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| NOTABLE EVENTS | |
|----------------|--|
| 1948 | Scrabble® trademark registered in US |
| 1953 | Scrabble® made available to the Australian market |
| 1981 | Inaugural general meeting (5 May) of ASPA (Vic) |
| 1985 | First edition of ‘Across the Board’ published by ASPA (Vic). |
| 1986 | <i>Victorian Championships – Masters Players given the option to use clocks</i> |
| 1987 | Agreement of cooperation signed between ASPA (Vic) and Murfett Regency |
| | <i>‘ASPAL’ made available for adjudication purposes</i> |
| | Establishment of ASPA WA (28 June) |
| 1988 | <i>Jim Warmington awarded first prize by Murfett Regency in their bumper-sticker competition. Winning slogan ‘Let’s Play Scrabble – it’s your word against mine’</i> |
| 1989 | Discussions with J W Spear’s in relation to a World Championship competition – potentially to be held in 1991. Format, rules etc to be decided by Spears |
| 1990 | Inaugural meeting of ASPA Tasmania |
| 1991 | First World Championship tournament held in London |
| | Death of Alfred Butts, creator of Scrabble® |
| 1993 | <i>Murfett Regency Games taken over by J W Spear & Sons plc.</i> |
| | JW Spears provide financial support for Australia’s World Championship entrants |

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| NOTABLE EVENTS | |
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| 1996 | Creation of ‘SOWPODS Scrabble® Home Page’ including reports of Australian tournaments and national ratings |
| 1997 | Financial constraints require Mattel to reduce funding to promotional activities, establishment of new clubs and internet activity |
| | <i>‘Across the Board’ to be managed by CASPA.</i> |
| 1999 | First day’s play at the Sydney International Masters filmed by Channel Ten and featured during Sydney’s televised evening news. |
| | <i>Baulkham Hills Club the first Australian Club to have its own website.</i> |
| | Mattel commissions a dress made from Scrabble® tiles which was worn by Penne Dennison of ‘Hey, Hey, It’s Saturday’ at the Australian Fashion Awards in Sydney (May 1999) |
| 2001 | Online play - SOWPODS playing room added to ‘scrabbleon’ |
| 2003 | <i>‘Australian Scrabble Players in Action’ is made available – a video comprising seventy two minutes of Australian players in action over eleven years.</i> |
| | <i>Mattel Games issue a statement declaring the end of their relationship with Chambers and the start of an association with Harper Collins</i> |
| | Death of Bil Rose aged 98, holder of the <i>Guinness Book of Records</i> title as the oldest participant in a Scrabble tournament |
| 2005 | <i>Martin Rose and Marcus Barton play Scrabble® in a dive capsule on the sea bed at 18 metres deep off the East Coast of Tasmania</i> |
| | <i>Tony Hunt and Gary Roberts play Scrabble® whilst abseiling at Yellow Rock (Blue Mountains).</i> |
| 2007 | Australia’s change to Collins dictionary implemented |
| 2008 | Celebration of 60 years of Scrabble® |

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REFERENCES

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| 1983 | Chambers 1976 superseded by Chambers 1983 |
| 1989 | New ASPA Word Rules (in summary) All words in bold type in Chambers English Dictionary (“CED”) are allowed except for abbreviations, words with a capital letter, words requiring an apostrophe or a hyphen, words shown <u>only</u> as part of a phrase |
| 2007 | Adoption of Collins as the official Scrabble® players’ dictionary in Australia |

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| TOURNAMENT HISTORY | |
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| 1978 | Scrabble® tournament John Fairfax Auditorium (NSW) – potentially the first tournament in Australia, using Concise Oxford Dictionary 1976 – scoring was on a blackboard (<i>information courtesy of Joan Rosenthal/JeanMcGiffen</i>) |
| 1980 | First Moomba – eventually became Australian National Championships |
| 1981 | September – second Moomba Winner John Holgate, 2nd Place Greg Shalless |
| | City of Sydney tournament Champion Neil Cartledge, 3rd Place John Holgate |
| | <i>October 3-5 fourth NSW Championship Winner John Holgate, 2nd place Marie Knight, 3rd place Neil Cartledge</i> |
| 1982 | June - third Moomba Winner John Holgate, 2nd place Robert Archer (TAS), 3rd place Dulcie Lyall (NSW). Highest game score June Hart (551); June played three seven letter words in a row |
| | <i>October – fifth NSW Championships Winner John Holgate, 2nd Marie Knight, 3rd John Barker</i> |
| 1983 | Bendigo Tournament – individual and team event. First country tournament |
| | <i>May/June fourth Moomba Winner Marie Knight, 2nd place John Holgate, 3rd place Geoff Wright</i> |
| | Sixth NSW Championship Winner John Holgate, 2nd place Neil Cartledge, 3rd place Peter Shaw |
| | <i>Festival of Sydney champion Joan Rosenthal</i> |
| 1984 | Fifth Moomba introducing new ‘win’ system, Winner Marie Knight, 2nd Malcolm Miller, 3rd Robert Archer |
| 1985 | Inaugural City of Sydney Masters Invitational Tournament, 3 day event, Placings John Barker, Joan Rosenthal, John Holgate |
| 1986 | Inaugural ASPA Australian Championship (17 games over three days) |

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| 1987 | <p>Essendon Tournament the first to implement the revised format of four sections Masters, Advanced, Intermediate and Recreation</p> <p><i>November first Victorian country promotional tournament at Geelong</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1988 | <p>March 12/13, K-Mart Australian Scrabble Championships</p> <p><i>Inaugural South Australian Tournament</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1989 | <p>Australian Scrabble® Championships held in Perth – the first time the event is held outside of NSW/Victoria. The starting point for rotation of the tournament between States</p> <p><i>Inaugural WA Championship</i></p> <p>White Rabbit. The white rabbit trophy was a multi-coloured rabbit stuck on a block of wood. The “bunny” competition as it was commonly known is nearly 2 years old in 1989; instigated by the Melbourne Scrabble® Club to promote ‘double challenge’.</p> <p>It was always held on the 1st of the month. The bottom placed person is given the boot and it was the duty of the winner to organise the next tourney. The first event was won by Rhonda Palmer 1 March 1987.</p> <p><i>Sixth National Tournament USA organised by Joe Edley</i> <i>Expert Division – 203 players – Australian achievers</i></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td><i>John Holgate (NSW)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>48</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Chris Wilding (VIC)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>132</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Moana Nepia (NSW)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>148</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>John Barker (NSW)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>188</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Norma Fisher (VIC)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>195</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Fintan Conway (VIC)</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>199</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>First Melbourne Match Play tournament</p> | <i>John Holgate (NSW)</i> | <i>48</i> | <i>Chris Wilding (VIC)</i> | <i>132</i> | <i>Moana Nepia (NSW)</i> | <i>148</i> | <i>John Barker (NSW)</i> | <i>188</i> | <i>Norma Fisher (VIC)</i> | <i>195</i> | <i>Fintan Conway (VIC)</i> | <i>199</i> |
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| <i>Norma Fisher (VIC)</i> | <i>195</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Fintan Conway (VIC)</i> | <i>199</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | <p>10/11 March - Moomba sponsored by McDonalds and Murfett Regency who both donated dictionaries as prizes. Winner Alistair Kane, 2nd Nick Ivanovski, 3rd Geoff Wright, 4th Roger Blom</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| TOURNAMENT HISTORY | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1991 | <p>Australian Masters Scrabble® Tournament, Melbourne 30 March – 1 April (18 games) – first four placings to qualify for first World Championship in London September 1991 (1. Lena Boyd, 2. Glenys Lawrie, 3. Geoff Wright, 4. John Holgate. 5. Alastair Kane, 6. Paul Cleary)</p> <p>Lena Boyd and Geoff Wright both declined their places for the World Tournament (Lena electing to stay at home and look after her aging dog); the Aussie reps were Glenys Lawrie, John Holgate, Paul Cleary, Alistair Kane, also Barry Harridge played – won a ballot for the standby player position.</p> <p>First World Tournament All five Australian players were eliminated from the World Championship and played in the Plate – rankings John Holgate (3), Alastair Kane (10), Barry Harridge (16), Glenys Lawrie (19), Paul Cleary (29)</p> <p><i>Moomba, two dictionaries were given as prizes; Winner Howard Warner (NZ), 2nd Alistair Kane, 3rd Jim Warmington</i></p> |
| 1992 | Western Australia introduces ‘open’ club tournaments to establish a grading system in WA |
| 1996 | First Trans-Tasman Challenge, staged in Sydney |
| 1997 | Inaugural NSW/Victoria Border Challenge (Wagga Wagga) |
| 1998 | Northern Territory Championships (Alice Springs); winner Glenys Lawrie |
| 1999 | Australia (Melbourne) hosts World Scrabble Championships |
| 2003 | Inaugural NSW Junior Scrabble® Championship |
| 2006 | Inaugural World Youth Scrabble® Championship held in Sydney, (Wollongong) December |
| 2007 | First youth tournament (players under 18 years of age) under the Australian rating system |
| 2007 | <i>Inaugural Central Coast Championship</i> |
| 2008 | Inaugural Annual South Gippsland Primary Schools’ Scrabble® Tournament (Vic) |

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Winners of the Australian Championship 1980 to 2010

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 1980 | Ian Wilson |
| 1981 | John Holgate |
| 1982 | John Holgate |
| 1983 | Marie Knight |
| 1984 | Marie Knight |
| 1985 | Lynne Butler |
| 1986 | Moana Nepia |
| 1987 | John Holgate |
| 1988 | Steve Sunter |
| 1989 | Steve Sunter |
| 1990 | Nick Ivanovski |
| 1991 | Lena Boyd |
| 1992 | John Holgate |
| 1993 | Bob Jackman |
| 1994 | Trevor Halsall |
| 1995 | Joan Rosenthal |
| 1996 | Tony Sim and John Holgate (double dictionary split) |
| 1997 | Paul Cleary |
| 1998 | John Holgate |
| 1999 | Paul Cleary |
| 2000 | Paul Cleary |
| 2001 | Edward Okulicz |
| 2002 | Cheah Sui Hean |
| 2003 | Bob Jackman |
| 2004 | Cheah Sui Hean |
| 2005 | Naween Fernando |
| 2006 | Andrew Fisher |
| 2007 | David Eldar |
| 2008 | Naween Fernando |
| 2009 | Andrew Fisher |
| 2010 | Naween Fernando |

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Some Amazing Facts about Scrabble®

did you know that.....?

- ✚ In the UK a five year old boy telephoned Leicester Police to complain that his sister was cheating at Scrabble®
- ✚ It has not proved possible to play Scrabble® in Japanese or Chinese so the game is played in English with a rule book in the native language
- ✚ Scrabble® has featured in many TV shows including *Roseanne*, *Men Behaving Badly*, *GP*, *Water Rats*, *Kavanagh QC*, *Coronation Street*, *Eastenders* and *Brookside*
- ✚ In the UK amongst the unusual occupations of players competing in the National Championships were monk, button dryer and drystone waller.
- ✚ In Thailand there is a daily newspaper column devoted to Scrabble®
- ✚ The original name for the game was ‘Lexico’
- ✚ The inventor of Scrabble®, Alfred Butts, also invented a similar game called ‘Alfred’s Other Game’
- ✚ The original game did not use a board and was played with tiles only
- ✚ Scrabble® can be played online at <http://www.scrabble.org>
- ✚ There is a town in the State of Virginia, USA, called ‘Scrabble’
- ✚ A new patient at an old people’s home was thrown out as ‘incompatible’ when she admitted she didn’t play Scrabble®\
- ✚ There is a version of the game with gold plated tiles made by ‘Franklin Mint’
- ✚ An internet discussion group of over 300 Scrabble® players around the world discuss Scrabble® related themes and controversies every day
- ✚ Australian celebrities who love Scrabble® include Derryn Hinch and Kylie Minogue.
- ✚ Scrabble® is made in Braille
- ✚ Mark Nyman (UK) learnt 10,000 words from the American Dictionary to prepare for his victory in the 1993 World Championship
- ✚ Alfred Butts, the inventor of the game, decided on the frequency and distribution of letters by analysing how often letters appeared on the front page of the *New York Times*

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| Highest Game Score | | |
|--------------------|-------|---|
| Year | Score | Winning Player |
| 1981 | 637 | John Holgate (NSW) |
| 1983 | 728 | John Holgate against John Barker (295) |
| 1986 | 638 | Roger Blom at Australian Championships |
| 1987 | 605 | Jean McGiffen at Victorian Championships |
| 1988 | 623 | Nick Ivanovski at Frankston Tournament |
| 1989 | 644 | Meg Henderson at Victorian Championship |
| 1990 | 609 | Esther Byers at Australian Championship |
| 1991 | 635 | Lena Boyd at City of Sydney Masters |
| 1992 | 626 | Alistair Kane at City of Sydney Masters |
| 1996 | 665 | Bob Jackman (NSW) |
| 1997 | 629 | Sue Omodie (WA) – <i>WA record</i> |
| 1999 | 672 | Barbara Berlin (Vic) 22 August |
| 2000 | 651 | Naween Fernando(Vic) |
| 2002 | 688 | Joan Rosenthal (NSW) 6 July |
| 2001 | 652 | Paul Cleary (NSW) 26 January |
| 2003 | 663 | Anne Drew (Qld) 3 May versus Andrew Hamblin (Qld) |
| 2004 | 661 | Chris May (NSW) 11 July versus Rod Talbot |
| 2005 | 689 | Bob Jackman (NSW) 26 March |
| 2006 | 698 | Chris May (NSW) 14 October |
| 2007 | 764 | Russell Honeybun (WA) 26 August |
| 2008 | 675 | David Eldar (Vic) 9 June |
| 2009 | 720 | Ryan Anderson (Qld) 8 August |

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| Largest Game Margin | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Year | Score | Player(s) |
| 1999 | 406 | Daniel Pinchnick (SA) match score 594-188 |
| 2000 | 389 | Naween Fernando (Vic) – match score 651-262 |
| 2001 | 408 | Jane Brown (Qld) 26 August – match score 630-222 |
| 2002 | 435 | Joan Rosenthal (NSW) 6 July – match score 688-253 |
| 2003 | 409 | Anne Drew (Qld) 3 May – match score 663-254 |
| 2004 | 392 | Gary Pollard (NSW) 10 April – match score 593-201 |
| 2005 | 447 | Bob Jackman (NSW) 26 March – match score 689 – 242 |
| 2006 | 419 | Chris May (NSW) 14 October – match score 698-279 |
| 2007 | 521 | Russell Honeybun (WA) 26 August – match score 764-243 |
| 2008 | 412 | Edward Okulicz (NSW) v Graeme Lock Lee (NSW) 5 January – match score 594-182 |
| 2009 | 412 | Trevor Halsall (Vic) v Geoff Wright (Vic) 31 May - score 606-194 Andrew Fisher (Vic) v Edie Mueller (WA) 13 September – match score 636-224 |

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| Highest Drawn Game | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Year | Score | Players |
| 1999 | 435 | Teresa Dean (SA) and Cherry Chapman (Vic) 12 September |
| 2000 | 474 | Steve Sunter (Vic) and Lynne Butler (NZ) 26 November |
| 2001 | 435 | Teresa Dean (SA) and Cherry Chapman (Vic) 12 September |
| 2002 | 430 | Richard Jeremy (ACT) and Kerry Constable (ACT) 23 November |
| 2003 | 453 | Edward Okulicz (Qld) and Marilyn Smith (Qld) 21 June |
| 2004 | 467 | Matte Dunn (Vic) and Heather Long (Vic) 21 March |
| 2005 | 455 | Norma Fisher (Vic) and Harry Malcolm (Vic) 6 November |
| 2006 | 461 | Kerry Constable (ACT) and Rod Talbot (NSW) 11 February |
| 2007 | 444 | Edward Okulicz (NSW) and John Spaan (ACT) 16 June |
| 2008 | 434 | Karen Richards (NSW) and Don Hadley (NSW) 23 November |
| 2009 | 439 | Rhona Kenyon (ACT) v Beryl Pearson (NSW) 15 March |

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| Highest Combined Score | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Year | Combined Scores | Players |
| 1999 | 1005 | Mary Campbell (Vic) v Ruby Given (Vic) 14 June 649 - 356 |
| 2000 | 1055 | Roger Blom (Vic) v Carmel Dodd (SA) 21 October 569 – 486 |
| 2001 | 1063 | John Holgate (NSW) v Peter Shaw (NSW) December 632-431 |
| 2002 | 1051 | Andrew Hamblin (Qld) v Ron Baginski (Qld) 17 Feb 621-430 |
| 2003 | 1031 | Trevor Halsall (Vic) v Joanne Craig (NSW) 20 April 629-402 |
| 2004 | 1018 | Joanne Craig (NSW) v Carmel Dodd (SA) 25 Jan 592-426 Edward Okulicz (ACT) v Julie Gardiner (Qld) 30 May 611-407 |
| 2005 | 1045 | John Holgate (NSW) v Anne Drew (Qld) 8 January 555-490 |
| 2006 | 1035 | Naween Fernando (Vic) v David Lowden (SA) 16 April |
| 2007 | 1068 | David Lowden (SA) v Gillian Briggs (SA) 22 July 621-447 |
| 2008 | 1030 | David Eldar (Vic) v Trevor Halsall (Vic) 9 June 675-355 |
| 2009 | 1099 | Carmel Dodd (SA) v Karen Richards (NSW) 25 Jan 582-517 |

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| Highest Losing Score | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Year | Score | Players |
| 1999 | 483 | Peter Shaw (NSW) to Nigel Richards (NZ) 30 January scores 485-483 |
| 2000 | 486 | Carmel Dodd to Roger Blom |
| 2001 | 483 | Karen Richards (Qld) to Anne Drew (Qld) 18 February scores 504-483 |
| 2002 | 498 | Andrew Hamblin (Qld) to Edward Okulicz (Qld) 17 February match scores 517-498 |
| 2003 | 489 | Trevor Halsall (Vic) to Barbara Berlin (Vic) 30 March scores 490-489 |
| 2004 | 480 | Alastair Richards (WA) to Faye Williams (WA) 11 July scores 483-480 |
| 2005 | 490 | Anne Drew (Qld) to John Holgate (NSW) scores 555-490 |
| 2006 | 492 | Edward Okulicz (NSW) to Chris May NSW) 5 March scores 513-492 |
| 2007 | 491 | Paul Richards (NSW) to Kerry Constable (ACT) 28 July scores 497-491 |
| 2008 | 502 | Michael Cameron to Stephen Blick Australian National Championships Melbourne March 2008 match scores 504-502 |
| 2009 | 517 | Karen Richards v Carmel Dodd 25 January match scores 582-517 |

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| Highest Word Score | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|---|
| Year | Score | Word | Player |
| 1982 | 151 | disciple | John Holgate (NSW) |
| 1987 | 152 | sequins | Doreen Ivanovski at Victorian Championships |
| 1988 | 158 | wearings | Nick Ivanovski at Frankston Tournament |
| 1989 | 158 | ?? | Dulcie Lyall at NSW Championships |
| 1990 | 203 | quieting | Geoff Wright at Dandenong Tournament |
| 1991 | 212 | requited | Mary Campbell at Australian Championships |
| 1992 | 212 | overworn | Alistair Kane City of Sydney Masters |
| 1996 | 203 | gauziest | Ruby Given (Vic) |
| 1997 | 194 | extincts | Simon Foskett at Camberwell Tournament |
| 1999 | 221 | branched | Janet Matthews (Vic) 17 October |
| 2000 | 230 | marquise | Ivy Nicholls (Tas) 28/29 October |
| 2001 | 206 | reekiest | Olga Visser (Qld) 14 July |
| 2002 | 284 | sleazier | Joanne Craig (NSW) 10 June |
| 2003 | 232 | craziest | Sue Kyatt (Vic) 27 July |
| 2004 | 212 | squander juiciest drinkers milkiest | Wendy Butt (Qld) 13 March Anne Donnelly (WA) 4 April Bonny Day (WA) 1 August Mary Mackie (Vic) 28 August |
| 2005 | 185 | rejoicer examined | Mark Gidvani (WA) 13 March Dorothy Kent (WA) 6 June |
| 2006 | 221 | examines equaling | Fay Wassall (NSW) 5 March George Khamis (NSW) 2 October |

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|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| Year | Score | Word | Player |
| 2007 | 212 | acquaint obliquer | Carmel Doney (Vic) 5 August Alastair Richards (NSW) 6 October |
| 2008 | 221 | hookiest | Quentin Abbott (Qld) 28 December |
| 2009 | 257 | acquight | Chris May (NSW) 19 July |

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| Highest Opening Play | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| Year | Score | Word | Player |
| 2000 | 114 | squeeze | Peter Bauer (Vic) 22 July 2000 |
| 2002 | 114 | quicken | Ian Hoffman (Qld) 24 February |
| 2003 | 116 | zanjero | Russell Honeybun (WA) 25 May |
| 2004 | 124 | bezique | Sally Martin (WA) 21 November |
| 2005 | 104 | zedoary | John Holgate (NSW) 8 January |
| 2006 | 120 | quizzed | Arni Abbott 28 July |
| 2007 | 114 | quackle | Michael Cameron (SA) 8 September |
| 2008 | 106 | zeniths | Greg Pinchbeck (NSW) 27 January |
| 2009 | 106 | zillahs | Alistair Kane (Vic) 7 June |

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| Highest Play Non-Bonus | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Year | Word Score | Word | Player |
| 1999 | 107 | zebu | Kim Quek (WA) 11 July |
| 2000 | 119 | provider | Brenda Nord (Qld) 19 August 2000 |
| 2001 | 102 | zeds | Di Palmer (WA) 4 Feb |
| 2002 | 131 | risques | Alan Cole (Vic) 28 April |
| 2003 | 117 | privates | Karrin Henderson (Qld) 23 August |
| 2004 | 135 | prefects | Edward Okulicz (ACT) 16 October |
| 2005 | 144 | expander | Teresa Dean (SA) 12 June |
| 2006 | 122 | dockages | Harry Malcolm (Vic) 12 June |
| 2007 | 171 | required | Graeme Lock Lee (NSW) 7 April |
| 2008 | 108 | qadis | Michael McKenna (NSW) 28 September |
| 2009 | 115 | quest | Latha Weerakkody (Vic) 26 July |

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| Highest Play non-triple-triple | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Year | Word score | Word | Player |
| 1999 | 141 | fuzzier basqued | Julie Schuumans (Qld) 21 March Margaret Warmington (Vic) 26 September |
| 2000 | 140 | ionizes requite | Steve Sunter (Vic) 6 August Frances Berry (SA) 16 January |
| 2001 | 146 | squeezy | Beryl Bell (WA) 10 June |
| 2002 | 139 | squired | Wayne Willis (Qld) 15 September |
| 2003 | 146 | squeezes | Marge Roberts (WA) 31 August |
| 2004 | 150 | sqiushy | Grace de Bonis (WA) 3 October |
| 2005 | 147 | zedoary | Joanne Craig (NSW) 16 April |
| 2006 | 164 | beziques | Jason Stockdale (Vic) 28 December |
| 2007 | 151 | bedazes | Andrew Fisher (Vic) 7 April |
| 2008 | 149 | zanjeros | Paul Richards (NSW) 2 March |
| 2009 | 140 | doziest zaniest | Carolyn Watt (WA) 8 February Edie Mueller (WA) 12 April |

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| Longest word | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Year | Number of letters | Word | Player |
| 1999 | 11 | overstaying | John Barker (NSW) 27/28 December |
| 2000 | 11 | Magistrates bespestering | Joan Buchanan (NSW) 15 April Carmel Dodd (SA) 23 April |
| 2001 | 11 | reassigning amalgamated interviewed innovations | Anne Michell (SA) 24 February Derek McKenzie (NSW) 16 April Paul Cleary (NSW) 16 April Bob Jackman (NSW) 16 April |
| 2002 | 13 | unexceptional | Russell Honeybun (WA) 20 October |
| 2003 | 11 | interlopers | Sandra Morgan (WA) 28 September |
| 2004 | 12 | overstrewing | Bob Jackman (NSW) 22 May |
| 2005 | 12 | penitentiary | Chris Hall (WA) 4 December |
| 2006 | 12 | unrestrained | Chris Hall (WA) 4 June |
| 2007 | 11 | fabricating | David Eldar (Vic) 7 April |
| 2008 | 14 | uncomputerised | Russell Honeybun (WA) 21 September |
| 2009 | 10 | relaxation clementine adorations underbites responding | Edward Okulicz (NSW) 3 January Michael McKenna (NSW) 24 January Fay Wassell (NSW) 22 March Alastair Richards (NSW) 19 July Noeline Thomas (Qld) 10 October |

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| Most Consecutive Bonus Words | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Year | Number of Words | Player(s) |
| 1982 | 3 | June Hart (NSW) at Moomba |
| 1990 | 4 | Meg Henderson (Vic) at Bendigo <i>Estover, Locality, Faulted, Coffered</i> |
| 1999 | 3 | John Holgate (NSW), Peter Tobler (ACT), Edwards Okulicz (Qld) Anne Drew (Qld) |
| 2000 | 4 | Michael Vnuk (Qld) 22 April <i>Elation, Sacristy, Trooping, Petunias</i> Roger Blom (Vic) 21 October <i>Periodic, Unstrung, Dyalyses, Coggles</i> |
| 2001 | 4 | Paul Richards (Qld) 7 October Revamped, Tiniest, Unissued, Drainers Raya Wilkinson (NSW) 1 December Overlie, Wreathed, Stringed, Offloads |
| 2002 | 3 | Andrew Hamblin (Qld) Fay Grose (Qld) Derek McKenzie (NSW) Ian Hoffman (Qld) Brenda Nord (Qld) Sheryl Davidson (Qld) Faye Williams (WA) |
| 2003 | 5 | John Holgate (NSW) 5 March <i>Atresia, Audient, Dislimb, Negative, Refuged</i> |

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| Most Consecutive Bonus Words | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Year | Number of Words | Player(s) |
| 2004 | 4 | <p style="text-align: center;">Edward Okulicz (Qld) in two tournaments Karen Richards (WA) in two tournaments Sandra Crompton (WA) Judy Jones (WA), Susan MacGillivray (ACT), Kim Quek (WA), Glenys Lawrie (WA) Trevor Halsall (Vic) Jean McGiffen (NSW) Brian Harry (WA) Henny Yates (WA) Paul Richards (WA) Sandra Morgan (WA) Alan Mathews (WA) Jane Brown (Qld) Carmel Dodd (SA)</p> |
| 2005 | 4 | <p style="text-align: center;">Naween Fernando (Vic) 29 October <i>Resoaked, Maderize, Fetials, Whingers</i></p> |
| 2006 | 4 | <p style="text-align: center;">Rose Young (Vic) 2 July <i>Radiate, Touries, Menials, Foliage</i> Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 6 November <i>Overrate, Doctoral, Reloaded, Oblivion</i></p> |
| 2007 | 5 | <p style="text-align: center;">Glenys Lawrie (WA) 2 December <i>Ebonites, Ornatest, Iterated, Outname, Piracies</i></p> |
| 2008 | 4 | <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Hornung (Vic)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) 13 April – <i>Bravoed, Estrange, Adapting, Jargonel</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">b) 20 July – <i>Bidental, Euphroes, Triazole, Caenae</i></p> |
| 2009 | 4 | <p style="text-align: center;">Naween Fernando (Vic) 8 August <i>Thraned, Unseelie, Codriver, Gimleted</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Fisher (Vic) 12 April <i>Cyanoses, Privier, Wickies, Devouter</i> Edward Okulicz (NSW)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) 25 January – <i>Passenger, Leavens, Coinhere, Squirely</i> b) 8 August – <i>Entresol, Arboreta, Arrogate, Winterer</i></p> |

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| Most bonus words in a game | | |
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| Year | Number of Words | Players(s) |
| 1999 | 6 | Peter Shaw (NSW), Linda Williams (Qld) |
| 2000 | 5 | Saheed Jino (Vic) 30 July – <i>Tougher, Soaplike, Adagios, Joannas, Privates</i> Dianne Ward (WA) 10 Sept – <i>Repines, Refoots, Overseas, Guiltier, Quainter</i> Roger Blom (Vic) 21 October – <i>Dataria, Periodic, Unstrung, Dialyzes, Coggles</i> |
| 2001 | 5 | Edward Okulicz (Qld) 14 Jan – <i>Atebrin, Abusive, Aerolite, Tetanies, Tornadic</i> Karen Richards (Qld) 18 Feb – <i>Envious, Eloiner, Crofting, Grodiest, Saltine</i> Pattie Ashwin (Qld) 18 Feb – <i>Skewers, Handout, Executes, Riposte, Trainee</i> Naween Fernando (Vic) 25 Feb – <i>Aproned, Entrain, Stourie, Stirring, Entresol</i> Sal Costanzo (Vic) 16 April – <i>Retails, Stinkier, Panties, Armrests, Trailer</i> |
| 2002 | 5 | Jean McGiffen (NSW) 27 Jan – <i>Pooling, Tonners, Dedicate, Sterile, Slithery</i> Paul Cleary (NSW) 10 March – <i>Contline, Outrage, Clubmen, Treading, Ironised</i> Edie Mueller (WA) 31 March – <i>Orbital, Counties, Oxlands, Aneroid, Pardine</i> |
| 2003 | 6 | Andrew Fisher (Vic) 10 Jan - <i>Dubious, Priorate, Quintain, Nongolfer, Ashamed, Semantic</i> Anne Drew (Qld) 3 May - <i>Sautoir, Disposal, Exodist, Chasseur, Elevons, Outweary</i> Edward Okulicz (Qld) 15 October - <i>Anvilled, Ansated, Meionite, Tiercets, Sideways, Peregals</i> |
| 2004 | 6 | Karen Richards (WA) 20 June – <i>Speared, Digitize, Titmouse, Mouthing, Wainages, Relented</i> |
| 2005 | 6 | Bob Jackman (NSW) 26 March - <i>Tribute, Worthier, Golloped, Syringe, Foreiain, Legation</i> Michael Hornung, (Vic) 4 July - <i>Aunties, Latents, Tarried, Deforest, Levirate, Version</i> Carol Johnsen (Vic) 11 September - <i>Seating, Aroused, Overact, Respite, Notably, Removes</i> |
| 2006 | 6 | Chris May (NSW) 14 October – <i>Coheirs, Condores, Mausolea, Bantered, Nitrated, Inflate</i> |
| 2007 | 6 | Glenys Lawrie (WA) 2 December - <i>Ebonites, Ornatest, Iterated, Outname, Piracies, Donaries</i> |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Year | Number of Words | Players(s) |
| 2008 | 5 | Andrew Fisher (Vic) 27 January and 7 June Edward Okulicz (NSW) 12 April Trevor Halsall (Vic) 7 June Karen Richards (NSW) 9 June Michael Hornung (Vic) 29 June and 20 July Peter Kougi (Vic) 7 July Richard Jeremy (ACT) 15 November |
| 2009 | 6 | Esther Perrins (NSW) 12 April – <i>Sprints, Erasion, Elative, Astelies, Chinking, Headmen</i> |

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| Highest Average Score | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Year | Score | Player |
| 1986 | 600 | Moana Nepia Australian Championships aggregate for 12 games 7,207 |
| 1991 | 577 | Jean McGiffen City of Sydney Masters aggregate for 11 games 6,347 |
| 1999 | 470 | Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 7 March aggregate for six games 2,818 |
| 2000 | 494 | Naween Fernando 6 February, aggregate for six games 2,965 |
| 2001 | 493 | Anne Drew (Qld) 6 October aggregate for six games 2,970 Naween Fernando (Vic) 26 August aggregate for six games 2,957 |
| 2002 | 507 | Paul Cleary (NSW) 10 March – average over eight games |
| 2003 | 470.5 | Edward Okulicz (Qld) 15 March – average over six games |
| 2004 | 487 | Michael Hornung (Vic) 11 September – average over six games |
| 2005 | 498 | David Eldar (Vic) 4 July – average over five games |
| 2006 | 494 | Andrew Fisher (Vic) 10 September - average over seven games |
| 2007 | 502 | Naween Fernando (Vic) 18 March |
| 2008 | 490 | Michael Vnuk (SA) 22 May – average over six games |
| 2009 | 553 | Ryan Anderson (Qld) 8 August – average over seven games |

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| Highest Average Margin | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Year | Average Margin | Player |
| 2000 | 206 | Naween Fernando 6 February, total margin for six games 1,238 |
| 2001 | 167 | Bob Jackman (NSW) 2 June, total margin for eight games 1,337 |
| 2002 | 162 | Paul Cleary (NSW) 10 March average over eight games |
| 2003 | 157 | Edward Okulicz (Qld) 15 March average over six games |
| 2004 | 167 | Michael Hornung (Vic) 11 September average over six games |
| 2005 | 188 | David Eldar (Vic) 11 December average over six games |
| 2006 | 188 | David Eldar (Vic) 12 February |
| 2007 | 191 | Susannah Torcasio (NSW) 2 June |
| 2008 | 164 | Anne Drew (Qld) 26 October – average over seven games |
| 2009 | 222 | Ryan Anderson (Qld) – average over seven games |

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| Longest Winning Streak | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Year | Number of Games | Player and Date |
| 2003 | 24 | David Eldar – last seven games National Championships 21 April, all 16 games Victoria Championships 7 – 8 June, first games Queen Victoria Derby 9 June |
| 2004 | 26 | Edward Okulicz (ACT) last four games at NSW/Vic Border Challenge 2 May, all 14 games at the Mindgames, Qld, first 8 games at the Victorian Championship 12 June |
| 2005 | 18 | Naween Fernando (Vic) last 2 games Australian Masters, all six games Frankston (16 October) and first 10 games Victoria/SA Border Challenge 30/31 October |
| 2006 | 21 | Edward Okulicz (NSW) last six games Australian Championships, all 11 games at Border Challenge 29/30 April, first four games at Ulladulla 27 May |
| 2007 | 23 | Chris May (NSW) last game Ulladulla Summer Games Tuesday (21 February), all 10 games Ulladulla Summer Games Wednesday (22 February), all 9 games NSW Matchplay Qualifier (25 February), first three games Balmain (4 March). |
| 2008 | 22 | Alastair Richards (NSW), last 8 games NSW Championships (4 October), all 14 games at Central Coast Championships (23 November) |
| 2009 | 21 | Bob Jackman (NSW) , last seventeen games NSW Championship (3 October) first four games at Spring Marathon (17 November) |

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