

Seniors World Championship

One hundred and thirty-three players contested the Seniors World Championship on the Gold Coast in August. Esther Perrins is the new Seniors Champion.

Esther (nee Byers) is a past UK Champion, as well as part of the "Rest of the World" team, who were runners-up at Alchemist Cup last year. She is also the highest-finishing female ever, in a World Event, finishing 3rd in WESPAC15. The top ten finishers included three former Senior Champions (Joanne Craig, Howard Warner and Tony Sim). There were 5 countries represented in the top 10

places – South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Australia.

Full list of prize-winners follows. For many years, we have been told that "55 is not classed as Senior". We thought about moving the cutoff to 60+. However, We hope to have found a compromise in the new prize structure. Players in the 55 to 59 age groups were entitled to place prizes only. Whereas those 60 and over were also competing for their Championship prizes. This meant that the player finishing second, could receive

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Seniors Champs Esther Perrins 1st (centre) with Joanne Craig (second place) and Rod Talbot (3rd place)

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more than the winner (ie age champion prize plus second place). We feel this model is fair, considering that the best player in the world will be 55 in a few years.

Total prize money was \$9,380. Overall Champion received \$1000, and Age Champions received \$500.

Next year, the World Seniors event will be held in Malta, in association with MISO, in late April, for those born 1965 or earlier.

Champion - Esther Perrins - Australia.

Second - Joanne Craig - New Zealand

Third - Rod Talbot - Australia

Fourth - Tony Sim - Singapore

Fifth - Howard Warner - New Zealand

Sixth - Howard Rayner - South Africa

Seventh - Kong Chock Heng - Malaysia

Eighth - Jane Taylor - Australia

Ninth - Noel Barrett - Australia

Tenth - Heather Long - Australia

High Game - Esther Perrins - 628

High Word - John Rider 149 - **GODLIEST**

High Word - Noel Coulter - 149 - **OVERSAIL**

Best Performance (Finishing highest above their seeding) - Karen Miller - New Zealand (80 - seeded 114, finished 34)

Performance Prize - Second - George Khamis - Australia (62 - seeded 99, finished 37)

Over 90 Champion - Betty Foreman - Australia

Over 85 Champion - Shirley Hol - New Zealand

Over 85 Second - Rene Chelton - Australia

Over 80 Champion - John Foster - New Zealand

Over 80 Second - Roger Cole-Baker - New Zealand

Over 80 Third - John Rider - Australia

Over 75 Champion - John Barker - Australia

Over 75 Second - Lexie Neale - Australia

Over 75 Third - Olga Visser - Australia

Over 70 Champion - John Holgate - Australia

Over 70 Second - Roberta Tait - Australia

Over 70 Third - Lynn Wood - New Zealand

Over 65 Champion - Heather Long - Australia

Over 65 Second - Bob Jackman - Australia

Over 65 Third - Dianne Brumby - Australia

Over 60 Champion - Joanne Craig - New Zealand

Over 60 Second - Rod Talbot - Australia

Over 60 Third - Tony Sim - Singapore

Karen Richards, Organiser



25 Word Quiz

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| 2 | AEIODDN | 15 | AAEEICMT |
| 3 | AEIIDNT | 16 | AEEIICDP |
| 4 | AEIOCMN | 17 | AAEIIIMP |
| 5 | AEIUSSQ | 18 | AEEIIDFR |
| 6 | AEIILRV | 19 | AAEEIHMR |
| 7 | AEIOCCL | 20 | AAEIIICRV |
| 8 | AEIOFJL | 21 | AEEEICFRS |
| 9 | AEIOLLV | 22 | AEEEIGMNR |
| 10 | AEIIDDK | 23 | AEEIOMRSW |
| 11 | AEEIOLTT | 24 | AEEEICMPT |
| 12 | AEIOUBMR | 25 | AEEIOGNTT |
| 13 | AAEEIDRW | | |

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CASPA is pleased to announce that Jason Tang has won the 'CASPA best improved youth player – 2018-2019'. Tony Hunt was delighted to present Jason with his certificate and announcing the prize as CASPA-sponsored entry fees for the 2019 NSW Championship and the 2020 National Championship. As you can see from the results below, it was well-contested during the qualifying period:

341 = 872 - 531 ; 83 games: Jason Tang

208 = 847 - 639 ; 95 games: Oscar Ivanovski

122 = 1417 - 1295 ; 128 games: Ronnie Bennett

61 = 561 - 500 ; 62 games: Patrick Huynh

4 = 1810 - 1806 ; 74 games: Anand Bharadwaj

Excitement is mounting with the WESPA Championship happening in Goa, India in October. The Indian organising committee has certainly gone to all lengths to provide an efficient and enjoyable stay in Goa. The 13 Australian representatives in the WESPA Championship are:

Cameron Farlow (Qld)

Trevor Halsall (Vic)

Jakob Teitelbaum (ACT)

Russell Honeybun (WA)

Bob Jackman (NSW)

Adam Kretschmer (SA)

Wayne Jones (NSW)

John Holgate (NSW)

Andrew Hamblin (Qld)

Tony Hunt (NSW)

Victor Tung (NSW)

Graeme Lock Lee (NSW)

John Hamilton (ACT)

Other Australian players attending include Karen Richards, Keri Heart, Liz Jackman, Sharon Sorensen, Susan Rayner and myself who will participate in the other tournaments on offer at the same time.

After over 20 years of travelling Australia with the various National Champion winners, it was decided that the trophy needed a freshening update. We are pleased that craftsman wood turner Trevor Barraclough of Victoria (husband of Dorothy) did a professional and wonderful job.

Carol Johnsen
CASPA Coordinator



Katharine Susannah Pritchard being one of Australia's novelists is likely to be forgotten, and that would be a great shame.

She wrote beautifully, her plots and characters are highly believable, and her settings - especially those in Western Australia - lovingly and poetically described, botanically, geologically and meteorologically:

I've been rereading her 1928 novel, Coonardoo, and am especially struck by the amount of time she takes to describe the sky: so it is particularly apt that I should find (outside a Scrabble word list) the use of **SKYEY!** The Collins 2019 list has introduced **SKYIER** (1) and **SKYIEST**. Collins 19 lists 115 words beginning with **SKY-** ... of course. not ALL of them have to do with "That Eye, the Sky"... nevertheless, I'm impressed.

I had to reread the book to try, unsuccessfully, to locate where SKYEY was used: in the process, I found several interesting words ..first, on page 41, regarding a muster, "Hugh was anxious to weed out crocks and old **ENTIRES.**" (2) One of six anagrams ..

Never mind the pages .. more words I found and liked were **WRITHEN** ..."having a twisted

or distorted form", as has one of the characters in the book;

RUCKLED. used more than once to describe the landscape ...wrinkled or creased ...you know the front hook!

STANDSTILL, which (in true Scrabble style, because it's a noun,) takes an -S !!

SONSY to describe Hugh's wife when first she appears ...she does NOT become a **SONSIER SENIOR** ...then again, maybe she does ...

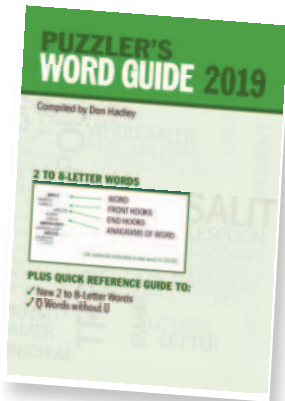
PARKY, to describe the coldness of the day ... it too has a too obvious front hook, as do the extensions **PARKIER** and **PARKIEST.** (Never heard of that before!)

I have discovered that to be **SLEWED** (3) is to be somewhat drunk ...

This is one of my "highly recommended" books ...go find it!

- 1) **KYRIES**
- 2) **ENTRIES NERITES RETINES TRENISE TRIENES**
- 3) **WEDELS**

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ACT Championships, Sat 9 & Sun 10
November, Canberra Southern Cross Club,
Corinna St, Phillip, Woden, John Hamilton,
0400 650 349, jjhamilton5@gmail.com

Check website for details

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New South Wales

Tournament Roundup

Tournaments in NSW were spread far and wide during the quarter. First it was to Ulladulla on 19th & 20th May for their annual championship.

Chris Ostrowski, our trusted equipment officer, was the popular winner of A Division from Dianne Brumby who was paying a visit from the Apple State. The title of Ulladulla Champion went to Monica Dwyer, all the way from Newcastle, who won 11 of the 14 games to win B Division. The winner of Division C was Kerry Friend of Nowra Club.

The following weekend saw the Scrabble action move to Junee for the Tri-State Challenge. 36 players turned up at our latest venue, the June RSL Club.

Barry Harridge from Victoria won 8 out of the 10 games to win the A Division while Hanne Marks from NSW was too good for her opponents in winning B Division. This year the Tri-State trophy went to the NSW team.

A week later the action moved to the Ourimbah RSL on the Central Coast for their 'Jack Frost' tournament. Here the winners were Rod Talbot (A Division), Sandra Elliott, main organiser (B Division) and relative newcomer Julie Banister in C Division.

The Wollongong WORDS Winter tournament took place in mid June with 44 players taking part in 3 Divisions. In A Division, Rod Talbot was the winner on margin, while in B Division, returning player Felicity Devitt won with 7 wins of 8 wins. In C Division, Julie Banister won again, proving that her win two weeks earlier was no fluke.

Only 25 players took part in the two-day Winter Challenge for players under 1300 rating. We welcomed Arnold Appelhof from Queensland who scored the high game of 529, while the twice aforementioned Julie Banister achieved high word score of 130 for her **QUAINTER**. It was an extremely close affair at the finish, with Chery Michler winning her final game against Pam Bennett to snatch first place by half a win. Pam was relegated to 2nd place with Anne Hough, down from Coffs Harbour, third with 10.5 wins out of the 16 games.

Two weeks later at the same Waitara venue, only 24 players made it to the Winter Masters, with one dropping out after Day 1 forcing the dreaded bye on several players.

Chris May was attempting to emulate his 2018 feat of 17 wins of 18, and very nearly did it, losing only game 15 to Bob Jackman, the eventual runner-up four wins behind. Joanne Craig had to forgo a game due to sickness, possibly costing her second place. Chris notched up the high game of 624 while Norma Tracey had the high scoring word with **RESOWING** for 194.

The second Empire Bay Mini tournament for players under 1400 was organised by Robyn Cameron, who stepped up due to Denise Smith's inability to be involved.

Under the tutelage of George Khamis, who directed on the day, Robyn capably pulled it off. There were two Divisions on the day, A Division being won by Linda Hawkes and B Division by Jan Consoli, both Central Coast locals.

The last tournament for the quarter to be reported on was the Cabramatta Youth Fundraiser, organised by Tony and Tisa Hunt. Here Bob Jackman prevailed by winning all 7 games over John Hamilton in A Division while in B Division young up-and-comer Asher Chhabra also won all 7 games to clinch victory. There was no prizemoney, with all proceeds going to our youth contingent at the World Youth Championship in Malaysia later in the year.

Matchplay Progress

In Division A, Chris May and Esther Perrins have won their way through to the final, while

Division B has reached the stage whereby Monica Dwyer will play the winner of Janine Whittaker and Natalie Tadday in the final.

Hunter Happenings from Monica Dwyer

We are in the final few weeks of our Scrabble Network experiment for the region for this year with lots of enthusiasm for those still in it.

We've tweaked the prize structure and introduced a handicap system for the rated players, both of which have gone down well with the players.

A final review will take place in November in order to determine the future shape of the network.

Rating Gains by NSW Members

Ulladulla Championship - Chris Ostrowski +74

Tri-State Challenge - Liz Jackman +40

Jack Frost - Rod Talbot +43

W.O.R.D.S. Winter - Jyoti Chandna +53

Winter Challenge - Alex Lam +108

Winter Masters - Pam Bennett +57

Empire Bay Mini 2 - Linda Hawkes +70

Cabramatta Youth Fundraiser - Asher Chhabra +58

Scrocker - Tony Hunt +43

Upcoming Tournaments

Mon 16th September - Wollongong Evening - Rene Chelton - 4283 2442

Sat 21st September - Beecroft Marathon (by rating) - Ivor Zetler - 0432 440651

*Sat to Mon 5th to 7th October - NSW Championship - Bob Jackman - 0400 226541

Sat 26th October - Spring Marathon - George Khamis - 0405 201522

Sun 27th October - Empire Bay Mini (by rating) - Robyn Cameron - 0434 426486

Sat & Sun 2nd & 3rd November - Nowra - Rodney Wallace - 0412 931780

Sat 24th November - Central Coast 'Yuletide' - Sandra Elliott - 0410 438525

*NSW Championships

Come to Magpies Waitara on the October long weekend for an enjoyable three days of open Scrabble Competition. Generous prizemoney will be on offer, accessible to all players. Apart from the top six place-getters there will be rating band prizes in three bands,

plus rating gainers and various word prizes. Rating gain winners over the year will qualify for the Gold Medal and monetary prize for the best finish at the championship. The Joan Rosenthal award for the highest rating gain through the year will be presented, along with Matchplay winners in two Divisions. We invite all members to attend the AGM which will be held after lunch on Day 2 of the competition. Further information can be obtained from the flyer on the Scrabble NSW tournament calendar accessible through www.scrabblensw.org.au

Vale Bob Smith

Bob Smith passed away on 24th August after a prolonged battle with illness. Husband of Denise, father of Mark and Stephanie, all keen Scrabblers, Bob decided to take up directing in 2014. He was always impeccably presented, fair and firm with an infectious smile, a proper gentleman who was well-liked by all. He travelled as far as Kempsey to direct tournaments, and became an expert director.

Bob will be sadly missed in Scrabble NSW circles, but never forgotten

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Queensland

Queensland has just held its State Championship on the Gold Coast. For the third year in a row Cameron Farlow won the event, losing only two games. We expect nothing less from the National Champ! Among the 50 competitors we welcomed several from interstate, some from New Zealand and Matthew O'Connor from the US, who finished second. A surprise entrant and third place getter was Derek Mckenzie, a regular competitor 10 years ago and previous winner. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all players for helping to make it a very pleasant competition.

Travel was a feature of most other tournaments held over winter - or what passes for winter in Queensland! Toowoomba was the venue in May where we had four new players including two ladies who travelled up from Glen Innes in northern NSW where they play regularly together. They had honed up on the rules, were given a quick lesson before the tournament started and seemed to really

enjoy the day. Hope we will see them again. Then in June, Maroochydoore on the Sunshine Coast was the location for a lovely two day tournament. Thanks Keri for organising that. Just as birds fly north in winter, so did several Scrabblers who enjoyed two weekends of tournaments in the Townsville area in July. These regional tournaments, as well as a chance for many to travel, give locals who cannot get to tournaments in the Brisbane area a chance to compete.

For those wanting to book accommodation and flights early ... the Australian National Championship 2020 will be held at the Southport RSL, Gold Coast, Queensland, 11th-13th April. Entries will open this year.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sun Oct 6, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo, Olga Visser, visser@optushome.com.au (07) 3801 1362

Redcliffe, Sun Oct 27. Redcliffe Bridge Club Rooms, 2A Irene St. Trish Brighton 0402 736 532 brist@optusnet.com.au

Mid-Week, Wed Nov 6, 16 Holzheimer Rd, Bethania, Jeanette Hansen, 0468 387 507

Sun Nov 17, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo, Olga Visser, visser@optushome.com.au (07) 3801 1362

Southport, Sun Dec 1, Southport RSL Club, Cnr Scarborough/Lawson Sts, Sandra Woolard. swoolard@bigpond.net.au, 0418 610 414

Last Chance, Sun Dec 15, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo, Olga Visser, visser@optushome.com.au (07) 3801 1362

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South Australia

Upcoming Tournaments:

SA October, Sun Oct 13, SA Bridge Association, 243 Young St Unley Antony Kimber, AntonyKimber@outlook.com 0487 122 347

Pub Tourney, Sat Oct 26, Barzaa - 166 Unley Rd, Unley, Adam Kretschmer, 0458 822 933 adam.kretschmer@yahoo.com

SA November, Sat Nov 16 SA Bridge Association, 243 Young St Unley Antony Kimber, AntonyKimber@outlook.com 0487 122 347

Pub Tourney, Sat Oct 26, Barzaa - 166 Unley Rd, Unley, Adam Kretschmer, 0458 822 933 adam.kretschmer@yahoo.com

Pub Scrabble Championship, Sun Dec 8, Private Residence. (details provided on qualification), Adam Kretschmer

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Fundraising tournament, Sat Dec 14, Seaford Ecumenical Mission, cnr Grand Blvd and Main St, Seaford Rise. Jane Taylor, jjsroadshow@gmail.com, 0408 981 833

Xmas Leftovers. Fri Dec 27, SA Bridge Association, 243 Young St Unley Antony Kimber, AntonyKimber@outlook.com 0487 122 347

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Tasmania

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat 2 & Sun 3 Nov. Tasmanian Championships. Adult Education Centre - B Block, 8 Hutchins St, Kingston. Martin Rose, Martin@TheRoses.com ~ 0427 664 342

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Victoria

The cold weather and change of venues for our tournaments certainly appears to have impacted on the numbers attending. Hopefully, in the spring, the numbers will bounce back.

The Victorian Championship was held at the popular Windy Hill Social Club (Essendon Football Club) and congratulations to Trevor Halsall who once again takes home the beautiful perpetual trophy of the Scrabble board made by Trevor Barraclough (husband of Dorothy). This is Trevor's third consecutive win, and his fourth overall, an amazing achievement!

Our AGM was held on 18 August at a new venue, the Bentleigh Bowling Club. This was also a special event because we partnered with Ryman Healthcare who sponsored the event by paying for the venue hire (\$400) and provided \$500 in prizes which made for very

healthy prizes being offered in the 3 divisions. This was a pilot tournament whose success or otherwise will be reviewed by the committee. Ryman Healthcare are looking at a long-term partnership with our organisation.

The AGM elected Nick Ivanovski as President, Christie Godby (Vice President), Peter Kougi (Treasurer), Glen Chandler (Membership), Carol Johnsen (Secretary – Public Officer), and Committee Members – Anand Bharadwaj, Trevor Halsall, Rob York and Liz McKean.

We are sad to lose the longstanding services on the committee of Norma Fisher and Gwen Lampre, though Norma has put up her hand to continue to do sales on behalf of the committee.

Many Senior Victorians travelled to Southport, Queensland for the very enjoyable WESPA Seniors tournament. Congratulations to Heather Long, winner of 65+ sections and 10th overall, and Noel Coulter and John Rider for sharing Highest Word for 149.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sept 29 – Essendon – Essendon Senior Citizens Centre, 5 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds – Rob York : tryerbrook@gmail.com : 0417 512 535

Oct 10 – Seniors Week – Free – Open to all over 60 – includes morning tea and lunch – Golden Age (Mount Waverley) Senior Citizens Centre, 47 Miller Cres, Mount Waverley – Carol Johnsen : caroljscrabble@gmail.com : 0476 639 195

Oct 12 – Sat Session 4C – St Gabriel's Primary School, 237 Spring St, Reservoir – Nick Ivanovski : nicksfbemail@gmail.com : 0412 175 251

Nov 2 – Sat Sessions 4D – St Gabriel's Primary School, 237 Spring St, Reservoir – Nick Ivanovski : nicksfbemail@gmail.com : 0412 175 251

Nov 17 – FaNS – Watsonia Community Hall, 35 Lambourn Rd, Watsonia – Rob York : tryerbrook@gmail.com : 0417 512 535

Nov 23 & 24 – Vic/SA Border Challenge – Open format, for Vic and SA players only – 10 games x 25mins – White Hart Hotel, 55 Firebrace St, Horsham (03) 5382 1231 – Carol Johnsen : caroljscrabble@gmail.com : 0476 639 195

Dec 29 – Decathlon – Balwyn Community Centre, 230 Balwyn Rd – Marj Miller : mjwm9@bigpond.com : 0416 177 951
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Jan 19 – Aestival – Jewish Care Fundraiser – Carol Johnsen : caroljscrabble@gmail.com : 0476 639 195

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Western Australia

Congratulations to Russell Honeybun on defending his WA Championship title for the 12th time and for the 7th consecutive year. Chris Hall finished as runner up whilst Ian Ting came 3rd.

I would also like to acknowledge John Salmon's achievement by winning WA's first tournament (Perth #3) to use the new Collins 2019 word list.

Finally, ASPA(WA) held its Annual General Meeting in July in conjunction with a tournament. The Office Holders on our Committee are now myself who was reelected as Chairperson, Russell Honeybun who was appointed as our Deputy Chairperson (replacing David Vanzyl who left WA to live in Peru) and Alan Mathews who was reelected as our Treasurer.

Graham Bell
Chairperson ASPA(WA)

Upcoming Tournaments

Open – 15 September –
Carol Hudson – 9370 5692

Perth #5 – 26 September –
Anne Zion – 0403 344 208

Perth #6 – 7 November –
Anne Zion – 0403 344 208

Bisection – 17 November – Carol
Hudson – 9370 5692

Open – 8 December –
Carol Hudson – 9370 5692

Note that the Rockingham tournament previously scheduled for October 2019 has been cancelled.

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Potatohead & the 3 Letter Conundrum

by Keith Bancroft (Coffs Harbour)

Mystery anagram - hidden within the following text an anagram of – SARKIEST = to be sarcastic.

“Of all the gin joints in the world the 3 Letter Word List had to walk into mine.”

Humphrey BOGART – Casablanca.

For a LONGTIME I lay under my desk in the emergency brace position, as I tried to come to grips with this tyranny. Of all the lists, this one had me stumped.

Voice in my head: What to do? What to do?

Then one of my mentors, Lleyton Hewitt offered words of encouragement: “Aw, c’mon.”

I took further solace from the words Nick (Kyrgios) often espouses to umpires to help them through their mental lapses of incorrectness: “You’re an EFFING tool bro! You’re a real potato.”

Nick, a LIFETIME member of The Society for the Prevention of Unwholesome Decisions (Spud), knew that Irishman Umpire Fergus Murphy’s NICKNAME was ‘SPUD’ Murphy & that the name MURPHY means potato, & a tool is needed to have a dig at a SPUD.

“Many complain of their memory, few of their judgement”. - Benjamin Franklin

Voice in my head: Is it RACQUET or RACKET? CRIPES, Scrabble ruins YER spelling.

The point is; to know your opponent in Scrabble, we each carry around a unique dictionary in our head & we have a bias or tendency towards certain words & FAVOURITES (or is it FAVORITES?).

As Napoleon Boneparte once said:- “Go to war with someone often enough, and you teach them the art of warfare”.

There doesn’t seem to be any RHYME (or is it RIME?) or reason to the 3 letter word list. I thought & looked at the list & realised I knew more than two thirds of this list already, all I have to do is figure out how to remember the rest? To do this there are various techniques & tools (THANX, Nick) available to the astute player. ‘Sir, do you have a rewards card?’

Acronyms & acrostics are very useful to a Scrabble player where rote/ reinforcement

methods have failed or deemed too tedious. I’ll give you an example of each that you may already know. These involve the colours of the rainbow in order, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet:-

Acronym – the first letter of each word to make a name – Roy G. Biv

Acrostic – a verse or line using the first or last letters – Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain. Nick (Kyrgios) butts in again; “Show me the rule.”

I’ve made up my own for various words, you are more likely to remember the words if you make-up your own. The following acronym came about when I was having problems with 3 letter ‘ai’ words. To do this I dismissed the ‘ai’ words I already knew (too much clutter) & just concentrated on the unusual suspects (yeah, sounds like a movie). I then re-arranged the remaining letters to form a proper name – JAK STRAW. In history, Jak Straw was one of three leaders of the Pheasant’s Revolt of 1381 AD in England & in the modern era a politician in the US.

Jai Aia Kai Sai Tai Rai Ait Wai

‘Do you want FRIES with that?’ Yeah, I know - they’re called potato straws here.

“Somewhere over the rainbow, somewhere up in COFFS, way above the chimney tops, that’s where you’ll find me...”

Keith Bancroft – Coffs Scrabble Club

20 Word Quiz **BONUS**

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| 1 | EIOCTSY | 11 | EEEHLNTV |
| 2 | AAEIHNR | 12 | AAEUGHNR |
| 3 | EIOBDMR | 13 | AOBLNRST |
| 4 | AILMNPT | 14 | EOUDNRTW |
| 5 | AEOFNPR | 15 | OEEUFNRT |
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ACT (area code 02)

Woden Weds 7pm Tim Reddan (02) 6286 6980

Woden Thurs 9am ~ Barbara Magi ~ (02) 6282 0436

Gungahlin Sunday (Under 18s only) 12:30pm ~
John Hamilton ~ 0400 650 349

New South Wales (area code 02)

Banora Point ~ Fri 1-3pm ~ Anne Bennett ~ 5513 0319

Baulkham Hills~Tue 7pm~Chris Ostrowski~0410 448 286

Blacktown ~ Thur 9.30am-3pm ~ Jan Pincott ~ 9627 7272

Bomaderry ~ Wed 10:30am-4:30pm ~
Margaret Neal 0428 429 077

Bondi ~ Wed 7.30 pm ~ Owen Fisher ~ 0412 931 440

Bowral 2nd & 4th Fridays, Sylvia Carless 0419 165 293

Brisbane Waters~Wed 6.30-9.30pm ~ Trish Windhurst ~
4341 9929

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm, Barbara Hancock
0479 183 183

Cessnock ~ Thurs 9.30-1.00 pm. 4990 9599,

Empire Bay ~ Tue 9.15-12.30 ~ Shirley Crocker 4369 2634

Inner West Day (Marrickville) ~ Tues 9.30-13.30, Sue
Tuckett, 0401 644 096

Kempsey ~ Alt Thurs 10-4pm ~ Jacky Booth ~ 6567 4511

Kiama ~ Tues 4pm ~ 8pm ~ Marie Dalton ~ 4233 2778

Lake Macquarie ~ EVERY Thurs ~ 10-1.00pm ~
Morisset Library, 39 Yambo St Morisset 4973 1318

Lane Cove 2nd-4th Thur. 6.00 ~ Anne Hrovat 0414 560 536

Lismore ~ Wed 11-3 pm ~ Ademyi Johnson ~ 6622 0649

Maitland ~ Tue 10-2pm ~ Pam Rowlands ~ 0421 111 253

Mittagong 2nd-4th Tues, Maureen Menon 0414 137 752

Newtown ~ Various venues, ~ 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
7pm to 10pm ~ Edward Okulicz ~ 0409 818 179

Nambucca Valley ~ Tue 1-4pm ~ Pat Richardson
0419 638 477

Newcastle ~ Sat 11.30am-3.30pm ~ Julie Russell
4956 3008.

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Rodney Wallace 0412 931 780

Oatlands ~ Wednesday 9.30am-4pm ~
Lauraine Overton 9626 9359

Orange ~ Alt Sun from 2pm ~ Audrey Ferris ~ 6362 0068

Ourimbah ~ Thurs 10am ~2pm ~ Sandra Elliott 4362 3907

Ramsgate ~ Thurs 1-4.30pm ~ Irene Chisholm ~ 9529 5185

Revesby ~ Tue from 7pm ~ Peter Griffiths 0432 638 994

Sanctuary Point ~ Thurs 12.30 - 4.30 ~ Margaret Hille
4441 5531

South West Rocks ~ Alternate Thurs 10am ~ 4pm ~
Shirley Winkler ~ 6566 7220

St George ~ Tues 10-3pm ~ Jo Anne Deady ~ 9718 4069

Sutherland ~ Thur 10.30-4.00 ~ Ann Fiddler-9589 0128

Sydney ~ Monthly Sunday Comp 11.30am ~ Robin
Duncan ~ 9621 2750

Sydney's West ~ All Fri ~ Frances de Lange ~ 9671 7336

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Dennis Dew ~ 4683 0681

Tamworth ~ Thur 10am ~ Max Morris ~ 0411 655 693

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am~2pm ~ Mike Oxby ~ 4332 6485

Tumut ~ Fri 10am ~ 3pm ~ Bev Sutton ~ 6947 6505

Turramurra ~ Tues 6pm ~ Nanette Reynolds ~ 9487 3912

Ulladulla ~ Mon 1pm ~ 5pm ~ Gary Pollard ~ 4456 5139

Umina Beach ~ Wed 9-12pm ~ Doreen Picker
0407 297 713

Wagga Wagga ~ Wed 7pm ~ Norm Byng 0418 293 453

Waverley ~ Tue 1 pm ~ Devorah Ullman ~ 0434 190 396

Wollongong ~ Mon evening and Friday daytime ~ Rene
Chelton ~ 4283 2442

Woy Woy ~ Thur noon-4pm ~ Denise Smith ~ 4365 5645

Queensland (area code 07)

Albert & Logan, Mon 12-4.30p.m., Marilyn Smith 040
3205 040

Banora Point, Fri 1-3 pm, Anne Bennett 5513 0319

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian 4159 1935

Brisbane City, Fridays 11am-3pm ~ 3rd Friday 12noon-
3pm ~ Bronya Todd 0414 185 746

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm, Barbara Hancock
0479 183 183

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Cairns ~ Caroline Polak Scowcroft ~ 0400 427 627

Coominya, Tues 6.30pm, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556
Coorparoo, Tues 9am-1pm, Benita O'Neill ~ 3398 4494
Lismore, Weds 1pm, Ademyi Johnson, (02) 6622 0649
Logan City, Tues noon – 4.30pm,
Karrin Henderson 3133 3204
Palm Beach, Fri, Rita Humphrey Mobile: 0400 843 548
Pottsville Beach, Anna Butterfield 0449 213 503.
Redcliffe, Weds 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532
Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532
Southport, Weds 1pm ~ Diana McManus 0419 022 520
Sunshine Coast ~ Nambour RSL ~ Fridays 2-4pm ~
Anna Palmer ~ 07 5457 3116 or M: 0401 799 650.
Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079
Townsville, 2nd Weds of month ~ 5.30-8.30 p.m., Julie
Walder. 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185.
Underwood, Tues 1-6pm, Marilyn Smith 040 3205 040

South Australia (area code 08)

Adelaide Pub Scrabble Mondays and Wednesdays
6-10pm Adam Kretschmer 0458 822 933
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Kretschmer 0458 822 933
Blackwood Wed 12 noon ~Margaret Gibson 8381 4570
Brighton Thu 12.30 pm Joan King ~ 8443 9410
Campbelltown - Sat 11am - Alison Hall - 8366 9358
Henley and Grange ~ Fri ~ 12.30pm ~ Lyndee Hill ~
0423 207 650
Highgate & Fullarton Thu 7.15pm ~ Betty Keese 8379
7409
Maslins Beach Wed 1pm ~ Rosemarie Mitchell
0448 948 224
Noarlunga ~ Wed 7.30pm Joyce Browett ~ 83813037
Nuriootpa Tuesday ~ 1.30pm Judith Bailey 8562 1107
Prospect - Tue 1:30pm - Louisa Atsas - 8285 3092
Seaside (Yankalilla) ~ Mon ~ 1pm ~ Lorraine Downes ~
8558 2549
Seaford ~ Fri 12.30 to 3pm ~ Jane Taylor 8120 8736
0408 981 833
Victor Harbor Wed 1pm ~ Betty Mitchell ~ 8554 2191

Tasmania (area code 03)

Beaumaris ~ Sun 2pm ~ Marion Merickel ~ 6372 5337
Bellerive ~ Thu 7pm ~ Margaret Bishop ~ 6244 5545
Glenorchy ~ Tue 1pm ~ Jill Norton ~ 6228 1861
Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meering ~ 6229 5840
Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat – Tues 10m – Marjorie Clark – 0456 098 982
Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366
Bentleigh - Mondays 1pm-4pm (during School terms) -
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195
Box Hill ~ 1st& 3rd Tue 1pm ~ Marj Bloom ~ 9808 1386
Cranbourne ~ Wed 7pm ~ Elaine Capewell ~ 5995 1601
Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fitzroy - 2nd Tues - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251
Frankston ~ Wed 1pm ~ Brenda Thurgar ~ 5971 5686
Frankston North ~ Sat 1-5pm – Ray Alford ~ 5977 0819
Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363
Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Wed 9.30am-3pm ~
Christiane McCann ~ 0432 290 880
Gormandale – closed
Greensborough Tue 12.30pm ~ Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529
Langwarrin ~ Tue 7pm ~ Dorothy Rice ~ 9775 6150
Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 5981 4552
Nunawading – Tues 7pm ~ June Valentine ~ 0407 002 389
Paynesville ~ Tues & Thurs 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~
5156 7443
Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~ Rob Hutchinson
~ 0407 533 525
Sunbury ~ Wed 5-8pm ~ Norma Fisher ~ 0450 356 407
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ Jeanette Swann ~ 0429 702 122
Wodonga ~ Thur 1st & 3rd 5-8pm ~ Ruth Grogan ~
0448 989 833

Western Australia (area code 08)

Albany ~ Mon 10am ~ Jane Taylor ~ 9844 8668
Bassendean ~ Wed 9am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 9377 4345
Bunbury ~ Fri 9am ~ Marie Cross ~ 9721 5704
Darlington ~ Tue 9am ~ Carmelita Maxwell ~ 9299 6713
Esperance ~ Sat 1pm ~ Ann Wallace ~ 0412 942 205
Floreat – Tues 12.30pm – Wendy Naunton – 9446 3108
Hamersley ~ Tues 1pm ~ Joan Dye ~ 9345 4275
Hamersley ~ Sat 1pm ~ Mike Clarke ~ 0438 606 617
Mandurah ~ Wed 8.30am ~ Marg Fisher ~ 9581 6852
Manjimup ~ Wed 1 pm ~ Pat Parkinson ~ 9771 2882
Melville ~ Mon 10am ~ Alan Mathews ~ 0400 330 615
Nedlands ~ Tues 10 am ~ Chris Hassell ~ 9384 6325
Perth ~ Thurs 9 am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 9377 4345
Spearwood ~ Tues 10 am ~ Jenny Coetzee ~ 9434 9349

Records 2018 so far ...

All of these records were achieved during officially rated ASPA tournaments. Early days yet. Please inform your state's records officer of any records.

Category	Record	Details
<i>Highest game score</i>	744	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019
	672	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 16.03.2019
	668	Russell Honeybun (WA) 28.01.2019
	666	David Eldar (Vic) 17.02.2019
	662	Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019
	657	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019
	650	Bob Jackman (NSW) 04.05.2019
	646	Russell Honeybun (WA) 20.01.2019
	631	Esther Perrins (NSW) 22.04.2019
	627	Natasha Podesser (Vic) 07.07.2019
	<i>Largest game margin</i>	455
<i>Highest drawn game</i>	436	Naween Fernando (Vic) vs Jakob Teitelbaum (ACT) 22.04.2019
<i>Highest combined score</i>	1087	Esther Perrins (NSW) 598 vs Mythili Rudra (Vic) 489; 28.01.2019
<i>Highest losing score</i>	514	Jakob Teitelbaum (ACT) vs Ryan Sutton (NSW) 534; 28.01.2019
<i>Highest word</i>	212	PROOFING , Benjamin Lee (WA) 17.03.2019
		PERCHERS , Faye Williams (WA) 19.05.2019
<i>Highest opening play</i>	112	AZYMOUS , Michael Vnuk (SA) 27.07.2019
<i>Highest play, non-bonus</i>	135	PR(ED)YING , Chris May (NSW) 20.07.2019
<i>Highest play, non-triple-triple</i>	164	VOMITOS , Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019
<i>Longest word</i>	11	(CONVIC)TIONS , Daniel Piechnick (SA) 10.03.2019
<i>Most consecutive bonus words by individual in a game</i>		
	3	Noel Barrett (ACT): ISATINS, DOILTER, NOR(T)ENOS ; 23.02.2019
		Adam Kretschmer (SA): TRITONE, GOATEES, GRADATE ; 23.02.2019
		Joanne Craig (NSW): TAILORE(D), WEED(L)INE, MARG(a)TeS ; 06.04.2019
		Michael Vnuk (SA): TRAC(T)ION, TOMbOLA, StRIDES ; 05.05.2019
		Joanne Craig (NSW): IRACUND, ADONIZE, MOUSERS ; 20.07.2019

Chris May (NSW): **UnVITAL, CORDLIKE, YORLINGS**;
20.07.2019

Michael Vnuk (SA): **SNUGGLE, IDEATIN(G), MILLIN(E)R**;
27.07.2019

<i>Most bonus words in a game</i>	6	Noel Barrett (ACT): ISATINS, DOILTER, NOR(T)ENOS, ALIENER(S), CARBINE, OVERseL(L) ; 23.02.2019
		Joanne Craig (NSW): COLURES, EBRIEtY, FESTIVE, TAENIOI(D), (O)UTVOICE, ELOPERS ; 20.07.2019
<i>Highest average score</i>	530	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019 (7 games)
	518	Russell Honeybun (WA) 20.01.2019 (5 games)
	508	Daniel Piechnick (SA) 22.06.2019 (5 games)
	499	David Vanzyl (WA) 07.02.2019 (5 games)
	496	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 16.03.2019 (5 games)
<i>Highest average margin</i>	182	Jimmy Scarff (Vic) 09.06.2019 (7 games)
	180	John Hamilton (ACT) 14.07.2019 (6 games)
	168	Anand Bharadwaj (Vic) 21.07.2019 (7 games)
	155	Cameron Farlow (Qld) 10.02.2019 (8 games)
	150	Eunice Tan (WA) 20.01.2019 (5 games)
<i>Longest winning streak</i>	15	Chris May (NSW), Last game at 2019 Australian Championship (22.04.2019), first 14 games at NSW Winter Masters (21.07.2019)

25 Word Quiz solutions

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1 EUGARIE	10 DIDAKEI	19 HAEREMAI
2 ADENOID	11 ETIOLATE	20 CAVIARIE
3 INEDITA	12 AEROBIUM	21 CEASEFIRE
4 ENCOMIA	13 AWEARIED	22 MENAGERIE
5 SAIQUES	14 OEDIPEAN	23 WEARISOME
6 VIRELAI	15 EMACIATE	24 PEACETIME
7 COELIAC	16 EPICEDIA	25 NEGOTIATE
8 JEFAIL	17 LIPAEMIA	
9 ALVEOLI	18 AERIFIED	

20 (Bonus) Word Quiz solutions

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1 SOCIETY	8 EQUINOX	15 FOURTEEN
2 HERNIAE	9 NUTCASE	16 GASOLENE
3 BROMIDE	10 TOPIARY	17 OVENBIRD
4 IMPLANT	11 ELEVENTH	18 BLUEBELL
5 PROFANE	12 HARANGUE	19 ULTRAHOT
6 FRIGATE	13 LASTBORN	20 SAWDUSTS
7 ZESTIER	14 UNDERTOW	

Results Roundup

ACT

12.05.2019 Autumn

A: 1 John Spaan; **2** Noel Barrett; **3** Dianne Brumby; **HG** Noel Barrett 517; **HW** Rhona Kenyon **ZONES** 111

B: 1 Michael Adler; **2** Tony Beer; **3** Owen Randall; **HG** Owen Randall 505; **HW** Tony Beer **OXGATES** 91

30.06.2019 Winter Open

OPEN: 1 Ryan Sutton; **2** John Spaan; **3** John Hamilton; **HG** Noel Barrett 547; **HW** Noel Barrett **AZURINE** 152

14.07.2019 Matchplay

#1: 1 John Hamilton; **2** Ronnie Bennett; **3** Vincent Nguyen; **HG** John Hamilton 507

17.07.2019 Midweek #2

All: 1 Karen Richards; **2** John Spaan; **3** Tim Reddan; **HG** Karen Richards 520; **HW** Karen Richards **DOGEARS** 93

28.07.2019 ACT AGM

A: 1 John Spaan; **2** Ronnie Bennett; **3** Tim Reddan; **HG** John Spaan 569; **HW** Ronnie Bennett **VAPORISE** 167

B: 1 Vincent Nguyen; **2** Michael Adler; **3** Tony Beer; **HG** Vincent Nguyen 458; **HW** Tony Beer **HINGING** 84

NSW

26.05.2019 Tri-State

A: 1 Barry Harridge; **2** Bob Jackman; **3** Noel Barrett; **HG** Bob Jackman 571; **HW** Bob Jackman **TYPHOID** 112

B: 1 Hanne Marks; **2** Sunny Wright; **3** Rhona Kenyon; **HG** Terry Horan 535; **HW** Arlene Williams **READIED** 95

01.06.2019 Jack Frost

A SECTION: 1 Rod Talbot; **2** Bob Jackman; **3** Ryan Sutton; **HG** Ryan Sutton 597; **HW** Jyoti Chandna **FORCEPS** 97

B SECTION: 1 Sandra Elliott; **2** Robyn Cameron; **3** Maureen Hilder; **HG** Sandra Elliott 528; **HW** John Linney **INEQUITY** 114

C SECTION: 1 Julie Banister; **2** Krystyna Batten; **3** Kathryn Tiffen; **HG** Stephanie Muldoon 484; **HW** Asher Chhabra **BLOOMING** 92

15.06.2019 WORDS WINTER

A: 1 Rod Talbot; **2** Tony Hunt; **3** Jyoti Chandna; **HG** Joanne Craig 529; **HW** Jyoti Chandna **AEROBES** 107

B: 1 Felicity Devitt; **2** Hanne Marks; **3** Marion Miller; **HG** Marion Miller 522; **HW** Marion Miller **REALISE** 102

C: 1 Julie Banister; **2** Josie Mally; **3** David Eddington; **HG** Devorah Ullman 529; **HW** Devorah Ullman **TOWARDS** 92

07.07.2019 WINTER CHALLENGE

OPEN: 1 Cheryl Michler; **2** Pam Bennett; **3** Anne Hough; **HG** Arnold Appelhof 529; **HW** Julie Banister **QUAINTER** 130

21.07.2019 NSW WINTER MASTERS

OPEN: 1 Chris May; **2** Bob Jackman; **3** Joanne Craig; **HG** Chris May 624; **HW** Norma Tracey **RESOWING** 194

28.07.2019 Empire Bay Mini (2)

B SECTION: 1 Jan Consoli; **2** Devorah Ullman; **3** Shirley Crocker; **HG** Veena Mohe 471; **HW** Wendy Evans **BARBIES** 89

A SECTION: 1 Linda Hawkes; **2** Maureen Hilder; **3** Hanne Marks; **HG** Maureen Hilder 544; **HW** Maureen Hilder **STOWAGE** 96

04.08.2019 Cabramatta Youth Fundy

A: 1 Bob Jackman; **2** John Hamilton; **3** Marion Miller; **HG** Bob Jackman 536; **HW** Krystyna Batten **FLOATED** 92

B: 1 Asher Chhabra; **2** Devorah Ullman; **3** Jason Tang; **HG** Asher Chhabra 525; **HW** Andy Do **REMEMBER** 97

QLD

06.05.2019 Help Me May

ALL: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Paul Richards; **3** Glenys Logan; **HG** Cameron Farlow 543; **HW** Paul Richards **WORSTED** 106

18.05.2019 Toowoomba May

A: 1 Sheryl Davidson; **2** Arnold Appelhof; **3** Martin Waterworth; **HG** Sheryl Davidson 565; **HW** Sheryl Davidson **ARENITES** 131

B: 1 Carol Johnston; **2** Sandra Woolard; **3** Margaret Inglis; **HG** Diana McManus 446; **HW** Sandra Woolard **BRIDGES** 84

02.06.2019 Sunshine Coast

ALL: 1 Anne McGinnes; **2** Trish Brighton; **3** Jane Brown; **HG** Olga Visser 588; **HW** Sherie Brown
SLEEKIER 149

06.07.2019 Magnetic Island Sat

ALL: 1 Caroline Scowcroft; **2** Barry Harridge; **3** Liz Blanch; **HG** Barry Harridge 577; **HW** Barry Harridge
ZINCITE 106

07.07.2019 Magnetic Island Sun

ALL: 1 Liz Blanch; **2** Caroline Scowcroft; **3** Barry Harridge; **HG** Liz Blanch 503; **HW** Liz Blanch
SOOGIES 89

13.07.2019 Townsville Sat

ALL: 1 Julie Brice; **2** Julie Pampling; **3** Martin Waterworth; **HG** Julie Brice 535; **HW** Tim Walton
FRESHER 112

14.07.2019 Townsville Sun

ALL: 1 Liz Blanch; **2** Caroline Scowcroft; **3** Martin Waterworth; **HG** Sandra Masel 519; **HW** Tim Walton
ESQUIRE 103

21.07.2019 QAH July

ALL: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Andrew Hamblin; **3** Patti Ashwin; **HG** Cameron Farlow 553; **HW** Paul Richards
DELAINES 131

SA

05.05.2019 SA May

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Michael Cameron; **HG** Jane Taylor 504; **HW** Michael Cameron
ETAERIOS 122

B: 1 Susan Roberts; **2** Helen Jones; **3** Paula Brown; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 522; **HW** Suzanne Healey
DROOLED 97

18.05.2019 May Pub Tourney

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Daniel Piechnick; **HG** Michael Cameron 517; **HW** Barry Jordan
BRONZED 144

B: 1 Jane Taylor; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Carol Colwill; **HG** Jane Taylor 527; **HW** Michael Vnuk
MEDICOS 102

C: 1 Francoise Finlayson; **2** Jacqui Pearce; **3** Pat Hudson; **HG** Francoise Finlayson 518; **HW** Francoise Finlayson
FRUMPING 107

D: 1 Suzanne Healey; **2** Judy Mansfield; **3** Maureen O'Donnell; **HG** Neal Whibley 498; **HW** Judy Mansfield
SCANDAL 93

E: 1 Victoria Gates; **2** Emanuel Atsas; **3** Mel Leckie; **HG** Victoria Gates 524; **HW** Jo Jarvis
GREYING 100

26.05.2019 SA June

A: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** Michael Cameron 613; **HW** Geoff Wright
DOZIEST 114

B: 1 Judy Mansfield; **2** Emanuel Atsas; **3** Elana Jaremyn; **HG** Judy Mansfield 457; **HW** Rowena Vnuk
FIRMING 98

22.06.2019 June Pub Tourney

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 590; **HW** Daniel Piechnick
FEDORAS 95

B: 1 Larrie Strautmanis; **2** Jacqui Pearce; **3** Carol Colwill; **HG** Larrie Strautmanis 490; **HW** Carol Colwill
ATONERS 83

C: 1 Fiona Braendler; **2** Louisa Atsas; **3** Judy Mansfield; **HG** Fiona Braendler 537; **HW** Fiona Braendler
DOWRIES 94

14.07.2019 SA July

A: 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Michael Cameron; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Michael Cameron 523; **HW** Tracey Kneebone
JOWLIER 118

B: 1 Francoise Finlayson; **2** Susan Roberts; **3** Lyndee Hill; **HG** Lyndee Hill 456; **HW** Julie Robins
POUNDERS 141

C: 1 Rachel Telfer; **2** Louisa Atsas; **3** Neal Whibley; **HG** Rachel Telfer 530; **HW** Rachel Telfer
BERATES 95

27.07.2019 July Pub Tourney

OPEN: 1 Michael Cameron; **2** Trevor Tao; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 577; **HW** Baheej Al Kassem
FLACKERS 113

TAS

25.05.2019 Ross Winter

OPEN: 1 Ros Wilkinson; **2** John Hayes; **3** Paul Richards; **HG** Ros Wilkinson 540; **HW** John Hayes
REENTERS 113

09.06.2019 Kingston

OPEN: 1 Martin Rose; **2** Margaret Bishop; **3** Margaret Griggs; **HG** Martin Rose 513; **HW** Christina Linwood
FRETTEED 108

16.07.2019 Kingston Robin

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Purse; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Ken Meerding; **HG** Stephen Mooney Pursell
566

VIC

19.05.2019 Scrabble Generations

A: 1 Anand Bharadwaj; **2** Gwen Lampre; **3** Mythili Rudra; **HG** Chris Scholten 615

09.06.2019 Queens Birthday

A: 1 Jimmy Scarff; **2** Marj Miller; **3** Heather Long; **HG** Jimmy Scarff 662; **HW** Jimmy Scarff
VOMITOS 164

B: 1 Glenys Dettmann; **2** Dianne Gibson; **3** Ellen Frajman; **HG** Dianne Gibson 537; **HW** Dianne Gibson
JUTTIER 98

09.06.2019 VIC CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1 Trevor Halsall; **2** Naween Fernando; **3** Joanne Craig; **HG** Ayorinde Saidu 605; **HW** Edward Okulicz
JOYRIDES 158

30.06.2019 McKinnon House Fundraiser

A: 1 Anand Bharadwaj; **2** Jeremy Yip; **3** Shirley de Silva; **HG** Jeremy Yip 558; **HW** Anand Bharadwaj
DAGGIER 109

B: 1 John Parker; **2** Kannan Sethuraman; **3** Jenny Brysha; **HG** Kannan Sethuraman 478; **HW** Kannan Sethuraman
JESTERS 86

C: 1 Lay-Hoon Ng; **2** Balada Catanchin; **3** Elize Plaganyi; **HG** Elize Plaganyi 468; **HW** Elizabeth McKean
LOZENGE 82

07.07.2019 Midwinter

ASSISSI: 1 Trevor Halsall; **2** Geoff Wright; **3** Natasha Podesser; **HG** Natasha Podesser 627; **HW** Trevor Halsall
SPOOFIER 158

BOLOGNA: 1 Paula Messer; **2** Christiane McCann; **3** Khwanjai Thammaping; **HG** Khwanjai Thammaping 498; **HW** Glenys Dettmann
QUESTED 113

COMO: 1 Annette Casey; **2** Eileen Mills; **3** Elize Plaganyi; **HG** Angie Winkler 442; **HW** Annette Casey
OUTVOTED 95

21.07.2019 Two Ways

HARDCORE: 1 Anand Bharadwaj; **2** Andrew Fisher; **3** Trevor Halsall; **HG** Anand Bharadwaj 744

REGULAR A: 1 Norma Fisher; **2** Barry Harridge; **3** Kashi Thiris; **HG** Kashi Thiris 535; **HW** Angie Pearse
FRENZIES 113

REGULAR B: 1 Dianne Gibson; **2** Betty Egan; **3** Christiane McCann; **HG** Doreen Ivanovski 477; **HW** Doreen Ivanovski
SKILLET 98

WA

19.05.2019 Melville

A: 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Graham Bell; **3** Chris Hall; **HG** Russell Honeybun 595; **HW** Faye Williams
PERCHERS 212

B: 1 Henny Yates; **2** Cori Lodder; **3** Delys Carbon; **HG** Cori Lodder 545; **HW** Cori Lodder
ADONIZE 131

C: 1 June Lewis; **2** Maxine Baker; **3** Vera Etherton; **HG** Rosie Anghie 428; **HW** Maxine Baker
ZEES 91

03.06.2019 WA Championship

A: 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Chris Hall; **3** Ian Ting; **HG** Edie Mueller 563; **HW** Cori Lodder
PACKETS 112

23.06.2019 Bassendean

A: 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Tim Mason; **3** Graham Bell; **HG** Tim Mason 620; **HW** Edie Mueller
BEZANTS 97

B: 1 Alan Mathews; **2** Cori Lodder; **3** Bettina Tonkin; **HG** Delys Carbon 462; **HW** Alan Mathews
LEATHER 101

C: 1 Jenni Henderson; **2** Janet Kirk; **3** Chris Sanders; **HG** Jenni Henderson 507; **HW** Chris Sanders
QUAVERS 137

04.07.2019 PERTH #3

All: 1 John Salmon; **2** Anne Stewart; **3** Rhonda Reynish; **HG** Henny Yates 483; **HW** Anne Stewart
OBESITY 95

21.07.2019 WA AGM

A: 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Edie Mueller; **3** Ian Ting; **HG** Ian Ting 496; **HW** Russell Honeybun
ARIDNESS 149

B: 1 Cori Lodder; **2** Anne Stewart; **3** Delys Carbon; **HG** Cori Lodder 558; **HW** Anne Stewart
ZINCIEST 98

C: 1 Donna Sekkouah; **2** Carol Hudson; **3** Henny Yates; **HG** Henny Yates 475; **HW** Henny Yates
DETHRONE 98

D: 1 JP Marzan; **2** Janet Kirk; **3** Vera Etherton; **HG** Janet Kirk 484; **HW** Naomi Zion
BRAISED 90

Trevor Halsall has been adding the new CSW19 words to his arsenal.

If you want to beat him at the next tournament, you'd better do the same thing. He will be at his bestest!

Cowabunga! It's been just over a month, but there's still much rejoicing that we can finally: throw on the boardies and perform a bellyflop while showing off our dadbod (easy on the roids, and remember that others can't unsee this).

Or become a goalscorer while the others are pulling hammies; or be a flyfisher and seek out the deadwater to snag a pufferfish; even instagram our efforts on a hoverboard (don't facepalm!).

Or label ourselves aspie, be bicurious, get handsy, and maybe try some chemsex (no need to be an incel (hey - don't be judgy)); or join antifa but still be antivax (facepalm!); collect some kompromat for gaslighting purposes but don't make a watergate out of it; and mansplain to the millennials about nonstate actors.

Or indulge in some homestyle cooking - maybe arancini, bao, some chocky, bibimbap, lamb backstrap, some more chockie, freekeh, labneh, macarons, manchego, a mushie, nduja, a parma, poppyseed cake, rendang, roquefort, a sammie, skordalia, some sriracha - until we're chockers (but dodging any foodborne illness).

Or down some champas or matcha or mourvedre or a ristretto; or go on a gameshow to reveal our knowledge of fatbergs and novichok, and become an actual drawcard; or ensure the car is childproofed, and check that the dashcam is in our eyeline; wear a moneybelt so we don't get pickpocketed, get our prenuptials (and other proformas) in order in case we fall preggo by in vitro and cause a s**tstorm; chuck a tanty and shirtfront a tradie for underdelivering by installing unmatching soundbars (you really shouldn't be so sooky over such thingos).

Take some valiums and carry on like the undefeatable trojan that you are); or webchat your penfriend or a rellu about your postdoctorates, notwithstanding we're in a

posttruth world (and you chose the vegiest subjects); or rely on autocorrect, up the bitrate, use blockchain, go over the financials and coinvest to buy some condominia after writedowns, hopefully not get catfished, create a slideshow on a touchscreen after you've been onboarded, and then screenshot it and save in a subfolder - now take a flexi (you've earned it).

Ok. Here's hoping such scrabblings are not uncondusive to you (ie you're unfazable and I haven't overshared). Yowza!

They're Back! fifi(s), pentel(s), skiwear(s).

Seriously? bestest, cockamamier, coconutty, computeritis, headmistressier, hyperest, ivorier, kibibyte, marshmallowier, nineteenthlies, swinginger.

Interestingly - grawlix (@#\$\$%&!), chhertum (is there an odder plural? Aka chetrums.), droolworthy, jagdwurst, listicle (piece of writing based around a list), nogoodnik, planoconvex (Con Air plotline).

Thankyou - fatwaed, greebo(s), grizzes, rieved, thigged.

How's that pronounced then? imipenem, lilangenis, natriuresises, oxaloacetic, oxyanion, parapraxises, pericarditides, sceuphylaciums (Nigel - note it now takes an - S), tadalafil, tikinagan.

Editor's Note: Nothing highlighted, work it out for yourselves.

Apparently the actress Bo Derek received this accolade for her role in the 1979 comedy “10” however I’m guessing our readers are more interested in the 21st century rather than the 20th and what the body of a perfect 10 might look like in a Scrabble playing context instead.

To do this we need to go to Thailand for the round 26 clash from the 2016 Brand’s Crossword Game King’s Cup between Pichai Limprasert and Panupol Sujayakorn. Early on in the game Pichai to move and narrowly trailing 81 – 106 has the rack EEILOST:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1							V	O	L	A	R				
2									A						
3		D	O	O	M				D						
4					F	U	G	I	E						
5									T						
6							Q	A	T						
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Neither of the two bonus words ESTOILE and ETOILES are playable, nor can any eight letter bonus words be played through any of the available floating letters. Pichai settled on the word TOE at 2C, for 16 points, leaving a promising rack EILS and making the play that the Quackle considered was best.

A few turns later on with Pichai again to move but this time narrowly leading 281 – 251 has the rack EEIKLNS.

According to Quackle the best plays are based on dumping the K whilst scoring around 20 – 30 points and preserving a balanced set of 2-5 letters that retains the S.

My choice was KNEE at 13F, leaving ILS for 29 points, which Quackle ranked as 3rd best. Pichai was thinking along similar lines to me but chose another word, (A)NKLE at F8 for 19 points, leaving IES instead!

Full game can be viewed at <http://event.poslfit.com/cgi-bin/showgcg.pl?id=kingscup2016/26;turn=1>

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2									A						
3		D	O	O	M				D						
4					F	U	G	I	E						
5									T						
6							Q	A	T						
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With words like TOE, KNEE and ANKLE we’ve pretty well covered the lower quarter of the body but what does a perfect ten look like to a Scrabble player? Panupol to move with an empty bag and trailing 424 – 458 has the letters NT on his rack:

Fittingly Panupol finishes the game with the best play possible - the word T(E)N at M12 for exactly 10 points!

Not a very instructive example this time around but maybe a humerus (in keeping with the anatomical theme of this article) one instead!?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1							V	O	L	A	R		V		
2									A				I		
3		D	O	O	M				D				M		
4					F	U	G	I	E				S	I	
5									T					N	
6							Q	A	T					H	U
7									E		J			E	
8					C	L	A	W	S		I			R	H
9											R			E	
10													D	Z	O
11														O	P
12														B	E
13														T	
14														O	N
15														n	