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Worlds in Warsaw

by Chris Cree

This past month I had the privilege of participating in the World SCRABBLE Championship in Warsaw, Poland. Over 100 players qualified of which 15 were from the United States and 8 were from Canada.

The Team U.S.A. members (see photo below) were myself, John O'Laughlin, Geoff Thevenot (Austin, TX), Bradley Whitmarsh (Attleboro, MA), Nathan Benedict (Tucson, AZ), David Koenig (Silver Spring, MD), Dave Wiegand (Portland, OR), Brian Bowman (Villa Hills, KY), Mark Kenas (Madison, WI), Jim Kramer (Roseville, MN), Laurie Cohen (Tempe, AZ), Joel Sherman (Bronx, NY), Chris Lipe (Rome, NY), Marty Gabriel (Charleston, IL) and Sam Rosin (Bernardsville, NJ).



The Team Canada members (see photo below) were Nick Ball (Victoria, BC), David Boys (Dorval, QC), Andrew Golding (Verdun, QC), Tony Leah (Ajax, ON), Adam Logan (Ottawa, ON), Dean Saldanha (Richmond, BC), Dielle Saldanha (Richmond, BC) and Joel Wapnick (Montreal, QC).



Warsaw is a wonderful city rich in history. I felt the sadness from years of heartache emanating from the old walls about the city. I felt joy and hope looking at all of the new construction already up and taking place. I saw happiness in the eyes of the people. It made me feel very good.

We had the benefit of being in the company of NASPA's corporate attorney, Elizabeth

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SPECIAL 2011 WSC EDITION



Nigel Richards (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), the first two-time World SCRABBLE Champion, receives the winner's cheque from Sanjay Luthra and Philip Nelkon. Photo: John Chew.

2012 NSC Registration

by the Championship Committee

The 2012 National SCRABBLE Championship will take place on August 11–15, 2012 at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, FL, the venue of such past events as the 2011 National School SCRABBLE Championship and the 2008 National SCRABBLE Championship. Players familiar with the site will appreciate its family-friendly location: all guests staying at the resort get front-of-the-line access to Universal Theme Park rides. There is a wide range of food and accommodation within a reasonable distance of the hotel, and Orlando International Airport (MCO) is well-connected, a hub for AirTran and focus city for SouthWest and JetBlue.

Division cutoffs will remain unchanged from 2011 at 1700, 1400 and 1100, with unlimited play-up permitted. The guaranteed top prize for Division 1 will be \$10,000; further details about the rest of the prize pool will be announced as registration progresses.

Entry fees will remain the same as last year: \$175 in Division 1 and \$150 in Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Youths (under 18 years as of August 11, 2012) are eligible for a special rate of \$50. An additional late fee of \$50 will apply to any player registering after June 30, 2012.

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2011 WSC Report

by John Chew

The following is a condensed version of the official coverage of the event: for the original version, please visit live.wscgames.com.

If you have never been to the WSC, do not make the mistake of thinking it is just like any other SCRABBLE tournament, but bigger. No other event comes close to attracting players from almost forty different countries, nor can any event generate the tension of having over a hundred competitors each hoping in their heart that this will be their year, the year that they will prove that they can beat the very best in the world and become the champion. To be sure, there's a lot of friendly camaraderie, especially at meal breaks and after hours, but when people sit down to play the game, they do so with a seriousness that isn't matched even at our National SCRABBLE Championship.

Before the Event

I arrived in Warsaw late Monday evening, after missing a connection at Frankfurt Airport, so my first view of the city was by night. As I would find throughout my first trip to the city, it lived up to my expectations: in this case, its architecture looked predominantly Communist, but here and there I would catch sight of prewar structures, and

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2012 NSC Update

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New this year: registration opens on December 1, 2011, several months earlier than in previous years; and if you register by December 31, 2011, you get a \$25 early registration discount. Yes, that does mean that some youths could be paying only \$25 for five days of top-level SCRABBLE competition.

There will be side events, as in past years, which will also be announced as the event approaches. New this year is John Robertson (Cambridge, ON) as organizer of the Trivia Contest on Saturday night. If you are interested in running other after-hours events, please apply to the Championship Committee as soon as possible, before the schedule fills up.

Also new this year is Dallas Johnson (Stow, OH) on the Championship Committee, who replaces Mary Rhoades (Bedford, TX) as NSC Director. Dallas is an experienced NSC Division Leader, as well as chair of the NASPA Tournament Committee. We are grateful to Dallas for bringing his expertise to this new position, and of course to Mary Rhoades for her many years' service.

If you have any questions about next year's event, whether you are a prospective player, volunteer, or vendor, please email us at nsc@scrabbleplayers.org.

See you all in Orlando!

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Addendum: Collins Play at the NSC

There was limited interest in a Collins (SOWPODS) event last year, and based on the continued growth of Collins play, we will offer it conditionally this year.

The event would take place in parallel to the NSC, with the same general schedule and the same entry fees as Division 1. A guaranteed 50% of the entry fees received would be returned in cash prizes. The event will take place if there are 40 paid registrants as of May 4, 2012. Entry fees to this event are not refundable after April 6, 2012, but may be transferred to regular TWL play by the same player at the NSC, or retained as credit toward a similar future event.

Chris Cree in Warsaw

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Phifer, who teaches a class annually in Warsaw. She introduced us to a couple of young attorneys whom she had taught, Alicja Lowsowska and Kasper Piotr, who chaperoned us about and made things a lot easier by communicating in Polish with taxi drivers and restaurant employees. They also described the sites for us that we saw in historic Old Town. Without them, we could not have been able to grasp the import of what we saw. It was uplifting to listen to these two fascinating young adults and envision them as integral parts of the future for Poland.



Wilma Vialle, Chris Cree, Elizabeth Phifer.

The championship had a good familiar feel to it with two-time World Players Championship director, Wilma Vialle (AUS), in charge along with my peripatetic copresident, John Chew, whose programming, pairing and big screen display had the participants out in the foyer (where John wanted them!) oohing and aahing while watching the immediate updated standings with photos of the players, their won/loss record, cumulative point spread, who they last played, who they will play next, who will go first and all firsts and seconds for each player by round to that point – simply amazing.

Dave Wiegand was the highest finishing North American by virtue of his magnificent 4th place finish. Dave was one game out of the best of 5 finals. The last finals spot was determined in the 34th of 34 rounds in between Dave and the ultimate 2nd place finisher, Andrew Fisher (AUS).



2011 WSC Winners receiving their prizes:
Adam Logan, Paul Gallen, Brett Smitheram,
Dave Wiegand, Andrew Fisher.

Nigel Richards (MYS) won the World SCRABBLE Championship to become the first person ever to win this prestigious event twice. Nigel bested Andrew 3 games to 2 in a very exciting best of 5 finals.



Soon-to-be two-time World SCRABBLE Champion Nigel Richards, deep in contemplation in a final match against Andrew Fisher.

You can play along with all of the annotated games at <http://live.wscgames.com/games/2011/>. These games were all played with the Collins Word List so you will see words that are not in our Tournament Word List.

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occasionally isolated new skyscrapers. The Warsaw Hilton was one such structure, attached to a smaller 24-hour casino and mall, with a good view of nearby vacant lots and what used to be the Jewish ghetto.

I got to work setting up the website and my part of the technical equipment at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday. We would be using two five-foot plasma screens to display the electronic scoreboard, and the opening ceremony would be professionally produced, with a press conference, panel discussion and video presentation, all of which involved gear that I had to work around. Players gradually accumulated in the hotel lobby over the course of the day, playing games until it was time for registration in the evening (in the end: 106 players from 39 countries), followed by a reception with hors d'oeuvres. Then it was

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back to work to do the remaining 10% of the work that always takes 90% of the effort, with first-round pairings finally being posted online at 03:39 local time (Central European Time, six hours ahead of Eastern Time) Tuesday night.



Player nametags at the registration desk.

Day 1: Wednesday

After a quick nap, it was time to meet with technical staff on site at 8:00 Wednesday morning, then a briefing with event staff at 9:00. Event staff consisted of six visiting English-speaking tournament player volunteers, and six local Polish SCRABBLE players. The visitors would be the annotation crew, mostly annotating two boards per round; the local players would be collecting and checking results and photographing boards.

At 10:00, Sanjay Luthra, representing the event sponsor, event organizer Philip Nelkon and Tomasz Zwolinski of the Polish SCRABBLE Association conducted the brief opening ceremony / panel discussion / press conference, attended by the players and a large number of reporters, including four different television crews. After Mr. Luthra officially declared the Championship open, the players were invited out to the hall for coffee and tea while the staff hurriedly converted the room from half-theatre layout to the playing configuration. At 10:15, after a few brief remarks from Tournament Director Wilma Vialle, the games began.

In Round 1, we had the top of the field paired randomly against the bottom of the field (avoiding pairing compatriots), leading to some blowout games. In the lead after the first round of play was Neil Scott (Sco) at +337 (he had won 627–290), followed by three more players who beat their opponents by 200 or more: Hubert Wee (SGP), Edward Martin (Eng) and Nigel Richards (NZL).

Zbigniew Wiecewski (POL) beat Andrew Fisher (AUS) 468–343. Zbigniew was a 1487-rated player living in the United States,

but called into service as the Polish alternate when it turned out our numbers would have been odd without him. Andrew was one of the top players in the world, always a strong contender at this event (and as we shall see, a finalist this year), rated 2071.



Team Poland, including U.S. resident Zbigniew Wiecewski at the right.

After two rounds of play, going into the lunch break, it was Allan Simmons (Sco) leading the field at 2–0 +281, followed by Brett Smitheram (Eng) +268, Nigel Richards +261 and Hubert Wee +255. Lunch was served in the hall outside the playing area, and was a very well-provisioned hot buffet. After the break, it would be Allan and Hubert at Board 1, Nigel and Brett at Board 2. Up until now, players had been seated roughly according to seeding; from here on it will be by current position, so all the undefeated players will be close to the stage. Defending Champion Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (THA) won both of his games and was in 19th place at 2–0 +115, but was happy not to have his games annotated, for a little while, at least.



Nigel Richards vs. Sam Rosin.

A note about the tiles: every table had a set of professional SCRABBLE tiles in an attractive red tile bag. At the lower tables, which were set with two games, the second game originally had a set of third-party tiles in a green tile bag (so that players wouldn't confuse the bags). Thanks to the efforts of the visiting volunteers last night, there were no problems with the tile counts or distributions, as players arrived in the morning to find the tiles laid out in order on each board. Unfortunately, the third-party tiles were the old rectangular style, which don't fit the new square grids, so we had to scramble to find replacements in the form of official green tiles from the event sponsor. They come from a popular new Polish product: a bilingual SCRABBLE set, with beige Polish tiles and green English tiles!

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Club Roster Updates

by Mary Rhoades

Just a note in case you weren't at the Director Meeting or Town Hall Meeting at the 2011 NSC:

Toward the end of last year, the Club/Director Committee met and unanimously voted to end the club sanctioning fees of \$30 at the end of 2011. Part of the rationale of charging the fee was to insure that clubs were still active and their information was still correct.

We will still contact club directors at the end of the year to ask (a) is your club still active? (b) is all the information still correct? (c) do you still want to be listed on the NASPA club listing?

We want your active club to remain on the listing, so it will be important to respond.

By the way, if your club isn't listed because of any reason, lack of club money to pay the fee, didn't agree with the fee, or whatever, and you want to be added to the list, please let me know. Remember, all NASPA clubs must have a certified NASPA director at their helm. Look at the list and see what information other clubs have, then send that info to me at this address and we'll be glad to add you.

Thanks so much for all you do for your club!

Canadian Committee Elections

by John Robertson

The 2011 Canadian Committee (CC) election runs until November 30. Any NASPA member who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada may vote. An online voting system is available through NASPA's Membership Services page.

Two seats were originally to be contested, but Siri Tillekeratne (Calgary, AB) was awarded one of them by acclamation because of the CC's rules pertaining to regional representation.

Lisa Kessler (Toronto, ON) and Carl Madden (Brantford, ON) are vying this month for the remaining seat. Their respective election platforms can be found at the CC's NASPAWiki page. Please vote if you are eligible!

Eight Bingo Game

by the Bulletin Committee

On October 26th, Robert Kahn and Ian Weinstein, played a game at NASPA Club #276 in Lauderhill, FL where a total of eight bingos were played: TAKEOUTS, LAVENDER, OPUNTIAS, RUINABLE, MAULERS, WATERLOG, TRACHLE, MIDLINES. This ties the previous club record, set by Steven Saul and Joel Horn in 2006. The final game score was 486–472 in Robert's favor.

Mystery Words

by John Chew

Last month's mystery word was QUOLL, a type of dasyure, or marsupial cat. This month's mystery word is one of the thirty six-letter words whose definition begins with "a young".

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In Round 3, at the top two tables, Nigel Richards had a 501–285 win over Brett Smitheram and Hubert Wee beat Allan Simmons 473–457, so Nigel moved to first place, but Hubert slipped to fifth following strong wins by Marut Siriwangso (THA), Edward Martin and Trevor Hovelmeier (ZAF).

Live annotated games finally started to go up in Round 4, and we gradually caught up on the backlog over the course of the event, eventually posting a total of 72 games over 34 preliminary rounds, plus the five final games.

After Round 4, six players remained undefeated: Marut Siriwangso, Edward Martin, Adam Logan (CAN), Sherwin Rodrigues (IND), Trevor Hovelmeier and Sam Rosin (USA). Collectively, the South Africans were in the lead among non-singleton teams, with a record of 10–2.

In Round 5, Stewart Holden (NIR) played IZVESTIA (110) against Trevor Halsall (AUS); Howard Warner (NZL) played PARHELION (through IO) against Marty Gabriel (USA). Given the size and calibre of the field, nine-letter bingos were not at all uncommon; I would see at least one most rounds as I walked around the room. The first tie game of only six tie games took place this round, between fellow countrymen Nathan Benedict (USA) and Chris Cree (USA), 450–450; the next would not occur until Round 23. Six tied games out of 1801 played is somewhat lower than the typical rate of one per 100–200 games played.



Joel Sherman vs. Dave Wiegand.

In Round 6, Adam Logan beat Edward Martin 462–352 while Marut Siriwangso suffered his first loss, 399–522 to Sherwin Rodrigues at Board 1. That left Adam the sole undefeated player, 6–0 +777.

The first day ended after Round 7, a schedule curtailed by two rounds to accommodate the opening ceremony; players would play nine rounds on each of the next three days. In

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There are no other words of any length that end in the same four letters as the mystery word.

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The WSC playing area.

the lead by a game: undefeated former World Champion Adam Logan. On 6–1 were the four players Marut Siriwangso, Paul Gallen (NIR), Brett Smitheram and Sam Rosin. In sixth place was former World Champion Nigel Richards, who stopped en route to this event to play Logan for \$3,000 at the Toronto Open (Logan won). In seventh place was Stewart Holden, and rounding out the top ten were Paul Allan (ENG), Chollapat Ithi-Aree (THA) and Geoff Thevenot (USA). That puts both players from Northern Ireland, and the sole Irish representative all in the top ten, a phenomenal achievement.

Mohammad Sulaiman (ARE) lost to Suzanne Dundas (NLD) in an application of the six scoreless turns rule, –6 to –9. Their game was posted on the event website. Both player were aware of the rule, but it's hard to stay focused at the end of a long day's play. All around the room, players lingered, discovering postmortem ways in which they could have won their last games, had they only had more patience and concentration.

Day 2: Thursday

In Round 8, Adam Logan (CAN) fell before Brett Smitheram (ENG) 516–468, and was no longer undefeated, but remained ahead on spread, 7–1 +751 to Smitheram's +395. Smitheram was in third place at the end of the round, behind Marut Siriwangso (THA) +556.

In Round 9, Brett Smitheram moved up from third to second, and closed some of the spread gap to Adam Logan, after beating second-place Marut Siriwangso 528–266. Adam stayed in first place, with a 459–328 win over Paul Gallen (NIR).

After a short break for tea and coffee, play resumed with the third round of the day, Round 10. At Board 1, Adam Logan lost 386–395 vs. Geoff Thevenot (USA). At Board 2, Brett Smitheram won 468–368 vs. Andrew Fisher (AUS). Brett is alone on 9–1, followed by Adam, Nigel Richards (NZL), Helen Gipson (SCO) and Craig Beevers (ENG) on 8–2. Four World Champions are in the top ten: Adam in second, Nigel in third, Parkorn Nemitrmansuk (THA) in seventh and Mark Nyman (ENG) in ninth.

In Round 11, the game to watch was at Board 1, where former World Champions Adam Logan and Nigel Richards faced each other. The last time they played, in Toronto, Adam scored a narrow win in a low-scoring defensive game. In a similar game this time,



Adam Logan vs. Nigel Richards

Adam was ahead 336–300 with two in the bag, but he held AIINOOS with unseen tiles were ADEOSTTY?. He lost 351–387, but Brett lost 492–504 to Neil Scott (ENG).

After the dust settled, there were three players in the lead on 9–2: Nigel, Brett Smitheram and Craig Beevers. Nine more on 8–3: Chris May (AUS), Adam Logan, Stewart Holden (NIR), Patrick Gitonga Nderitu (KEN), Helen Gipson, Neil Scott (SCO), Geoff Thevenot, David Boys (CAN) and Jim Kramer (USA).

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Know The Rules

by Rebecca Slivka

IV.L. Leaving the Playing Area During a Game

Players are allowed a reasonable break between games to use the washroom, but what do you do when an urgent need arises part way through a game? The rules do allow you to leave the in the middle of the game but only if you follow the correct procedure.

You can only leave the playing area during the game AFTER you have made a play and BEFORE drawing any new tiles. You make your play normally, hitting your clock and recording your score, and then place any remaining tiles from your rack face down on the table and tell your opponent that you are leaving for the loo.

If your opponent makes her play while you are gone, she starts your clock and records her score but DOES NOT draw tiles (there's a penalty if the opponent draws tiles while you are out of the room). Your clock continues to run and when you return to the table she must point out her play to you, after which you have 5 seconds to hold or challenge.

Note that your play before you leave the playing room could be an exchange, in which case you should leave your remaining tiles on your rack to avoid any confusion about which tiles are to be exchanged. Simply passing as your play would not be allowed, however, since the aim of the rule is to prevent a player from leaving the game with a full rack.

Remember that your opponent can make her play quickly so your clock could be running most of the time you are gone, so make it fast! And don't forget to draw your own new tiles before your opponent takes hers.

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Play resumed after another hot buffet lunch, with the fifth game of the day, Round 12. Nigel Richards beat Craig Beevers to gain sole possession of 10–2; one game back at 9–3 were Chris May, Adam Logan, Geoff Thevenot, Mark Nyman, Brett Smitheram, Neil Scott and Beevers. Dielle Saldanha (CAN) had a 622–471 win over Joanne Craig (NZL). Their 1093-point total was the highest in the tournament. The highest-scoring one-point loss of the event was this round's 488–489 by Nick Ball (CAN) to Thacha Koowirat (THA).

Round 13 featured another World Champion duel at Board 1 this round, this time featuring Mark Nyman (1993) vs. Nigel Richards (2007). The biennial WSC had been held ten times since its inception in 1991, and it had been won each time by a different player: three Americans, three Canadians, two Thai, one Englishman and one New Zealander. Of the ten, one had retired from tournament play and two had unavoidable work commitments; the other seven are here to try their hardest to become the first person ever to win the title twice. Nigel beat Mark, reached 11–2 +1035, one game ahead of three Brits on 10–3: Neil Scott, Brett Smitheram and Craig Beevers. The record among World Champions at this event so far: Nigel had beaten Adam Logan (2005), and Joel Wapnick (CAN) (1999) beat Joel Sherman (USA) (1997). Pakorn Nemitmansuk (2009) had so far avoided playing another champion, but was due to play Adam in Round 15, and Mark would play Adam in Round 14.



David Boys vs. Adam Logan.

In Round 14, Nigel Richards beat Chris May 438–333 and was 12–2 +1140; two games back on 11–3 were Brett Smitheram and Craig Beevers. In team standings, Northern Ireland led with a mean player rank of 19 (and 64% winning rate against others); followed by England at 25.8.

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The mystery word has one anagram, defined as the plural of a cross between two animals.

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Dielle Saldanha recording TV promos.

Hubert Wee's (SGP) parents looked on with pride as he took on Nigel Richards at Board 1 and won, 444–390. Nigel stayed in first place on spread despite the loss, but also on 12–3 now were two of this round's winners, Brett Smitheram and Craig Beevers. Slovakian champion Ivan Pastucha (SVK) won his first game, 417–317 over Anlaug Frydenlund (NOR), leaving no winless players. At the end of this round, all ten members of the English team were in the top half of the field, including three in the top ten.



Tony Leah vs. Mark Nyman.

In Round 16 at Board 1, Mikki Nicholson (Eng) faced Nigel Richards, with a chance at climbing to first place with a win. Mikki played four bingos (ONANISTS UNATONED DEPUTING ROOMIES) to Nigel's one (DIASTASE), trouncing him 482–278, Nigel's lowest game score in recent memory. The lowest positive winning score of the event was registered this round: Bartosz Pieta (POL) 325–318 over Zbigniew Wieckowski (POL). This round also saw the lowest-scoring positive losing score, Tomas Rodr (CZE) 198–569 to Mihai Pantis (ROM). Brett beat Mark Nyman 468–439; Craig lost 470–485 to Howard Warner (NZL).

The second of four days of preliminary play ended with Brett Smitheram in the lead for the first time, 13–3 +813. Behind him were four players on 12–4: Mikki, Howard, Nigel and Craig. Behind them, six more on 11–5: Andrew Fisher, Dave Wiegand (USA), Chris May, Alastair Richards (AUS), David Boys and Edward Okulicz (AUS). Leading the 15 players on 10–6 was Adam Logan.

Day 3: Friday

The third day began with the field dominated by Commonwealth countries. In the top ten, we had three players each from England, two from New Zealand, three from Australia, and one from Canada, with one lone American among them. I went out

for dinner last night with 11 members of the U.S. team and a few of their guests, and marvelled as they drank their way through several 5 L “beer tubes”, wondering how they would play this morning. I shouldn't have worried — apart from when they were paired with each other, all but one of them won this round.

At Board 1, Mikki Nicholson (Eng) unseated Brett Smitheram (Eng) from first place, sending him down to third. At Board 2, Nigel Richards (NZL) defeats Howard Warner (NZL) 509–292 and climbed from fourth to second. The top ten did not change, but the top four were now all on 13–4, three at 12–5 and the rest 11–6.

In the second round of the day, Round 18, Mikki Nicholson retained the lead with a 348–331 win over fourth-place Craig Beevers (Eng), who slipped to fifth. Second-place Nigel Richards retained his position but fell to a game behind Mikki, with a 378–384 loss to Andrew Fisher (AUS). Fifth-place Howard Warner beat third-place Brett Smitheram, taking his place among the one-game-behind pack and knocking him down to fourth. Going into the morning coffee break, it was Mikki alone on 14–4; Nigel, Howard, Brett and Craig on 13–5, and ten more players on 12–6. The next two rounds were pairable without repeats, but it was probable that repeats would begin in the afternoon, at least among the top players.



Adam Logan vs. Chris Lipe.

After morning coffee, Stewart Holden (NIr) scored the high win of the event, 694–342 over Paul Allan; the game is posted online. Mikki Nicholson lost at Board 1 to last-minute Australian replacement Alastair Richards and fell to second behind Nigel, +1096 to +1275. One game back now were nine players on 13–6: Chris May (AUS), Adam Logan (CAN), Hubert Wee (SGP), Tony Leah (CAN), Howard Warner, Brett Smitheram, Alastair Richards (AUS), Craig Beevers and David Boys (CAN).

Round 20: Nigel beat Alastair Richards to stay a game ahead of the pack at one game behind, which shrank to half its size, and now consists of Chris May 14–6 +1114, Adam Logan +1088, Mikki Nicholson +940, Brett Smitheram +822 and Craig Beevers +650.

Today's lunch menu includes a selection
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NASPA in the News

by the Bulletin Committee

Thanks to the World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC), it was a bumper month for mention of NASPA members in the media, especially those closely involved with the event, such as Philip Nelkon, Nigel Richards and John Chew.

On September 29, *Publishers Weekly* interviewed Meg Wolitzer, author of the hit YA SCRABBLE novel, *The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman*. Her novel continues to attract favorable reviews in other outlets.

On October 6th, *The Harvard Crimson* ran an article about Sam Rosin '15 and his preparations for the upcoming WSC.

On October 6th, the *CBS News* Philadelphia affiliate ran a story about "Philly Plays SCRABBLE Month", but did not mention Connie Creed's NASPA tournament.

On October 6th, the *Lethbridge Herald* ran an article about Siri Tillekeratne and other members of the Calgary SCRABBLE Club.

On October 7th, the *Calgary Herald* ran an article about the return of author W.P. Kinsella to his writing and SCRABBLE careers.

On October 10th, *BlogTO* listed Roger Cullman's SCRABBLE in the City as a Canadian Thanksgiving activity.

On October 11, *Israel 21c* reported on the Israeli participation at the upcoming WSC, using a photo by John Chew without permission or credit.

On October 12th, the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* reported on Chris Lipe's arrival at the WSC.

On October 12th, the *Edmonton Journal* reported on Bill Kinsella's attendance at the Western Canadian SCRABBLE Championship.

On October 13th, *Polskie Radio* reported on the WSC, and mentioned U.S.-based Polish team member Zbigniew Wieckowski.

On October 13th, the *Calgary Herald* interviewed Meg Wolitzer, who was in town for a reading.

On October 14th, *The Warsaw Voice* announced SCRABBLE Day in Warsaw in an article accompanied by an uncaptioned photo of Nigel Richards at the WSC.

On October 14th, the *Gulf Daily News* reported on the WSC, with a focus on Bahraini representative Irfan Siddiqui.

On October 14th, *Toy News* reported on the WSC, emphasizing British participation and listing U.K. celebrities known to be SCRABBLE fans.

As early as October 17th, the *Huffington Post* reported on the "Missing G" scandal at the WSC.

On October 17th, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported on Andrew Fisher's loss to Nigel Richards at the WSC.

On October 17th, *The Gulf Today* report-

ed on Mohammad Sulaiman's performance at the WSC, mentioning that he had earned a second spot on the UAE team at the 2013 WSC, his final game against David Boys, and Nigel Richards' win.

On October 17th, the *New York Daily News* ran a brief article on the missing G.

On October 17th, *The Guardian* reported on the missing G.

On October 17th, *Tucson Weekly* also reported on the missing G.

On October 17th, *Metro* reported on the missing G and Nigel Richards' victory at the WSC, and quoted his acceptance speech in its entirety.

On October 17th, the *Daily Mail* ran a photo feature on the WSC, mentioning the top U.K. finisher, Nigel Richards' victory, his beard, and of course the missing G.

On October 17th, the *Washington Post* reported on the history of SCRABBLE cheating, mentioning the missing G incident.

On October 18th, *ninemsn* reported on Nigel Richards' WSC win, leading with the missing G.

On October 18th, the *CBS Early Show* ran a two-minute segment on the missing G, featuring a lot of stock footage from the 2004 National SCRABBLE Championship.

Mark Memmott, writing on October 18th for *NPR*, discussed the WSC and the history of cheating in competitive SCRABBLE play.

Tom Nagorski, writing on October 18th for *ABC News*, summarized what happened at the WSC.

On October 18th, an article appeared in the TODAY News section of *MSNBC* under the headline "OMG! Letter goes missin_ at SCRABBLE championship".

On October 18th, the *Washington Post* ran a humorous article on the missing G incident, where the letter G was intentionally omitted in several places from the article.

The Philippine Star reported on October 19th on the missing G.

In a confluence of all the major SCRABBLE stories this month, Meg Wolitzer appeared on *All Things Considered* on *NPR* to discuss her book, the WSC, and the case of the missing G tile.

On October 21st, Stefan Fatsis, writing in *Slate*, gave the most authoritative review of the "Missing G" incident.

KIAH 39 reported on October 21st on the outcome of the WSC, and the missing G.

On October 22nd, *The Advertiser* also reported on the missing G.

On October 22nd, the *Gulf Daily News* reported on the final standings of regional players at the WSC, and failed to mention the missing G.

Meg Wolitzer's book continues to be mentioned throughout the month, including a reference on October 22nd in an *American Statesman* article about the Texas Book Festival.

The *Milford Daily News* also touched on the missing G in an opinion column on October 23rd.

On October 24, *SexIs* magazine gave its own take on the missing G incident, speculating where on or in one's body one could conceal a SCRABBLE tile.

On October 24th, the *New Zealand Herald* contrasted Nigel Richards' record-setting second win at the WSC with attention paid to the Rugby World Cup.

On October 24th, the *Albert Lea Tribune* quoted Joel Sherman on the question of whether or not SCRABBLE is a sport.

On October 25th, *Digital Spy* caught up with news about the missing G, and the results of the WSC.

On October 25th, Tom Mills wrote at length in an opinion column in *The Sault Star* about the missing G incident, relating it tenuously to Canadian immigration policy.



North American SCRABBLE Players Association's NASPAWiki



Social Media & NASPA

by the Web Committee

One of the challenges of running an organization as diverse as NASPA is that of trying to communicate effectively with our membership, when individual members communicate using some but not all of: word of mouth, postal service, telephones, email, Facebook, Google+, Twitter and LiveJournal. Our club and tournament directors have the same issues, which is why you'll see many of them running Facebook pages of their own, along with websites (directors can get free pages on NASPAWiki), paper flyers, and of course handling frequent telephone inquiries.

We have recently added a few more ways in which we communicate with membership, and invite you to join or subscribe to them (email info@scrabbleplayers.org as usual if you have any problems doing so). naspa-pro@yahoo.com is a self-described email "forum for members in good standing of NASPA to discuss issues related to NASPA in a polite, respectful, non-anonymous environment." The NASPA Facebook page has almost 500 members: search for it under the association's full name. The newly created Google+ page features up-to-the-minute updates on newly rated tournaments. Our Twitter feed (@NASPA) lists important announcements about things like new official records.

Are You Smarter Than a WSC Competitor?

by John Chew

Here is a list of 500 words challenged at the 2011 World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC), where self-adjudication using Michael Thelen's (West Jordan, UT) Zyzzyva program was in use for the first time. 130 of them are good in the Collins word list but not in TWL; 148 of them are outright phonies. Can you spot which is which? See the continuation of this article for an answer key.

AALIT AARGH ABE ABLOW ABOON
ABOVES ADESPOTA ADOS AFOAM
AINU AIRDRAWN AIRMEN AJARED
ALCID HURTERS ALNAGES ALUMI-
NAS AMBEERS AMOEBEAN AMOROSI
AMYLOUS ANIMATE ANSATED APIAN
APIOL APOSING ARABINS ARCADY
ARGALS ARGUEING ARSINES ARYS AS-
TATINE ASTRONOM ATIKIS ATLAN-
TES ATTORNED AVIFORM AWARDNS
AXENITES AYUS AZOLE BACONER
BAGHI BANTIER BARIC BASANITE
BASTINADO BEAUTIER BEERY BE-
GUNK BEMA BERATERS BETTERED
BHAVAN BICOLOUR BIDIS BIRETTA
BLAWN BLEAK BLIMP BLINS BLITZER
BLOG BOODIES BORS BRASHING
BREVETE BUP CABBIES CALFS CA-
MAEIO CAPTIVED CARNY CAWL
CAZONI CHAGA CHIEFER CIMIERS
CINEOL CLAUSTRA CO COBULT CO-
GIE COGITATER COINSY COLORANT
COLUBRID CONACRED CONAR-
IAL CORNLAND CORSE COSMOID
COUTHY COZE CYGNETS DAED
DARIC DAVID DEERWAN DEERY DE-
LINES DENTARIA DERA DERIVANT
DERM DEWATERS DIACIDS DIALLOS
DICTS DICT DIDY DIFI DIPLOSI
DIPTERA DITONES DOGROSE DOT-
TLER DOXY DRAFTIER DRUMLESS
DRYINGS DUETING DUM DUESSE
DUSH DYAD EBBROIL EBONIED
ECCY EGOTISER EIKONS ELITROID
ELOGISED ENFORMS ENLOCK EN-
RINGED ENTWIST EOLOPILE ERA-
TION ERMELIN EROSELY EROTESIS
ESPIONS ETIC EUPHROE EVERYONES
EVESTING EXOT EXPIATOR EXTOLL
FANOS FARCIES FECE FEDERALS FER-
BAM FERES FIATS FIDO FIKERS FIRE-
PAN FOGMAN FORELEND FORMERS
FORSPENT FRATI FRIGAL FRISTED
FRIZE FRYINGS GAMMY GARRING
GAUR GAZAR GERBILS GERDS GLEER
GLOMP GLUTAEI GNOW GOLD-
ENS GOWDIEST GRAINIER GREISEN
GROOF GROOVER GROSH GROSZE
GYPE HADE HADES HAIN'T HAIRIES
HAWM HAYINGS HAYLAGES HEAME
HEARLIER HEEDINGS HENCH HER-
YE HIM HIROPINS HIVINGS HODJA
HOOED HORA HOUNDISH HOVED



HUIAS ILEI ILITE IMBUERS INCAVI
INCENSER INMATES INTAKER IN-
TARSIA INTRINCE INVENTI IODI-
SATE IONINES JAMESES JAPER JA-
VEL JUKO JUNCUS KAP KIDEL KISH
KLIPDAS KNUR KOR KYS KYUS LAIRY
LAMMING LAMS LAZOS LEANLY
LEASHER LEME LETHEAN LEVITES
LIEVE LIGS LINSEED LITTLES LIVY-
ERS LOGARITME LOOLIES LOS LUCE
LUSTERS MAISTRY MANRENT MAOI
MATERIEL MATEY MAULER MAZEDIA
METRAZOL MICIN MINEVERS MIN-
NEOLA MISNOTE MISTONE MOAI
MOBE MOC MOERING MOILERS
MOOVING MORDANT MUNTANDAL
MUTING NAPHTOLS NEGLIGES NES
NETLINGS NIEF NONAGONS NON-
ELITE LINENY NOOTS NOUMENAL
NUTMEAL NYS OCHRIER OER OHOS
OIK OKTA OOFY OOS OPTICISM
ORNITHIC OURALI OUTJETS OUT-
SNORE OUTWAR OVERBEAT OXAL-
ISED PAIRE PARAKITE PARANETE
PARVENU PEACHLET PEAVEY PEDATE
PEIN PENSIVE PENTE PHONALS PIET
PINKERS PINONE PODGIEST PODSY
POGEY POLLIST POMO POEING
POTO POUSSEE PRAHU PREUNION
PREUNIONS PUBICS PURRER PURS-
LIES QUANTAL QUANTED QUINTAS
QUIZLINGS QUOQUOIN RAGU RAILE
RAITA RAMIN RATOOING RATTLINE
RAZER REDLY REFLOOD REGALING
REHEALS RELENTS RESIGHTS RE-
SPROUT RESTY REVISITORS RIDGE
RIGG RIOTINGS ROASTED ROED
ROTGUTS ROTTAGE ROUP RUPIA
RUTIL SADLERS SANTERAS SARGO
SARK SARSNETS SAUNTED SAVIOR
SCIMITER SCRIBE SCROG SEARIEST
SEARINGS SEIGNIOR SEMPLICE SERI-
CONE SETWALL SHAGETS SHAPIER
SHEALING SHOON SILLANS SIMPLIS
SIRONY SKYSCAPE SMARAGS SMERKS
SNOD SNOOZILY SNUBBER SOND-
AGE SOPRANI SORORITATE SORTATE
SPIEGEL SPRIGHT SQUIRK STEELED
STOTINS STRIDLE STRIPINGS SUB-
TILE SUCT SUNBATH SWAIL SWIPED
SYRETTE TANAGER TANIST TAVA
TAY TEAZEL TEAZELS TELT TENCH
TENIAL TESTIVE TEWS THEORISE
THIRAMS THOWL THROEING TIB-
IAS TINEA TODDY TOMFOOLS TON-
DOS TORQUED TOTTERED TOUGHY
TRAPING TRIN TROILED TROTHS

TWANGER TWICES TYRANNED UGE
UHS UMBO UNADEPT UNFETTER
UNFORGOT UNGOD UNNOISY UN-
PENNEED UNSAIDED UNSURELY UP-
STANDS URINOUS VARAN VARAS
VAURIENS VELATES VENDOURS VE-
STAGES VESTAL VICED VICHY VILED
VINDICT VIRALS VIRELAIS VIRUL-
INE VIVARY VLYING VOGUING VORS
VOUGER VRUOW WAIDED WALLIES
WANNEST WATAPE WEA WEIGHTER
WHIO WIFED WISSING WOB WON-
GIS WOUBIT WRONGEST XERENES
YABA YAPOK YARELY YARS YAWNIER
YEVE YEWE YOOF YTTRIAS YUFT YUR-
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New Director's Manual

by Rebecca Slivka

A new version of the Director's Manual (DM) was updated to the NASPA website on September 26th, and should be downloaded by all active club and tournament directors.

The previous DM release was rushed through just before the 2011 National SCRABBLE Championship. This release has very few changes, just the following:

- Removed mention of annual \$30 club fee (discontinued by the NASPA Advisory Board).
- Updated deadlines for sanctioning tournaments.
- Added "racks" to required equipment.
- A few other minor corrections and clarifications.

Newly Certified Club and Tournament Directors

by the Club/Director Committee

The NASPA Club/Director Committee congratulates Conrad Bassett-Bouchard (Piedmont, CA), Jeremy Jeffers (Decatur, GA), Chris Lipe (Rome, NY), and Jean McArthur (Austin, TX) on graduating their apprenticeships to become fully certified tournament directors and Chris Williams (Vancouver, BC) on becoming a certified club director; and welcomes Daniel Blake (Ithaca, NY), Diane Firstman (Forest Hills, NY), Andrew Friedman (New York, NY), Jere Guin (Elkins, AR), Jeremy Hildebrand (Ottawa, ON), Ken Kasney (Cypress, TX), Randy Morrison (Charlotte, NC), Kevin Nai (Wilmington, DE), Sandy Nang (Malibu, CA), Joe Neff (Warrington, PA), Patrick Niesink (Ottawa, ON), Chris Sitler (Dublin, IN), Cesar Del Solar (Alhambra, CA), Ron Southwick (Portland, OR), Debbie Stegman (Kew Gardens, NY), William R Woodward, and Edward H Zurav (Springfield, NJ) to the apprenticeship program. If you are interested in becoming a director too, please consult the Directors section of our website.

2011 WSC Day 4

from 2011 WSC DAY 3, p. 5

of different (and very good) pierogies, pike perch, and the usual large selection of salads and desserts.

In Round 21, Edward Okulicz (AUS) was down 277–394 against Allan Simmons (SCO) at Board 7, when he drew ADEGIM? (“the jammiest pickup of my life”) to give him a triple-triple through a P in the seventh position for 190 points (including a challenge) and a 494–439 win. Simmons could have saved himself the loss had he challenged the play (YOUP*) setting up the triple-triple. In another close game, Nigel Richards retained his lead with a 435–433 win over Mikki Nicholson at Board 1. Nigel was now 16–5 +1399. Behind him were two more winners from this round, Adam Logan 472–416 over Chris May, 15–6 +1144; and Brett Smitheram 413–308 over Craig Beevers.

In Round 22, 2007 World Champion Nigel Richards faced 2005 World Champion Adam Logan again.



Seven past World SCRABBLE Champions.

Nigel drew six consonants and a blank, kept ?RT to fish BRAGGART through Adam's opening TAJ. Adam double-doubled ERRATIC, Nigel bingoed SEMINAL with the other blank and led 150–56. Adam cleared AIINNOO with ANIONIC (18), setting up QI (62) for Nigel, who now led 212–74. Adam managed a bingo later on (FOLIOSE), but couldn't close the gap and lost 343–478. Nigel widened his lead to two games at 17–5, ahead of six players on 15–7: Andrew Fisher, Chris May, Adam, Brett Smitheram, Craig Beevers and David Boys. The top ten was now one New Zealander, two Australians, three Canadians, three English players and one American.

In Round 23, Herve Bohbot (FRA) played a pretty nine-letter word against Gunnar Andersson (SWE), AFINNRR through -COL-. Herve is a French champion, and guessed that this word might be good in English too.

Nigel Richards had lost two games each day at this tournament, and he lost his second of the day to Andrew Fisher this round, bringing him at 17–6 back within a game of Andrew, Brett Smitheram, Craig Beevers

Mystery Word Clue 4

from MYSTERY WORD CLUE 3, p. 5

The missing word in the definition of the mystery word is “salmon”.



Pakorn vs. Hubert Wee, minus a G tile.

and David Boys. Canadians were making a push, and now held fifth, sixth and seventh. Rounding out the top ten were a player from Northern Ireland, another Australian, and Hubert Wee. Two more annotators joined the volunteer crew this afternoon: German SCRABBLE tournament director Peggy Fehily, and puzzler and Canadian onetime competitive SCRABBLE player Julian West.

Round 23 churned up the top players enough that no repeat pairings were necessary in Round 24; as often then happens, the top four players beat all their lower-ranked opponents to open up a one-game lead over them. In first, Nigel Richards beat Stewart Holden 498–353. In second, Andrew Fisher beat Sherwin Rodrigues (IND) 455–351. In third, Brett Smitheram beat Alastair Richards 443–354. In fourth, Craig Beevers beat David Boys 457–375. Nigel rose to 18–6 +1556, the next three on 17–7.

Finally, in Round 25, Bartosz Pieta (POL) managed to score 511 points against Nick Ball (CAN), an achievement in itself, but lost to Ball's 514. Nigel Richards lost a third game today, to Tony Leah, the first day so far that he had lost three games. He lost his one-game lead and, worse, fell to second place on 18–7 +1531, behind Andrew Fisher +1553, who defeated David Boys 531–395. Also on 18–7 was Craig Beevers +887. The best record on the day: Aaron Chong (MYS) with an 8–1 +564, bringing him up from 99th place to 40th.

Day 4: Saturday

Mike Whiteoak (GBR) pointed out that Mark Nyman (ENG) and Mikki Nicholson (ENG) both started off the day 15–10 +1009, and both beat their opponents this round by 82 points.

With nine rounds to go, here were the odds against each of the top contenders making it to the finals, based on rating-based simulations using the tournament pairing software. The top three players were on 18–7, with 22 points between Andrew Fisher (AUS) +1553 and Nigel Richards (NZL) +1531, and Craig Beevers (ENG) +887 trailing behind them. Fisher 6:5, Richards 4:3, Beevers 2:1. The next two players were on 17–8: Chris May (AUS) +1100, Brett Smitheram (ENG) +896. May 7:2, Smitheram 8:1. There were 8 players on 16–9; the top two had a good spread lead on the rest: Dave Wiegand (USA) +1228

and Pakorn Nemtramsuk (THA) +1206. They were both running about 10:1. The rest were long shots of 20:1 or less: Adam Logan (CAN), Hubert Wee (SGP), Tony Leah (CAN), Sherwin Rodrigues (IND), Chris Lipe (USA), David Boys (CAN).

May beat Fisher at Board 1, 448–351; Beevers prevailed at Board 2 over Richards 455–393. This gave Beevers a one-game lead at 19–7 ahead of Richards, Fisher and May on 18–8. Five more players were still in contention two games back on 17–9: Pakorn Nemtramsuk, Dave Wiegand, Adam Logan, Hubert Wee and Brett Smitheram.

At the start of Round 27, odds against contenders were Craig Beevers (19–7) 7:5; Andrew Fisher (18–8) 9:5; Nigel Richards (18–8) 5:2; Chris May (18–8) 7:2; Pakorn Nemtramsuk, Dave Wiegand, Adam Logan, Hubert Wee and Brett Smitheram (17–9) 10:1 each; 16–10 with good spread: 20–1 or higher. At Board 1, Fisher played Beever for the second time, and won 507–476. At Board 2, Richards played May for the second time, and won 507–476. At Board 3, Wiegand played Smitheram for the second time, and won 450–336. Logan lost to Tony Leah 478–437, in a game where Logan bingoed three times, only to see Leah reply with two triple-triples and an easy endgame. Leah now had an enviable 3–1 record against World Champions at this event, having beaten Logan, Richards and Mark Nyman, and lost to Pakorn.

At the start of Round 28, the field remained close, with each of Richards, Fisher and Beevers on 19–8 with 2:1 odds against making it to the finals. Three players still had a good chance at 18–9: Wiegand, Pakorn and May; and the eight players on 17–10 hadn't yet lost hope. There was about an 80% chance that 23 wins will be necessary to qualify, and a 2% chance that two players would run away with it and they'd need 25 wins. Pakorn Nemtramsuk faced Nigel Richards at Board 1 this round, two past World Champions again. There were seven games left to go before the finals. Nigel, with his one-game lead over Pakorn, could afford to lose a couple of games, possibly even as many as three with his +1674 spread. Pakorn really needed to win this game, to stay in the running, and to bring Nigel down a notch, but lost 404–440, giving Nigel a one-game lead at 20–8 over Dave Wiegand, Andrew Fisher, Chris May and Craig Beevers.

Ahead by one game with six rounds to go at the start of Round 29, Nigel Richards was favoured to be a finalist, with an estimated 60% chance of qualifying. He had a tough opponent this round though in U.S. Champion Dave Wiegand, who led the four players one game behind Richards on 19–9, whose qualifying odds range from 5:2 to 5:1. Richards beat Wiegand in a game that saw three

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WSC Challenged Words

by John Chew

Here is a list of 500 words challenged at the 2011 World SCRABBLE Championship (WSC), labelled as to their acceptability. If you want to try this as a quiz, look elsewhere in this issue for an unlabelled version of the list. An octothorp (#) marks words acceptable in the Collins word list (in effect at the WSC) but not in TWL; an asterisk (*) marks words which are outright phonies.

AALIT* AARGH ABE* ABLOW#
 ABOON ABOVE# ADESPOTA# ADOS
 AFOAM* AINU* AIRDRAWN# AIR-
 MEN AJARED* ALCID HURTERS
 ALNAGES# ALUMINAS AMBEERS
 AMOEBEAN AMOROSI* AMYLOUS*
 ANIMATE ANSATED APIAN APIOL#
 APPOSING ARABINS# ARCADY* AR-
 GALS ARGUEING* ARSINES ARYS*
 ASTATINE ASTRONOM* ATKIS*
 ATLANTES ATTORNED AVIFORM#
 AWARN# AXENITES* AYUS# AZOLE
 BACONER# BAGHI* BANTIER* BARIC
 BASANITE# BASTINADO BEAUTIER*
 BEERY BEGUNK# BEMA BERATERS*
 BETTERED BHAVAN# BICOLOUR BI-
 DIS BIRETTA BLAWN BLEAK BLIMP
 BLINS# BLITZER BLOG BOODIES
 BORS# BRASHING# BREVETE# BUP*
 CABBIES CALFS CAMAEIO* CAP-
 TIVED# CARNY CAWL* CAZONI*
 CHAGA* CHIEFER CIMIERS# CINEOL
 CLAUSTRA CO* COBULT* COGIE#
 COGITATER* COINSY* COLORANT
 COLUBRID CONACRED# CONARIAL#
 CORNLAND# CORSE COSMOID#
 COUTHY# COZE# CYGNETS DAED*
 DARIC DAVID* DEERWAN* DEERY*
 DELINES* DENTARIA# DERA* DERI-
 VANT* DERM DEWATERS DIACIDS
 DIALLOS* DICHTS# DICT# DIDY
 DIFI* DIPLOSI DIPTERA DITONES#
 DOGROSE* DOTTLER# DOXY
 DRAFTIER DRUMLESS* DRYINGS#
 DUETING DUM* DURESE# DUSH#
 DYAD EBBROIL* EBONIED* ECCY*
 EGOTISER* EIKONS ELITROID*
 ELOGISED* ENFORMS# ENLOCK#
 ENRINGED# ENTWIST EOLOPILE
 ERATION* ERMELIN# EROSELY ERO-
 TESIS# ESPIONS* ETIC EUPHROE EV-
 ERYONES* EVESTING* EXOT* EXPIA-
 TOR EXTOLL FANOS FARCIES FECE*
 FEDERALS FERBAM FERES FIATS
 FIDO FIKERS* FIREPAN FOGMAN#
 FORELEND# FORMERS FORSPENT
 FRATI# FRIGAL* FRISTED# FRIZE#
 FRYINGS# GAMMY GARRING GAUR
 GAZAR GERBILS GERDS* GLEER*
 GLOMP* GLUTAEI# GNOW# GOLD-
 ENS# GOWDIEST* GRAINIER GREI-
 SEN GROOF# GROOVER GROSH*
 GROSZE GYPE* HADE HADES HAINT
 HAIRIES* HAWM# HAYINGS HAYLAG-
 ES HEAME# HEARLIER* HEEDINGS*

HENCH* HERYE# HIMS HIROPINS*
 HIVINGS* HODJA# HOOED* HORA
 HOUNDISH* HOVED# HUIAS# ILEI*
 ILITE* IMBUERS* INCAVI# INCENS-
 ER# INMATES INTAKER* INTARSA
 INTRINCE# INVENTI* IODISATE*
 IONINES* JAMESES# JAPER JAVEL#
 JUKO* JUNCUS# KAP* KIDEL# KISH#
 KLIPDAS# KNUR KOR KYS* KYUS#
 LAIRY# LAMMING LAMS LAZOS#
 LEANLY LEASHER* LEME# LETHE-
 AN LEVITES# LIEVE LIGS# LINSEED
 LITTLES LIVYERS LOGARITME*
 LOOLIES* LOS# LUCE LUSTERS
 MAISTRY# MANRENT# MAOI* MA-
 TERIEL MATEY MAULER MAZEDIA*
 METRAZOL MICIN* MINEVERS#
 MINNEOLA# MISNOTE* MISTONE*
 MOAI# MOBE# MOC MOERING#
 MOILERS MOOVING# MORDANT
 MUNTANDAL* MUTING NAPHTOLS
 NEGLIGES NES* NETLINGS* NIEF#
 NONAGONS NONELITE LINENY
 NOOTS* NOUMENAL NUTMEAL#
 NYS# OCHRIER* OER* OHOS# OIK#
 OKTA# OOFY# OOS# OPTICISM* OR-
 NITHIC OURALI# OUTJETS# OUTS-
 NORE OUTWAR OVERBEAT OXAL-
 ISED* PAIRE# PARAKITE PARANETE#
 PARVENU PEACHLET* PEAVEY PED-
 ATE PEIN PENSIVE PENTE* PHO-
 NALS* PIET# PINKERS PINONE*
 PODGIEST PODSY* POGHEY POLLIST
 POMO POOEING* POTO* POUSSEE*
 PRAHU PREUNION PREUNIONS PU-
 BICS* PURRER* PURSLIES* QUANTAL
 QUANTED QUINTAS QUIZLINGS*
 QUO* QUOIN RAGU* RAILE# RAITA
 RAMIN# RATOOING* RATTLINE#
 RAZER REDLY REFLOOD REGALING
 REHEALS* RELENTS RESIGHTS RE-
 SPROUT RESTY# REVISITORS* RIDGE
 RIGG# RIOTINGS# ROASTED ROED#
 ROTGUTS ROTTAGE* ROUP RUPIA#
 RUTIL* SADLERS* SANTERAS SARGO
 SARK SARSNETS SAUNTED# SAVIOR
 SCIMITER SCRIBE# SCROG# SEARI-
 EST* SEARINGS# SEIGNIOR SEM-
 PLICE SERICONE* SETWALL# SHAG-
 ETS* SHAPIER* SHEALING SHOON
 SILLANS* SIMPLES SIRONY* SKY-
 SCAPE# SMARAGS* SMERKS SNOD#
 SNOOZILY* SNUBBER SONDAGE#
 SOPRANI SORORITATE* SORTATE*
 SPIEGEL SPRIGHT SQUIRK* STEELED
 STOTINS STRIDLE* STRIPINGS SUB-
 TILE SUCT* SUNBATH SWAIL SWIPED
 SYRETTE TANAGER TANIST TAVA#
 TAY# TEAZEL TEAZELS TELT# TENCH
 TENIAL* TESTIVE* TEWS THEORISE
 THIRAMS THOWL# THROEING# TIB-
 IAS TINEA TODDY TOMFOOLS TON-
 DOS TORQUED TOTTERED TOUGHY
 TRAPING# TRIN# TROILED* TROTHS
 TWANGER TWICES* TYRANNED#
 UGE* UHS* UMBO UNAdept UNFET-

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 VAURIENS# VELATES* VENDOURS*
 VESTAGES* VESTAL VICED VICHY
 VILED* VINDICT* VIRALS* VIRELAIS
 VIRULINE* VIVARY VLYING* VOGU-
 ING VORS# VOUGER* VRUOW*
 WAIDED* WALLIES WANNEST WATA-
 PE WEA* WEIGHTER WHIO# WIFED
 WISSING WOB* WONGIS# WOU-
 BIT# WRONGEST XERENES* YABA#
 YAPOK YARELY YARS* YAWNIER#
 YEVE# YEWE* YOOF# YTTRIAS YUFT#
 YURTAS# ZAPATEOS ZINCATE ZINC-
 ATED*

Super Referrer!

by the Membership Committee

Way back at the 2010 National SCRABBLE Championship, we announced the launch of a referral bonus program. Anytime a new member pays for at least a year's worth of new NASPA membership (youth, adult or vanity), they can identify the NASPA member who referred them to the association (often their tournament director). The referrer then gets an extra month added onto their NASPA membership, and the most prolific referrer in the period from September 1 to August 31 each year would get an extra year added onto their NASPA membership on top of that. We are pleased to congratulate the 2010–2011 winner of this challenge, Conrad Bassett-Bouchard (Moraga, CA)!



Zyzzyva Lite 1.0.0

by the Bulletin Committee

Michael Thelen announced the first iOS edition of his popular Zyzzyva application on October 26. This initial version lets you search for words by anagram, subanagram or pattern; operate a tiny adjudication station on your iPhone or iPad; and install your favourite lexica. It's free, and has a 4+ rating. We're all looking forward to seeing the full edition!

nine-letter words played, two as hooks and one a pretty separated bingo from KILLORT. Third-place Andrew Fisher beat eighth-place Adam Logan for a much-needed win that could put him in first place if Wiegand beats Richards. None of the top contenders had managed to go undefeated this morning, which helped keep the suspense up.

The highest-scoring loss of the game took place this round, with Weibin Toh (SGP) losing 521–529 to Lewis Mackay (Eng).

Nigel ended the morning 21–8 +1766, one game ahead of Andrew 20–9 +1605 and Craig +891. Still in contention were Wiegand 19–10 +1388, Pakorn Nemitrmansuk +1352 and Chris May +1019.

Returning from the hotel's Asian lunch buffet, we began the first of the five rounds in the final regular session. At the end of the day, the two players with the best record would advance to Sunday's best-of-five finals. Qualifying for the finals guarantees at least the runner-up's \$10,000 prize; at stake is the additional \$10,000 that goes to the World Champion. At this point, it looked as though it would take at least 23 wins to get to the finals, with a 25% chance it will take 24 or more. Nigel Richards had an 80% chance of doing so; Andrew Fisher, a 50% chance; Craig Beevers, a 25% chance, as his spread was lower than anyone else's in the top ten. Beyond them, the three players on 19–10 (Dave Wiegand, Pakorn Nemitrmansuk and Chris May) were each 10:1 long shots; and the ten players on 18–11 still had faint hope. Nigel, Andrew, Pakorn and Dave won this round. Nigel led 22–8 +1812 to Andrew's 21–9 +1648. Then three players on 20–10: Pakorn +1462, Dave +1417 and Craig (after his loss to Pakorn) +781.

In the second round of the last afternoon, Round 31, Dave Wiegand faces Nigel Richards at Board 1, but loses 478–400; Pakorn beats Andrew Fisher 475–338 at Board 2; Craig Beevers beats Adam Logan 566–419 at Board 3. Nigel gained a two-game lead over Pakorn, Andrew and Craig.

In Round 32, Nigel beat Pakorn 449–340 at Board 1; Andrew Fisher beat Mark Nyman 565–424 at Board 2 (thanks to a double-double on his first move and a triple-triple on his second); Dave Wiegand beat Hubert Wee 469–384 at Board 3. With two rounds to go, Nigel's three-game lead over third-place Pakorn Gibsonized him in the pairings: he had clinched a finals berth, so was relegated to playing players out of contention, such as Nathan Benedict.

In Round 33, Andrew Fisher (alone on 22–10) played Dave Wiegand (one of four players on 21–11); Pakorn played Chris May (both 21–11), and it didn't matter who Craig Beevers (21–11) played, because he was too far behind on spread. Andrew had about a 2/3 chance to qualify, Pakorn and Dave 1/6 each: if Andrew went 2–0 in the last two

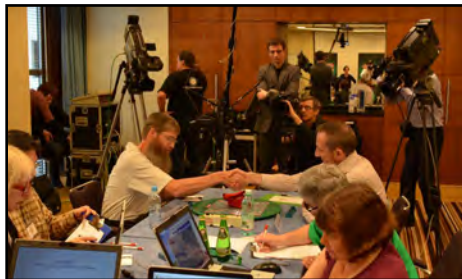
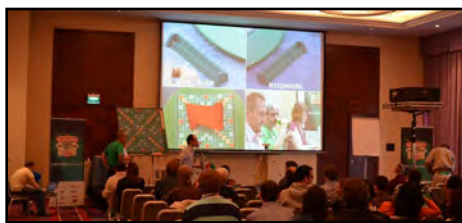
rounds, no one could catch him; if he was 1–1 with positive spread, either of the others would need 2–0 and good spread. Chris beat Pakorn, coming from behind to win 492–484 when Pakorn missed an endgame line with 0:04 on his clock. Andrew lost 355–565 to Dave, effectively setting up a one-round semifinal-style rematch between them in the last round.

In Round 34, Andrew beat Dave 449–380 to win the right to challenge Nigel Richards in the finals the following day.

Over the course of the tournament, eleven players went first 16 times, eleven went second 16 times, the other 84 went first and second 17 times each. On average, the player who went first won 55% of the time, and outscored the player who went second by 13.5 points. The stronger-rated player won 61% of the time, not including the seven players who did not have WESPA tournament ratings. A total of 1,499,107 points were scored; if the five final games were added, the total would be well over 1.5 million. The average game score was 416 points.

Finals: Sunday

The schedule for the best-of-five finals between Andrew Fisher (AUS) and Nigel Richards (NZL) called for a lunch break after the second round, to ensure that we would still be in suspense after the break. As it turned out, the series went to a fifth game in a tense, evenly matched series that can be viewed in the online archive, complete with analysis by Quackle. In the end, Nigel Richards became the first-ever two-time World SCRABBLE Champion. Thank you for following along!



Top Active Players

by the Bulletin Committee

The following are the top 50 active rated members in the NASPA (TWL) rating system, as of October 1, 2011.



Nigel Richards, Adam Logan, David Gibson

1. 2154 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
2. 2082 Logan, Adam (ON)
3. 2075 Gibson, David (SC)
4. 2043 Matsumoto, Kenji (HI)
5. 2041 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
6. 2030 Appel, Scott (NJ)
7. 2029 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
8. 2012 Day, Jesse (CA)
9. 2010 Swift, Orry (TX)
10. 2009 Mallick, Joey (ME)
11. 2007 Johnson, Carl (OR)
12. 2003 Tiekert, Ron (FL)
13. 1991 Bowman, Brian (KY)
13. 1991 Leong, James (BC)
15. 1983 Weinstein, Ian (FL)
16. 1980 Edley, Joe (NY)
17. 1978 Cree, Chris (TX)
18. 1977 Brockmeier, Doug (FL)
19. 1972 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
19. 1972 Walton, Noah (OR)
21. 1970 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
22. 1967 Kramer, Jim (MN)
23. 1963 Sherman, Joel (NY)
24. 1959 Armstrong, Peter (WI)
25. 1958 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
25. 1958 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
27. 1948 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
28. 1946 Wright, Trey (CA)
29. 1940 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
30. 1939 Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad (CA)
31. 1934 Fukawa-Connelly, Kate (ME)
32. 1932 Jackson, Scott (MN)
33. 1931 Stern, Rafi (WA)
34. 1928 Okosagah, Sammy (MD)
35. 1921 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
36. 1918 Idalski, Jason (MI)
37. 1912 Meyer, Nick (CA)
38. 1911 Dackman, Joe (NV)
39. 1906 Robinsky, Rob (MN)
39. 1906 Tran, Eric (AB)
41. 1901 Bednarz, Jason (MD)
41. 1901 Mancine, Dominick (CO)
43. 1895 Daniel, Robin Pollock (ON)
44. 1894 Luebke, John (GA)
44. 1894 Tunnicliffe, Matthew (ON)
46. 1884 Lerman, Jerry (CA)
46. 1884 Mead, Jeremiah (MA)
48. 1882 Koenig, David (MD)
49. 1879 Armstrong, Chuck (MI)
50. 1870 Rosin, Sam (NJ)

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Top Players

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Nigel Richards
Philip Nelkon, Adam Logan

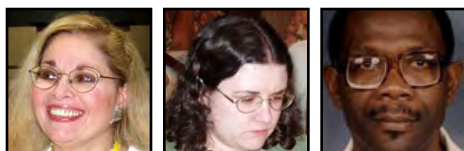
The following are the top 20 active rated members in the NASPA (CSW) rating system, as of October 1, 2011.

1. 2224 Quackle (MA)
2. 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
3. 2080 Nelkon, Philip (GBR)
4. 2068 Logan, Adam (ON)
5. 2060 Benedict, Nathan (AZ)
6. 2042 Cappelletto, Brian (IL)
7. 2037 May, Chris (AUS)
8. 2028 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (THA)
9. 2019 Wiegand, Dave (OR)
10. 2014 Eldar, David (AUS)
11. 2009 Boys, David (QC)
12. 2007 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)
13. 1984 O'Laughlin, John (MA)
14. 1979 Wapnick, Joel (QC)
15. 1969 Berofsky, Evan (ON)
16. 1956 Adamson, Tim (MN)
17. 1939 Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
18. 1932 Bowman, Brian (KY)
18. 1932 Cohen, Laurie (AZ)
20. 1925 Johnson, Carl (OR)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



Linda Wancel, Rachel Knapp, Leslie Charles
(honorable mention to the nonhuman Quackle)

Most Rated Wins

1. 28 Wancel, Linda (NY)
2. 27 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
3. 26 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
4. 25 Winter (TX)
4. 25 Gable, Sue (NY)

Most Games Played

1. 48 Wancel, Linda (NY)
2. 44 Kantimathi, Sam (CA)
3. 41 Gable, Sue (NY)
4. 40 Creed, Connie (PA)
5. 39 Abriano, Gerianne (NY)
5. 39 Meyer, Alan (OR)
5. 39 Baker, Michael (OR)
5. 39 Winter (TX)
5. 39 Hamilton, Ruth (OR)

Most Games Undefeated

1. 7 Clayman, David (OH)
1. 7 Knapp, Rachel (CA)
3. 6 Siciliano, Eric (NJ)
3. 6 Canik, Matt (TX)
3. 6 Norman, Jack (CA)
3. 6 Diener, Pat (CA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +180 = 710 Norman, Jack (CA)
2. +158 = 1778 Holser, Paul (TX)
3. +146 = 1851 Chakrabarti, Amit (NH)
4. +142 = 1455 Short, Glenda (OK)
4. +142 = 616 Turner, Donald, II (TX)
4. +142 = 784 Henney, Stephen (MI)

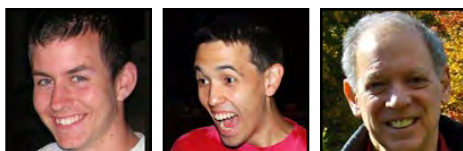
Highest Initial Rating

1. 2224 Quackle (MA)
2. 1866 Charles, Leslie (TTO)
3. 1644 Toscano, Carmen (GBR)
4. 1556 Byrne, Amy (GBR)
5. 1396 Yoshida, Eric (PA)

Recent Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists all players who finished in the top three places in their division in a rated tournament ending in September 2011, together with their wins, losses, cumulative spread, old and new ratings. Out-of-state winners are identified with their home state (or province).



Nigel Peltier, Kenji Matsumoto, Joel Wapnick

Portland, OR: September 2

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| 7-1 +605 | 1928 1953 | Peltier, Nigel |
| 6-2 +264 | 1736 1776 | Whitley, David (CA) |
| 5-3 +331 | 1618 1651 | Slivka, Rebecca (WA) |

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 6-2 +420 | 1420 1467 | Romann, Judy (WA) |
| 5-3 +270 | 1492 1509 | Tillekeratne, Siri (AB) |
| 5-3 +243 | 1397 1425 | Barfuss, William (NM) |

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------|
| 7-1 +394 | 1271 1344 | Wornum, Jesse |
| 4-4 +155 | 1291 1284 | Meyer, Alan |
| 4-4 +18 | 1263 1262 | Payne, Bill (AB) |

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 6-2 +118 | 1048 1081 | Morley, Maggie (CA) |
| 5-3 +258 | 0 1134 | Yang, Ran (CA) |
| 4-4 +153 | 945 951 | Eilertsen, Chora B (BC) |

Atlanta, GA: September 3-5

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 18-2 +1385 | 2036 2069 | Matsumoto, Kenji (HI) |
| 12-8 +842 | 1920 1911 | Luebkekmann, John |
| 11-9 +102 | 1686 1705 | Leifer, Dave |

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 14-6 +1009 | 1529 1535 | Engelhardt, David (MD) |
| 13-7 +719 | 1481 1487 | Cahanin, Eric (LA) |
| 13-7 +307 | 1376 1409 | Weisskopf, Mary Ellen (AL) |

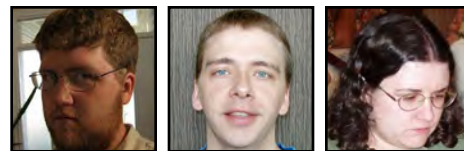
DIVISION C (18 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 14-6 +232 | 993 1097 | Tumlin, Wanda (AL) |
| 13-7 +984 | 1154 1174 | Dimmick, Lindsey (LA) |
| 13-7 +600 | 1006 1077 | Flowers, Josephine (AR) |

Burlington, MA CSW: September 3-5

(8 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 14-4 +1350 | 1935 1979 | Wapnick, Joel (QC) |
| 13-5 +295 | 1901 1938 | Kantimathi, Sam (CA) |
| 11-7 +225 | 1945 1939 | Whitmarsh, Bradley |



Matthew Tunncliffe, Dave Wiegand, Rachel Knapp

Burlington, MA: September 3-5

DIVISION A (14 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 14-4 +826 | 1845 1894 | Tunncliffe, Matthew (ON) |
| 12-6 +383 | 1736 1807 | Wolffberg, Michael |
| 12-6 +72 | 1731 1788 | Ryan, Jamie |

DIVISION B (12 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 14-4 +1302 | 1541 1597 | Nelson, Jeffrey (VT) |
| 13-5 +591 | 1322 1439 | Randall, Brandon (CT) |
| 11-7 +346 | 1501 1511 | Moch, Samuel (NY) |

DIVISION C (12 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 12-6 +862 | 1259 1296 | Wancel, Linda (NY) |
| 11-7 +677 | 1225 1247 | Ray, Lorraine (NH) |
| 11-7 +671 | 1223 1249 | Kulig, Chris |

Portland, OR: September 3-5

DIVISION A (20 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 15-4 +1428 | 2032 2041 | Wiegand, Dave |
| 14-6 +1225 | 1953 1957 | Peltier, Nigel |
| 14-6 +702 | 1620 1755 | Holser, Paul (TX) |

DIVISION B (20 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 14-6 +886 | 1501 1557 | Clifford, Wayne (AB) |
| 14-6 +762 | 1509 1562 | Tillekeratne, Siri (AB) |
| 13-7 +977 | 1474 1519 | Gideons, Ron |

DIVISION C (20 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 17-2 +1322 | 1232 1392 | Koehler, Kolton |
| 15-5 +509 | 1275 1355 | Ross, Reuvena (BC) |
| 14-6 +391 | 1270 1323 | Nelson, Matthew (CA) |

DIVISION D (20 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 16-3 +906 | 919 1009 | Barker, Jim (CA) |
| 15-5 +1595 | 1134 1146 | Yang, Ran (CA) |
| 15-5 +428 | 951 1007 | Eilertsen, Chora B (BC) |

Laguna Woods, CA: September 4 (11 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 6-0 +1037 | 1798 1810 | Knapp, Rachel |
| 5-1 +619 | 1816 1812 | Martinez, Lewis |
| 5-2 +351 | 1437 1455 | Moss, Gary |

Portland, OR: September 5

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 4-0 +302 | 1748 1798 | Winter (TX) |
| 3-1 +480 | 1757 1770 | Milan, Mark (CA) |
| 3-1 +250 | 1693 1709 | Heidler, Greg (HI) |

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 4-0 +405 | 1300 1326 | Meyer, Alan |
| 3-1 +245 | 1326 1327 | Wornum, Jesse |
| 3-1 +90 | 628 736 | Poff, Alex |
| 3-1 +90 | 1367 1374 | Barfuss, William (NM) |

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Winter, Jason Bednarz, Paul Holser

Baltimore (Cantonsville), MD: September 10

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +520	1883	1901	Bednarz, Jason
5-2 +233	1629	1653	Gaboury, Pat
4-3 +309	1911	1894	Luebkekmann, John (GA)

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +319	1192	1268	Stewart, Gwen
5-2 +249	1225	1258	Ensey, Thomas
5-2 +138	1231	1262	Clark, James (DE)

DIVISION C (18 PLAYERS)

6-1 +1026	1065	1079	Kagan, Cheryl
6-1 +477	796	843	Spitzer, David
5-2 +929	968	973	Kroll, Adam

Dallas, TX: September 10

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

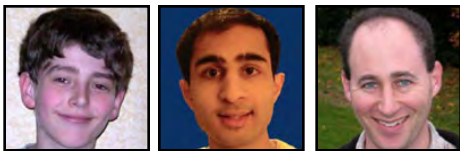
5-1 +25	1755	1778	Holser, Paul
4-2 +378	1765	1766	Dick-Onuoha, Sam
3-3 +13	1457	1466	Whitt, Brian

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +303	1269	1298	Donegan, Michael
4-2 +172	1142	1167	Sanchez, Pat
3-3 +60	1232	1225	Sjostrom, Craig

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +604	955	977	Rivard, Alexander
4-2 +154	946	949	Bratcher, Nancy
4-2 -381	474	577	Turner, Donald, II



Noah Walton, Shan Abbasi, David Lewis

Berkeley, CA: September 11

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +288	1936	1972	Walton, Noah
4-2 -50	2005	2012	Day, Jesse
3-3 +198	1877	1884	Lerman, Jerry

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +199	1722	1778	Ward, Bruce
4-2 +301	1826	1835	Schonbrun, Lester
3-3 +186	1656	1664	De Guzman, Edward

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +282	1644	1655	Stevens, Mary Aline
3-3 +133	1604	1600	Levin, Robin
3-3 -29	1562	1560	Frodyma, KC

DIVISION D (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +410	1463	1507	Julian, Vicky
5-1 +71	1456	1501	Veevers, Terry
4-2 +126	1443	1464	Catanese, Paula

DIVISION E (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +333	1318	1364	Diener, Pat
4-2 +410	1218	1228	Wilson, Jeannie J
3-3 +126	1093	1091	Smith, Peter

DIVISION F (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +975	530	710	Norman, Jack
3-3 +10	557	571	Graim, Tom
3-3 -17	817	802	Parry, Sandy

Guelph, ON: September 11

Monthly one-day

DIVISION A (9 PLAYERS)

6-0 +498	1480	1552	Abbasi, Shan
5-1 +253	1491	1520	Bigall, Vera
5-2 -79	1331	1381	Sealy, Trevor

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

4-2 +173	1106	1115	Farini, Sharmaine
4-2 +173	973	1017	Spanier, Crayne
3-2 +219	1072	1075	Schlegel, Matt

Norwalk, CT: September 11

DIVISION A (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +302	1628	1658	Lewis, David
5-3 +391	1631	1635	Barkman, Peter (NY)
5-3 +340	1711	1705	Meller, Mack (NY)

DIVISION B (10 PLAYERS)

6-2 +346	1161	1194	Wood, Betsey (MA)
6-2 +341	1128	1160	Guest, Cornelia
5-3 +649	1283	1276	Wancel, Linda (NY)



Daniel Stock, Edwin Roth, Steve Bush

Independence, OH LCT: September 13

(4 PLAYERS)

3-1 +323	1841	1840	Stock, Daniel
2-2 -92	1192	1200	Sheppard, Christopher
2-2 -143	1427	1430	McCarthy, Kevin, Sr

Philadelphia, PA LCT: September 14

(22 PLAYERS)

4-0 +703	1484	1491	Roth, Edwin
4-0 +633	1218	1229	Kuno, Margo
3-1 +648	1391	1389	Devanney, Katie

Charleston, WV: September 16

DIVISION A (4 PLAYERS)

3-1 +300	1530	1571	Bush, Steve (KY)
2-2 +36	1641	1641	Galebach, Brian (MD)
2-2 -43	1788	1776	Fischer, Ryan (NC)

DIVISION B (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +367	1344	1397	Scott, Will (KY)
2-2 -71	1233	1237	Gray, Janet (MI)
2-2 -103	1356	1353	Perman, Gary (PA)

DIVISION C (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +464	1125	1225	Rizzo, James (PA)
2-2 +4	1031	1041	Cohen, Jacob (NC)
1-3 -90	1142	1124	McGuffin, Aaron

DIVISION D (4 PLAYERS)

3-1 +236	865	889	Larson, Joe (PA)
2-2 +28	1022	1012	Iannetti, Linda (PA)
2-2 -160	845	849	King, Tina Totten

DIVISION E (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +384	765	826	Ross, Christopher
2-2 +132	760	763	Barker, Rafael
1-3 -225	805	773	Stanton, Robert

DIVISION F (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +175	692	748	King, Betty (KY)
2-2 +90	685	685	Bledsoe, Victoria (KY)
1-2 -145	755	726	Roberdeau, Joe (OH)

DIVISION G (4 PLAYERS)

4-0 +313	642	726	Henney, Stephen (MI)
2-2 +73	565	566	Hatton, Janice (KY)
2-2 +57	0	587	Carper, Gavin



Matthew Hodge, Glenn Filzer, Daniel Stock

Irving, TX: September 16

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +559	1732	1817	Hodge, Matthew (OK)
4-2 -225	1762	1780	Day, Darrell
3-3 -198	1644	1655	Early, Michael

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

5-1 +315	1439	1505	Roeder, Oliver
4-2 +77	1496	1519	Jaramillo, Caesar
3-3 +62	1492	1497	Crotty, Lila (LA)

DIVISION C (6 PLAYERS)

6-0 +455	1313	1392	Short, Glenda (OK)
4-2 -159	1174	1210	Dimmick, Lindsey (LA)
3-3 +181	1127	1145	Major, Wendy

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +414	1041	1069	Brown, Vivian
5-1 +329	742	807	Oppenlander, Patricia
4-2 +50	977	985	Rivard, Alexander

Bayside Queens, NY: September 17

Monthly one-day

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

5-3 +404	1480	1516	Filzer, Glenn (NJ)
5-3 +10	1491	1527	Townsend, Adam
5-3 -22	1597	1617	Berg, Verna Richards

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +62	1249	1340	White, Charlene (NJ)
6-2 +652	1418	1440	Gable, Sue
6-2 +172	1337	1369	Zurav, Edward H (NJ)

DIVISION C (7 PLAYERS)

6-2 +207	876	917	Newman, Barbara
6-2 -108	1034	1054	Abriano, Gerianne
5-3 +503	1021	1019	Matsoukas, Niki

Hudson, OH: September 17-18

(4 PLAYERS)

10-2 +758	1840	1825	Stock, Daniel
5-6 -337	1133	1178	Konicki, Walter
4-7 -171	1200	1162	Sheppard, Christopher

Charleston, WV: September 17-18

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

10-3 +540	1641	1728	Galebach, Brian (MD)
8-5 -8	1667	1698	Cook, Jeff
6-7 +57	1582	1591	Zeigler, Pete (OH)

DIVISION B (6 PLAYERS)

9-3 +512	1353	1391	Perman, Gary (PA)
8-5 +255	1397	1399	Scott, Will (KY)
7-6 +29	1237	1256	Gray, Janet (MI)

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Brian Galebach, Chris Cree, Stefan Rau

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

10-3 +303 1124 1184 McGuffin, Aaron
9-4 +212 1037 1096 Grant, Peggy (SC)
8-5 +233 1033 1072 Wade, Andrew (KY)

DIVISION D (19 PLAYERS)

11-2 +576 763 871 Barker, Rafael
9-4 +655 849 881 King, Tina Totten
9-4 +251 726 842 Roberdeau, Joe (OH)

Irving, TX: September 17-18

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

10-2 +985 1935 1978 Cree, Chris
9-3 +697 1817 1858 Hodge, Matthew (OK)
9-3 +351 2000 2010 Swift, Orry

DIVISION B (18 PLAYERS)

9-3 +198 1454 1522 Saunders, Ed (AZ)
8-4 +360 1519 1551 Jaramillo, Caesar
8-4 +339 1586 1607 Dyer, Becky

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

8-4 +634 1303 1328 Solis, Ruben
8-4 +560 1287 1319 McCarley, April
8-4 +558 1122 1182 Saia, David

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

9-3 +722 985 1026 Rivard, Alexander
7-5 +285 805 838 Salinas, Andrea
7-5 +171 1000 1003 Owen, Phyllis

Philadelphia, PA: September 18

DIVISION A (16 PLAYERS)

6-1 +615 1823 1848 Rau, Stefan (NY)
5-2 +340 1848 1855 Keller, Jason (NJ)
5-2 +122 1617 1653 Popper, Richard (DE)

DIVISION B (16 PLAYERS)

7-0 +572 1440 1541 Gable, Sue (NY)
5-2 +350 1462 1487 Grosman, Diana (MD)
5-2 +3 1329 1374 Strieb, Jay

DIVISION C (16 PLAYERS)

7-0 +485 1028 1153 Clayman, David (OH)
5-2 +171 1252 1271 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
5-2 +169 1258 1274 Wancel, Linda (NY)

DIVISION D (13 PLAYERS)

7-0 +371 0 1328 Siciliano, Eric (NJ)
5-2 +288 573 654 Lapierre, Jan (NJ)
5-2 +167 0 1087 Newman, Iris

Toronto, ON: September 22

(12 PLAYERS)

7-1 +521 1681 1707 Edelson, Mark
5-3 +218 1547 1548 Robertson, John
5-3 +118 1046 1119 Aitken, Terry

Toronto, ON CSW: September 22-25

(22 PLAYERS)

20-6 +677 1998 2063 Logan, Adam
18-7 +1330 2155 2155 Richards, Nigel (MYS)
18-8 +1198 1962 2007 Thevenot, Geoff (TX)



Mark Edelson, Adam Logan, Matt Canik

Toronto, ON: September 23-25

Michael Wise Memorial Tournament

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

11-3 +1196 1611 1642 Newman, Geoffrey
11-3 +965 1451 1520 Smylie, Jackson
9-5 +473 1360 1407 Keras, Lydia (QC)

DIVISION C (10 PLAYERS)

12-2 +1031 1227 1291 Turner, Kevin
8-6 +602 1188 1179 Farini, Sharmaine
8-6 +309 1027 1066 Shupak, Eli

DIVISION D (12 PLAYERS)

10-4 +678 893 937 McClellan, Mike
10-4 +601 0 1097 Ravikovich, Alex
9-5 +439 993 990 Waldron, Jean

Austin, TX: September 24

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

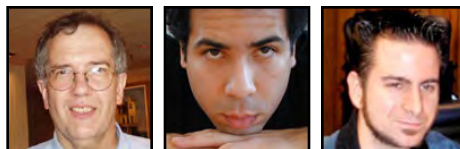
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DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

5-1 +363 1478 1512 Roeder, Oliver
4-2 +302 1313 1352 Adams, David S
3-3 -35 1447 1448 Millard, Leslie

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

4-2 +443 1300 1305 Donegan, Michael
4-2 +370 1286 1294 Smith, Mariah
4-2 -57 1274 1278 Scott, Nancy



Ron Tiekert, Winter, Matthew Larocque

Fort Lauderdale, FL: September 24

DIVISION A (6 PLAYERS)

7-1 +460 1979 2003 Tiekert, Ron
6-2 +546 1819 1850 Polatnick, Steve
4-4 -113 1642 1661 Pistol, Howard

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +367 1492 1509 Gradus, Larry
6-2 +159 1474 1492 Liebman, Natalie
5-3 +106 1373 1388 Rogers, George

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +252 967 1042 Wise, Tim
6-2 +205 981 1102 DeGlopper, Jennifer
4-4 +162 1091 1095 Saperstein, Maxine

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +391 831 862 Hynes, Geraldine
5-3 +93 805 820 Berger, Fred
5-3 +92 856 861 Lenzen, Polly

Chehalis, WA: September 24

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

6-1 +815 1798 1827 Winter (TX)
6-1 +262 1957 1972 Peltier, Nigel (OR)
5-2 +301 1777 1790 Johnson, Dave (OR)

DIVISION B (14 PLAYERS)

6-1 +811 1434 1473 Jacobi, Gunther (OR)
5-2 +211 1268 1310 Kearn, Robert (KY)
5-2 +113 1420 1438 Cornelison, Betty (OR)

DIVISION C (14 PLAYERS)

6-1 +568 1160 1175 Dreyer, Lynn
6-1 +413 1006 1059 Standig, Joshua (OR)
5-2 +425 1164 1159 Goodwin, Alice

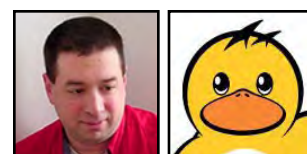
Regina, SK: September 24-25

DIVISION A (12 PLAYERS)

12-2 +834 1541 1578 Larocque, Matthew (AB)
10-4 +458 1246 1311 Horowitz, Risa
10-4 +328 1499 1504 Kowalski, Curtis (MB)

DIVISION B (13 PLAYERS)

12-2 +735 1018 1077 Eyolfson, Jason
10-4 +626 1020 1040 Forrester, Don (MB)
10-4 +292 962 994 Woodward, Shirley



Vince Castellano, Quackle

Newark, DE: September 25

DIVISION A (8 PLAYERS)

7-1 +491 1670 1736 Castellano, Vince (VA)
5-3 +100 1617 1640 Berg, Verna Richards (NY)
5-3 -85 1583 1611 Miller, Mark (PA)

DIVISION B (8 PLAYERS)

6-2 +131 1485 1524 Stewart, Edward (MD)
5-3 +159 1457 1480 Roland, Tobey (MD)
5-3 +89 1438 1463 Nai, Kevin

DIVISION C (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +326 1435 1479 Lean, Mike (DC)
6-2 +379 1374 1414 Strieb, Jay (PA)
5-2 +137 1398 1426 Oliva, Linda (MD)

DIVISION D (8 PLAYERS)

5-3 +259 1271 1289 Castellano, Joshua (VA)
5-3 +78 1234 1257 Kuno, Margo (PA)
5-3 +78 1236 1259 Spanfelner, Florence (PA)

DIVISION E (8 PLAYERS)

6-1 +382 1051 1114 Filandro, Peter
6-2 +385 1026 1078 Thompson, Celia Dayrit (NJ)
5-2 +134 1139 1157 Schlauch, Robin (MD)

DIVISION F (8 PLAYERS)

8-0 +427 910 1012 Thornton, Lucille (NJ)
6-2 +446 831 920 Avenier, Margaret (PA)
5-3 +520 924 935 Horowitz, Dan

Toronto, ON CSW: September 25

(2 PLAYERS)

2-2 +28 2232 2224 Quackle (MA)
2-2 -28 2063 2068 Logan, Adam

Upcoming Tournaments

by the Tournament Committee

NOVEMBER 23, LCT - MOUNT LAUREL, NJ: Wed: 1:30 PM, 4 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: \$15. Entry fee paid at door. Pre-registration required. Limited to 8 players. Registration from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Wegman's, 2 Centerton Rd., Mt Laurel, NJ

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More Tournaments

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08054, (856) 439-7300. CT. Ted Barrett,
(309)-648-1702, <tedbarrettcp@gmail.com> or Jason Keller. HA.

NOVEMBER 25-27, TARRYTOWN, NY: Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$45. **Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Size and format of DIVS. are at director's discretion, depending upon number of entries.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF: \$100. **Robin robin with a play-off round(s). DIVS. of 16 (bottom DIV. subject to change based on number of entries).** DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591, (914) 631-5700 or (800) 435-7435. HP: Ask for Scrabble rate of \$99 per night (incl. free internet access, parking, pool, and fitness facilities). Availability guaranteed through FRI., November 11, 2011. CT. Linda Wancel, <scrabbleamazon@aol.com>. HA.

NOVEMBER 26-27, GLEN ELLYN, IL: Sat: 9:00 AM. Sun: 9:00 AM. R-R/K-H. EF: \$55. **Entry fee increases to \$60 on November 1st. Check in at 8:30 a.m. Limit 72 players. The size of the last DIV. to be determined by the Directors. No refunds after November 24.** Crowne Plaza Glen Ellyn, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 61037, 630-629-6000. CT. Thomas Tremont, 630-469-2282, <tomtremont@gmail.com> or Don Rathberger. HA.

NOVEMBER 26-27, TCC - KINGSTON, ON, CAN: Toronto v. Montreal. R-R/Mod.R-R. EF: \$20 (CAN). **Game schedule & DIVS.: 3 DIVS., 12 games, modified round robin. Game #1 begins 1pm SAT, 11/26; # games each day TBD by vote.** Confederation Place Hotel, 237 Ontario St, Kingston ON, 888 825-4656. HP: Rooms held until Nov. 11; no deadline on guaranteed RM.rate of \$89/night. Contact hotel 613 549-6300 and mention Scrabble tournament. <http://www.confederationplace.com/>. CT. Lisa Kessler, <likes@primus.ca> or Sary Karanofsky, <sary.karanofsky@jpps.ca>. HA.

DECEMBER 3, CALGARY, AB, CAN: Sat: 9:00 AM, 12 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$60 (CAN), Div. 2: \$50 (CAN). **Two DIVS. di-**

vided at 1200. Unlimited playups. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Modified round robin pairings with final two rounds KOTH. The Sierras of Heritage, 8535 Bonaventure Drive SE, Calgary, AB, Canada. CT. Siri Tillekeratne, 16 Cedarwood Pl. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2W 3G6, Canada, (403) 261 2459, <sirit@shaw.ca>. HA.

DECEMBER 3-4, AUSTIN, TX: Sat: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$80/\$60/\$50/\$40. **Fixed DIV. sizes of 14 by ratings; bottom two DIVS. may be < or > than 14, or combined at director's discretion. Collins DIV. will be offered if at least six players sign up for it (\$80 entry fee).** Visual Innovations, 8500 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin TX 78757. CT. Geoff Thevenot, 512-921-9169, <gwthevenot@gmail.com> or Jean McArthur, 512-293-2360, <jmca@mail.utexas.edu>. HA.

DECEMBER 3-4, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/K-H. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2-4: \$80. **\$25 late fee after November 19, 2011. Entry due November 19, 2011. 16 games. 4 DIVS.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. HP: Contact Tim Wise (call 954-942-6319 or email wise9778@gmail.com) for a list of hotels close to Holiday Park. CT. Tim Wise, 954-942-6319, <wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 4, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee incl. buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Ed DeGuzman. HA.

DECEMBER 4, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: ? EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes: 1st \$90; 2nd \$50 in every group of 8.** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftmoss@gmail.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 4, LAKE OSWEGO, OR: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. R-R/6+KOTH. EF: \$20. 846 Country Commons, Lake Oswego, OR. CT. Mike Baker, 503-823-6027, <mikebob@pacifier.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 4, PHILADELPHIA, PA: Sun: 11:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/K-H. equal DIVS., Collins DIV. if enough interest. EF: \$50. TBD - Philadelphia. CT. Connie Creed, 233 South 6th Street, #2502, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.net>. HA.

DECEMBER 7, LCT - AKRON, OH: Wed: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. **Free event. Typically paired with 3 rounds of modified Swiss and 1 round of KOTH, minimizing repeats as much as possible.** The Highland Square Apartments, Party Room (1st Floor - Room 101), 733 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44303. CT. Dallas Johnson, 330-676-1723, <dallas@neoscrabble.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 9-11, STAMFORD, CT: Early Bird: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. R-R. EF: \$50. **DIVS. of 6 by latest NASPA ratings.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 5 RDS. **Collins DIV: Open; DIV. A: 1700 & up; DIV. B: 1300-1699; DIV. C: Below 1300. Unlimited play-ups permitted IF resulting in even DIVS. in A & B (make request to tournament director on registration form).** Sheraton Stamford Hotel, 700 East Main St., Stamford, CT 06901, 203-358-8400. HP: Group rates: Single Occupancy: \$99; Double Occupancy: \$99; Triple Occupancy: \$99 (Plus state and local tax). Free parking for all players. Hotel Guest Amenities: Use of gym & pool; business center; short walk to train station and many restaurants. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 10, BETHESDA, MD: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **Four DIVS., cutoffs at 1350, 1100, 800. Directors may make changes to even DIVS. Collins DIV. may be added if at least four players sign up.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (18 and under).** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth DIV. (18 and under).** Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Srvc Ctr, 4800 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. CT. Ted Gest, 6221 Western Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015, 202-744-3011, <gestted@aol.com> or 301-412-5605, <dlarkin911@aol.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 10-11, ATLANTA (COLLEGE PARK), GA: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$85. **Format: Modified round robin pairings with 1 or 2 KOHs. Hotel prepared LUN. provided each day.** Hyatt Place Atlanta Airport South, 1899 Sullivan Road, College Park, Georgia 30337, 770-994-2997. HP: The RM.rate for the tournament is \$75 (dbl or sngl). CT. Cynthia Seales, 4456 Heavittree Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, 404-936-0854, <cseales@comcast.net>. HA.

DECEMBER 11, COVINA, CA: Sun: 9:30 AM. R-R/8. EF: \$35. **Director reserves the right to modify DIVS. and pairings, based on attendance.** Olive Tree Village - Recreation Room, 167 S. Hollenbeck Ave., Covina, CA. CT. Cesar Del Solar, 310-365-6495, <delsolar@gmail.com> or Bruce D'Ambrosio. HA.

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

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Bingo Skills Answers

Take a look at the quiz first on p. 16

TWL answers: albizia, concuss, lanated, netless, preheat, tenaces, whinges, yawling, aerostat, airwoman, chillest, cleaners, commence, denature, grutches, reedlike, salaamed, thriving, updaters, yodeling, cochineal, depilates.

CSW answers: aemuled, auguste, dianoa, dummier, fanbase, goobies, injelly, theoric, benetted, clumpers, ensealed, implexes, pel-lachs, proclive, seablite, skyhomes, smuggling, trunkums, triglots, verdites, apathaton, macroglia

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DECEMBER 11, STRONGSVILLE, OH: Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$25. **Check in begins at 9:00 a.m. 1 open DIV. Modified Swiss pairings.** Royalton Greens Apartment Complex, Party Room, 18572 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio, 44136. CT. Dean Scouloukas, 10900 Pearl Rd, Suite C-2, Strongsville, Ohio 44136, (216) 421-6207, <djs3771@aol.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 17, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Round robin groups (with director discretion predicated upon mix of field). LUN. after 2 games. Walk-ins o.k.** Crowne Plaza Suites - Dallas Park Cntrl., 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. CT. Chris Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <chris.cree@yahoo.com> or Carla Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <cc.cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 17, TAMPA BAY (PINELAS PARK), FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R. EF: \$30. **Registration 08:40-08:55; eight games start at 09:00; DIVS. of 6-8.** The Auditorium, 7690 59th St N, Pinellas Park FL 33781. CT. JC Green, (727) 278-2030, <jcgreen00@tampabay.rr.com>. HA.

DECEMBER 23-26, WILMINGTON, DE: The 2011 Delaware SCRABBLE® Festivus. Early Bird: Fri: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$50. Main Event: Fri: 5:00 PM, 4 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$125/\$120/\$115/\$110. **Local COMM. fee: \$15/Other COMM.: \$30.** Late Bird: Mon: 9:30 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$50. Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, 100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713. HP: The Wilmington/Christiana Hilton is conveniently located near Delaware Park casino***. The \$89/night RM. rate will include a hot buffet BK. for two each morning, and free Internet access. See registration form for additional information. CT. Dan Horowitz, 223 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803, (215) 760-8261, <dhorowit@alumni.law.upenn.edu>. HA.

DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 2, ALBANY, NY: NEW YEAR'S 2012 SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT. Early Bird: Thu: Noon, 8 RDS. EF: \$45. **8 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only). Registration from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.** Early Bird 2: Fri: Noon, 5 RDS. EF: \$35. **5 games, fully-rated; format determined by number of entries (Pay at door only). Registration from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.** Main Event: Fri: 8:00 PM, 3 RDS. Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: Div. 1: \$95, Div. 2 and lower: \$80. **TWL: DIVS.: 1: 1700+; 2: 1300-1699; 3: Below 1300. Play up within 100 points at Director's discretion.** Crowne Plaza, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY, 518-462-6611. HP: Book reser-

vations directly through the Crowne Plaza at 877-227-6963 from September 1 to December 17. Ask for the Scrabble group rate when making reservations. \$89 plus tax per night with a maximum of 3-4 occupants per RM. 24-hour cancellation policy. CT. Annette Tedesco, <101ted@nycap.rr.com> or John Robertson. HA.

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JANUARY 1, LAGUNA WOODS, CA: Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. EF: \$45. **Late Fee \$10, after Fri before event. Modified round robin. Prizes: 1st \$90; 2nd \$50 in every group of 8.** Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 5, Rm 1, 26252 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, California 92637. CT. Gary Moss, (949) 510-1673, <jftsoi.moss@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 7, BAYSIDE QUEENS, NY: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. R-R/8+KOTH. EF: \$64. **Entry fee incl. player participation fee, deli LUN., coffee & tea all day, RM. rental & prizes.** ADRIA Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside Queens, NY, 1-800-27-ADRIA. CT. Ginger White, 631-399-2579, <kewlcatz@optonline.net>. HA.

JANUARY 7, LINDEN, MI: New Year's Outlook. Sat: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. R-R/8. EF: \$40. **Add \$5 to entry fee if paid after 12/24 and before 1/6. \$50 cash only at the door.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge Street, Linden, MI. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 399, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

JANUARY 7-8, JOHNSTON, IA: Fire-side Scrabble Fest IV. Sat: 8:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 8:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$60. **Entry due by January 2, 2012. No walk-ins. No refunds after January 2, 2012.** Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Court, Johnston, IA 50131. HP: Reduced rooms (\$89-99) at Stoney Creek Inn for Scrabble Tourney participants ñ let the front desk know you're playing. CT. Pat Boddy, Box 22220, Clive, Iowa 50325, <DesMoinesScrabble@yahoo.com>. HA.

JANUARY 8, BERKELEY, CA: Sun: Noon, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Entry fee includes buffet LUN.** The Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 21 Shattuck Square, Berkeley, CA 94704. CT. Ed De Guzman, <edwardd@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 8, LINDEN, MI: New Year's Outlook Late Bird. Sun: 9:00 AM, 7 RDS. Mod.Swiss. EF: \$30. **Entry fee is \$35 if paid at the door. 1 open DIV. with class prize.** Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451. CT. Margaret Sutherland, c/o Red Dragon Hobbies, PO Box 388, Otisville, MI 48463, 810-653-0152, <dragonlady317@charter.net>. HA.

JANUARY 10, LCT - INDEPENDENCE, OH: Tue: 6:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$4. **Sponsored by NASPA Club #164 (In-**

dependence, OH). Pay at the door. Angie's Pizza, 6932 Hillside Road, Independence, OH 44131. CT. Christopher Sheppard, <mshep@core.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14, NORWALK, CT: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. EF: \$60. **\$15 discount for first-time tournament players. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 2: Sat: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 9 a.m.** Main Event 3: Sat: 2:00 PM, 4 RDS. EF: \$20. **Youth event. Check in at 1:30 p.m.** Chess Club of Fairfield County, 710 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT. CT. Cornelia Guest, 203-244-5324, <corneliaguest@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, DURHAM, NC: Sat: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. Mod.Swiss/K-H. **3 DIVS., divided at approx. 1500, 1100. Must Register by 1/4/12. Entry Fee: \$80 donation (check) to "Duke PBMT Family Support Program, plus \$10 (cash or check) for participation fee.** Duke Hospital -North Pavilion, 2400 Pratt Street, Durham, NC 27705. CT. David Klionsky, 1010 N. Duke Street, Durham, NC 27701, 919-699-9831, <trianglescrabble@hotmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Sat: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:00 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:00 AM, 4 RDS. R-R. EF: Div. 1: \$100, Div. 2 and lower: \$80. **Entry due by January 7, 2012 (after the 7th \$25.00 late fee applies). 4 DIVS. determined by ratings.** Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, 700 N E 6th Terrace Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304. CT. Tim Wise, 954-630-8779 or mobile 954-461-3333, <Wise9778@gmail.com>. HA.

JANUARY 14-16, NEW ORLEANS, LA: Sat: 10:00 AM, 8 RDS. Sun: 9:30 AM, 8 RDS. Mon: 9:30 AM, 4 RDS. **3 DIVS.: Open TWL DIV. with class prizes ñ open to all players; Lite TWL DIV. available for those rated 1300 and below as of Jan 8, 2012; Open COLLINS DIV. IF there are at least 10 players registered by 11/30/2011.** The Inn on Bourbon, 541 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 524-7611 or (800) 535-7891. HP: http://www.innonbourbon.com - \$105/nt (single or double); \$125/nt triple; \$145/nt quad - rs for non-guests). Parking not incl.: \$18/day for hotel guests, \$10/10 hours for non-guests. Ask for the NASPA rate. Deadline to book: 12/19/2011. CT. Tim Fukawa-Connelly, Kate Fukawa-Connelly, <katefc@gmail.com> or Geoff Thevenot. HA.

JANUARY 21, DALLAS, TX: Sat: 10:30 AM, 6 RDS. EF: \$30. **Round robin groups (with director discretion predicated upon mix of field). LUN. after 2 games. Walk-ins o.k.** Crowne Plaza Suites - Dallas Park Cntrl., 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. CT. Chris Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <chris.cree@

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yahoo.com> or Carla Cree, 3708 Bryn Mawr
Dr., Dallas, TX 75225, 214-701-4681, <cc.
cree@yahoo.com>. HA.

JANUARY 21, HUDSON, OH: Sat:
Noon, 7 RDS. EF: \$35. **Pay \$5 more at
door (cash) or \$10 more at door (check).**
Clarion Inn, 240 Hines Hill Rd., Hudson,
OH 44236. CT. Christopher Sheppard,
2237 Fairway Blvd., Hudson, OH 44236,
330-656-2476, <mshp@core.com>. HA.

JANUARY 21-23, ATLANTIC CITY,
NJ: Sat: Noon, 6 RDS. Sun: 10:00 AM,
8 RDS. Mon: 10:00 AM, 5 RDS. EF:
\$125/\$110/\$110/\$110. CT. Connie Creed,
233 S. 6th St. #2502, Philadelphia, PA
19106, 215-238-1880, <partygrl@verizon.
net>. HA.

Bingo Skills

by the Bulletin Committee

Finding bingos is a skill that you can
improve with practice, and in this section
(based on a popular NSA feature by Joe Ed-
ley), we'll help you do so. When you look for
bingoes, it often helps to look for frequently
occurring letter groups at the beginning or
end of a word. Each of this issue's racks can
be anagrammed to make a word with one of
the following initial or final letter groups:
AERO- CO- CON- DE- LA- PRE- RE- SA-
TE- -AL -AN -ATES -ED -ERS -ES -ESS
-EST -IA -ING -LING -SS -TERS.

AABIILZ	AAADELMS
AADELNT	AAEORSTT
ACEENST	AAIMNORW
AEHPRT	ACEELNRS
AGILNWX	ADEENRTU
CCNOSSU	ADEPRSTU
EELNSST	CCEEMMNO
EGHINSW	CEGHRSTU
AACEGIRSV	CEHILLST
ACCEHILNO	DEEEIKLR
ADEEILPST	DEGILNOY
EGIIOPST	GHIINRSV

And for players who use the Collins lexi-
con, here are some racks with anagrams that
are only acceptable in Collins, and which
have the following letter groups: DI- EN-
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-ING -ITE -ITES -ON -SE -TE.

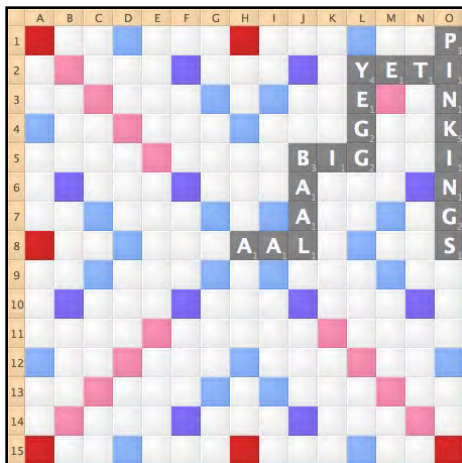
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AADIINO	ACEHLLPS
ADEELMU	ADEEELNS
AEGSTUU	AKMNRSTU
BEGIOOS	BDEEENTT
CEHIORT	CEILOPRV
DEIMMRU	CELMPRSU
EIJLLNY	DEEIRSTV
AAAHNOPTT	EEILMPX
AACGILMOR	EHKMOSSY
ACELORRST	GGGIMNSU
GLLOOPTTY	GILORSTT

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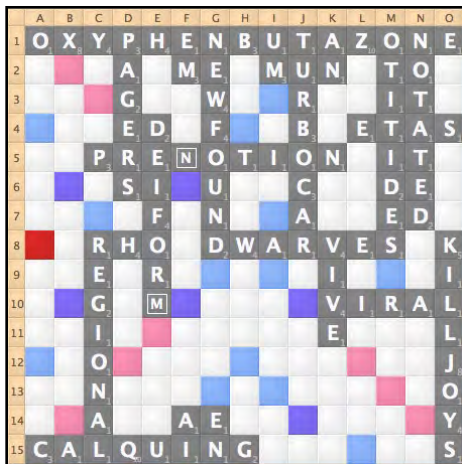
by the Bulletin Committee

This month's challenge is to construct the
highest-scoring solitaire game where every
play must score more than the one before,
and no play may use more than two bonus
squares. As usual, every play must be able to
withstand a OTCWL2+LL challenge. You
do not need to use up all the tiles, and any
left in the bag should not be deducted from
your final score. In the sample solution, the
words AA (4), AAL (8), BI (14), EGG (16),
YETI (21), INKING (23) and PINKINGS
(135) score a total of 221 points.



To enter the contest, enter your game
into Quackle (assigning alternate moves to
each player), and save and upload a .gpg file
through NASPA Member Services, before
midnight EDT on the evening of Decem-
ber 2nd. The winning solution will be pub-
lished in the next issue of the Bulletin, and
the winner will receive a year's membership
renewal. Ties will be broken in favour of the
solution which is received first.

We asked last month for the highest-scoring
solitaire game, all of whose plays scored a
whole multiple of ten points. The winning
submission included 1520 points for OXY-
PHENBUTAZONE triple-triple-tripled,
and gets first-time winner Joe Petree (Secane,
PA) a year's NASPA membership renewal.



Submissions Wanted

by the Bulletin Committee

Greetings to all! Do you have a great
photograph from a recent tournament, an
interesting SCRABBLE-related story, an un-
believable phoney, a mind-boggling bingo,
a cartoon, a photograph, or a really great
scoring combination that you would like to
share? Email us at the Bulletin at info@scrab-
bleplayers.org, and you may find yourself
front and center of the next issue! We want
to hear from you!

Game Position

by the Bulletin Committee

The position showed below occurred in
Round 29 on October 15th, 2011 at the
World SCRABBLE Championship in an an-
notated Board 1 game between Dave Wie-
gand (Portland, OR) and Nigel Richards
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia). Nigel was lead-
ing the field by a game with six to go and
Dave was in second place. Nigel was ahead
in the game 217-201, and held IKLLORT
on his rack. As usual, he found the correct
play: what is it?



Last month's answer to the position from
the Toronto International SCRABBLE
Open was that Adam Logan played 8m NET
against Quackle, but should have played 8m
NIE.

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