESENTRY

## VERTICAL CLUES

- a. SORVITIS
- b. LIREOISE
- c. ATEMOSIS
- d. SOOPAMIE
- e. RUMPSKAG
- f. CHICUZIN
- g. REBYNIES
- h. IDEASON
- i. CINNISORE
- j. AMASUJA
- k. AIRSWEETW
- l. ELGOTAV
- m. VIOLATISE
- n. UNNOGED
- o. SYSENSESH

Solutions on page 39

# forthcoming tournaments

This list is compiled by Steve Perry who is the ABSP's Tournament Co-ordinator. Steve's role is to manage the Scrabble calendar so he will need to know as early as possible if you are considering running an event. Steve's email is: [steveperry414@gmail.com](mailto:steveperry414@gmail.com)

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## Nottingham Nomads

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August

Contact Clive Spate  
Telephone: 0115 9200208

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## Scottish Round Robin (14 games)

Saturday 13th–Sunday 14th August

Contact Amy Byrne  
Telephone: 0131 6613869

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## Wetherby (7 games)

Sunday 14th August 2011

Contact Andrea Waddington

Telephone 01977 731977

Venue Collingham Memorial Hall,  
Main Street, Collingham,  
Wetherby, LS22 5AS

Registration 09:30

First game 10:00 Departure 18.15

2/3 divisional tournament

Entry costs: £14.50 for ABSP member

£16.50 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if bringing a clock  
which you are prepared to lend

Cheques payable to Andrea Waddington and  
sent to Andrea Waddington, 2 Cumberland  
Road, Castleford, WF10 2QZ

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## London New Player Event at MSO (6 games)

**A one division, swiss-paired tournament of  
six games. Entry will only be permitted to  
players who have played fewer than 15  
ABSP-rated games and have either no rating  
or are rated under 130.**

Saturday 20th August

Contact Ben Wilson

Telephone 01522 687077

Emergency number on the day

Mobile 07857 519807

Venue University of London Union,  
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY

Registration 9.00

First game 10.00 Departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the  
start and between games

Entry costs: £10.00 (under 18 - £5)

Cheques payable to Mr. B. J. Wilson and sent to:  
Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North  
Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9RJ

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## MSO (7 games)

Sunday 21st August 2011

Contact Steve Perry

Telephone 01367 244757

Emergency number on day only

Mobile 07565 602436

Venue ULU, Malet Street, London  
WC1E 7HY

Registration 09:00

First game 10:00 Time of departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee available to purchase throughout  
the day

Entry costs: £12.00 for ABSP member

£15.00 for Non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Steve Perry and sent to:  
29 Elm Road, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7EJ  
Or via Paypal to [sperry123@talktalk.net](mailto:sperry123@talktalk.net)  
(please add £0.50p to cover transaction  
charges if appropriate)

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## BMSC (21 games) Mens/Ladies (6 games)

Friday 26th–Monday 29th August

Contact Sarah Wilkes  
Telephone: 07703 014789

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### **Havering (7 games)**

Saturday 3rd September 2011  
Contact: Cindy Hollyer  
Telephone: 01277-822050  
Venue: Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall,  
Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood,  
Essex  
Registration 09:15  
First game 10:00 Departure 18:00

Tea/Coffees/squash & biscuits available throughout the day but lunch is not provided.  
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member  
£15.50 for non-ABSP member  
Deduct 50p if bringing clock which you are prepared to lend  
Cheques payable to Havering Scrabble Club and sent to Cindy Hollyer, 78 Peartree Lane, Doddinghurst, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH

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### **All-In Event (5 games) (Part of YouthScrabble@Fest)**

Saturday 3rd September 2011  
Contact Paula Davenport  
Telephone: 01952 256850  
Emergency number on the day  
Mobile 07719 672616  
Venue: King George Memorial Hall, 2655 Stratford Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull, West Mids B94 5HN

Divisions: 6 player round robins.  
Registration: 15.30  
First game 16.00 Departure 20.45  
Entry costs: FREE  
Email *only* to karenrichards@gmail.com  
This rated tournament will be a mixture of young and old players. If playing with children disconcerts you, please do not enter. Young players will be well-trained before they play - able to score correctly, finish in the allotted time, know how to challenge etc

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### **Youth Championship (7 games)**

Sunday 4th September  
Contact Paula Davenport  
Telephone: 01952 256850  
Emergency number on the day  
Mobile 07719 672616  
Venue: King George Memorial Hall, 2655 Stratford Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull, West Mids B94 5HN

Divisions: 8 player round robins.  
Registration: 8.30  
First game: 9.00 Departure 15.20  
Entry costs: £3 (payable on the day)  
Email only to:  
pdavenport@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk  
with a copy to karendrichards@gmail.com  
This tournament is for players born 1/1/94 or later

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### **Morecambe (14 games)**

Friday 9th – Monday 12th September

Contact Viv Beckmann  
Telephone: 0191 2742420

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### **NSC Semi Final (14 games)**

Saturday 10th–Sunday 11th September

Contact Philip Nelkon  
Telephone 01628 500623

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### **Middlesbrough Open (7 games)**

Sunday 18th September  
Contact Samantha Beckwith  
Telephone 01915-866436  
Venue Linthorpe Community Centre,  
Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough,  
TS5 6JG  
Divisions/prizes according to entries  
Registration 9.30

First game 10.00 Departure 18.30  
Entry costs: £14.00 For ABSP members  
£16.00 for non-ABSP member  
Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a timer  
Cheques payable to Cleveland Scrabble Club and sent to: Samantha Beckwith,  
91 Hatfield Place, Peterlee, Co Durham  
SR8 5SU

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### **Leamington Spa (14 games)**

Friday 23rd–Monday 26th September

Contact Viv Beckmann  
Telephone: 0191 2742420

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### **NSCT Final (7 games)**

Sunday 24th September

Contact Philip Nelkon  
Telephone 01628 500623

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**Norwich (7 games)**

Sunday 25th September  
Contact: Jacquie Aldous  
Tel: 01362 638320  
Venue: Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane,  
Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3JJ  
Registration 09.30  
First game 10:00 Departure 18.00

2 or 3 divisional tournament depending on entries  
Tea/Coffee/cakes provided (but not lunch)  
Entry costs: £12.00 to ABSP members  
£14.00 to non-ABSP players  
Cheques payable to Norwich Scrabble Club and sent to Jacquie Aldous, 4 Rump Close, Swanton Morley, Dereham, NR29 4NH

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**Kelso (7 games)**

Saturday 1st October  
Contact: Mrs C A McCann  
Telephone: 01592 770127  
Venue: Tait Hall, Edenside Road, Kelso  
TD5 7BS  
Registration 09:00

First game: 09.35 Time of departure 18.00  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £12.50 for ABSP member  
£14.50 for Non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Mrs C A McCann and sent to Mrs C A McCann, 3 Myres Drive, Glenrothes, KY7 4RS

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**Bournemouth Autumn (7 games)**

Sunday 2nd October 2011  
Contact: Ruth Marsden  
Telephone: 01202 707148  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile: 07720 949 825  
Venue: Rooper Hall, 5 Victoria Park  
Road, Moordown, Bournemouth

Registration: 09:30  
First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.10  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member  
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Bournemouth Scrabble Tournament and sent to Ruth Marsden, 27 Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, BH13 7ET

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**Cock o' the North (22 games)**

Friday 7th–Sunday 9th October

Contact Len Moir  
Telephone 01913 880033

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**Edinburgh Open (7 games)**

Saturday 8th October  
Contact: Margaret Harkness  
Telephone: 0131 4403649  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile: 07804 889468  
Venue: Carlton Bridge Club,  
36b Warriston Gardens,  
Edinburgh EH3 5NE  
Registration: 09:15

First game: 10:00 Time of departure 18.00  
Light lunch included. Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £17.50 for ABSP member  
£19.50 for Non-ABSP member  
Deduct 50p if you are able to bring a clock  
Cheques payable to Margaret Harkness – Edinburgh Open and sent to Margaret Harkness, , 2 Fowler Crescent, Loanhead, Midlothian EH20 9RX

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**Hove Actually (9 games – 20 mins)**

Sunday 9th October 2011  
Contact: Doj Graham  
Telephone: 01273 699811  
Emergency number (on the day)  
Mobile: 07743 317565  
Venue: St Lawrence's Church Hall,  
Glebe Villas, Hove BN3 5SS

Registration: 09:00  
First game: 09.30 Departure 17:45  
3 divisional round robin tournament  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP member  
£22.00 for non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Doj Graham and sent to Doj Graham, Flat 2, 8-9 Hanover Crescent, Brighton BN2 9SB

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**Coventry Triple (27 games)**

Tuesday 11th–Thursday 13th October

Contact Len Moir  
Telephone 01913 880033

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### **Oxford (14 games)**

Friday 14th – Sunday 16th October

Contact Viv Beckmann

Telephone: 0191 2742420

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### **Bourne (7 games)**

Sunday 16th October 2011

Contact Betty Benton

Tel 01778-425234

Venue Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road,

Bourne, Lincs, PE10 9EF

Registration 09:15

First game 10:00

3 divisional tournament

Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member

£15.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Bourne & District  
Scrabble Club and sent to Betty Benton,  
Walnut Farm, Twenty, Bourne, Lincs  
PE10 0BH

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### **Nailsea (7 games)**

Sunday 23rd October 2011

Contact Pam Sparkes

Telephone 01275 464864

Emergency number on the day

Mobile 0783762145 or 07929936832

Venue Mizzymead Recreation Centre,  
Nailsea

Divisions: Maximum of 3 divisions of 20

Registration 9.15

First game 10.00 Departure 18.30

Tea/coffee and biscuits available throughout  
the day

Entry costs: £13.00 For ABSP members

£15.00 for others

£2 discount for Nailsea club  
members

Deduct 50p if you are able to  
bring and lend a timer

Cheques payable Nailsea Scrabble Club and  
sent to Pam Sparkes at 3 Summerlands,  
Backwell, Bristol BS48 3NZ

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### **London (Knightsbridge) (7 games)**

Sunday 30th October 2011

London Scrabble League 40th Anniversary  
Tournament

Contact Sandie Simonis

Telephone 020 8428 3397

Emergency number on the day

Mobile 0771 259 0585

Venue Kent House, Rutland Gardens,  
Knightsbridge, London SW7 1BX

Registration 09:30

First game 10:10 Departure 18.30

3 division tournament (subject to entries)

Buffet lunch included. Refreshments available  
on arrival and throughout the day.

Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP or LSL member

£22.00 all others

Cheques payable to London Scrabble League  
and sent to Sandie Simonis, 90 Woodhall  
Gate, Pinner Middx, HA5 4TZ

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### **Cheadle (14 games)**

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th November

Contact Amy Byrne

Telephone: 0131 6613869

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### **Lincoln Round Robin (8 games)**

Saturday 5th November 2011

Contact Ben Wilson

Telephone 01522 687077

Emergency number on the day

Telephone 07857 519807

Venue Memorial Hall, Newark Road,  
North Hykeham, LN6 9RY

Divisions according to entries

**5 Point penalty challenge per word**

Registration 9.30

First game 9.45 Departure 18.10

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the  
start and between games

Entry costs: £8.00 For ABSP members

£10.00 for non-ABSP member

Add 50p if not bringing a timer  
that you can lend

Cheques payable to Mr. B. J. Wilson and sent  
to Ben Wilson, 7 Perney Crescent, North  
Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9RJ

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**Luton (7 games)**

Saturday 12th November  
Contact Adrian Noller  
Telephone 01582 656234  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile 07753 143262  
Venue St Lukes Church, Leagrave High Street, Luton, LU4 9JY

Registration 09:20  
First game 10:00 Time of departure 17.45  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member  
£15.50 for Non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Luton Scrabble Club and sent to Adrian Noller, 1 Wendover Way, Luton LU2 7LS

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**Glasgow (7 games)**

Saturday 12 November 2011  
Contact; Tom Wilson  
Telephone; 01324 832257  
Emergency number on the day  
Mobile: 07789 442051  
Venue: Crosshill Church Hall, Airbles Street, Motherwell ML1 1XE

Divisions/prizes 2/3 according to entries  
Registration 9.15  
First game 10.00 Departure 18.00  
Entry costs: £10.00 For ABSP members  
£12.00 for non-members  
Cheques payable to Glasgow Scrabble Club  
Tournament a/c, and sent to:  
Mrs Mary Jones, 40 Riverside Park, Netherlee, Glasgow G44 3PG

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**Project WYSC Chigwell  
(8 games – timers set to 20 minutes)**

Sunday 13th November 2011  
Contact Diane Pratesi  
Telephone 0208 556 2902  
Venue Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QX  
Registration 09.30  
First game 09.45 Departure 17.30

Refreshments available throughout the day,  
Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP member  
£17.00 for non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to 33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7ER  
This tournament is being organised to raise funds for Jessica and/or Natasha Pratesi to attend the World Youth Scrabble Championship likely to be held in December 2011 in Malaysia.

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**Winter Matchplay (15 games)**

Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 November

Contact Mike Willis  
Telephone: 07976 256554

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**Pitlochry (14/9 games)**

Sunday 15th – Friday 21st January 2012

Contact Alan Sinclair  
Telephone: 0131 6697316

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**West Berks (7 games)**

Saturday 21st January 2012  
Contact: Ian Burn  
Telephone: 0118-984-5045  
Venue: The Barn, Beech Road, Purley-on-Thames, Berks,  
Registration: 9.30

First game: 10:00 Departure: 18.30  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member  
£15.00 for Non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to West Berks Scrabble Club  
Tournament A/c and sent to Ian Burn, Valley View, 92 Purley Rise, Purley-on-Thames, Berks, RG8 8DH

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**Chester (17 games)**

Friday 27th–Sunday 29th January 2012

Contact Kathy Rush  
Telephone 01928 733565

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**Israel Open (17 games)**

Friday 10th–Sunday 12th February 2012

Contact Evan Cohen  
Email evan@post.tau.ac.il

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**Corby (16 games)**

Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th February 2012

Contact Carmen Toscano  
Telephone 01536 601987

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## New Malden (7 games)

Saturday 3rd March 2012  
Contact Elizabeth Terry  
Telephone 01483 474011  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile 07995 090101  
Venue Christ Church Centre, Coombe  
Road, New Malden, KT3 4RE  
Registration 09:15 – 09:45  
First game 10:00 Departure 17:45

3-5 divisional tournament  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £14.00 for ABSP member  
£16.00 for non-ABSP member  
Deduct 50p if bringing clock  
which you are prepared to lend  
Cheques payable to:  
Elizabeth Terry Tournament a/c and sent to  
Elizabeth Terry, 114 Hermitage Woods  
Crescent, Woking, GU21 8UF

## Romanian Open (22 games)

Friday 12th–Sunday 14th October 2012

Contact Dan-Laurentiu Siddhu  
Email dls@scrabblero.ro

# Solutions

## Words with HH - 8 letters or fewer (page 8)

SHH, AARRGHH, FISHHOOK, ROUGHHEW, WITHHELD, WITHHOLD

## Scrabble Tips Solutions

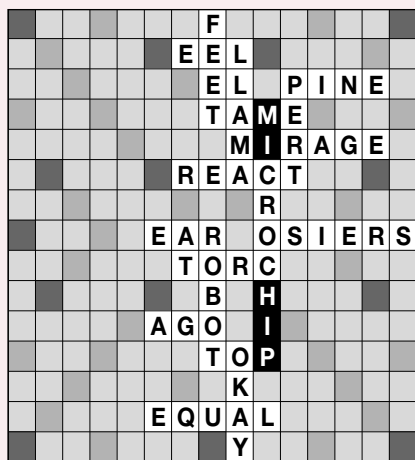
MAHJONG, SQUAWKY, CASHBOX, SHOWBIZ.

Dont bother trying to block RELAXIN(G) - play MATCHBOX L1d (104) instead!

## Cryptogram

1=I, 2=U, 3=P, 4=Z, 5=V, 6=L, 7=A, 8=D, 9=E, 10=O, 11=W, 12=B, 13=Q, 14=F, 15=T, 16=S,  
17=R, 18=X, 19=K, 20=J, 21=M, 22=C, 23=Y, 24=N, 25=G, 26=H..

## Logologic



## Anagram



## quick reference of tournaments coming up...

Date	Event	Games	Organiser	Telephone
Aug 6th-7th	Nomads	(16)	Clive Spate	0115 9200208
Aug 13th	Scottish Round Robin	(14)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
Aug 14th	Wetherby	(7)	Andrea Waddington	01977 731977
Aug 14th	Ilford Invitational*	(9)	Kevin Synnott	07535 381282
Aug 20th	NPE MSO	(6)	Ben Wilson	01522 687077
Aug 21st	MSO	(7)	Steve Perry	01367 244757
Aug 26th-29th	BMSC	(6/22)	Sarah Wilkes	07703 014789
Sep 3rd	Havering Autumn	(7)	Cindy Hollyer	01227 822050
Sep 3rd	All-In (Solihull)	(5)	Paula Davenport	01952 256850
Sep 4th	Youth Champs	(7)	Paula Davonport	01952 256850
Sep 9th-12th	Morecambe (HB)	(14)	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Sep 10th-11th	NSC Semifinal	(14)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Sep 11th	Ilford Invitational*	(9)	Kevin Synnott	07535 381282
Sep 18th	Middlesborough	(7)	Sam Beckwith	0191 5866 436
Sep 23rd-26th	Leamington Spath (HB)	(14)	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Sep 24th	NSCT Final	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Sep 25th	Norwich	(7)	Jackie Aldous	01362 638320
Oct 1st	Kelso	(7)	Ray Tate	
Oct 2nd	Bournemouth	(6)	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
Oct 7th-9th	Cock o' the North	(22)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Oct 8th	Mountnissing Invitational*		Kevin Synnott	07535 381282
Oct 8th	Edinburgh	(7)	Margaret Harkness	0131 440 3649
Oct 9th	Hove Actually	(9)	Doj Graham	01273 699811
Oct 11th-13th	Coventry Triple	(27)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Oct 16th	Bourne	(7)	Betty Benton	01778 425234
Oct 23rd	Nailsea	(7)	Pam Sparkes	01275 464864
Oct 30th	London Knightsgridge	(7)	Sandie Simonis	020 8428 3397
Nov 5th-6th	Cheadle	(15)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
Nov 5th	Lincoln Round Robin	(8)	Ben Wilson	01522 687077
Nov 6th	NSC Final	(5)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
Nov 12th	Luton	(7)	Adrian Noller	01582 656234
Nov 12th	Glasgow	(7)	Tom Wilson	01324 832257
Nov 13th	Chigwell	(7)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
Nov 19th-20th	Winter Matchplay	(15)	Mike Wilis	07976 256554
Dec 2nd-4th	Harrogate (HB)	(14)	Viv Beckmann	0191 2742420
Dec 10th-11th	Nottingham Invitational*		Jared Robinson	
Jan 2nd-8th	UK Open + Warm-Up*		Len Moir	01913 880033
Jan 15th-20th	Pitlochry	(14)/(9)	Alan Sinclair	0131 6697316
Jan 21st	West Berks	(7)	Ian Burn	0118 984 5045
Jan 27th-29th	Chester	(17)	Kathy Rush	01928 733565
Jan 29th	West Sussex	(6)	Peter Hall	01903 775396
Feb 10th-12th	Israel Open	(20)	Evan Cohen	
Feb 12th	Chigwell Pairs*		Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
Feb 18th-19th	Corby	(16)	Carmen Toscano	01536 601987
Mar 3rd	New Malden	(7)	Elizabeth Terry	01483 474011
Mar 11th	Swindon*	(7)	Steve Perry	01367 244757
Mar 17th-18th	Coventry Double*	(22)	Len Moir	01913 880033
Mar 25th	Southampton*	(6)	Alan Bailey	023 9238 4360

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