

SWELL SCRABBLE

Several members of the Southport RSL Scrabble Club recently participated in the annual Gold Coast Swell Festival held from 10-19 September. A Scrabble themed art installation by WordPlay artist Emma Anna featured at Mudgeeraba Village Green as part of the Western Swell initiative. Our members spent their club afternoon playing Scrabble and promoting the club and the game as well as the art installation.



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Welcome back to face-to-face tournaments for all of Australia. Thank you so much to those committees and Tournament Directors who have acted quickly once restrictions have lifted.

At the CASPA Annual General Meeting in April this year, John Hamilton agreed to take over the mantle of Treasurer from Rene Chelton. However, it would be once he had finished working out the rules around virtual tournament play as chair of the WESPA Rules Committee. He is nearly there. We thank Rene for all her good work over the years, and also to John for his work on the WESPA Rules Committee.

Commendations also to Tony Hunt for her tremendous efforts in promoting and sustaining youth scrabble in NSW. We realise how hard it can be to get that foot in the door in the schools, etc. and he is doing a great job. Congratulations to Ronnie Bennett of ACT for placing 10th in the recent WESPA Youth Cup.

The World English Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) has announced that it is adopting the CSW21 word list for tournaments within its rating system. Please note that the 2022 Australian Championship is using CSW19 as the reference - permission has been obtained from WESPA. Each Australian State will continue to be advertising

which references they will be using when publicising their tournaments.

We look forward to the Virtual WESPA Championship which is happening on the weekends of 20-21 November, 27-28 November and finals occurring on 4-5 December. An experienced team of technical experts are conducting the tournament from Pakistan. They have already successfully held two world-wide youth tournaments. Australia had a quota of 7 players who could participate, however the final team consists of 6 - David Eldar, Andrew Fisher, Trevor Halsall, Mythili Rudra, Peter Kougi and John Holgate. I am sure you will agree that they are a formidable team and best of luck to all.

The recent WESPA Biennial General Meeting was held via Zoom on 31 October and Chris Lipe remains as Chair, Jason Broersma as Treasurer and yours truly as Secretary. There are a further 8 committee positions representative pretty well globally. John Hamilton is chair of the Rules Committee and Karen Richards is chair of the Youth committee.

We look forward to the Nationals being held in Queensland next year when we all hope that all is back to normal.

Carol Johnsen, CASPA Coordinator



Andrew Fisher, Trevor Halsall, Kashie Thiris and David Eldar

Other players are Peter Kougi, Mythili Rudra and John Holgate

Around the States

New South Wales

Tournament Roundup

Only three rated tournaments were completed during the quarter due to forced cancellations caused by the Sydney Covid Lockdown. The annual Winter Masters and Challenge was abandoned but the State Championships were rescheduled six weeks later (report to follow).

The first post lockdown tournament was the Spring Marathon, a regular event on the NSW calendar since 1993. The event was accessible to all of Greater Sydney, but only 16 players ventured out to contest the 11 games. It was the first time the Lawson Room of the Revesby Workers Club had been used, and it was found to be an ideal playing area

with plenty of external light and close to club amenities. At the end of the longish day it was Joanne Craig prevailing over John Holgate, both winning ten games. Joanne also snared high word of 158 for **UNRANKED**. Victor Tung was third with 8 wins, also achieving high game of 590.

The next rated event to be held was the rescheduled Out in the Open Open organised by Tony Hunt. Tony was also the winner, winning all his games, while up and coming junior Vinh Nguyen was runner up.

On the 6th November, 20 players descended upon the Birch residence on the western shore of the beautiful Lake Macquarie, just south of Newcastle. Through technology, draws were able to be displayed on the family television screen. A photo montage of the



Place getters from the NSW Champs, Left Rod Talbot, Chris May, Tony Hunt and Right, Bob Jackman with Steven Savona

event can also be found on the Scrabble NSW facebook page, thanks to Jyoti Chandna.

Rod Talbot emerged the winner, losing only his eight and last game to Sharon Sorensen. Joanne Craig was one win further back in second while Bob Jackman was another win further back securing third place on spread. Joanne recorded both the high game score of 562, plus the high word of 167 for **CALIFATE**. A great day was had by all, largely due to the hospitality of Richard and Colleen.

Membership Model Developments

During the forced four months hiatus in tournament play, there were discussions amongst the tournament committee which led to the formulation of a new membership model. The new model was largely brought about by the continuing situation of a large majority of membership dues going to the National body for insurance and magazine printing.

This had the effect of leaving little in reserve for promotional activities required to ensure the ongoing viability of organised Scrabble. The new membership model put in place now includes a Social Member option at \$10 per year for players not wishing to participate in tournament play. Full membership has now been set at \$20 per year for all other players, with pensioner and student discounts no longer applying.

Players wishing to have a hard copy quarterly magazine posted will now be pay an additional \$20 per year to cover printing, postage and handling costs. Full members who previously opted for electronic ATB will find they are now paying less for membership.

A revised membership form is now available through the Scrabble NSW home page for completion and submission online.

Woogles Potential

Looking to the future it is hoped that Scrabble NSW will soon have a dedicated Woogles room accessible to all NSW members for online play against fellow members. Sub-rooms are envisaged for participating affiliated clubs to meet in at a pre-determined time. Only members will be eligible to play in rated online Woogles events organised by Scrabble NSW.

It is hoped that club convenors will take advantage of these new initiatives and encourage all their regular players to become at least social members and receive the quarterly magazine and provide them with the opportunity to interact with fellow club players on the Woogles platform.

State Championship Report

42 players registered for the delayed NSW Championships, held over the weekend of 13th and 14th November. 41 arrived and took part in Day 1, but when Wayne Jones was forced to drop out on Day 2, the numbers evened up for the final day.

The dropout necessitated that the draw be rejigged at the end of each round, so that a low-positioned player was redrawn against Wayne's opponent. This caused some agitation amongst top players, who felt that there was an unfair advantage in others getting easier games. As it happened all top 3 seeds were paired against the substitute player, Patrick Huynh, during the final day so the advantage was evenly spread.

Chris May was the eventual winner and the new New South Wales champion, winning 12 games of the 16 over Tony Hunt and Rod Talbot on 11 wins. Close behind in a creditable fourth place was Therese Nicholls also on 11 wins. Therese beat Chris May by a single point in the final game to get amongst the prizemoney.

Young Alex Lam impressed again by taking out the rating gain award with a 110 point rise. Alex was leading the field at the end of day 1, much to the surprise of many. The rating band awards were won by Steven Savona (Rating Band 2) and Therese Nicholls (Rating Band 1). Steven was also presented with the Joan Rosenthal rating gain award, going up 273 points between State Championships.

The Annual General Meeting was held after lunch on Day 2 of the Championship. This year there was much interest in the committee, auguring well for the future.

Chris May was elected as the new Vice President, while Pat Schuberg, Rene Chelton, Steven Savona and Norma Tracey also came on board.

Queensland

After having to cancel the Queensland Championship last year it was great to be able to hold the event this year at Southport.

Covid restrictions meant there were no interstate or international competitors, so it was a truly Queensland tournament with fewer players than normal.

One bonus was that we were allocated a smaller but much more pleasant playing room, and a further bonus came when the venue cancelled our hire fee altogether because of the disruption! We were able to pass that on to the players with a reduced entry fee. The winner was no great surprise, the formidable but ever popular player, Cameron Farlow. This was Cameron's 7th Queensland title in the last nine years. Along with his National win in 2019 this is quite a feat. Well done Cameron!

Congratulations also to Eileen Holmes, a Redcliffe player who turned 100 this year and

is still playing. She looks amazing! I remember Eileen as a keen, tough opponent at tournaments. Obviously Scrabble is good for longevity. (see accompanying article)

Several players made the trek to the Toowoomba tournament in September at Carnival of Flowers time. Karrin Henderson was pleased to take first spot. Southport club had a chance to promote Scrabble alongside an art display on the Gold Coast.

Then we had the AGM tournament in October. Thank you to all the committee for their support over the year. Welcome to Kerry Reimers who is taking over as Membership Officer from Trish Brighton. Thanks for all your work, Trish. Our committee for 2021/2 is : President, Jane Brown; Vice President, Paul Richards; Secretary/treasurer, Judy Mason; Membership Officer, Kerry Reimers; Ratings Officer, Martin Waterworth; Rules Officer; Arnold Appelfhof; Facebook webpage, Karrin Henderson; Committee members, Julie Brice, Sandra Woolard, Trish Brighton.

Jane Brown



The Queensland State Championship on the weekend of 20 and 21 August 21 with our masks on. Cameron Farlow came 1st, Karen Richards 2nd, Sheryl Davidson 3rd . Over 30 attended

Eileen Holmes turns 100



Born on October 10th 1921 Eileen grew up in Woolwich near London. With her husband and two daughters, she spent twelve and a half years living in Zambia – then known as Northern Rhodesia before moving to Bundaberg in Queensland and later to the Redcliffe Peninsula. The reason for the move was that the weather in Queensland was better than England.

Eileen Holmes celebrated her 100th birthday party with 23 players from the Redcliffe Scrabble Club. Eileen joined the club in 1986 and has until recently attended many tournaments where she amassed an impressive selection of trophies.

Eileen travelled extensively throughout her life and when she turned ninety she was looking for adventure. A skydive and a trip to the Antarctic were just a couple of interesting adventures she undertook.

When in her late 70's Eileen stunned players one year during a 'travel scrabble' weekend. She sat on the floor, parted her legs and put her head on the floor between her legs. Yoga and other exercises kept her flexible and nimble.

Living in a unit on the second floor she gets plenty of exercise climbing the stairs as there is no lift. Her drivers licence was renewed for her 100th birthday which was a relief as she thought it may be revoked.

Letters from the Queen, Australian Prime Minister, Governor General, Queensland Premier, local State and Federal members were just a few of the congratulations she received.

We are wondering what adventures Eileen may be planning for her 101st birthday.

Trish Brighton

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Please note, the entry fee includes lunch each day at the venue, a condition of the venue hire. Licensing laws state that only food or drink purchased on the premises may be consumed there.

Format: Australian rules, free challenge, 25 min games, CSW19 reference, WESPA rated.
24 games, reset after game 12.
8 games Saturday, 9 Sunday & 7 on Monday.

All players must register by 8.30am at the venue on 16 April and be ready to start play by 9am. If you are running late you must ring the emergency number below.

All players will be required to abide by the Queensland Health regulations current at the time of the tournament.

More details and entry form available at scrabble.org.au/events/22AUS/flyer.html where there is information about submitting your entry and payment.

Entries can be submitted immediately but we request that bank transfer payments are not made until March 1st to allow for any unforeseen cancellations. Entries and payment required by 2nd April latest.

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South Australia

South Australia has fared far better in the Covid stakes than the eastern states and we have been able to continue playing in tournaments.

After a four day lockdown in July, the Lyndee Hill memorial tournament went ahead on 1st August after having to be cancelled in 2020. Lyndee was a passionate Scrabbler who sadly passed away far too young right at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

All players had to wear masks. This proved hard for those of us who wear glasses as we suffered from fogging up. There were a few issues about wearing the masks correctly and covering both the nose and mouth.

The tournament was a 4/4 meaning that players could choose to play 4 games in the morning or afternoon or play in all 8. The theme word for the bars of chocolate was masked; won by Paula Brown (markets, 100), Rowena Vnuk (atresia, 80), Jane Taylor (sittine, 82), Elana Jaremyrn (kae, 26), Paula Brown (exercise,77) and Rowena Vnuk (detains,62). Thanks to Adam Kretschmer who came in after the morning session to assist with the draws and results.

Lyndee's daughter sent the following message; "Thank you for letting me know (about the tournament). I passed this onto the family and we are all so touched by the tribute and it comes at what is the hardest time of the year for us all".

A fundraising tournament was held at Seaford later in August with 14 players; 6 in A Division and 8 in B division. James Gunner, the Tournament Director learnt the hard way that you have to have a Round Robin format when you only have 6 players in a division. However the issue was resolved amicably with all players in the division agreeing to the solution.

We were pleased to welcome Janet Matthews to the tournament as she has re-located from Victoria to South Australia.

A theme word of Covid was chosen for the chocolate bars as we were so aware of our fortune at being able to play at all. The prizes were won by Janet Matthews (carries, 73), Michael Vnuk (obliques, 90), Jane Taylor (vext, 69), Antony Kimber (ideates, 88) and Rowena Vnuk (defiance, 63).

On Grand Final Day another tournament, organized by Baheej Al Kassem, was held at the Good Social Café in the city. This not for profit café supports Human Appeal Australia and supports volunteering, work experience, training and employment pathways. The food and coffee was good and it has an excellent Op Shop attached. Another advantage was that being in a Café we did not have to wear masks if we had a drink beside us. Needless to say we all had one!

The theme word for the day was sadiq which means friend in Arabic. The prizes were won by Paula Brown (stained, 68), (arsonite, 122), Jane Taylor (daikers, 78), Rowena Vnuk (ideates, 71) and (cinq , 25).

The October tournament was held on a cold and windy spring day which is good Scrabble weather. Baheej took the opportunity to learn the tournament software. Ironically our two couples participating both had to play each other. The theme word for the day was Gladys as the New South Wales premier had just stood down. The prizes were won by Jane Taylor (glaives, 79), Judy Mansfield (lendings, 83), Antony Kimber (avengers, 98), Rowena Vnuk (diarise, 85) Julie Robins (yex, 39) and (stalker, 102).

Another fundraising tournament was held in October on yet another cold spring day and this time even Tasmania was in lockdown. The theme word for the day was south and the following won chocolate; Jane Taylor (sandier, 92) Rowena Vnuk (overbig, 85) Susan Roberts

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(unities, 74) Paula Brown (tanners, 82) and Judy Mansfield (hideous, 75).

Luckily the Tasmania lockdown was short lived as I managed a quick trip over to participate in their state championships at the end of October. If I thought our weather was cold, there was a view of a snow clad Mount Wellington from the bathroom window of the tournament venue!

Good luck to all the Australians participating in the WESPA championships and great news that the Australian Championships are going ahead next year in Queensland.

Jane Taylor, SA President

Tasmania

The (Unmasked) Tasmanian State Championships were held over 2 days, at the end of October, with 18 enthusiastic participants, including a "blow in" from Adelaide, playing 14 games.

Competition was especially fierce amongst the upper echelon, resulting in some outstanding scores.

Dianne Brumby had the highest game score of 561. Stephen Mooney Pursell played **RECOPYING**, with only 5 of his letters, creating a "triple triple" non-bingo of 144 points.



Tasmanian State Championship contestants below and Martin Rose above



Having won the last 3 championships in a row, he was keen to retain the trophy.

However, Martin Rose had ambitious plans of his own, and was a clear winner, with 11 wins and a draw. Plus a magnificent margin of +1049!

People travelled from all parts of Tassie, despite appalling weather conditions, and a splendid time was had by all!

Penelope Wells

Victoria

At the time of writing, Victoria is emerging from COVID restrictions to the point where we can now host in person events supported by our online offerings! This is extremely welcoming news - finally, a sense of normality appears to be returning.

Return for the state sees the first event being the rescheduled Victorian Championships and it will be great to see players back in the playing arena.

As we experience return, now, more than ever, it is important that we share our great game with more people eager to join. We will have embarked on a "players festival" in mid November to encourage more people to join for the first time, or even rejoin us.

The online offerings Victoria started during the pandemic will continue - Duplicate now has its own ratings system and has seen its 21st player take part in our game. The Saturday online events have now had over 40 players take part and we experienced some of our highest player numbers as we started exiting restrictions.

I remain positive about the state of play in our state and look forward to having more people join us over time.

Victoria, through the work of myself and the Committee, now has a formula for growth and will be implementing it the first moment we can.

Nick Ivanovski

Western Australia

Upcoming Tournaments

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27 Mar 2022 - Joy Deans Memorial Open



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As many channels for Scrabble remained closed throughout COVID, one of the areas of innovation came in the form of Duplicate Scrabble in my home state of Victoria: a format that has been wildly popular throughout the Francophone version of the game that garnered a loyal following for the fourteen months it has been in operation.

Now, as we emerge slowly from the public restrictions that were implemented to combat COVID, there is a very good argument to keep it going with the potential to provide further opportunities to attract new players to the game.

For those not familiar with how it works, the rules of Duplicate are relatively straightforward. All players are faced with the same rack and are asked to submit the highest scoring word they can find. The overall highest word available from the rack (whether found by players or not) is what goes on the board and a new rack generated for players to ponder. Players keep their score from the word they found with the benchmark of a “perfect” game being one where everyone finds the highest possible word at every time.

In Victoria we conclude the game when there is less than a full rack to play, and a full exchange is done when a rack contains 7 vowels or consonants. Indeed, the Victorian experience was very interesting and I want to share how we made this work as a model for other States to follow.

For a format like this, it was surprisingly easy to get this going in an online environment. The UK commenced with Duplicate during their lockdown and had been using Zoom throughout. Zoom allowed players to “meet” online and compete on an individual basis, adding that interpersonal benefit that had been taken away during lockdowns. Using that as our starting point, we had players submit their moves over Messenger or WhatsApp within a three minute time period allocated to find games. Quackle was shared to the group and the racks generated by it at each time.

It was not, though, the source of the best move. Quackle’s program is designed to find

the best strategic play, and not necessarily the highest scoring. To get around that, a separate screen using the Scrabulizer site gave us the highest scoring move every time.

In the last weeks of lockdown 6 in Melbourne, we were running a session a week and the result was a really enjoyable way to pass the time playing a format of the game we all like.

We have had 21 different players try out the format through the past year and have run over 20 separate nights for Duplicate.

Throughout that time, there has only ever been ONE perfect game, and it was reported in the last Across the Board.

And, whilst some of the words may not be known to all, it is worth noting that not every move is an obscure play and there are a number of times where the highest scoring play is found by everyone. What’s more, a move seen in Duplicate would go on to be played in a competition game having been learned the week before. When you see the words in the board photos, it is easy to see why that would occur.

In recent times, we introduced a ratings system based upon the finding of a perfect game. The highest rating ever would be 1000. It allows players to see how they go against their own previous performances and provides that added competitive edge to those who enjoy that aspect of the game.

Duplicate in Victoria was born from a suggestion in a survey over 12 months ago and is now something we can offer to players at all levels as a great way to spend an evening. It has developed into something more than just a way to pass the pandemic.

The format is so popular in the Francophone world that it can attract thousands of players at a time. It would be unrealistic to say the same levels of interest would occur in the English Speaking world but Duplicate has the potential to be a valuable way to help us grow our player numbers and engage players in other ways.

If you have not tried it and want to, let me know: I would be happy to see you at one of our nights some time in the future.

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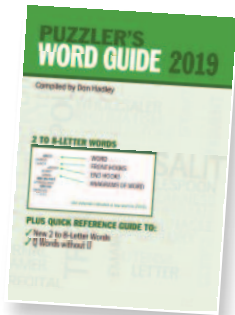
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How An International Virtual Tournament Is Run

So far Pakistan (on behalf of WESPA) has run two virtual global-wide youth tournaments with great success, and in so doing, have also ironed out any glitches.

Our Australian youth participated in both tournaments and coped well. As you might realise, time difference across the globe is a major factor in its organisation and they have divided the globe into 5 "time zones" to facilitate reasonable times of day for play.

Tariq Pervez (a WESPA Executive member) has brought together an amazing team of technical experts to organise, coordinate and monitor the upcoming WESPA Championship international virtual tournament, with Hassan Hadi Khan as Tournament Director. The monitoring of course is to eliminate instances of "cheating". The set-up includes:

- All tournament games will be monitored by the Tournament Management Team through screen sharing and video links.
- A computer with a webcam (either integrated or connected externally) to cover the player's front view.
- External camera to cover the player's side view.
- Playing games on cell phones is NOT allowed.
- Stable internet connection.
- A quiet and well-lit playing area.
- Each player should be online on Woogles 15 minutes before the start of their respective sessions with working webcam and screen sharing links.



The monitoring team, photo courtesy Tariq Pervez

Club Directory

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Southern Cross Club, Woden Thurs 9 am to 1 pm,
Terry Horan ~ 0424 229 254

Southern Cross Club, Woden Wed 7 pm to 10 pm
Tim Reddan ~ (02) 6179 5000

New South Wales (area code 02)

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

Belmont ~ Mon 1.30 – 4.30pm ~
Bob Burr ~ 0431 887 087

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

Bondi ~ Wed 7.00 pm ~ Owen Fisher ~ 0412 931 440

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

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

Coffs Harbour ~ Wed 1-4pm ~ Keith Bancroft ~
0421 334 216

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

Lake Macquarie ~ Thurs ~ 10-1.00pm ~ Morisset
Library, 39 Yambo St Morisset 4921 0573

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

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

Macarthur, 1st & 3rd Wed 7pm, Tony Hunt 0417 470167

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

Mittagong 2nd-4th Tues, 10am-4pm, George Khamis
0405 201 552

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

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Greg Hopson ~ 0438 897 540

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

Ourimbah ~ Thurs 10 ~2pm ~ Sandra Elliott 0410 438 525

Port Macquarie, Tues 1-3pm, Wayne Willis 0415 572 017

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

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 ~
Cheryl Michler, 0408 595 219

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Murray Hamer 4655 6755

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am-2pm ~ Mike Oxyby ~ 4332 6485

Turrumurra ~ Tues 6pm ~ Janine Whittaker ~
0408 421 340

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

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

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

Wollongong ~ Mon evening and Thursday 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

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian ~ 4159 1935

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm,
Steve Bellerby ~ 02 6684 0872

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

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

Redcliffe, Weds 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Southport, Weds 1pm ~ Diana McManus 0419 022 520

Toowoomba, Tues, 10.00am, Jane Brown, 0417 903 079

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.

South Australia (area code 08)

Blackwood ~ Wednesday 1-4 ~ Raelene Nicholls
0416 203 515 ~ nichollsraelene@gmail.com

Brighton ~ Thursday 12:30pm ~
Julie Hockley 0410 053 973

Collinswood ~ Friday 6:00pm ~
Rob Marotta ~ 0401 978 098

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

Pub Scrabble at Highway ~ Monday 6:00pm ~
Baheej Al Kassem ~ 414 081 641

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

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

Port Adelaide Library ~ Monday (excl. Public Holidays)
2:30-5:30pm ~ sarah.antoniw@cityofpae.sa.gov.au
Prospect ~ Tuesday 1.30pm ~ Louisa Atsas 0432 907 646

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 Meerding ~ 6229 5840
Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat ~ Tues 10am ~ 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 ~ now called Surrey Hills (see below)
Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne
Library ~ Gayle Cameron ~ 0420 934 176
Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fitzroy - Occasional - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251
Frankston North ~ Sat 1-5pm ~ Ray Alford ~ 5977 0819
Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363
Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Mondays - 9.30-3pm and
Wed 9.30am-3pm ~ Christiane McCann ~ 0432 290 880
Greensborough Wednesday 1-4pm ~
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529
Langwarrin ~ Tue 1-4pm ~ Alan Burn 0407 524 797

Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466
Paynesville ~ Tues 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~ 5156 7443
Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~
Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525
Surrey Hills ~ 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays - Judith
McNaughton ~ 0447 387 493
Warburton ~ New club ~ Friday 10am-2pm ~ Lay-Hoon
Ng ~ 0408 802 207
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ temporarily closed
Wodonga ~ Thur 1st & 3rd 5-8pm ~
Ruth Grogan ~ 0448 989 833

Western Australia (area code 08)

Albany ~ Mon 10am ~ Jane Taylor ~ 0429 448 666
Bassendean ~ Wed 9am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
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
Hammersley ~ Tues 1pm ~ Mike Clarke ~ 0438 606 617
Hammersley ~ 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 9.45 am ~ Chris Hassell ~
0428 846 325
Perth ~ Thurs 9 am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
Spearwood ~ Tues 10 am ~ Jenny Coetzee ~ 9434 9349

**Many clubs listed here have suspended regular meetings
due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**When those restrictions are lifted there will no doubt
be many changes to this list.**

We would hope to bring this list up to date when that happens.

**Some clubs have ceased operating under various
State affiliations and may still meet informally.**

They have been removed from this list.

Results Roundup

ACT

No rated tournaments in this period due to COVID restrictions. ACT Champs will appear here in the next edition of ATB

NSW

16.10.2021 SPRING MARATHON

OPEN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 John Holgate; 3 Victor Tung; **HG** Victor Tung 590; **HW** John Holgate
RETAINED 140

22.10.2021 oitoober

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Vinh Nguyen; 3 Josie Mally; **HG** Tony Hunt 561; **HW** Asher
SWELLING 94

6.11.2021 LAKE MACQUARIE

OPEN: 1 Rod Talbot; 2 Joanne Craig; 3 Bob Jackman; **HG** Joanne Craig 562; **HW** Joanne Craig
CALIFATE 167

13.11.2021 2021 NSW Championship

OPEN: 1 Chris May; 2 Tony Hunt; 3 Rod Talbot; **HG** Joanne Craig 578; **HW** Esther Perrins
ARBORIST 149

QLD

22.08.2021 Qld Champs

ALL: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Sheryl Davidson; **HG** Karen Richards 566; **HW** Mary Wilmott
SNEERING 140

18.09.2021 Toowoomba Spring

A: 1 Karrin Henderson; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Sheryl Davidson; **HG** Jane Brown 527; **HW** Karen Woodhead
SQUARES 108

B: 1 Kerry Reimers; 2 Yvette Copley; 3 Jeanette Hansen; **HG** Yvette Copley 521; **HW** Jeanette Hansen
SEIZINGS 101

03.10.2021 October

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Ron Baginski; 3 Jane Brown; **HG** Ron Baginski 533; **HW**Liz Blanch
DARIOLES 140

B: 1 Jean Gillespie; 2 Lyn Mandelikova; 3 Kerry Reimers; **HG** Lyn Mandelikova 497; **HW** Jean Gillespie
QUIZZER 107

07.11.2021 Aspley

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Trish Smyth; **HG** Cameron Farlow 572; **HW** Cameron Farlow
GLADNESS 140

B: 1 Yvette Copley; 2 Olga Visser; 3 Jean Gillespie; **HG** Olga Visser 468; **HW** Yvette Copley
METERING 82

C: 1 Diana McManus; 2 Joel Philip 3 Anitha Philip; **HG** Diana McManus 435; **HW** Diana McManus
CLOUDING 98

SA

21.08.2021 Seaford August

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Carmel Dodd; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 580; **HW** Carmel Dodd
ZEROS 107

B: 1 Rowena Vnuk; 2 Baheej Al Kassem; 3 Julie Robins; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 530; **HW** Baheej
EXTRUDES 95

28.08.2021 Social Scrabble

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Adam Kauschke; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 558; **HW** Daniel Piechnick
VIOLENT 140

B: 1 Julie Robins; 2 Karyn Crease; 3 Jacqui Pearce; **HG** Jacqui Pearce 454 **HW** Karyn Crease
PASTING 87

C: 1 Paula Brown; 2 Emanuel Atsas; 3 Baheej Al Kassem; **HG** Paula Brown 464; **HW** Emanuel Atsas
SAVIORS 93

12.09.2021 SA September

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Antony Kimber; **HG** Jane Taylor 598; **HW** Carmel Dodd
SNOWIEST 140

B: 1 Judy Mansfield; 2 Dieter Jedamski; 3 Paula Brown; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 497; **HW** Mel Leckie
FARTING 89

25.09.21 Pub Scrabble Sept

A: 1 Carmel Dodd; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Daniel Piechnick; **HG** Jane Taylor 481; **HW** Carmel Dodd
ARSONITE 122

B: 1 Wendi Symes; 2 Margaret Gibson; 3 Francoise Finlayson; **HG** Wendi Symes 495; **HW** Rowena Vnuk
MALIGNED 92

C: 1 Louisa Atsas; 2 Elana Jaremyrn; 3 Fiona Braendler; **HG** Louisa Atsas 512; **HW** Emanuel Atsas
PUNCHERS 100

D: 1 Denan Diep; 2 Marja Elizabeth; 3 Leona Smyth; **HG** Marja Elizabeth 396; **HW** Leona Smyth
VENTERS 91

10.10.2021 Scrabble October

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 671; **HW** Francoise Finlayson **FLAVOURS** 185

B: 1 Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Judy Mansfield; **3** Dieter Jedamski; **HG** Mel Leckie 529; **HW** Mel Leckie **STALKER** 102

16.10.2021 Seaford October

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 467; **HW** Daniel Piechnick **OVERDOGS** 83

B: 1 Dieter Jedamski; **2** Susan Roberts **3** Judy Mansfield; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 470; **HW** Susan Roberts **GEEZERS** 112

30.10.2021 SS SCRABBLE

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 580; **HW** Antony Kimber **DALLIES** 107

B: 1 Francoise Finlayson **2** Helen Jones; **3** Karyn Crease; **HG** Francoise Finlayson 468; **HW** Karyn Crease **CLOSING** 95

C: 1 Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Paula Brown; **3** Emanuel Atsas; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 476; **HW** Louisa Atsas **SHRIMPS** 97

TAS

08.08.2021 Kingston Round Robin

OPEN: 1 Stephen Mooney Purse; **2** Margaret Webb; **3** Khen Meerding; **HG** Stephen Mooney Pursell 531; **HW** Khen Meerding **RASHEST** 101

09.09.2021 Bellerive September

OPEN: 1 Khen Meerding; **2** Penny Wells; **3** Margaret Webb; **HG** Margaret Webb 520; **HW** Margaret Webb **BROWNEST** 102

30.10.2021 Tas Champs

OPEN: 1 Martin Rose; **2** Stephen Mooney Pursell; **3** Jon Ford-King; **HG** Dianne Brumby 561; **HW** Stephen Mooney Pursell **RECOPYING** 144

VIC

No rated tournaments in this period due to COVID restrictions. Victorian Champs will appear here in the next edition of ATB.

WA

07.08.2021 SATOPAUG21

A: 1 Graham Bell; **2** Sally Martin; **3** Ian Ting; **HG** Graham Bell 603; **HW** Ian Ting **VARICES** 101

29.08.2021 August Bisection

A: 1 Benjamin Lee; **2** Robin Andersen; **3** Faye Williams; **HG** Edie Mueller 513; **HW** Louise Love **EXEGESIS** 106

B: 1 Carol Hudson; **2** Alan Mathews; **3** Janet Kirk; **HG** Carol Hudson 502; **HW** Carol Hudson **WEIGHTY** 99

03.10.2021 Glenys Lawrie Memorial

A: 1 Sally Martin; **2** Ian Ting; **3** Graham Bell; **HG** Sally Martin 547; **HW** Carol Hudson **HOSTINGS** 167

31.10.2021 OCTOBER BISECTION

A: 1 Dianne Ward; **2** Judy Godfrey; **3** Ian Ting; **HG** Ian Ting 563; **HW** Carol Hudson **ANTIQUED** 107

B: 1 Chris Sanders; **2** Donna Sekkouah; **3** Delys Carbon; **HG** Henny Yates 482; **HW** Jenni Henderson **DIocese** 94

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3-letter extensions to a triple word square in reply to the opening move with a five-letter word beginning with **J**, **Q** or **Z** (a common opening play). Also called *Snapbacks*.

J

CARJACKS **MANJACKS** **SKYJACKS** **GOUJEERS** **OUTJESTS** **CONJOINS** **DISJOINS**
MISJOINS **SUBJOINS** **CONJOINT** **DISJOINT** **BANJOIST** **FRIJOLES** **MAHJONGS**
MARJORAM **POPJOYED** **FORJUDGE** **MISJUDGE** **PREJUDGE** **CONJUGAL** **LOGJUICE**
VERJUICE **OUTJUMPS** **CONJUNTO** **CONJURES** **PERJURES** **CONJUROR** **NONJUROR**

Q

SEAQUAKE **ALIQUANT** **MUSQUASH** **ADEQUATE** **COEQUATE** **TORQUATE** **CUMQUATS**
KUMQUATS **COTQUEAN** **CONQUEST** **OPAQUEST** **UNIQUEST** **LACQUEYS** **DISQUIET**
BEDQUILT **BASQUINE** **MESQUINE** **REEQUIPS** **VERQUIRE** **MESQUITE** **MEZQUITE**
MESQUITS **MEZQUITS** **NONQUOTA** **MISQUOTE** **OUTQUOTE**

Z

ALIZARIS **BENZINES** **DIAZINES** **FANZINES** **OXAZINES** **RHIZINES** **WEBZINES**
BOOZINGS **BUZZINGS** **CRAZINGS** **FIZZINGS** **GLAZINGS** **GLOZINGS** **GRAZINGS**
RAZZINGS **SEIZINGS** **EPIZOISM** **SUBZONAL** **TRIZONAL** **BLAZONED** **BLAZONER**
HIZZONER **CALZONES** **CANZONES** **ECOZONES** **ENDZONES** **SUBZONES** **TRIZONES**
WARZONES **GADZOOKS** **MADZOONS** **MATZOONS** **EPIZOOTY** **ISOZYMES** **ISOZYMIC**

These are extensions to five-letter words ending in Q, X or Z.

Q

TRANQUIL

X

ADMIXING **AFFIXERS** **AFFIXIAL** **AFFIXING** **ANNEXING** **ANNEXION** **ANNEXURE**
BEAUXITE **BEMIXING** **BOLIXING** **DESEXING** **DETOXIFY** **DETOXING** **DEWAXING**
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UNMIXING **UNSEXIER** **UNSEXING** **UNSEXIST** **UNSEXUAL** **UNTAXING** **XEROXING**

Z

BLITZERS **BLITZING** **CHIZZING** **FRITZING** **FRIZZERS** **FRIZZIER** **FRIZZIES**
FRIZZILY **FRIZZING** **FRIZZLED** **FRIZZLER** **FRIZZLES** **GLITZIER** **GLITZILY**
GLITZING **KLUTZIER** **PLOTZING** **SCUZZBAG** **SCUZZIER** **SPAZZING** **SQUIZZES**
SWIZZING **SWIZZLED** **SWIZZLER** **SWIZZLES** **TOPAZINE** **WALTZERS** **WALTZING**
WHIZZERS **WHIZZIER** **WHIZZING**

Slight variations:

DISANNEX **EPICALYX** **ANTHELIX** **BRAINBOX** **SUBINDEX** **OPOPANAX**
EXAHERTZ

Coming out of lockdown and COVID restrictions, Colleen and I wondered how we could jump into our new found freedoms.

We decided to take part in a Clinical Trial to test out an antiviral nasal spray and they would pay us as well. This also involved being locked into a research establishment with perfect strangers for 12 nights.

We went for our introductory interviews which involved being weighed, measured, COVID tested, answering myriad questions about our general health, how much alcohol we consumed per day/week/month, did we smoke, had we ever smoked. What medications, if any, did we take, whether prescription or self medicating. A few days later we received our invitations to partake.

The day after the NSW Champs we checked into the research unit in Sydney. On arrival we went through all the tests again. Plus, drug and alcohol tests.

The unit was laid out as a ward in a hospital and fully equipped as such. No private rooms, just a row of beds with privacy curtains.

Second day, they started early and put ECG patches on us and canulas to extract blood, 9 times on that day. They also checked the ECG, blood pressure, temperature.

Tests continued throughout the day, breakfast didn't hit us until about 10:30. Went looking for a coffee and was told there was none available as it would interfere with the blood results. Ok, then tea bags, same deal, but they did have **CAMOMILE**, and **ROOIBOS**.

Coffee headaches started on most of us. Second day coffee bags miraculously appeared in our breakfast packs.

In addition there was **NASORPTION*** (anag **PRONATIONS**) **CYTOKINE** which involved having a couple of plastic sticks shoved up each nostril and a nose clamp put in place for 150 seconds. At that same time we did Inhalatory and Exhalatory Flow test. We each had a folder with the results on a day to day and test to test basis, and a showbag with the peak flow meters and nose clamps.

The tests were done to the second, every bed had a digital display counting down.

There were 9 of us in our test but 2 people were excluded, one guy on Day 2 with an undetected heart murmur. And on Day 9 a women was told that she was at great risk of stroke, the resident doctor prescribed blood thinners, a referral to a specialist and sent on her way.

A new intake of 5 people on the same trial came in on about day 9. One woman was excluded on her second day as she had taken **VALIUM** prior to joining, that showed up in her blood analysis and contaminated the study.

There were other groups in the unit with younger people, one involving liver function, and another was investigating **PSORIASIS**. And there were oncology patients generously giving time to research as well.

By some coincidence the majority of the nurses were Irish, easily outnumbering the Aussies. All came to the place through an agency. The level of professionalism was very high. Other staff were doctors, specialists, lab technicians, analysts, and a house keeper who kept us fed.

It was a bit like being on a jury but more intense. Friendships developed, then moved on, some kept to themselves, others talked incessantly.

We swapped details every morning about who snored the loudest. The TV remotes were all identical so changing channels meant your neighbour or even someone in the next aisle could change your channel, or increase the volume. Or vice versa.

On about Day 7 I developed a **MIGRAINE** but requests for pain killers were refused. Any deviation from normal health is flagged so I got a visit from a doctor on the team. I was able to show her what I had eaten the night before by throwing up in front of her. She had an interesting take on migraine that it could in some cases be triggered by **AMINES** in the food we eat, basically nice tasting stuff.

The day to leave came around. At breakfast a jar of Moccona coffee appeared in the servery hatch. We all rushed the nurse holding the jar.

Would I do it again? Most probably. You would not get a closer monitoring of your health than in one of these trials.

Records 2021 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	710	Jeffery Lam 710 against Vinh Nguyen 223 at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>Large game margin</i>	487	Jeffery Lam 710 against Vinh Nguyen 223 at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>High drawn game</i>	468	Trevor Tao 468 against Carol Johnsen 468 at 06.03.2021 SA Champs
<i>High combined score</i>	1109	Peter Kougi 664 against John Barker 445 at 03.04.2021 OZ CHAMPS
<i>High average score</i>	527.0	(6 games) David Eldar at 07.02.2021 Bayside Scrabble
<i>High average spread</i>	190.7	(7 games) Anand Bharadwaj at 17.01.2021 VICTORIAN PLATE/SIDE
<i>High losing score</i>	492	Victor Tung 492 against Andrew Fisher 523 at 03.04.2021 OZ CHAMPS
<i>Long winning streak</i>	12	Chris May: over CSIM and OZ Champs 03.04.2021
<i>High word</i>	293	ANTIQUES : Jeffery Lam at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>High opening score</i>	102	SQUIDGE : John Hamilton at ACT Winter Open 26.06.2021
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	144	rE(COPY)ING : Stephen Moonee Pursell 31.10.2021
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>		
<i>Long word</i>	9	WOMANISERS : Vincent Nguyen 13.02.2021
<i>Many bingos</i>	6	VERSEMAN; FEINTED; DROOPED; ENQUIRE; GAUGERS; COSIEST: Edward Okulicz at August 1 01.08.2021
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	3	ETERNI(Z)E; (S)EAHORSE; CLOWDERS : Joanne Craig at OZ Champs 03.04.2021



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A photo of a tile from the set would assist.

Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 7 November 2021

1	David Eldar	2130	68	Carol Johnsen	1457	135	Peter Bauer	1269
2	Chris May	2078	69	Alex Boiko	1449	136	Darren Chaitman	1265
3	Jakob Teitelbaum	2040	70	Kashi Thiris	1441	137	Cheryle Jerram	1264
4	Andrew Fisher	2009	71	Sam Amarasinghe	1440	138	June Valentine	1263
5	Naween Fernando	1938	72	Adam Kauschke	1439	139	Gary Pollard	1262
6	Cameron Farlow	1938	73	Jyoti Chandna	1435	140	Natalie Tadday	1260
7	Anand Bharadwaj	1936	74	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1431	141	Julie Pamplng	1257
8	Esther Perrins	1925	75	Alan Burn	1429	142	Sue Gergelifi	1249
9	Daniel Piechnick	1873	76	Margaret Neal	1423	143	Rod Casey	1248
10	Peter Kougi	1870	77	Khen Meerding	1422	144	Christie Godby	1248
11	Joanne Craig	1833	78	Malcolm McNulty	1418	145	Glenys Logan	1244
12	Edward Okulicz	1831	79	Tim Reddan	1417	146	Sandra Masel	1240
13	Michael McKenna	1788	80	Kerry Constable	1415	147	Anne Stewart	1239
14	John Holgate	1779	81	Geoff Shepheard	1413	148	Noel Coulter	1238
15	David Vanzyl	1775	82	Chris Scholten	1409	149	Joyce Browett	1238
16	Trevor Halsall	1764	83	Ros Wilkinson	1407	150	Rob Hutchinson	1236
17	Ron Baginski	1752	84	Greg Pinchbeck	1406	151	Alex Lam	1232
18	Adam Kretschmer	1741	85	Colleen Birch	1406	152	Wendy Taylor	1231
19	Victor Tung	1731	86	Therese Nichols	1405	153	Lorraine Thomas	1228
20	Mythilli Rudra	1728	87	Benjamin Lee	1404	154	Robin Andersen	1228
21	Rod Talbot	1722	88	Martin Waterworth	1403	155	Anne Schick	1226
22	Rael Hayman	1708	89	Sharon Sorensen	1400	156	Susan MacGillivray	1223
23	Russell Honeybun	1701	90	Roberta Tait	1398	157	Richard Birch	1221
24	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1689	91	Keith Bioletti	1395	158	Marjorie Giffen	1221
25	Tim Mason	1688	92	Barry Harridge	1392	159	Francoise Finlayson	1220
26	Andrew Hamblin	1685	93	Gwen Lampre	1392	160	Kannan Sethuraman	1216
27	Bob Jackman	1677	94	Liz Blanch	1391	161	Dieter Jedamski	1215
28	Karen Richards	1661	95	Margaret Webb	1387	162	Moana Nepia	1214
29	John Hamilton	1659	96	Chris Ostrowski	1385	163	Janine Whittaker	1213
30	Graham Bell	1654	97	Anne Zion	1382	164	Marion Miller	1213
31	Carmel Dodd	1632	98	Karrin Henderson	1381	165	Rowena Vnuk	1210
32	Geoff Wright	1623	99	Marj Miller	1379	166	Elaine Capewell	1210
33	Nick Ivanovski	1621	100	Judy Godfrey	1373	167	Cori Lodder	1205
34	Helen Hynes	1614	101	Kris Howat	1373	168	Nancy Sparling	1202
35	Chris Hall	1605	102	John Barker	1369	169	Ian Hoffman	1201
36	Simon Walton	1596	103	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1369	170	Frank Csarics	1198
37	Tony Hunt	1594	104	Jenny Brysha	1368	171	Yvette Copley	1197
38	Noel Barrett	1594	105	Lexie Neale	1366	172	Yvonne Edwards	1196
39	Nat Podesser	1586	106	Tony Williams	1363	173	Glen Chandler	1196
40	Tony Miller	1562	107	Faye Williams	1362	174	Jenny Schafer	1191
41	Ronnie Bennett	1559	108	Keri Heart	1359	175	Khwanjai Thammaping	1188
42	Dianne Ward	1555	109	Margaret Griggs	1358	176	Hanne Marks	1185
43	Trevor Tao	1554	110	Arnold Appelhof	1357	177	Mal Eden	1182
44	Rocky Sharma	1549	111	Lainie Chojna	1353	178	Margaret Bishop	1178
45	Sally Martin	1545	112	Felicity Devitt	1353	179	Norma Tracey	1177
46	Norma Fisher	1541	113	Carolyn Watt	1350	180	Rhona Kenyon	1174
47	Jane Taylor	1541	114	Angie Pearse	1349	181	George Khamis	1169
48	Sheryl Davidson	1524	115	Hailey Sutton	1329	182	Jan Chapman	1169
49	Martin Rose	1518	116	Peter Shaw	1328	183	Rob York	1161
50	John Spaan	1516	117	Olga Visser	1327	184	Tim Walton	1160
51	Dianne Davis	1510	118	Tracey Kneebone	1321	185	Carol Mascitti	1152
52	Jane Brown	1509	119	Shirley de Silva	1315	186	Dianne Gibson	1149
53	Paul Richards	1499	120	Penny Wells	1314	187	Helen Jones	1149
54	Graeme Lock Lee	1499	121	Shaun Donnelly	1314	188	Victoria Gates	1149
55	Ivor Zetler	1499	122	Monica Dwyer	1310	189	John Salmon	1147
56	Julie Brice	1486	123	Jan Hill	1308	190	Kerry Reimers	1147
57	Dianne Brumby	1484	124	John Rider	1308	191	Owen Randall	1146
58	Michael Vnuk	1481	125	Pam Bennett	1307	192	Alan Mathews	1145
59	Ian Ting	1480	126	Gillian Street	1300	193	Jenny Mitchell	1143
60	Garth van Vliet	1476	127	Susan Roberts	1299	194	Roslyn Murphy	1140
61	Eddie Mueller	1474	128	Maureen See	1297	195	Bonnie Donehue	1139
62	Mark Smith	1471	129	Phillip Hamilton	1291	196	Karen Woodhead	1135
63	Jon Ford-King	1469	130	Jacqui Pearce	1286	197	Shelley Cartwright	1133
64	Antonios Syrigos	1467	131	Louise Love	1285	198	John Linney	1133
65	Trish Brighton	1466	132	Larrie Strautmanis	1279	199	Sandra Elliott	1132
66	Heather Long	1463	133	John Hayes	1276	200	Alison Pollard	1128
67	Antony Kimber	1460	134	Margaret Gibson	1270			

Last month ASPA(WA) held the inaugural Glenys Lawrie Annual Memorial (GLAM) Open tournament to commemorate her passing last year. Glenys was President of ASPA(WA) from 1998-2012 and a seven-time WA Scrabble Champion, but for a more detailed list of her achievements see the September 2020 ATB.

The following table shows how frequently the 24 players at the Memorial Open had actually played *against Glenys* in a rated event.

100+ games	2
10 - 99 games	8
1 - 9 games	6
never played Glenys	8
Total Entrants	24

Given 2/3 of these have played Glenys suggests we have done a reasonable job in retaining our existing players as her last tournament was in 2013.

Seven of the eight players who never played Glenys commenced tournament Scrabble in 2013 or later. Given our least experienced player (measured by rated games) has played 166 games (or 25 tournaments) suggests we have been less successful in attracting new players.

Collectively, our 24 players have played just over 35,000 tournament games. Interestingly 610 of those games were played against Glenys, which raises the question of how Glenys might have fared if she could have entered her own memorial tournament. Glenys won almost 70% of those games so 5 wins (7 games x ~70% win rate) seems quite a likely outcome on those statistics.

Sally Martin convincingly won GLAM by 2 games plus a substantial margin, however 5/7 would have tied for 2nd - 5th. Could Glenys have won her own event? Of course, we will never know but Glenys' win record against Sally was 66% over 49 games. With a bit of luck on her side...

Glenys recognised it was important to have a rating system and the records that underpin it to allow tournament organisers to assign players to divisions and CASPA to objectively determine our top players for selective events, however I got the distinct impression at a purely personal level, unlike others, was not overly interested in using the results produced to track her own Scrabble progress.

There is a quote "a picture is worth 1,000 words". If you agree the remainder of this article may commemorate Glenys 2.71 times better than the 369 words that preceded it.



Glenys Lawrie