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Karen Richards organiser of the World Seniors Scrabble Championship with Olga Visser (runner up) and Lexie Neale, winner of the over 80 year old division, (full report inside)

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What a wonderful couple of months it has been for the Australian Scrabble scene.

Firstly, the Masters / State Team Challenge. It was a challenge for some States to field teams due to Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed and thus people were wanting to travel, but not to Victoria, but overseas. Thank you to all the State Presidents who helped in forming the State teams.

The Youth Scrabble Championship was expertly conducted virtually again this year by the Pakistani Scrabble Association. Big congratulations to Ronnie Bennett of the ACT for his 4th placing in this tough event. Next year, there is a return to face-to-face play. Thanks to Tony Hunt for his enthusiasm and organisation of the contestants.

Then we had the World Seniors Championship organised by Karen Richards and the NSW Committee and ably directed by Renate Barrett. Next year, it's in Malta in November and Karen is already scouting for players.

Last, but not least, the Trans Tasman Challenge was won by Australia with 167 wins to New Zealand's 113 wins.

CASPA LEVY

A review and recommendation for the levy to remain at \$3 per quarter per member was undertaken by CASPA Treasurer John Hamilton. The Presidents agreed to accept the recommendation which will be in effect from 1 January 2023.

NATIONALS FORMAT

A working group comprising Paul Richards, John Hamilton, Victor Tung, Barry Harridge and Carol Johnsen considered the Australian Nationals format (divisions, etc) and the software used. The recommendation of retaining the Nationals Format (Championship and Plate) for 2023 and the adoption of software TightAu was accepted by the State Presidents. An article by Paul Richards on the software program appears elsewhere in this edition.

STATE PRESIDENTS

Congratulations to Paul Richards (Queensland) and Chris Hall (Western Australia) for being elected as State Presidents.

Carol Johnsen ~ CASPA Coordinator

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We are always looking for items of interest to publish in your magazine. If you have an idea but not sure how to go about getting it included, just email the Editor outlining what you have in mind. We are happy to include high resolution photos of Scrabble related events, short stories, annotated games, puzzles, articles on strategy or word power. When submitting by email, be sure to include "ATB" in the subject line. richardbirch@me.com

Around the States

ACT

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

New South Wales

Tournament Roundup

The NSW Committee staged two major events in the quarter.

The first of these was the State Championship, this year held at the Bankstown Sports Cub. Top rated player in the country, Chris May, successfully defended his title, despite battling illness. Chris finished with 19 wins from 24 games, and a large spread, with sparring partners Esther Perrins and Victor Tung coming second and third respectively with 16 wins each. Yvonne Edwards recorded the highest scoring play of the tournament with 158 for **OVEREATS**. Graeme Lock Lee and South Australian Rob Marotta were rating band winners, while junior Vinh Nguyen won the annual Joan Rosenthal award, accruing 254 ratings points in the past year. Vinh also won the concurrent junior event on the final day winning all 7 games and acquiring a further 52 rating points.

The annual AGM was held on the second day of the event. Ryan Sutton, now returned from a working stint in London, was welcomed back to the committee, while Steven Savona replaces Chris May as Vice President, due to Chris deciding to step down from the position.

The next annual event to be organised was the annual Spring Marathon, held two weeks later at the Revesby Workers Club. After 11 games, Victor Tung was the emphatic winner, dropping only one game to Ryan Sutton. In second place was Joanne Craig on 8 wins while John Holgate on 7 wins was third, due to superior spread. Garth Van Vliet recorded the highest scoring play with 140 for **MONSTERS**.

A Festival of Scrabble was hosted by Scrabble NSW at the Revesby Workers Club over the first 7 days of November. There were three events in all, the World Seniors and a Rotating Round Robin, both organised by Karen Richards, and the Trans-Tasman Challenge, pitting 14 Aussies against 10 Kiwis. Howard Warner from New

Zealand was the eventual winner of the World Seniors (for the third time), with 19 wins from 24 games, while NSW President Bob Jackman and event organiser (and report author) was the overall winner of the Trans-Tasman Challenge with 20 wins from 28 games. Australia was the 13th Trans-Tasman winner with 167 wins to New Zealand 113.

Concurrently, but in a different part of the club, the Rotating Round Robin attracted 46 mostly local players on the Sunday after the Seniors finished. Juniors Patrick Huynh and Ryder Lo finished on top of the list with 7 wins out of 9 games, due to their higher spread amongst the group of 7 game winners. Ryder amassed an incredible 317 ratings points in the process of winning his 7 games.

Rating Gainers

Al Thawer	+30
OITOO Spring	27/9/2022
Graeme Lock Lee	+107
NSW Champs	3/10/2022
Vinh Nguyen	+52
Koalas Junior One Day	3/10/2022
Victor Tung	+54
Spring Marathon	15/10/2022
Ryder Lo	+317
Revesby Round Robin	6/11/2022

Upcoming Tournaments

Contact details and flyers for the following events can be found on the Scrabble NSW website in our Tournament Calendar:

Saturday 3rd December	
Sutherland	Club on East, Sutherland
Saturday 7th January	
JanBoree	Club Burwood RSL
Saturday 14th January	
Bundanoon	Bundanoon Primary School
Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	
CSIM	Bankstown Sports Club
Sunday 26th March	
Bomaderry	Bomaderry Bowling Club

Queensland

From the outgoing President.

The past few years as President of ASPAQ have been eventful and rewarding. We have worked through challenges relating to the

Covid restrictions, the new word list and some pioneering with the Tight Australian format. Queensland hosted the Nationals at Easter this year and it was here that the teamwork of the Qld committee became so important to make this a successful event.

I would like to sincerely thank the committee for their work, advice, and support over the past five years. It has made the job much easier and more pleasant. I know that you will give the same support to the incoming President.

Jane Brown

The Queensland State Championship was held in August with Cameron Farlow once again victorious for the eighth time

The Queensland AGM was held during lunch at the tournament in Brisbane on October 16th. Jane Brown stepped down as President and Paul Richards was elected unopposed. A huge thanks goes to Jane Brown for all her work as Queensland President over the last few difficult years.

In youth happenings in Queensland, Ashwin Page competed in the WESPA Youth Cup played online and did well finishing with 15 ½ games out of 36. Ashwin and his mother (Natalie) with support from teacher Debra organized for a scrabble club to be set up at his school (Holland Park State School). The club is held in the lunch break and has been going since second term with an average of twelve attending. Some basics of the game have been taught, with the focus being on giving the students a love of the game.

Scrabble coaching is also being given in lesson time (2-hour sessions) at Humanitas Secondary School. The invitation came because of interaction between the head teacher and Karen Richards away from the school setting. It was to be for four sessions (now complete), but we have been invited to continue beyond these. There have been around ten students attending with some showing promise. An invitation is being extended for them to come and compete in the Last Chance competition in December.

Queensland wishes everyone a happy and joyous Christmas and New Year season and hope you all get lots of scrabble in.

Paul Richards

The ASPA Queensland Annual General Meeting was held at the tournament held yesterday (16/10/22). The new committee is
President - Paul Richards
Vice President - vacant
Membership Officer - Jane Brown
Treasurer/ Secretary - Judy Mason
Website/ Ratings - Martin Waterworth
Rules - Arnold Appelhof
Committee Members - Yvette Copley, Karrin Henderson, Sandra Woolard, Julie Brice.

A big thank you to Jane Brown (retiring president) for her leadership of Queensland Scrabble over the last few difficult years.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas about Queensland Scrabble, please feel free to contact me.

Paul Richards

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

South Australia

I am writing this as an email on a tablet sitting up in bed in a hotel room without a chair after having participated in the World Seniors Championship in Sydney for three days. I have a day's rest before the Trans Tasman starts tomorrow. Nothing like 48 games in 7 days! Not to mention when I get home to Adelaide I am driving to Horsham the next weekend to play in the Border Challenge against Victoria. It is so nice to resume Scrabble travel after 2 years of Covid and become reacquainted with interstate Scrabble friends. The Scrabble scene in South Australia remains vibrant with two tournaments a month, one on a Saturday and the other on a Sunday. The schedule has just been prepared for next year avoiding Mothers Day, Fathers Day, the Bay to Birdwood, the Christmas pageant and the Bay to City fun run. We are all looking forward to the SA championships on the March long weekend with the addition of the inaugural Australian Women's Championship on the Monday of the long weekend. Many women have already indicated that they intend to participate. Hope to see you there, it is a great warm up for the Australian Championships in April.

Jane Taylor, President.

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

Tasmania

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

Victoria

SCRABBLE VICTORIA IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

An early preview

This edition's State report has been extended to not only include what is coming up in the short term, but also to highlight the extensive work the Victorian Committee has done for 2023.

The year ahead promises to be a year of regrowth as COVID restrictions have eased. It has resulted in greater attendance figures after the impacts of the pandemic had taken hold and we are extremely thankful to the Victorian membership for their support during these challenging times. Photos throughout this report show our tournaments have returned to a new normality, which is amazing to see after what we have undergone since 2020.

At the time of reading, there will be no more than two tournaments left on our calendar to see out 2022 – by the time you read this, the Victoria/SA Border Challenge will have been run ... and won (hopefully by Team Vic); one of the remaining tournaments is the Decathlon. This year, and for the first time ever, it will be WESPA rated; it is always a popular event and a great way to see out our calendar year.

Our most recent AGM featured the reappointment of the 2021 Committee – and, as President, I am extremely grateful for their continued contributions to the regrowth of the Scrabble scene in this state. Our hard work has been maintained, with extensive work done for 2023.

By the time you read this, the year ahead will almost be fully confirmed – at the time of writing, seventeen in-person events have already been booked with, at least, a further seven more to come. Players for our in-person events can **look forward to a minimum of 160 tournament games in 2023.**

And that is before we factor in the Nationals, which will be hosted over Easter. Windy Hill will again be the venue for this event.

This edition is likely not to be WESPA rated, but that does not mean that 2023 will not have any WESPA rated events in Victoria. Like 2022, both the Victorian and Decathlon are listed on the WESPA Tournament Calendar, meaning we can look after our players who are keen international participants (Victoria has six players in the World Top 50).

The Online events that commenced during the pandemic are also set to continue with our Sit and Go events sitting alongside our monthly Saturday afternoon events. The latter has its own official rating system. Interested readers can learn more about these from the Online section in our website.

In recent times, we have started to use an early version of the “*Tight Australian*” draw that was first tried at the Victorian Championship (and a later incarnation to be applied at the Nationals), and it has been implemented with very little negative feedback. It has led to greater positive engagement among some of our players, which is always welcome.

It is not the only recent addition to our tournament offerings: we launched a live standings page available to all players for every event (not just majors). This now means that, even if a player cannot attend, but is interested in how things are going, they can still stay up to date before any membership-wide communications go out.

It has also meant that players no longer have to crowd around a paper sheet or monitor if they have access to their phone or tablet. A QR code is made available for players to get their page up initially. Players without access to phones and tablets are still accommodated naturally; this new feature has made game play more efficient and streamlined through the day. Again, the positive engagement on this has been welcomed.

There will be much more news ready for our membership when the new year comes in – as always, a yearly statement will be made available via email at that time. In the meantime, Scrabble Victoria remains committed to being able to provide something which meets the ways (and platforms) our players now play the game we enjoy. Compliments of the Christmas and Holiday

season to all our members (and to those outside our good state).

We will be starting early in 2023.... And it promises to be a huge year for us.

Join us for the ride.

Upcoming Tournaments

All entries - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 - nicksfbemail@gmail.com

2022

Dec 27 - Decathon

2023

Jan 8 - Aestival

Jan 22 - Victorian Plate and Side Event

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

Western Australia

Chris Hall is now the WA President.

Check website for upcoming tournaments.



A Scrabble Victoria Event

DECATHON

END THE SCRABBLE YEAR WITH A 10 GAME WESPA RATED TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 27, 2022 - CHECK IN 08.30AM

BALWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 412 WHITEHORSE RD, SURREY HILLS

www.scrabble.org.au/victoria

2023 AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

8 April to 10 April 2023

Windy Hill Social Club, Cnr Napier & Brewster Sts, Essendon, Victoria.
Generous cash and other prizes in both divisions.

Championship: Players rated **1300** or above or reaching 1300 in the six months period prior to the championship have the option to play in this section.

Plate: Players rated under **1300**.

Format: 24 games - 8 games Saturday, 9 Sunday & 7 Monday.
Australian rules, free challenge, 25 min games
CSW19 reference (Note: Not WESPA-rated)
Tight Australian Draw
(see article by *Paul Richards* in this edition of the ATB)

Entry fee: \$150 Includes morning & afternoon teas.

Lunch can be purchased in club's bistro or nearby shops.

All players must register by 8.30am at the venue on 8 April and be ready to start play by 9am. If you are running late you must ring an emergency number below.

More details and entry form available at scrabble.org.au/events/23AUS/flyer.html where there is information about submitting your entry and payment.

Entries can be submitted immediately but we request that bank transfer payments are not made until 1 March to allow for any unforeseen event cancellation. Entries and payment required by 30 March latest.

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Emergency phone numbers during tournament:
James Gunner (Tournament Director) – 0401 348 822
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Victoria vs South Australia Challenge

Thirteen players from Victoria played ten players from South Australia in Horsham for the annual tussle (not held since 2019 - COVID). A script developed by Barry Harridge and refined by Adam Kretschmer had in each round, each SA player matched against a Vic player. Of the three remaining Vic Players, two played against each other and the other had a bye.

Only the ten matches each round where VIC played SA counted towards tallies.

The upshot was South Australia 64.5 to Victoria 35.5. (Full results in next edition ATB).

A fun meeting whatever the outcome.

Congratulations to South Australia and thanks to all who organised or helped. South Australia is the host in 2023 and we may be looking to meet in another town. Details will be made known when confirmed.

(Top) Victoria team, (Bottom) South Australia team



This is part 2 of a two-part listing of 60 ways to lose a game of scrabble. This part lists ways to lose during the endgame.

31. Not playing out in one or two moves
32. Not choosing optimum sequence if playing out in two moves
33. Allowing opponent to bingo out or late in game for which good lead is held
34. Not checking bag for number of remaining tiles
35. Leaving to tiles in bag when leaving one is an option
36. Giving opponent too much time to find winning outplay
37. Not keeping enough time in reserve for endgame when needed
38. Assuming opponent will find winning outplay that is an obscure word
39. Not tracking correctly in tight end game
40. Not using all available time to eke out a win
41. Not considering the option of passing
42. Playing too many tiles in one go in endgame when clunky tiles are unseen
43. Not checking cumulative scores prior to final move
44. Overdrawing tiles towards the end of the game
45. Not spending enough time studying consequences of opponent's final rack
46. Forgetting to activate opponent's clock in tight endgame
47. Not risking potential winning move if bound to be blocked
48. By playing a bingo when opponent can bingo straight back and win
49. By going over time
50. By not correctly calculating or adding scores in endgame
51. By not eliminating opponent's chance to score well with unseen heavy-letter tile(s)
52. By not exactly knowing the opponent's final rack
53. By being tempted into dud word for big score to win game

54. Not searching long enough for hooks which could win an otherwise lost game
55. By not insuring against opponent setting up self to win with final S
56. By not making a winning play on a doubtful word, if it is the last chance to win
57. By not considering sticking opponent with awkward tile other than V or C eg W
58. Not fully considering and blocking opponent's possible winning move
59. By accidentally playing an incorrect word when time is running out
60. By not writing down final few score when time is running out

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So it's now been around 15 years since I first got involved with the Scrabble tournament scene. It has always been a great community to be a part of and I have always appreciated the support my fundraising tournaments for my favourite charity (Room to Read) have received.

This year's tournament in August at Revesby was no exception, with 36 players attending and showing great support for Room to Read. But this year was different because I was also seeking sponsorship for a fundraising walk that I was planning. My goal was to walk the 800 kilometres of the Camino Francais, which starts in St Jean Pied De Port in Southern France and finishes in Santiago De Compostela in northern Spain.

Once again the Scrabble community were very generous in their sponsorship of this planned walk. Now my only worry was could I actually complete the walk?

My mate and I set off walking on August 30 carrying all our belongings in our backpacks and armed with walking poles, hats etc. There is no easing into the walk since the first two days involved going up and over the Pyrenees.

That certainly acts as a big alert to your body for what is ahead. But we gradually got into the groove of walking about 20-25 kilometres each day. The terrain was challenging at times, sometimes veering between long steep uphill climbs followed by steep descents down rock strewn paths. We heard of walkers hurting themselves coming down these hills but thankfully we managed to avoid any untoward accidents. We were expecting average temperatures of 20-25 degrees but that proved to be a little inaccurate as we were often walking in 28-30 degrees by the end of the day's walk..

One of the joys of the Camino is the amount of amazing people from all over the world that are also doing the walk and often the kilometres just flew by as we chatted to people from South Africa, USA, Canada, Holland, Hungary the UK and Denmark, to name but a few. They were all part of the Camino family who were wonderfully supportive of each other.



Naturally the scenery was frequently stunning and there is nothing like admiring a beautiful view whilst trying to catch your breath after a steep uphill climb. The Spanish people themselves were also wonderful, frequently going out of their way to provide directions on the odd occasion where we had strayed from the right path.

Accommodation was a little on the basic side at times usually consisting of cheap hotel rooms or in albergues ie dormitory style accommodation. No doubt, had our wives been walking with us, the accommodation booked would have been very different!

Somehow we did make it all the way and arrived, as planned, in Santiago, on October 9, tired but happy we had completed the walk. It was a truly wonderful experience and highly recommended !

Thanks to the generosity of the Scrabble community and many other people, over \$5500 was raised for Room to Read.

Note:

The word CAMINO is not good for Scrabble but does have 4 valid anagrams:

ANOMIC, CAMION, CONIMA and MANIOC.

Jan's Jottings

Here is another instalment of Jan's Jottings. These jottings are essentially learning aids penned by Jan Serisier, a much loved NSW player who passed away in 2014.

VOTE 1 MAVIS MULLIGAN AARGH PARTY

I AM FOR WIMMIN'S RICHTS AND I WULL STAP THE BOATS

MAVIS MULLIGAN, as you probball already acknow, noo haes a seat in parly. MAVIE is the dof bampot whae chaunged her party's initials frae ARGH to AARGH to gie herself a muchell deffer chaunce.

No. No. No. No. NO. You are reading too slowly. Hearken! Take off your Scrabble hat. This is a cloze test. A comprehension test. Just read straicht thro, and tivv. Gif you are hable to grok even a halfen of this, then allyou wull be daeing weel. Reallie aweel. Gae back and beginne agen.

My belamy DEIDRE BARLOW warked in Mavie's shoppe; a newsie up narre GYMPIE. Deidre tauld me that Mavie wast whilom marrowed to MICHAEL KELLY, whae wast gitting up to malicho with MARY RILEY, the garagiste at the carfax. He tirlid oot to be a stewbum; kaylied maist of the time. Mullered. And a slugabed until the bargoon. Mick wast alway on a sickout fra wark, cropsick. Mavie haed haen enuf.

Algates, Mavis forhooed Mick for COLIN MUIR. Colin haed been langsyne oot of wark but somewhy sembled to hae oodlins of wonga, splooshing it rownd as tho he was oofy. He drave a yanqui lowrider with tailfins and spake with a cutglass steven, ylike he wast some sorta killcow. Mavie wast noo his epigone: wawaing like she withal hadden plumpers in her wangs, praucing and pranking about ylike she was ane of the gentrice: Colin's franion. Col holp Mavie renne her campaign anent RUDD and PALMER and their ylke. Insooth, he jonesed to tak ower and menage her affaires as a politico, but Mavie wast a tough cookie and teld him to loup in the lough.

'...but Col's a a dorb: a dorba: a real dubbo if you ask me,' said Deidre. 'In my buik he's a thicko. A sawney. Anyroad, ary glift noo PYNE and Joe Hockey'll be yeving Mavie the oeillade across the chaumer floor, I betcha. That Bishop womyn wull be reallie gealous.'

'Whilk Bishop womyn?' I spiered. 'There be twa of thaim. The Speaker? Or tother ane?'

'Baith of thaim.'

Talking of DUBBO, do you know wheare TRIPOLI is? I was larned when I was a middler at Saunt Maud in the Bulrush (a covent whear gerles become laydeez) that it's narre wheare EGYPTIANS woon. They mang in straunge ledden and ride on oonts. They dinna ken whaten bogans and logans are and nould hae onie idee whaten a gremmie in a rashie looks like. They're somedele forren to us.

Do you, too, collect lists of places, like BOLIVIA, CANADA and SUMATRA? And PORT KEMBLA and WAGGA and TAMWORTH? And people's nemns, like DAVY CROCKET, BARRY JONES, PAUL HOGAN, RONNIE BIGGS, Prof EINSTEIN, the ingine, and Doctress KYLIE SAWBONES, whae haes been degendered...whilk kinda sounds ylike she's been spayd ...alongst with aw the clerkesses and vicaresses of this monde.

Gif sae, I can tell you, after nighly twae decads of experience, that we winna be sitting at Table One at the end of the day. We'd be better off parpending the possibility of 'TONSILS' haeing an anagram. Nathless, it's fun: gude craic. When your play of 'GLORIOSA' is challenged you smugly wonder forwhy your opponent hasn't heard of GLORIA GLORIOSA, the celeb...you's acknow... that sleb whae's in aw the fazines and redtops. She smaaks haeing her photog tane by lensmen while she's pasearing amongst the trottoir hauding laids of sappled claes fra the steamie, outby COLES or FRANKLINS, with a percoct bunn in her oon.

My nown favourite list comprises words that don't pluralise, and aw for the samen reason: they are irregular past tenses of verbs, i.e. irregular preterits. As there woudest probball

be nah chance that techies are hable to access a compleat list, thir words are mair likely anerly to be noticed by clotpolls dweeby enough to read dictionaries instead of word lists.

Irregular preterites and their past participles oftentimes become separated from the infinitive in ourn word list. They stroam aff to a nother page, faur awayes frae their minnies, puir saikless leetle thangs. I like to reskue thaim. They sodaine mak sense. They are nary forgat gif putten intil a sentence:

'Who brung her? Youse ougthed not to hae luiten her come.'

'He scand the lantskip in the darkmans but misteuk the brights of a datto for a ufo as it glode owre the broo.'

'He plongd intil the oggin but nearlier drownedd when a noah updove and mawn hisn ancle. The noah wast anerly a monodont sae he wast spard.

'The barra we boughten at the chippie wast sae yucko I spet it oot. It wast aff. It moste hae been in a malfed chiller.'

On the outhur hond, you could scribe an intire paragraph:

'When my granfer and grandam clomb the steepeup stayres they'd baith ronne oot of breath afore they roughd the halfpace. Puir gutcher wast mawbound and hadden podagra in hisn taes withal. They haed a needment to waite awhile. My granfer grypt and imbrast the newel or he wouldst certy hae slaid aw the way doun, on hisn heinies: hisn hurdies, i.e. hisn jaxy: jaxie: keister: kiester: keester: wazoo: hisn patootie. Or worsen. On hisn heid. Gor anerly knows whatna mought hae misfalne him.'

'I rong the bell. My stepdame, JEAN, accoyld me at the door: 'Gif I'd acknowne you were coming I'd hae baken a cake,' she grutten me. 'But I'm aff oot to play quino. I haven't hong oot the claes or been to the biffy yet sae I maun spang. I'm on the viretot,' she chuntered, and shet the door in my groof.' Oh, atweel. Whae recks?

'The doors were steekit and lucken but a ladron brast thro the ouvert windore. My dearling LIONEL shotted him, stane cauld deid. Li was pitten in darbies and tane aff to the compter, i.e. a tronk for reallie horribles.

I've faan in lurve with DANNY BENNET, noo. Danny's a scaffie. He's reallie strang and haes sich a lovely mansuete mainour. He's sae soote.'

Believe it or not this is ENGLISH, ourn mother tongue, elsewise thir palabras wouldnt be in our English dictionaries. Are you familiar with mony of the nigh unkennt irregular preterits?

Test your ainsell. Coure the second column with yourn yestern's railcard. Or a WOOLIES docquet. Now test yourself agen, couring the first column. Do you now know how to prolate DEFAST, PLAST, UNLASTand LOWSIT? I mean, ya nould wanna prolate it wrang when you say, 'Hmm. REMOUD. I think I might challenge that.' You'd sound borrell: reallie ingrum. How barro! Mair to the poynt, howbe, thir words don't pluralise. And whaten's moe, they can eathly be pitten into simple sentences, summat ylike this sorta thang...

The table was courd in dust...I prefard not to gae...We keight a railbus...Some chuddy stickit to my shoon...I coft some breid and a pinta (a pinta milk)...The bell chynde when I rong it. They tyde the knot...It renforst whatten I'd been saying...I wrate a letter of gramercy...The oragious wedder mard the chirren's picnic. They gotten drent: drookit: reallie droukit...I gript it with my plench but it sprong back...Snotties and waisters mand the COLLINS Class pigboats...It strack me as being straunge...The decision was uphudden...The ruling was renverst in their favour...They chode me for not ganning...Its heid was shope like a napiform parsnep ...The platband was overren with weeds...Ourn suivante, ABIGAIL, haed baken a reamy geoise and carven the boeuf. She'd poukit a chookie; sprent it with sal and souct it in palinka and soote chutnee for twal howres: yummo!...It betight that we forgat to go...I wate not whatten I haed misdonne...The tarnal noyes drave me nertz...He unlast hisn kletts ...I was sae affrayed I quooke...We was rubbit...It sodaine dawen on me...I was dismayd...That nointer, that bratling, shouldst hae been skelpit...It was dought nought...As pundonor he told her whaten truthy mishapt... I was amearst for double parking...The trouch and aw the ither crapola was remoud fra the derry, whilk was siccan a dissight it haed been dempt a teardown...Our chockos foughden and hwan the warre but mony were kild, →

Jan's Jottings continued

nathemo to return...He coost a spell ower her
...He ligger to me, the leear...We plaste ourn
bets at the racino...Ourn abutter, an apiarian,
was stong by an alveary of bees and carked
it, pur sod...The alpinist drest in a dirndl trild
sangs as she clambe every montane and
crost every rivulet...That rudesby hote me a
doilt nidget...The clock strooke one, sae the
ickle mousie ronned doon, while the the kow
luppen ower the moonbow and the leetle
guffie weeweed aw the way heame...The
keffel traikit back to the ferm, surbet...The
rikishi (sumotori) aw waide too mucho...Her
eyen were swoln frae screeing...The path
was strown (strawn strewn) with rose petals...
I curst the day it betight...The coiffeur bedyde
my heare...They behote him with a crore of
wonga...when he sau hisn dowsabel after
being awayes for a towmont he haulst and
imbrast her, mwah! mwah!...The huns in their
bloncket feldgrau flemit their foen... 'You and a
twirp of a beefcake will congreet and marrow',
she extold as she scryde into her crystal
ball... 'You're late. Whatna befeld you?'...The
pur leetle bacha catchen morbilli...Coomy
claes were disprad aw owre the occies...The
fishers keppt some morwong and luderick
with their dipnets, up at MYALL LAKES...
Putten yfere the colors blent weel...I lefte the
faan braunch of a rampole to see whatten
straunge critturs were snowking unneath...
He'd sweet on the Bible sae he confest,
yeah, he sware on the Bible...I meynt (ment
meint) my medcinal pilulae with wai, as my
sawbones telt me to dae...Ane of thae men
whae we maun noo hete 'an indigene person'
loupit aff the clift into a gnamma hole,
splat!...The indigene person holden a
hielaman in ane danny and hauden a churinga
in tother donny...As a savegard the
undergrowth was tynde and ybrent by the
furies...He accoied hisn nerves by taking a
roofie...We hadden ourn malkin spayd...I
feard for him...The mongery and an ould
chorrie were blawn to smithers in the
maihem...He mawn his scaff sae belive that
people were advewing him with degout...Add
a hept spoonful of goorie...We were spard the
trouble...She pookit the zithern strings to a
landler...PELL haes, forsooth, not been
purtraid (purtrayd pourtrayd) as a saunt...The

scudler address the gathered thrang:
'Laydeez, gemmen and eximious guestens'...
The venewe hild a mille people...When that
hugy boatel, that floatel for grockles and
rosbifs, Costa ConWhatsis, strak a bommie,
about thretty emmets perst...He hong his heid
in pudor...I relide on him...The lioncel was
paysd predy to lowp...The kinchin stroken the
saft vair on the kitling...Wearing her dalmahoy
she agraste the occasion...The nocent was
too shent to admit he haen stown (stealt) the
imprest...We rade our bykes to the seabank...
My rouncy, Black Caviarie, was plast second.
She was anerly ybet by a hauf heid...We
leuchen hartely at the cutup's facetiae ...We
miswent our way but finally arraught a heimish
onstead with smeeek blawing oot of the
chimla: forswunk: forspent...The souldiers
salewd then stude to attention...He cleekit her
spules (her shouters) and thiggit her not to
aband him...They'd uprisen rearly and catcht
the trayne...I slove on a valonia then doen a
somerset and faan flatlong: gadarene intil a
stobie pole...The tweener hadden her ears
pearst and her nostrils percen withal. Neist
thang she'll be haeing her bazoo pierst...The
domine shakt Doris's hond and grat her
Bonsoir! 'And goddens to you, too, Dominie,'
she upspake.

'Abide with me,' quethe the dominee, with the
smoyle of a lecher aw ower hisn grufe.

Doris doen as she was tauld. She abid with
him. And haes abidden with him evermore.

***Obiter dictum: I'm verra soz, guys. I was
gwine to yeve ye my intire ragment of past
tenses sae ye can test your ainsells, but
I'm affeard ya gonna hae to waite. It's
gotten 470 palabras in it. Mirza Birch winna
hae rowme in ATB. Aiblins neist time. But
mak sure allyou hae gude craic with
whatten I've sae faur yeven ye anyways.
And gif ya lear summat frae whaten I've
wrate it winna moither me gif ye play thir
words on me and tak heame my rating
poynts. After aw, it's anerly a game.***

Records 2022 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	655	Edward Okulicz 655 against Noel Barrett 334 at 24.07.2022 NSW Winter Masters
<i>Large game margin</i>	416	Jane Taylor 592 against Luke Breen 176 at 12.06.2022 VIC CHAMP 22
<i>High drawn game</i>	467	Tony Miller 467 against Rowena Vnuk 467 at 13.02.2022 S220213
<i>High combined score</i>	1089	Trevor Halsall 617 against Carol Johnsen 472 at 30.01.2022 Plate and Side
<i>High average score</i>	509.6	(5 games) David Eldar at 25.09.2022 Sunday Arvo Scrabble
<i>High average spread</i>	171.4	(8 games) Ronnie Bennett at 27.02.2022 February Tournament
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<i>Long winning streak</i>	16	Ronnie Bennett at 27.02.2022 February Tournament and 19.03.2022 March Marathon
<i>High word</i>	212	EQUISETA : Howard Warner at 07.11.2022 Trans-Tasman Challenge BREACHER : Ronnie Bennett at 27.02.2022 February Tournament BLIZZARD : Carol Johnsen at 16.04.2022 Australian Championship
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<i>High play, not bonus</i>	103	ZENDO : Jane Taylor at RUTH FEWINGS MEMORIAL 05.03.2022
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	143	QUINEL(A)S : Michael Vnuk at Seaford February 26.02.2022
<i>Long word</i>	9	SE(L)ECTI(N)G : Michael Vnuk at Seaford February 26.02.2022
<i>Many bingos</i>	5	UNWRITE ; norITIC ; (W)OOLLIES ; (M)ONITIVE ; NEEDFUL : Joanne Craig at CSIM 30.01.2022 LIPOIDS ; GUIDABLE ; MINERALS ; FLUORITE ; DOUSERS : Edward Okulicz at Ruth Fewings Memorial 05.03.2022
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Rob Marotta ~ 0401 978 098

Fullarton ~ Friday 6:30pm ~
Tracey Kneebone ~ 0418 816 482

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Baheej Al Kassem ~ 414 081 641

Henley & Grange ~ Friday 1pm ~
Jacqui Pearce 0439 806 309

Noarlunga / Christies Beach ~ Wednesday 7.30pm ~
Robyn Davill 0401 364 019

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2:30-5:30pm ~ sarah.antoniw@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meerding ~ 6229 5840
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Bentleigh - Wednesday 1pm-4pm (during School terms)
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195
Box Hill ~ now called Surrey Hills (see below)
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of the month - 4pm-8pm, Alchemy Brewing Company,
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East Brunswick, Rob York - 0417 512 535 -
tryerbrook@gmail.com
Caulfield (new club) ~ 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the
month ~ 6pm - 9.30pm ~ Throwing Stones Bar,
Glasshouse, Caulfield Racecourse ~ Traditional and
Online (in-person) play ~ Carol Johnsen ~
caroljscrabble@gmail.com ~ 0476 639 195
Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne
Library ~ Gayle Cameron ~ 0419 302 185.
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Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
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1st Wednesday of the month - 7pm-10pm
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Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363
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Goodinson - 0402 164 329
Greensborough Wednesday 1-4pm ~
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529
Langwarrin ~ Tue 1-4pm ~ Alan Burn 0407 524 797
Maldon - (new club) 1st Saturday of the month
Maldon Athenaeum Library
Tina Fratta - 0437 094 469
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Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525
Surrey Hills ~ Tuesdays fortnightly - Judith McNaughton
~ 0447 387 493
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Lay-Hoon Ng ~ 0408 802 207
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ temporarily closed

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Results Roundup

ACT

17.09.2022 Almost Free

ALL: 1 Ruth Macinerney; 2 John Spaan; 3 Owen Randall; **HG** Vincent Nguyen 520; **HW** John Spaan **SNIPPIER** 95

NSW

27.09.2022 oitoo spring 2022

OPEN: 1 Ruth Macinerney; 2 Tony Hunt; 3 John Barker; **HG** Garth Van Vliet 531; **HW** Garth **FEASTING** 149

03.10.2022 2022 NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN: 1 Chris May; 2 Esther Perrins; 3 Victor Tung; **HG** Joanne Craig 588; **HW** Yvonne Edwards **OVEREATS** 158

03.10.2022 Erudite Koalas Juniors One-day

JUNIORS: 1 Vinh Nguyen; 2 Patrick Huynh; 3 Ashwin Page; **HG** Brendan Tieng 516; **HW** Patrick Huynh **TOOTERS** 98

15.10.2022 NSW SPRING MARATHON

OPEN: 1 Victor Tung; 2 Joanne Craig; 3 John Holgate; **HG** John Holgate 602; **HW** Garth Van Vliet **MONSTERS** 140

03.11.2022 Seniors Championship

SENIORS: 1 Howard Warner; 2 Joanne Craig; 3 Esther Perrins; **HG** Howard Warner 624; **HW** Bob Jackman **PRIVIEST** 167

06.11.2022 Revesby Round Robin

ROUND ROBINS: 1 Patrick Huynh; 2 Ryder Lo; 3 Margaret Berliner; **HG** Jeffery Lam 537; **HW** Vihn Nguyen **STRAYING** 149

07.11.2022 Trans-Tasman Challenge

ALL: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 Naweena Fernando; 3 Trevor Halsall; **HG** Howard Warner 639; **HW** Howard Warner **EQUISETA** 212

QLD

21.08.2022 Qld Championship

OPEN: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Sheryl Davidson; 3 Karen Richards; **HG** Cameron Farlow 533; **HW** Cameron Farlow **HARSHEN** 122

10.09.2022 Toowoomba Spring

A: 1 Karen Richards; 2 Jane Brown; 3 Paul Richards; **HG** Karen Richards 547; **HW** Sheryl Davidson **SAVORERS** 149

B: 1 Yvette Copley; 2 Karen Woodhead; 3 Siva Sivapalasukandram; **HG** Roslyn Murphy 504; **HW** Diana McManus **EXAMINE** 92

18.09.2022 Townsville Sept

ALL: 1 Julie Brice; 2 Helen Hynes; 3 Tim Walton; **HG** Julie Brice 572; **HW** Tim Walton **RECOILED** 88

16.10.2022 Qld AGM 2022

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Paul Richards; 3 Liz Blanch; **HG** Cameron Farlow 546; **HW** Paul Richards **REVERTED** 158

B: 1 Kerry Reimers; 2 Yvette Copley; 3 Lyn Mandelikova; **HG** Martin Waterworth 586; **HW** Yvette Copley **JOSTLED** 105

SA

03.09.2022 Seaford September

A: 1 Jane Taylor; 2 Baheej Al Kassem; 3 Julie Robins; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 576; **HW** Jane Taylor **TRAUMAS** 94

11.09.2022 SA Sept

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; 2 Daniel Piechnick; 3 Jane Taylor; **HG** Jane Taylor 524; **HW** Daniel Piechnick **WRINKLED** 110

08.10.2022 Saturday Session Oct

A: 1 Jane Taylor; 2 Antony Kimber; 3 Susan Roberts; **HG** Jane Taylor 516; **HW** Antony Kimber **EXHAUST** 93

B: 1 Karyn Crease; 2 Anthony Radošević; 3 Wendi Symes; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 478; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem **KERATINS** 91

23.10.2022 SA October

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 554; **HW** Jane Taylor **REFASTEN** 149

B: 1 Dieter Jedamski; 2 Rob Hutchinson; 3 Judy Mansfield; **HG** Rob Hutchinson 499; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem **HEAVERS** 100

TAS

18.08.2022 Bellerive 2022

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; 2 Margaret Webb; 3 Martin Rose; **HG** Stephen Mooney Pursell 500

24.09.2022 Ross September

OPEN: 1 Martin Rose; 2 Ety Meering;
3 Margaret Bishop; **HG** Martin Rose 541;
HW Marion Merickel **SWIFTER** 116

29.10.2022 Tasmanian Championship

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Pursell; 2 Lynne Jarvis; 3 Ros Wilkinson; **HG** Ros Wilkinson 567;
HW Rob Hutchinson **LAZIEST** 128

VIC

21.08.2022 CLASSIC

A: 1 David Eldar; 2 Andrew Fisher; 3 Edward Okulicz; **HG** David Eldar 609; **HW** Andrew Fisher **DIGAMIST** 131

B: 1 Oscar Ivanovski; 2 Glen Chandler; 3 Doreen Ivanovski; **HG** Paula Messer 560; **HW** Carol Rollmann **PIRATES** 99

18.09.2022 MASTERS and STATE CHALLENGE

MASTERS: 1 Naween Fernando; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Peter Kougi; **HG** Sally Martin 619; **HW** Sally Martin **PRACTIVE** 190

STATES: 1 Heather Long; 2 Gwen Lampre; 3 Dianne Davis; **HG** Jyoti Chandna 526;
HW Tracey Kneebone **ZEATINS** 123

25.09.2022 Sunday Arvo Scrabble

A: 1 David Eldar; 2 Edward Okulicz; 3 Andrew Fisher; **HG** David Eldar 587; **HW** David Eldar **BOATSMEN** 103

B: 1 Norma Fisher; 2 Oscar Ivanovski; 3 Mal Eden; **HG** Norma Fisher 540; **HW** Oscar Ivanovski **LACIEST** 90

C: 1 Angie Winkler; 2 Doreen Ivanovski; 3 Glenys Dettmann; **HG** Glenys Dettmann 470;
HW Glenys Dettmann **CLOSING** 81

16.10.2022 OCTOBER TOURNEY

A: 1 Edward Okulicz; 2 Peter Kougi; 3 David Eldar; **HG** Lynne Butler 574; **HW** Edward Okulicz **STANINES** 131

B: 1 Darren Chaitman; 2 Justin Moyle; 3 Neil McLean; **HG** Neil McLean 509; **HW** Rob Hutchinson **FORAGED** 91

C: 1 Jessica Richards; 2 Glen Chandler; 3 Doreen Ivanovski; **HG** John Rider 509;
HW Paula Messer **PAIRING** 96

29.10.2022 BAYSIDE OCTOBER

A: 1 Andrew Fisher; 2 Naween Fernando; 3 Lynne Butler; **HG** David Eldar 619; **HW** Frank Csarics **BOASTER** 100

B: 1 Christie Godby; 2 Mardi Healy; 3 Christiane McCann; **HG** Christie Godby 487; **HW** Doreen Ivanovski **QINTARS** 97

WA

21.08.2022 August Bisection

A DIVISION: 1 David Vanzyl; 2 Chris Hall; 3 Ian Ting; **HG** David Vanzyl 611; **HW** Diane Ward **AGNESIA** 122

B DIVISION: 1 Cori Lodder; 2 Alan Mathews; 3 Anne Stewart; **HG** Cori Lodder 465; **HW** Delys Carbon **BLANKIES** 104

18.09.2022 Glenys Lawrie Memorial

OPEN: 1 Howard Rayner; 2 Sally Martin; 3 Judy Godfrey; **HG** Sally Martin 614; **HW** Carol Hudson **BOXIEST** 111

16.10.2022 October Round Robin

DIVISION A: 1 Anne Zion; 2 Russell Honeybun; 3 Ian Ting; **HG** Chris Hall 622; **HW** Anne Zion **ENGRACES** 149

DIVISION B: 1 John Minas; 2 Janet Kirk; 3 Anne Stewart; **HG** John Salmon 484; **HW** Delys Carbon **SPINNERY** 140

DIVISION C: 1 Jenny Coetzee; 2 Rhonda Reynish; 3 Henny Yates; **HG** Jenny Coetzee 457; **HW** Tanissha Suppiah **JAWLINE** 114

2022 Masters / State Team Challenge

The Olympic Hotel in Preston was the venue for the return of this popular tournament (not held since 2019).

There were hiccups in gathering the State Teams but, in the end, New South Wales was the only team who only had 2 players and Kashi Ross of Victoria participated for them. Due to sickness of a Masters player, Rob York played on the 1st day and Paula Messer on the 2nd day. Thanks to both for being standbys.

A big thank you to Paul Richards for his help in running the new software program TightAu and providing round-by-round results on the net.

Naween Fernando (Vic) took out the Masters Championship with 15 wins; 2nd was Rod Talbot (NSW) (14 wins) and Peter Kougi (Vic) came 3rd with 12 wins. Sally Martin (WA) scored both HW and HG with 619 and **PRACTICE** for 190. Naween and Andrew Fisher were the creators of this competition in

the '00s and it continues to be very popular and a prestigious one to win.

The State Team Challenge was keenly fought and Victoria was in very fine form with its team of Heather Long, Gwen Lampre and Dianne Davis taking out the 1st three places. Many of the players were in this event for the first time and they commented on how much they enjoyed it and would savour the challenge of being eligible for it in 2023. Jyoti Chandna (NSW) won HG with 526 and Tracey Kneebone (SA) had HW **ZEATINS** for 123.

Carol Johnsen, Tournament Director

*Masters Winners - Peter Kougi (3rd),
Naween Fernando (Champion),
Sally Martin (HG & HW),
Rod Talbot (2nd)*





ACT team ~ Tim Reddan, Arlene Williams, Tony Williams



Vic team ~ Dianne Davis, Gwen Lampre, Heather Long



(Above) SA team ~ Angie Pearse, Tracey Kneebone, Francoise Finlayson

(Below) WA team ~ Benjamin Lee, Susan Rayner, Judy Godfrey





(Above) NSW team - Jyoti Chandna, Kashi Thiris (standby - Victoria), (Ivor Zetler - missing in action)

(Below) Tas Team ~ Martin Rose, Dianne Brumby, Jonathan Ford-King





State Challenge Queensland Team ~Sheryl Davison, Jane Brown, Liz Blanch



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Over three weekends in October, Pakistan Scrabble Association again hosted our premier world youth event on behalf of WESPA (World English-language Scrabble Players Association). The first two weekends saw 86 players from 15 countries playing 36 games each. The “world” was divided into 4 time zones, and then pairs of zones were matched at a mutually suitable time (a logistic nightmare). This meant some Australian matches went until 11:30pm. This process allowed players to potentially match those from all other countries. The outcome of the 36 games was the selection of the top 10 players, who then competed in a 15-game final the third weekend. The top 10 players came from the countries most actively promoting youth in Scrabble: Sri Lanka (winners of the team prize), Pakistan, India, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia.

These online games were played on woogles.io, which is a free website designed by competitive Scrabble players, for their fellow Scrabble players. It is the best site with the appropriate licence to provide a user-friendly experience for serious players including separate “rooms” for live tournaments such as this.

Because it is online, some players were cynical about the ability of organisers to monitor for “unethical behaviour.” However, there is now an established protocol whereby each player sits in a corner of a room, with a camera (usually a mobile phone) focused on them in such a way as to detect anyone searching for words. The computer screen must be visible, to prevent players having multiple windows open or receiving messages from onlookers. Each player is monitored, on a screen of six, by an experienced player. If the watchers detect anomalies, they have a record to share with other experts to determine whether any action needs to be taken. The weirdest occurrence so far encountered in another such online tournament, was the youngster who said he was “patting his dog under the table”. Immediately following each “dog patting”, he played an inspired move - no dog in sight!

One great thing about online play is the “watchability”. Games are faster than face-to-face play – there is barely time to decide what you would play yourself, and the move is



Jeffery Lam

completed, onto the next move (15 minute games, no need to tile-track or score). It is also simple to switch between games, which means being able to keep track of most of the players simultaneously.

The Australian team, selected according to players’ participation in face-to-face events, was: Ronnie Bennett (ACT); Alex Lam (NSW); Patrick Huynh (NSW); Vinh Nguyen (NSW); Jeffery Lam (NSW); Ashwin Page (Qld)

Exceptional performances saw both Ronnie Bennett (4th overall) and Jeffery Lam (Champion Under 12) in the Winners Circle.

Ronnie first competed in the World Youth Scrabble Championship in UK in 2012, winning 10 of 24 games, aged six. Finishing fourth in the world is a fantastic result, given the prowess of the Asian youngsters. The same can be said for Jeffery’s result. I know many young players worldwide who Jeffery was competing against, and they are downright scary. All our players represented Australia with integrity, consistency and good humour. Well done all.

Next year, we intend returning to a face-to-face event. The last such championship, held in 2109 in Malaysia, attracted over 300 players in 2 sections. We hope Australia can field an even stronger team next year. If you know any promising youngsters born 2006 or later, please contact Tony for suggestions about how to encourage and coach them.

Thank you all parents, coaches, adult opponents, and those who provide financial support to these young players. They are the future of Scrabble.

*Karen Richards
Chair, WESPA Youth Committee*

Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 8 November 2022

1	Chris May	2052	68	Carol Johnsen	1452	135	Barbara Joffe	1279
2	David Eldar	2035	69	Therese Nichols	1448	136	Frank Csarics	1277
3	Jakob Teitelbaum	2025	70	Ray Alford	1447	137	Keri Heart	1275
4	Andrew Fisher	1982	71	Ivor Zetler	1446	138	Monica Dwyer	1271
5	Anand Bharadwaj	1982	72	Ros Wilkinson	1444	139	Shirley de Silva	1271
6	Cameron Farlow	1927	73	Martin Rose	1441	140	Natalie Tadday	1270
7	Naween Fernando	1909	74	Kashi Thiris	1441	141	Teresa Dean	1270
8	Edward Okulicz	1899	75	Judy Godfrey	1433	142	John Hayes	1265
9	Peter Kougi	1888	76	Chris Scholten	1433	143	Rob Hutchinson	1265
10	Esther Perrins	1858	77	Michael Vnuk	1430	144	Jan Hill	1260
11	Trevor Halsall	1821	78	Garth van Vliet	1427	145	Francoise Finlayson	1257
12	Victor Tung	1801	79	Tony Williams	1422	146	Victoria Gates	1257
13	David Vanzyl	1779	80	Malcolm McAnulty	1417	147	Anne Schick	1250
14	Daniel Piechnick	1778	81	Trish Brighton	1408	148	Peter Bauer	1246
15	Bob Jackman	1768	82	Neil McLean	1408	149	Peter Griffiths	1242
16	Joanne Craig	1753	83	Khen Meerding	1407	150	Rod Casey	1241
17	Ryan Sutton	1727	84	Angie Pearce	1405	151	Lynne Jarvis	1241
18	Russell Honeybun	1726	85	Anne Zion	1403	152	Janet Bau	1237
19	Tim Mason	1726	86	Colleen Birch	1400	153	Penny Wells	1234
20	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1720	87	Alex Lam	1400	154	Karen Woodhead	1229
21	Adam Kretschmer	1703	88	Roberta Tait	1399	155	John Barker	1227
22	Mythili Rudra	1700	89	Felicity Devitt	1396	156	Vincent Nguyen	1227
23	Rod Talbot	1681	90	Greg Pinchbeck	1395	157	Yvonne Edwards	1226
24	John Holgate	1676	91	Faye Williams	1384	158	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1220
25	Andrew Hamblin	1675	92	Kerry Constable	1384	159	John Salmon	1219
26	Nick Ivanovski	1660	93	Adam Kauschke	1384	160	Hanne Marks	1217
27	Wayne Jones	1660	94	Geoff Shephard	1381	161	Norma Tracey	1217
28	Rocky Sharma	1657	95	Steven Savona	1375	162	Sue Gergelifi	1216
29	John Spaan	1653	96	Peter Shaw	1372	163	Kannan Sethuraman	1216
30	Geoff Wright	1649	97	Chris Ostrowski	1370	164	Mal Eden	1208
31	Jane Taylor	1636	98	Susan Rayner	1368	165	John Linney	1208
32	John Hamilton	1634	99	Jyoti Chandna	1362	166	Christiane McCann	1206
33	Noel Barrett	1630	100	Tracey Kneebone	1362	167	John Rider	1202
34	Rael Hayman	1622	101	Alex Boiko	1359	168	Khwanjai Thammaping	1202
35	Ronnie Bennett	1621	102	Margaret Griggs	1356	169	Martin Waterworth	1201
36	Nat Podesser	1616	103	Jon Ford-King	1355	170	Nancy Sparling	1200
37	Sally Martin	1597	104	Barry Harridge	1353	171	Robyn Cameron	1200
38	Howard Rayner	1585	105	Karrin Henderson	1352	172	Jeffery Lam	1200
39	Tony Hunt	1570	106	Jenny Brysha	1352	173	Richard Birch	1199
40	Karen Richards	1568	107	Helen Metaxas	1349	174	Margaret Bishop	1196
41	Ian Ting	1564	108	Jazzie Dela Cruz	1349	175	Yvette Copley	1194
42	Graeme Lock Lee	1557	109	Tim Reddan	1344	176	John Minas	1191
43	Trevor Tao	1556	110	Arnold Appelhof	1343	177	Kim Grayson	1190
44	Helen Hynes	1551	111	Glenys Logan	1343	178	Christie Godby	1187
45	Dianne Brumby	1549	112	Margaret Webb	1343	179	Evelyn Goh	1185
46	Carmel Dodd	1548	113	Susan MacGillivray	1342	180	Sylvia Galloway	1173
47	Dianne Davis	1544	114	Sharon Sorensen	1340	181	Tim Walton	1173
48	Paul Richards	1543	115	Marvi Delfin	1326	182	Cheryl Michler	1172
49	Tony Miller	1534	116	Susan Roberts	1320	183	Pam Bennett	1170
50	Liz Blanch	1534	117	Kris Howat	1320	184	Noel Coulter	1170
51	Heather Long	1523	118	Shaun Donnelly	1317	185	Judy Mansfield	1167
52	Jane Brown	1514	119	Maureen See	1315	186	Anne Stewart	1164
53	Jeremy Yip	1512	120	June Valentine	1315	187	Marie D'Rosario	1163
54	Norma Fisher	1507	121	Lainie Mercieca	1312	188	Wendi Symes	1155
55	Chris Hall	1506	122	Darren Chaitman	1312	189	Moana Nepia	1154
56	Eddie Mueller	1501	123	Margaret Neal	1311	190	Tony Kalayzich	1152
57	Gwen Lampre	1497	124	Carolyn Watt	1308	191	Margaret Burliner	1151
58	Tony Loui	1492	125	Kerry Reimers	1306	192	Roslyn Murphy	1149
59	Antony Kimber	1483	126	Lexie Neale	1305	193	Sunny Wright	1142
60	Alan Burn	1483	127	Hailey Sutton	1305	194	Betty Smith	1140
61	Lois Binnie	1482	128	Benjamin Lee	1302	195	Jean Gillespie	1137
62	Julie Brice	1480	129	Olga Visser	1294	196	Rowena Vnuk	1134
63	Dianne Ward	1478	130	Larissa Huxley	1291	197	Glen Chandler	1133
64	Sheryl Davidson	1477	131	Oscar Ivanovski	1287	198	Siva Sivapalasundram	1133
65	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1462	132	Rob York	1286	199	Oliver Podesser	1132
66	Antonios Syrigos	1458	133	Rob Marotta	1283	200	Owen Randall	1132
67	Justin Moyle	1456	134	Janine Whittaker	1279			

In early November, the Seniors Championship was held in Sydney, under the auspices of Scrabble NSW.

This is the eighth version of this event, which has seen winners from Singapore (Tony Sim) and the Philippines (Odette Rio). However most Seniors Champions hail from Australia and New Zealand. This makes sense, when you consider that most Asian players are under 30, and UK is too far to travel to Australia for most players (we did have one player from UK).

There are very few older players in US, because most seniors prefer the smaller American dictionary, rather than Collins. The 2019 version of the Seniors event saw 133 players converge on the Gold Coast.

This year, we had only 68 players, but we still had a most enjoyable and challenging tournament. CSW19 dictionary was used. This was attractive to many players, even some from Asia who didn't eventually make the trip (due to high airfares). A few players also declined to play because of the dictionary choice.

However, the most difficult constraint was not being able to advertise this event through WESPA channels. This meant that some potential participants missed knowing about it. It also meant other tournament organisers were unaware of the event. Hence there was a clash with the exciting events in Malta (usually held earlier in the year, but they have now repositioned MISO to October/November).

Running the event mid-week meant that those seniors who are working, were unable to attend - the 55 to 60 age group was the smallest. The largest age group was 70 to 75. The eventual top three players were all past Champions. For Howard Warner, this was his third victory.

Being an event for Seniors, one is permitted to have a few "senior's moments". I won't embarrass my opponent, a superior player, who played **?NWEAVES**, designating the initial blank as a "U". I churlishly reminded him that **INWEAVES** was also valid, and he could have moved one square to the left, for a triple word starting with I. We shared a hearty laugh.

Graeme Lock Lee wrote, and performed, our theme song – "What's Age Got to do with It?" The lyrics (and ukelele fingering) appear elsewhere in this magazine.

In April 2020, the Seniors event was all organised for Malta. However, we had to cancel a few weeks beforehand (COVID). MISO (Malta International Scrabble Open) organisers are still keen to have the Seniors event happen there. Hence they are planning to include the World Seniors in their 15th MISO, to be held around the same time next year (Europe's Autumn). It is probably the best location in the world. Thousands of years of history. Incredible architecture. Idyllic Mediterranean climate. Exciting food (meant to be the healthiest diet in the world). Capers growing on bushes by the roadside. Photogenic scenery, with crystal clear turquoise water. If you are born in 1968 or earlier, plan to be there!

Prize Winners 2022

Champion	Howard Warner (NZ)
Runner Up	Joanne Craig
Third	Esther Perrins
Fourth	Cicely Bruce (NZ)
Fifth	John Holgate
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Champion 55+	Tony Hunt
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Champion 60+	Howard Warner (NZ)
Runner Up 60+	Joanne Craig
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Champion 65+	Jane Taylor
Runner Up 65+	Rod Talbot
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Champion 70+	Carmel Dodd
Runner Up 70+	Bob Jackman
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Champion 75+	John Holgate
Runner Up 75+	Norma Fisher
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Champion 80+	Lexie Neale
Runner Up 80+	Olga Visser
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Champion 85+	Rene Chelton
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High Word	167 PRIVIEST Bob Jackman
High Game	624 Howard Warner
High Rating Gains and	Norma Fisher (+117) Christiane McCann (+115)

What's Age Got to Do With It

Tina Turner <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGpFCHTxiZs> Video in F#

Riff A|-55---55-5303-|

Intro A--ACEC-ACEC x4

You [Am] must understand that the tiles in your hand,
Make my [Em7] pulse react,
That it's [Am] only the draw on the wall that I saw
We're oppo- [Em7] nents in fact,

It's not [F] phys-ic-[G] al (Riff)

Not il- [F] log-ic-[G] al (Riff)

You must [F] try to ignore that it [G] means more than that, o-oh [Am] oh

[Am] What's [G] age got to [F] do, got to [G] do with it,

[C] What's [G] age but a [F] second-hand-y [G] notion,

[C] What's [G] age got to [F] do, got to [G] do with it,

[Am] Weak knees and [G] heart - but this [F] word game's our [G7] potion

[Am] It may seem to you that I'm acting confused

When you've [Em7] played your move

If I [Am] tend to look crazed 'cause you'd taken my place

I've [Em7] got scores to prove

There's a [F] name for [G] it (Riff)

There's a [F] phrase that [G] fits (Riff)

But what- [F] ever the reason you [G] did it to me, o-oh [Am] oh

[Am] What's [G] luck got to [F] do, got to [G] do with it,

[C] What's [G] luck but a [F] power tiles de-[G] votion,

[C] What's [G] luck got to [F] do, got to [G] do with it,

[Am] Who needs a [G] blank when my [F] bingo's 'UP-[G7] SPOKEN'

[C] I've been heading in a [D] new direction,

[C] But I have to [D] say,

[Bb] I've been thinking about my [C] ratings projection

It [Am] scares me to feel this [D] way, o-oh [Bm] oh

[Bm] What's [A] age got to [G] do, got to [A] do with it,

[D] What's [A] age but a [G] second-hand-y [A] notion,

[D] What's [A] age got to [G] do, got to [A] do with it,

[Bm] Weak knees and [A] heart - but this [G] word game's our [A7] potion

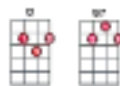
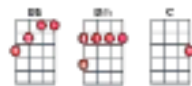
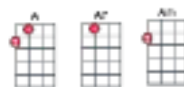
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[D] What's [A] age got to [G] do, got to [A] do with it,

[Bm] Weak knees and [A] heart - but this [G] word game's our [A7] potion ...

[Bm] Weak knees and [A] heart - but this [G] word game's our [A7] potion ... [D]



Senior Scenes, courtesy Renate Barrett



Pairing System for the 2023 Australian Championships

At the CASPA AGM in 2022 a Pairing Review Committee was set up to look at the options for pairing systems to be used at the 2023 Australian Championships. Following this review, the committee recommended to CASPA that a new system called the Tight Australian Draw be used.

The Tight Australian draw was developed by Barry Harridge. It aims to keep matchups meaningful and avoid mismatches of opponents based on results in the current tournament.

The current system used (one reset only after round 12) meant that at the end of the tournament, players at the top were getting “easy” opponents (i.e people around 10 places below them) and people at the bottom were having “hard” opponents (i.e. people around 10 places ahead of them).

The Tight Australian draw does not do a general reset, but instead triggers a repeat pairing on an individual basis. A repeat pairing is done if the program cannot find a pairing where the difference in the number of wins is no more than 2 – so someone on 10 wins will not be paired with someone on 7 or fewer wins and will instead get a repeat pairing with someone on 8, 9 or 10 wins.

The Tight Australian draw also specifies that you can play someone no more than 3 times (for a 3 day tournament). It also specifies you cannot play someone if you have played them in the last 2 games.

The recently held Seniors Championship was run using the Tight Australian Draw. It was 24 games with 68 players. At the end of the tournament, 53 players (78%) had no repeat pairings. There were 36 games spread between 15 players where a repeat occurred. There were 12 games spread between 7 players where a third matchup occurred. The players who had repeat pairings finished the Seniors championships with placings 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 50, 52, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68. The first repeat at the bottom of the field happened in round 12. The first repeat at the top of the field happened in round 18. The first third matchup at the bottom of the field happened in round 16. The first third

matchup at the top of the field happened in round 22.

The other pairing system that was considered for the Australian Championships was the traditional AU Pair with resets after games 12 and 20. The NSW championships were run on that basis this year. It was 24 games with 40 players. At the end of the tournament, everyone had a repeat pairing. There were 176 games spread between 40 players where a 2peat occurred. There were 34 games spread between 18 people where a 3peat occurred.

What is discussed above about the Tight Australian Draw is the intention for the Australian Championships in 2023. Note that for other events, the Tight Australian Draw settings can be changed, for example when a repeat is triggered, how many repeats are allowed, how many games between repeat games.

If you have any questions about the Tight Australian Draw, please feel free to contact Paul Richards or Barry Harridge.

*Paul Richards
Member of Pairing Review Committee.*

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