

# OnBoard

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# committee matters

## Terry Hollington Trophy

This award was established ten years ago upon the death of Terry Hollington, the man who adopted chess' rating system for Scrabble and was the ABSP's first Ratings Officer, for seven years until 1993. He was committed to the UK Scrabble scene, and devoted much of his time to the promotion of the game and the encouragement of young players.

This award is periodically given for an outstanding individual performance, general ability and/or improvement by either a newcomer to Scrabble or a young player". Previous winners are Austin Shin, Sarah Wilkes and David Sutton. If you would like to nominate someone you know for this award, please contact Laura Finley, ABSP Secretary, with a brief outline of what makes your candidate a worthy winner.

## Minutes of ABSP Committee Meeting: Sunday 4th March 2012

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

**Present:** Peter Ashurst (PA), Laura Finley (LF), Elisabeth Jardine (EJ), Ross Mackenzie (RM), Steve Perry (SP), Anne Ramsay (AR)

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

**Apologies:** Paula Davenport (PD), Stewart Holden (SH), Wayne Kelly (WK), Philip Nelkon (PN)

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

Allan Simmons (AS) is still a member of the Committee discussion group in an advisory capacity

**Resignations/appointments:** ED is now WESPA Liaison Officer. EJ has taken on the role of Complaints Officer as well as organiser of the BMSC

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** agreed by email

### Team member reports and discussion

#### **Treasurer (PA):**

- The new ABSP current account with Lloyds TSB has been activated and the internet access is working
- Balance sheet for 2011 accounts was approved
- Increase in postage charges ñ PA will buy stamps in bulk from WHSmith in the event of a rise
- Membership renewals are being banked once processed by AR
- Surplus BMSC trophies have been added to stock to be used for BMSC 2012

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### **Membership Secretary (AR):**

- Currently 626 members with 213 taking the pdf version of OnBoard
- 23 new members since 1st November 2011
- All non-renewing members have been contacted
- 3 people have taken up the 'standing order' option
- Membership renewal needs to go out in the October issue of OnBoard

### **Secretary (LF):**

- Committee 'job profiles' are being submitted by Committee members
- Motions are invited for the 2012 AGM

### **Tournament Co-ordinator (SP):**

- There is concern over the growing number of 'invitational events' involving top rated players, resulting in those players playing fewer 'regular' tournaments. It is felt that those players representing UK at WSC should have a profile in rank and file tournaments.
- Directors' Guide – in progress. It was agreed to include a 'case history' section re: precedents. Expected publication = end of April 2012
- Use of hand helds for self adjudication – status of ipads needs clarification
- It was agreed that Tournament Organisers and Tournament Directors must be ABSP members
- There was no issue with the 'clash' of the ABSP Masters and the Lincoln tournament (June 30th)
- Committee were asked if WESPA ratings could be used to split entrants into divisions, rather than ABSP ratings. Committee responded that if the event is within the UK and ABSP-rated, ABSP ratings MUST be used. However, a tournament organiser retains the right to place people with an unreliable ABSP rating in another division if he/she wishes to, e.g. a number of entrants to an event are coming from overseas, and some of them have ABSP ratings which are provisional or based on very old games - in such cases the TO should use additional info, such as WESPA ratings, to place these entrants in the correct division.

### **ABSP Events:**

#### **BMSC (EJ):**

- Contract has been signed based on 130 players – with 142 actually available.
- Suggestions for a 'sponsored' giveaway were noted
- Entry form can be approved before prize fund is agreed
- BMSC helpers – number needed was discussed
- A TD is needed for Friday/Saturday. AS was suggested, or someone from his list of volunteers
- It was agreed to keep the 170 rating cut-off, timetable and format as last year
- Online entry was discussed but it is not feasible at the moment
- It was agreed to put ABSP bank details on the entry form, but that entries should still be sent by post this year
- Flyer to go out in June OnBoard

#### **Masters (WK):**

- Masters is booked at Stone House Hotel for June 30th/July 1st

#### **NSC (PN):**

- All venues have been booked. The flyer has gone on the website and will be distributed with the next Scrabble Club News and OnBoard

- NSC will run in a very similar format to last year
- (SP): Rating approval has already taken place, but from next year all TDs must be ABSP members

#### **Promotions (RM):**

- Times Crossword Championships will show ABSP leaflets in exchange for a mention in OnBoard
- Barry Grossman is getting costings for small ads in Private Eye, New Statesman, Computer magazines and MENSA magazine

#### **Website:**

- Committee members are asked to update (or create) their profiles and submit to Chris Davies

#### **Publications:**

- WK to review changes to Handbook and make a call on whether to update summer or after AGM

#### **Youth Officer (RM):**

- WYSC confirmed – Birmingham 7-9 December
- PD is arranging a coaching clinic/tournament at her school 13–14 April. Rating depends on the proportion of rated players in attendance
- Video of Tim Butcher being interviewed on BBC East Midlands Today – RM to post on website and You Tube

#### **WESPA:**

- SP contacted TO forum re: WESPA rating and received one reply – Ian Burn, who could see no advantage to having West Berks tournament WESPA rated
- Suggestions for ‘local tournaments’ to have WESPA rating = BMSC, ABSP Masters, NSC Semi Final + possibly English Grand or Jubilee

#### **Routine discussion items**

##### **ABSP Objectives:**

(AS) ‘Home members’ section of OnBoard could be put on website

Committee noted RM’s report (message on Committee discussion group), accepted its outcomes and made no amendments to these objectives for 2012

##### **WSC/Masters qualification:**

- Committee agreed with WK’s suggestion that qualification system should be maintained as it is. Those present agreed that WK’s proposal should be implemented, but on agreement of the whole Committee

##### **Data Protection Issues:**

- It was agreed that Margaret Staunton may be given access to the membership database in order to generate labels for posting OnBoard

##### **Titles and Awards:**

- Certificates are signed and ready to be sent out

##### **Wordlist:**

- It was agreed to remove this item from the ABSP template

##### **Rules (SH):**

- Nothing to report

##### **Equality:**

- It was agreed to remove this item from the template – equality issues will be addressed individually by whichever Committee member(s) is/are deemed appropriate

## UK Reports:

Simon Gillam reported that Scotland are considering expanding the Four Nations event in 2012. They propose to have a 6 team event (20 games) from the evening of 31st August to the afternoon of 2nd September. Teams from Malta and Israel would be invited to take part.

Gareth Williams responded that Wales might struggle to get a team for this, given the proximity of the venue and the longer event.

- Committee has no strong feelings and thinks the length of the event is most likely to be the issue rather than the number of nations
- English and Irish responses are needed

## AOB:

- Pre-meeting: Linda and Len Moir attended to discuss overseas players attending UK events.

## GUIDANCE FOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

TOs are permitted to specify a separate closing date on their entry form for overseas entrants, or for those who will not be paying from a UK bank account. The committee agreed that this is not unfair discrimination, given the documented evidence of problems to date.

The committee iterated that, after the closing date has passed, TOs have discretion to permit late entries on a case-by-case basis. A late entry is one where the entrant has not paid the required deposit/entry fee before the closing date, regardless of when they submitted their entry form or signalled an intent to attend.

ABSP recommends that TOs do not send a letter "inviting" players to an event when that event is not invitational: instead, they may choose to send a letter merely confirming that a named player has requested to enter the event. The Moreton S.C. template is being refined.

In addition, ABSP recommends that no more than ONE entrant per letter should be named, and the template should be succinct and neutral. If TOs wish to elaborate (e.g. "we would be pleased to see..." or "...represent their country") they can, but ABSP does not recommend this.

ABSP recommends that the letter references the entry form of the event at [www.absp.org.uk](http://www.absp.org.uk)

- Terry Hollington Award – SP is getting this from David Sutton at Swindon event. This is not an annual award, but ad hoc.
- Ross Mackenzie would like to stand down from Committee after this year's AGM.

## Date of next meetings:

Suggested date = Saturday 16th June, venue to be arranged.

## AGM 2012

Further to a similar request last issue, members are now invited to submit motions for the 2012 AGM by June 14th, in time to be presented at the Committee meeting on June 16th. This will allow discussion and arguments, both for and against motions, to take place in OnBoard and on UK-Scrabble in advance of the AGM.

Motions should be sent to:

ABSP Secretary, 206 Cleveland Road, Sunderland, SR4 7QR  
or emailed to [secretary@absp.org.uk](mailto:secretary@absp.org.uk)

**Qualification Criteria** - Following its March meeting, the Committee is amending the qualification criteria for the selection of ABSP Masters participants, the English WSC team and the English Four Nations team. The qualification periods and the principle of basing qualification on a peak ratings remain unchanged: a full statement on the revised criteria will be published on [www.absp.org.uk](http://www.absp.org.uk) before the end of March.

## OnBoard as a pdf

If any member would prefer to receive their copy of OnBoard as an emailed pdf file, please contact membership secretary, Anne Ramsay at [anne.ramsay@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.ramsay@blueyonder.co.uk)

Emailed pdfs should arrive a little earlier than the mailed booklets. They are indexed and in full colour throughout.

## Letter

### International Friendship

**Barbara Lukey:** One of the great things about today's UK Scrabble scene is the opportunity to meet people from different countries. I first met Sonny Hemachandra at one of Len and Linda's tournaments in Coventry last year. Sonny holds a senior post at the Omani International Bank, Muscat. I was delighted to meet Sonny especially as my daughter had just got a new job in Oman.

I went out to visit her in December 2011 and again in March 2012. On the first visit Sonny, as secretary of the Muscat Scrabble Club, organised a tournament in my honour at a local hotel and we had a wonderful day. In March I was able to return the club's hospitality and arranged a tournament at my daughter's school. We all agreed that the best word played was BOOSHIT, (not what you think... Australian slang for very good!).

The Muscat club are keen to develop the game in Oman and to encourage young players and last year sent a representative to the World Youth Scrabble Championships. Sonny attends UK tournaments about twice a year.



*Lunchtime break at the March Muscat Tournament. Sonny Hemachandra, first left, Barbara Lukey, second left.*

## Mike O'Rourke RIP

**Thursday 8th March - Nicky Huitson:** It is with the saddest of hearts that I have to inform you that Mike O'Rourke passed away at 8am this morning - RIP Mike. You were loved xxx  
*Thus was the Scrabble community informed that the sad day had come and Mike had at last succumbed to his illness.*

*Mike was every person's friend - certainly every Scrabble player's friend. If he had not befriended you, then it was only because he ran out of time. He will remain one of the ABSP's great, enduring characters.*

*Tributes to Mike, together with sympathies for Nuala, immediately poured in - in huge numbers - to uk-scrabble and Facebook, and also this remembrance to OnBoard...*

**Maurice Brown:** I have known Mike since I started playing tournament Scrabble in the mid 1990's. At that time I was a newby, and Mike had been around a few years by then. At first, I have to admit, my initial impression was that Mike carried himself with a somewhat superior air. It was a false impression; as time passed and I got to know him I learned what a truly kind and friendly man he was. As the old saying goes; "Never judge a book by its cover"

Over the years I became a fellow "Gambler" - the board game that, as many of you will know, Mike enthused about and he used his persuasive powers to encourage a fair few of us to part with our money to purchase a set. I began to attend Gambler events with Mike and Nuala and at the BMSC we were ashamedly guilty of skipping the AGM so we could "sneak" in a game or two.

I got to know Mike even more closely when I invited him to join me attending a Buddhist retreat weekend with me down south.

His kindness really showed when, realising I would be spending one Christmas alone in the flat I was living in, he insisted I spend it with he and Nuala. It turned out to be the best Christmas I can recall having. That Christmas dinner was superb, proving that Nuala's culinary skills aren't just limited to making the delicious cakes that many a Scrabblers has sampled over the years.

Mike and I went out for a walk in the Oakham countryside whilst the dinner was being prepared. It was that year that he had been diagnosed with leukemia, so he couldn't walk as far as he would have liked.

Around that time I would regularly travel over to Oakham to take him to his hospital appointments in Leicester. I would take my Scrabble set along, and we would get a few games in whilst he was waiting to see his consultant.

Mike's generosity was one his great qualities, and this was illustrated when, after stopping off at a garden centre on the way back from one of his appointments, he insisted that I let him buy me a hanging basket.

I did think that Mike was improving when I popped over to see him a couple of weeks ago and he showed, despite his apparent frailty, that he had not lost his ability with the tiles, and proceeded to thrash me 4-0! However, it was not meant to be, and a day or two after that, he was readmitted to hospital.

Mike put up a great fight against his illnesses and the many setbacks and complications he suffered. At least now he is at peace, and free from pain, which is a saving grace.

Mike was one of the few genuine friends I have had over the years, and I will truly miss his company.



*Extracts from a tiny sample of the many other tributes...*

**Sarah Wilkes:** If loving thoughts and good wishes could have made Mike well, he would have been instantly cured. What a sad end to a long battle so bravely fought.

**Lorna Rapley:** Mike has been a much loved friend for many years and has been a member of the East Midlands SC for ages. His competitive spirit was always modified by gentleness and courtesy. He has helped me run the club in so many ways, for which I am so grateful. This news is devastating

**David Sutton:** This is very sad; only last month Mike contacted me to offer his help in updating the ABSP categories material. In the event the effort proved too much even for his willing spirit. We have lost a great enthusiast and a good man...

**Theresa and Geoff Brousson:** Mike and Nuala were always special guests with us here in Malta. After every visit little gifts would crop up in the most unexpected places for the next few days, a little book here with a message from Mike in it, a little ornament there, another book in a drawer,...we just loved having them to stay because they were just so lovely and easy to be with. Poppet, our dog, who is frightened of her own shadow, absolutely adored Mike and would not move from by his side on the sofa....

**Stewart and Sarah Jane Holden:** ...away from the board I consider Mike one of the people I feel luckiest to have met over the years. I mentioned in my wedding speech two months ago that we wished he and Nuala had been able to join us on that day, as Sarah-Jane and I got engaged in their house. We also played Mike and Nuala often at Gambler, of which Mike was a huge advocate and enjoyed promoting the game to anyone who came to stay. Several friends from that community will also be sad to hear this news.

**Robert Richland and Kathy Suddick:** Awful news, and unexpected up to a week or so ago, before which Mike was steadily recovering. Mike was a gentle, humorous and generous soul, indeed I don't think anyone in the Scrabble world has had a bad word to say about him over the past 20-odd years he had been in our fraternity.

**Jackie McLeod:** This is such terribly sad news. It has been painful to follow Mike's long struggle through gruelling treatments and so many dreadful side effects and setbacks over the months, but I had so hoped he would make it through... We have lost a much loved and respected Scrabble friend, and half of a much loved Scrabble couple.

**Amy and Martin Byrne:** I have so many happy memories of Mike and Nuala over the years, being looked after by them the first time I ventured south to the Easter Matchplay many years ago, going to church with them in London, staying with them and playing Scrabble and Gambler, going with Martin to their wedding, putting the world to rights with a smile, discussing poetry and poets, working on the ABSP newsletter together, the list is long. Gentle, courteous, kind, caring, brave and humorous are only a few of the words I could use to describe Mike. He has lost his battle with leukemia but he always won our hearts.

**Len Moir:** A very sad day - we have lost The Gentleman of Scrabble.

**Nicky Huitson:** The Scrabble family will hold Nuala now, as it always does...it is heartening to read so many tributes to a lovely man that I was proud to call my friend.

***There will be a Memorial Service for Mike - Saturday April 21 at 12.00 St Joseph's Catholic Church, Station Road, Oakham, Rutland - Everyone is welcome***

# absp personality

## Colin Nicol



*Colin with the Knockout trophies of both the Edinburgh and Leith clubs and his treasured ducks, Taffy and Michael*

Hello, firstly can I say how flattered I am to have been asked to do this – totally gobsmacked, as an old friend would say.

Here goes!– For those of you who don't know me, I am a 50 year old taxi driver from Edinburgh. I have two sons, I am a big fan of Hibernian Football Club, Stoke City and the band Queen. I am the Games Secretary at The Edinburgh Scrabble Club, and I also attend The Leith Scrabble Club. My rating is currently 145, my best ever.

I suppose my Scrabble destiny was established some 7 years before I was born. In 1954, at the birth of his first son, my father proclaimed that he should be named William, after himself, and that if he were to be blessed with a second son he would be named Colin, as it is an anagram of Nicol.

My father was a big crossword fan, and used to buy four or five newspapers a day, purely to solve the crosswords. As far as I am aware, my father never played Scrabble in his life, and he died before I started playing in earnest, so we never crossed (s)words over the board. I think he would have been a fan, and God knows, we could have sure used a shared interest.

Seven years later my father's wordplay on his son's name dream came into being. I was born at 00:01 on Friday 17th November 1961, at home in Pinfold Avenue, Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffordshire, England. Yes!! I did say England! In late 1956 my father had decided that he wanted to be a miner, so the whole family, Mum, Dad, Billy and Corinne, (who had caused my Dad to delay his 'great name' idea, on account of her being a tad too girlie to be called Colin), upped sticks and moved from the Athens of the North to the Potteries. In early 1966, and fearing a possible English World Cup win, all of us headed homeward. I started school at 4½ at Dalry Primary School in Edinburgh in 1966, but by 1969 we had moved to a brand new house in the west of Edinburgh, and I continued my primary schooling at Sighthill Primary School. From there I went to Tynecastle High School, and left as soon as I could, in 1978, having attained 5 'O'grades, as they were called in Scotland at the time. These included 'A' passes in English and Arithmetic.

My brother was now a policeman, and I had decided that I would like to follow him into the Lothian and Borders force. After a couple of throw away jobs I passed the police entrance exam, and against my brother's advice, became a police cadet. The police job proved to be no more than an office one, which was fine for the first 6 months when I worked in the Nationality and Drugs department, but I was then moved to the planning department, and was bored witless. I left the cadets, with the intention of going back later and becoming a PC. I worked for a year or so as a Stock Controller for a pipeline company, which was pretty grand for a 17 year old, but then I left and joined PO Telecommunications (eventually BT) as a Clerical Assistant. A year or so later I decided against rejoining the police.

I worked as a telephone engineer until 1997 when I gladly accepted a voluntary redundancy package from BT because I had already passed the Edinburgh taxi driver's topographical test, and had a licence to drive black cabs in the city. This has been my employment since.

I met my wife Elaine in 1981, and we were married in 1983. My elder son arrived on 1st January 1985, at 05:02, making him the 5th Scot born that year. I'm not sure why, but my wife wasn't keen on him carrying on the anagram, so I compromised and he was named Christopher Colin. The band Queen has been a very important part of my life, and I still consider the six times I saw them live among the best nights of my life. When Baby B (it's from a Queen song called 'Good Company') came along very unexpectedly 14 years later, I tried to win my family over to the idea of calling him Freddie, but the in-laws dug their heels in and I had to settle for naming him after the whole band instead. John Freddie Brian Roger Nicol is now 13, and 6 feet tall. What's in a name anyway?

Sadly my wife and I separated in 2008, and I moved back in with Mum. Elaine and I are still married, and I see my boys regularly. Christopher enjoys a game of Scrabble, and John has been a runner at a few tournaments.

I have always enjoyed quizzes, crosswords and word puzzles and played Scrabble off and on as a youngster. I recall a period when I was about 13, where a friend and I played quite regularly with his mother and his siblings. I still dine out on the tale of the afternoon when the mother, and younger son fell out, over the playing of a plural, which for some reason we thought were not allowed. A great fuss ensued with the young son ultimately being dispatched early to bed. My friend's mother, though a lovely woman, was not the brightest person in the world, and I only just managed to contain myself when on the next turn she proudly laid down MICE.

In 2005 a friend and I started playing more seriously as we had reached our 40s, and had to concede that our hell raising days were behind us. So, while my wife worked nightshift, and Baby B slept soundly in the next room, we would often play till 3 or 4 in the morning. We gradually improved from scores in the 300s, to quite regularly making the 400s, and would proclaim to anyone who would listen that we had 'taken the game to a new level'. How little we knew.

In 2006 we discovered the Internet Scrabble Club (ISC), and we played quite a lot on there together, deciding that anyone who beat us must be cheating. It was from playing on ISC that we learned of the ABSP and the UKScrabble email group (UKS). In other enquiries I discovered that there were a few Scrabble clubs in Edinburgh, and contacted Margaret Harkness, and arranged for my friend and I to join the Edinburgh Club when it resumed in the September. In the meantime, I thought I would say 'hello' on UKScrabble. Oops!

While perusing the ABSP website, I had come across some pictures from an event in Thailand. There was a large display of the flags of the nations taking part and on said display there was a Union Flag, and a St.Andrew's Cross, but no flag of St.George. The suggestion being that the Union Flag was the flag of England, and not Scotland. I thought this may be a good subject to raise as an introduction to UKS – Oooh! Big mistake. At that time, UKS had recently been the victim of a hoax poster and sharp Scrabblers immediately noticed, and cast suspicion upon my unlikely monicker. My post was perceived as an inflammatory message from the devil himself. Eventually, I had to point certain UKS subscribers in the direction of Hibsnet, the Hibernian fans forum, where my username was Anagram, and they could confirm that my name really was Colin Nicol. Anyway, all's well that ends well, and I now count those with whom I exchanged posts all those years ago among my many Scrabble friends.

I went on to attend the Edinburgh Club for the first time on 4 September 2006. The following month, I played in my first tournament, The Edinburgh Open, and was delighted to finish 2nd of 24 in C Division. That was me hooked. Now, 5<sup>1/2</sup> years later, I have played over 2600 competitive games, 1500 of which have been rated, and I have played in 120 tournaments, the length and breadth of the country, from Elgin to Brighton. I have enjoyed every single one of them, and like to think I have made friends with people from every corner of the UK.

My few low points in Scrabble include – :

The awful news I just heard today of the passing of my friend Mike O'Rourke. Mike was, quite simply, just a lovely man, who I am sure we will all miss enormously. Sadly over the years we have lost some good people from our little community, recently, my friend Bob Peters from Dundee, and Carol Russell, a good friend from both the Edinburgh, and Leith clubs.

A lesser low was the first UK Open in 2008, when I started off at a top rated 112 in division C, and finished with a tourney rating of 93, and a drop in rating of 9, down to 103 – my lowest ever.

High points on the other hand are numerous –:

Meeting my dear friend Heather Laird, when we both joined the Edinburgh Club on the same night. We have become great friends, and I always look forward to seeing her.

The two occasions on which I have qualified for the NSC semi final in 2008 and 2009. In 2009 I also qualified for the NSC Team final with Simon Gillam and Melanie Beaumont.

I am also very proud of my two ducks from the Easter Tournament (Scrabble's equivalent of a golfing Green Jacket).

Last year I had my highest tournament finish, when I was runner up to Ross Mackenzie in a tournament at Kinross. Had I have shown more patience in the penultimate game, against Ross, I would have found EXTRAITS which would have won me the game, and ultimately my first A division. Ah well.

All in all, joining the ABSP and The Edinburgh Scrabble Club is the best thing I have ever done. It has allowed me to make many friends, and I hope I have brought a few smiles to faces over the years, and intend to continue doing so. I hope over the next few years to meet many more of you, and try and push that rating into the 150s.

## Newcastle S.C.

On the 8th January 2012 it was a pleasure to be able to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the foundation of Newcastle Scrabble Club with a mini tournament for members held at the Holiday Inn, Jesmond. It was an especial pleasure for us old-timers who have pounded the boards from the beginning.

We had a very good lunch and the 'special occasion' cake (which I was proud to cut) was a work of art - a perfect Scrabble board.



To mark this milestone tournament we had a silver cup for the winner who turned out to be Cathy Anderson who was then also presented with the Jean Crowder Shield which has gone to the winners of all the Christmas Tournaments since 1986.

Newcastle Scrabble Club was at the forefront of the emerging Scrabble movement in 1976, being the second club to be formed in the UK. Over the years many committee members have given a great deal of time and energy to the club, and it is thanks to them and our loyal members that we have reached this point. So it is thanks all round and good luck for the future.

**Jean Crowder**

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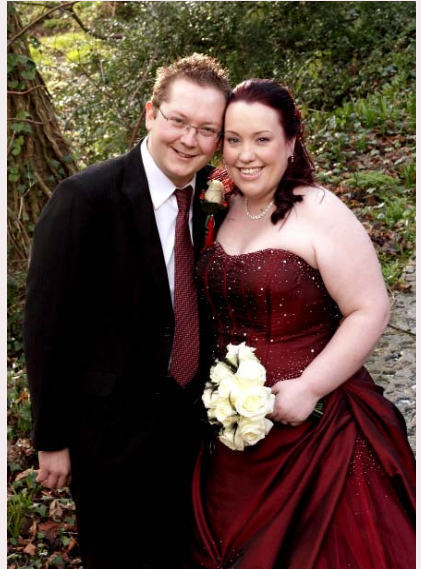
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## Sarah Jane and Stewart

On 19 January, Sarah-Jane Jamison and Stewart Holden, two of Tournament Scrabble's better known personalities were married at the Dunadry Hotel, Co. Antrim. The wedding was timed to take place just two days before the Northern Ireland Championships, thereby allowing many Scrabble-playing guests to enjoy both occasions.

Sarah and Stewart have been a couple since mid 2008 and have a 2-year old son, Max with another child expected in early May.



The wedding was Scrabble themed throughout with tiles on the cake and a superb cake topper. There were also place markers made from tiles on racks and each table had a central flower arrangement of gerberas mixed with tiles on sticks.



A present to Sarah from Stewart was a personalised Scrabble board with her married name and the date on it, which he had managed to keep a secret until the day.

A traditional ceilidh was arranged for the evening with two hours of Irish dancing; special mention goes to Steve Perry and Liz Jardine who danced to every song. Amy Byrne and Chris Lipe (who had flown over from New York) later excelled on the dance floor when the DJ took over. The newlyweds were delighted by the huge number of comments made by guests that it was the best wedding they had ever attended and were sure that they must have been organising it for a long time. In fact Stewart and Sarah had planned the whole thing in three months from start to finish. They said it was the perfect day.

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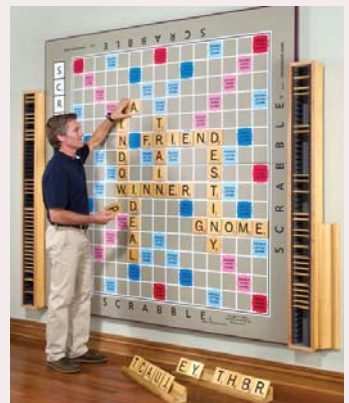
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## Seen on the web

Get this: what if you could play Scrabble on a game board that measures almost 50 square feet? That's the idea behind this wall-mounted set from Hammacher Schlemmer.

Maybe the idea makes sense for couch potatoes who are glued to the sofa playing Xbox all day. You have to actually stand and move around, after all. The set is made from Russian birch plywood and uses magnets to hold the pieces in place. But the pricetag of \$12,000 (£7,500) quickly pushes the idea into the realm of the unaffordable.

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Would all those who know what CSW12 stands for please gather for a group photograph...

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## record game

Because OnBoard is only published bimonthly, anything that just misses the publication deadline can seem like old news by the time the next issue comes round. Toh Weibin's amazing World Record game at the Northern Ireland Championship is just such a case but is too worthy of inclusion to not be recorded by this Scrabble magazine. Here then is the game move by move - unfortunately, opponent Rik Kennedy's racks are not known. Toh comments on some of his moves.

Rik 1:		Exchanged	0	0
<b>Toh 1:</b>	<b>D I M S T V W</b>	<b>VIM</b>	<b>g8a</b>	<b>16</b>
Rik 2:		BE	h7a	14
<b>Toh 2:</b>	<b>B D S T T T W</b>	<b>Exch. BDTTW</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
Rik 3:		Exchanged	0	14
<b>Toh 3:</b>	<b>E G I O S T U</b>	<b>VOQUIEST</b>	<b>g8d</b>	<b>64</b>
Rik 4:		REQUIN	d11a	30
<b>Toh 4:</b>	<b>A A H N O P R</b>	<b>ANAPHOR</b>	<b>i12a</b>	<b>78</b>

I generally consider myself overly defensive, since picking the closed option to protect my lead has sometimes cost me games. This was generally the reason why I picked this positioning for ANAPHOR over the other one at c6a - I thought there was a good chance of him playing across the horizontal TWS (hitting the DLS) and with a bad pickup I could still score well and get rid of stuff around the vowel openings or the R opening. This was especially the case if he was going to hit me with a 3x3. I wasn't too concerned about opening another 3x3 line, and thought I would need to be rather unlucky if I picked up rubbish while he played a 3x3 through the R. Many players may disagree with my choice.

Rik 5:		OW	m13a	25
<b>Toh 5:</b>	<b>A A E G L L ?</b>	<b>ALLiGATE</b>	<b>a15a</b>	<b>122</b>
Rik 6:		ZA	a14a	37
<b>Toh 6:</b>	<b>A E K I F O R</b>	<b>FORKIER</b>	<b>o6d</b>	<b>42</b>

This was equity-wise a mistake and I made it because I wasn't 100% sure of FAKIER and FAKIE (the latter has just made it into CSW12). I didn't want to lose a turn and give him his opportunity for a 3x3, which he seemed to have been fishing for. This was especially the case under free challenge. It's funny I thought that way though, since I did phony twice in the tourney in less favourable circumstances.

Rik 7:		LAND	k11d	10
<b>Toh 7:</b>	<b>A A C E E T ?</b>	<b>ACEtATE</b>	<b>j1d</b>	<b>71</b>

All bonuses opened up the triple lane. I believed my lead after this play would be unassailable (unless he was holding BEEITUX, perhaps). This is where the blowout really started...

Rik 8:		DROWS	n10d	35
<b>Toh 8:</b>	<b>B E E I T U X</b>	<b>BEAUXITE</b>	<b>h1a</b>	<b>275</b>
Rik 9:		PAYS	l15a	49
<b>Toh 9:</b>	<b>C D G L N O Y</b>	<b>YOND</b>	<b>k5d</b>	<b>34</b>

Another possible mistake here but at this stage I was just playing for the points, not knowing or caring that this game could potentially be a record holder. DONG in the same spot keeps a more flexible CLY and can go better with the remaining tiles.

Rik 10: IT l2a 13 213  
**Toh 10: C E F G H L V CHEF b12a 33 735**

I was just going for score at this point - no point sacrificing major score for slightly better (and even so, not that great) leaves. FL(O)G 9E was probably a better play, giving myself an opportunity at CHIVE next go. I was just sad that he'd just blocked my spot for F(E)LCH.

Rik 11: UTS e14a 12 225  
**Toh 11: E E G I L R V VEG l4d 24 759**

There are a few options which score well and keep a fairly balanced leave - however in the realm of spreads and records I think my play is the best.

Rik 12: ON d10a 11 236  
**Toh 12: A E I I L O R OI b13a 20 779**

Rik 13: JO n7a 9 245  
**Toh 13: A E I L M R U EMU i7d 6 785**

Rik 14: STROW c6d 16 261  
**Toh 14: A D E I L M R REMAILED d3a 63 848**

Rik would have blocked my outplay if his tile tracking had been correct - instead he just took out the bonus line which seemed most probable. If he had blocked my outplay with his best move, I would have finished one point short of Joel Sherman's existing world record (which, FYI, also included an unblocked bonus at the end).

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	
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3			█		R	E	M	A	I	L	E	D		█		
4	█			█				█		T		V			█	
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6		█	S			█				T	O	G		█	F	
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9			O				O		U			█			K	
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14	Z	A				█	S		█	D				S		
15	A	L	L		G	A	T	E				P	A	Y	S	

**Final Scores:**

Rik: (IN) -2 259  
**Toh : +2 850**

# around the tournaments

## West Sussex

January 29 (6 Rounds)

W. Sussex A		W. Sussex B		W. Sussex C	
Brian Jones	6 316	Peter Hunt	6328	Jan Vokes-Taylor	5 247
Gary Oliver	5 428	Priscilla Munday	4 477	Fay Goble	54
Kim Hands	4 292	Rita Todd	4 164	Peter Terry	4 209

## Chester

January 28-30 (17 Rounds)

Report from Kathy Rush

All divisions were Round Robins.

Chester A		Chester B		Chester C	
Lewis Mackay	15 2307	Mike Evans	13 1187	Christine Tudge	13 723
Helen Gipson	15 1865	Nicky Huitson	12 1284	Viv Beckmann	12 646
Wayne Kelly	11 569	Chris Davies	12 304	Joy Lloyd	11 664

In Div C Viv Beckmann led from the first game, with Christine Tudge just one game behind from Round 11. The penultimate game saw them both on twelve wins with Viv slightly ahead on spread. Viv lost her last game whilst Christine won hers to take top spot.

In Div B Mike Evans, Nicky Huitson and Chris Davies were vying for first place from Round 12. By Round 14 they were all on the same wins; Nicky briefly held the lead as her spread was ever so slightly better than Mike's. Mike won all his remaining games whilst the other two lost one each.

In Div A top spot was taken by Chester newcomer, Lewis Mackay. Robert Richland had been hoping to win for the third year running but, alas, it wasn't to be. Lewis was in the lead from the off, and by Round 11 he had a spread of 2220. Helen Gipson was on the same number of wins in second place but with an inferior spread. Round 12 saw Lewis lose his first game to Steve Perry putting Helen in the lead for the first time. The final game would decide who would eventually win the division as they were playing each other. If Lewis won this game they would be on equal wins but he would be top by virtue of a better spread. It was a long, tense game which saw Lewis beat Helen by just 21 points.

Beverley Calder, rated 146, was the lowest rated in Div A, and just missed out on the ratings prize. To increase her rating by four points against such tough opposition was a noteworthy achievement.

While the final results are being processed there is a game of Scrabble bingo with the proceeds going to charity; £143 was raised. The prize was a weekend for two at a Mercure hotel, and it was won by Alison Sadler.

Prior to the tournament starting Friday evening after dinner, Allan Simmons ran a one-day course covering all the essential topics to improve your Scrabble, from getting to grips with the vocabulary, through to game strategy, exchanging skills and endgame advice. Fourteen players attended of ratings from under 100 through to the 140 mark. Although the course was packed into six hours, they all came away with plenty of handouts to digest in their own time. And most, if not all, would have been full of refreshed inspiration, and taken onboard some practical tips they could start applying to their games.

Chris Davies and Dave Hoskisson had attended the seminar and had rating increases of 6 and 5 points respectively. Allan is contemplating doing something similar in future, possibly on the Friday prior to the BMSC. If anyone might be interested in attending such a course then email Allan at onwordsltd@aol.com or ring 018907 71785.

## Edinburgh

### February 4th (7 Rounds)

Edinburgh A		Edinburgh B		Edinburgh C	
Simon Gillam	6 505	Melanie Beaumont	6 628	Julie Tate	5 316
Wilma Warwick	6 431	Mary Jones	5 209	Alan Payne	5 311
Neil Scott	5 214	Rowan Callaghan	5 84	Caroline Foy	5 275

## Southgate

### February 11th (7 Rounds)

Report by Mauro Pratesi

Southgate A		Southgate B	
Vincent Boyle	6 494	Phyllis Fernandez	7 593
Rik Kennedy	5 718	Andy Gray	6 282
Sandie Simonis	5 267	Heather Laird	5 545
Mike Whiteoak	5 222	Lee Graham	5 125

Philip Nelkon's daughter Allie often helps at Scrabble tournaments. In 2010-11. She spent a year working at the Aldea Infantil - Victor Raul, an orphanage near Trujillo in Peru. This was the second tournament held to help raise funds for the orphanage which does great work. The local Guide Hut adjoining St. Thomas Church, was again used and a light lunch of soup and ploughman's was available for the hungry folk. A raffle with lots of Scrabble related material donated by Mattel helped add to the proceeds.

Vince Boyle was the early leader in Division A until toppled by joint top-rated Rik Kennedy in round three, but Joe Bridal provided one of the upsets of the tournament by then beating Rik 490-423. Joe briefly led the table before succumbing to Sandie Simonis 373-265. With Vince now back in the lead he faced a top-of-the-table winner-takes-all battle with Mike Whiteoak in the final round. Vince secured a 439-392 narrow victory to win Division A.

Philippa Morris and Janet Bonham were two of the early leaders in Division B. Andy Gray briefly took the lead in round 4 but a loss to Janet Bonham by 441-355 paved the way for Phyllis Fernandez to romp home with a clean sweep of all her games.

## 4th Israel Open (Netanya)

### February 10-12th (22 Rounds)

Israel Open					
1	Mikki Nicholson	18	1952	<i>also:</i>	
2	Elie Dangoor	16	1143	8	Amy Byrne 13 920
3	Naomi Landau	14½	984	14	Jake Berliner 12 90
4	Paloma Raychbart	14	898	15	Viv Beckmann 12 -42
5	Omri Rosenkrantz	14	261	31	Peggy Fehily 10 -126
6	Anand Buddhdev	13½	786	35	Cody McCormick 9 517

## Scottish Masters

February 11-12th (12 Rounds)

Scottish Masters							
1	Helen Gipson	10	728	7	Simon Gillam	5	-132
2	Raymond Tate	10	495	8	Wilma Warwick	5	-376
3	Neil Scott	9	707	9	Alan Sinclair	4	-169
4	Ross Mackenzie	8	369	10	Marion Keatings	3	-521
5	Allan Simmons	8	240	11	Kate Surtees	3	-631
6	Stu Harkness	5	62	12	Colin Nicol	2	-772

The format was an 11-game round robin followed by a king-of-the-hill round. Winner Helen Gipson is Scotland's top-rated player, but runner up Ray Tate's tournament rating of 200 was outstanding, 39 points higher than his start rating.

## Corby

February 18-19th (16 Rounds)

report from Alec Webb



Corby A		
Adrienne Berger	12	727
Joanne Hiley	10	669
Kevin Synnott	10	379

Corby B		
Jayne Mackenzie	11	743
Noel Barnes	10	498
Esther Kasket	10	132

Corby C		
Dave Hoskisson	13	546
Denise Saxton	10	617
Marlene Skinner	9½	215

For its third staging of this event the Corby Tournament moved to the Hampton by Hilton, a fairly new hotel on a trading estate on the edge of Corby. Everyone seemed to be very enthusiastic about the venue and I know Carmen received a multitude of post-event plaudits.

In the 16 player A division, quickest out of the blocks were Joanne Hiley and top rated Ade Adegbesan who both opened with 5 wins, before suffering a defeat. Joanne kept her nerve and finished Day One at the head of the field on 7-2 from David Shenkin in 2nd.

Divisions B and C were each 12 player affairs. In B Noel Barnes was the only player to win his opening 3 games and despite losing 3 before bedtime, was still in the lead when play finished for the day. In C Philippa Morris started with 5 straight wins and at 7-2 was still top of the table at close of play.

There were seven rounds to play on Day Two, but only one star in the A division. Adrienne Berger opened with two wins to take her to the top of the table before faltering against Kevin Synnott. However she then stormed through her next three games before finally gaining revenge

over Kevin in the final KOH round. 14th ranked in the division, Adrienne finished two wins ahead of the field and with a performance rating 36 points higher than her start rating.

The second day for Division B was a ding-dong battle between Noel Barnes and Jayne Mackenzie, as the lead chopped and changed. It was destined to come down to the final round head to head, which Jayne won to take the top prize.

In Division C Dave Hoskisson had to forfeit his opening game of Day Two after arriving late. However, the extra rest must have done him some good as he romped through the rest of the day unbeaten to take first prize by 3 clear wins.

The personable local councillor Chris Stanbra kindly came to award the prizes, which included ratings prizes for Victoria Kingham, Rosalind Wilson and Philippa Morris. Also a “Tuff Luck” prize for Nick Stone - however Nick had already left for home. “Well, that is tuff luck!” quipped the councillor.

A raffle with some outstanding prizes raised £170 for the British Heart Foundation.

## Leicester

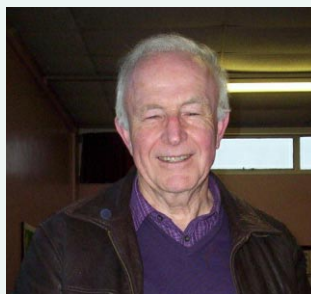
### February 25th (7 Rounds)

report from Mauro Pratesi



#### Leicester A

Chris Hawkins	6	720
Lewis Mackay	5	498
Steve Perry	5	479



#### Leicester B

Jim Lyes	6	380
Carol Arthurton	5	572
Ginny Dixon	5	276



#### Leicester C

Michael Thomas	5	362
David Garland	5	340
Valerie Morris	5	258



#### Leicester D

Jack Durand	6	634
Peter Terry	5	271
Malcolm Davis	5	138

The Leicester Tournament, held on February 25th, was again an enjoyable and trouble-free day, and raised £248.80 for the Leicester Haematology Research Fund.

80 players were split into four equal divisions with this year an extra game making it 7 rounds.

In a very strong Division A containing three Grandmasters and five ABSP Experts, one of the GMs, Russell Byers started with 4 straight wins before going down by 7 points to Jared Robinson and then losing again to Robert Richland. Russell then came up against Lewis Mackay who had a dream of a game playing six bonuses and passing 700 without even playing a nine-timer. The final score was 708-328. Meantime, Chris Hawkins and Steve Perry were vying for the top prize in a winner takes-all tussle! Chris played IMBARRED to give him the advantage before a further bonus late in the game secured victory 498-418. Chris won Division A with 6 wins and a 720 spread. Lewis's win proved good enough to secure second place.

The crunch match in Division B was between Jim Lyes and Dorn Osborne. A 412-270 win secured Jim top prize with 6 wins and 380 spread. Dorn dropped to finish fourth behind Carol Arthurton and Ginny Dixon all on 5 wins.

Tim Butcher was leading Division C until he lost to Marlene Skinner 351-472. Marlene then led on spread from Tim, both of them on five wins, going into the last round. With no repeat pairings in the last round they played against third and fourth placed Michael Thomas and David Garland. In a topsy turvy final round Michael bested Marlene 400-347 and David overcame Tim 400-360. With six players finishing the day on five wins, spread decided the final outcome, Michael finishing top 22 points ahead of David.

Things looked promising for Natasha Pratesi and Jack Durand who led Division D for most of the day. Natasha's fortunes faded after lunch but Jack went on to record six straight wins and was two wins ahead of the competition going into the final round. Despite a last round loss Jack won Division D with 6 wins and +634 spread.

## 25th Hockley Invitational (Ilford)

February 26th (9 Rounds)

Hockley A			Hockley B			Hockley C		
Bob Violett	7	360	Noel Barnes	7	402	Colin St Hill	7	497
Mike Whiteoak	6	81	Carmen Toscano	7	378	Carole Wheatley	6	313
Barry Grossman	6	-85	Jo Ramjane	6	392	Jo Holland	6	252

## New Malden

March 3rd (7 Rounds)

New Malden A			New Malden B		
Philip Nelkon	6	332	Richard Woodward	6	593
Wayne Kelly	6	315	Evelyn Wallace	6	324
Paul Allan	5	349	Stephen Wintle	5	483

New Malden C			New Malden D		
Jack Durand	6	559	Jules O'Mahoney	7	451
Evelyn Wansbrough	6	277	Valery Jansen	6	292
Malcolm Davis	5	333	John Francis	5	219

## Peterborough 5pp

March 10 (7 Rounds)

Report from Chris Hawkins

All divisions except for E were 8 player round robins

Peterborough 5pp A			Peterborough 5pp B			Peterborough 5pp C		
Paul Allan	6	730	Greg Kelly	7	383	Margaret Pritchett	6	375
Lewis Mackay	5	151	Nick Deller	5	502	Victoria Kingham	4	458

Peterborough 5pp D			Peterborough 5pp E			Peterborough 5pp F		
Jill Parker	5	239	Marlene Skinner	4	66	Sheila Smith	7	304
Angela Burke	5	126	Eileen Foster	4	-5	Duncan MacFarlane	5	445

Two days before this year's event, the sad news that Mike O'Rourke had finally succumbed to his long battle with leukaemia rocked the Scrabble community. With that on many players' minds, 46 players held a minute's silence in his honour.

Then, on to the games...

Division F: Sheila Smith (Newcastle) made this division her own finishing two wins ahead of Duncan MacFarlane in second place on 7-0 +304

Division E: This division only had six players in it due to two no-shows, so there were a few repeated fixtures. It was so close that three of them finished 4-3, the other three finished 3-4! Marlene Skinner won the division though with her superior spread (a mere +66!)

Division D: After 5 rounds Jill Parker was 2 wins clear of the field. She lost her final two games but still won the division with 5-2 +239. Angela Burke was second on 5-2 +126.

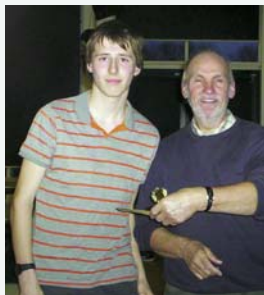
Division C: Margaret Pritchett hit the front in the third round and never looked back, finishing on 6-1 +375, two wins clear of Victoria Kingham.

Division B: There was another dominant performance in this division, this time by Greg Kelly as he, like Sheila, finished unbeaten on 7 wins, +383, two wins clear of Nick Deller.

Division A: The two favourites in this division, Lewis Mackay and Paul Allan each lost an early game but by the final round they were tied for the lead on 5-1. Paul dominated the final game between them to finish on 6-1 +730, Lewis finished on 5-2 +151.

## Swindon

March 11th (7 Rounds)



Swindon A			Swindon B		
Oliver Garner	6	589	Rose Calder	7	487
Gary Oliver	6	577	Mark Murray	5	444
Ed Rossiter	5	44	Ronnie Reid	5	384

Swindon C			Swindon D		
Carol Bartlett	6½	372	Claire Cottle	6	469
Philip Turner	5	541	James Ducker	6	433
Heather Roberts	5	405	Audrey Medhurst	6	360

Four of young Oliver Garner's wins were against Grandmasters including a huge 612-302 victory over Phil Nelkon. Oliver also played no less than three nine-timers during the course of the event - VETTINGS, ENAUNTER and CORDIALS.

# ratings snapshot

These pages are a snapshot of how the ratings looked on 15th March 2012. Players listed here have played at least 30 ABSP-rated games in total on that date, and at least 1 since 15th March 2011. 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

208		Adam Logan	178	478	Elie Dangoor(Exp)	168	1116	Paul Bassett
206	1841	Nigel Richards(GM)	178	1196	Andrew Goodwin	168	1349	Fidelis Olotu
198	764	Lewis Mackay(GM)	178	770	Jake Jacobs	167	1347	Adekoyejo Adegbesan
198	57	Mark Nyman(GM)	178	1672	Philips Owolabi	167	1375	Mike Chappell
198	774	Brett Smitheram(GM)	178	1908	Ben Withers	167	6	Darryl Francis(Exp)
196		David Eldar	177	1197	Christian Brown	167	888	Chris Keeley
196	147	Helen Gipson(GM)	177	1102	Paul{England} Richards	167	999	Kay McColgan
193	1427	Mikki Nicholson(GM)	177	41	Gareth Williams(GM)	167	123	Noel Turner(Exp)
192	1355	Craig Beevers(GM)	176		Yi_En Gan	167	162	Alec Webb(Exp)
192	1618	Paul Gallen(Exp)	176	1846	Albert Hahn	166		Philip Cohen
192	482	Neil Scott(GM)	176	60	Terry Kirk(GM)	166	45	Barry Grossman(Exp)
191	158	Ed Martin(GM)	176		Steve Polatnick	166	609	Bob Lynn
191		Kevin McMahan(Exp)	176	1369	Ben Tarlow	166	165	Cecil Muscat
190	751	Paul Allan(GM)	176		Ben Tarlow	166	1714	Karen Richards
190	1898	Toh Weibin	175	1191	Neil Green	166	49	Bob Violett(Exp)
189	745	Harshan Lama'suriya(GM)	175	368	Chris Hawkins(Exp)	165	1486	Ashley Coldrick
189	1715	Alastair Richards	175	4	Philip Nelkon(GM)	165		David Delicata
189	846	Austin Shin(GM)	174	1814	Rik Kennedy(Exp)	165	1164	Karl Kwiatkowski
188	1368	Phil Robertshaw(GM)	173	914	Vincent Boyle	165	555	Raymond Tate
186	1220	Theresa Brousson(Exp)	173	58	Russell Byers(GM)	165		Mike Willis(Exp)
185		Evan Cohen(Exp)	173	59	Simon Gillam(Exp)	164	1221	Jojo Delia
185	1422	Wale Fashina	173	1469	James Rossiter	164	734	Nick Deller
185	823	Wayne Kelly(GM)	172		Victor Amartey	164	14	Di Dennis(GM)
185		Chinedu Okwelogu	172	1491	Stephen Hunt	164	1419	John Hardie
185	362	Gary Oliver(GM)	172		Gary Polhill(Exp)	164	1429	Stewart Houten
185	1488	Ed Rossiter(Exp)	172	5	Brian Sugar(GM)	164		Mihai Pantis
184	1497	Azu Ogbogu(Exp)	171	1016	John Ashmore	164		Jin_Chor Tan
184	338	David Webb(GM)	171		Ian Gucklhorn	164	292	Wilma Warwick
183	15	Phil Appleby(GM)	171	814	Jared Robinson(Exp)	163		Chris Cummins
183	621	Andrew Cook(GM)	170	1679	Toke Aka	163		Mark Goodwin
182	1428	Martin Harrison(Exp)	170	103	Danny Bekhor	163	1706	Clement Ikolo
181	1851	Bob Linn	170	1202	Jason Carney	163	86	Frankie Mairey
181	7	Allan Simmons(GM)	170	1423	Calum Edwards	163	115	Diane Pratesi(Exp)
181	21	Evan Simpson(GM)	170	38	Jackie McLeod(Exp)	163	1170	Paloma Raychbart
181	1687	Howard Wilde	170	281	Steve Perry	163	213	Neil Rowley
180	1000	Stewart Holden(GM)	170	1057	Mike Whiteoak	163	1268	Ebi Sosseh
180	1163	David Sutton(Exp)	169		Carmel Dodd	162	978	Andy Becher
180	1869	Feargal Weatherhead	169	202	Penny Downer(Exp)	162		David Brook
179	880	Femi Awowade(GM)	169	1006	Ross Mackenzie	162	1120	Anand Buddhdev
			169		Mohammad Sulaiman	162	463	Helen Harding

162		Dan Sandu	155	343	Amy Byrne	147	1559	Joe Bridal
162	1231	David Steel	155		Ed Garrett-Jones	147	732	Wanda De_Poitiers
162	773	Chris Vicary	155	1862	Stu Harkness	147	1536	Mike Evans
161	1635	Nick Ascroft	155	997	Phil Kelly	147	84	Pauline Johnson
161		Alex_Gboye Balogun	155		Bartosz Pieta	147		Pramit Kamath
161	1211	Ian Coventry	155	476	David Shenkin	147		Lynne Murphy
161	199	Graham Harding	155	229	Graham Wakefield	147	408	Nuala O'Rourke
161		Mark Hollingsworth	155	1674	Ricky Zinger	147		Ronnie Reid
161	1608	David Holmes	154	1301	Rick Blakeway	146	1631	Jack Anscomb
161	873	Matthew Pinner	154	919	Peter Thomas	146	1861	Rose Calder
161	101	Robert Richland(Exp)	154	1389	Paul{Tranmere}	146	713	Trish Matthews
161		Andrei Russell-Gebbett			Thomson	146		Fran Thompson
161	428	Kwaku Sapong	154	1279	Ben Wilson	145	1123	Chrystal Rose
161	226	Alan Sinclair	154	94	Rachelle Winer	145	1411	Rebecca Sheldrick
161	116	Martin Thompson	153	534	Caroline Atkins	145	1287	Stuart Solomons
160	836	Chris Fenwick	153	180	Neil Darbyshire	145	719	Kate Surtees
160	1824	Oliver Garner	153	488	Marion Keatings	145		Lesley Trotter
160	553	Brian Jones	153	20	Janet Phillips	145		Nicky Vella-Laurenti
160	1510	Jessica Pratesi	153	268	Donna Stanton	144		Ed Breed
160	479	Andrew Roughton(Exp)	152	852	Maureen Chamberlain	144	1770	Tia Corkish
159	1754	Quentin Baker	152	1032	Kevin Synnott	144	688	Lorraine Gordon
159	1362	Graham Haigh	151	835	Maurice Brown	144	1022	Nicky Huitson
159	105	Elisabeth Jardine	151	1765	Beverley Calder	144	923	Teresa Lyes
159	1863	Tim Knight	151	69	Moira Conway	144		Mark Murray
159		Joseph McGinley	151		Chris Downer	144	760	Sanmi Odelana
159		Chris Quartermaine	151	79	Chris Finlay	144	480	Anne Ramsay
158	793	Joanne Hiley	151	967	Gerard Fox	144		David Reading
158	1203	Greg Kelly	151	837	Peter Liggett	144		Mario Saliba
158	88	Sandie Simonis(Exp)	151		Fern Wheelwright	144	1189	Martin Taylor
158	1649	Paul{Halifax} Thompson	150	789	Alan Bailey	143	1870	Abiodun Adeyemi
158	1459	Ronan Webb	150		John Barker	143	635	Philip Aldous
157	241	Bob Berry	150	1739	Feroza Bartlett	143	66	Sue Bowman
157	1440	Tim Charlton	150	1456	Andrew Eames	143		Alan Catherall
157		Alan Georgeson	150	176	Jayne Mackenzie	143	1145	Peter Darby
157	1743	Naomi Landau	150	1768	Charles Micallef	143	469	Tony Davis
157	1380	Anthony Pinnell	150	631	Alison Sadler	143	1466	Suzanne Dundas
157	111	Neil Talbot	149	1404	Chris Harrison	143		Wendy Lindridge
157	810	Linda Vickers	149	1051	Elizabeth Hull	143	1269	Richard Moody
156		Olakunle Ajayi	149		Timothy Lawrence	143	1457	Amanda Sodhy
156	1693	Rafal Dominiczak	149	93	Ruth MacInerney	143	1149	Jim Wilkie
156		Billy Dott	149		Christine McKenzie	142	1412	Melanie Beaumont
156	530	George Gruner(Exp)	149	135	David Meadows	142		James Crooks
156	986	Robert Usak	149		Omri Rosenkrantz	142	1262	Ginny Dixon
156	1691	Wojtek Usakiewicz	148	51	Cathy Anderson	142	1217	Carolyn Emery
155	471	Anne Ashmore	148	1602	Kim Hands	142	507	Kathryn Henry
155		Tony Bearn	148	1514	Victoria Kingham	142	458	Eileen Meghen
			147	228	Adrienne Berger	142	1732	James Squires
			147	1210	Graham Bonham	142	589	Anne Steward

142	489	Tom Wilson	137	1479	Bob Jarvie	132	401	Sharon Landau
141	1473	Neil Broom	137		Celine McCart	131	943	Carol Arthurton
141	3	Laura Finley	137	1237	Dorn Osborne	131	603	Linda Bradford
141	523	Kate Leckie	137	422	Carol Stanley	131		Lee Graham
141	983	Martin Leverton	137		Michael Zinger	131	1877	Jayne Grey
141	161	Margaret Pritchett	136	81	Joyce Cansfield(Exp)	131		Jayanthi Kannan
141	1294	Christine Strawbridge	136	61	Lorraine Crouch	131	1853	Sarah Khawaja
141	1598	Carmen Toscano	136	1413	Geoff Goodwin	131	1509	Heather Laird
141	876	Evelyn Wallace	136	1035	Andy Gray	131	423	Alec Robertson
141	637	Val Wright	136	1591	Mick Healy	131	960	Mary Siggers
140		John Balloch	136	1115	Nick Jenkins	131	177	Henry Walton
140	1383	Sarah-Jane Holden	136	1533	Colin Kendall	130	557	Janice Bease
140		Brenda McParlerson	136	875	Jim Lyes	130	511	Samantha Beckwith
140	1198	Maurice CarParland	136	267	Graham Maker	130		Barbara Dein
140	1511	Colin Nicol	136	35	Lois McLeod	130	975	Jill Harrison
140		Jean Rappitt	136	1317	Marjorie Struggles	130		John Harrison
140	1849	Theresa Scallan	136	291	Sylvia Swaney	130	1654	Ian Kendall
140	1468	Kathy Suddick	135		Jean Bridge	130		Bryn Packer
139	1892	Noel Barnes	135	1484	Karen Game	130	829	Kim Phipps
139	96	Diana Beasley	135	689	Kenneth Gordon	130		Gordon Procter
139	1020	Derek Bower	135	232	Iain Harley	130	996	Kenneth Ross
139	399	Louise Brundell	135	28	Lorna Rapley	129	238	Margaret Burdon
139	449	Alan Childs	135	790	Margaret Staunton	129	840	Rhoda Gray
139		Chris Civil	135	1175	Rosalind Wilson	129	737	Margaret Harkness
139	163	Yvonne Eade	134	899	Jake Berliner	129	901	Dave Hoskisson
139	544	Marjory Flight	134	92	Priscilla Encarnacion	129	1577	Esther Kasket
139		Alan Guy	134	242	Sheila Green	129	904	George Newman
139	1293	Dennis Hussey	134		Sonny Hemachandra	129	1241	Fred Rankin
139	100	David Lawton	134		Duncan Keet	129	1580	Nigel Sibbett
139	150	David Longley	134		Frankie Latham	129	1320	Rita Todd
139		Jonny Maitland	134		Richard Woodward	128		Martin Bloomberg
139		Kate McNulty	133	1179	Janet Adams	128	1762	Reeyaaz
139		Kay Powick	133	80	Mary Allen			Goolamhossen
139	636	David Williams	133	427	Peter Ashurst	128	1169	Yvonne Holland
139	1053	Stephen Wintle	133		Graham Buckingham	128	263	Sheila Jolliffe
138	738	Margaret Armstrong	133	1843	Chris Davies	127	922	Barbara Allen
138	254	Ian Burn	133	406	Moya Dewar	127	856	Minu Anderson
138	933	Ann Golding	133	124	Ivy Dixon-Baird	127		Sue Ball
138	655	Mary Jones	133	1282	Barbara Goodban	127	924	Linda Barratt
138		Marc Meakin	133		Peter Hunt	127	822	Jill Bright
138	1270	Len Moir	133		Terry Jones	127		Sylvia Carroll
138	932	Jill Parker	133	886	Ruth Marsden	127	992	Geoff Cooper
138	802	Patricia Pay	133	1823	Elizabeth Ramsay	127	223	June Edwards
138	1206	Sarah Wilks	133		Martin Sheehan	127		Mauro Pratesi
137	1010	Tolani Ayo-Awojobi	133	470	Norman Smith	127	775	Pat Wheeler
137	1455	Angela Burke	132	1504	Andrea Adnan	126	1092	Heather Burnet
137	1540	Rowan Callaghan	132	639	Esther Bacon	126		Terry Corps
137	1424	Len Edwards	132	1005	Verity Cross	126	964	Phyllis Fernandez

126	1199	Richard Hitchcock	121	402	Sally Fiszman	116	1683	Janet Southworth
126	1136	Ted Lewis	121	948	Eileen Foster	116	1450	Christine Tudge
126		Stella Magnus	121	1666	Breda O'Brien	116	1442	Gordon Winter
126	625	John Mitchell	121	1642	Alan Payne	115		Anna Borg
126		Pauline Russell	120		Linda Bird	115		Moshe Feingold
126	632	Carol{Norwich} Smith	120		Sheila Booth-Millard	115	1696	Ena McNamara
126	1003	Sheena Wilson	120		Maureen Hoch	115		Judy Monger
125		Mario Camilleri	120	1575	Margaret Marshall	115		Paul Walford
125		Carmen Dolan	120		Josephine Mayo	115	1640	Nova Williams
125	1667	Mary Doyle	120	938	Helen Polhill	114	1373	Stany Arnold
125		Sheila Hinett	120		Yair Yehuda	114	252	Steve Balment
125	1066	Barbara Morris	119	1049	Ken Bird	114	1263	Barbara Barker
125		Jo Ramjane	119		Joe Caruana	114	1525	Caroline Foy
125	1854	Michael Thomas	119		Jennifer Clifford	114	1657	David Garland
124	1385	Mark Bradley	119	1705	Sharon Hewitt	114	1007	Margaret Irons
124		Catalin Caba	119	715	Barbara Hill	114	1222	Bronagh Kenny
124	776	Peter Hall	119		David Mills	114	320	Fay Madeley
124	381	Michael Harley	119	1089	Vivienne Newman	114		Paul Mifsud
124	572	Val Hoskings	119	1738	Heather Roberts	114	626	Martha Mitchell
124		Sammy Mangion	119		Albert Zammit	114		Willie Scott
124	1889	Valerie Morris	118	390	Betty Balding	114	169	Sue Thompson
124	1656	Damian O'Malley	118		Pat Broderick	114	1276	Evelyn Wansbrough
124		Mario Seychell	118	1403	Emma Brown	114	1868	Trevor Warwick
124		Martin Smith	118	920	Eleanor Dobson	113	1503	Maureen Barlow
124	246	Wendy Tiley	118		Norma Galley	113		Hilda Ben-Nun
123	1752	Carol Bartlett	118	77	Joy Lloyd	113	735	Hilary Birdsall
123	682	Janet Bonham	118	1054	Barbara Lukey	113		Fran Burling
123	1298	Helgemarie Farrow	118	1574	Ken McGinness	113	1331	Carol Grant
123	1238	Juliet Green	118		Julie Nelkon	113	1779	Joe Knapper
123	1146	Leonora Hutton	118		Brenda Northcott	113	211	Philippa Morris
123		Trevor Latham	118	1253	Philip Turner	113	782	Richard Pajak
123		Ralph Obemeasor	117	953	Peter Bailey	113		Carole Wheatley
123	1315	Tanya Robson	117	565	Ann Coleman	113		Judy Young
123		Tom Sharp	117	868	Christine Gillespie	112	257	Syd Berger
123	1675	Mark Smith	117		Sara Hardy	112	982	Ron Bucknell
123		Ovidiu Tamas	117	1113	Chris Jackson	112	1119	Anne Darby
122		Sheila{Perth} Anderson	117		Mary Morgan	112		Paul Grimshaw
122	110	Liz Barber	117	1009	Jenny Sakamoto	112	1773	Cody McCormick
122	330	Viv Beckmann	117	1848	Sally Twine	112		Mary Orr
122	1653	Tim Butcher	117		Maureen Underdown	112	1118	Remie Salazar
122		Marian Hamer	117	1867	Pauline Weatherhead	112	1341	Pam Sparkes
122		Sheila Jeffery	116	1259	Sheila{Rmfrd} Anderson	112	356	Pamela Windsor
122		Miri Purse	116	1625	Georgie Burchell	111	1038	Jacquie Aldous
122	972	Denise Saxton	116	854	Joseph Doku	111		Jill Burgess
122	477	Malcolm Shaw	116		Paul Dundas	111	725	Paul Cartman
122	29	Marlene Skinner	116		Pat Friend	111		Irene Catherall
121		Eileen Basham	116	718	Pat Friend	111	1489	Anne Cheesman
121		Gila Blits	116	414	Jill Jones	111	1532	Lyn Kendall

111		Freda Marcus	104		Philip Bowden	98	1225	Lena Glass
111	185	Lou McMeeken	104		Marjorie Gardner	98		Yvonne Lambert
110	743	Nora Bain	104	298	Mavis Harding	98	1587	Irene Newberry
110	1064	June Johnstone	104		Alfred Xuereb	98	1873	Paul Roberts
110		Maria Marczak	103		Rachel Bingham	98	1448	Joy Rowe
110		Sylvia McCulloch	103		Joan Ellis	97		Barbara Haggett
110	931	Janet Milford	103	1306	Margaret Emmott	97		Sandra Harrap
110	1183	Priscilla Munday	103	791	Rosemary Jordan	97	1112	Peter Johnson
110	952	Jean Owen	103	1644	Kenneth Lovell	97	1134	Dorothy Kemlicz
110	917	Nicola Staunton	103	927	Audrey Medhurst	97	1828	Mel Maltz
110	1788	Julie Tate	103	483	Peter Terry	97	1304	Linda Moir
110	826	Elizabeth Terry	102		Elisabeth(ClvInd) Allen	97	1633	Robert Peters
109		Joyce Ashmore	102		Anne Convery	97	1506	Gill(Norwich) Thompson
109		Gill Carr	102	405	Peter Ernest			Jan Vokes-Taylor
109	1855	Jack Durand	102		Joyce Frost	97		
109		Frans Farrugia	102		Barbara McLaren	96	1548	Viv Bishop
109		Sandra Walton	102	1297	Graham Pace	96	1808	Juliet Collins
108	1063	Irene Atkinson	102		Jeanne Rossiter	96	1261	Jo Holland
108		Jenny Burgess	102	357	Jean Shaw	96		John McCart
108	1905	Rosina Cornelius	102	818	Rose Wall	96	1820	Rosemary Wood
108	928	Iris Cornish	101	384	Mabel Choularton	95	1544	Anne Atherton
108		Maggie Fleming	101	1910	Alan Everitt	95	1168	Brian Beaumont
108		Pawlu Frendo	101	1480	Doreen Jarvie	95	726	Christine Cartman
108	941	Audrey Harvey	101	736	Molly Lane	95		Anne Connolly
107		Nancy Alroy	101	1554	Vicky Owen	95	1834	Peggy Fehily
107		Raquelle Azran	101		Moreen Shillitoe	95		Baldip Kaur
107		Les Costin	101	1085	Betty Simmonds	95		Jean MacLellan
107		Cecilia Cotton	100	1704	Paul Carter	95		Mona Nobil
107	1200	Caroline Elliott	100	1524	Malcolm Davis	95		Joan Rees
107		Peter Sime	100	1904	James Ducker	95		Maria Treadwell
107	1812	Colin StHill	100	1212	Marjorie Gillott	94		Jean Buckley
107		Maxine Tsvaigrach	100	1787	Natasha Pratesi	94		Shirley Cave
107		Pamela Vahed	100	451	Vera Sime	94	1207	Hannah Corbett
106		Dominic Borg	99		Joan Everitt	94	1008	Yvonne Goodridge
106	1471	Scott Bowman	99		Fay Goble	94		Sally Hanson
106		Lena Cook	99		June Lindridge	94	1492	Peggy Moore
106		Helen Sandler	99	1726	Duncan MacFarlane	94	83	Pat Rockley
106	1171	Susan Thorne	99		Robert Orr	94		Beryl Shoesmith
105	1686	Angele Andrews	99	1502	Cathy Poacher	94	1792	Dan Smith
105	1630	Ted Anscorb	99	935	Ian Whyte	94	1252	Ruth Turner
105		Jenny Corps	99	1084	Rod Winfield	94	1398	Jill Warren
105		June Faulkner	98	709	Betty Benton	94		Isla Wilkie
105	1742	Lee Fisher	98		Len Choules	94	1501	Brenda Young
105	1729	Paul Harding	98		Pauline Cilia	93		Sybil Berrecloth
105		Barbara Kent	98		Florence Davies	93	1465	Doreen Clayton
105		Jean Mainwaring	98	1340	Paula Docherty	93	1781	Carol Joahill
105	976	Adrian Noller	98		Amos Fabian	93	1648	Irene Lawes
105	1699	Nick Stone	98		Florence Fontaine	93		Avril Shaw

92	1866	Terry Avery	85	1148	Renee Gilbert	75	1290	Mary Kennedy
92		Hilda Bennett	84	1745	Douglas Morris	74	563	Fred Burford
92		Eileen Bradshaw	84	1710	Sandra Richards	74		Jean Geldard
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92	1176	Gordon Lamb	84		Reno Zammit	73		Anne Parry
92		Gwen Linfoot	83		Rita Barton	73		Helen Thompson
92	1832	Shrinidhi Prakash	83	1767	Martin Byrne	73		Steve Wilkinson
92	872	Jacqui White	83		Marcia Hall	72		John Boughton
91		Norah Cole	83	1795	Valery Jansen	71	1121	Ann Gregson
91	1289	Kerry Constant	83		Judith Puttick	71	1874	Lucille Terry
91	1727	Anne Lynas	83		Doreen Searles	70		Kay Faust
91		Monica Marden	83	1397	Christine Silvester	70		Mary Harris
91	1734	Olive Martin	82		Margaret Aldous	70		Steven Henry
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91		Sandra Weston	82	1709	Linda Hopley	68		Shirley Stokley
90		Peter Basham	82		Linda Marguy	67	1821	Charles Best
90		Isobel Gillies	81	359	Vera Allen	67	1334	Catherine McMillan
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90	485	Ann Toft	81		Lionel Howard	65		Dorothy Jackson
89	30	Ruby Flood	81	1882	Gil Hunter	65	1774	Margaret Smith
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89	1454	Janet Watson	80		Anne Garber	63		Bob Horne
89	1893	Angela Wright	80		Olive Matthew	61	1316	Veronica Baker
88	1677	Mary Baty	80	1135	Sylvia Oates	61	1741	Bill Croft
88	683	Mavis Ernest	80		Alison Peters	61	1805	Marion Loewenstein
88	799	Cindy Hollyer	80	1850	Rena Waddell	60	1028	Peggy Lavender
88	1599	Margaret{Fife} McGhee	80	1819	Stanley Wilkinson	58	949	Barbara Horlock
88		Hazel Packham	80		Keith Woodruff	58	1748	Connie Walton
88		Maria Scicluna	79		Brigitte Brath	57	1844	Gemma Davis
88	1523	Kath Williams	79	1782	John Fyfe	55	1740	Zandra Begg
87	985	Carmen Borg	79		Dorothy Henry	55	541	Pamela Brown
87		Rosemarie Howis	79	1229	Eileen Hunter	55	1474	Carol Mouncey
87	1852	Estelle Matthews	79	1541	Marjorie Lunn	54		Judy McBride
87	828	Moiria Metcalf	79		Margaret Scamell	53		Miryam Blum
87		Mary Pugh	78		Chris{S'hampton} Baker	50		Elisheva Auerbach
87		Alison Stilwell	78	1553	Brenda Keast	50		Lucy Beckmann
86		Sheila Bromly	78		Michael Murray	50		Gila Shapiro
86	1039	Dorothy Edwards	78		Olga Robinson			
86		Pat Evans	77	1719	Eileen Johnson			
86		Frances Goulding	77	1822	Pat Johnson			
86	1769	Jennifer Payne	77	1922	Sheila Johnston			
86	1629	Maggie Shutt	76		Paula Davenport			
86		Margaret Speight	76		Monique Loy			
86		Martyn Washbourne	76		Patricia Parton			
86		Amabel Winter	75		Margaret Cooke			
86	1332	Sheila Wyatt						

# dusting off the archives

A stroll down Memory Lane with Robert Richland

## 20 years ago

APSP Newsletter, issue 23, April 1992, editor Clive Spate

This issue was in stapled A4 format, but for the first time it was numbered. Clive said that the issue number was a rough estimate based on back issues he had dating back to the one-sheet editions that were originally produced !

- Ivy Edmunds, a familiar face in the London League, died suddenly in early March. She was in her 80s. Fellow league member Eileen Anderson wrote an obituary. Your Archives editor RR played his first London League match in 1984 at Ivy's house.
- APSP membership now exceeded 260.

Recent tourney wins included: Richard Evans (Pinner), Darryl Francis (East Berks), Di Dennis (APSP Masters Knockout).

Top 3 ratings (April 15th 1992): Di Dennis 200, Gareth Williams, Clive Spate (ratings unknown).

## 15 years ago

APSP Newsletter, issue 53, April 1997, editor Phil Appleby

- Under the heading 'LeXpert – The Way Ahead for Word-Learning?', Phil Appleby gave us a review of a new (computer programed) DIY word-list generator called LeXpert. He enthused at the end that 'the most remarkable thing of all is that LeXpert is free!'
- Ian Gucklhorn discussed 'TSP versus Human Play'. TSP was a Scrabble computer program, popular at the time... long before the Internet Scrabble Club arrived on the scene.

Recent tourney wins included: David Webb/Phil Appleby (Nomads), Wilma Warwick (Scottish Masters), Chris Hawkins (Leicester West End), David Acton (DSS Matchplay and also Three Rivers Masters), Elie Dangoor (East Berks), Dick Green (Swindon), Darryl Francis (East Sussex), Neil Scott (Lothian).

Top 3 ratings (March 24th 1997): Allan Saldanha 205, David Acton 200, Gareth Williams 199.

## 10 years ago

The Last Word, issue 83, April 2002, editor Christina French

- Richard Evans and Mike O'Rourke led the tributes to John Rusted (Cambridge SC), who passed away in February.
- Graeme Thomas announced that BMSC venue was moving this year from Nottingham University to the Queen's Moat House Hotel in West Bromwich.
- Pete Finley (soon-to-be outgoing ABSP Chairman) put in a 'Sit Vac' for an ABSP Chairman, Tournament Co-ordinator and Treasurer for the end of August. 'This is a serious situation', he emphasised.
- Andrew Fisher recounted his 'WSC Experience' in Las Vegas in December 2001.

Recent tourney wins included: Robert Richland (Richmond), Janet Phillips (Chester), George Gruner (Brentwood), David Lawton (West Sussex), Terry Kirk/Andy Davis (Nomads), Paul Allan (Scottish Masters), Martin Fowkes (Leicester West End), Andy Davis (West Berks). And over in Ireland, Brendan McDonnell (Cork).

Top 4 ratings (March 8th 2002) : Robert Felt 204, Andy Davis 202, Andrew Fisher/Mark Nyman (both 201).

## 5 years ago

The Last Word, issue 113, April 2007, editor Elisabeth Jardine

- It was announced that the new Collins Tournament and Club Word List (to be known as CSW to many) will become the sole word authority for all ABSP-rated events from May 15th onwards.
- Chris Hawkins had compiled a Money Winners List for all ABSP-rated events. Top of the tree for 2006, with £785 in winnings, was Mikki Nicholson.
- Robert Richland's *That Was Then* feature made its debut, looking back on previous magazine issues (in this case 5 and 10 years ago). Five years on, it's still going, now under the name of 'Dusting Off The Archives'.
- With the new CSW about to be unleashed, David Sutton, under the heading 'About Time Too' listed all the words that were now playable, but belatedly so. These included CHAV, JETLAG, PLUGHOLE, STETSON and ZOOT.
- Jackie McLeod searched for ABSP on [www.acronymfinder.com](http://www.acronymfinder.com) and was delighted to see that our very own ABSP came up top of the 18 entries, two places ahead of the appropriate Advanced Brain Signal Processing.
- Mike O'Rourke (very sadly no longer with us in April 2012) was the subject of this issue's Personal Profile. Mike recalled his first ever tourney, the 1989 Postal Scrabble Weekend in Cambridge, and was awarded 'Best Newcomer' together with £10 and a bottle of wine. Mike also gave us one of his mnemonics that contain the letters that go with EATINGS : 'vulgar men fart when they've had beans' ! Mike used a maxim that 90% of the time paid off for him: 'if you think of a word and you don't know why you know it, then it is probably a valid Scrabble word'. This maxim was mentioned several years ago to Mike by the veteran Grand Master, Brian Sugar.

Recent tourney wins included: Bob Berry (West Berks), Stephen Wintle (Pitlochry 3-day), Kate Surtees (Pitlochry 2-day), Phil Robertshaw (Chester), Rael Hayman (West Sussex), Brian Sugar/Andrew Perry (Nottingham Nomads), Simon Gillam (Perth), Ed Martin (Wirral plus New Malden plus Swindon!), Steve Perry (Andover), Austin Shin (Peterborough 5pp), Paul Allan (Scottish Masters), Christian Brown (Leicester),

Top 4 ratings (March 26th 2007): Adam Logan 211, Brett Smitheram 202, Wale Fashina / Ed Martin (both 196).

# THE TIMES

## Crossword Championship 2012

**With many Scrabblers also being cryptic crossword fans, OnBoard readers might like to know that the next qualifying puzzles for the Times Crossword Championship will be on April 18 and May 16.**

**Just buy The Times that day, find the crossword, and follow the instructions. Qualifiers attend a national final where they will be asked to complete a number of crosswords against the clock.**

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In return for this free publicity, the Times will be displaying some ABSP literature on finals day, thus bringing us to the attention of the crossworders. Everybody wins!

**Barry Grossman**

## Astatine

**ASTATINE** is a chemical element, no. 85 in the Periodic Table. It is the rarest of all the naturally occurring elements: it is thought that any one time there is no more than one ounce of astatine on earth, making its nearest contender in the rarity stakes, **FRANCIUM**, look relatively abundant at twenty ounces or so.

Here's a little test: write down as many names of chemical elements as you can (there are 118 in all). If you manage more than about sixty, I suspect that you are either a professional chemist or very good at memorising the words of Tom Lehrer songs. I have been brushing up my own knowledge by reading Sam Kean's *The Disappearing Spoon*, a book crammed with fascinating lore about the elements along with anecdotes about their sometimes eccentric discoverers. Here are a few notes on shorter names that may be less familiar to you.

**THULIUM** is element 69, a rare earth or lanthanide. It is impossible to obtain completely pure thulium, it is always contaminated by other rare earth elements.

**CERIUM**, element 58, is another lanthanide. It sparks when struck, making it ideal for use as flints in cigarette lighters. It kept the Jewish writer Primo Levi alive when he was working in a prison chemical plant during the holocaust — he would appropriate small sticks of cerium and barter them with civilians for bread and soup.

**THALLIUM**, element 81, is considered the deadliest element in the table. It replaces potassium in the body, causing massive damage. The CIA are alleged to have plotted to assassinate Fidel Castro by powdering his socks with thallium-tainted talcum powder.

**RHODIUM**, element 45, is the most expensive of all the elements that can actually be bought commercially. It is strange to think that at one time this prestigious position was held by the now ubiquitous **ALUMINIUM** (or **ALUMINUM**), until someone figured out how to separate it from oxygen.

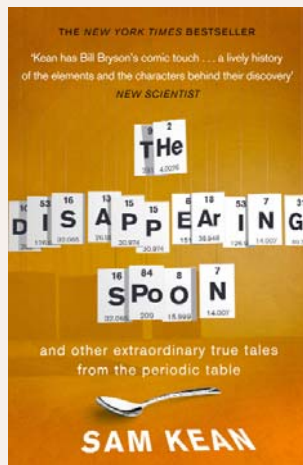
**HAFNIUM**, element 72, was not nailed down till 1922 when Niels Bohr, applying reasoning based on the principles of the new quantum physics, decided that the best place to look for it was in samples of **ZIRCONIUM**, and despatched two chemists to do that. They found it first time.

It is worth noting that many elements went through several names or proposed names before settling down to their present identities. Astatine, for example, was first proposed as **ALABAMINE**, after Alabama where it was first found; another early name for it was **HELVETIUM**. **VIRGINIUM** was proposed for Francium. **PROMETHEUM** was once called **ILLINIUM**. **JOLIOTIUM**, newly introduced in CSW12, is a former name for **DUBNIUM**. **SILICON** was originally called **SILICIUM**. **TUNGSTEN** has an alternative name **WOLFRAM**, and even **TIN** can be called **STANNUM**.

And let us not forget **DIDYMIUM**, **NEBULIUM** and **CORONIUM**, three elements that never were, being discoveries that turned out to resolve into existing elements. Some you win, some you lose...

**David Sutton**

'Astatine' was one of David's *Words of the Week* featured at [www.wespa.com](http://www.wespa.com)



## Sequoia



“How!”

I am a Cherokee Indian born about 1776 – my father was a white trader, my mother a Cherokee woman. My English name is George Guess, so the Cherokee gave me an Indian name that means “guessed it”.

I worked as a silversmith and was an athlete until the day that I became crippled from a hunting accident. You wordsmiths and language fanatics will understand my passion for what then became my life’s work.

As a silversmith, I had dealt with whites who had settled in the area. My fellow tribesmen and I could not understand how white people could look at a piece of paper and read. I decided to study the secret of this “talking leaf”.

So about 1809 I began work to create a character for each word in our Cherokee language. I dedicated a year to this effort, neglecting all else – my fields were left unplanted so that my friends and neighbours thought I had lost my mind. My wife at the time is even said to have burned my initial work, believing it to be witchcraft! I didn’t succeed until I gave up trying to represent entire words and instead developed a symbol for each syllable in the language. After a month I had developed a symbol for each of 86 sounds.

Unable to find adults willing to learn, I taught it to my little daughter, Ayokeh. Our Indian chiefs could not see the merit in my alphabet – they were convinced it was trickery and were reluctant to adopt it. The turning point came when they devised a test – I had to write a secret message on a piece of paper, which they gave to Ayokeh. When she read aloud what had been written they were astonished, and from then on allowed me to teach it to a few more people.

As people came to appreciate the practicality of my writing system, it spread rapidly from western to eastern Cherokee. And so the Cherokee written language was born. The Cherokee Phoenix was the first newspaper to have text in both Cherokee and English, and in 1825 the Cherokee Nation officially adopted my writing system.

I continued teaching reading and writing until well into my seventies. I died somewhere near Mexico while I was looking for a legendary lost band of Cherokee.

I’m proud that a museum devoted to me says: “Never before, or since, in the history of the world, has one man, not literate in any language, perfected a system for reading and writing a language.”

However, you Scrabble players may not find that as interesting as one of the ways I was immortalised. In 1847 the Hungarian botanist, Stephen Endlicher, named a giant conifer after me. I signed my name Ssiquoya, and it is often spelt Sequoyah today in Cherokee, but the English spelling of my name is SEQUOIA. You are probably familiar with it, since it is one of only five 7-letter words containing each of the five vowels.

Think of me when you play that wonderful word, SEQUOIA I hope it will have even more significance for you now.



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From *Forwards*, Journal of the New Zealand Scrabble Association

# 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.*

## Six Sense

Regular players will be aware of the usefulness of short words coupled with sevens and eights for those bonus scores. It would seem that six-letter words are not especially useful in the game. However, six-letter words can come into their own with a vowel-heavy rack and the need to have a clear-out, or tied in with a six-letter stretch to reach a double (dw) or triple word square (tw). Such a situation will often arise when a play is made involving the triple letters on an inside row or column (eg, the word FORTH on the board right).

These three racks suggest a six-letter play to take the O1 or O15 triple word scores. Can you see them?

A E G I N O U

A I I O P T U

A E I L O T U

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1	Red			Blue					Red			Blue			Red
2		Red				Blue				Blue					Red
3			Red				Blue			Blue				Red	
4	Blue				F	E	Z			Blue			Red		Blue
5						Red	E				C	Red			
6		Blue					B				H				F
7			Blue				R	Blue		Blue	E		Blue		O
8	Red			Blue			A	W	O	K	E		D	A	R
9			Blue					Blue		A	R	E	A	Blue	T
10		Blue						Blue		R	Blue				H
11						Red			T		Red				
12	Blue			Red				Blue				Red		Blue	
13			Red					Blue		N			Red		
14		Red					Blue		G					Red	
15	Red			Blue			J	O	G	S		Blue			Red

Here's a selection of ten useful four-vowelled sixes that end in an A or I. Note that several are plural forms of words ending -EUS or -IUM:

ACULEI pl. thorns

EIDOLA pl. apparitions

LEIPOA Australian bird

OURALI a poisonous plant

UREDIA pl. fungi spores

AGOUTI S. American rodent

ELUVIA pl. rock debris

OBELIA a marine polyp

OUREBI S. African antelope

UREMIA a blood illness

Another situation when you might look to play six letters, albeit making a seven-letter word, is when you can transcend two double-word squares, thereby getting four times the face-value of your letters. This can mean a healthy score even if you have only got one and two-point tiles. Can you find such plays through the T at I11 on the above board with each of these two racks?

A A D E G M N

E G I I N P W

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. (Collins) *The Times Scrabble Workout* – ISBN 978-0-00-730303-8 rrp £7.99

## Power Tile Plight

An attractive high-scoring play in Scrabble can easily lure a player into not considering alternative moves. The 50 points extra for a seven or eight-letter word normally makes such a play decisively the best. However, a play scoring around the 50 mark involving a power tile (JQXZ) may not be so clear-cut, especially if it gives away easy pickings for the opponent on a triple word (tw) using otherwise weak low-scoring letters.

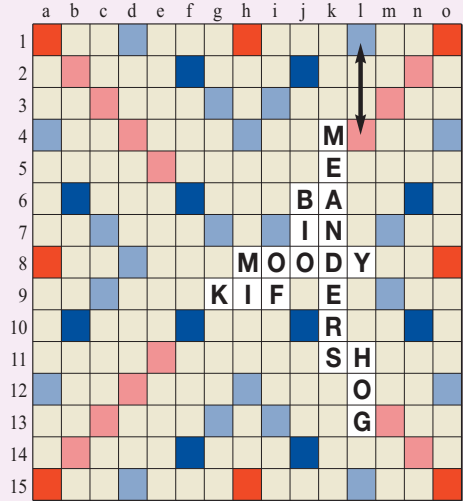
A typical opportunity for such a play is at L1d (shown by the arrow) on the diagram below. ZONE would score a healthy 54 points but the numerous likely responses such as ZING (42) or ZITI (39) should be a concern.

Using this board position, what plays are on offer at L1d with these racks, and are there any better alternatives to avoid the tw giveaway?

**A E F H L T Z**

**A E I N Q U U**

**E J P S T U Y**



There would need to be several positive attributes of a play to forego a significant number of points. Also bear in mind that the opponent will feel obliged to try and use the tws, especially if it's available with a power tile, but in doing so may be forced to waste their best letters, upsetting their rack balance. So opening a tw can have positive value.

With the first rack, ZETA at L1d scores 54 points. It could be played lower at L3d (41) but the Z enables high-scoring parallel plays down the M column (making ZO or ZA) and is arguably more dangerous than leaving the Z on the tw line. For that reason, HAZEL L1d (54) is not ideal either. The solution is to score 38 with either HALF F10a or HEFT L3d to keep a strong ETZ or ALZ leave respectively.

With the Q rack, QUEAN L1d (56) remains the best. The Q is not so readily usable on the tw and, with your retained UI, there is a good prospect of taking the tw yourself the next turn.

JUTE or JUPE (a woman's jacket) look tempting with the third rack, but the bonus potential of the retained S is handicapped by the Y. You should play JUMPY I4a (38) to avoid a tw giveaway but moreover because EST bodes well for a bonus along row N.

Now, how many X plays scoring 50 or more can you find with this rack, and the same board position given above?

**A E H I L N X**

# SCRABBLE® LOGOLOGIC

Compiled by Allan Simmons

Your challenge is to recreate the Scrabble game using all the 15 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.

When you have completed the diagram can you find the elusive highest scoring play that scores exactly **36 points** with this rack?

H, A, T, L, O, B, E

No.			2	4	1	3	1	5	7	5	4	2	1			
	Val.		5	4	1	5	4	6	9	8	7	2	4			
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1	1															
4	8															
1	1															
2	2															
4	7															
5	7															
3	6															
3	3															
5	6															
1	1															
5	10															

B, R, O, C, O, M, E, C, O, R, N, D, E, A, L,  
 E, A, S, E, D, E, R, F, A, I, F,  
 I, T, E, M, L, E, D, O, D, D, L, Y, O, V, E, N,  
 R, E, T, A, R, E, T, O, M

# cryptogram

	15	1	17	8	19	22	8		26	22	17	4	17	
20		21		2		13		25		13		22		5
11	22	9	23	10	8	9		3	17	1	18	22	6	10
22		1		6		10	11	10	19	9	10	6		14
9	10	23	8	1	11	8		14	10	2	14	12	10	8
7		17		4		9	1	9	14	17	9	10		1
	17	6	17	12	10		24	7	17	11	1	8	24	8
16			6		14	10	17	8	9		4			9
18	14	22	22	24	1	4	12		10	12	12	17	14	
10		9	14	17	4	8	10	8		14		14		10
9	14	17	4	4	1	10		5	9	17	14	24	1	19
19		14	10	6	9	17	1	11		19		13		23
23	17	1	14	1	10	14		10	18	1	14	17	9	10
7		4		22		8		10		11		4		8
	7	10	19	19	23		10	4	4	10	17	6	8	

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					C							

Solution page 43

# anagrid

The clues are simply anagrams of the answers - Solution page 43

1a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
2	■		■		■									
3								■		■		■		■
4	■		■		■									
5								■		■		■		■
6	■		■		■									
7								■		■		■		■
8							■							
9	■		■		■		■							
10									■		■		■	
11	■		■		■		■							
12									■		■		■	
13		■		■		■								
14									■		■		■	
15	■													

## HORIZONTAL CLUES

1. ACESSING
2. SPRAWLOKE
3. JINNEDUO
4. SEASELSIL
5. SUZITAAB
6. TIMOTINIA
7. LESSIATE
8. SHOSLTE - LEINESS
9. SEAUNCLE
10. REPEEISMS
11. PINERUSK
12. TAUCETFUL
13. OVERINGO
14. SADPOISON
15. NEGGNESS

## VERTICAL CLUES

- a. PHUZHACT
- b. KILOMSYS
- c. JASTDINO
- d. CARPETTE
- e. MAILBITE
- f. DIQULILI
- g. ERAGESIS
- h. UDSSIMO - GNISTEN
- i. PEUSNESS
- j. TOICHILE
- k. SNERLOLA
- l. EXETERAL
- m. ANNORRIC
- n. SOSSMOKE
- o. SNARESES

# tilefish prize puzzle

This puzzle is within the capability of all OnBoard readers and everyone sending in a correct solution will be entered into a draw to win a £10 voucher toward the purchase of goods from TILEFISH 'your one stop Scrabble shop'.

Your target is to score 47 points with the rack shown.

As ABSP members it is presumed that you already know the points value of the tiles and the values of the premium squares.

To be entered into the draw, send your solution to OnBoard, 17 St Margarets Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4HS.

or email: editor@absp.org.uk

Closing date 12th May 2012.

The puzzles on this page were 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 National Lottery numbers. Assigned numbers are posted on uk-scrabble.

The winner of the last prize puzzle was Matt Bayfield who found the answer BOLOGNESE as shown on the board below.

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1									F	O	G	O			
2								L				I			
3								M	O				S		
4								C	O	X	I	B			
5								J				O			
6								I				L			
7								N	E	T	R	O	O	T	
8								A	O				G		
9								N					N		
10								N	O	T	A	I	R	E	
11								B							
12								O		I					
13								R	E	A	L	T	O	N	E
14															
15								S							

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
1				G	I	V	E	N							
2				U											
3				A											
4				N											
5				X											
6				P	I										
7				O											
8	I	M	P	R	O	V	E	R							
9								Y							
10								E							
11								B	U	R	G	U	N	D	Y
12								R				H	O		
13								E							
14	A	C	E	Q	U	I	A								
15	O	H						D							

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# 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)

## NSC/NSCT Regionals

South	Southampton	Sunday, 20 May
London & SE	Southgate, London	Saturday, 9 June
Scotland	Perth	Sunday, 10 June
North	Shipley	Sunday, 17 June
Midlands	Peterborough	Saturday, 23 June
Northern Ireland	Belfast	TBC
South West/Wales	Bristol	Saturday, 19 May
Contact – Philip Nelkon 01628 500283 <a href="mailto:philip.nelkon@mattel.com">philip.nelkon@mattel.com</a>		

### Peterborough Free Challenge 7 games

Saturday 14th April 2012

Contact: Chris Hawkins

Telephone: 01733-223202

Emergency number (on the day)

Telephone: 07775 438682

Venue: Millfield Community Centre,  
439 Lincoln Road, Peterborough,  
PE1 2PE

Registration: 09:15

First game: 09.45 Departure 17:45

Tea/Coffee available on arrival and throughout the day.

Entry costs: £14.50 for ABSP member  
£16.50 for non-ABSP member

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

Cheques payable to Peterborough Scrabble Club, and sent to Chris Hawkins,  
39 Peterborough Road, Eye, Peterborough,  
PE6 7YA

### Youth Tournament 5 games

Saturday 14th April

Contact: Paula Davenport

Telephone: 01952 468433  
(Monday –Thursday, 9am-4pm)  
or 07815 976720

Emergency number on the day

Mobile: 07815 976720

Venue: Idsall School, Shifnal,  
Shropshire TF11 9PB

Divisions 6-player round robins

Registration 9.30

First game 10.00 Departure 15.45

Entry costs: £10.00 For ABSP members  
£12.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Paula Davenport and sent to Paula Davenport, Idsall School, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9PD

This tournament is for players aged 18 or under on the day of the tournament

### Southampton 6 games

Sunday 15th April 2012

Contact: Alan Bailey

Telephone: 02392-384360

Emergency number on day only

Mobile: 07763-894738

Venue: Hedge End Village Hall,  
SO30 4AF

Registration: 09:10

First game: 10:00 Departure 17.15

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day.

Entry costs: £13.00 for ABSP member  
£15.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Southampton Scrabble Club and sent to Alan Bailey, 84 East Lodge Park, Portsmouth, PO6 1AQ

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### **Newcastle 7 games**

Saturday 21st April  
Contact: Michael Murray  
Telephone: 0191 2742420  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile: 07818 831917  
Venue: West Denton Community  
Association, Hillhead Road,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,  
NE5 1DN

Registration: 09.00  
First game: 10:00 Departure 17.45  
Refreshments available most of the day. Lunch  
is NOT provided  
Entry costs: £13.50 for ABSP member  
£15.50 for non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Newcastle Scrabble Club ,  
and sent to Michael Murray, 12 Benwell Village  
Mews, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6LF

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### **Havering Evergreens - Over 50s 7 games**

Saturday 21st April 2012  
Contact: Cindy Hollyer  
Telephone: 01277-822050  
Venue: St John s Church Hall, Church  
Road, Mountnessing,  
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH  
Registration: 09:15

First game: 10:00 Departure 18:00  
Tea/Coffee 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,  
Doddington, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH

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### **Isle of Wight 16 games**

Friday 27th – Monday 30th April

Contact: Noel Turner  
Telephone: 01983 614426

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### **Spring Matchplay Staverton 25 games**

Saturday 5th–Monday 7th May

Contact: Amy Byrne  
Telephone: 0131 6613869

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### **Lothian 6 games**

Saturday 5th May 2012  
Contact: Alan Sinclair  
Telephone: 0131 669 7316  
Venue: Newhaven Church Hall,  
Craighall Road, Edinburgh,  
EH6 4NE

Registration 09:15  
First game 10.00 Departure 17.30  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £10.00 for ABSP member  
£12.00 for Non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Alan Sinclair and sent to  
19 Duddingston Avenue, Edinburgh, EH15 1SJ

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### **European Open – Malta 32 games**

Friday 11th - Monday 14th May

Contact: Amy Byrne  
Telephone: 0131 6613869

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### **Bournemouth Spring 7 games**

Sunday 13th May 2012  
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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### **Malta Open 24 games**

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th May

Contact: Josephine Mayo  
email: +356 799 65207

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**Chigwell Pairs and Singles****7 games***Entries can be from pairs or from individuals*

Sunday 20th May 2012

Contact: Diane Pratesi

Telephone: 0208 556 2902

Venue: Victory Hall, Hainault Road,  
Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QX

Registration: 09.30

First game: 09.40 Departure 17.15

Refreshments available throughout the day,

Lunch is NOT provided

Entry costs: £15.00 for ABSP or LSL member  
£17.00 for all othersCheques payable to Diane Pratesi and sent to  
33 Amberley Road, Leyton, London E10 7ER

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**Scottish Open (Perth) 13 games**

Saturday 26th–Sunday 27th May

Contact: Marion Keatings

Telephone: 01592 265524

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**Luton 7 games**

Saturday 26th May

Contact: Rosalind Wilson

Tel 01582 507249

Emergency number on day only

Mob 07753 143262

Venue: St. Luke s Church Hall, High  
Street, Leagrave, Luton  
LU4 9JY

Registration: 09:20

First game: 10:10 Time of departure 18.00

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 Rosalind Wilson, 22 Sherborne  
Avenue., Luton, LU2 7BB

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**Grand Jubilee (Coventry) 36 games**

Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June

Contact: Len Moir

Telephone: 01913 880033

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**Brighton & Hove****9 games @ 20 mins**

Sunday 10th June 2012

Contact Doj Graham

Telephone 01273 699811

Emergency number (on the day)

Mobile 07743 317565

Venue Avenue Bridge Club, 15 Third  
Avenue, Hove BN3 2PB

Registration by 10.15 latest

First game 10:30 Departure 18.15

3/4 divisional tournament

Tea/Coffee available throughout the day

Entry costs: £20.00 for ABSP member

£22.00 for non-ABSP member

Cheques payable to Brighton & Hove Scrabble  
Club and sent to: Doj Graham, Flat 2,  
8-9 Hanover Crescent, Brighton BN2 9SB

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**New Malden 7 games**

Saturday 16th June 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

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**Project WYSC Chigwell****8 games @ 20 minutes**

Sunday 24th June 2012

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,

Lunch is NOT provided

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

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**Lincoln 7 games**

Saturday 30th June

Contact Teresa Lyes

Tel 01652 648 697

Emergency number on the day

Mob 07901 754 445

Venue All Saints Church Hall,  
Moor Lane, North Hykeham,  
LN6 9AB

Divisions according to entries

Registration 9.30

First game 10.00 Departure 18.00

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available before the  
start and between gamesEntry costs: £15.00 For ABSP members  
£17.00 for non-ABSP memberAdd 50p if not bringing a timer that you can  
lend. Deduct £5 if aged under 18 on the day of  
the eventCheques payable to Lincoln Scrabble Club and  
sent to Teresa Lyes 10 Queen Street, Kirton  
Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 4NX

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**Festival of Scrabble Mkt Harboro  
(19 games)**

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th July

Contact: Amy Byrne

Telephone: 0131 6613869

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**English Open (Coventry) 21 games**

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th July

Contact: Len Moir

Telephone: 01913 880033

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**Corby 7 games**

Sunday 22nd July

Contact J. Carmen Toscano

Tel 01536 601987

Emergency contact no on the day

Mob 07960 156775

Venue Hampton by Hilton,  
Rockingham Leisure Park,  
Princewood Road, Corby,  
NN17 4AB

Registration 09:00

First game 09.45 Departure 18.30

Tea/Coffee available mid-morning and mid-  
afternoon. Entry fee includes buffet lunch

Entry costs: £22.00 for ABSP member

£24.00 for non-ABSP member

Add £1.00 if unable to bring and lend a timer

Cheques payable to Corby Scrabble Club and  
sent to: J C Toscano, 14 Corfe Close, Corby,  
Northants, NN18 8PQ

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**Peterborough All Nighter  
27 games**

Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th July

Contact: Chris Hawkins

Telephone: 01733-223202

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**Romford 7 games**

Saturday 11th August 2012

Contact Cindy Hollyer

Tel 01277 822050

Venue Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall,  
School Road, Kelvedon Hatch,  
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0DL

Divisions according to entries

Registration 9.15

First game 10.00 Departure 18.00

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

Entry costs: £13.50 For ABSP members

£15.50 for non-ABSP member

Deduct 50p if you are able to bring and lend a  
timerCheques payable to Romford Scrabble Club  
c/o Cindy Hollyer, 78 Peartree Lane,  
Doddinghurst, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 0RH

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**Wetherby 7 games**

Sunday 12th August 2012

Contact Reme Salazar

Telephone 01937 573053

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

Registration 09:30

First game 10:00 Deaprture 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 lendCheques payable to Andrea Adnan and sent to  
Andrea Adnan, 2 Cumberland Road,  
Castleford, WF10 2QZ

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**BMSC**  
**6/21 games**

Friday 24th–Monday 27th August  
Contact Wayne Kelly  
Telephone 07703 014789

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**Warrington 7 games**

Sunday 30th September  
Contact Wayne Kelly  
Telephone 01925 483530  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile 07791 785394  
Venue Fairfield & Howley Community  
Project, Fairfield Street  
Warrington, WA1 3AJ

Registration 09:15  
First game 10:00 Time of departure 18.30  
Tea/Coffee available throughout the day  
Entry costs: £14.50 for ABSP member  
£16.50 for Non-ABSP member  
Deduct 50p if willing to bring and lend a timer  
Cheques payable to Wayne Kelly and sent to  
Wayne Kelly, 17 Cossack Avenue, Orford,  
Warrington, WA2 9PB

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**Bournemouth Autumn 6 games**

Sunday 7th October 2012  
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 17.30  
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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**Romanian Open Bucharest**  
**22 Games**

Friday 12th–Sunday 14th October 2012  
Contact: Dan-Laurentiu Siddhu  
Email: dls@scrablero.ro

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**Bourne 7 games**

Sunday 14th October 2012  
Contact Betty Benton  
Telephone 01778-425234  
Venue Masonic Hall, Roman Bank,  
Bourne, PE10 9LQ  
Registration 09:15

First game 10:00 Depart 18.00  
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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**Chrystal 50 8 games**

Chrystal Rose's 50th birthday celebration  
Sunday 21st October 2012  
Contact Kevin Synnott  
Email kevin.synnott@hotmail.co.uk  
Telephone 07535 381282  
Emergency number on day only  
Mobile 07941 260395  
Venue Westminster Boating Base, 136  
Grosvenor Road, London  
SW1V 3JY

Registration 09:00 am  
First game 09.45am. Departure 6.30pm  
Lunch is provided and is included in the cost  
of the event. Tea/Coffee etc provided  
throughout the day  
Entry costs: £22.00 for ABSP member  
£24.00 for non-ABSP member  
Cheques payable to Evelyn Wallace and sent to  
2 Shakespeare Avenue,  
Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 0ST or bank transfer to  
Evelyn Wallace, sort code 090126 Acc No  
04699481 + your name as a reference

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<b>Map</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
1	Peterborough fc	Apr 14th	(7)	Chris Hawkins	01733 223202
2	Youth Shifnall	Apr 14th	(5)	Paula Davenport	07815 976720
3	Southampton	Apr 15th	(6)	Alan Bailey	02392 384360
4	Newcastle	Apr 21st	(7)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
5	Havering Evergreen	Apr 21st	(6)	Cindy Hollyer	01277 822050
6	Isle of Wight	Apr 27th-29th		Noel Turner	01983 614426
7	Spring Matchplay	May 5th-7th	(25)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
8	Lothian	May 5th	(7)	Alan Sinclair	0131 6697316
	European Open	May 11th-14th	(32)	Josephine Mayo	
9	Bournemouth	May 13th	(8)	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
	Malta	May 18th-20th	(24)	Josephine Mayo	
10	Bristol NSC	May 19th	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
11	Chigwell Pairs	May 20th	(7)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
12	Southampton NSC	May 20th	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
13	Luton	May 26th	(7)	Rosalind Wilson	01582 507249
14	Scottish Open	May 26th-27th	(13)	Marion Keatings	01592 265524
15	Ilford Invitational	May 27th	(9)	Kevin Synnott	07941 260935
16	Grand Jubilee	June 2nd-5th	(36)	Len Moir	01913 880033
17	London NSC	Jun 9th	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
18	Brighton & Hove	Jun 10th	(7)	Doj Graham	01273 699811
19	Perth NSC	Jun 10th	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
20	New Malden	Jun 16th	(7)	Elizabeth Terry	01483 474011
21	Shipley NSC	Jun 17th	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
22	Peterboro NSC	Jun 23rd	(7)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
23	ChigwellWYSC	Jun 24th	(8)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
	ABSP Masters	Jun 30th-Jul 1st	(16)	Wayne Kelly	01925 483530
24	Lincoln	Jun 30th	(7)	Teresa Lyes	01652 648 697
25	Ilford Invitational	Jul 1st	(9)	Kevin Synnott	07941 260935
26	Festival of Scrabble	Jul 7th-8th	(19)	Amy Byrne	0131 661 3869
27	English Open	Jul 13th-15th	(21)	Len Moir	01913 880033
28	Corby	Jul 21st	(7)	Carmen Toscano	01536 601987
29	Peterborough All Nighter	Jul 28th-29th	(27)	Chris Hawkins	01733 223202
30	Romford	Aug 11th	(7)	Cindy Hollyer	01227 822050
31	Wetherby	Aug 12th	(7)	Reme Salazar	01937 573053
32	BMSC*	Aug 24th-27th	(6)/(21)	Wayne Kelly	07703 014789
33	Morecambe*	Sep 7th-10th	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
34	NSC Semi-Final	Sep 15th-16th	(13)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
35	Warwick*	Sep 21st-23rd	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
36	NSCT Final	Sep 29th	(8)	Philip Nelkon	01628 500283
37	Ilford Invitational	Sep 30th	(9)	Kevin Synnott	07941 260935
38	Warrington	Sep 30th	(7)	Wayne Kelly	01925 483530
39	Cock o' the North*	Oct 5th-7th	(22)	Len Moir	01913 880033
40	Bournemouth	Oct 7th	(7)	Ruth Marsden	01202 707148
41	Coventry Triple*	Oct 9th-11th	(27)	Len Moir	01913 880033
	Romanian Open	Oct 12th-14th	(22)	Laurentiu Siddhu	
42	Chester*	Oct 12th-14th	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
43	Bourne	Oct 14th	(7)	Betty Benton	01778 425324
44	Chrystal 50	Oct 21st	(7)	Evie Wallace	07941 260935
45	Nailsea	Oct 21st	(7)	Pam Sparkes	01275 464864
46	Cambridge*	Oct 26th-28th	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420
47	Luton	Nov 3rd	(7)	Adrian Noller	01582 656234
48	Project WYSC	Nov 11th	(8)	Diane Pratesi	020 8556 2902
49	Winter MP*	Nov 24th-25th	(15)	Mike Willis	07976 256554
50	Harrogate*	Nov 30th-Dec 2nd	(14)	Viv Beckmann	01912 742420

\* Rating not yet applied for

