



**The (Un)Official SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup>  
Record Book**

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## A Plea

The first thing you need to know about the book you are holding is that it's incomplete. As much as I'd like to have used complete data for every tournament ever played, I just don't have it (and in many cases it may not exist). Future editions will include more complete information and I hope to eventually have complete information. In addition, given my lack of an editor or proofreaders, errors have no doubt crept in, whether through my own mistakes, or those in my original sources.

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## Introduction

Ever since I can remember, I have been fascinated by statistics. One of the first books I ever read was the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Then I turned to baseball and spent hours poring over the *Baseball Encyclopedia* (and later *Total Baseball*, which served as inspiration for the title of this work). Later, I discovered Bill James' *Baseball Abstract* and became a member of SABR (the Society for American Baseball Research). It was only natural then, that when I started playing tournament SCRABBLE® in 2002, I began looking for similar statistical information on the game. I soon discovered that such information, if it existed at all, was not readily available. Even among long-time SCRABBLE® players, there just didn't seem to be much interest in the game's history or records and statistics. There were a few exceptions, such as Joey Mallick, but even in the electronic era, no one seemed interested in putting the information together. Concluding that there probably never would be, I turned to other interests. In 2004, budding expert player Winter created a database of tournament results from the NSA website, but it didn't include key information such as ratings, spread, and the division in which people played. Also in 2004 came Jim Hughes SCRABBLE® Daddies website, but Jim lacked time to maintain the data (and also failed to combine the results of tournaments rated in segments).

Finally, I decided to get the information myself, and created my own database of tournament results using data from the NSA website. At first, I considered the project nothing more than a toy - something I could use to post a few interesting stats before turning again to other things. It would have been nice, I thought, to have a database of complete tournament stats going back to 1973, and a record book would be even nicer, but alas, no one was going to do it. A few weeks later, I decided that I would do it, or at least try, despite my lack of information. A three-hour trip to Dallas to raid long-time director (and player) Mary Rhoades' archive of SCRABBLE® News and tournament cross-tables followed and I realized that the possibility of creating such a book was very close to being a reality. Several weeks, and what seemed like thousands of manually-entered tournament results later, the first edition was done and I finally had the book I'd wanted for two years. I hope that others will enjoy reading this as much as I did putting it together, but even if no one else were to read it, I felt it was well worth my time writing it.

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The story of the invention of SCRABBLE® by Alfred Mosher Butts has been told numerous times and need not be recounted in detail here. In brief, Butts created the game Lexiko in 1933, selling it from his home. In 1938, he re-designed the game as Criss-Cross Words, continuing to sell it by mail out of his living room. In 1947 James Brunot, a businessman living near Danbury, Connecticut, agreed to begin manufacturing the game, which he renamed SCRABBLE®. Brunot's firm (Production and Marketing Company) began manufacturing the game in the summer of 1948. The following year, the game company Selchow and Righter began manufacturing game boards for them. In 1953, the game exploded into national popularity (probably) after Macy's chairman Jack Strauss played the game on vacation and began selling it at his department store (though Hasbro's website claims Macy's had begun selling the game "exclusively" in 1948). The Brunots licensed the game to Selchow and Righter, who took over manufacturing and the rest is history.

While SCRABBLE® was phenomenally popular in the 1950s, it was basically a living-room game. Unlike chess and bridge, SCRABBLE® had no tournament scene to speak of. No doubt there were SCRABBLE® tournaments in the 1950s and 1960s (the 1953 book *How To Win at Scrabble*® even included a chapter on running tournaments), but they were likely unorganized affairs. In 1958 or '59 (some sources say 1961), there was a tournament in Sparks, Nevada - the earliest known - but in the 1960s, the main venue for competitive SCRABBLE® was not tournaments, but the gaming parlors of New York City. Primarily a New York phenomenon, gaming parlors like The International Chess Community of New York and the massive Chess City offered the chance to play chess, checkers, bridge, go, backgammon, dominoes, and, increasingly, SCRABBLE®. While SCRABBLE® took a backseat to chess and bridge, there were a growing number of players who took the game seriously. The best of them converged at the Chess and Checker Club of New York, better known as the Flea House (supposedly because of flea circus that once existed downstairs). In these often grimy environs, SCRABBLE® began to be played with a seriousness not witnessed before. A set of informal rules began to emerge, as did a standard dictionary. The Flea House used the *Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary*, according to one report because it had the largest UN- and RE- list, to another because a Funk and Wagnalls editor played there. For the first time, people began studying words with a feverish intensity. Word lists began to appear (including one extolling the virtues of the six-letter stem SATIRE). Mike Senkiewicz achieved legendary status by reportedly becoming the first to memorize the dictionary (at least for SCRABBLE® purposes). In the late 1960s, the Chess House held what some say was the first SCRABBLE® tournament in New York. Ten entrants turned out for a double-round-robin event with a \$35 first prize. Lester Schonbrun and Senkiewicz dominated the tournament with Schonbrun taking first place with a 17-1 record over Senkiewicz's 15-3.

What SCRABBLE® still lacked, however, was an organized tournament scene and a governing body, like the U.S. Chess Federation and the North American Contract Bridge League. (In America, at least. In England, Gyles Brandreth organized the first British National SCRABBLE® Championship in 1971). Selchow and Righter had reportedly sponsored tournaments in Reading, Pennsylvania and Princeton, New Jersey, but it is not known exactly when or what their level of involvement was (though it was likely minimal). That would all change in the early 1970s. In the fall of 1972, Joel Skolnick, the Director of Parks and Recreation for New York City, paid a visit to Selchow and Righter to try and sell them a game he had created. "They didn't have time to look at my game." Skolnick later said, "But I did get to ask them if they wanted to spend some money on a large-scale SCRABBLE® tournament."<sup>1</sup> They did, and thus was born the Brooklyn SCRABBLE® Players Tournament, the first company-sponsored, sanctioned tournament in SCRABBLE® history. In addition, Selchow and Righter established a division called Scrabble Crossword Game Players, Inc which was tasked with creating a SCRABBLE® newsletter, establishing SCRABBLE® clubs throughout the country, and

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<sup>1</sup> *New York Times*, March 25, 1973

sponsoring a series of tournaments, starting with the Brooklyn event. Skolnick advertised the tournament through whatever means he could, including placing small ads in the *New York Times*. In the February 14th, 1973 edition, Skolnick placed a classified ad reading "The champion of the SCRABBLE® Crossword Game Tournament now lives in Brooklyn. Brooklyn residents only call 489-9351 to enter and beat Joel Skolnick whose highest recorded score is 136." [the last number is either a misprint or refers to Skolnick's highest single-turn score]. With that, organized tournament SCRABBLE® in the United States was launched.

The Brooklyn SCRABBLE® Players Tournament was a five-week event with four preliminary rounds starting on March 18th<sup>2</sup> and a finals on April 15th held at the Brooklyn War Memorial rec room. Like nearly all early SCRABBLE® tournaments, it was sponsored by the city's Department of Recreation. The preliminaries, which were open only to Brooklyn residents, consisted of three games played against randomly chosen opponents. The five players with the highest total scores in their three games each week were invited back to the finals. Games were limited to 52 minutes (timed by a large clock on the wall). If a game hadn't ended when time expired, both players subtracted the value of the letters still on their rack and the game ended. Players also had two minutes to make a move (using timers that had to be created especially for the tournament). The first preliminary drew 60 players and the top scorer was Shazzi Felstein with a total score of 1,321 points. The finals were won by Jonathan Hatch. SCRABBLE® Players sponsored a handful of other tournaments in 1973. In the summer, they held a pair of brief two-game tournaments at Grossinger's Resort and the Concord Hotel in New York's Catskills that drew a total of about 150 eager contestants. In November, a four-week tournament held in Baltimore, drew about 400 entrants and was won by truck driver Gordon Shapiro. The biggest tournament of them all, however, was the New York City Championship. After the Brooklyn affair, Skolnick wanted to open his tournament to all New Yorkers, not just Brooklynites. The first New York City Championship was held in the Brooklyn War Memorial starting in November of 1973. It was a massive affair with nine weeks of preliminary rounds of three games each, followed by a 50-player four-game quarterfinals, five-game semifinals, and a 12-player eleven-game finals over 2 weeks. The preliminary rounds drew a reported 2,000 entrants. The event was won by Bernie Wishengrad, who would go on to become one of the legends of the early tournament scene. The New York City Championship was eventually thrown open to all and became THE major tournament of the 1970s (at least until the first Nationals in 1978).

SCRABBLE® tournaments in the 1970s were a world apart from their modern counterparts. They generally consisted of 2-4 weeks of preliminary rounds or three or four games followed by a finals of (most commonly) four or five games. Preliminaries were generally decided based on total score (often with a 50-point bonus per win thrown in), with finals either using total score, or wins with total score (or its equivalent, average score) as a tie-breaker. As they were open to all (and there was generally no entry fee), many, if not most, of the players were living-room players. As a result, the level of play was likely somewhat less than it is today. One early tournament report in SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper expresses amazement that a player lost with a score of 354. This is not to say that there weren't serious players. New York had a plethora of them, headed by Mike Senkiewicz, Ron Tiekert, Jim Neuberger, Bernie Wishengrad, Chris Sigel, Steve Williams, Steve Tier, Linda Gruber, Gary Brown, David Prinz, Joel Wapnick, Frank Kuehnrich, Stu Goldman and others. California also had its share of top-notch players led by Charles Goldstein. Baltimore featured a handful of top players - at the head of the pack were Dan Pratt, a Department of Defense mathematician, and truck driver Gordon Shapiro. Florida had Robert Mulet, George Roe, and later Steve Polatnick, among others. In the Midwest were John Ozag, Jean Carol, Patricia Rutt, etc. Michael Spencer in Canada, Jim Pate in Alabama, Stan Rubinsky in Arizona - all were fine players.

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<sup>2</sup> The Official SCRABBLE Players Handbook says that the tournament occurred in February.

While the SCRABBLE® tournament and club scene continued to expand in the early 1970s, there were some signs of trouble. Lee Tiffany, the first president of SCRABBLE® Players Inc, had little interest in tournament SCRABBLE®, and even less in the players who participated. The players, who had been the primary forces in making the tournament scene what it was, often felt left out of corporate decisions about what they felt was their game and many were resentful. When Jim Houle took over for Tiffany in 1977, things got better but there were still issues. SCRABBLE® Players had created a newsletter, run dozens of tournaments per year, and built the number of clubs to almost 100 by the late 1970s. They had also introduced tournament equipment as well as tournament rules, but one source of confusion remained the dictionary. While *Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary* remained the official source for tournament and club play, using it wasn't always straightforward. Players had to know how to screen out abbreviations, foreign words (which were often not labeled as such) and more. Perhaps the most difficult issue was deciding which inflected forms of words were acceptable and which were not. In 1976, SCRABBLE® Players announced that it would be creating a *SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary* to address these concerns. Meanwhile, another major step forward was in the works. In 1978, SCRABBLE® Players held its first Nationals Championship (then called the North American Invitational). While the first NAI still used *Funk and Wagnalls* the new OSPD (*Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary*) was introduced as David Prinz picked up his first place check. Those two events, the first National Championship and the publication of the OSPD, would usher in a new era in competitive SCRABBLE® and, perhaps more than any other events of the 1970s, were responsible for making the game what it is today.

# SCRABBLE® Timeline

- **1860:** Milton Bradley founded.
- **1867(?):** Game manufacture E.G. Selchow is founded in New York City.
- **1869:** E.G. Selchow & Co (of New York) copyrights *Parcheesi* in the United States.
- **c1872:** Selchow merges with Righter to form Selchow & Righter Co.
- **April 13, 1899:** Alfred Mosher Butts born in Poughkeepsie, NY.
- **1923:** Henry, Hilal, and Herman Hassenfeld form Hassenfeld Brothers Inc in Providence, RI. The name is later changed to Hasbro.
- **1924:** Alfred Mosher Butts graduates from University of Pennsylvania with a degree in architecture and joins the New York architectural firm Holden McLaughlin and Associates.
- **1931:** After being laid off, Alfred Mosher Butts conceives of the idea for a word game called Lexiko but apparently doesn't devote much attention to it.
- **1933:** Butts peddles his now-complete game to various board game and publishing companies, including Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers. All reject it. Butts begins building the game himself and selling it from his home.
- **August 1934:** Butts has sold 84 sets for a total of \$127.03, losing just over \$20.
- **1934-1938:** Dissatisfied with Lexiko's lackluster sales, Butts begins making changes in the game to make it more marketable.
- **1938:** Butts is rehired by Holden McLaughlin.
- **c1938:** Butts names his revamped game Criss-Cross Words and eventually begins selling it from his living room for \$2 (plus 25 cents shipping). After selling about 100 sets, Butts ceases manufacturing.
- **1939:** Butts is introduced to James Brunot, an employee of the New York state welfare agency living in Newtown CT.
- **1942:** Butts and his wife are marketing their game through Chester Ives, a bookshop owner in Danbury CT.
- **c1942-1947:** James Brunot moves to Washington to become executive director of the President's War Relief and Control Board
- **1947:** James Brunot contacts Butts about the possibility of manufacturing Criss-Cross Words. Brunot makes some minor changes (including adding a 50-point bonus for using all seven tiles and making the center star a double-word score) and changes the name of the game to SCRABBLE®.
- **1948:** James Brunot and his wife Helen establish a factory in Dodginton Connecticut, name their new venture Production & Marketing Company, and begin manufacturing SCRABBLE®.
- **December 1, 1948:** The SCRABBLE® game board design is granted a Copyright.
- **December 16, 1948:** The name SCRABBLE® is registered as a trademark.
- **1949:** The Brunots make 2,413 SCRABBLE® sets and lose \$450.
- **1950:** The Brunots sell 1,632 sets and lose \$450.
- **1951:** The Brunots sell 4,853 sets but still lose money.
- **Summer 1952:** The Brunots are now selling about 200 sets a week.
- **Summer 1952:** Jack Straus, president of MACY'S, discovers SCRABBLE® while on vacation. After discovering his store doesn't stock the game, he places a large order, allegedly triggering other stores to do the same.
- **Summer 1952:** The Brunots return from a vacation in Kentucky to discover orders for 2,500 SCRABBLE® sets. The next week sees 3,000 more. SCRABBLE® has become a national craze.
- **1952:** James Brunot visits Selchow & Righter to ask them to produce and market SCRABBLE®. Richard Selchow turns him down. At the meeting, Brunot makes a deal with a minor executive to have Selchow & Righter produce game boards and boxes on a contract basis.
- **Late 1952/Early 1953:** The Brunots license Chicago's Cadaco-Ellis Co to manufacture a cheaper, cardboard version of SCRABBLE® called Skip-a-Cross.
- **March 1953:** Brunot and his now 35 employees are making 6,000 sets a week but are still unable to keep up with demand. After witnessing the rising sales of SCRABBLE®, Selchow and Righter decide to purchase the complete rights to market and distribute SCRABBLE® in the United States and Canada.
- **1953:** Selchow & Righter moves from its cramped Brooklyn plant to more spacious facilities on Long Island's South Shore.
- **1953:** Nearly 800,000 standard SCRABBLE® sets are sold, along with 300,000 cardboard sets and 30,000 deluxe sets.
- **1953:** The firm T.R. Urban begins manufacturing SCRABBLE® sets for the Australian market.

- **1953:** Grosset & Dunlap releases two SCRABBLE® books by Jacob Orleans and Edmund Jacobson: *How to Win at SCRABBLE®: The Official SCRABBLE® Manual* and *the SCRABBLE® Brand Word Guide*.
- **1954:** J.W. Spear and Sons begins manufacturing SCRABBLE® sets for the U.K. market.
- **1954:** 3,798,555 SCRABBLE® sets are sold (including 100,000 in foreign languages). A Braille edition is introduced.
- **1955:** 2.3 million SCRABBLE® sets are sold.
- **1955:** Alfred Butts receives just over \$81,000 in royalties from SCRABBLE®: the most he would ever receive in a year.
- **1956:** Just over one million SCRABBLE® sets are sold.
- **1958-59:** A SCRABBLE® tournament (called by some the first ever) is held in Sparks, NV.
- **1960s:** Serious competitive SCRABBLE® play begins in New York City at venues like the Fleahouse and The Chess House.
- **1968:** Brunot sells the rights for SCRABBLE® (outside of the U.S., Canada, and Australia) to J. W. Spears & Sons.
- **Late 1960s:** Lester Schonbrun wins a SCRABBLE® tournament at The Chess House in New York City with a 17-1 record over Mike Senkiewicz's 15-3. Some sources identify this as the first ever SCRABBLE® tournament in New York.
- **January 1, 1971:** Butts sells his interest in SCRABBLE® to Selchow & Righter for \$75,000 plus \$38,000 a year for five years.
- **1971:** Jim Houle is hired as a production supervisor by Selchow and Righter.
- **1971:** After noticing the popularity of SCRABBLE® in British prisons while researching a book, Gyles Brandreth places an ad in *The Times* of London and creates the first British National SCRABBLE® Championship.
- **Pre-1972:** Selchow & Righter allegedly sponsors SCRABBLE® tournaments in Reading PA and Princeton NJ.
- **1972:** Selchow & Righter purchase SCRABBLE® trademark from James Brunot.
- **1972:** First Belgian National Championship is held using French language duplicate SCRABBLE®.
- **Fall, 1972:** Joel Skolnick, Director of Parks and Recreation for New York City, visits Selchow & Righter to sell them a game he has invented. They turn him down, but agree to form a division called SCRABBLE® Crossword Game Players, Inc which will promote SCRABBLE® by publishing a newsletter, establishing SCRABBLE® clubs, and sponsoring a series of tournaments. Lee Tiffany will become SCRABBLE® Players first president.
- **1973:** Chess City opens in New York City, later a hotbed of competitive SCRABBLE®.
- **1973:** The first French SCRABBLE® World Championship is held using duplicate-style play.
- **February 14, 1973:** Skolnick places an ad in the *New York Times* reading " The champion of the SCRABBLE® Crossword Game Tournament now lives in Brooklyn. Brooklyn residents only call 489-9351 to enter and beat Joel Skolnick whose highest recorded score is 136"
- **March 18, 1973:** 60-odd Brooklynites gather at the Brooklyn War Memorial for the first of four preliminary rounds of the first ever company-sponsored, sanctioned SCRABBLE® tournament - the Brooklyn SCRABBLE® Players Tournament. Shazzi Felstein (3-0 1,321 total score) is the highest scorer of the day.
- **April 15, 1973:** Jonathan Hatch wins the finals of the Brooklyn SCRABBLE® Players Tournament.
- **Summer, 1973:** SCRABBLE® Players holds two-game tournaments in two resorts in the New York Catskills: Grossingers and the Concord Hotel. They are won by Minerva Kasowitz and Harriet Zucker respectively.
- **Summer, 1973:** The first issue of the *SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper* is released.
- **November 1973:** Preliminary rounds for the first New York City Championship are held at the Brooklyn War Memorial. Over 2,000 players compete in the nine preliminary rounds, which are followed by quarterfinals, semifinals, and a two-week finals.
- **November-December 1973:** Future champ Ron Tiekert plays in his first tournament: the 1973-1974 New York City Championship.
- **January 1974:** Selchow & Righter moves its SCRABBLE® manufacturing plant from Long Island's South Shore to an industrial park in Islip, NY. They also license Scrabble Players and Scrabble Players Newspaper as trademarks.
- **February 1974:** Bernie Wishengrad wins the first New York City Championship, which becomes THE major tournament on the burgeoning SCRABBLE® scene.
- **June 1974:** First team tournament (New York Vs Baltimore) is held at the Carousel House in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.
- **August 1975:** First Canadian SCRABBLE® Players tournament is held in Toronto. Michael Schulman is the winner.

- **November-December 1975:** Future champ Joel Wapnick plays in his first tournament: the 1975-1976 New York City Championship.
- **1976:** SCRABBLE® Players announces that it will be creating a *SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary* to help resolve disputes over acceptable words.
- **1976:** The Chess House closes. Mike Martin's
- **cJan 1977:** The Game Room opens and becomes the New York SCRABBLE® venue of choice.
- **c1976-77:** James Tobias replace Lee Tiffany as president of SCRABBLE® Players Inc.
- **c1976-77:** The House of Games, formerly the Chess House, closes.
- **1977:** Jim Houle replaces James Tobias as president of SCRABBLE® Players Inc.
- **1978:** The Game Room moves to its new location in the basement of the Beacon Hotel.
- **February 1978:** Reuben Reinstein scores a club record 661 points at Chicago Club #39
- **May 19, 1978:** The first National SCRABBLE® Championship (then called the North American Invitational) begins at Lowe's Summit Hotel in New York City.
- **May 21, 1978:** The first National Championship concludes with David Prinz as the winner, followed by Dan Pratt and Mike Senkiewicz. The release of *The Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary* is announced.
- **Late 1978:** A California night watchman named Joe Edley begins studying the dictionary in an effort to memorize it.
- **September 9, 1978:** Joe Edley plays in his first tournament in Oakland.
- **March 21, 1979:** Nick Ballard scores a club record 676 points at Chicago Club #39
- **October 1979:** John Gardner scores a tournament record 679 points in Los Angeles.
- **December 15, 1979:** Chris Haney and Scott Abbott meet in Montreal to play SCRABBLE®. After discovering that pieces of the game are missing, they decide to invent a game of their own, which is launched in 1980 as Trivial Pursuit.
- **1980:** John Fursa sells The Fleahouse.
- **November 14-16, 1980:** The second National SCRABBLE® Championship is held at the Miramar-Sheraton Hotel in Santa Monica CA. Relative unknown Joe Edley wins with Jim Neuberger placing second.
- **December 10, 1980:** Bill Blevens scores a club record 724 points at Cleves, OH Club #88.
- **1980:** Maryland mathematician and top expert Dan Pratt begins creation of a national ratings system. The 1980 Nationals is the first tournament to be rated.
- **February 1981:** Chris Reslock scores a tournament record 719 points in Xenia, OH.
- **April 1982:** Dr. Saladin Karl Khoshaw sets an international record by scoring 392 points on a single turn with CAZIKUES.
- **1982:** Selchow & Righter begins manufacturing and selling Trivial Pursuit in the United States.
- **February 1983:** *SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper* renamed to *SCRABBLE® Players News*.
- **May 1983:** Alan Frank begins publishing *Matchups*, a newsletter devoted to SCRABBLE® tournament announcements and results.
- **August 10-12 1983:** Joel Wapnick wins the third National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at Chicago's Drake Hotel.
- **1983:** Trivial Pursuit becomes a runaway hit, selling 2.3 million in Canada and a million in the U.S.
- **1984:** 20 million Trivial Pursuit games are sold in the U.S. alone.
- **1984:** Hasbro acquires Milton Bradley.
- **September 1984:** National ratings system officially goes into effect.
- **October 1984:** James Brunot dies at the age of 82.
- **1985:** The Game Room closes its doors, bringing the early New York City SCRABBLE® scene to a close.
- **1985:** Mike Martin forms Manhattan SCRABBLE® Club #56 which eventually moves to the Beverly Bridge Club.
- **Early 1985:** The SCRABBLE® Players News fails to publish the issue with qualification information for the upcoming Nationals, leading to even more criticism of the publication.
- **July 28-31, 1985:** Ron Tiekert tops a field of 302 to win the fourth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at The Sheraton-Boston Hotel. For the first time, the event is an open event.
- **Aug 1, 1985:** Selchow and Righter hold a SCRABBLE® Symposium at the Sheraton-Boston hotel chaired by John Williams with Richard Selchow in attendance.
- **c September 1985:** John D. Williams, a marketing consultant who had worked for Selchow and Righter at the 1983 Nationals, takes over the SCRABBLE® Players News.
- **October 1985:** High school student and future champ Brian Cappelletto plays in his first tournament in Albuquerque, NM.

- **March 1986:** Future champ David Gibson plays in his first tournament in Decatur, GA..
- **May 1986(?):** Future champ David Boys plays in his first tournament in Montreal.
- **September 1986:** Dan Pratt scores a no-phony tournament record 680 in Toronto.
- **1986:** Harold Rennett scores a no-phony club record 693 at Washington, D.C. Club #171.
- **1986:** COLECO Industries purchases SCRABBLE® from Selchow & Righter. The next National SCRABBLE® Championship, to be held in 1987 in Las Vegas, is postponed. Plans for a "world class" event, to be held in 1988, are announced.
- **1986:** Hasbro acquires Parker Brothers.
- **1987:** Selchow & Righter declares bankruptcy.
- **1987:** Coleco purchases the SCRABBLE® trademark and approaches John Williams about the possibility of forming a national organization to take over the functions formerly performed by SCRABBLE® Players.
- **May 24, 1987:** 12-year-old Adam Logan finishes second in division two at the Montreal tournament.
- **July 5-8 1987:** Undaunted by the COLECO buyout, SCRABBLE® players unite to create a substitute Nationals held at the Sahara Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Rita Norr heads a field of 327 competitors to become the first woman to win a national title. John Williams announces plans for a World Championship to be held in 1988 in New York.
- **Spring 1988:** In the wake of the COLECO buyout, SCRABBLE® Players is reorganized with Williams and Company now responsible for publishing the *SCRABBLE® News* and running tournaments. Joe Edley is named Vice President for Clubs and Tournaments. Plans are announced to form a player advisory board, rules committee, and dictionary committee.
- **July 31 - August 5, 1988:** Robert Watson wins the sixth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Sands-Regent in Reno, NV. For the first time, there are two divisions.
- **October 1988:** Future champ Joel Sherman plays in his first tournament at the Beverly Bridge Club in New York City.
- **July 29- August 3, 1989:** Peter Morris wins the seventh National SCRABBLE® Championship, held in New York's Penta Hotel.
- **1989:** COLECO Industries declares bankruptcy. SCRABBLE® purchased by Hasbro Inc.
- **Early 1990:** *SCRABBLE® Players News* renamed *SCRABBLE® News*.
- **August 4-9, 1990:** Robert Felt wins the eighth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held in Washington, D.C.'s Ramada Renaissance Techworld Hotel.
- **December 1990:** Richard Ross scores a no-phony tournament record 702 at the Florida State Championship.
- **January 1991:** Nick Ballard and Charlie Carroll begin publishing *Medleys*.
- **1991:** A new word source (dubbed SOWPODS) combining the North American and British lexicons is created for the upcoming World Championship.
- **September 26-30, 1991:** Peter Morris wins the first World SCRABBLE® Championship in London. Morris also becomes to first to win both the World and National championships.
- **October 1991:** Final issue of Alan Frank's *Matchups*.
- **October 1991:** OSPD 2 goes into effect.
- **August 8-13, 1992:** Joe Edley becomes the first to repeat as national champion by winning the ninth National SCRABBLE® Championship in Atlanta's Omni International Hotel.
- **1992:** NSA launches the School SCRABBLE® program.
- **January 1993:** Chuck Armstrong scores a no-phony club record 710 at Livonia MI Club #115, making a record seven bingos in the process.
- **April 4, 1993:** Alfred Moshet Butts dies at the age of 93
- **June 13, 1993:** Mark Landsberg scores a no-phony tournament record 770 against Alan Stern at Eagle Rock, CA. The game also sets a record for highest combined score.
- **August 1993:** Future champ Trey Wright plays in his first tournament in Austin, TX.
- **August 26-30, 1993:** England's Mark Nyman wins the second World SCRABBLE® Championship at the Plaza Hotel in New York.
- **December 1993:** Final issue of *Medleys*.
- **March 1994:** The Anti-Defamation League sends a letter to Hasbro CEO Alan Hassenfeld complaining about the inclusion of ethnic slurs in the OSPD.
- **June 1994:** Judith Grad of McClean VA writes a series of letters complaining about the inclusion of offensive words in the OSPD, kicking off the banned words controversy.

- **August 13-1994:** David Gibson wins the tenth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Universal City Hilton in Los Angeles.
- **December 19, 1994:** Hasbro licenses the following as trademarks: World Scrabble Open, Scrabble Superstars, Scrabble Tournament of Champions, and International Scrabble Championship.
- **1994:** J.W. Spear and Sons is purchased by Mattel Inc.
- **August 20-24, 1995:** David Gibson wins a record \$50,000 at the SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown at the Bally Casino Resort in Las Vegas.
- **Aug 1995:** John Williams announces the *Official Tournament and Club Wordlist*, which will include the offensive words removed from the OSPD.
- **November 1-5, 1995:** Canada's David Boys wins the third World SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Park Lane Hotel in London.
- **February 1, 1996:** OSPD 3 goes into effect.
- **July 20-24, 1996:** Adam Logan wins the eleventh National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas. Number of divisions increased to 4 and top prize to \$25,000. 412 players compete.
- **1997:** First Spanish language World Championship held.
- **November 20-24, 1997:** Joel Sherman wins the fourth World SCRABBLE® Championship at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.
- **February 5, 1998 :** SPELL-A-BRATION, a gala celebration of SCRABBLE®'s 50th anniversary, is held at Madison Square Garden. Hasbro introduces a 50th anniversary edition of the game.
- **cJune 1998:** The NSA launches its website, created by webmaster John Chew.
- **August 8-13, 1998:** Brian Cappelletto wins the twelfth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago. 535 players compete.
- **November 14, 1998:** 52 teams compete in the Massachusetts School SCRABBLE® Championship, the first ever state-wide School SCRABBLE® competition.
- **November 3-7, 1999:** Joel Wapnick wins the fifth World SCRABBLE® Championship in Melbourne, Australia.
- **2000:** A referendum to make SOWPODS the official source dictionary for North American SCRABBLE® fails.
- **May 14, 2000:** First(?) National School Championship is held.
- **August 5-10, 2000:** Joe Edley wins the thirteenth (and his third) National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence.
- **July 7, 2001:** Houghton Mifflin publishes Stefan Fatsis' *Word Freak* to mostly rave reviews.
- **December 13-17, 2001:** Brian Cappelletto wins the sixth World SCRABBLE® Championship at the Venetian Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.
- **January 2002:** Mike Martin, one of the founders of the New York SCRABBLE® scene, dies.
- **July 30, 2002:** Paperback edition of *Word Freak* published by Penguin.
- **August 17-22, 2002:** Joel Sherman wins the fourteenth National SCRABBLE® Championship in San Diego. 696 players compete.
- **August 15-18, 2003:** David Gibson once again wins \$50,000. This time at the ESPN SCRABBLE® All\*Stars in Providence.
- **October 19-24, 2003:** Panupol Sujjayakorn of Thailand wins the seventh World SCRABBLE® Championship at the Corus Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- **November 9, 2003:** ESPN broadcasts coverage of the 2003 SCRABBLE® All\*Stars.
- **2003:** Scott Peterson's *Scrabylon*, the first wide-release SCRABBLE® documentary, is released.
- **July 31-August 5, 2004:** Concert pianist Trey Wright wins the fifteenth National SCRABBLE® Championship, held at the New Orleans Marriott. 837 players compete.
- **October 3, 2004:** ESPN broadcasts coverage of the 2004 Nationals.
- **2004:** Erik Chaikin and Julian Petrillo's documentary *Word Wars* is released.

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A<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>

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# Single Game Records

## Highest Game Score - Tournament Record

1. 770: Mark Landsberg, June 13 1993, Eagle Rock CA
2. 744: Tim Wilkinson, June 9 2007, Dover NH
3. 724: Robin Pollock Daniel, Oct 22 2006, Lake George NY
4. 719: Chris Reslock, February 1981, Xenia Ohio
5. 716: Ken Lambe, June 27 1981, New York Game Room Tourney Prelim

## Highest Game Score - Club Record

1. 830: Michael Cresta, Ocgt 12, 2006, Lexington MA Club
2. 792: Nick Ballard, 1980, Chicago IL Club
3. 768: Sam Kantimathi, August 2002, Sacramento CA Club
4. 756: Judy Levitt, February 23 2005, Los Angeles CA Club
5. 753: James Kille, January 2004, Philadelphia PA Club
6. 728: John Luebkekmann, September 1988, Cincinnati OH Club
7. 724: Bill Blevens, December 10 1980, Cleves Ohio Club #88

If SCRABBLE® has an equivalent to baseball's single-season home run record, this is it. Prior to Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds, if you'd walked up to any baseball fan and said "61", they'd immediately think of Roger Maris (I don't know if Barry's 73 has achieved the same cachet yet). Walk up to any tournament SCRABBLE® player and say "770" and they'll most likely think of Mark Landsberg. Landsberg broke a 14 1/2-year-old record and his record has now stood for 12 years.

770 - unlike many other 700 games, Landsberg's game did not come at the expense of a SCRABBLE® neophyte. it came against Alan Stern, the highest ranked player in the tournament at 1940. Nor did the game contain any phonies. The one sour note is that Landsberg did get four consecutive free turns. Landsberg opened with the bingo SHAMEFUL and two turns later played the triple-triple WOBLIER for 167 (Stern exchanged), the double-double INTRADAY for 98 (Stern challenged) and the triple-triple UNCINATE for 131 (Stern challenged again) to take a 512-113 lead before going on to a 770-338 victory.

719 - Reslock's game included the phony POLAROID

716 - Lambe's game included the phony ENVEIL. See also Highest Single Game Spread - including phonies

830 - An amazing game in many respects. See Highest Combined Score for the details.

792 - Ballard's score included four phony bingos, but was not reported and thus was never an "official" record.

724 - Unlike Landsberg's game, Blevins' game deserves a host of asterisks. First of all, it came against a newbie: 83-year old Daisy Webb, who scored just 176 points. Worse, however, it included the phonies STONIED, HINE, AYER, DI, and TE. Nonetheless, the game was trumpeted on the front page of the SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper as the new record.

## Highest Game Score - Friendly Game (No Phonies)

814: Joe Edley vs Rose Kreiswirth

## Evolution of the high-game record

1. 661: Reuben Reinstein, February 1978, Chicago Club #39
2. 676<sup>3</sup>: Nick Ballard, March 21 1979, Chicago Club #39
3. 679: John Gardner, October 1979, Los Angeles Tournament
4. 724: Bill Blevens, December 10 1980, Cleves Ohio Club #88
5. 719: Chris Reslock, February 1981, Xenia Ohio (tournament record)
6. 770: Mark Landsberg, June 13 1993, Eagle Rock CA (club/tournament record)

## Evolution of the no-phonies high game record

1. 680: Dan Pratt, September 1986, Toronto tournament
2. 693: Harold Rennett, 1986, Washington DC Club #171
3. 702: Richard Ross, December 1990, Florida State Championship
4. 710: Chuck Armstrong, January 1993, Livonia MI Club #115
5. 770: Mark Landsberg, June 13 1993, Eagle Rock CA Tournament

## Highest Game Score - World Record

1,049 points, Phil Appleby (England), June 25 1989

Comparing the U.S. record with the "world record" is not fair. For years, British tournaments were decided by total score not wins and losses, which led to a wide open, "collaborative" style of play where it was in the best interests of both players to play as wide open as possible, deliberately opening triple-triple lines and not shutting them down etc. Appleby's game included OXIDIZERS for 374 and LACQUERS for 221. While Appleby's game was a friendly one, it is nonetheless listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the highest scoring SCRABBLE® game

855 points - British tournament record, by Joyce Cansfield in a qualifying round for the 1986 British National Championship under competitive-style play.

## Other British Records

The British have since switched to the same style of play used in North America (sometimes called "knockout" style) where each player plays to win. Since that switch, the following records apply:

High Score (British tournament record): 705 by J McLeod, 2002

High Score (British club record): 1. 796 by Peter Igweke, c2002; 2. 789 by Graeme Thomas

High Spread (British tournament record): 543 by J McLeod, 2002

High Combined Score (British tournament record): 1,082, Helen Gipson 616 - David Webb 466, 2000

High Losing Score (British tournament record): 511, S Holden, 2005

High Tie Score (British tournament record): 463-463, S Holden vs L Mackay

High Single Play (British tournament record): 230, GLAZIERS, K Churcher, 2003

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<sup>3</sup> Some sources say 673

## **Lowest Games Score (?)**

-40 (?), Exton PA Club #333, Aug 30, 1999

It is not certain if this is the lowest score. As with most low-score records, this one was the result of a player exceeding their allotted time by a large amount.

## **Lowest Winning Score (excluding time penalties)**

-8 points - see Lowest Combined Score

Honorable Mention: 95 points

At the first New York City Championship in 1973/74, one player scored only 95 points in a game. Even in this comparatively low-scoring era, this raised a few eyebrows. When asked about the game, he responded "Oh, I didn't think I did too badly, considering I only came in here to use the men's room."

## **Highest Single Play**

1. 365 points: QUIXOTRY, Michael Cresta, Lexington MA Club, Oct 12, 2006 (club record)
2. 338 points: DEFUZING, Jeff Widergren (former club record)
3. 329 points: FREEZING, Carl Twickler, Huntington NY, 2002
4. 321 points: CONQUERS, Rhonda Harvey, 1985, Gonzales LA Club #188
5. 311 points: BRAZIERS, T. A. Sanders, January 1997, Tyler TX (tournament record)  
311 points: CRAZIEST, Joe Koczan, May 28 1996, Milwaukee Club  
311 points: Robin Schlauch, January 2001?, Atlantic City NJ
6. 302 points: METHODIZE, Jeff Clark, 1993, Saginaw MI Club #49  
302 points: REEQUIPS, Ron Manson, Toronto  
302 points: COEQUATE, Carol Dustin, Minneapolis MN Club #42, April 24, 1992  
302 points: BRUSQUER, Elizabeth Ralston, Los Angeles CA Club #195, 2005

Honorable Mention:

392 points: OXAZEPAM, unconfirmed

347 points: FRENZILY, Lester Schonbrun, Nov 6, 1990 in a friendly game against Nick Ballard

## **Highest Single Play - International Record**

392 points: CAZIQUES, Dr. Saladin Karl Khoshaw (Kurdistan/Iraq), April 1982  
?, Magri Demajo, Malta

At the time of his play, Dr. Khoshaw was living in Manchester. This is the highest possible score that can be achieved for an OSPD word with no overlaps (the actual game was an OSW game).

## **Highest Single Play - Non-Bingo**

261 points: B(RE)EZIER, Jim Kille, April 14, 1993, Exton PA Club #333

Tournament Record

243 points: R(OR)QUALS, Karen Merrill, 1997, Portland Club Tourney

Honorable Mention:

In a friendly game in 2005, Jeffrey Clark played JANIZARY (through AR) for 252 points.

**Highest Opening Play**

126 points, MuZJIKS, Jesse Inman, July 2008, National Scrabble Championship, Orlando FL

124 points: BEZIQUE, Sam Kantimathi, September 1993, Portland OR Tourney

(Dis)Honorable Mention: In the May 1992 issue of Medleys, Jim Cassidy relates a story told to him by a player who claimed that he'd started a recent tournament game by drawing eight tiles, then, as a joke, played GALAXIES for a 194-point triple-double. His opponent disgustedly remarked that it was the worst tournament he'd ever had and left the tournament, whereupon said player was given a forfeit win.

**Highest Score On First Two Turns (one-player)?**

208 points: Jeremy Hildebrand. Jeremy opened with DIETARY for 80 and followed with ZOUAVES for 128.

## Chronological List of 700 Point Games (aka Jim Geary's 700 Club)

1. **792**: Nick Ballard, 1980, Chicago IL, Club (P)
2. **724**: Bill Blevins, December 10, 1980, Cleves OH Club #88 (P)
3. **719**: Chris Reslock, February 1981, Xenia OH Tournament (P)
4. **716**: Ken Lambe, June 27, 1981, New York Game Room Tourney Prelim (P)
5. **706**: Bill Blevins, 1981, Cleves OH Club #88
6. **709**: Michael Wolfberg, Nov 4, 1982, Lexington MA Club (P)
7. **701**: Michael Wolfberg, July 9, 1990, Boston MA Club (NP)
8. **702**: Richard Ross, December 1990, Florida State Championship (NP)
9. **701**: Jeff Widergren, 1991, San Jose CA Club
10. **706**: Glenn Dunlop, September 30, 1992, Toronto Club #3 (P)
11. **710**: Chuck Armstrong, January 1993, Livonia MI Club #115 (NP)
12. **770**: Mark Landsberg, June 13, 1993, Eagle Rock CA Tournament (NP)
13. **700**: David Walker, January, 1995, Portland OR Club #370 (NP)
14. **700**: Joel Sherman, 1995, Reno NV Tournament
15. **722**: Margaret Maneth, circa Spring 1995 (NP)
16. **724**: Lou Miller, 1997, Lake Oswego OR Club
17. **708**: Betty Cornelison, September, 1997, Atlanta GA Tournament
18. **728**: John Luebke, September, 1998, Cincinnati OH Club
19. **715**: Lillian Goldfine, 1998, Scottsdale AZ Club
20. **718**: Marty Gabriel, September 2000, Chicago IL Club
21. **701**: Marty Gabriel, May 10, 2001, Chicago IL Club
22. **721**: Harriette Lakernick, May 10, 2001: Chicago IL Club
23. **706**: Jon Dalton, June 2001, Austin TX Club
24. **713**: Alan Helfgott, February 7, 2002, Chicago IL Club
25. **703**: Joel Horn, June 27, 2002, Lexington MA Club (P)
26. **768**: Sam Kantimathi, August 2002, Sacramento CA Club (P)
27. **753**: James Kille, Jan 2004, Philadelphia PA Club (P)
28. **701**: Iffy Onyeonwu, April 12, 2004, Austin TX Club
29. **706**: Laurie Cohen, Oct, 19, 2004, Scottsdale AZ Club
30. **756**: Judy Levitt, February 23, 2005, Los Angeles CA Club
31. **710**: Nathan Benedict, March 3, 2005, Tucson AZ Club
32. **702**: Andy Bohnsack, June 28, 2006, Madison WI Club
33. **758**: Judy Levitt, July 19, 2006, Los Angeles CA Club #44 (NP)
34. **830**: Michael Cresta, Oct 12, 2006, Lexington MA Club
35. **724**: Robin Pollock Daniel, Oct 22, 2006, Lake George NY (NP)
36. **734**: Dave Wiegand, March 9, 2007, Dallas Open
37. **744**: Tim Wilkinson, June 9 2007, Dover NH
38. **737**: Michael Wolfberg, June 21, 2007, Lexington MA Club (NP)
39. **704**: Kurt Kopitz, December 28, 2007, Albany NY Early Bird
40. **742**: Thomas Reinke, June 4, 2008, Madison WI Club
41. **700**: Susan Beard, July 2008, National Scrabble Championship (NP)

(P) - winning player reported to have played phonies

(NP) - winning player reported to have played no phonies

NOTE: In the 1970s, Chris Sigel scored 722 in a friendly game against Roz Grossman. In 1990, Lester Schonbrun scored 710 in a friendly game against Nick Ballard. In the early 2000s, Joe Edley scored a phony-free 814 in a friendly game against longtime expert Rose Kreiswirth making five bingos, including the 248-point triple-triple PACKINGS.

## Highest Combined Score

Tournament Record:

1,134 points

Keith Smith 582 - Stefan Rau 552. Dallas Open, March 2008. In this game, which also set the record for highest losing score and tied the record for most combined bingos in a game (9), Rau played three phony bingos (opponent had a bingo in return in each case).

1,108 points: 770-338: See the highest scoring game above

1,105 points: 580-525: John Luebkekmann vs Rose Kreiswirth, The Players Championship 2007

680-525: Mark Nyman vs Rogelio Talosig, 2005 Worlds

1,103 points: 558-545: Mark Milan vs Kevin Rickhoff, 2006 Nationals (see highest losing score)

1,102 points: 591-511: Winter vs Robb Robinsky, Minnesota Redeye 2009

1,101 points: 583-518: Eric Harshbarger vs David Gibson, Asheville NC, Nov 2008

Club Record, no phonies

1,320 points

Michael Cresta 830 - Wayne Yorra 490. Oct 12, 2006, Lexington MA Club. In this amazing game, Yorra opened with JOUSTED for 96, followed by LADYLIKE for 73 after Cresta traded, giving him a 169-0 lead. Cresta responded with the triple-tripe FLATFISH (unsuccessfully challenged) for 239 then exchanged twice, played ADO for 10 and exchanged again. Meanwhile, Yorra got down two more bingos, SCAMSTER and UNDERDOG. Cresta then played another triple-triple, QUIXOTRY for 365 (for which he'd fished) then exchanged again (after another failed challenge). He latter added ZA for 66 and challenged off Yorra's NONLESS. In all there were five exchanges, two unsuccessful challenges and one successful challenge. In the 12 turns on which he made a play, Cresta averaged 69.2 points Perhaps most amazing at all was that Cresta was rated just 885 and his opponent 841.

1,119 points

John Luebkekmann 728 - Bob DeTore 391, September 1998, Cincinnati OH Club. This game was not reported until 18 months after it was played when the following game was announced as the record-holder. It is believed there were no phonies in this game, but is not known for certain.

1,111 points

Ira Cohen 653 - Bruce D'Ambrosio 458, July 18 2001, Los Angeles SCRABBLE® Club #44. Breaking (seemingly) by a single point the previous record set the previous year at the Atlanta Club when Ray Smith defeated Ron Tiekert 664-446.

Honorable(?) Mention

1,218 points

In 1983 at Oklahoma City club 205, Bill Griffin trailed Gary Creager by 255 (313-568) points with one tile in the bag. He played the triple-triple ADEQUATE for 293 points and went on to win 630-588. Amazing as it is, the game was tainted by suspicion of collusion and a bushel basket full of

phonies (INPLANT/S, RESACKS, PRESACKS, EGOER, ROO, and JOVER), though it did contain two legitimate triple-triples. Even worse, however, was the fact that three(!) blanks were played in the game. Creager played Zip/pRESACKS inadvertently using a flipped Y as a blank. In addition, there was apparently a situation where one of the players had too many tiles on his rack.

#### Honorable Mention

1,119 points (no phonies) - Nov 6, 1990 in a friendly game between Lester Schonbrun and Nick Ballard. Schonbrun won 710-409.

1,142 points - In a 1999 game against a computer opponent, Jim Peters won 612-530 for a combined score of 1,142 points. The game included six bingos but only one triple-triple.

#### International Record (using open-style play)

1,332<sup>4</sup> points (667-665), Gareth Williams vs John Grayson, England, 1980s

#### Lowest Combined Score

-18 points

At the Midwest Invitational Tournament in July 1990, Michigan expert Rod Nivison held the opening rack UNIDEAE. As his opponent drew tiles, he inadvertently exposed a D. Hoping to play UNIDEAED, Nivison passed. His opponent exchanged one tile, Nivison passed again, and his opponent again exchanged one tile. Nivison passed a third time. His opponent then laid down DORMINE (missing MINORED). After pausing to think, Nivison challenged the word off and then passed again and won the game -8 to -10. A rule was later added saying that a game could not end with six consecutive zero scores if the game score was 0-0.

#### Highest Losing Score

1. 552 points: Stefan Rau, Dallas Open, March 2008 vs Keith Smith (who won 582-552). Rau played three phony bingos in the game.
2. 545 points: Kevin Rickhoff, 2006 Nationals, Aug 2006 vs Mark Milan (who won 558-545)
3. 539 points: Joel Sherman, Campbell CA, May 2001 (see also Biggest Comeback, below)
4. 533 points: Cheryl Cadieux, 1993, vs Chuck Armstrong (who won 539-533).
5. 531 points: Jason Ubeika, Western Canadian Championship, 2005, vs Albert Hahn (who won 566-531)

Honorable Mention: In an online game against Carl Johnson in 2007, Andrew Gerngross lost 560-556.

#### Highest Tie Score

1. 502-502: John Chew Vs Zev Kaufman, 1997, Toronto Club Tournament
2. 499-499: Joe Edley Vs Jerry Lerman, 1980
3. 496-496: Shaun Goatcher Vs Craig Rowland, Toronto Club #3, 1998

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<sup>4</sup> Graeme Thomas recalls the total being 1,323 (662-661)

## **Biggest Comeback**

1. 256 points, David Poder, Campbell CA, May 2001

Down 6-262 against Joel Sherman, Poder came back to win 541-539 (See Highest Losing Score above)

2. 250 points, Eric Chaikin, April 15 2000

After five plays (including four bingos), Chaikin found himself trailing Jason Summers 79-329. On the next turn, Summers played the triple-triple OUTSKIED\* to take a 371-point lead. Chaikin challenged the word off, then proceeded to slowly work his way back into contention, thanks to two bingos, and another phony and an unsuccessful challenge by Summers. Chaikin managed to go out first and the four points he picked up from his opponent's rack gave him a 442-438 victory.

## **Most Points Scored With One Tile**

99 Points: Tom Kelly, 1999, Plainview NY

Kelly played a single S to form QUIRKS and SMOTHERED.

## **Most Points Scored With Two Tiles**

177 Points: Mike Wier, 2005

Wier extended ROQUET to the triple-triple CROQUETS by adding a C and S.

## **Most Points Scored With Three Tiles**

203 Points?: Rita Dady, 1983 Nationals

Dady extended QUAIN to the triple-triple AcQUAINTS.

## **Most Points Scored With Four Tiles**

216 Points: Tom Kelly, 2003

Kelly extended NAZI to the triple-triple DENAZIFY.

## **Longest Word Played**

15 letters

At the September 1990 Portland OR tournament, Ken Clark played the bingo CONSIDER at 3C for 68. His opponent, Mark Powell later extended it to CONSIDERATION for 28. On his last turn, Ken extended it again to make RECONSIDERATION, the first 15-letter word ever played in a club or tournament game.

Other well-known 15-letter plays include Eric Chaikin's (INFORMATIVE)NESS in 2001 at Los Angeles Club #44 (in the same round that Ira Cohen and Bruce D'Ambrosio played their record 1,111-point club game) and DISENFRANCHISES (built from FRANC by Bob Violet and Edelle Crane). Jim Geary's famed 15-letter bingo of (EXISTENT)IALISTS came in an on-line game and there

is some question as to whether or not it happened at all. At the March 2005 Exeter NH Club Tourney, Ed Liebfried extended CONTENTMENTS to DISCONTENTMENTS.  
In foreign play, Mark Nyman extended CAPITULA to RECAPITULATIONS.

### **Largest One-Game Spread (no phonies)**

546 points

Richard Ross, December 1990, Florida State Championship - Ross won 702-156. His opponent lost four challenges: MAGUEY, ZORILLAS, ETERNIZE, and VIREMIAS

530 points

Susan Beard, July 2008, National Scrabble Championship. The officially recorded game score was 700-170. However, upon reviewing the game after the tournament, it was discovered that the actual game score was 700-185.

### **Largest One-Game Spread (including phonies)**

569 points

Ken Lambe, June 27 1981, New York City Game Room Tourney Preliminary, Ken defeated Leslie McTaggart 714-147, but the game included the phony ENVEIL for 48.

### **Largest One-Game Spread - International Record**

796 points, Phil Ableby 1,049-253, June 1989 (See Highest Game Score - International Record)

### **Most Points Scored Before Opponent Scores a Point**

347(?)

In 1986 at Albuquerque Club #129, Grace Cummins started a game with NUBBIER with the R on the star. Her opponent unsuccessfully challenged. She then played DUSTLESS through the E and her opponent challenged again (and lost again). Next came PREFERS/SNUBBIER and another lost challenge. Grace then drew the X and played EX for 55 and took a 347-0 lead on her way to a 634-point game.

NOTE - There seems to be some confusion about this record. SCRABBLE® News 68 reports the details as printed above. The title, however, reads "345 to 0 in Albuquerque", not 347. Worse, the plays listed in the article only total 320, not 347 or 345. Either a play was left out of the article, or the record score should be 320-0.

### **Most Points Gained From Opponent's Rack**

84 points

At the Los Angeles Step 1 tournament in January 1987, Bob Hodes drew the Q, Z, X, and J on his last two turns. His opponent, Peter Skaggs, bingoed out catching him with a full rack including the J, Q, X, and Z, picking up 84 points.

### **Most Bingos in a Game**

7, Chuck Armstrong, Livonia MI Club #115, January 1993

Chuck scored 710 points. His bingos were MUCILAGE, LANGSYNE, OGREISMS, BANNERS, METAPHOR, AWAITER, and REOBJECT. Other players may have tied or exceeded this record.

Russel Byers also had seven bingos in a 2006 club game in Nottingham England

### **Most Bingos in a Game - Tournament Record**

6?, by numerous players

### **Most Bingos in Two Consecutive Games**

12: Dave Wiegand, Reno NV, Jan 2008

Wiegand opened his round 17 game against Lisa Odom with four consecutive bingos and added two more later.

He did the same against Carl Johnson in round 18, opening with four consecutive bingos and added two more later. Johnson also had three bingos in the game.

### **Most Combined Bingos in a Game**

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Albert Hahn and Jason Uzbeika, Calgary AB CAN, September 29, 2005.

Hahn had five bingos (TERGITES, DOLLISH, GOODLIER, ASTATINE, PETRIFY) and Uzbeika four (AGONIZE, CENTERED, INTURNS, and VARIANCE [a 176-point triple-triple])

Jim Kramer and Vince Van Dover, Feb 13, 1991, Minneapolis MN Club #42.

Kramer had five bingos (BASENJI, RAVELIN, ALOPECIA, OUTFEAST, OVERSHOE) and Van Dover four (AZOTISED, INCUBATE, DROOPIER, INTERAGE)

Dave Wiegand and Carl Johnson, Reno NV, Jan 2008

Wiegand had six bingos (SURFBIRD, MANUBRIA, TETRADIC, PEROXIDE, ORIENTAL and YEELINS) and Johnson had three (TURLER, SNOWIER, and INFLATES)

Keith Smith and Stefan Rau, Dallas Open, March 2008

Keith had four bingos (ANTHERID, LORINERS, OUTLIER, and ATOMIES) and Rau had five, including three phonies (REMANANT\*, ADNATION, OPERCULI(\*), GASEFIES(\*), CULOTTES).

Adam Logan and Jesse Day, Albany NY, Jan 2009.

Logan had five bingos (DIVINEST, FAULTIER, FLAGPOLE, ARANEID, and INSOMNIA) and Day had four (DISHIER, DEMIVOLT, ABETTOR, and FASTING)

International Record: 9, Mark Nyman vs Nigel Richards, Thailand, 1999

Naween Fernando vs ?

### **Most Consecutive Bingos - Both Players**

5?

Travis Chaney and Iffy Onyeonwu (see above)

See also Most Consecutive Bingos to Start a Game (Both Players) below

## International Record

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In a game in Nottingham, England, Russell Byers and Shiela Spate played seven consecutive bingos starting on the second turn: SHINIER, ANEARING, HAPTERON#, BATEMENT, OVERUSE, SCREAMED, and CLOSURES.

### **Most Consecutive Bingos to Start a Game (One Player)**

6: Kevin Fraley, Reno NV, July 2006, vs Jim Geary

Fraley started with REOILI(N)G, MARINER(S), cO(N)TRITE, (O)UTMODED, DUN(E)LIKE, and GARDEN(E)R

Brian Cappelletto

In a 1990 casual game against Stan Rubinsky, Cappelletto started with ATAXICS, PUNGENCY, GUNBOAT, FELLAHIN, MIGRANTS, and UPSTAIR.

5: Jere Mead, 1989 Nationals

Jan Dixon, Nov 1994, Cocoa Beach FL(?)

Joseph Levine, 1996, club game (club record)

Devonna Gee, 1996 Nationals

Honorable Mention: At the May 1996 San Diego Tournament, Mike Stevens played eight consecutive bingos near the end of the game. Unfortunately, the first three (FOLKIEST, SOFTLIKE, and FELONIST) were phonies that were challenged off. Stevens went on to play the legitimate bingos FOLIATES, EMITTING, MOUSIER, DEFACING and SPOOLING.

### **Most Consecutive Bingos to Start a Game (Both Players)**

5?: Steven Saul and Joel Horn, Oct 7 2004, Lexington MA Club

The game opened with five consecutive bingos: HOBNAIL, AZURITEs, OUTPRAYS, VETERANS, and FLAGONS.

### **Highest Average Score, Multi-Day Tournament**

470.11 points: Chris Cree, Houston, May 2007, 18 rounds

467.36 points: Joel Sherman, Wisconsin Dells, October 1992, 11 rounds

### **Highest Average Score, One-Day Tournament**

495.33 points(?): Kenji Matsumoto, Reno NV Late Bird, June 30 2007, 6 rounds

485.29 points(?): Christopher Sykes, Brantford ONT CAN, November 2007, 7 rounds

Jim Geary reports that he averaged over 500 at an early one-day tournament, but did not have full details.

### **Highest Average Score Per Turn**

(Tournament Record) 61.2 points: Jim Kramer, Boston Area Tournament, April 2000 vs Joel Wapnick

Kramer scored 551 points in nine plays. Wapnick scored 551 points in 10 plays.

Note that in a game at Minneapolis MN Club #42 c1991, Kramer had averaged 61.1 points per move (not counting exchanges).

(Club Record) 69.2 points, Michael Cresta, Oct 12, 2006, Lexington MA Club

Cresta scored 830 points in 12 turns - though he did exchange five times (exchanges are not included when calculating score per turn).

62.7 points: Joe Gaspard, May 2005, Minneapolis MN Club #42 vs Steve Pellinen

Gaspard scored 627 points in ten plays. He played five bingos, including binging out with the 185-point triple-triple ENJOINER. Pellinen scored 419 points and trailed by only nine before Gaspard's final play.

### **Highest Average Score Per Turn in Losing Effort**

55.5 points: Joel Horn

Horn scored 500 points in just nine plays, but lost to Steven Saul's 546 in 10 plays.

### **Highest Average Score Per Turn - Both Players** (excluding exchanges)

55.9 points: Jim Kramer vs Vince Van Dover, Minneapolis MN Club #42, c1991

55.1 points: Joel Horn vs Steven Saul (see above)

52.8 points: Jim Kramer vs Joel Wapnick, Boston Area Tournament, April 2000

52.3 points: Joe Gaspard vs Steve Pellinen (see above)

### **Highest Score Without a Bingo**

518(??)

In 1990, Alice Van Leunen scored 518 points without a bingo. SCRABBLE® News 83 speculated that this might be a record, but it is likely that it has been beaten since then, if not before. Van Leunen's plays included ZEINS (48), GAFFER (51), CHEAP (63), JEANS (60), HAIR (45), and BLOW (54).

**Most 500-Point Games, Single Tournament** (incomplete)

NOTE: Game score data is VERY incomplete and almost non-existent in earlier years (outside of majors) so these records are tentative at best.

12: Maven, Quackle, Toronto Compter vs Human Showdown, Nov 2006

Maven and Quackle had 12 500 point games each in the 36-round event.

11: Ganesh Asirvatham, World SCRABBLE® Championship, 2007

The (known) record for humans.

9: Nigel Richards, World SCRABBLE® Championship 2007  
Doug Brockmeier, National SCRABBLE® Championship, 2002

The (known) North American record for humans. However, given the extreme incompleteness of score data, there is a good chance that this record has been bettered.

# Tournament Records - Players

## Most Tournaments Won

117+ Chuck Armstrong

One of the game's greatest players, Armstrong has won over 100 tournaments in his career despite long stretches of inactivity totaling about 5-7 years. Armstrong finished in the top four in three consecutive Nationals (1985, 1987, and 1988) and the top ten in four (1983, 1985, 1987, and 1988).

## Other Players With 40+ Tournament Wins (incomplete)

Bear in mind when looking at this list that the data is incomplete (though it does contain an estimated 90-95% of all tournament winners) and some of the players will likely jump a number of spots when and if complete data is obtained. This list includes only division one wins in fully-rated tournaments.

117+: Chuck Armstrong

90+: Ira Cohen

85+: Jerry Lerman

66+: Paul Epstein

63+: Joel Sherman

62+: Chris Cree

50+: Brian Cappelletto

49+: Pat Barrett

47+: Joe Edley

46+: Lester Schonbrun

45+: David Boys

42+: Robert Felt

41+: Stu Goldman

40+: Jeff Reeves

Dave Wiegand

Jeff Reeves

**Most Multi-Day Tournaments Won** (excluding challenge matches, team tournaments, one-day tournaments, club tournaments, and consolation tournaments)

49+: Chuck Armstrong  
48+: Joel Sherman  
47+: Chris Cree  
44+: Brian Cappelletto  
Pat Barrett  
36+: Jeff Reeves  
35+: Paul Epstein

34+: Joe Edley  
Ira Cohen  
33+: Nigel Richards  
32+: Dave Johnson  
31+: Dave Wiegand  
Darrell Day

As many consider winning a short one-day tournament (here defined as any tournament under 9 games in length) a much lesser accomplishment than winning a multi-day tournament, the above list shows only wins in multi-day tournaments

**Most Times Winning Division - Divisions Other Than One - incomplete**

36+: Pat Diener  
34+: Andrea Michaels  
26+: Lynn Joseph  
Alan Whitman

25+: Bennett Jacobstein  
23+: John Karris  
Robert Smith

If we restrict the list to multi-day tournaments, Carl Davis is the leader (20+), followed by Glenda Short (12+), Naurlene Canterman, Leslie Millard, Michael Wier, and Mic Barron (11+).

**Fewest Times Winning Division**

As records are incomplete, this record is not certain, but according to existing records, one player has played 112 tournaments without winning his or her division a single time.

**Tournament Wins By Decade**

**1973-1979** (very incomplete)

9+: Charles Goldstein  
7+: Stan Rubinsky  
5+: Chris Sigel  
4+: Dan Pratt  
Jim Pate

**1980-89**

62+: Chuck Armstrong  
23+: Jeff Reeves  
19+: Paul Epstein  
18+ Dan Pratt  
16+ Joel Wapnick  
Darrell Day  
Chris Cree  
15+: Joe Edley  
Peter Morris  
13+: Brian Cappelletto  
Chris Reslock  
12+: James Neuberger

**1990-1999**

31+: Pat Barrett  
28+: Joel Sherman  
Robert Felt  
27+: Ira Cohen  
Paul Epstein  
David Boys  
26+: Bob Lipton  
24+: Joe Edley  
Brian Cappelletto  
23+: Rod Nivison  
21+: Lester Schonbrun  
Jerry Lerman

**2000-present**

63: Jerry Lerman

61: Ira Cohen

43: Chuck Armstrong

35: Nigel Richards

34: Joel Sherman

32: Chris Cree

31: Dave Wiegand

John Karris

**Most Career Second-Place Finishes (all divisions)**

1. 74+ Paul Epstein
2. 64+ Jerry Lerman
3. 48+ John Karris  
Lester Schonbrun

**Most Career Second-Place Finishes for Player Who's Never Finished First (all divisions)**

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## **Most Games Played**

Stuart Goldman

Stu Goldman is believed to have played more club and tournament games than any player in SCRABBLE® history. Under the old system of expert points (which were awarded for each club or tournament game won starting in 1975), Stu accumulated more than anyone else, a record 2,677 by September 1, 1985 (after which they marched slowly into oblivion). Even in the 1999-2005 period, more than three decades after he first started playing in sanctioned tournaments (in 1973), Goldman still ranks third with over 2,000 tournament games played. Goldman has certainly played in excess of 10,000 club and tournament games in his career and the actual total may be double that.

**Other Players With 200+ Tournaments and 3,000+ Tournament Games** (division one players only) - very incomplete

Paul Avrin, Jan Dixon, Siri Tillekeratne, Paul Epstein, Sam Kantimathi, Tim Anglin, Verna Richards Berg, Chris Cree, Joel Sherman, Ruth Hamilton, Marjorie Schoenboom, Ruth Sawyer, Al Demers, Ira Cohen, Robert Linn, Beulah Cooper, Lester Schonbrun

Since the data sources used for this book generally include only players with winning records prior to 1993 (and since 1993-1998 data is incomplete), the above list is very incomplete. Nonetheless, the player's listed here are all likely among the career leaders in tournament games played.

## **Most Consecutive Tournaments Won**

10(?): Brian Williams

From May 2003 to November 2007, Williams won 10 consecutive tournaments: Minneapolis (9-3 +430), Winnipeg (13-4 +1523), Winnipeg (15-2 +1421), Winnipeg (12-2 +927), Brandon MB (11-2 +1272), Winnipeg (7.5-0.5 +487), Winnipeg (12-2 +1998), Brandon (10-2 +936), Brandon (10-4 +846), and Brandon (10-2 +762). During his streak, Williams was 109.5-23.5 [82.3%] +10,602 (an average spread of +79.7 per game). After gaining points in Minneapolis, and facing weaker competition in his home province, Williams saw his rating decline in all but one of the 9 subsequent tournaments (in the other it stayed the same) despite the wins and over the 9-game stretch, his rating fell from 1863 to 1621. In his next tournament, he finished 22nd at the Canadian National Championship with a 9-9 record but gained 71 rating points before winning another Winnipeg tourney and losing back 39 of them.

7: Dan Pratt

Excluding SOWPODS tournaments, Dan Pratt won seven consecutive tournaments from June 2007 to January 2009. All were multi-day tournaments and each was in a different state: Knoxville TN, (11-4 +666), Petosky MI (11-1 +737), Saskatoon SK (13-1 +1043), Calgary AB (11-3 +699), Charlotte NC (17-4 +1208), Myrtle Beach SC (11-3 +1437) and Yazoo City MS (9-2 +898). Between Knoxville and Petosky, Pratt played in the World Championship. Pratt also won six consecutive tournaments from May 2006 to March 2007, once again in six different states (MD, WV, NM, NC, IN, and PA [a club tournament]).

6: Chuck Armstrong

From December 2000 to September 2001, Armstrong won six consecutive tournaments: Lansing MI (Dec 1990, 7-0 +648), Battle Creek MI (Feb 2001, 6-1 +518), Lansing MI (May 2001, 6-1 +585), Livonia MI (June 2001, 12-2 +1517), Farmington MI (July 2001, 6-1 +737), Farmington MI (Sep 2001, 6-1 +665). During his streak, Armstrong was 43-6 [87.8%] +4670 (an average spread of +95 per game). In his next tournament in October 2001, Chuck finally left the friendly confines of his home state and came back to earth - he finished 2nd in Wisconsin Dells with a 10-2 record.

## **Most Consecutive Tournament Games Won**

31(?): Tom Adams, 1993

Division One: 28, Dan Pratt, 1986

The 13-year old Adams set his record over three tournaments: Minneapolis, Gatlinburg (where he went 18-0) and Milwaukee. He won his division in all three tournaments and went a combined 35-4. As with the above record, this one may have been surpassed.

Pratt's record was set over four tournaments and included a 15-0 performance at the Midwest Invitational

In British tournament play, Mark Nyman won 27 consecutive games, from October 1991 to July 1992.

## **Most Wins Without a Loss or Tie, Single Tournament**

1. 20-0: Faye Edwards, Chicago IL, May 2006, Division 5

2. 18-0: Tom Adams, Gatlinburg TN, March 1993, Division 7

3. 17-0: Brian Cappelletto, SWILNS, June 1996, Division 1  
Mark Wyndham, Phoenix AZ, February 2002, Division 7

### **Most Losses Without a Win or Tie, Single Tournament**

0-27: on four separate occasions; three at the Reno summer tournament and one at nationals  
Division One: 0-18, Siri Tillekeratne, Reno NV July 1989 (NOTE - Siri readily admits to this)

### **Most Common Opponents**

Head-to-head data is rare prior to the 1990s, but in the data we have the two players who have faced each other the most in rated tournament play are Siri Tillekeratne and Wayne Clifford, who have squared off at least 181 times.

### **Most Tournaments With 100% Winning Percentage** (minimum 5 games) - incomplete

1. 32+: Chuck Armstrong
2. 16: Jerry Lerman
3. 15: Ira Cohen
4. 12: Dan Pratt
5. 10: Charles Goldstein  
Paul Epstein

Most players never have a single tournament in which they win every game. These players have done it more times than most people have won tournaments.

### **Most Tournaments With 100% Winning Percentage - Multi-Day Tournaments Only** (minimum 9 games) - incomplete

- 4: Chuck Armstrong, Paul Epstein
- 3: Joel Wapnick, David Boys, Peter Morris, Steve Polatnick, Nigel Richards
- 2: Dan Pratt, Trey Wright, Brian Cappelletto, Charles Goldstein, Mark Nyman

The majority of undefeated performances come in short one-day tournaments. Winning every game in a multi-day tournament is much more difficult, as the above list demonstrates.

### **Most Lopsided Victory**

At the Cocoa Beach FL tournament in October 1997, Jack Eichenbaum won the expert division with a 15-0 +1839 record. Second place went to Howard Pistol at 8-7 +523, a record 7-game victory margin.

### **Longest Game?**

At the April 1993 Gatlinburg tournament, Jan Dixon and Paul Avrin played a game in which they took 25 turns each (an average of 2 tiles per play).

### **Shortest Game?**

The 2003 Parsippany NJ tournament offered a special prize for the player who won a game using the least amount of time. The prize was claimed by Matt Graham who played a complete game in 96 seconds and scored 471 points.

### **Closest Finishes**

At Jonesboro AR in May 2002, Virginia Wood and Marie Moore finished with identical 9-2 +331 records to tie for the division two lead. The same thing happened in Tucson in December of 2001 where Naurlene Canterman and Patty Wayne finished 9-4 +492 in division two. In tournaments using spread as the tiebreaker, Dean Scouloukas took division one with a 5-2 +368 record at the one-division Hudson OH tournament in April 2001, finishing a single spread point ahead of Dan Stock. For tournaments with more than one division, Steven Alexander won division one of the January 1989 Atlantic City tournament by just two spread points over Richie Lund. Alexander finished 8-2 +614 and Lund 8-2 +612.

### **Peripatetic Players**

Sam Kantimathi has won tournaments in seven different countries and played tournaments in at least 39 different states provinces and foreign countries.

Margaret Bauer Williams played SCRABBLE® on seven different continents (including Antarctica).

Linda Wancel played 52 tournaments in a single calendar year (2007).

In August of 1999, Stu Goldman (CA) reported that he'd played SCRABBLE® in 42 different states.

In 2007, Winter started a streak of playing in a tournament every weekend. At the end of the year, the streak stood at 25 consecutive weekends.

### **Most Tournament Games Played in a Calendar Year**

2007 must have been a good year for marathon SCRABBLE® records. In the same year, Florida's Mark Gooley played in 552 tournament games, edging out Paul Avrin who'd played in 505 tournament games in 2004. In October of 2004 alone, Avrin played 94 tournament games in 8 different tournaments<sup>4</sup>. On five different weekends that October, Avrin played in Wisconsin, Florida, Colorado, and two different tournaments in Alberta.

### **Highest Spread, Single Tournament**

1. +4527: Quackle, Computer vs. Human Showdown, Nov 2006 (32-4, 1st place)
2. +3814: Ganesh Asirvatham, 5th Causeway Challenge, Dec 2006 (22-3, 1st place)
3. +3611: Jason Bednarz, Reno, July 1999, Division 3 (35-4, 1st place)
4. +3398: Maven, Computer vs. Human Showdown, Nov 2006 (30-6, 2nd place)
5. +3110: Nigel Richards, UK Open, Jan 2008 (31-7, 1st place)
6. +3061: John Rumzisz, 2004 Nationals, Division 7 (28-2, 1st place)
7. +3014: Nigel Richards, 7th Causeway Challenge, Dec 2008 (30-15, 4th place)
8. +2758: Bradley Robbins, 2008 Nationals, Division 6 (24-4, 1st place)
9. +2738: Ganesh Asirvatham, 3rd Causeway Challenge, Dec 2004 (23.5-5.5, 1st place)
10. +2691: Joey Krafchick, The Players Championship, 2007, Division 5 (25.5-5.5, 1st place)

### **Lowest Spread, Single Tournament**

1. -6805 (Division 3, 0-23)
2. -4853 (Division 3, 0-22)
3. -4384 (Division 6, 0-28)
4. -4080 (Division 3, 0-22)

### **Highest Spread, Single Tournament for Non-Winner**

- +3398: Maven, Computer vs. Human Showdown, Nov 2006 (30-6, 2nd place)
- +3014: Nigel Richards, 7th Causeway Challenge, Dec 2008 (30-15, 4th place)
- +2322: Nathan Benedict, Reno NV, July 2007 (27-9, 2nd place) - North American human record

### **Highest Spread/Game Single Tournament (Multi-Day)**

- 221.6: Rod Noland, Jackson MS, January 2004, Division 4 (11-0 +2438)
- 191.1: Keith Pringle, Jonesboro AR, May 2002, Division 4 (11-0 +2102)
- 184.1: Bob Lipton, Caribbean Cruise, December 1991, Division 1 (12-0 +2209)

Interestingly, Noland's record-setting performance came in his first-ever tournament.

### **Lowest Winning Percentage, Division Winner**

- 53.8%: Adam Logan, Boston Area Tournament, 1998 (7-6)

The Boston Area Tournament used a credit system, rather than won/loss record, to determine placement. A number of players have won 7-game tournaments with a 4-3 record, including Nathan Benedict, who won the January 1999 Newport Beach Tournament with a 4-3 record and a spread of just +138. In multi-day tournaments using won/loss record for placement, Jean Carol won the Panama Canal Cruise tourney in April 1993 with an 11-8-1 record (57.5%) but there were only four players in the division.

### **Highest Spread With Losing Record**

- +992: Robert Gillis (11-14), Cincinnati Masters, Aug 2001

### **Lowest Spread With Winning Record**

- 1389: Julia Bogle (15-13), 2005 Nationals, Division 3

### **Lowest Spread - Division Winner**

- 125: Mitchell Brook, Reno NV Early Bird, July 2003, Division 5 (6-2)

Note - The SCRABBLE® Players News reported that Roy Dixon won the 1988 Arlington VA D.C. Open <1650 division with a 6-4 -282 record, but this may have been a typo.

### **Lowest Spread - Division Winner, Multi-Day Tournament**

- 76: Walker Willingham, Mid-Cities TX Worlds Qualifier, June 2003

In 1999, Evan Simpson won the UK National Championship by going 6-1 in the finals round. His spread, incredibly, was -43.

**Biggest Win-Loss Differential With Negative Spread**

9: Mike Paxson, Master's Championship, August 2001, Division 1 (17-8 -281)

Also accomplished by Alan Love at 1998 Nationals, Daniel Schey at The Players Championship 2007, and Richard Solomon and Donald Honig at 1990 Nationals but with higher spread.

**Biggest Loss-Win Differential With Positive Spread**

10: Cynthia Ho, Reno NV, July 1999, Division 3 (14-24, +181)

NOTE: Cynthia had a bye. It has been removed, along with 50 points of spread.

## 1999-2008 Records (North American Play Only)

From 1999 on, complete tournament cross-tables have been posted to the NSA website<sup>5</sup>. The following section contains records based on complete data obtained from these cross-tables. Errors sometimes occur in the cross-tables themselves. These have been corrected where possible.

### Highest Tourney Winning% 1999-2008 (minimum 200 games played)

1. 74.8%: Brian Williams (241-81-1)
2. 73.0%: Chuck Armstrong (590-217-3)
3. 68.6%: Dave Wiegand (1017-465-5)
4. 68.3%: David Gibson (175-81-1)
5. 68.0%: Brian Cappelletto (831-389-8)

### Lowest Tourney Winning% 1999-2006 (minimum 200 games played)

13.9% (35-216)

### % of Times Winning Division 1999-2006 (minimum 50 tourneys played)

1. 50.6%: Chuck Armstrong (44 of 87 tournaments)
2. 36.5%: Dave Wiegand (31 of 85 tournaments)
3. 34.0%: Ira Cohen (70 of 206 tournaments)
4. 32.3%: David Boys (21 of 65 tournaments)
5. 32.2%: Jerry Lerman (67 of 208 tournaments)

If we lower the minimum to 20 tournaments played, the leader is Brian Williams with 72.7% (16 of 22 tournaments). In third and fourth would be Mark Broering (50%, 10 of 20 tournaments) and Matthew Silver (45.0%, 9 of 20 tournaments).

### Lowest % of Times Winning Division 1999-2006 (minimum 50 tourneys played)

0.9% (1 of 109 tournaments)

If at first you don't succeed try try again ... and again, and again, and again, and again and....

### % of Times Finishing in Top Three 1999-2006 (minimum 50 tourneys played)

1. 83.9%: Chuck Armstrong (73 of 87 tournaments)
2. 68.3%: Jerry Lerman (142 of 208 tournaments)
3. 60.6%: Brian Cappelletto (40 of 66 tournaments)

If we lower the minimum to 20 tournaments played, Brian Williams would rank second with 81.8% (18 of 22 tournaments). The lowest percentage is 2.1% (1 of 47 tournaments)

### % of Tournaments With Winning Record 1999-2006 (min 50 tourneys played)

1. 94.3%: Chuck Armstrong (82 of 87 tournaments)
2. 92.4%: Brian Cappelletto (61.66 tournaments)
3. 91.4%: Ian Weinstein (53 of 58 tournaments)
4. 88.2%: Dave Wiegand (75 of 85 tournaments)

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<sup>5</sup> Cross-tables for club tournaments were not posted on the NSA site for the entire period.

5. 88.1%: Jim Kramer (59 of 67 tournaments)

The lowest percentage is 12.1% (7 of 58 tournaments).

If we lower the minimum to 20 tournaments played, Adam Logan would be the leader at 96.2% (25 of 26 tournaments) and Kenji Matsumoto would rank 5th at 89.7% (35 of 39 tournaments). The lowest percentage would be 3.7% (1 of 27 tournaments)

### **Performing Above (and Below) Expectations**

At the Bayside NY tournament in June 2003, Doris Fields (rated 500) won division 4. The average rating of the rest of the players in the division was 871. That 371 point difference is a record for the 1999-2008 period. In division one, Jesse Matthews (rated 1347) won the Calgary one-day tournament in Feb of 2004. The rest of the field had an average rating of 1620, 273 points above Jesse's rating.

On the other side of the coin, a player rated 1439 finished last in a 1999 tournament against a field rated 952. That -487 difference set a record of another kind. Experts are not immune to such performances either. At a 2001 tournament, a 1971-rated expert finished last against a field rated at a barely-expert 1675, a difference of 296 points. (though in the expert's defense, it was a small field).

Note: for the above records, the post-tournament rating was used for unrated players.

### **Highest Career Total Spread 1999-2008**

1. +86,726: Ira Cohen (2,419 games)
2. +81,507: Joel Sherman (2,123 games)
3. +78,252: Joey Mallick (2,510 games)
4. +73,356: Dave Wiegand (1,487 games)
5. +77,785: Jerry Lerman (2,056 games)

### **Highest Career Spread/Game 1999-2008** (minimum 500 games)

1. +59.7: Chuck Armstrong (797 games)
2. +49.3: Dave Wiegand (1,487 games)
3. +43.1: Doug Brockmeier (565 games)
4. +40.3: Ian Weinsetein (1,074 games)
5. +38.4: Joel Sherman (2,123 games)

If we lower the minimum to 200 games, Brian Williams (+63.4, 323 games) is the leader, David Gibson (+49.1, 257 games) is 4th, and Chad Harris (+48.2, 372 games) is 5th.

### **Glutton For Punishment**

On the flip side of the above records, one player had a total spread of -39,671 over 585 games. That means that an average game was a 67 point loss. With a 200-game minimum, a player averaged -88.3 spread/game over 251 games.

# Tournament Records - Ratings and Expert Points Records

(NOTE - See Ratings and Rankings section for an explanation of Expert Points)

## Most Expert Points, Career

2,677+, Stu Goldman (as of September 1, 1985)

## First "B" Level Expert (50 expert points)

Marjorie Schoneboom, New York, 1975

## First "C" Level Expert (300 expert points)

Gary Brown, Brooklyn, 1976

## First "D" Level Expert (750 expert points)

Stu Goldman, New York, 1979

Interestingly, both Schoneboom and Gary Brown achieved these levels in games against Stu Goldman.

## Ratings > 2150 Prior to 1983 (incomplete)

2370: Chuck Armstrong, Apr 1981

2306: Dan Pratt, Apr 1981

2250: David Prinz, Nov 1980

2248: Dan Pratt, Nov 1980

2154: Vernon Jones, Apr 1981

While the rating system did not officially go into effect until 1983, ratings were calculated for a number of tournaments prior to that time (including the 1980 Nationals). Since ratings were based on a much smaller number of games, these ratings are listed here separately. NOTE - these ratings are based on very incomplete data (partial results from 3 tournaments)

## Highest Peak Rating (1983-present)

1. 2168: Ron Tiekert, July 1986
2. 2155: Robert Felt
3. 2150: Peter Morris
4. 2147: Joe Edley
5. 2145: Joel Wapnick, August 1983
6. 2144: Chuck Armstrong, October 1984
7. 2130: Chris Reslock, July 1984
8. 2125: Dan Pratt, June 1986
9. 2122: Brian Cappelletto, 1989  
2122: David Gibson, August 1994
11. 2103: Adam Logan

## Highest Debut Rating<sup>6</sup>

1. 2066: Patrick Nderitu Gitonga, Seattle WA, May 1996
2. 2051: Nigel Richards, 2002 Nationals
3. 1991: Phil Appleby, 1988 Nationals
4. 1969: Brian Sugar, 1988 Nationals
5. 1955: K. Nuttakrit, 2000 Nationals

Perhaps an asterisk should go with this list as none of the players listed were "rookies". All of them were experienced international tournament players playing in their first U.S. Tournament. Gitonga had represented Kenya in the first three Worlds, finishing 10th in 1995. In his U.S. debut at the 1996 Seattle tournament, he won the expert division finishing ahead of Dave Wiegand and Bob Schoenman.

## Highest Debut Rating (for player with no previous tournament experience, not counting erroneous ratings)

1. 1900: Steven Rutt, Minneapolis MN, July 1987 (division 3, 4-0)  
1900: Marion Belisle, St Paul MN, Feb 1988 (division 3, 4-0)  
1900: David Forrey, St. Paul MN, Feb 1988 (division 3, 4-0)  
1900: Wally Dlugolecki, Milwaukee WI Step 1, Jan 1987 (4-0)  
1900: Allan Murphy, Indianapolis IN Step 1, Jan 1987 (4-0)  
1900: Louis Berney, Towson MD Step 1, Jan 1987 (4-0)  
1900: Rick Kempa, Tuscon AZ Step 1, Jan 1987 (4-0)  
probably numerous others
8. 1872: Marcia Mendenhall, Indianapolis IN Step 2, Mar 1987 (9-0)
9. 1860: Don Stockwell, Houston TX Step 2, Mar 1987 (9-0)

Another list that deserves an asterisk. The Minnesota tournaments here featured a "recreational" division that played just four games and featured players ranked as high as the 1700s. The step tournaments had one large division and many contained large number of novice players along with a number of tournament players (though not many experts, as they qualified based on ratings or working at a step tournament). Currently, a player who wins all their games in a debut tournament is given a debut rating equal to their average opponent rating plus 700, but I don't know if that rule was in effect in 1987-88 and it appears that there was a 1900 ceiling on initial ratings

## Highest Debut Rating (for player with no previous tournament experience, not counting erroneous ratings and not including x-0 performances in step or short tournaments)

- 1? c1840: Bob Lipton, Grand Canyon AZ, Nov 1986 (division 2, 10-0)
- 2? 1821: Carol Dustin, Minneapolis MN, July 1987 (division 1, 6-4)
- 3? 1816: Amit Chakrabarti, Danbury CT, Feb 2000 (division 2, 13-7)
- 4? 1812: Brian Cappelletto, Albuquerque NM, Oct 1985 (division 1, 5-5)

The players on this list need no asterisk. Amit was an experienced SOWPODS and internet player at the time of his debut, but had not played in a tournament before. He was allowed to play in division two and finished third. Cappelletto was just 16 at the time of his debut, but people were

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<sup>6</sup> Not counting initial ratings given when rating system went into effect or erroneous "debut" ratings (see below)

already talking about him and he was allowed to play in the expert division, finishing with a 5-5 record.

The "erroneous ratings" mentioned above refer to the situation where a division is composed entirely of unrated players. This is not supposed to happen, as there are always supposed to be at least two rated players in a division for it to be accurately rated. Nonetheless, it has happened upon rare occasion in the past, and when it does, it results in artificially high "debut" ratings. An example is the 1987 Austin tournament where the top five players in the novice division finished with an average "debut" rating of over 1750.

#### **Biggest Ratings Gain: Single Tournament** (incomplete data prior to 1993)

1. 533 points (755 to 1288) Dielle Saldanha, 2002 Nationals, Division 6 (25-6 +1828)
2. 521 points (769 to 1290) Eugene D'eon, Reno, July 2008, Division 2 (15-12, +30)
3. 491 points (981 to 1472) Perry Witt, Williamstown KY Step 2, Mar 1987, Division 1 (8-2 +564)

#### **Biggest Ratings Loss: Single Tournament** (incomplete data prior to 1993)

1. 361 points, from 1900 to 1539, after a 2-7 performance in 1986
2. 356 points, from 1222 to 866 after an 0-14 performance  
Division 1: 217 points (from 1558 to 1341 after a 5-10 performance)

#### **Biggest Rating Loss for Division Winner (and Vice Versa)**

Cross-tables.com records indicate that Harvey Rarback won division three at the September 1987 Haines Falls NY tournament, but lost 91 rating points, falling from 1859 to 1768. This may be in error, however as it remains a question why an 1859 player would be in division three (assuming it isn't a typo, one possibility is that he had played in only a single tournament before Haines Falls and emerged with abnormally high rating). His listed rating at his next known tournament was 1717, lending some support to the legitimacy of this data, but the numbers are still dubious.

On more solid footing are the following:

At the December 1995 Las Vegas tournament, Harrell Naylor won division ten (the lowest division) with a 12-3 record. His reward? A 64 points rating loss, taking him from 1477 to 1413. 1808 ranked Ed Cunningham did almost as badly (well?) at the 1994 Texas State Championship. Playing in division two, he won with an 8-3 record, only to see his rating plunge to 1746.

In division one, Steve Glass' rating also dropped 64 points after he won the May 2005 Tampa FL tournament with a 14-6 record. On the other hand, Mary Mouch finished last in division one of the 1999 Louisiana State Championship but gained 72 rating points (a record for the 1999-2008 period).

From May, 2003 to November, 2008, Canada's Brian Williams won 11 of the 12 tournaments he played. In all but one of them, his rating dropped, and in the other one it stayed exactly the same. Over the period his rating fell from 1863 to 1641. In the one tournament during the period that he didn't win, his rating rose 71 points.

#### **Largest Win/Loss Differential For Player Losing Rating Points (and Vice Versa)**

Steve Glass should be glad he's not Ira Cohen. At Bozeman MT in June of 2004, Cohen cruised to an easy win with an outstanding 17-2 record. His ratings performance, however, was not so outstanding - he lost 7 points (from 1839 to 1832). Clearly, Cohen was playing against a

comparatively weak field. Such a thing couldn't happen against a stronger field, could it? Like, oh, say division one at Nationals? Just ask Brian Cappelletto. In 2000, he finished 2nd with a 22-9 record. At 13 more wins than losses, that was the best record in the division (Joe Edley finished with an identical record but edged Brian in spread). Top division + nationals + best record = big ratings gain, right? Not when you're Brian Cappelletto. His rating actually declined a point from 2094 to 2093. Brian was used to it however. Just two months before, he'd lost another rating point after winning SWILNS with a 14-3 record. And three months before THAT, he'd finished 2nd in the Waltham premier division (the strongest division in SCRABBLE®). Thankfully, his rating didn't decline after that one (how could it) - it stayed exactly the same.

On the other hand, a player at a 1999 tournament finished with a dismal 8-29 -2476 record, but gained nine rating points.

### **Biggest Difference Between Highest Rating Achieved and Lowest Rating Achieved (excluding ratings of zero)**

1,331 points: Jason Katz-Brown (peak rating: 1988, lowest rating: 657)

1,252 points: Chris Lipe (peak rating: 1811, lowest rating: 559)

1,234 points: Dielle Saldanha (peak rating: 1830, lowest rating: 596)

These were all good players who had bad or mediocre first tournaments or who played very weak fields in their first tournament.

### **How the Mighty Have Fallen**

Lowest Rating Achieved by a Player Previously Rated 1600:  
796

Lowest Rating Achieved by a Player Previously Rated 1700:  
same as above

Lowest Rating Achieved by a Player Previously Rated 1800:  
1084

Lowest Rating Achieved by a Player Previously Rated 1900:  
same as above

Lowest Rating Achieved by a Player Previously Rated 2000:  
1215?

In almost all of the above cases, the player's rating decline was due to deteriorating health and/or aging. Ratings deflation played a smaller role.

**Highest Performance Rating** (single tournament or rated segment of same) (1999-2005)

1. 2657: Brian Cappelletto, SWILNS, June 1998 (2nd half) 8-0
2. 2655: Dave Weigand, Reno NV, January 1999 (2nd half) 9-0
3. 2638: Jim Geary, Phoenix AZ, February 1999 (2nd half) 9-0

When a player goes undefeated in a tournament, their performance rating is equal to their average opponent rating plus 700, which explains the above list. NOTE that in the December 1999 Los Gatos tournament, John Karris achieved a 2625 performance rating. Rick Wong had to leave the tournament unexpectedly with one game left. Karris played one game against 1925-rated Jerry Lerman and won.

**Highest Performance Rating With at Least One Loss** (1999-2005) (min 10 games in rating segment)

2286(?): David Gibson, Charlotte NC, March 2005 (14-1)

**Lowest Performance Rating** (1999-2005)

-138 (0-4)

When a player loses all their games in a tournament, their performance rating is equal to their average opponent rating minus 700.

**Largest Difference (Positive) Between Rating and Performance Rating**

1. Denise Mahnken, Corona NY, Nov 2003, Division 2: 971 points (rating: 999, performance rating: 1970, rcd: 7-0)

**Largest Difference (Negative) Between Rating and Performance Rating** (min 6 games)

1. -1050 points (rating: 1222, performance rating: 172, rcd: 0-14)  
Division One: -915 points (rating: 1774, performance rating: 859, rcd: 0-7)

**Largest Difference Between Performance Ratings in Different Halves of Same Tournament** (1999-2005)

1. 970 points (first half: 0-9 perf rating 400, second half: 6-1 perf rating 1370)
2. 960 points (first half: 0-9 perf rating 1139, second half: 7-0 perf rtg 2099)
3. 943 points (first half: 16-0 perf rtg 2304, second half: 1-14 perf rtg 1361)

**Mr. Consistency** (Smallest Difference Between Highest Rating and Lowest Rating Achieved, 1999-2008)

Minimum 10 tournaments played:

Emely James, 43 points (915 to 958, 16 tournaments)

Expert: James Cherry, 45 points (1894 to 1939, 11 tournaments)

Minimum 20 tournaments played:

Scott Lucas, 86 points (1401 to 1487, 21 tournaments)

Expert: Dominic Grillo, 126 points (1756 to 1882, 27 tournaments)

Minimum 50 tournaments played:

Christopher Sykes, 142 points (1723 to 1865, 66 tournaments)

Minimum 100 tournaments played:

Lloyd Mills, 184 points (1794 to 1978, 104 tournaments)

Joey Mallick 186 points (1848 to 2034, 156 tournaments)

For experts, this list obviously discriminates against players who started playing after 1998

# Tournament Records - Tournaments

## First Known Tournament

1958-59 Sparks NV (?)

Organized by Al Demers, president of the Reno Chamber of Commerce, the event drew around 500 players. Demers won the single-elimination tournament (and a Lake Tahoe vacation). While it has been called the first SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> tournament ever, it is likely there were tournaments earlier.

## Other Early Un-Sanctioned Tournaments

1. Late 1960s, The Chess House, New York City
2. Pre-1973, Reading PA
3. Pre-1973, Princeton NJ
4. 1972, Port Huron MI?

The Chess House tournament has been called the first SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> tournament in New York. There were ten entrants. According to the March 25 1973 *New York Times*, Selchow and Righter had "sponsored" SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> tournaments in Princeton and Reading sometime prior to their discussions with Joel Skolnick in fall of 1972, but no other details are known. A results list for the June 1979 Port Huron tournament says it is the "eighth annual" Port Huron tournament. If this is accurate, that would mean the tournament started in 1972, prior to sanctioned play, but no other evidence has been found.

## First Sanctioned Tournament

Spring 1973 Brooklyn SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Players Tournament

The first sanctioned SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> tournament was the Brooklyn SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Players Tournament in Spring of 1973. The tournament was a five-week affair with four preliminary rounds starting on March 18th<sup>7</sup> and a finals on April 15th. The tournament, held to celebrate SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup>'s 25th anniversary, was held in the Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Room and organized and directed by Joel Skolnick. Over 600 Brooklynites signed up to compete in the four preliminary rounds, which consisted of three games against randomly chosen players. The players with the top 10 total scores from each of the preliminary rounds were invited back to the finals where first place was a deluxe SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> set and a \$100 savings bond.

## First Tournament Winners

Al Demers won the 1958-59 Sparks NV tournament. The winners of the company "sponsored" tournaments in Reading and Princeton are unknown. The Chess House tournament in the late 1960s was won by Lester Schonbrun (17-1) with Mike Senkiewicz (15-3) finishing second. The first preliminary round of the Brooklyn SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Players Tournament on March 18 1973 was "won" by Shazzi Felstein who totaled 1,321 points in her four games. The tournament itself was won by Jonathan Hatch.

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<sup>7</sup> The Official SCRABBLE Players Handbook says that the tournament started in February.

## **Other Early Sanctioned Tournaments**

1. Concord Hotel, Catskills NY, Summer 1973 - won by Harriet Zucker (2-0?)
2. Grossinger's Resort, Catskills NY, Summer 1973 - won by Minerva Kasowitz (2-0?)
3. Baltimore MD, November 1973 - won by Gordon Shapiro (4-0 1475 total score)
4. New York City Championship, November 1973-Feb 1974, won by Bernie Wishengrad (8-3)
5. Islip NY, early-mid 1974 - won by Stuart Diamond (4-0)
6. Wilmington DE, late 1973 or early-mid 1974, won by Joan Haworth (4-0)
7. Miami FL, early 1974, won by Jerry Dworkin (4-0 1423 total score)

## **First Team Tournament**

New York Vs. Baltimore, June 1974

Held at the Carousel House in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, the tournament was to pit five of New York's best (Bill Greenberg, Frances Koestler, Jonathan Hatch, David Prinz, and Ron Tiekert) against five of Baltimore's (Gordon Shapiro, Dan Pratt, John Jarowski, Al Schector, and Ron Holmes). Baltimore won the 20-game tournament easily (12-8) when Ron Tiekert was unable to attend and his team was given four losses.

## **First Canadian Tournament**

Toronto, August 1975, won by Michael Schulman

## **Largest Tournament**

1. National SCRABBLE® Championship, 2004 - 837 players
2. National SCRABBLE® Championship, 2002 - 696 players
3. National SCRABBLE® Championship, 2005 - 682 players
4. National SCRABBLE® Championship, 2008 - 662 players
5. US SCRABBLE® Open, 2006 - 625 players

Honorable Mention 1: New York Championship, 1973-74, 2,000 players

The first New York City Championship consisted of 9 weeks of preliminary rounds of 3 games each, followed by a 50-player 4-game quarterfinals, 5-game semifinals, and a 12-player 11-game finals over 2 weeks. The preliminary rounds, which started in November 1973, drew a reported 2,000 players. Several other early tournaments drew 400 or more players, but as these were spread out over several weeks, they do not appear in the table above.

Honorable Mention 2: Thailand International, 1996, 1,500 players

The Thailand International (aka the Brands Cup) regularly attracted in excess of 1,000 players making it probably the largest one-weekend tournament ever.

## **Largest Tournaments (non-Nationals)**

1. The Players Championship, Aug 2007, 451 players
2. Cincinnati Masters Championship, August 1997, 286 players  
Atlantic City NJ, January 1995, 286 players
4. Masters Championship (Pigeon Forge TN), April 2003, 271 players
5. Reno NV, July 1995, 263 players

### **Smallest Tournament**

Los Gatos CA, October 2000

McDonalds NC vs Spartanburg SC, May 20, 1989

According to the cross-table posted on the NSA website, the Los Gatos drew only four entrants. See below for the Carolina tournament.

### **Fewest Players in Division**

2

The May 20, 1989 McDonalds NC vs Spartanburg SC tournament featured two divisions with just two players each. The NSA frowns on such small divisions, but allowed this one to be rated. David Gibson won division one with a 5-0 record.

### **Longest Tournament**

39 games - Reno NV, July 1999

36 games - Reno NV, July 2007

The only tournaments ever to be rated in three, rather than two, chunks.

### **Shortest Tournament**

2 games

Two tournaments held in the Catskills (at Grossinger's resort and the Concord Hotel) in the summer of 1973 consisted of just two games. There have been a handful of 3-game tournaments as well.

### **Most Divisions**

14: Reno NV Early Bird 2, July 2003

Reno NV Early Bird, July 2001

Las Vegas NV Early Bird, November 2004

### **Highest Average Rating For Division**

2035+: Boston Area Tournament, Premier Division, 1990

2032.8: Boston Area Tournament, Premier Division, 1989

### **States/Provinces With Most Tournaments (incomplete)**

California (685+)

New York (522+)

Michigan (372+)

Texas (266+)

Ontario (243+)

### **States With No Tournaments**

Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming

## Majors Records

Majors here are defined as the 18 National SCRABBLE® Championships, the 9 World SCRABBLE® Championships, the 1995 Superstars Showdown, the 2003 All\*Stars, and the The Players Championship 2007.

### Most Majors Played In

30: Joel Wapnick  
26: Steve Polatnick  
23: Joe Edley

Wapnick is the only player to have played in all 30 majors.

### Most Top-Ten Finishes (Division One only)

16: Brian Cappelletto (2 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third, 3 fourths, 3 fifths, 1 sixth, 2 tenths)  
14: Joe Edley (3 firsts, 1 second, 4 thirds, 2 fourths, 2 fifths, 1 ninth, 1 tenth)  
12: Ron Tiekert (1 first, 1 second, 2 thirds, 2 fifths, 3 sevenths, 2 8ths, 1 9th)  
Joel Wapnick (2 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, 2 ninths, 2 tenths)

### Most Top-Five Finishes

13: Brian Cappelletto  
12: Joe Edley  
8: Joel Wapnick  
7: David Gibson

### Most Top-Three Finishes

8: Joe Edley  
7: Joel Wapnick  
Brian Cappelletto

### Most Games Won (missing data for 1991 Worlds and 1995 Worlds semifinals [3-5 games])

438: Joel Wapnick  
365: Brian Cappelletto  
363: Steve Polatnick

### Highest Career Winning Percentage (minimum 100 games played) - missing data for 1991 Worlds and 1995 Worlds semifinals [3-5 games]

1. 70.2%: David Gibson (168-71-1)
2. 68.4%: Nigel Richards (130-60)
3. 67.4%: Brian Cappelletto (365-176-1)
4. 65.4%: Joe Edley (351-185-4)
5. 65.0%: Adam Logan (267-144)

If we lower the minimum to 50 games, Robert Watson would rank 3rd (67.9%, 47-22) and Chris Reslock 5th (66.7%, 40-20)

**Career Money Won** (includes special prizes where known - placement prizes for 1987 Nationals positions 2-8 and 10 and 1994 Nationals positions 2-15 are estimates)

1. \$134,525 David Gibson
2. \$112,345 Brian Cappelletto
3. \$73,385 Joe Edley
4. \$61,060 Joel Sherman
5. \$56,660 Nigel Richards
6. \$56,005 Joel Wapnick
7. \$48,485 Adam Logan
8. \$43,470 Dave Wiegand
9. \$40,015 Ron Tiekert
10. \$37,885 Jim Kramer

**Only Players to Win a World and National Championship**

Peter Morris, Joel Sherman, Joel Wapnick, Nigel Richards, Brian Cappelletto

**Only Players to Win Three Majors**

Joe Edley (3 nationals), David Gibson (nationals, all\*stars, superstars)

# Nationals Records

## High Game (missing data for 1989 and 1996)

1. 700: Susan Beard, 2008 (Division 3)
2. 679: Rick Wong, 2002 (Division 2)
3. 678: Evan Berofsky (Division 1)
4. 675: Judith Levitt, 2006 (Division 2)
5. 667: Matt Graham, 1992 (Division 1)

## High Loss (missing data for 1978, 1989, 1992, and 2004)

1. 545, Kevin Rickhoff, 2006 (Division 2)
2. 513: Lisa Odom, 2008 (Division 1)
3. 509: Stefan Rau, 2008 (Division 1)
4. 496: David Weisberg, 2002 (Division 1)  
496: Darrell Day, 2008 (Division 1)

## High Single Play (not recorded for 1978, 1980, 1983; missing data for 1987, and 1998)

1. 239: QUAVERED, Lee Mills, 1985  
239: WOOZIEST, Bruce Adams, 2000 (Division 2)  
239: OVERSIZE, Michael Wolfberg, 2004 (Division 2)
3. 231: JUMBLERS, Merle Merick, 1994 (Division 1) NOTE - the play actually scored 258 but was mis-scored.
4. 230: PITCHMEN, Natalie Liebman, 1992  
230: MARQUISE, Martin Weisskopf, 1994 (Division 1)  
230: QUANTICS, Yuki Lortz, 2008, (Division 2)

## High Single Play, Non-Bingo

180 points?: Robert Kahn, 1985

Kahn played the triple-triple GHERKINS through an ER, though it is not certain this is the record.

## Biggest Comeback (missing data for 1978-1988, 2002, and 2004)

1. 219 pts, Bruce Adams, 2000 (Division 2)
2. 208 pts, Carl Naples 2006, 2006 (Division 6), won 423-421
3. 202 pts, Charnwit Sukkhumrattanporn, 1998 (Division 1), down 47-249 and won 393-375

## Youngest and Oldest Champs

Adam Logan became the youngest National Champion when he won the title in 1996 at age 21. Joe Edley was 52 when he won his third title in 2000.

## **Fastest Rise to Championship**

Joe Edley played his first tournament in September of 1978 and won the National championship in November of 1980 - just 2 years and 2 months after his start. No other player accomplished this in less than 4 years - and if we exclude the first Nationals (since tournament play had been in existence only five years at the time) no one did it in less than 7 years.

Dave Wiegand finished 2nd at Nationals in August of 1994, just one year and five months after his tournament debut in March of 1993. Geoff Thevenot reached the finals of Nationals in 2006 almost exactly three years after his tournament debut.

## **Highest Winning Percentage, Single Nationals**

1. 93.3%: Jon Rumzis, 2004, Division 7 (28-2)
2. 90.9%: Ron Tiekert, 1985, Division 1(20-2)
3. 90.0%: Eugene Murray, 2004, Division 4 (27-3)
4. 88.9%: Adam Logan, 1996, Division 1 (24-3)  
Robert Felt, 1990, Division 1 (24-3)

## **Highest Spread, Single Nationals**

1. +3061: John Rumzis, 2004, Division 7
2. +2758: Bradley Robbins, 2008, Division 6
3. +2383: Eugene Murray, 2004, Division 4
4. +2318: Brian Cappelletto, 1998, Division 1

## **Longest Winning Streak, Single Nationals**

1. 20 games: John Ruzmis, 2004, Division 7
2. 19 games: Anna Rahman, 2004, Division 7
3. 17 games: Joel Wapnick, 1992, Division 1

## **Longest Winning Streak, Single Nationals - Division One**

1. 17 game: Joel Wapnick 1992
2. 16 games: Trey Wright, 2004
3. 15 games: Ron Tiekert<sup>8</sup>, 1985  
15 games: Chuck Armstrong, 1985  
15 games: David Gibson, 2008

**Highest Average Score, Single Nationals** (Incomplete/Missing data for 1980, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1996)

1. 443.3: David Gibson, 2004, Division 1
2. 441.2: Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, 2008, Division 2
3. 439.2: Nigel Richards, 2004, Division 1
4. 438.7: Jason Katz-Brown, 2008, Division 1
5. 437.5: Robert Quigley, 2006, Division 2

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<sup>8</sup> Not 16 games, as has been widely reported.

### **Highest Single Game Spread**

472 points?: Rita Norr, 1985

While it is not certain it is the record, Rita Norr won her final game at the 1985 Nationals 630-158, a 472 point margin of victory.

### **Lowest Rated Player To Finish in Top 10 At Nationals (1988-2008)** - excluding unrated players, Division 1 only

1. 1572: Doug Honig, 1990 (7th place)
2. 1713: Albert Hahn, 2006 (7th place)
3. 1758: Geoff Thevenot, 2006 (2nd place)
4. 1810: Jim Geary, 2006 (10th place)
5. 1821: Ted Blevins, 2004 (10th place)

### **Lowest Rated Player To Finish in Top 20 At Nationals (1988-2008)** - excluding unrated players, Division 1 only

1. 1572: Doug Honig, 1990 (7th place)
2. 1602: Jason Katz-Brown, 2004 (18th place)
3. 1665: David Koenig, 2008 (14th place)
4. 1713: Albert Hahn, 2006 (7th place)
5. 1719: Ken Clark, 1988 (20th place)

### **Lowest Rated National Champion (1998-2008)**

1891: Trey Wright, 2004

Note that this was an abnormally low rating for Wright.

### **Biggest Improvement in Consecutive Nationals** (division one)

1. 199 places: Ann Sanfedele, 1985-1987 (236th place to 37th place)
2. 176 places: Conrad Braud, 1985-1987 (275th place 99th place)

Both of these records were set during the era of open play and are unbreakable now that Nationals have been separated into divisions.

### **Biggest Improvement in Consecutive Nationals, 1988-2005** (division one)

1. 129 places: Steve Grob, 1992-1994 (153rd place to 24th place)
2. 123 places: Jim Neuberger, 1988-1989 (148th place to 25th place)

Since the beginning of divisional play, an improvement of 100+ places has become rare.

### **Biggest Improvement in Consecutive Nationals for Player Finishing in Top Five** (division one)

1. 108 places: Joe Weinike, 1987-88 (113th place to 5th place)
2. 97 places: Marlon Hill, 1994-1996 (99th place to 2nd place)

### **Largest Difference Between Highest Finish and Lowest Finish (division one)**

1. 263: Kent Nelson: 274th in 1987, 11th in 1994
2. 247: Jeff Garrett, 286th in 1985, 39th in 1987
3. 240: Al Fisticaro, 276th in 1985, 36th in 1988

### **Lowest Career Finish By National Champion**

107th, Robert Watson, 1985

At the next Nationals, Watson improved to 15th, at the one after that, he finished first.

### **Fastest Game?**

In the opening round of the first Nationals in 1978, Jean Carol and Steve Williams completed their game in just seven minutes. While game length records are not kept, this stands a good chance of being the fastest game ever played at nationals, at least in the expert division (unless Matt Graham has ever played against himself).

## Nationals Records - Career Records

### Most Nationals Played In

1. 18: Joel Wapnick, Steve Polatnick
2. 16: Lester Schonbrun, Paul Avrin, Jan Dixon, Stu Goldman

Wapnick and Polatnick are the only two players to have played in all 18 Nationals.

### Players Who Played in the 1978 and 2008 Nationals

Seven players who played in the first Nationals in 1978 also played in the 2005 Nationals: Joel Wapnick, Steve Polatnick, Paul Avrin, Ron Tiekert, Stu Goldman, Emely Weissman and Carl Stocker.

**Career Money Won - Nationals** (includes special prizes where known - placement prizes for 1987 positions 2-8 and 10 and 1994 positions 2-15 are estimates)

1. Brian Cappelletto - \$55,645
2. Joe Edley - \$55,485
3. Nigel Richards - \$40,800
4. Dave Wiegand - \$38,670
5. Trey Wright - \$35,640
6. David Gibson - \$31,525
7. Jim Kramer - \$28,975
8. Adam Logan - \$28,975
9. Joel Sherman - \$26,410
10. Ron Tiekert - \$17,265

The estimated placement prizes for 1987 would affect only Cappelletto and Felt. Those for 1994 affect Edley, Logan, and Sherman.

**Highest Career Winning Percentage - Nationals** (minimum 100 games played, division 1 only)

1. 70.4%: Nigel Richards (81-34)
2. 69.1%: David Gibson (119-53-1)
3. 68.5%: Brian Cappelletto (248-114-1)
4. 66.8%: Joe Edley (242-119-4)
5. 65.6%: Peter Morris (113-59-1)
6. 65.4%: Richie Lund (86-45)
7. 65.1%: Ed Halper (77-41-1)
8. 64.9%: Adam Logan (150-81)
9. 64.6%: Chuck Armstrong (110-60-1)
10. 63.9%: Charlie Carroll (68-38-2)

If the minimum were lowered to 50 games, Robert Watson would rank 4th (67.9%, 47-22-1) and Chris Reslock 6th (66.7%, 40-20)

If all divisions were included, Ben Harrison would rank 2nd (70.7%, 80-34).

**Highest Career Average Score**, (Minimum 100 games. Incomplete/Missing data for 1980, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1996)

1. 427.5: Nigel Richards (115 games)
2. 424.2: Panupol Sujjayakorn (150 games)
3. 421.4: Jason Katz-Brown (113 games)
4. 418.9: Brian Cappelletto (240 games)
5. 418.7: Dave Wiegand (214 games)

If the minimum were lowered to 50 games, Carl Johnson (435.8 in 56 games) would lead, followed by Robert Quigley (424.2 in 56 games).

All records below are for division 1 only

**Most Top Ten Finishes**

- 10: Brian Cappelletto
- 8: Joe Edley, Ron Tiekert
- 7: Joel Wapnick
- 5: David Gibson, Robert Felt, Lester Schonbrun

**Most Top Five Finishes**

- 8: Joe Edley, Brian Cappelletto
- 4: David Gibson, Ron Tiekert, Dan Pratt

**Most Top Three Finishes**

- 6: Joe Edley
- 4: Brian Cappelletto
- 3: David Gibson, Ron Tiekert, Nigel Richards, Joel Wapnick, Dave Wiegand

**Highest Average Finish, 3 Consecutive Nationals**

- 2.0: Joe Edley, 1980/83/85 (1st, 3rd, 2nd)
- 2.3: Brian Cappelletto, 1996/98/00 (4th, 1st, 2nd)  
Brian Cappelletto, 1998/00/02 (1st, 2nd, 4th)
- 2.7: Dan Pratt, 1978/80/83 (2nd, 4th, 2nd)  
Joe Edley, 1992/94/96 (1st, 4th, 3rd)
- 3.6: Ron Tiekert, 1980/83/85 (3rd, 7th, 1st)  
Dan Pratt: 1983/85/87 (4th, 2nd, 5th)  
Chuck Armstrong, 1985/87/88 (4th, 3rd, 4th)  
Brian Cappelletto, 2000/02/04 (2nd, 4th, 5th)
- 4.0: Peter Morris, 1988/89/90 (2nd, 1st, 9th)  
Nigel Richards, 2002/04/05 (2nd, 3rd, 7th)

**Highest Average Finish, 4 Consecutive Nationals**

- 2.75 Brian Cappelletto, 1996/98/00/02 (4th, 1st, 2nd, 4th)
- 3.25 Dan Pratt, 1978/80/83/85 (2nd, 4th, 2nd, 5th)

**Highest Average Finish, Career (Minimum 3 Nationals)**

- 3.25 Nigel Richards (4 nationals)
- 8.46 Brian Cappelletto (13)

10.5 Joe Edley (14)  
11.0 David Gibson (6)  
11.75 Jason Katz-Brown (4)

**Highest Average Finish, Career (Minimum 5 Nationals)**

8.46 Brian Cappelletto (13)  
10.5 Joe Edley (14)  
11.0 David Gibson (6)  
13.6 Panupol Sujjayakorn (5)  
14.4 Richie Lund (5)

# Worlds Records

**Country With Highest Overall Winning Percentage** (minimum 100 games played, missing data for 1991 Worlds and 1993 and 1995 Worlds semifinals [3 games])

1. 57.1%: United Kingdom [uncombined] (116-87-1)
2. 56.4%: Thailand (329-254-3)
3. 55.7%: England (797-634-4)
4. 55.6%: Canada (677-541)
5. 55.5%: Nigeria (203-163)
6. 55.4%: USA (1,393-1,122-6)

On the NSA website, some players appear with their country listed as England, Scotland, or Wales. Others appear with it listed as United Kingdom. Rather than combine all of the U.K. players (or separate them into separate countries), the above list uses the country as listed on the NSA website. (NOTE - the reason these players are listed this way is likely because U.K. as a whole is given a certain number of berths at Worlds and individual countries in the U.K. are given regional berths).

**Highest Career Winning Percentage** (missing data for 1991 Worlds and 1995 Worlds semifinals [3-5 games]) - minimum 30 games

1. 66.7%: Allan Saldanha, United Kingdom (38-19)
2. 66.7%: Adam Logan, Canada (102-54)
3. 65.3%: Nigel Richards (49-26)
4. 65.1%: Brian Cappelletto, USA (69-37)
5. 64.7%: Mark Nyman, England (88-48)

**Highest Average Finish** (Minimum 3 Worlds Played)

- 9.00: Ron Tiekert (3)
- 9.33: Allan Saldanha (3)
- 9.71: Adam Logan(7)
- 10.83: Brian Cappelletto (6)
- 12.125: David Boys (8)

**Career Money Won**

1. \$33,500: Joel Sherman
2. \$33,375: Joel Wapnick
3. \$30,900: Brian Cappelletto
4. \$22,000: Mark Nyman
5. \$18,500: Adam Logan

**Highest Average Score - Single Worlds** (finals excluded, data missing/incomplete for 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997)

1. 479.33: Ganesh Asirvatham, 2007
2. 461.83: Nigel Richards, 2007
3. 458.71: Joel Wapnick, 2007
4. 457.38: Nigel Richards 1999
5. 455.92: Pakron Nemitrmansuk, 2003

**High Game** (data missing/incomplete for 1991, 1993)

1. 694: Howard Warner, 2007
2. 680: Mark Nyman, 2005
3. 659: Jason Katz-Brown, 2007
4. 643: Eduard Oculicz, 2007
5. 639: Brian Cappelletto, 1997

**High Loss** (data missing/incomplete for 1991, 1993)

1. 507: Mohammed Zafir, 2007
2. 504: Jason Katz-Brown, 2007
3. 503: Mark Schellenberg, 2007

**Highest Average Score - Single Worlds** (data missing/incomplete for 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997)  
245: Lewis Singh, 2001

**Most Top Ten Finishes**

- 5: Adam Logan
- 4: Joel Wapnick, Mark Nyman, David Boys

**Most Top Five Finishes**

- 4: Joel Wapnick, Mark Nyman
- 3: David Boys, Joe Edley

**Most Finals Played** (top two finishes)

- 3: Joel Wapnick
- 2: Joel Sherman, Mark Nyman, Pakorn Nemitrmansuk, Brian Cappelletto

**Most Worlds Played In**

Joel Wapnick (Canada) and Jeff Grant (New Zealand) are the only two players to have played in all nine World Championships. Three players have played in eight of the nine: Gareth Williams (Wales), David Boys (Canada), and Andrew Fisher (Australia).

## **Youngest and Oldest Champs**

Panupol Sujjayakorn became the youngest National Champion when he won the title in 2003 at age 19. Joel Wapnick was 53 when he won the title in 1999.

## Performance Index By Country

The October 1993 issue of Medleys introduced a performance index they used to rate each country's performance in the World Championship. A country was awarded 16 points for a first place finish, 15 for second, 14 for third.... down to 1 point for a 16th place finish. The total points accumulated by a country were then divided by the total number of participants they had and the result multiplied by a thousand. Below are the updated performance indices for each country that has had at least one top-16 finish<sup>9</sup>. (Performance Index is rounded to the nearest whole number)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Performance Index</b>
Canada	212	62	3419
United Kingdom (uncombined)	57	18	3167
USA	341	121	2818
UK (combined)	242	92	2630
Nigeria	41	16	2562
Thailand	62	25	2480
England	149	66	2258
Scotland	13	6	2167
New Zealand	78	38	2053
Wales	25	13	1923
Malaysia	32	19	1684
Australia	73	46	1587
Bahrain	21	15	1400
South Africa	27	21	1286
Kenya	35	28	1250
Sri Lanka	22	20	1100
Singapore	17	18	941
Israel	5	10	500
Malta	3	17	176
Ghana	2	16	125

NOTE- The totals for United Kingdom (uncombined) includes only those players listed under "United Kingdom" on the NSA website. The totals for United Kingdom (combined) are a combination of players listed under United Kingdom, Scotland, Wales, England, and Northern Ireland.

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<sup>9</sup> When this index was introduced, they gave points to the top 16 competitors since that represented the top half of the first Worlds. I could have adjusted these figures to award points to those finishing in the top half of every Worlds, but decided to stick with just using the top 16.

**Overall Performance Summary By Country** (missing w/l data for 1991 Worlds and 1995 Worlds semifinals [3-5 games])

Country	Overall Record	Winning %	Top 10 Finishes	Top 5 Finishes	Wins
Australia	454-384-3	54.2%	4	2	
Bahrain	166-180-2	48.0%	2	1	
Cameroon	20-28	41.7%			
Canada	677-541	55.6%	15	10	4
Eire	14-22	38/9%			
England	797-634-4	55.7%	10	5	1
France	48-87	35.6%			
Germany	9-15	37.5%			
Ghana	157-154-4	50.5%			
Gibraltar	4-20	16.7%			
Gulf Champion	39-57	40.6%			
Guyana	21-48	30.4%			
Hong Kong	8-25	24.2%			
India	95-119-2	44.4%			
Indonesia	30-42	41.7%			
Ireland	49-112-1	30.6%			
Israel	88-105-1	45.6%			
Japan	110-159-1	40.9%			
Kenya	302-280-3	51.9%	3		
Kurdistan-Iraq	62-64	49.2%			
Kuwait	40-70-1	36.5%			
Malaysia	209-203-2	50.7%	2	2	
Malta	171-191-1	47.2%			
Netherlands	21-27	43.8%			
New Zealand	420-350-5	54.5%	5	2	1
Nigeria	203-163	55.5%	4	1	
Northern Ireland	15-21	41.7%			
Oman	93-114	44.9%			
Pakistan	105-126	45.5%			
Philippines	221-229-2	49.1%			
Poland	27-45	37.5%			
Qatar	30-62	32.8%			
Romania	52-113	31.5%			
Saudi Arabia	54-71-1	42.3%			
Scotland	72-65-1	52.5%	1		
Seychelles	25-62	28.7%			
Singapore	198-189	51.2%	2		
South Africa	187-197-3	48.7%	3		
Sri Lanka	283-286-1	49.7%	2	1	
Sweden	11-36	24.0%			
Tanzania	35-60-1	37.0%			
Thailand	329-254-3	56.4%	4	3	1

Trinidad & Tobago	82-124-1	39.9%			
Uganda	17-31	35.4%			
United Arab Emirates	54-72	42.9%			
United Kingdom (unc)	116-87-1	57.1%	5	1	
USA	1393-1122-6	55.4%	26	15	2
Wales	152-140	52.1%	2	2	
United Kingdom (com)	1152-947-6	54.9%	18	8	1
Zambia	39-56-1	41.1%			

NOTE- The totals for United Kingdom (unc) includes only those players listed under "United Kingdom" on the NSA website. The totals for United Kingdom (com) are a combination of players listed under United Kingdom, Scotland, Wales, England, and Northern Ireland.

# International Title Records

(primary source: Ortograf website ([www.champions.ortograf.com](http://www.champions.ortograf.com)) compiled and maintained by Gilles Blanchette and René Gotfryd)

## Most National Titles (single nation/tournament)

### 16 Titles

Eugène Lama - Democratic Republic of the Congo (French Duplicate)  
Jeff Grant - New Zealand

### 12 Titles

Christian Pierre - Belgium (French Duplicate)  
Claudia Mihai - Romania (French Duplicate)

### 10 Titles

Abderrazak Ouarda - Tunisia (French Duplicate)  
Dan Laurentiu Sandu - Romania (9 English, 1 Romanian)

## Most National Titles/Major International Tournament Wins (multiple nation/tournament)

### 18 Wins

Christian Pierre- Belgium (Belgium French Duplicate (12), French World Championship (6))  
Mark Nyman - England (see below for list).

### 17 Wins

Nigel Richards (see below)

### 16 Wins

Eugène Lama - Democratic Republic of the Congo (French Duplicate)  
Jeff Grant - New Zealand

### 14 Wins

Naween Fernando - Sri Lanka (see below for list)

## Most Different International Titles/Major Tournaments Won

Nigel Richards of New Zealand has won Eight different international titles/major tournaments: Bertram Masters, Causeway Challenge, North American National Championship, New Zealand National Championship, New Zealand Masters, Singapore Open (5 times), Thailand International (6 times), and World Championship.

Naween Fernando of Sri Lanka has won six different international titles/tournaments: the Australian National Championship (twice), the Bahrain National Championship (5 times), the Channel News Asia Championship, the Gulf States Championship (4 times), the Sri Lanka National Championship, and the Sydney International Masters.

Mark Nyman of England has won each of the three national-level British tournaments (the British National Championship [4 times], the British Matchplay Championship [3 times], and the British Masters [5 times]), plus two Mindsports Olympiad gold medals, the Thailand International (twice), the Thailand Open (once), and The World SCRABBLE® Championship (once).

## **Multilingual National Titles**

Three different players have won Romanian National titles in two different languages: Liviu Jerghiuta (French and Romanian), Claudia Mihai (French and Romanian), and Dan-Laurentiu Sandu (English and Romanian).

# Hypothetical Records

NOTE: These hypothetical records were established before the introduction of OSPD 4 and have not been update for OSPD 4.

## Highest Single Play

1,778<sup>10</sup> points: OXYPHENBUTAZONE, found by Dan Stock (OH) in 1996

Other words formed were (O)PACIFYING, (Y)ELKS, (P)REInTERVIEWED, (B)RAINWASHING, (A)MELIORATIVE, (Z)ARFS, and (E)JACULATING.

SOWPODS record

1,790 points, BENZOXYCAMPHORS

## Highest Single Play Using Any Dictionary

2,069 points?, SESQUIOXIDIZING, found by Josepha Heifetz Byrne (CA)

Byrne found this play in 1982 using words from unabridged dictionaries. The word itself is from her own book *Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure, and Preposterous Words* The word isn't found in that form in any standard unabridged dictionary, though the *OED* lists SESQUIOXIDIZED and SEXQUIOXIDIZATION.

If we only allow words that actually do appear in standard dictionaries, then BENZOXYCAMPHORS for 1,962 poitns - found by Darryl Francis, Jeff Grant, and Ron Jerome c1986 may be the record.

## Highest Opening Play

128 points, MUZJIKS

If we allow words from other dictionaries, ZYXOMMA, found in Funk & Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary scores 130 points.

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<sup>10</sup> SCRABBLE News lists the total as 1,774 points.

## Highest Combined Score (from Steven Alexander's SCRABBLE® FAQ)

3,986 points, found by Nathan Hedt (Australia)

Moves were as follows: ROUSING H3 (68), ALAmEDA 2F (70), ROT 1D (6), EL G2 (6), RE D2 (2), OD C2 (8), IT B1 (10), HM I1 (4), ID K1 (3), AT L2 (2), US M1 (10), MICROTECHNIQUES 1A (1277), QATs L1 (24), IDENTIFY 8E (69), RAVIGOTE E5 (98), WOLFLIKE K5 (122), REINJURES 12D (146), JIB H12 (12), AB 14G (4), WE F14 (29), HE 15E (5), HEN 15E (8), RE J12 (2), SPA L12 (5), MO M14 (8), LA K14 (7), REF J12 (31), TA 15J (9), UTA 15I (3), EN N14 (26), FLAMED 14J (12), OXYPHENBUTAZONE 15A (1587), AX B14 (18), OVERIDENTIFYING 8A (293), A x 2 (2)

Board diagram appears below:

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. . a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
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01|M I C R O T E C H N I Q U E S|
02|. T O E . A L A m E D A S . .|
03|. . D . . . + R + . . T $ . .|
04|+ . . $ . . . O . . . s . . +|
05|. . . . R . . U . . W . . . .|
06|. # . . A # . S . # O . . # .|
07|. . + . V . + I + . L . + . .|
08|O V E R I D E N T I F Y I N G|
09|. . + . G . + G + . L . + . .|
10|. # . . O # . . . # I . . # .|
11|. . . . T . . . . K . . . .|
12|+ . . R E I N J U R E S . . +|
13|. . $ . . . + I + E . P $ . .|
14|. A . . . W A B . F L A M E D|
15|O X Y P H E N B U T A Z O N E|
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## Highest Combined Score Using Unabridged Dictionary

4,141 points?, found by Ralph Beamon (PA)

In 1974, the English magazine *Games & Puzzles* held a contest to see who could come up with the highest combined SCRABBLE® score using words in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and *Webster's New International Dictionary*, 2nd and 3rd editions. Ralph Beamon of Boothwyn PA came up with a game scoring 4,141 points (some sources say 4,142) including JACKPUDDINGHOOD and BENOXYCAMPHORS from *Webster's* 2nd. Beamon suggested that a score of 4,260 might be possible if the word SESQUIOXIDIZING were allowed. The word is found in Josepha Heifitz Byrne's *Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure, and Preposterous Words*, but isn't found in that form in any of the three dictionaries used, though the *OED* did list SESQUIOXIDIZED and SEXQUIOXIDIZATION.

## Highest Clabbers Combined Score

4,826, found by Steven Root and Nathan Hedt in 2003

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. . a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
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01|O . . + . . . S . . . + . . E|
02|N $ . . . # . O . # . . . $ A|
03|E . $ . . . + N + . . . $ . U|
04|Z . . $ . . . J . . . $ . . K|
05|N . . . $ . . S . . $ . . . C|
06|U # . . . # . V . # . . . # R|
07|H I + . . . + O W L D E G R E|
08|T O I T T I E C R N A P F S I|
09|A L + . . . + I F E D R G U A|
10|B A . . . # . T E W I S R A H|
11|Y b . . $ . . E A G V L O T M|
12|X u . $ . . . M E D I Y E N Q|
13|P A $ . . . + B Y A E D L I R|
14|O $ . . . # . I . # . . . $ O|
15|E . . + . . . N . . . + . . T|
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## Highest Combined Score - With Phonies

5,811 points, found by Steven Root (MA) in 1982

According to Root, the highest possible score following all rules except for the one about acceptable words is 5,811 points. One possible board diagram appears below:

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. . a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
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01|B U . + . . . * . . . + E I F|
02|B S . . . # . . . # . . E I F|
03|D O $ . . . + . + . . . E E V|
04|J O . $ . . . + . . . R E E Q|
05|C ? . . $ . . . . . T R E E H|
06|C O . . . # . . . # T R N E H|
07|D O + . . . + . + . T I N E V|
08|M O L L L L A A A A A A A E K|
09|M O + . . . + . + . A O N E W|
10|P U . . . # . . . # T R N I W|
11|D S . . $ . . . . . T R A I Y|
12|X U . $ . . . + . . T R N I Z|
13|G S $ . . . + . + . . . N I P|
14|G U . . . # . . . # . . ? I D|
15|G S . + . . . * . . . + . I Y|
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## Lowest Score Using All 100 Tiles

In 1999, Christopher Sheppard (OH) found a way to score only 218 points while using all 100 tiles (forming legal words)

### **Highest Scoring Play With n Tiles** (tiles played appear in parenthesis)

#### One Tile

213 points, found by Kyle Corbin in 1982

MICROTECHNIQUE(S) and HYDROXYZINE(S)

213 points, found by Eric Chaikin

KATZENJAMMER(S), HYDROXYAPATITE(S) or

KATZENJAMMER(S), HYDROXYPROLINE(S)

#### Two Tiles

456 points, found by Eric Chaikin

HYPE(R)EXCITE(D), DEMYTHOLOGIZE(R), VENTRILOQUIZE(D) or

HYPE(R)EXCITE(D), PSYCHOBABBLE(R), VENTRILOQUIZE(D)

#### Three Tiles

915 points, found by Ken Clark

(S)NIPPER(S)NAPPER(S), HYDROXYZINE(S), MICROTECHNIQUE(S), JAWBREAKER(S)

#### Four Tiles

1,062 points, found by Eric Chaikin

(W)A(P)PENS(C)HAWING(S), RICKSHA(W), JEE(P), BIBLIOMANIA(C), VENTRILOQUIZE(S)

#### Five Tiles

1,392 points, found by Eric Chaikin

(D)ICH(L)OR(O)BEN(Z)EN(E), OVEREXAGGERATE(D), FORAMINIFERA(L), JOCK(O), QUArT(Z), HYDROMEDUSA(E) or

(D)ICH(L)OR(O)BEN(Z)EN(E), INEQUIVALVE(D), FORAMINIFERA(L), EXPRESS(O), JEE(Z), SCYPHISTOMA(E)

#### Six Tiles

1,712 points, found by Eric Chaikin

(O)(X)Y(P)HEN(B)UTA(Z)ON(E), (O)PACIFYING, (X)EROITC, (P)REINTERVIEWED, (B)RAINWASHING, (Z)OOSPERMS, (E)QUALITIES

#### Seven Tiles

1,778<sup>11</sup> points found by Dan Stock (OH) in 1996

see Highest Single Play, above

### **Unplayable Words**

The following words are impossible to play since they require more than two blanks: KNICKKNACK/S, RAZZMATAZZ/ES, RAZZAMATAZZ/ES, STRESSLESSNESS, CLASSLESSNESSES, POSSESSEDNESSES, SENSELESSNESSES.

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<sup>11</sup> SCRABBLE News lists the total as 1,774 points.

### Smallest Blocked Game

9 tiles, 4 x 4, found by Kyle Corbin (NC) in 1983

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  j
J U S
  S O x
    x U

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Another solution, found by Joel Elkins in 2005

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  F
J E U
  U M m
    M m

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### Smallest Blocked Game (No Blanks)

11 tiles, 4 x 4, found by Rick Wong (CA) in 1993

NOTE - this game is not valid under TWL 06 due to the addition of HUPpAHS.

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  F
  H U P
F U C I
  P I U

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### Squeezed Board Record

In 1996, Keenan Wolfe (MI) found a way to play all 100 tiles in a 14 x 8 area, making legitimate words. The board diagram appears below:

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. .a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
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01|* B E H O V I N G . F I Q U E|
02|. E M U L A T E . R O W A N S|
03|. H U M O R S . T A X I T I C|
04|+ O L O G Y . J U T E S . T A|
05|. V A R Y . P A N E D . L I P|
06|. I T S . C A W E D . F A Z E|
07|. N O . t O N E D . B I K E R|
08|* G R A I N E D . O I L E R s|
09|. . + . . . + . + . . . + . .|
10|. # . . . # . . . # . . . # .|
11|. . . . $ . . . . . $ . . . .|
12|+ . . $ . . . + . . . $ . . +|
13|. . $ . . . + . + . . . $ . .|
14|. $ . . . # . . . # . . . $ .|
15|* . . + . . . * . . . + . . *|
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## Highest Scoring Words By Length

The highest scoring 2-15 letter words are as follows (not including points from bonus squares etc. - contributed by Ken Clark)

2: QI, ZA (11)

3: ZAX (19)

4: QUIZ (22)

5: JAZzY (23)

6: MUZJIK (28)

7: MUZJIKS (29)

8: SOVKHOZY (30)

9: EXCHEQUER, EXOENZYME, MAXIMIZED (30)

10: ZYGOMORPHY (33)

11: HYDROXYZINE (37)

12: HYDROXYZINES (38)

13: KATZENJAMMERS, SUBJECTIVIZED (37)

14: SUBJECTIVIZING (38)

15: OXYPHENBUTAZONE (41)

## Longest Word Chain

A word chain is a word that can be built up a single letter at a time, starting with a 2-letter word and then adding another letter to the beginning or end to make a valid 3-letter word, then adding a letter to THAT to make a valid 4-letter word etc. There are two 9-letter words that can be built in this fashion:  
SCRAPINGS (IN-PIN-PING-APING-RAPING-CRAPING-SCRAPING-SCRAPINGS)  
SHEATHERS (AT, EAT, HEAT, HEATH, SHEATH, SHEATHE, SHEATHER, SHEATHERS)

## **Odds and Ends**

### **Oldest Player?**

Horace Davis (b Aug 10, 1898) was an active NSA member and club player until his death at age 100 on June 28, 1999

Among player active since 2005, Helen Papi was the oldest at 95. Helen didn't start playing tournament SCRABBLE® until she was 85 or 86 - possibly another record).

### **Highest Club Winning Percentage - Calendar Year (min 50 games)**

In 1996 at the Phoenix AZ Club #123, Jim Geary went 51-1 for a 98.09% winning percentage. In 1991, Ted Rosen won 47 consecutive club games, but it is not known if this is a record.

### **Most Consecutive Club Games Lost?**

Lou Gnutti of Milburn NJ club #411 lost the first 100 club games he played before winning his first in 1999

### **Highest Average Score, 3-Game Club Session?**

In 2000, Christopher Sykes of Ontario, scored 1,647 points in a 3-game club session for an average of 549 points per game.

### **Most Bingos in a Losing Effort?**

At the February 1994 Oakland tournament, Jerry Lerman started his game against Jeff Widergren with four consecutive bingos (LOVESICK, BUCKEENS, GARDENIA, and SUNDERER) and later added a fifth (AMPERES). He ended up losing the game 460-502 after Widergren played the 158-point triple-triple BARGUEST.

### **Most Triple-Triples, single game**

3

On July 1, 1999 at Ithaca NY Club #504, Rich Baker played the triple-triples RETICENT and STASIMON while his opponent Jane Harford played another triple-triple, GANTRIES. There may have been other incidences of this

**Seven on Seven** (playing one bingo atop/beneath/beside another making seven overlaps/underlaps)

- In 1986, Sam Kantimathi opened a game with ENTASIS. Brian Cappelletto then played REALISE on top of it.
- In a friendly game in September, 1998, Bernard Gotlieb played HONEYED atop ISOTONE
- On Nov 30, 2004, Steve Pellinen played TOLUENE over the last seven letters of MINISTER
- At the 2007 Boston Area Tournament Sam Rosin played TONSURE alongside the last 7 letters of Paul Avrin's DETAINER
- At the 2008 Texas State Championship, Bryan Pepper opened with OREIDES and Judy Newhouse played WAYSIDE atop it..

### **Most Points Scored in Five Consecutive Plays**

In a game against Ron Hoekstra, Craig Rowland scored 504 points on five consecutive plays: PEEVISH (120), AUREATE (69), OUTWAITED (92), BOOZING (140), and DRIBBING (83). His final score was 673.

### **Triple-Double**

In 2004 at Los Angeles club 2004, Ralph Crosby opened up a game with JUG missing the star, but his opponent Joel Elkins let the play stand and played EULOGIAE for a 110-point triple-double

(Dis)Honorable Mention: See also the Dishonorable mention play of GALAXIES mentioned under highest opening play.

## The 14 Greatest SCRABBLE® Performances (Single Tournament)

SCRABBLE® has seen its share of great performances, but the dozen on this list may be the all time best.

Performances are listed in chronological order

### **1980, Joe Edley's First Nationals Win (14-3 +545)**

A case could be made for any of Joe's three wins. None of them lacked drama. While Edley is now perhaps the most well-known player in the game, in 1980 he was a relative unknown. He had been playing the game for less than two years and had only qualified as a wild card. Some may argue that the level of play wasn't as high as it was now, but perhaps it was. In addition to being limited to 32 qualifiers, the field included reigning National Champion David Prinz and future champs Joel Wapnick and Ron Tiekert. Edley's greatest competition, however, may have come from three players who never won the big prize: Dan Pratt, Charles Goldstein, and James Neuberger. While all three are considered among the game's all-time greats, it was Neuberger who proved to be Edley's primary competition this time. With two games left, Edley trailed by a game and over 750 spread points. In addition, Edley was exhausted by lack of sleep. Nonetheless, the newcomer pulled off the first of his patented miracle wins to claim the game's ultimate prize.

### **1985, Ron Tiekert tops a 300+ Player Field (20-2 +1808)**

In 1985, the National Championship would be an open event for the first time. This meant that the winner would have to outlast 301 other players to make it to the top. Tiekert did so easily, winning an astonishing 15 games in a row (as did Chuck Armstrong) before losing his first to Jim Neuberger. Tiekert would lose only one more game on his way to the title.

### **1990, Robert Felt's Nationals Victory (24-3 +1969)**

Against a field of 176, Felt annihilated the competition taking the division by four full games. Felt could have skipped the last day entirely and STILL won. On the eve of his victory, he was 3 1/2 games ahead of second place with three games to play. Included in his run was an incredible nine-turn game in which Felt averaged 56 points per turn.

### **1993, Tom Adams' Record Run (18-0, +1846)**

Yes, it was division seven and no it wasn't a National Championship, but Tom Adams' 18-0 run at Gatlinburg makes the list for a number of reasons. First of all, Gatlinburg was one of the biggest tournaments on the SCRABBLE® circuit outside of Nationals. Second of all, it came in the middle of an astonishing 31-game winning streak by Adams. Third, and most incredible, Adams was just 13-years old at the time. In any division, that's an amazing performance.

### **1994 Wildcard Takes the BAT (11-3 639cr)**

Held every April, the Boston Area Tournament is the most prestigious tournament in SCRABBLE® outside of Nationals or Worlds. In terms of average rating, in fact, the BAT actually has a STRONGER field than Nationals - by far the strongest in the game. The tournament regularly draws the game's top players, with its premier division limited to the top dozen or so players in the country by rating - with one exception. Every year, the player who wins the expert division (the "second" division) is given an automatic berth the following year's premier division. Usually this results in a serious thrashing for the player in question but not in 1994. That year Jan Dixon became the only "wildcard" player to take the BAT. And she did it in convincing fashion going 11-4 with a record 639

credits. Dixon had long been one of the game's top players, famed for her end game skills, and this ranks as perhaps her finest achievement.

### **1994, David Gibson Wins National Championship (23-4 +1700)**

Like Felt in 1990, Gibson finished four games ahead of the runner-up. Gibson, however, didn't sew things up until round 25. Amazingly, Gibson almost didn't attend at all - only an eleventh hour appeal by his wife made him change his mind.

### **1995, Gibson \$50,000 Win (Part 1) (21-3 +1894)**

It was the biggest SCRABBLE® tournament ever. The top prize of \$50,000 was more than three times the amount the National Champion had won the previous year. In addition, the tournament would be limited to the top 54 players in the game. None of it fazed David Gibson as he rolled to a 4-game victory over perhaps the most competitive field in history up until that time.

### **1996, Cappelletto's Perfect SWILNS (17-0 +1883)**

The Southwest Invitational L-Note Special has long been one of the most prestigious tournaments in the game. Participation is by invitation only and while it includes players of all levels, it also includes the top players in the game. In 1996, the invitees included Jim Geary, Chris Lennon, Mike Baron, Ira Cohen, and Stu Goldman. Cappelletto treated them all like rank beginners, annihilating the field with a 17-0 +1883 performance that has gone down in legend.

### **1996, Adam Logan's Nationals Blowout (24-3 +1613)**

It seemed impossible that someone could improve on Felt and Gibson's 4-game victory margins of 1990 and 1994 but Logan did it, winning the title by five full games and, like Felt, wrapping it up before the final day got under way. Perhaps the most amazing part is that Logan was just 21 at the time. He was, and remains, the youngest National Champion in history.

### **2003, Gibson Does it Again (15-7 +217)**

When the NSA announced plans for only the second \$50,000 tournament in SCRABBLE® history, David Gibson was not the first name that came to mind. True, Gibson was one of the game's all-time greats but he was just coming off a more-than-five-year hiatus from the game to pursue writing country music. While Gibson was gone, the game exploded. With easy access to computer study aids, new players had risen through the ranks in record time, unlike the days when Gibson spent four hours a day making notes in his hard-copy OSPD. In addition, the field would be even tougher than that of the 1995 Superstars, being limited to just 24 players who qualified based on rating (or status as former National Champion). Against all odds, Gibson did it again to become the only player ever to win \$50,000 in a SCRABBLE® tournament.

### **2003, Thai Teenager is World Champ (21-8 +1461)**

While Panupol Sujjayakorn's won-loss record may not have been as lopsided as others on this list, two things make this performance stand out: 1) Panupol was just 19 years old at the time and 2) English was not his native language. For a teenager to defeat almost 100 of the world's top players in a language other than his own is one of the game's great accomplishments.

### **2005, Adam Logan Wins Worlds (20-4 +1613, 3-0 in finals)**

How could Adam Logan top his dominating performance at the 1996 Nationals? With an arguably more dominating performance against 109 of the world's best players. Logan started by

winning his first 8 and ended by winning his last 12, including winning all three games in a final that featured near flawless play.

### **2006, Cappelletto's Perfect DO (14-0 +1434)**

In SCRABBLE®'s early days, open tournaments were the norm. With the advent of divisional play, however, open tournaments seemed to have gone the way of the dinosaur. Then, in 2005, Texas legend Chris Cree announced the Dallas Open - a one-division tournament with a guaranteed \$3,000 first prize. Within hours the game's top players began making plans to attend the event, which would attract perhaps the top field outside of the majors. The current National Champion Dave Wiegand would be there, as would former champs Trey Wright, Joel Sherman, and Brian Cappelletto. Of the 100 highest rated players in North America, almost a quarter of them would attend, including 10 players rated over 1900 (and that's not even counting Joel Sherman, rated 1886 at the time). Such a field would seem to make for close competition - not with Brian Cappelletto around. Amazingly, Brian won every game en route to a 14-0 shellacking of the field. While it's true that the field contained a host of non-expert players, Cappelletto didn't see many of them. After his first two games against players rated 1215 and 1327, Brian wouldn't see another non-expert for the remainder of the tournament. His opponent's read like a who's who of Scrabble: Jim Geary, Joey Mallick, Chris Lennon, Robin Pollock-Daniel, Dave Wiegand, Darrell Day, Tim Adamson, and Joe Edley - top experts all. Making it even more amazing were the facts that a) a new dictionary had just gone into play just 10 days before and b) Cappelletto hadn't played a tournament since Nationals eight months before where he'd ended with a disastrous 1-7 finish.

### **2006, Ganesh Dominates Causeway**

The Causeway Challenge has become one of the major international tournaments. In 2006 it featured some of the world's greatest players, among them Nigel Richards, Naween Fernando, Pakorn Nemitrmansuk, Gerald Carter, Andrew Fisher, and Panupol Sujjayakorn. Ganesh handled them like cream puffs, going 22-3 and finishing three full games and 1467 spread points ahead of the runner-up. He achieved his unbelievable +3814 spread by racking up an eye-popping average score of 511 points per game.

### **2006, Geoff Thevenot Arrives With a Splash**

It wasn't the best performance at Nationals, but Thevenot's performance ranks among the most impressive in the game's history. After just three years of play, Thevenot made it to the finals of the most prestigious North American tournament in the game. Other than Joe Edley's first title in 1980 (and that was in the game's early days) no one has come close to such an accomplishment. Having never been in such a position before and with the ESPN cameras rolling, the pressure on Thevenot was incredible, but he came through with flying colors.

## **The 12 Greatest SCRABBLE® Career Accomplishments**

Listed in alphabetical order by player's last name.

### **Chuck Armstrong's 100+ Tournament Wins (and other records)**

Sure, many of them were one-day tournaments and sure, the level of competition may not have matched that of the top tournaments, but no matter how you slice it, Armstrong's 100+ tournament wins is an amazing accomplishment. In addition to two wins at Atlantic City, Armstrong's career saw three consecutive top-ten finishes at Nationals. In terms of records, Armstrong is the Babe Ruth of SCRABBLE®. Among his numerous records are his 70% career winning percentage, his six consecutive tournaments won, and his seven-bingo game.

### **Brian Cappelletto's SWILNS Dominance**

As mentioned in the previous section, Mike Baron's Southwest Invitational L-Note Special has long been one of the top tournaments in the game. Brian Cappelletto, however, treated it like a JV football game. From 1988 to 2002, Cappelletto won it every time. That's seven wins in a row with records like 14-3 (twice), 15-2, 15-1, and 17-0. Never has a player so dominated a single tournament of such high caliber.

### **Brian Cappelletto's 2122 Rating**

Yes there have been players rated over 2100 (including some higher than 2122) but all of them were in the pre-1990 days when ratings were much higher than they are now. All of them but one, that is. Brian Cappelletto's 2122 rating in 1999 was 60 points ahead of the #2 player and almost a hundred points ahead of #3. Never has one player's rating towered that far above the rest of the field.

### **Joe Edley's Three National Championships**

While Edley's 1980 victory made our list of all-time great moments (see previous section) either of his other two could have made the list as well. In 1992 he had to win his last three games to take the tile from a player who'd started 17-0. In 2000, Edley was 52 and many wondered if he would be able to stand up to the cadre of young hotshots entering the game. In the closest finish in Nationals history, Edley took the win, thanks in part to his incredible play of TRAILSIDE against Brian Cappelletto in one of the most exciting games ever played. Making his accomplishment even more amazing is the fact that no other player has won even two National Championships.

### **Naween Fernando's 13 International Titles For Four Different Countries**

Others have won more national titles (Belgium's Christian Pierre holds the record with 18) but only Fernando has done it for multiple countries. His 13 titles include the Australian National Championship, Five Bahrain National Championships, Four Gulf States Championships, The Sri Lankan National Championship, The Channel News Asia Championship, and the Sydney International Masters. In addition, Naween finished third at the 2005 World Championship.

### **David Gibson's Three Majors**

The fact that all three of these wins made our list of all-time great performances says it all. For details on each, see the previous section, but in three of the biggest tournaments in the game's history, including the two richest purses ever, Gibson came out on top all three times, two of them by convincing margins, to become the game's all-time money winner.

### **Stu Goldman's 5,000+ Games Played**

While some may dismiss it as a "mere" longevity record, Stu Goldman's career record stands as one of the game's great achievements. The 5,000 figure, by the way, is a minimum. Given the incompleteness of records prior to 1993, Goldman may have played 6,000 or more (perhaps many more) games in his storied career - and that doesn't even count club games. Goldman started his career in 1973 and hasn't slowed down yet - still traveling the country to play tournaments.

### **Adam Logan's Double Majors**

Yes, other players have won both Nationals and Worlds (namely Brian Cappelletto, Joel Wapnick, Joel Sherman, and Peter Morris) but none have done it in such dominating fashion or at such a young age. Details of Logan's incredible victories can be found in the previous section.

### **Dan Pratt's Baltimore Winning Streak**

Between 1973 and 1987, the city of Baltimore held ten annual SCRABBLE® tournaments. Eight of the ten were won by Dan Pratt. If that doesn't sound too impressive, especially considering the lower level of play in those days, consider this. Each year the tournament was a single-elimination affair. A single loss meant you were out of the running. Despite this, Pratt managed to take the tournament seven times. His record in those seven wins: 35-0! And the competition wasn't all weak. Among the competitors were Joel Lipman, Larry Greenberg, Tim Maneth, Richard Silberg, and Gordon Shapiro. Weaker competition or not, winning 35 games without being able to afford a single loss ranks as one of the game's great accomplishments.

### **Nigel Richards Nationals/Worlds Combo**

A handful of players have won both the National and World championships, but prior to 2007 the only player to hold the titles simultaneously was Peter Morris, and that was back when Worlds was new and the competition was less severe. Richards did it at a time when the level of play was at an all-time high. In between his titles, he won four other tournaments (including the UK and Singapore opens), finished 2nd at the King's Cup and 3rd at the Causeway Challenge.

### **Ron Tiekert's Game Room Dominance**

Stu Goldman's *Confessions of a Compulsive Tile Pusher* reports that over roughly a 6 1/2 year period from circa Jan of 1977 to circa summer of 1983, Ron Tiekert played hundreds of sessions of at New York's Game Room and lost only a single one. At the time, the Game Room was still one of the top SCRABBLE® venues in New York, if not in the country, and Tiekert played there almost nightly. The one session he lost was to fellow New York legend Steve Williams.

## **Joel Wapnick's 30 Majors**

Of all the players in SCRABBLE® Wapnick is the only one to play in all 30 majors (18 Nationals, 9 Worlds, All-Stars, Superstars, and The Players Championship). While this is something of a longevity record, remember that Wapnick had to qualify for many of these events. To do so, Wapnick had to keep his game in form over three decades, despite an influx of new players and study methods. In those three decades, Wapnick made it the finals of Worlds three times and became one of only five players to win both a Worlds and a Nationals. In addition, he made it to the championship game in the 1992 Nationals after getting off to a record 17-0 start.

## The First 100 SCRABBLE® Clubs

Below is a list of the first 100 SCRABBLE® clubs, along with their original location, the year they were formed and the first known director (an asterisk indicates a club that was still in existence as of December 2007):

#	Location	Founded	Director
1	Did Not Exist?		
2	Did Not Exist?		
3	Toronto*	1975	Harold Klesmer
4	Did Not Exist?		
5	Stony Brook LI NY	Jan 1974?	Stu Goldman
6			
7	Baltimore MD*	1975	Janine Byrd & Virginia Baker
8	Yonkers NY	1975	Bernie Tietelbaum
9	Mobile AL	1975	Frank Cooper
10	Mt Holly NJ	1975	Louise A August
11	Kentucky State Penitentiary	1975	Herbert Ryan Lee Redo
12	Levittown NY	1975	Shirley Pepper
13	Brooklyn NY (later Queens)	1975	Gary Brown
14	Nassau County NY	1975	
15	Hot Springs AR	1975	Lloyd Hedden
16	Sacramento CA	1975	Jim Dysle
17	New York NY	1975-76	Marty Levinson
18	Miami FL*	1973	Bebe Daniel
19	Santa Barbara CA	1975-76	Warren Simandle
20			
21	San Jose CA*	1976	Edward Andy
22	Reston VA	1976	
23	Rochester NY*	1976	Ted Rosen
25	Baldwin NY	1976	
26	Salem-Roanoke VA	1976	Vernon & Agnes Stockton
27	Buffalo NY	1976	Emma Wilson
28	Brooklyn NY*	1976	Alan Hecht
??	Evanston IL	1976	Allen Beach
29	Suffolk County/Islip NY	1976	Phyllis Nussbaum
30	Sparks NV	1976-77	Gary Brown
31	Springfield VA	1976-77	Everett Danley
32	Massapequa NY	1976-77	June Cosma
33	Wheeling IL	1976-77	Levada Madsen
34	Huntington Beach CA*	1976-77	Geneva Akers
35			
36	Mesa AZ	1976-77	Herman Funk
37	Philadelphia PA	1977	Bunny Gorchov
38	Kirtland AFB NM (Albuquerque)	1977	David C. Shite
39	Chicago IL	1977	Edward and Karen Toppel
40	Piedmont/Oakland CA*	1977	Ann Garraugh or Helen Danzer
41	Albany CA	1977	Isabelle Betten
42	Minneapolis MN*	1977	Daniel Proud
43	Minneapolis MN	1977	Janis R. Clem
44	Glendale/Los Angeles CA*	1977	Milford Hill or William Hamilton
45	Huntsville AL	1977	Reese Danley-Kilgo
46	Oakland CA	1977	Gigi
47	San Francisco CA	1977	Clara Rice
48	Berkeley CA	1977	Charles Goldstein

49 Saginaw MI	1977	Teresa Maynard & Cath. Rameh
50 Laurel MD*	1977	Dan Pratt
51 Chicago IL	1977	James Holicky & John Ryan
52 Baltimore MD	1977	Gordon Shapiro
53		
54 Raleigh NC	1977	Margaret W. Urquhart
55 Reading PA	1977-78	Doris Carney
56 New York NY*	1977	Mike Martin
57 Framingham MA	1977-78	Jim Rodenhiser
58 Sunrise/Plantation FL	1977-78	Mark King
59 Brighton/Allston MA*	1977-78	Howard Lawrence
60 Carle Place NY	1977-78	Steve & Sherri Kurzban
61 Mt Kisco NY	1977-78	Diana Wray
62 Fremont OH*	1977-78	Jeffrey Bloom
63 Holbrook NY	1977-78	Claire Neppell
64 Unionville CT	1977-78	James Sprague
65 Crystal Lake IL	1977-78	Carolyn Collins & Judy Teidel
66 Ellicott City MD	1977-78	Iris G. Harrison
67 Suffern NY*	1977-78	
68 Pocatello ID	1977-78	
69 Canoga Park CA	1977-78	
70 Forest Lake MN	1977-78	
71 Abilene TX	1978	Hildagard Powell & Mary L Couey
72 Denver CO	1978	
73 Lafayette LA	1978	Diane Pencik
74 Brooklyn Park MN	1978	Patricia Rutt
75 Eugene OR	1978	Nancy Winbigler & Linda Kilgore
76 Oceanside CA*	1978	Natalie Sherrie
77 Providence RI	1978	Seth Schonwald
78 Cincinnati OH	1978	Laurie Wright
79 West Orange NJ	1978-79	Margaret Bauer
80 Vallejo CA	1978-79	
81 Commack NY	1978-79	Roz Grossman and Carroll Smith
82 Birmingham AL	1978-79	Jim Pate, Joseph Mays, and Don Milton
83 Montreal QUE*	1978-79	Les Rubenovitch
84 Decatur GA*	1978-79	Gloria Turner
85 Laguna Hills CA*	1978-79	Geraldine Wenk
86 Willowdale ONT	1979	Michael Wise
87 Richmond VA	1979	Patricia Goodall
88 Cleves OH	1979	Mady Garner
89 St Petersburg FL	1979	Edith Curtis
90 Lafayette LA*	1979	Betty Duhon and Kathy St John
91 Delaware OH	1979	Anne Hay
92 Kansas City MO	1979	Joyce Wallace
93 Lantana FL	1979	F. Staffa
94 Houston TX	1979	Robert Evans
95 San Francisco CA*	1979	Clay Sanders
96 Coconut Creek FL	1979	Ruth Saravay
97 Bloomington MN	1979	Sandra Aubitz
98 Parma Hts OH	1979	Zynovy Horodysky
99 Mililani Town HI	1979	Richard Poirier
100 Shelton WA	1979	Connie Petersen

Stu Goldman recalls that clubs #1 and #2 were D.C. area clubs that never got off the ground and #4 was a planned private club that was never actually formed.

**10+ Letter Bingos [and one nine] (letters already on board in parenthesis when known)**

- **ALLEVI(A)T(ED)**: Keith Smith, 2006 Nationals
- **ANNUALI(ZING)**: Chris Cree, Grand Canyon, 1984 - the play was challenged off - it was in Webster's 9th collegiate, but not in the 8th, which was the official source at the time
- **AUBERGINES**: Ron Tiekert, Albany, NY, 2000
- **(BRUT)ALIZING**: Trey Wright, friendly game, March, 1997
- **CAMP(AIGNeRS)**: Adam Green, Club #?, 2007
- **(C)APSU(LA)TEd**: Jim Pate, Birmingham Club #362, Feb, 2000
- **CELE(BRAT)ION**: Belle Laskewitz, Scrabble Club #388, FL, 1996
- **CHL(O)R(O)DyN(E)#**: Nigel Richards
- **COUnTER(MEN)**: Howard Cohen, Las Vegas NV, 1987
- **CROQU(E)T(IN)G**: Orry Swift, 2006 National
- **D(INN)ERTIME**: Mark Przybyszewski, Oshawa, Dec 2003
- **(DIS)APPOINT**: Cheah Siu Hean
- **(DISC)OUntERS**: Julie Chase, Oshawa Club Tourney, April, 2002
- **(DISC)OURSING**: Jeff Martin, Lubbock TX, 2004
- **DISH(ONE)STLY**: Joel Sherman, New York City Club #56, 1993
- **DISHON(OR)e(R)**: Eric Chaikin, Laguna Woods CA, June 2005
- **(DOGMA)TICALLY**: Susi Tiekert, c1996
- **(DRAW)STRINGS**: Janet Segal, Jerusalem Club
- **EN(DANG)ERING**: Margaret Bauer Williams, Reno NV, 1997
- **EVANIS(HIN)G**: Darryl Francis (vs Ong Yeam Chin)
- **(EXAM)INATION**: Christopher P Sheppard, friendly game, July 2001
- **(EXISTENT)IALISTS**: Jim Geary, in an online game in the early 90s.
- **ExONER(ATE)d**: Jeffrey Cook, friendly game, Jan, 2000
- **(EXTRA)MARITAL**: Albert Hahn, friendly game, Dec 2002
- **(EXTRA)UTERINE**: John Chew, March, 1986
- **FINGERn(AIL)**: John Morse, Albany, Dec 2003
- **(FOR)LORNEST**: Scott Kitchen, Parsippany NJ, May 2005
- **(FRONT)IERSmAN**: Alan Stern, Los Angeles Club #44, Stern bingoed out with this play to win the game
- **FULMI(NA)TE(S)**: Randy Hersom, 2004 Nationals
- **GARNI(SHE)ED**: Peter Morris
- **HARMOnI(ZING)**: Carol Yamashita, Hawaii, July 2003
- **HOUSE(MA)TE**: Randy Greenspan, friendly game, March 2005
- **INAd(VERT)ENT**: Jay Strieb, Exton PA Club #333, June 1999
- **(INFO)rMATION**: Milton Villanueva, New York City, March 1996
- **(I)N(T)ERAC(T)eD**: Ellen Massey, friendly game, June 2004, also forming UN and BEE
- **INTERCL(ASS)**: Paul Terry, Las Vegas, June 2005
- **(KIN)DNESSES**: Rita Dady, Midwest Tier 4, June 1983
- **LIN(E)AR(IS)ED**: Carl Johnson, 2006 Nationals
- **MA(CHIN)ERIES**: Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (vs Rod Talbot)
- **MINESTR(ONE)**: Dan Stock, friendly game, Dec, 1998
- **MONO(POL)IES**: Raja Fuadin Abdullah

- **MOTIVAT(IONS)**: Bob Becker, Lexington MA Club, 13 January, 2005
- **NORMALI(ZING)**: Marcia Mendenhall, 1990 Nationals
- **Op(PORT)UNITY**: John Morse, Albany NY Club #404, June, 1999
- **O(P)TIMISE(D)**: Randy Greenspan, friendly game, Nov 2003
- **ORIENT(ATE)D**: Matt DeWaelsche, Texas State Championship, Feb, 2001
- **(O)RiG(I)N(A)TED**: Mike Baron, Albuquerque Club 129, 1980
- **PENS(ION)ING**: Lynne Butler (vs Lynne Wood)
- **(PET)ItIOnER**: Frsn Dvoulouksd, Toronto, Oct 2000
- **QUARrE(LIN)G**: Trip Payne, friendly game, Sep, 2001
- **(QUINTES)SENTIAL**: John Lubekemann, friendly game vs Marlene Milkent, c1996
- **RAVENOU(SLY)**: David Mallick, 2006 Nationals
- **RE(CAPITULA)TIONS**: Mark Nyman (vs Russell Byers)
- **(REG)ISTRIES**: Elsie Malkin (vs Paul Lister)
- **RE(NOMINA)TIONS**: Chuck Eiseelle (vs Mike Weepie)
- **RE(PLANT)ATIOn**: Roger Cullman, Reno NV, July 2007
- **RESONATORS**: Ron Tiekert (vs Stu Goldman at the Game Room, to bingo out)
- **RE(STAB)ILIZE**: Stu Goldman, March 1996
- **R(ETA)LIATES**: Steve Dennis, Rome GA, March 2003
- **RET(ICE)NCES**: Richard Stein, Lake Forest CA Scrabble Club #176, also forming QUITE. Stein was 16 at the time and had only been playing five months
- **(R)URA(LI)TIES**: Mark Pistolese, Laguna Woods CA, Feb, 2002
- **SANcTI(TI)E(S)**: Bob Crowe, New York, Jan 1998, also forming QUAI
- **SE(P)ARATI(ON)**: John Luebckemann, friendly game, Nov 1999
- **SERMONI(ZED)**: Daniel Goldman, 2002 Nationals
- **SMITHEREEN**: Played at Los Angeles Club #44. The great play that wasn't. Reported as SMITHEREENS, it could have been the greatest play ever, but the actual play was the phony SMITHEREEN#. An S was later added.
- **SNAPDR(AGO)N**: Dave Wiegand, Portland, OR Club #370, 1995
- **SNoWBL(OWE)R**: Jim Peters vs Steve Grob, Online game, 2001
- **(SUPER)STITION**: Adam Henderson, Seattle Club #253, 2006
- **UNBE(H)OL(D)E(N)**: Desmond Bone, friendly game, May 1997
- **UNDERSC(ORE)**: Carol Ravichandran, 2005 Nationals
- **VER(BAL)IZED**: Jere Mead, Waltham MA Apr 1992, vs Merrill Kaitz
- **WATER(Z)O(O)I**: Jim Geary, Euless TX Worlds Qualifier 1995, considered by many the greatest play in SCRABBLE® history because he fished for it
- **(WELL)INGTONS#**: Peter Yap, Peter was 11 when he made the play
- **(WHORE)MONGERS**: Linda Hoggatt, friendly game
- **(X)EN(O)GAM(I)eS**: Marlon Hill, friendly game, Apr 2001
- **(ZIN)FANDeLS**: Christopher Sykes, friendly game, 1999

## **NSA Michael Wise Director Of The Year Award**

1989 Stan Rubinsky  
1990 K.C. Kozlowski  
1991 George Heussenstamm  
1992 Ron Tiekert  
1993 Michael Wise  
1994 Johnny Nevarez  
1995 Bonnie Rudolph  
1996 Siri Tillekeratne  
1997 Gwen Bushop  
1998 Mady Garner and Bernard Gotlieb  
1999 Margaret Bauer Williams  
2000 Mary Rhoades  
2001 R.A. Fontes and Ruth Hamilton  
2002 Carol Ravichandran  
2003 Larry Rand and Barbar Van Alen  
2004 Matt Hopkins  
2005 Sherrie Saint John

## **NSA Michael Wise Person Of The Year Award**

2007 Chris Cree

## **Matchups SCRABBLE® Hall of Fame**

Members of the Matchups Hall of Fame were nominated and selected by subscribers to Alan Frank's *Matchups* newsletter.

### **1986 Inductees**

Mike Baron  
Alfred Butts  
Ron Tiekert

### **1987 Inductees**

Chuck Armstrong  
Joel Wapnick  
Joe Edley

### **1988 Inductees**

Dan Pratt

### **1989 Inductees**

Peter Morris  
Al Weissman

### **1990 Inductees**

Robert Felt  
Stan Rubinsky

## English Language SCRABBLE® Periodicals (individual club newsletters not included)

1. *Across the Board* - the official newsletter of the Australian SCRABBLE® Players Association.
2. *The Center Star* - A SCRABBLE® humor magazine published by Stephanie Steele. 2005-present.
3. *Forwards* - the official SCRABBLE® magazine of New Zealand.
4. *JG Newsletter* - strategy and analysis magazine published by Jim Geary
5. *The Last Word* -published by the Association of British Scrabble Players.
6. *Letters For Expert Players* - strategy and analysis magazine published by Al Weissman
7. *Matchups* - #1 (1983) - #67 (Oct 1 1991) [66 issues] - published by Alan Frank
8. *Medleys* - Jan 1991-Dec 1993 - published by Nick Ballard
9. *Moxbib* - The original SCRABBLE® humor magazine.
10. *Official Scrabble Tournament News* No 1 (c Mar 1992) - published by NSA
11. *Onwords*: published in England by Allan Simmons from 1980-present, 112 issues through March 2005
12. *Rack Your Brain* [15 issues] - published by Brian Sheppard
13. *SA News* - the official newsletter of the SCRABBLE® Association of Singapore
14. *SCRABBLE® Club News* - published four times a year in the U.K. by Scrabble Clubs (an organization sponsored by Mattel Games).
15. *SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper/SCRABBLE® Players News/ SCRABBLE® News*, Vol 1, No 1 (1973) - No 206 (206) [207 issues] - published by SCRABBLE® Players/NSA
16. *Tile Rack* - published by Joe Edley
17. *Tourney News* Vol 1 No 1 (1991) - Vol 6 No 3 (March 1996) [c70 issues], published by Lee Cooper
18. *WORDGAME Magazine* - A SOWPODS publication focusing on SCRABBLE® strategy.
19. *Word Ways: The Journal of Recreational Linguistics* - published from 1968-present. Not specifically a SCRABBLE® magazine, but does contain a large number of articles related to the game and/or written by tournament players.

## English-Language SCRABBLE® Films and Television Broadcasts

1. **Atlantic City SCRABBLE® Championship** [documentary] 17 minutes, Director: Tom Lipscomb. A brief student documentary chronicling Barry Keith's experiences at the Atlantic City tournament.
2. **Countdown**[1982-present, television show] Not a SCRABBLE® show per se, *Countdown* is a British game show that pits players against each other in a race to unscramble anagrams. 1993 World SCRABBLE® Champion Mark Nyman was the show's first "champion of champions."
3. **ESPN National School SCRABBLE® Championship** [2007-08, television show].
4. **ESPN National School SCRABBLE® Championship** [2008, television show].
5. **ESPN National SCRABBLE® Championship** [2004-06, television show] ESPN's coverage of the 2004 Nationals. First broadcast on 3 October, 2004.
6. **ESPN SCRABBLE® All\*Stars** [2003, television show] ESPN's coverage of the \$100,000 tournament. First broadcast on 9 November, 2003.
7. **How to Play SCRABBLE®** [2 December 1954, television show] An instructional television show appearing on the Dumont network directed by Leonard Valenta.
8. **Play Better SCRABBLE®** [video] A British instructional SCRABBLE® video by Darryl Francis.
9. **SCRABBLE®** [1984- 1990, television show] Game show hosted by Chuck Woolery. Debuted on NBC on 1 July 1984. The game show had little to do with the board game. Players took turn guessing words placed on a board after hearing crossword-style clues.
10. **SCRABBLE®** [2004, documentary] 10 minutes, Directors: Jay and Mark Duplass. Independent short film described as "Rick and Amy play SCRABBLE® and then things get ugly."
11. **SCRABBLE® the Movie** [2004?, web film] 3.5 minutes, Directors: Steven Worley, Armando Jiminez, Joey Zambrano. Not really about SCRABBLE® but rather a brief amateur film from Zombie House films ([www.zombie-house.com](http://www.zombie-house.com)) described as follows: "What Willard thought was a weird dream about SCRABBLE® turned into a psycho reality."
12. **SCRABBLE® TV** [1998-2001, television show] Boston public-access television show hosted by Ben Loiterstein. Ben would play live games, discuss the game, and field viewer phone calls.
13. **Scrabylon (A SCRABBLE® Movie)** [2003, documentary] 50 minutes, 78 minutes(DVD), Director: Scott M. Peterson. The first of two major documentaries to appear in the wake of *Word Freak*, *Scrabylon* focuses on a handful of American players at the 2003 World SCRABBLE® Championship: Joel Sherman, Brian Cappelletto, Matt Graham, Joe Edley, Chris Cree, Robin Pollock Daniel, and Jim Geary. Along the way, it touches on the game's history, the highest scoring game, and more.
14. **Television SCRABBLE®** [television show] supposedly a British game show hosted by Alan Coren.
15. **Totally SCRABBLE® Tuesday** [television show] A public access show broadcast in Minneapolis starting in 1994 based on *SCRABBLE® TV* (See above). Featured a weekly, live, interactive, city-wide game of *TV SCRABBLE®* [television show] A British game show hosted by Toby Anstis and, later, Eamonn Holmes.
16. **TV SCRABBLE®** [?-1998, television show] The predecessor to *Totally SCRABBLE® Tuesday* (see below) created by Martin Hallanger.
17. **Word Slings** [2002, television documentary] Directors: Eric Siblin and Stefan Vanderland. First broadcast by the CBC on December 10, 2002, this documentary follows four top

Canadian players as they prepare for the 2001 World Championship: Robin Pollock-Daniel, David Boys, Adam Logan, and Joel Wapnick.

18. ***Word Wars: Tiles and Tribulations on the SCRABBLE® Game Circuit*** [2004, documentary] 76 minutes, Directors: Eric Chaikin and Julian Petrillo. The second major documentary to appear in the wake of *Word Freak* follows four of the game's top players as they prepare for the 2004 Nationals: Joe Edley, Matt Graham, Joel Sherman, and Marlon Hill. The award-winning film also covers the Washington Square Park SCRABBLE® scene, the banned words controversy, and more.
19. -UNKNOWN- [c1977, documentary] A short documentary by Arthur Kreda on the activities of Scrabble Club #28 (New York)
20. -UNKNOWN- [c1977, documentary] A short documentary by Arthur Kreda on the 1976-77 New York City Championship.

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## A Brief History of SCRABBLE® Ratings

### Before Ratings - Expert Points

Prior to the establishment of a rating system, SCRABBLE® players received expert points. Players received an expert point for each club or tournament game won. The original plan was that black expert points would be awarded for club play and local tournaments, blue points for regional tournaments, and red points for national tournaments, but the blue and red point idea was apparently dropped. Another idea that was dropped was to have seven levels of expert point achievement: New Player, Intermediate, Master, Expert, Senior Expert, Advanced Senior Expert, and Life Expert. Instead, SCRABBLE® Players created four levels of achievement: levels A, B, C, and D.

Level B experts were those with 50-299 expert points. Level C was for 300-749 expert points. Level D (the top level) was for those with 750+ expert points. Certificates were awarded at each level (and also at the 100 and 200-point levels) and lists of experts were published in the SCRABBLE® News. Actually, early on there were plans for three additional expert levels: Level E (1,500 expert points), Level F (2,000 points) and Level G (3,000 points) but there were apparently never implemented. With the establishment of the rating system, expert points eventually faded into oblivion. By September 1 1985, over 1,000 players had earned expert points and almost 600 had reached the B level. The all-time leader in expert points was Stu Goldman with 2,677.

### The SCRABBLE® Ratings System

While the SCRABBLE® ratings system became official on September 1, 1984, its origins go back to the late 1970s. The idea for a national ratings system was proposed by players shortly after the 1978 Nationals and work began soon after. At least five different ratings systems were considered before SCRABBLE® Players (forerunner to the NSA) decided on the ELO system used to rate chess players and named for professor Arped Elo, who made a number of modifications to the existing chess rating system in the late 1950s. The ELO system was modified by Maryland expert Dan Pratt "to fit the tournament style used by SCRABBLE® Players"<sup>12</sup>. The 1980 Nationals was the first tournament to be rated (the regional qualifiers were later back-rated), followed by the New York Game Room Open in December of 1980 and the April 1981 International Travel Tournament in the Bahamas. From 1980 to 1982, Pratt rated a limited number of tournaments (with the results made available only to participants) and because of the small numbers, the ratings could run much higher than those established later (in a few cases exceeding 2300). When the ratings officially went into effect in 1983, these early ratings were all adjusted toward 2000 by a fixed percentage (i.e. ratings above 2000 were lowered and ratings below 2000 were raised). Interestingly, the original intent of the ratings system was not to segregate players into different divisions. Since players generally played in one division at the time, one goal was to make possible the awarding of "class prizes" for players who performed significantly above expectations. While the segregation of players into separate divisions would not become common for a number of years after the ratings system was introduced, many early tournaments separated players into division for prize purposes (that is, expert and intermediate players played in the same division, but separate prizes were given to the top finishing intermediate players).

The key event that made the ratings system a practical reality was the creation of the Tier tournaments used to qualify for the 1983 Nationals. Prior to this, many experts rarely played outside of their local area. In some regions of the country there were only a handful of expert players who

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<sup>12</sup> SCRABBLE Players News 56

played one another so frequently that it made it difficult to rate them against players from other regions. At the Tier 3 and Tier 4 tournaments in 1983, however, experts from different areas finally met on a large scale and the possibility of creating a meaningful rating system became a reality. Pratt's work was handed over to Charlie Southwell, who made further modifications that "made it practical to incorporate the results of the Tier tourneys..<sup>13</sup>". The data from the Tier tournaments was fed into Southwell's computer and the resulting ratings were used to choose 16 players for the 1983 Nationals in addition to the 16 that qualified via the 8 Tier 4 tournaments. SCRABBLE® Players, however, only published the ratings of the 32 players who participated in Nationals and did not put the system into wide use.

A number of suggestions to improve the system were made. Even with the Tier tournaments, most of the data used to create the initial ratings came from tournaments in the east. More data was needed from western states. Another problem was that the ratings often fluctuated wildly as new data was incorporated. Computer guru Alan Frank (with input from Ron Tiekert) went to work improving the system and adding more tournament data. The first ratings list was published in Frank's *Matchups* newsletter in October-December 1983 and in 1984 the rating system went into full effect. Initially, Frank did not provide monthly ratings lists, but would send crosstables for specific tournaments to directors who submitted results. The rating system became official in September of 1984 and a complete ratings lists was sent out (to directors *only*) and was updated quarterly. The initial rating system was basically the same as the one currently used (including bonus and feedback points), but there were a few differences. One was that a player winning a tournament could not lose rating points (a rule that was apparently dropped at some time). Initially, the multiplier used to calculate ratings was set to 30 in order to produce accurate ratings more quickly. Once a stable set of ratings was established, the multiplier was dropped to the current value of 20. Performance ratings were calculated but were not included in crosstables for a number of years. In the April 1984 *Matchups*, Frank announced a few more refinements to the system: players could no longer receive a rating below 500 in their first tournament and players with less than 10 previous games would have their multiplier increased by 4 for each game under 10 (this later evolved into the currently system of acceleration points). In September of 1984, the multiplier was lowered to 15 for players rated 2000 or higher (apparently because a player had jumped over 100 points to the top of the ratings list in a single tournament) and to 24 for players rated 1800 to 1899. If a player had played in more than 50 games, the multiplier was reduced to 2/3 (to 10, 16, and 20). These multipliers have remained in effect to the present.

A full list of player ratings was finally published for all to see in the October/November 1986 issue of SCRABBLE® Players News (though some had been previously published in Frank's *Matchups*). Ratings were maintained by Alan Frank, until the NSA (at the insistence of Milton Bradley) took over. In 1992, performance ratings were introduced and players began receiving cross-tables listing ratings data for all players. In 2008, the expectations curve was adjusted to better match reality.

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid

## Historical Peak Ratings (1980-1982) - incomplete

Ratings did not officially go into effect until 1983, but tournaments had been rated before that. Following is a list of peak ratings over 2168 from that period based on very limited and incomplete data (results from 3 tournaments). Note that the pre-1983 ratings eventually had to be universally adjusted (up or down) to move them closer to 2000.

1. Joe Edley	2400+	1980
2. Chuck Armstrong	2370	April 1981
3. Dan Pratt	2306	April 1981
4. David Prinz	2250	Nov 1980

## Historical Peak Ratings (1983-2005)

The following list includes all players known to have had a peak rating of 2000 or greater, along with their peak rating and the date it was achieved. Bear in mind that comparing non-normalized ratings from different eras is not a valid method of comparing players, given the substantial ratings deflation that has occurred over time. For example, the average rating of the top 25 players in October of 1984 was 2041. In January of 1987 it was 2039. In September of 1992 it was 2023. In December of 1995 it was 2003. In April of 2005, it was 1952.

A + indicates that a player is known to have had a rating higher than that listed, but the exact rating is not known.

A (p) indicates a provisional rating.

A number in parenthesis next to the date indicates the player's ranking at the time they achieved their peak rating. A "c" next to this number indicates that the ranking is estimated because the rating is taken from tournament results rather than a ratings list.

1. Ron Tiekert	2168	April 1987 (1st)	26. Edward Halper	2063	August 1983 (4th)
2. Robert Felt	2155	(1st)	27. Jim Geary	2054	March 1999 (3rd)
3. Peter Morris	2150		James Neuberger	2054	April 1987 (c9th)
4. Joe Edley	2147		29. David Boys	2053	June 1999 (c2nd)
5. Joel Wapnick	2145	August 1983 (1st)	30. Louis Schecter	2052	August 1990
Chuck Armstrong	2145	October 1984 (1st)	31. Nigel Richards	2051	September 2002(1st).
7. Chris Reslock	2130	July 1984	Charlie Southwell	2051	October 1992
8. Daniel Pratt	2125	June 1986	33. Jan Dixon	2050	August 1983 (4th)
9. Brian Cappelletto	2122	1989	34. Michael Spencer	2050	Mid-1980s
David Gibson	2122	August 1994	35. Linda Gruber	2048	April 1987 (c10th)
11. Adam Logan	2103		36. Dave Wiegand	2047	March 1999 (4th)
12. Lester Schonbrun	2096	August 1990	37. Alan Frank	2042	January 1989
13. Steve Polatnick	2094	October 1985 (4th)	38. Nick Ballard	2042	June 1992
14. Bernard Wishengrad	2090	October 1984 (4th)	39. Jim Kramer	2041	April 2001 (3rd)
15. David Nabutovsky	2089(p)	October 1985 (5th)	40. Steve Pfeiffer	2040	October 1983
16. Stephen Fisher	2085	October 1986 (6th)	41. Bob Lipton	2039	October 1994
17. Jeremiah Mead	2083	September 1987	Hymie Ripps	2039	November 1994
18. Richard Lund	2081	May 1994	John Jarowski	2039	October 1985 (13th)
19. Charles Goldstein	2080	May 1986	44. Jerry Lerman	2038	November 1992
20. Paul Epstein	2076	1987	Jim Foster	2038	October 1983
21. Charlie Carroll	2072	June 1992	46. Chris Cree	2036	April 1990 (11th)
22. Steven Alexander	2071	November 1988	47. Joey Mallick	2034	May 2001 (3rd)
23. Mark Nyman	2069	April 1990 (6th)	48. Merrill Kaitz	2033	April 1988 (c13th)
24. Joel Sherman	2067	March 1995	49. Robert Watson	2030	November 1988
25. Patrick G Nderitu	2066	February 1999 (2nd)	Matt Graham	2030	February 1997

Steve Williams	2030		67. Stuart Goldman	2012	December 1990
Mike Wise	2030	April 1985 (13th)	Ted Rosen	2012	October 1984 (19th)
Sam Kantimathi	2030	July 1992	69. Charnwit Sumrattanaporn	2009	November 2002
54. Darrell Day	2029	June 1989	John Luebke	2009	November 2002 (4th)
55. Ruth Sparer-Stern	2027	August 1990	71. Lisa Odom	2006	February 1999 (9th)
Trey Wright	2027	February 1999 (3rd)	Sammy Okosagah	2006	July 2004 (c2nd)
57. Mike Baron	2026	April 1988 (c16th)	Ira Cohen	2006	June 1998
58. Mark Powell	2022	July 1987	Richard Brown	2006	April 1990 (24th)
59. Pat Barrett	2021	June 1991	75. Rita Norr	2005	August 1987
60. Ken Lambe	2018	May 1988	Matt Laufer	2005	November 1992
61. Jeff Widergren	2017	March 1996	77. Jakkrit Klaphajone	2004	September 2002 (6th)
62. Robin Pollock Daniel	2016	September 1995	78. Panupol Sujjayakorn	2003	
Robert Ellickson	2016	April 1990 (c23rd)	79. Joe Weinike	2000+	
64. Ian Weinstein	2013	November 2002	80. Tim Adamson	2000	October 1995
Gary Brown	2013	October 1984 (18th)	Gordon Shapiro	2000	August 1983 (11th)
Jeff Reeves	2013	September 1989			

## Historical Peak Rankings

This (very) incomplete list shows the peak ranking of players who have been ranked in the top 10 on at least one monthly ratings list.

The table includes data from the following sources:

- Official ratings lists from the NSA website from February 1999 to April 2005.
- The following ratings lists from various sources - November 1998, December 1997, August 1997, December 1996, December 1995, December 1994, June 1994, December 1993, November 1993, June 1993, January 1993, November 1992, September 1992 July 1992, January 1992, October 1991, April 1991, November 1990, April 1990, October 1989, April 1989, October 1988, April 1987, January 1987, April 1986, October 1985, April 1985, October 1984, July 1984, and October 1983.
- Robert Felt, and Joel Wapnick were assumed to be ranked #1 at the time of their peak rating.

The date shown is the most recent date on which a player achieved the given ranking. Players are listed alphabetically.

200512 Adamson Tim 7	200711 Leong, James 7
198810 Alexander Steven 6	1993 Lerman Jerry 5
200611 Appel, Scott 6	199412 Lipton Bob 4
200407 Armstrong Chuck 1 (3)	199612 Logan Adam 1 (9)
200805 Armstrong, Peter 9	200401 Luebkekmann John 4
199207 Ballard Nick 7	199406 Lund Richard 1 (1)
200408 Benedict Nathan 5	200709 Mallick Joey 1 (1)
199910 Boys David 2	200208 Mead Jeremiah 1 (4)
200406 Cappelletto Brian 1 (39)	200403 Mills Lloyd 5
199207 Carroll Charlie 1 (1)	199201 Morris Peter 1 (4)
200507 Cree Chris 2	198510 Nabutovsky, David 5
200207 Daniel Robin Pollock 6	199903 Nderitu Patrick Gitonga 2
198310 Dixon Jan 4	200807 Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn 1 (5)
200202 Edley Joe 1 (15)	199902 Neuberger James 4
1997 Epstein Paul 3	198910 Nyman Mark 5
199201 Felt Robert 1(4)	199905 Odom Lisa 6
198701 Fisher Stephen 2	200408 Okosagah Sammy 1(1)
198310 Foster, Jim 10	200710 O'Laughlin, John 7
199907 Geary Jim 2	200708 Panyasoponlert Komol 3
200507 Gibson David 1 (20)	198310 Pfeiffer Steve 9
200701 Goldstein Charles 1 (2)	200701 Pistolese, Mark 6
200810 Graham Matt 4	198510 Polatnick Steve 4
200404 Greenspan Randy 4	198610 Pratt Daniel 2
198407 Gruber Linda 8	200807 Rau, Stefan 8
199406 Halper Edward 4	198407 Reslock Chris 1 (1)
200408 Hersom Randy 9	200812 Richards Nigel 1 (31)
200302 Hill Marlon 7	198310 Ripps, Hymie 10
199209 Kantimathi Sam 9	200802 Schellenberg, Mark 10
200804 Katz-Brown, Jason 3	199406 Schechter Louis 9
200307 Klaphajone Jakkrit 4	200008 Schonbrun Lester 2
200403 Kramer Jim 1 (4)	198310 Shapiro, Gordon 16
	200203 Sherman Joel 1 (3)

199209 Southwell Charlie 5  
198407 Spencer, Michael 10  
200402 Stone Dennis 10  
200606 Sujjayakorn Panupol 2  
200207 Sumrattanaporn Charnwit 5  
198607 Tiekert Ron 1 (11)  
1983 Wapnick Joel 1 (1)

200705 Weinstein Ian 4  
200107 Widergren Jeff 7  
200203 Wiegand Dave 1 (1)  
198310 Wishengrad, Bernie 2  
199811 Wright Trey 2

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**(Nationals, Worlds, Superstars, and All\*Stars)**

# National SCRABBLE® Championship

## 1978 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** May 19-21 1978

**Divisions:** 1

**Winner:** David Prinz

**Word Judge:** Carol Skolnick

**Location** Lowe's Summit Hotel, New York NY

**Players:**64<sup>14</sup>

**Top Prize:** \$1,500

**Games:** 16

**Director:** Joel Skolnick

### Summary

Before leaving San Francisco to compete in the first National SCRABBLE® Championship, transplanted New Yorker David Prinz found an old foreign coin on the street and tucked it into his pocket, carrying it throughout the tournament as a good luck charm. It must have worked, since Prinz went on to win the tournament and its \$1,500 first prize.

Plans for a national-level SCRABBLE® tournament had apparently been in the works since the earliest years of organized play. Shortly after SCRABBLE® Players was founded in 1973, the organization announced a system of expert points that was to include "red" points awarded for "national" tournaments but the idea was dropped. As it was, it would be five years before a national tournament became a reality. The first National SCRABBLE® Championship (then called the North American Invitational) was an invitation-only affair. 64 players (plus ten alternates) were chosen from recommendations by club and tournament directors across the country. For the first time, the best players from the country would meet in a single tournament. In truth, given the New York area's dominance of the early tournament scene, a good number of them had been playing one another for years, but there were still a number of players from outside the metropolitan area who would get their first chance to play some of the Big Apple's top dogs: Maryland's Dan Pratt and Gordon Shapiro; Florida's George Roe and Steve Polatnick; California's Edward Andy and Charles Goldstein; Ohio's Jean Carol; Ontario's Mike Wise and others. New York legend Steve Williams was the youngest competitor at 24 and Los Angeles' Ethel Sherard the oldest at 82. All would finally meet face to face.

The original schedule called for 18 games, starting with 8 on Friday. Unfortunately, the directors didn't realize how long it would take to manually calculate the Swiss pairings between rounds - a process that was especially time-consuming since they'd decided to avoid repeat pairings. At 6 P.M. on the first day, Skolnick announced that they would be paring the schedule back to 15 games. The announcement was met with angry chants of "Eighteen! Eighteen!" The frustrated players offered to play through dinner if that's what it took and they eventually compromised on a 16-game schedule: 8 games on Friday, 6 on Saturday, and 3 on Sunday. Players drew tiles each game to see who went first (Mike Wise went first only once in the tournament).

At the end of the first day's play the leader was odds-on favorite Mike Senkiewicz, a New York legend who had reportedly memorized the dictionary in the 1960s. Trailing Senkiewicz were fellow New Yorker Steve Pfeiffer and San Francisco's Charles Goldstein, a jazz pianist originally from New York. Rounding out the top five were Jerold Lowenstein and Ron Tiekert. On day two, Dan Pratt (sixth after day one) had moved into the top spot, followed by David Prinz and Mike Senkiewicz. Prinz was an interesting story. He had barely made the tournament at all. While he had made it to the finals of the 1974 New York City championship, he hadn't played tournament SCRABBLE® in two years. Instead, he had spent his time working on the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary and making preparations as Selchow and Righter's star witness in the lawsuit brought by Mark Landsberg. When

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<sup>14</sup> 65 players actually played in the tournament. One of the alternates stepped in when a player dropped out after 8 games.

the initial invitations were made, Prinz failed to get one and called Jim Houle to ask for one. When he was turned down, he asked Houle how it would look if their star witness didn't play, Houle relented and Prinz got his invite. He had started the tournament slowly until a 553-245 victory over Josh Silber in round 9 (aided by a phony and two unsuccessful challenges from Silber) jumped him into third place.

Going into game 16, Pratt and Prinz held down the top two spots but were not paired against one another, since they had played previously (with Pratt winning) and the format forbade rematches. Instead, Prinz faced Shazzi Felstein while Pratt squared off against Roz Grossman. Before the game, Prinz (according to his own testimony, recounted in Letterati) begged Grossman to do whatever she could to keep Pratt from scoring (as Pratt would need a blowout to win under the tournament's credit system. Pratt's game was, in fact, low-scoring (though Grossman, who doesn't remember the pre-game incident, says this was "probably just coincidence"<sup>15</sup>.) Prinz's game wasn't close. He opened with PETIOLAR, drawing a challenge, and went on to win 439-290.

In the end, Pratt had won 1.5 games more than anyone else (and three more than Prinz), but finish second to Prinz in the final standings due to the much-maligned credit-system. Senkiewicz finished in third place with Linda Gruber, the top placing woman, in fourth. In a separate round-robin tournament among the alternates, Marjorie Schoneboom won (taking home a chess clock for her efforts) with Ted Rosen finishing second.

Players from the east and west dominated the tournament as New Yorkers took 18 of the 32 money positions, including 10 of the top 13 (not including New York transplant Prinz). Another three went to Maryland-area players and five to Californians. The only other state to make a substantial showing was Florida with three players in the money (at 32, 31 and 17) led by veteran Steve Polatnick. Rubin Reinstein of Illinois was the sole money winner from the Midwest. Michael Wise was the only Canadian to win money (Joel Wapnick was a New Yorker at the time) with Nevada's Gary Brown rounding out the top 32.

As games and racks were generally not recorded (or if they were, they weren't often published) at the time, it is difficult to judge the level of play. The top 32 players averaged 372 points per game with Mike Senkiewicz's 404 average being the tournament's highest. These figures are well below those of comparable players today, but judging playing skill based on total score is difficult. Nonetheless, the first National SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Championship was a groundbreaking event in the history of SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> - one of the key events in making tournament play what it is today. What was perhaps the other key event of the 1970s was announced on the same day the tournament concluded - the introduction of the Official SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Players Dictionary.

## Format

Players played seven games on day one, six on day two, and three on day three. Placement was determined by a credit system that awarded 3 credits for a win, 1.5 for a tie, 1 for every 50 points scored in a game, and 1 for every 50 points of spread in a game. Ties were broken by wins then average score. Players had 20 minutes on their clock. Word source was Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary, 1973-74 edition.

## Qualifying

Placement in the tourney was by invitation only, at the recommendation of club and tournament directors plus a number of "at large" selections chosen by Mike Senkiewicz.

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<sup>15</sup> Letterati p. 100

**Superlatives:**

**High Game:** 553, David Prinz

**Highest Average Score:** 404 Mike Senkiewicz

**Lowest Average Score:** 316

## 1978 Nationals - Complete Results<sup>16</sup>

Name	Record	Credits	Spread	Money Won
1. Prinz, David (CA)	10-6	173cr	+1058	\$1,500
2. Pratt, Daniel (MD)	13-3	170cr	+862	\$1,000
3. Senkiewicz, Michael (NY)	11-5	169cr	+677	\$750
4. Gruber, Linda (NY)	11-5	162cr	+695	\$650
5. Goldstein, Charles (CA)	10-6	161cr	+842	\$600
6. Wishengrad, Bernie (NY)	11-5	160cr	+510	\$550
7. Neuberger, James (NY)	11-5	159cr	+613	\$500
8. Tiekert, Ronald (NY)	9-7	157cr	+516	\$450
9. Felstein, Shazzi (NY)	9-7	155cr	+513	\$150
10. Pfeiffer, Steven (NY)	8-8	155cr	+167	\$150
11. Williams, Steve (NY)	11-5	151cr	+544	\$150
12. Hepner, Edward (NY)	11.5-4.5	150.5cr	+192	\$150
13. Kuehnrich, Frank (NY)	9-7	150cr	+287	\$150
14. Andy, Edward (CA)	9-7	150cr	+439	\$150
15. Shapiro, Gordon (MD)	8-8	148cr	+235	\$150
16. Smith, Janet (NY)	7-9	148cr	+227	\$150
17. Polatnick, Steve (FL)	10-6	147cr	+153	\$75
18. Grossman, Roz (NY)	10-6	147cr	+403	\$75
19. Wise, Michael (ONT)	9-7	146cr	+190	\$75
20. Brown, Gary (NV)	10.5-5.5	144.5cr	-14	\$75
21. Sigel, Christine (NY)	8-8	144cr	+358	\$75
22. Lowenstein, Jerold (CA)	7-9	143cr	-171	\$75
23. Brandts, Paul (NY)	10-6	143cr	-20	\$75
24. Wapnick, Joel (NY)	7-9	143cr	+172	\$75
25. Avrin, Paul (NY)	8-8	142cr	+192	\$75
26. Alpert, Arnie (NY)	9-7	142cr	+157	\$75
27. Reinstein, Reuben (IL)	9-7	142cr	-110	\$75
28. Nepell, Claire (NY)	9-7	141cr	+36	\$75
29. Lipman, Joel (DE)	8-8	140cr	-74	\$75
30. Wolfe, Louise (CA)	8-8	140cr	+72	\$75
31. King, Mark (FL)	9-7	140cr	-11	\$75
32. Roe, George (FL)	9-7	140cr	+217	\$75
33. Patten, Barry (NY)	8-8	139cr	+31	
34. Herbert, Howard	7-9	139cr	+92	
35. Goldman, Stuart (NY)	6-10	139cr	-8	
36. Maneth, Tim (MD)	8.5-7.5	138cr	-290	
37. Weissman, Emely (CA)	9-7	138cr	+121	
38. Amster, Barbara (IL)	9-7	138cr	188	
39. Shulman, David	9-7	136cr	-17	
40. Guillot, James	7-9	135cr	-341	
41. Silber, Josh	6-10	133cr	-293	

<sup>16</sup> The placement here for some of the players ranked 20-32 differs slightly from that posted on the NSA website. The placement used here was taken from SCRABBLE Players Newspaper #19.

42. Ozag, John (IL)	8-8	132cr	-235
43. Schulman, Michael	7-9	132cr	-176
44. Siegel, Andrea	6-10	132cr	-29
45. Rutt, Patricia (MN)	8-8	131cr	-330
46. Brown, Robert	7-9	131cr	-474
47. Pate, James (AL)	8-8	130cr	-354
48. Stocker, Carl (FL)	8-8	129cr	-161
49. Hashmall, Bea	6-10	128cr	-308
50. Proud, Robin	6-10	127cr	-377
51. Osborne, Irene	8-8	126cr	-452
52. Hertz, Frank	6-10	126cr	-378
53. Holicky, James	5-11	126cr	-197
54. Johnson, Gregg	5-11	126cr	-666
55. McCormick, Louise	5-11	125cr	-127
56. Rubinsky, Stan	6.5-9.5	122.5cr	-318
57. McLaughlin, Joyce	6-10	122cr	-447
58. Carney, Doris	7-9	120cr	-459
59. Carol, Jean (OH)	7-9	119cr	-628
60. Sherard, Ethel (CA/IL)	6-10	118cr	-350
61. Powell, Hildagard (TX)	5-11	118cr	-822
62. Hein, Norma	6-10	115cr	-636
63. Koenen, Janette	4-12	114cr	-567
64. Thompson, Paulita (CA)	3-4	62cr	-91
65. Stoll, Dolores	0-8	62cr	-452

Alternates: Marjorie Schoneboom (NY), Ted Rosen (NY), Nancy Taylor (PA), June Cosma (NY), Paulita "Gigi" Thompson (CA - played in main event), 5 others

## 1980 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** Nov 14-16 1980

**Divisions:** 1

**Winner:** Joe Edley

**Location** Miramar-Sheraton Hotel, Santa Monica CA

**Players:** 32

**Top Prize:** \$5000

**Games:** 17

**Director:** Jim Houle

### Summary

Joe Edley was not a favorite to win the 1980 National Championship. A wild-card entry who had finished 6th in the Western regional qualifier, a record well-behind that of such stalwarts as Dan Pratt, Charles Goldstein, David Prinz, Steve Polatnick, and Jim Neuberger, Joe Edley (invariably referred to as "night watchman") was something of an unknown. After 6 games, however, Edley was the only undefeated player in the tournament. A game 7 loss to New York's #1 seed Jim Neuberger, however, dropped him to 2nd. Day 1 ended with Neuberger in first and Edley in second both at 6-1.

As day 2 got underway, it looked like Jim Neuberger (the pre-tournament favorite) would run away with the event. After a game 2 loss, he reeled off 8 straight wins before his streak was stopped by David Prinz. Meanwhile, Joe Edley (exhausted from lack of sleep) had lost two of his first three games, but recovered to win the last 4. At the end of day 2, Neuberger was still in the lead at 12-2 with Edley trailing at 11-3 followed by Ron Tiekert, David Prinz (13th after day one but with a 6-game winning streak on day two), and Dan Pratt (who had gone 4-3 on day one despite a 425 average).

In round the top 4 players won handily, with Neuberger winning by 159 points and eliminating Dan Pratt from contention. Round 16 paired Ron Tiekert and Jim Neuberger at the top table. Tiekert trailed leader Neuberger by 2 games, but with a second-best +954 spread (to Neuberger's +1212), he still had a chance to win it all. A win for Neuberger, on the other hand, would virtually guarantee victory as the only other player within striking distance was Edley, who trailed by only one game but by a whopping 750 points of spread. The game ended in a 314-314 tie. Edley had gotten one piece of good fortune, but he would need two. Needing a win to stay in contention, Edley was paired against David Prinz who had defeated him 466-320 in round 10. With a certain win in the end game, the reigning national champion mis-tracked the tiles and handed Edley a 3 point victory. The tournament wasn't over yet.

In the final round Pratt defeated Tiekert to stay in the money while Prinz won by 30 over Charles Goldstein. The championship game pitted New York's #1 seed against California's #6 upstart. Neuberger led Edley by 1/2 a win (13.5-13) but was ahead 1212-464 in spread. No other player had a shot at first. Whoever won the game would be the new North American champion.

The game hinged on two plays. After a somewhat rocky start by both players, Edley bingoed on turn 4 with PURITIES. On turn 5, he played the phony SALTANTS, when sALTANT would have played in 2 places for as many or more points. Neuberger failed to challenge. On turn 6, down by almost 100 points, Neuberger had to decide whether to play FEAZED for 57, slotting a D in the triple row, or to play FEAZE for 53, setting up a D-hook that could get him back in the game. Neuberger chose the latter (the right move, at least as far as Maven is concerned) but Edley, holding an S, took the spot with WOS then drew a blank and played JAGGIER (without the blank) for 48, followed by QuIP (using the blank) for 42 to take a 100 point lead while Neuberger drew drek (Edley had drawn 8 of the 10 power tiles in the game). Edley won the game 400-319, and with it, the tournament. The night watchman from California had won \$5,000 and his first National Championship. It wouldn't be his last.

Overall, players from the East and West dominated again with New York, California, and Baltimore area players taking the top 9 positions. Canadian players won half their games and took

10th and 12th, while the Southern contingent won only 40% and had only one player who finished above #20 (Miami's Steve Polatnick #11). The Midwest managed only one less win than the South, but didn't place a player higher than 23rd.

## Format

Seven games were played on days one and two and three on the final day. The first 14 rounds used modified Swiss pairing. In Round 15, the field was divided into two halves with #1 playing #9, #2 playing #16 etc. In Round 16, they were divided into quads (1 vs 5, 9 vs 13 etc). Round 17 was king-of-the-hill. Players had 22 minutes on their clocks. The "hold" rule was introduced. Word source was OSPD, first edition.

## Qualifying

Qualification was based on a series of six regional tournaments. Winners and runners-up from sanctioned tournaments between 1 January 1978 and 4 May 1980 along with "top performers at clubs" were eligible to play in their local regional, with lower finishing players added if needed to bring the total to 64 players at each tournament (though none actually had that many). The top 8 finishers from the 1978 Nationals automatically qualified for their regional. The regional tournaments were 10-game, 2-day affairs with 5 games per day to be conducted at area department stores (a plan that seems to have changed). The top five finishers in each U.S. region and the top 4 from the Canadian regional earned spots at nationals. The final 3 "wild-card" spots went to the players with the best performances in the regionals among non-qualifiers.

Players who qualified from the regionals were as follows:

1. Northeast (Baltimore, Furley Rec Center) Daniel Pratt 10-0 +1223, Vernon Jones, Richard Silberg, Gordon Shapiro, Larry Greenburg
2. Southern (Miami, Jordan-Marsh store) Steve Polatnick 10-0 +1257, George Roe, Jim Pate, Carl Stocker, John Attamack
3. Western (San Francisco, Shearton-Palace hotel) Lester Schonbrun 8.5-1.5 +1277, Donald Peterson, John Turner, David Prinz, Charles Goldstein
4. Metropolitan (The Game Room, New York City) Jim Neuberger 8-2 +695, Stuart Windwer, Ron Tiekert, Steve Williams, James Guillot
5. Midwest (Chicago, Woodfield Mall) John Ozag 9-1 +832, Ken Lambe, Patricia Rutt, Frank Voss, Bill Wade
6. Canadian (Toronto, Simpson's department store) Joel Wapnick 8-2 +712, Michael Schulman, Steve Fisher, Michael Wise

Qualifying as wild-cards were Charles Merlis (6th in Metropolitan with a 7-3 +340 record), James Foster (7th in Metropolitan, 7-3 +126), and Joe Edley (6th in Western Region, 7-3 +537). While Edley had the best record among those who didn't qualify outright, it seems that the wild-cards were picked based on region, as a number of players finished with better records than Merlis and Foster (Michigan's Chris Reslock at 7-3 +422 was best).

## Superlatives

**High Game:** 600, Lester Schonbrun

**High Loss:** 440, Jim Guillot

**High Average:** 419, Dan Pratt

**High L-H Word** (for Leonard Herschkowitz): 94, HOOFLIKE, Charles Goldstein

**Low Win:** 301, Jim Pate

## 1980 National SCRABBLE® Championship Complete Results

1. Joe Edley (CA)	14-3	+545	\$5000
2. Jim Neuberger (NY)	13.5-3.5	+1131	\$2000
3. Ron Tiekert (NY)	11.5-5.5	+874	\$1500
4. Dan Pratt (MD)	11-6	+859	\$1000
5. David Prinz (CA)	11-6	+459	\$500
6. John Turner (CA)	10-7	+445	
7. Charles Goldstein (CA)	10-7	+162	
8. Stuart Windwer (NY)	10-7	-44	
9. Gordon Shapiro (MD)	10-7	-118	
10. Joel Wapnick (QUE)	9-8	+386	
11. Steve Polatnick (FL)	9-8	+349	
12. Michael Wise (ONT)	9-8	-15	
13. James Guillot (NY)	9-8	-41	
14. Richard Silberg (MD)	9-8	-58	
15. Charles Merlis (NY)	9-8	-277	
16. Lester Schonbrun (CA)	8-9	+445	
17. Steve Williams (NY)	8-9	+234	
18. Michael Schulman (ONT)	8-9	+59	
19. Vernon Jones (NY)	8-9	-26	
20. Carl Stocker (FL)	8-9	-95	
21. Donald Peterson (CA)	8-9	-119	
22. Steve Fisher (QUE)	8-9	-373	
23. John Ozag (IL)	7-10	-86	
24. James Foster (NY)	7-10	-264	
25. Patricia Rutt (MN)	7-10	-448	
26. Ken Lambe (MI)	7-10	-454	
27. Robert Mulet (FL)	7-10	-461	
28. Jim Pate (AL)	7-10	-473	
29. Frank Voss (RI)	7-10	-548	
30. Bill Wade (IN)	5-12	-899	
31. Larry Greenberg (MD)	4-13	-493	
32. John Attamack (NC)	3-14	-1206	

## 1983 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** Aug 10-12 1983  
**Divisions:** 1  
**Winner:** Joel Wapnick

**Location** Drake Hotel, Chicago IL  
**Players:** 32  
**Top Prize:** \$5000

**Games:** 17  
**Director:**

### Summary

The 1983 Nationals was a much ballyhooed affair. The tournament was sponsored by Arby's and a number of promotional events (including a lakeshore tile hunt) were organized the Chicago Parks and Recreation Department in the week leading up to the big event. As the tournament got underway, the top rated players (using the newly established rating system) were Ron Tiekert (2112), Joe Edley (2078), Charles Goldstein (2055), and Jan Jarrell (2050). Joel Wapnick, who had the best record in the tier fours (13-1) was ranked 10th. #6 seed Dan Pratt was also a favorite.

On day one, New York's Ed Halper jumped out to an early lead, starting off 5-0. At the end of day one, Halper was in first, trailed by Pratt and Edley. Joel Wapnick moved into 2nd place in round 5 but dropped to 7th as the day ended. After the 10 preliminary rounds, Edley, Wapnick, and Pratt were ranked 1-3, all at 8-2. Also advancing to the top round-robin group were Stephen Fisher, Ed Halper, Michael Spencer, Steve Polatnick, and Ron Tiekert. Peter Morris, who had been in the top 8 in 7 of the first 9 rounds, fell to 11th in round 10. At the end of day two, Wapnick, Edley, and Pratt still held a stranglehold on the top 3 positions.

The end of 15 rounds saw Wapnick 12-3, Pratt at 11-4, and Edley at 10.5-4.5 (after a loss to Ed Halper). The penultimate round pitted Pratt against Wapnick. Pratt got out to an early lead with bingos on turns 2 and 4 and maintained a 100-point lead for most of the game. On turns 10 and 11, Wapnick narrowed the gap with YELKS for 58 (missing the possible game-winning 110 point SKYLiNE, which would have got him to within 7), followed by UNsWORN for 70, narrowing the gap, briefly, to 29 points, but it was too little too late as Pratt went on to win 441 to 427. Meanwhile, Edley won his game to put him a half game behind the 12-4 leaders. Luck of the draw paired Wapnick and Edley in the final game. Wapnick struck first drawing both blanks and using them to play bingos on turns 2 and 3 to take a 107-point lead, but Edley battled back to a 218-218 tie. The game was nip and tuck until Edley drew the Q, allowing Joel Wapnick to pull out a 369-342 win and the National Championship. Dan Pratt finished second.

### Qualification

Players qualified via a series of qualifying tournaments in four tiers. Tier one tournaments included sanctioned tournaments from 1981 and 1982 (plus some from 1980 and 1983). Players who placed in the top half of the finals of tier one tournaments along with club champions during the qualifying period advanced to tier two tournaments. "Most top performers" in intermediate divisions (usually, those average less 350 points a game) could also advance. There was "limited qualification" to tier two for novice division players. Tier two tournaments were limited to players who played in tournaments in a particular state (for example, the Birmingham AL tier two tournament in March 1983 was open to "top performers from Mobile 1981-82, Huntsville 1982 and Champions and runners-up of Clubs 9, 45, and 165).

Tier two tournaments were 10-round, 2-day affairs. Performers in the top half of the tier two tournaments advanced to tier three. Tier three tournaments were multi-state affairs that pitted players from neighboring states against one another. Performers in the top third of tier three tournaments advanced to one of eight tier four tournaments (players could play in multiple tier three tournaments if

they qualified in each area). The top 12 performers at the 1980 nationals drew byes to the tier three tournaments (the rest drew byes to tier two). The tier three tournaments narrowed the field to about 100 players. The eight tier four tournaments were: Atlantic Coast, Canada, Great Lakes/Midwest, Metropolitan New York, Mountain States, Pacific Coast, Southeast, and Southwest. The top two finishers from each of the tier four tournaments earned automatic spots at Nationals. The remaining 16 players (plus two alternates) were picked using "a new national ranking system" (the first use of the elo ratings system) based on performance in the entire tier series.

The top two finishers from each tier four tournament were as follows: Metropolitan (Jan Jarrell [now Dixon] and Ron Tiekert), Southwest (Chris Cree and Gary Brown) Midwest (Gordon Shapiro and Rita Dady), West Coast (Joe Edley and Michael Spencer), Canada (Joel Wapnck and Stephen Fisher), Northeast (Alan Frank and John Jaworski), Mountain States (Stan Rubinsky and Charles Goldstein), and South (Dave Johnson and Steve Polatnick). For the remaining 16, 6 were chosen from the Metropolitan with no other region having more than three. Alternates were John Ozag and Donald Peterson.

## **Format**

Players played six games on days one and two and five on the final day. The first ten rounds used Swiss pairing. After game ten, players were divided into four "divisions" of eight players. Each group then played a seven game round robin to determine their placement within the group (which was based on the number of games they'd won over then entire 17-game tournament). A player could not place higher than the top spot in their group (Chuck Armstrong, for instance, was in the 2nd group, and finished 9th overall despite having the fourth best overall record this - he was dubbed the "division two" winner - perhaps a bit of foreshadowing).

## **Superlatives**

**High Game:** 518, Joel Wapnick

**High Average:** 407, Joel Wapnick

**High Loss:** 431, Alan Frank

### 1983 Nationals - Complete Results

1. Joel Wapnick (QUE)	13-4	+705	\$5000
2. Dan Pratt (MD)	12-5	+156	\$3000
3. Joe Edley (CA)	11.5-5.5	+323	\$2000
4. Stephen Fisher (QUE)	10-7	+473	\$1000
5. Ed Halper (NY)	10-7	+82	\$800
6. Michael Spencer (BC)	9.5-7.5	+487	\$700
7. Ron Tiekert (NY)	9-8	+364	\$600
8. Steve Polatnick	9-8	+195	\$500
9. Chuck Armstrong	11-6	+115	
10. Peter Morris (ONT)	10-7	+404	
11. Stu Goldman (NY)	9-8	+181	
12. Chris Reslock (MI)	9-8	-23	
13. Jim Neuberger (NY)	9-8	-191	
14. John Jaworski (MD)	8-9	+66	
15. Alan Frank (MA)	8-9	+19	
16. Rita Dady (MI)	8-9	-516	
17. Gary Brown (CA)	11-6	-151	
18. Michael Wise (ONT)	9-8	-59	
19. Stan Rubinsky (AZ)	8-9	-3	
20. Jan Dixon (DE)	8-9	-566	
21. Patricia Rutt (MN)	7.5-9.5	-110	
22. Charlie Southwell (VA)	7-10	-392	
23. Richard Brown (MI)	7-10	-464	
24. Carol Clarke (NY)	6.5-10.5	43	
25. Charles Goldstein (CA)	9-8	+451	
26. Linda Gruber (NY)	7-10	-233	
27. Gordon Shapiro (MD)	7-10	-317	
28. Dave Johnson (LA)	7-10	-322	
29. Mike Baron (NM)	6-11	-334	
30. James Guillot (NY)	6-11	-509	
31. Chris Cree (TX)	5-12	-745	
32. Marjorie Schoneboom (NY)	5-12	-757	

Alternates: John Ozag (IL), Donald Peterson

## 1985 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** July 28-31 1985

**Divisions:** 1

**Winner:** Ron Tiekert

**Location** Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, MA

**Players:**302

**Top Prize:** \$10,000

**Games:** 22

**Director:**

### Summary

The 1985 National SCRABBLE® Championship saw a major change. For the first time, the nationals would be an "open" tournament. The idea had been suggested by Mike Baron at the previous Nationals and became a reality when the run-away success of Trivial Pursuit left Selchow and Righter fat with profits and eager to spend them. 302 players would qualify for the event and all would play in a single division. Selchow and Righter spent an estimated \$300,000 on the event and the festivities included a gala reception, complete with town crier, to open the event, a daily hot lunch for the players, and a host of other goodies. While the 1983 Nationals had had one sponsor (a first), the 1985 event had (at least) four: Arby's (again), American Airlines, Merriam-Webster, and Sheraton. The tournament itself was something of an anti-climax. Ron Tiekert, long numbered among the game's 2 or 3 best players, won easily with a 20-2 record, finishing 2 full games ahead of his nearest rivals.

Despite the streak, however, things weren't completely decided until almost the final day. Tiekert and Chuck Armstrong both won their first 15 games<sup>17</sup> and were in a dead heat. In round 16, Tiekert had a large lead against Jim Neuberger and, holding good tiles, decided to make a play that opened the board. Neuberger then played two natural bingos in a row and went on to win. In round 18 Armstrong and Tiekert, both at 16-1, finally sat down to face one another. The game was close until Armstrong unsuccessfully challenged UNBE late in the game and went on to lose. Tiekert later called in the turning point of the tournament. In round 19, Tiekert faced Darrell Day. The winner of the game would be in first place. Tiekert scored just 278 points, but it was enough to win and put him comfortably in the lead. Meanwhile, Joe Edley had gotten off to a disastrous start. After six games, he was 3-3 and in 157th place. He went on to win 15 of his next sixteen games, including a victory over Tiekert in the finals that involved an excellent end game play with one tile in the bag and two minutes left on his clock, to take second place. The surprise of the tournament was the third-place finish of Richie Lund, a Vietnam veteran little known outside of New York. Against Canada's Stephen Fisher, one of the game's top players, Lund played TWINBORN, which Spencer unsuccessfully challenged. Dan Pratt's fifth round high game of 622 points held up until the final round when it was broken by Rita Norr's 630. Norr won the game by 472 points, perhaps a harbinger of things to come.

### Format

The prize fund of \$50,000 was the biggest yet and, for the first time, included numerous special prizes, in addition to the placement prizes given to the top 32 players. The three highest winning and losing scores and the three highest plays in each round were given prizes (\$50, \$25, and \$10).

### Qualifying

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<sup>17</sup> It has been reported many times that Tiekert won his first 16, but he actually only won 15.

Players qualified via two stages of tournaments. Stage one tournaments were four-game tournaments that took place on the March 9-10th weekend in over 100 cities. These tournaments were open to all and were to be heavily advertised in newspapers, book stores etc. Players with at least two wins in these tournaments were eligible for 9-game stage two semi-final tournaments held in Sheraton Hotels in 31 cities six weeks later. The top 10% (those with 7-2 records or better) would qualify for nationals. The remainder of the 300 tournament spots (limited by the capacity of the Sheraton-Boston's Grand Ballroom) would be chosen from among the players with a 6-3 record in the stage two tournaments by rating.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Games**

1. 630, Rita Norr (Round 22)
2. 622, Dan Pratt (Round 5)
3. 615, Joel Lipman (Round 14)
4. 606, John Ozag (Round 19)
5. 603, Charles Goldstein (Round 7)
6. 600, Sam Orbaum (Round 5)

### **High Losses**

1. 470, Margaret Bauer (Round 21)
2. 452, Jerry Lerman (Round 5)  
452, Joy Thomas (Round 20)

### **High Plays**

1. 239: QUAVERED, Lee Mills (Round 11)
2. 221: QUADROON, Carol Clarke (Round 4)
3. 185: STABBING, Dee Mandeson (Round 10)  
185: LIGHTERS, Dan Unger (Round 15)

## 1985 Nationals - Complete Results

1. Tiekert, Ronald B.	20-2	+1808	\$10,000	56. Root, Stephen C.	13-9	+743
2. Edley, Joseph	18-4	+1615	\$5,000	57. Avrin, Paul	13-9	+681
3. Lund, Richard W.	18-4	+1511	\$4,500	58. Mulet, Robert	13-9	+654
4. Armstrong, Chuck	17-5	+1405	\$4,000	59. Buck, Richard	13-9	+647
5. Pratt, Daniel L.	17-5	+1215	\$3,500	60. Wolfberg, Michael	13-9	+622
6. Fisher, Stephen A.	17-5	+1196	\$3,000	61. Jeffers, John T.	13-9	+603
7. Day, Darrell	17-5	+1058	\$2,500	62. Carol, Jean	13-9	+523
8. Felt, Robert	16-6	+1429	\$2,000	63. Phillips, Webster	13-9	+500
9. Schonbrun, Lester	16-6	+1100	\$1,500	64. Weinike, Joe	13-9	+476
10. Reslock, Chris	16-6	+1070	\$1,000	65. Levin, Jay	13-9	+445
11. Pfeiffer, Steven	16-6	+988	\$750	66. Ungar, Cliff	13-9	+404
12. Clarke, Carol	16-6	+707	\$700	67. Grosman, Diana	13-9	+392
13. Mead, Jeremiah P.	15.5-6.5	+1033	\$650	68. Rosen, Ted	13-9	+372
14. Goldstein, Charles	15-7	+1513	\$600	69. Sahi, Siddhartha	13-9	+296
15. Southwell, Charlie	15-7	+1184	\$550	70. Baron, Mike	13-9	+267
16. Polatnick, Steve	15-7	+1077	\$500	71. Unger, Daniel	13-9	+259
17. Neuberger, James	15-7	+1002	\$475	72. Pechenick, Ken	13-9	+220
18. Wapnick, Joel	15-7	+965	\$450	73. Bennett, Harold	13-9	+203
19. Shapiro, Gordon	15-7	+905	\$425	74. Reckford, Philip	13-9	+196
20. Dady, Rita	15-7	+757	\$400	75. Merrill, Karen N.	13-9	+191
21. Morris, Peter	15-7	+718	\$375	76. Girshoff, David	13-9	+145
22. Frank, Alan	15-7	+594	\$350	77. Lazard, Richard S.	13-9	+101
23. Rutman, Richard	15-7	+571	\$325	78. Redland, Bonnie	13-9	+101
24. Gruber, Linda	15-7	+479	\$300	79. Maneth, Tim	13-9	-51
25. Broderick, Larry	15-7	+479	\$275	80. Wade, William J.	13-9	-108
26. Brown, Richard M.	14.5-7.5	+543	\$250	81. Scheiten, Jerry	13-9	-154
27. Kahn, Robert M.	14.5-7.5	-125	\$225	82. Kreiswirth, Rose	13-9	-396
28. Kaitz, Merrill	14-8	+1152	\$200	83. Alexander, Steve	12.5-9.5	+545
29. Lerman, Jerome	14-8	+986	\$175	84. Wise, Michael R.	12.5-9.5	+112
30. Blevins, Ted	14-8	+927	\$150	85. Orbaum, Sam	12.5-9.5	-215
31. Frey, Bob	14-8	+814	\$125	86. Stocker, Carl	12-10	+697
32. Sparer, Ruth	14-8	+759	\$100	87. Reeves, Jeff	12-10	+638
33. Muller, Louis	14-8	+714		88. Francis, Ray	12-10	+636
34. Barrett, Pat	14-8	+707		89. Lamerand, James	12-10	+579
35. Amato, Dr. Dom	14-8	+694		90. Gradus, Larry	12-10	+571
36. Spencer, Michael R.	14-8	+655		91. Silberg, Dr. Richard	12-10	+525
37. Johnson, Dave	14-8	+650		92. Godard, Joseph M.	12-10	+524
38. Lytle, David Scott	14-8	+619		93. Hay, Anne	12-10	+506
39. Cohen, Joanne	14-8	+539		94. Lambe, Kenneth M.	12-10	+473
40. Pate, James D.	14-8	+472		95. Proud, Danny E.	12-10	+461
41. Jarrell, Jan	14-8	+316		96. Greenberg, Larry	12-10	+455
42. Rutt, Patricia	14-8	+255		97. Jarowski, John	12-10	+443
43. Schulman, Betty	14-8	+186		98. Proud, Robin	12-10	+424
44. Miller, Lou J.B.	14-8	+177		99. Thrash, Vivian	12-10	+375
45. Nabutovsky, David	14-8	+55		100. Ouellet, Brad	12-10	+372
46. Marcus, Marty	13.5-8.5	+944		101. Weissman, Albert	12-10	+323
47. Norr, Rita	13.5-8.5	+712		102. Krieger, Steve	12-10	+318
48. Needler, Steve	13.5-8.5	+709		103. Kramer, Jim	12-10	+288
49. Epstein, Paul	13.5-8.5	+344		104. Lennox, George C	12-10	+255
50. Ozag, John	13-9	+1122		105. Grob, Steve	12-10	+250
51. Skaggs, Peter	13-9	+974		106. Laufer, Matthew	12-10	+221
52. Jones, Vernon R.	13-9	+889		107. Watson, Robert	12-10	+206
53. Brown, Gary D.	13-9	+876		108. Desjardins, Marie	12-10	+197
54. Gordon, Steven A.	13-9	+870		109. Pughsley, Cynthia	12-10	+188
55. Schecter, Louis	13-9	+847		110. Starr, Gary R.	12-10	+182

111. Huber, Althea	12-10	+180	168. Soled, Sharon	11-11	-213
112. Frischmann, Laraine	12-10	+111	169. Rathman, Garry	11-11	-255
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119. Adams, Jim	12-10	-87	176. Stanfield, Kirk	11-11	-748
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122. Patterson, Elaine	12-10	-128	179. Howlett, Michael	10.5-11.5	+162
123. Simoneaux, Gloria	12-10	-155	180. White, Charlene H.	10.5-11.5	-368
124. Cheseborough, Steve	12-10	-169	181. Kaminsky, Warren	10.5-11.5	-515
125. Buccino, Jane	12-10	-211	182. Billen, John	10-12	+278
126. Gorchov, Bunny	12-10	-283	183. Manson, Ronald F.	10-12	+218
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146. Goldman, Stu	11-11	+146	203. Mcmillion, Arthur J	10-12	-276
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152. Donohue, Rita	11-11	+39	209. Nolte, Ned	10-12	-382
153. Rosenthal, Joan	11-11	+22	210. Rarkes, Toni	10-12	-421
154. Lauder, Richard	11-11	+6	211. Tellis, Forrestt	10-12	-451
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157. Chapman, Chuck	11-11	-19	214. Harrell, Weda J	10-12	-533
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159. Blomquist, Peter	11-11	-27	216. Bergeron, Jerri	10-12	-671
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161. Lundegaard, Bob	11-11	-108	218. Zarembo, Linda	10-12	-816
162. Wolford, Gail	11-11	-118	219. Gallagher, William	10-12	-822
163. Samuels, Irving L.	11-11	-127	220. Mills, Lee	10-12	-823
164. Sanger, David	11-11	-129	221. Welden, June	10-12	-846
165. Mctaggart, Lesley	11-11	-144	222. Detore, Robert J.	9.5-12.5	-421
166. Moffs, Denise	11-11	-178	223. Wassner, Selig O.	9.5-12.5	-464
167. Butler, Lynne	11-11	-204	224. Diehl, William J.	9.5-12.5	-802

225. Engelhardt, David	9.5-12.5	-850	264. Finn-Daoust, Claudia	8-14	-614
226. Izkoff, Paul	9-13	+395	265. Oyewale, Abiodun	8-14	-626
227. Martin, Michael	9-13	+302	266. Satterthwaite, Mark	8-14	-666
228. Wayne, Patty	9-13	+136	267. John, Robin	8-14	-673
229. Shideler, Charlotte	9-13	+2	268. Slyder, Laurence J	8-14	-852
230. Clark, Jeff	9-13	-13	269. Murphy, Maryellen	8-14	-894
231. Glowniak, Elaine	9-13	-93	270. Schoenman, James	8-14	-964
232. Detmer, Robert	9-13	-200	271. Prenticie, Patricia	8-14	-982
233. Sands, Muriel	9-13	-205	272. Halpert, Nancy	8-14	-1067
234. Engelmann, Janet	9-13	-249	273. Groessel, Joe	8-14	-1254
235. Powell, Hildagard	9-13	-276	274. Jaramillo, Caesar	7.5-14.5	-304
236. Sanfedele, Ann	9-13	-317	275. Braud, Conrad R.	7-15	-324
237. Christopherson, Flo	9-13	-322	276. Fiscaro, Al	7-15	-465
238. Parkes, Michael	9-13	-442	277. Todd, Margaret E.	7-15	-623
239. Picozzi, Anna V.	9-13	-464	278. Schlapinski, Frank	7-15	-648
240. Bichel, Sammye	9-13	-511	279. Weisskopf, Martin	7-15	-754
241. Snedegar, Dorothy	9-13	-514	280. Corbin, Roberta	7-15	-770
242. Harrison, Iris	9-13	-519	281. Newell, Avalon	7-15	-795
243. Gary, Greg	9-13	-530	282. Peterson, Keith R.	7-15	-827
244. Enszer, Evelyn	9-13	-551	283. Hodes, Bob	7-15	-928
245. Foss, Karol	9-13	-596	284. Hatchell, Josephine	7-15	-1106
246. Goodwin, Donald	9-13	-677	285. Moon, Susan	7-15	-1192
247. Sonefeld, Joanne	9-13	-701	286. Garrett, Jeff	7-15	-1305
248. Brauss, Marilyn	9-13	-714	287. Mosher, Glenn	6-16	-506
249. Evans, Curt	9-13	-748	288. Garner, Mady	6-16	-832
250. Milton, Don	9-13	-755	289. Orvis, Joan	6-16	-874
251. Walker, Denise	9-13	-782	290. Gest, Ted	6-16	-956
252. Millerm Thelma R.	9-13	-812	291. Johnson, Ella C.	6-16	-1054
253. Prince, Mary Ellen	8.5-13.5	-230	292. Weisner, Jo Ann	6-16	-1086
254. Lockrem, David	8.5-13.5	-634	293. Mcnelis, Anne M.	6-16	-1316
255. Wiesner, Chris	8.5-13.5	-640	294. Fournet, Priscilla	6-16	-1454
256. St. John, Kathleen	8-14	-53	295. Hoffmann, Helen	5-17	-1105
257. Mandeson, Dee	8-14	-239	296. Dayrit-Thompson, Celia	5-17	-1198
258. Rosen, Mike	8-14	-262	297. Kunis, Frederick G	5-17	-1330
259. Espallardo, Linda	8-14	-317	298. Dolphin, Letty	5-17	-1358
260. Thomas, Joy	8-14	-468	299. Rood, Gladys E.	5-17	-1364
261. Jennings, Larkin	8-14	-472	300. Young, Amy A.	4-18	-1087
262. Axelrod, Beverly	8-14	-486	301. Green, Carol Ann	4-18	-1476
263. Kline, Carrie	8-14	-528	302. Lemay, Peggy	1-21	-2138

## 1987 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** July 5-8 1987

**Divisions:** 1

**Winner:** Rita Norr

**Location:** Sahara Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas NV

**Players:** 327

**Top Prize:** \$5,000

**Games:** 21

**Directors:** Johnny Nevarez, Joe Edley

### Summary

1987 was the Nationals that almost wasn't. In 1986 Selchow & Righter (for years, the manufacturer of SCRABBLE®) was sold to COLECO. Soon afterward, the new corporate owner decided to "postpone" the 1987 nationals (which had been already been announced for Las Vegas in the summer) until 1988. Players were crestfallen, many fearing that organized SCRABBLE® play would come to an end altogether. The news that COLECO was interested in creating a "world class" SCRABBLE® event, possibly in 1988, failed to calm fears. Incensed, the players, led by Johnny Nevarez and Joe Edley, decided to organize their own substitute nationals in Las Vegas, eventually persuading COLECO to donate \$5,000 in prize money. In all, 327 players showed up for the "substitute nationals" in 1987.

The tournament itself was closer than it had been in 1985. With 3 rounds to go, eight players still had a shot at first: Chuck Armstrong, Jere Mead, Rita Norr, Robert Felt, Louis Schecter, Steven Alexander, Lester Schonbrun, and Zev Kaufman. After 20 rounds, Rita Norr, Chuck Armstrong, and Jere Mead were all at 16-4 with Armstrong holding a substantial lead in spread and Mead trailing Norr by 63 points. Armstrong, who'd been long been one of the top players in the game and finished in 9th and 4th in the previous two nationals was the favorite while Norr was, for many, the sentimental favorite. A female player had yet to win nationals. While two women had placed in the top 10 in the first nationals, none had finished higher than 12th since then. There had been numerous fine female players in the decade and a half of organized SCRABBLE® play (among them Carol Clarke, Jan Jarrell/Dixon, Roz Grossman, Linda Gruber, Jean Carol, Rita Dady, Chris Sigel, Patricia Rutt, Marjorie Schoneboom, Shazzi Felstein, Pat Barrett, and many others). A victory for Norr would be a long overdue victory for female players everywhere.

In the final game, Norr was paired with Armstrong, while Mead squared off against Steven Alexander. Norr drew both blanks early in the game and took a commanding lead. News soon filtered across the playing room that Norr would be the winner with Mead finishing second. Norr's victory was made all the more impressive by the fact that she was a mother of three and full-time student and lacked the time for the obsessive hours of study and memorization put in by many other top (and mostly male) players. Chuck Armstrong finished third, followed by Chris Cree. Finishing fifth was 17-year old phenom Brian Cappelletto in his first nationals. Equally impressive was Robert Felt's 10th place finish. After a 3-4 start, Felt reeled off 12 straight wins before dropping his last two to finish 15-6.

### Format

Three games were played on the first day with six games on each of the remaining three days). According to the SCRABBLE® Players News #74 "a unique pairing system was devised to create a stratified hierarchy after 9 rounds, with the strongest players fighting it out for the last 12 rounds."

Prizes were awarded to the top 10 finishers and also to the top finisher in each of 5 other groups by rating (1801-1950, 1651-1800, 1501-1650, 1350-1500, and Unrated). In all, over 100 prizes were given out.



## Qualifying

Originally, qualification was to be similar to the process used in 1985. A series of "step one" tournaments would be held from January 10th through February 16th, open to all, including new players. Players who won 2 of 4 games in step one tournaments were to advance to step two. Official workers at step one tournaments and players who had achieved a 1750 or greater rating during 1986<sup>18</sup> were to be given byes to step two. Step two tournaments were 2-day, 10-round tournaments. Any player winning 8 games was to automatically qualify for nationals. In addition, players rated 1800+ as of January 1987 who were official workers at step two tournaments also qualified for nationals. Players with a 1900+ rating (about 2% of membership) qualified whether they were official workers or not. Then, in the middle of the step one tournaments came the news that nationals would be cancelled. When the alternate nationals were organized, participation was apparently open to all who paid the \$60 entry fee with no qualification requirements. The playing venue could accommodate over 500 players - 327 ended up attending.

## Superlatives

### High Games

1. 658: Mike Baron
2. 627: Carol Clarke
3. 605: Bill Wade

### High Loss

1. 451: Carol Clarke
2. 437: J. Lipman

### High Average

1. 418: Chuck Armstrong
2. 417: Lester Schonbrun
3. 416: Joel Wapnick

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<sup>18</sup> Based on at least 11 sanctioned tournament rounds or two tournaments in 1986.

## 1987 Nationals - Complete Results

1. Norr, Rita	17-4	1100	\$5,000	54. Gove, John	13-8	554
2. Mead, Jeremiah	17-4	1019		55. Rutt, Patricia	13-8	535
3. Armstrong, Chuck	16-5	1750		56. Ozag, John	13-8	522
4. Cree, Chris	16-5	1305		57. Southwell, Charlie	13-8	480
5. Cappelletto, Brian	16-5	1300		58. Palmer, Rhonda	13-8	478
6. Schecter, Louis	16-5	1070		59. Avrin, Paul	13-8	73
7. Felt, Robert	15-6	1588		60. Dady, Rita	13-8	762
8. Alexander, Steven	15-6	1549	\$150	61. Prince, Mary Ellen	13-8	418
9. Reslock, Chris	15-6	1533		62. Huber, Althea	13-8	414
10. Schonbrun, Lester	15-6	1437		63. Unger, Dan	13-8	406
11. Pratt, Dan	15-6	1233		64. Rastrelly, Chris	13-8	389
12. Epstein, Paul	15-6	1050		65. Van Leunen, Alice	13-8	369
13. Phillips, Webster	15-6	1014		66. Sommer, Jason	13-8	366
14. Kaufman, Zev	15-6	977		67. Wade, Bill	13-8	357
15. Watson, Robert	15-6	917		68. Ellickson, Robert	13-8	237
16. Broderick, Larry	15-6	746		69. Lockwood, Steve	13-8	205
17. Gardner, John	15-6	734		70. Steele, Denver	13-8	39
18. Powell, Mark	15-6	421		71. Smith, C	13-8	-157
19. Rathman, Gary A.	15-6	406		72. Adams, J	12.5-8.5	754
20. Wapnick, Joel	14-7	1651		73. Creager, Gary	12.5-8.5	449
21. Buck, Richard	14-7	1455		74. Pughsley, Cynthia	12.5-8.5	389
22. Carol, Jean	14-7	1256		75. Goldstein, Charles	12-9	1016
23. Edley, Joe	14-7	1255		76. Muller, Louie	12-9	888
24. Lerman, Jerry	14-7	1083		77. Rhoda, Jack	12-9	831
25. Neuberger, Jim	14-7	1040		78. Grob, Steve	12-9	798
26. Lambe, Ken	14-7	1025		79. Girshoff, David	12-9	786
27. Jones, Vernon	14-7	930		80. Currie, Hugh	12-9	684
28. Goldman, Stu	14-7	799		81. Horowitz, Arnie	12-9	680
29. Oyewale, Abiodun	14-7	695		82. Sparer, Ruth	12-9	656
30. Howlett, Mike	14-7	670		83. Kahn, Robert	12-9	651
31. Polatnick, Steve	14-7	663		84. Patterson, Elaine	12-9	574
32. Halper, Ed	14-7	587		85. Bauer, Margaret	12-9	574
33. Rennett, Harold	14-7	546		86. Thrash, Vivian	12-9	538
34. Krieger, Steve	14-7	492		87. Billen, John	12-9	522
35. White, Charlene	14-7	465		88. Dumez, Gina	12-9	521
36. Willis, Mike	14-7	447		89. Segrest, Dee	12-9	426
37. Sanfedele, Ann	14-7	397		90. Foster, James	12-9	393
38. Widergren, Jeff	14-7	336		91. Stern, Alan	12-9	323
39. Garrett, Jeff	14-7	243		92. Weisskopf, Martin	12-9	320
40. Cohen, Ira	13.5-7.5	851		93. Schey, Daniel	12-9	307
41. Johnson, Dave	13.5-7.5	691		94. Hay, Anne	12-9	305
42. Wise, Mike	13.5-7.5	492		95. Garner, M	12-9	298
43. Lundegaard, Bob	13.5-7.5	295		96. Schoenman, Bob	12-9	283
44. Cheseborough, Steve	13-8	1181		97. Gordon, Steve	12-9	273
45. Reeves, Jeff	13-8	1129		98. Fisher, Norma	12-9	223
46. Frank, Alan	13-8	953		99. Braud, Conrad	12-9	199
47. Kantimathi, Sam	13-8	937		100. Ruelle, Dora	12-9	195
48. Spencer, Mike	13-8	899		101. Gradus, Larry	12-9	179
49. Clarke, Carol	13-8	827		102. Kaiser, Dennis	12-9	154
50. Macaulay, George	13-8	679		103. Gesner, G	12-9	123
51. Glowniak, Elaine	13-8	670		104. Dewaelsche, Matt	12-9	74
52. Fancett, Robert	13-8	613		105. Lyons, Mary	12-9	11
53. Jackson, Dee	13-8	587		106. Gallagher, William	12-9	-18

107. Redland, Bonnie	12-9	-25	164. Miller, M	10.5-10.5	41
108. Lipton, Bob	12-9	-80	165. Schoneboom, Marjorie	10.5-10.5	1071
109. Powell, Hildagard	12-9	-134	166. John, Robin	10.5-10.5	453
110. Acquayle, C	12-9	-197	167. Myers, Paul	10-11	451
111. Kreiswirth, Rose	12-9	-260	168. Stocker, Carl	10-11	440
112. Janovici, Jill	12-9	-299	169. Singleton, Tom	10-11	403
113. Weinike, Joe	12-9	151	170. Orvis, Joan	10-11	268
114. Swint, Flossie	12-9	82	171. Wait, James	10-11	238
115. Reckford, Phillip	11.5-9.5	519	172. Lennon, Chris	10-11	163
116. Frischmann, Laraine	11.5-9.5	276	173. Merrill, Karen	10-11	158
117. Ashe, Julie	11.5-9.5	-336	174. Moon, Susan	10-11	136
118. Mulet, Robert	11-10	911	175. Frasco, Joyce	10-11	82
119. Baron, Mike	11-10	779	176. Mendenhall, M	10-11	78
120. Lipman, Joel	11-10	756	177. Axelrod, Beverly	10-11	66
121. Jarrell, Jan	11-10	714	178. John, Patricia	10-11	-40
122. Wolford, Gail	11-10	626	179. Honablew, Mary	10-11	-95
123. Fisicaro, Al	11-10	464	180. Norvell, L	10-11	-103
124. Rosen, Ted	11-10	458	181. Creager, Sharon	10-11	-111
125. Wright, G	11-10	449	182. Patukas, Phyllis	10-11	-115
126. Veevers, Terry	11-10	407	183. Luskin, Joanne	10-11	-151
127. Scheiten, Jerry	11-10	384	184. Drake, D	10-11	-170
128. Willson, Ellis	11-10	328	185. Goldstein J	10-11	-177
129. Simoneaux, Gloria	11-10	275	186. Hanley, Nancy	10-11	-178
130. Nussbaum, Phyllis	11-10	249	187. Groessel, Joe	10-11	-237
131. Mccaffrey, Kevin	11-10	229	188. Valentine, Keith	10-11	-244
132. Kramer, J	11-10	227	189. Swanson, Barbara	10-11	-273
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136. Wolfe, Louise	11-10	171	193. Milburn, S	10-11	-408
137. Kernerman, Rachel	11-10	158	194. Wheeler, Lin	10-11	-446
138. Mcmillion, Arthur	11-10	141	195. Wight, M	10-11	-462
139. Reny, Patti	11-10	114	196. Davis, N	10-11	-484
140. Knutzen, Don	11-10	16	197. Reynolds, R	10-11	-486
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147. Kahan, Lois	11-10	-84	204. Shoemaker, Del	9.5-11.5	-640
148. Savadge, Gertrude	11-10	-89	205. Pariser, Lorraine	9.5-11.5	-1308
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151. Griffin, Connie	11-10	-143	208. Perryman, Emma	9-12	140
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158. Havens, Victor	11-10	-263	215. Walsh, Moira	9-12	-194
159. Melonson, Connie	11-10	-370	216. Berman, E	9-12	-215
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161. Blumenberg, E	10-11	216	218. Cowan, Gretchen	9-12	-281
162. Canterman, Naurlene	10-11	162	219. Koonce, Marian	9-12	-298
163. Pate, Jim	10.5-10.5	100	220. Kaye, S	9-12	-347

221. Lehman, R	9-12	-353	276. Nicholson, J	7-14	-738
222. Oliger, Steve	9-12	-383	277. Essman, Lorena	7-14	-774
223. Richards, Verna	9-12	-427	278. Taylor, E	7-14	-873
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231. Solomon, Richard	9-12	-719	286. Stoumen, Tatiana	6-15	-803
232. Wood, Elizabeth	9-12	-729	287. Schutz, Arna	6-15	-895
233. Fogland, S	9-12	-823	288. Gorman, E	6-15	-936
234. Bailey, Brian	9-12	-994	289. Schmitt, Ken	6-15	-1030
235. Adcox, Gertrude	9-12	-1074	290. Russell, J	6-15	-1083
236. Locken, Mary	9-12	-383	291. Savadge, Irv	6-15	-1259
237. Lew, Glenn	8.5-12.5	-133	292. Barr, K	5.5-15.5	-1465
238. Webster, William	8.5-12.5	-194	293. Halprin, Dorothy	5-16	-748
239. Francis, D	8.5-12.5	-196	294. Mcdade, M	5-16	-1307
240. Weekley, P	8.5-12.5	-550	295. Gooch, K	5-16	-1332
241. Ashurst, M	8.5-12.5	-992	296. Shannon, L	5-16	-2145
242. Hatchell, Jo	8-13	192	297. Meyer, C	4-17	-1485
243. Shafir, I	8-13	5	298. O'donnell, N	3-18	-1586
244. Noel, Rose	8-13	-196	299. Larkin, J	3-18	-2276
245. Brooks, Rosetta	8-13	-206			
246. Dundas, Suzanne	8-13	-294	<u>Drop Outs</u>		
247. Thompson, Celia	8-13	-327	Ringold, H	3-9	-647
248. Davis, Frieda	8-13	-349	Trengali, E	5-14	-917
249. Laryea, Gary	8-13	-352	Krell, Marlene	9-10	-132
250. Wood, Gregg	8-13	-359	Rabin, G	4-8	-63
251. Miller, G	8-13	-418	Sinclair, J	1-0	434
252. Waldman, Di	8-13	-433	Sabath, M	8-12	-956
253. Berry, M	8-13	-496	Villa, Miriam	9-11	-40
254. Conway, F	8-13	-557	Smith, K	6-12	-1042
255. King, Larry	8-13	-560	Letenore, P	2-4	-264
256. Cooper, M	8-13	-579	Kastner, Jeffrey	12-7	765
257. Kleyweg, H	8-13	-619	Avery, L	8-12	-737
258. Sawyer, Ruth	8-13	-625	Deutsch, Pamina	9-11	-90
259. Thompson, Barbara	8-13	-636	Stover, Bonnie	5-13	-710
260. Lipton, J	8-13	-658	Desrosiers, R	1-11	-1286
261. Bynoe, Andriolo Esla	8-13	-667	Fierros, Stephen	9-11	219
262. Jennings, G	8-13	-937	Espinoza, E	7.5-12.5	-319
263. Brechllin, J	8-13	-967	Mcdonald, G	5-7	-546
264. Lipman, G	8-13	-1215	Couey, Mary Lee	9-10	315
265. Taylor, C	8-13	-1328	Quaid, J	4-14	-924
266. Sapot, Deborah	7.5-13.5	-160	Marcus, L	7-13	-1129
267. Rhoades, Mary	7-14	41	Martin, M	1-0	250
268. Walllis, B	7-14	-144	Sherard, Ethel	1-0	426
269. Sadler, Nicah	7-14	-350	Burns, Helen	7-13	-112
270. Speckens, Fran	7-14	-353	Bishop, Gwen	10-11	-500
271. Mocine, Joan	7-14	-422	Miller, E	5-9	-869
272. Stewart, E	7-14	-491	Milton, D	10-10	-571
273. Jenes, E	7-14	-530	Paletta, M	8-12	-691
274. Nelson, Kent	7-14	-620	Amenir, S	11-9	-150
275. Dolphin, Letty	7-14	-664			

## 1988 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** July 31-August 5 1988

**Location:** Sands Regent Hotel/Casino, Reno NV

**Divisions:** 2

**Players:** 323

**Games:** 27/23

**Winner:** Robert Watson

**Top Prize:** \$5,000

**Directors:** Joe Edley, Stan Rubinsky

### Summary

For the first time, players at nationals would be split into two divisions. (in a less popular innovation, players had to pay a \$65 entry fee, the first time they had been required to do so in a Nationals, other than the 1987 event that had been organized by the players). In the expert division, the surprise of the tournament was Gordon Shapiro. He got off to an early start and, to the surprise of virtually everyone, kept winning and winning. Shapiro had been an expert player for years, winning one of the first tournaments ever in 1973, but was not considered a contender for the national title. As the tournament neared the end, however, Shapiro fell apart losing his first three games on the final day. It may have had something to do with a change in the pairing method that wasn't announced until late in the tournament. The announced plan for division one called for player's #4 and #3 to play one another in round 25 while #1 and #2 sat out. The winner of this game would play #2 in round 26 and the winner of THIS game would play #1 in round 27 for the title. After numerous complaints, however, Joe Edley decided to do away with these plans but failed to announce the decision before the tournament began. Shapiro was reportedly upset when he heard the news, and this may have had something to do with his late tournament collapse.

As it was three players had a shot at the title going into the final round. Minnesota's Bob Watson was in the lead with a 19.5-6.5 record trailed by Peter Morris and Joel Wapnick at 19-7. Morris' game ended first with his victory over Steven Alexander. Now, if Wapnick could beat Watson by 17 points, he would be the first person to repeat as national champion. It wasn't to be, as Watson pulled out a 339-311 victory for his sixth win in a row and the national championship. Wapnick had to settle for a third place finish behind Morris while Chuck Armstrong finished fourth (his 3rd consecutive top four finish). Early leader Gordon Shapiro finished 9th. Brian Cappelletto, a year older but still the division's youngest player at 18, finished 15th but his +1988 spread was over 500 points greater than anyone else's. As for Watson, he retired after the tournament to devote time to his medical practice, returning only briefly in 1992 before retiring again, probably for good.

In the recreational division, the result was a bit more dramatic. Going into the final game Mark Landsberg, Glen Lew, and newcomer Randy Greenspan were all at 17-5 with Landsberg leading by 377 spread points over Lew with Greenspan a further 151 points behind. It looked like Lew had the tourney in the bag when he won by 100 points, putting him 251 spread points ahead of Greenspan, but Greenspan rolled to a 276 point, 522-246 victory over Richard Berry to take top honors.

In other news, two weeks after the 1988 Nationals, COLECO filed for bankruptcy and suddenly the future of Nationals was once again in doubt.

### Format

A total of 27 games would be played in the expert division and 23 in the recreational division. Players in the expert division played six games a day on days one through four and three games on the final day. In division two, five games a day were played on the first four days plus three on the last day. Games were paired three at a time using Swiss pairings.

Prizes would be given to the top ten finishers in division one plus the top four finishers in each of three ratings categories. In division two, prizes went to the top seven finishers as well as the top

four finishers in each of two ratings categories. Prizes were also given for high games and high losses. Total prize fund was \$25,000.

## **Qualification**

Any player who had a rating of 1600 or better at least once prior to May 1 1988 or any player who had a 7-3 or better record at any 1986 Step 2 tournament was eligible for division one. The only requirement for division two (other than not having had a rating over 1600) was that a player must have played in at least one rated tournament prior to May 1 1988. There would be a maximum of 250 players in the expert division (not counting 50 spots that were reserved for foreign players) and 100 in the recreational division. Slots would be filled on a first-come, first-served basis (though neither division reached its maximum).

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

655: Jerry Scheiten

### **High Loss**

475: Alan Frank

### **High Turn**

176: SEDIMENT, Al Fiscaro  
RUNOVERS, Larry Gradus

### **Highest Placing Senior (Div 1)**

Joyce Palmer (72nd)

### **Perfmance Prizes**

Day 3: Al Fiscaro (Div 1), Marrilyn Allison (Div 2)

Day 4: Lester Schonbrun (Div 1), Richard Solomon (Div 2)

## 1988 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Expert Division

1. Watson, Bob	20.5-6.5	+1355	\$5,000	54. Widergren, Jeff	15-12	+331
2. Morris, Peter	20-7	+1378	\$3,000	55. Kastner, Jeffrey	15-12	+274
3. Wapnick, Joel	19-8	+1334	\$2,000	56. Izikoff, Paul	15-12	+247
4. Armstrong, Chuck	19-8	+1173	\$1,500	57. Ozag, John	15-12	+240
5. Weinike, Joe	19-8	+1124	\$1,000	58. Kernerman, Rachel	15-12	+232
6. Alexander, Steven	19-8	+1037	\$750	59. D Ambrosio, Bruce	15-12	+217
7. Felt, Robert	18-9	+1265	\$500	60. Kreiswirth, Rose	15-12	+139
8. Schecter, Louis	18-9	+1067	\$400	61. Thrash, Vivian	15-12	+102
9. Shapiro, Gordon	18-9	+892	\$300	62. Sanfedele, Ann	15-12	+87
10. Frank, Alan	18-9	+831	\$200	63. Fancett, Robert	15-12	+73
11. Polatnick, Steve	18-9	+770		64. Macgregor, David	15-12	+70
12. Day, Darrell	18-9	+706		65. Phillips, Webster	15-12	+65
13. Willis, Mike	18-9	+320		66. Cushman, Lynn	15-12	+49
14. Appleby, Phil	17.5-9.5	+685		67. Gallagher, William	15-12	-8
15. Cappelletto, Brian	17-10	+1988		68. Lockwood, Steve	15-12	-40
16. Carroll, Charlie	17-10	+918		69. Wade, Tim	15-12	-64
17. Neuberger, Jim	17-10	+763		70. Elkins, Joel	15-12	-157
18. Goldman, Stu	17-10	+761		71. Stanfield, Kirk	15-12	-217
19. Lundegaard, Bob	17-10	+670		72. Palmer, J	15-12	-263
20. Clark, Ken	17-10	+582		73. Rothbert, Iris	15-12	-449
21. Simoneaux, Gloria	17-10	+566		74. Kahn, Robert	15-12	-795
22. Simmons, Allan	17-10	+499		75. Lambe, Ken	14.5-12.5	+348
23. Crowe, Robert	17-10	+479		76. Bronstein, Saul	14.5-12.5	+286
24. Frey, Robert	17-10	+431		77. Norr, Rita	14.5-12.5	-286
25. Rosen, Ted	17-10	+383		78. Johnson, Dave	14-13	+786
26. Sugar, Brian	17-10	+269		79. Schoneboom, Marjorie	14-13	+71
27. Nwana, Acho	17-10	-296		80. Segrest, Dee	14-13	+681
28. Barrett, Pat	16.5-10.5	+1417		81. Cohen, Ira	14-13	+447
29. Epstein, Paul	16.5-10.5	+1250		82. Jones, Vernon	14-13	+390
30. Eichenbaum, Jack	16-11	+1273		83. Schoneman, Bob	14-13	+368
31. Pratt, Dan	16-11	+803		84. Kramer, Jim	14-13	+348
32. Guillot, Jim	16-11	+667		85. Lipton, Bob	14-13	+341
33. Miller, Lou	16-11	+632		86. Howlett, Mike	14-13	+311
34. Schonbrun, Lester	16-11	+596		87. Linn, Robert	14-13	+286
35. Scheiten, Jerry	16-11	+567		88. Rutt, Pat	14-13	+230
36. Fisicaro, Al	16-11	+549		89. Girshoff, David	14-13	+175
37. Halper, Ed	16-11	+547		90. Unger, Dan	14-13	+121
38. Southwell, Charlie	16-11	+435		91. Ploysaengngam, Amnuay	14-13	+58
39. Lerman, Jerry	16-11	+425		92. Rhoades, Mary	14-13	-22
40. Sparer, Ruth	16-11	+214		93. Jarrell, Jan	14-13	-58
41. Cree, Chris	16-11	+191		94. Van Leunen, Alice	14-13	-67
42. Hay, Ann	16-11	+154		95. Steele, Denver	14-13	-80
43. Erland, Paul	16-11	+101		96. Carol, Jean	14-13	-90
44. Baron, Mike	15.5-11.5	+1220		97. Linse, Toni	14-13	-97
45. Nyman, Mark	15-12	+970		98. Pughsley, Cynthia	14-13	-119
46. Kaitz, Merrill	15-12	+838		99. Patterson, Elaine	14-13	-130
47. Muller, Louie	15-12	+783		100. Godard, Joe	14-13	-176
48. Holgate, John	15-12	+764		101. Fisher, Jim	14-13	-294
49. Gardner, John	15-12	+573		102. Morton, Wallace D	14-13	-448
50. Reeves, Jeff	15-12	+494		103. Broderick, Larry	13.5-13.5	+823
51. Frischman, Laraine	15-12	+450		104. Resnick, Susan	13.5-13.5	+310
52. Tangredi, Frank	15-12	+424		105. Mosher, Glenn	13.5-13.5	-200
53. Jackson, Dee	15-12	+411		106. Nevarez, Johnny	13.5-13.5	-250
				107. Redland, Bonnie	13.5-13.5	-528

108. Enszer, Robert	13-14	+714	161. Garren, Helaine	11-16	-364
109. Stocker, Carl	13-14	+463	162. Weisskopf, Martin	11-16	-382
110. Mccaffrey, Kevin	13-14	+390	163. Richards, Verna	11-16	-413
111. Wolford, Gail	13-14	+337	164. Przbyszewski, Mark	11-16	-419
112. Merrill, Karen	13-14	+329	165. Zimmerbaum, S	11-16	-492
113. Cheseborough, Steve	13-14	+195	166. Garfinkle, Max	11-16	-546
114. Scheimberg, Laura	13-14	+1689	167. Laatz, Florence	11-16	-560
115. Desjardins, Marie	13-14	+21	168. Hatchell, Jo	11-16	-621
116. Norvell, L	13-14	+15	169. Betten, Isabelle	11-16	-651
117. Stern, Alan	13-14	-82	170. Powell, Hildagard	11-16	-752
118. Wade, Marcia	13-14	-120	171. Ryan, Mike	11-16	-786
119. Mulet, Robert	13-14	-153	172. Horn, Joel	11-16	-797
120. Kamenir, S	13-14	-158	173. Enszer, Evelyn	11-16	-865
121. Krieger, Steve	13-14	-171	174. Fisher, J	11-16	-1128
122. Levin, Robin	13-14	-199	175. Adegbenro, S	11-16	-1246
123. Gesner, George	13-14	-233	176. Longknife, Ann	11-16	-1250
124. Savadge, Gertrude	13-14	-247	177. Sakatch, Lorne	11-16	-1301
125. Methaset, Arun	13-14	-253	178. Hanley, Nancy	10.5-16.5	-284
126. Samuels, Irv	13-14	-255	179. Dady, Rita	10-17	+503
127. Madden, C	13-14	-282	180. Borenstein, Roberta	10-17	-237
128. Glowniak, Elaine	13-14	-452	181. Wagand, Nancy	10-17	-442
129. Grob, Steve	13-14	-708	182. Dumez, Gina	10-17	-452
130. Musgrove, Sue	13-14	-1159	183. Miozzo, Janice	10-17	-488
131. Kilpatrick, Robert	13-14	-1171	184. Schulman, Betty	10-17	-538
132. Wilding, C	12.5-14.5	-381	185. Van Alen, Barbara	10-17	-585
133. Bauer, Margaret	12-15	+487	186. Dewaelsche, Matt	10-17	-596
134. Leifer, Dave	12-15	+373	187. Kassell, M	10-17	-898
135. Foss, K	12-15	+236	188. Barker, Jim	10-17	-1293
136. Attamack, John	12-15	+199	189. Krell, Marlene	9-18	-566
137. Dunlop, Glenn	12-15	+78	190. Buccino, Jan	9-18	-607
138. Huber, A	12-15	+21	191. Reny, Patti	9-18	-642
139. Willson, Ellis	12-15	+15	192. Miller, E	9-18	-767
140. Ferguson, Ann	12-15	-108	193. Tedesco, Ann	9-18	-780
141. Spector, F	12-15	-233	194. Gaspard, Joseph	9-18	-803
142. White, C	12-15	-238	195. Fisher, N	9-18	-1180
143. Avrin, Paul	12-15	-247	196. Dilno, F	8.5-18.5	-970
144. Smith, C	12-15	-300	197. Miller, M	8-19	-582
145. Bichel, Sammye	12-15	-301	198. Parker, P	8-19	-892
146. Kaiser, Dennis	12-15	-375	199. Conway, F	8-19	-1040
147. Wait, James	12-15	-434	200. Osuagu, G	8-19	-1672
148. Nepia, M	12-15	-454	<u>Drop-Outs</u>		
149. Gary, Greg	12-15	-482	Gove, John	6-15	-304
150. Jaramillo, Caesar	12-15	-599	Tang R	1-9	-941
151. Tillekeratne, Siri	12-15	-660	Fiore, Ernest	8-16	-1144
152. Lackey, Sara	12-15	-715			
153. Bond, H	12-15	-720			
154. Thammawasi, B	12-15	-736	<b>Recreational Division</b> (prize-winners only)		
155. Gradus, Larry	12-15	-1191	1. Greenspan, Randy	18-5	+1413 \$1,000
156. Clarke, Carol	11-16	-62	2. Lew, Glenn	18-5	+1396 \$750
157. Braud, Conrad	11-16	-136	3. Landsberg, Mark	17-6	+1557 \$500
158. Prince, Mary Ellen	11-16	-138	4. Lyons, Mary	17-6	+714 \$400
159. Couey, Mary Lee	11-16	-159	5. Kenas, Mark	16-7	+1539 \$300
160. Johnson, Richard	11-16	-270	6. Berry, R	16-7	+842 \$200
			7. Welch, Jane M	16-7	+783 \$100

## 1989 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** July 29-August 3 1989

**Divisions:** 2

**Winner:** Peter Morris

**Location:** Penta Hotel, New York City NY

**Players:** 221

**Top Prize:** \$5,000

**Games:** 27

**Directors:** Joe Edley, Stan Rubinsky

### Summary

In the wake of the COLECO bankruptcy, the 1989 Nationals almost didn't happen. With no corporate funding, NSA president John Williams went into debt to finance the event, held in a bare-bones New York hotel. 221 players showed up for the no-frills affair.

The final game of the 1989 Nationals would pit the 1985 champion against the 1988 runner-up. Going into the last round, Peter Morris and Ron Tiekert had identical 20-6 records. In the previous game, Morris had a chance to secure the championship but lost to England's Mark Nyman after challenging the triple-triple PUTRIDLY. In the final game, Morris drew both blanks and won easily while Tiekert finished third. Nyman finished second. Nyman had won a class prize in 1988 but this marked the first time a non-North American player had done so well at Nationals. It wouldn't be the last.

A number of future champions won money for the first time in 1989. David Gibson won \$300 for finishing ninth. Former whiz kid Brian Cappelletto finished a disappointing 42nd but won \$200 for the most brilliant play of the tournament. Meanwhile a new whiz kid, the 14-year old Adam Logan, won \$400 as the top finisher in the 1700-1799 rating category while in the 1600-1699 group, Joel Sherman won \$300 with the 2nd best record.

In the final game of the open division, Jill Janovici squared off against 65-year-old Shirley Fleisser, who was rated 200 points below the other top finishers. Janovici won the game to finish first, followed by Tim Anglin and Fleisser.

### Format

In both divisions, six games were played on each of the first four days and three on the final day. Games were paired in groups of 3 except for the last three rounds, when the top 40 players would be paired using king-of-the-hill pairings.

Prizes would be given to the top fifteen finishers in division one plus the top four finishers in each of three ratings categories. In division two, prizes went to the top twelve finishers as well as the top four finishers in each of two ratings categories. Prizes were also given for high game and high loss for each of the first eight three-game sessions in each division, the highest placing senior citizen in each division, and the highest play of the tournament in each division. There was also a tuff luck award, a best performance award for days 2 and 3 and a new brilliancy prize for the best strategic play of the entire tournament.

### Qualification

Any player who had a rating of 1600 or better at least once prior to June 1, 1989 was eligible for division one. The only requirement for the open division (other than not having had a rating over 1600) was that a player must have played in at least one rated tournament prior to June 1, 1989. There would be a maximum of 250 players each division. There would be room for a maximum of 50

foreign players in the expert division. There was room for a maximum of 500 total players in the tournament with spots filled on a first-come, first served basis.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Plays**

1. 194: SQUATTER, Jeff Widergren (Day 1)
2. 185: HEPATICS, Jeff Kastner (Day 3)

Day 2: 145: SQUARERS, Dorothy Siegel

Day 4: 167, HARDIEST, Jeff Widergren

### **Highest Placing Senior**

Division 1: James Wait

Division 2: Shirley Fleisser

### **Tuff Luck Award** (lowest losing margin in six games)

Division 1: Joe Weinike (54 pts)

Division 2: Millicent King (74 pts)

### **Performance Prize**

Day 3: Mark Fidler (Div 1) Stacia Camp (Div 2)

Day 4: Acho Nwana (Div 1) Robert Fletcher (Div 2)

### **Highest Plus Score < 50% Wins**

Division 1: Joanne Luskin (12-15 +531)

Division 2: Ed Neugroschl (13-14 +617)

### **Greatest Comeback**

(tie) 169 points, Max Garfinkle and Richie Lund

### **Most Points Scored on Final Play** (including opponent's rack)

126: Jim Neuberger (TEQUILAS)

### **Brilliancy Prize**

Brian Cappelletto

## 1989 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Expert Division

1. Morris, Peter	21-6	+1507	\$5,000	54. Rothberg, Iris	14.5-12.5	-117
2. Nyman, Mark	20-7	+1252	\$3,000	55. Jones, Vernon	14-13	+907
3. Tiekert, Ron	20-7	+1180	\$2,000	56. Widergren, Jeff	14-13	+867
4. Lund, Richard	18.5-8.5	+667	\$1,500	57. Weinike, Joe	14-13	+857
5. Day, Darrell	18.5-8.5	+509	\$1,000	58. Schoneboom, Marjorie	14-13	+646
6. Southwell, Charlie	18-9	+1232	\$750	59. Eichenbaum, Jack	14-13	+562
7. Lambe, Ken	18-9	+814	\$500	60. Kahn, Robert	14-13	+359
8. Halper, Ed	18-9	+771	\$400	61. Jarrell, Jan	14-13	+333
9. Gibson, David	18-9	+567	\$300	62. Kastner, Jeffrey	14-13	+282
10. Scheiten, Jerry	17.5-9.5	+658	\$200	63. Merrill, Karen	14-13	+255
11. Schecter, Louis	17.5-9.5	+577	\$100	64. Przbyszewski, Mark	14-13	+243
12. Wapnick, Joel	17-10	+1403	\$90	65. Sherman, Joel	14-13	+160
13. Kaitz, Merril	17-10	+1028	\$80	66. Patterson, Elaine	14-13	+95
14. Felt, Robert	17-10	+650	\$70	67. Mcmillion, Arthur	14-13	+94
15. Kreiswirth, Rose	17-10	+576	\$60	68. Cheseborough, Steve	14-13	-27
16. Baron, Mike	17-10	+486		69. Schoenman, Robert	14-13	-96
17. Kaufman, Zev	17-10	+374		70. Prochilo, Jess	14-13	-197
18. Armstrong, Chuck	16.5-10.5	+1287		71. Girshoff, Dave	14-13	-352
19. Carroll, Charlie	16.5-10.5	+639		72. Rosen, Ted	14-13	-553
20. Ellickson, Robert	16-11	+1304		73. Resnick, Susan	13-14	+331
21. Kenas, Mark	16-11	+1036		74. Tier, Steve	13-14	+319
22. Phillips, Webster	16-11	+1005		75. Schonbrun, Lester	13-14	+313
23. Mead, Jeremiah	16-11	+996		76. Tangredi, Frank	13-14	+298
24. Alexander, Steven	16-11	+722		77. Fancett, Robert	13-14	+147
25. Neuberger, Jim	16-11	+720		78. Lundegaard, Robert	13-14	+106
26. Logan, Adam	16-11	+561		79. Maneth, Margaret B	13-14	+33
27. Nwana, Acho	16-11	+556		80. Fidler, Mark	13-14	-6
28. Enszer, Robert	16-11	+220		81. Leifer, Dave	13-14	-149
29. Lupo, Richard	16-11	+198		82. Borenstein, R	13-14	-16
30. Palmer, Rhonda	16-11	+148		83. Lewis, G	13-14	-202
31. Kantimathi, Sam	16-11	+116		84. Gottlieb, Bernard	13-14	-224
32. Miler, L	16-11	+110		85. Mulet, Robert	13-14	-227
33. Cree, Chris	16-11	-70		86. Ugarte, Ed	13-14	-240
34. Norr, Rita	15.5-11.5	+400		87. Linn, Robert	13-14	-255
35. Polatnick, Steve	15.5-11.5	-169		88. Paloella, Libero	13-14	-328
36. Epstein, Paul	15-12	+1220		89. Reckford, Phil	13-14	-339
37. Pratt, Dan	15-12	+897		90. Creager, Gary	13-14	-362
38. Pughsley, Cythia	15-12	+835		91. Steele, Denver	13-14	-366
39. Cohen, Joanne	15-12	+603		92. White, C	13-14	-553
40. Cushman, Lynn	15-12	+389		93. Braud, Conrad	13-14	-642
41. Shreve, Jon	15-12	+387		94. Osuagwu, Emeka	13-14	-667
42. Cappelletto, Brian	15-12	+324		95. Siegel, Andrea	13-14	-706
43. Laufer, Matt	15-12	+265		96. Wade, Marcia	13-14	-722
44. Goldman, Stu	15-12	+173		97. Kassel, Marianne	13-14	-730
45. Simoneaux, Gloria	15-12	+171		98. Liebman, Natalie	13-14	-885
46. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	15-12	-1		99. Oliger, Steve	13-14	-1088
47. Jackson, Dee	15-12	-27		100. Olander, Katnrhy	12.5-14.5	-481
48. Uzo, C	15-12	-137		101. Lusk, Joanne	12-15	+531
49. Polsky, Phil	15-12	-147		102. Greenspan, Randy	12-15	+274
50. Simmons, Allan	15-12	-182		103. Lyons, Mary A	12-15	+144
51. Rhoda, Jack	15-12	-188		104. Kramer, Jim	12-15	+101
52. Sugar, Brian	15-12	-279		105. Coleman, Jan	12-15	+48
53. Sanfedele, Ann	14.5-12.5	+7		106. Mitchell, Loren	12-15	-13
				107. Frey, Robert	12-15	-20

108. Toth, Rose	12-15	-53
109. Enszer, Evelyn	12-15	-90
110. Sim, Tony	12-15	-156
111. Erland, Paul	12-15	-183
112. Carol, Jean	12-15	-242
113. Garfinkle, Max	12-15	-290
114. Methaset, Arun	12-15	-301
115. Grosman, Diane	12-15	-329
116. Horowitz, Arnie	12-15	-358
117. Wade, Tim	12-15	-474
118. Hamilton, Ruth	12-15	-478
119. Unger, Dan	12-15	-519
120. Martin, M	12-15	-654
121. Stulman, Mira	12-15	-740
122. Balala, K	12-15	-889
123. Tumbarello, Audrey	11.5-15.5	-257
124. Mutalik, P	11-16	-99
125. Capalbi, Mary	11-16	-289
126. Foster, J	11-16	-462
127. Saufali, S	11-16	-766
128. Perryman, Emma	11-16	-821
129. Anzalone, Vincent	11-16	-940
130. Meyers, John	10.5-16.5	-363
131. Zimmerbaum, S	10-17	-135
132. Scheimberg, Laura	10-17	-299
133. Wait, James	10-17	-391
134. Odom, Lisa	10-17	-461
135. Avrin, Paul	10-17	-508
136. Williams, Steve	10-17	-605

137. Zohlmann, Gloria	10-17	-695
138. Gradus, Larry	10-17	-1085
139. Kilpatrick, Robert	10-17	-1152
140. Braunstein, Edna	10-17	-1203
141. Chishty, Ishtiaq	9.5-17.5	-436
142. Taylor, D	9.5-17.5	-885
143. Walker, M	9-18	-734
144. Conford, David	9-18	-754
145. Rowe, Dennis	8.5-18.5	-862
146. Mohsin, Sayed	8-19	-784
147. Staffa, F	7-20	-949
<u>Forfeitures</u>		
Richards, Verna	8-16	-507
Blander, R	10-14	-714

**Open Division** (prize-winners only)

1. Janovici, Jill	20-7	+1576	\$1,500
2. Anglin, Tim	20-7	+486	\$1,000
3. Fleisser, Shirley	19-8	+632	\$750
4. Fenichel, Dennis	18-9	+1068	\$500
5. Fuqua, Graham	18-9	+753	\$400
6. Gibson, Nancy	18-9	+451	\$300
7. Patukas, Phyllis	17-10	+881	\$200
8. Kahn, Vicki	17-10	+812	\$100
9. Dibattista, Mark	17-10	+737	\$90
10. Tischler, Charlotte	17-10	+457	\$80
11. Tedesco, Ann	17-10	+258	\$70
12. Pellinen, Steve	16.5-10.5	+547	\$60

## 1990 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** Aug 4-9 1990  
**Divisions:** 2  
**Winner:** Robert Felt

**Location:** Ramada Renaissance Techworld, Washington DC  
**Players:** 282  
**Top Prize:** \$10,000

**Games:** 27  
**Directors:**

### Summary

By the time of the 1990 Nationals, SCRABBLE® had a new corporate owner. COLECO's assets had been acquired by game giant Hasbro. Initially, Hasbro showed little interest in tournament SCRABBLE®, and instead focused on rebuilding the company financially. Nonetheless, the company did agree to fund Nationals, which grew to 282 entrants, a big improvement over the previous years but still well below the record 327 players who'd competed at the 1987 event.

Unlike other nationals, where the winner wasn't decided until the final game, the ending of the 1990 nationals was an anti-climax as computer programmer Robert Felt annihilated the field, finishing four games ahead of his nearest competitor. At the end of play on Wednesday night, Felt was 3.5 wins ahead of his nearest competitor (Ed Halper) with three rounds to go. He could have skipped the final day entirely and still been assured of winning. A highlight of Felt's amazing run was his game with reigning champ Peter Morris, which lasted just nine turns. Felt started with four consecutive bingos while Morris responded with two of his own (including FORBEARER) before either blank was played. Felt went on to pick both blanks and average 56 points per play for the game. Lester Schonbrun came back from a 7-5 start to 13-2 and finish a distant second (with the highest average score of the tournament). Ed Halper finished 3rd. Doug Honig, ranked 174th of 176 players in division one, finished an impressive 7th. Adam Logan (now 15) finished 10th while yet another tyro, England's 12-year old Allan Saldanha, went 10-17. Division two was another anti-climax (if not as severe) with Luise Shafritz finishing two games ahead of Roy Dixon and Andy Curshen.

### Format

Placement prizes would be given to the top fifteen finishers in division one and the top ten in division two. The amount of the placement and class prizes (the same number of the latter were given as in 1989) was increased. Special prizes would be the same as in 1989 with the following exceptions: the awards for best spread <50% wins and highest score on the last play were eliminated while two new prizes were added: flashiest bingo and low win, high game and high loss were awarded for each round rather than each 3-game session.

### Qualification

Any player who had a rating of 1550 or better at least once prior to June 1 1990 was eligible for division one. The only requirement for the open division (other than not having had a rating over 1600) was that a player must have played in at least one rated tournament prior to June 1 1990. There would be a maximum of 250 players each division. There would be room for a maximum of 50 foreign players in the expert division. There was room for a maximum of 500 total players in the tournament with spots filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Game**

636: Margaret Maneth

### **High Loss**

461: Ed Halper

### **High Play**

203: SOLARIZE, Dan Pratt

### **Biggest Comeback**

Division 1: 150 pts, Jeff Reeves

Division 2: 123 pts, Del Shoemaker

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: NORMALIZING (extension to ZING), Marcia Wade

Division 2: APARTNESS (through AR), Steve Fierros

### **Tuff Luck** (losing 6 games by smallest spread)

Division 1: Dee Jackson (52 pts)

Division 2: Eloise Bailey (88 pts)

### **Best Strategic Play**

Joel Wapnick

## 1990 Nationals - Results

### Expert Division

1. Felt, Robert	24-3	+1969	\$10,000	54. Detmer, Robert	15-12	+234
2. Schonbrun, Lester	20-7	+1767	\$5,000	55. Weinike, Joe	15-12	+230
3. Halper, Ed	19.5-7.5	+959	\$2,500	56. Patterson, Elaine	15-12	+171
4. Southwell, Charlie	19-8	+1490	\$1,200	57. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	15-12	+55
5. Schecter, Louis	19-8	+917	\$800	58. Lyons, Mary A	15-12	+27
6. Barrett, Pat	19-8	+893	\$700	59. Leifer, Dave	15-12	+16
7. Honig, Doug	18-9	-106	\$600	60. Avrin, Paul	15-12	-58
8. Carroll, Charlie	18-9	+1354	\$500	61. Adams, B	15-12	-87
9. Morris, Peter	18-9	+1059	\$400	62. Reckford, Phil	15-12	-177
10. Cappelletto, Brian	18-9	+904	\$300	63. Sanfedele, Ann	15-12	-211
11. Smith, C	18-9	+344	\$250	64. Jarrell, Jan	14.5-12.5	+532
12. Lund, Richard	17.5-9.5	+1081	\$200	65. Fidler, Mark	14-13	+810
13. Nyman, Mark	17.5-9.5	+802	\$150	66. Odom, Lisa	14-13	+738
14. Boys, David	17-10	+1156	\$100	67. Sherman, Joel	14-13	+494
15. Uzo, Chijioke	17-10	+1092	\$75	68. Carol, Jean	14-13	+491
16. Logan, Adam	17-10	+965		69. Ellickson, Robert	14-13	+461
17. Kaitz, Merrill	17-10	+840		70. Eichenbaum, Jack	14-13	+447
18. Johnson, Dave	17-10	+735		71. Mulet, Robert	14-13	+419
19. Jeeves, Jeff	17-10	+590		72. Jarowski, John	14-13	+407
20. Norr, Rita	17-10	+511		73. Cohen, J	14-13	+365
21. Lambe, Ken	17-10	+1116		74. Greenspan, Randy	14-13	+284
22. Silberg, Richard	16.5-10.5	+1122		75. Appleby, Phil	14-13	+208
23. Shapiro, Gordon	16.5-10.5	+280		76. Schoenman, Bob	14-13	+208
24. Cree, Chris	16.5-10.5	+16		77. Unger, Dan	14-13	+103
25. Polatnick, Steve	16-11	+855		78. Nivison, Rod	14-13	-32
26. Kaufman, Zev	16-11	+773		79. Pellinen, Steve	14-13	-87
27. Wapnick, Joel	16-11	+647		80. Jennings, Larkin	14-13	-98
28. Lipton, Bob	16-11	+629		81. Fancett, Robert	14-13	-108
29. Mead, Jere	16-11	+523		82. Gruber, Linda	14-13	-146
30. Maron, Mike	16-11	+512		83. Simoneaux, Gloria	14-13	-167
31. Scheiten, Jerry	16-11	+486		84. Paoella, Libero	14-13	-175
32. Neuberger, James	16-11	+479		85. Kay, Harvey	14-13	-272
33. Schoneboom, Marjorie	16-11	+409		86. Orvis, J	14-13	-465
34. Liebman, Natalie	16-11	+391		87. Braud, Conrad	14-13	-576
35. Tim, Tony	16-11	+330		88. Grob, Steve	13.5-13.5	+151
36. Luebkehan, John	16-11	+320		89. Goldman, Stu	13-14	+414
37. Swank, Judy	16-11	+260		90. Greenberg, Larry	13-14	+392
38. Segrest, Dee	16-11	+207		91. Pate, Jim	13-14	+358
39. Francis, Ray	16-11	+88		92. Tellis, Forrestt	13-14	+245
40. Przybyszewski, Mark	16-11	+58		93. Stocker, Carl	13-14	+187
41. Sier, Steve	16-11	+25		94. Linn, Robert	13-14	+132
42. Spanfelner, George	16-11	-774		95. Maneth, Margaret	13-14	+99
43. Gottlieb, Bernard	15.5-11.5	+299		96. Goatcher, Chaun	13-14	+78
44. Kreiswirth, Rose	15.5-11.5	+90		97. Willson, Ellis	13-14	+60
45. Brown, R	15-12	+1037		98. Horowitz, Arnie	13-14	+7
46. Kantimathi, Sam	15-12	+992		99. Foss, K	13-14	-11
47. Frank, Alan	15-12	+754		100. Kahn, Vicki	13-14	-60
48. Kramer, Jim	15-12	+648		101. Glazerman, Bill	13-14	-70
49. Enszer, Robert	15-12	+563		102. Richards, Verna	13-14	-123
50. Cushman, Lynn	15-12	+553		103. Veevers, Terry	13-14	-182
51. Pratt, Dan	15-12	+450		104. Guillot, James	13-14	-241
52. Epstein, Paul	15-12	+405		105. Chishty, Ishtiaq	13-14	-294
53. Kahn, Robert	15-12	+305		106. Liebhaber, Dennis	13-14	-478
				107. Rothberg, Iris	13-14	-479

108. Spanfelner, Florence	13-14	-519
109. Hamilton, Ruth	13-14	-536
110. Enszer, Evelyn	13-14	-611
111. Wagner, D	13-14	-696
112. Gradus, Larry	13-14	-967
113. Anglin, Tim	13-14	-1219
114. Wade, Tim	12.5-14.5	+149
115. Jones, Vernon	12.5-14.5	+78
116. Lundegaard, Bob	12-15	-270
117. Gorchov, Bunny	12-15	+211
118. Nwana, Acho	12-15	+174
119. Lennon, Chris	12-15	+132
120. Mutalik, P	12-15	+115
121. Shreve, John	12-15	+60
122. Hay, Anne	12-15	+54
123. Blackmer, Betsy	12-15	+47
124. Rosen, Ted	12-15	-44
125. Dewaelsche, Mike	12-15	-98
126. Wise, Mike	12-15	-192
127. Grosman, Diane	12-15	-202
128. Miller, L	12-15	-218
129. Slyder, Laurence J	12-15	-239
130. Wade, Marcia	12-15	-268
131. Honablew, Mary	12-15	-337
132. Creager, Gary	12-15	-349
133. Borenstein, Roberta	12-15	-372
134. Mocine, Joan	12-15	-408
135. Todd, Margaret	12-15	-446
136. Johnson, R	12-15	-493
137. Awowade, Femi	12-15	-554
138. Richland, R	12-15	-601
139. Oppenheimer, Mark	12-15	-611
140. Grossman, Roz	12-15	-667
141. Cadieux, Cheryl	12-15	-728
142. Anzalone, Vincent	12-15	-874
143. Jaramillo, Caesar	12-15	-879
144. Vichitjitkul, A	11-16	+315
145. Zimmerbaum, Steven	11-16	+8
146. Kay, D	11-16	-25
147. Williams, Steve	11-16	-114
148. Beatty, Jeanne	11-16	-356

149. Garfinkle, Max	11-16	-407
150. Demers, Al	11-16	-442
151. Wise, Lynda	11-16	-637
152. Powell, Hildagard	11-16	-683
153. Miller, M	11-16	-925
154. Silverman, Arline	11-16	-1170
155. Horn, J	11-16	-1359
156. Capalbi, Mary	10-17	-200
157. Brush, Maureen	10-17	-274
158. White, C	10-17	-274
159. Saldanha, Allan	10-17	-416
160. Prochilo, Jess	10-17	-715
161. Sakulborrirug, C	10-17	-865
162. Lee, Frank	10-17	-878
163. Schoenfeld, Nancy	10-17	-1254
164. Kuroda, Kunihiko	9.5-17.5	-730
165. Jackson, Dee	9-18	-127
166. Deutsch, Pamina	9-18	-261
167. Glowniak, Elaine	9-18	-489
168. Kassel, Marianne	9-18	-559
169. Martin, M	9-18	-673
170. Perryman, Emma	9-18	-688
171. Olander, Katnrhy	9-18	-716
172. Livermore, Noel	9-18	-755
173. Dyal, Kamal	9-18	-1187
174. Osuagwu, Emeka	8-19	-661
175. Lackey, Sara	8-19	-706
176. Mcneils, A	6-21	-2259

**Open Division** (prize-winners only)

1. Shafritz, Luise	21-6	+1973	\$2,000
2. Dixon, Roy	19-8	+1327	\$1,200
3. Curshen, Andrew	19-8	+836	\$800
4. Fierros, Stephen	18-9	+1249	\$700
5. Neugroschl, Ed	18-9	+605	\$600
6. Dreier, Bebe	18-9	+582	\$500
7. Solomon, Richard	18-9	-9	\$400
8. Thornton, Paul	17-10	+745	\$300
9. Neumark, Donna	17-10	+720	\$200
10. Rowe, Dennis	17-10	+594	\$100

## 1992 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Date:** Aug 8-13 1992

**Divisions:** 2

**Winner:** Joe Edley

**Location:** Omni International Hotel, Atlanta GA

**Players:** 315<sup>19</sup>

**Top Prize:** \$10,000

**Games:** 27

**Director:** K C Hoffmeister

### Summary

By the time of the 1992 Nationals, the situation at Hasbro had stabilized and the Nationals was about to launch on a period of growth that has continued to the present. Almost 320 players showed up for this year's affair, held at Atlanta's Omni hotel.

For a while, it looked like the 1992 nationals was going to be another blowout, surpassing even that of Robert Felt's record pace in 1990. 1983 champion Joel Wapnick broke Ron Tiekert's record of 15<sup>20</sup> consecutive wins at nationals by winning his first 17 in a row (he finally lost to Brian Cappelletto). At the end of day 4, Wapnick's record stood at 21-3, two games ahead of the runner-up, 1980 champ Joe Edley at 19-5 (who'd almost had to drop out due to severe back pain). In 1988 Wapnick had come within a hair's breadth of becoming the first repeat winner of nationals. Now all he had to do was win one of his last three games to take his second title. To do the same, Edley would have to win three games in a row against the man who'd won 17 straight. In the first game, Edley won easily after drawing all four S's and a blank. The second game witnessed sloppy play on both sides with scoring errors and unchallenged phonies, but again Edley emerged the victor. Against all odds, Edley had pulled to within a single game of Wapnick. As the two former champs sat down for their final confrontation, the game was an even match at first. Then Edley drew the rack INULASE and when Wapnick blocked his bingo spot, Edley played the devastating nine-letter bingo QUANTILES instead. Wapnick never recovered and Edley went on to win 465-325 to take his second national championship.

Division two saw the emergence of yet another future superstar as Jim Geary won 3 of the final 4 games against Bob Prentiss to finish with a winning 22-5 record.

### Format

Six games would be played on days one through four and three on day five. On the first four days, games would be paired three at a time. Placement prizes, class prizes, and special prizes were the same as in 1990 except for the addition of a high average score prize.

### Qualification

Any player who had a rating of 1600 or better at least once prior to July 1 1992 was eligible for division one. Division two was for players rated below 1600 on the mid-June 1992 rating list.

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<sup>19</sup> The SCRABBLE News (#93) report on the tournament says that 320 players registered, but the results in the same issue list only 315 players.

<sup>20</sup> Not 16, as has been widely reported.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Game**

667: Matt Graham

### **High Play**

230: PITCHMEN, Natalie Liebman

### **High Average**

Division 1: 422, Charlie Southwell

Division 2: 397, Jim Geary

### **Low Win**

Division 1: 298, Paul Avrin

Division 2: 271, Idelle Weinstock

### **Performance Prize**

Day 3: Larry Gradus (Div 1), Helga Williams (Div 2)

Day 4: Matt Laufer (Div 1), Dorothy Siegel (Div 2)

### **Highest Placing Senior**

Division 1: Stu Goldman (6th)

Division 2: Gwen Bishop (34th)

### **Tuff Luck Award** (6 losses with lowest spread)

Division 1: Margaret Maneth (19 pts)

Division 2: Sarah Rosenblum (62 pts)

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: ORALITIES (through IT, hooking GOR(E) and HERE(S), Joe Weinike

Division 2: YODELER (parallel under JOWED), Jackie Camper

### **Biggest Comeback**

Division 1: Caesar Jaramillo (165 pts)

Division 2: Pat Hardwick (168 pts)

### **Best Strategic Play**

none given

## 1992 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Expert Division

1. Edley, Joe	22-5	+1839	\$10,000	54. Tillekeratne, Siri	15-12	+245
2. Wapnick, Joel	21-6	+1318	\$5,000	55. Morris, Peter	15-12	+231
3. Cappelletto, Brian	20-7	+1410	\$2,500	56. Schoenman, Bob	15-12	+226
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6. Goldman, Stu	19-8	+822	\$700	59. Krieger, Steve	15-12	+159
7. Johnson, Dave	18-9	+1497	\$600	60. Fidler, Mark	15-12	+65
8. Tiekert, Ron	18-9	+1441	\$500	61. Odom, Lisa	15-12	-25
9. Southwell, Charlie	18-9	+1433	\$400	62. Lyons, Mary A	15-12	-105
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12. Carroll, Charlie	17.5-9.5	+1265	\$200	65. Gradus, Larry	15-12	-540
13. Lambe, Ken	17.5-9.5	+344	\$150	66. Patterson, Elaine	14.5-12.5	+723
14. Schecter, Louis	17.5-9.5	+313	\$100	67. Eichenbaum, Jack	14.5-12.5	+251
15. Kantimathi, Sam	17.5-9.5	+199	\$75	68. Van Leunen, Alice	14-13	+1117
16. Paoella, Libero	17-10	+1186		69. Kenas, Mark	14-13	+592
17. Alexander, Steven	17-10	+1128		70. Kreiswirth, Rose	14-13	+533
18. Ellickson, Robert	17-10	+716		71. Lundegaard, Bob	14-13	+454
19. Lund, Richard	17-10	+508		72. Epstein, Paul	14-13	+410
20. Leifer, Dave	17-10	+473		73. Baron, Mike	14-13	+324
21. Widergren, Jeff	17-10	+350		74. Maneth, Margaret	14-13	+283
22. Vandoer, Vince	17-10	+96		75. Kahn, Robert	14-13	+247
23. Avrin, Paul	17-10	+83		76. Rothberg, Iris	14-13	+167
24. Cree, Chris	16.5-10.5	+68		77. Neugroschl, Ed	14-13	+99
25. Blevins, Ted	16-11	+1044		78. Richards, Verna	14-13	+77
26. Nyman, Mark	16-11	+795		79. Gottlieb, Bernard	14-13	+46
27. Neuberger, Jim	16-11	+694		80. Sherman, Larry	14-13	-252
28. Polatnick, Steve	16-11	+657		81. Carol, Jean	14-13	-252
29. Owens, Mark E	16-11	+567		82. Cohen, Joanne	14-13	-317
30. Peters, Jim	16-11	+527		83. Reckford, Phillip	14-13	-354
31. Silberg, Rich	16-11	+353		84. Martin, Mike	14-13	-421
32. Pellinen, Steve	16-11	+339		85. Manson, Ron	14-13	-556
33. Greenspan, Randy	16-11	+290		86. Goolsby, Brian	13.5-13.5	+324
34. Sherman, Joel	16-11	+266		87. Ploysangngam, A	13.5-13.5	+203
35. Laufer, Matt	16-11	+257		88. Horn, Joel	13.5-13.5	-282
36. Sim, Tony	16-11	+226		89. Braud, Conrad	13-14	+562
37. Hersom, Randy	16-11	+103		90. Dixon, Jan	13-14	+518
38. Merrill, Karen	16-11	-31		91. Schoneboom, Marjorie	13-14	+510
39. Przybyszewski, Mark	16-11	-146		92. Rosen, Ted	13-14	+434
40. Mccaffrey, Kevin	16-11	-445		93. Linn, Robert	13-14	+417
41. Bond, Tom	15.5-11.5	+302		94. Grossman, Diana	13-14	+323
42. Barrett, Pat	15-12	+1186		95. Pate, Jim	13-14	+241
43. Ballard, Nick	15-12	+971		96. Marcus, Marty	13-14	+159
44. Felt, Robert	15-12	+884		97. Nemitrmansuk, P	13-14	+136
45. Enszer, Robert	15-12	+621		98. Weinike, Joe	13-14	+32
46. Nivison, Rod	15-12	+610		99. Glowniak, Elaine	13-14	+31
47. Fancett, Robert	15-12	+598		100. Lee, Dale	13-14	+30
48. Lipton, Bob	15-12	+575		101. Cassidy, Jim	13-14	+4
49. Juebkemann, John	15-12	+544		102. Dewaelsche, Matt	13-14	-8
50. Stocker, Carl	15-12	+499		103. Horowitz, Arnie	13-14	-20
51. Awowade, Femi	15-12	+476		104. Foss, Karol	13-14	-63
52. Kramer, Jim	15-12	+327		105. Nevarez, Johnny	13-14	-184
53. Ross, Richard	15-12	+315		106. Guillot, James	13-14	-211
				107. Pfeiffer, Jill	13-14	-342

108. Bichel, Sammye	13-14	-372	149. Zimmerbaum, Steven	11-16	-863
109. Meyers, John	13-14	-400	150. Krohn, Pat	11-16	-898
110. Liebman, Natalie	13-14	-498	151. Orvis, John	11-16	-902
111. Miller, Marjorie	13-14	-584	152. Powell, Hildagaard	10.5-16.5	-641
112. Oliger, Steve	12.5-14.5	+19	153. Grob, Steve	10-17	-36
113. Kuromiya, Kiyoshi	12.5-14.5	-1013	154. Hamilton, Ruth	10-17	-129
114. Graham, Matt	12-15	+891	155. Frankki, James	10-17	-274
115. Tier, Steve	12-15	+121	156. Pistol, Howard	10-17	-330
116. Mocine, Joan	12-15	+51	157. Uzo, Chijioke	10-17	-343
117. Detore, Robert	12-15	-86	158. Kuroda, Kunihiko	10-17	-695
118. Raychbart, Paloma	12-15	-99	159. Wayne, Patty	10-17	-698
119. Livermore, Noel	12-15	-163	160. Cudak, Michael	10-17	-735
120. Cadieux, Cheryl	12-15	-189	161. Dixon, Roy	10-17	-835
121. Simoneaux, Gloria	12-15	-235	162. Lee, Frank	10-17	-955
122. Weisskopf, Mary E	12-15	-275	163. Grazette, Pam	10-17	-1003
123. Rheume, Joan	12-15	-361	164. Beatty, Jeanne	10-17	-1715
124. Abbate, Elspeth	12-15	-397	165. Lackey, Sara	9-18	-89
125. Hill, Marlon	12-15	-412	166. Merrick, Merle	9-18	-347
126. Garfinkle, Max	12-15	-532	167. Deutsch, Pamina	9-18	-628
127. Suaysompol, S	12-15	-533	168. Gaines, John	9-18	-1133
128. Wade, Tim	12-15	-652	169. Ugarte, Ed	8-19	-571
129. Thornton, Paul	12-15	-680	170. Green, Miriam	8-19	-735
130. Atterbury, Craig	12-15	-720	171. Borenstein, R	8-19	-869
131. Segrest, Dee	12-15	-721	172. Savadge, Gertrude	8-19	-912
132. Bichel, Jeff	12-15	-759	173. Hanley, Nancy	8-19	-1249
133. Roark, Carol	12-15	-942	174. Osuagwu, Emeka	8-19	-1252
134. Connally, Mike	12-15	-1183	175. Dumez, Gina	5-22	-1531
135. Palmer, Rhonda	12-15	-1377	176. Stulman, Mira	5-22	-1580
136. Dunlop, Glenn	11.5-15.5	-166			
137. Weisskopf, Martin	11.5-15.5	-905			
138. Tiekert, Susi	11-16	+177			
139. Scheiten, Jerry	11-16	+88			
140. Pfeiffer, Steve	11-16	-10			
141. Fierros, Stephen	11-16	-320			
142. Couey, Mary Lee	11-16	-374			
143. Willson, Ellis	11-16	-384			
144. Jaramillo, Caesar	11-16	-575			
145. Enszer, Evelyn	11-16	-628			
146. Gorchov, Bunny	11-16	-657			
147. Acosta, Margaret	11-16	-733			
148. Patukas, Phyllis	11-16	-753			

**Competitive Division** (prize-winners only)

1. Geary, Jim	22-5	+1476	\$2,000
2. Leifer, Scott	20-7	+912	\$1,200
3. Prentiss, Bob	19.5-7.5	+1502	\$800
4. Dijamco, Sal	19-8	+983	\$750
5. Parsons, Jeff	18.5-8.5	+733	\$600
6. Early, Michael	18-9	+951	\$500
7. Breitbeil, Connie	18-9	+667	\$400
8. Strasberg, Harriet	18-9	+470	\$300
9. Prather, Phyllis	18-9	+417	\$200
10. Steinman, Victor	17-10	+1230	\$100

## 1994 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Aug 13-18 1994

**Divisions:** 3

**Winner:** David Gibson

**Location** Universal City Hilton and Towers, Los Angeles

**Players:** 294

**Top Prize:** \$15,000

**Games:** 27

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

As the deadline for the 1994 nationals approached, David Gibson wasn't even planning to play. Only at the eleventh hour did his wife convince him to go ahead and enter. It was a good thing for the soft-spoken math professor that she did, as he went on to dominate the event as Robert Felt had in 1990, finishing four full games ahead of the rest of the field. The outcome was not a forgone conclusion, however. During the early rounds Steve Tier, a New York legend who had been winning since the early days of tournament play in the 1970s was the leader until Gibson won nine of his last ten to take the prize. In a key game against Bob Lipton (who was still in contention) in round 25, Gibson pulled out a win in the end. Finishing second behind Gibson the math professor, was 20 year old math student Dave Weigand, who was on his way to superstardom. Bob Lipton finished third while Joe Edley took fourth. After the tournament, Gibson astonished everyone by distributing a portion of his winnings to his fellow players.

In division two, Michael Baker edged out John Chew while in division three, Carol Ravichandran won by half a game over teenager Yosie Levine.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Game**

621, David Gibson

### **High Play** (both Div 1)

1. 231: JUMBLERS (should have scored 258 but was mis-counted), Merle Merrick (the play also won the high MB word award)
2. 230: CONQUEST, Jane Welch

### **High Loss**

472, Jerry Scheiten (Div 1)

### **Low Win**

276, Dane Barnhard (Div 2)

### **Biggest Comeback**

161 pts, Marlon Hill (Div 1)

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: PREEMINENT (through EM and E), Paloma Raychbart

Division 2: SHIATSUS, Lorraine Burton

Division 3: ATROPHIES, Lorraine Burton

### **Highest Finishing Senior**

Division 1: Anne Hay (40th)

Division 2: Patty Wayne (7th)

Division 3: Frieda Davis (6th)

### **Tuff Luck Award**

Division 1: Ron Tiekert (74 pts)

Division 2: Emma Perryman (65 pts)

Division 3: Joe Connelly (39 pts)

### **Best Strategic Play**

Joel Wapnick

## 1994 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Gibson, David	23-4	+1700	\$15,000	55. Cree, Chris	14-13	+260
2. Wiegand, David	19-8	+1447	\$7,500	56. Goldman, Stu	14-13	+39
3. Lipton, Bob	19-8	+1272	\$4,000	57. Graham, Matt	14-13	+208
4. Edley, Joe	19-8	+1139	\$2,000	58. Swank, Judy	14-13	-57
5. Nyman, Mark	18.5-8.5	+169	\$1,000	59. Sherman, Larry	14-13	-68
6. Tier, Steve	18-9	+1242	\$800	60. Kantimathi, Sam	14-13	-94
7. Boys, David	18-9	+1094	\$700	61. Sanfedele, Ann	14-13	-160
8. Johnson, Dave	18-9	+857	\$650	62. Pate, Jim	14-13	-259
9. Wapnick, Joel	18-9	+672	\$600	63. Dewaelsche, Matt	14-13	-268
10. Kaufman, Zev	17.5-9.5	+736	\$550	64. Milan, Mark	14-13	-314
11. Nelson, Kent	17-10	+770	\$500	65. Fisher, Norma	14-13	-387
12. Sherman, Joel	17-10	+728	\$450	66. Peters, Jim	14-13	-436
13. Logan, Adam	17-10	+708	\$400	67. Saul, Lewis	14-13	-479
14. Odom, Lisa	17-10	+587	\$300	68. Wolford, Gail	13.5-13.5	+499
15. Leifer, Dave	17-10	+54	\$200	69. Rosen, Ted	13.5-13.5	+19
16. Nwana, Acho	17-10	+136	\$175?	70. Pellinen, Steven	13.5-13.5	-745
17. Hersom, Randy	16.5-10.5	+671	\$150	71. Alexander, Steven	13-14	+466
18. Barrett, Pat	16-11	+942	\$100	72. Broderick, Larry	13-14	+208
19. Laufer, Matt	16-11	+728	\$75	73. Levin, Robin	13-14	+175
20. Kramer, Jim	16-11	+710		74. Welch, Jane	13-14	+164
21. Polatnick, Steve	16-11	+649		75. Nivison, Rod	13-14	+126
22. Weinike, Joe	16-11	+343		76. Carter, Gerald	13-14	+101
23. Norr, Rita	16-11	+324		77. Kreiswirth, Rose	13-14	+77
24. Grob, Steve	16-11	+246		78. Stocker, Carl	13-14	+73
25. Paolella, Libero	16-11	+240		79. Kahn, Robert	13-14	-39
26. Przbyszewski, Mark	16-11	+128		80. Landsberg, Mark	13-14	-52
27. Epstein, Paul	16-11	-235		81. Pistolese, Mark	13-14	-116
28. Silber, Josh	16-11	-261		82. Kaiser, Dennis	13-14	-180
29. Dismukes, Gary	15.5-11.5	+11		83. Blomquist, Peter	13-14	-305
30. Van Leunen, Alice	15-12	+933		84. Hart, John	13-14	-540
31. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn	15-12	+798		85. Howlett, Mike	13-14	-554
32. Cadieux, Cheryl	15-12	+576		86. Schulman, Betty	12.5-14.5	-510
33. Schoneboom, Marjorie	15-12	+539		87. Carol, Jean	12.5-14.5	-542
34. Widergren, Jeff	15-12	+414		88. Stern, Ruth	12-15	+408
35. Pughsley, Cynthia	15-12	+381		89. Eichenbaum, Jack	12-15	+209
36. Geary, Jim	15-12	+344		90. Schoenman, Bob	12-15	+194
37. Fidler, Mark	15-12	+307		91. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	12-15	+172
38. Merrill, Karen	15-12	+272		92. Baron, Mike	12-15	+122
39. Clark, William	15-12	+250		93. Dady, Rita	12-15	+102
40. Hay, Anne	15-12	+225		94. Bond, Tom	12-15	-54
41. Maneth, Margaret	15-12	+210		95. Golob, Maddy	12-15	-83
42. Wong, Rick	15-12	+187		96. Pistol, Howard	12-15	-116
43. Rubinsky, Stan	15-12	+136		97. Avrin, Paul	12-15	-147
44. Tiekert, Susi	15-12	+56		98. Scheiten, Jerry	12-15	-247
45. D Ambrosio, Bruce	15-12	+55		99. Hill, Marlon	12-15	-310
46. Ellickson, Robert	14.5-12.5	+431		100. Oliger, Steve	12-15	-444
47. Lerman, Jerry	14.5-12.5	+296		101. Tillekeratne, Siri	12-15	-507
48. Greenspan, Randy	14.5-12.5	+160		102. Meyers, John	12-15	-655
49. Felt, Robert	14-13	+869		103. Liebman, Natalie	12-15	-1188
50. Tiekert, Ron	14-13	+720		104. Neugroschl, Ed	11.5-15.5	-910
51. Southwell, Charlie	14-13	+542		105. Stern, Alan	11-16	+1
52. Luebkekmann, John	14-13	+442		106. Linn, Robert	11-16	-10
53. Dixon, Jan	14-13	+439		107. Willson, Ellis	11-16	-398
54. Schonbrun, Lester	14-13	+382		108. Madden, Carol	11-16	-389
				109. Moyer, Rich	11-16	-446

110. Patterson, Elaine	11-16	-470
111. Orvis, Joan	11-16	-486
112. Collins, Chester	11-16	-507
113. Kaplan, Carol	11-16	-565
114. Lee, Frank	11-16	-682
115. Sommer, Jason	11-16	-783
116. Reckford, Phil	11-16	-815
117. Thivavaravongs, Thavachai	11-16	-866
118. Joradol, Ravee	11-16	-1186
119. Vongthana-, Visan	11-16	-1388
120. Merrick, Merle	10-17	-340
121. Weisskopf, Martin	10-17	-515
122. Methaset, Arun	10-17	-633
123. Gallagher, Bill	10-17	-978
124. Jaramillo, Caesar	10-17	-1165
125. Raychbart, Paloma	9.5-17.5	-816
126. Koonce, Marian	9-18	-658
127. Homan, Jim	9-18	-750
128. Weisskopf, Mary Ellen	9-18	-786
129. Atterbury, Craig	9-18	-860
130. Kahn, Vicki	9-18	-881
131. Horowitz, Arnie	8-19	-683
132. Zimmerbaum, Stephen	8-19	-1065
133. Glowniak, Elaine	8-19	-1215

134. Grazette, Pam 4-23 -1171

**Division Two** (prize-winners only)

1. Baker, Michael	20-7	+920	\$2,500
2. Chew, John	19-8	+972	\$1,000
3. Meyers, Amon	18-9	+1140	\$750
4. Terry, Paul	18-9	+1077	\$600
5. Short, Glenda	18-9	+685	\$500
6. Littman, Wendy	18-9	+607	\$400
7. Wayne, Patty	17-10	+902	\$300
8. Foss, Karol	17-10	+769	\$200
9. Anglin, Tim	17-10	+632	\$150
10. Gradus, Larry	17-10	+4	\$100

**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Ravichandran, Carol	19.5-7.5	+866	\$1,000
2. Levine, Yosie	19-8	+781	\$750
3. Immerman, Mark	18-9	+1137	\$500
4. Moore, Lee	18-9	+1056	\$400
5. Schaeffer, Teresa	18-9	+328	\$300
6. Davis, Frieda	18-9	+55	\$200
7. Thompson, Celia	17-10	+810	\$150
8. Joseph, Richard	17-10	+682	\$125?
9. Malcolm, Don	17-10	+642	\$100

## 1996 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** July 20-24 1996

**Divisions:** 4

**Winner:** Adam Logan

**Location** Hyatt Regency, Dallas TX

**Players:** 412

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Games:** 27

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

For the third time in four events, the 1996 nationals was a blowout - and this time an even more lopsided contest than in 1990 and 1994. Adam Logan, a 21-year-old math student, won by a record five game margin, locking up the tournament before the final day even started. Logan played his first tournament at age nine and came to national attention when he placed second in division two of the Montreal tournament at 12. At each of his three previous nationals, Logan had improved his showing moving from 26th (as a 14-year-old) to 16th to 13th before finally winning it all in impressive fashion.

Logan went undefeated on day one (along with Jere Mead, Jim Geary, and dark horse Ben Withers) and lost only one game on day two to finish a game ahead of Mead and Geary. By lunchtime on day four, Logan led by five games over Geary and Mike Baron and was already virtually assured of a win. Meanwhile, eyes turned to the battle for second place. Surging back into contention were Brian Cappelletto (who'd started out 6-6) and Joe Edley (who started 8-6) both at 14-7. Also at 14-7 were leading Thai player Jakkrit Klaphajone and Baltimore's Marlon Hill. By the end of the day, Logan had first place cinched with a 22-2 record, followed by Edley (17-7 +1238), Geary (17-7 +841), and Cappelletto (16-8). Marlon Hill was in eighth. The money game in the final round pitted Cappelletto against Hill. Both were at 18-8 but Cappelletto lead by a huge margin in spread. In a must-win situation, Hill pulled out the victory to nail down second place, pushing Cappelletto to fourth. Joe Edley finished third while reigning Thai champion Charnwit Sumrattanaporn finished 8th.

Divisions two-four went to Singapore's Tony Sim, Don Malcolm, and Paul McCarthy.

### Format

Six games were played on days 1-4 and 3 on the final day. The OSPD 2nd edition and the new OSPD 2+ Word List would be the official word sources.

Placement prizes were awarded to the top 15 players in division one, the top 10 in division two, and the top 8 in divisions three and four. Class prizes and special prizes were the same as in previous years (though with increased amounts) with the addition of a special "MB" prize for the highest scoring word formed using two letters randomly drawn from a bag containing the letters M-I-L-T-O-N and another containing B-R-A-D-L-E-Y.

### Qualification

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1799

Division 2: 1500-1799

Division 3: 1200-1499

Division 4: <1200

Players within 100 points of a division cutoff as of the June 1, 1996 rating list could play up. Unrated foreign players were placed in division two but could play up into division one if an 1800+ player certified that they were strong enough.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Play**

230: MARQUISE, Martin Weisskopf (Div 1)

### **High Loss**

465: Carl Davis (Div 2)

Division 1: 448, Dave Johnson

### **Biggest Comeback**

Division 1: 173 pts, Chris Lennon

### **Low Win**

Division 1: Jeff Widergren, Lisa Odom, and Jim Pate

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: ADYNAMIA, Jerry Lerman      Division 2: INSOMNIACS, Annette Tedesco

Division 3: DELIRIUMS, Colleen Prentiss      Division 4: SUMMERIER, Alan Love

### **Tuff Luck Award**

Division 1: Steve Tier (49 pts)

Division 2: Teresa Sanders, Carol Madden, Jim Miller (45)

Division 3: Al Pitzel (43 pts)

Division 4: Sylvia Strong

### **Highest Placing Seniors**

Division 1: Lester Schonbrun

Division 2: Glenda Short

Division 3: Margaret Swanson      Division 4: Nora Poulos

### **Performance Prizes**

Day 3: Matt Graham (Div 1), Ruth Hamilton (Div 2), Frieda Davis (Div 3), Maneck Contractor (Div 4)

Day 4: Steve Tier (Div 1), Andrea Michaels (Div 2), Ted Mast (Div 3), Mary Matthews (Div 4)

## 1996 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Logan, Adam	24-3	+1613	\$25,000	55. Mead, Jeremiah	13-14	+706
2. Hill, Marlon	19-8	+347	\$10,000	56. Odom, Lisa	13-14	+422
3. Edley, Joe	18-9	+1351	\$5,000	57. Stern, Alan	13-14	+393
4. Cappelletto, Brian	18-9	+1285	\$2,500	58. Pollock, Robin	13-14	+1
5. Epstein, Paul	18-9	+1216	\$1,200	59. Kaiser, Dennis	13-14	-43
6. Schonbrun, Lester	18-9	+553	\$900	60. Pughsley, Cynthia	13-14	-87
7. Lipton, Bob	17-10	+1085	\$800	61. Schecter, Louis	13-14	-138
8. Sumr..., Charnwit	17-10	+962	\$700	62. Linn, Robert	13-14	-210
9. Marcus, Marty	17-10	+889	\$600	63. Milan, Mark	13-14	-241
10. Luebkekmann, John	17-10	+740	\$500	64. Anglin, Tim	13-14	-633
11. Geary, Jim	17-10	+659	\$300	65. Hay, Anne	13-14	-647
12. Greenspan, Randy	17-10	+478	\$200	66. Schoneboom, Marjoie	12.5-14.5	+387
13. Polatnick, Steve	17-10	+223	\$150	67. Goldman, Stuart	12.5-14.5	+114
14. Baron, Mike	17-10	+90	\$100	68. Tillekeratne, Siri	12.5-14.5	-90
15. Boys, David	16-11	+1106	\$50	69. Cushman, Lynn	12.5-14.5	-111
16. Klaphajone, Jakkrit	16-11	+631		70. Withers, Ben	12.5-14.5	-937
17. Hersom, Randy	16-11	+615		71. Leifer, Dave	12-15	-50
18. Blevins, Ted	16-11	+594		72. Carol, Jean	12-15	-65
19. Wapnick, Joel	16-11	+531		73. Shafritz, Luise	12-15	-89
20. Cohen, Ira	16-11	+468		74. Tier, Steve	12-15	-107
21. Kramer, Jim	16-11	+459		75. Dustin, Carol	12-15	-213
22. Graham, Matt	16-11	+326		76. Day, Darrell	12-15	-240
23. Carter, Gerald	16-11	+263		77. Phillips, Webster	12-15	-277
24. Shapiro, Gordon	16-11	+164		78. Pellinen, Steve	12-15	-396
25. Adamson, Tim	16-11	-139		79. Polysangngam, Amnuay	12-15	-450
26. Wiegand, David	15.5-11.5	+915		80. Ferguson, Ann	12-15	-697
27. Morris, Peter	15.5-11.5	+265		81. Schoenman, Bob	11-16	+224
28. Stone, David	15.5-11.5	-173		82. Kantimathi, Sam	11-16	+175
29. Sherman, Joel	15-12	+750		83. Morse, John	11-16	-92
30. Felt, Robert	15-12	+635		84. Kaplan, Carol	11-16	-116
31. Dixon, Jan	15-12	+569		85. Muller, Louie	11-16	-301
32. Widergren, Jeff	15-12	+373		86. Scott, Stan	11-16	-348
33. Barrett, Pat	15-12	+326		87. Kijkan, Suwit	11-16	-511
34. Ross, Richard	15-12	-1		88. Rosen, Ted	11-16	-552
35. Nivison, Rodney	15-12	-10		89. Horowitz, Anne	11-16	-591
36. Cree, Chris	15-12	-192		90. Jackson, Dee	11-16	-675
37. Fidler, Mark	15-12	-201		91. Tumbarello, Audrey	11-16	-692
38. Nelson, Kent	15-12	-562		92. Peters, Jim	11-16	-776
39. Southwell, Charlie	14.5-12.5	+370		93. Terry, Paul	11-16	-968
40. Sherman, Larry	14.5-12.5	+18		94. Sanfedele, Ann	11-16	-1510
41. Lerman, Jerry	14-13	+616		95. Awowade, Femi	10-17	-288
42. Crowe, Robert	14-13	+553		96. Pate, Jim	10-17	-428
43. Van Leunen, Alice	14-13	+362		97. Nwana, Iheanacho	10-17	-482
44. Kaufman, Zev	14-13	+244		98. Methaset, Arun	10-17	-607
45. Pratt, Daniel	14-13	+163		99. Enszer, Bob	10-17	-726
46. Lennon, Christopher	14-13	+151		100. Gradus, Larry	10-17	-877
47. Norr, Rita	14-13	+91		101. Garren, Helaine	10-17	-986
48. Sereducik, Dan	14-13	+67		102. Roark, Carol	10-17	-1264
49. Grob, Steve	14-13	+24		103. Weisskopf, Mary Ellen	9-18	-582
50. Phiphat, Manop	14-13	+11		104. Oliger, Steve	9-18	-596
51. Maneth, Margaret B	14-13	-48		105. Kahn, Robert	9-18	-881
52. Johnson, Dave	14-13	-65		106. Rothberg, Iris	8-19	-962
53. Piro, Sal	14-13	-81		107. Cadieux, Cheryl	8-19	-1115
54. Weisskopf, Martin	14-13	-277		108. Villanueva, Milton	7-20	-1177

**Division Two** (prize-winners only)

1. Sim, Tony	19-8	+1071	\$4,000
2. Glass, Steve	19-8	+1029	\$2,000
3. Moyer, Rich	19-8	+806	\$1,200
4. Parsons, Jeff	18.5-8.5	+839	\$900
5. Baker, Michael	18-9	+747	\$700
6. Hahn, Albert	18-9	+655	\$500
7. Mocine, Joan	18-9	+429	\$400
8. Willis, Michael	17-10	+1292	\$300
9. Miller, Jim	17-10	+867	\$200
10. Kozar, John	17-10	+744	\$100

**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Malcolm, Don	21-6	+1534	\$1,500
2. Swanson, Don	21-6	+1318	\$1,000
3. Welborn, Mark	20-7	+1276	\$750
4. Ravichandran, M G	19-8	+656	\$500
5. Moore, Lee	18-9	+894	\$325
6. Slaughter, Raymond	18-9	+570	\$225
7. Babina, John	18-9	+279	\$175
8. Cole, Pat	17.5-9.5	+1147	\$150

**Division Four** (prize-winners only)

1. McCarthy, Paul	21-6	+1702	\$1,000
2. Prentiss, Jeff	19-8	+1066	\$800
3. Christophel, Michael	18.5-8.5	+1246	\$600
4. Schallau, Janet	18.5-8.5	+788	\$400
5. Poulos, Nora	18-9	+566	\$300
6. Hortsing, Bill	18-9	+408	\$200
7. Beckles, Erna	17-10	+835	\$150
8. Loiterstein, Ben	17-10	+685	\$100

## 1998 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** August 8-13 1998

**Divisions:** 4

**Winner:** Brian Cappelletto

**Location:** Farimont Hotel, Chicago IL

**Players:** 535

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Games:** 31

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

For years, Brian Cappelletto had been considered by many the top player in the game. Ever since his debut as a high school student, Cappelletto had been expected to win a national championship one day. It is appropriate that he did so in his own home town of Chicago. Yet again, the nationals turned into a blow out with the outcome being decided before the final day's play started. In the early going, it looked like Ron Tiekert, who got off to an 8-0 start, might dominate, but four losses in his next five games dropped him to 8th. In round 10, Cappelletto took over the #1 spot - a position he wouldn't relinquish for the rest of the tournament. For a while, it looked like it might be a contest. At the end of day two, Lester Schonbrun had tied Cappelletto at 12-2 (though he trailed in spread). Trey Wright, a concert pianist playing in his first nationals, was at 11-3 but only 26 spread points behind Cappelletto. Wright beat Cappelletto in the final game of day three to pull within one game of the 17-4 leader. Cappelletto went on to go 7-0 on day four en route to ten consecutive wins (including a 508-228 win over Wright in round 25 and a 488-260 one in round 29). The tournament clincher came in round 28.

Once again, the only contest would be for second place. Heading into the final round, Wright was in 2nd at 21-9 +946. Jim Geary was a game back at 20-10 +994 with Jere Mead at 20-10 +861 (Zev Kaufman also had 20 wins but trailed by over 550 spread points). In the final round, Geary handed a game to Jere Mead but it didn't matter as Wright won a consolation game over Cappelletto to take second, followed by Mead, Jim Kramer and Tiekert. Other division winners were Jerry Scheiten in Division 2, Ben Loiterstein in Division 3, and David Pearl in division 4.

### Format

Seven games were played on days 1-4 and 3 on the final day. Placement and special prizes were the same as in 1996.

### Qualification

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1799

Division 2: 1500-1799

Division 3: 1200-1499

Division 4: <1200

Players within 100 points of a division cutoff as of the July 1 1998 rating list could play up. Unrated foreign players were placed in division two but could play up into division one if an 1800+ player certified that they were strong enough.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Game**

1. 605: Marjorie Schoneboom (Div 1)
2. 600: Bob Prentiss (Div 1)
3. 595: Trey Wright (Div 1)

### **High Loss**

1. 482: Steve Oliger (Div 1)
2. 475: Avi Moss (Div 1)
3. 466: Mike Baron (Div 1)

### **Biggest Comeback**

202 pts, Charnwit Sukkhumrattanporn, down 47-249 and won 393-375

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: DENTURE, Dan Sereduick, also forming (MI)R(EX) and 3 other words.

Division 2: RENMINBI, Ellen Gruhn

Division 3: SNARING, Ken Sherlock

Division 4: UTILIZES, Carnie Jenkins

### **Tuff Luck Award**

20 pts, Edna Miller, Division 2

### **Low Win**

Division 1: 312, Paul Epstein

Division 2: 290, Paul Cole

Division 3: 270, Herb Lewis

Division 4: 226, Alan Love

### **Special HASBRO Prize (\$1,000)**

Bob Prentiss, MENORAHS

### **Best Strategic Play**

Sam Kantimathi

## 1998 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Cappelletto, Brian	26-5	+2318	\$25,000	55. D'ambrosio, Bruce	16-15	-35
2. Wright, Trey	22-9	+1023	\$10,000	56. Horowitz, Arnie	16-15	-56
3. Mead, Jere	21-10	+913	\$5,000	57. Schecter, Louis	16-15	-145
4. Kramer, Jim	20-11	+1381	\$2,500	58. Cushman, Lynn	16-15	-259
5. Tiekert, Ron	20-11	+988	\$1,200	59. Kahn, Vicki	16-15	-266
6. Geary, Jim	20-11	+942	\$900	60. Prentiss, Bob	16-15	-300
7. Greenspan, Randy	20-11	+570	\$800	61. Lee, Dale	16-15	-319
8. Norr, Rita	20-11	+352	\$700	62. Goldman, Daniel	16-15	-431
9. Kaufman, Zev	20-11	+289	\$600	63. Ferguson, Ann	15.5-15.5	+5
10. Cohen, Ira	19-12	+1061	\$500	64. Alexander, Steven	15-16	+589
11. Sherman, Joel	19-12	+898	\$300	65. Graham, Matt	15-16	+485
12. Okosagah, Samson	19-12	+822	\$200	66. Dixon, Jan	15-16	+419
13. Luebkekmann, John	19-12	+526	\$150	67. Moss, Avi	15-16	+357
14. Wiegand, Dave	19-12	+525	\$100	68. Kaiser, Dennis	15-16	+166
15. Epstein, Paul	19-12	+497	\$50	69. Hill, Marlon	15-16	+123
16. Schonbrun, Lester	19-12	+201		70. Bauer-Williams, Magaret	15-16	+102
17. Edley, Joe	18.5-12.5	+494		71. Goard, Jeremy J	15-16	+43
18. Linn, Robert	18.5-12.5	+485		72. Lundegaard, Bob	15-16	-91
19. Weinike, Joe	18-13	+1006		73. Carol, Jean	15-16	-378
20. Hersom, Randy	18-13	+868		74. Kahn, Robert	15-16	-410
21. Logan, Adam	18-13	+690		75. Rosen, Ted	15-16	-473
22. Johnson, David	18-13	+655		76. Goatcher, Shaun	14.5-16.5	-355
23. Kaitz, Merrill	18-13	+602		77. Pfeiffer, Steve	14-17	+510
24. Odom, Lisa	18-13	+458		78. Goldman, Stu	14-17	+104
25. Baker, Rich	18-13	+457		79. Baron, Mike	14-17	+67
26. S, Charnwit	18-13	+426		80. Kaplan, Carol	14-17	+46
27. Felt, Robert	18-13	+290		81. Marcus, Marty	14-17	+44
28. Mallick, Joey	18-13	+187		82. Milan, Mark	14-17	+44
29. Wapnick, Joel	17.5-13.5	+362		83. Stone, David	14-17	+44
30. Onyeonwe, Iffy	17.5-13.5	+219		84. Hay, Anne	14-17	-164
31. Boys, David	17-14	+981		85. Milkent, Marlene	14-17	-239
32. Crowe, Robert	17-14	+909		86. Kreiswirth, Rose	14-17	-240
33. Polatnick, Steve	17-14	+547		87. Shafritz, Luise	14-17	-251
34. Lund, Richard	17-14	+546		88. Baker, Michael	14-17	-258
35. Cree, Chris	17-14	+455		89. Pellinen, Steve	14-17	-272
36. Pistolese, Mark	17-14	+407		90. Southwell, Charlie	14-17	-373
37. Landsberg, Mark	17-14	+373		91. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	14-17	-385
38. Ellickson, Robert	17-14	+282		92. Pate, Jim	14-17	-464
39. Holgate, John	17-14	+123		93. Katz, Chani	14-17	-709
40. Widergren, Jeff	17-14	+18		94. Avrin, Paul	14-17	-719
41. Stern, Alan	17-14	-10		95. Kareiva, Nedd	14-17	-937
42. Eichenbaum, Jack	17-14	-33		96. Anglin, Tim	14-17	-940
43. Peters, Jim	17-14	-58		97. Oliger, Steve	14-17	-1013
44. Adamson, Tim	17-14	-224		98. Schoneboom, Marjorie	13-18	+257
45. Ogunyemi, Tunde	17-14	-234		99. Gabriel, Marty	13-18	-283
46. Kantimathi, Sam	17-14	-317		100. Polsky, Philip	13-18	-290
47. Lennon, Chris	16.5-14.5	+189		101. Przybyszewski, Mark	13-18	-320
48. Francis, Ray	16.5-14.5	-1		102. Sherman, Larry	13-18	-480
49. Saul, Steve	16-15	+169		103. Tier, Steve	13-18	-484
50. Shapiro, Gordon	16-15	+139		104. Ravichandran, Carol	13-18	-662
51. Martinez, Lewis	16-15	+126		105. Poder, David	13-18	-787
52. Payne, Trip	16-15	+94		106. De Waelsche, Matt	13-18	-850
53. Carter, Gerald	16-15	+85		107. Sanfedele, Ann	13-18	-1062
54. Barrett, Pat	16-15	+31		108. Jackson, Dee	13-18	-1065
				109. Wong, Rick	12-19	+301

110. Paolella, Libero	12-19	-170
111. Grillo, Dominic	12-19	-194
112. Fidler, Mark	12-19	-287
113. Blevins, Ted	12-19	-303
114. Kamen, Roy	12-19	-530
115. Pughsley, Cynthia	12-19	-669
116. Withers, Ben	12-19	-837
117. Adams, Bruce	12-19	-975
118. Weisskopf, Martin	12-19	-1158
119. Horn, Joel	11-20	-504
120. Seales, Cynthia	11-20	-505
121. Sereduick, Dan	11-20	-608
122. Leifer, Dave	11-20	-766
123. Fleetham, Jeff	11-20	-1038
124. Cobbs, Tracy	10-21	-1239
125. Cadieux, Cheryl	9-22	-716
126. Tiekert, Susi	9-22	-1544

**Division Two** (prize-winners only)

1. Scheiten, Jerry	23-8	+1158	\$4,000
2. Fisher, Norma	22-9	+874	\$2,000
3. Silber, Josh	21-10	+1150	\$1,200
4. Freebody, Lawren	21-10	+1099	\$900
5. Dixon, Roy	21-10	+713	\$700
6. Appel, Scott	21-10	+624	\$500

7. Dunlop, Glenn	21-10	+622	\$400
8. Dijamco, Sal	20-11	+1393	\$300
9. Glass, Steve	20-11	+1269	\$200
10. Awowade, Femi	20-11	+1084	\$150

**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Loiterstein, Ben	23.5-7.5	+1753	\$1,500
2. Badgley, Pat	22-9	+905	\$1,000
3. Mccall, Heather	21.5-9.5	+753	\$750
4. Orford, Michael	21-10	+1696	\$500
5. Miller, Gigi	21-10	+1083	\$325
6. Denn, Bob	20.5-10.5	+772	\$225
7. Hildebrant, Jennifer	20-11	+1678	\$175
8. Ewida, Esla	20-11	+898	\$150

**Division Four** (prize-winners only)

1. Pearl, David	22-9	+1894	\$1,000
2. Hood, Joanne	22-9	+511	\$800
3. Schutz, Kevin	21-10	+1679	\$600
4. Bednarz, Jason	21-10	+1405	\$400
5. Patrick, Ruth	21-10	+618	\$300
6. Bauman, Andrea	21-10	+464	\$200
7. Fernandes, Leon	20-11	+1235	\$150
8. Mirabito, Ann	20-11	+828	\$100

## 2000 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** August 5-10 2000    **Location** Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence  
**Divisions:** 6                    **Players:** 598                    **Games:** 31  
**Winner:** Joe Edley            **Top Prize:** \$25,000            **Directors:**

### Summary

After a host of anti-climactic contests, the 2000 nationals was anything but. The game would feature a nail biting finish and perhaps the greatest game ever played. At the end of the first day, Joel Sherman led a group of five undefeated players. The others were (in order) former Nigerian national champion Sammy Okosagah, Brian Cappelletto, Joe Edley, and Randy Hersom. Hersom, whose previous best showing at nationals was 17th place, won his first ten and was 13-1 at the end of day two with a two game lead over John Leubkemann, Edley, Cappelletto, and Okosagah. Hersom faltered on day three while Edley took over the top spot at 17-4 with Cappelletto, Adam Logan, and Okosagah a game back. For a change of pace, this year the tournament hadn't been decided by the time players took to their beds on the final evening. Joe Edley was still in the lead at 20-8 but Dave Wiegand was just 44 spread points behind him. Hersom had fought back to third place but trailed the leaders by over 1000 spread points. With 19 wins were Cappelletto, Jim Kramer, Adam Logan, and Robert Felt. But the talk of the day wasn't the standings - it was what had happened in round 25 when Edley squared off against Cappelletto in what many considered the greatest game ever played at nationals, if not the greatest period. The game was almost flawlessly played (with an extension of UN to UNFAIRLY being the only play that could be described as an error). Flashy bingos were falling like rain: NEGATRON, BLUNGERS, NOVERCAL, LACEWOOD, MATTOIDS. The play that had the entire tournament room buzzing, however, was Edley's incredible play of TRAILSIDE through a disconnected R and L. There have been more incredible nine-letter bingos played, but none in such a pressure-packed situation. On his next turn after this gem, Edley played MATTOIDS and Cappelletto, undaunted, responded with LACEWOOD, pulling to within 18 points and taking the last four tiles out of the bag. Holding BHINOWZ, Edley had multiple winning plays, but he took the time to find the best: SHOWBIZ for 68 points. The extra spread points he gained would come in quite handy later on.

After 30 rounds, Edley still held the lead but only by the thinnest of razor-thin margins. Four players were at 21-9. Edley led by a mere 4 spread points over Dave Wiegand: 1434 to 1430. Cappelletto was still within striking distance at +1279. Hersom also had 21 wins, but trailed Cappelletto by over 1000 spread points. To win, Cappelletto needed Edley and Wiegand to play a close game (or to tie!) while he won big. In the Edley-Wiegand game, Wiegand went first with PRIOR and Edley responded with a bingo REHANGED. On turn four, Wiegand's URODELES was answered immediately by Edley's ENDEARS but when Wiegand responded with OXEYE for 69, the game still looked far from over. On turn six, Edley made another great find - CAPESKIN to an N for 92 while Wiegand held the putrid RTTUUVW. Three turns later, Wiegand used a blank to play sTEW for 52 and pull to within 20, but Edley had just drawn the other blank. Edley then played the blocking play FIZ instead of playing FIZzIER for 84 but with a 45 point lead, he was still in good position. Two turns later, Wiegand played ADJOIN to pull to within 7 but it wasn't enough as Edley went out on his next turn to win 420-400. Cappelletto had got the close game he needed, but it wasn't close enough as he would need a 176 point win to take his second title. He did go on to win, but only by 63 as Joe Edley became the only man with three titles by winning one of the most exciting nationals ever.

## Format

Seven games were played on days 1-4 and 3 on the final day. Rounds 1-11 were paired in round-robin groups of 12. In rounds 12-14, players were divided into groups of 24 with six subgroups of four that played round robins against one another. Rounds 15-18 featured groups of 16, then groups of 12 (rounds 19-21), 8 (22-25), and 4 (26-28). In the final 3 rounds, the top 40 players were paired king-of-the hill fashion.

Placement prizes were paid to the top ten players in division one, the top eight in division two, the top six in divisions three and four, and the top five in divisions five and six. Class prizes were eliminated. Special prize categories were the same as in 1998.

## Qualification

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1899

Division 2: 1700-1899

Division 3: 1500-1699

Division 4: 1300-1499

Division 5: 1100-1299

Division 6: <1100

Peak ratings from January 1 - July 1 2000 were used to determine placement. Players could play up one full division if they chose.

## Superlatives and Awards

### High Game

1. 608: Robert Linn (Div 1)
2. 594: Pam Grazette (Div 2)
3. 593: Ian Weinstein (Div 1)

### High Loss

1. 479: Rich Baker (Div 1)
2. 475: David Weisberg (Div 1)
3. 471: Trey Wright (Div 1)

### High Play

1. 239: WOOZIEST, Bruce Adams (Div 2)
2. 203: JINGLERS, Waheed Thompson (Div 5)

Division 1: 194: DRYPOINT, Jim Kramer

### Biggest Comeback

219 pts, Bruce Adams (Div 2)

Division 1: 154 pts, Jean Carol

### Tuff Luck Award

Roberta Borenstein - 26 pts (Div 5)

Division 1: Purinth V (31 pt)

### **High Placing Senior**

Division 1: Lester Schonbrun

Division 3: Glenda Short

Division 5: Stella Russell

Division 2: Bob Lundegaard

Division 4: Harvey Wilson

Division 6: Frances Gross

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: TRAILSIDE, Joe Edley

Division 2: CARBOYED, Sal Dijamco

Division 3: IMPAIRING, Glen Filzer

Division 4: WOLFRAM, Mike Ecsedy

Division 5: none

Division 6: WHODUNIT, Catherine Kopas

### **Performance Prizes**

Day 3: Charnwit S (Div 1), Gregg Foster (Div 2), Joan Mocine (Div 3), M G Ravichandran (Div 4), Roberta Wechter (Div 5), Connie Snead (Div 6)

Day 4: Marty Gabriel (Div 1), Mark Fidler (Div 2), Margaret Swanson (Div 3), Karrie Bowe (Div 4), Burke Riley (Div 5), Gail Lynn (Div 6)

### **Low Win**

257: Adam Logan (Div 1)

### **Best Strategic Play**

Jere Mead

## 2000 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Edley, Joe	22-9	+1454	\$25,000
2. Cappelletto, Brian	22-9	+1342	\$10,000
3. Wiegand, Dave	21-10	+1410	\$5,000
4. Logan, Adam	21-10	+1116	\$2,500
5. Hersom, Randy	21-10	+164	\$1,200
6. Mead, Jeremiah	20.5-10.5	+894	\$900
7. Tiekert, Ron	20-11	+1327	\$800
8. Kramer, Jim	20-11	+1020	\$700
9. Okosagah, Sammy	20-11	+566	\$600
10. Felt, Robert	20-11	+437	\$500
11. Wapnick, Joel	19-12	+1089	
12. Wright, Trey	19-12	+943	
13. Kaitz, Merrill	19-12	+845	
14. Sherman, Joel	19-12	+722	
15. Alexander, Steven	19-12	+388	
16. Lerman, Jerry	19-12	+309	
17. K, Nuttakrit	19-12	+252	
18. Geary, Jim	18.5-12.5	+174	
19. Luebkekmann, John	18-13	+1000	
20. Onyeonwu, Iffy	18-13	+882	
21. Mallick, Joey	18-13	+580	
22. E, Akegapun	18-13	+501	
23. Cohen, Ira	18-13	+428	
24. Goldman, Daniel	18-13	+198	
25. Graham, Matt	18-13	+101	
26. Moss, Avi	17.5-13.5	+141	
27. Polatnick, Steve	17-14	+865	
28. Barrett, Pat	17-14	+691	
29. Sumrattaaporn, Charnwit	17-14	+633	
30. Hoekstra, Ron	17-14	+568	
31. Epstein, Paul	17-14	+459	
32. Dixon, Jan	17-14	+289	
33. Hill, Marlon	17-14	+271	
34. Berofsky, Evan	17-14	+189	
35. Smith, Martin	17-14	+140	
36. Gabriel, Marty	17-14	-9	
37. Widergren, Jeff	17-14	-256	
38. Hahn, Albert	16-15	+810	
39. Grillo, Dominic	16-15	+371	
40. Greenspan, Randy	16-15	+317	
41. Schonbrun, Lester	16-15	+292	
42. Baker, Rich	16-15	+291	
43. Baron, Mike	16-15	+49	
44. Kaiser, Dennis	16-15	+29	
45. Cree, Chris	16-15	-31	
46. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	16-15	-128	
47. Kaufman, Zev	16-15	-208	
48. Linn, Robert	16-15	-325	
49. Prentiss, Bob	16-15	-375	
50. Weisskopf, Martin	16-15	-965	
51. Stone, David	15.5-15.5	-74	
52. Deift, Lisa	15-16	+290	
53. Carter, Gerald	15-16	+186	
54. Kaplan, Carol	15-16	+75	
55. Dibattista, Mark	15-16	+17	
56. Weinstein, Ian	15-16	+12	
57. Weinike, Joe	15-16	-44	
58. Pellinen, Steve	15-16	-161	
59. Appel, Scott	15-16	-256	
60. Kahn, Robert	15-16	-261	
61. Baker, Michael	15-16	-653	
62. Kantimathi, Sam	15-16	-658	
63. Frank, Jeremy	14.5-16.5	-412	
64. Shapiro, Gordon	14.5-16.5	-467	
65. Weisberg, David	14-17	+266	
66. Schoneboom, Marjorie	14-17	+5	
67. Sykes, Christopher	14-17	-16	
68. Anglin, Tim	14-17	-140	
69. Kreiswirth, Rose	14-17	-284	
70. Carol, Jean	14-17	-377	
71. Armstrong, Peter	14-17	-430	
72. Norr, Rita	13.5-17.5	+241	
73. Przybyszewski, Mark	13.5-17.5	-454	
74. Cushman, Lynn	13.5-17.5	-747	
75. Laufer, Matt	13-18	-225	
76. MacNeil, Rod	13-18	-843	
77. Pate, Jim	13-18	-915	
78. Goldman, Stuart	12.5-18.5	-107	
79. Milkent, Marlene	12.5-18.5	-443	
80. D Ambrosio, Bruce	12.5-18.5	-486	
81. Schecter, Louis	12.5-18.5	-979	
82. Payne, Trip	12-19	-381	
83. Stocker, Carl	12-19	-575	
84. Ellickson, Robert	12-19	-586	
85. Merrill, Karen	12-19	-731	
86. Marcus, Marty	12-19	-768	
87. Hay, Anne	12-19	-828	
88. Mallick, David	12-19	-902	
89. Thomas, Randall	12-19	-1097	
90. Tillekeratne, Siri	11.5-19.5	-638	
91. Odom, Lisa	11-20	-39	
92. Fleetham, Jeff	11-20	-574	
93. Pughsley, Cynthia	11-20	-899	
94. Ferguson, Ann	11-20	-1367	
95. Williams, Margaret Bauer	10-21	-903	
96. V, Purinth	9-22	-585	
97. Oliger, Steve	8-23	-1322	
98. Tiekert, Susi	6-25	-1715	

### Division 2 (prize-winners only)

1. Johnson, Dave	25-6	+1992	\$5,000
2. Lundegaard, Bob	22-9	+781	\$2,000
3. Van Pelt, John	21-10	+1164	\$1,200
4. Sherman, Larry	21-10	+1056	\$900
5. Scheiten, Jerry	21-10	+837	\$700
6. Saul, Steve	21-10	+563	\$500
7. Gottlieb, Bernard	21-10	+556	\$400
8. Wolfberg, Michael	20-11	+1160	\$300

**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Pearl, David	22-9	+1292	\$2,500
2. Cullen, Dean	22-9	+1245	\$1,500
3. Saldanha, Dean	21-10	+1162	\$1,000
4. Peltz, Rusty	21-10	+1140	\$750
5. Merlis, Charles	21-10	+696	\$500
6. Kelly, Joan	20.5-10.5	+1189	\$300

**Division Four** (prize-winners only)

1. Connelly, Joseph	24-7	+1547	\$1,500
2. Gold, Rosalind	22-9	+1105	\$1,000
3. Torrance, Robin	21-10	+1470	\$750
4. Davis, Carl	21-10	+564	\$500
5. Brown, Diane	21-10	+363	\$300
6. Ecsedy, Michael	20-11	+1330	\$200

**Division Five** (prize-winners only)

1. Matthews, Rob	23-8	+1672	\$1,200
2. Myers, Jeff	21-10	+1267	\$800
3. Russell, Stella	21-10	+1116	\$600
4. Saldanha, Norbert	21-10	+750	\$400
5. Soble, Rebecca	21-10	+239	\$200

**Division Six** (prize-winners only)

1. Creed, Connie	25-6	+1490	\$1,000
2. Knobelsdorf, Joan	21-10	+1994	\$700
3. Ross-Greene, Andrea	21-10	+1537	\$500
4. Gross, Frances	21-10	+1095	\$300
5. Bowe, Ed	21-10	+498	\$100

## 2002 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** August 17-22 2002

**Divisions:** 6

**Winner:** Joel Sherman

**Location** San Diego Concourse, San Diego CA

**Players:** 696

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Games:** 31

**Directors:**

### Summary

2002 will be remembered as the year Joel Sherman finally won it all and the year the foreign players arrived in force. Sherman was perhaps the most dedicated player in the game but in seven previous nationals, he had never finished higher than 11th place. Not bad for most players, but Sherman was a former (1997) world champion who had been listed as a favorite to contend for the national title a number of times previously. But the most feared player of the event may not have been Sherman or Joe Edley, or even Brian Cappelletto, but rather New Zealand's (by way of Malaysia) Nigel Richards. Well known for his photographic memory and astonishing plays like CHLORODYNE#, SAPROZOIC, and GOOSEFISH, Richards was considered by many the best player in the world. The big question mark was how he would handle playing with a different dictionary. Nigel wasn't the only foreigner expected to contend. A strong Thai contingent would also be in attendance. A burgeoning tournament SCRABBLE® scene had existed in Thailand for years and the game was perhaps more popular there than it was in North America. The annual Thailand International tournament regularly drew upwards of 1500 contestants, more than double the record 696 that were attending this North American event.

At the end of the first day of competition, Robert Felt led followed by Nigel Richards, Thai player Panupol Sujjayakorn, all at 6-1. Six other players also had six wins, including Joel Sherman, Brian Cappelletto, and another Word Freak star, Matt Graham. By the end of day two, Felt was still in the lead. He and Sherman both had 12 wins with Nigel Richards dogging their steps with 11. Graham and Panupol had 10. On day three, Felt tumbled to 14th after winning only one game leaving Sherman (who lost only one game) in the lead with 18 wins with Richards still on his heels at 16-8, as was Marlon Hill. On day four, Sherman and Richards would face one another for the first time in the tournament. If Joel was counting on benefiting from Nigel's shaky knowledge of the North American dictionary, he soon learned otherwise. During the game, Nigel challenged off Joel's phony VALENT then plunked down OPTICIST which Joel unsuccessfully challenged. When the game was over, Joel found himself on the losing end of a 403-379 game and bumped to second place. Game 27 was another key game, this time for Marlon Hill. Hill was in 5th place after a loss to Richards in round 26 and needed a win against Sherman to stay in contention. Hill still had winning chances when he exchanged five vowels early in the game, but when he drew five more, he realized he wouldn't be national champion this year and had to leave the tournament room to regain his composure. In the final game of day four, Sherman faced Richards again, who still led him in spread. Sherman's 538-332 victory vaulted him back into the lead and showed him that he could beat Richards. Sherman ended the day with 22 wins, with Richards at 21 the only player who had a chance to catch him. Matt Graham, who had started the day in 5th, had a disastrous day and fell out of contention.

The final day started with Sherman facing another Thai player, Jakkrit Klaphjone. Sherman eked out a 14 point victory, but more importantly, Richards lost to Cappelletto, meaning he'd have to beat Sherman in back-to-back games to take the title. Sherman secured his victory with a late game bingo in round 30 and realized that he had finally achieved his dream of winning nationals. Nigel Richards finished second while Jakkrit Klaphajone finished third and fellow countryman Panupol Sujjayakorn finished 9th - the best showing ever for non-North American players.

Meanwhile, division two saw a minor controversy. With the official division cutoff at 1900 Chuck Armstrong, SCRABBLE® 's all-time leader in tournament wins and one of the greatest player's in the game's history, chose to play in division two. Howls of protest were heard from players who felt that Armstrong would run roughshod over his out-classed opponents. In the early going, someone did run roughshod over the division two field, but it wasn't Armstrong. Ify Onyeonwu, a former Nigerian national champion and world championship contestant (and another player most felt should be in division one) got off to a blistering 16-0 start. Surprisingly, he would win only one game the rest of the tournament. Meanwhile, to no one's surprise, Armstrong cruised to a 24-7 +1668 record to take the division by 2 games.

## **Format**

Seven games were played on days 1-4 and 3 on the final day. Rounds 1-7 were paired in round-robin groups of 8. In rounds 8-11, players were divided into groups of 24 with six subgroups of four that played round robins against one another. Rounds 12-14 featured groups of 20, then groups of 16 (rounds 15-18), 12 (19-21), 8 (22-25) and 4 (26-28). In the final 3 rounds, the top 40 players were paired king-of-the hill fashion.

Placement and special prizes were the same as in 2000.

## **Qualification**

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1899

Division 2: 1700-1899

Division 3: 1500-1699

Division 4: 1300-1499

Division 5: 1100-1299

Division 6: <1100

Peak ratings from January 1 - July 1 2002 were used to determine placement. Players could play up one full division if they chose.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Game**

1. 679: Rick Wong (Div 2)
2. 639: Ron Howard (Div 2)
3. 627: Dave Wiegand (Div 1)
4. 621: Evan Berofsky (Div 2)
5. 614: Dave Wiegand (Div 1)
6. 607: Daniel Goldman (Div 1)

### **High Play**

212: RAPHIDES, Evan Berofsky (Div 1)

### **High Loss**

1. 496: David Weisberg (Div 1)
2. 486: Jim Peters (Div 1)
3. 477: Lisa Odom (Div 1)
4. 476: Charnwit Sumrattanaporn (Div 1)

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: VERJUICE, Danny Goldman

Division 2: EXPEDIENT (from EX), Mary Capalbi

### **Tuff Luck Award**

27 pts: Lisa Odom and Rich Baker (Div 1)

### **High Placing Senior**

Division 1: Robert Ellickson, Division 2: Mark Landsberg, Division 5: Gina DuMez, Division 6: Bill Kinsella

### **Performance Prizes**

Day 3: Daniel Goldman (Div 1), Judy Horn (Div 2), Richard Savitt (Div 5), Deborah Light (Div 6)

Day 4: Marjorie Schoneboom (Div 1), Rick Wong (Div 2), Roger Cullman (Div 5), Jean Lehman (Div 6)

### **Low Win**

196: Ida Ann Shapiro (Div 5)

Division 1: 290, Gail Wolford

## 2002 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Sherman, Joel	25-6	+2020	\$25,000	55. Graham, Matt	16-15	+684
2. Richards, Nigel	22-9	+1633	\$10,000	56. Milan, Mark	16-15	+677
3. Klaphajone, Jakkrit	21-10	+1237	\$5,000	57. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn	16-15	+635
4. Cappelletto, Brian	21-10	+407	\$2,500	58. Cushman, Lynn	16-15	+154
5. Epstein, Paul	21-10	+149	\$1,200	59. Terrell, John	16-15	+61
6. Wiegand, Dave	20-11	+1495	\$900	60. Cook, Steve	16-15	-45
7. Mead, Jeremiah	20-11	+811	\$800	61. Schonbrun, Lester	16-15	-71
8. Hill, Marlon	20-11	+561	\$700	62. Weepie, Mike	16-15	-117
9. Sujjayakorn, Panupol	19-12	+1610	\$600	63. Levitt, Judith	16-15	-161
10. Wapnick, Joel	19-12	+1128	\$500	64. Grillo, Dominic	16-15	-241
11. Kramer, Jim	19-12	+1089		65. Gabriel, Marty	16-15	-442
12. Barrett, Patricia	19-12	+981		66. Kamen, Roy	16-15	-451
13. Daniel, Robin Pollock	19-12	+562		67. Lipton, Bob	15.5-15.5	+482
14. Baker, Rich	19-12	+547		68. Geary, Jim	15.5-15.5	+213
15. Cohen, Ira	19-12	+525		69. Dodds, James	15.5-15.5	-377
16. Kaufman, Zev	19-12	+502		70. Kaplan, Carol	15-16	+493
17. Mallick, Joey	19-12	+48		71. Chakrabarti, Amit	15-16	+328
18. Linn, Robert	19-12	-284		72. Withers, Ben	15-16	+176
19. Norr, Rita	18.5-12.5	+380		73. Rowland, Craig	15-16	+95
20. Saldanha, Dean	18.5-12.5	+224		74. MacNeil, Rod	15-16	+73
21. Hersom, Randy	18-13	+850		75. Stern, Alan	15-16	-99
22. Weisberg, David	18-13	+708		76. Widergren, Jeff	15-16	-118
23. Edley, Joe	18-13	+687		77. Day, Darrell	15-16	-118
24. Armstrong, Peter	18-13	+655		78. Wolford, Gail	15-16	-180
25. Ellickson, Robert	18-13	+522		79. Potts, Jeff	15-13	-203
26. Lerman, Jerry	18-13	+453		80. Schoneboom, Marjorie	15-16	-384
27. Tier, Steve	18-13	+381		81. Hoekstra, Ron	15-16	-538
28. Goldman, Daniel	18-13	+366		82. Anglin, Tim	15-16	-568
29. Wright, Trey	18-13	+261		83. Rosen, Ted	15-16	-641
30. Carter, Gerald	18-13	+210		84. Kanter, Noah	15-16	-781
31. Peters, Jim	18-13	+138		85. Oliger, Steve	15-16	-887
32. Tiekert, Ron	18-13	+57		86. Kreiswirth, Rose	14.5-16.5	-805
33. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	18-13	+6		87. Baker, Michael	14-17	+625
34. Poder, David	18-13	-205		88. Hahn, Albert	14-17	+232
35. Felt, Robert	17-14	+1176		89. Goldman, Stuart	14-17	-120
36. Polatnick, Steve	17-14	+972		90. Shipe, William D	14-17	-130
37. Logan, Adam	17-14	+642		91. Fidler, Mark	14-17	-230
38. Berofsky, Evan	17-14	+549		92. Ogunyemi, Tunde	14-17	-250
39. Appel, Scott	17-14	+472		93. Rand, Larry	14-17	-295
40. Moss, Avi	17-14	+451		94. Thomas, Randall	14-17	-375
41. Panyasoponlert, Komol	17-14	+389		95. Horowitz, Arnie	14-17	-432
42. Alexander, Steven	17-14	+374		96. Avrin, Paul	14-17	-603
43. Peltz, Rusty	17-14	+314		97. Baron, Mike	14-17	-644
44. Ward, Bruce	17-14	+297		98. D Ambrosio, Bruce	14-17	-804
45. Sumrattanaporn, Charnwit	17-14	+286		99. Castellano, Vince	13.5-17.5	-310
46. Gibson, David	17-14	+210		100. Pate, Jim	13.5-17.5	-320
47. Cree, Chris	17-14	+152		101. Lundegaard, Bob	13.5-17.5	-489
48. Przybyszewski, Mark	17-14	+132		102. Pellinen, Steve	13-18	+47
49. Sutthasin, Taewan	17-14	+105		103. K, Nuttakrit	13-18	-77
50. Kantimathi, Sam	17-14	+95		104. Frank, Jeremy	13-18	-115
51. Kenas, Mark	17-14	-331		105. Merrill, Karen	13-18	-145
52. Dixon, Jan	16.5-14.5	+283		106. T, Thavach	13-18	-165
53. Matsumoto, Kenji	16.5-14.5	-197		107. Early, Michael	13-15	-231
54. Goard, J	16-15	+731		108. Mallick, David	13-18	-306
				109. Ravichandran, Carol	13-18	-433

110. Greenspan, Randy	13-13	-440
111. Greenspan, Howard	13-18	-519
112. Carol, Jean	13-18	-554
113. Shapiro, Gordon	13-18	-984
114. Cohen, Laurie	13-18	-1057
115. Goodwin, Daniel	12-19	-310
116. Hay, Anne	12-19	-673
117. Pughsley, Cynthia	12-19	-681
118. Haynes, Wendell	12-19	-784
119. Dibattista, Mark	12-19	-795
120. Ozorio, Steve	12-19	-838
121. Levin, Robin	12-19	-848
122. Levinsky, Stuart	12-19	-1093
123. Odom, Lisa	11-20	-280
124. Kahn, Robert	11-20	-302
125. Elkins, Joel	11-20	-654
126. Williams, Margaret Bauer	11-20	-1069
127. Cobbs, Tracy	10.5-20.5	-566
128. Karris, John	10-21	-697
129. Willingham, Walker	10-21	-1325
130. Tillekeratne, Siri	9-22	-1464
131. Jackson, Dee	8-23	-1320
132. Haraske, Stephen	7-24	-1237

**Division Two** (prize-winners only)

1. Armstrong, Chuck	24-7	+1668	\$5,000
2. Dijamco, Sal	22-9	+1262	\$2,000
3. Glass, Steve	21-10	+1200	\$1,200
4. Daniel, Clay	21-10	+703	\$900
5. Williams, Brian	20-11	+1607	\$700
6. Pistolese, Mark	20-11	+631	\$500
7. Eichenbaum, Jack	20-11	+590	\$400

8. Landsberg, Mark	19.5-11.5	+1338	\$300
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**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Brockmeier, Doug	23-8	+2315	\$2,500
2. Hodges, Patrick	22-9	+1225	\$1,500
3. Tiekert, Susi	21.5-9.5	+815	\$1,000
4. Dennis, Stephen	21-10	+1128	\$750
5. Vilorio, John	21-10	+764	\$300
6. Burns, Shannon	20.5-10.5	+948	\$200

**Division Four** (prize-winners only)

1. Saldanha, Norbert	25-6	+1838	\$1,500
2. King, Ralph	23-8	+1273	\$1,000
3. Zimmerman, Dave	21.5-9.5	+717	\$750
4. Leah, Tony	21-10	+1638	\$500
5. Dynes, Jerry	21-10	+1103	\$300
6. Sullivan, Slade	20.5-10.5	+997	\$200

**Division Five** (prize-winners only)

1. Mcdougall, Scott	25-6	+1213	\$1,200
2. Dumez, Gina	22-9	+1658	\$800
3. Scroggins, Angelina	21-10	+1305	\$600
4. Fidler, Leland	21-10	+875	\$400
5. Nellis, Robert	21-10	+650	\$200

**Division Six** (prize-winners only)

1. Saldanha, Dielle	25-6	+1828	\$1,000
2. Haverly, Paul	23-8	+2055	\$700
3. Cromer, Jesse	22.5-8.5	+1336	\$500
4. Thomas, Edgar	22-9	+1005	\$300
5. Kang, Terry	21-10	+794	\$100

## 2004 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** July 31-Aug 5 2004

**Divisions:** 7

**Winner:** Trey Wright

**Location** New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans LA

**Players:** 837

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Games:** 30

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

In 2004 the media invaded nationals in a big way. In 2002, the publication of Stefan Fatsis' Word Freak had caused a flurry of media activity, but it was nothing compared to 2004. After having success with their All\*Stars broadcast, ESPN was on hand to televise the finals. As a result, the format was changed to add a best-of-five playoff between the top two players in division one at the conclusion of 30 rounds of play.

The event itself turned into a two-man race between all\*star champ David Gibson and 1998 nationals runner-up Trey Wright. After a 2-1 start, Wright looked unstoppable as he won 16 in a row to move into first. At the end of day three, Wright (at 20-3) held a two game lead over Gibson (whom he'd beaten in round 22) with Adam Logan heading a cluster of six players with 16 wins. By lunchtime on day four, Gibson had cut Wright's lead to a single game. Gibson was the first to clinch a spot in the finals while Wright would face Chris Cree five times in the last six games. Cree was a sentimental favorite, having come tantalizingly close to winning the all\*stars competition. A top player for years, Cree had yet to win a national title, but was as deserving of one as anyone in the game. Cree would go 3-2 against Wright on the final day, but it wasn't enough to overcome his deficit in spread. To add insult to injury, Wright played another of his trademark nine-letter bingos in his final game victory.

The finals would pit Gibson against Wright. In Gibson's favor was the fact that in the biggest money events in SCRABBLE® history, he had emerged the victor. Could he do it a third time? On the other hand, Gibson had never beaten Trey Wright in a tournament game and was 0-4 against him in his career. In the finals, Wright drew the better tiles while Gibson made a few plays that other experts questioned as Wright took all three games to run his record against Gibson to 7-0 and to win his first national title.

### Format

Eight games were played on days one and three and seven games on days two and four. The top two players in division one played each other in a best-of-five playoff on day five. Rounds 1-7 were paired in round-robin groups of 8 using snaked pairing based on rating. Round 8 was a king-of-the hill based on initial ratings. In rounds 9-12, players were divided into groups of 20 with subgroups of four that played round robins against one another. Rounds 13-15 featured groups of 16, then groups of 12 (rounds 16-19), 8 (20-23), and 4 (24-27). In the final 3 rounds, the top 40 players were paired king-of-the hill fashion.

Placement and special prizes were the same as in 2002, with the addition of one more division.

### Qualification

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1799

Division 2: 1600-1799

Division 3: 1400-1599  
Division 4: 1200-1399  
Division 5: 1000-1199  
Division 6: 800-999  
Division 7: <800

Peak ratings from April or May tournaments could be used to determine placement. Players could play up one full division if they chose.

#### **FINALS:**

Game 1: Wright 365 - Gibson 328  
Game 2: Wright 355 - Gibson 344  
Game 3: Wright 429 - Gibson 328

#### **Superlatives and Awards**

##### **High Game**

646: Rebecca Slivka (Div 2)  
621: Mike Wolfberg (Div 2)

##### **High Play**

239 points, Michael Wolfberg (Div 2), OVERSIZE

##### **Best Strategic Play**

Trey Wright

##### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: AUSTENITE??, Trey Wright  
Division 2: DIURESES, John Kopp, forming TACOS and BLURTS  
Division 3: YTTERBIA, Susan Hoehn  
Division 4: GORSIER, Alan Grossman, forming LAG, DO, ER, and QAIDS  
Division 5: VINEGARY, James Smith, triple-triple, forming ARE  
Division 6: FRITZES, Jerry Pivnik, forming EH and SOX

## 2004 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Wright, Trey	26-7	+1432	\$25,000	55. Tiekert, Ron	16-14	+1039
2. Gibson, David	23-10	+2282	\$10,000	56. Onyeonwu, Iffy	16-14	+858
3. Richards, Nigel	21-9	+1712	\$5,000	57. Nyman, Mark	16-14	+685
4. Cree, Chris	21-9	+827	\$2,500	58. Polatnick, Steve	16-14	+503
5. Cappelletto, Brian	20.5-9.5	+1369	\$1,200	59. Alexander, Steven	16-14	+437
6. Panya..., Komol	20.5-9.5	+604	\$900	60. Matsumoto, Kenji	16-14	+432
7. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn	20-1	+1107	\$800	61. Singleton, Tom	16-14	+395
8. Logan, Adam	20-10	+1066	\$700	62. Tangredi, Frank	16-14	+388
9. Wapnick, Joel	20-10	+833	\$600	63. Sidorsky, Paul	16-14	+327
10. Blevins, Ted	20-10	+663	\$500	64. Lerman, Jerry	16-14	+274
11. Benedict, Nathan	19.5-10.5	+990		66. Kaplan, Carol	16-14	+265
12. Luebkekmann, John	19-11	+1302		66. Geary, Jim	16-14	+265
13. Poder, David	19-11	+1057		67. Kantimathi, Sam	16-14	+258
14. Early, Michael	19-11	+559		68. Saldanha, Dean	16-14	+187
15. Edley, Joe	19-11	+554		69. Schonbrun, Lester	16-14	+101
16. Withers, Ben	19-11	+439		70. Paoella, Libero	16-14	+70
17. Ellickson, Robert	19-11	+437		71. Oliger, Steve	16-14	-28
18. Katz-Brown, Jason	19-11	+436		72. Linn, Robert	16-14	-56
19. Armstrong, Chuck	19-11	+396		73. Moyer, Rich	16-14	-239
20. Sumratt..., Charnwit	18.5-11.5	+1481		74. Baker, Michael	15.5-14.5	+347
21. Odom, Lisa	18.5-11.5	+1073		75. Mcphee, Marcia	15.5-14.5	-176
22. Hersom, Randy	18.5-11.5	+954		76. Tiekert, Susi	15.5-14.5	-274
23. Sujjayakorn, Panupol	18-12	+1583		77. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	15.5-14.5	-534
24. Mead, Jeremiah	18-12	+995		78. MacNeil, Rod	15-15	+569
26. Tier, Steve	18-12	+754		79. Carter, Gerald	15-15	+409
26. Okosagah, Sammy	18-12	+506		80. Hahn, Albert	15-15	+331
27. Hill, Marlon	18-12	+499		81. Sherman, Joel	15-15	+258
28. Kenas, Mark	18-12	+485		82. Sherman, Larry	15-15	+153
29. Armstrong, Peter	18-12	+465		83. Grillo, Dominic	15-15	+47
30. Mallick, Joey	18-12	+390		84. Elkins, Joel	15-15	-9
31. Haynes, Wendell	18-12	+273		85. Stern, Alan	15-15	-29
32. Rowland, Craig	18-12	+117		86. Wiegand, Dave	15-15	-62
33. Appel, Scott	18-12	+91		87. Julian, Richard	15-15	-100
34. Olaughlin, John	17.5-12.5	+1331		88. Francis, Ray	15-15	-154
35. Dixon, Jan	17.5-12.5	+66		89. Stegman, Debbie	15-15	-442
36. Berofsky, Evan	17-13	+1165		90. Kaufman, Zev	15-15	-476
37. Graham, Matt	17-13	+962		91. Firstman, Diane	15-15	-529
38. Cohen, Ira	17-13	+840		92. Greenspan, Howard	15-15	-709
39. Widergren, Jeff	17-13	+681		93. Epstein, Paul	14.5-15.5	+473
40. Daniel, Robin Pollock	17-13	+586		94. Cardia, Aldo	14.5-15.5	+453
41. Vioria, John	17-13	+460		95. Gabriel, Marty	14.5-15.5	+285
42. Moss, Avi	17-13	+431		96. Peltz, Rusty	14.5-15.5	+210
43. Frank, Jeremy	17-13	+374		97. Day, Darrell	14.5-15.5	-406
44. Cushman, Lynn	17-13	+184		98. Horn, Joel	14.5-15.5	-545
45. Saul, Steve	17-13	+145		99. Mancine, Dominick	14.5-15.5	-682
46. Chaney, Travis	17-13	+86		100. Milkent, Marlene	14-16	+425
47. Pellinen, Steve	17-13	+61		101. Greenspan, Randy	14-16	+372
48. Goldman, Daniel	17-13	-143		102. Howard, Ronald	14-16	+358
49. Cohen, Laurie	17-13	-204		103. Norr, Rita	14-16	+256
50. Kramer, Jim	17-13	-344		104. Harshbarger, Eric	14-16	+219
51. Fidler, Mark	17-13	-356		105. Goodwin, Daniel	14-16	+51
52. Adamson, Tim	16.5-13.5	+489		106. Gaspard, Joseph	14-16	-32
53. Barry, Dan	16.5-13.5	+6		107. Chakrabarti, Amit	14-16	-60
54. Moss, Brian	16.5-13.5	-56		108. Vijayakumar, Sinna	14-16	-77
				109. Kahn, Robert	14-16	-160

110. Carol, Jean	14-16	-203	
111. Merrill, Karen	14-16	-215	
112. Hoekstra, Ron	14-16	-323	
113. Adams, Bruce	14-16	-441	
114. Pistol, Howard	14-16	-535	
115. Van Pelt, John	14-16	-589	
116. Matthews, Jesse	14-16	-637	
117. Pughsley, Cynthia	14-16	-660	
118. Paxson, Mike	14-16	-781	
119. Miller, Mark	14-16	-814	
120. Smith, Keith	13.5-16.5	+125	
121. Weisberg, David	13.5-16.5	-418	
122. Thevenot, Geoff	13-17	+231	
123. Leong, James	13-17	+203	
124. Scalzo, John	13-17	-122	
125. Levitt, Judy	13-17	-219	
126. Golding, Andrew	13-17	-255	
127. Schecter, Louis	13-17	-257	
128. Ward, Bruce	13-17	-287	
129. Dibattista, Mark	13-17	-291	
130. Kreiswirth, Rose	13-17	-309	
131. Weisskopf, Martin	13-17	-417	
132. Avrin, Paul	13-17	-478	
133. Bines, Neil	13-17	-569	
134. Milan, Mark	13-17	-580	
135. Cohen, Joanne	13-17	-775	
136. Ozorio, Steve	13-17	-778	
137. Brook, Mitchell	13-17	-889	
138. Tillekeratne, Siri	13-17	-1319	
139. Wachtell, Daniel	12.5-17.5	-156	
140. Horowitz, Arnie	12.5-17.5	-222	
141. Przybyszewski, Mark	12.5-17.5	-444	
142. Osullivan, Christina	12.5-17.5	-494	
143. Thomas, Randall	12.5-17.5	-1516	
144. Baron, Mike	12-18	+87	
145. Schoneboom, Marjorie	12-17	-78	
146. Hart, John	12-18	-81	
147. Schwartzman, Peter	12-18	-87	
148. Overton, Kristiina	12-18	-337	
149. Ravichandran, Carol	12-18	-398	
150. Dodds, James	12-18	-542	
151. Levin, Robin	12-18	-705	
152. Fleetham, Jeff	12-18	-840	
153. Rosen, Ted	12-18	-924	
154. Neff, Joe	12-18	-1439	
155. Peters, Jim	11-19	-388	
156. Thivavarnvongs, Chrisn	11-19	-667	
157. Mallick, David	11-19	-722	
158. Chaikin, Eric	11-19	-772	
159. Rau, Stefan	11-19	-883	
160. Tyler, Cheryl	11-19	-902	
161. Dalton, Jonn	11-19	-970	
162. Jackson, Dee	11-18	-1305	
163. Kretschman, Phil	11-19	-1317	
164. D Ambrosio, Bruce	10.5-19.5	-1150	
165. Stocker, Carl	10-20	-614	

166. Ferguson, Ann	10-20	-998	
167. Clifford, Wayne	10-20	-1007	
168. Parsons, Jeff	9-21	-1275	
169. Kang, Terry	9-21	-1608	
170. Neilson, Larry	8-22	-862	
171. Castellano, Vince	8-22	-897	
172. Pate, Jim	8-22	-2015	
173. Savage, Keith	0-8	-1986	

**Division 2** (prize-winners only)

1. Pearl, David	23-7	+1367	\$5,000
2. Inthara, Win	22-8	+955	\$2,000
3. Fraley, Kevin	21-9	+1416	\$1,200
4. Lundegaard, Bob	21-9	+1081	\$900
5. Nanavati, Jim	21-9	+925	\$700
6. Lindzon, Fern	20-10	+1217	\$500
7. Wong, Rick	20-10	+912	\$300

**Division Three** (prize-winners only)

1. Scheiten, Jerry	22-8	+973	\$2,500
2. Kraus, Alan	21-9	+1517	\$1,500
3. Rubin, Kenneth	21-9	+910	\$1,000
4. Heidler, Greg	20.5-9.5	+2077	\$750
5. Carman, Sandra	20.5-9.5	+973	\$500
6. Bayersdorfer, Mitch	20-10	+839	\$300

**Division Four** (prize-winners only)

1. Murray, Eugene	27-3	+2383	\$1,500
2. Stardom, John	22-8	+856	\$1,000
3. Green, Travis	21-9	+1033	\$750
4. Fiszbein, Alex	21-9	+773	\$500
5. Roederer, Rhonda	20-10	+1223	\$300
6. Miller, Gigi	20-10	+942	\$200

**Division Five** (prize-winners only)

1. Barrett, Ryan	25-5	+2003	\$1,000
2. Rahman, Asif	22-8	+1254	\$800
3. Johnson, Darren	21-9	+1137	\$600
4. Tongue, Geoff	20-10	+880	\$400
5. Mistrette, Paul	20-10	+439	\$200

**Division Six** (prize-winners only)

1. Skolnik, Mel	23-7	+686	\$1,000
2. Harrison, Ben	22-8	+1917	\$700
3. Gebbie, Gregory	20.5-9.5	+900	\$500
4. Mccarthy, Marty	20-10	+1101	\$300
5. Gerling, Daniel	19.5-10.5	+473	\$100

**Division Seven** (prize-winners only)

1. Rumzis, Jon	28-2	+3061	\$800
2. Rahman, Annie	24-6	+1424	\$500
3. Oppenheim, Jason	22-8	+1253	\$300
4. Levine, Matthew	21-9	+1283	\$200
5. Gould, Whitney	19.5-10.5	+1505	\$100

## 2005 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** August 20-24, 2005

**Location** Reno Hilton, Reno, NV

**Divisions:** 6

**Players:** 682

**Games:** 28

**Winner:** Dave Wiegand

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

2004 was supposed to be the year of Dave Wiegand. At least according to some experts. Long one of the game's top players, Wiegand had honed his substantial skills even more in the months prior to the New Orleans showdown. Other experts proclaimed 2004 the year of the Thais. With a Thai player reigning as current world champion (and runner-up), many expected the Thais to dominate the Nationals as well. The experts were wrong. Wiegand finished a disappointing 15-15 while no Thai player cracked the top five (though they did capture the 6th and 7th spots). Actually, the experts were just off by a year as 2005 saw both of their predictions come true.

Perhaps the biggest news about the 2005 Nationals was that it happened at all. After the 2004 event, players were prepared to wait another two years for the next one. A few months later, however, ESPN contacted the NSA about the possibility of making Nationals an annual event. Thinking they had almost 24 months to prepare for the next Nationals, the NSA staff now had to Scramble to organize a 1000-player Scramble event in less than a year. While the Scramble community was excited about the possibility of an annual Nationals event, most felt that attendance would be down significantly due to the short lead time. In the end, however, almost 700 players showed up.

The night before the tournament began featured a first-ever anagrams tournament. 22 players showed up for the three-round event and Dave Wiegand emerged as the winner - perhaps it was a sign of things to come as the main event got underway. At the end of the first day of play, Dave Wiegand, world champion Panupol Sujjayakorn, and former world and national champ Brian Cappelletto were all undefeated and one of the three would hold the top spot from round four on. Wiegand suffered his first loss in round 9, while Cappelletto and Sujjayakorn did so in round 10. At the half way point, Panupol (at 13-1) had taken a two game lead over the competition. On the third day, the lead bounced around between Brian, Dave, and Panupol but at day's end, the world champ still held a slim one game lead over Cappelletto and Wiegand. On the final day, Cappelletto fell out of contention with a 1-6 record. Meanwhile, John Luebkekmann surged into contention after winning his first four, moving to within a half game of Wiegand and Sujjayakorn with three games to play. In the next round, Luebkekmann lost while the two leaders won, opening up a 1.5 game margin with just two to play. Things looked good for the two leaders, but then the situation reversed when they both lost in the penultimate round while Luebkekmann won to move back to within a half game. In the meantime three-time National champ Joe Edley , just 3-4 and in 57th place after day one, had done it again by winning six in a row to move into fourth place just a single game behind the leaders. Given that he was 400 spread points behind the top three, it would be a long shot for Edley to make the finals, but if anyone could pull off a miracle it was him. It wasn't to be as 20-7 Panupol defeated 19.5-6.5 Luebkekmann in the final round while Wiegand (20-7) defeated Edley (19-8). So the finals would pit the reigning world champion against a player who'd finished second and third in former Nationals. Luebkekmann would finish third while Edley had to settle for fifth behind good friend Jerry Lerman. Teen phenom Jason Katz-Brown finished an impressive sixth while international superstar Nigel Richards came in at seventh. Rounding out the top ten were Panupol's country man Komol Panyasoponlert, Minnesota's Jim Kramer, and the peripatetic Sam Kantimathi. Brian Cappelletto's 1-6 finish left him in 11th.

The finals turned out to be a very well played affair. In the first game, it looked like Wiegand might cruise to an easy victory after he took an early lead with FOREMAN then bingoed again with LAMISTER on the next turn, after Panupol couldn't convince himself to play UPREARED. Many felt that the key play came a few turns later when Wiegand held the rack IIITUBW. Rather than exchanging, Wiegand decided to play TUB for 27 points to take a 105-point lead with the game about half way over. Then Panupol struck with a double-double for 32 following it with the 82-point bingo THERMOS. Meanwhile, Dave was forced to exchange after drawing another I. The game continued to be close over the next few turns. With 2 tiles in the bag, trailing by 13, and holding the rack BEEINRS, Panupol played off an E for 10 points and drew an A using it to bingo out on the next turn for an impressive comeback. In game two, Panupol started out with the bingo FLoRINS. Holding the abysmal-looking rack EGHIOUU, Wiegand slapped down HUGEOUS before Panupol even had a chance to draw his tiles. Holding an ugly rack himself (ACOTWYY), Panupol then found the excellent COGWAY. Panupol continued to hold a bingo lead until he but the game all but out of reach on turn five with the 96-point bingo TANKING, later adding another bingo on his way to a 463-349 victory. Down 0-2 in a best-of-five series, things looked bleak for Wiegand. To become the first player ever to hold the National and World Champion titles simultaneously, all Panupol had to do was to win one of the next three games. But then the winds of fortune changed, as they often do in Scrabble. Wiegand bingoed twice in his first three turns then got away with the phony ISOPODY to clean up an ugly looking rack. After that it was all Wiegand as he racked up 501 points in a lopsided 4-bingo victory. The fourth game started out close, with Panupol managing to hold a slim lead despite being out-bingoed 2-0. After Wiegand bingoed a third time with OVERKEEN, however, Wiegand kept his lead throughout the game, despite a late bingo (EaRLOBE) by Panupol. In the final game, Wiegand started with a bingo for the third time in a row (and the fourth time that one of the players had opened with a bingo on their first turn). He added another a few turns later to take a commanding lead. When Panupol bingoed back a short time later with ENDOSTEA, he was down by 86 points, but with the board wide open (including three open triple-triple lines) and a blank unseen, the game wasn't over yet. Two turns later, Wiegand had managed to shut down all three triple-triple alleys and went on to another easy victory and the national championship.

## **Format**

Seven games were played each day. The top two players in division one played each other in a best-of-five playoff on day five. Rounds 1-7 were paired in round-robin groups of 8 using snaked pairing based on rating. In rounds 8-11 players were divided into groups of 20 with subgroups of four that played round robins against one another. Rounds 12-14 featured groups of 16, then groups of 12 (rounds 15-18), 8 (19-21), and 4 (22-25). In the final 3 rounds, the top 40 players were paired king-of-the hill fashion.

Placement and special prizes were the same as in 2002, with the addition of a special \$1000 prize for the best M-W word.

## **Qualification**

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1799

Division 2: 1600-1799

Division 3: 1400-1599

Division 4: 1200-1399

Division 5: 1000-1199

Division 6: <1000

Peak ratings from January-July were used to determine placement. There was no playing up.

## **FINALS**

Game 1: Panupol 467 - Wiegand 388

Game 2: Panupol 463 - Wiegand 349

Game 3: Wiegand 501 - Panupol 364

Game 4: Wiegand 441 - Panupol 371

Game 5: Wiegand 539 - Panupol 331

## **Anagrams Tournament Leaders**

1. Dave Wiegand
2. Randy Hersom
3. Steven Alexander
4. Peter Armstrong
5. John O'Laughlin
6. Travis Chaney

Best Steal: MAGNETOSPHERIC (Travis Chaney)

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Games**

643: Roy Kamen (Div 2)

635: Joev Dubach (Div 4)

611: Lester Schonbrun (Div 1)

600: Ben Withers (Div 1)

### **High Play**

203 points, HANDFULS, Matt Graham, Division 1

### **High Loss**

493: Scott Appel, Division 1

480: Gail Wolford, Division 1

474: Ira Cohen, Division 1

### **Low Win**

262 points, Frieda Davis, Division 6

Lois M. Hawking, Division 6

### **Biggest Comeback**

174 points - Rich Baker, Division 1

### **Tuff Luck**

30 points - James Flomo, Division 3

**Higest Placing Senior (Division 1)**

Lester Schonbrun, 17-11 +316

**Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: CURETTAGE, Jerry Lerman

Division 2: PFENNIGS, Rick Wong

Division 3: PENULTIMA, Ember Nelson

Division 4: MENINGEAL, Dennis Fenichel

Division 6: TOMBLIKE, Ida Scaglione

**Best M-W Play (\$1,000)**

Ben Withers, WAMES

**Best Strategic Play**

Mitchell Brook

## 2005 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Wiegand, Dave	21-7	1074	\$25,000
2. Sujjayakorn, Panupol	21-7	1000	\$10,000
3. Luebkekmann, John	19.5-8.5	803	\$4,000
4. Lerman, Jerry	19-9	1015	\$2,500
5. Edley, Joe	19-9	376	\$1,200
6. Katz-Brown, Jason	18-10	1142	\$900
7. Richards, Nigel	18-10	659	\$800
8. Panyasoponlert, Komol	18-10	206	\$700
9. Kramer, Jim	17-11	1495	\$600
10. Kantimathi, Sam	17-11	1185	\$500
11. Cappelletto, Brian	17-11	684	
12. Macneil, Rod	17-11	583	
13. Kaplan, Carol	17-11	550	
14. Schonbrun, Lester	17-11	316	
15. Mallick, Joey	17-11	133	
16. Lennon, Chris	17-11	17	
17. Nanavati, Jim	16.5-11.5	266	
18. Graham, Matt	16-12	1213	
19. Matsumoto, Kenji	16-12	761	
20. O'Laughlin, John	16-12	385	
21. Adamson, Tim	16-12	292	
22. Armstrong, Peter	16-12	234	
23. Cree, Chris	16-12	203	
24. Mills, Lloyd	16-12	127	
25. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn	16-12	91	
26. Sherman, Joel	15.5-12.5	+780	
27. Odom, Lisa	15.5-12.5	+476	
28. Koenig, David	15.5-12.5	+179	
29. Okosagah, Sammy	15-13	550	
30. Wright, Trey	15-13	311	
31. Pistolese, Mark	15-13	223	
32. Day, Darrell	15-13	198	
33. Berofsky, Evan	15-13	164	
34. Cohen, Ira	15-13	144	
35. Widergren, Jeff	15-13	-107	
36. Peltz, Rusty	15-13	-196	
37. Hersom, Randy	15-13	-307	
38. Weinstein, Ian	14.5-13.5	411	
39. Appel, Scott	14.5-13.5	122	
40. Daniel, Robin Pollock	14-14	349	
41. Alexander, Steven	14-14	341	
42. Kenas, Mark	14-14	221	
43. Thevenot, Geoff	14-14	220	
44. Fraley, Kevin	14-14	149	
45. Hill, Marlon	14-14	-123	
46. Gabriel, Marty	14-14	-272	
47. Grob, Steve	14-14	-347	
48. Tier, Steve	14-14	-701	
49. Saldanha, Dean	13.5-14.5	-448	
50. Tangredi, Frank	13.5-14.5	-462	
51. Payne, Trip	13.5-14.5	-876	
52. Geary, Jim	13-15	404	
53. Greenspan, Randy	13-15	214	
54. Dixon, Jan	13-15	197	
55. Wapnick, Joel	13-15	130	
56. Hahn, Albert	13-15	-59	
57. Kaufman, Zev	13-15	-195	
58. Baker, Rich	13-15	-267	
59. Bednarz, Jason	13-15	-297	
60. Baker, Michael	13-15	-315	
61. Goard, J	13-15	-328	
62. Sidorsky, Paul	13-15	-451	
63. Polatnick, Steve	13-15	-505	

64. Epstein, Paul	13-15	-641	
65. Hoekstra, Ron	12.5-15.5	45	
66. Poder, David	12.5-15.5	-214	
67. Rand, Larry	12-16	-36	
68. Onyeonwu, Iffy	12-16	-172	
69. Smith, Keith	12-16	-179	
70. Wolford, Gail	12-16	-238	
71. Benedict, Nathan	12-16	-526	
72. Miller, Lou J B	12-16	-643	
73. Ploysanggam, Amnuay	12-16	-682	
74. Frank, Jeremy	12-16	-750	
75. Peters, Jim	11.5-16.5	-339	
76. Cushman, Lynn	11-17	-67	
77. Meyer, Nick	11-17	-255	
78. Carol, Jean	11-17	-653	
79. Pearl, David	11-17	-677	
80. Olinger, Steve	11-17	-812	
81. Singleton, Tom	11-17	-886	
82. Linn, Robert	10-18	-251	
83. Avrin, Paul	10-18	-627	
84. Howard, Ronald	9.5-18.5	-794	
85. Withers, Ben	9-19	-476	
86. Zxqkj, Winter	8-20	-1510	
87. Kahn, Robert	7-21	-1554	

### Division Two - prize-winners only

1. Early, Mike	22-6	+1328	\$5,000
2. Brockmeier, Doug	20-8	+1096	\$2,000
3. Rubin, Kenneth	20-8	+999	\$1,200
4. Smith, Ray	19-9	+1464	\$900
5. Pellinen, Steve	19-9	+926	\$700
6. Cohen, Laurie	18-10	+1214	\$500
7. Levitt, Judy	18-10	+1014	\$400
8. Golding, Andrew	18-10	+801	\$300

### Division Three - prize-winners only

1. Cornelison, Betty	21-7	+1276	\$2,500
2. Kinderman, Eric	20-8	+1510	\$1,500
3. Martin, Jeff	20-8	+1020	\$1,000
4. Claitor, Tony	20-8	+612	\$750
5. Williams, Chris	19-9	+1042	\$500
6. Yarmchuk, Bob	19-9	+778	\$300

### Division Four - prize-winners only

1. Harrison, Ben	22-6	+1917	\$1,500
2. De Guzman, Edward	20-8	+1443	\$1,000
3. Myers, Jeff	20-8	+326	\$750
4. Baginski, Paul	19.5-8.5	+849	\$500
5. Upton, Jimmy	19-9	+898	\$300
6. Barrett, Ryan	19-9	+689	\$200

### Division Five - prize-winners only

1. Gardenswartz, Nat	22-6	+1665	\$1,200
2. Thelen, Michael	20-8	+1091	\$800
3. Fernando, Priya	19-9	+900	\$600
4. Werdal, Erika	19-9	+672	\$400
5. David, Michael	19-9	+518	\$200

### Division Six - prize-winners only

1. Williams, Jacob	22-6	+1360	\$1,000
2. Moyer, Laura	20-8	+1053	\$700
3. Scaglione, Ida	20-8	+915	\$500
4. Sullivan, Brendan	19-9	+1646	\$300
5. Sioris, Ricky	19-9	+886	\$100

## 2006 U.S. SCRABBLE® Open

**Dates:** August 5-9, 2006

**Divisions:** 6

**Winner:** Jim Kramer

**Location** Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ

**Players:** 625

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

**Games:** 28

**Directors:** Bonnie Rudolph (Div 1)

### Summary

The 2006 nationals featured a number of firsts - the tournament featured a new name, a new champion, and the emergence of a new player. At the insistence of Hasbro and to find a name that "better reflects the international participation this annual event draws", the National SCRABBLE® Championship was renamed the "U.S. SCRABBLE® Open". The name may have changed but everything else was the same as 2005 with a 28-game tournament followed by a best-of-five finals covered by ESPN.

The final day one standings were a harbinger of things to come. In the lead at 7-0 were Jim Kramer and Joey Mallick. Mallick was a former SCRABBLE® wunderkind who had won a number of tournament but so far a top 10 finish at nationals had eluded him. Minnesota's Jim Kramer had long been one of the game's top players. He started playing in the early 1980s, but it was in the 1990s that he developed into an elite player, winning a number of tournaments in the Midwest and maintaining a rating the upper 1900s. Nationals success however eluded him. That all changed with a 4th place finish in 1998 followed by top-ten finishes in 2000 and 2005. In addition, Kramer finished 3rd at Worlds in 2001, 5th in 2003, and 7th at the 2003 All\*Stars Championship.

In third place was Geoff Thevenot, who was in many ways the biggest story of the tournament. Largely unknown outside his native Texas, Thevenot had only been playing competitively since 2003. He rose quickly to the expert ranks and had shown flashes of brilliance, with a 10-1 win at Mid Cities and a 4th place showing at the prestigious Arden cup just five months prior to the USSO, but at the start of the tournament, he was rated just 1758, placing him 65th out of the 76 players in the top division. Those who thought Thevenot was merely off to a lucky start, however, would soon be proven wrong. By the end of day two, Canada's Robin Pollock Daniel, another top-flight expert, had moved into the lead, trailed by Thevenot, Mallick, and Kramer. After the fourth day, things had changed little with Thevenot in the lead, Daniel in 3rd, and Kramer 4th. Rising to 2nd was New Jersey's Scott Appel. Two new contenders emerged on the final day: Thailand's Pakorn Nemitrmansuk and Hawaii's Mark Pistoiese (who'd tied his round 27 game against Stefan Rau). Going into the final game, Kramer at 20-7 had a 1.5 game lead over Pistoiese, assuring him of a spot in the finals. The other spot would go to either Pistoiese (18.5-8.5 +1100), Thevenot (18-9 +1196), or Pakorn (18-9 +1098). To make the finals, Pakorn would need Thevenot to win and to win his own game against Brian Cappelletto (also 18-9 but at +161, out of contention) by 99 points more than Geoff won by. Thevenot's game was over first, with him winning 491-377. Pakorn would need to win by 202 to earn a spot in the finals. He did rack up 510 points in the final game but the 115-point margin of victory wasn't enough. The finals, pitting Kramer against Thevenot, were over quickly with the veteran expert winning three straight, but that doesn't take away from Thevenot's amazing accomplishment in putting together one of the most remarkable breakout performances in the history of SCRABBLE®. In just three years of play, he had risen to within a hair's breadth of the national championship, one of the most impressive starts ever. Thevenot went on to prove his win was no fluke by putting together a string of top-notch performances in both TWL and SOWPODS play.

Thevenot may have been the talk of the tournament, but Jim Kramer was the champion. After years as one of the game's top players and one of the nicest, it was an accolade well-deserved.

## **Format**

Seven games were played each day. The top two players in division one played each other in a best-of-five playoff on day five.

## **Qualification**

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1799

Division 2: 1600-1799

Division 3: 1400-1599

Division 4: 1200-1399

Division 5: 1000-1199

Division 6: <1000

Peak ratings from Aug 1, 2005 to July 5, 2006 were used to determine placement. There was no playing up.

## **FINALS**

Game 1: Kramer 388 - Thevenot 374

Game 2: Kramer 402 - Thevenot 391

Game 3: Kramer 433 - Thevenot 326

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Games**

675: Judith Levitt (Division 2)

664: Ira Freehof (Division 3)

640: Chris Williams (Division 2)

628: Ted Rosen (Division 2)

624: Judy Horn (Division 2)

622: Sam Kantimathi (Division 1)

614: Pamina Deutsch (Division 3)

610: Chris Williams (Division 2)

608: Joel Wapnick (Division 1)

607: Stan Miranda (Division 3)

### **High Plays**

212: AYURVEDA, Judy Levitt (Division 2)

203: AQUILINE, Mark Milan (Division 2)

SEQUOIAS, Stan Miranda (Division 3)

### **High Play** (played 18 or under)

QUAINTER, 106, Matt Canik

**High Loss**

545: Kevin Rickhoff (Division 2)

490: Lloyd Mills (Division 1)

471: Lloyd Mills (Division 1)

Ann Raymond (Division 3)

**Low Win**

238, Jan Dickery, Division 6

**Biggest Comeback**

208 pts, Carl Naples over Laura Rickhoff (Division 6), won 423-421

**Tuff Luck**

31 points, Madelon Krissof (Division 4)

**Higest Placing Senior** (Division 1)

Albert Hahn, 17.5-10.5 +873

**Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: NONARABLE, Peter Armstrong (bingoing out to win)

Division 2: CROQUETING, Orry Swift

Division 3: OXAZEPAM, Mitch Bayersdorf

Division 4: VINDALOO, Sam Hollington

Division 5: ELECTORATE, Jeff Cooley

**Best Strategic Play**

Jason Katz-Brown

## 2006 U.S. SCRABBLE® Open - Results

### Division One

1. Kramer, Jim	21-7	1351	\$25,000
2. Thevenot, Geoff	19-9	1310	\$10,000
3. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn	19-9	1213	\$5,000
4. Pistolese, Mark	18.5-9.5	986	\$2,500
5. Appel, Scott	18-10	795	\$1,200
6. Cappelletto, Brian	18-10	46	\$600
7. Hahn, Albert	17.5-10.5	873	\$400
8. Rau, Stefan	17.5-10.5	254	\$250
9. Geary, Jim	17-11	1011	
10. Okosagah, Sammy	17-11	730	
11. Schonbrun, Lester	17-11	320	
12. Katz-Brown, Jason	16-12	1046	
13. Mallick, Joey	16-12	946	
14. Edley, Joe	16-12	779	
15. Cree, Chris	16-12	644	
16. Linn, Robert	16-12	296	
17. Hill, Marlon	16-12	208	
18. Day, Darrell	16-12	-16	
19. Payne, Trip	16-12	-74	
20. Weinstein, Ian	15.5-12.5	1060	
21. Daniel, Robin Pollock	15.5-12.5	842	
22. Ellickson, Robert	15.5-12.5	120	
23. Wright, Trey	15-13	839	
24. Sujjayakorn, Panupol	15-13	586	
25. Luebkekmann, John	15-13	330	
26. O'Laughlin, John	15-13	301	
27. Matsumoto, Kenji	15-13	192	
28. Landsberg, Mark	15-13	-82	
29. Leah, Tony	15-13	-90	
30. Polatnick, Steve	15-13	-307	
31. Fogel, Daniel	15-13	-1317	
32. Sherman, Joel	14.5-13.5	445	
33. Gabriel, Marty	14.5-13.5	-416	
34. Armstrong, Peter	14.5-13.5	-876	
35. Epstein, Paul	14-14	395	
36. Saldanha, Dean	14-14	218	
37. Mills, Lloyd	14-14	199	
38. Poder, David	14-14	138	
39. Onyeonwu, Iffy	14-14	10	
40. Baron, Mike	14-14	-151	
41. Rowland, Craig	14-14	-234	
42. Nelson, Kent	14-14	-356	
43. Hoekstra, Ron	14-14	-589	
44. Peltz, Rusty	13.5-14.5	-211	
45. Kenas, Mark	13-15	489	
46. Odom, Lisa	13-15	296	
47. Wiegand, Dave	13-15	217	
48. Sykes, Christopher	13-15	132	
49. Wapnick, Joel	13-15	-33	
50. Withers, Ben	13-15	-60	
51. Lerman, Jerry	13-15	-145	
52. Berofsky, Evan	13-15	-251	
53. Rubin, Kenneth	13-15	-462	
54. Greenspan, Randy	13-15	-478	
55. Kastner, Jeffrey	13-15	-701	
56. Hodges, Patrick	13-15	-760	
57. Ploysanggam, Amnuay	13-15	-762	
58. Martinez, Lewis	12-16	47	
59. Macneil, Rod	12-16	-212	
60. Tier, Steve	12-16	-484	
61. Kantimathi, Sam	12-16	-572	
62. Carol, Jean	12-16	-621	
63. Mancine, Dominick	11.5-16.5	-525	
64. Zxqkj, Winter	11.5-16.5	-1079	
65. Rand, Larry	11-17	-297	
66. Cohen, Ira	11-17	-449	

67. Early, Michael	11-17	-466	
68. Baker, Michael	11-17	-511	
69. Smith, Keith	11-17	-521	
70. Kaplan, Carol	11-17	-688	
71. Matthews, Jesse	11-17	-892	
72. Meyer, Nick	10-18	-545	
73. Le Cecilia,	10-18	-695	
74. Cohen, Laurie	9-19	-572	
75. Widergren, Jeff	9-19	-774	
76. Clifford, Wayne	5-23	-1390	

### Division Two - prize-winners only

1. Johnson, Carl	22-6	1943	\$4,000
2. Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad	20-8	834	\$1,500
3. Swift, Orry	19-9	1235	\$1,000
4. Brockmeier, Doug	19-9	995	\$800
5. Stegman, Debbie	19-9	732	\$700
6. Glass, Steve	19-9	601	\$500
7. Quigley, Robert	18-10	1428	\$300
8. Rosen, Ted	18-10	793	\$200
9. Gardenswartz, Nat	18-10	593	\$100

### Division Three - prize-winners only

1. Stern, Rafi	20-8	1709	\$2,500
2. Edwards, Greg	20-8	1191	\$1,000
3. Sun, S. Spencer	20-8	1041	\$850
4. Dixon, Roy	19-9	870	\$750
5. Thelen, Michael	19-9	866	\$500
6. Davies, Kurt	19-9	510	\$400
7. Nelson, Ember	19-9	255	\$250
8. Gove, John	19-9	217	\$200
9. Ortman, John	18-10	758	\$150
10. Michaels, Andrea	18-10	622	\$125

### Division Four - prize-winners only

1. Hollington, Sam	22-6	1175	\$1,500
2. Kennerk, Maureen	20-8	870	\$850
3. Dyer, Becky	19.5-8.5	887	\$750
4. Cole, Paul	19-9	1273	\$500
5. Palazzo, Mad	19-9	700	\$400
6. Sullivan, Brendan	18.5-9.5	1665	\$300
7. Tongue, Geoff	18.5-9.5	1086	\$200
8. Slavin, Margy	18-10	979	\$175
9. Solis, Ruben	18-10	824	\$150
10. Gooley, Mark	18-10	154	\$125

### Division Five - prize-winners only

1. Rhodes, Michael	22.5-5.5	1553	\$1,500
2. Sirois, Ricky	20.5-7.5	505	\$750
3. Myskiw, Jarett	20-8	1134	\$600
4. Spry, Phil	19-9	642	\$500
5. O'Rourke, Thomas	18.5-9.5	812	\$400
6. Cooley, Jeff	18-10	1197	\$250
7. Cheras, John	18-10	936	\$200
8. Breden, Matt	18-10	813	\$175

### Division Six - prize-winners only

1. Hall, Jeremy	22-6	1149	\$1,500
2. Collins, Robert	20.5-7.5	1276	\$750
3. Bertoni, Susan	19-9	1360	\$600
4. Reinke, Thomas	19-9	1261	\$500
5. Reinke, Charles	19-9	956	\$400
6. Frodyma, KC	19-9	931	\$250
7. Callaway, Evelyn	18.5-9.5	931	\$200
8. Canik, Matt	18-10	1401	\$175
9. Lam, Ben	18-10	965	\$150
10. Nelson, Chris	18-10	895	\$125

## 2008 National SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** July 25-29,  
**Divisions:** 6  
**Winner:** Nigel Richards

**Location** Loews Royal Pacific Resort, Orlando FL  
**Players:** 662  
**Top Prize:** \$25,000  
**Games:** 28  
**Directors:** Mary Rhoades (Div 1)

### Summary

The 2006 name change to U.S. SCRABBLE® **was** gone and with it went NSA's participation in the event (they chose to focus on the School SCRABBLE® **Championship**). With the NSA coverage gone, the best-of-five finals were also eliminated. Day one ended with Matt Graham in first with the division's only perfect record. Featured in *Word Freak*, Graham was a legend who had finished 2nd at Worlds but had so far not seen success at Nationals. He'd gotten off to a strong start in 2002, ranking fifth at the midway point before a horrendous day dropped him out of contention. Following Graham in the standings were wunderkind Jason Katz-Brown and Cesar Del Solar. The end of day two saw a completely new top three with Brian Cappelletto first at 12-2, followed by Nigel Richards and Nathan Benedict. Cappelletto and Richards were arguably the two top players in the game. Richards was the reigning world champion and his tournament record was unbelievable. Rarely did he finish out of the top three or with a spread of less than +1000 (and his spreads were sometimes double or triple that). In the year prior to the event, he had played in nine international tournaments, winning six, finishing second twice (including the prestigious King's Cup), and third once. His *worst* spread during the year had been +1310. Perhaps more amazing is that Richards was playing the nationals in a dictionary he only played once every two years. Despite this, in his three previous nationals, Richards had finished second, third, and seventh. The end of day three saw the same top three, separated by a game each.

Cappelletto and Richards remained first and second throughout most of the final day. In round 26, they met for the third time (after splitting their first two games) and Richards won to pull even with Cappelletto in record but Brian's spread kept him in first place. The most amazing thing about the round (indeed, one of the most amazing things about the entire tournament) was that David Gibson had moved into third place. Despite the fact that he played very few tournaments, Gibson had won more money than anyone in the game's history outside of Cappelletto, winning the only two \$50,000 events ever held. In 2008, however, it looked like his streak had finally come to an end. Gibson lost his first five and found himself next-to-last in the division. At the midway point he was 5.5-8.5 and ranked 84th out of 103 players. Had the game finally passed him by? Not a chance as Gibson reeled off one of the greatest winning streaks in nationals history. After winning the last game on day two, he had a perfect day three, climbing to 20th place in the process. While he had been playing many of the lower ranked players in the division, that would not be the case on the final day. He started with a win over elite expert Joey Mallick to move into 15th, then won against Rahn McKeown and Sammy Okosagah (the latter being one of the game's top players) to climb to 8th. In round 25 he defeated former world champion Panupol Sujjayarkorn to crack the top five then won again against Jason Katz-Brown to reach #3. He finished the tournament with wins over Nathan Benedict and Ian Weinstein. It wasn't enough to catch the two leaders, but it was an amazing feat nonetheless. After starting 4.5-8.5, Gibson had won 15 in a row against some of the top players in the game.

Meanwhile, Cappelletto and Richards continued to fight it out for the title. In round 27, Cappelletto and Richards met for the fourth time. Nigel opened with the 92-point natural CRAZIER, but Brian answered back with CYTOSINE. On turn four, Richards bingoed again with JAGGIEsT. Then came what may have been the turning point of the game. Cappelletto made the amazing find of (S)ULPH(I)TIC through the disconnected S and I (and with no blank). There aren't

many players who would have found it and fewer still would have challenged it confidently, even among those who play the North American dictionary full time. Richards, however, challenged the play off then played BAG to take a 132-point lead. Cappelletto later pulled to within 31 with PETIOLAR then drew the other blank and bingoed again with eight tiles in the bag utilizing a T hook on DIVER that Richards had failed to notice. The bingo made the score 411-409 in Richards' favor but Cappelletto's final rack of AEIINN scotched his chances for a come-from-behind win and Nigel won 475-431. The win moved Richards into first place by a full game but Brian had a 182-point lead in spread, meaning that whomever won the last game would be the new national champion. Cappelletto took an early lead with the bingos SERRYING and SARCIInA but Richards immediately evened it up with InNERVE/SARCINAE for 98. Brian took the lead again with the 50-point ZEP on turn 8 until Nigel bingoed again on turn 9 with PENATES. Brian followed immediately with the 41-point BATHER to even the game at 370 but was once again sunk by an absolutely abysmal final rack of AAAEIUU and ended up losing 412-401 making Nigel Richards the national champion, the first non-North American player to win the title and only the second player to hold the world champion and national champion titles simultaneously.

Outside of Nigel's amazing performance, the story of the tournament was division 6's Bradley Robbins an 11-year-old phenom from New Hampshire playing in his first multi-day tournament. The youngest player in the tournament, Robbins destroyed the competition winning 12 of his first 13 and going 24-4 +2758 overall (including a 50-point bye) winning the division by an astonishing 4 games.

## **Format**

Seven games were played each day.

## **Qualification**

Division breaks were as follows:

Division 1: >1749

Division 2: 1500-1749

Division 3: 1300-1499

Division 4: 1100-1299

Division 5: 900-1099

Division 6: <900

Peak ratings from Aug 1, 2006 to June 4, 2008 were used to determine placement. There was no playing up.

## **Superlatives and Awards**

### **High Games**

700: Susan Beard (Division 3)  
678: Evan Berofksy (Division 1)  
659: Judy Levitt (Division 2)  
650: Panupol Sujjayakron (Division 1)  
646: Randy Greenspan (Division 1)

### **High Plays**

230: QUANITCS, Yuki Lortz (Division 2)  
217: ELBOWING, Jeremy Hall (Division 3)

**High Play** (played 18 or under)

### **High Loss**

513: Lisa Odom (Division 1)  
509: Stefan Rau (Division 1)  
496: Darrell Day (Division 1)

### **Low Win**

270, Jean Pugh (Division 6)

### **Biggest Comeback**

195 pts, Richard Genguët (Division 3)

### **Tuff Luck**

41 points, Cheryl Francis (Division 6)

### **Higest Placing Senior** (Division 1)

David Gibson, 19.5-8.5 +1543 (3rd)

### **Flashiest Bingo**

Division 1: EXCORIATE, Carl Johnson  
Division 2: AMPHIBIA, Rick Wong  
Division 3: HEISTER, Jeanne Freebody  
Division 4: WRESTING, Alexandra Gianikas  
Division 5: MUZJIKS, Jesse Inman  
Division 6: SCAMPERS, Peggy Grant

### **Best Strategic Play**

Marty Gabriel

## 2008 National SCRABBLE® Championship - Results

### Division One

1. Richards, Nigel	22-6	1340	\$25,000	69. Heidler, Greg	13-15	-270	
2. Cappelletto, Brian	20-8	1500	\$10,000	70. Day, Jesse	13-15	-284	
3. Gibson, David	19.5-8.5	1543	\$5,000	71. Fogel, Daniel	13-15	-319	
4. Mallick, Joey	19-9	508	\$2,500	72. Frank, Jeremy	13-15	-491	
5. Graham, Matt	18.5-9.5	804	\$1,200	73. Early, Michael	13-15	-525	
6. Weinstein, Ian	18-10	1075	\$600	74. Pellinen, Steve	13-15	-628	
7. Peltier, Nigel	18-10	634	\$400	75. Phillips, Webster	13-15	-929	
8. Lerman, Jerry	18-10	227	\$250	76. Dixon, Jan	12.5-15.5	-314	
9. Benedict, Nathan	17.5-10.5	813		77. Lipe, Chris	12-16	338	
10. Sujjayakorn, Panupol	17-11	1066		78. Greenspan, Randy	12-16	200	
11. Katz-Brown, Jason	17-11	962		79. Rosen, Ted	12-16	12	
12. Johnson, Carl	17-11	961		80. Rau, Stefan	12-16	-116	
13. Payne, Trip	17-11	957		81. Barrett, Patricia	12-16	-285	
14. Koenig, David	17-11	668		82. Le Cecilia,	12-16	-343	
15. Armstrong, Peter	17-11	311		83. Del Solar, Cesar	12-16	-384	
16. Rosin, Sam	17-11	234		84. Ploysangngam, Amnuay	12-16	-478	
17. Wapnick, Joel	17-11	185		85. Matthews, Jesse	12-16	-495	
18. Swift, Orry	16.5-11.5	989		86. Paxson, Mike	12-16	-549	
19. Thevenot, Geoff	16.5-11.5	662		87. Faria, Alyssa	12-16	-674	
20. Wiegand, Dave	16-12	932		88. Smith, Keith	12-16	-729	
21. Appel, Scott	16-12	567		89. Hildebrand, Jeremy	12-16	-1253	
22. Meyer, Nick	16-12	550		90. Hersom, Randy	11.5-16.5	-902	
23. Daniel, Robin Pollock	16-12	526		91. Lipkin, Seth	11-17	-71	
24. Przybyszewski, Mark	16-12	355		92. Cohen, Ira	11-17	-354	
25. Tiekert, Ron	16-12	235		93. Oliger, Steve	11-17	-521	
26. Okosagah, Sammy	16-12	-43		94. Muller, Louie	11-17	-608	
27. Nemitmansuk, Pakorn	16-12	-353		95. Rowland, Craig	11-17	-852	
28. Hill, Marlon	16-12	-355		96. Jones, Vernon	9.5-17.5	-890	
29. Kantimathi, Sam	15.5-12.5	520		97. Leifer, Dave	9-18	-207	
30. Epstein, Paul	15.5-12.5	495		98. Shreve, Jon	9-18	-832	
31. De Guzman, Edward	15.5-12.5	-768		99. Tangredi, Frank	8.5-18.5	-826	
32. Berofsky, Evan	15-13	1119		100. Schoneboom, Marjorie	8-18	-517	
33. Quigley, Robert	15-13	838		101. Kreiswirth, Rose	8-19	-528	
34. Stern, Rafi	15-13	286		102. Pearl, David	8-19	-1259	
35. Edley, Joe	15-13	228		103. Cahnmann, Jeremy	7-20	-1450	
36. Phiphatboonserm, Manop	15-13	97					
37. Linn, Robert	15-13	25		<b>Division Two</b> - prize-winners only			
38. Weisberg, David	15-13	-10		1. Bassett-Bouchard, Conrad	24-4	1768	\$4,000
39. Stegman, Debbie	15-13	-17		2. Stardom, John	21-7	1787	\$1,500
40. Cohen, Laurie	15-13	-74		3. Burns, Shannon	21-7	790	\$1,000
41. Baron, Mike	15-13	-173		4. Harrison, Ben	19-9	1049	\$800
42. Hoekstra, Ron	15-13	-295		5. Kamen, Roy	19-9	919	\$700
43. Grob, Steve	15-13	-404		6. Levitt, Judy	18-10	1513	\$500
44. Kramer, Jim	15-13	-436		7. Wong, Rick	18-10	1495	\$300
45. Kenas, Mark	14.5-13.5	732		8. Whitmarsh, Bradley	18-10	956	\$200
46. Frentz, Mike	14.5-13.5	-67		9. Fiszbein, Jeff	18-10	730	\$150
47. Gabriel, Marty	14.5-13.5	-318					
48. Matsumoto, Kenji	14-14	686		<b>Division Three</b> - prize-winners only			
49. Kamen, Maddy	14-14	289		1. Intarasuwan, Piengkamol	21-7	1782	\$2,500
50. O'Laughlin, John	14-14	167		2. Tongue, Geoff	19.5-8.5	1124	\$1,000
51. Day, Darrell	14-14	148		3. Wagner, Brian	19.5-8.5	979	\$850
52. Saldanha, Dean	14-14	52		4. Lam, Ben	19-9	1085	\$750
53. Milan, Mark	14-14	-54		5. David, Michael	19-9	878	\$500
54. Polatnick, Steve	14-14	-72		6. Oswald, Fred	18.5-8.5	380	\$400
55. Baker, Michael	14-14	-164		7. Gove, John	18-10	1042	\$250
56. Pistol, Howard	14-14	-336		8. Wilson, Errol	18-10	961	\$200
57. Odom, Lisa	14-14	-381		9. Wong, Gabriel	18-10	810	\$150
58. Zxqkj, Winter	14-14	-475		10. Christensen, Rachel	18-10	618	\$125
59. Mckeown, Rahn	14-14	-717		11. Dixon, Roy	18-10	593	\$75
60. Ellickson, Robert	13.5-14.5	46					
61. Macneil, Rod	13-15	252		<b>Division Four</b> - prize-winners only			
62. Saldanha, Dielle	13-15	235		1. Sneed, Stephen	21.5-6.5	1073	\$1,500
63. Robinsky, Rob	13-15	173		2. Wertheimer, Phil	21-7	1546	\$850
64. Glass, Steve	13-15	130		3. Garner, Scott	20-8	1960	\$750
65. Reeves, Jeff	13-15	116		4. Stewart, Gwen	19.5-8.5	925	\$500
66. Sayavesa, Nawapadol	13-15	52		5. Keller, Jason	19-9	1054	\$400
67. Armstrong, Chuck	13-15	-46		6. Gianikas, Alexandra	19-9	974	\$300
68. Schonbrun, Lester	13-15	-99		7. Mahnken, Denise	18.5-9.5	252	\$200

8. Riordan, Chuck	18-10	686	\$175
9. Rhyne, George	18-10	604	\$150
10. Hellmann, Daniel	18-10	285	\$125

**Division five** - prize-winners only

1. Lo, Kendrick	22-5	1247	\$1,500
2. Kunz, Lesesne	20-8	1344	\$750
3. Daly, Aaron	19-9	714	\$600
4. Mcgrew, Barbara	19-9	636	\$500
5. Barnett, Mark	18-10	1482	\$400
6. Miller, Brian	18-10	888	\$250
7. Jacobs, Jeff	18-10	802	\$200
8. Moore, Arthur	18-10	588	\$175

**Division Six** - prize-winners only

1. Robbins, Bradley	24-4	2758	\$1,500
2. Rauppius, Dave	20-8	1097	\$750
3. Chepita, Ryan	20-8	644	\$600
4. Durbin, Harry	18.5-9.5	504	\$500
5. Huber, Stefan	18-10	1002	\$400
6. Scruggs, Julia	18-10	479	\$250
7. Grant, Peggy	18-10	474	\$200
8. Krook, Dave	17-11	1070	\$175
9. Turner, Avis	17-11	768	\$150
10. De Jong, Jamie	17-11	764	\$125

# World SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Championship

## 1991 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Sep 26-30 1991

**Location** London England

**Winner:** Peter Morris

**Players:** 48 **Games:**

**Top Prize:** \$10,000

### Summary

North America may have been the birthplace of SCRABBLE®, but it was not the only place where the game was played. In other countries, the game was as popular as it was on this side of the Atlantic, if not more so. England's national championship, for example, preceded its North American equivalent by seven years (and preceded organized tournament play of any kind in North America by two years). The annual Thailand International tournament was drawing upwards of 1500 players at a time when the North American Nationals was barely drawing 300. Other countries, such as Nigeria, also featured an active tournament scene.

Plans for a World SCRABBLE® Championship had formed as early as 1986/87. After COLECO bought Selchow and Righter and cancellation of the 1987 Nationals, the company announced that they were interested in helping players to organize a "World-Class Open" in 1988. At the 1987 Nationals, John Williams announced to the excited crowd that the first World SCRABBLE® Championship would be held the following summer in New York. It would be 1991, however, before the first World SCRABBLE® Championship became a reality.

To no one's surprise, the North Americans dominated the first event, taking the top five places. In the end it was Brian Cappelletto and reigning National Champion Peter Morris who survived the elimination rounds. Morris and Cappelletto split their first two games then met for a final game to decide it all. On his tenth move, Cappelletto made a rare blunder by playing the phony SMAIL instead of CLAIMS. The move may have cost him the championship. As it was, Morris pulled out a complicated end game for a 4-point win and the first world title.

### Format

On day one, players were placed (by random draw) into one of eight round-robin groups. The top two finishers from each group were eligible to play in the finals while the remaining 32 players played in an "alternate 'plate' event". The top 16 would be paired based on the first day's results with each pair playing a best 2-of-3 elimination match that reduced the field to 8 then 4 then 2 players.

There was originally supposed to be a "no touch" rule that stated a tile could not be moved once it was placed on the board, but the organizers deferred to the players wishes that the rule be dropped.

### Qualification

Six U.S. and four Canadian players would be invited to the event. Invitations would go to the highest rated players as of May 1, 1991 (provided they'd played in at least one sanctioned tournament in the previous year).

## 1991 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Standings

1. Morris, Peter (Canada)	\$10,000
2. Cappelletto, Brian (Usa)	\$5,000
3. Boys, David (Canada)	\$2,500
4. Edley, Joe (Usa)	\$1,000
5. Tiekert, Ron (Usa)	\$500
6. Cansfield, Joyce (United Kingdom)	
7. Simmons, Sandie (United Kingdom)	
8. Benjamin, Larry (South Africa)	
9. Fisher, Stephen (Canada)	
10. Southwell, Charlie (Usa)	
11. Finley, Peter (England)	
12. Cohen, Evan (Israel)	
13. Carroll, Charlie (Usa)	
14. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	
15. Warusawitharana, Missaka (Sri Lanka)	
16. Ndiritu, Gitonga (Kenya)	
17. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	
18. Sapon, Kwaku (Ghana)	
19. Holgate, John (Australia)	
20. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	
21. Spate, Clive (United Kingdom)	
22. Nyman, Mark (England)	
23. Violet, Bob (United Kingdom)	
24. Schonbrun, Lester (Usa)	
25. Sigley, Michael (New Zealand)	
26. Kane, Alistair (Australia)	
27. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	
28. Pratesi, Diane (United Kingdom)	
29. Filio, Roland (Philippines)	
30. Donkoh, George (Ghana)	
31. Brown, Christine (Eire)	
32. Harridge, Barry (Australia)	
33. Appleby, Phil (England)	
34. Butler, Lynne (New Zealand)	
35. Lawrie, Glenys (Australia)	
36. Felt, Robert (Usa)	
37. Filio, Candido (Philippines)	
38. Rowe, Dennis (European Community)	
39. Saldanha, Norbert (United Arab Emirates)	
40. Sandahn, Allan (United Kingdom)	
41. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	
42. Berger, Averil (South Africa)	
43. Thobani, Shafique (Kenya)	
44. Ismal, Muhammed (Malaysia)	
45. Cleary, Paul (Australia)	
46. Thompson, Martin (United Kingdom)	
47. Levine, Eli (South Africa)	
48. Nakai, Ken (Japan)	

### Finals

Game 1: Morris 463 - Cappelletto 349

Game 2: Cappelletto 368 - Morris 301

Game 3: Morris 371 - Cappelletto 367

## 1993 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Aug 26-30 1993

**Location** Plaza Hotel, New York NY

**Winner:** Mark Nyman

**Players:** 68 **Games:** 18 (see below) **Top Prize:** \$10,000

### Summary

Initially, it looked like Peter Morris would not be attending the 1993 world championship, but he was coaxed out of retirement to defend his title. As it turned out, Morris was not a factor in the finals which pitted England's Mark Nyman against Canada's Joel Wapnick. The first game looked like it would go Nyman's way when he bingoed with MUTAGENIC from an MU on his second play and then challenged off Wapnick's DOX. But Nyman later played a phony of his own (VERGINGS) and then got stuck with the Q while Wapnick drew both blanks and won by 38. In game two, Wapnick drew both blanks again and won by almost 100 points, aided by the 102-point DYSURIC. Game three was tight until Nyman played two successive bingos and went on to a 530-374 victory. The fourth game again started close, until Wapnick scored 212 points on three successive turns (though he missed a 107-point bingo in the process) and took a seemingly insurmountable 174-point lead. A few turns later, Wapnick had the opportunity to take a 212 point lead with HELMING, but the play would have opened a triple-triple line with both blanks unseen so he opted for a more conservative 41-point play and still lead by 170. Against the odds, Nyman came back with a 50-point X play and bingos with both blanks and went on to a devastating 9-point victory. The key point in the final game came when Wapnick, holding a blank, played STUM instead of SMUR (of which he was unsure). Nyman then bingoed with BEDAWIN setting up an S-hook on the O column. Unable to play a bingo ending in S because of his STUM play, Wapnick instead played GROANERS when he could have blocked the O column with ORANGiER. Sure enough, Nyman drew an S and played VELURES for 91 points then coasted to an easy win to become the first non-North American to win the world championship.

### Format

The first 15 rounds used modified Swiss pairing. After this, players #1 and #3 and players #2 and #4 played a best-of-five semifinal to determine the finalists while the remaining 64 players played three more games. The semifinals were followed by a best-of-five finals while the two other semifinalists played a best-of-five match to determine third and fourth place.

Milton Bradley sponsored the North American team, providing free hotel accommodations (including breakfast and lunch) and a maximum of \$500 for travel expenses.

### Qualification

The North American contingent would include 18 U.S. players and 4 Canadians. The top eight U.S. players by rating received automatic invitations. The remaining slots were filled via the top three winners at each of three qualifying tournaments. There was also a single Canadian qualifying tournament.

**1993 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results**  
(win/loss numbers include semi-finals, finals, and consolation match)

1. Nyman, Mark (England)	18-7	+779	\$10,000
2. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	17-8	+1200	\$6,000
3. Gibson, David (USA)	16-9	+503	\$3,000
4. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	15-10	+404	\$1,500
5. Saldanha, Allan (United Kingdom)	13-5	+951	\$900
6. Felt, Robert (USA)	12-6	+642	\$750
7. Sigley, Michael (New Zealand)	12-6	+467	\$600
8. Schoenman, Bob (USA)	12-6	+131	\$500
9. Spate, Clive (United Kingdom)	11-7	+530	\$400
10. Sherman, Joel (USA)	11-7	+526	\$300
11. Logan, Adam (Canada)	11-7	+477	\$250
12. Morris, Peter (Canada)	11-7	+421	\$200
13. Nelkon, Phil (United Kingdom)	11-7	+336	\$175
14. Lund, Richie (USA)	11-7	+224	\$150
15. Odom, Lisa (USA)	11-7	+221	\$125
16. Catto, John (United Kingdom)	10-8	+557	\$100
17. Greenspan, Randy (USA)	10-5	+541	
18. Edley, Joe (USA)	10-5	+495	
19. Dennis, Di (England)	10-5	+399	
20. Thorogood, Blue (New Zealand)	10-5	+326	
21. Byers, Russell (England)	10-5	+215	
22. Day, Darrell (USA)	10-5	+204	
23. Lipton, Bob (USA)	10-5	+196	
24. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	10-5	+188	
25. Kaufman, Zev (Canada)	10-5	+26	
26. Ploysanggam, A (Thailand)	10-5	-433	
27. Nderitu, Patrick (Kenya)	9-6	+743	
28. Graham, Matt (USA)	9-6	+319	
29. Jaruwan, Ong-Arj (Thailand)	9-6	+274	
30. Cappelletto, Brian (USA)	9-6	+272	
31. Ballard, Nick (USA)	9-6	+168	
32. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	9-6	+52	
33. Warusawitharana, M (Sri Lanka)	9-6	+34	
34. Luebke, John (USA)	9-6	-141	
35. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	9-6	-164	
36. Finley, Pete (England)	9-6	-230	
37. Nevarez, Johnny (USA)	9-6	-293	
38. Gruzd, Steven (South Africa)	9-6	-362	
39. Pollock, Robin (Canada)	8-7	+463	
40. Rosenthal, Joan (Australia)	8-7	+62	
41. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	8-7	-34	
42. Filio, Roland (Philippines)	8-7	-48	
43. Cohen, Evan (Israel)	8-7	-113	
44. Grayson, John (Wales)	8-7	-177	
45. Wright, Geoff (Australia)	8-7	-379	

46. Chishty, Ishtiaq (Saudi Arabia)	8-7	-482
47. Heaton, Ken (United Kingdom)	8-7	-737
48. Raychbart, Paloma (Israel)	7.5-7.5	-259
49. Onani, Magwanga (Kenya)	7.5-7.5	-391
50. Butler, Lynn (New Zealand)	7-8	+190
51. Neuberger, Jim (USA)	7-8	-123
52. Clenaghan, Nunala (No Ireland)	7-8	-245
53. Benjamin, Larry (South Africa)	7-8	-331
54. Lerman, Jerry (USA)	7-8	-424
55. Holgate, John (Australia)	7-8	-617
56. Jackman, Bob (Australia)	6.5-8.5	-525
57. Filio, Candido (Philippines)	6.5-8.5	-588
58. Norr, Rita (USA)	6-9	-372
59. Koroda, Kunihiro (Japan)	6-9	-913
60. Meghan, Eileen (Eire)	6-9	-950
61. Abdullah, Raja (Malaysia)	6-9	-1205
62. Alimohamed, Amirali (United Arab Emirates)	5-10	-1237
63. Roff, Lynn (South Africa)	5-10	-867
64. Yeh, Winnie (Hong Kong)	3-12	-896

### **Semifinals**

Mark Nyman 3 - David Gibson 2

Joel Wapnick 3 - Gareth Williams 2

### **Consolation Match**

David Gibson 3 - Gareth Williams 2

### **Finals**

Game 1: Wapnick 446 - Nyman 408

Game 2: Wapnick 443 - Nyman 357

Game 3: Nyman 530 - Wapnick 374

Game 4: Nyman 469 - Wapnick 460

Game 5: Nyman 417 - Wapnick 369

## 1995 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Nov 1-5 1995

**Location** Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London

**Winner:** David Boys

**Players:** 64

**Games:** 23

**Top Prize:** \$10,000

### Summary

The Eules TX worlds qualifier provided a couple of points of interest. Paul Avrin, after finishing dead last in the Stamford qualifier, recovered to finish second at Eules and earn a spot on the North American team. Jim Geary failed to qualify, but did make his infamous WATERZOOI play, considered by many the greatest play in SCRABBLE® history.

In the event itself, David Boys finished the 15-round preliminary two games ahead of the field and clinched a spot in the finals after winning the first game of the semifinal round-robin. Joel Sherman also won his first semifinal game but Bop Lipton and Jeff Grant could still earn a spot - until, that is, Sherman won his second game and clinched the remaining finals slot. The first game of the finals was a close one with Sherman winning 431-421. Sherman missed a bingo (pENTROOF) but at that point, the game was already in the bag. In the second game, many felt that Sherman blundered in his opening play while Boys cruised to an easy 404-278 victory despite missing ABOMASA early on. Sherman and Boys traded wins again in games three and four, setting up a single game to decide the championship. The final game was a bit of an anti-climax with Boys winning easily 432-300 (after challenging off Sherman's early phony TWINNERS) to take the World Championship. With two tiles in the bag, Boys chose to bypass a 98-point bingo (LADYBUGS) to block a triple-triple line that Sherman had a 1-in-18 chance of using for the game-winning 212-point PEJORATE. The blocking play left Sherman with no chance to win and left Boys as World Champion. Joel Sherman, meanwhile, was down but not out, as he would prove two years later.

### Format

A fifteen round, Swiss-paired preliminary event was used to determine initial placement. The top four players then played a three-game round-robin (with the results of the first 15 games carrying over) to determine the finalists, who played a best-of-five final. The remaining players were broken into "bands" of four players each and played a 3 game round-robin to determine their placement within their band.

### Qualification

The North American team would consist of ten U.S. and five Canadian players. The top five U.S. and top three Canadian spots went to the highest rated players with the remainder chosen by qualifying tournaments. The U.S. qualifying tournaments were just the top divisions of three existing OSPD tournaments (Eules TX, Stamford CT, and Santa Clara CA). Experts who wanted to play in these tournaments had no choice about whether they wanted to play in the qualifier. The top two finishers in each of the qualifying tournaments (who hadn't already earned a spot on the U.S. team) would earn berths to the world championship (one would be the alternate). The Canadians had a single qualifying tournament in Toronto with the top two finishers earning spots.

Earning spots via the qualifying tournaments were:

Canada - Robin Pollock and Libero Paoletta Santa Clara - Brian Cappelletto and Johnny Nevarez  
Eules - Steve Polatnick and Paul Avrin Stamford - Rita Norr and Joe Edley

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

603: David Boys

### **High Loss**

497: Jeff Widergren

**1995 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results**  
(incomplete semifinal results for Lipton and Grant)

1. Boys, David (Canada)	17-6	+1154	\$11,000
2. Sherman, Joel (USA)	17-6	+679	\$6,500 (+\$1,500)
3. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	12-7	+453	\$3,500
4. Lipton, Bob (USA)	11-8	+645	\$2,000
5. Edley, Joe (USA)	12-6	+668	\$950
6. Gruzd, Steven (South Africa)	12-6	+422	\$800
7. Thobani, Shafique (Kenya)	12-6	+381	\$650
8. Logan, Adam (Canada)	10-8	+149	\$550
9. Saldanha, Allan (United Kingdom)	12-6	+389	\$450
10. Nderitu, Gitonga (Kenya)	11-7	+734	\$350
11. Cappelletto, Brian (USA)	11-7	+477	\$300
12. Appleby, Phil (England)	9-9	+193	\$250
13. Onyeonwu, Ifeanyi (Nigeria)	12-6	+701	\$225
14. Pollock, Robin (Canada)	11-7	+484	\$200
15. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	10-8	+264	\$175
16. Felt, Robert (USA)	9-9	-35	\$150
17. Nyman, Mark (England)	11-7	+256	
18. Rosenthal, Joan (Australia)	11-7	-206	
19. Sigley, Mike (New Zealand)	10-8	+11	
20. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	10-8	-92	
21. Warusawitharana, Missaka (Sri Lanka)	10-8	+705	
22. Okosagah, Sammy (Nigeria)	10-8	+451	
23. Fernando, Naween (Sri Lanka)	10-8	-500	
24. Scott, Neil (Scotland)	9-9	+426	
25. Simmons, Allan (England)	10-8	+377	
26. Bhandarkar, Akshay (Bharain)	10-8	+48	
27. Addo, Joshua (Ghana)	9-9	+117	
28. Placca, Chrys (Ghana)	9-9	-155	
29. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	10-8	+94	
30. Byers, Russell (England)	10-8	-114	
31. Tan, Teong-Chuan (Malaysia)	9-9	-146	
32. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	9-9	-266	
33. Willis, Mike (England)	10-8	+367	
34. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	9-9	+444	
35. Widergren, Jeff (USA)	8-10	+294	
36. Blom, Roger (Australia)	7-11	+112	
37. Jackman, Bob (Australia)	9-9	+272	
38. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	9-9	+238	
39. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	9-9	+133	
40. Orbaum, Sam (Israel)	7-11	-301	
41. Awowade, Femi (England)	9-9	-168	
42. Avrin, Paul (USA)	9-9	-334	
43. Thorogood, Blue (New Zealand)	8-10	-69	
44. Norr, Rita (USA)	8-10	-110	
45. Leader, Zelig (Israel)	9-9	-325	

46. Spate, Clive (United Kingdom)	8-10	+102
47. Nevarez, Johnny (USA)	7-11	+55
48. Paolella, Libero (Canada)	7-11	+25
49. Holgate, John (Australia)	8-10	-69
50. Hale, Glennis (New Zealand)	8-10	-131
51. Lao, Armando (Philippines)	8-10	-247
52. Siddiqui, Anwar (Pakistan)	6-12	-255
53. Lobo, Selwyn (United Arab Emirates)	8-10	-5
54. Romany, Rodney (Trinidad And Tobago)	7-11	-349
55. Hossy, Debbe (South Africa)	7-11	-659
56. Springer, Robert (France)	6-12	-979
57. Arreola, Pepito (Saudi Arabia)	7-11	-503
58. Harrison, Trevor (United Kingdom)	7-11	-549
59. Kuroda, Kunihiro (Japan)	6-12	-1026
60. Samarasundera, Wimal (Oman)	6-12	-1405
61. Perez, Gerardo (Kuwait)	6-12	-545
62. Holmes, Michael (Seychelles)	6-12	-1044
63. Yeh, Winnie (Hong Kong)	5-13	-923
64. Broderick, Chris (Ireland)	3-15	-810

**FINALS:**

- Game 1: Sherman 431 - Boys 421
- Game 2: Boys 404 - Sherman 278
- Game 3: Sherman 443 - Boys 398
- Game 4: Boys 495 - Sherman 393
- Game 5: Boys 432 - Sherman 300

## 1997 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Nov 20-24 1997    **Location** Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C.  
**Winner:** Joel Sherman    **Players:** 80    **Games:** 21    **Top Prize:** \$25,000

### Summary

At the end of the first of three days of play, Joel Wapnick was undefeated, followed by British wunderkind Allan Sandanha and his countrymen Phil Acton and Mark Nyman. Wapnick's streak ended the next round and by the end of day two Nyman and Sherman were #1 and #2 at 11-3. On day three, the red-hot Matt Graham streaked into the lead. After a 2-4 start, Graham had strung together 13 straight wins to take the top spot. In round 19, Mark Nyman lost a game when he couldn't convince himself to play NEWSPEAK against Joe Edley, likely ending his chances to make the finals. In round 20, Joe Edley ended Matt Graham's winning streak with a 512-369 victory that included Joe's successful challenge of Matt's ZINCKES and Matt's unsuccessful challenge of Joe's HAFTAROT. Meanwhile, Joel Sherman won over New Zealand's Jeff Grant to pull even with Graham at 15 wins with Edley a game back in third. Also at 14 wins, but farther back in spread were U.K.'s Russell Byers and Akshay Bhandarkar of Bahrain. In the final round, Sherman clinched the first finals spot with an easy 487-283 victory of Bhandarkar. At board one, the game between Edley and Graham was a tight one until Edley's ANGIOMAS assured him of the victory. His 99 point margin of victory, however, wasn't enough and Graham would face Sherman in the finals.

Graham took the first game of the finals 409-334 but lost a 387-363 squeaker in the second after missing BOWNED. In game three, Matt makes another error when he plays HERB instead of BERTH and Sherman takes another close one 419-405. In game four, Sherman gets off to a big lead and begins shutting down the board. Graham takes a chance on FLEXERS for 101 points, but after Joel successfully challenges it off and Matt goes on to draw a rack full of consonants, it's all over and Joel Sherman is the world champ.

### Format

Seven games were played on each of the first three days with the top two players advancing to a best-of-five finals. Prize money would be paid to the top twenty finishers.

### Qualifying

12 U.S. and 6 Canadian players would comprise the North American team. The top 10 U.S. spots were determined by rating. The remaining spots were chosen via a SOWPODS qualifying tournament held in Twin Cities MN. The top four Canadian spots were determined by rating with the final two chosen via a qualifying tournament. Unlike the U.S. tournament, however, the Canadian one was not a full SOWPODS tourney, but instead included only the SOWPODS 2s and 3s.

12 Players played in the U.S. qualifier with Bob Lipton and Robert Felt earning spots (Jim Kramer was the alternate) while 18 played in the Canadian tourney with Jim Nanavati and Albert Hahn earning spots.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

6. 639: Brian Cappelletto
7. 636: Joe Edley  
Asad UI-Haq

### **High Average** (excluding finals)

6. 442: David Boys
7. 441: Matt Graham
8. 434: Jeff Grant

### **High Loss**

4. 472: Missaka Warusawitharana
5. 471: Jere Mead
6. 463: Steven Gruzd

### **Low Win**

306: Nuala Clenaghan

## 1997 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Sherman, Joel (USA)	19-6	+829	\$25,000
2. Graham, Matt (USA)	16-9	+993	\$10,000
3. Edley, Joe (USA)	15-6	+915	\$5,000
4. Felt, Robert (USA)	14-7	+814	\$3,000
5. Nyman, Mark (England)	14-7	+741	\$2,000
6. Boyd, Kendall (New Zealand)	14-7	+401	\$1,000
7. Byers, Russell (England)	14-7	+396	\$800
8. Bhandarkar, Akshay (Bharain)	14-7	+353	\$600
9. Logan, Adam (Canada)	13-8	+1064	\$400
10. Cappelletto, Brian (USA)	13-8	+946	\$300
11. Boys, David (Canada)	13-8	+935	\$250
12. Acton, David (England)	13-8	+517	\$250
13. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	13-8	+478	\$250
14. Saldanha, Allan (United Kingdom)	13-8	+234	\$250
15. Tiekert, Ron (USA)	13-8	-27	\$250
16. Okosagah, Sammy (Nigeria)	12-9	+816	\$150
17. Nderitu, Patrick Gitonga (Kenya)	12-9	+750	\$150
18. Warusawitharana, Missaka (Sri Lanka)	12-9	+709	\$150
19. Fernando, Naweena (Sri Lanka)	12-9	+588	\$150
20. Holgate, John (Australia)	12-9	+556	\$150
21. Downer, Penny (United Kingdom)	12-9	+408	
22. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	12-9	+382	
23. Thobani, Shafique (Kenya)	12-9	+85	
24. Cleary, Paul (Australia)	12-9	+82	
25. Ndungu, Stanley Njoroge (Kenya)	12-9	+16	
26. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	12-9	-179	
27. Spate, Clive (United Kingdom)	11.5-9.5	+344	
28. Awowade, Femi (England)	11-10	+711	
29. Onyeonwu, Iffy (Nigeria)	11-10	+613	
30. Yawo, Anaga Takyi (Ghana)	11-10	+545	
31. Perrins, Esther (Australia)	11-10	+377	
32. Pui, Unknown (Malaysia)	11-10	+305	
33. Sukhumrattanaporn, Charnwit (Thailand)	11-10	+94	
34. Gruzd, Steven (South Africa)	11-10	+63	
35. Addo, Joshua (Ghana)	11-10	+48	
36. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	11-10	+27	
37. Carter, Gerald (Thailand)	11-10	-439	
38. Daniel, Robin Pollock (Canada)	11-10	-503	
39. Hahn, Albert (Canada)	11-10	-719	
40. Sigley, Mike (New Zealand)	10.5-10.5	+516	
41. Webb, Mark (England)	10.5-10.5	+127	
42. Klaphajone, Jakkrit (Thailand)	10-11	+606	
43. Blom, Roger (Australia)	10-11	+520	
44. Hersom, Randy (USA)	10-11	+511	
45. Mead, Jeremiah (USA)	10-11	+507	
46. Schonbrun, Lester (USA)	10-11	+379	

47. Geary, Jim (USA)	10-11	+218
48. Khan, Raheed Ateeq (Pakistan)	10-11	-333
49. Luebke, John (USA)	10-11	-400
50. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	10-11	-435
51. Grayson, John (Wales)	10-11	-447
52. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	10-11	-582
53. Jonah, J.J. (Israel)	10-11	-645
54. Chinnaiyah, Suresh (Sri Lanka)	9.5-11.5	+124
55. Mensah, Edem Kafui (Ghana)	9.5-11.5	-296
56. Butler, Lynne (New Zealand)	9.5-11.5	-745
57. Lao, Armando (Philippines)	9-12	+246
58. Lipton, Bob (USA)	9-12	+12
59. Ho, Quek Sim (Singapore)	9-12	-284
60. Raychbart, Paloma (Israel)	9-12	-351
61. Lobo, Yvonne (Bahrain)	9-12	-413
62. Saldanha, Norbert (United Arab Emirates)	9-12	-551
63. Saliba, Mario (Malta)	9-12	-586
64. Davids, Gerald (South Africa)	9-12	-643
65. Hing, Austin Tan Kiat (Singapore)	9-12	-769
66. Nanavati, Jim (Canada)	9-12	-964
67. Ul-Haq, Assad (Qatar)	8-13	+306
68. Abdullah, Raja Fuadin (Malaysia)	8-13	+137
69. Salih, Sala Fadl Mohamed (Saudi Arabia)	8-13	-47
70. Pray, Linda Hazel (Oman)	8-13	-234
71. Chune, Albert (Trinidad And Tobago)	8-13	-828
72. Nakai, Ken (Japan)	8-13	-865
73. Clenaghan, Nuala (Northern Ireland)	8-13	-872
74. Meghan, Eileen (Eire)	8-13	-891
75. Springer, Robert (France)	8-13	-1097
76. Mamadou, Wone (Kuwait)	7-14	-755
77. Paolella, Libero (Canada)	7-14	-862
78. Sandu, Dan Lorentiu (Romania)	5-16	-1528
79. Gibbons, Randall (Guyana)	4-17	-913
80. Nanayakkara, Harischandra (Seychelles)	3-18	-2141

#### **FINALS:**

Game 1: Graham 409 - Sherman 334

Game 2: Sherman 387 - Graham 363

Game 3: Sherman 419 - Graham 405

Game 4: Sherman 410 - Graham 324

NOTE - As a North American alternate, Jim Kramer played in round one against Gerald Blom when an African player failed to show up. Kramer won the game, but when the missing player turned up after all, he took Kramer's place and Blom was officially given a forfeit for round 1.

## 1999 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Nov 3-7 1999  
**Winner:** Joel Wapnick

**Location:** Melbourne, Australia  
**Players:** 94      **Games:** 24

**Top Prize:** \$15,000

### Summary

No one was surprised when New Zealand superstar Nigel Richards was in first place at the end of the first day of competition. Nigel stayed in first place until an eleventh round loss to Joel Sherman (now 10-1). Sherman, however, faltered in the afternoon and fell to 11-5 by the end of day two, but still just a game behind the 12-4 leaders. The next morning, one of Nigel Richard's games causes a stir, but it is his opponent, Adam Logan, who makes the spectacular play, extending ETHIONINE to METHIONINE to score 78 points with just three tiles. Meanwhile, Brian Cappelletto, was in next-to-last place after an 0-3 start, has amazingly managed to claw his way back to first place. With just two games left to play two players, Mark Nyman and Joel Wapnick, have opened up a two game lead on the field with only Cappelletto and David Boys having any chance at catching them. For that to happen, however, Nyman and/or Wapnick will have to lose both of their remaining games. In round 23 they both do, in fact, lose - Nyman to Ron Tiekert and Wapnick to David Boys. Cappelletto's stunning comeback, however, comes to an end when he loses to Andrew Fisher by just five points after unsuccessfully challenging RONTE#. Now only David Boys has a shot to unseat one of the two leaders. Boys wins his game against Nyman, but not by enough and for the second time, Nyman will face Wapnick in the finals.

In the first game, Wapnick opened with the bingo CHAPLET and took a 249-60 lead three turns later with the double-double FILTHIER then cruised to a 624-307 victory. Nyman took the second game and Wapnick took the third then got off to an early lead in the fourth before losing a turn when he tried the phony FUROUR. The game remained tight , with both players getting down two bingos, until Wapnick drew the X and DEOXY for 50 to take a one-point lead and take the last tile out of the bag. With Wapnick having multiple places to go out, Nyman was unable to catch him and lost by a single point. Joel Wapnick could now add a world title to a resume that already included a national one.

## **Format**

Eight games would be played on each of the first three days with the top two players advancing to a best-of-five finals.

## **Qualifying**

The North American team included 13 U.S. and 6 Canadian players. The reigning Canadian champion (Joel Wapnick) automatically qualified. Three others qualified by rating and the remaining two (James Cherry and Albert Hahn) earned spots via a qualifying tournament in Toronto.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

8. 643: Suresh Chinnaiyah
9. 605: Bob Lipton
10. 592: Ronald Credo

### **High Loss**

7. 502: Jim Geary

## 1999 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	18-6	+1068	\$15,000
2. Nyman, Mark (England)	17-7	+808	\$6,000
3. Boys, David (Canada)	17-7	+693	
4. Logan, Adam (Canada)	16-8	+886	
5. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	16-8	+797	
6. Byers, Russell (England)	16-8	+647	
7. Tiekert, Ron (USA)	16-8	+366	
8. Richards, Nigel (New Zealand)	15-9	+1616	
9. Cook, Andrew (England)	15-9	+983	
10. Holgate, John (Australia)	15-9	+782	
11. Cappelletto, Brian (USA)	15-9	+711	
12. Boyd, Kendall (New Zealand)	15-9	+603	
13. Fernando, Naween (Sri Lanka)	15-9	+217	
14. Appleby, Phil (England)	15-9	+191	
15. Sherman, Joel (USA)	15-9	+73	
16. Chinnaiyah, Suresh (Sri Lanka)	14-10	+910	
17. Wiegand, Dave (USA)	14-10	+820	
18. Klaphajone, Jakkrit (Thailand)	14-10	+635	
19. Quiballo, Virgilio (Philippines)	14-10	+566	
20. Luebke, John (USA)	14-10	+309	
21. Chunkath, Mohan (India)	14-10	+292	
22. Awowade, Femi (England)	14-10	+203	
23. Odom, Lisa (USA)	14-10	+151	
24. Ndungu, Stanley (Kenya)	14-10	+102	
25. Epstein, Paul (USA)	14-10	+88	
26. Jackman, Bob (Australia)	13.5-10.5	+166	
27. Webb, David (England)	13-11	+602	
28. Edley, Joe (USA)	13-11	+447	
29. Credo, Ronald (Philippines)	13-11	+439	
30. Gongolo, Michael (Kenya)	13-11	+255	
31. Gruzd, Steven (South Africa)	13-11	+222	
32. Rosenthan, Joan (Australia)	13-11	+214	
33. Warner, Howard (New Zealand)	13-11	+194	
34. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	13-11	+178	
35. Hersom, Randy (USA)	13-11	+106	
36. Thobani, Shafique (Kenya)	13-11	+14	
37. Ploysangngam, Amnuay (Thailand)	13-11	-16	
38. Cherry, James (Canada)	13-11	-27	
39. Pra, Michael (Oman)	13-11	-369	
40. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (Thailand)	13-11	-382	
41. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	13-11	-588	
42. Chishty, Ishtiaq (Saudi Arabia)	12.5-114.5	+399	
43. Rio, Odette (Philippines)	12-12	+569	
44. Smitheram, Brett (England)	12-12	+555	
45. Felt, Robert (USA)	12-12	+360	
46. Geary, Jim (USA)	12-12	+358	
47. Filio, Roland (Philippines)	12-12	+285	
48. Schonbrun, Lester (USA)	12-12	+100	
49. Gipson, Helen (England)	12-12	+37	
50. Wui, Pui Cheng (Malaysia)	12-12	+6	
51. Jimoh, Saheed (Nigeria)	12-12	-22	
52. Bwire, Matayo (Kenya)	12-12	-31	
53. Hahn, Albert (Canada)	12-12	-48	
54. Bondin, Owen (Malta)	12-12	-293	

55. Ganesh, A (Malaysia)	12-12	-293
56. Warwick, Wilma (Scotland)	11.5-12.5	-514
57. Bhandarkar, Akshay (Bharain)	11.5-12.5	+156
58. Cleary, Paul (Australia)	11.5-12.5	+59
59. Sutthasin, Taewan (Thailand)	11.5-12.5	-728
60. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	11-13	+247
61. Early, Dylan (South Africa)	11-13	+115
62. Gonzalez, Ricardo (Gulf Champion)	11-13	+112
63. Lipton, Bob (USA)	11-13	-8
64. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	11-13	-130
65. Tang, Michael (Malaysia)	11-13	-172
66. Sinton, Peter (New Zealand)	11-13	-197
67. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	11-13	-319
68. Abraham, Arvind (United Arab Emirates)	11-13	-359
69. Khan, Rashid (Pakistan)	11-13	-427
70. Berlin, Barbara (Australia)	11-13	-487
71. Gan, Cher Siong (Singapore)	11-13	-726
72. Hirai, Keiichiro (Japan)	10.5-13.5	+188
73. Hovelmeier, Trevor (South Africa)	10-14	+197
74. Mcdonnell, Brendan (Ireland)	10-14	+75
75. Webb, Alice (England)	10-14	-33
76. Lobo, Selwyn (United Arab Emirates)	10-14	-83
77. Heng, Kong Chock (Malaysia)	10-14	-210
78. Judd, Rodney (Pakistan)	10-14	-366
79. Assesa, Dixon (Kenya)	10-14	-398
80. Penaflor, Vivian (Bahrain)	10-14	-476
81. Pray, Linda (Oman)	10-14	-591
82. Kuroda, Kunihiko (Japan)	10-14	-614
83. Eburu, Gold (Nigeria)	10-14	-740
84. USAkiewicz, Wojceich (Poland)	10-14	-876
85. Costello, Catherine (Ireland)	9.5-14.5	-237
86. Charles, Leslie (Trinidad And Tobago)	9.5-14.5	-603
87. Blom, Roger (Australia)	9-15	+215
88. Metivier, Edward (Trinidad And Tobago)	9-15	-164
89. Kane, Alistair (Australila)	9-15	-353
90. Goh, Eugene (Singapore)	9-15	-498
91. Sandu, Laurentiu (Romania)	9-15	-2008
92. Navanti, Jim (Canada)	8-16	+6
93. Fasuba, Johnson (Seychelles)	8-16	-491
94. Wanniarachch, Lakshan (Sri Lanka)	8-16	-519
95. Michel, Antonin (France)	8-16	-951
96. Silva, Dhanpala (Seychelles)	8-16	-1187
97. Saliba, Mario (Malta)	7-17	-868
98. Caba, Catalin-Eugen (Romania)	3-21	-2991

### Finals

Game 1: Wapnick 624 - Nyman 307

Game 2: Nyman 444 - Wapnick 330

Game 3:Wapnick? - Nyman ?

Game 4: Wapnick 403 - Nyman 402

## 2001 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Dec 13-17 2001    **Location:** Venetian Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas NV  
**Winner:** Brian Cappelletto    **Players:** 88    **Games:** 24    **Top Prize:** \$25,000

### Summary

Throughout the first two days of competition, the top four players were usually Joel Wapnick, Brian Cappelletto, Adam Logan, and Pakorn Nemitrmansuk. Wapnick took the lead from Pakorn in round eight after the Thai star (who attributed his performance to chocolate cake) suffered his first loss at the hands of New Zealand's Alan Winter. Would this finally be the year a Thai won the title? Only time, and the tiles, would tell.

Wapnick maintained his lead through the second day and into the third, when a loss to Pakorn in round 18 moved Cappelletto to the head of the pack. Cappelletto extended his lead with victories over Wapnick in round 19, Pakorn in round 20 and Wapnick again in round 21. The loss left Wapnick in 7th, three games back with three games left to play. More importantly, however, Wapnick was only a single game behind the #2 man, Adam Logan at 15-6. Pakorn was also at 14 wins, but with a negative spread after a huge loss to Jim Kramer. After another win in round 22, Cappelletto was Gibsonized. Given the spread situation, only Kramer, England's Andrew Fisher, Logan, and Wapnick had a realistic shot at the second spot in the finals. In the penultimate round, Fisher and Logan were eliminated after losses to Wapnick and Kramer respectively setting up a final match between the two for the coveted final slot. Kramer got off to an early lead, which evaporated quickly after he challenged Wapnick's 91-point ENRHEUM#. Wapnick then picked both blanks and won 448-405 to become the first reigning champ to defend his title in a finals.

For Wapnick, it would be his third trip to the finals while for Cappelletto, it would be a chance to silence his SOWPODS critics. Cappelletto had lost two key games in earlier Worlds competition due to SOWPODS errors and some questioned if he could win the big one. The first game got off to a rip-roaring start with six of the first eight plays being bingos. Early in the game, it was Wapnick who had made the word knowledge error by challenging ANALYSER. Cappelletto did, however go on to make a huge blunder, but this time it wasn't knowledge of British words that tripped him up. With two tiles in the bag, Brian played FRIZERS through an ER but only drew a single tile, leaving one in the bag. By the time he discovered his error, his time had dwindled and he failed to find the winning way to block Wapnick's bingo set up and lost by three. In game two, Brian did make a SOWPODS error, missing STRAPPY, but went on to win anyway. Another SOWPODS error followed in game three when he missed STEWPOT but the biggest blunder of the game went to Wapnick. With CJNNTT in the bag, Cappelletto played POOVES to take a 58-point lead. After the draw left him with CCMNNTT, however, Wapnick still had winning chances. Holding EORSST, Wapnick played off an O and drew the J, giving him RESOJETS through the E of POOVES. Brian's play of CHAM put him up by 74 with 20 seconds on his clock, the bag empty, CNNNTT on his rack, and (most importantly) RESOJETS unblocked. But Wapnick (also low on time) missed the play and the sure win and played JO for 38 instead, leaving him down by 32. Holding RESTS to Cappelletto's collection of duplicated consonants, however, it looked like he might still be able to win. Wapnick cut the lead to 32 after Cappelletto's CAN and his GLAZES but then, holding the putrid-looking NNTT, Cappelletto made a brilliant find to go out with INTENT through a disconnected I and E with 15 seconds on his clock. The game finished with 4 seconds on Brian's clock, 8 on Joel's and Brian one game away from a world title. Cappelletto got off to a great start in game four, drawing both blanks and opening with OVArlAn. While Brian maintained a moderate lead throughout, Joel still had a chance until Brian played VOZHD for 50 to go

up by a bingo. Wapnick would need incredible luck to pull out a victory - he didn't get it and Brian Cappelletto went on to an easy victory and his first world championship title.

## **Format**

Eight games per day were played on the first three days with the top two players advancing to a best-of-five final. For the first two games, players were divided into groups of four based on past Worlds performance. Rounds 3-20 used Portland Swiss pairings (with no repeats until round 19). Rounds 21-24 were king-of-the hill with a slight modification for the top four. The Gibson Rule was in effect.

## **Qualifying**

15 U.S. and 9 Canadian players comprised the North American teams.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

- 11.633: Christopher Sykes
- 12.632: David Acton
- 13.622: Robert Felt

### **High Average** (excluding finals)

- 9. 452.29: Robert Felt
- 10.450.00: Andrew Fisher
- 11.443.21: Dave Wiegand

### **High Loss**

- 8. 497: Michael Tang
- 9. 494: Robert Felt
- 10.491: John Grayson

### **Low Win**

245: Lewis Singh

## 2001 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Cappelletto, Brian (USA)	21-7	+921	\$25,000	45. Hoekstra, Ron (Canada)	12-12	+122
2. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	18-10	+1006	\$10,000	46. Graham, Matt (USA)	12-12	+3
3. Kramer, Jim (USA)	17-7	+597	\$5,000	47. Gruzdz, Steven (South Africa)	12-12	-54
4. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	16.5-7.5	+533	\$3,000	48. Eichler, Maor (Israel)	12-12	-201
5. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	16-8	+1043	\$2,000	49. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	12-12	-279
6. Lipton, Bob (USA)	16-8	+735	\$1,000	50. Talbot, Rodney (Australia)	12-12	-297
7. Smitheram, Brett (England)	16-8	+656	\$800	51. Sherman, Joel (USA)	12-12	-349
8. Okosagah, Sammy (Nigeria)	16-8	-64	\$600	52. Hovelmeier, Trevor Mark (South Africa)	12-12	-654
9. Wiegand, David (USA)	15.5-8.5	+1085	\$400	53. Boyd, Kendall (New Zealand)	11-13	+244
10. Logan, Adam (Canada)	15-9	+801	\$300	54. Apindi, Isaac (Tanzania)	11-13	+216
11. Fernando, Naweem (Sri Lanka)	15-9	+772	\$250	55. Filio, Roland (Philippines)	11-13	+177
12. Sinton, Peter (New Zealand)	15-9	+674	\$250	56. Lamabadusuriya, Harshan (Sri Lanka)	11-13	+136
13. Gongolo, Michael (Kenya)	15-9	+528	\$250	57. Cherry, James (Canada)	11-13	+62
14. Geary, Jim (USA)	15-9	+364	\$250	58. Tang, Michael (Malaysia)	11-13	-16
15. Mallick, Joey (USA)	15-9	+314	\$250	59. Chunkath, Mohan Verghese (India)	11-13	-158
16. Nemitmansuk, Pakorn (Thailand)	15-9	-271	\$150	60. Acton, David (England)	11-13	-196
17. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	14-10	+717	\$150	61. Cheah, Siu Hean (Singapore)	11-13	-380
18. Awowade, Femi (England)	14-10	+628	\$150	62. Poku, Kwame (Ghana)	11-13	-435
19. Warner, Howard (New Zealand)	14-10	+379	\$150	63. Souza, Margarida Ana De (Trinidad And Tobago)	11-13	-600
20. Edley, Joe (USA)	14-10	+371	\$150	64. Assesa, Dixon (Kenya)	10.5-13.5	-70
21. Simmons, Allan (England)	14-10	+272		65. Ranasuriya, Mario Shalendra (Bahrain)	10.5-13.5	-753
22. Perry, Andrew (England)	14-10	+243		66. Clotley, Aaron (Ghana)	10.5-13.5	-776
23. Okulicz, Edward (Australia)	14-10	+228		67. Litunya, Patrick (Kenya)	10-14	+131
24. Credo, Ronald (Philippines)	14-10	-118		68. Webb, David (England)	10-14	+125
25. Luebkeermann, John (USA)	13.5-10.5	+630		69. Cleary, Paul Stephen (Australia)	10-14	-81
26. Felt, Robert (USA)	13-11	+1022		70. Arreola, Peter (Saudi Arabia)	10-14	-262
27. Davis, Andrew (England)	13-11	+631		71. Khan, Rashid (Pakistan)	10-14	-378
28. Chinnaiyah, Suresh (Sri Lanka)	13-11	+545		72. Tanee, Samuel Fomum (Cameroon)	10-14	-757
29. Klaphajone, Jakkrit (Thailand)	13-11	+355		73. Kalumba, Paul Yandisha (Zambia)	9.5-14.5	-496
30. Manase, Joshua Otieno (Kenya)	13-11	+344		74. Delicata, David (Malta)	9.5-14.5	-974
31. Mead, Jeremiah (USA)	13-11	+268		75. Grayson, John (Wales)	9-15	+134
32. Sykes, Christopher (Canada)	13-11	+259		76. Sutthasin, Taewan (Thailand)	9-15	-296
33. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	13-11	+113		77. Abordo, Chris (Bahrain)	9-15	-377
34. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	13-11	+87		78. Sinclair, Alan (Scotland)	9-15	-412
35. Quao, Michael Arthur (Ghana)	13-11	+62		79. Hemachandra, Sanath (Oman)	9-15	-809
36. Asirvatham, Ganesh (Malaysia)	13-11	-7		80. Cree, Chris (USA)	9-15	-1118
37. Elbourne, Peter (Malta)	13-11	-557		81. Chakravarthy, Ranganathan (India)	8.5-15.5	-82
38. Hirai, Keiichiro (Japan)	12-12	+676		82. Singh, Lewis (Guyana)	8-16	-834
39. Boys, David (Canada)	12-12	+465		83. Prabhu, Cecil Fernandes (Gulf Champion)	8-16	-1124
40. Holgate, John (Australia)	12-12	+414		84. Sandu, Dan Laurentiu (Romania)	8-16	-1759
41. Simpson, Evan (England)	12-12	+231		85. Miranda, Mario (Philippines)	7.5-16.5	-872
42. Daniel, Robin Pollock (Canada)	12-12	+194		86. Costello, Catherine (Ireland)	7-17	-691
43. Hersom, Randy (USA)	12-12	+167		87. Cotejo, Danny (Quatar)	5-19	-1287
44. Kaufman, Zev (Canada)	12-12	+135		88. Wright, James Charles (Gibraltar)	4-20	-1971

### FINALS:

Game 1: Wapnick 482 - Cappelletto 479

Game 2: Cappelletto 410 - Wapnick 372

Game 3: Cappelletto 400 - Wapnick 352

Game 4: Cappelletto 444 - Wapnick 338

## 2003 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Oct 19-24 2003

**Location:** Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

**Winner:** Panupol Sujjayakorn

**Players:** 90

**Games:** 24

**Top Prize:** \$25,000

### Summary

The 2003 World Championship was notable for its lack of North American participation. Concerned over the political situation in Malaysia (and the lack of corporate sponsorship) a number of U.S. and Canadian players bowed out, leaving what many felt was a less-than-the-best North American contingent. Favorite Nigel Richards was also unable to play in the main event, though he did win a 16-round pre-tournament held prior to the main event. For most of the competition it was a two man race between Thai players Panupol Sujjayakorn and Pakorn Nemitrnansuk. Amazingly, Panupol was just 19 years old but was already a veteran. While this was his first worlds, he had won the 2001 Thailand match play championship in 2001, finished an impressive 9th at the North American nationals in 2002 and 2nd at the prestigious King's Cup earlier in 2003. Panupol, who went undefeated on day one, moved into the lead in round six and from that point on, one or the other held the #1 spot throughout the rest of the tournament. Most often it was Panupol, who took over the top spot for good after relinquishing it to Pakorn in rounds 10 and 13. The second time Pakorn lost the lead, he fell out of the top three and for a while, it looked like England's Andrew Perry would capture the second spot, as he and Panupol were #2 and #1 from rounds 14-21. In round 22, however, Pakorn regained the #2 spot and held it for the rest of the tournament.

In the finals, Panupol won a close first game but then Pakorn averaged 505 points in the next two games to win twice. Victories in games four and five, however, brought Panupol the world title. To no one's surprise, the Thai's had dominated, taking 3 of the top 6 spots. England, meanwhile had taken 3 of the top 7 while the best the U.S. team could muster was a #7 finish by Jim Kramer. The Canadians fared even worse with their top finisher being David Boys at #16.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

14.634: Patrick Litunya

15.631: Dennis Di

16.628: Patrick Litunya

### **High Average** (excluding finals)

12.455.92: Pakorn Nemitrmansuk (455.86 w/finals)

13.444.92: David Boys

14.439.75: Paul Allan

### **High Loss**

11.497: Dave Wiegand

12.489: Randy Hersom

13.482: Mark Kenas

### **Low Win**

278: Bob Lipton

## 2003 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Sujjayakorn, Panupol (Thailand)	21-8	+1461	\$17,500	46. Kirk, Terry (England)	12-12	+11
2. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (Thailand)	19-10	+1383	\$8,500	47. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	12-12	-173
3. Perry, Andrew (England)	17-7	+1202	\$4,000	48. Finley, Peter (England)	12-12	-267
4. Nyman, Mark (England)	16-8	+975	\$2,500	49. Anthonius, Ferdy (Indonesia)	12-12	-304
5. Kramer, Jim (USA)	16-8	+712	\$1,750	50. Quao, Michael Arthur (Ghana)	12-12	-350
6. Panyasoponlert, Komol (Thailand)	16-8	+418	\$1,000	51. Withers, Ben (USA)	12-12	-757
7. Davis, Andrew (England)	16-8	+188	\$750	52. Hirai, Keiichiro (Japan)	12-12	-794
8. Fernando, Naween Tharanga (Sri Lanka)	15-9	+613	\$600	53. Hovelmeier, Trevor Mark (South Africa)	11.5-12.5	+929
9. Allan, Paul (Scotland)	15-9	+532	\$500	54. Lam, John (Malaysia)	11.5-12.5	+120
10. Adamson, Tim (USA)	15-0	+438	\$400	55. Wiegand, Dave (USA)	11-13	+367
11. Gipson, Helen (England)	15-9	+317	\$300	56. Wui, Pui Cheng (Malaysia)	11-13	+198
12. Geary, Jim (USA)	15-9	+198	\$300	57. Chong, Aaron (Malaysia)	11-13	+30
13. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	15-9	-58	\$300	58. Mamadou, Wone (Kuwait)	11-13	-209
14. Appleby, Phil (England)	14.5-9.5	+424	\$300	59. Chakrabarti, Amit (USA)	11-13	-243
15. Litunya, Patrick (Kenya)	14-10	+1043	\$300	60. Credo, Ronald (Philippines)	11-13	-257
16. Boys, David (Canada)	14-10	+843	\$200	61. Hoekstra, Ron (Canada)	11-13	-297
17. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	14-10	+690	\$200	62. Holden, Stewart (England)	11-13	-328
18. Sanni, Moshood Olasunkanmi (Nigeria)	14-10	+581	\$200	63. Lobo, Selwyn (United Arab Emirates)	11-13	-342
19. Cleary, Paul Stephen (Australia)	14-10	+436	\$200	64. Abordo, Chris (Bahrain)	11-13	-453
20. Warner, Howard (New Zealand)	14-10	+316	\$200	65. Lloyd, David (Australia)	11-13	-841
21. Bhandarkar, Akshay (Bahrain)	14-10	+315		66. Kenas, Mark (USA)	11-13	-947
22. Asirvatham, Ganesh (Malaysia)	14-10	+144		67. Gruzd, Steven (South Africa)	10.5-13.5	-270
23. Sim, Tony (Singapore)	14-10	-9		68. Talosig, Rogelio (New Zealand)	10.5-13.5	-480
24. Lipton, Bob (USA)	13.5-10.5	+541		69. Kamath, Pramit (India)	10.5-13.5	-698
25. Carter, Patrick (New Zealand)	13.5-10.5	+229		70. Gongolo, Michael (Kenya)	10-14	+675
26. Hersom, Randy (USA)	13-11	+738		71. Kantimathi, Sam (USA)	10-14	+89
27. Dennis, Di (England)	13-11	+537		72. Baker, Rich (USA)	10-14	-92
28. O'laughlin, John (USA)	13-11	+360		73. Saldanha, Dean (Canada)	10-14	-272
29. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	13-11	+286		74. Recedes, Mario (Phillipines)	10-14	-467
30. Kurnia, Andy (Singapore)	13-11	+270		75. Gonzalez, Ricardo V (Gulf Champion)	10-14	-469
31. Linn, Robert (USA)	13-11	+251		76. Manase, Joshua Otieno (Kenya)	10-14	-542
32. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	13-11	+132		77. Kpentey, Bennet (Ghana)	9.5-14.5	-449
33. Delicata, David (Malta)	13-11	+80		78. Kalumba, Paul Yandisha (Zambia)	9-15	-45
34. Balogun, Rasheed Olajide (Nigeria)	13-11	-55		79. John, Robin K.T. (Trinidad And Tobago)	9-15	-125
35. Capuno, Leo (Philippines)	13-11	-161		80. Wanniarachchi, Lakshan (Sri Lanka)	9-15	-232
36. Lobo, Ralph (Oman)	13-11	-195		81. Chicoine, Emanuel (Canada)	9-15	-468
37. Golding, Andrew (Canada)	13-11	-357		82. Abela, Kevin (Malta)	9-15	-844
38. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	12.5-11.5	+226		83. Chishty, Ishtiaq (Saudi Arabia)	9-15	-958
39. Jackman, Bob (Australia)	12-12	+666		84. Kuroda, Kunihiro (Japan)	8-16	-1201
40. Placca, Chrys (Ghana)	12-12	+569		85. Sandu, Dan Laurentiu (Romania)	8-16	-651
41. Ikekeregor, Dennis (Nigeria)	12-12	+515		86. Abordo, Ferrer (Bahrain)	8-16	-799
42. Willingham, Walker (USA)	12-12	+248		87. Bohbo, Herve (France)	8-16	-844
43. Iqbal, Wajid (Pakistan)	12-12	+168		88. Saeyorn, Sivanesan (Sri Lanka)	8-16	-989
44. Ndungu, Stanley Njoroge (Kenya)	12-12	+126		89. Esmail, Mushtak (Tanzania)	7.5-16.5	-190
45. Berofsky, Evan (Canada)	12-12	+58		90. Kenny, Bronagh (Ireland)	2-22	-3166

### FINALS:

Game 1: Panupol 418 - Pakorn 380

Game 2: Pakorn 495 - Panupol 384

Game 3: Pakorn 514 - Panupol 470

Game 4: Panupol 433 - Pakorn 433

Game 5: Panupol 444 - Pakorn 387

## 2005 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Nov 16-20 2005

**Location:** Marriott Reagent's Park Hotel, London, England

**Winner:** Adam Logan

**Players:** 102

**Games:** 24

**Top Prize:** \$15,000

### Summary

Adam Logan's dominating performance at the 1996 Nationals was the stuff of legends. To many, however, his performance at 2005 Worlds was even more impressive. No longer a wunderkind, Logan (who had moved to England but was competing for native Canada) showed that he was still one of the most dominant players in the game. For a while, it looked like he'd repeat his 1996 coup by sewing up the competition long before the final game. After eight games, Logan still hadn't suffered a defeat. Other players were hot on his heels, however, and after a round nine loss by Logan, Malaysia's Ganesh Asirvatham moved into the top spot while Logan lost four of his next seven. In round 16, Logan regained the top spot at 12-4 with a spread more than double that of his nearest competitor. From that point Logan never looked back as he went on to win all of his remaining games. For most of the tournament, his nearest competitor was Naween Fernando, holder of six international titles who had previously competed for Bahrain and Sri Lanka but was now on the Australian team. A 314-point victory in round 18 moved Naween to within striking distance. Fernando held the #2 spot until an endgame blunder cost him a round 22 game against Logan followed by another loss to Thailand's Pakorn Nemitrmansuk in the penultimate round. While Logan had easily clinched one spot in the finals, the other was still up for grabs. Pakorn squared off against Welshman Gareth Williams while Naween faced Ganesh. Pakorn could assure a place in the finals with a win, while the others needed him to lose. Pakorn eked out a three-point win, and his 18-6 record was good enough for second and just two games behind Logan's blistering 20-4. Logan, however, finished almost 1,000 spread points ahead of the runner-up.

In the finals, Logan played nearly flawless Scrabble to win three straight, averaging over 500 points a game in the process. Since his round 15 loss, Logan had won twelve in a row against the world's best players in the world's biggest tournament. Awe-inspiring indeed.

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

17.680: Mark Nyman

18.638: Naween Fernando

19.633: Pakorn Nemitrmansuk

### **High Average** (excluding finals)

15.448.88: Adam Logan (454.89 w/finals)

16.443.75: David Boys

17.440.13: Panupol Sujjayakorn

### **High Loss**

14.497: Jim Kramer

15.490: Russell Byers

16.489: Mark Kenas

### **Low Win**

316: Brendan McDonnell

## 2005 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Logan, Adam (Canada)	20-4	1613	\$15,000	53. Poder, David (USA)	12-12	60
2. Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn (Thailand)	18-6	678	\$6,000	54. Goh, Jiang Pern (Singapore)	12-12	-159
3. Fernando, Naween (Australia)	17-7	741	\$3,000	55. Talosig, Rogelio (New Zealand)	12-12	-376
4. Asirvatham, Ganesh (Malaysia)	16-8	690	\$2,000	56. Ul-Haq, Asad (Qatar)	12-12	-386
5. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	16-8	664	\$1,000	57. Litunya, Patrick (Kenya)	12-12	-452
6. Cleary, Paul (Australia)	16-8	643	\$900	58. Kaufman, Zev (Canada)	12-12	-507
7. Boys, David (Canada)	16-8	612	\$800	59. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	11.5-12.5	-553
8. Wiegand, Dave (USA)	16-8	599	\$700	60. Katz-Brown, Jason (USA)	11-13	663
9. Owolabi, Lukeman (Nigeria)	15-9	832	\$600	61. Kramer, Jim (USA)	11-13	318
10. Cheah, Siu Hean (Singapore)	15-9	776	\$500	62. Finley, Peter (England)	11-13	257
11. Eldar, David (Australia)	15-9	672		63. Charles, Leslie (Trinidad And Tobago)	11-13	179
12. Allan, Paul (Scotland)	15-9	591		64. Oduwole, Olatunde (Nigeria)	11-13	136
13. Saldanha, Dean (Canada)	15-9	414		65. Capuno, Leonardo (Philippines)	11-13	132
14. O'laughlin, John (USA)	15-9	367		66. Khoshnaw, Karl (Kurdistan-Iraq)	11-13	-9
15. Quao, Michael Arthur (Ghana)	14.5-9.5	725		67. Lobo, Ralph (Oman)	11-13	-27
16. Sujjayakorn, Panupol (Thailand)	14.5-9.5	422		68. Kurnia, Andy (Singapore)	11-13	-48
17. Lamabadusuriya, Harshan (Sri Lanka)	14-10	1209		69. Hersom, Randy (USA)	11-13	-367
18. Warner, Howard (New Zealand)	14-10	894		70. Rodrigues, Sherwin (India)	11-13	-487
19. Sherman, Joel (USA)	14-10	847		71. Kalumba, Paul Yandisha (Zambia)	11-13	-667
20. Kirk, Terry (England)	14-10	770		72. Early, Dylan (South Africa)	11-13	-813
21. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	14-10	724		73. Ikolo, Anthony (Nigeria)	11-13	-981
22. Placca, Chrys (Ghana)	14-10	437		74. Yeo, Kien Hung (Malaysia)	10.5-13.5	95
23. Rivera, Oscar T (Philippines)	14-10	254		75. Simmons, Allan (England)	10-14	416
24. Martin, Edward (England)	14-10	210		76. Jabbar, Abdul (Pakistan)	10-14	221
25. Adamson, Tim (USA)	14-10	166		77. Sayavesa, Navapadol (Thailand)	10-14	48
26. Bhandarkar, Akshay (Bahrain)	14-10	127		78. Sinton, Peter (New Zealand)	10-14	-208
27. Phiphatboonserm, Manop (Thailand)	14-10	-553		79. Amalean, Shaila (Sri Lanka)	10-14	-518
28. Armstrong, Peter (USA)	14-10	-815		80. Wanniarachchi, Lakshan (Sri Lanka)	10-14	-532
29. Gipson, Helen (England)	13-11	736		81. Cohen, Evan (Israel)	10-14	-615
30. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	13-11	492		82. Fernandes Prabhu, Cecil (Gulf Champ)	10-14	-623
31. Ball, Nick (England)	13-11	407		83. Khan, Rashid Ateeq (Pakistan)	10-14	-625
32. Hahn, Albert (Canada)	13-11	405		84. Fomum, Samuel Tanee (Cameroon)	10-14	-665
33. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	13-11	395		85. Green, Neil (Wales)	10-14	-698
34. Luebkemann, John (USA)	13-11	392		86. Buddhdev, Anand (Netherlands)	10-14	-1399
35. Camilleri, Theresa (Malta)	13-11	349		87. Hovelmeier, Trevor Mark (South Africa)	9.5-14.5	581
36. Awowade, Femi (England)	13-11	332		88. Bwire, Matayo (Kenya)	9-15	65
37. Hirai, Keiichiro (Japan)	13-11	330		89. Raychbart, Paloma (Israel)	9-15	-398
38. Odom, Lisa (USA)	13-11	272		90. McDonnell, Brendan (Ireland)	9-15	-556
39. Delia, Jojo (Malta)	13-11	260		91. Filio, Ben (Bahrain)	9-15	-806
40. Ananga, Yawo Takyi (Ghana)	13-11	183		92. Amarasinghe, Samitha (Sri Lanka)	9-15	-900
41. Appleby, Phil (England)	13-11	167		93. Bohbot, Herve (France)	9-15	-901
42. Carter, Gerald (Thailand)	12.5-11.5	249		94. Ntege, Chris (Uganda)	9-15	-1115
43. Smitheram, Brett (England)	12.5-11.5	117		95. Ahmad, Adeeb (Bahrain)	9-15	-1187
44. Davis, Andrew (England)	12-12	808		96. Zbikowski, Mateusz (Poland)	9-15	-1652
45. Byers, Russell (England)	12-12	469		97. Tanveer, Rohaina (Kuwait)	8.5-15.5	-1061
46. Mallick, Joey (USA)	12-12	361		98. Anthonius, Ferdy (Indonesia)	8-16	-402
47. Richards, Nigel (New Zealand)	12-12	294		99. Esmail, Mushtak (Tanzania)	8-16	-791
48. Tabasa, John Edward (Philippines)	12-12	289		100. Sandu, Dan Laurentiu (Romania)	6-18	-1413
49. Lerman, Jerry (USA)	12-12	246		101. Kuroda, Kunihiko (Japan)	6-18	-1844
50. Hoekstra, Ron (Canada)	12-12	200		102. Bjorkman, Marten (Sweden)	5-19	-1806
51. Kenas, Mark (USA)	12-12	196				
52. Nyman, Mark (England)	12-12	193				

### Finals

Game 1: Logan 524 - Pakorn 409

Game 2: Logan 520 - Pakorn 316

Game 3: Logan 465 - Pakorn 426

## 2007 World SCRABBLE® Championship

**Dates:** Nov 9-12, 2007

**Location:** Taj President Hotel, Mumbai, India

**Winner:** Nigel Richards

**Players:** 104

**Games:** 24

**Top Prize:** \$15,000

### Summary

The 2007 World championship turned out to be a contest between two players considered by many to be the best in the world. It didn't start out that way, however. At the end of the first day, Scotland's Paul Allan led over New Zealand's Nigel Richards, and Charnwit Sukhumrattanaporn of Thailand all at 7-1. By the end of day two, relative newcomer Wellington Jighere had moved into first followed by Richards and Malaysian superstar Ganesh Asirvatham. While Richards was well known throughout the SCRABBLE® playing world, many (especially in North America) were unfamiliar with Ganesh. Those who saw him play, or saw his record, however, knew he was one of the very best in the game and many ranked him second only to Richards in international play. Like Richards, Asirvatham rarely finished out of the top four and won tournaments far more often than he didn't often with stratospheric spreads. At the prestigious Causeway Challenge in 2006, he'd gone an unbelievable 22-3 +3814 (a spread that even Nigel couldn't match). In his career he had won at least 20 international tournaments and had finished 4th at the previous worlds.

Asirvatham moved into second in round 17 and he and Richards would remain in the top two throughout the remainder of the tournament. A round 22 win over Richards propelled Ganesh into first place at 18-4 +2706, just ahead of Richards at 18-4 +1457. Still in striking distance was Jighere at 17-5 +1712. No other player had a shot at the finals. In the penultimate round, Jighere beat Ganesh while Richards lost to Singapore's Hubert Wee. With one game to play, Ganesh, Jighere, and Richards were all at 18-5. Ganesh's spread all but assured him a spot in the finals but the other spot was still up for grabs - until Richards scored 502 points against Jighere to earn a shot at the title. Richards took the finals in three straight, finally adding a world championship to his laurels (the other major title to evade him, the North American national championship, would follow in 2008).

## **Superlatives**

### **High Game**

- 20.694: Howard Warner
- 21.659: Jason Katz-Brown
- 22.643: Eduard Oculicz

### **High Average** (excluding finals)

- 18.479.33: Ganesh Asirvatham (468.9 w/finals)
- 19.461.83: Nigel Richards (460.7 w/finals)
- 20.458.71: Joel Wapnick

### **High Loss**

- 17.507: Mohammed Zafir, 2007
- 18.504: Jason Katz-Brown, 2007
- 19.503: Mark Schellenberg, 2007

### **Low Win**

- 325: Gerald Carter

## 2007 World SCRABBLE® Championship - Complete Results

1. Richards, Nigel (New Zealand)	22-5	1750	\$15,000	53. Schellenberg, Mark (Canada)	12-12	100
2. Asirvatham, Ganesh (Malaysia)	18-9	2345	\$6,000	54. Martin, Edward (England)	12-12	-91
3. Jighere, Wellington (Nigeria)	18-6	1635	\$3,000	55. Lamabadusuriya, Harshan (England)	12-12	-148
4. Wapnick, Joel (Canada)	17-7	1075	\$2,000	56. Saengsit, Weera (Thailand)	12-12	-177
5. Bhandarkar, Akshay (United Arab Emirates)	16-8	1056	\$1,000	57. May, Christopher (Australia)	12-12	-214
6. Litunya, Patrick (Kenya)	16-8	845	\$900	58. Iqbal, Wajid (Pakistan)	12-12	-285
7. Wee, Hubert (Singapore)	16-8	824	\$800	59. Martus, Teodoro (Philippines)	12-12	-337
8. Adamson, Tim (USA)	16-8	-363	\$700	60. Ali, Mohammed Zafar (Bahrain)	12-12	-580
9. Umujose, Emmanuel (Nigeria)	15-9	983	\$600	61. Pratt, Dan (USA)	11.5-12.5	69
10. Oyekunle, Lanre (South Africa)	15-9	907	\$500	62. Manase, Joshua Otieno (Kenya)	11-13	507
11. Eldar, David (Australia)	15-9	578		63. Grant, Jeff (New Zealand)	11-13	348
12. Ong, Suanne (Malaysia)	15-9	503		64. Gabriel, Marty (USA)	11-13	211
13. Okulicz, Edward (Australia)	15-9	263		65. Kelly, Wayne (England)	11-13	-66
14. Sukhumrattanaporn, Charnwit (Thailand)	15-9	-103		66. Ikekeregork Dennis (Nigeria)	11-13	-149
15. Gipson, Helen (England)	14.5-9.5	376		67. Linn, Robert (USA)	11-13	-258
16. Fisher, Andrew (Australia)	14-10	1154		68. Kenas, Mark (USA)	11-13	-315
17. Boys, David (Canada)	14-10	682		69. Credo, Ronald (Philippines)	11-13	-319
18. Panyasophonlert, Komol (Thailand)	14-10	542		70. Chow, Jie Ming Benjamin (Singapore)	11-13	-346
19. Williams, Gareth (Wales)	14-10	419		71. Jackman, Bob (Australia)	11-13	-356
20. Sulaiman, Mohammad (Pakistan)	14-10	414		72. Polatnick, Steve (USA)	11-13	-452
21. Thevenot, Geoff (USA)	14-10	407		73. Matsuda, Manabu (Japan)	11-13	-975
22. Warner, Howard (New Zealand)	14-10	365		74. Buddhdev, Anand (Netherlands)	11-13	-1035
23. Webb, David (England)	14-10	266		75. Macneil, Rod (USA)	11-13	-1090
24. Kramer, Jim (USA)	14-10	198		76. Wachira, Francis (Kenya)	10.5-13.5	-417
25. Logan, Adam (Canada)	14-10	140		77. Charles, Leslie (Barbados)	10-14	102
26. Camilleri, Theresa (Malta)	14-10	-124		78. Rodrigues, Sherwin (India)	10-14	11
27. Rio, Odette (Philippines)	13.5-10.5	506		79. Anthonius, Ferdy (Indonesia)	10-14	-260
28. O'Laughlin, John (USA)	13-11	1050		80. Chunkath, Mohan (India)	10-14	-270
29. Kantimathi, Sam (USA)	13-11	850		81. Wanniarachchi, Lakshan (Sri Lanka)	10-14	-286
30. Gongolo, Michael (Kenya)	13-11	516		82. Delicata, David (Malta)	10-14	-306
31. Fernando, Naween (Australia)	13-11	371		83. Butler, Lynne (New Zealand)	10-14	-322
32. Benedict, Nathan (USA)	13-11	333		84. Delia, Jojo (Malta)	10-14	-406
33. Cheah, Siu Hean (Singapore)	13-11	322		85. Kalumba, Paul Yandisha (Zambia)	10-14	-443
34. Hovelmeier, Trevor Mark (S. Africa)	13-11	272		86. Hemachandra, Sanath (Oman)	10-14	-576
35. Chakrabarti, Amit (USA)	13-11	207		87. O'Neill, Shane (Wales)	10-14	-950
36. Tamas, Adrian (Romania)	13-11	96		88. Chakravarthy, Ranganathan (India)	9-15	-8
37. Hoekstra, Ron (Canada)	13-11	76		89. Leah, Tony (Canada)	9-15	-376
38. Carter, Gerald (Thailand)	13-11	75		90. Craig, Joanne (New Zealand)	9-15	-445
39. Robertshaw, Phil (England)	13-11	5		91. Amarasinghe, Asanka (Sri Lanka)	9-15	-468
40. Simmons, Allan (Scotland)	13-11	-4		92. Amarasinghe, Indunil (Sri Lanka)	9-15	-531
41. Lobo, Ralph (Oman)	13-11	-80		93. Ajayi, Olajide Ademola (Ireland)	9-15	-533
42. Allan, Paul (Scotland)	13-11	-363		94. Bohbot, Herve (France)	9-15	-542
43. Appleby, Phil (England)	13-11	-538		95. Esmail, Mushtak (Tanzania)	9-15	-551
44. Katz-Brown, Jason (USA)	12-12	692		96. Jegels, Llewelin (Germany)	9-15	-686
45. Dennis, Di (England)	12-12	534		97. Collins, Frederick (Guyana)	9-15	-786
46. Kirk, Terry (England)	12-12	251		98. Usakiewicz, Wojciech (Poland)	8-16	-844
47. Saldanha, Dean (Canada)	12-12	248		99. Reshamwala, Shakir (Kuwait)	8-16	-883
48. Hingorani, Varisht (India)	12-12	214		100. Ntege, Chris (Uganda)	8-16	-984
49. Baker, Michael (USA)	12-12	167		101. Kuroda, Kunihiko (Japan)	8-16	-1003
50. Sujjayakorn, Panupol (Thailand)	12-12	165		102. Modeste, Anthony (Trinidad & Tobago)	8-16	-1011
51. Philpotts, Adam (England)	12-12	164		103. Nassen, Greger (Sweden)	6.5-17.5	-2347
52. Berofsky, Evan (Canada)	12-12	158		104. Alban, Loreta (Qatar)	5.5-18.5	-1345

### Finals

Game 1: Richards 412 - Asirvatham 316

Game 2: Richards 400 - Asirvatham 371

Game 3: Richards 499 - Asirvatham 468

**1995 SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown**  
**2003 SCRABBLE® All\*Stars**

## SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown

**Dates:** Aug 20-24 1995    **Location:** Bally Casino Resort, Las Vegas NV  
**Winner:** David Gibson    **Players:** 54    **Games:** 24    **Top Prize:** \$50,000

### Summary

When the news got out that Milton Bradley was sponsoring a \$100,000 SCRABBLE® tournament with a biggest-ever \$50,000 first prize, the word spread like wildfire through the SCRABBLE® community. The excitement was enough to draw a number of all-time greats (such as Brian Cappelletto, Charles Goldstein) out of retirement. After the final field of 54 contestants was determined, the biggest money SCRABBLE® tournament ever got underway on August 21, 1995.

At the end of the first day of play, Joel Sherman stood undefeated atop the leader board along with Canada's Robin Pollock. With six wins were David Gibson, Joe Edley, and Charles Goldstein. In the second morning's games, Matt Graham racked up 466 points in just six turns on his way to an easy win. Meanwhile, Pollock and Sherman continued to win. Pollock finally lost to Lester Schonbrun in round nine while Sherman fell in the next round to Jeff Widergren (after making a non-out play to try to force Widergren to go over on his clock). In the afternoon session, Schonbrun made one of the tournament's stellar plays. Holding ECUVY??, he played CURVEDLY through an R. Robin Pollock overcame Dave Wiegand's 250 point total over three plays to eke out a one point win in the final round. The big story, though, was David Gibson, who won 13 in a row after a shocking opening round loss to the #54 seed. In second place at the day's close was Joel Sherman with but two losses, followed by Pollock with three. At 8-6 after consecutive 4-3 days, Brian Cappelletto was wondering why he bothered to come out of retirement.

On day three, Gibson's winning streak finally came to an end with a round 17 loss to Matt Graham. At lunch time, the top three remained unchanged. In round 19, Gibson and Sherman faced one another and Gibson came out on top to extend his lead to 2 games. Meanwhile, Louis Schecter outdid Schonbrun by playing RESTRAINTS through a separated R - S - R. A round 19 win over Robin Pollock put Gibson up by three games and on the verge of making it a rout. Meanwhile, just four games back in fourth place was Brian Cappelletto, who had fought and clawed his way back into contention after a mediocre start. Maybe coming out of retirement wasn't such a bad idea after all. The key game of the tournament came in round 20 when Gibson and Sherman met again. Gibson took an early lead with TONSILaR but Sherman managed to narrow the gap to less than 15 points. Then Gibson played TOENAILS, Sherman drew the Q, and Gibson drew the second blank and played MUCOIDS, which Sherman was forced to unsuccessfully challenge, after which Sherman congratulated him on his \$50,000 win. Up by four games with four to play, Gibson was not yet mathematically assured a victory, but it would take a miracle to beat him. Gibson ended the suspense with a victory over Cappelletto in round 21, allowing him to retire for the evening with \$50,000 in the bag (as a result of his lead, the eponymous Gibson Rule and the term "Gibsonized" was invented). In the hunt for second place, Robin Pollock held a half-game lead over Charles Goldstein and a one game lead over Cappelletto, Jan Dixon, and Sherman. Dixon was another of the tournament's success stories. For years a top player, Dixon had qualified for the tournament only as an alternate, but got to play when #12 seed Robert Ellickson had to drop out. Now she was in position to win \$20,000, at the time still the 2nd greatest prize in SCRABBLE® history.

In the first morning game, Pollock sent Goldstein down to defeat and went on to face Cappelletto in the penultimate round. A late play of MANDRILL through a separated D and L nailed down a win for Cappelletto. The two would face one another again in the final round to determine second place while Goldstein, Dixon, Ian Weinstein, and Joe Edley (who'd also started out 8-6) were

ving for third. In the final game, Cappelletto and Edley completed incredible comebacks by winning their games to finish second and third while Dixon won as well to finish fourth. Robin Pollock finished fifth.

With his victory, David Gibson became SCRABBLE® 's all-time money winner, but he wasn't the tournament's big money winner. That honor belonged to Chris Cree, who finished 45th, but won a quarter of a million dollars playing blackjack in the tournament casino (he'd rather have won the \$50,000).

## **Format**

Seven rounds were played on each of the first three days and three on the final day. The tournament would start with a 17-game round-robin. Players were broken into three color-coded groups of 18 using snake pairings (ties in rating were broken by a coin toss).

## **Qualifying**

The tournament was to be open only to the 50 highest rated players. To qualify, a player had to have played in three rated tournaments between August 10, 1994 and July 9, 1995. Qualification would be based on the player's peak rating AFTER they'd played the three requisite tournaments up and BEFORE July 9th (the July Reno tournament would be included in the qualifying period). At some point, it seems, it was determined that all players with a peak rating of 1965 would automatically qualify with the remaining slots filled based on peak ratings. In addition, four more slots were reserved for the top two performers in the Canadian Worlds Qualifier (Robin Pollock and Libero Paoletta), Paul Avrin from the U.S. Worlds team, and reigning world champion Mark Nyman.

With the Reno tournament the last chance to earn a spot in the Superstars, a number of hopefuls showed up. Sam Kantimathi qualified after an 8-1 performance in the early bird while Darrell Day did so with a second place finish in the main event. Bob Lundegaard also clinched a last-minute spot.

## SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown - Complete Results

1. Gibson, David	21-3	+1894	\$50,000	28. Wiegand, David	12-12	-421	\$350
2. Cappelletto, Brian	17-7	+1035	\$20,000	29. Geary, Jim	11.5-12.5	+373	\$100
3. Edley, Joe	16-8	+647	\$10,000	30. Day, Darrell	11.5-12.5	-36	\$100
4. Dixon, Jan	16-8	+454	\$5,000	31. Paolella, Libero	11-13	+219	\$100
5. Pollock, Robin	16-8	+450	\$2,000	32. Lundegaard, Bob	11-13	+75	\$100
6. Goldstein, Charles	15.5-8.5	+639	\$1,000	33. Lipton, Bob	11-13	-27	\$100
7. Schonbrun, Lester	15-9	+601	\$1,000	34. Lund, Richard	11-13	-89	\$100
8. Weinstein, Ian	15-9	+314	\$1,000	35. Polatnick, Steve	11-13	-89	\$100
9. Tiekert, Ron	15-9	+260	\$1,000	36. Greenspan, Randy	11-13	-305	\$100
10. Logan, Adam	15-9	-43	\$1,000	37. Epstein, Paul	11-13	-328	\$100
11. Halper, Ed	14.5-9.5	+539	\$350	38. Graham, Matt	10.5-13.5	-281	\$100
12. Morris, Peter	14-10	+450	\$350	39. Lerman, Jerry	10-14	-122	\$100
13. Sherman, Joel	14-10	+365	\$350	40. Weinike, Joe	10-14	-273	\$100
14. Boys, David	14-10	+230	\$350	41. Norr, Rita	10-14	-373	\$100
15. Barrett, Pat	14-10	+223	\$350	42. Laufer, Matt	10-14	-491	\$100
16. Adamson, Tim	14-10	+124	\$350	43. Baker, Rich	9.5-14.5	-343	\$100
17. Kramer, Jim	13.5-10.5	-48	\$350	44. Tier, Steve	9.5-14.5	-401	\$100
18. Widergren, Jeff	13-11	+644	\$350	45. Cree, Chris	9-15	-147	\$100
19. Nyman, Mark	13-11	+374	\$350	46. Wapnick, Joel	9-15	-355	\$100
20. Mead, Jere	13-11	+304	\$350	47. Avrin, Paul	9-15	-1471	\$100
21. Grob, Steve	13-11	+187	\$350	48. Schoneboom, Marj	8.5-15.5	-801	\$100
22. Nevarez, Johnny	13-11	-122	\$350	49. Nivison, Rod	8-16	-481	\$100
23. Felt, Robert	12.5-11.5	+489	\$350	50. Kreiswirth, Rose	8-16	-680	\$100
24. Alexander, Steven	12-12	+457	\$350	51. Carol, Jean	8-16	-901	\$100
25. Odom, Lisa	12-12	+225	\$350	52. Goatcher, Shaun	8-16	-1303	\$100
26. Kaufman, Zev	12-12	+156	\$350	53. Schecter, Louis	7-17	-379	\$100
27. Kantimathi, Sam	12-12	-362	\$350	54. Hersom, Randy	7-17	-724	\$100

## 2003 SCRABBLE® All\*Stars

**Dates:** Aug 15-18 2003      **Location:** Rhode Island Convention Cntr ,Providence  
**Winner:** David Gibson      **Players:** 24      **Games:** 18      **Top Prize:** \$50,000

### Summary

When ESPN approached the NSA about the possibility of televising the School SCRABBLE® Championship, NSA told them that what they really wanted to do was televise the top adult players in the game. The result was the SCRABBLE® All\*Stars with a \$100,000 prize pool and a top prize of \$50,000. Given the prize money, the television coverage, and the fact that the field was limited to 24 players, this was in many ways the most prestigious ever.

The surprise of the tournament was the performance of Chris Cree. Long one of the game's best and most well-liked players, Cree got off to a 6-0 start before losing his last two to end day one in third place just behind Joel Sherman and Brian Cappelletto also with six wins. On day two, Brian Cappelletto and Jim Kramer exchanged the lead throughout most of the day before Joe Weinike took over in round 14. By the end of the day, however, it was Chris Cree who was back in the lead with 11 wins with Joel Wapnick in second.

On day two David Gibson cruised to an easy victory over Jim Kramer in round 17 while two late bingos and a successful challenge of REDDINGS made the difference in Ron Tiekert's win over Chris Cree. With no one having secured a spot in the finals, the winners of the last two games would determine who would play for \$50,000. Tiekert opened with consecutive bingos and defeated Joel Wapnick easily while Cree faced old friend David Gibson. After an emotional greeting, the two southerners sat down to play. Cree started with the bingo WOO(L)IES, but Gibson responded with FELWORT (forming WOOLIEST) and Cree drew poorly the rest of the game as his dreams of winning the big one came to an end.

In many ways, the two finalists were a surprise. While both were unquestionably among the game's all-time greats, they hadn't been as active on the tournament scene as many of the younger stars like Joel Sherman and Brian Cappelletto, who many players favored to win it all. In the first finals game, Gibson got down the only three bingos and later drew the last blank. At the end of the game, however, he made a big mistake by playing TOQuE with the board shut down and a T still out. The play left Tiekert with a one-in-four chance of bingoing with MEDIATE to win an otherwise unwinnable game. In game two, Tiekert bingoed on his first turn but Gibson responded immediately with SPICULAE and later added a 75-point Q play, drew a blank, and bingoed with AmPHORAE to secure another victory. Tiekert finally got on the board with a victory in game three. Gibson maintained a comfortable, but not insurmountable lead throughout most of game four. The key play came when Gibson decided to bypass a bingo that would have opened a triple-triple line to make a more defensive play. Down by too many points, Tiekert was forced to try the desperation bingo MOULAGED, which was challenged off the game as Gibson streaked to another win and maintained his position as the only player ever to win a \$50,000 SCRABBLE® tournament.

### Format

Eight games were played on the first two days and two on the third with the top two finishers advancing to a best-of-five finals. The tournament started with a 7-game round-robin using snake pairings with rounds 8-17 paired using Swiss pairing and round 18 king-of-the-hill.

## **Qualifying**

All active former National and World champions were invited. The remaining 16 players were picked based on peak tournament ratings (not including acceleration bonuses) after 60 fully-rated games during the period from January 1, 2002 to May 5, 2003.

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1. Gibson, David	15-7	+217	\$50,000
2. Tiekert, Ron	13-9	+1301	\$20,000
3. Wapnick, Joel	12-6	-35	\$7,500
4. Cappelletto, Brian	11-7	+458	\$4,000
5. Mallick, Joey	11-7	+226	\$2,500
6. Cree, Chris	11-7	+93	\$2,200
7. Kramer, Jim	11-7	-43	\$1,800
8. Weinike, Joe	10-8	+303	\$1,600
9. Edley, Joe	10-8	+161	\$800
10. Daniel, Robin Pollock	10-8	-244	\$800
11. Sherman, Joel	9-9	+514	\$800
12. Boys, David	9-9	+145	\$800
13. Hersom, Randy	9-9	+131	\$800
14. Hill, Marlon	9-9	+76	\$800
15. Luebkeermann, John	9-9	-297	\$800
16. Wiegand, Dave	8-10	+28	\$800
17. Wright, Trey	8-10	-346	\$500
18. Adamson, Tim	8-10	-408	\$500
19. Epstein, Paul	8-10	-461	\$500
20. Lerman, Jerry	7-11	-214	\$500
21. Baker, Rich	6-12	-141	\$500
22. Kantimathi, Sam	6-12	-284	\$500
23. Mead, Jeremiah	6-12	-656	\$500
24. Norr, Rita	4-14	-524	\$50

### FINALS:

Game 1: Gibson 394 - Tiekert 345

Game 2: Gibson 475 - Tiekert 410

Game 3: Tiekert 445 - Gibson 305

Game 4: Gibson 445 - Tiekert 388

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C H A M P I O N S

## Introduction

This section includes career data for all former National and World champions. Players are listed in the order they won Nationals then the order they won Worlds.

For each player, some overall statistics are given, followed by a summary of their performance in Majors (Nationals, Worlds, 1995 SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown, and 2003 SCRABBLE® All\*Stars). Next is a listing of their "Semi-Major" wins. Semi-Major tournaments include: Atlantic City (Winter), Boston Area Tournament, Cincinnati Masters (1991 and 1997), Danbury/Eastern Championship, Franklin Mint Tournament, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas (Winter), New York City Championship, Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, Reno (Summer)/West Coast Championship and Thailand International.

Finally, the player's career tournament record is listed. Note that since data from prior to 1999 was taken from tournament results listed in SCRABBLE® News, a number of tournaments are missing, including those in which a player did not place in the top 3-5. For tournament results, the year and month of the tournament are given (a "c" before a date indicates an approximate date - the actual date could be a few months on either side), followed by the tournament name, the division played in ("1" refers to the top division, regardless of what it is called - i.e. for BAT, the premier division is considered division "1"), won/loss and either spread, credits (indicated by cr) or total score (indicated by ts) for older tournaments. Finally the players placement (and number of players in the division, if known) and old and new ratings are given (an "NA" in the ratings columns means the tournament was unrated). Note that for older tournaments that took place over multiple weeks, only the record for the finals is given, unless otherwise indicated. If the record is for preliminaries, quarterfinals, or semifinals, this will be noted in parenthesis after the tournament name, i.e. "New York City Championship (semifinals)". First place finishes are indicated in bold.

## David Prinz (National Champion 1978)

**Home State:** NY, CA

**Peak Rating:** N/A

**Peak Ranking:**

**First Tournament:**

**Initial Ranking:** N/A

**Tournaments Won:**

**Career Winnings:** \$2,300 (est)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Rtg	Rtg
Feb 1974	New York City Championship	1		7th of 12		
May 1978	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	10-5 173cr	<b>1st of 65</b>		
Nov 1980	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-6 +459	5th of 32		

## Joe Edley (National Champion 1980, 1992, 2000)

**Home State:** CA, NY      **Peak Rating:** 2147 (4th)      **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** Oakland CA, Sep 9, 1978      **Initial Rating:** N/A  
**Tournaments Won:** 47+ (8th)      **Career Winnings (est):** \$102,787 (5th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Sep 9, 1978	Oakland CA (Preliminary 2)	1		1st		
Sep 23 1979	Oakland CA (Finals)	1	4-0	<b>1st</b>		
Nov 14, 1980	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-3 +545	<b>1st of 32</b>		
Aug 15, 1981	Cleves OH (Preliminary 2)	1	4-0	1st of 42		
Aug 16, 1981	Cleves OH (Finals)	1	5-0 +577	<b>1st of 44</b>		
Nov 1981	San Francisco CA Club Championship	1	8-0	<b>1st</b>		
Aug 10, 1983	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11.5-5.5 +323	3rd of 32	2078	2124
Nov 12, 1983	Hamilton County OH	1	7-2 +906	<b>1st of 26</b>		
Jan 13, 1984	Atlantic City NJ	1	534cr	<b>1st of 48</b>		
Feb 24, 1984	Chicago IL	1	9-4 +628	<b>1st of 22</b>		
Apr 7, 1984	New York City Championship	1	10-3	<b>1st of 14</b>		
Feb 23, 1985	Santa Clara CA	1	10-0 +936	<b>1st</b>		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-4 +1615	2nd of 302		
Aug 30, 1986	Riverside CA	1	4-0	<b>1st</b>		
Jan 8, 1988	Atlantic City NJ	1	8-2 +409	<b>1st</b>	2064	2085
Mar 26, 1988	Pigeon Forge TN	1	18-4 +1610	<b>1st</b>	2085	2095
Nov 4, 1988	Grand Canyon AZ	1	11-3 +1241	<b>1st of 26</b>	2094	2103
Dec 10, 1988	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1 303cr	<b>1st</b>	2103	2106
Nov 3, 1989	Grand Canyon AZ	1	12-2 +1152	<b>1st of 17</b>	2051	2075
Nov 18, 1989	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1 303cr	<b>1st of 74</b>	2075	2073
Mar 3, 1990	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	6-0 293cr	<b>1st of 69</b>	2031	2043
Mar 16, 1990	Hackensack NJ	1	11-1 +1350	<b>1st</b>	2043	2068
Apr 7, 1990	Gatlinburg TN	1	14-5 +1016	<b>1st of 24</b>	2068	2072
June 2, 1990	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1 279cr	<b>1st of 54</b>	2061	2061
June 30, 1990	Reno NV	1	15-3 +1103	<b>1st</b>	2061	2100
Jan 25, 1991	Atlantic City NJ	1	9-1 +668	<b>1st</b>	2089	2100
Apr 12, 1991	Boston Area Tournament	1	7-5 488cr	<b>1st of 11</b>	2068	2079
June 1, 1991	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1 284cr	<b>1st of 18</b>		
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati OH Masters	1	16-11 +716	26th of 160	2079	
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		4th of 48	NA	NA
Nov 23, 1991	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1	<b>1st of 40</b>	2037	2047
Jan 23, 1992	Atlantic City NJ	1	10-2 +887	<b>1st of 80</b>	2047	2056
Feb 22, 1992	Twin Cities MN	1	11-3 +868	<b>1st of 20</b>	2056	2069
July 10, 1992	Reno NV	1	14.5-3.5 +1116	<b>1st of 62</b>	2065	2093
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-5 +1839	<b>1st of 176</b>	2093	2124
Oct 16, 1992	Smithtown LI NY	1	12-3 +1010	<b>1st of 16</b>	2124	2127
Jan 22, 1993	Atlantic City NJ	1	10-2 +870	<b>1st of 76</b>	2096	2103
June 28, 1993	Reno NV	1	19-8 +1450	<b>1st of 78</b>	2096	2091
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	10-5 +495	18th	NA	NA
Dec 4, 1993	Ronkonkoma LI NY	1	5-2 +355	<b>1st</b>	2091	2086
July 7, 1994	Reno NV	1	16-5 +1184	<b>1st of 54</b>	2053	2066
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-8 +1139	4th of 134	2066	2069
July 5, 1995	Reno NV	1	22-9 +1694	<b>1st of 102</b>	2048	2066
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	16-8 +647	3rd of 54	2066	2072
Nov 1, 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-6 +668	5th of 64	NA	NA
Apr 13, 1996	Boston Area Tournament	1	10-3 +570	<b>1st of 22</b>	2056	2077

July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1351	3rd of 108	2077	2076
Feb 13, 1998	Danbury CT	1	15-5 +1688	<b>1st of 32</b>	2039	2051
Mar 13, 1998	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	12-3 +965	<b>1st of 16</b>	2051	2060
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18.5-12.5 +494	17th of 126	2002	1975
Feb 12, 1999	Danbury CT	1	16-4 +1041	<b>1st of 32</b>	1981	2016
Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-11 +447	28th of 98	NA	NA
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-9 +1454	<b>1st of 98</b>	1924	2011
Feb 16, 2001	Danbury CT	1	17-3 +1412	<b>1st of 34</b>	2011	2045
Apr 20, 2001	Boston Area Tournament	1	11-4 +777	<b>1st of 20</b>	2045	2060
Dec 14, 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +371	20th of 88	NA	NA
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-13 +687	23rd of 132	1987	1950
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	10-8 +161	9th of 24	1962	1971
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-11 +554	15th of 173	1983	1964
Nov 19, 2004	Stamford CT	1	12-2 +893	<b>1st of 28</b>	1964	2001
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-9 +376	5th of 87	1987	2007
Aug 5, 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-12 +779	14th of 76	1882	1905
Aug 4, 2007	The Players Championship	1	19-12 +561	10th of 89	1925	1927
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-13 +228	35th of 103	1887	1860

## Joel Wapnick (National Champion 1983, World Champion 1999)

**Home State:** NY, QUE    **Peak Rating:** 2145 (5th)    **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** New York City Championship, 1975-76    **Initial Rating:** N/A  
**Tournaments Won:** 31+ (T 27th)    **Career Winnings (est):** \$70,882 (7th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
cNov 1975	New York City Championship	1	9-10	finalist		
May 1, 1977	Rochester NY (Finals)	1	5-0	<b>1st</b>		
cNov 1977	New York City Championship	1	7-5	semifinalist		
May 19, 1978	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	7-9 143cr	24th of 65		
May 4, 1980	Albany NY (Finals)	1	4-0	<b>1st</b>		
July 1980	Albany NY (Finals)	1	4-0	<b>1st</b>		
Sep 1980	Toronto ONT CAN	1	5-0 +463	<b>1st of 44</b>		
Oct 1980	Canadian Regional Qualifier	1	8-2 +712	<b>1st</b>		
Nov 14, 1980	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	9-8 +386	10th of 32		
June 1981	NYC Game Room Open Consolation	1	5-0 270cr	<b>1st of 44</b>		
May 1982	Downington PA	1	6-2 +820	<b>1st</b>		
June 25, 1982	Stamford CT	1	7-1 +905	<b>1st</b>		
Jan 15, 1983	Boston MA Tier 2	1	9-1 +564	<b>1st</b>		
Feb 12, 1983	Montreal QUE CAN Tier 3	1	13-1 +1090	<b>1st of 15</b>		
June 1983	Canada Tier 4	1		<b>1st of 16</b>		
Aug 10, 1983	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-4 +705	<b>1st of 32</b>	2012	2145
May 26, 1984	Montreal QUE CAN	1	8-2 +591	<b>1st</b>		2055
May 25, 1985	Montreal QUE CAN	1	10-0 +919	<b>1st of 20</b>	2046	2088
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-7 +965	18th of 302		
Nov 23, 1985	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	12-0 +1350	<b>1st of 38</b>		2101
July 5, 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-7 +1651	20th of 327		
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-8 +1334	3rd of 203	2042	2054
Apr 14, 1989	Boston Area Tournament	1	8-3 +682, 503cr	<b>1st</b>	2049	2074
May 27, 1989	Montreal QUE CAN	1	8-2 +867	<b>1st of 26</b>	2074	2077
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +1403	12th of 149	2077	2076
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +647	27th of 176	2056	2040
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati OH Masters	1	17-10 +1134	13th of 170	2040	
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		27th of 48	NA	NA
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-6 +1318	2nd of 176	2049	2083
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-6 +1200	2nd of 64	NA	NA
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +672	9th of 134	1973	1989
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	9-15 -355	46th of 54	1992	1915
Nov 1, 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	10-8 +264	15th of 64	NA	NA
Nov 1995	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	11-1	<b>1st of 18</b>	1915	1984
May 25, 1996	Montreal QUE CAN	1	9-3 +133	<b>1st of 12</b>	2013	2013
July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +531	19th of 108	2013	1998
Oct 18, 1996	Canadian National Championship	1	13-5 +994	3rd of 40	1998	1994
Nov 1996	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	10-2	<b>1st</b>	1994	2012
Mar 21, 1997	Boston Area Tournament	1	6-7 +108	8th of 14	2012	2003
May 24, 1997	Montreal QUE CAN	1	9-3 +264	2nd of 12	2003	2015
July 4, 1997	Albany NY	1	6-6 +31	16th of 32	2015	1978
Sep 27, 1997	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	10-2	2nd of 15	1979	1999
Nov 20, 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-10 +27	36th of 80	NA	NA
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17.5-13.5 +362	29th of 126	2008	1969
Oct 16, 1998	Canadian National Championship	1	13-5 +906	<b>1st of 50</b>	1969	1968
Oct 16, 1999	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	13-0	<b>1st of 30</b>	1923	1959

Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-6 +1068	<b>1st of 98</b>	NA	NA	
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +1089	11th of 98	1921	1956	
Nov 18, 2000	Canadian National Championship		1 10-8 +756	15th of 50	1947	1890	
Dec 14, 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-10 +1006	2nd of 88	NA	NA	
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +1128	10th of 132	1851	1915	
Jan 11, 2003	Oshawa ONT CAN	1	8-4 +783	<b>1st of 16</b>	1903	1912	
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	12-6 -35	3rd of 24	1836	1924	
Nov 21, 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +690	17th of 90	NA	NA	
Dec 5, 2003	Canadian National Championship	1	10-8 +512	15th of 50	1926	1858	
Jan 31, 2004	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	10-2	<b>1st of 16</b>	1858	1899	
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-10 +833	9th of 173	1870	1922	
Oct 1, 2004	Toronto ONT CAN	1	9-3 +742	<b>1st of 20</b>	1922	1931	
Nov 20, 2004	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	9-3	<b>1st of 17</b>	1931	1946	
June 9, 2005	Canadian National Championship	1	12-6 +1123	4th of 50	1891	1889	
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-15 +130	55th of 87	1889	1844	
Oct 29, 2005	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	9-3	<b>1st of 18</b>	1860	1885	
Nov 17, 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-11 +395	33rd of 102	NA	NA	
Aug 5, 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-15 -33	49th of 76	1936	1872	
Aug 4, 2007	The Players Championship	1	17-14 +511	24th of 89	1822	1819	
Nov 8, 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-17 +1076	4th of 104	NA	NA	
Apr 5, 2008	Canadian National Championship	1	12-6 +1012	3rd of 52	1818	1850	
July 5, 2008	Montreal vs. Ottawa	1	6-1 +503	<b>1st of 12</b>	1855	1862	
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-11 +185	17th of 103	1862	1890	

## Ron Tiekert (National Champion 1985)

**Home State:** NY, GA, FL **Peak Rating:** 2168 (1st) **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** New York City Championship, 1973-74 **Initial Rating:** N/A  
**Tournaments Won:** 31+ (T 27th) **Career Winnings (est):** \$52,672 (10th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
cNov 1973	New York City Championship (Prelim)	1				
Feb 1974	New York City Championship (Finals)	1		3rd of 12		
Mar 12, 1978	New York City Championship (Finals)	1		2nd of 12		
May 19, 1978	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	9-7 157cr	8th of 65		
Nov 14, 1980	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11.5-5.5 +874	3rd of 32		
June 1981	NYC Game Room Open (Finals)	1	8-2 347cr	<b>1st of 44</b>		
Mar 1, 1982	New York City Championship (Finals)	1		<b>1st</b>		
Aug 10, 1983	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	9-8 +364	7th of 32	2112	2053
Apr 13, 1984	Boston Area Tournament	1	8-2	<b>1st of 11</b>		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-2 +1808	<b>1st of 302</b>		
Oct 25, 1985	Cape Cod MA Pairs	1	5-0 +400	1st	NA	NA
Oct 26, 1985	Cape Cod MA Individual	1	5-0 +710	<b>1st</b>		
Oct 1985	Cape Cod MA Overall	1	15-0 +1425	1st	NA	NA
Apr 18, 1986	Boston Area Tournament	1	531cr	<b>1st of 26</b>		
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-7 +1180	3rd of 149	2099	2122
Oct 21, 1989	Cape Cod MA Individual	1	5-0 +728	<b>1st</b>	2114	2122
Apr 13, 1991	Boston Area Tournament Consolation	1	3-0	<b>1st</b>		
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		5th of 48	NA	NA
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1441	8th of 176	1978	2003
Oct 8, 1993	Smithtown LI NY	1	12-3 +793	<b>1st of 16</b>	1956	2007
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-13 +720	50th of 134	1935	1904
Mar 31, 1995	Boston Area Tournament	1	10-3 625cr	<b>1st of 14</b>	1954	2012
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	15-9 +260	9th of 54	1995	2011
Jan 19, 1996	Atlantic City NJ	1	10-2 +901	<b>1st of 56</b>	2009	2029
July 5, 1996	Albany NY	1	10-2 +946	<b>1st of 35</b>	2020	2031
Nov 20, 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-8 -27	15th of 80	NA	NA
Apr 4, 1998	Berlin NJ	1	6-1 +594	<b>1st of 10</b>	1985	1998
July 2, 1998	Albany NY	1	14-4 +524	1st of 32	1962	2004
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +988	5th of 126	2004	2018
Jan 22, 1999	Atlantic City NJ	1	10-2 +592	<b>1st of 40</b>	2016	2034
Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +366	7th of 98	NA	NA
Aug 2, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +1327	7th of 98	1898	1964
Aug 6, 2000	Bird-In-Hand PA	1	9-3 +661	<b>1st of 21</b>	1964	1970
Dec 28, 2001	Rye Brook NY	1	13-4 +606	<b>1st of 30</b>	1937	1981
Jan 25, 2002	Atlantic City NJ	1	11-1 +641	<b>1st of 43</b>	1981	2017
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-13 +57	32nd of 132	1951	1943
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	12-6 +1301	2nd of 24	1911	1960
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-14 +1039	53rd of 173	1919	1884
Oct 23, 2004	Stuart FL	1	13-3 +978	<b>1st of 16</b>	1884	1915
Mar 4, 2005	Gainesville FL	1	14.5-1.5 +1305	<b>1st of 14</b>	1879	1891
Oct 28, 2005	Cape Cod MA Pairs	1	3-0 +223	<b>1st of 8</b>	NA	NA
Apr 29, 2006	Boston Area Tournament	2	11-4 +883	<b>1st of 42</b>	1815	1848
May 27, 2006	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	17-5 +1486	<b>1st of 10</b>	1848	1891
Mar 2, 2007	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	15-8 +1110	<b>1st of 18</b>	1894	1944
Aug 4, 2007	The Players Championship	1	18-13 +706	<b>16th of 89</b>	1872	1887
Aug 25, 2007	Ft Lauderdale FL (NAST)	1	5-1 +448	<b>1st of 8</b>	1887	1891

Jan 20, 2008	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	6.5-1.5 +152	<b>1st of 8</b>	1840	1848
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-12 +235	25th of 103	1771	1827
Aug 16, 2008	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	6-2 +404	<b>1st of 6</b>	1827	1816
Sep 14, 2008	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	7-1 +609	<b>1st of 4</b>	1816	1819
Oct 4, 2008	Ft Lauderdale FL	1	8-0 +501	<b>1st of 6</b>	1819	1844

## Rita Provost (National Champion 1987)

Home State: CT

Peak Rating: 2005 (75th) Peak Ranking: #19

First Tournament:

Initial Rating:N/A

Tournaments Won: 10+

Career Winnings (est): \$13,364

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
cDec 1980	New York City Game Room Open	1	278 cr	9th		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13.5-8.5 +712	47th of 302	1812	
July 5, 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-4 +1100	<b>1st of 327</b>		
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14.5-12.5 -286	77th of 203	1913	1898
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15.5-11.5 +400	34th of 149	1913	1936
Aug 4, 1990	Nationals SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +511	20th of 176	1943	1986
Aug 31, 1991	Cincinnati OH Masters	1	14-13 +73	69th of 160	1884	
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +200	57th of 176	1913	1911
Mar 12, 1993	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	10-2 +471	<b>1st of 38</b>	1830	1874
Aug 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	6-9 -372	58th of 64	NA	NA
Mar 11, 1994	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	9.5-2.5 +592	<b>1st of 37</b>	1850	1884
Sep 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +324	23rd of 134	1929	1953
June 9, 1995	Stamford CT Worlds Qualifier	1	11-3 +369	<b>1st of 50</b>	1892	1958
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	10-14 -373	41st of 54	1922	1907
Nov 1, 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	8-10 -110	44th of 64	NA	NA
July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-13 +91	47th of 108	1830	1862
Aug 30, 1997	Indian Wells CA	1	12-7 +486	<b>1st of 6</b>	1904	1906
May 1998	Los Angeles CA Club Championship	1		<b>1st of 22</b>		
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +32	8th of 126	1837	1940
Feb 13, 1999	Phoenix AZ	2	15-4 +860	<b>1st of 16</b>	1794	1845
Sep 3, 1999	Portland OR Soup	1	7-1 +374	<b>1st of 4</b>	1831	1893
Feb 18, 2000	Danbury CT	1	15-5 +680	<b>1st of 34</b>	1811	1914
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13.5-17.5 +241	72nd of 98	1932	1846
May 11, 2002	Plainview LI NY	1	7-2 +437	<b>1st of 10</b>	1800	1835
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18.5-12.5 +380	19th of 132	1862	1894
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	4-14 -524	24th of 24	1817	1790
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-16 +256	103rd of 173	1818	1782
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	2	15.5-12.5 +193	26th of 108	1726	1722

## Robert Watson (National Champion 1988)

Home State: MN

Peak Rating: 2030 (49th) Peak Ranking: 11th?

First Tournament:

Initial Rating: NA

Tournaments Won: 6+

Career Winnings (est): \$5,165

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Aug 5, 1979	Minneapolis MN (Finals)	1	3-1 1500ts	4th of 26		
Feb 11, 1980	St Paul MN (Finals)	1	4-0 1566ts	<b>1st</b>		
Feb 7, 1982	St Paul MN (Finals)	1		<b>1st</b>		
Feb 2, 1985	St Paul MN	1	8-2 +957	<b>1st</b>		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-10 +206	107th of 302		
July 5, 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-6 +917	15th of 327		
July 25, 1987	Minneapolis MN	1	9-1 +789	<b>1st</b>	1970	1987
Nov 21, 1987	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	9-1 +621	<b>1st of 14</b>	1987	2005
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20.5-6.5 +1355	<b>1st of 203</b>	1953	2030

# Peter Morris (National Champion 1989; World Champion 1991)

Home Province: QUE

Peak Rating: 2150 (3rd) Peak Ranking: #1

First Tournament:

Initial Rating: NA

Tournaments Won: 20+ (T 48th)

Career Winnings (est): \$24,258 (29th)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Dec 1, 1979	Lansing MI	1	5-1 +309	3rd of 42		
Nov 27, 1982	Toronto ONT CAN Tier 2	1		<b>1st</b>		
Apr 8, 1983	Port Huron MI Tier 2	1		<b>1st of 34</b>		
July 16, 1983	Detroit MI	1		<b>1st of 16</b>		
Aug 10, 1983	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	10-7 +404	10th of 32	1958	2026
Aug 20, 1983	Cleves OH	1	10-0 +1204	<b>1st of 38</b>		
Mar 17, 1984	Midwest Invitational (Chicago)	1	11-4 +933	<b>1st of 16</b>		
July 21, 1984	Toledo OH	1	6-0 +462	<b>1st of 16</b>		
Oct 20, 1984	Marion IN	1	8-2 +800	<b>1st of 28</b>		
Dec 1, 1984	Lansing MI	1	5-2 +532	<b>1st of 8</b>		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-7 +718	21st of 302	2095	
Sep 7, 1985	Toronto ONT CAN	1	10-0 +671	<b>1st of 26</b>		
Oct 12, 1985	Lansing MI	1	6-2 +455	<b>1st of 8</b>		
Oct 3, 1987	Lansing MI	1	6-1 +976	<b>1st of 8</b>	2034	2040
Feb 20, 1988	Lansing MI	1	6-1 +448	<b>1st</b>	2030	2040
May 7, 1988	Midwest Invitational (Livonia MI)	1	14-3 +1331	<b>1st of 18</b>	2040	2057
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-7 +1378	2nd of 203	2057	2073
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-6 +1507	<b>1st of 149</b>	2075	2123
Sep 9, 1989	Toronto ONT CAN	1	10-0 +689	<b>1st</b>	2123	2142
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1059	9th of 176	2102	2090
July 1991	Grand Rapids MI	1		<b>1st of 12</b>		
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati OH Masters	1	20-7 +1715	2nd of 160	2090	
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		<b>1st of 48</b>	NA	NA
Apr 4, 1992	Lansing MI	1	5-2 +268	<b>1st</b>	2081	2073
June 20, 1992	Texas Vs Michigan	1	10-4	<b>1st of 14</b>	2057	2060
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +231	55th of 176	2060	1973
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-7 +421	12th of 64	NA	NA
June 10, 1995	Buffalo NY	1	10-2 +863	<b>1st of 12</b>	1924	1970
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	14-10 +450	12th of 54	1970	1993
July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15.5-11.5 +265	27th of 109	1993	1982
Oct 18, 1996	Canadian National Championship	1	14-8 +708	2nd of 40	1982	1979

# Robert Felt (National Champion 1990)

Home State: NY, CA

Peak Rating: 2155

Peak Ranking: #1

First Tournament:

Initial Rating:

Tournaments Won: 42+ (12th) Career Winnings (est): \$32,963 (20th)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
June 18, 1982	Chicago IL	1	7-3 +182	5th of 28		
Sep 18, 1982	Saginaw MI	1	8-0 +900	<b>1st of 36</b>		
Feb, 1984	San Francisco CA	1	7-1 +725	<b>1st</b>		
Nov 10, 1984	Riverside CA	1	8-2	<b>1st</b>		
July 28, 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-6 +1429	8th of 302		
Sep 27, 1985	Haines Falls NY	1	8-2 +362	<b>1st</b>		
Oct 18, 1986	Cape Cod MA Overall	1	14-3 +1553	<b>1st</b>		
July 5, 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-6 +1588	7th of 327		
May 12, 1988	San Juan Puerto Rico	1	9-2 +1047	<b>1st</b>		
May 28, 1988	Montreal QUE CAN	1	9-1 +1208	<b>1st</b>	2023	2038
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1265	7th of 203	2016	2033
Mar 31, 1989	Gatlinburg TN	1	15-2 +1115	<b>1st of 20</b>	2014	2056
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +650	14th of 149	2041	2053
Oct 14, 1989	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	8-4 +480	<b>1st of 17</b>	2063	2051
Mar 3, 1990	Memphis TN	1	10-0 +1232	<b>1st</b>	2040	2038
July 21, 1990	Chicago IL	1	9-1 +588	<b>1st</b>	2053	2083
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	24-3 +1969	<b>1st of 176</b>	2106	2151
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati Masters	1	20-7 +1145	3rd of 170	2108	
Sep 6, 1991	Twin Cities MN	1	11-4 +1165	<b>1st of 14</b>		
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		36th of 48	NA	NA
Aug 8, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +884	44th of 176	2045	1997
Feb 6, 1993	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	6-0 281cr	<b>1st of 30</b>	2014	2033
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-6 +642	6th of 64	NA	NA
Nov 7, 1993	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +448	<b>1st of 6</b>	1994	1997
Mar 6, 1994	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +266	<b>1st of 6</b>	1946	1954
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-13 +869	49th of 134	1922	1902
Nov 13, 1994	Oakland CA	1	6-0 +605	<b>1st of 6</b>	1916	1969
Feb 1995	Santa Clara CA	1	14-2 +1314	<b>1st</b>	1955	2015
Mar 1995	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +189	<b>1st</b>	2015	2019
June 1995	Oakland CA	1	6-0 +575	<b>1st</b>	2004	2026
Aug 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	12.5-11.5 +489	23rd		1935
Nov 1995	Oakland CA	1	5-1 +116	<b>1st</b>	1919	1958
Nov 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	9-9 -35	16th of 64	NA	NA
Dec 1995	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +355	<b>1st</b>	1958	1965
Feb 1996	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +407	<b>1st</b>	1919	1933
Apr 1996	Oakland CA	1	4.5-1.5 +311	<b>1st</b>	1951	1960
May 1996	Oakland CA	1	5-1 +116	<b>1st</b>	1960	1987
July 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +635	30th of 108		
Aug 1996	Portland OR	1	9-4 +851	<b>1st</b>	1952	1956
Mar 1997	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +463	<b>1st</b>	1926	1932
May 1997	Oakland CA	1	6-0 +647	<b>1st</b>	1932	1970
June 1997	Mill Valley CA	1	4-2 +252	<b>1st</b>	1955	1959
Aug 1997	Oakland CA	1	501 +448	<b>1st</b>	1941	1953
Nov 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-7 +814	4th of 80	NA	NA
Feb 1998	Oakland CA	1	5-1 +321	<b>1st</b>	1951	1961
June 1998	Mill Valley CA	1	5-1 +585	<b>1st</b>	1881	1906

July 1998	Oakland CA	1	5-1 +361	<b>1st</b>	1972	1991
Aug 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-13 +290	27th of 126	1906	1977
Jan 1999	Oakland CA	1	5-1 +567	<b>1st of 6</b>	1900	1924
Mar 1999	Oakland CA	1	4-2 +155	<b>1st of 6</b>	1919	1927
Apr 1999	Oakland CA	1	6-0 +687	<b>1st of 6</b>	1927	1948
July 1999	Albany NY	1	17-3 +1261	<b>1st of 32</b>	1948	2014
Nov 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-12 +360	45th of 98	NA	NA
June 2000	New York City NY	1	7-0 +430	<b>1st of 34</b>	1953	1989
Aug 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +437	10th of 98	1962	1993
Oct 2000	Lake George NY	1	13-2 +892	<b>1st of 30</b>	1940	1987
Nov 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-11 +1022	26th of 88	NA	NA
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-14 +1176	35th of 132	1923	1906
Oct 2002	Indian Harbour Beach FL	1	12-3 +1061	<b>1st of 16</b>	1906	1905

**David Gibson** (National Champion 1994, 1995 SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown Champion, 2003 All\*Stars Champion)

**Home State:** SC **Peak Rating:** 2122 (9th) **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** Decatur GA, Mar 22, 1986 **Initial Rating:**  
**Tournaments Won:** 14 **Prize Money Won (est):** \$139, 545 (2nd)

**Career Tournament Highlights** (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Mar 22, 1986	Decatur GA	2	4--0 +803	<b>1st of 26</b>		
Jan 1987	Charlotte NC (Step 1)	1	4-0 +433	<b>1st</b>	1780	1796
cMar 1987	Decatur GA	1		<b>1st</b>		
Nov 14, 1987	South Carolina State Championship	1	10-2 +1545	<b>1st of 7</b>	1829	1836
May 20, 1989	McDonald's NC Vs Spartanburg SC	1	5-0 +400	1st of 2	1935	1973
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +567	9th of 149	1973	2020
Mar 23, 1991	Gatlinburg TN	1	16-2 +1355	<b>1st of 22</b>	2020	2065
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-8 +1186	5th of 176	2058	2065
Mar 13, 1993	San Antonio TX	1	9-1 +903	<b>1st of 24</b>	2048	2065
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-4 +503	3rd of 64	NA	NA
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	23-4 +1700	<b>1st of 134</b>	2081	2122
Apr 8, 1995	Gatlinburg TN	1	15-3 +1087	<b>1st of 26</b>	2070	2092
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	21-3 +1895	<b>1st of 54</b>	2052	2103
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-14 +210	46th of 132	2022	1956
Nov 22, 2002	Orlando FL	1	10-4 +957	<b>1st of 12</b>	1956	1952
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	15-7 +217	<b>1st of 24</b>	1909	1966
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	23-10 +2282	2nd of 173	1966	2026
Dec 10, 2004	Kissimmee FL	1	13-2 +1415	<b>1st of 10</b>	2021	2034
Mar 11, 2005	Charlotte NC	1	14-1 +1252	<b>1st of 14</b>	2034	2065
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19.5-8.5 +1543	3rd of 103	1955	2000
Nov 7, 2008	Asheville NC	1	11-3 +1005	<b>1st of 8</b>	2000	1990

## Adam Logan (National Champion 1996)

Home Province: Quebec

Peak Rating: 2103

Peak Ranking: #1

First Tournament:

Initial Rating:

Tournaments Won: 19+ (53rd) Prize Money Won (est): \$70,724 (8th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
May 1987	Montreal QUE CAN	2	7-3 +540	2nd of 33	1692	1702
May 1988	Montreal QUE CAN	2	9-1 +649	<b>1st</b>	1690	1766
Aug 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +965	16th of 176	1923	1967
Mar 1991	Hamilton ONT CAN	1	8-2 +492	<b>1st</b>		
Apr 1993	Boston Area Tournament	1	8-5 565cr	<b>1st of 14</b>	1987	2007
June 1993	Niagara Falls NY	1	9-1 +834	<b>1st</b>	2015	2037
Aug 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-7 +477	11th of 64	NA	NA
Aug 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	15-9 -43	10th of 54		2016
Nov 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	10-8 +149	8th of 64	NA	NA
July 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	24-3 +1613	<b>1st of 108</b>		
Oct 1996	Canadian National Championship	1	17-5 +1478	<b>1st of 40</b>	2090	2088
July 1997	Albany NY	1	9-3 +944	<b>1st of 32</b>	2033	2046
Nov 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-8 +1064	9th of 80	NA	NA
Apr 1998	Boston Area Tournament	1	7-6	<b>1st</b>	2044	2039
Aug 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-13 +690	21st of 126	2039	2012
Oct 1998	Canadian National Championship	1	13-5 +771	4th of 50	2012	1997
Nov 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +886	4th of 98	NA	NA
Aug 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-10 +1116	4th of 98	2003	2023
Nov 2000	Canadian National Championship	1	13.5-7.5 +1069	2nd of 50	2011	1991
Nov 2000	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-9 +801	10th of 88	NA	NA
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-14 +642	37th of 132	1994	1959
May 2003	Montreal QUE CAN	1	9-3 +991	<b>1st of 24</b>	1950	1943
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-10 +1066	8th of 173	1943	1978
June 2005	Canadian National Championship	1	18-4 +2069	<b>1st of 50</b>	1978	1992
Sep 2005	Toronto ONT CAN SOWPODS	1	8-4 +571	<b>1st of 6</b>	NA	NA
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	23-4 +1613	<b>1st of 102</b>	NA	NA
June 2006	Can-Am Match	1	12-2 +610	<b>1st of 14</b>	1938	2006
Apr 14, 2007	Boston Area Tournament	1	11-4 +425	<b>1st of 16</b>	1971	2000
Nov 8, 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +140	25th of 104	NA	NA
Apr 5, 2008	Canadian National Championship	1	17-6 +1157	<b>1st of 52</b>	1969	1979

# Brian Cappelletto (National Champion 1998, World Champion 2001)

**Home State:** AZ, CA, IL      **Peak Rating:** 2122 (9th)      **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** Albuquerque NM, Oct 1985      **Initial Rating:** 1812  
**Tournaments Won:** 50+ (7th)      **Prize Money Won (est):** \$158,338 (1st)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Oct 1985	Albuquerque NM	1	5-5		0	1812
Jan 25, 1986	Mesa AZ	1	9-1 +890	<b>1st</b>		
Nov 22, 1986	Glendale AZ	1	9-1	<b>1st of 38</b>	1877	1903
Apr 25, 1987	Huntington Beach CA	1	9-1 +975	<b>1st of 92</b>	1903	1951
May 2, 1987	Mid-Cities TX	1	8-2 +681	<b>1st of 9</b>	1951	1997
July 5, 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-5 +1300	5th of 327		
Jan 30, 1988	Phoenix AZ	1	8-2 +825	<b>1st</b>	1972	1983
May 7, 1988	Mid-Cities TX	1	9-1 +881	<b>1st of 16</b>	2013	2043
June 1988	SWILNS	1		<b>1st</b>		
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +1988	15th of 203	2027	2019
Sep 24, 1988	Los Angeles CA	1	11-1 +770	<b>1st of 14</b>	2019	2058
Oct 1, 1988	Albuquerque NM	1	8-2 +439	<b>1st</b>	2058	2068
Jan 28, 1989	Phoenix AZ	1	8-2 +1100	<b>1st</b>	2068	2073
Feb 19, 1989	Granada Hills CA	1	8-2 +402	<b>1st</b>	2073	2083
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +324	42nd of 149	2122	2073
Jan 6, 1990	Pasadena CA	1	6-0 +484	<b>1st</b>	2009	2026
July 21, 1990	SWILNS	1	15-1 +1291	<b>1st</b>	2024	2057
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +904	10th of 176	2028	2044
Oct 6, 1990	Albuquerque NM	1	8-2 +901	<b>1st</b>	2037	2043
Nov 2, 1990	Grand Canyon AZ	1	13-1 +1222	<b>1st of 36</b>	2043	2079
Jan 19, 1991	San Francisco CA	1	10-2 +761	<b>1st</b>	2079	2093
Apr 1991	Tucson AZ	1	11-0	<b>1st</b>		
May 25, 1991	Durango CO	1	9-2 +853	<b>1st</b>	2096	2099
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati Masters	1	18-9 +1007	8th of 160	2096	
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		2nd of 48	NA	NA
Mar 14, 1992	Huntington Beach CA	1	9-3 +661	<b>1st</b>	2057	2059
June 1992	SWILNS	1	15-3 +1125	<b>1st of 10</b>	2050	2065
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-7 +1410	3rd of 176	2065	2080
Nov 13, 1992	Grand Canyon AZ	1	11.5-1.5 +827	<b>1st of 36</b>	2082	2085
Feb 6, 1993	Phoenix AZ	1	8-3 +494	<b>1st of 10</b>	2066	2057
May 29, 1993	Durango CO	1	8-2 +820	<b>1st of 16</b>	2057	2058
May 27, 1995	Santa Clara CA Worlds Qualifier	1	14.5-4.5 +1169	<b>1st of 34</b>	2027	2039
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	17-7 +1035	2nd of 65	2039	2069
Nov 1, 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-7 +477	11th of 64	NA	NA
June 15, 1996	SWILNS	1	17-0 +1883	<b>1st of 16</b>	2056	2090
July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1285	4th of 108	2090	2087
Oct 12, 1996	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	9-3 +678	<b>1st of 16</b>	2087	2081
Nov 23, 1996	West Bloomfield MI	1	9.5-1.5 +857	<b>1st of 18</b>	2081	2095
Apr 21, 1997	Boston Area Tournament	1	9-4 579cr	<b>1st of 14</b>	2025	2043
Nov 20, 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-8 +946	10th of 80	NA	NA
Jan 17, 1998	Reno NV	1	14-3 +1622	<b>1st of 32</b>	2011	2030
June 12, 1998	SWILNS	1	15-2 +1173	<b>1st</b>	2038	2065
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	26-5 +2318	<b>1st of 126</b>	2065	2113
Oct 10, 1998	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	10-1 +910	<b>1st of 16</b>	2113	2121
July 5, 1999	Reno NV	1	30-9 +2118	<b>1st of 64</b>	2077	2095
Sep 4, 1999	Portland OR SOWPODS Division	1	14-6 +661	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA

Oct 8, 1999	Wisconsin Dells WI SOWPODS Division 1	1	12-3 +862	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-9 +711	11th of 98	NA	NA
June 10, 2000	SWILNS	1	14-3 +1144	<b>1st of 14</b>	2095	2094
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-9 +1342	2nd of 98	2094	2093
Dec 14, 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-7 +921	<b>1st of 88</b>	NA	NA
June 8, 2002	SWILNS	1	14-3 +1174	<b>1st of 24</b>	1999	2009
July 4, 2002	Reno NV	1	20-7 +1567	<b>1st of 40</b>	1938	1983
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-10 +407	4th of 132	1983	2012
Oct 12, 2002	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	10-2 +986	<b>1st of 16</b>	2012	2023
July 3, 2003	Reno NV	1	20-7 +1362	<b>1st of 50</b>	1996	2014
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	11-7 +458	4th of 24	2014	2011
Apr 3, 2004	Boston Area Tournament	1	11-4 +336	<b>1st of 18</b>	2018	2032
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20.5-9.5 +1369	5th of 173	1989	2003
May 14, 2005	Can-Am Match	1	11-3 +768	<b>1st of 14</b>	1977	2006
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-11 +684	11th of 87	1937	1950
Mar 11, 2006	Dallas Open	1	14-0 +1434	<b>1st of 109</b>	1950	2019
Aug 4, 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-10 +46	6th of 76	1969	1974
Aug 4, 2007	The Players Championship	1	20-11 +1168	5th of 89	1935	1950
June 6, 2008	SWILLNS	1	14-3 +1388	<b>1st of 24</b>	1953	1975
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-8 +1500	2nd of 103	1950	1986
Aug 23, 2008	Big Apple Showdown	1	12-4 +315	<b>1st of 20</b>	1986	2009

# Joel Sherman (National Champion 2002, World Champion 1997)

**Home State:** NY                      **Peak Rating:** 2067 (24th) **Peak Ranking:** #1  
**First Tournament:** New York City (BBC) Oct 1988                      **Initial Rating:** 1645  
**Tournaments Won:** 63+ (5th)                      **Prize Money Won (est):** \$114,040 (4th)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Oct 1988	New York City (BBC) Club Tourney	1	4-2		0	1645
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-13 +494	67th of 176	1869	1897
Oct 5, 1990	Hackensack NJ	1	9-1 +665	<b>1st</b>	1905	1979
Mar 15, 1991	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	9-1 +881	<b>1st</b>	1947	1976
Aug 3, 1991	Cincinnati Masters	1	15-12 +525	41st of 160	2023?	
Oct 19, 1991	Pittsburgh PA	1		<b>1st of 12</b>		1940?
Mar 1992	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	12-0 +1212	<b>1st</b>		
Aug 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +266	34th of 176	1987	1976
Oct 1992	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	10-1 +1500	<b>1st</b>	1952	2000
Apr 1993	East Coast Worlds Qualifier	1	9-3 +628	<b>1st</b>	1944	1965
July 1993	Holtsville LI NY	1	9-3 +534	<b>1st</b>	1996	1993
Aug 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-7 +526	10th of 64	NA	NA
Sep 1993	Wildwood NJ	1	10-2 +757	<b>1st</b>	1993	2017
Oct 1993	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	6-0 312cr	<b>1st</b>	2017	2033
Jan 1994	Atlantic City NJ	1	10.5-1.5 +1193	<b>1st</b>	2021	2050
Mar 1994	Gatlinburg TN	1	14-4 +1043	<b>1st of 26</b>	2038	2057
Apr 1994	Williamsburg VA	1	10-3 +1102	<b>1st</b>	2031	2041
Sep 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +728	12th of 134	2043	2020
Dec 1994	Las Vegas NV	1	13-2 +1278	<b>1st</b>	2004	2033
Feb 1995	Gainesville FL	1	8-3 +608	<b>1st</b>	2023	2029
Feb 1995	Atlanta GA	1	12-3 +895	<b>1st of 18</b>	2029	2048
Mar 1995	Port Jefferson LI NY	1	10-2 +730	<b>1st of 12</b>	2048	2067
Aug 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	14-10 +365	13th of 54		2003
Nov 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-6 +679	2nd of 64	NA	NA
Mar 1996	Atlanta GA	1	11-4 +990	<b>1st</b>	1974	1994
July 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +750	29th of 108		
Aug 1996	Philadelphia PA	1	7-1 +739	<b>1st</b>	1985	2013
Aug 1996	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	5-1 +792	<b>1st</b>	2013	2021
Dec 1996	Las Vegas NV	1	12-2 +1073	<b>1st of 38</b>	2027	2055
Mar 1997	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	6-1	<b>1st</b>	2007	2014
June 1997	New York NY (Beverly Bridge Club)	1	6-0	<b>1st</b>	2024	2041
July 1997	Reno NV	1	23-8 +1882	<b>1st of 62</b>	2035	2062
Nov 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-6 +829	<b>1st of 80</b>	NA	NA
Jan 1998	Thailand International	1	23-9 +1000	<b>1st of 87</b>	NA	NA
May 1998	Maui HI	1	13-5 +666	<b>1st</b>	1998	1971
Aug 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +898	11th of 126	1986	1957
Sep 1998	Atlanta GA	1	10-5 +627	<b>1st</b>	1957	1953
Nov 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-9 +73	15th of 98	NA	NA
Dec 1999	Plainview LI NY	1	5.5-1.5 +197	<b>1st of 8</b>	1954	1964
Feb 2000	Plainview LI NY	1	6-1 +502	<b>1st of 8</b>	1963	1971
Aug 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +722	14th of 98	1975	1982
Sep 2000	Atlanta GA	1	11-3 +1383	<b>1st of 14</b>	1969	1998
Oct 2000	Shelton CT	1	12-3 +674	<b>1st of 16</b>	1998	1994
Nov 2000	Rye Brook NY	1	15-5 +796	<b>1st of 12</b>	1965	2006
July 2001	Reno NV Early Bird	1	9-1 +1102	<b>1st of 92</b>	1902	1928
Aug 2001	Pigeon Forge TN	1	18-7 +1507	<b>1st of 55</b>	1927	1941

Sep 2001	Twin Cities MN	1	12-3 +1161	<b>1st of 14</b>	1941	1986
Nov 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-12 -349	51st of 88	NA	NA
Feb 2002	Danbury CT	1	16-4 +1575	<b>1st of 38</b>	2007	2027
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	25-6 +2020	<b>1st of 132</b>	1948	2036
Nov 2002	Grand Canyon AZ	1	13.5-4.5 +1493	<b>1st of 36</b>	1994	1992
Feb 2003	Danbury CT	1	16-4 +1126	<b>1st of 20</b>	1950	2007
June 2003	Queens NY	1	6-1 +336	<b>1st of 12</b>	1907	1920
July 2003	Reno NV Early Bird	1	9-1 +950	<b>1st of 84</b>	1920	1942
Aug 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	9-9 +514	11th of 24	1918	1922
Sep 2003	Shelton CT	1	12-3 +1012	<b>1st of 12</b>	1909	1932
Oct 2003	Bayside NY	1	5-2 +461	<b>1st of 8</b>	1932	1928
Nov 2003	Corona NY	1	<b>6-1 +297</b>	<b>1st of 12</b>	1956	1961
Feb 2004	Danbury CT	1	15-5 +1394	<b>1st of 30</b>	1927	1965
Mar 2004	Corona NY	1	7-0 +824	<b>1st of 12</b>	1965	1973
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-15 +258	81st of 173	1955	1864
Aug 2004	Atlantic City NJ	1	15-3 +1554	<b>1st of 22</b>	1864	1898
Dec 2004	Kissimmee FL Early Bird	1	5-2 +551	<b>1st of 8</b>	1833	1853
Feb 2005	Danbury CT	1	17-3 +1611	<b>1st of 32</b>	1816	1957
Apr 2005	Boston Area Tournament	1	12-3 +706	<b>1st of 16</b>	1875	1970
Aug 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15.5-12.5 +780	26th of 87	1896	1911
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +847	19th of 102	NA	NA
Apr 2006	Pigeon Forge TN	1	18-6+1468	<b>1st of 24</b>	1897	1936
Aug 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14.5-13.5	32nd of 76	1888	1859
Nov 2006	Washington DC	1	13-5 +614	<b>1st of 24</b>	1840	1890
Dec 2006	Albany NY	1	15-6 +889	<b>1st of 40</b>	1824	1861
Jan 2007	Charlotte NC	1	12-2 +944	<b>1st of 20</b>	1861	1908
Feb 2007	New York City	1	6-1 +465	<b>1st of 8</b>	1908	1935
Aug 2007	The Players Championship	1	15-16 +666	45th of 89	1855	1788
Sep 2007	Wilmington DE	1	10-4 +902	<b>1st of 10</b>	1788	1821
Oct 2007	Lake George NY	1	11-3 +1191	<b>1st of 28</b>	1836	1853
Feb 2008	Saratoga NY Early Bird	1	6-1 +660	<b>1st of 8</b>	1837	1861
Feb 2008	Saratoga NY	1	13-1 +946	<b>1st of 26</b>	1861	1923
May 2008	Chicago IL	1	17-3 +1455	<b>1st of 38</b>	1873	1936
Nov 2008	Manchester MA Club Tourney	1	5-1 +385	<b>1st of 6</b>	1857	1868

## Trey Wright (National Champion 2004)

**Home State:** TX, CA

**Peak Rating:** 2027

**Peak Ranking:** #2

**First Tournament:** Austin TX Aug 7, 1993

**Initial Rating:** 1226

**Tournaments Won:** 10

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$41,584 (12th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Aug 7, 1993	Austin TX	3	6-4 +361	5th of 28	0	1226
Apr 16, 1994	Alexandria LA	3	8-2 +509	<b>1st of 22</b>	1269	1282
Apr 30, 1994	Mid-Cities TX	3	9-1 +641	<b>1st of 21</b>	1282	1394
Sep 23, 1995	Lafayette LA	3	9-2 +739	<b>1st of 12</b>	1412	1482
Jan 13, 1996	Tyler TX	2	8-2 +1169	<b>1st of 18</b>	1482	1528
Jan 18, 1997	Reno NV	2	14-3 +1385	<b>1st of 37</b>	1626	1728
Mar 15, 1997	San Antonio TX	1	9-2 +1069	<b>1st of 20</b>	1728	1807
Apr 26, 1997	Houston TX	1	9-3 +960	<b>1st of 16</b>	1807	1829
June 14, 1997	Mid-Cities TX	1	8-3 +664	<b>1st of 16</b>	1829	1851
Jan 17, 1998	Tyler TX	1	11-0 +710	<b>1st of 12</b>	1908	1959
Apr 25, 1998	Houston TX	1	10-1 +829	<b>1st of 12</b>	1946	1981
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-0 +1023	2nd of 126	1961	2027
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +943	12th of 98	1949	1971
Feb 23, 2002	Atlanta GA	1	11-4 +822	<b>1st of 14</b>	1971	1964
June 2, 2002	Newport Beach CA	1	5-2 +612	<b>1st of 6</b>	1964	1961
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-13 +261	29th of 132	1953	1931
May 1, 2003	Newport Beach CA	1	6-1 +795	<b>1st of 8</b>	1933	1948
Aug 16, 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	8-10 -346	17th of 24	1933	1909
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	26-7 +1432	<b>1st of 173</b>	1891	2004
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-13 +311	20th of 87	1949	1909
Aug 4, 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-13 +839	23rd of 76	1909	1893

## Dave Wiegand (National Champion 2005)

**Home State:** OR

**Peak Rating:** 2047 (36th) **Peak Ranking:** #1

**First Tournament:** Centralia WA, Mar 21, 1993

**Initial Rating:** 1679

**Tournaments Won:** 40 (T 14th)

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$84,642 (6th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Mar 21, 1993	Centralia WA	1	4-3 +326	5th of 14	0	1679
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-8 +1447	2nd of 134	1853	1977
Oct 15, 1994	Portland Vs Seattle	1	6-1 +732	<b>1st of 12</b>	1944	0
Jan 14, 1995	Reno NV	1	15-4 +1632	<b>1st of 32</b>	1952	1990
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	12-12 -421	28th of 54	1894	1918
July 20, 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15.5-10.5 +915	26th of 108	1920	1937
Jan 18, 1997	Reno NV	1	13-4 +1012	<b>1st of 32</b>	1937	1987
May 16, 1997	Seattle WA	1	13-4 +1416	<b>1st of 12</b>	1974	1977
Aug 30, 1997	Portland OR	1	16-4 +1714	<b>1st of 28</b>	1986	2010
Oct 4, 1997	Los Gatos CA	1	14-0 +1169	<b>1st of 18</b>	2010	2047
June 14, 1998	Portland OR	1	7-1 +464	<b>1st</b>	1994	2006
Aug 9, 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +525	14th of 126	2006	2006
Sep 5, 1998	Portland OR	1	14-6 +1214	<b>1st of 18</b>	2006	2002
Jan 16, 1999	Reno NV	1	17-2 +1478	<b>1st of 42</b>	2002	2047
Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +820	17th of 98	NA	NA
Apr 30, 2000	Portland OR Club Tournament	1	6-2 +591	<b>1st</b>		
May 27, 2000	Seattle WA	1	12-3 +607	<b>1st of 14</b>	1974	1984
Aug 6, 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-10 +1410	3rd of 98	1984	2019
Sep 2, 2000	Portland OR	1	16-4 +1068	<b>1st of 22</b>	2019	2037
Oct 28, 2000	Campbell CA	1	12-2 +1151	<b>1st of 20</b>	2025	2036
July 5, 2001	Reno NV	1	20-7 +1503	<b>1st of 68</b>	1981	2015
Sep 1, 2001	Portland OR	1	17-3 +978	<b>1st of 22</b>	2015	2027
Aug 18, 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +1495	6th of 132	2008	2007
Sep 1, 2002	Portland OR	1	15-5 +1312	<b>1st of 16</b>	2007	2002
Jan 18, 2003	Reno NV	1	15-4 +1049	<b>1st of 48</b>	2002	2013
May 18, 2003	Los Gatos CA	1	16-3 +1496	<b>1st of 20</b>	2013	2030
Aug 16, 2003	All Stars Championship	1	8-10 +28	16th of 24	2030	1988
Oct 21, 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-13 +367	55th of 90	NA	NA
May 29, 2004	Seattle WA	1	14-6 +1660	<b>1st of 20</b>	1923	1899
June 13, 2004	SWILNS	1	13-4 +1103	<b>1st of 24</b>	1899	1944
Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-15 -62	86th of 173	1944	1849
Sep 4, 2004	Portland OR	1	15-5 +920	<b>1st of 24</b>	1849	1897
Jan 7, 2005	Reno NV Early Bird	1	6-2 +430	<b>1st of 8</b>	1906	1933
May 28, 2005	Seattle WA	1	17-3 1277	<b>1st of 20</b>	1955	1982
Aug 19, 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-7 +1074	<b>1st of 87</b>	1939	2009
Sep 3, 2005	Portland OR	1	15-5 +1057	<b>1st of 22</b>	2009	2007
Nov 17, 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +599	8th of 102	NA	NA
Mar 26, 2006	Portland OR Club Tournament	1	5-1 +587	<b>1st of 6</b>	1948	1950
May 2006	Portland OR Club Tournament	1	5-1 +660	<b>1st of 7</b>	1909	1908
June 10, 2006	SWILNS	1	13.5-3.5 +1348	<b>1st of 24</b>	1933	1956
Aug 4, 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-15 +217	47th of 76	1984	1901
Oct 14, 2006	Western Canadian Championship	1	13-4 +1078	<b>1st of 38</b>	1908	1915
Jan 2007	Portland OR Club Tournament	1	5-1 +409	<b>1st of 8</b>	1906	1906
Feb 17, 2007	Phoenix AZ	1	16-4 +1193	<b>1st of 20</b>	1906	1961
Mar 9, 2007	Dallas Open	1	17-5 +1855	<b>1st of 128</b>	1961	1962
July 22, 2007	Reno NV Late Bird 2	1	6-0 +663	<b>1st of 24</b>	1917	1934

July 22, 2007	Portland OR Club Tourney	1	7-1 +739	<b>1st of 8</b>	1906	1908
Aug 4, 2007	The Players Championship	1	20-11 +1436	4th of 89	1908	1940
Oct 12, 2007	Western Canadian Championship	1	15-1 +1877	<b>1st of 30</b>	1895	1941
Dec 30, 2007	Lake Oswego OR	1	5-1 +661	<b>1st of 4</b>	1941	1935
Jan 19, 2008	Reno NV	1	15-4 +1653	<b>1st of 86</b>	1935	1946
Feb 24, 2008	Lake Oswego OR	1	5-1 +791	<b>1st of 6</b>	1935	1930
Mar 29, 2008	Seattle WA	1	7-0 +826	<b>1st of 8</b>	1930	1949
May 24, 2008	Seattle WA	1	15-5 +1277	<b>1st of 26</b>	1908	1918
July 26, 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-12 +932	20th of 103	1873	1865
Aug 10, 2008	Portland OR Club Tourney	1	6-0 +1093	<b>1st of 8</b>	1865	1870
Aug 30, 2008	Portland OR	1	15-5 +1361	<b>1st of 18</b>	1887	1901
Oct 24, 2008	California Open	1	16-3 +1490	<b>1st of 92</b>	1868	1900
Nov 1, 2008	Portland OR	1	5-2 +806	<b>1st of 8</b>	1900	1898

# Jim Kramer (National Champion 2006)

Home State: MN

First Tournament: ?

Tournaments Won: 35+ (T 21st)

Peak Rating: 2041 (39th) Peak Ranking: #1

Initial Rating: ?

Prize Money Won (est): \$53,401 (9th)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Jan 1983	St. Paul Winter Carnival	3	2-2	? of 8		
July 1985	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-10 +288	103rd of 302		
Jan 1987	St. Paul MN	1	4-1	<b>1st</b>		
July 1987	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-10 +227	132nd of 327	1835	1791
Aug 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-13 +348	84th of 203	1881	1863
July 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11.5-15.5 +101	104th of 149	1938	1849
Aug 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +648	48th of 176	1967	1949
Oct 1990	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	10-1 +830	<b>1st</b>	1974	2013
June 1991	Ft Wayne IN Midwest Invitational	1	11-5 +1067	<b>1st of 17</b>	1944	1964
Aug 1991	Cincinnati Masters	1	18-0 +862	9th of 160	1944	
Oct 1991	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	9-3 +625	<b>1st of 16</b>	1982	1987
Aug 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +327	52nd of 176	1911	1890
Apr 1994	Sioux Falls SD	1	10-2 +1223	<b>1st of 12</b>	1975	1989
May 1994	Twin Cities MN	1	10-5 +544	<b>1st of 8</b>	1989	1985
Aug 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +710	20th of 134	1956	1951
Feb 1995	Minneapolis MN	1	6-1 +369	<b>1st of 10</b>	1951	1960
Mar 1995	Twin Cities MN	1	11-1 +946	<b>1st of 16</b>	1960	1999
Aug 1995	Minneapolis MN	1	5-2 +316	<b>1st of 6</b>	1994	1997
Aug 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	13.5-10.5 -48	17th of 54	1987	1994
Nov 1995	Minneapolis MN	1	10-2 +369	<b>1st of 9</b>	1934	1985
July 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +459	21st of 108	1932	1957
Sep 1996	Twin Cities MN	1	10-2 +729	<b>1st of 12</b>	1957	1985
Oct 1997	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	9-4 +711	<b>1st of 16</b>	1994	1978
Nov 1997	Twin Cities MN	1	11-1 +961	<b>1st of 12</b>	1978	2008
Apr 1998	Twin Cities Mn	1	10-2 +836	<b>1st of 10</b>	2008	2017
June 1998	Lakewood CO	1	10-4 +903	<b>1st of 12</b>	1994	1993
Aug 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +1381	4th of 126	1951	2003
May 1999	Sioux Falls SD	1	10-2 +1372	<b>1st of 5</b>	1967	2001
Nov 1999	Twin Cities MN	1	11-1 +1628	<b>1st of 10</b>	2003	2016
Aug 2000	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-11 +1020	8th of 98	1983	2008
Oct 2000	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	9-3 +914	<b>1st of 16</b>	2008	2017
Dec 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-7 +397	3rd of 88	NA	NA
Mar 2002	Twin Cities MN	1	9-3 +722	<b>1st of 12</b>	2014	2012
Apr 2002	Sioux Falls SD	1	11-1 +785	<b>1st of 10</b>	2012	2036
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +1089	11th of 132	2025	2005
Apr 2003	Sioux Falls SD	1	9-3 +494	<b>1st of 10</b>	1950	1958
Aug 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	11-7 -43	7th of 24	1949	1970
Sep 2003	Stillwater MN	1	6-0 +464	<b>1st of 7</b>	1970	1983
Oct 2003	Wisconsin Dells WI	1	10-2 +763	<b>1st of 16</b>	1983	2005
Oct 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +712	5th of 90	NA	NA
Apr 2004	Sioux Falls SD	1	10-2 +839	<b>1st of 8</b>	1953	1970
June 2004	Twin Cities MN	1	9-3 +862	<b>1st of 14</b>	1934	1957
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-13 -344	50th of 173	1957	1917
Apr 2005	Sioux Falls SD	1	9-3 +623	<b>1st of 6</b>	1902	1898
Aug 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-11 +1495	9th of 87	1906	1936
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-13 +318	61st of 102	NA	NA

Apr 2006	Sioux Falls SD	1	8.5-3.5 +261	<b>1st of 6</b>	1936	1928
June 2006	Twin Cities MN	1	10-3 +696	<b>1st of 8</b>	1928	1939
Aug 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-7 +1351	<b>1st of 76</b>	1939	2002
Apr 2007	Sioux Falls SD	1	9-3 +223	<b>1st of 10</b>	1918	1927
June 2007	Twin Cities MN	1	5-1 +814	<b>1st of 18</b>	1895	1884
Aug 2007	The Players Championship	1	15-16 +768	44th of 89	1884	1829
Nov 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +198	24th of 104	NA	NA
Apr 2008	Sioux Falls SD	1	10-2 +737	<b>1st of 6</b>	1804	1838
June 2008	NAST Finals	1	5-1 +559	<b>1st of 24</b>	1838	1853
July 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-13 -436	44th of 103	1845	1839
Nov 2008	Twin Cities MN	1	11-1 +935	<b>1st of 12</b>	1812	1871
Nov 2008	World Players Championship	1	13-11 +772	14th of 49	NA	NA

## Nigel Richards (World Champion 2007, National Champion 2008)

**Home Country:** New Zealand

**Peak Rating:** 2051 (33rd) **Peak Ranking:** #1

**First Tournament:** ?

**Initial Rating:** NA

**Tournaments Won:** 35+ (T 21st)

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$132,090 (3rd)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Dec 1997	Kuala Lumpur	1		4th	NA	NA
Jan 1999	Sydney International Masters	1	16-2 +1595	<b>1st of 50</b>	NA	NA
Apr 1999	New Zealand Masters	1	19-5 +2224	<b>1st of 24</b>	NA	NA
Nov 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-9 +1616	8th of 98	NA	NA
Jan 2000	Thailand International	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
May 2000	Malaysia	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
July 2000	Thailand International	1	19-9 +1757	<b>1st of 81</b>	NA	NA
Feb 2001	Thailand International	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Feb 2002	Thailand International	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2002	Kuala Lumpur YMCA Open	1	11-1 +1626	<b>1st of 18</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-9 +1633	2nd of 132	2063	2051
Nov 2002	Malaysian Open	1	14-2 +1733	<b>1st of 32</b>	NA	NA
Dec 2002	1st Causeway Challenge	1	17-3 +1926	<b>1st of 20</b>	NA	NA
Apr 2003	5th Penang YMCA	1	14-1 +2058	<b>1st of 21</b>	NA	NA
May 2003	Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix 3	1	12-4 +1213	<b>1st of 36</b>	NA	NA
July 2003	Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix 5	1	14-2 +1136	<b>1st of 34</b>	NA	NA
Sep 2003	4th Equatorial Cameron Highlands	1	16-2 +1804	<b>1st of 30</b>	NA	NA
Oct 2003	WSC Pre-Tournament	1	12-4 +1316	<b>1st of 56</b>	NA	NA
Feb 2004	De La Salle Institute, Kuala Lumpur	1	16-0 +2462	<b>1st of 22</b>	NA	NA
Apr 2004	Malaysia Mensa Challenge	1	8-0 +1353	<b>1st of 18</b>	NA	NA
June 2004	Thailand International (King's Cup)	1	19-8 +1709	<b>1st of 56</b>	NA	NA
July 2004	Liz Fagerlund Cup	1	14-1 +2010	<b>1st of 16</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-9 +1712	3rd of 173	2051	2041
Aug 2004	5th Equatorial Cameron Highlands	1	14-4 +1892	<b>1st of 36</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-10 +659	7th of 87	2041	2025
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-112 +12	47th ov 102	NA	NA
Mar 2006	4th Lim Boon Heng Cup	1	15-1 +2014	<b>1st of 22</b>	NA	NA
June 2006	21st Brands Kings Cup	1	21-6 +1537	<b>1st of 86</b>	NA	NA
Mar 2007	SCRABBLE® Scramble	1	13-0 +2054	<b>1st of 12</b>	NA	NA
Mar 2007	1st MSA WSC Qualifier	1	15-0 +2319	<b>1st of 32</b>	NA	NA
May 2007	10th Singapore Open	1	11-5 +833	<b>1st of 18</b>	NA	NA
June 2007	22nd Brands Kings Cup	1	21.5-8.5	<b>1st of 82</b>	NA	NA
Sep 2007	7th Equatorial Cameron Highlands	1	17-1 +2173	<b>1st of 16</b>	NA	NA
Nov 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-5 +1750	<b>1st of 104</b>	NA	NA
Jan 2008	UK Open	1	31-7 +3110	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Jan 2008	Penang New Year Challenge	1	11-4 +1324	<b>1st of 26</b>	NA	NA
Mar 2008	Lim Boon Heng Cup	1	12-4 +1204	<b>1st of 12</b>	NA	NA
May 2008	11th Singapore Open	1	14-2 +1196	<b>1st of 11</b>	NA	NA
July 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	22-6 +1340	<b>1st of 103</b>	2025	2047
Aug 2008	English Open	1	15-4 +1536	<b>1st of 28</b>	NA	NA
Nov 2008	World Players Championship	1	21-3 +2276	<b>1st of 49</b>	NA	NA

# Mark Nyman (World Champion 1993)

**Home Country:** England

**Peak Rating:** 2069 (23rd) **Peak Ranking:** #7

**First Tournament:**

**Initial Rating:** N/A

**Tournaments Won:** 36+ (T 19th)

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$40,237 (14th)

## Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
1984	Oxford Open	1	3-0 1915ts	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
1984	British Masters Championship	1	541.3as	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Apr 10, 1988	Durham England	1	8.5-1.5 +1269	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 1, 1988	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-12 +970	45th of 203	0	1879
July 29, 1989	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	20-7 +1252	2nd of 149	1879	2069
Sep 10, 1989	Leicester England	1	4-1 +384	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
July 1, 1990	APSP Festival of SCRABBLE®	1	9-0	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 4, 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17.5-9.5 +802	13th of 176	2069	2062
Oct 28, 1990	Isle of Wight	1	8-1	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
June 30, 1991	APSP Festival of SCRABBLE®	1	8-1	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Sep 26, 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		22nd of 48	NA	NA
Dec 1991	British Winter Matchplay	1	8-2 +801	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
1992	British Masters Championship	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 9, 1992	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +795	26th of 176	2019	1973
Aug 31, 1992	British Matchplay Championship	1	14-3 +582	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 8, 1992	Isle of Wight	1	8-2 +882	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Dec 6, 1992	British Winter Matchplay	1	9-0 +540	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
1993	Exeter England	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Mar 21, 1993	Durham England	1	9-1	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 26, 1993	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	<b>15-5 +779</b>	<b>1st of 64</b>	NA	NA
Apr 4, 1994	British Easter Matchplay	1	13-6 +425	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 13, 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18.5-8.5 +169	5th of 134	1973	2013
Nov 27, 1994	British Winter Matchplay	1	9-2 +658	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
1995	Thailand Open	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
May 28, 1995	British Masters Championship	1	12-? +973	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 20, 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	13-11 +374	19th of 54		2007
Nov 1, 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	11-7 +256	17th of 64	NA	NA
Aug 26, 1996	British Matchplay Championship	1	14-3 +1145	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
June 8, 1997	British Masters Championship	1	11-5 +882	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Sep 21, 1997	British NSC Regional (Northern)	1	6-0 +868	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 20, 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-7 +741	5th of 80	NA	NA
Oct 11, 1998	British National Championship	1	12-1 +914	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 26, 1999	MSO Weekday Tournament (England)	1	8-2	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 3, 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-7 +808	2nd of 98	NA	NA
Sep 24, 2000	British Masters Championship	1	11-4 +898	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Feb 2001	Nottingham Nomads (Day 2) - England	1	6-2 +729	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Oct 21, 2001	British National Championship	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 16, 2001	British Winter Matchplay Championship	1	8-2 +801	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 26, 2002	British National Championship	1	14-3 +1374	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
June 8, 2003	ABSP Masters	1	10-5 +576	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
June 2003	Luton England	1	5-1 +566	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
July 2003	New Malden England	1	6-0 +389	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Oct 12, 2003	De La Salle Institute Kuala Lumpur	1	12-4 +1202	<b>1st of 18</b>	NA	NA
Oct 21, 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +975	4th of 90	NA	NA
June 8, 2004	British Masters Championship	1	11-3 +418	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
July 17, 2004	New Malden England	1	6-0 +389	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA

Aug 1, 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-14 +685	55th of 173	2007	1923
Nov 21, 2004	British National Championship	1	3-2	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Nov 17, 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-12 +193	52nd of 102	NA	NA

## David Boys (World Champion 1995)

**Home State:** QUE

**Peak Rating:** 2053

**Peak Ranking:** #2

**First Tournament:** Montreal, 1986?

**Initial Rating:**

**Tournaments Won:** 45+ (11th)

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$40,872 (13th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
May 1986	Montreal QUE CAN	3	6-4 +47	6th		
Sep 1986	Toronto ONT CAN	2	9-1 +789	<b>1st of 38</b>		
Apr 1989	Boston Area Tournament	2	496cr	<b>1st</b>	1930	1946
Nov 1989	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	10-2	<b>1st of 24</b>	1926	1957
Apr 1990	Boston Area Tournament	1	7-4 469cr	<b>1st of 12</b>	1968	2006
Aug 1990	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-10 +1156	14th of 176	1997	2000
Sep 1990	Toronto ONT CAN	1	8-2 +430	<b>1st</b>	2000	2015
Nov 1990	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	9-3	<b>1st</b>	2015	2013
Sep 1991	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1		3rd of 48	NA	NA
Nov 1991	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	11-1	<b>1st or 2nd of 24</b>		
Nov 1992	Brantford ONT CAN	1	5-1 +836	<b>1st</b>	1996	2004
Nov 1992	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	11-1	<b>1st of 12</b>	2004	2025
May 1993	Montreal QUE CAN	1	10-0 +797	<b>1st</b>	1915	1997
Nov 1993	Brantford ONT CAN	1	6-1 +1005	<b>1st</b>	1934	1944
Apr 1994	Boston Area Tournament	2	11-1 631cr	<b>1st</b>	1944	1990
Sep 1994	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-9 +1094	7th of 134	1973	2005
Oct 1994	Oshawa ONT CAN	1	10-2 +850	<b>1st of 16</b>	2004	2010
Nov 1994	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	11-1	<b>1st of 22</b>		
Nov 1994	Brantford ONT CAN	1	7-0 +8-3	<b>1st</b>	2029	2042
Aug 1995	SCRABBLE® Superstars Showdown	1	14-10 +230	14th of 54		2000
Oct 1995	Oshawa ONT CAN	1	10-2 +579	<b>1st</b>	2000	2014
Nov 1995	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-6 +1154	<b>1st of 64</b>	NA	NA
Jan 1996	Buffalo NY	1	11-1 +1169	<b>1st</b>	1996	2015
Apr 1996	Mississauga ONT CAN	1	6-1 +443	<b>1st</b>	2030	2038
June 1996	Buffalo NY	1	9-3 +689	<b>1st</b>	2038	2038
July 1996	Albany NY	1	8.5-3.5 +502	<b>1st</b>	2038	2038
July 1996	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-11 +1106	15th of 108	NA	NA
Sep 1996	Toronto ONT CAN	1	12-0 +1018	<b>1st of 12</b>	2016	2053
Oct 1996	Canadian National Championship	1	12-6 +685	5th of 40	2053	2030
May 1997	Mississauga ONT CAN	1	6-1 +641	<b>1st</b>	1989	2005
Sep 1997	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	11-1	<b>1st of 15</b>	2017	2034
Nov 1997	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-8 +935	11th of 80	NA	NA
May 1998	Montreal QUE CAN	1	10-2 +919	<b>1st</b>	2011	2027
May 1998	Mississauga ONT CAN	1	6-1 +461	<b>1st</b>	2027	2037
Aug 1998	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-14 +981	31st of 126	2038	2000
Aug 1998	Mississauga ONT CAN	1	5-2 +318	<b>1st</b>	2000	1994
Aug 1998	West Bloomfield MI	1	7-0 +874	<b>1st</b>	1994	2013
Oct 1998	Canadian National Championship	1	12-6 +881	5th of 50	2010	1975
Nov 1998	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	9-3	<b>1st of 16</b>	1985	1994
May 1999	Montreal QUE CAN	1	11-1 +1079	<b>1st of 12</b>	1988	2027
Nov 1999	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-7 +693	3rd of 98	NA	NA
Dec 1999	Oshawa ONT CAN	1	12-0 +1040	<b>1st of 14</b>	1963	2005
July 2000	Albany NY Early Bird	1	4-1 +449	<b>1st of 6</b>	2005	2005
Nov 2000	Canadian National Championship	1	10-8 +218	18th of 50	2014	1965
Jan 2001	Mississauga ONT CAN	1	6-1 +545	<b>1st of 16</b>	1967	1980
Apr 2001	Toronto West ONT CAN	1	10-3 +661	<b>1st of 12</b>	1980	1979

Nov 2001	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	10-1	<b>1st of 16</b>	1914	1946
Nov 2001	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-12 +465	39th of 88	NA	NA
Mar 2002	Toronto West ONT CAN	1	12-2 +1483	<b>1st of 24</b>	1927	1949
May 2002	Montreal QUE CAN	1	9-3 +573	<b>1st of 12</b>	1949	1975
Dec 2002	Montreal Vs Toronto	1	9-3	<b>1st of 20</b>	1975	1985
Aug 2003	All*Stars Championship	1	9-9 +145	12th of 24	1942	1936
Nov 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +843	16th of 90	NA	NA
Dec 2003	Canadian National Championship	1	14-5 +1229	2nd of 50	1882	1930
May 2004	Montreal QUE CAN	1	10.5-1.5 +1050	<b>1st of 20</b>	1866	1913
June 2004	Ottawa ONT CAN	1	5-2 +459	<b>1st of 6</b>	1913	1905
Oct 2004	Toronto ONT CAN	1	7-1 +515	<b>1st of 12</b>	1905	1931
Jan 2005	Montreal ONT CAN	1	9-3 +492	<b>1st of 12</b>	1901	1911
Mar 2005	Montreal Vs Ottawa	1	6-1	<b>1st of 12</b>	1911	1918
May 2005	Montreal QUE CAN	1	11-1 +552	<b>1st of 26</b>	1924	1967
June 2005	Canadian National Championship	1	12-6 +761	6th of 50	1967	1945
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	16-8 +612	7th of 102	NA	NA
Nov 2006	Toronto Open	1	13-2 +1366	<b>1st of 92</b>	1855	1909
Mar 2007	Oshawa ONT CAN	1	9-1 +835	<b>1st of 17</b>	1871	1904
Nov 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14-10 +682	17th of 104	NA	NA
Apr 2008	Canadian National Championship	1	15-3 +1101	2nd of 52	1891	1936
Apr 2008	Ottawa ONT CAN	1	9-3 +821	<b>1st of 12</b>	1932	1913
May 2008	Montreal QUE CAN	1	8-4 +621	<b>1st of 10</b>	1913	1908

## Panupol Sujjayakorn (World Champion 2003)

**Home Country:** Thailand  
**First Tournament:** N/A  
**Tournaments Won:** N/A

**Peak Rating:** 2003

**Peak Ranking:** #7

**Initial Rating:** N/A

**Prize Money Won (est):** \$36,104 (15th)

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
July 2001	Reno NV	1	18-9 +865	4th of 68	0	1950
2002	Thailand Matchplay	1		<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2002	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	19-12 +1610	9th of 132	1950	1968
Oct 2003	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-8 +1461	<b>1st of 90</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	18-12 +1583	22nd of 173	1968	1949
June 2005	Kings Cup	1	20-7 +1259	<b>1st</b>	NA	NA
Aug 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	21-7 +1000	2nd of 87	1949	2003
Nov 2005	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	14.5-9.5 +422	16th of 102	NA	NA
Aug 2006	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15-13 +586	24th of 76	2003	1939
Aug 2007	The Players Championship	1	19-12 +978	9th of 89	1939	1931
Nov 2007	World SCRABBLE® Championship	1	12-12 +165	50th of 104	NA	NA
July 2008	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	17-11 +1066	10th of 103	1931	1927

## James Leong (The Players Champion 2007)

Home Province: BC

Peak Rating: 1934

Peak Ranking: #7

First Tournament: Vancouver, BC, Dec 2002

Initial Rating: 1223

Tournaments Won: 3

Prize Money Won (est): \$13,496

### Career Tournament Highlights (first known tournament, wins, performance in majors)

Date	Tournament	Div	Rcd	Position	Old Rtg	New Rtg
Dec 2002	Vancouver BC CAN	3	6-2 +859	2nd of 24	0	1223
June 2003	Victoria BC CAN	1	12-2 +908	<b>1st of 10</b>	1223	1558
Aug 2003	Los Gatos CA	2	5-1 +298	<b>1st of 8</b>	1558	1621
Aug 2004	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	13-17 +203	123rd of 173	1815	1761
Aug 2005	National SCRABBLE® Championship	1	15.5-12.5 +136	33rd of 108	1787	1766
Mar 2006	Vancouver BC CAN	1	11-3 +1023	<b>1st of 24</b>	1766	1832
Aug 2007	The Players Championship	1	23-8 +1072	<b>1st of 89</b>	1808	1934

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

C H A M P I O N S

## Introduction

While North America may be the birthplace of SCRABBLE®, it isn't the only place the game is played. SCRABBLE® is now an international game with over 50 different countries having held at least one National Championship. The first such championship was the British National Championship, first held in 1971 - seven years before its North American equivalent. Besides English, the most popular language for international SCRABBLE® is French. French SCRABBLE® is usually played duplicate style. Each player starts with the same tiles and board configuration and the object is to find the single highest scoring play. Each player receives the score for the play they made. The top play is then placed on the board and each player is again given the same set of tiles and again tries to find the highest scoring play. The first French World SCRABBLE® Championship was held in 1972 with the first Belgian National Championship (also in French Duplicate) the following year. Australia launched its National Championship in 1977.

In the 1980s and 1990s, SCRABBLE® grew to international prominence with National Titles being held in over 50 countries on six different continents. A Spanish language World Championship was launched in 1997 and national tournaments were also held in Polish, Dutch, Italian, and Czech. Romania granted national titles in three different languages (Romanian, French, and English). English and French, however, remained the SCRABBLE® language of choice in most nations. English is even used in many non-English speaking countries, many of which have become international powerhouses. Nigeria has given birth to a number of top international players. Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom have, of course, always been strong but other European countries have also made their presence felt and even the Gulf States have produced a number of international players. Perhaps the strongest of them all, however, is Thailand. SCRABBLE® has become a national craze in Thailand, where it is even more popular than it is in North America. The country's major event, the Thailand International, draws upwards of 1,500 players.

This section lists the winners of all known National Championships, plus the winners of other major international tournaments. Tournaments are listed alphabetically by country name or by tournament name. Tournaments in languages other than English are so noted. The majority of the information in this section came from the excellent Ortograf website ([www.champions.ortograf.com](http://www.champions.ortograf.com)) compiled and maintained by Gilles Blanchette and René Gotfryd.

African Scrabble Championship - see Pan-African  
SCRABBLE® Championship

Angola National Championship

2002 Garcia Ndongala  
2003 Augusto Epumbulu Tadi

Argentina National Championship (Spanish Language  
SCRABBLE®)

1997 Susana Hartman  
1998 Claudia Amaral  
1999 Susana Hartman(2)  
2000 Ana Molinari  
2001 Susana Watman  
2002 Catalina Barsuk  
2003 Claudia Amaral(2)  
2004 Marclo Andino

Asia-Pacific Championship

1998 Gerald Carter 13-5 +647

Australian National Championship

1977 Neil Carledge  
1980 Ian Wilson  
1981 John Holgate  
1982 John Holgate(2)  
1983 Marie Knight  
1984 Marie Knight(2)  
1985 Lynne Butler [New Zealand]  
1986 John Holgate(3)  
Moana Nepia  
1987 OSPD & OSW: John Holgate(4)  
1988 OSPD: Geoff Wright  
OSW: Steven Sunter  
1989 Steven Sunter(2)  
1990 Nick Ivanowski  
1991 Lena Boyd  
1992 John Holgate(5)  
1993 Bob Jackman  
1994 Trevor Halsall  
1995 OSW: John Rosenthal  
SOWPODS: Tony Sim  
1996 OSW: John Holgate(6)  
SOWPODS: Tony Sim(2)  
1997 Paul Cleary  
1998 John Holgate(7)  
1999 Paul Cleary(2)  
2000 Paul Cleary(3)  
2001 Edward Okulicz  
2002 Cheah Siu Hean [Singapore]  
2003 Bob Jackman(2)  
2004 Cheah Siu Hean(2) [Singapore]  
2005 Naweena Fernando [Sri Lanka]  
2006 Andrew Fisher  
2007 David Eldar  
2008 Naweena Fernando (2)

Bahrain National Championship

1987 Steve Ozorio  
1988 Sheela Sri Kumar  
1989 Gadija Merchant  
1990 Naweena Fernando  
1991 Roland Filio  
1992 Naweena Fernando(2)  
1993 Akshay Bhandarkar  
1994 Naweena Fernando(3)  
1995 Naweena Fernando(4)  
1996 Naweena Fernando(5)  
1997 Akshay Bhandarkar(2)  
1998 Mangala Bhandarkar  
1999 Roland Filio(2)  
2000 Chris Abordo  
2001 Chris Abordo(2)  
2002 Mario Ranasuriya

Belgian National Championship (French Language  
Duplicate SCRABBLE® unless otherwise indicate)

1973 Marie Bronchart  
1974 Dominique Darmstaedter  
1975 Luc Sorel  
1976 Catherine Fortemps  
1977 Yvon Duval  
1978 Jean-Marie David  
1979 Yvon Duval(2)  
1980 Yvon Duval(3)  
1981 Yvon Duval(4)  
1982 Yvon Duval(5)  
1983 Thierry Mues  
1984 Thierry Mues(2)  
1985 Eddy Clauwaert  
1986 Thierry Maere  
1987 Christian Pierre  
1988 Christian Pierre(2)  
1989 Eddy Clauwaert(2)  
1990 Christian Pierre(3)  
1991 Christian Pierre(4)  
1992 French: Christian Pierre(5)  
Dutch (Duplicate): Marc Baelde  
1993 French: Christian Pierre(6)  
Dutch(Dutch): Marc Baelde(2)  
1994 French: Christian Pierre(7)  
Dutch (Duplicate): Marc de Smit  
Dutch (Classic): Omar Van Hoecke  
1995 French: Vincent De Ceuninck  
Dutch (Duplicate): Marc de Smit(2)  
1996 French: Christian Pierre(8)  
Dutch (Duplicate): Omer Van Hoecke  
1997 French: Jean-Pierre Turpin  
Dutch (Duplicate): Jos Leyssens  
1998 French: Jérôme Le Maire  
Dutch (Duplicate): Jan Mahieu  
1999 French: Vincent De Ceuninck  
Dutch (Duplicate): Dirk Van Den Herrewegen  
2000 French: Christian Pierre(9)

Dutch (Duplicate): Ronny Heylen  
2001 French: Christian Pierre(10)  
Dutch (Duplicate): Ronny Heylen(2)  
2002 French: Christian Pierre(11)  
2003 French: Philippe Ruche  
2004 Christian Pierre(12)  
2005 Jerome Le Maire  
Blitz: Jean-Pierre Turpin  
2006 French: Jerome Le Maire (2)  
French (classic): Hughes Damry

Benin National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1997 Charles Hounmenou  
1998 Charles Hounmenou(2)  
1999 Charles Hounmenou(3)  
2000 Charles Hounmenou(4)  
2001 Charles Hounmenou(5)  
2002 Charles Hounmenou(6)  
2003 Julien Affatou

Bertram World Masters

2000 (May) Nigel Richards 21-6 +2363

British National Championship

1971 Stephen Haskell 1,345 ts  
1972 Olive Behan 1,215 ts  
1973 Anne Bradford 1,266 ts  
1974 Richard Sharp 1,288 ts  
1975 Olive Behan(2) 1,363 ts  
1976 Alan Richter 1,359 ts  
1977 Michael Goldman 1,478 ts  
1978 Philip Nelkon 1,521 ts  
1979 Christine Jones 1,453 ts  
1980 Joyce Cansfield 1,540 ts  
1981 Philip Nelkon(2) 1,551 ts  
1982 Russell Byers 1,626 ts  
1983 Colin Gumbrell 1,612 ts  
1984 Mike Willis 1,682 ts  
1985 Esther Byers 1,782 ts  
1986 Viraf Mehta 1,843 ts  
1987 Nigel Ingham 1,863 ts  
1988 Margaret Rogers  
1989 Russell Byers(2)  
1990 Philip Nelkon(3)  
1991 Phil Appleby  
1992 Philip Neklou(4)  
1993 Allan Saldanha  
1994 Mike Willis(2)  
1995 not held  
1996 Andrew Fisher  
1997 Andrew Cook  
1998 Mark Nyman  
1999 Evan Simpson  
2000 Brett Smitheram  
2001 Mark Nyman(2)  
2002 Mark Nyman(3)

2003 Harshan Lamabadusuriya  
2004 Mark Nyman(4)  
2005 Wale Fashina 10-2 +444  
2006 Jake Jacobs  
2007 Paul Allen  
2008 Allan Simons

British Matchplay Championship

1987 Allan Simmons  
1988 Allan Simmons(2)  
1989 Gareth Williams  
1990 Phil Appleby  
1991 Allan Simmons(3)  
1992 Mark Nyman  
1993 Andrew Fisher  
1994 Russell Byers  
1995 Allan Saldanha  
1996 Mark Nyman(2)  
1997 Andrew Davis  
1998 Helen Gipson  
1999 Andrew Perry  
2000 David Acton  
2001 Andrew cook  
2002 Mark Nyman(3)  
2003 Brett Smitheram  
2004 Brett Smitheram(2)  
2005 Allan Simmons(4)  
2007 Pau Allan

British/ABSP Masters

1983 Mike Willis 498.7 as  
1984 Mark Nyman 541.3 as  
1985 Clive Spate 536.7 as  
1986 Phil Appleby 549.7 as  
1992 Di Dennis  
1993 Phil Appleby(2)  
1994 Allan Simmons  
1995 Mark Nyman(2)  
1996 Gareth Williams  
1997 Mark Nyman(2)  
1998 Andrew Fisher  
1999 Andrew Davis  
2000 Mark Nyman(3)  
2001 Andrew Davis(2)  
2002 Andrew Davis(3)  
2003 Mark Nyman(4)  
2004 Mark Nyman(5)  
2005 Brett Smitheram  
2006 David Webb  
2007 Allan Simmons(2)  
2008 Harshan Lamabadusuriya

Cameroon National Championship

1997 (English) Samuel Fomum Tanee  
1999 (French Duplicate) Etienne Ndongo Omgba  
2000 (French Duplicate) Etienne Ndongo Omgba(2)  
2001 (French Duplicate) Armand-Georges Atangana

#### Can-Am Match

- 2002 [Toronto] (Nov 12p) Robin Pollock Daniel 8.5-3.5  
Team: Canada 43.5-28.5  
2004 [Toronto] (Mar 14p) Matt Graham 12-2 +20  
Team: USA 64.5-34.5  
2005 [Chicago] (May 14p) Brian Cappelletto 11-3 +768  
Team: USA 61-37  
2007 [Toronto] (May 14p) Geoff Thevenot 10-4 +618  
Team: USA 56.5-41.5

#### Canadian National Championship

- 1996 (Oct 40p) Adam Logan 17-5 +1478  
1998 (Oct 50p) Joel Wapnick 13-5 +906  
2000 (Nov 50p) Ron Hoekstra 20-1 +2018  
2003 (Dec 50p) Dean Saldanha 16-6 +745  
2005 (June 50p) Adam Logan(2) 18-4 +2069  
2008 (Apr 52p) Adam Logan(3) 14-4 +997

#### Causeway Challenge

- 2002 (Dec 20p) Nigel Richards [New Zealand]  
2003 (Dec 43p) Tony Sim  
2004 (Dec) Ganesh Asirvatham [Malaysia]  
2005 (Dec 78p) Ganesh Asirvatham(2)  
2006 (Dec) Ganesh Asirvatham(3)  
Team: Australia  
2007 (Dec 108p) Ganesh Asirvatham(4)  
Team: Singapore  
2008 (Dec 121p) David Eldar (Australia)  
Team: Australia

#### Channel News Asia Championship

- 1999 Naween Fernando [Sri Lanka]

#### Chilean National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

- 2003 Jorge Carrasco

#### Colombian National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

- 2003 Fernando Manrique  
2004 Maria Alejandra Gracai

#### Computer Olympiad (computer competition)

- 1989 London (Aug) Crab (Andrew Appel, Guy Jacobson,  
G. Thomas, S. Thomas)  
1990 London (Aug) TSP (James Homan)  
1991 Netherlands (Aug) TSP(2)  
1992 London (Aug) Quetzal (Tony Guilfoye & Richard  
Hooker)

#### Congo National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

- 1997 Ludovic Bemba  
1999 Chritian Biango

#### Costa Rican National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

- 2003 François Castells  
2004 Leonardo Marranghello

#### Cote-d'Ivoire - see Ivory Coast

#### Czech National Championship (Czech Language SCRABBLE®)

- 1994 Pavel Vodicka  
1995 Leos Cervený  
1996 Milan Kudej  
1997 Jaromir Nohavica  
1998 Zbynek Burda  
1999 Jana Rusa  
2000 Milan Kudej(2)  
2001 Martin Danek  
2002 Martin Sobala  
2003 Katerina Rusa

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

- 1984 Albert Botoko  
1985 Albert Botoko(2)  
1986 Albert Botoko(3)  
1987 Eugène Lama  
1988 Eugène Lama(2)  
1989 Eugène Lama(3)  
1990 Eugène Lama(4)  
1991 Eugène Lama(5)  
1992 Eugène Lama(6)  
1993 Eugène Lama(7)  
1994 Eugène Lama(8)  
1995 Eugène Lama(9)  
1996 Eugène Lama(10)  
1997 Eugène Lama(11)  
1998 Eugène Lama(12)  
1999 Eugène Lama(13)  
2000 Eugène Lama(14)  
2001 Guillaume Ngola  
2002 Eugène Lama(15)  
2003 Eugène Lama(16)

#### European Cup (French language team competition between France, Belgium, and Switzerland)

- 2000 Yod Club [Belgium]  
2002 Paris Elysée [France]  
2003 Yod Club [Belgium]

#### French National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

- 1976 Patrick Spaeter  
1977 Jean-Claude Bouet  
1978 Jean-Marc Bellot  
1979 Benjamin Hannuna  
1980 Benjamin Hannuna(2)

1981 Michel Duguet  
1982 Michel Duguet(2)  
1983 Michel Duguet(3)  
1984 Michel Duguet(4)  
1985 Michel Duguet(5)  
1986 Patrick Vigroux  
1987 Michel Duguet(6)  
1988 Bernard Caro  
1989 Patrick Vigroux(2)  
1990 Patrick Vigroux(3)  
1991 Franck Maniquant  
1992 Patrick Vigroux(4)  
1993 Marc Treiber  
1994 Aurélien Kermarrec  
1995 Aurélien Delaruelle  
1996 Nicolas Grillet  
1997 Nicolas Grillet(2)  
1998 Antonin Michel  
1999 Emmauel Rivalan  
2000 Thierry Boisard  
2001 Franck Maniquant(2)  
2002 Pierre-Claude Singer  
2003 Antonin Michel(2)  
2004 Antonin Michel(3)  
2005 Antonin Michel(4)  
    Classic: Herve Bohbot  
    Blitz: Thierry Chincholle  
2006: Alexis Rennesson

French World Championship (French Language  
SCRABBLE®)

1972 Hippolyte Wouters [Belgium]  
1973 Agnes Lempereur [Belgium]  
1974 Marc Selis [Belgium]  
1975 Michel Charlemagne [France]  
1976 Marc Sellis(2) [Belgium]  
1977 Jean-Marc Bellot  
1978 Yvon Duval [Belgium]  
1979 Benjamin Hannuna [France]  
1980 Vincent Labbé [France]  
1981 Jacques-Henri Muracciole [France]  
1982 Michel Duguet [France]  
1983 Michel Duguet(2) [France]  
1984 Benjamin Hannuna(2) [France]  
1985 Michel Duguet(3) [France]  
1986 Philippe Bellosta [France]  
1987 Michel Duguet(4) [France]  
1988 Michel Duguet(5) [France]  
1989 Paul Levart [France]  
1990 Marc Trieber [France]  
1991 Christian Pierre [Belgium]  
1992 Christian Pierre(2) [Belgium]  
1993 Emmanuel Rivalan [France]  
1994 Christian Pierre(3) [Belgium]  
1995 Jean-François Lachaud [France]  
1996 Christian Pierre(4) [Belgium]  
1997 Aurélien Kermarrec [France]

1998 Christian Pierre(5) [Belgium]  
1999 Emmanuel Rivalan [France]  
2000 Florian Lévy [France]  
2001 Franck Maniquant [France]  
2002 Jean-Pierre Hellebaut [Switzerland]  
2003 Jean-Pierre Hellebaut [Switzerland]  
2004 Germain Bouilanne [Quebec]  
2005 Antonin Michel [France]  
2006 Pascal Fritsch [France]  
2007 Antonin Michel (2) [France]  
2008 Eric Vennin [Belgium]

Gambian National Championship

2000 Abba Hydera  
2001 Omar Malleh Jah  
2003 Omar Malleh Jan(2)

Ghana National Championship

1987 Eddy Coleman  
1988 Charles Barnor  
1989 Akosa Sapon  
1990 Akosa Sapon(2)  
1991 Victory Amartey  
1992 Tony Bonny  
1993 Victor Amartey(2)  
1994 Ras Attachey  
1995 Ras Attachey(2)  
1996 Joshua Addo  
1998 Chrys Placca  
1999 Chrys Placca(2)  
2000 Yusif Mugabi  
2001 Michael Quao  
2002 Michael Quao(2)  
2003 Michael Quao(3)  
2004 Michael Quao(4)  
2005 Charles Tachi-Menson  
2006 Michael Quao(5)

Greek National Championship (Greek Language  
SCRABBLE®)

2005 Christos Tzimas

Guatamalen National Championship

2002 Mauricio Mejía  
2003 Claudio López

Gulf Scrabble Tournament

1991 Norbert Saldanha [UAE]  
1992 Naweem Fernando [Bahrain]  
1993 Roland Filio [Bahrain]  
1994 Naweem Fernando(2) [Bahrain]  
1995 Naweem Fernando(3) [Bahrain]  
1996 Akshay Bhandarkar [Bahrain]  
1997 Naweem Fernando(4) [Bahrain]  
1998 Dean Saldanha [UAE]  
1999 Akshay Bhandarkar(2) [Bahrain]

2000 Roland Filio(2) [Bahrain]  
2001 Cecil Fernandes Prabhu [Oman]  
2002 Chris Abordo [Bahrain]  
2003 Ricky Gonzalez [Saudi Arabia]  
2004 Selwyn Lobo [UAE]  
2005 Ralph Lobo [Oman]  
2006 Ralph Lobo(2) [Oman]  
2007 Akshay Bhandarkar(3) [Bahrain]  
2008 Moammed Zafar [Bahrain]

Guyana National Championship

2003 Frederick Collins

India National Championship

1999 Mohan Verghese Chunkath  
2000 Ahmed Shaik  
2001 Mohan Verghese Chunkath(2)  
2002 Akshay Bhandarkar  
2003 Akshay Bhandarkar(2)  
2004 Akshay Bhandarkar(3)  
2005 Akshay Bhandarkar(4)  
2006 Varisht Hingorani  
2007 Varisht Hingorani(2)  
2008 Sherwin Rodrigues

Indonesian National Championship

2002 Ferdy Anthonius

Irish National Championship

2001 Catherine Costello  
2002 Catherine Costello(2)  
2003 Kay McCoughlan  
2004 Brendan McDonnell

Israeli National Championship

1987 David Elkins  
1991 Ivan-Gary Cohen  
1995 Zev Kesselman  
1997 Sam Orbaum  
2000 Zev Kesselman(2)  
2003 Zev Kesselman(3)  
2004 Hilda Ben-Num

Italian National Championship (Italian Language  
SCRABBLE®)

1997 Guiseppe Riccardi  
1998 Carla Maria Morisi

Ivory Coast National Championship (French Language

Duplicate SCRABBLE®)  
1997 François Ezan Koffi

Japanese National Championship

1991 Ken Nakai  
1992 John Ozag [USA]  
1993 Kunihiko Kuroda

1994 Charlie ? [Nigeria]  
1995 Kunihiko Kuroda(2)  
1997 Ken Nakai(2)  
1999 Keiichiro Hirai  
2000 Keiichiro Hirai(2)  
2001 Keiichiro Hirai(3)  
2002 Keiichiro Hirai(4)  
2003 Keiichiro Hirai(5)  
2004 Keiichiro Hirai(6)

Kenyan National Championship

1997 Shafique Thobani  
1998 Manase Otieno  
1999 Stanley Njoroge  
2000 Michael Gongolo  
2001 Patrick Litunya  
2002 Michael Gongolo(2)  
2003 Patrick Litunya(2)

Kuwait National Championship

1996 Jerry Perez  
1997 Mamadou Wone  
1998 Mamadou Wone(2)  
1999 Mamadou Wone(3)  
2000 Mamadou Wone(4)  
2001 Jerry Perez(2)  
2002 Mamadou Wone(5)  
2003 Mamadou Wone(6)

Lebanese National Championship (French Language

Duplicate SCRABBLE®)  
1992 Bassam El Hajj  
1993 Bassam El Hajj(2)  
1994 Bassam El Hajj(3)  
1995 Bassam El Hajj(4)  
1996 Bassam El Hajj(5)  
1997 Bassam El Hajj(6)  
1998 Bassam El Hajj(7)  
1999 Léna Sfeir  
2000 Léna Sfeir(2)  
2001 Léna Sfeir(3)

Madagascar National Championship (French Language

Duplicate SCRABBLE®)  
1999 Mantira Razafindrakoto

Malta National Championship

1985 Godfrey Margi Demajo  
1986 Maggie Gingell-Littlejohn  
1987 Godfrey Margi Demajo(2)  
1988 Maggie Gingell-Littlejohn(2)  
1989 Mario Saliba  
1990 Joe Galea  
1991 Peter Elbourne  
1992 Peter Elbourne(2)  
1993 Peter Elbourne(3)  
1994 Mario Saliba(2)

1995 Peter Elbourne(4)  
1996 Peter Elbourne(5)  
1997 Sammy Mangion  
1998 Mario Saliba(3)  
1999 Peter Elbourne(6)  
2000 Peter Elbourne(7)  
2001 David Delicata  
2002 David Delicata(2)  
2003 David Delicata(3)  
2004 David Delicata(4)  
2005 David Delicata(5)

#### Mind Sports Olympiad

1997 E. Simpson [England] (Championship)  
Phil Appleby [England] (Weekend)  
1998 Shanker Menon [India] (Olympiad) 12- 3  
Femi Awowade [Nigeria] (Evening) 8-1  
Femi Awowade [Nigeria] (Weekend) 10-2  
1999 Mark Nyman [England] (Weekday SOWPODS)  
Sandie Simonis [England] (Weekend OSW)  
A. Killelea [England] (Evening OSW)  
Mark Nyman (Evening SOWPODS)  
Philip Nalkon [England] (Olympiad SOWPODS)  
Simon Carter [England] (Olympiad OSW)  
2000 Brett Smitheram [England] (National  
Championship, SOWPODS)  
Alec Webb [England] (National Championship,  
OSW)  
Michael Quao [Ghana] (Olympiad SOWPODS)  
Martin Leverton [England] (Olympiad OSW)  
Barry Grossman [Scotland] (Evening SOWPODS)  
Paul Howard [England] (Evening OSW)  
2001 Femi Awowade(2) (Olympiad)  
2002 Femi Awowade(3) (Olympiad)  
Nuala O'Rourke [Ireland] (Weekend)  
2003 Femi Awowade(4) (Olympiad)  
Tim Hebbes [England] (Weekend)  
2004 Wayne Kelly [England] (Olympiad)  
Martin Thompson (Evening)

#### Malaysian National Championship

1991 Mohamed Ali  
1993 Raja Fuadin  
1994 Mohamed Idrus  
1995 Teong-Chuan Tan  
1996 Ganesh Asirvatham  
1999 Pui Cheng Wui  
2000 (Dec) John Lam  
2001 (Aug) Ganesh Asirvatham(2) 13.5-4.5 +1484  
2003 Ganesh Asirvatham(3)

#### Mexican National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

2003 Frederico Chavira  
2005 Jesus Ortega

#### Moroccan National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1997 Boualem Ben Moha  
1999 Mohamed El Baghdadi  
2006 Boualem Ben Moha

#### National SCRABBLE® Championship (North America)

1978 (May 64p) David Prinz 10-6 173cr  
1980 (Nov 32p) Joe Edley 14-3 +545  
1983 (Aug 32p) Joel Wapnick [Canada] 13-4 +705  
1985 (July 302p) Ron Tiekert 20-2 +1808  
1987 (July 327p) Rita Norr 17-4 +1100  
1988 (July 323p) Robert Watson 20.5-6.5 +1355  
1989 (Aug 221p) Peter Morris [Canada] 21-6 +1507  
1990 (Aug 282p) Robert Felt 24-3 +1969  
1992 (Aug 315p) Joe Edley(2) 22-5 +1839  
1994 (Aug 294p) David Gibson 23-4 +1700  
1996 (July 412p) Adam Logan [Canada] 24-3 +1613  
1998 (Aug 535p) Brian Cappelletto 26-5 +2318  
2000 (Aug 598p) Joe Edley(3) 22-9 +1454  
2002 (Aug 696p) Joel Sherman 25-6 +2020  
2004 (Aug 837p) Trey Wright 26-7 +1432  
2005 (Aug 682p) Dave Wiegand 21-7 +1074  
2006 (Aug 625p) Jim Kramer 21-7 +1351  
2008 (July 662p) Nigel Richards 22-6 +1340

#### Netherlands National Championship (Dutch Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1995 Jan De Ridder  
1999 ? De Waele  
2000 Jan De Ridder(2)  
(Duplicate): Riccaro Ounane

#### New Zealand National Championship

1980 Sue Marrow  
1981 Jeff Grant  
1982 Glenyss Buchanan  
1983 Jeff Grant(2)  
1984 David Pinner  
1985 Mike Sigley  
1986 Jeff Grant(3)  
1987 Glennis Hale  
1988 Jeff Grant(4)  
1989 Jeff Grant(5)  
1990 Jeff Grant(6)  
1991 Jeff Grant(7)  
1992 Mike Sigley(2)  
1993 Jeff Grant(8)  
1994 Jeff Grant(9)  
1995 Jeff Grant(10)  
1996 Jeff Grant(11)  
1997 Nigel Richards  
1998 (May) Jeff Grant(12) 11-2 5,231ts  
1999 (June) Howard Warner 10-3 +1144  
2000 (June) Jeff Grant(13) 11-4 +1002  
2001 (June) Jeff Grant(14) 12-3 +1165  
2002 (June) Kendall Boyd 15-0 +1737

2003 (May) Howard Warner(2) 10-5 +845  
2004 (June) Blue Thorogood 11-4 +1065  
2005 (June) Howard Warner(3) 13-2 +1115  
2006 (June) Howard Warner(4) 14-1 +1582  
2007 (June) Jeff Grant(15) 14-1 +907  
2008 (June) Jeff Grant(16) 11-4 +966

#### New Zealand Masters

1999 (Apr) Nigel Richards 19-4 +2224  
2000 (Apr) Howard Warner 20-3 +2410  
2001 (Apr) Howard Warner(2) 20-3 +2093  
2002 (Mar) Mike Sigley 21-2 +2398  
2003 (Apr) Howard Warner(3) 18-5 +2018  
2004 (Apr) Howard Warner(4) 17-6 +1710  
2005 (Mar) Mike Sigley(2) 17-6 +1763  
2006 (Apr) Howard Warner(5) 17-6 +1950  
2007 (Apr) Jeff Grant 20-3 +1777  
2008 (Apr) Howard Warner(6) 19-4 +2081

#### Nigerian National Championship

1986 Femi Awowade  
1987 Chijioke Uzor  
1988 Paulinus Ekunke  
    Azu Ogbodu  
    Dokan Esan  
1989 Azu Ogbogu  
1990 Iffy Onyeonwu  
    Sammy Okasagah  
1991 Debo Ajose  
1993 Ayo Fasheiro  
1994 Chinedu Okwelogu  
    Segun Durojaye  
1995 Moshood Sanni  
1998 Lanre Oyekunle  
    Jimoh Saheed (aka Wale Fashina)  
1999 Paul Sodje  
2000 Tunde Adigun  
2001 Seaun Duroiave(2)  
    Chinedu Okwelogu(2)  
2002 Jimoh Saheed(2) (aka Wale Fashina)  
    Dennis Ikekeregogor  
2003 Ayo Fasheiro(2)  
    Oshevire Avwenagha  
    Onota Ojiru

#### North America - see National SCRABBLE® Championship

#### Oman National Championship

1995 Sonny Sanath Memachandra  
1996 Sonny Sanath Memachandra(2)  
1997 Linda Hazel Perry  
1998 Mike Pray  
1999 Sonny Sanath Memachandra(3)  
2000 ? Miriz  
2001 Ralph Lobo  
2002 Ralph Lobo(2)

2003 Ralph Lobo(3)

#### Pakistan National Championship

1998 Syed Wajid Iqbal  
1999 Syed Wajid Iqbal(2)  
2000 Syed Wajid Iqbal(3)

#### Pan-African Scrabble Championship

1994 (Kenya) Iffy Onyeonwu [Nigeria]  
1996 (Nigeria) Femi Awowade [Nigeria]  
1998 (South Africa) Jimoh Saheed [Nigeria]  
2000 Moshood Sanni [Nigeria]  
2002 (Kenya) Trevor Hovel Meier [South Africa]  
2004 (Tanzania) Dennis Ikekeregogor [Nigeria]19-5 +1011  
2006 (Nigeria) Dennis Ikekeregogor (2) [Nigeria]  
2008 (Kenya) Wellington Jighere [Nigeria]

#### Panamanian National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

2003 Jorge Enrique Sánchez

#### Peru National Championship

2002 Silvia Harison Gianella

#### Philippine National Championship

1995 Armando Bing Lao  
1996 Ronald Credo  
1997 Armando Bing Lao(2)  
1998 Tawano Rabong  
1999 Gil Quiballo  
2000 Odette Carmina Rio  
2001 Bonnie Macala  
2002 Bonnie Macala(2)  
2003 Ronald Credo(2)

#### Philippines Invitational

1997 Sam Kantimathi

#### Polish National Championship (Polish Language SCRABBLE®)

1993 Tomasz Zwolinski  
1994 Tomasz Zwolinski(2)  
1995 Pawel Stefaniak  
1996 Tomasz Zwolinski(3)  
1997 Tomasz Zwolinski(4)  
1998 Jaroslaw Borowski  
1999 Marcin Mroziuk  
2000 Mariusz Skrobosz  
2001 Marcin Mroziuk(2)  
2002 Kamil Górka  
2003 Kazmierz Merklejn Jr.  
2004 Mariusz Wrzesniewski

#### Quebec Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1982 Jean-Pierre Sangin  
1983 Jean-Pierre Sangin(2)

1984 Mario Buteau  
1985 Mario Buteau(2)  
1986 Guy Pérusse  
1987 Guy Pérusse(2)  
1988 Mario Buteau(3)  
1989 François Bédard  
1990 François Bédard(2)  
1991 François Bédard(3)  
1992 Mario Buteau(4)  
1993 François Bédard(4)  
1994 François Bédard(5)  
1995 François Bédard(6)  
1996 Mario Buteau(5)  
1997 Germain Bouilanne  
1998 François Bédard(7)  
1999 Germain Bouilanne(2)  
2000 Germain Bouilanne(3)  
2001 Germain Bouilanne(4)  
2002 Germain Bouilanne(5)  
2003 Germain Bouilanne(6)  
2004 Didier Kadima  
2005 Didier Kadima(2)

River Plate Challenge (Argentina vs Uruguay, Spanish Language)

1999 Esther Lerner [Argentina]  
2000 Amanda Guana [Argentina]  
Horacio Moavro [Argentina]  
2001 Silvina Aranovitch [Argentina]

Romanian National Championship (Romanian, French, and English Language SCRABBLE®)

1987 Romanian: Claudia Mihai  
1988 Romanian: Claudia Mihai(2)  
1989 Romanian: Dan Ghinescu  
1990 Romanian: Liviu Jerghiuta  
1991 English & Romanian: Liviu Jerghiuta(2)  
1992 French & Romanian: Claudia Mihai(3)  
1993 French: Claudia Mihai(3)  
English: Lucian Manescu  
Romanian: Catalin Latis  
1994 French: Claudia Mihai(4)  
Romanian: Caitlin Latis(2)  
1995 French: Claudia Mihai(5)  
English: Dan-Laurentiu Sandu  
Romanian: Mhhai Negrea  
1996 French: Claudia Mihai(6)  
English: Dan-Laurentiu Sandu(2)  
Romanian: Mihai Negera(2)  
1997 French: Claudia Mihai(7)  
English: Dan-Laurentiu Sandu(3)  
Romanian: Mihai Negera(3)  
1998 French: Claudia Mihai(8)  
English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(4)  
Romanian: Septimiu Crivei  
1999 French: Claudia Mihai(9)  
English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(5)

Romanian: Mihai Negera(4)  
2000 French: Claudia Mihai(10)  
English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(6)  
Romanian: Alexandru Gheorgiu  
2001 French: Claudia Mihai(11)  
English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(7)  
Romanian: Valentin Craciunica  
2002 French: Claudia Mihai(12)  
English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(8)  
Romanian: Dan Laurentiu Sandu  
2003 English: Dan Laurentiu Sandu(9)  
Romanian: Alexandru Gheorgiu(2)

Saudi Arabian National Championship

1993 Ishtiaq Chishty [Pakistan]  
1995 Peter Arreola [Philippines]  
1997 Ricardo Gonzalez [Philippines]  
1999 Ricardo Gonzalez [Philippines]  
2001 Peter Arreola [Philippines]  
2003 Ishtiaq Chishty [Pakistan]

Scottish National Championship

1985 Gino Corr  
1986 Gino Corr(2)  
1987 Amy Byrne  
1988 John Simpson  
1989 Alec Robertson  
1990 Doris Watt  
1991 John Catto  
1992 Catriona Budge  
1993 John Catto(2)  
1994 John Catto(3)  
1995 Neil Scott  
1996 Carol Malkin  
1997 Wilma Warwick  
1998 Neil Scott(2)  
1999 Wilma Warwick(2)  
2000 Alan Sinclair  
2001 Neil Scott(3)  
2002 Allan Simmons  
2003 Allan Simmons(2)  
2004 Paul Allan  
2005 Allan Simmons(3)

Senegal National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1985 Faycal Assad  
1986 Birahim Samb  
1987 Amar Diokh  
1988 Ousmane Ly  
1989 Ousmane Ly(2)  
1990 Haidina Aidara  
1991 Haidina Aidara  
1992 Seydou Omar Ly  
1993 Abdoulaye Kante  
1994 Seydou Omar Ly(2)  
1995 Seydou Omar Ly(3)

1996 Arona Gaye  
1997 Arona Gaye(2)  
1998 Thierno Amadou Diallo  
1999 Abdoulaye Kante(2)  
2000 Ousmane Ly(3)  
2001 Thierno Amadou Diallo(2)  
2002 Thierno Amadou Diallo(3)  
2003 Matar Sylla  
2006 [Classic] Aly Sakho

Seychelles National Championship

1997 Harischandra Nanayakkara

Singapore National Championship

1987 Teo Hock Wah  
1989 Tony Sim  
1990 Tony Sim(2)  
1993 Tony Sim(3)  
1997 Austin Tan Kiat Hing  
1997 (Oct) Austin Tan 12-2 +612  
1999 (Aug) Tony Sim(4) 12-3 +808  
2001 (July) Tony Sim(5) 12-4 +783  
2002 (July) Ricky Purnomo 12-4 +532  
2003 Tony Sim(6) 14-4 +1271  
2004 Tony Sim(7) 15-1 +1409

Singapore Open

1998 (Aug) Michael Tang 12-4 +472  
1999 (May) Ganesh Asirvatham 12-3 +1053  
2000 (May) Nigel Richards 14-2 +2118  
2001 (May) Nigel Richards(2) 12-4 +1021  
2002 (June) Nigel Richards(3) 12-4 +782  
2003 (June) Nigel Richards(4) 12.5-2.5 +1181  
2004 (June) Nigel Richards(5) 12-4 +962

Slovakian National Championship (Slovak Language SCRABBLE®)

1999 Viera Kosalková  
2000 Pavol Boros

South African National Championship

1987 Larry Benjamin  
1989 Larry Benjamin(2)  
1990 Averil Berger  
1992 Steven Gruzd  
1993 Larry Benjamin(3)  
1994 Steven Gruzd(2)  
1995 Larry Benjamkin(4)  
1996 Dylan Early  
1997 Dylan Early(2)  
1998 Dylan Early(3)  
1999 Lanre Oyekunle [Nigeria]  
2000 Samuel Fomum [Cameroon]  
2001 Trevor Hovelmeier  
2002 Steven Gruzd(3)  
2003 Steven Gruzd(4)  
2004 Steven Gruzd(5)

2005 Trevor Hovelmeier(2) 12-4 +920

Spanish National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

1996 Ana Maria Geniz  
1997 Marc Virgo  
1999 Miguel Rivera  
2000 Joan Ramon Manchado  
2002 Adan Cássan  
2003 Miguel Rivera(2)  
2004 Joan Ramon Manchado(2)  
2005 Enric Hernandez  
2006 Joan Ramon Manchado(3)

Spanish World Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

1997 Juan Ramon Manchado [Spain]  
1998 Blai Figueras [Spain]  
1999 Amanda Gauna [Argentina]  
2000 Roberto Aguilar [Honduras]  
2001 Benjamin Olaizola [Venezuela]  
2002 Carlos González [Venezuela]  
2003 Juan Ramon Manchado(2) [Spain]  
2004 Claudia Amaral [Argentina]  
2005 Antonio Alvarez [Spain]  
2006 Enric Hernandez [Spain]  
2007 Benjamin Olaizola (2) [Venezuela]  
2008 Enric Hernandez(2) [Spain]

Sri Lanka National Championship

1993 Missaka Warusawitharana  
1994 Missaka Warusawitharana(2)  
1995 Missaka Warusawitharana(3)  
1996 Missaka Warusawitharana(4)  
1997 Missaka Warusawitharana(5)  
1998 Naween Fernando  
1999 Missaka Warusawitharana(6)  
2000 Vignesh Jeyanathan  
2001 Sherila Amalen  
2002 Lakshan Wanniarachchi  
2003 Lakshan Wanniarachchi(2)

Swedish National Championship (Swedish Language SCRABBLE®)

1999 Stefan Diös  
2000 Peter Starbäck  
2001 Greger Nässén  
2002 Brigitta Ländin  
2003 David Holmberg

Swiss National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1977 Monique Spangoli  
1978 Gisele Pittet  
1979 Camile Richter  
1980 Christian Keim  
1981 Christian Keim(2)

1982 Christian Keim(3)  
 1983 Jean-Marc Falcoz  
 1984 Thierry Hepp  
 1985 Thierry Hepp(2)  
 1986 Jean-Marc Falcoz  
 1987 Christian Keim(4)  
 1988 Thierry Hepp(3)  
 1989 Véronique Keim  
 1990 Véronique Keim(2)  
 1991 Véronique Keim(3)  
 1992 Christiane Aymon  
 1993 Véronique Keim(4)  
 1994 Christiane Aymon(2)  
 1995 Véronique Keim(5)  
 1996 Christiane Aymon(3)  
 1997 Alexandre Strubi  
 1998 Alexandre Strubi(2)  
 1999 Gérard Imboden  
 2000 Gérard Imboden(2)  
 2001 Jean-Pierre Hellebaut  
     Blitz: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut  
 2002 Hugo Delafontaine  
     Blitz: Nicholas Bartholdi  
 2003 Jean-Pierre Hellebaut(2)  
     Blitz: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut (2)  
 2004 Etienne Budry  
     Blitz: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut (3)  
 2005 Denis Courtois  
     Blitz: Hugo Delafontaine  
     Original: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut(3)  
 2006 Hugo Delafontaine (3)  
     Blitz: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut (4)  
 2007 Hugo Delafontaine (4)  
     Blitz: Jean-Pierre Hellebaut (5)  
 2008 Jean-Pierre Hellebaut (4)  
     Blitz: Nicholas Bartholdi (2)

Sydney International Masters  
 2001 Naweén Fernando

Tanzanian National Championship  
 2001 Isaac Adhero Lang'o  
 2002 Suleiman Murtaza

Thailand International (aka Brand's Cup)  
 1985 Arun Methaset  
 1986 ? Boongerd  
 1987 Kriengprinyakit Narong  
 1988 ? Apichit  
 1989 (Feb) Apichit Vichitjtkul  
 1990 Charles Goldstein [USA]  
 1991 Mark Nyman [UK]  
 1992 (Feb) Pakorn Nemitrmansuk  
 1993 (Feb) Ong-Arj Charuwan  
 1994 (Feb) San Kantimathi 16-6  
 1995 (Jan) Jakkrit Klaphajone 20-6 +1572  
 1996 (Feb) Charnwit Sumrattanaporn 18-8

1997 (Jan) Jakkrit Klaphajone  
 1998 (Jan 87p) Joel Sherman 19-6 +839  
 1999 Mark Nyman(2) [UK]  
 2000 (June) Nigel Richards 19-9 +1757  
 2001 (June) Nigel Richards(2) 20-6 +1078  
 2002 (July) Nigel Richards(3) 22-? +1483  
 2003 (June 64p) Pakorn Nemitrmansuk  
 2004 (June 82p) Nigel Richards(4)  
 2005 (June 81p) Panupol Sujjayakorn  
 2006 (June 86p) Nigel Richards(5)  
 2007 (June 82p) Nigel Richards(6)  
 2008 (June 57p) Suanne Ong

Thailand Open

1988 Amnuay Ploysangngam  
 1989 Amnuay Ploysangngam(2)  
 1991 Amnuay Ploysangngam(3)  
 1993 Amnuay Ploysangngam(4)  
 1995 Mark Nyman

Trans-Tasman Challenge (Australia vs New Zealand)

1996 Bob Jackman (AUS) 17-6 +710  
     Team: Australia 141-135  
 1998 Peter Sinton (NZ) 18-6 +958  
     Team: New Zealand 155-134  
 2000 Kendall Boyd (NZ) 18-6 +992  
     Team: New Zealand 154.5.133.5  
 2002 Howard Warner (NZ) 22-2 +1587  
     Team: Australia 118-98  
 2004 Chris May (AUS) 21-3 +1861  
     Team: Australia 189-99  
 2006 Andrew Fisher  
     Team: Australia 159.5-128.5  
 2008 Rod Talbot

Transvaal Open (Chambers Cup)

1984 Roni Witkin 410.5 as

Togo National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1998 Alain Figah Kokou  
 1999 Koffivi Mable

Trinidad and Tobago National Championship

1996 Albert Vin Chune  
 1997 Rodney Romany  
 1998 Edward Metivier  
 1999 Rodney Romany(2)  
 2000 Margarida De Souza  
 2001 Edward Metivier(2)  
 2002 Robin John  
 2003 Robin John(2)

Tunisian National Championship (French Language Duplicate SCRABBLE®)

1979 Abderrazak Ouarda  
 1980 Abderrazak Ouarda(2)

1981 Saïd Frikha  
1982 Abderrazak Ouarda(3)  
1983 Saïd Frikha(2)  
1984 Abderrazak Ouarda(3)  
1985 Abderrazak Ouarda(4)  
1986 Abderrazak Ouarda(5)  
1987 Zouhir Aloulou  
1988 Abderrazak Ouarda(6)  
1989 Samir Naouel  
1991 Abderrazak Ouarda(7)  
1992 Abderrazak Ouarda(8)  
1994 Samir Naouel(2)  
1995 Zouhir Aloulou(2)  
1996 Zouhir Aloulou(3)  
1997 Abderrazak Ouarda(9)  
1998 Zouhir Aloulou(4)  
1999 Abderrazak Ouarda(10)  
2000 Zouhir Aloulou(5)  
2001 Zouhir Aloulou(6)  
2002 Zouhir Aloulou(7)  
2003 Samir Naouel(2)  
2005 Abderrazak Ouarda (11)

Ugandan National Championship

2002 Kayondo Hamdan

United Arab Emirates Championship

2002 Selwyn Lobo  
Selwyn Lobo - 9 titles

United States Spanish Language Championship

2004 Héctor Klíe

United States - see National SCRABBLE® Championship

Uruguay National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

1998 Julio Etchenique  
1999 Carlos Pastor  
2000 Omar Montes De Oca  
2003 Selene Delgado

2004 Selene Delgado(2)

Venezuelan National Championship (Spanish Language SCRABBLE®)

1997 Augusto Contrepas  
1998 Augusto Contrepas(2)  
1999 Carlos Martínez  
2000 Carlos Martínez(2)  
2001 Benjamin Olaizola  
2002 Benjamin Olaizola(2)  
2003 Carlos Martínez(3)  
2004 Benjamin Olaizola(3)

Welsh National Championship

2005 Gareth Williams

World SCRABBLE® Championship

1991 (Sep 48p) Peter Morris [Canada]  
1993 (Aug 68p) Mark Nyman [England] 18-7 +779  
1995 (Nov 64p) David Boys [Canada] 17-6 +1154  
1997 (Nov 80p) Joel Sherman [USA] 19-6 +829  
1999 (Nov 94p) Joel Wapnick [Canada] 18-6 +1068  
2001 (Dec 88p) Brian Cappelletto [USA] 21-7 +921  
2003 (Oct 90p) Panupol Sujjayakorn [Thai.] 21-8 +1461  
2005 (Nov 102p) Adam Logan [Canada] 23-4 +1613  
2007 (Nov 104p) Nigel Richards [Malaysia] 22-5 +1750

World Youth SCRABBLE® Championship

2006 (Dec 51p) David Eldar (Australia) 20-4 +1368  
2007 (Dec 54p) Toh Weibin (Singapore) 15-7 +1023  
2008 (Dec 59p) Khoo Beng Way (Malaysia)

Zambian National Championship

1986 Patrick Mpundu  
2001 Paul Yandisha Kalumba  
2002 Paul Yandisha Kalumba(2)  
2003 Paul Yandisha Kalumba(3)  
2004 Mwenya Munkonge  
2005 Paul Yandisha Kalumba(4)  
2006 Paul Yandisha Kalumba(5)  
2007 Cecilia Ruto

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(By Tournament)

## Introduction

The following section includes division one winners for all known multi-day, fully-rated North American SCRABBLE® tournaments. Tournaments in the United States are listed first, followed by Canadian tournaments, followed by sanctioned tournaments that took place outside North America. Tournaments are listed in alphabetical order by state/province and then by tournament name/location.

For larger states, some summary information is given (number of known tournaments, date of first tournament, first SCRABBLE® club, and players who have won the most tournaments and played the most games in that state). Summary totals include one-day tournaments. Note that due to the spottiness of records prior to 1993, the games played in state figures are very incomplete.

For each tournament, winners are listed in chronological order. First, the year of the tournament is given, then the month, then the number of players (i.e. "32p") in the tournament. (NOTE: For older tournaments that took place over multiple weeks, the number of players given is the number of players in the finals only, not in the entire tournament). Next, the winner is shown with a number in parenthesis indicating the number of times they've won that tournament to that point. Then the winner's record is shown with wins/losses and either spread, credits (indicated by "cr") or total score (indicated by "ts").

When there are multiple tournaments at the same location, I have tried to break them up by season (with the exception that one-day tournaments for a location are always listed together).

# UNITED STATES

## Alabama

**Tournaments:** 54

**First Tournament:** Mobile 1975

**First Club:** Mobile #9 est 1975

**Tourney Wins:** Jim Pate (7), Dave Johnson(5) , Randy Hersom (4)

**Games Played:** Martin Weiskopff (127+), Wanda Tumlin (118+), Jim Pate (117+)

### Alabama State Championship

2002 (July 16p) Jim Pate 7-2 +605

### Anniston

1991 (May)

1992 (July 44p) Randy Hersom 7-2 +695

### Birmingham

1976 Jim Pate?

1977 (April) Jim Pate(2) 4-0 1869ts

1978

1979 (cDec 58p) Patti Reny 7.5-2.5 +705

1980 (Dec) John Kiehlbauch 4-0 1748ts

1981 (Nov) Patti Morrison 4-0 +398

1982 (Oct) Patti Reny

1983 (Oct 44p) John T. Jeffers 4-0 +711

1984 (Jan)

1985 (Nov) John Kiehlbauch(2) 8-0 +757

1986 (Nov) John Kielbauch(3) 6-2 +625

1995 (Oct 51p) Randy Hersom 8-3 +855

1996 (Oct 40p) Randy Hersom(2) 10-1 +1106

1997 (Oct 38p) Randy Hersom(3) 11-0 +633

1999 (Oct 49p) Trip Payne 10-2 +499

2001 (Oct 26p) Dave Johnson 9-2 +646

2007 (Mar 16p) Cynthia Seales 9-3 +625

2007 (Oct 16p) Cynthia Seales(2) 10-2 +628

### Birmingham (Tier2)

1983 (Mar) #1

1983 (Mar) #2 Dave Johnson

### Huntsville

1982 (June)

1984 (cMar) Darrell Day

1984 (Aug) Jim Pate 7-2 +352

1987 (Feb)

### Mobile

1975 (cMar) Polly Kirby 4-0 1435ts

1976 (cFeb) Jim Pate 4-0 1670ts

1977 (May) Kenneth Holcombe 4-0 1190ts

1979 (July) Jim Pate(2) 4-0 1852ts

1980 (July) Betty Duhon 5-0

1981

1982

1983 (June) Carl Stocker 8-2 +692

1985 (Jan) Jim Pate(3) 8-1

1986 (Jan) Dave Johnson 8-1 +907

1987 (Apr) Dave Johnson(2) 7-2 +818

1989 (Mar) Pat Barrett 8-1 +405

1990 (Mar) Pat Barrett(2) 8-1 +964

### Mobile (Tier 3)

1983 (June 36p) Steve Polatnick 8-2 +729

### Prichard

1983 (Sep)

1984 (Sep)

### Southeast Region Tier 4 (Mobile)

1983 (Jun 36p) Dave Johnson 8-3 +321

## Alaska

**First Club:** Juneau #110 est c1980

### Alaska Cruise

1991 (June 28p) Harry Leonard

1993 (May 16p) Overall: Ardis Fratt 12-3 +1053

Experts: Paul Avrin 11-4 +79

(note - divisions were intermingled)

1995 (May) George Carty 8-0

1997 (Aug 64p) Tim Anglin 12-3 +841

2002 (July 14p) Mason Shambach 7-4 +425

2007 (June 36p) Jerry Lerman 9-2 +840

2008 (Aug 16p) Luise Shafritz 10-2 +599

## Arizona

**Tournaments:** 139

**First Tournament:** Glendale 1975

**First Club:** Mesa #36 est c1977

**Tourney Wins:** Stan Rubinsky (13), Jim Geary (8), Brian Cappelletto (8)

**Games Played:** James Wait (855+), Al Demers (697+), Karen Lundeen (628+)

### Arizona Step 2

1985 (Apr) Dotty Snedegar 7-2 +677

### Glendale

1975 (cApr) Joseph Phillips 4-0 1580ts

1976 (cApr) Stan Rubinsky 4-0 1568ts

1977 (May) Stan Rubinsky(2) 4-0 1555ts

1978 (Apr) Patti Lynn 4-0 1254ts

1979 (Apr) Stan Rubinsky(3) 4-0

1980 (Oct)

1981 (Nov)  
1982 (Nov)  
1983 (Nov)  
1984 (Nov) Stan Rubinsky(4) 4-0  
1985 (Nov) Stan Rubinsky(5) 9-1 +1242  
1986 (Nov) Brian Cappelletto 9-1 +971  
1987 (Dec) William R. Webster 8-2 +185

#### Grand Canyon

1981 (Nov 34p) Dennis Stone 9-1  
1982 (Nov 44p) Tim Maneth 9-1 +697  
1983 (Nov 46p) Jeff Reeves 9-1 +244  
1984 (Nov 72p) Chris Cree 9-1 +860  
1985 (Nov 84p) Charles Goldstein 9-1  
1986 (Nov 128p) Charles Goldstein(2) 12-2 +1233  
1987 (Nov) Bob Schoneman 10-3 +838  
1988 (Nov) Joe Edley 11-3 +1241  
1989 (Nov) Joe Edley(2) 12-2 +1152  
1990 (Nov 146p) Brian Cappelletto 13-1 +1222  
1991 (Nov) Joel Wapnick 11-3 +959  
1992 (Nov 99p) Brian Cappelletto(2) 11.5-2.5 +827  
2001 (Nov 120p) Kent Nelson 15-5 +797  
2002 (Nov 82p) Joel Sherman 13.5-4.5 +1493  
2003 (Nov 52p) Nathan Benedict 14-5 +543  
2006 (Nov 62p) Mike Baron 13-4 +993

#### Mesa

1977 (Oct) Frank Hertz 3-0 1408ts  
1978 Stan Rubinsky?  
1979 (Feb) Stan Rubinsky(2) 4-0  
1980 (Feb) Florence Christopherson 8-0  
1981 (Jan) Stan Rubinsky(3)  
1982 (Jan)  
1984 (Feb)  
1985 (Feb)  
1986 (Jan) Brian Cappelletto 9-1 +890

#### Phoenix

1979 (May) Stan Rubinsky 3-1 1633ts  
1981 (Mar) Stan Rubinsky(2)  
1985 (Jan) Jim Lamerland 4-0 +446  
1986 (Mar) Ron Mikolka 9-1  
1987 Frank Hertz?  
1988 (Jan) Brian Cappelletto 8-2 +825  
1989 (Jan) Brian Cappelletto(2) 8-2 +1100  
1990 (Feb) Lester Schonbrun 9-2 +445  
1991 (Feb) Stu Goldman 8-3 +780  
1992 (Feb) Mike Baron 9-2 +600  
1993 (Feb) Brian Cappelletto(3) 8-3 +494  
1994 (Feb 83p) Kent Nelson 8-3 +602  
1995 (Feb 67p) Jim Geary 11-1 +933  
1995 (Nov 50p) Gail Wolford 9-3 +563  
1996 (Feb 54p) Jim Geary(2) 10-3 +1208  
1997 (Feb) Ira Cohen 12-1 +1270  
1998 (Feb 72p) Carol Kaplan 10-5 +730  
1999 (Feb 118p) Jim Geary(3) 16-3 +1206  
1999 (Oct 64p) Ira Cohen(2) 10-3 +890

2000 (Feb 136p) Ira Cohen(3) 13-6 +716  
2001 (Feb 138p) Joey Mallick 15-4 +972  
2002 (Feb 106p) Chris Cree 14-5 +901  
2003 (Feb 133p) Iffy Onyeonwu 14-5 +822  
2004 (Feb 112p) Michael Baker 15-5 +653  
2005 (Feb 157p) Jerry Lerman 16-4 +874  
2006 (Feb 139p) Jim Geary(4) 15-5 +621  
2007 (Feb 128p) Dave Wiegand 16-4 +1193  
2008 (Feb 111p) Nathan Benedict 14-6 +540

#### Prescott

2001 (May 45p) Kent Nelson 11-2 +1066  
2002 (May 32p) Laurie Cohen 11-3 +860

#### Scottsdale

1975  
1981 (Feb) Stan Rubinsky  
1982 (Mar)  
1983 (Mar) Greg Lewis 4-0 +152  
1984 (Mar)  
1986 (Mar) Alan Stern 8-2 +978  
1994 (Nov 64p) Lewis Saul 10-2 +357  
1995 (Nov)  
1996 (Nov 67p) Jim Geary 10.5-2.5 +583  
1997 (Nov 64p) Carol Kaplan 9-4 +725  
1998 (Oct 60p) Carol Kaplan(2) 10-3 +638  
2000 (Oct 56p) Ira Cohen 10-3 +681

#### Scottsdale (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr)

#### Tempe

1981 Alan Stern

#### Tucson

1988 (June) Steve Cheseborough 8-2 +503  
1989 (June) Stan Rubinsky 8-3 +412  
1990 (Apr) Greg S. Lewis 10-1 +1068  
1991 (Apr) Brian Cappelletto 11-0  
1992 (Apr) Patty Wayne 8-3 +715  
1994 (Apr 38p) Jim Geary 10-1 +843  
2000 (Nov 49p) Chris Cree 11-2 +1102  
2001 (Dec 50p) Sam Kantimathi 12-1 +1086  
2002 (Dec 43p) John Hart 13-1 +1079  
2003 (Dec 47p) Laurie Cohen 9-4 +652  
2004 (Dec 43p) Nathan Benedict 10-3 +1140  
2006 (Dec 34p) Patrick Hodges 10-2 +856  
2007 (Oct 28p) Ira Cohen 9-3 +1294

#### Tucson (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Jim Wait 9-0 +1304

## **Arkansas**

**Tournaments:** 24

**First Club:** Hot Springs #15 est 1975

**Games Played:** Justine Zollinger (233+), Teresa Urbanik (175+), Thelma Litton (171+)

#### Eureka Springs

2003 (Nov 44p) Mary A Lyons 11-5 +700  
2004 (Nov 44p) Mike Early 12-4 +1289  
2005 (Nov 50p) Mike Early(2) 15-1 +1811  
2006 (Nov 51p) Mike Early(3) 12.5-3.5 +964  
2007 (Nov 28p) Paul Mulik 12-4 +914

#### Homer

2007 (Mar 8p) Elizabeth Diamant 9-5 +356

#### Jonesboro

1993 (May 39p) Dave Leifer 8-2 +1048  
1994 (Apr 24p) Martin Weisskopf 8.5-1.5 +881  
1995 (May 32p) John Luebkekmann 9-1 +931  
1996 (May 32p) Dave Leifer(2) 8-2 +759  
1997 (May 26p) Travis Chaney 7-3 +501  
1998 (May 24p) Bob Lipton 11-0 +1242  
2000 (May 24p) Juanita Washington 8-3 +415  
2001 (Apr 30p) Richard Ganguet 8-3 +694  
2002 (May 36p) Dave Johnson 8.5-2.5 +653  
2003 (May 48p) Ray Helle 11-0 +72  
2004 (May 48p) Wil Dabbs 10-1 +1282  
2005 (Apr 26p) Travis Chaney(2) 9-2 +724  
2006 (June 34p) Jimmy Upton 8-3 +634  
2007 (May 20p) Danny Gatlin 7-4 +519  
2008 (May 26p) Juanita Washington(2) 7-4 +397

#### Queen Wilhemina

1990 (Aug) Dee Segrest 7-3 +576  
1991 (July) Richard Johnson 8-2 +513

## California

**Tournaments:** 685

**First Tournament:** Sacramento 1975

**First Club:** Sacramento #16 est 1975

**Tourney Wins:** Jerry Lerman (81), Ira Cohen (53), Lester Schonbrun (40)

**Games Played:** John Karris (1958+), Jerry Lerman (1833+), Stu Goldman (1792+)

#### Albany

1978 (Apr) Edward Andy 4-0 1632ts

#### Arcata

2005 (July 37p) Chris Lennon 11-2 +870

#### California Open

2008 (Oct 92p) Dave Wiegand 16-3 +1490

#### Campbell (Fall)

2000 (Oct 57p) Dave Wiegand 12-2 +1151  
2001 (Oct 47p) Sam Kantimathi 11-3 +798  
2002 (Dec 55p) Jerry Lerman 10.5-3.5 +727

#### Campbell (Spring)

2001 (May 62p) Jeff Widergren 16-3 +813  
2002 (May 58p) J Goard 16-3 +1138  
2006 (May 49p) Lester Schonbrun 15-4 +1218  
2007 (May 56p) Dominick Mancine 15.5-4.5 +1231  
2008 (May 55p) Scott Anderbois 13.5-5.5 +687

#### Canoga Park (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Alice Krombholz 4-0 +297  
1987 (Feb, Step 1)  
1988 (Mar, Step 2)

#### Costa Mesa

1994 (Feb 94p) Alan Stern 11-1 +953  
1997 (Apr)

#### Goleta

1979 (Mar) Arnie Alpert

#### Granada Hills

1989 (Feb) Brian Cappelletto 8-2 +402

#### Hacienda Heights

1981 (Oct) Louie Muller 9-1

#### Huntington Beach

1979 (Feb) Robert Ellickson  
1980 (Feb) Bruce D'Ambrosio 4-0 1718ts  
1981 (Jan) Bruce D'Ambrosio(2) 4-0 +324  
1982 (Mar)  
1983 (Mar)  
1984 (Feb) Charles Goldstein 7-2 +1015  
1985 (June) Louie Muller 8-2 +436  
1986 (June 90p) Ruth Sparer Stern 8-2  
1987 (Apr) Brian Cappelletto 9-1 +975  
1988 (Apr) Jerry Lerman 8-2 +851  
1989 (Apr) Mark Powell 9-2 +571  
1990 (Mar) Stu Goldman 9-3 +501  
1991 (Mar 108p) Chris Cree 9-2 +1038  
1992 (Mar) Brian Cappelletto 9-2 +661  
1993 (Mar 106p) Nick Ballard 11-1 +1040

#### Huntington Beach (Step 2)

1987 (Mar, Step 2) Louie Muller 8-1 +1041

#### Indian Wells

1997 (Aug 25p) Rita Norr 12-7 +486

#### Irvine

1995 (Apr 91p) Jim Geary 10-3 +674  
1996 (Apr 89p) John Hart 11-2 +844  
1997 (Apr 86p) Ira Cohen 9-4 +568  
1998 (Apr 79p) Mark Landsberg 11-2 +870  
1999 (Apr 85p) Carol Kaplan 10-3 +343  
2000 (Apr 79p) Gail Wolford 10-3 +690  
2001 (Apr 68p) Dennis Stone 9-4 +846

2002 (Apr 54p) William D Shipe 10-3 +95  
2007 (Apr 52p) Nathan Benedict 9-4 +505  
2008 (Apr 54p) Doug Brockmeier 11-2 +454

La Jolla Vs Huntington Beach

1981 (Nov) Gary Brown 8-0 +941

Laguna Hills

1981 (Nov)  
1982 (Nov)  
1983 (Nov)

Laguna Woods

2006 (Dec 17p): Ira Cohen 11.5-2.5 +721  
2008 (Aug 28p) Cesar Del Solar 11-2 +1078  
2008 (Oct 20p) Mark Milan 10-4 +463

Laguna Woods Senior Championship

2001 (July 64p) Juniors: Mark Pistolese 8-5 +390  
Seniors: Luise Shafritz 11-2 +1086  
2002 (Jun 41p) Juniors: Ira Cohen 11-2 +975  
Seniors: Mark Landsberg 12-1 +1143  
2005 (June 38P): Juniors: Trey Wright 15-0 +2091  
Seniors: Mark Landsberg(2) 12-3 +1024  
2006 (May 25p) Mark Landsberg(3) 12-2 +931  
2007 (May 20p) Ira Cohen 12-2 +866  
2007 (May 26p) Tom Singleton 12-1 +1141

Long Beach

1975 (cAug) Susanne Davis 4-0 1441ts

Los Angeles

1975  
1978 (Oct 32p) Bill Hamilton 4-0 1716ts  
1979 (Oct) John Gardner 4-0  
1982 (Sep)  
1983 (Sep)  
1988 (Sep) Brian Cappelletto 11-1 +770  
1989 (Sep) Brian Cappelletto(2) 10-3 +1090  
1990 (Feb) Ruth Sparer 10.5-1.5 +878  
1990 (Sep) Ira Cohen 8-4 +796  
1991 (Sep)  
1992 (Sep) Mark Landsberg 8.5-2.5 +720  
1994 (Sep 66p) Rick Wong 9-2 +997  
1995 (Sep 81p) Johnny Nevarez 10-2 +896  
1996 (Sep 75p) Ira Cohen 9-3 +548  
1998 (Sep 43p) Joyce McFadden 8-3 +619

Los Angeles (Tier 3)

1983

Los Angeles to Baja Cruise

1994 (June)

Los Angeles - see also National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1994, Pasadena, Laguna Hills, Southern  
California Tier 2 (Mar 83)

Los Gatos (Memorial Day)

1997 (May 67p) Jim Geary 13-5 +823  
1998 (May 73p) Ira Cohen 13-5 +1163  
2003 (May 60p) Dave Wiegand 16-3 +1496  
2004 (May 58p) Nathan Benedict 17-2 +1398  
2005 (May 57p) Jerry Lerman 14-5 +824

Los Gatos (Fall)

1997 (Oct 64p) Dave Wiegand 14-0 +1169  
1998 #1(Nov 62p) Jan Dixon 11-3 +385  
1998 #2(Nov)  
2003 (Nov 51p) Jeff Widergren 11-3 +515  
2006 (Jan 37p) Ira Cohen 10-2 +1060

Marin - see Mill Valley

Mountain States Tier 4

1983 (June) Stan Rubinsky 8-1 +532

Northern California Tier 2

1983 (Apr) Charles Goldstein 8-2 +475

Northern California Tier 3

1983 (May) Charles Goldstein 9-0 +772

Northridge

1999 (Sep 54p) Ira Cohen 7-4 +138  
2000 (Sep 58p) Ira Cohen(2) 9-2 +849  
2001 (Sep 40p) Ira Cohen(3) 9-4 +486

Oakland

1975 (cApr) Charles Goldstein 4-0 1846ts  
1976 (Nov) Charles Goldstein(2) 4-0 1677ts  
1977 (Oct) Emily Weissman 4-0 1618ts  
1978 (Oct) Charles Goldstein(3) 4-0 1735ts  
1979 (cOct) Joe Edley 4-0 1786ts  
1998 (Nov 82p) Jan Dixon 11-3 +385

Oakland Club Championship

1979 (Mar 14p) Bob Nowacki 7-2  
1981 (Nov 18p) Victor Havens 15-9

Orange County - see Huntington Beach, Irvine

Palm Springs

1999 (Oct 48p) Ira Cohen 10-4 +932

Pasadena

1975 (cJul 16p) Milford Hill 4-0 1579ts  
1976 (Aug) Gary Brown 4-0 1628ts  
1981 (Sep 22p) Dennis Stone 5-0 +519  
1983 (Sep 74p) Louie Muller 9-1 +983  
1984 (Sep) John Gardner 9-1

1985 (Sep)  
1986 (Sep) Bruce D'Ambrosio 10-1 +702  
1987 (Sep) Gail Wolford 8-2 +256

#### Pasadena (Tier 3)

1983 (May 18p Tier 3) John Gardner 8-2 +963

#### Pasadena (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Gwen Bishop 4-0 +483  
1985 (Apr Step 2) Betty Schulman 8-1 +595

Pasadena - see also Southern California Tier 2, West Coast Tier 4, West Worlds Qualifier 1993

#### Riverside

1984 (Nov) Robert Felt 8-2  
1986 (Aug) Joe Edley 4-0

#### Riverside (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Louis Miller 4-0 +491  
1987 (Jan 34p, Step 1) Ethel Sherard  
1987 (Apr, Step 2) Joyce Palmer 9-1

#### Roseville

1978 (Dec) Charles Goldstein  
1978? Louise Wolfe

#### Sacramento

1975 (cMar) Mike Justman 4-0 1723ts  
1976 (cMar) Charles Goldstein 4-0 1678ts  
1977  
1978 (Nov) Charles Goldstein(2) 4-0

#### Sacramento Club Championship

1976 Sally Edwards  
1977 Alex Stagner  
1978 (Nov) Louie Miller 6-0 2288ts  
1981 (Mar) Jacquie Harris 5-1

#### Sacramento July Marathon (Club Tournament?)

1981 (Nov) Louie Muller 15-0 +1648

#### Sacramento Valley Master (Club Tournament?)

1977 Howard Riepe  
1978 (Mar) Louie Muller 5-1

#### San Diego

1981 (July) Linda Sarnowsky  
1982 (June)  
1995 (Aug 15p) Joyce McFadden 4-2 +4  
1996 (May 69p) Cynthia Pughsley 12-4 +965  
1997 (Feb 91p) Mark Landsberg 14-5 +1088

San Diego (Tier 4) - see Mountain States Tier 4

San Diego - see also National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 2002

#### San Francisco

1977 Charles Goldstein  
1982 (Apr)  
1983 (Apr) Charles Goldstein(2)  
1984 (Feb) Robert Felt 7-1 +725  
1984 (Apr 28p) Charles Goldstein(3) 8-1 +451  
1986 (Feb 135p) Charles Goldstein(4) 9-3 +918  
1990 (Jan) Lester Schonbrun 10-2 +879  
1991 (Jan) Brian Cappelletto 10-2 +761  
1992 (Jan) Jerry Lerman 9-3

#### San Francisco (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) David Sanger 4-0 +512  
1985 (May Step 2) Larry Broderick 7.5-1.5 +826  
1987 (Mar Step 2) Jeff Widergren 9-0 +1029

#### San Francisco Club Championship

1981 (Nov) Joe Edley 8-0

San Francisco - see also Western Regional Qualifier  
1980, Northern California Tier 2 and 3, Mountain States  
Tier 4

#### San Gabriel Valley

1981 (Oct)

#### San Jose (Fall)

1992 (Oct) Jerry Lerman 12-3 +826  
1993 (Oct 60p) Jeff Widergren 12-3 +761  
1994 (Oct 49p) Lester Schonbrun 12-4 +1042  
1995 (Oct 65p) Lester Schonbrun(2) 11-5 +611  
1996 (Oct 64p) Jim Geary 10-4 +711  
1999 (Oct 51p) Lewis Martinez 12-2 +827

#### San Jose (Spring)

1975 (cMay 32p) Margery Shelton 4-0 1507ts  
1976 (cMay) Charles Goldstein 4-0 1691ts  
1977 (May) Charles Goldstein(2) 4-0 1674ts  
1979 Helen Danzer  
1992 (Feb) Rita Dady 10-2 +459  
1992 (May) Ellis Wilson 9-3 +375  
1993 (Feb) Jerry Lerman 12-3 +1124  
1993 (May 63p) Steven Alexander 13-2 +632  
1994 (Feb 61p) Lester Schonbrun 11.5-0.5 +871  
1994 (May 57p) Lester Schonbrun(2) 15-4 +797  
1995 (Feb 81p) Robert Felt 14-2 +1314  
1995 (May 69p) Brian Cappelletto 14.5-4.5 +1169  
1996 (Feb 48p) Jerry Lerman 16-3 +1281  
1996 (May 71p) Lester Schonbrun(3) 15-4 +1005  
1999 (May 73p) Lisa Odom 15-4 +1380  
2000 (May 56p) Lester Schonbrun(4) 15- 4 +1412

#### Santa Ana

2003 (Apr 62p) Jim Geary 10-4 +711

Santa Ana - see also Huntington Beach 1993

### Santa Barbara

1997 #1(May)  
1997 #2 (May)

Santa Clara (Fall) - see San Jose

### Santa Clara (Spring)

1985 (Feb) Joe Edley 10-0 +936  
1988 (June) Lester Schonbrun 10-2 +980  
see also San Jose

### Santa Monica

1989 (Sep) Lester Schonbrun 10-2 +1386  
1990 (Sep) Mike Baron 11-2 +895

Santa Monica - see National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1980

Silicon Valley Showdown - see Campbell (Spring)

### Southern California (Tier 2)

1983 (Jan) Gary Brown 8-2 +372  
1983 (Mar) Arnie Alpert 9-1 +708

### West Coast Tier 4

1983 (June) Joe Edley 8-2 +462

### West Worlds Qualifier

1993 (Apr 26p) Darrell Day 10-2 +716

### Western Regional Qualifier

1980 (July 52p) Lester Schonbrun 8.5-1.5 +1277

## Colorado

**Tournaments:** 63

**First Tournament:** Denver Nov 1981?

**First Club:** Denver #72 est c1978

**Tournament Wins:** Dennis Kaiser (8), Ira Cohen (7),  
Mike Baron (7)

**Games Played:** Dennis Kaiser (349+), Laura  
Scheimberg (330+), Roberta Sageser (261+)

### Denver

1981 (Nov)  
1982 (Jan) Dee Segrest 4-0  
1982 (Oct) Mike Baron 5-0  
1983 (Feb) Dee Segrest(2) 9-1 +479  
1983 (Dec) Mark Powell 7-3 +474  
1984 (Nov)  
1985 (Jan) Marlene Krell 9-1 +298  
1985 (Dec) Howard Brown 7-3 +263  
1986 (Nov) Dan Unger 8-1 +566  
1987 (Nov) Ira Cohen 9-1 +963  
1989 (Apr) Mike Baron(2) 10-0 +1162  
1990 (May) Mike Baron(3) 7-3 +610  
1991 (Mar) Steven Needler 9-1 +789

1992 (July) Dennis Kaiser 9-1 +563  
1994 (Apr 29p) Lewis Saul 11-0 +738  
1995 (Apr 16p) Susan Moon 8-3 +353  
1996 (Apr 13p) Dennis Kaiser(2) 7-4 +585  
1997 (June 35p) Ira Cohen 11-2 +1421  
1999 (June 43p) Luise Shafritz 10-4 +505  
2000 (June 39p) Chani Katz 9-3 +744  
2001 (June 40p) Ira Cohen(2) 12-2 +779  
2003 (Oct 54p) Dennis Kaiser(2) 12-4 +1125  
2004 (Oct 53p) John Hart 12-5 +1066  
2005 (Oct 48p) Michael Baker 15-3 +987  
2008 (Nov 54p) Laurie Cohen 13-4 +502

### Denver (Step 2)

1985 (May) Dan Unger 8-1 +1237

Denver (Step 2) - see Glendale

### Durango

1984 (May) Charles Goldstein 8-2 +1002  
1985 (May) Mike Baron  
1986 (May 64p) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +679  
1987 (May 65p) Mark Powell 7-3 +592  
1988 (May) Ira Cohen 8-3 +690  
1989 (May) Dan Unger 7-3 +44  
1990 (May) Ann Sanfedele 7-3 +415  
1991 (May) Brian Cappelletto 9-2 +853  
1992 (May 78p) Jack Eichenbaum 9-2 +351  
1993 (May 75p) Brian Cappelletto 8-2 +820  
1994 (May 50p) Jim Geary 10-0 +817  
1995 (May 46p) Mike Baron(2) 7-5 +256  
1996 (May 48p) Kent Nelson 8.5-2.5 +172  
1997 (May 26p) Kent Nelson(2) 10-2 +1165  
1998 (May 38p) Laraine Frischman 10-5 +729  
1999 (May 50p) Kent Nelson(3) 10-2 +682  
2000 (May 47p) Dennis Kaiser 9-3 +789

Estes Park - see Denver

### Glendale

1985 (Jan)  
1990 (Apr)  
1993 (June 18p) Jon Shreve 10-0 +1018

### Glendale (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Susan Moon 7-2 +722

### Lakewood

1998 (June 49p) Jim Kramer 10-4 +903

### Silverthorne

1996 (Apr)

Tamarron - see Durango

## Connecticut

**Tournaments:** 72

**First Tournament:** West Hartford, July 1979?

**First Club:** New Haven #56 est c1977-78 or Unionville #64 est c1977-78

**Tourney Wins:** Joel Sherman (6), Matt Graham (4), Joe Edley (4), Joe Weinike (4)

**Games Played:** Judy Steward (736+), Neva Slater (639+), Verna Richards Berg (609+)

### Connecticut Open

1979 (Nov) Art Swanson 4-0

Cromwell Team Tournament - see Matchups Open Team Tournament 1997

### Danbury

1998-2005 see Eastern Championship  
2008 (Dec 59p) Rod MacNeil 11-6 +484

Eastern Championship (Stamford 1996-97, Danbury 1998-2005)

1996 (Feb) Adam Logan 15-2 +1254  
1997 (Feb 83p) Matt Graham 16-2 +1365  
1998 (Feb 117p) Joe Edley 15-5 +1688  
1999 (Feb 118p) Joe Edley(2) 16-4 +1041  
2000 (Feb 113p) Rita Norr 15-5 +680  
2001 (Feb 140p) Joe Edley(3) 17-3 +1412  
2002 (Feb 154p) Joel Sherman 16-4 +1575  
2003 (Feb 120p) Joel Sherman(2) 16-4 +1126  
2004 (Feb 151p) Joel Sherman(3) 15-5 +1394  
2005 (Feb 143p) Joel Sherman(4) 17-3 +1611

Enfield Team Tournament- see Matchup Open Team Tournament (Multi-State section)

### Farmington

1982 (Oct) Michael Wolfberg 8-1 +989

Hartford Games Unlimited Tournament

1981 Art Swanson 7-2  
1981 (Mar) Sylvia Nucifora  
1982 (Oct)

Hartford Team Tournament - see Matchups Open Team Tournament 1998

Matchups Open Team Tournament - see Multi-State section

### Milford

2000 (June 66p) Joey Mallick 12-3 +872  
2001 (June 44p) Joey Mallick(2) 11-4 +696  
2002 (June 60p) Mark Fidler 12-3 +519

### Orange

2002 (Dec 42p) Tim Adamson 11-4 +473

### Shelton (Fall/Winter)

2000 (Oct 56p) Joel Sherman 12-3 +674  
2001 (Oct 50p) Joe Weinike 11-4 +1074  
2002 (Oct 33p) Joe Weinike(2) 10-5 +351  
2003 (Sep 34p) Joel Sherman(2) 12-3 +1012  
2003 (Dec 39p) Joe Weinike(3) 11-4 +857  
2004 (Dec 39p) Lloyd Mills 10-5 +212  
2005 (Dec 50p) Joel Horn 10-5 +761  
2006 (Dec 36p) Mark Schoneboom 13-3 +870

### Shelton (Spring)

2001 (Mar 96p) Matt Laufer 12-3 +464  
2002 (Mar 64p) Sal Piro 12-3 +1023  
2003 (Mar 40p) Matt Laufer(2) 13-2 +925  
2006 (Mar 41p) Rose Kreiswirth 12-4 +485

### Shelton (Summer)

2003 (June 58p) Jason Bednarz 10-5 +1000  
2004 (June 28p) Marjorie Schoneboom 11-4 +688  
2005 (July 35p) Rob Robinsky 10-5 +325  
2006 (Aug 26p) Michael Ecsedy 12-4 +273  
2007 (Sep 44p) Frank Tangredi 14-2 +1287  
2008 (Aug 34p) Rose Krieswirth 13-3 +801

### Southbury

1994 (Feb 49p) Jere Mead 12-3 +1228

Stamford - see Eastern Championship 1996-97

### Stamford Worlds Qualifier

1995 (June 124 p) Rita Norr 11-3 +369

### Stamford (Fall)

2002 (Oct 128p) John Luebkekmann 12-2 +909  
2003 (Oct 106p) Joe Weinike 11-3 +358  
2004 (Nov 118p) Joe Edley 12-2 +893

### Stamford (Spring/Summer)

1981 (June) Chris Sigel 9-1 +872  
1982 (June)  
1982 (Aug) Bob Detmer 7-1 +459  
2002 (May 96p) Matt Graham 10-4 +768  
2003 (May 128p) Matt Graham(2) 11-3 +1090  
2004 (May 108p) John Luebkekmann 11-3 +858  
2005 (June 116p) Winter Zxqkj 10-4 +657  
2006 (June 106p) Matt Graham 11-3 +559  
2007 (June 107p) Joey Mallick 13-1 +835

### Thompson

1979 (July) Chris Sigel 4-0 1623ts

### West Hartford

1981 (Mar) Art Swanson

Windsor Locks - see Matchups Open Team Tournament 1989

## DC

### Washington

1981 (Nov)  
1982 (Nov) Dan Pratt 9-1  
1983 (Oct)  
1984 (Apr) Dan Pratt(2) 9-1  
2006 (Nov 105p) Joel Sherman 13-5 +614  
2009 (Nov 64p) Rod MacNeil 11-3 +64

### Washington (Tier 2)

1983 (Mar) John Jaworski 8-2 +165

### Washington (Step1/2)

1985 (Mar) David Schwartz 4-0 +301  
1985 (Apr) Joseph P Voith

### Washington Club Championship

1983 (Oct) Harold Rennett  
1984 (Oct) Sam Kantimathi 9-1 +836  
1985 (Oct) Charlie Southwell 11-1 +1171

Washington - see also Arlington VA C-Note Special,  
Arlington VA DC Open, National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1990

## Delaware

**First Tournament:** Wilmington early-mid 1974

### Wilmington

1974 (cJan) Joan Haworth 4-0 1541ts  
1975  
1976 Joel Lipman  
2007 (Sep 52p) Joel Sherman 10-4 +902

### Wilmington (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Bill Glazerman 9-0 +528

## Florida

**Tournaments:** 200

**First Tournament:** Miami 1974

**First Club:** Miami, est 1973

**Tourney Wins:** Steve Polatnick (20), Ian Weinstein (20),  
Bob Lipton (14)

**Games Played:** George Rogers (1134+), Ralph King  
(1060+), Steve Polatnick (1002+)

### Altamonte Springs

1988 (Feb) Robert Kahn 8.5-1.5 67cr  
1991 (Nov) Robert Kahn

### Boca Raton

1987 (Apr) David Nabutovsky 7-1  
1989 (Nov) Sam Kantimathi 9-1 +598

### Boca Raton vs Lauderhill

1989 (Apr 20p) Joel Horn 5-0 +374  
1990 (Mar) Linda Sterling 5-0  
1991 (Apr) Bob Lipton 4-1

Broward County Open - see Central Florida Open (1979)

### Central Florida Open

1979 (Jan) Steve Polatnick  
1983 (May)

### Clearwater

2007 (Feb 81p) Phil Kretschman 13-1 +530  
Late Bird: Mark Pistolesse 11-3 +1103

### Cocoa Beach

1994 (Nov 98p) Randy Greenspan 14-4 +637  
1995 (Nov 77p) Richard Ross 14-2 +1355  
1997 (Oct 44p) Jack Eichenbaum 15-0 +1839

### Coral Springs

1997 (June 24p) Richard Ross 12-1 +1153

### Davie

1979 (Jun) Robert Kahn

### Daytona Beach

1999 (Nov 30p, Warmup) Tim Anglin 11-5 +794  
1999 (Nov 32p, Midweek) Marlon Hill 8-4 +377  
1999 (Nov 42p, Finale) Tim Anglin(2) 7-4 +290

### Florida Coast

2003 (May 47p) David Weisberg 19-4 +2451

### Florida Cruise

2008 (Feb 12p) Ossie Mair 8-4 +829

### Florida State Championship

1986 (Mar) Dick Iazaro 8-1  
1988 (Oct) Jack Rhoda 8-2 703  
1989 (Sep) Steve Polatnick 8-0 +957  
1990 (Dec) Robert Mulet 9-1  
1991 (June)

Florida State Championship - see also South Florida  
Championship 1974-84

### Fort Lauderdale (Spring)

2006 (Mar 58p) Dennis Taylor 11-4 +358  
2007 (Mar 50p) Ron Tiekert 16-3 +1375  
2008 (Feb 52p) Ian Weinstein 19-1 +1800

### Fort Lauderdale (Summer)

1992 (June) Steve Polatnick 11-0 +1219  
1995 (Aug 84g) Ian Weinstein 10-4 +456  
1996 (May 82p) Richard Ross 14-3 +957

1997 (May 70p) Steve Polatnick 17-4 +1379  
1998 (May 76p) Ian Weinstein(2) 14-5 +1159  
1999 (Sep 62p) Ian Weinstein(3) 14-2 +1594  
2000 (May 63p) Richard Ross 12-3 +1120  
2002 (July 56p) Sal Dijamco 12-3 +1120  
2003 (Aug 56p) Ian Weinstein(4) 16.5-3.5 +1576  
2005 (May 57p) Ian Weinstein(5) 17-3 +1357  
2006 (May 49p) Ron Tiekert 17-5 +486  
2007 (May 54p) Trip Payne 16-7 +421  
2008 (May 34p) Ian Weinstein 20-4 +1719

#### Fort Lauderdale (Fall)

1991 (Dec) Bob Lipton  
1992 (Nov) Steve Polatnick 10-1 +913  
2000 (Oct 60p) Ian Weinstein 11-4 +636  
2002 (Oct 44p) Sal Dijamco 12-3 +653  
2003 (Nov 56p) Mark Pistolese  
2004 (Oct 54p) Ian Weinstein(2) 13-2 +792  
2005 (Dec 42p) Ian Weinstein(3) 11-4 +501  
2006 (Nov 56p) Ian Weinstein(4) 17-3 +1717  
2007 (Nov 50p) Trip Payne 14-6 +785  
2008 (Nov 44p) Ian Weinstein(5) 14.5-5.5 +1305

#### Fort Lauderdale Cruise

1996 (Oct 26p) Noel Livermore 11-2 +1262  
1997 (Nov 10p) Carol Madden 16-4 +1458

#### Fort Myers

1998 (Sep) Ian Weinstein 12-3 +960  
1998 (Nov 67p)

#### Gainesville

1991 (Feb) David Nabutovsky (9-1 +436)  
1992 (Feb) Bob Lipton  
1993 (Feb) Bob Lipton(2) 8-2 +496  
1994 (Feb 76p) Jack Eichenbaum 8-2 +529  
1995 (Feb 67p) Joel Sherman 8-3 +608  
2005 (Mar 61p) Ron Tiekert 14.5-1.5 +1305

#### Gainesville Vs Orlando

1990 (June) Richard Lazaro 6-0 +580  
Team: Orlando 21.5-14.5

#### Golden Triangle - see Largo

#### Hollywood

1996 (Nov 60p) Ian Weinstein 12-3 +1375

#### Indialantic

1993 (Aug 78p) Bob Lipton 11.5-3.5 +1144

#### Indian Harbor

2001 (Oct 66p) Saul Bronstein 13-2 +820  
2002 (May 56p) Steve Polatnick 17-5 +1663  
2002 (Oct 58p) Robert Felt 12-3 +1-61

#### Jacksonville

1996 (Nov 40p) Anny Hay 13-6 +454

#### Keystone Heights - see Melrose

#### Kissimmee

1997 (Feb 57p) Howard Pistol 10-4 +609  
1998 (Feb) Bob Lipton 10-4 +928  
1999 (Feb 58p) Ian Weinstein 11-4 +455  
2000 (Feb 68p) Bob Lipton(2) 12-3 +1066  
2001 (Feb 80p) Ian Weinstein(2) 11-4 +839  
2002 (Feb 84) Jim Peters 12-3 +330  
2004 (Dec 47p) David Gibson 13-2 +1415

#### Largo

1975 (cAug) Alice Harris 4-0  
1076 (Aug) Bud Cappello 4-0 1391ts

#### Lauderhill - see Pompano Beach

#### Melbourne

1992 (May) Ian Weinstein 9-2 +335  
1992 (Oct) Richard Ross 9-1 +638  
2004 (Jan 70p) Steve Polatnick 12-3 +1278  
2005 (Jan 82p) Fran Silver 11-4 +847  
2006 (Feb 64p) David Weisberg 12-3 +1263

#### Melrose

1993 (Sep 22p) Bob Lipton 6-1 +781  
1994 (Oct 38p) Bob Lipton(2) 7-0 +669  
1995 (Dec 50p) Randy Hersom 11-3 +1213  
1996 (Feb 48p) Bob Lipton(3) 10-2 +1241  
1996 (Aug 58p) John Luebkekmann 12-2 +881  
1996 (Dec 56p) Bob Lipton(4) 9-5 +674  
1997 (May 39p) Joann Burchett 6-1 +329  
1997 (Sep 48p) Margaret Swanson 9-5 +632  
1998 (Jan 62p) Luise Shafritz 10-4 +427  
2000 (Dec 69p) Bob Lipton(5) 12-3 +941

#### Merritt Island

2001 (May 48p) David Weisberg 11-4 +865

#### Miami

1974 Jerry Dworkin 4-0 1423ts  
1975 (cAug 32p) David Newman 4-0  
1976 (Aug) Carl Stocker 4-0 1627ts  
1977 (Aug) Gregg Johnson  
1978 (Aug) Mark King 8-0 1524cr  
1979 Robert Kahn  
1980 Robert Kahn  
1981  
1982 (May) Steve Polatnick  
1983 (Feb)  
1984 (May)  
1985 (May) Paul Izikoff 7-1 +870  
1985 (Dec)  
1986 (May) Jack Eichenbaum 7-1 +944  
1987 (June) Steve Polatnick(2) 10-0 +773

1988 (June) Steve Polatnick(3)

Miami (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Carl Stocker 7-2 +843

Miami Nassau Cruise

2002 (Jan 24p)

Orlando

1985 (Nov) Richard Lazaro 8-1 +636

1986 (Jan)

1987 (Jan)

1995 (Jan 60p) Karol Foss 7-3 +498

2002 (Dec 69p) David Gibson 10-4 +957

Orlando (Step 2)

1987 (Feb) Dave Girshoff 10-0 +950

Orlando - see also Altamonte Springs,, National Scrabble Championship 2008

Pompano Beach

1993 (Nov 73p) Steve Polatnick 13-1 +958

1994 (June 69p) Steve Polatnick 10-1 +734

1997 (Mar 28p) Joel Horn 9-0 +704

2001 (June 37p) Ian Weinstein 11-4 +246

2001 (Nov 43p) David Weisberg 11-4 +611

Port Richey

2003 (Nov 57p) Steve Polatnick 14-2 +1314

2005 (Feb 70p) Daniel Goodwin 11-5 +558

Early Bird: Daniel Goodwin 11-5 +558

2006 (Feb 53p) Steve Glass 12-4 +830

Late Bird: John Gove 9-3 +240

Port St Lucie

1998 (Jan) Bob Lipton 11-1 +1088

1999 (Jan 54p) Luise Shafritz 10-6 +850

2000 (Jan 55p) Luise Shafritz 13-3 +1391

2001 (Jan 55p) Jim Peters 12-3 +580

Satellite Beach

1999 (May 59p) Ray Smith 13-2 +654

1999 (Oct 40p) Wendell Haynes 11-4 +617

2000 (Oct 60p) Steve Polatnick 11-4 +603

South Florida Championship - see Miami 1974-81

Southern Regional Qualifier

1980 (July) Steve Polatnick 10-0 +1257

Stuart

2002 (Mar 56p) Ian Weinstein 12-3 +484

2003 (Mar 74p) Steve Polatnick 13-3 +1015

2003 (Oct 52p) Gerry Greenside 12-4 +684

2004 (Mar 66p) Steve Polatnick(2) 12-4 +684

2004 (Oct 50p) Ron Tiekert 13-3 +978

Tampa

1996 (Aug 80p) Bob Lipton 11-3 +1334

1997 (Aug 64p) Richard Ross 16-4 +1774

1999 (Sep 41p) Saul Bronstein 13-2 +914

2003 (Feb 78p) Sam Kantimathi 13-1 +1251

2004 (Feb 54p) David Weisberg 18-6 +1466

2004 (May 40p) Howard Pistol 16-6 +404

2004 (Nov 42p) John Gove 11-5 +470

2005 (May 33p) Steve Glass 14-6 +1100

Titusville

1984 (Oct) David Nabustosky 8-0 +519

Treasure Coast

2003 (Jan 55p) Ian Weinstein 13-3 +922

## Georgia

**Tournaments:** 48

**First Tournament:** Dekalb County? May 1980

**First Club:** Decatur #84? est c1978-79

**Tourney Wins:** Randy Hersom (5), Joel Sherman (4), Ray Smith (4), Trip Payne (4)

**Games Played:** Toni Douglas (443+), Margaret Swanson (410+), Becky Brittain (376+)f

Athens

2004 (May 52p) Ray Smith 12-2 +1125

2006 (Feb 46p) John Luebkekmann 14-1 +1643

Atlanta (Fall/Winter)

1981 (Dec)

1994 (Sep 77p) Jan Dixon 9-2 +757

1997 (Sep 54p) Robert Linn 11-3 +853

1998 (Sep 88p) Joel Sherman 10-5 +627

1999 (Sep 62p) Trip Payne 11-4 +670

2000 (Sep 66p) Joel Sherman(2) 11-3 +1383

2001 (Sep 69p) Dave Leifer 11-4 +570

2002 (Sep 72p) Martin Weisskopf 11-4 +122

2003 (Sep 80p) Ray Smith 11-4 +895

2004 (Sep 48p) Ray Smith (2) 10.5-4.5 +811

2005 (Sep 77p) John Luebkekmann 11-4 +1050

2006 (Sep 68p) Marlene Milkent 9.5-5.5 +186

Atlanta (Spring/Summer)

1981 (July)

1988 (Feb) Arthur J. McMillion 8-1 +303

1990 (Feb) Richard Ross 8-2 +546

1990 (Jan) Richard Ross 9-1 +697

1994 (Feb 70p) Randy Hersom 10-1 +924

1995 (Feb 88p) Joel Sherman 12-3 +895

1996 (Mar 98p) Joel Sherman(2) 11-4 +990

1997 (Mar 67p) Trip Payne 10.5-4.5 +363

1998 (Feb 67p) Richard Ross(2) 13-2 +1411

1999 (Feb 73p) Trip Payne(2) 13-2 +932

2000 (Feb 67g) Lloyd Mills 13-2 +1063

2002 (Feb 60p) Trey Wright 11-4 +822  
2008 (May 47p) Dave Liefer 12.5-6.4 +182

Atlanta (Tier 2) - see Decatur

Atlanta - see also Decatur, National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1992

College Park

2004 (Feb 61g) Randy Hersom 13-2 +1071

Decatur

1983 (Mar) Chuck Armstrong  
1986 (Mar) John T Jeffers 6-2 +582  
1987 (Mar) David Gibson  
2008 (Dec 36p) Eric Harshbarger 11-3 +574

Dekalb County

1980 (May) John Kiehlbauch  
1982 (Apr)  
1983 (Mar)

Dekalb County - see also Tucker

Rome

2002 (June 43p) Tracy Cobbs 12-3 +1014  
2003 (Jan 65p) Ray Smith 12-3 +783  
2003 (June 57p) Martin Weisskopf 11-4 +1031  
2004 (Jan 62p) Randy Hersom 11-4 +895

Tucker

1988 (Mar) John V. Jarowski 9-0 +1213

## Hawaii

**First Club:** Mililani Town #99 est c1979

Hawaiian Cruise

2002 (June 30p) Glenn Filzer 12-3 +754

Honolulu

1981 (May)

Maui

1998 (May 39p) Joel Sherman 13-5 +666

Waikiki

1988 (Oct)

## Idaho

**First Club:** Pocatello #68

Cascadia Challenge (Portland vs Calgary)

2001 (April 42p, Portland vs Calgary and Seattle) Steven  
Alexander 13-2 +1015

2003 (April 40p) Albert Hahn 12-3 +1334

2005 (April 35p) Rich Moyer 11-3 +499

Moscow

1979 (cOct) Claudine Jester

## Illinois

**Tournaments:** 66

**First Tournament:** Chicago c Nov 1975

**First Club:** Evanston est 1976

**Tourney Wins:** Marty Marcus (5), Marty Gabriel (4),  
John Ozag (3)

**Games Played:** Harriette Lakernick (397+), Dan Terkell  
(382+), Marty Marcus (376+)

Arden Cup - see Chicago 1997??-2008

Bedford Park

1995 (Nov)

Champaign

1983 (Feb)

Chicago

1975 (Nov) John Ozag 4-0 1443ts  
1976 (Nov) Eleanor Gordon 4-0 1458ts  
1977 (Dec)  
1980 (May) James Holicky 4-0 +442  
1981 (Apr) Nick Ballard 4-0 +625  
1982 (Jun) Warren Kaminsky  
1982 (Dec 32p) Marty Marcus 9-1  
1983 (Nov) Warren Kaminsky 9-1 +350  
1984 (Feb) Joe Edley 9-4 +628  
1984 (Aug) Stu Goldman 9-1  
1985 (Sep)  
1990 (July) Robert Felt 9-1 +588  
1992 (Apr) Richie Lund  
1995 (Nov 30p) Chuck Armstrong 7-4 +585  
2007 (Sep 54p) Ron Hoekstra 10-3 +686  
2008 (Mar 24p) Steve Hartsman 12-2 +873

Chicago - Arden Cup

1997 (May 61p) Paul Epstein 15-3 +528  
1998 (Mar 48p) Marty Marcus(2) 11-2 +932  
1999 (Mar 50p) Bob Prentiss 9-3 +425  
2002 (May 86p) Joey Mallick 15-5 +720  
2003 (May 121p) Joey Mallick(2) 16-4 +956  
2004 (May 130p) Peter Armstrong 16-4 +627  
2005 (May 124p) Chris Cree 17.5-2.5 +1501  
2006 (May 146p) Chris Cree(2) 17.5-2.5 +1067  
2007 (May 149p) Nathan Benedict 14.5-5.5 +1287  
2008 (May 145p) Joel Sherman 17-3 +1455

Chicago (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Marty Marcus 8-1 +1072  
1987 (Mar) Bill Zaug 8-1 +674  
1987 (Apr) Carl Dalke 7-2 +599

#### Chicago (Tier 2)

1983 (Mar) Rita Dady

Chicago - see also Midwest Invitational 1984-86,  
Midwest Regional Qualifier, National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1983 & 1998

Deerfield - see Can-Am Match 2005

#### Elmhurst

1999 (Sep 49p) Marty Gabriel 10-2 +828  
2000 (June 42p) Marty Gabriel(2) 10-2 +610  
2002 (Nov 60p) Tim Adamson 8-3 +423  
2003 (Nov 48p) Marty Gabriel(3) 10-1 +836  
2004 (Nov 48p) John O'Laughlin 7-4 +43  
2006 (Nov 40p) Steve Hartsman 10-1 +756  
2007 (Nov 46p) Winter ZXQKJ 9-2 +352  
2008 (Nov 47p) Jason D. Brooks 9-2 +612

Midwest Invitational - see Multi-State section

#### Midwest Regional Qualifier

1980 (July 52p) John Ozag 9-1 +832

#### Peoria

2003 (Feb 40p) Marty Gabriel 11.5-2.5 +689  
2003 (Aug 32p) Darin True 13-5 +797

#### Skokie

1979 (Mar) Barbara Amster 4-0

#### Urbana

2004 (Dec 24p) Peter Schwartzman 5-2 +268  
2006 (Feb 51p) Peter Schwartzman(2) 9-3 +455  
2007 (Feb 44p) Jeremy Cahnmann 11-2 +1058  
2007 (July 40p) Joe Gaspard (9-3 +880)

#### Wheeling

1979 (May) John Ozag 4-0 1685ts

#### Wood Dale

2003 (Mar 46p) Marty Marcus 5-2 +585

## Indiana

**Tournaments:** 55

**First Tournament:** Marion, 1981??

**First Club:**

**Tourney Wins:** Mike Paxson (5), Tim Wade (4), Chuck  
Armstrong (3)

**Games Played:** Mike Paxson (324+), Judy Bremer  
(217+), Tim Wade (201+)

Ft Wayne – see Midwest Invitational 1991

#### Hoosier Celebration

1988 (Oct) Bob Lundegaard 9-1 +844

Indiana Open - see Marion

#### Indiana Step 2

1985 (Apr) Mike Rosen 7-2 +583

#### Indianapolis

1997 (Mar 54p) Mike Paxson 8-2 +211  
1998 (Feb 58p) Jerry Miller 9-1 +570  
2000 (Mar 61p) Marty Marcus 9-2 +552  
2001 (Sep 54p) Marty Gabriel 9-2 +726  
2002 (Apr 56p) John Luebkmann 8-3 +699  
2003 (Mar 61p) Mike Weepie 7-3 +277  
2004 (June 24p) Steve Oliger 7-3 +439  
2004 (Oct 39p) Mike Paxson 9-1 +621  
2007 (Nov 41p) Mike Paxson(2) 9-1 +421

#### Indianapolis (July)

2004 (27p) Mike Paxson(2) 7-3 727  
2005 (31p) Travis Green 7-3 +258  
2007 (30p) Ron Hoekstra 10-5 +63

#### Indianapolis Pan-Am

1987 (Oct) Tim Wade 9-1 +776

#### Indianapolis (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Marcia Mendenhall 9-1 +849

#### Marion

1981 (Oct) Elaine Glowniak  
1982 (Oct) Chuck Armstrong 8-2 +1182  
1983 (Oct) Jean Carol 8-2 +623  
1984 (Oct) Peter Morris 8-2 +800  
1985 (Oct) Ken Lambe 9-1 +968  
1986 (Oct) Sam Kantimathi  
1987 (Oct) Paul Epstein 10-0 +1051  
1988 (Oct) Chuck Armstrong(2) 8-2 +1027  
1989 (Sep) Richard Brown 9-1 +522  
1990 (Oct) Ken Lambe(2) 8-2 +795  
1991 (43p) Paul Epstein

#### Marion (Tier 2)

1983 (Jan) Chuck Armstrong

#### Marion (Step 2)

1987 (Feb) Craig Persinger 7-2 +467

#### Marion State Competition

1988 (May) Michigan 42.5 wins

#### Notre Dame

2007 (Feb 54p) Dan Pratt 11-1 +1029

#### Washington (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Joe Voith 7.5-1.5 +568

## Kansas

### Haysville (Tier 2)

1983 (Mar)

1983 (Apr)

### Wichita

1982 (July) Jeff Reeves 8-1

1983 (May)

1984 (May) Jeff Reeves(2)

### Wichita (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr) Jeff Reeves

## Kentucky

**Tournaments:** 41

**First Tournament:** Kentucky Marathon? 1982

Kentucky State Pen Club Championship 1976

**First Club:** Kentucky State Penitentiary #11 est 1975

**Tourney Wins:** Mike Paxson (6), Bob Lipton (6), Randy Hersom (5)

**Games Played:** Mike Paxson (264+), Joseph Galloway (233+), Frank Lee (231+)

Dry Ridge - see Kentucky Marathon 1983, Williamstown

### Elizabethtown (Spring)

1994 (Apr 44p) Bob Lipton 14-3 +1392

1995 (May 64p) Danny Bibb 12-5 +348

1996 (May 42p) Randy Hersom 11-6 +794

1997 (May 34p) Randy Hersom(2) 11-3 +887

1998 (May) John Luebemann 11-3

1999 (May 44p) Randy Hersom(3) 10-4 +626

2000 (May 36p) Randy Hersom(4) 9-5 +438

2001 (May 42p) Tracy Cobbs 9-5 +462

2002 (May 26p) Mike Paxson 14-6 +459

2003 (May 36p) Randy Hersom(5) 9-5 +438

2004 (May 26p) Ted Blevins 10-4 +305

2005 (Mar 18p) Mike Paxson 12-2 +761

2005 (May 22p) Frank Lee 7-3 +338

### Elizabethtown (Fall/Winter)

2000 (Dec 36p) Mike Weepie 7-3 +478

2001 (Dec 30p) Marty Gabriel 7-3 +783

2002 (Dec 32p) Mark Edward Owens 8-2 +572

2004 (Dec 22p) Mike Paxson 10-4 +645

2005 (Aug 22p) Carol Roark 7-3 +306

2005 (Dec 36p) Martin Weisskopf 8-2 +793

Elizabeth Town - see also Kentucky Marathon 1994

Fort Mitchell - see Cincinnati Masters Championship 1997

### Kentucky Marathon (unsanctioned)

1982

1983 (Dec) Ted Blevins 18-6

1984

1985

1986

1987

1988

1989

1990

1991

1992 Bob Lipton

1993

1994 (July) Bob Lipton(2) 17-5 +2127

1996 Bob Lipton(3)

1997 (July) Mark Owens 15-7 +969\

1998 Bob Lipton(4) 16-6 +1498

### Kentucky State Championship

1988 (Oct) Roy Reynolds II 7-1 +185

### Kentucky State Penitentiary Club Championship

1976 James Nalley

### Lexington

1986 (June) Christopher Pearson 7-0 +418

### Lexington Iron Man

2006 (Nov 49p) Mike Paxson 12-3 +388

2007 (Nov 44p) Brian Bowman 9-6 +560

2008 (Nov 36p) Winter ZXQKJ 11-4 +920

### Lexington (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Wallace Morton 8-1 +489

### Williamstown

1989 (Apr) Lou J B Miller 8-2 +872

1990 (Apr) Lou J B Miller 10-2

### Williamstown (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Flossie Swint 9-0 +343

## Louisiana

**Tournaments:** 94

**First Tournament:** Lafayette Oct 1981?

**First Club:** Lafayette #73 est c1978

**Tourney Wins:** Dave Johnson (16), Jeff Reeves (13), Keith Savage (9)

**Games Played:** Dave Johnson (597+), Carole Drake (556+), William Clark (548+)

### Alexandria

1990 (Feb) Gloria Simoneaux 8-2 +738

1991 (Mar) Jeff Reeves 7-3 +314

1992 (Mar) Dave Johnson 8-2

1993 (Apr 47p) Darrell Day 8-2 +576

1994 (Apr 52p) Dave Johnson(2) 8-2 +582  
1995 (Apr 38p) Jeff Reeves 9-1 +759

#### Baton Rouge

2002 (Mar 28p) Gloria Simoneaux 5-1 +157

Baton Rouge see also Gonzeles 1990-92, Louisiana State Championship 1990-91, 2002-08

#### Gonzales

1982 (Nov) Darrell Day  
1983 (Nov) Darrell Day(2)  
1984 (Nov) Carole Drake 7-2 +350  
1986 (Dec) Dave Johnson 8-1 +636  
1987 (Nov) Mike Willis 6.5-4.5 +355  
1988 (Nov) Pat Barrett 8.5-1.5 +860  
1989 (Nov) Dave Johnson(2) 7-3 +707  
1990 (Nov) Gloria Simoneaux 8-2 +624  
1992 (Nov) Darrell Day(3) 9-1 +446  
1991 (Nov) Bob Lipton

#### Gonzales (Step 2)

1987 (Feb) Conrad Braud 8.5-0.5 +1150

Gonzales – see also Louisiana State Championship 1990-91

Harahan - see New Orleans 2005

#### Lafayette

1981 (Oct 54 p) Diane Pecnik 7-2  
1982 (Sep) Chris Cree?  
1983 (Sep) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +305  
1984 (Feb) Jeff Reeves(2) 9-1 +971  
1984 (Sep) Dave Johnson 7-2 +688  
1985 (Sep) Darrell Day 8-1 +739  
1986 (Sep) Jeff Reeves(3) 8-1 +548  
1987 (Sep) Pat Barrett 8-1 +911  
1988 (Sep) Jeff Reeves(4) 8-2 +486  
1989 (Sep) Pat Barrett(2) 8-1 +1002  
1990 (Sep) Kathleen Watson 7.5-2.5 +335  
1991 (Sep 80p) Gloria Simoneaux  
1992 (Sep) Pat Barrett(3) 10-0 +1357  
1993 (Sep 69p) Steve Olinger 8-2 +360  
1994 (Sep 63p) Jeff Reeves(5) 8-2 +668  
1995 (Sep 64p) Chris Lennon 9-2 +831  
1996 (Sep 48p) Matt Dewaelsche 10-1 +541  
1997 (Sep 62p) Pat Barrett(4) 8-3 +556  
1998 (Sep 32p) Dave Johnson 9-2 +410  
1999 (Sep 36p) Carole Drake 8-3 +685  
2000 (Sep 38p) Chris Cree 10-1 +921  
2001 (Sep 36p) Jeff Reeves(6) 9-2 +826  
2002 (Sep 40p) Ben Withers 10-1 +677  
2003 (Sep 52p) Keith Savage 10-1 +860  
2004 (Sep 34p) Jerry Dynes 8-3 -62

#### Lafayette (Tier 2)

1983 (Feb)

#### Lafayette (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Carole Drake 8.5-0.5 +675

#### Louisiana State Championship

1990 (Jan) Mike Willis 9-1 +818  
1991 (Jan) Gloria Simoneaux 8-2  
1992 (July) Jeff Reeves 7-3 +445  
1993 (Nov 44p) Dave Johnson 8-2 +646  
1994 (Nov 31p) Jeff Reeves 9-1 +818  
1995 (Dec 34p) Dave Johnson(2) 8-2 +309  
1996 (Nov 28p) Jeff Reeves(2) 8-2 +517  
1997 (Dec 28p) William Clark 8-3 +343  
1998 (Nov 23p) Dave Johnson(3) 10-1 +688  
1999 (Dec 20p) Jeff Reeves(3) 8-3 +792  
2000 (Dec 23p) Dave Johnson(4) 8-3 +861  
2001 (Dec 20p) Dave Johnson(5) 8-3 +963  
2002 (Nov 20p) Keith Savage 8-3 +938  
2003 (Nov 28p) Dave Johnson(6) 8-3 +788  
2004 (Dec 24p) William Clark(2) 9-2 +422  
2006 (Oct 30p) Keith Savage(2) 10-1 +947  
2007 (Oct 42p) Ben Withers 10-2 +926  
State Champion: Dave Johnson(7)  
2008 (Oct 28p) Keith Savage(3) 8-4 +474

#### Louisiana Step 2

1985 (Apr) Kathy St John 7-2 +686

Metarie - see New Orleans 2001, 2008

#### New Orleans

1984 (Apr) Dave Johnson 8-1 +760  
1988 (Apr) Dave Johnson(2) 8-1 +601  
1989 (Apr) Darrell Day 7-2 +500  
1990 (Apr) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +626  
1992 (May) Dave Johnson(3) 9-1 +554  
1993 (Feb 70p) Darrell Day(2) 7-3 +458  
1994 (May 47p) Millie Murray 8-2 +300  
1995 (Mar) Dave Johnson(4) 7-3 +664  
1996 (Feb 38p) Chris Lennon 9-2 +633  
1997 (Mar 39p) Gloria Simoneaux 9-2 +443  
1998 (Mar 47p) Pat Barrett 8-3 +397  
1999 (Feb 27p) William Clark 8-3 +254  
2000 (Mar 28p) Matt Dewaelsche 8-3 +221  
2001 (May 45p) Keith Savage 8-3 +610  
2002 (May 26p) Marlene Milkent 10-1 +161  
2003 (May 26p) Keith Savage(2) 9-2 +669  
2005 (Apr 32p) Keith Savage(3) 8-4 +474  
2006 (May 32p) Keith Savage(4) 8-4 +854  
2007 (June 36p) Lila Crotty 9-3 +309  
2008 (June 44p) Eric Harshbarger 10-2 +733

New Orleans - see also National SCRABBLE® Championship 2004

#### Shreveport

1995 (Sep 24p) Darrell Day 17-4 +1777

## Maine

### The Maine Event

2008 (Aug 48p) John O'Laughlin 14-4 +528

### Yarmouth (Step 2)

1987 (Feb) Patricia Wilder 8-1 +692

## Maryland

**Tournaments:** 60

**First Tournament:** Baltimore, Nov 1973

**First Club:** Baltimore #7 est c1975

**Tourney Wins:** Dan Pratt (15), Gordon Shapiro (6), Marlon Hill (3)

**Games Played:** Dave Engelhardt (261+), Carole Denton (248+), Gordon Shapiro (246+)

### Baltimore (Fall)

1973 (Nov 40p) Gordon Shapiro 4-0 1475ts

1974 (Nov 40p) Gordon Shapiro(2) 4-0 2041ts

1975 (Nov 32p) Joel Lipman 5-0 1845ts

1976 (Nov 32p) Joel Yudson

1985 (Nov) Rich Silberg 5-0 +889

1988 (Oct) Jere Mead 9-1 +978

1994 (Nov 58p) Diana Grossman 5-2 +611

1995 (Nov 102p) Jan Dixon 10-2 +287

1996 (Nov 111p) Audrey Tumbarello 10-2 +457

1997 (Nov 90p) Gordon Shapiro(3) 10-2 +438

1999 (Oct 65p) Robert Linn 10-2 +896

2000 (Nov 85p) Gordon Shapiro(4) 10-2 +551

2001 (Dec 86p) Marlon Hill 9-3 +725

2002 (Nov 80p) Yawo Ananga 12-2 +922

2003 (Oct 68p) Marlon Hill(2) 11-3 +1044

2004 (Oct 78p) Jamie McCune 11-3 +590

2007 (Sep 124p) John O'Laughlin 11-3 +1112

### Baltimore (Spring/Summer)

1978 (cJan 32p) Dan Pratt 5-0

1979 (Mar 32p) Dan Pratt(2) 5-0

1981 (Mar 32p) Dan Pratt(3) 5-0

1982 (Mar) Richard Silberg

1983 (Mar) Dan Pratt(4) 5-0

1984 (Mar) Dan Pratt(5) 5-0

1985 (Mar) Richard Silberg(2)

1986 (May) Dan Pratt(6) 5-0

1987 (May) Dan Pratt(7) 5-0

1988 (May)

1989 (July) Saul Bronstein 9-1 +493

1990 (June) Rose Kreiswirth 8-2 +658

1991 (July) Alan Frank 9-1 +513

1992 (July) Richie Lund 8-2 +645

1993 (Aug 114p) Steve Tier 10-2 +497

1994 (June 114p) Barry Keith 10-2 +555

1995 (June 94p) Dan Pratt 9-3 +948

1997 (July 60p) Jan Dixon 6-1 +585

### Baltimore (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Sharon Soled 8-1 +773

Baltimore - see also Northeast Regional Qualifier

Baltimore Vs New York - see New York vs Baltimore (Pennsylvania section)

### Baltimore Vs Washington DC

1984 (Apr)

1985 (Apr)

1986 (Apr) John Jaworski 5-0

### Baltimore Vs Wilmington

1975

Canton - see Baltimore 1997

### Ellicott City

1980 (May) Dan Pratt

### Northeast Regional Qualifier

1980 (July 40p) Dan Pratt 10-0 +1223

Timonium- see Baltimore 1996

### Towson (Step 2)

1987 (Mar)

## Massachusetts

**Tournaments:** 103

**First Tournament:** Boston Apr 1981?

**First Club:** Framingham #57 est c1977-78

**Tourney Wins:** Ron Tiekert (6), Jere Mead (6), 7 tied at 3

**Games Played:** Michael Wolfberg (558+), Judy Horn (527+), Richard Buck (525+)

Bass River - see Cape Cod 1987

### Boston

1979 (Aug)

### Boston Area Tournament

1981 (Apr)

1982 (Apr)

1983 (Apr) Dee Jackson 504cr

1984 (Apr 134p) Ron Tiekert 8-2

1985 (June) Steve Polatnick 554cr

1986 (Apr 177p) Ron Tiekert(2) 531cr

1987 (Apr 152p) Jim Neuberger

1988 (Apr) Richie Lund 464cr

1989 (Apr) Joel Wapnick 503cr

1990 (Apr 174p) David Boys 7-4 469cr

1991 (Apr 170p) Joe Edley 7-5

1992 (Apr) Jere Mead 9-2 525cr  
 1993 (Apr 162p) Adam Logan 8-5 525cr  
 1994 (Apr 168p) Jan Dixon 11-3 639cr  
 1995 (Apr 147p) Ron Tiekert(3) 10-3 625cr  
 1996 (Apr 157p) Joe Edley(2) 10-3 +570  
 1997 (Apr 135p) Brian Cappelletto 9-4 579cr  
 1998 (Apr 153p) Adam Logan(2) 7-6  
 1999 (Apr 113p) Jere Mead(2) 9-4  
 2000 (Mar 137p) Jere Mead(3) 10-3  
 2001 (Apr 143p) Joe Edley(3) 11-4 +777  
 2002 (Apr 151p) Jere Mead(4) 12-3 +820  
 2003 (Apr 180p) Robin Pollock Daniel 10-5 +838  
 2004 (Apr 179p) Brian Cappelletto(2) 11-4 +336  
 2005 (Apr 114p) Joel Sherman 12-3 +706  
 2006 (Apr 182p) Jason Katz-Brown 15-5 +337  
 2007 (Apr 189p) Adam Logan(3) 11-4 +425  
 2008 (Apr 179p) Joey Mallick 11-4 +690

Boston (Tier 2)  
 1983 (Jan) Joel Wapnick 9-1 +564

Boston - see also National SCRABBLE® Championship  
 1985

Burlington - see Matchups Open 1986-87

Cape Cod  
 1983 (Oct 71p) Individual: Doug Stone 6-0 +407  
     Pairs: Fisher/Frank 5-0 +526  
     Variations: Stephen Fisher (5-0)  
     Overall: Rose Kreiswirth 12-4 +1545  
 1984 (Oct) Individual: Don Drumm 5-0 +508  
     Pairs: Goldstein/Neuberger 5-0 +490  
     Variations: Jim Neuberger 5-0 +828  
     Overall: Jim Neuberger 14-1 +1488  
 1985 (Oct) Individual: Ron Tiekert 5-0  
     Pairs: Tiekert/Wolfberg 5-0 +400  
     Variations: Michael Wolfberg 5-0 +522  
     Overall: Ron Tiekert 1500 +1425  
 1986 (Oct) Individual: Irving Samuels 6-0 +601  
     Pairs: Buck/Shapiro 5-0 +510  
     Speed: Richie Lund 6-0 +700  
     Overall: Robert Felt 14-3 +1553  
 1987 (Oct) Individual: Richard Lupo 5-0 +91  
     Pairs: Maven/Brian Shappard 5-0 +674  
     Variations: Rose Kreiswirth 5-0 +485  
     Overall: Rose Kreiswirth 12-3 +685  
 1988 (Oct) Individual: Margaret Bauer Williams 5-0 +271  
     Pairs: Dee Jackson/Jan Jarrell 4-1 +492  
     Variations: Judy Swank 5-0 +488  
     Overall: Judy Swank 12-3 +670  
 1989 (Oct) Individual: Ron Tiekert 5-0 +728  
     Pairs: Merrill Kaitz/Jere Mead 4-1 +518  
     Variations: Alan Frank 5-0 +522  
     Overall: Ron Tiekert 12-3 +1094  
 1990 (Oct) Individual: Irv Samuels 5-0 +23  
     Pairs: Felice Lapuk/Richie Lund 4-1 +599

Variations: Alan Frank 4-1 +810  
 Overall: Paula Kaufmann 11-4 +856

1991 (Nov)  
 1992 (Oct) Individual Dave Liefer 6-2  
     Pairs: Ellen Miller/Judy Swank  
     Variations: Richard Buck  
     Overall: Michael Wolfberg  
 1993 (Nov 75p) Individual: Steve Saul 7-1  
     Pairs: Drumm/Drumm  
     Variations Matt Graham  
     Overall: Richard Buck  
 1994 (Nov 73p) Individual: Paula Kaufman 7-1 1747ts  
     Pairs: Frank/Kreiswirth  
     Variations: Heather Drumm 3-2  
     Overall: Rose Kreiswirth 13w  
 1995 (Nov 72p) Elaine Patterson 7-1 +565  
 1996 (Nov 76p) Jere Mead 7-1 +464  
 1997 (Oct 67p) Merrill Kaitz 9.5-2.5 +726  
 1998 (Oct 54p) Ben Greenwood 7.5-4.5  
 1999 (Oct 55p) Rod MacNeil 9-3 +497  
     Pairs: Patterson/Wolfberg  
 2000 (Nov 72p) Rod MacNeil(2) 10-2 +970  
     Pairs: Patterson/Wolfberg  
 2001 (Oct 72p) Joey Mallick 10-2 +899  
     Pairs: MacNeil/Loiterstein  
 2002 (Nov 77p) Chris Gilbert 8-4 +436  
     Pairs: Horn/Horn  
 2003 (Nov 81p) Rod MacNeil(3) 9-3 +510  
 2004 (Oct 103p) Joey Mallick(2) 9-3 +822  
     Pairs: Katz-Brown/Bader  
 2005 (Oct 90p) Chris Cree 9-3 +595  
     Pairs: Tiekert/Tiekert  
 2006 (Oct 57p) Jere Mead 8-4 +319  
 2007 (Nov 73p) Seth Lipkin 9-3 +571  
 2008 (Nov 62p) Cecilia Le 9-3 +675

Chicopee - see Springfield  
Falmouth - see Cape Cod 2003  
Hyannis - see Cape Cod

Lenox  
 1999 (Nov 61p) David Mallick 10-3 +767

Lexington  
 1994 (Sep 54p) Rose Kreiswirth 5-1 +219

Massachusetts Step 2  
 1985 (Mar) Stephen Root 8-1 +984

Matchups Open - see Multi-State Section

Newton (Step 2)  
 1987 (Mar) Richard Lupo 9-0 +897

Newton - see also Boston Area Tournament 1982, 1984-87

North Falmouth - see Cape Cod 1985, 1989

#### Pittsfield

2001 (Nov 26p) Steve Olinger 9-4 +730

#### Springfield

1983 (Nov) Linda Gruber 9-1 +726

1984 (May)

1991 (July)

1992 (July 67p) Besty Blackmer 7-3 +550

1993 (Aug)

Springfield - see also Matchups Team Tournament

1991-92

Wakefield - see Boston Area Tournament 2001

Waltham - see Boston Area Tournament 1986-2004,  
Matchups Open 1986

#### West Springfield

1983 (Nov)

## Michigan

**Tournaments:** 372

**First Tournament:** Port Huron, 1972 (unsanctioned?)

Ann Arbor (U of Michigan), Oct 1974

**First Club:** Saginaw #49 est c1977

**Tournament Wins:** Chuck Armstrong (61), Paul Epstein (45), Ron Hoekstra (28)

**Games Played:** Elaine Glowniak (1700+), Paul Epstein (1634+), Frank Lee (1519+)

#### Ann Arbor

1974 (Oct) Jerry Hinkier 3-0 1254ts

Ann Arbor - see also Midwest Invitational 1987-88

Bridgeport - see Indiana-Michigan-Ohio-KY Tier 3

#### Detroit

1975

1981 (Nov) Ken Lambe

1982 (Nov) Jean Carol

1983 (July) Peter Morris

1983 (Nov) Chuck Armstrong 7-1 +389

1984 (June) Chuck Armstrong(2) 8-2 +684

1984 (Nov) Ken Lambe(2) 8-1

1985 (Nov) Paul Epstein 7-2 +1070

1987 (Dec) Glenn Mosher 8-2 +679

1988 (Aug) Ken Lambe(3) 8-2 +737

#### East Lansing

2007 (June 39p) Chuck Armstrong 8.5-3.5 +669

2007 (Oct 26p) Paul Epstein 12-1 +911

#### Farmington Hills

2005 (Oct 76p) Paul Epstein 10.5-2.5 +1060

#### Flint

1988 (Nov) Paul Epstein 8-2 +861

#### Grand Haven

1982 (cJuly) Chuck Armstrong 8-0

1983 (July) Chuck Armstrong(2) 8-0 +885

1984 (July) Chuck Armstrong(3) 8-1 +715

1985 (Aug) Chuck Armstrong(4) 9-0 +1239

1987 (Jul) Paul Epstein 10-1 +1469

1988 (Oct) Chuck Armstrong(4) 8.5-1.5 +934

1989 (June) Paul Epstein(2) 8-2 +546

1991 (Mar) Ken Lambe

#### Grand Rapids

1992 (July) Steve Grob 7-3 +559

1997 (Sep 38p) Keith Cejmer 12-1 +912

Hazel Park - see Michigan Madness 2005-08

#### Indiana-Michigan-Ohio-KY Tier 3

1983 (May 34p) Chris Reslock 9-1

#### Kalamazoo

1995 (Apr 30p) Rod Nivison 10-2 +1036

1995 (Nov 37p) Jeff Clark 8-4 +360

#### Lansing

1979 (May) John Ozag 3-0 1701ts

1979 (Dec)

1980 (Nov) Bob Enszer 4-0 +380

1981 (May)

1981 (Dec 38p) Chuck Armstrong

1982 (Apr 32p) Chris Reslock

1982 (Dec 30p) K. Loviska

1983 (Apr) Chuck Armstrong(2)

1983 (Dec 44p) Chuck Armstrong(3) 6-0 +770

1984 (Dec)

1985 (Oct)

1985 (Dec)

#### Livonia

1991 (Oct) Paul Epstein 9-1 +555

#### Livonia

1990 (Sep) Paul Epstein 8-2 +618

1991 (Oct)

1992 (Sep) Libero Paoletta 8-3 +474

1993 (Sep 47p) Bon Enszer 8-2 +565

1994 (Apr 64p) Joel Horn 8-3 +736

1995 (June 33p) Cheryl Cadieux 9-2 +373

1996 (Apr 39p) Rod Nivison 8-3 +418

1997 (Apr 62p) Randy Greenspan 9-2 +761

1998 (Apr 56p) Rod Nivison(2) 9-2 +641

1999 (Apr 51p) Sam Kantimathi 9-3 +1143

2000 (Apr 51p) Chris Cree 10-3 +772

2001 (Apr 62p) Ron Hoekstra 10-2 +1235

2002 (Apr 41p) Chuck Armstrong 9-3 +858

Livonia - see also Michigan Madness 1990-2004,  
Midwest Worlds Qualifier 1993, Midwest Invitational  
1988

Marquette - see Midwest Worlds Qualifier 1990

Michigan Labor Day Marathon - see Southfield 1989

#### Michigan Madness

1999 (June 64p) Steve Grob 10-4 +927  
2000 (June 56p) Steve Grob(2) 11-3 +334  
2001 (June 74p) Chuck Armstrong 12-2 +1517  
2002 (June 82p) Evan Berofsky 12-2 +927  
2003 (June 126p) Chuck Armstrong(2) 11-3 +866  
2004 (June 127p) Evan Berofsky(2) 12-2 +1093  
2005 (June 112p) David Stokoe 11-3 +990  
2006 (June 114p) Christopher Sykes 11-3 +852  
2007 (June 126p) Rod MacNeil 12-2 +387  
2008 (June 88p) Evan Berofsky(3) 10-4 +1131

#### Michigan Vs Toronto

1986 (Mar 24p) Bon Enszer 10-2  
1987 (May 24p) Paul Epstein 10-2  
Team: Michigan 75.5-68.5

Michigan Vs Tristate - see Ohio

Michigan Wilderness Open - see Milford

Midwest Invitational 1987-88 - see Multi-State section

#### Midwest Worlds Qualifier

1990 (May)  
1993 (Apr 20p) Chuck Armstrong 9-3 +624

#### Milford

1991 (May 53p) Glenn Dunlop 9-1 +510

#### Muskegon

1982 (July)  
1983 (July)  
1986 (July) Chuck Armstrong 9-2 +590

#### Novi

2004 (Feb 39p) Jeff Clark 6-1 +454

#### Ohio vs. Michigan

2008 (Aug 14p) Brian Bowman 12-3 +851

#### Petoskey

2002 (Oct 32p) Steve Grob 9-3 +667  
2003 (Oct 30p) Keith Cejmer 11-1 +937  
2004 (Oct 38p) Ron Hoekstra 11-1 +1169  
2006 (Oct 34p) Ron Hoekstra(2) 9-3 +777  
2008 (Apr 25p) Dan Pratt 11-1 +737  
2008 (Oct 24p) Chuck Armstrong 10-2 +1000

#### Pontiac

1986 (Apr)  
2008 (Aug 50p) Brian Bowman 14-6 +288

#### Port Huron

1972-78:  
1979 (June) Ken Lambe  
1980 ?  
1981 (May) Ken Lambe(2)  
1982 (May) Richard Brown  
1984 (June) Chris Reslock 9-1 +681  
1986 (June) Chuck Armstrong 11-0 +1522  
1989 (Oct) Paul Epstein(2) 13-0 +1089  
1992 (May) Randy Greenspan  
1993 (Aug 65p) Robert Crowe 9-3 +455  
1994 (Dec 43p) Shaun Goatcher 13-0 +1107  
1995 (cOct) Bruce Berry 10-3  
1996 (June 39p) Paul Epstein(3) 10-3 +660  
1997 (June 48p) Paul Epstein(4) 12-1 +1377  
1998 (June 60p) Paul Epstein(5) 11-2 +1250  
2001 (Nov 44p) Ron Hoekstra 7.5-3.5 +798  
2002 (Nov 38p) Steve Grob 9-2 +592  
2004 (June 34p) Ron Hoekstra(2) 11-3 +796  
2005 (Nov 26p) Paul Epstein(6) 10-3 +710

#### Port Huron (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr 36p) Peter Morris

Port Huron - see also Michigan Vs Toronto

#### Saginaw

1979 (Aug) Chuck Armstrong 3-0 1268ts  
1980 (cAug)  
1981 (Sep) Chuck Armstrong(2)  
1982 (Sep) Robert Felt  
1983 (Sep 64p) Jean Carol 8-2 +647  
1984 (Sep 60p) Chuck Armstrong(3) 8-2 +702  
1985 (Sep) Lou J B Miller 8-2 +302  
1986 (Sep) Paul Epstein 7-3 +367

#### Saginaw (Tier 2)

1982 (Nov 48) Chris Reslock

#### Saginaw (Step 2)

1985 (Apr) Evelyn Enszer 9-0 +689  
1987 (Mar) Ken Lambe 9-0 +742

Saginaw (Tier 3) - see Indiana-Michigan-Ohio-KY Tier 3

#### Southfield

1989 (Sep 20p) Chris Cree 20-4 +1727  
1990 (Aug) Paul Epstein 9-1 +764  
1993 (Jan) Robin Pollock Daniel 11-2 +958

#### South Lyon

2008 (May 25p) Steve Grob 9-3 +571

University of Michigan - see Ann Arbor 1974

#### Warren

1993 (July 40p) Jean Carol 8-2 +736  
2001 (May 46p) Ron Hoekstra 6-1 +943  
2002 (May 41p) Paul Epstein 5-2 +574

#### Waterford

2008 (Mar 47p) Paul Epstein 12.5-2.5 +1160

#### West Bloomfield

1995 (May 21p) Jim Peters 10-2 +1122  
1997 (July 42p) Paul Epstein 9-2 +664  
1997 (Nov 54p) Paul Epstein(2) 10-1 +503

#### West Branch

1998 (Sep 36p) Anthony Anzaldi Jr 9-3 +323

## Minnesota

#### **Tournaments: 97**

**First Tournament:** St Paul cJan 1976

**First Club:** Minneapolis #42 est c1977

**Tourney Wins:** Jim Kramer (17), Tim Adamson (8), 4 tied at 4

**Games Played:** Jim Kramer (695+), Carol Dustin (539+), Susan Hoehn (536+)

#### Bloomington Worlds Qualifier

1997 (June 16p) Bob Lipton 11-4 +1067

Bloomington - see also Midwest Invitational 1992

#### Fridley (Tier 2)

1983 (Mar)

#### Fridley (Illinois-Minnesota Tier 3)

1983 (June)

#### Minneapolis

1995 (May 24p) Lisa Odom 11-1 +866  
1995 (Nov 25p) Jim Kramer(2) 10-3 +369  
2002 (Nov 73p) Brian Williams 9-3 +430

#### Minneapolis Aquatennial

1979 (July) Robin Proud 4-0 1689ts  
1980 (July)  
1981 (July) Ellis Wyer 4-0 +239  
1982 (July)  
1983 (July) Darrell Day  
1984 (July) Bob Lundegaard 8-2 +576  
1986 (July) Richard Lauder 8-1 +782  
1987 (July) Bob Watson 9-1 +789  
1988 (July) Jere Mead 8-3 +1098

#### Minnesota Step 2

1985 (Apr) robin Proud 8-1 +927

St Paul Winter Carnival - see Twin Cities (Spring) 1976-1992

St Paul (Summer/Fall) - see Twin Cities

#### Twin Cities (Spring)

1976 (cJan) Gloria McDonald  
1977 (cJan) Dolores Stoll  
1978 (cJan) Robin Proud  
1979 (Feb) Robin Proud(2)  
1980 (Jan) Bob Watson 4-0 1566ts  
1981 (Jan) Patricia Rutt 4-0 +428  
1982 (Feb) Robert Watson  
1983 (cFeb)  
1984 (Feb) James Adams 7--1 +564  
1982 (Feb) Robert Watson(2) 8-1 +957  
1986 (Jan) James Adams(2) 7-2 +357  
1988 (Feb) Bob Lundegaard 7-3 +535  
1989 (Feb) Charlie Carroll 10-3 +911  
1990 (Feb) Charlie Carroll(2) 10-2 +1067  
1991 (Feb) Vince Van Dover 8-4 +182  
1992 (Feb 85p) Joe Edley 11-3  
1993 (Mar 59p) Tim Adamson 11-2 +770  
1994 (May 25p) Jim Kramer 10-5 +544  
1995 (Mar) Jim Kramer(2) 11-1 +946  
1996 (Mar 48p) Steve Pellinen 10-2 +873  
1998 (Apr 38p) Jim Kramer(3) 10-2 +836  
1999 (Mar 46p) Vince Van Dover(2) 10-2 +842  
2000 (Mar 43p) Bob Prentiss 10-2 +551  
2001 (Mar 66p) Jim Kramer(4) 12-1 +1041  
2002 (Mar 69p) Jim Kramer(5) 9-3 +722  
2003 (Mar 75p) Tim Adamson 10-3 +871  
2004 (Mar 84p) Vince Van Dover(3) 9-3 +469  
2005 (Mar 79p) Steve Pellinen(2) 9-4 +424  
2006 (Mar 26p) Joey Mallick 8-4 +320  
2007 (Apr 64p) Robb Robinsky 9-3 +709  
2008 (Apr 66p) Mike Weepie 9-3 +743

#### Twin Cities (Summer)

2004 (June 68p) Jim Kramer 9-3 +862  
2005 (June 78p) Joey Mallick 10-2 +1160  
2006 (June 61p) Jim Kramer(2) 10-3 +696

#### Twin Cities (Fall/Winter)

1989 (Aug) Charlie Carroll 10-3 +474  
1990 (Sep) Patricia Rutt 11-2 +720  
1991 (Aug) Robert Felt 11-4 +1165  
1992 (Nov) Mark Kenas 10-3 +707  
1993 (Nov 69p) Tim Adamson 9-4 +1041  
1994 (Dec 55p) Steve Pellinen 8-4 +370  
1995 (Sep 43p) Tom Adams 8-4 +170  
1996 (Sep 46p) Jim Kramer 10-2 +729  
1997 (Nov 52p) Jim Kramer(2) 11-1 +961  
1998 (Nov 53p) Lisa Odom 10-2 +1272  
1999 (Nov 51p) Jim Kramer(3) 11-1 +1628  
2000 (Nov 71p) Joey Mallick 10-2 +918  
2001 (Sep 55p) Joel Sherman 12-3 +1161  
2003 (Nov 79p) John Luebkekmann 9-3 +1057  
2004 (Nov 89p) Tim Adamson(2) 10-2 +408  
2005 (Nov 74p) Tim Adamson(3) 11-1 +849

2006 (Nov 83p) Mark Kenas 10-3 +405  
2007 (Nov 66p) Joe Gaspard 8-5 +622  
2008 (Nov 66p) Jim Kramer(4) 11-1 +935

#### Twin Cities Red Eye

2006 (Jan 68p) Daniel Fogel 18-6 +741  
2007 (Jan 63p) John O'Laughlin 18-8 +1641  
2008 (Jan 75p) Tim Adamson 21-7 +930

## Mississippi

**Tournaments:** 16

#### Jackson

1995 (June 51p) Pat Barrett 9-1 +730  
1996 (June 45p) Dave Johnson 7-3 +710  
1997 (June 31p) Dave Liefer 8-3 +438  
1998 (May 29p) Martin Weisskopf 8-3 +244  
1999 (June 24p) Helen Joffe 7-4 +346  
2000 (Jan 26p) Jeff Reeves 10-1 +845  
2001 (Jan 29p) Dave Johnson(2) 9-2 +409  
2002 (Jan 23p) Tracy Cobbs 7-4 +519  
2003 (Jan 31p) Dave Johnson(3) 11-0 +1297  
2004 (Jan 42p) Richard Ganguet 7-4 +362

#### Yazoo City

2005 (Jan 44p) Lila Crotty 9-2 +389  
2006 (Jan 29p) Lila Crotty(2) 8-2 +502  
2007 (Jan 23p) Rod Noland 10-1 +1379  
2008 (Jan 37p) Rod Noland(2) 10-1 +1068

## Missouri

**Tournaments:** 24

**Games Played:** Paula Bullock (76+)

Manchester - See St Louis

#### Manchester (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Matt Dewaelsche 9-0 +839

Maplewood - see St Louis

#### St Louis

1984 (Dec) Ken Schnitzmeier 7-3 +905  
1985 (Aug) Linda Sarnowsky 7-1 +1179  
1986 (Aug) Kenneth Schnitzmeier 6-1 +191  
1987 (Aug) Richard Buck 9-1 +27  
1988 (June) Chris Cree 8-2  
1988 (Aug) Chris Cree 8-2 +733  
1989 (Aug) Darrell Day 8.5-1.5 +658  
1990 (June) Bill Wade 7-3 +850  
1991 (June) Sam Kantimathi  
1992 (July) Ted Rosen 8-2 +729  
1995 (Feb 38p) Tim Adamson 12-0 +1292  
2005 (Mar 39p) Eugene Murray 7-4 +353

## Montana

#### Bozeman

2001 (Aug 14p) Tim Anglin 12-3 +1300  
2002 (June 12p) Ira Cohen 9-3 +766  
2003 (July 20p) Rich Moyer 9-4 +400  
2004 (June 8p) Ira Cohen(2) 17-2 +1870

## Nevada

**Tournaments:** 86

**First Tournament:** 1961, Sparks (un-sanctioned)  
Reno NV? July 1989

**First Club:** Sparks #30 est c1976-77

**Tourney Wins:** Dave Wiegand (10), Kenji Matsumoto (7), Joel Sherman (6)

**Games Played:** Denver Steele (1135+), Rich Moyer (1100+), Stu Goldman (1017+)

#### Las Vegas

1989 (Dec) Bob Lipton 9-3 +1043  
1993 (Dec 161p) Stan Rubinsky 11-0 +607  
1994 (Dec 154p) Joel Sherman 13-2 +1278  
1995 (Dec 178p) Lisa Odom 12-4 +868  
1996 (Dec) Joel Sherman(2) 12-2 +1073  
1997 (Dec 152p) Michael Baker 11-3 +434  
1998 (Oct 22p) Ira Cohen 11-0 +1144  
1998 (Nov 129p) Chris Lennon 12-2 +766  
2004 (Nov 242p) Chris Lennon(2) 14-2 +1634  
2005 (Nov 204p) Nathan Benedict 15-3 +965

Las Vegas - see also National SCRABBLE®  
Championship 1988, SCRABBLE® Superstars  
Showdown, World SCRABBLE® Championship 2001

#### Reno (Summer) Late Bird

2006 (July 17p) Rick Wong 7-2 +673  
2008 (July 16p) Winter ZXQKJ 7-2 +536

#### Reno (Summer)

1989 (July) Chris Cree 15-3 +1066  
1990 (July 165p) Joe Edley 15-3 +1103  
1991 (July 170p) Steve Polatnick 16-5 +692  
1992 (July 185p) Joe Edley(2) 14.5-3.5 +1116  
1993 (July 245p) Joe Edley(3) 19-8 +1450  
1994 (July 208p) Joe Edley(4) 16-5 +1184  
1995 (July 125p) Joe Edley(5) 22-9 +1694  
1996 (Aug 159p) Ira Cohen 19-6 +1536  
1997 (July 232p) Joel Sherman 23-8 +1882  
1998 (July 164p) Lester Schonbrun 17.5-3.5 +2082  
1999 (July 228p) Brian Cappelletto 30-9 +2118  
2000 (July 134p) Jim Geary 18.5-6.5 +656  
2001 (July 235p) Dave Wiegand 20-7 +1503

2002 (July 136p) Brian Cappelletto(2) 20-7 +1567  
2003 (July 210p) Brian Cappelletto(3) 20-7 +1362  
2004 (July 120p) Sammy Okosagah 19-8 +1511  
2006 (July 96p) Nick Meyer 21-6 +1731  
2007 (July 130p) Kenji Matsumoto 27-9 +2373  
2008 (July 98p) Joel Sherman 22-5+1886

#### Reno (Winter) Early Bird

1998 (Jan 43p) Dennis Kaiser 11-3 +488  
1999 (Jan 72p) Ira Cohen 12-4 +1029  
2000 (Jan 76p) Joey Mallick 13-3 +915  
2001 - switches to one-day

#### Reno (Winter)

1995 (Jan 92p) Dave Wiegand 15-4 +1632  
1996 (Jan 107p) Lester Schonbrun 17-3 +1519  
1997 (Jan 118p) Dave Wiegand(2) 13-4 +1012  
1998 (Jan 113p) Brian Cappelletto 14-3 +1622  
1999 (Jan 136p) Dave Wiegand(3) 17-2 +1478  
2000 (Jan 142p) Lester Schonbrun(2) 14-5 +1204  
2001 (Jan 112p) Lewis Martinez 15-4 +800  
2002 (Jan 134p) Mike Baron 14-5 +924  
2003 (Jan 145p) Dave Wiegand(4) 15-4 +1049  
2004 (Jan 154p) Dennis Stone 16-3 +938  
2005 (Jan 114p) Joey Mallick 14-4 +897  
2006 (Jan 88p) Chris Lennon 15-4 +1038  
2007 (Jan 117p) Nathan Benedict 15-4 +747  
2008 (Jan 154p) Dave Wiegand 15-4 +1653

Reno - see also National SCRABBLE® Championship  
1987

West Coast Championship - see Reno (Summer)

## New Hampshire

**First Club:** Hanover #122 est c1980

#### Portsmouth

2000 (Sep 34p) Joey Mallick 8-3 +658

## New Jersey

**Tournaments:** 150

**First Tournament:** Princeton, pre-1973 (unsanctioned)  
Hackensack? cNov 1980

**First Club:** Mt Holly #10 est 1975

**Tourney Wins:** Matt Graham (7), Joe Edley (6), Joel Sherman (6), Richie Lund (6)

**Games Played:** Joe Weinike (812+), Verna Richards Berg (755+), Marjorie Schoneboom (713+)

#### Asbury Park

1984 (July) Jim Neuberger 9-1 +1031

#### Atlantic City (Summer)

1998 (Aug) Larry Sherman 14-4 +990  
1999 (Aug 144p) Tim Anglin 14-4 +419  
2000 (May 74p) Paul Avrin 14-4 +813  
2001 (Aug 143p) Marjorie Schoneboom 14-4 +663  
2002 (July 102p) Amit Chakrabarti 14-4 +866  
2003 (June 114p) Matt Graham 15-3 +751  
2004 (Aug 91p) Joel Sherman 15-3 +1554  
2005 (Aug 102p) Ian Weinstein 10-4 +1027

#### Atlantic City (Winter)

1983 (Jan) Steve Polatnick 360cr  
1984 (Jan 90p) Joe Edley 534 cr  
1985 (Jan) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +481  
1986 (Jan 204p) Richie Lund 9-1 +902  
1987 (Jan 140p) Chuck Armstrong(2)  
1988 (Jan) Joe Edley(2) 8-2 +409  
1989 (Jan 200p) Steven Alexander 8-2 +614  
1990 (Jan) Louis Schechter 9-1 +644  
1991 (Jan) Joe Edley(3) 9-1 +668  
1992 (Jan) Joe Edley(4)  
1993 (Jan 240p) Joe Edley(5) 10=2 +870  
1994 (Jan 240p) Joel Sherman 10.5-1.5 +1193  
1995 (Jan 286p) Matt Graham 10-2 +393  
1996 (Jan 213p) Ron Tiekert 10-2 +901  
1997 (Jan 249p) Matt Graham(2) 10-2 +667  
1998 (Jan) Randy Greenspan 10-2 +536  
1999 (Jan 213p) Ron Tiekert(2) 10-2 +592  
2000 (Jan 189p) Rich Baker 10-2 +1039  
2001 (Jan 198p) Matt Graham(3) 10-2 +683  
2002 (Jan 227p) Ron Tiekert(3) 11-1 +641  
2003 (Jan 225p) Robin Pollock Daniel 9-3 +1087  
2004 (Jan 207p) Lloyd Mills 10-2 +472  
2005 (Jan 205p) Matt Graham(4) 10-2 +716  
2006 (Jan 133p) Sammy Okosagah 13.5-6.5 +756

#### Atlantic City (Step 1)

1987 (Feb)

Atlantic City - see also East Coast Worlds Qualifier

#### Avalon

1994 (Sep 126p) Rose Kreiswirth 10-2 +1005

#### Berlin

1998 (Oct 78p) Roy Dixon 8-2 +407  
2000 (Sep 61p) Gordon Shapiro 9-3 +628

#### East Coast Worlds Qualifier

1993 (Apr 118p) Joel Sherman 9-3 +628

#### Hackensack (Fall)

1990 (Oct) Joel Sherman 9-3 +665  
1992 (Nov) Matt Laufer 12-2 +453  
1993 (Oct) Ed Neugroschl 13-3 +1034

### Hackensack (Spring/Summer)

1990 (Mar) Joe Edley 11-1 +1350  
1991 (May) Joe Weinike 10-2 +529  
1992 (May) Sam Kantimathi  
1993 (June 37p) Acho Nwana 10-2 +223  
1995 (Feb 33p) Howard Pistol 11-1 +719  
1995 (Apr 32p) Jerry Scheiten 8-1 +015

### Jersey City

2003 (Sep 78p) Marlon Hill 7-1 +688

Kearney - see Somerset

### Morristown

1988 (Aug) Richie Lund 9-1 +835

### New Jersey Step 2

1985 (Apr) Ted Rosen 7-2 +882

### Newark (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Janet Engleman 4-0 +318  
1987 (Jan)

### Ocean City

1989 (Sep) Louis Schecter 8-2 +849  
1990 (Sep) Jim Neuberger 8-2 +805  
1991 (Sep)  
1992 (Sep) Richie Lund 10-2 +787  
1995 (Sep 128p) Richie Lund(2) 9-3 +652  
1997 (Sep 119p)

### Parsinppany

2002 (Dec 129p) Joey Mallick 12-5 +951

## **New Mexico**

**Tournaments:** 61

**First Tournament:** Albuquerque cAug 1977

**First Club:** Albuquerque #38 (aka Kirkland AFB), est c1977

**Tourney Wins:** Brian Cappelletto (10), Mike Baron (6), Laraine Frischman (3), Chris Cree (3), Dennis Kaiser (3)

**Games Played:** Mike Baron (388+), Laraine Frischman/Chapman (283+), Patty Wayne (241+)

### Albuquerque

1977 (Aug) Stan Rubinsky 4-0  
1981 (May) Patty Wayne 4-1 +401  
1982 (May) Jeff Reeves 5-0 +526  
1984 (April) Laraine Frischmann 8-2 +733  
1990 (July) Mike Baron 9-2 +1011

### Albuquerque Balloon Festival

1981 (Sep) Patty Wayne 4-1 +401  
1982 (Oct) Ellis Wyer

2003 (Aug 111p) Scott Appel 13-4 +814  
2003 (Dec 97p) Joey Mallick(2) 14-3 +893  
2004 (Sep 90p) Matt Graham 16-9 +664  
2005 (May 73p) Stefan Rau 17-8 +767  
2005 (Aug 72p) Stefan Rau 19-6 +1445

### Piscataway

2004 (May 80p) Paul Avrin 12-3 +431

### Rochelle Park

1986 (May) Jane Leiner 4-0 +412  
1993 (Feb) Richie Lund 10-2 +1152

Saddlebrook - see Teaneck

### Somerset

1984 (Mar 48p) John Gove 9-1 +412  
1985 (Aug) Jim Neuberger 9-1 +795  
1986 (July) Bob Frey 8-2 +654  
1987 (Aug 140p) Chris Reslock  
1996 (Sep 99p) Richie Lund 13-4 +1135

Teaneck -see Hackensack

### Teaneck (Step 1)

1987 (Feb)

### Wayne (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Webster Phillips 4-0 +805

### Wildwood

1983 (Aug) Paul Avrin 11-4 +764  
1993 (Sep 116p) Joel Sherman 10-2 +757  
1983 (Oct) Chris Cree 9-1  
1984 (Oct) Chris Cree(2)  
1985 (Oct) Chris Cree(3) 8-2 +702  
1986 (Oct) Jeff Reeves  
1987 (Oct) Steven Alexander 8-2 +124  
1988 (Oct) Brian Cappelletto 8-2 +439  
1989 (Oct) Brian Cappelletto(2) 9-1 +719  
1990 (Oct) Brian Cappelletto(3) 8-2 +901  
1991 (Oct) Mike Baron(2) 9-2 +575  
1992 (Oct) Mike Baron(3) 10-1 +1081  
1993 (Oct 58p) Jim Homan 8.5-2.5 +242  
1994 (Oct 38p) Dennis Kaiser 10-1 +1156  
1995 (Oct 52p) Laraine Frischman 9-2 +527  
1996 (Sep 44p) Dennis Kaiser(2) 8-3 +445  
1997 (Sep 42p) Chris Cree(2) 10-1 +1068  
1998 (Sep 46p) Larry Rand 10-1 +883  
1999 (Sep 42p) Dennis Kaiser(3) 7-4 +512  
2000 (Sep 44p) Mike Baron(4) 8-3 +645  
2001 (Sep 60p) Mike Baron(5) 9-2 +659  
2002 (Sep 63p) Steve Glass 9-2 +762  
2003 (Sep 72p) Nathan Benedict 8.5-3.4 +707  
2004 (Sep 52p) Nathan Benedict(2) 11-2 +1001  
2005 (Sep 65p) Mike Baron 8-5 +627

### Albuquerque (Tier 2)

1983 (Feb) Gary Brown 8-2 +907

### Albuquerque (Tier 3) - see Arizona-New Mexico Tier 3

### Albuquerque (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Paul Dundas 4-0 +159?

1985 (Apr Step 2) Laraine Frischman 8-1 +1167

1987 (Jan, Step 1)

1987 (Mar, Step 2)

### Albuquerque City Championship

1981 (Nov) Patty Wayne

### Albuquerque Club Championship

1981 (July)

1981 (Nov) Irv Savadge

1981 Class A (Nov) Laraine Frischman

1983 (Nov)

### Arizona-New Mexico Tier 3 (Albuquerque)

1983 (Apr 33p) Charles Goldstein 8-2 +982

### Balloon Festival - see Albuquerque (Sep/Oct)

### SWILNS (SouthWest Invitational L-Note Special)

1984 Chris Cree 12-2 +950

1986 (May 9p) Mark Powell 13-3 +1555

1988 Brian Cappelletto

1990 Brian Cappelletto(2) 15-1 +1291

1992 (June 10p) Brian Cappelletto(3)

1996 (June) Brian Cappelletto(4) 17-0 +1883

1998 (June 16p) Brian Cappelletto(5) 15-2 +1173

2000 (June 14p) Brian Cappelletto(6) 14-3 +1144

2002 (June 24p) Brian Cappelletto(7) 14-3 +1174

2004 (June 24p) Dave Wiegand 13-4 +1103

## **New York**

### **Tournaments: 522**

**First Tournament:** Brooklyn Spring 1973 (sanctioned)  
Chess Club, late 60s (unsanctioned)

**First Club:** Stony Brook LI #3??? est cJan 1974

**Tourney Wins:** Frank Tangredi (16), Joel Sherman (15),  
Joe Weinike (12), Marjorie Schonebom (12)

**Games Played:** Verna Richards Berg (1088+), Tom  
Kelly (1058+), Marie Puma (1003+)

### Albany

1978 (July)

1980 (May)

1980 (July) Joel Wapnick 4-0

1996 (July 101p) Ron Tiekert 10-2 +946

1997 (July) Adam Logan 9-3 +944

1998 (July 86p) Ron Tiekert(2) 14-4 +524

1999 (July 92p) Robert Felt 17-3 +1261

2000 (July 80p) Randy Greenspan 16-4 +1069

2001 (July 86p) Joel Horn 14-6 +771

2002 (July 98p) Steve Tier 15-5 +999

2003 (July 126p) Tim Adamson 14-6 +1055

2004 (July 110p) Randy Greenspan(2) 16-5 +1069

2005 (July 82p) Frank Romano 14-6 +202

### Albany(Winter)

2006 (Jan 70p) Joey Mallick 17-5 +564

### Albany Vs Middletown

2003 (Nov 14p) Karl Higbe

### Albany Vs Mohawk Valley

1993 (Mar)

1994 (Mar)

1995 (Mar) Heather Drumm 4-1 +297

1995 (Oct 32p) John Morse 4-1 +533

Team: Albany 49-31

1996 (Mar 30p) John Morse(2) 4-1 +303

1996 (Oct) Annette Tedesco 5-0 +411

1997 (Mar 29p) Greg McCormick 5-0 +582

2001 (Mar 24p) John Venditti 5-0 +328

2002 (Mar 27p) Judy Steward 4-1 +113

2003 (Mar 30p) Heather Drumm 4-1 +220

2004 (Mar 29p) Jamie McCune 4-1 +643

2005 (Mar 29p) Heather Drumm(2) 5-0 +538

### Bayside

2004 (Mar 42p) Sal Piro 11-4 +487

### Bohemia (One-Day)

1986 (Mar) Dee Jackson 4-0

### Bronx (Tier 4) see Metropolitan New York Tier 4

### Brookhaven Long Island (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Jess Prochillo or Jim Yee 4-0

1987 (Jan) Ellen Conford 4-0 +287

### Brooklyn

1973 (Mar-Apr) Jonathan Hatch

### Brooklyn (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Larry Reich 4-0 +331

1985 (Apr Step 2) Rose Kreiswirth 8-1 +742

1987 (Jan Step 1) Pamela Gazette 4-0 +376

### Brooklyn Club Championship

1976 (June) Stuart Windwer 7-1

1980 (Mar) Harold Steinberg

1981 (May)

1984 (Apr)

1985 (May 6p)

### Brooklyn Open - see New York City Championship 1973

Brooklyn War Memorial - see New York City  
Championship

Buffalo (Winter)

1996 (Jan 69p) David Boys 9-3 +689  
1997 (Feb 54p) Libero Paoella 10-2 +426  
1998 (Feb 79p) Lloyd Mills 9-3 +221  
1999 (Feb 74p) Jim Nanavati 11-1 +601  
2001 (Mar 82p) Lloyd Mills(2) 9-3 +084

Buffalo (Summer)

1995 (June 92p) Peter Morris 10-2 +963  
1996 (June 70p) David Boys 9-3 +689  
1997 (June 72p) Mike Wise 8-4 +492  
1998 (June 65p) Shaun Goatcher 8-4 +164  
1999 (Aug 101p) Pat Barrett 14-4 +1145  
2000 (June 82p) Randy Greenspan 8-4 +686  
2001 (July 76p) Tim Anglin 9-3 +783  
2002 (Aug 74p) Mark Przybyszewski 9-2 +236

Canajoharie Cup - see Albany vs Mohawk Valley  
Capital District vs Mohawk Valley - see Albany vs  
Mohawk Valley

Catskills

1977 (Sep) Barry Patten 2372 ts  
1978 (Apr)  
1979 (Apr 90p) Paul Avrin 6-0

Catskills - see also Concord Hotel, Grossinger's Resort,  
Haines Falls

Centereach LI - see Brookhaven

Centereach LI (Step 1)

1987 (Jan)

Commack (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Ellen Confrod 4-0 +165?

Concord Hotel - Catskills

1973 (cJune) Harriet Zucker 2-0

Cortlandt

1976 (Oct) Lotte Kuntsler 3-0 1144ts

CT-MA-RI-Upstate NY Tier 3

1983 (May) Jim Neuberger 8-2 +921

Cuddebacksville

1983 (Sep 58p) Margaret Bauer Williams 8-2 +787

Deerpark Farm Resort - see Cuddebacksville

Eastern Regional Qualifier

1980 Jim Neuberger

Elmhurst (Step 1)

1987 (Jan) Allan Murphy 4-0 +302

Fallsburg - see Country Weekend in the Catskills

Grossinger's Resort

1973 (cJune) Harriet Zucker 2-0  
1982 (Jan) Bernie Wishengrad

Haines Falls

1984 (Sep) Webster Phillips 9-1 +414  
1985 (Sep) Robert Felt 8-2 +362  
1986 (Sep) Stu Goldman 8-2 +613  
1987 (Sep) Jere Mead 10-0 +799  
1988 (Sep)

Holbrook LI Club #5 Championship

1976 Gene Nussbaum

Holtsville LI

1993 (July 44p) Joel Sherman 9-3 +534  
1994 (July 46p) Jere Mead 11-1 +938  
1995 (July 50p) Paul Avrin 15-3 +859

Hunter College (Step 2) - see Brooklyn  
Il Villagio Resort - see Haines Falls

Islip LI

1973 (cApr) Stuart Diamond 4-0 1648ts  
1974 (cMar) Dale Levey 4-0 1644ts  
1975 (Mar) Carol McVady 4-0 1560ts  
1976 (cJan 32p) Janet Smith 4-0 1563ts  
1976 (cMar) Gerry Binimow 4-0 1683ts  
1977 (Mar) Howard Herbert  
1978 (cJan) Chris Sigel 4-0 1603ts  
1979 (Jan) Steve Pfeiffer 4-0 1756ts  
1980 (Jan) Ron Tiekert 4-0  
1980 (Mar)  
1981 (Apr)  
1982 (Mar)  
1983 (Mar)  
1984 (May)  
1985 (May)

Ithaca

1998 (Oct 31p) Tim Anglin 5-2 +348  
1999 (Oct 32p) Joel Horn 9-3 +294

Lake George

2000 (Oct 72p) Robert Felt 13-2 +892  
2001 (Oct 69p) Ed Halper 11-4 +724  
2002 (Oct 87p) Richard Buck 12-3 +1012  
2003 (Oct 74p) Richard Buck(2) 12-3 +698  
2004 (Oct 97p) Joel Horn 11-4 +716  
2005 (Oct 95p) Stefan Rau 12-3 +680

Lake Mahopac

1978 (Sep) Moira Walsh 8-1

Long Island

1999 (Mar 44p) Joe Weinike 13-2 +711  
1999 (June 42p) Joey Mallick 7-2 +984  
2000 (Jan 42p) Frank Tangredi 5-2 +495  
2000 (July 41p) Marjorie Schoneboom 6-1 +630

Long Island - see also Bluepoint, Brookhaven, Centereach, Holtsville, Islip, Nassau County, Plainview, Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma, Smithtown

Manhattan Club Championship

1988 (May)

Massapequa Club Championship

1980 (Nov 4p) Ellen Conford

Metropolitan New York (Tier 2)

1982 #1(Dec) Steve Polatnick 8-1  
1982 #2(Dec 44p)  
1983 (Mar) Ed Halper

Metropolitan New York (Tier 3)

1983 (Mar 50p) Jim Neuberger 9-1 +799

Metropolitan New York (Tier 4)

1983 (June) Jan Dixon 10-4 +516

Metropolitan Regional Qualifier

1980 (Sep 58p) Jim Neuberger 8-2 +695

Mid-Atlantic Tier 4 - see Northeast Tier 4

Mohawk Valley

1992 (May) Howard Pistol 9-1 +973  
1993 (May) Jerry Scheiten 10-0 +814  
1994 (Apr 38p) Jerry Scheiten 8-2 +572  
1995 (May 34p) Jerry Scheiten(2) 7-3 +671  
1996 (May 38p) John Morse 9-1 +361  
1997 (May 30p) David Slauenwhite 8-2 +418  
1998 (Apr 30p) Mike Wise 8-3 +578  
1999 (May 36p) Joel Horn 9-2 +641  
2000 (May 40p) Fran Silver 9-2 +668  
2001 (May 50p) Jamie McCune 10-1 +686  
2002 (May 49p) John Morse 10-2 +498  
2003 (May 46p) Jamie McCune(2) 11-1 +877  
2004 (May 50p) Rod MacNeil 9-3 +870  
2005 (May 100p) Jamie McCune 9-3 +535

Mt Kisco

1977? Barry Patten

Nassau County LI

1975 Claire Neppel?

Nassau County Vs Suffolk County

1975

Nathan's Hot Dog Time Square Tournament

1977? (cNov) Chris Sigel?  
1978 (Nov) Steve Pfeiffer  
1979 (cNov) Steve Williams  
1980 (Nov) Michael Wolfberg

New Hartford - see Mohawk Valley

New Rochelle - see Westchester County

New York City Championship

1974 (cFeb 12p) Bernie Wishengrad 8-3  
1975 (Feb 12p) Frank Kuehnrich 8-3  
1976 (Feb 12p) Frank Kuehnrich 10-1  
1977 (Mar 12p) Steve Williams 9-2 +653  
1978 (Mar 12p) Bernie Wishengrad 11-0  
1979 (Mar 12p) Chris Sigel 9-2  
1980 (Apr 12p) Harold Steinberg  
1981 (Mar 12p) Linda Gruber 9-2 +349  
1982 (cMar) Ron Tiekert  
1983  
1984 (Apr 14p) Joe Edley 10-3  
1985 (Mar)

New York City Championship - see also Brooklyn 1973

New York City

1989 (Aug)  
2000 (June 98p) Robert Felt 7-0 +430

New York City (Beverly Bridge Club)

1988 (May)  
1988 (Sep) Jack Eichenbaum 6-0  
1988 (Dec) Joe Edley 303cr  
1989 (June 48p)  
1989 (July) Joe Weinike 295cr  
1989 (Nov 74p) Joe Edley(2) 5-1 303cr  
1990 (Mar 69p) Joe Edley(3) 6-0  
1990 (June 54p) Joe Edley(4) 5-1 279cr  
1990 (Nov 60p) Margaret Maneth 5.5-0.5  
1991 (Feb) Robert Linn 288cr  
1991 (June) Joe Edley(5) 5-1 284cr  
1991 (July)  
1991 (Nov 70p) Joe Edley(6) 5-1 280cr  
1992 Joe Edley(7)  
1992 (June 72p) Linda Gruber 6-0 289cr  
1992 (Oct 64p) Joe Weinike(2) 5-1 267cr  
1993 (Feb) Robert Felt 6-0 281cr  
1993 (May 69p) Joe Weinike(3) 6-0 270cr  
1993 (July 66p) Judy Swank 6-0 297cr  
1993 (Oct 61p) Joel Sherman 6-0 312cr  
1993 (Nov 66p) Stu Goldman 5-1  
1994 (Jan 53p) Joe Weinike(4) 6-0 305cr  
1994 (June 67p) Joe Weinike(5) 5-1 +276

1994 (Aug 46p) Joe Weinike(6) 5-1 263cr  
1994 (Nov 60p) Joe Weinike(7) 5-1 276cr  
1995 (Jan 60p) Bob Frey 6-0 300cr  
1995 (Mar 62p) Steve Tier 5-1 288cr  
1995 (Oct 78p) Stan Scott 6-0 288cr  
1995 (Nov 69p) Joe Weinike(8) 5-1 +273  
1996 (Jan 58p) Matt Grahan 5-1  
1996 (Mar 68p) Steve Tier(2) 5-1  
1996 (Aug 68p) Joel Sherman(2) 5-1 +792  
1996 (Oct 65p) Jack Eichenbaum 6-0  
1996 (Nov 62p) David Stone 5-1 +588  
1997 (Mar 93p) Joel Sherman(3) 6-1  
1997 (June 82p) Joel Sherman(4) 6-0  
1997 (Aug 78p) Matt Laufer 5-1  
1997 (Dec 82p) Rich Baker 5-1

#### New York City (Beverly Bridge Club) <1750

1988 (Oct)  
1989 (Jan) Audrey Tumbarello 277cr  
1989 (June 48p) Mutalik Pradeep 5-0  
1989 (Aug) David Conford 235cr  
1990 (Jan 48p) Mary A. Lyons 4-1 234cr  
1990 (May) Neil Bines 256cr  
1991 (Apr) Jeff Brochu 239cr  
1992 (May)

#### New York City (West End Gate Restaurant)

1991 (Aug 54p) Marjorie Schoneboom 8-2  
1992 (Aug 60p) Steve Pfeiffer 8-2 +241

#### New York City Game Room Open

1977 (May)  
1978 (Dec) Jim Neuberger 5-3  
1979 (June) Nick Ballard 319cr  
1979 (Dec 16p) Merrill Kaitz  
1980 (May) Steve Williams 325cr  
1980 (Dec 16p) Stu Goldman  
1981 (June 16p) Ron Tiekert 8-2  
1981 (Dec) Chris Sigel 9-1  
1982 (June)  
1982 (Oct)  
1983 (June)  
1983 (Dec) Linda Gruber 339cr  
1984 (June 48p) John Jaworksi 367cr  
1984 (Dec) Merril Kaitz(2) 340cr

#### New York City Game Room Open - Consolation

1979 (Dec) Stu Goldman  
1980 (Dec 20p) Chris Sigel 5-0  
1981 (June 20p) Joel Wapnick 5-0  
1984 (June) Joe Weinike  
1984 (Dec) Stu Goldman(2)

#### New York City (Tier 2)

1982 (12p) Michael Wolfberg 8-3 +913

#### New York City (Step 2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Richie Lund 5-0 +657  
1987 (Mar) Chester Collins 8-1 +814

New York City - see also Eastern Regional Qualifier, Nathan's Hot Dog Time Square, National SCRABBLE® Championship 1978 & 1989, World SCRABBLE® Championship 1993

New York vs Baltimore - see Pennsylvania

#### Niagara Falls

1989 (June) Jim Neuberger 8-2 +405  
1990 (June) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +1089  
1991 (June 72p) Ron Manson  
1992 (June) David Boys  
1993 (June 58p) Adam Logan 9-1 +1089  
1994 (Oct 51p) Randy Greenspan 10-3 +1133

#### Northeast Tier 4

1983 (June) Alan Frank 8-2 +514

#### Outstate New York (Tier 2)

1983 (Mar)

#### Peekskill - see Cortlandt

#### Pittsford

1980 (July) Mark Rosenblum 211cr  
1982 (Apr)  
1984 (Apr) Ted Rosen 10-0 +1473  
1986 (Apr) Bruce Jacobs 4-1 +288

#### Pittsford (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Don Drumm or Ted Rosen 4-0  
1987 (Jan) Tina Cur? 4-0

#### Plainview LI

1996 (Oct 40p) Frank Tangredi 13-2 +799  
1999 (Oct 44p) Mark Berg 11-4 +505

#### Port Jefferson LI

1991 (Mar) Joel Sherman 9-1 +881  
1992 (Mar) Joel Sherman(2) 12-0 +1212  
1993 (Mar 62p) Rita Norr 10-2 +471  
1994 (Mar 63p) Rita Norr(2) 9.5-2.5 +592  
1995 (Mar 64p) Joel Sherman(3) 10-2 +730  
1996 (Mar 58p) Joe Weinike 8-4 +487  
1997 (Mar)  
1998 (Mar 62p) Joe Edley 12-3 +965  
2000 (Mar 56p) Joe Weinike 12.5-2.5 +846

#### Rochester

1977 (May) Joel Wapnick 5-0  
1982 (Aug) Michael Wolfberg  
1983 (Aug)  
1992 (May) Libero Paoella

1996 (Nov 21p) David Goodman 7-4 +712  
1997 (Nov 13p) Rich Baker 10-1 +1243  
2002 (Nov 23p) Jamie McCune 10-1 +815

#### Rochester (Step 2)

1987 (Mar) Curtis Lee 9-0 +1201

Rochester - see also Pittsford

#### Rosendale

1998 (Apr 47p) Matt Graham 10-5 +1115  
1999 (Apr 62p) Jan Dixon 11-4 +356

#### Rye Brook

2000 (Nov 42p) Joel Sherman 15-5 +796  
2001 (Dec 106p) Ron Tiekert 13-4 +606

#### Saratoga Springs

2003 (Apr 30p) Jim Nanavati 11-2 +1264  
2004 (Apr 40p) Roc MacNeil 11-2 +824  
2005 (May 41p) John Mores 11-2 +658

#### Schenectady

1981 (Oct) Michael Wolfberg  
1982 (May)  
1983 (Nov)

Schenectady (Tier 3) - see CT-MA-RI-Upstate NY Tier 3

#### Smithtown LI

1992 (Oct) Joe Edley 12-3 +1010  
1993 (Oct 64p) Ron Tiekert 12-3 +793  
1994 (Oct 66p) Richie Lund 13-2 +766  
1995 (Oct 50p) Shriley Fleisser 12-3 +249

#### Selden Club #5 Championship

1979 Murray Hersh 6-0

#### Stony Brook

2005 (Mar 26p) Stu Goldman 12-3 +843

#### Suffern (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Jeff Donnellon 4-0 +257

#### Suffolk County Club Championship

1976 Gene Nussbaum 6-0

Suffolk County - see Islip

Utica - see Mohawk Valley

Il Villaggio Resort - see Haines Falls

#### Westchester County

1975 (cApr) Ann Cane  
1976 (cMar) Paul Avrin 4-0 1638ts  
1977 (cFeb) Emily Byan 4-0 1426ts

1977 (Nov) Ed Hepner 4-0 1614ts

1978 (Nov)

1979 (cMar) Arlene Plakun 4-0 1722ts

1980 (Mar) Howard Herbert

1980 (Nov) Howard Herbert(2) 4-0

1981 (Nov)

1982 (July) Irv Samuels

1982 (Nov) Tom Galetz

Westchester County - see also Peekskill

#### White Plains

1981 (Nov)

#### Wordgames

1983 (Nov)

Yonkers (Tier 4) - see Northeast Tier

## North Carolina

**First Club:** Raleigh #54 est c1977

#### Charlotte

2005 (Mar) David Gibson 14-1 +1252  
2006 (Jan) Randy Hersom 12-3 +880

#### Charlotte (Step 1/2)

1987 (Jan Step 1) David Gibson 4-0 +433  
1987 (Mar Step 2) Anne Hay 8-1 +1019

#### Durham

1982 (May)

#### Flat Rock

2001 (Nov 50p) John Luebkekmann 8-3 +585  
2002 (Apr 65p) Randy Hersom 12.5-3.5 +912

#### McDonalds NC Vs Spartanburg SC

1989 (May) David Gibson 5-0 +400

#### Raleigh/Durham

2005 (Oct 80p) Thomas M Hall 11-4 +904

#### Raleigh (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Charles Smith 4-0

## Ohio

**Tournaments:** 166

**First Tournament:** Cincinnati, cDec 1975

**First Club:** Fremont #62 est c1977-78

**Tourney Wins:** Chuck Armstrong (34), Paul Epstein (10), Jean Carol (8)

**Games Played:** Jean Carol (613+), Walter Konicki (561+), Paul Epstein (556+)

Cincinnati Masters Championship

1991 (Aug 286p) Charlie Carroll 20-7 +1734  
1997 (Aug 182p) Jim Geary 18-7 +1017

Cincinnati (Spring/Summer)

1976 (cJan) Anita Peremulter 4-0 1350ts  
1977 (Feb) Jean Carol 4-0 1400ts  
1979 (Apr) Flossie Swint 5-0 1545ts  
1980 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +1226  
1980 (May) Bill Wade 4-0  
1981 (May) Chuck Armstrong(2)  
1982 (Feb 24p) Chuck Armstrong(3)  
1982 (Mar) Bill Wade  
1983 (Mar) Bob Schoenman 7-1 +625  
1982 (May) Chuck Armstrong(4)  
1984 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong(5) 9-1 +1226  
1985 (Mar) Dan Pratt 10-2 +689  
1986 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong(6) 9-3 +1467  
1987 (Mar 36p) Chuck Armstrong(7) 10-2  
1988 (Mar) Ken Lambe 12-0 +1415  
1989 (Jan) Chuck Armstrong(8) 8-1 +1054  
1992 (June) Chuck Armstrong(9) 9-2

Cincinnati (Winter)

1982 (Dec) Bill Wade  
1983 (Dec) Joe Edley 7-2 +906  
1984 (Nov) Chuck Armstrong(2) 11-1  
1985 (Nov) Bill Wade 9-3 +814  
1988 (Nov) Lou J B Miller 10-1 +845

Cincinnati McDonald's Benefit

1989 (Apr) Chuck Armstrong 5-2 +490

Cincinnati (Tier 2)

1982 (Aug) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +972

Cincinnati (Tier 4) - see Midwest Tier 4

Cincinnati (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) DeTore, Bob 4-0 +621  
1985 (May Step 2) Lou Miller 9-0 +1322

Cincinnati Club Championship

1979 (Oct) Bob Detore 8-1

Cincinnati - see also Sharon Woods

Cleveland

1986 (May) Terry Oblander 5-1 +408  
1996 (Mar 56p) Tim Davis 10-3 +449  
1997 (Feb) Erica Norris 10-3 +443  
1998 (Mar 76p) John Luebke 8.5-4.5 +634  
2000 (Aug 42p) Phil Koshute 12-1 +827

Cleves

1979 (Aug) Tim Wade 4-0 1811ts  
1980 (Aug) Anne Hay 4-0  
1981 (Sep) Joe Edley 5-0 +577  
1982 (Aug) Ted Rosen  
1983 (Aug) Peter Morris 10-0 +1204  
1984 (June) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +611  
1985 (June) Chuck Armstrong(2) 8-2 +1232  
1986 (June 58p) Steve Gordon 8-2 +691  
1987 (June) Lou Miller 8-2 +802  
1988 (June) Chuck Armstrong(3) 8-2 +674  
1989 (June) Paul Epstein 8-3 +442  
1990 (June) Bill Wade 9-1 +488  
1991 (June) Paul Epstein(2) 8-2 +435

Cleves (Step 1/2)

1987 (Jan)  
1987 (Mar) Mady Garner 8-1 +458

Cleves (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr) Ken Lambe

Cleves Consolation Tourney

1980 (Aug) Ted Blevins  
1981 (Sep) Nick Ballard

Cleves Christmas Party

1980 (Dec) Ted Blevins 4-0 +525

Columbus

1982 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong 5-0  
1983 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong 3-0  
1986 (Feb) Bob Schoenman 3-0 +596  
2004 (Mar 46p) Robert Crowe 11-3 +1041

Dayton

1984 (Sep) Bob Schoneman 8-2 +808  
1985 (Oct)  
1988 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong 9-1 +993  
1989 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong(2) 8-2 +768  
1990 (Mar) Jerry Scheiten 8-3 +596  
1991 (Mar) Ken Lambe 9-1 +679  
1992 (Mar) Bob Schoneman(2) 9.5-0.5 +772  
1993 (Mar) Bill Wade 7-3 +615

Dayton (Step 1)

1987 (Jan) Kenneth Moss 4-0 +240

Delaware

1979 (cDec) Chuck Armstrong 4-0 1761ts

Fremont

1978 (cMar) Flossie Swint 4-0  
1979 (Nov) Jean Carol  
1980 (May) Jean Carol (2)  
1981 (June) Chuck Armstrong  
1984 (Aug) Chuck Armstrong(2) 6-0 +792

1986 (June) Chuck Armstrong(3) 10.5-0.5 +1040  
1991 (June 23p) Paul Epstein  
1991 (Oct) Paul Epstein(2) 11-2 +1005  
1992 (Oct) Bob Schoenman 10-3 +547  
1993 (Oct 39p) Jean Carol(3) 7-4 +527  
1994 (Oct 53p) Steve Grob 10-3 +791  
1995 (Oct 44p) Luise Shafritz 12-2 +899  
1996 (Oct 63p) Ken Lambe 10-3 +399  
1997 (Oct 64p) Dan Stock 9-4 +375  
1998 (Oct 48p) Nedd Kareiva 9-4 +545

#### Fremont (Step 1)

1987 (Jan)

Fremont - see also Michigan Vs Tri-State

Hamilton County - see Cincinnati

#### Hudson

2001 (Sep 16p) James Dodds 10-1 +986  
2002 (Feb 20p) Chuck Armstrong 10-2 +1459  
2002 (July 18p) Josh Kopczak 9-3 +447  
2003 (Jan 26p) Chuck Armstrong(2) 10-1 +794  
2003 (Oct 17p) Steve Glass 8-2 +1235  
2004 (Mar 24p) Matthew Collins 10-2 +777  
2004 (Sep 19p) Paul Epstein 15-3 +1176  
2005 (Jan 14p) Dan Stock 9-1 +572  
2005 (Oct 20p) Chuck Armstrong(3) 9-3 +903  
2006 (Mar 25p) Chuck Armstrong(4) 10-0 +1046

#### Independence

1988 (Nov) Jerry Scheiten 8-2 +664  
1994 (Apr 27p) Jerry Scheiten 10-2 +722  
1995 (Aug 30p) Luise Shafritz 9-3 +661  
1996 (Aug 61p) Robert Crowe 10-2 +1092  
1997 (Aug 54p) Tim Anglin 8-4 +642  
1999 (Feb 56p) Paul Epstein 10-3 +802  
1999 (Sep 66p) Scott Appel 9.5-3.5 +151

#### Kent

2001 (Mar 63p) Tim Anglin 12-2 +965

#### Michigan Vs Tristate

1987 (Nov) Paul Epstein 12-0

#### Midwest Tier 4 (Cincinnati)

1983 (June 18p) Gordon Shapiro 13-4 +971

#### Oberlin

1988 (Apr) Charles R. Smith 9-1 +985  
1988 (Nov) Paul Epstein 9-1 +1109

#### Sharon Woods

1987 (Mar) Tim Wade 9-3

Sharonville- see Midwest Tier 4

#### Stow

1981 (Oct)  
1982 (Oct)  
1983 (Oct) Paul Epstein 9-1 +1457  
1984 (Oct) Chuck Armstrong 6-0 +983  
1986 (Jan) Chuck Armstrong(2) 5-1 +838  
1986 (Nov) Chuck Armstrong (3) 7-0 +691  
1987 (Sep) Chuck Armstrong(4) 6-0 +495

#### Stow (Step 1)

1985 (Mar)

#### Troy (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Lou Miller

#### Xenia

1980 (Feb) Anne Hay 4-0  
1980 (May) Anne Hay  
1981 (Feb) Jean Carol 4-0 +263  
1982 (Feb) Paul Epstein 4-0 +510  
1983 (Feb) Chuck Armstrong  
1984 (Feb) Jean Carol 4-0 +348

## Oklahoma

#### **Tournaments:** 17

**Games Played:** Dee Segrest (95+), Glenda Short (94+), Mary Rhoades (94+)

#### Ardmore

2002 (Apr 49p) Darrell Day 9-2 +584  
2003 (Apr 51p) Mike Early 8-3 +651  
2004 (Apr 46p) Darrell Day 9-2 +715  
2005 (Apr 50p) Geoff Thevenot 9-2 +415

#### Oklahoma City

1983 (Oct) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +1042  
1984 (June)  
1985 (June) Jeff Reeves(2) 8-2 +598  
1986 (June) Jeff Reeves (3) 8-2 +744  
1987 (June) Pat Barrett 8-2 +702  
1989 (Aug) Pat Barrett(2) 8-3 +551

#### Oklahoma City (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Joe Gatz 4-0 +359  
1985 (Apr Step 2) Sharon Creager 7-2 +625  
1987 (Jan, Step 1)  
1987 (Mar, Step 2)

## Oregon

**Tournaments:** 80

**First Tournament:** Bend (Step 1) Mar 1985

**First Club:** Eugene #75 est c1978

**Tourney Wins:** Dave Wiegand (9), Michael Baker (5), Steven Alexander (4), Rich Moyer (4)

**Games Played:** Elizabeth Wood (481+), Rich Moyer (478+), Michael Baker (472+)

Bend (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Glen Pederson 4-0 +159?

Portland (Fall)

1990 (Sep) Mike Baron 8-3 +645  
1991 (Sep) Chris Cree 9-3 +600  
1992 (Sep) Johnny Nevarez 9-3 +618  
1993 (Sep 76p) Mike Baron(2) 10-2 +937  
1994 (Sep 68p) Lester Schonbrun 9-3 +696  
1995 (Sep 104p) Bob Schoenman 9-3 +857  
1996 (Aug 89p) Robert Felt 9-4 +851  
1997 (Sep 92p) Dave Wiegand 16-4 +1714  
1997 (Nov 44p) Chris Lennon 10-3 +538  
1998 (Sep 87p) Dave Wiegand(2) 14-6 +1214  
1999 (Sep 123p) Gail Wolford 13-7 -74  
2000 (Sep 92p) Dave Wiegand(3) 16-4 +1068  
2001 (Sep 101p) Dave Wiegand(4) 17-3 +978  
2002 (Sep 70p) Dave Wiegand(5) 15-5 +1312  
2003 (Aug 100p) Michael Baker 15-5 +841  
2004 (Aug 97p) Dave Wiegand(6) 15-5 +920  
2005 (Aug 104p) Dave Wiegand(7) 15-5 +1057

Portland (Spring)

1991 (Feb)  
1998 (Feb 53p) Chris Lennon 10-2 +686  
1999 (Mar 57p) Steven Alexander 10-3 +957  
2001 (Mar 50p) Stu Goldman 9-4 +473  
2002 (Mar 60p) Jerry Lerman 10-3 +918  
2003 (Mar 71p) John Hart 10-3 +415  
2004 (Mar 69p) John Hart(2) 11-3 +820

Portland Great Games Festival

1989 (Jan) Harold T Bond 6-0 +443

Portland (Step 1/2)

1987 (Jan Step 1) Helaine Garren 4-0 +653  
1987 (Arp Step 2) Lorelei Norvell 8-1 +993

Portland Vs Seattle - see Washington

Seaside

1997 (Feb 59p) Gail Wolford 10-2 +548  
1998 (Feb)  
1998 (Mar)  
2000 (Mar) Dennis Kaiser 9-3 +628

Tualatin - see Portland

## Pennsylvania

**Tournaments:** 155

**First Tournament:** NY Vs Baltimore June 1974

Reading Pre-1973 (un-sanctioned)

**First Club:** Philadelphia #37 est c1977

**Tourney Wins:** Jan Dixon (11), Matt Graham (6), Marlon Hill (5)

**Games Played:** Dave Engelhardt (530+), Nancy Hanley (449+), Marty Fialkow (404+)

Bird-In-Hand

1998 (Nov 90p) Marlon Hill 9-3 +787  
1999 (Dec 80p) Randy Hersom 11-1 +326  
2000 (Aug 83p) Ron Tiekert 9-3 +661  
2001 (June 73p) Joe Weinike 9-3 +922  
2002 (Sep 100p) Matt Graham 9-3 +198  
2003 (Aug 98p) Randy Greenspan 10-2 +915

DC-MD-PA-VA Tier 3

1983 (May) Dan Pratt

Downington

1982 Joel Wapnick 6-2 +820

Eastern Pennsylvania - see Reading

Exton Club Championship (1991-97, awarded to best performer over 44 games)

1991 Jan Dixon  
1992 Jan Dixon(2)  
1993 Jan Dixon(3)  
1994 Jan Dixon(4)  
1995 Jan Dixon (5)  
1996 Jan Dixon(6)  
1997 Jan Dixon (7)  
2003 (Aug) Jan Dixon 6-1

Franklin Mint Tournament

1992 (Nov 167p) Richie Lund 9-1 +918

Gettysburg

1982 (May)  
1983 (Mar)  
1984 (Mar) Chris Reslock

King of Prussia

1979 (Aug) Milt Wertheimer 4-0 1894ts

Lancaster

1997 (Oct 104p) Jan Dixon 11-3 +1187  
1998 (June 125p) Larry Sherman 11-3 +665  
1998 (July)

1998 (Oct 58p) Paul Winke 7-1 +515  
1999 (July 92p) Joey Mallick 14-2 +1020  
2000 (June 80p) Noel Livermore 9-3 +981  
2001 (Oct 64p) Paul Avrin 13-5 +525

#### Mount Airy

1980 (Nov 66p) Barbara Hyman 10-0 +1528  
1981 (Oct) Linda Gruber  
1982 (Oct)

#### New York Vs Baltimore

1974 (June) Baltimore 12-8

#### Pennsylvania Vs New Jersey (unsanctioned)

1994 (July) Arline Silverman 6-1  
Team: New Jersey 30-25

#### Philadelphia

1976 (cApr) Irene Osborne  
1995 (Sep 60p) Dan Pratt 9.5-2.5 +868

#### Philadelphia (Step 1)

1987 #1 (Jan)  
1981 #2 (Jan)

Philadelphia - see also Franklin Mint Tournament, New York vs Baltimore

#### Pittsburgh

1991 (Oct 44p) Joel Sherman  
1993 (Oct 41p) Jan Dixon 9-3 +655  
1993 (Mar) Mark Przbyszewski 8.5-1.5 +389  
1994 (Oct 37p) Phyllis Prather 9-4 +342  
1995 (Oct 28p) Judy Swank 6-1 +487  
1996 (Oct 38p) Dan Stock 10-3 +742  
1997 (Oct 50p) John Luebke 11-2 +519  
1998 (Oct 54p) Jan Dixon 10-3 +1189  
1999 (Oct 58p) Trip Payne 10-3 +447  
2000 (Oct 60p) John Luebke(2) 11.5-1.5 +1083

#### Poconos

1979 (Oct) James Guilot 11-1  
1995 (Apr 96p) Matt Graham 10-1 +817  
1996 (May 92p) Matt Graham(2) 10-2 +383  
1997 (May 95p) Matt Graham(3) 9-3 +743  
1998 (May 80p) Matt Graham(4) 9-3 +697  
1999 (May 52p) Matt Laufer 10.5-1.5 +1125

#### Reading (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr) Gordon Shapiro

Reading (Tier 3) - see DC-MD-PA-VA Tier 3

#### Reading (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Ella Johnson 4-0 +458

Sewickley - see Pittsburgh

Tamiment Resort - see Poconos 1979

#### Upper Merion

1982 (July)

#### Valley Forge (Step 2)

1985 (May) Joel Lipman 9-0 +956

#### Warminster

1979 (May) Stu Goldman 4-0 1636ts  
1982 (Nov)

#### Warminster (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Toni Parkes 4-0 +244  
1987 (Jan)

Whitehaven - see Poconos

#### Willow Grove

1983 Dan Pratt

#### York

2004 (Mar 42p) Thomas M Hall 6-1 +336  
2005 (Mar 50p) Dave Engelhardt 9-3 +471

## **Rhode Island**

**First Club:** Providence #77 est c1978

#### All\*Stars Championship

2003 (Aug 24p) David Gibson

#### Narragansett

1979 (cDec) Eric Albert

#### Providence

1979 (Feb) Paul Avrin  
1981 (May) Jim Neuberger 3-1  
1982 (Mar)

#### Providence (Tier 2)

1983 (Feb 20p) Jim Neuberger 10-0 +601

#### Providence Groundhog Day Warm-Up

1980 (Feb 20p) Eric Albert 4-1

Providence - see also All\*Stars Championship, National SCRABBLE® Championship 2000

## **South Carolina**

Manning - see South Carolina State Championship

#### Myrtle Beach

1997 (Feb 36p) Randy Hersom 10-2 +621

1998 (Feb 59p) Randy Hersom(2) 10-3 +891  
1999 (Mar 60p) Jack Eichenbaum 8-4 +484  
2000 (Mar 62p) Gordon Shapiro 9-3 +459

#### Spartanburg - Salute to David Gibson

1995 (Aug 86p) Randy Hersom 15-5 +755

#### Spartanburg SC Vs McDonalds NC - see North Carolina

#### South Carolina State Championship

1987 (Nov 7p) David Gibson 10-2 +1545

## South Dakota

## Tennessee

**Tournaments:** 56

**First Tournament:** Memphis cMar 1975

**First Club:**

**Tourney Wins:** Randy Hersom (3), Bob Lipton (3)

**Games Played:** Justine Zollinger (424+), Billie Garver (378+), David Moersdorf (354+)

#### Brownsville

2002 (Sep 30p) Robert Gillis 9-1 +1289  
2003 (Sep 41p) David Moersdorf 8-3 +711  
2004 (Sep 28p) David Moersdorf(2) 8-3 +282

#### Gatlinbug/Pigeon Forge

1988 (Mar 90p) Joe Edley 18-4 +1610  
1989 (Apr 127p) Robert Felt 15-2 +1115  
1990 (Apr 148p) Joe Edley(2) 14-5 +1016  
1991 (Mar 138p) David Gibson 16-2 +1355  
1992 (Apr) Charlie Southwell 15-8 +1487  
1993 (Mar 171p) Bob Lipton 14-4 +1151  
1994 (Mar 173p) Joel Sherman 14-4 +1043  
1995 (Apr 168p) David Gibson(2) 15-3 +1087  
1996 (Mar 192p) Rod Nivison 14-4 +681  
1997 (Apr 176p) Rich Baker 14-4 +545  
1998 (Apr 213p) Paul Epstein 14-4 +638  
1999 (Mar 201p) Ed Halper 14-3 +1171  
2000 (Apr 200p) Bob Lipton(2) 12-6 +1596  
2001 (Apr 184p) John Luebkekmann 13.5-4.5 +1705  
2001 (Aug 242p) Joel Sherman(2) 18-7 +1507  
2002 (Mar 195p) Randy Hersom 14-4 +899  
2003 (Apr 271p) Randy Hersom(2) 17-8 +1567  
2004 (Mar 191p) Randy Greenspan 18-6 +1038  
2005 (Apr 161p) Joey Mallick 16-8 +1597

#### Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge - SOWPODS

2000 (Apr 9p) Bob Lipton

#### Knoxville

2000 (Dec 43p) Randy Hersom 10-4 +969  
2004 (June 38p) Mark Edward Owens 13-2 +808

#### Sioux Falls

1994 (Apr 20p) Jim Kramer 10-2 +1223  
1995 (May 18p) Lisa Odom 9-3 +844  
1996 (May 16p) Lisa Odom(2) 10-2 +927  
1997 (May 19p) Tim Adamson 9.5-2.5 +1046  
1998 (May 17p) Bob Prentiss 9-4 +316  
1999 (May 20p) Jim Kramer(2) 10=2 +1372  
2000 (Apr 19p) Bob Prentiss(2) 9-4 +316  
2001 (Apr 32p) John Luebkekmann 11-3 +1076  
2002 (Mpr 26p) Jim Kramer(3) 11-1 +785  
2003 (Apr 18p) Jim Kramer(4) 9-3 +494  
2004 (Apr 27p) Jim Kramer(5) 10-2 +839  
2005 (Apr 27p) Jim Kramer(6) 9-3 +623

2005 (June 61p) Larry Tapper 12-3 +405

Masters Championship - see Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge  
2001, 2003

#### Memphis

1975 (cMar)Helen Barker 4-0 1384ts  
1976 (cMar) Mary Torode 4-0 1389ts  
1982 (Feb)  
1985 (Feb) Darrell Day 7-2 +751  
1986 (Feb) Dave Johnson 7-2 +821  
1986 (Dec) Charles Smith 7-2 +535  
1988 (Feb) Mike Willis 8-2 +1050  
1989 (Feb) Gloria Simoneaux 7-2 +408  
1990 (Mar) Robert Felt 9-1 +1232  
1991 (Apr) Chris Cree 8-2 +567  
2000 (Oct 42p) Dave Leifer 12.5-2.5 +904  
2001 (Sep 39p) Tracy Cobbs 9-2 +462  
2002 (Oct 46p) Joanne Smith 13-3 +416  
2003 (Oct 21p) Cynthia Seales 12-2 +843

#### Memphis (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Freda Hopkins 4-0 +159?  
1987 (Feb, Step 1)  
1987 (Apr, Step 2) Naomi Wallace 8-1 +426

#### Murfreesboro (Step 1/2)

1987 (Jan, Step 1)  
1987 (Mar, Step 2)

#### Nashville

1988 (Oct)

#### Nashville (Step 1)

1987 (Jan)

Pigeon Forge - See Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge 1988, 2004

## Texas

**Tournaments:** 266

**First Tournament:** Dallas cFeb 1975

**First Club:** Abilene #71 est Aug 1978

**Tourney Wins:** Pat Barrett (35), Chris Cree (20), Darrell Day (17)

**Games Played:** Pat Barrett (1288+), Beulah Cooper (1250+), Caesar Jaramillo (1217+)

### Abilene

1981 (June) Margie Tacker

1982 (June) Ellis Wyer

1983 (Sep 46p) Chris Cree

1984 (June) Jeff Reeves 7-2 +471

1985 (June) Darrell Day 9-0 +588

1986 (June) Chris Cree(2) 9-1 +636

2006 (Jan 30p) Orry Swift 8-3 +223

### Abilene (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Margie Tacker 4-0 +293

1987 (Jan)

Arlington - see Mid-Cities 2004

### Austin

1975

1986 (July 68p) Charlie Southwell 8-1 +569

1987 (Aug) Pat Barrett 8-2 +485

1988 (July) Darrell Day 8-2 +744

1989 (June) Pat Barrett (2) 8-2 +953

1990 (July) Steve Fierros 9-2 +254

1991 (June) Richard Johnson 8-3 +396

1992 (July 61p) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +843

1993 (Aug 74p) Owen Mascott 8-2 +364

1994 (Nov 59p) Dave Johnson 7-3 +981

1997 (Nov 52p) Steve Glass 8-3 +759

1998 (Dec 51p) Harriette Lakernick 8-3 +280

1999 (Dec) Caesar Jaramillo

2000 (May 53p) Iffy Onyeonwu 10-1 +811

2002 (Oct 66p) Iffy Onyeonwu(2) 9-2 +753

2003 (Oct 61p) Darrell Day(2) 8-3 +400

2004 (Dec 68p) Iffy Onyeonwu(3) 9-2 +1202

### Austin (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Lee Willerman 4-0 +671

1987 (Jan) Lee Willerman 4-0 +438

### Austin Club Championship

2005 (Aug) Geoff Thevenot

Bedford - see Mid-Cities (1987 1992 2001)

### CO-KS-MO-OK-TX Tier 3

1983 (May) Darrell Day

### Dallas (Spring/Summer)

1980 (Feb) Mo Green 4-0

1981 (Apr) Isabelle Betten? 4-1

1982 (Apr) Jeff Reeves

1984 (July) Sam Kantimathi 8.5-1.5

### Dallas (Winter)

1975 (cFeb) Rosalie Lefler 4-0 1245ts

1976 (cFeb) Hildagard Powell 4-0 1573ts

1977 (Feb) Lois Scott 4-0 1344 ts

1977 (cNov) Hildagard Powell

1978 (cNov) Jean Carol

1979 (Dec) Mo Green 5-0 +520

1980 (Dec) Mo Green(2)

1981 (Dec) Jeff Reeves

1982 (Dec) Darrell Day

1983 (Dec 40p) Mo Green(3) 8-2 +458

1984 (Dec) Darrell Day(2) 8-2 +467

1985 (Dec) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +666

overall-Carol Green 10-0 +646

1986 (Dec) Mike Baron 9-2 +783

1987 (Dec) Mike Baron(2) 9-1 +335

1988 (Dec) Mike Baron(2) 9-2 +477

1989 (Dec) Jeff Reeves(2) 8-2 +732

1990 (Dec) Pat Barrett 9-1 504

1991 (Dec 44p) Mike Willis 8-2 +374

1992 (Dec 48p) Dee Segrest 8-2 +753

1993 (Oct 59p) Pat Barrett(2) 7-3 +651

1994 (Oct 42p) Chris Cree 8-2 +552

1995 (Nov 55p) Pat Barrett(3) 8-2 +511

1996 (Nov 52p) Pat Barrett(4) 9-2 +791

1997 (Nov35p) Steve Glass 9-2 +836

1998 (Nov 52p) Pat Barrett(5) 9-2 +453

1999 (Nov 52p) Mike Early 9-2 +899

2001 (Nov 61p) Pat Barrett(6) 9-2 +548

2002 (Nov 72p) Pat Barrett(7) 9-2 +563

2003 (Nov 51p) Darrell Day(3) 9.5-1.5 +784

2004 (Nov 48p) Steve Glass(2) 8-3 +468

2005 (Oct 48p) Mike Early(2)9-4 +814

### Dallas (Tier 2)

1983 (Apr) Mike Baron

### Dallas (Tier 3)?

1983 (May) John Schervisch 8-2

### Dallas (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Chris Cree 4-0 +606

1985 (Apr Step 2) Sue Musgrove 8-1 +709

### Dallas Open

2006 (Mar 109p) Brian Cappelletto 14-0 +1434

### Dallas Vs Ft Worth

1975

### Dallas Club Championship

1992 Darrell Day

Dallas (Tier 3)-seeCO-KS-MO-OK-TX Tier 3  
Dallas (Tier 4) - See Southwest Rgn Tier 4  
Eules - see Mid-Cities (1986 1993 1995 1998 1999)  
Eules (Worlds Qualifier) - see Mid-Cities 1995

Eules (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Mike Willis 4-0 +429  
1987 (Jan Step1) Chris Eastwood 4-0 +291  
1987 (Mar Step 2) Vivan Thrash 8-1 +734

Ft Worth

1975

Ft Worth - see also Mid-Cities 2005

Galveston

2000 (Jan 25p) Dave Johnson 8-3 +343  
2001 (Jan 34p) Dave Johnson(2) 9-2 +606

Glen Rose

1990 (May) Mike Willis 9-2 +827

Hillsboro

1992 (May) Dee Segrest

Houston

1980 (Sep) Dave Johnson  
1981 (Sep 60p) Randy Winograd 5-0  
1982 (Aug) Stan Rubinsky  
1983 (Aug 50p) Chris Cree  
1984 (Mar) Sam Kantimathi 8-1 +673  
1985 (Aug) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +311  
1989 (Jan) Darrell Day 9-1 +745  
1991 (Oct)  
1992 (Feb 64p) Darrell Day(2) 8-2 +1042  
1993 (Feb 61p) John Luebkemann 8-2 +380  
1994 (Oct 46p) Bob Lipton 8.5-1.5 +506  
1995 (Jul 67p) Jim Geary 8-2 +1068  
1996 (Jun 55p) Pat Barrett 9-2 +598  
1997 (Apr 74p) Trey Wright 9-3 +960  
1998 (Apr 66p) Trey Wright(2) 10-1 +829  
1999 (Apr 67p) Pat Barrett(2) 10-1 +985  
2000 (Sep 54p) Chris Cree 7.5-3.5 +553  
2001 (Sep 71p) Dave Johnson 9-2 +565  
2003 (Aug 73p) Chris Cree(2) 8.5-2.5 +980  
2004 (Sep 72p) Iffy Onyeonwu 8-4 +612  
2005 (Sep 62p) Darryl Day 9-2 +368

Houston (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Sue Musgrove 4-0  
1987 (Jan Step 1)  
1987 (Mar 56p Step2) Don Stockwell 9-0 +691

Houston Club Championship

2003 (Jan 26p) Maureen Delgado 5.5-0.5 +427  
2004 Pat Barrett

2005 (Mar 24p) Pat Barrett 4-2 +374

Irving - see Houston 1994

Lake Brownwood - see Texas State Championship 1990

Lampasas

2000 (Jan 37p) Steve Oliger 9-2 +619  
2001 (Jan 42p) Iffy Onyeonwu 9-2 +737  
2002 (Jan 60p) Darrell Day 8-3 +222  
2003 (Jan 66p) Iffy Onyeonwu(2) 11-0 +684  
2004 (Jan 62p) Chris Cree 9-2 +752

Lubbock

1980 (Oct) Mary Lee Couey  
1981 (Oct) Chris Cree  
1982 (Oct) Chris Cree(2) 9-1 +999  
1983 (Oct 42p) Mo Green  
1984 (Oct) Jeff Reeves 7-2  
1985 (Oct 30p) Mark Powell 8-1 +598  
1986 (Apr 26p) Mark Powell(2) 9-1 +573  
1986 (Sep) Darrell Day 7-3 +284  
1987 (Sep) Pat Barrett 7-3 +667  
1988 (Oct 52p) Vince Van Dover 8-2 +289  
1989 (Sep) Jeff Reeves(2) 8-2 +1086  
1990 (Sep) Jeff Reeves(3) 8-2 +304  
1991 (Sep) Chris Cree(3)  
1992 (Sep 33p) Pat Barrett(2) 8-2 +948  
1993 (Sep 34p) Pat Barrett(3) 8-2 +745  
1994 (Jun 42p) Pat Barrett(4) 9-1 +932  
1995 (Aug 31p) Pat Barrett(5) 8-2 +742  
1996 (Aug 32p) Pat Barrett(6) 8-3 +1104  
1997 (Aug 41p) Pat Barrett(7) 9-2 +859  
1998 (Mar 37p) Dennis Kaiser 7-4 +316  
1999 (Mar 33p) Larry Rand 9-2 +942  
2000 (Mar 37p) Patty Wayne 7-4 +389  
2001 (Mar 38p) Larry Rand(2) 9-2 +423  
2002 (Mar 48p) Bob Lipton 10-1 +938  
2003 (Mar 48p) Keith Smith 9-2 +352  
2004 (May 30p) Caesar Jaramillo 10-1 +609  
2005 (Nov 24p) Orry Swift 7-5 +311

Lubbock (Step 1/2)

1987 (Jan Step 1) Wendy Major 4-0 +498  
1987 (Mar 18p Step 2) Bill Shrader

Lubbock Club Championship

1981 (Nov) Max Johnson  
1982 (Dec) Mary Rhoades

Marshall

1998 (Sep 24p) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +587  
1999 (Sep 28p) Dave Johnson 8-3 +182  
2000 (Oct 26p) Steve Glass 8-3 +746

Mid-Cities

1986 (Jan) Darrell Day 8-2 +510  
1987 (May 51p) Brian Cappelletto 8-2 +681

1988 (June 66p) Brian Cappelletto(2) 9-1 +881  
1989 (June 54p) Darrell Day(2) 8-2 +139  
1990 (June 54p) Pat Barrett 8-2 +652  
1991 (June) Pat Barrett(2) 9-1 +916  
1992 (June 62p) John Luebkmann 8-2 +189  
1993 (June 50p) Darrell Day(3) 9-1 +455  
1994 (May 67p) Pat Barrett(3) 9-1 +782  
1995 (June 69p) Steve Polatnick 9-2 +678  
1996 (June 62p) Darrell Day(4) 9-2 +820  
1997 (June 57p) Trey Wright 8-3 +664  
1998 (June 60p) Pat Barrett (4) 10-1 +1077  
1999 (June 68p) Darrell Day(5) 10-1 +798  
2000 (June 57p) Pat Barrett(5) 8-3 +464  
2001 (June 52p) Sam Dick-Onuoha 7-4 +640  
2002 (June 78p) Chris Cree(2) 8-3 +713  
2003 (June 87p) Chris Cree(3) 10-1 +1280  
2004 (June 85p) Keith Smith 10-1 +1066  
2005 (June 89p) Geoff Thevenot 10-1 +573

#### Mid-Cities Worlds Qualifier

2005 (July 12p) Steve Polatnick

#### Palestine

1989 (May) Jeff Reeves 8-2 +595

Salado - see Texas State Championship 1991-2005

#### San Antonio

1988 (Mar) Mike Baron 9-1 +677  
1989 (Apr 57p) Jeff Reeves 8-2  
1990 (Mar) Paul Thornton 8-2 +681  
1991 (Mar) Charlie Southwell 8-2 +306  
1992 (Mar 66p) Jeff Reeves(2) 8-2 +224  
1993 (Mar 64p) David Gibson 9-1 +903  
1994 (Mar 61p) Paul Thornton 8-2 +434  
1996 (Mar 67p) Jim Geary 9-1 +760  
1997 (Mar 62p) Trey Wright 9-2 +1069  
1998 (Oct 65p) Dave Johnson 9-2 +691  
2000 (Dec 42p) Matt Dewaelsche 8-3 +268

#### Southwest Region Tier 4 (Dallas)

1983 (Jun 8p)

#### Texas State Championship

1990 (Jan) Chris Cree 8-2 +278  
1991 Chris Cree(2) 8-3 +327  
1992 (Jan 38p) Chris Cree(3) 9-1 +1044  
1993 (Jan 44p) Jeff Reeves 9-1 +944  
1994 (Feb 40p) Mike Early 8-3 +738  
1995 (Feb 44p) Chris Cree(4) 9-1 +476  
1996 (Feb 48p) Dee Segrest 8-2 +328  
1997 (Feb 49p) Chris Lennon 8-2 +531  
1998 (Feb 41p) Pat Barrett 9-2 +754  
1999 (Feb): Pat Barrett(2) 8-3  
2000 (Feb 53p) Pat Barrett(3) 10-1 +1223  
2001 (Feb 56p) Chris Cree(5) 9-2 +855  
2002 (Feb 52p) Chris Cree(6) 9.5-1.5 +770  
2003 (Feb 70p) Ben Withers 9-4 +713  
2004 (Feb 59p) Iffy Onyeonwu 10-3 +852  
2005 (Feb 72p) Ben Withers(2) 10-3 +1081  
2006 (Feb 60p) Keith Smith 10-3 +612

#### Texas Vs Michigan

1992 (June) Peter Morris 10-4  
Team: Michigan 53-45

#### Tyler

1994 (Jan 33p) Pat Barrett 9-1 +784  
1995 (Jan 51p) Pat Barrett(2) 8-2 +465  
1996 (Jan 43p) Pat Barrett(3) 7-3 +560  
1997 (Jan 43p) Pat Barrett(4) 8-3 +1177  
1998 (Jan 50p) Trey Wright 11-0 +710  
1999 (Feb 46p) Dave Johnson 8-3 +491

#### Waco

2005 (Jan 66p) Ben Withers 8-3 +559

## Utah

### City Creek

1982 (Aug) Mike Howlett

### Orem

1984 (May) Steve Needler 5-0 +1072

### Salt Lake City

1983 (Dec) Mike Howlett 5-0 +442

1990 (Sep) Mike Howlett(2)

### Salt Lake City (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Jim W Fisher 4-0 +581

1985 (Apr Step 2) Steve Needler 8-1 +1230

1987 (Jan Step 1)

## Virginia

**First Club:** Reston est 1976

### Arlington

1988 (Oct)

1996 (Apr 44p) Matt Graham 12-3 +682

### Arlington C-Note Special

1983 (May)

1984 (July) Dan Pratt 9-2 +971

1985 (Feb)

1985 (Oct) Charlie Southwell 8-3

1987 (Feb 22p) Jere Mead 8-2

1988 (Oct) Alan Frank 8-2 +1037

1991 (Feb) Alan Frank 7-3 +608

1992 (Feb) Rose Kreiswirth 9-1 +368

### Arlington - Washington D.C. Open

1984 (Apr) Dan Pratt 9-1

1984 (July) Jan Dixon 8-3 +279

1985 (Feb)

1986 (June) Ted Rosen 9-1 +518

1987 (Feb 40p) Jack Eichenbaum 9-1 +1011

1988 (Feb) Steven Alexander 9-1 +912

1989 (Feb) Jan Dixon 23pts

1991 (Feb) Trish Espinoza 9-1 +487

1992 (Feb)

### Richmond (Step 1)

1987 (Feb)

### Williamsburg C-Note

1994 (Apr 82p) Joel Sherman 10-3 +1102

1999 (June 42p) Robert Linn 10-2 +1045

## Washington

**Tournaments:** 58

**First Tournament:** Seattle Step 1? Jan 1987

**First Club:** Shelton #100 et c1979

**Tourney Wins:** Steven Alexander (7), Dave Wiegand (5), Gail Wolford (5)

**Games Played:** Daniel Goodwin (335+), Alice Goodwin (311+), Elizabeth Wood (299+)

Centralia - see also Portland Vs Seattle

Emerald City Open - see Seattle

### Kent

1991 (May)

### Seattle

1988 (May) Karen Merrill 4-1 +331

1989 (May) Karen Merrill 8-2 +413

1990 (May) Lester Schonbrun 10-0 +938

1992 (May) Nick Ballard

1994 (May 56p) Siri Tillekeratne 10-2 +639

1995 (May 44p) Ken Clark 9-3 +550

1996 (May 67p) Patrick Gitonga Nderitu 10-2 +564

1997 (May 56p) Dave Wiegand 13-4 +1416

1998 (May 36p) Michael Baker 12-7 +44

1999 (May 48p) Gail Wolford 10-5 +1432

2000 (May 48p) Dave Wiegand(2) 12-3 +607

2001 (May 50p) Steven Alexander 12-2 +1697

2002 (May 62p) Steven Alexander(2) 17.5-4.5 +1542

2003 (May 54p) Luise Shafritz 14-6 +561

2004 (May 60p) Dave Wiegand(3) 14-6 +1660

2005 (May 107p) Dave Wiegand(4) 17-3 +1277

### Seattle (Step 1)

1987 (Jan)

### Seattle Team Tournament

2000 (May 30p) Steven Alexander 4-2 +228

### Seattle Vs Calgary

1999 (Apr 24p) Jeff Fleetham 12-3 +662

### Vancouver And Victoria Vs Seattle

1997 (Mar 44p) Marilyn Murray 6-2 +453

## Wisconsin

**Tournaments:** 59

**First Tournament:** Milwaukee Step 1? Mar 1985

**First Club:**

**Tourney Wins:** Jim Karmer (5), Marty Marcus (5), Brian Cappelletto (4)

**Games Played:** Susan Love (301+), Jim Kramer (285+), Harriette Lakernick (276+)

Camp Minikani - see Milwaukee

Hubertus - see Milwaukee

### Madison

1986 (Nov)

1988 (Mar) Peter Blomquist 8-2 +386

1989 (Apr) Charlie Carroll 8-2 +494

1990 (Mar) Dennis Liebhaber 9-2 +342

1991 (Mar) Charlie Carroll(2) 9-3 +598

### Madison (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Alan Goldberg 4-0 +442

1985 (Apr Step 2) Gary Starr 8-1 +897

1987 (Jan Step 1) Peter Blomquist 4-0 +429

1987 (Mar Step 2) John Billen 9-0 +1088

### Midwest Invitational

1989 - see Multi-State Section

### Milwaukee

1990 (Nov) Steve Pellinen 7-3 +334

1992 (May) Steve Pellinen(2)

1993 (May 28p) Richard Lauder 8-2 +316

1994 (May 44p) Robert Crowe 9-2 +932

1995 (June 42p) Marty Marcus 8.5-2.5 +692

1996 (June 48p) Marty Marcus(2) 8-3 +490

1997 (June 29p) James Frankki 9-2 +367

### Milwaukee (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Anthony DePalma 4-0

1987 (Jan) Wally Dlugolecki 4-0 +406

Milwaukee - see also Midwest Invitational 1989

### Wisconsin Dells

1985 (Nov) Bonnie Redland 7-2 +721

1986 (Nov) Webster Philips 7-2 +704

1987 (Nov) Robert Watson 9-1 +621

1988 (Oct) Chuck Armstrong 8-2 +929

1989 (Oct) Robert Felt 8-4 +480

1990 (Oct) Jim Kramer 10-1 +830

1991 (Oct) Jim Kramer(2)

1992 (Oct) Joel Sherman 10-1 +1500

1993 (Oct 74p) Chuck Armstrong(2) 10.5-1.5 +939

1994 (Oct 79p) Tim Adamson 11-1

1995 (Oct 84p) Chuck Armstrong(3) 9-3 +1070

1996 (Oct 79p) Brian Cappelletto 9-3 +678

1997 (Oct 78p) Jim Kramer(3) 9-4 +711

1997 (Nov) Verna Jackson 9-1 843

1998 (Oct 77p) Brian Cappelletto(2) 10-1+910

1999 (Oct 76p) Vince Van Dover 11-1 +905

2000 (Oct 92p) Jim Kramer(4) 9-3 +914

2001 (Oct 83p) Sam Kantimathi 11-1 +859

2002 (Oct 99p) Brian Cappelletto(3) 10-2 +986

2003 (Oct 92p) Jim Kramer(5) 10-2 +763

2004 (Oct 112p) Marty Gabriel 9-3 +896

2005 (Oct 85p) Robb Robinsky 10-2 +235

### Milwaukee (Step 1)

1987 (Jan)

## Multi-State

### Can-Am Match

2002 [Toronto] (Nov 12p) Robin Pollock Daniel 8.5-3.5  
Team: Canada 43.5-28.5

2004 [Toronto] (Mar 14p) Matt Graham 12-2 +20  
Team: USA 64.5-34.5

2005 [Chicago] (May 14p) Brian Cappelletto 11-3 +768  
Team: USA 61-37

### Matchups Open Team Tournament

[Burlington MA: 1986-87]

1986 (July) Chris Reslock 8-2 +660  
no team tournament

1987 (Dec) Arnie Horowitz 9-1 +1008  
Team: The Lexington Arms (Buck, Root, Fidler, Horowitz)

[Windsor Locks CT: 1989-90]

1989 (Nov) Ron Tiekert 7-3 +757  
Team: Lexterminators (Wolfberg, Buck, Root, Swank)

1990 (Dec) Charlie Carroll 9-1 +568  
Team: Rack Pack (Tiekert, Odom, Bronstein, Polsky)

[Springfield MA: 1991-92]

1991 (Dec)

1992 (Dec) Larry Sherman 10-0

[Enfield CT: 1993-96]

1993 [Enfield CT] (Dec) Michael Wolfberg 9-1 +1098  
Team: The Mattoids (Graham, Laufer, Hill, Davis)

1994 (Dec) Ron Tiekert 8-2 +354  
Team: Joel's Spankers (Sherman, Kreiswirth, Neugroschl, Avrin)

1995 (Dec 96p) Lynn Cushman 9-1 +872  
Team: Tile Travelers (Laufer, Stone, Sereduck, Grazette)

1996 (Dec 64p) Stan Scott 9-1 +762  
Team: Mannose (Logan, Chew, Cherry, Patterson)

[Cromwell CT: 1997]

1997 (Sep 56p) Sam Kantimathi 10-2 +1090  
Team: Four Leaf Clever (Logan, Wolfberg,  
Cherry, Patterson)

[Hartford CT: 1998-2001]

1998 (Dec 72p) Larry Nelson 9.5-2.5 +673

Team: Compony Pyknic (Graham, Laufer, Hill,  
Fatsis)

1999 (Nov 40p) Mark Fidler 8-4 +135

Team: The Blypes (Buck, Oliger, Frank,  
DiBattista)

2001 (Dec 56p) Amit Chakrabarti 10-1 +1036

#### Midwest Invitational

1984 [Chicago IL] (Mar 16p) Peter Morris 11-4 +933

1985 [Chicago IL] (May 16p) Dan Pratt 12-3 +879

1986 [Chicago IL] (May 16p) Dan Pratt(2) 15-0 +1753

1987 [Ann Arbor MI] (Aug 12p) Dan Pratt(3) 10-3 +583

1988 [Livonia MI] (May) Peter Morris(2) 14-3 +1331

1989 [Milwaukee WI] (May) Paul Epstein 8-4 +516

1990 (June) Tim Wade 11-3 +399

1991 [Ft Wayne IN] Jim Kramer 11-6 +1067

1992 [Bloomington MN] Charlie Carroll 13-4 +891

## **Unknown**

#### All-Midwest Tournament

1978 Barbara Amster

#### Carnival Cruise

1990 (Feb)

#### Mississippi Riverboat Cruise

1996 (Dec 14p) Gary Moss 15-5-2.5 1607

#### Springville Road

1983 (cFeb) Patty Reny 7.5-0.5 +705

# CANADA

## Alberta

**Tournaments:** 167

**First Tournament:** Alberta Seniors? 1982

**First Club:**

**Tourney Wins:** Albert Hahn (31), Randall Thomas (15),  
Siri Tillekeratne (13)

**Games Played:** Siri Tillekeratne (1441+), Wayne  
Clifford (1281+), Wendy McGrath (1202+)

### Alberta Seniors

1982

### Calgary (March)

1997 (Mar 48p) Albert Hahn 9-3 +508  
1998 (Mar 40) Jeff Fleetham 9-3 +486  
1999 (Mar 30p) Albert Hahn(2) 11-3 +1093  
2000 (Mar 50p) George Macaulay 9-5 +1077  
2001 (Mar 41p) Allan Simon 11-3 +525  
2002 (Mar 38p) Jeff Fleetham(2) 9-5 +488  
2003 (Mar) Dean Saldanha 11-3 +587  
2004 (Mar 35p) Shannon Burns 11-3 +503  
2005 (Mar 27p) Wayne Clifford 10-4 +236

### Calgary (Summer)

1991 (June 48p) Siri Tillekeratne 8-2 +705  
1992 (June) George Macaulay 9-1 +1245  
1993 (June 55p) Eugene Walker 8-2 +536  
1994 (June 77p) Siri Tillekeratne(2) 12-0 +1008  
1995 (June 46p) Ann Ferguson 10-2 +674  
1996 (May 46p) Tillie Osachoff 9-3 +248  
1997 (May 44p) Eugene Walker 8-4 +420  
1997 (June 44p) Eugene Walker(2) 8-2 +536  
1998 (May 40p) Jeff Fleetham 9-3 +486  
1998 (June 34p) Bob Fancett 10-2 +688  
1999 (June 33p) Randall Thomas 9-5 +484  
2000 (June 32p) Albert Hahn 12-2 +1091  
2001 (June 28p) Jeff Fleetham 9-5 +588  
2002 (June 47p) Albert Hahn(2) 11-4 +693  
2003 (May 36p) Mark Shellenberg 12-2 +1085  
2004 (May 33p) Albert Hahn(3) 9-5 +499  
2005 (June 32p) Rebecca Slivka 10-4 +428

### Calgary (Winter)

1991 (Jan) Lorne Saskatch  
1992 (Jan) Cliff Ungar 8-2 +536  
1993 (Jan) Siri Tillekeratne 9-1 +889  
1994 (Jan 76p) Siri Tillekeratne(2) 9-1 +878  
1995 (Jan 59p) Siri Tillekeratne(3) 10-2 +644  
1996 (Jan 49p) Albert Hahn 10-2 +1360  
1997 (Jan 50p) Ross Stevenson 11-1 +1254  
1998 (Jan 36p) Albert Hahn(2) 10-2 +1139

1999 #1(Jan 34p) Albert Hahn(3) 11-1 +1237  
1999 #2 (Jan 30p) Albert Hahn(4) 9-3 +669  
2000 #2(Jan 30p) Teri Tetreault 11-3 +1145  
2000 #1(Jan 40p) Siri Tillekeratne(4) 8.5-3.5 +264  
2001 #1(Jan 28p) George Macaulay 11-3 +709  
2001 #2(Jan 38p) Randall Thomas 8-4 +687  
2001 #3(Jan 28p) Randall Thomas(2) 8-4 +440  
2002 (Jan 31p) Ross Stevenson(2) 10-4 +362  
2003 #1(Jan 34p) Mark Schellenberg 10-4 +758  
2003 #2(Jan 35p) Mark Schellenberg(2) 10.5-1.5 +1177  
2004 (Jan 34p) Albert Hahn (5) 9-3 +853  
2004 (Feb 38p) Albert Hahn(6) 11-3 +778  
2005 #2(Jan 30p) Wayne Clifford 10-4 +216  
2005 #1(Jan 27p) Randall Thomas(3) 10-2 +465  
2005 (Nov 28p) Randall Thomas(4) 9-3 +461  
2006 (Jan 42p) Jeff Fleetham 11-4 +837

### Calgary Vs Saskatchewan

1995 (Nov 20p) Ross Stevenson 12-0 +1590  
1996 (Nov 22p) Danny Panganiban 9.5-3.5 +762  
1997 (Nov 24p) Wayne Clifford 11-2 +619  
1998 (Nov 18p) Albert Hahn 11-1 +1048  
1999 (Oct 18p) Al Pitzel 9-4 +347  
2000 (Nov 20p) Mike Ebanks 10-3 +732

Calgary - see also Western Canadian Championship

### Edmonton

2005 (Oct 14p) Hugette Settle 12-2 +968

### Western Championship Early Bird #1

1997 (Oct 32p) David Poder 9-3 +433  
1998 (Oct 29p) Ruth Hamilton 9-3 +647  
1999 (Oct 32p) Jeff Parsons 9-4 +615  
2000 (Sep 40p) Sam Kantimathi 10-2 +571  
2001 (Oct 44p) Ira Cohen 11-1 +1237  
2002 (Oct 65p) Mark Kenas 9-3 +637  
2003 (Oct 62p) Ira Cohen 9-3 +895  
2004 (Oct 39p) Ira Cohen(2) 9.5-2.5 +777  
2005 - switches to one-day

### Western Canadian Championship

1996 (Oct 106p) Albert Hahn 13.5-3.5 +1246  
1997 (Oct 82p) Wayne Clifford 13-4 +361  
1998 (Oct 79p) Albert Hahn(2) 13-4 +469  
1999 (Oct 64p) Randall Thomas 13-5 +1230  
2000 (Sep 77p) George Macaulay 13-4 +1139  
2001 (Oct 96p) Ira Cohen 14-3 +1480  
2002 (Oct 116p) Albert Hahn(3) 13-4 +983  
2003 (Oct 117p) Ira Cohen(2) 14-2 +1542  
2004 (Oct 103p) Ira Cohen(3) 14-3 +1183  
2005 (Sep 98p) Ira Cohen(4) 12-4 +415

## British Columbia

### Tournaments: 36

#### Vancouver

1976 (cOct) Susan Darke 3-0 1258ts  
1982 (Sep)  
1983 (Oct 42p) Gary Forbes 3-1 +344  
1987 (Nov)  
2002 (Mar 79p) George Macaulay 11-3 +273  
2003 (Feb 108p) Dennis Kaiser 11-3 +674  
2004 (Mar 97p) Marilyn Murray 10-4 +62  
2005 (Mar 118p) Dean Saldanha 11-3 +357  
2006 (Mar 111p) James Leong 11-3 +1023

#### Vancouver (Tier 2)

1983 (Feb)

#### Vancouver (Tier 3)

1983 (Feb) Cliff Ungar

#### Vancouver (Step 1/2)

1985 (Apr Step 2) George Macaulay 8-1 +639  
1987 (Feb Step 1)  
1987 (Mar Step 2) Mike Ryan 9-0 +729

#### Vancouver Club Championship

1979 (cNov) Mike Spencer 3-0 +247  
1984 (Oct) Mike Ryan 7-2 +455

#### Vancouver Vs Victoria

1994 (Feb 14p) Bob Hamilton 8-0 +824

#### Victoria

1993 (Nov) Ruth Hamilton 8-3 +690  
1994 (Nov 68p) Steven Alexander 10-3 +931  
1995 (Nov 54p) Mike Ryan 9.5-2.5 +194  
1996 (Oct 58p) Albert Hahn 8-5 +217  
1997 (Oct 56p) Ken Clark 10-3 +636  
1998 (Nov 59p) Albert Hahn(2) 9-3 +820  
2000 (Oct 53p) Albert Hahn(3) 9-3 +730  
2001 (Oct 66p) Dean Saldanha 10-4 +530  
2003 (June 40p) James Leong 12-2 +908  
2003 (Oct 49p) Michael Baker 10-4 +689

## Manitoba

#### Brandon

2000 (Oct 20p) Brian Williams 10-2 +1020  
2002 (Oct 24p) Dwayne McFaddin 10-3 +735  
2003 (Oct 29p) Renate Duddek 9-4 +597  
2004 (Oct 26p) Harold Stone 9-4 +542  
2005 (Nov 28p) Brian Williams(2) 11-2 +1272

#### Winnipeg

2001 (Apr 40p) Brian Williams 10-2 +1152  
2002 (May 42p) Carol Dustin 13-1 +1130  
2003 (May 44p) Brian Williams(2) 13-4 +1523  
2004 (Apr 24p) Brian Williams(3) 15-2 +1421  
2005 (May 32p) Brian Williams(4) 12-2 +927

#### Winnipeg Club Championship

2001 (Dec) Harold Stone 9-3 +394  
2003 Harold Stone

## Ontario

### Tournaments: 243

**First Tournament:** Toronto, Aug 1975

**First Club:** Toronto Club #3 - est 1975

**Tourney Wins:** David Boys (26), Joel Wapnick (14),  
Lipero Paoella (14)

**Games Played:** Libero Paoella (1212+), Shaun  
Goatcher (1026+), Tim Anglin (986+)

#### Cambridge

2003 (Aug 74p) Chuck Armstrong 11-1 +971

#### Cambridge Vs Brantford

1998 (Feb 14p) Glenn Dunlop 6-1 +683

#### Canada Tier 4

1983 (June) Joel Wapnick  
Stephen Fisher

#### Canadian National SCRABBLE® Championship

1996 (Oct 40p) Adam Logan 17-5 +1478  
1998 (Oct 50p) Joel Wapnick 13-5 +906  
2000 (Nov 50p) Ron Hoekstra 20-1 +2018  
2003 (Dec 50p) Dean Saldanha 16-6 +745  
2005 (June 50p) Adam Logan(2) 18-4 +2069

#### Canadian Regional Qualifier

1980 (Oct 32p) Joel Wapnick 8-2 +712

#### Canadian Worlds Qualifier

1993 (May) Zev Kaufman  
1995 (May 10p) Robin Pollock Daniel 13-5 +1149  
1997 (June 12p) Jim Nanavati 14-4 +543  
2005 (July 7p) Albert Hahn 10-2 +904

#### Can-Am Match

2002-04 - see Multi-State section

#### Hamilton

1990 (Mar) Chuck Armstrong 8-2 +733  
1991 (Mar 54p) Adam Logan 8-2 +492  
1992 (Mar) Mike Wise 8-2 +621

## Hamilton (Step 1)

1987 (Feb)

Kingston - see Montreal Vs Toronto

Michael Wise Memorial - see Toronto 1998

## Mississauga Vs Toronto

2005 (Jan 8p) Tony Leah 6-2 +473

## Montreal Vs Ottawa

1998 (Jan 14p) Fran Silver 7-1

1998 (Dec 12p) James Cherry 7-0

2005 (Mar 12p) David Boys 6-1

## Montreal Vs Toronto

1985 (Nov 24p) Joel Wapnick 12-0 +1347

Team: Toronto 82.5-61.5

1986 (cNov 24p) Stephen Fisher 10-2

Team: Montreal 73-71

1987 (Nov 24p) Marie Desjardins 9-3 +487

Team: Montreal(2) 83-61

1988 (Nov) David Scott Lytle 11-1 +1987

Team: Montreal(3) 81.5-62.5

1989 (Nov) David Boys or Stephen Fisher 10-2

Team: Montreal(4) 73.5-70.

1990 (Nov) David Boys 9-3

Team: Montreal(5) 83.5-60.5

1991 (Nov) David Boys or Stephen Fisher 11-1

Team: Montreal(6) 84-60

1992 (Oct) David Boys(2) 11-1

Team: Toronto (2) 74.5-69.7

1993 (Nov) Shaun Goatcher 10-2

Team: Toronto(3) 76-56

1994 (Nov 22p) David Boys(3) 11-1

Team: Toronto(4) 76.5-55.5

1995 (Nov 30p) Joel Wapnick(2) 11-1

Team: Montreal(7) 55-53

1996 (Nov 32p) Joel Wapnick(3) 10-2

Team: Montreal(8) 56-52

1997 (Sep 27p) David Boys(4) 11-1

Team: Montreal(9) 60-36

1998 (Nov 34p) David Boys(5) 9-3

Team: Montreal(10) 59-49

1999 (Oct 30p) Joel Wapnick(4) 13-0

Team: Montreal(11) 105.5-89.5

2000 (Oct 30p) David Boys(6) 11-2

Team: Toronto(5) 66-51

2001 (Nov 30p) David Boys(7) 10-1

Team: Toronto(6) 47.5-39.5

2002 (Dec 42p) David Boys(8) 9-3

Team: Montreal(12) 69-51

2004 (Feb 38p) Joel Wapnick(5) 10-2

Team: Tie 48-48

2004 (Nov 37p) Joel Wapnick(6) 9-3

Team: Toronto(7) 53-43

2005 (Jan 62p) David Boys(9) 9-3 +492

2005 (Oct 38p) Joel Wapnick(7) 9-3 12cr

## Oshawa

1986 (June) Mike Wise 8-3 +449

1994 (Oct 45p) David Boys 10-2 +850

1995 (Oct 62p) David Boys(2) 10-2 +579

1996 (Dec 56p) Libero Paoella 10-2 +1121

1997 (Dec 58p) Randy Greenspan 9-3 +960

1998 (Dec 52p) Lloyd Mills 10-2 +550

1999 (Dec 46p) David Boys(3) 12-0 +1040

2000 (Dec 50p) Charmaine Wolfe 11-1 +1113

2002 (Jan 78p) Ben Withers 9-3 +143

2003 (Jan 92p) Joel Wapnick 8-4 +783

2003 (Nov 71p) Lloyd Mills 9-3 +1164

2005 (Jan 90p) Matt Graham 10-2 +855

2006 (Jan 88p) Tony Leah 10-2 +737

## Oshawa Vs Mississauga

1997 (Mar 16p) Ross McKenzie 8-0 +788

## Ottawa

2005 (June 32p) Jeremy Hildebrand 9-3 +421

## Ottawa (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Maris Gailitis 4-0 +413

## Sarnia (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Ian Shouldice 4-0 +351

## Thunder Bay

2004 (Nov 11p) Robert Harbron 6-0 +637

## Toronto

1975 (Aug) Michael Schulman 3-0 1448ts

1980 (Sep 44p) Joel Wapnick 5-0 +463

1981 (Sep) Joel Wapnick(2) 9-0 +599

1982 (Sep) Len Borer 5-0 +639

1983 (Oct) Chris Reslock 8-2 +563

1984 (June) Mike Wise 9.5-2.5 +1012

1984 (Nov) Hugh Currie 8-2 +315

1985 (June) Zev Kaufman 7-2 +454

1985 (Sep) Peter Morris 10-0 +671

1986 (Sep) Dan Pratt 9-1 +926

1987 (Sep) Shaun Goatcher 9-1 +486

1988 (Sep) Ken Pechenick 8-2 +468

1989 (Sep) Peter Morris(2) 10-0 +689

1990 (Sep) David Boys 8-2 +430

1991 (Sep) Chris Cree 8-2 +456

1992 (Sep) Paul Epstein 8-2 +922

1993 (Sep 66p) Libero Paoella 8-2 +430

1994 (June) Zev Kaufman 7-2 +964

1994 (Sep 85p) Glenn Dunlop 9-1 +663

1995 (Sep 96p) Robin Pollock Daniel 9-3 +721

1996 (Sep 98p) David Boys(2) 12-0 +1018

1997 (Sep 84p) Robert Crowe 10-2 +603

1998 (Sep 79p) Lloyd Mills 9-3 +713

1999 (Sep 86p) Peter Teitelbaum 9-3 +329

2000 (Sep 96p) Robin Pollock Daniel(2) 9-3 +1063

2001 (Sep 96p) Robin Pollock Daniel(3) 10-2 +669  
2002 (Sep 100p) Jamie McCune 10-2 +637  
2003 (Sep 96p) Chuck Armstrong 11-1 +1162  
2004 #1(Oct 98p) Joel Wapnick(3) 9-3 +742  
2004 #2(Oct 30p) David Boys(3) 7-1 +515  
2005 (July 35p) Lou Cornelis 10-2 +494  
2005 (Sep 114p) Christopher Sykes 9-3 +578

#### Toronto (Tier 2)

1982 (Nov) Peter Morris

#### Toronto (Step 1/2)

1985 (Mar Step 1) Glenn Dunlop 4-0  
1987 (Jan Step 1) Hy Francis 4-0 +457  
1987 #1 (Apr Step 2) Tony Moffis  
1987 #2 (Apr Step 2) Glenn Dunlop 8-1 +204

#### Toronto Club Championship (based on highest avg, winning%, or club rating during the entire year)

1975-76 Mike Wise & Mike Schulman  
1976-77 Ron Manson & Mike Schulman(2)  
1977-78 Mike Wise(2)  
1978-79 Mike Wise(3)  
1979-80 Mike Wise(4)  
1980-81 Mike Wise(5)  
1981-82 Mike Wise(6)  
1982-83 Mike Wise(7)  
1983-84 Mike Wise(8)  
1984-85 Mike Wise(9) & Zev Kaufman  
1985-86 Peter Morris  
1986-87 Peter Morris(2)  
1987-88 Zev Kaufman(2)  
1988-89 Mike Wise(10)  
1989-90 Zev Kaufman(3)  
1990-91 Libero Paoella  
1991-92 Zev Kaufman(4)  
1992-93 Zev Kaufman(5)  
1993-94 Zev Kaufman(6)  
1994-95 Mike Wise(11) & Zev Kaufman(7)  
1995-96 Zev Kaufman(8)  
1996-97 Zev Kaufman(9)  
1997-98 Libero Paoella(2)  
1998-99 Zev Kaufman(10)  
2000 Zev Kaufman(11)  
2001 Zev Kaufman(12)  
2002 Lloyd Mills  
2003 Evan Berofsky  
2004 Evan Befosky(2)  
2005 Zev Kaufman(13)

#### Toronto vs Montreal vs Michigan

1988 (Sep) Paul Epstein 13-3

#### Toronto (Tier 4) - see Canada Tier 4

Toronto - see also Canadian National SCRABBLE®  
Championship, Canadian Regional Qualifier, Canadian  
Wolrds Qualifier, Can-Am Match

#### Toronto West

1999 (May 61p) Paul Epstein 10-5 +870  
2000 (May 53p) Randy Greenspan 10-3 +631  
2001 (Apr 63p) David Boys 10-3 +661  
2002 (Mar 78p) David Boys(2) 12-2 +1483

#### Willowdale (Steps 1/2)

1985 (Apr Step 2) Ray Francis 8-1  
1987 (Jan Step 1)

## Quebec

#### Tournaments: 37

**First Club:** Montreal #83 est c1978-79

**First Tournament:** Montreal May 1981

**Tournament Wins:** David Boys (7), Joel Wapnick (5)

**Games Played:** Joel Wapnick (224+), Bernard Gotlieb (214+), Linda Espallardo (211+),

#### Cote St Luc Montreal (Step 1/2)

1987 (Feb, Step1)  
1987 (Apr, Step 2) Linda Espallardo 9-0 +528

#### Kirkland

1986 (Oct 42p) Shaun Goatcher

#### Kirkland (Step 1)

1985 (Mar) Bernard Gotlieb or Dave Lytle 4-0

#### Montebello

2000 (Dec 10p) Jakob Teitelbaum 6-1

#### Montreal

1981 (May)  
1982 (May)  
1983 (May) Stephen Fisher 8-2 +588  
1984 (May) Joewl Wapnick 8-2 +591  
1985 (May) Joel Wapnick(2) 10-0 +895  
1986 (May) Stephen Fisher(2) 8-2 +672  
1987 (May 59p) Loren Mitchell 8-2 +648  
1988 (May) Robert Felt 9-1 +1208  
1989 (May) Joel Wapnick(3) 8-2 +867  
1990 (May) Mark Przybysewski 10-0 +544  
1991 (May)  
1992 (May) Sam Kantimathi  
1993 (May 60p) David Boys 10-0 +797  
1994 (May 66p) Paul Epstein 9-1 +555  
1995 (May 62p) Robin Pollock Daniel 9-3 +601  
1996 (May 65p) Joel Wapnick(4) 9-3 +133  
1997 (May 65p) Randy Greenspan 10-2 +824  
1998 (May 59p) David Boys(2) 10-2 +919  
1999 (May 70p) David Boys(3) 11-1 +1079

2000 (May 55p) Jakot Teitelbaum 9-3 +821  
2001 (May 75p) Randy Greenspan(2) 10-2 +544  
2002 (May 74p) David Boys(4) 9-3 +573  
2003 (May 80p) Adam Logan 9-3 +991  
2004 (May 71p) David Boys(5) 10.5-1.5 +1050  
2005 (May 82p) David Boys(6) 11-1 +552

#### Montreal (Tier 3)

1983 (Feb 15p) Joel Wapnick 13-1

Montreal Vs Ottawa - see Ontario

Montreal Vs Toronto - see Ontario

## **Saskatchewan**

**Tournaments:** 23

#### Moose Jaw

1988 (Apr) Lorne Sakatch 8-2 +644

1989 (Apr) Al Pitzel 8-2 +322

1991 (Apr)

1992 (Apr) George Macaulay 9-1 +852

1993 (Mar 38p) Siri Tillekeratne 8-2 +613

1994 (Apr 36p) Hilda Schlechter 7-3 +337

1995 (Apr 46p) Lorne Sakatch(2) 9-1 +992

1996 (Mar 32p) Siri Tillekeratne(2) 7-3 +679

1997 (Apr 27p) Larry James 8-4 +655

1998 (Apr 28p) Tille Osachoff 9-1 +714

2000 (Apr 32p) Lorne Sakatch(3) 9-3 +326

2001 (Mar 29p) Lorne Sakatch(4) 9.5-2.5 +361

2002 (Apr 30p) Larry James(2) 9-3 +319

2003 (Apr 27p) Tim Lang 10-2 +589

2004 (Apr 31p) Evelyn Schmidt 9-3 +408

2005 (Apr 31p) Evelyn Schmidt(2) 10-0 +654

#### Moose Jaw (Step 1)

1987 (Jan) Helen La Londe 4-0 +284

#### Saskatoon

2000 (May 41p) George Macaulay 11-2 +964

2001 (May 38p) George Macaulay 11-3 +1140

2003 (May 41p) Evelyn Schmidt 10-4 +471

2004 (Sep 20p) Jean Gerwing 11-3 +617

#### Swift Current

1997 (June 20p) Al Pitzel 10-2 +336

1998 (June 24p) Siri Tillekeratne 9-3 +451

## **Unknown**

#### Canadian Cruise Tournament

2001 (June 28p) Joel Horn 9.5-2.5 +47

## **FOREIGN (SCRABBLE® Players/NSA Sanctioned)**

Antigua - see International Travel Tournament 1984

Aruba - see International Travel Tournament 1982

### Bahamas Cruise

1982  
1994 (Nov)  
1998 (Sep)

Bahamas - see also Miami to Nassau Cruise,  
International Travel Tournament 1980, 81, Open Seas  
Championship

Bermuda - see International Travel Tournament 1979

Black Sea Cruise - see Mediterranean Cruise 2004

Budapest - see Prague

### Caribbean Cruise

1984 (July)  
1986 (Sep) Robert Linn 8-2 +846  
1990 (Dec)  
1991 (Dec 22p) Bob Lipton 12-0 +2209  
1992 (Feb) Stan Rubinsky 13-2 +1409  
1992 (Dec)  
1994 Eastern(Dec)  
1994 Western(Dec 62p) Larry Broderick 13-2 +925  
1998 Eastern(Oct 12p) Nancy Wagand 19-1 +2351  
2001 Western(Mar 22p) Ira Cohen 9-3 +1350  
2005 Western (Dec 26p) Lloyd Mills 11-1 +663

### Costa Rica Tour

2003 (Feb 36p) Robert Linn 8-4 +548  
2004 (Feb 9p) Chris Cree 9-3 +576

### England

1982 (Aug)

### France (Provence)

2004 (June 28p) Chris Cree 10-2 +967

### International Travel Tournament

1978 Jamaica (Apr) Tim Maneth  
1979 Bermuda (Mar) Dan Pratt  
1980 Bahamas (Apr 48p) Charles Goldstein 10-2  
1981 Bahamas (Apr 46p) Chuck Armstrong 11-2 +598  
1982 Aruba (May 22p) Steve Polatnick 12-3 +900  
1983 Jamaica (Mar) Tim Maneth(2) 14-3 +1319  
1984 Antigua (June) Gordon Shapiro 13-2  
1985 Acapulco (July)

### Italian Tour

2000 (June 35p) Michael Wolfberg 10-2 +1104

### Italian Tour - SOWPODS

2000 (June 5p) Bob Lipton

Jamaica - see International Travel Tournament 1978,  
1983

### Mediterranean Cruise

1996 (June)  
2004 (June 20p) David Poder 12-6 +554

### Mexico

1982 Cancun (Dec)  
2001 Club Med Mexican Resort (Feb 16p) Robert Linn  
12-3 +1201

### Mexico Cruise

1987 (May) Steve Polatnick 9-1 +777  
1988 (June) Joyce Palmer 9-1 +957  
1989 (Apr) Al Demers 8-2 +604  
1990 (Feb)  
1990 (May) Charles Goldstein 14-0 +1480  
1992 (Dec) Harry Leonard 9-2 +449  
1998 (Oct)  
2000 (Dec 36p) Larry Rand 17-5 +1790

### Norway

2002 (May 18p) Rich Baker 9-3 +745  
2005 (June 16p) Larry Rand 12-3 +1204

### Open Seas Championship

1990 Bahamas (Feb) Dee Segrest 10-1 +1005

### Panama Canal Cruise

1998 (Dec 36p) Cheryl Cadieux 17-5 +1390  
2003 (Apr 10p) Jean Carol 11.5-8.5 +802

### Prague Budapest Tournament

2005 (July 23p) Robert Linn 7-5 +102

### Puerto Rico

1988 (May) Robert Felt 9-2 +1047

A<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> - T<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> U<sub>1</sub> R<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub>

W<sub>4</sub> I<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> R<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub>

(By Player)

## Introduction

The following section lists all known division one tournament wins and club championship wins for every player who has won division one at a tournament. The number in parenthesis after a player's name is the total number of tournaments they've won (a "+" indicates that they may have won more tournaments than those listed, but the rest are currently unknown to the author). While annual club championships are included in these figures, regular club tournaments are not.

For each player, tournaments are listed in order, with the following codes:

(CC) - indicates club championship

(CH) - indicates challenge match

(CON) - indicate consolation tournament

(EB) - indicates Early Bird

(LB) - indicates Late Bird

(OD) - indicates a one--day tournament

(QT) - indicates a qualifying tournament for Nationals or Worlds

(ST) - indicates a Step tournament (for 1987 Nationals)

(T2, T3) - indicates a Tier 2 or Tier 3 tournament (for 1983/85 Nationals)

(TT) - indicates a team tournament

(WCQT) - indicates a qualifying tournament for Worlds

**Abbate, Elspeth** (1+) Gainesville FL (OD) Aug 90  
**Abolafia, David** (2) Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 00, Sarasota FL (OD) Jan 08  
**Adams, Bruce** (3+) Springfield MA Mar 91, Springfield MA July 91, Lexington KY (ST) Nov 07  
**Adams, James** (2+) ST Paul MN Feb 84, ST Paul MN Jan 86  
**Adams, Tom** (1+) Twin Cities MN Sep 95  
**Adamson, Tim** (16+) Twin Cities MN Mar 93, Twin Cities MN Nov 93, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 94, ST Louis MO Feb 95, Sioux Falls SD May 97, Elmhurst IL Nov 02, Orange CT Dec 02, Twin Cities MN Mar 03, Albany NY July 03, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 04, Twin Cities MN Nov 04, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 04, Twin Cities MN Nov 05, Nast June 07, Twin Cities Redeye Jan 08, Nast Nov 08  
**Albert, Eric** (2+) Narragansett RI Oct 79, Providence RI Warm-up Feb 80  
**Albrecht, Steven** (2) Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 05, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 05  
**Alexander, Dorcas** (1) Elyria OH Mar 08  
**Alexander, Steven** (18+) Centereach LI NY Apr 83, Albuquerque NM Oct 87, Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 88, Atlantic City NJ Jan 89, Santa Clara CA May 93, Victoria BC Can Nov 94, Cleves OH (ST) Sep 97, Portland OR (LB) Nov 97, Portland OR Spring Mar 99, Seattle WA (EB) May 99, Portland OR (LB) Sep 99, Seattle WA (TT) May 00, Portland OR (LB) Sep 00, Cascadia Challenge Apr 01, Seattle WA May 01, Seattle WA May 02, Portland VS Seattle Sep 02, Portland VS Seattle Sep 03  
**Alim, Mohamed** (2) Geneva FL May 08, Milpitas CA (OD) June 08  
**Alpert, Arnie** (3+) Goleta CA Mar 79, Southern California (T2) Mar 83, Los Angeles CA (T2) Mar 83  
**Amster, Barbara** (2+) All Midwest Tourney 78, Skokie IL Mar 79  
**Ananga, Yawo** (1) Baltimore MD Fall Nov 02  
**Anderbois, Scott** (1) Campbell CA Spring May 08  
**Andy, Edward** (1+) Albany CA Apr 78  
**Anglin, Tim** (12+) Independence OH Aug 97, Alaskan Cruise Aug 97, Ithaca NY Oct 98, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Feb 99, Atlantic City NJ Aug 99, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 99, Daytona Beach FL Nov 99, Daytona Beach FL Nov 99, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 00, Kent OH Mar 01, Buffalo NY July 01, Bozeman MT Aug 01  
**Anum, Francis** (1) Durham NC Oct 08  
**Anzaldi, Anthony JR** (1+) West Branch MI Sep 98  
**Apindi, Isaac** (10) Oakland CA (OD) Oct 04, Oakland CA (OD) June 05, San Francisco CA (OD) Sep 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Oct 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Feb 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Aug 08, Mill Valley CA (OD) Sep 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Jan 09  
**Appel, Scott** (5) Independence OH Sep 99, Parsippany NJ (FALL) Aug 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Mar 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 05, Atlantic City NJ Jan 09  
**Armstrong, Chuck** (117+) Saginaw MI (OD) Aug 79, Delaware OH Dec 79, Saginaw MI (CC) Jan 80, Bermuda Apr 81, Cincinnati OH May 81, Fremont OH June 81, Saginaw MI Sep 81, Saginaw MI (CC) Nov 81, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 81, Cincinnati OH Feb 82, Columbus OH Feb 82, Cincinnati OH May 82, Grand Haven MI July 82, Cincinnati OH (T2) Aug 82, Indiana Open Oct 82, Marion IN (T2) Jan 83, Columbus OH Feb 83, Xenia OH Feb 83, Decatur GA Mar 83, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 83, Grand Haven MI July 83, Detroit MI Nov 83, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 83, Cincinnati OH (OD) Feb 84, Hamilton County OH Feb 84, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 84, Cleves OH June 84, Detroit MI June 84, Grand Haven MI July 84, Fremont OH Aug 84, Saginaw MI Sep 84, Stow OH Oct 84, Cincinnati OH (OD) Nov 84, Atlantic City NJ Jan 85, Cleves OH June 85, Grand Haven MI Aug 85, Stow OH Jan 86, Hamilton County OH Feb 86, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 86, Bay City MI (OD) May 86, Port Huron MI June 86, Fremont OH June 86, Muskegon MI July 86, Stow OH Nov 86, Atlantic City NJ Jan 87, Cincinnati OH Mar 87, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 87, Stow OH Sep 87, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 87, Dayton OH Feb 88, Bay City MI (OD) Apr 88, Cleves OH June 88, Lansing MI (OD) Sep 88, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 88, Indiana Open Oct 88, Grand Haven MI Oct 88, Cincinnati OH (OD) Jan 89, Dayton OH Feb 89, Cincinnati OH Apr 89, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 89, Bay City MI (OD) May 89, Lansing MI (OD) Sep 89, Cincinnati OH Oct 89, Livonia MI Nov 89, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 89, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 89, Hamilton Ont Can Mar 90, Niagara Falls NY June 90, Cincinnati OH June 92, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 92, Midwest Wcqt Apr 93, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 93, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 95, Chicago IL Nov 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 00, Farmington Hills MI July 00, Farmington Hills MI Oct 00, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 00, Battle Creek MI (OD) Feb 01, Lansing MI (OD) May 01, Michigan Madness June 01, Farmington MI (OD) July 01, Farmington MI (OD) Sep 01, Hudson OH Feb 02, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 02, Livonia MI Apr 02, Farmington MI (OD) July 02, Hudson OH Jan 03, Michigan Madness June 03, Farmington MI (OD) July 03, Cambridge Ont Can Aug 03, Toronto Ont Can Sep 03, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Mar 04, Farmington MI (OD) May 05, Hudson OH Oct 05, Farmington MI (OD) Jan 06, Farmington MI (OD) Feb 06, Hudson OH Mar 06, Farmington MI (OD) Apr 06, Fenton MI Apr 06, Farmington MI (OD) July 06, Fenton MI Sep 06, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 06, Farmington MI (OD) Nov 06, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 06, Fenton MI Jan 07, Fenton MI (LB) Jan 07, Farmington MI (OD) Jan 07, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 07, Fenton MI Apr 07, Fenton MI (LB) Apr 07, Farmington MI (OD) Apr 07, Lansing MI (OD) June 07, Nast Aug 07, Hudson OH Sep 07, Nast

July 08, Detroit MI Oct 08

**Armstrong, Peter** (5) Odenton MD May 04, Arden Cup May 04, Wilmington DE Sep 06, Annapolis MD (OD) May 07, Dallas Open Mar 08

**Assarat, Juke** (3) Oakland CA (OD) Aug 00, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 01, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 01

**Atterbury, Craig** (2+) Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 97, Pasadena CA (OD) Feb 03

**Aubitz, Sandy** (1+) Minneapolis MN (CC) May 80

**Avrin, Paul** (13+) Westchester County NY Mar 76, Providence RI Feb 79, Catskills NY Apr 79, Wildwood NJ Aug 83, Ronkonkoma LI NY July 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) June 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 99, Atlantic City NJ May 00, Lancaster PA Oct 01, Piscataway NJ May 04, Stuart FL (EB) Oct 04, Bayside NY (OD) June 05, Albany NY (EB) July 08

**Awowade, Femi** (1+) African Scrabble Championship Apr 96

**Badgley, Pat** (1) Lansing MI (OD) Oct 99

**Baker, Michael** (11+) Portland OR (OD) Apr 97, Portland OR (OD) June 97, Las Vegas NV Dec 97, Seattle WA May 98, Portland OR (OD) Dec 98, Portland OR (LB) Mar 03, Portland OR Fall Aug 03, Victoria BC Can Oct 03, Phoenix AZ Feb 04, Denver CO Oct 05, Seattle WA May 06

**Baker, Rich** (7+) Pigeon Forge TN Apr 97, Rochester NY Nov 97, New York NY (BBC) Dec 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) July 98, Atlantic City NJ Jan 00, Norway Tournament May 02, Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 02

**Ballard, Nick** (7+) New York City Game Room Open June 79, Chicago IL Apr 81, Cleves OH Consolation Sep 81, Chicago IL (CC) Nov 81, Portland VS Seattle Mar 91, Seattle WA May 92, Santa Ana CA Mar 93

**Barker, Helen** (1+) Memphis TN Mar 75

**Barkman, Peter** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 06

**Baron, Mike** (23+) Denver CO Oct 82, Dallas TX (T2) Apr 83, Durango CO May 85, Dallas TX Dec 86, Dallas TX Dec 87, San Antonio TX Mar 88, Mill Creek WA (OD) Aug 88, Dallas TX Dec 88, Denver CO Apr 89, Denver CO May 90, Albuquerque NM July 90, Portland OR Spring Sep 90, Santa Monica CA Sep 90, Albuquerque NM Oct 91, Phoenix AZ Feb 92, Albuquerque NM Oct 92, Portland OR Spring Sep 93, Durango CO May 95, Albuquerque NM Sep 00, Albuquerque NM Sep 01, Reno NV Jan 02, Albuquerque NM Sep 05, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 06

**Barrett, Patricia** (49+) Austin TX Aug 87, Lubbock TX Sep 87, Lafayette LA Sep 87, Oklahoma City OK Oct 87, Gonzales LA Nov 88, Mobile AL Mar 89, Austin TX June 89, Oklahoma City OK Aug 89, Lafayette LA Sep 89, Schulenburg TX (OD) Feb 90, Mobile AL Mar 90, Mid-cities TX June 90, Dallas TX Dec 90, New Orleans LA Apr 91, Mid-cities TX June 91, Lafayette LA Sep 92, Lubbock TX Sep 92, Lubbock TX Sep 93, Dallas TX Oct 93, Tyler TX Jan 94, Mid-cities TX Apr 94, Lubbock TX June 94, Schulenburg TX (OD) Aug 94, Tyler TX Jan 95, Jackson MS June 95, Lubbock TX Aug 95, Dallas TX Nov 95, Tyler TX Jan 96, Houston TX June 96, Lubbock TX Aug 96, Dallas TX Nov 96, Tyler TX Jan 97, Lubbock TX Aug 97, Lafayette LA Sep 97, Texas State Championship Feb 98, New Orleans LA Mar 98, Mid-cities TX June 98, Dallas TX Nov 98, Texas State Championship Feb 99, Houston TX Apr 99, Buffalo NY July 99, Texas State Championship Feb 00, Mid-cities TX June 00, Dallas TX Nov 01, Dallas TX Nov 02, Mid-cities TX (EB) June 03, Houston TX (CC) Mar 04, Ardmore OK Apr 07, Portland TX July 07

**Basler, Mike** (1) Maplewood MO July 05

**Bassett-bouchard, Conrad** (1) Mill Valley CA (OD) July 06

**Bednarz, Jason** (1) Shelton CT Spring June 03

**Benedict, Nathan** (20) Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 99, Newport Beach CA (OD) Mar 99, Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 02, Phoenix AZ (OD) Aug 03, Albuquerque NM Sep 03, Grand Canyon AZ Oct 03, Los Gatos CA Memorial Day May 04, Parsippany NJ (FALL) (EB) Sep 04, Albuquerque NM Sep 04, Tucson AZ Dec 04, Phoenix AZ (OD) Apr 05, Las Vegas NV Nov 05, Portland OR Fall Sep 06, Reno NV Jan 07, Orange CO CA Apr 07, Arden Cup May 07, Phoenix AZ Feb 08, Tucson AZ Apr 08, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 08, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 08

**Benford, Clare E** (1+) Chicago IL (CC) Dec 79

**Bereski, John** (1+) Calgary AB Can (OD) July 97

**Berg, Mark** (2) Plainview LI NY Oct 99, North Salem NY (OD) Mar 07

**Berg, Richards Verna** (10+) Hackensack NJ (OD) Jan 92, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 01, Philadelphia PA (OD) Jan 06, North Salem NY (OD) June 07, North Salem NY (OD) Dec 07, Bayside NY (OD) Apr 08, Bayside NY (OD) June 08, Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 08

**Bergeron, Mary Ellen** (1+) Springfield MA Oct 90

**Berofsky, Evan** (10) Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 01, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 01, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Apr 02, Michigan Madness June 02, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 02, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Apr 03, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 03, Michigan Madness June 04, Farmington MI (OD) Feb 05, Michigan Madness June 08

**Berry, Bruce** (4+) Port Huron MI Oct 95, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 97, Lansing MI (OD) May 97

**Betten, Isabelle** (1+) Dallas TX Apr 81

**Beusterien, Paul** (1) San Francisco CA (OD) July 99

**Bialobzyski, Phil** (1) Terrace BC Can Feb 00  
**Bibb, Danny** (2+) Elizabethtown KY May 95, ST Louis MO (OD) July 95  
**Bibb, John** (1+) New Albany IN Oct 94  
**Bihlmeyer, Joe** (4) Bayside NY (OD) Sep 06, North Salem NY (OD) Jan 08, Princeton NJ (EB) Mar 08, Austin TX Dec 08  
**Billen, John** (1+) Madison WI (ST) Mar 87  
**Biminow, Gerry** (1+) Islip NY Mar 76  
**Bines, Neil** (2+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 May 90, Plainview LI NY (OD) June 97  
**Bishop, Gwen** (1+) Pasadena CA (ST) Mar 85  
**Blackmer, Betsy** (1+) Springfield MA July 92  
**Blander, Richard** (1+) Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Oct 87  
**Blevins, Ted** (7+) Cleves OH Consolation Aug 80, Cleves OH Christmas Party Dec 80, Dry Ridge KY (CC) Dec 83, New Albany IN Nov 96, Elizabethtown KY (OD) June 98, Elizabethtown KY May 04, Elizabethtown KY July 04  
**Blomquist, Peter** (2+) Madison WI (ST) Jan 87, Madison WI Mar 88  
**Blumberg, Eleanor** (1+) Los Angeles CA (OD) Jan 89  
**Bogle, Julia** (1) Indianapolis IN (OD) Jan 05  
**Bohnsack, Andy** (2) Minnesota VS Wisconsin Sep 07, Minnesota VS Wisconsin Sep 08  
**Bond, Tom** (2+) Portland OR Great Games Festival Jan 89, Seattle WA (OD) Sep 89  
**Bowman, Brian** (5) Lexington KY Iron Man Nov 07, Pontiac MI Aug 08, Ohio VS Michigan Aug 08, Elyria OH Oct 08, Hudson OH Jan 09  
**Bowman, Derek** (1) Thunder Bay Ont Can Apr 06  
**Boyd, Jerome** (1) Farmington Hills MI Nov 00  
**Boys, David** (45+) Boston Area Tournament Apr 90, Toronto Ont Can Sep 90, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 91, Niagara Falls NY June 92, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 92, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 92, Montreal Que Can May 93, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 93, Oshawa Ont Can Oct 94, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 94, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 94, Oshawa Ont Can Oct 95, World Scrabble Championship Nov 95, Buffalo NY Jan 96, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Apr 96, Buffalo NY June 96, Toronto Ont Can Sep 96, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) May 97, Montreal VS Toronto Sep 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) May 98, Montreal Que Can May 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 98, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Aug 98, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 98, Montreal Que Can May 99, Oshawa Ont Can Dec 99, Albany NY (EB) July 00, Montreal VS Toronto Oct 00, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Jan 01, Toronto West Ont Can Apr 01, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 01, Toronto West Ont Can Mar 02, Montreal Que Can May 02, Montreal VS Toronto Dec 02, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Dec 03, Montreal Que Can May 04, Ottawa Ont Can June 04, Toronto Ont Can Oct 04, Montreal VS Toronto Jan 05, Montreal VS Ottawa Mar 05, Montreal Que Can May 05, Toronto Open Nov 06, Oshawa Ont Can Mar 07, Ottawa Ont Can Apr 08, Montreal Que Can May 08  
**Bradgon, Anne** (1+) Wilmington DE (ST) Mar 85  
**Braud, Conrad** (1+) Gonzales LA (ST) Feb 87  
**Bredel, Linda** (1) Portland OR (LB) Sep 04  
**Breitbeil, Connie** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Mar 97  
**Brennan, Arline** (1+) Mohawk Valley NY Aug 90  
**Brittain, Becky** (1+) Birmingham AL Jan 87  
**Brochu, Jeff** (1+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 Apr 91  
**Brockmeier, Doug** (5) Newport Beach CA (OD) Mar 03, Newport Beach CA (OD) June 03, Laguna Woods CA (OD) May 07, Orange CO CA Apr 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Aug 08  
**Broderick, Larry** (3+) Santa Clara CA (ST) Mar 85, San Francisco (ST) May 85, Caribbean Cruise Dec 94  
**Broering, Marc** (3) Charleston WV (EB) Apr 07, Charleston WV (EB) Apr 08, Nashville TN Oct 08  
**Bronstein, Saul** (3+) Baltimore MD Summer June 89, Tampa FL Sep 99, Indian Harbor FL Oct 01  
**Brook, Mitchell** (5) Philadelphia PA (OD) June 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 06, Philadelphia PA (OD) Jan 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 08  
**Brooks, Jason D** (1) Elmhurst IL Nov 08  
**Brown, Bob** (1+) Towson MD (ST) Mar 85  
**Brown, Gary** (4+) Pasadena CA Aug 76, LA Jolla VS Huntington Beach Nov 81, Southern California (T2) Jan 83, Albuquerque NM (T2) Feb 83  
**Brown, Howard** (1+) Denver CO Dec 85  
**Brown, Pat** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) May 94  
**Brown, Richard** (2+) Port Huron MI May 82, Indiana Open Sep 89  
**Brush, Maureen** (1) Milpitas CA (OD) Sep 07  
**Buck, Richard** (10+) Manchester MO Aug 87, Mohawk Valley NY May 90, Waltham MA Premier (QT) Apr 96, Lake George NY Oct 02, Cambridge MA July 03, Lake George NY Oct 03, Dover NH (OD) Jan 06, Dover NH (OD) May 06,

Lake George NY (EB) Oct 06, Lexington KY (ST) Nov 08  
**Burchett, Joann** (1+) Melrose FL May 97  
**Burke, Julie** (1+) Washington IN Jan 87  
**Burns, Shannon** (1) Calgary AB Can Mar 04  
**Butterfield, Bobbie** (6) Berlin NJ (OD) Sep 03, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 05  
**Byan, Emily** (1+) Westchester County NY Feb 77  
**Cadieux, Cheryl** (4+) Saginaw MI (CC) Mar 86, Livonia MI June 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 97, Panama Canal Cruise Nov 98  
**Cahnmann, Jeremy** (3) Indianapolis IN (OD) Sep 06, Urban IL Feb 07, Notre Dame IN Oct 07  
**Cane, Ann** (1+) Westchester County NY Apr 75  
**Cappelletto, Brian** (46+) Mesa AZ Jan 86, Glendale AZ Nov 86, Huntington Beach CA Apr 87, Mid-cities TX May 87, Phoenix AZ Jan 88, Mid-cities TX May 88, Swilns June 88, Los Angeles CA Sep 88, Albuquerque NM Oct 88, Phoenix AZ Jan 89, Granada Hills CA Feb 89, Los Angeles CA Sep 89, Albuquerque NM Oct 89, Pasadena CA Jan 90, Swilns July 90, Albuquerque NM Oct 90, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 90, San Francisco CA Jan 91, Tucson AZ Apr 91, Durango CO May 91, Huntington Beach CA Mar 92, Swilns June 92, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 92, Phoenix AZ Feb 93, Durango CO May 93, Santa Clara CA May 95, Swilns June 96, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Nov 96, Boston Area Tournament Mar 97, Reno NV Jan 98, Swilns June 98, National Scrabble Championship Aug 98, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 98, Reno NV July 99, Swilns June 00, World Scrabble Championship Dec 01, Swilns June 02, Reno NV July 02, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 02, Reno NV July 03, Boston Area Tournament Apr 04, Can-am Match May 05, Dallas Open Mar 06, Swilns June 08, New York City Aug 08  
**Cappello, Bud** (1+) Largo FL Aug 76  
**Carlson, David B** (2+) Hackensack NJ (OD) July 94, Hackensack NJ (OD) Apr 97  
**Carney, Doris** (1+) Reading PA 76  
**Carol, Jean** (12+) Cincinnati OH Feb 77, Dallas TX Nov 78, Fremont OH Nov 79, Fremont OH May 80, Xenia OH Feb 81, Detroit MI Nov 82, Saginaw MI Sep 83, Indiana Open Oct 83, Xenia OH Feb 84, Warren MI July 93, Fremont OH Oct 93, Panama Canal Cruise Apr 03  
**Carroll, Charlie** (8+) ST Paul MN Feb 89, Madison WI Apr 89, Twin Cities MN Aug 89, ST Paul MN Feb 90, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 90, Madison WI Mar 91, Cincinnati Masters Championship Aug 91, Midwest Wcqt May 92  
**Carty, George** (1+) Alaskan Cruise May 95  
**Castellano, Vince** (5) Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 07, Albany NY (EB) June 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) June 08, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 08  
**Cejmer, Keith** (9+) Grand Rapids MI Sep 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) May 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Dec 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Dec 99, Petoskey MI Oct 03, Waukesha WI Apr 04, Sandusky OH (OD) June 06, Farmington MI (OD) Aug 06, Hudson OH Sep 06  
**Chaikin, Eric** (2) Newport Beach CA (OD) July 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Feb 02  
**Chakrabarti, Amit** (4) Matchups Open (TT) Dec 01, Atlantic City NJ June 02, Parsippany NJ (EB) Dec 03, Boston Area Tournament (EB) Apr 06  
**Chaney, Travis** (3+) Jonesboro AR May 97, ST Louis MO (OD) Apr 98, Jonesboro AR Apr 05  
**Chapman, Laraine** (5+) Albuquerque NM (CC) July 83, Albuquerque NM Apr 84, Albuquerque NM (ST) Apr 85, Albuquerque NM Oct 95, Durango CO May 98  
**Charach, Richard** (3) Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 03, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 04, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Apr 04  
**Charuwan, Ong-arj** (1+) Thailand International Jan 93  
**Cherry, James** (2+) Montreal VS Ottawa Dec 98, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) July 00  
**Cheseborough, Steve** (2+) Phoenix AZ (ST) Mar 85, Tucson AZ June 88  
**Chew, John** (3+) Matchups Open (TT) Dec 94, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Apr 95, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Aug 96  
**Chira, Millicent** (1+) Orlando FL Jan 87  
**Christopherson, Flore** (1+) Mesa AZ Feb 80  
**Claitor, Tony** (1) Palm Harbor FL July 07  
**Clark, Jeff** (15+) Saginaw MI (ST) Jan 87, Bay City MI (OD) May 90, Grand Rapids MI July 90, Kalamazoo MI Nov 95, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Nov 98, Lansing MI (OD) May 00, Richfield OH (OD) May 03, Farmington MI (OD) Feb 04, Columbus OH Feb 05, Fenton MI (LB) Sep 06, Indianapolis IN (OD) Oct 06, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 08, Fenton MI (LB) Apr 08, Fenton MI (LB) Jan 09  
**Clark, Ken** (4+) Portland VS Seattle Mar 92, Seattle WA May 95, Victoria BC Can Nov 97, Cleves OH (ST) Sep 05  
**Clark, William** (3+) Louisiana State Championship Dec 97, New Orleans LA Feb 99, Louisiana State Championship Dec 04  
**Cleveland, Gary** (1) Durham NC (OD) May 06

**Clem, Janis** (2+) ST Paul MN Jan 79, Minneapolis MN (CC) Oct 79

**Clifford, Wayne** (9+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 97, Calgary AB Can (OD) Sep 97, Western Canadian Championship Oct 97, Calgary VS Saskatchewan Nov 97, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 03, Calgary AB Can Jan 05, Calgary AB Can Mar 05

**Cobbs, Tracy** (5) Elizabethtown KY May 01, Memphis TN Sep 01, Jackson MS Jan 02, Rome GA June 02, Memphis TN Feb 05

**Cohen, Ira** (90+) Denver CO Nov 87, Durango CO May 88, Los Angeles CA Sep 90, Palm Springs CA Dec 95, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 96, Reno NV Aug 96, Los Angeles CA Sep 96, Phoenix AZ Feb 97, Irvine CA Apr 97, Denver CO June 97, Denver CO (EB) June 97, Reno NV (EB) July 97, Fountain Valley CA (OD) Feb 98, Fountain Valley CA (OD) Mar 98, Huntington Beach CA (OD) May 98, Los Gatos CA Memorial Day May 98, Eagle Rock (OD) June 98, Newport Beach CA (OD) June 98, Lakewood CO (EB) June 98, Los Angeles CA (OD) Aug 98, Las Vegas NV Oct 98, West Los Angeles CA Nov 98, Reno NV (EB) Jan 99, Denver CO (EB) June 99, Northridge CA Sep 99, Portland OR (EB) Sep 99, Palm Springs CA Oct 99, Phoenix AZ Oct 99, West Los Angeles CA Nov 99, Phoenix AZ Feb 00, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) July 00, Northridge CA Sep 00, Portland OR (EB) Sep 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Oct 00, Scottsdale AZ Oct 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Nov 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Dec 00, Laguna Woods CA Dec 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 01, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 01, Caribbean Cruise Mar 01, Denver CO June 01, Portland OR (EB) Aug 01, Northridge CA Sep 01, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 01, Western Canadian Championship Oct 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Nov 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Dec 01, West Los Angeles CA May 02, Bozeman MT (EB) June 02, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship June 02, Bozeman MT June 02, Newport Beach CA (OD) Dec 02, West Los Angeles CA May 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 03, Newport Beach CA (OD) Aug 03, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 03, Western Canadian Championship Oct 03, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 03, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 03, Memphis TN Mar 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Apr 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) May 04, West Los Angeles CA May 04, Bozeman MT June 04, Bayside NY (OD) Sep 04, Calgary AB Can (EB) Sep 04, Western Canadian Championship Oct 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Nov 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Dec 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) May 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) June 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) July 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Aug 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Sep 05, Western Canadian Championship Sep 05, West Los Angeles CA Oct 05, Las Vegas NV (EB) Nov 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Nov 05, Los Gatos CA Fall Jan 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Feb 06, Laguna Woods CA Dec 06, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship May 07, Tucson AZ (EB) Oct 07, Tucson AZ Oct 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Nov 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Dec 07, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 08

**Cohen, Laurie** (10) Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 01, Prescott AZ May 02, Phoenix AZ (OD) Sep 03, Tucson AZ Dec 03, Phoenix AZ (OD) July 04, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 06, Tucson AZ Jan 08, Denver CO Nov 08, Denver CO (EB) Nov 08, Tucson AZ Jan 09

**Cohen, Michael** (1+) Arlington MA (ST) Mar 85

**Coker, Edward** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) July 94

**Coleman, Jean** (1+) Teaneck NJ Nov 86

**Collins, Chester** (5+) New York City (ST) Mar 87, Pasadena CA Jan 95, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 95, Eagle Rock (OD) June 95, Huntington Beach CA (OD) Dec 98

**Collins, Matthew** (1) Hudson OH Mar 04

**Collins, Robert** (1) Tucson AZ June 08

**Conford, David** (1+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 Aug 89

**Conford, Ellen** (3+) Massapequa NY (CC) Nov 80, Commack NY (ST) Mar 85, Centereach LI NY (ST) Jan 87

**Cook, Jeff** (1) Berlin NJ (OD) Oct 01

**Cooper, Lee** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) May 94

**Cornelis, Lou** (1) Toronto Ont Can July 05

**Cornelison, Betty** (2) Portland OR (LB) Mar 99, Oregon Tile (EB) May 08

**Couey, Mary Lee** (1+) Lubbock TX Oct 80

**Creager, Sharon** (1+) Oklahoma City OK (ST) Apr 85

**Cree, Chris** (62+) Lubbock TX Oct 81, Lafayette LA Sep 82, Lubbock TX Oct 82, Southwest Tier 4 June 83, Houston TX Aug 83, Abilene TX Sep 83, Albuquerque NM Oct 83, Swilns Aug 84, Albuquerque NM Oct 84, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 84, Dallas TX (ST) Mar 85, Albuquerque NM Oct 85, Abilene TX June 86, Manchester MO Aug 88, ST Louis MO Aug 88, Reno NV July 89, Michigan Labor Day Marathon Sep 89, Texas State Championship Jan 90, Huntington Beach CA Mar 91, Texas State Championship Mar 91, Memphis TN Apr 91, Portland OR Spring Aug 91, Lubbock TX Sep 91, Toronto Ont Can Sep 91, Texas State Championship Jan 92, Dallas TX Oct 94, Texas State Championship Feb 95, Albuquerque NM Sep 97, Newport Beach CA (OD) Aug 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 00, Livonia MI Apr 00, Houston TX Sep 00, Lafayette LA Sep 00, Tucson AZ Nov 00, Texas State Championship Feb 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Feb 01, Phoenix AZ Feb 02, Texas State Championship Feb 02, Mid-cities TX June 02, Mid-cities TX June 03, Houston TX Aug 03, Lampasas TX Jan 04, Costa Rica Tour Feb 04, Provence France June 04, Arden Cup May 05, Cape Cod MA Oct 05,

Arden Cup May 06, Texas State Championship Feb 07, Dallas TX (OD) June 07, Dallas TX (OD) July 07, Houston TX Sep 07, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 07, Nast Oct 07, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 07, Dallas TX (OD) Nov 07, Dallas TX (OD) Feb 08, Italian Tour Mar 08, Mid-cities TX May 08, Dallas TX (OD) May 08, Dallas TX (OD) Sep 08, Dallas TX (OD) Oct 08, Dallas TX (OD) Jan 09

**Creed, Connie** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 09

**Crotty, Lila** (3) Yazoo City MS Jan 05, Yazoo City MS Jan 06, New Orleans LA June 07

**Crowe, Robert** (9+) Lansing MI (OD) Feb 90, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 92, Port Huron MI Aug 93, Milwaukee WI May 94, Independence OH Aug 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Sep 97, Toronto Ont Can Sep 97, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 97, Columbus OH Mar 04

**Cur, Tina** (1+) Pittsford NY Jan 87

**Currie, Hugh** (4+) Toronto Ont Can Nov 84, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 84, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 86, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 00

**Cushman, Lynn** (3+) New York City Game Room Open (CON) June 84, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 98

**D Ambrosio, Bruce** (17+) Huntington Beach CA Feb 80, Huntington Beach CA Feb 81, Pasadena CA Sep 86, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 94, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 99, Newport Beach CA (OD) Sep 00, Los Angeles CA (CC) June 03, Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Feb 04, Portland OR (EB) Sep 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Oct 04, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Apr 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) June 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) June 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Oct 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Feb 09

**Dabbs, Wil** (2) ST Louis MO (OD) Oct 01, Jonesboro AR May 04

**Dackman, Joe** (4) Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 07, Reno NV (EB) Jan 08, Oregon Tile May 08, Reno NV Jan 09

**Dady, Rita** (4+) Chicago IL (T2) Mar 83, San Jose CA Feb 92, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 93, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 99

**Dalke, Carl** (2+) Chicago IL (CC) Dec 78, Chicago IL (ST) Apr 87

**Daniel, Clay** (2) Manchester CT (OD) Nov 07, Bayside NY (OD) Jan 08

**Daniel, Robin Pollock** (10+) Southfield MI Jan 93, Montreal Que Can May 95, Toronto Ont Can May 95, Toronto Ont Can Sep 95, Toronto Ont Can Sep 00, Toronto Ont Can Sep 01, Can-am Match Nov 02, Atlantic City NJ Jan 03, Boston Area Tournament Apr 03, Can-am Match June 08

**Danzer, Helen** (1+) San Jose CA May 79

**Darke, Susan** (1+) Vancouver BC Can Oct 76

**Davis, Susanne** (1+) Long Beach CA Aug 75

**Davis, Tim** (2+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 May 92, Cleveland OH Mar 96

**Day, Darrell** (38+) Gonzales LA Nov 82, Dallas TX Dec 82, Minneapolis MN July 83, Gonzales LA Nov 83, Huntsville AL Mar 84, Dallas TX Dec 84, Memphis TN Feb 85, Abilene TX June 85, Lafayette LA Sep 85, Mid-cities TX Jan 86, Lubbock TX Sep 86, Austin TX July 88, Houston TX Jan 89, New Orleans LA Apr 89, Mid-cities TX May 89, ST Louis MO Aug 89, Houston TX Feb 92, Baton Rouge LA Nov 92, Dallas TX (CC) Dec 92, New Orleans LA Feb 93, Alexandria LA Apr 93, West Wcqt Apr 93, Mid-cities TX June 93, Shreveport LA Sep 95, Mid-cities TX June 96, Mid-cities TX June 99, Lampasas TX Jan 02, Ardmore OK Apr 02, Austin TX Oct 03, Dallas TX Nov 03, Ardmore OK Apr 04, Houston TX Sep 05, Salado TX (EB) Feb 07, Dallas TX (OD) Aug 07, Austin TX Dec 07, Salado TX (EB) Feb 08, Dallas TX (OD) June 08, Houston TX Aug 08

**Day, Jesse** (2) New York City NY Oct 08, Albany NY (EB) Dec 08

**DE Guzman, Edward** (6) Nast Nov 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Nov 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Dec 07, Milpitas CA (OD) Jan 08, San Jose CA (OD) May 08, San Jose CA (OD) July 08

**Decanio, Maurice** (2+) Teaneck NJ Feb 94, Hackensack NJ (OD) July 96

**Del Solar, Cesar** (4) Bayside NY (OD) Jan 07, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Sep 07, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship Aug 08

**Delgado, Maureen** (1) Houston TX (CC) Jan 03

**Demers, AL** (1+) Mexican Cruise Apr 89

**Desjardins, Marie** (1+) Montreal VS Toronto Nov 87

**Detmer, Robert** (1+) Stamford CT Spring Aug 82

**Detore, Robert** (3+) Cincinnati OH (CC) Oct 79, Cincinnati OH (ST) Mar 85, Independence OH June 90

**Dewaelsche, Matt** (4+) Manchester MO (ST) Mar 87, Lafayette LA Sep 96, New Orleans LA Mar 00, San Antonio TX Dec 00

**Diament, Elizabeth** (1) Homer AR Mar 07

**Diamond, Stuart** (1+) Islip NY May 73

**Dibattista, Mark** (1+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 Oct 88

**Dick-onuoha, Sam** (1) Mid-cities TX June 01

**Diener, Pat** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 02

**Dijamco, Sal** (3) Fort Lauderdale FL July 02, Fort Lauderdale FL Oct 02, Orlando FL (EB) Nov 02

**Dixon, Jan** (27+) Metropolitan NY Tier 4 June 83, Arlington VA C-note Special July 84, Reading PA Oct 84, Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 89, Oakland CA (OD) June 93, Pittsburgh PA Oct 93, Exton PA (CC) Dec 93, Boston Area Tournament Apr 94, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 94, Exton PA (CC) Dec 94, Baltimore MD Fall Nov 95, Exton PA (CC) Dec 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) June 96, Plainview LI NY (OD) June 96, Baltimore MD Summer July 97, Lancaster PA Oct 97, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) Sep 98, Pittsburgh PA Oct 98, Los Gatos CA Fall Nov 98, Rosendale NY Apr 99, Exton PA (CC) Aug 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) June 05, York PA Sep 06, Mediterranean Cruise Nov 07

**Dixon, Robert** (1+) Vancouver BC Can Nov 92

**Dixon, Roy** (5+) Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) June 95, Berlin NJ Oct 98, Annapolis MD Mar 99, Columbus OH (OD) Sep 03, Palm Harbor FL Aug 07

**Diugolecki, Wally** (1+) Dayton OH (ST) Jan 87

**Dodds, James** (4) Akron OH (OD) Dec 99, Akron OH (OD) Feb 00, Hudson OH Sep 01, Richfield OH (OD) June 03

**Donnellon, Jeff** (1+) Suffern NY (ST) Mar 85

**Donohue, Rita** (2+) Boston MA (CC) Sep 80, Boston MA (CC) Sep 81

**Doreson, Arthur** (2) Farmingdale NY Sep 07, Bayside NY (OD) Jan 09

**Drake, Carole** (3+) Gonzales LA Nov 84, Lafayette LA (ST) Mar 87, Lafayette LA Sep 99

**Dreier, Bebe** (1+) Teaneck NJ (OD) Feb 90

**Drumm, Don** (1+) Cape Cod MA Oct 84

**Drumm, Heather** (6+) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 94, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Oct 94, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 95, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 03, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 05, Burlington VT (EB) Nov 06

**Duddek, Renate** (1) Brandon MB Can Oct 03

**Duhon, Betty** (2+) Mobile AL July 80, Orlando FL (ST) Mar 85

**Dundas, Paul** (1+) Albuquerque NM (ST) Mar 85

**Dunlop, Glenn** (6+) Toronto Ont Can (ST) Apr 87, Milford MI May 91, Toronto Ont Can Sep 94, Cambridge VS Brantford Feb 98, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 99, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 01

**Durdan, Carl** (1) Burlington VT Nov 06

**Dustin, Carol** (2) Winnipeg MB Can May 02, Twin Cities MN (EB) June 06

**Dworkin, Jerry** (1+) South Florida Championship Feb 74

**Dynes, Jerry** (1) Lafayette LA Sep 04

**Early, Michael** (18+) Texas State Championship Feb 94, Dallas TX Nov 99, Ardmore OK Apr 03, Eureka Springs AR Nov 04, Schulenburg TX (OD) Apr 05, Mid-cities TX (EB) June 05, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 05, Dallas TX Oct 05, Eureka Springs AR Nov 05, Atlantic City NJ (EB) Jan 06, War IN Waco Oct 06, Eureka Springs AR Nov 06, Dallas TX (OD) Mar 07, Dallas TX (OD) May 07, College Station TX Nov 07, Dallas TX (OD) Jan 08, Ardmore OK Apr 08, Dallas TX (OD) Aug 08

**Eastwood, Chris** (1+) Euless TX (ST) Jan 87

**Ebanks, Mike** (1) Calgary VS Saskatchewan Nov 00

**Ecsedy, Michael** (3) Shelton CT Spring Aug 06, North Salem NY (OD) Sep 07, Manchester CT (OD) Aug 08

**Edley, Joe** (45+) Oakland CA Sep 79, National Scrabble Championship Nov 80, Cleves OH Aug 81, San Francisco CA (CC) Nov 81, San Francisco CA Apr 82, West Coast Tier 4 June 83, Hamilton County OH Nov 83, Atlantic City NJ Jan 84, Chicago IL Feb 84, New York City Championship Apr 84, Santa Clara CA Feb 85, Riverside CA Aug 86, Atlantic City NJ Jan 88, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 88, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 88, New York NY (BBC) Dec 88, New York NY (BBC) Nov 89, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 89, New York NY (BBC) Mar 90, Hackensack NJ (OD) Mar 90, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 90, New York NY (BBC) June 90, Reno NV June 90, Atlantic City NJ Jan 91, Boston Area Tournament Apr 91, New York NY (BBC) June 91, New York NY (BBC) Nov 91, Atlantic City NJ Jan 92, Twin Cities MN Feb 92, Reno NV July 92, National Scrabble Championship Aug 92, Smithtown LI NY Oct 92, Atlantic City NJ Jan 93, Reno NV June 93, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) Dec 93, Reno NV July 94, Reno NV July 95, Boston Area Tournament Apr 96, Eastern Championships Feb 98, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 98, Eastern Championships Feb 99, National Scrabble Championship Aug 00, Eastern Championships Feb 01, Boston Area Tournament Apr 01, Stamford CT Fall Nov 04

**Edwards, Sally** (1+) Sacramento CA (CC) Feb 76

**Eichenbaum, Jack** (17+) Miami FL May 86, Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 87, New York NY (BBC) Sep 88, Hackensack NJ (OD) July 90, Hackensack NJ (OD) Jan 92, Durango CO May 92, Springfield MA Aug 93, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 93, Gainesville FL Feb 94, Bluepoint LI NY (OD) Sep 94, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 96, New York NY (BBC) Oct 96, Cocoa Beach FL Oct 97, Myrtle Beach SC Mar 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Sep 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Sep 01

**Elkins, Joel** (2) Los Angeles CA (CC) May 02, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 06

**Ellickson, Robert** (1+) Huntington Beach CA Feb 79

**Engelhardt, David** (3) Philadelphia PA (OD) July 03, York PA Mar 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 05  
**Engleman, Janet** (1+) Newark NJ (ST) Mar 85  
**Enszer, Bob** (9+) Lansing MI (OD) Nov 80, Saginaw MI (OD) Mar 85, Michigan VS Toronto Mar 86, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 90, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 91, Livonia MI Sep 93, Lansing MI (OD) May 95, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 95, Lansing MI (OD) May 96  
**Enszer, Evelyn** (1+) Saginaw MI (ST) Apr 85  
**Epstein, Paul** (66+) Xenia OH Feb 82, Stow OH Oct 83, Detroit MI Nov 85, Saginaw MI Sep 86, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 86, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 86, Michigan VS Toronto May 87, Grand Haven MI July 87, Indiana Open Oct 87, Michigan VS Tristate Nov 87, Toronto VS Montreal VS Michigan Oct 88, Flint MI Nov 88, Oberlin OH Nov 88, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 88, Midwest Invitational May 89, Grand Haven MI June 89, Cleves OH June 89, Flint MI Aug 89, Port Huron MI Oct 89, Southfield MI Aug 90, Livonia MI Sep 90, Lansing MI (OD) Feb 91, Fremont OH June 91, Cleves OH June 91, Indiana Open Oct 91, Livonia MI Oct 91, Fremont OH Oct 91, Toronto Ont Can Sep 92, Lansing MI (OD) Jan 93, Ann Arbor MI (OD) Feb 93, Montreal Que Can May 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) July 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Sep 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Apr 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 96, Port Huron MI June 96, Arden Cup May 97, Port Huron MI June 97, West Bloomfield MI July 97, West Bloomfield MI Nov 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Dec 97, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 98, Port Huron MI June 98, West Bloomfield MI Sep 98, Independence OH Feb 99, Toronto West Ont Can May 99, Warren MI May 02, Phoenix AZ (OD) Aug 02, Farmington MI (OD) Nov 02, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 02, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 03, Farmington MI (OD) May 04, Farmington MI (OD) July 04, Farmington MI (OD) Aug 04, Hudson OH Sep 04, Farmington MI (OD) Nov 04, Farmington Hills MI Oct 05, Port Huron MI Nov 05, Buffalo NY May 07, Farmington MI (OD) Aug 07, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 07, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 07, Nast Nov 07, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 07, Waterford MI Mar 08, Ortonville MI (OD) Sep 08  
**Espallardo, Linda** (2+) Montreal Que Can (ST) Apr 87, Montreal VS Ottawa Nov 99  
**Faber, Mindy** (1+) Lexington KY (ST) Mar 85  
**Fancett, Bob** (1+) Calgary AB Can June 98  
**Faria, Alyssa** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 08  
**Fatsis, Stefan** (1) Plainview LI NY (OD) May 01  
**Feldman, Mark** (1+) Bluepoint LI NY (OD) Sep 97  
**Felt, Robert** (40+) Saginaw MI Sep 82, San Francisco CA Feb 84, Riverside CA Nov 84, Haines Falls NY Sep 85, Montreal Que Can May 88, San Juan Puerto Rico May 88, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 89, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 89, Memphis TN Mar 90, Chicago IL July 90, National Scrabble Championship Aug 90, Twin Cities MN Sep 91, New York NY (BBC) Feb 93, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 93, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 94, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 94, Santa Clara CA Feb 95, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 95, Oakland CA (OD) June 95, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 95, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 95, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 96, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 96, Oakland CA (OD) May 96, Portland OR Spring Aug 96, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 97, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 97, Oakland CA (OD) May 97, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 97, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 97, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 98, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 98, Oakland CA (OD) July 98, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 99, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 99, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 99, Albany NY July 99, New York City NY June 00, Lake George NY Oct 00, Indian Harbor FL Oct 02  
**Ferguson, Ann** (2+) Calgary AB Can June 95, Portland OR (LB) Mar 02  
**Fidler, Mark** (2) Matchups Open (TT) Nov 99, Milford CT June 02  
**Fierros, Stephen** (1+) Austin TX July 90  
**Filzer, Glenn** (1) Hawaiian Cruise June 02  
**Finger, Stan** (2+) ST Louis MO (OD) Aug 96, ST Louis MO (OD) Oct 99  
**Firstman, Diane** (1) Bayside NY (OD) Sep 05  
**Fischer, Jim W** (2+) Salt Lake City UT (ST) Mar 85, Bozeman MT (EB) July 03  
**Fischer, Ryan** (3) Durham NC (OD) Aug 07, Raleigh NC Oct 07, Nast Feb 08  
**Fisher, Norma** (4+) Oakland CA May 93, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 94, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 98, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 99  
**Fisher, Steven** (5+) Montreal Que Can May 83, Canada Tier 4 June 83, Montreal Que Can May 86, Yarmouth ME Nov 86, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 91  
**Fishman, Murray** (1+) Indianapolis IN (ST) Jan 87  
**Fisicaro, AL** (2+) Los Angeles CA (CC) May 93, Eagle Rock (OD) June 93  
**Fiszbein, Alex** (3) Farmington MI (OD) Nov 07, Detroit MI Nov 07, Fenton MI Jan 09  
**Fiszbein, Jeff** (1) Fenton MI Apr 08  
**Fleetham, Jeff** (9+) Calgary AB Can Mar 98, Calgary AB Can May 98, Seattle VS Calgary Apr 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) June 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 01, Calgary AB Can June 01, Calgary AB Can Mar 02, Calgary AB Can Jan 06, Calgary AB Can Jan 07  
**Fliesser, Shirley** (2+) Plainview LI NY (OD) May 95, Smithtown LI NY Oct 95  
**Fogel, Daniel** (1) Twin Cities Redeye Jan 06

**Fonti, Jim** (1) Shelton CT Spring Aug 08  
**Forbes, Gerry** (1+) Vancouver BC Can Sep 83  
**Foss, Karol** (1+) Orlando FL Jan 95  
**Fraleay, Kevin** (7) Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 05, Mississippi Riverboat Cruise May 07, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 07, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 07, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 07, Milpitas CA (OD) Mar 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Apr 08  
**Francis, HY** (1+) Toronto Ont Can (ST) Jan 87  
**Francis, Ray** (2+) Willowdale Ont Can (ST) Apr 85, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Sep 96  
**Frank, Alan** (5+) Northeast Tier 4 June 83, Arlington VA Oct 88, Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 91, Baltimore MD Summer July 91, Cape Cod MA Oct 98  
**Frank, Jeremy** (2) Bayside NY (OD) Oct 06, Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 06  
**Frank, Richard** (2) Stanton CA Sep 03, Newport Beach CA (OD) Mar 04  
**Frankki, James** (1+) Milwaukee WI June 97  
**Fratt, Ardis** (1+) Alaskan Cruise May 93  
**Freebody, Lauren** (1) Newport Beach CA (OD) July 99  
**Freehof, Ira** (1) Bayside NY (OD) May 07  
**Frentz, Mike** (2) Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 06, Vancouver And Victoria VS Seattle Nov 07  
**Frey, Bob** (6+) Somerset NJ July 86, Holtsville LI NY (OD) Feb 94, New York NY (BBC) Jan 95, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) Dec 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 96, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 98  
**Friedrich, Andrew** (1) Albuquerque NM Sep 08  
**Gabriel, Marty** (7) Elmhurst IL Sep 99, Elmhurst IL June 00, Indianapolis IN Sep 01, Elizabethtown KY Dec 01, Peoria IL Feb 03, Elmhurst IL Nov 03, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 04  
**Gabrielsen, Roger** (2+) Oakland CA (OD) July 93, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 94  
**Gailtis, Maris** (1+) Ottawa Ont Can (ST) Mar 85  
**Galetz, Tom** (2+) Yonkers NY Apr 80, Westchester County NY Nov 82  
**Gallagher, Eliza** (1) Nast July 07  
**Galloway, Joseph** (1) Indianapolis IN (OD) Sep 03  
**Ganguet, Richard** (3) Jonesboro AR Apr 01, Jackson MS Jan 04, Birmingham AL (OD) Feb 07  
**Gardner, John** (4+) Los Angeles CA Oct 79, Pasadena CA (T3) May 83, Pasadena CA Sep 84, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 96  
**Garner, Mady** (1+) Cleves OH (ST) Feb 87  
**Garren, Helaine** (1+) Portland OR Spring Jan 87  
**Garthoff, Jon** (1) Newport Beach CA (OD) Dec 03  
**Gaspard, Joseph** (5) Twin Cities MN (EB) Nov 06, Urban IL July 07, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 07, Twin Cities MN Nov 07, Twin Cities MN (EB) Nov 07  
**Gatlin, Danny** (1) Jonesboro AR May 07  
**Gatz, Joe** (1+) Oklahoma City OK (ST) Mar 85  
**Gawtry, Steve** (1) Gambrills MD (OD) May 05  
**Geary, Jim** (21+) Tucson AZ Apr 94, Durango CO May 94, Phoenix AZ Feb 95, Irvine CA Apr 95, Houston TX July 95, Phoenix AZ Feb 96, San Antonio TX Mar 96, Santa Clara CA Oct 96, Scottsdale AZ Nov 96, Los Gatos CA Memorial Day May 97, Cincinnati Masters Championship Aug 97, Phoenix AZ Feb 99, Reno NV (EB) July 00, Reno NV July 00, Santa Ana CA Apr 03, Reno NV (EB) July 04, Phoenix AZ (EB) Feb 06, Phoenix AZ Feb 06, Oregon Tile May 06, Houston TX Sep 06, Reno NV (EB) Jan 07  
**Gerwing, Jean** (1) Saskatoon SK Can Sep 04  
**Giblin, William** (1+) Jackson MS (OD) Dec 96  
**Gibson, David** (14+) Charlotte NC Jan 87, Decatur GA Mar 87, South Carolina State Championship Nov 87, Mcdonalds NC VS Spartanburg SC May 89, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 91, San Antonio TX Mar 93, National Scrabble Championship Aug 94, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 95, Scrabble Superstars Showdown Aug 95, Orlando FL Nov 02, All Stars Championship Aug 03, Kissimmee FL Dec 04, Charlotte NC Mar 05, Asheville NC Nov 08  
**Gillis, Robert** (1) Brownsville TN Sep 02  
**Girshoff, David** (1+) Orlando FL Feb 87  
**Glass, Steve** (16+) Dallas TX Nov 97, Austin TX Nov 97, Marshall TX Oct 00, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 02, Albuquerque NM Sep 02, Hudson OH Oct 03, Dallas TX Nov 04, Tampa FL May 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 05, Port Richey FL (EB) Feb 06, Port Richey FL Feb 06, Albuquerque NM Sep 06, Boston Area Tournament (EB) Apr 07, Canada Cruise Sep 07, Atlantic City NJ Jan 08, Cleveland OH Dec 08  
**Glazerman, Bill** (1+) Wilmington DE (ST) Mar 87  
**Glowniak, Elaine** (3+) Indiana Open Oct 81, West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 98, Farmington MI (OD) Aug 01  
**Goard, J** (2) Oakland CA (OD) Apr 02, Campbell CA Spring May 02

**Goatcher, Shaun** (17+) Kirkland Que Can Oct 86, Toronto Ont Can Sep 87, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 93, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 94, Farmington Hills MI Jan 94, Port Huron MI Dec 94, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Feb 96, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Feb 98, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Mar 98, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Apr 98, Buffalo NY June 98, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 01, Dundas Ont Can June 04, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Apr 05, Toronto Ont Can July 07, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 07

**Goldberg, Alan** (1+) Madison WI (ST) Mar 85

**Goldenberg, Murray** (1) Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 08

**Golding, Andrew** (1) Montreal Que Can May 06

**Goldman, Daniel** (1) Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 02

**Goldman, Stuart** (38+) Warminster PA (ST) June 79, New York City Game Room Open (CON) Dec 79, New York City Game Room Open Dec 80, Chicago IL Aug 84, New York City Game Room Open (CON) Dec 84, Haines Falls NY Sep 86, Huntington Beach CA Mar 90, Phoenix AZ Feb 91, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 93, New York NY (BBC) Nov 93, Oakland CA (OD) May 95, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) Apr 96, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 97, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 98, Huntington Beach CA (OD) May 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) July 98, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 99, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 99, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 00, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 00, Portland OR Spring Mar 01, Portland OR (LB) Mar 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 01, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 01, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 01, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 03, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 03, Los Gatos CA (EB) May 04, Stony Brook NY Mar 05, Bayside NY (OD) Nov 05, Bayside NY (OD) Feb 06

**Goldstein, Brad** (1+) Lansing MI (ST) Jan 87

**Goldstein, Charles** (22+) Oakland CA Apr 75, Sacramento CA Mar 76, San Jose CA Apr 76, Oakland CA Nov 76, San Francisco CA 77, San Jose CA May 77, Oakland CA Sep 78, Sacramento CA Nov 78, Roseville CA Dec 78, Bermuda Apr 80, Arizona-new Mexico T3 Apr 83, San Francisco CA Apr 83, Northern California T3 May 83, Huntington Beach CA Feb 84, San Francisco CA Apr 84, Durango CO May 84, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 85, San Francisco CA Feb 86, Grand Canyon AZ Oct 86, Thailand International Feb 90, Mexican Cruise May 90, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 95

**Goldstein, Eric** (7) Farmingdale NY June 06, North Salem NY (OD) Dec 06, North Salem NY (OD) Apr 07, North Salem NY (OD) Mar 08, North Salem NY (OD) May 08, Bayside NY (OD) July 08, Bayside NY (OD) Nov 08

**Gomes, Linda** (1+) Hamilton Ont Can Oct 86

**Goodman, David** (2+) Mohawk Valley NY Feb 89, Rochester NY Nov 96

**Goodman, Mark** (1+) Mohawk Valley NY Aug 91

**Goodwin, Daniel** (6+) Portland VS Seattle Sep 98, Port Richey FL Feb 05, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Sep 05, Vancouver BC Can Mar 07, Cascadia Challenge Apr 07, Nast Jan 08

**Goolsby, Bryan** (3+) Fresno CA (OD) Oct 93, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 04, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 04

**Gordon, Eleanor** (1+) Chicago IL Nov 76

**Gordon, Steve** (3+) Cleves OH June 86, Chicago IL Sep 86, Chicago IL Jan 88

**Gosin, Sandra** (1+) Lauderhill FL (ST) Feb 87

**Gottlin, Liz** (1) Durham NC (OD) Aug 08

**Gould, David A** (1+) Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 96

**Gove, John** (4+) Somerset NJ Feb 84, Enfield CT (OD) Feb 86, Tampa FL Nov 04, Port Richey FL (LB) Feb 06

**Gracz, Mike** (1) Homer AR Mar 08

**Graham, Matt** (25+) Atlantic City NJ Jan 95, Poconos PA Apr 95, New York NY (BBC) Jan 96, Arlington VA Apr 96, Poconos PA May 96, Atlantic City NJ Jan 97, Eastern Championships Feb 97, Poconos PA May 97, Rosendale NY Apr 98, Poconos PA May 98, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 98, Atlantic City NJ Jan 01, Stamford CT Spring May 02, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 02, Bird-in-hand PA Sep 02, Parsippany NJ (EB) Dec 02, Stamford CT Spring May 03, Atlantic City NJ June 03, Can-am Match Mar 04, Parsippany NJ (FALL) Sep 04, Atlantic City NJ Jan 05, Oshawa Ont Can Jan 05, Stamford CT Spring June 06, New York City (OD) July 07, New York City Oct 07

**Grazette, Pam** (1+) Brooklyn NY (ST) Jan 87

**Green, Morine** (4+) Dallas TX Feb 80, Dallas TX Dec 80, Lubbock TX Oct 83, Dallas TX Dec 83

**Green, Travis** (1) Indianapolis IN July 05

**Greenside, Gerry** (3+) Palm Springs CA Dec 95, Stuart FL Oct 03, Myrtle Beach SC (EB) Oct 08

**Greenspan, Randy** (22+) Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 91, Port Huron MI May 92, Niagara Falls NY Oct 94, Cocoa Beach FL Nov 94, Flint MI Apr 95, Livonia MI Apr 97, Montreal Que Can May 97, Oshawa Ont Can Dec 97, Atlantic City NJ Jan 98, Toronto West Ont Can May 00, Buffalo NY June 00, Albany NY July 00, Montreal Que Can May 01, Reno NV (EB) July 01, Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 02, Bird-in-hand PA Aug 03, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 04, Albany NY July 04, Albany NY July 06, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 07, Albany NY Dec 07, Buffalo NY (EB) May 08

**Greve, Rose** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) May 79

**Grillo, Dominic** (2) Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 05, Princeton NJ Apr 06

**Grob, Steve** (27+) Lansing MI (ST) Mar 85, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 90, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 91, Grand Rapids MI July 92, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 93, Lansing MI (OD) May 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Sep 94, Fremont OH Oct 94, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Feb 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 96, Michigan Madness June 99, Michigan Madness June 00, Farmington MI (OD) Feb 02, Petoskey MI Oct 02, Port Huron MI Nov 02, Farmington MI (OD) Apr 04, Lansing MI (OD) Nov 04, Farmington MI (OD) Jan 05, Farmington MI (OD) Feb 07, Farmington MI (OD) May 07, Fenton MI Sep 07, Fenton MI Jan 08, Detroit MI May 08, Fenton MI Sep 08

**Grosman, Diana** (1+) Baltimore MD Fall Nov 94

**Grossman, Barry** (1) Mind Sports Olympiad Aug 00

**Gruber, Linda** (5+) New York City Championship Mar 81, Mount Airy PA Oct 81, Springfield MA Nov 83, New York City Game Room Open Dec 83, New York NY (BBC) June 92

**Guilbert, Chris** (1) Cape Cod MA Nov 02

**Guillery, Jason** (1) Calgary AB Can (OD) June 03

**Guillot, James** (2+) Poconos PA Oct 79, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Oct 85

**Gupton, Ruth** (1+) Detroit MI (CC) Mar 81

**Hahn, Albert** (39+) Calgary AB Can Jan 96, Victoria BC Can Oct 96, Western Canadian Championship Oct 96, Calgary AB Can Mar 97, Calgary AB Can Jan 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) May 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 98, Calgary VS Saskatchewan Oct 98, Western Canadian Championship Oct 98, Victoria BC Can Nov 98, Calgary AB Can Jan 99, Calgary AB Can Jan 99, Calgary AB Can Mar 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Sep 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 00, Calgary AB Can June 00, Victoria BC Can Oct 00, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 01, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 01, Calgary AB Can June 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 02, Western Canadian Championship Oct 02, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Mar 03, Cascadia Challenge Apr 03, Calgary AB Can Jan 04, Calgary AB Can Feb 04, Sherwood Park AB Can Apr 04, Calgary AB Can May 04, Calgary AB Can (EB) Sep 04, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 05, Canadian Wscqt July 05, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Sep 05, Portland OR (EB) Sep 06, Calgary AB Can Dec 07, Edmonton AB Can Mar 08

**Hall, Thomas M** (10) Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 01, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 01, York PA Mar 04, Berlin NJ (OD) Oct 04, Raleigh NC Oct 05, Abilene TX (EB) Jan 06, York PA Mar 06, York PA Oct 06, York PA Mar 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 07

**Halper, Edward** (3+) Metropolitan New York (T2) Mar 83, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 99, Lake George NY Oct 01

**Hamilton, Bill** (3+) Los Angeles CA Oct 78, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 80, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 83

**Hamilton, Bob** (1+) Vancouver VS Victoria Feb 94

**Hamilton, Ruth** (4+) Victoria BC Can Nov 93, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 98, Denver CO (EB) June 00, Portland OR (LB) Mar 04

**Harbron, Robert** (1) Thunder Bay Ont Can Nov 04

**Harris, Alice** (1+) Largo FL Aug 75

**Harris, Lana** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Feb 90

**Harrison, Ben** (1) Lake George NY (EB) Oct 06

**Harrison, Catherine** (1+) Birmingham AL (ST) Mar 85

**Harshbarger, Eric** (2) New Orleans LA June 08, Atlanta GA (OD) Dec 08

**Hart, John** (7+) Irvine CA Apr 96, Portland VS Seattle Sep 96, Tucson AZ Dec 02, Portland OR Spring Mar 03, Portland OR Spring Mar 04, Portland VS Seattle Sep 04, Denver CO Oct 04

**Hartsman, Steve** (2) Elmhurst IL Nov 06, Chicago IL Mar 08

**Hasan, Ayesha** (1+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 93

**Hatch, Jonathan** (1+) Brooklyn NY Apr 73

**Havens, Victor** (1+) Oakland CA (CC) Nov 81

**Haworth, Joan** (1+) Wilmington DE Jan 74

**Hay, Anne** (6+) Xenia OH Feb 80, Xenia OH May 80, Cleves OH Aug 80, Stow OH Oct 81, Charlotte NC Mar 87, Jacksonville FL Nov 96

**Hay, Jennifer** (1) Portland TX June 07

**Haynes, Wendell** (2) Satellite Beach FL Oct 99, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Dec 08

**Hedden, Lloyd** (1+) Hot Springs AR (CC) Oct 76

**Heidler, Greg** (1) Oregon Tile (EB) May 07

**Helfgott, Alan** (1) Indianapolis IN (OD) Jan 06

**Helle, Ray** (1) Jonesboro AR May 03

**Henderson, James** (1+) Jacksonville FL (OD) Oct 90

**Hepner, ED** (1+) Westchester County NY Nov 77

**Herbert, Howard** (3+) Islip NY Mar 77, Westchester County NY Mar 80, New Rochelle NY Nov 80  
**Herfel, David** (1) Twin Cities MN (EB) Apr 07  
**Hersom, Randy** (23+) Annitson AL July 92, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 94, Spartanburg SC Aug 95, Birmingham AL Oct 95, Melrose FL Dec 95, Elizabethtown KY May 96, Birmingham AL Oct 96, Myrtle Beach SC Feb 97, Elizabethtown KY May 97, Birmingham AL Oct 97, Myrtle Beach SC Feb 98, Elizabethtown KY May 99, Atlanta GA (OD) June 99, Bird-in-hand PA Dec 99, Elizabethtown KY May 00, Knoxville TN Dec 00, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 02, Flat Rock NC Apr 02, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 03, Elizabethtown KY May 03, Rome GA Jan 04, College Park GA Feb 04, Charlotte NC Jan 06  
**Hertz, Frank** (3+) Mesa AZ Oct 77, Milwaukee WI Jan 87, Phoenix AZ Feb 87  
**Higby, Karl** (5) Albany VS Middleton Nov 03, Albany NY (EB) July 05, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 05, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 07, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 08  
**Hildebrand, Jeremy** (2) Ottawa Ont Can June 05, Nast Jan 08  
**Hill, Marlon** (15+) Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 97, Bird-in-hand PA Nov 98, Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 98, Philadelphia PA (OD) May 99, Daytona Beach FL Nov 99, Baltimore MD Fall Dec 01, Annapolis MD (OD) May 02, Philadelphia PA (OD) June 03, Jersey City NJ Sep 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 03, Baltimore MD Fall Oct 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 06, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 07, Annapolis MD (OD) June 08  
**Hill, Milford** (1+) Pasadena CA July 75  
**Hinkier, Jerry** (1+) Ann Arbor MI Oct 74  
**Hlady, Jason** (1) Western Canadian Championship Oct 08  
**Hodges, Patrick** (5) Phoenix AZ (OD) Mar 04, Phoenix AZ (OD) July 05, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 05, Tucson AZ Dec 06, Phoenix AZ (OD) Sep 07  
**Hoekstra, Ron** (36+) Grand Rapids MI Oct 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 98, Lansing MI (OD) May 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 99, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 99, Lansing MI (OD) May 99, West Bloomfield MI (OD) July 99, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Feb 00, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Nov 00, Livonia MI Apr 01, Warren MI May 01, Port Huron MI Nov 01, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 02, Farmington MI (OD) Jan 03, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 03, Farmington MI (OD) Mar 03, Farmington MI (OD) May 03, Farmington MI (OD) Aug 03, Farmington MI (OD) Nov 03, Farmington MI (OD) Jan 04, Port Huron MI June 04, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 04, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 04, Petoskey MI Oct 04, Columbus OH (OD) Dec 04, Farmington MI (OD) July 05, Toronto Ont Can July 06, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 06, Petoskey MI Oct 06, Canadian Wscqt July 07, Farmington MI (OD) July 07, Chicago IL Sep 07, Indianapolis IN July 08, Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 08, Fenton MI (LB) Sep 08  
**Holcombe, Kenneth** (1+) Mobile AL May 77  
**Holgate, John** (1+) Australian National Championship Mar 88  
**Holicky, James** (1+) Chicago IL May 80  
**Holmes, Jason** (1) Durham NC (OD) Mar 07  
**Homan, Jim** (1+) Albuquerque NM Oct 93  
**Honig, Doug** (2+) Portland VS Seattle Oct 93, Portland VS Seattle Oct 00  
**Hopkins, Freda** (1+) Memphis TN (ST) Mar 85  
**Horn, Joel** (9+) Boca Raton VS Lauderhill Apr 89, Livonia MI Apr 94, Pompano Beach FL Mar 97, Mohawk Valley NY May 99, Ithaca NY Oct 99, Canadian Cruise June 01, Albany NY July 01, Lake George NY Oct 04, Shelton CT Spring Dec 05  
**Horn, Judy** (2+) New York NY (BBC) July 93, Pittsburgh PA Oct 95  
**Horowitz, Arnie** (1+) Matchups Open (TT) Dec 87  
**Howlett, Mike** (4+) City Creek UT Aug 82, Salt Lake City UT Dec 83, Salt Lake City UT (OD) Sep 90, Portland OR (EB) Aug 02  
**Huang, Brendan** (1) Sherwood Park AB Can Apr 06  
**Huber, Althea** (1+) Los Angeles CA (CC) May 84  
**Humble, Shawn** (1) Durham NC (OD) Mar 08  
**Hyman, Barbara** (1+) Mount Airy PA Nov 80  
**Idalski, Jason** (3) Fenton MI (LB) Sep 07, Elyria OH Oct 07, Ortonville MI (OD) Jan 09  
**Ikekerregor, Dennis** (1) African Scrabble Championship 04  
**Intarasuwan, Piengkamol** (1) FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Sep 07  
**Inthara, Win** (1) Kissimmee FL Feb 09  
**Izikoff, Paul** (1+) Miami FL May 85  
**Jackson, Dee** (3+) Boston Area Tournament Apr 83, Bohemia NY (OD) Mar 86, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 02  
**Jacobs, Bruce** (1+) Pittsford NY Apr 86  
**Jacobstein, Bennett** (1) Fresno CA (OD) Dec 08  
**James, Larry** (2+) Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 97, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 02  
**James, Nathan** (1) Charlotte NC (LB) June 08

**Jaramillo, Caesar** (2) Austin TX Dec 99, Lubbock TX May 04  
**Jarowski, John** (3+) Washington DC (T2) Mar 83, New York City Game Room Open June 84, Dekalb County GA Mar 88  
**Jaworski, John** (1+) Baltimore VS Washington DC Apr 86  
**Jeffers, John T** (2+) Birmingham AL Oct 83, Decatur GA Mar 86  
**Jessup, Nancy** (1) Bahamas Jan 02  
**Jester, Claudine** (1+) Moscow ID Oct 79  
**Joffe, Helen** (1) Jackson MS June 99  
**Johnson, Carl** (4) Portland VS Seattle Sep 07, Lake Oswego OR Nov 07, Portland OR (LB) Sep 08, Lake Oswego OR Feb 09  
**Johnson, Dave** (34+) Houston TX Sep 80, Birmingham AL (T2) Mar 83, Southeast Region T4 June 83, New Orleans LA Apr 84, Lafayette LA Sep 84, Memphis TN Feb 86, Mobile AL Mar 86, Gonzales LA Dec 86, Mobile AL Apr 87, New Orleans LA Apr 88, Gonzales LA Nov 89, Alexandria LA Mar 92, New Orleans LA May 92, Louisiana State Championship Nov 93, Alexandria LA Apr 94, Austin TX Nov 94, New Orleans LA Mar 95, Louisiana State Championship Dec 95, Jackson MS June 96, Lafayette LA Sep 98, San Antonio TX Oct 98, Louisiana State Championship Nov 98, Tyler TX Jan 99, Marshall TX Sep 99, Galveston TX Jan 00, Louisiana State Championship Dec 00, Jackson MS Jan 01, Galveston TX Jan 01, Houston TX Sep 01, Birmingham AL Oct 01, Louisiana State Championship Dec 01, Jonesboro AR May 02, Jackson MS Jan 03, Louisiana State Championship Nov 03  
**Johnson, Ella C.** (1+) Reading PA (ST) Mar 85  
**Johnson, Gregg** (1+) Florida State Championship Aug 77  
**Johnson, Max** (1+) Lubbock TX (CC) Nov 81  
**Johnson, Richard** (2+) Austin TX June 91, Queen Wilhemina AR July 91  
**Jokubaitis, Joseph** (1) Manchester CT (OD) Nov 08  
**Jones, Vernon** (1+) New York NY (BBC) June 94  
**Julian, Richard** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 04  
**Justice, Sheri** (1) Kansas City MO June 08  
**Justman, Mike** (1+) Sacramento CA Mar 75  
**Kahn, Robert** (11+) Davie FL June 79, Miami FL June 79, Florida State Championship Aug 79, Miami FL 80, Miami FL May 80, Miami FL May 80, Florida State Championship June 80, Miami FL May 81, Hollywood FL (ST) Mar 85, Orlando FL Feb 88, Altamonte Springs FL Nov 91  
**Kaiser, Dennis** (21+) Denver CO (ST) Feb 87, Denver CO Aug 92, Albuquerque NM Oct 94, Denver CO Apr 96, Albuquerque NM Sep 96, Reno NV (EB) Jan 98, Lubbock TX Mar 98, Durango CO (EB) May 99, Albuquerque NM Sep 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 00, Seaside OR Mar 00, Durango CO (EB) May 00, Durango CO May 00, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 01, Prescott AZ (EB) May 01, Prescott AZ (LB) May 01, Denver CO (EB) June 01, Portland OR (LB) Sep 02, Vancouver BC Can Feb 03, Denver CO Oct 03, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 05  
**Kaitz, Merrill** (3+) New York City Game Room Open Dec 79, New York City Game Room Open Dec 84, Cape Cod MA Oct 97  
**Kamen, Maddy** (8+) Los Angeles CA (CC) May 79, Los Angeles CA (CC) June 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) July 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Sep 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Jan 07, Fresno CA (OD) Oct 07, Caribbean Cruise Jan 08, Caribbean Cruise Jan 08  
**Kamen, Roy** (1) Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 02  
**Kaminsky, Faith** (1+) Boca Raton FL (ST) Mar 85  
**Kaminsky, Warren** (2+) Chicago IL June 82, Chicago IL Nov 83  
**Kanter, Noah** (2) Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 99, Oakland CA (OD) July 99  
**Kantimathi, Sam** (35+) Houston TX Mar 84, Dallas TX July 84, Washington DC (CC) Oct 84, Indiana Open Oct 86, Boca Raton FL Nov 89, ST Louis MO June 91, Hackensack NJ May 92, Montreal Que Can May 92, Thailand International Feb 94, Reno NV (EB) July 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 97, Matchups Open (TT) Sep 97, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 98, Livonia MI Apr 99, Oakland CA (OD) May 00, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Sep 00, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 00, Reno NV (EB) Jan 01, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 01, Campbell CA Fall Oct 01, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 01, Tucson AZ Dec 01, Tampa FL Feb 03, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 03, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 04, Santa Ana CA Apr 05, South Bend IN (OD) Apr 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Apr 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 06, Clayton CA (OD) Mar 08, Albany NY July 08, Dallas Toc Jan 09  
**Kaplan, Carol** (4+) Scottsdale AZ Nov 97, Phoenix AZ Feb 98, Scottsdale AZ Oct 98, Irvine CA Apr 99  
**Kareiva, Nedd** (1+) Fremont OH Oct 98  
**Karris, John** (33+) Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 98, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 00, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 02, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 02, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 02, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 03, Oakland

CA (OD) Apr 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 03, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 04, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 04, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Mar 07

**Kasowitz, Minerva** (1+) Grossinger's NY June 73

**Katock, Bea** (1+) New York City Game Room Open (CON) June 84

**Katz, Chani** (1) Denver CO June 00

**Katz-brown, Jason** (5) Boston Area Tournament (EB) Apr 05, Boston Area Tournament Apr 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Aug 06, Dover NH (OD) Jan 07, Berkeley CA (OD) July 07

**Kaufman, Zev** (5+) Toronto Ont Can June 85, Hamilton Ont Can Oct 87, Canadian Wcqt May 93, Toronto Ont Can (ST) June 94, Toronto Ont Can June 02

**Kaufmann, Paula** (1+) Cape Cod MA Nov 94

**Kavleski, Michael** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) May 94

**Keith, Barry** (1+) Baltimore MD Summer June 94

**Keller, Jason** (1) North Salem NY (OD) Jan 09

**Kellerman, Jesse** (1) Laguna Woods CA (OD) Jan 08

**Kelly, Joan** (1) North Salem NY (OD) Nov 06

**Kelly, Tom** (5+) Holtsville LI NY (OD) May 97, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) Jan 01, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 02, Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 03

**Kempa, Rick** (1+) Tucson AZ (ST) Jan 87

**Kenas, Mark** (6+) Twin Cities MN Nov 92, Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 94, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 02, Wisconsin Dells WI Sep 06, Twin Cities MN Nov 06, Birmingham AL (OD) June 08

**Keton, Annie** (1+) Lafayette LA (ST) Jan 87

**Kiehlbauch, John** (6+) Decatur GA (CC) May 80, Dekalb County GA May 80, Birmingham AL Dec 80, Atlanta GA Fall Nov 84, Birmingham AL Nov 85, Birmingham AL Nov 86

**King, Mark** (1+) Miami FL Aug 78

**Kirby, Polly** (1+) Mobile AL 75

**Kitchen, Scott** (1) Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 08

**Klaphajone, Jakkrit** (2+) Thailand International Jan 95, Thailand International Jan 97

**Knapp, Rachel** (4) Laguna Woods CA (OD) Dec 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Mar 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Oct 06, Stanton CA Jan 09

**Knapp, Stephen** (2) Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 03, Battle Creek MI (OD) May 08

**Koenig, David** (6) Philadelphia PA (OD) Mar 05, Princeton NJ Mar 07, Philadelphia PA Sep 07, Farmingdale NY Mar 08, North Salem NY (OD) Mar 08, North Salem NY (OD) Nov 08

**Kopczak, Josh** (1) Hudson OH July 02

**Koshute, Phil** (1) Cleveland OH Aug 00

**Kowalski, Curtis** (1) Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 07

**Krafchick, Joey** (1) Columbia SC Apr 08

**Kramer, Jim** (34+) Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 90, Midwest Invitational June 91, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 91, Sioux Falls SD Apr 94, Twin Cities MN May 94, Minneapolis MN Feb 95, Twin Cities MN Mar 95, Minneapolis MN Aug 95, Minneapolis MN Nov 95, Twin Cities MN Sep 96, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 97, Twin Cities MN Nov 97, Twin Cities MN Apr 98, Lakewood CO June 98, Sioux Falls SD May 99, Twin Cities MN Nov 99, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 00, Twin Cities MN Mar 01, Twin Cities MN Mar 02, Sioux Falls SD Apr 02, Sioux Falls SD Apr 03, Stillwater MN Sep 03, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 03, Sioux Falls SD Apr 04, Twin Cities MN June 04, Sioux Falls SD Apr 05, Sioux Falls SD Apr 06, Twin Cities MN June 06, National Scrabble Championship Aug 06, Sioux Falls SD Apr 07, Nast June 07, Sioux Falls SD Apr 08, Nast June 08, Twin Cities MN Nov 08

**Kreiswirth, Rose** (13+) Brooklyn NY (ST) Apr 85, Springfield MA Mar 89, Baltimore MD Summer June 90, Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 92, Holtsville LI NY (OD) May 93, Lexington MA Sep 94, Avalon NJ Sep 94, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 96, Bayside NY (OD) Apr 05, Shelton CT Spring Mar 06, Farmingdale NY Mar 07, Shelton CT Spring Aug 08

**Krell, Marlene** (1+) Denver CO Jan 85

**Krepakevich, Michael** (1+) Towson MD (ST) Jan 87

**Kretschman, Phil** (3) Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 04, Albany NY (EB) Dec 06, Clearwater FL Feb 07

**Krombholz, Alice** (1+) Canoga Park CA (ST) Mar 85

**Krueger, Jason** (2) Calgary AB Can Apr 08, Calgary AB Can Jan 09

**Kuehnrich, Frank** (2+) New York City Championship Feb 75, New York City Championship Feb 76

**Kulas, Wendy** (1+) Calgary AB Can (OD) June 97

**Kunstler, Lotte** (1+) Cortlandt NY Oct 76  
**Lakernick, Harriette** (1+) Austin TX Dec 98  
**Lambe, Ken** (25+) Saginaw MI (CC) Aug 78, Port Huron MI June 79, Port Huron MI May 81, Detroit MI Nov 81, Cleves OH (T2) Apr 83, Detroit MI Nov 84, Indiana Open Oct 85, Saginaw MI (ST) Mar 87, Bay City MI (OD) May 87, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 87, Cincinnati OH Mar 88, Detroit MI Aug 88, Lansing MI (OD) Feb 89, Marion IN Oct 90, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 90, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 90, Dayton OH Mar 91, Grand Haven MI Apr 91, Lansing MI (OD) May 92, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) July 96, Fremont OH Oct 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) May 99, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 99, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 00  
**Lamerand, Jim** (2+) Phoenix AZ Jan 85, Phoenix AZ (OD) May 03  
**Landsberg, Mark** (9+) Eagle Rock (OD) July 92, Los Angeles CA Sep 92, San Diego CA Feb 97, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 98, Irvine CA Apr 98, Reno NV (EB) July 99, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship June 02, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship June 05, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship May 06  
**Lapinski, Bill** (1) Laguna Woods CA (OD) July 08  
**Latis, George** (1) Edmonton AB Can (OD) Nov 08  
**Lauder, Richard** (3+) Minneapolis MN July 86, Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 92, Milwaukee WI May 93  
**Lauffer, Matt** (7+) Hackensack NJ (FALL) Nov 92, Holtsville LI NY (OD) Feb 94, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 97, New York NY (BBC) Aug 97, Poconos PA May 99, Shelton CT Spring Mar 01, Shelton CT Spring Mar 03  
**Lazard, Richard S.** (2+) Orlando FL Jan 86, Gainesville VS Orlando (TT) June 90  
**Lazaro, Dick** (1+) Florida State Championship Mar 86  
**Le, Cecilia** (1) Cape Cod MA Nov 08  
**Leah, Tony** (5) Mississauga VS Toronto Jan 05, Oshawa Ont Can Jan 06, Toronto Ont Can Sep 08, Yarmouth ME Jan 09, Guelph Ont Can Feb 09  
**Lee, Curtis** (1+) Pittsford NY (ST) Mar 87  
**Lee, Frank** (5+) West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 93, West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 94, Indianapolis IN (OD) Nov 97, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 00, Elizabethtown KY May 05  
**Lefler, Rosalie** (1+) Dallas TX Feb 75  
**Leichty, Bruce** (1) Fresno CA (OD) June 99  
**Leifer, Dave** (10+) Sharon MA (ST) Mar 85, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 91, Cape Cod MA Oct 92, Jonesboro AR May 93, Jonesboro AR May 96, Jackson MS June 97, Memphis TN Oct 00, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 01, Parsippany NJ (FALL) (EB) Aug 03, Atlanta GA (OD) May 08  
**Leiner, Jane** (1+) Rochelle Park NJ May 86  
**Lennon, Chris** (10+) Lafayette LA Sep 95, New Orleans LA Feb 96, Schulenburg TX (OD) Apr 96, Texas State Championship Feb 97, Portland OR Fall Nov 97, Portland OR Spring Feb 98, Las Vegas NV Nov 98, Las Vegas NV Nov 04, Arcata CA July 05, Reno NV Jan 06  
**Leonard, Harry** (2+) Alaskan Cruise June 91, Mexican Cruise Dec 92  
**Leong, James** (3) Victoria BC Can June 03, Vancouver BC Can Mar 06, The Players Championship Aug 07  
**Lerman, Jerry** (85+) Huntington Beach CA Apr 88, San Francisco CA Jan 92, San Francisco CA (OD) Sep 92, San Jose CA Oct 92, San Jose CA Feb 93, Oakland CA (OD) June 94, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 94, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 95, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 95, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 95, Santa Clara CA Feb 96, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 96, Oakland CA (OD) July 96, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 96, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 96, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 97, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 97, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 99, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 99, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 99, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 00, Oakland CA (OD) June 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 01, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 01, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 01, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 02, Portland OR Spring Mar 02, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 02, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 02, Campbell CA Fall Dec 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 03, Oakland CA (OD) May 03, Oakland CA (OD) July 03, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 03, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 03, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 04, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 04, Phoenix AZ Feb 05, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 05, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 05, Mill Valley CA (OD) May 05, Los Gatos CA Memorial Day May 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 05, Mill Valley CA (OD) Aug 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 05, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 05, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 05, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 05, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Mar 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Sep 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Dec 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 07, Oregon Tile May 07, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 07, Alaskan Cruise June 07, Berkeley CA (OD) June 07, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Sep 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Jan 08, Berkeley CA (OD) June 08, San Jose CA (OD) Oct 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Nov 08  
**Lerner, Cynthia** (1+) Denver CO (ST) Mar 85

**Levey, Dale** (1+) Islip NY Mar 74  
**Levin, Jay** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) July 96  
**Levin, Robin** (6) Los Gatos CA (OD) May 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 05, Berkeley CA (OD) Feb 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Feb 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) May 06  
**Levinsky, Stuart** (1) Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 01  
**Levitt, Judy** (3+) Los Angeles CA (OD) Apr 97, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 00, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 01  
**Lewis, Greg** (2+) Scottsdale AZ Mar 83, Tucson AZ Apr 90  
**Lewis, Robin** (1+) Schulenburg TX (OD) Oct 97  
**Lieberfarb, David** (1) Plainview LI NY (OD) July 02  
**Liebhaber, Dennis** (1+) Madison WI Mar 90  
**Linn, Robert** (15+) Caribbean Cruise Aug 86, New York NY (BBC) Feb 91, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 97, Williamsburg VA June 99, Baltimore MD Fall Oct 99, Club Med Mexican Resort Feb 01, Reno NV (EB) Jan 02, Costa Rica Tour Feb 03, Odenton MD May 03, Prague Budapest June 05, Portugal Mar 06, Reno NV June 06, Philadelphia PA Liberty Bell Sep 06, Lake George NY Oct 06, Guatemala Tour Dec 06  
**Lipe, Chris** (2) Toronto Ont Can July 08, Lake George NY Oct 08  
**Lipkin, Seth** (2) Cape Cod MA Nov 07, Teaneck NJ (OD) Jan 09  
**Lipman, Joel** (4+) Baltimore MD Fall Nov 75, Wilmington DE Jan 76, East Coast Championship Jan 78, Valley Forge PA (ST) May 85  
**Lipton, Bob** (24+) Las Vegas NV Dec 89, Boca Raton VS Lauderhill Apr 91, Gonzales LA Nov 91, Fort Lauderdale FL Dec 91, Caribbean Cruise Dec 91, Gainesville FL Feb 92, Gainesville FL Feb 93, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 93, Indialantic FL Aug 93, Melrose FL Sep 93, Elizabethtown KY May 94, Houston TX Oct 94, Melrose FL Oct 94, Melrose FL Feb 96, Tampa FL Sep 96, Melrose FL Dec 96, Bloomington MN (WQ) June 97, Port St Lucie FL Jan 98, Kissimmee FL Feb 98, Jonesboro AR May 98, Kissimmee FL Feb 00, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 00, Melrose FL Dec 00, Lubbock TX Mar 02  
**Livermore, Noel** (6+) Smithtown LI NY Dec 94, Fort Lauderdale FL Cruise Oct 96, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 99, Lancaster PA June 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 01, Philadelphia PA May 07  
**Lodinsky, John** (3) Stratford Ont Can (OD) Oct 00, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 05, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 06  
**Logan, Adam** (16+) Hamilton Ont Can Mar 91, Boston Area Tournament Apr 93, Niagara Falls NY June 93, Eastern Championships Feb 96, National Scrabble Championship July 96, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Oct 96, Albany NY July 97, Boston Area Tournament Mar 98, Montreal Que Can May 03, Canadian National Scrabble Championship June 05, World Scrabble Championship Nov 05, Can-am Match June 06, Boston Area Tournament Apr 07, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Apr 08, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Apr 08, Albany NY Dec 08  
**Lovisko, Kathy** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Dec 82  
**Luebke, John** (21+) Atlanta GA (OD) Sep 90, Mid-cities TX June 92, Houston TX Feb 93, Jonesboro AR May 95, Melrose FL Aug 96, Pittsburgh PA Oct 97, Cleveland OH Mar 98, Elizabethtown KY May 98, Akron OH (OD) May 00, Pittsburgh PA Oct 00, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 01, Sioux Falls SD Apr 01, Flat Rock NC Nov 01, Indianapolis IN Apr 02, Stamford CT Spring Oct 02, Twin Cities MN Nov 03, Stamford CT Spring Apr 04, Atlanta GA (OD) Sep 05, Athens GA Feb 06, Philadelphia PA (OD) Jan 08, Charlotte NC Feb 08  
**Lund, Richie** (14+) New York City (ST) Mar 85, Islip NY May 85, Atlantic City NJ Jan 86, Boston Area Tournament Apr 88, Morristown NJ Aug 88, Brookhaven LI NY Oct 88, Chicago IL Apr 92, Baltimore MD Summer July 92, Ocean City NJ Sep 92, Franklin Mint Tournament Nov 92, Rochelle Park NJ Feb 93, Smithtown LI NY Oct 94, Ocean City NJ Sep 95, Somerset NJ Sep 96  
**Lundegaard, Bob** (5+) Minneapolis MN (CC) 84, Minneapolis MN July 84, ST Paul MN Feb 88, Marion IN May 88, Hoosier Celebration Oct 88  
**Lupo, Richard** (3+) Bourne MA (ST) Mar 85, Boston Area Tournament (EB) Mar 87, Cape Cod MA Oct 87  
**Luskin, Joanne** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) Mar 90  
**Lynn, Patti** (1+) Glendale AZ Apr 78  
**Lyons, Mary A** (2+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 Jan 90, Eureka Springs AR Nov 03  
**Lyss, Ronald C.** (1+) Manchester MO (ST) Jan 87  
**Lytle, David** (1+) Montreal VS Toronto Nov 88  
**Macaulay, George** (9+) Vancouver BC Can (ST) Apr 85, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 92, Calgary AB Can June 92, Calgary AB Can Mar 00, Saskatoon SK Can May 00, Western Canadian Championship Sep 00, Calgary AB Can Jan 01, Saskatoon SK Can May 01, Vancouver BC Can Mar 02  
**Macgregor, David** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Dec 85  
**Macneil, Rod** (14) Hyannis MA Oct 99, Cape Cod MA Nov 00, Falmouth MA Nov 03, Saratoga Springs NY Apr 04, Mohawk Valley NY May 04, Dover NH (OD) Sep 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 06, Dover NH (OD) Sep 06, Montreal Que Can May 07, Michigan Madness June 07, North Salem NY (OD) Feb 08, Washington DC Nov 08, Eastern Championships Dec 08

**Madden, Carl** (1) West Bloomfield MI (OD) May 00  
**Madden, Carol** (2+) Miami FL (ST) Jan 87, Fort Lauderdale FL Cruise Nov 97  
**Mair, Ossie** (1) Caribbean Cruise Feb 08  
**Major, Wendy** (1+) Lubbock TX (ST) Jan 87  
**Malik, Shahid** (2) Philadelphia PA (OD) May 06, Berlin NJ (OD) Oct 07  
**Mallick, David** (1) Lenox MA Nov 99  
**Mallick, Joey** (24) Lons Island NY June 99, Lancaster PA July 99, Portsmouth NH Sep 99, Reno NV (EB) Jan 00, Milford CT June 00, Portsmouth NH Sep 00, Twin Cities MN Nov 00, Phoenix AZ Feb 01, Milford CT June 01, Cape Cod MA Oct 01, Arden Cup May 02, Parsippany NJ Dec 02, Arden Cup May 03, Parsippany NJ Dec 03, Cape Cod MA Oct 04, Reno NV Jan 05, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 05, Twin Cities MN June 05, Albany NY Dec 05, Twin Cities MN Mar 06, Saratoga Springs NY Feb 07, Stamford CT Spring June 07, Boston Area Tournament Apr 08, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 08  
**Mancine, Dominick** (4) Denver CO (EB) Oct 05, Campbell CA Spring May 07, Albuquerque NM Sep 07, Portland OR (EB) Aug 08  
**Mandel, Aaron** (1) Black Rock NV Sep 04  
**Maneth, Tim** (3+) Bermuda Apr 78, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 82, Intern'l Travel Tourney May 83  
**Mannella, Adrian** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) July 00  
**Manson, Ron** (1+) Niagara Falls NY June 91  
**Marcus, Marty** (11+) Chicago IL Dec 82, Chicago IL (ST) Apr 85, Chicago IL Oct 87, Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 93, Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 95, Milwaukee WI June 95, Milwaukee WI June 96, Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 97, Arden Cup Mar 98, Indianapolis IN Feb 00, Wood Dale IL Mar 03  
**Martinez, Lewis** (8) San Jose CA Oct 99, Reno NV Jan 01, Oakland CA (OD) July 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Aug 01, Berkeley CA (OD) Apr 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 07, Fresno CA (OD) June 08, San Jose CA (OD) Dec 08  
**Mascott, Owen** (4+) Huntington Beach CA (ST) Mar 85, Pasadena CA Jan 91, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 92, Austin TX Aug 93  
**Matsumoto, Kenji** (7) Reno NV (EB) July 02, Reno NV (EB) July 02, Reno NV (EB) Jan 03, Reno NV (EB) July 03, Reno NV (EB) June 07, Reno NV (LB) June 07, Reno NV July 07  
**Matthews, Jesse** (2) Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 04, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 04  
**Mayer, Carlynn** (1) Denver CO (EB) Oct 04  
**Mcbride, Darlene** (1) Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 05  
**Mccaffrey, Kevin** (1+) Ann Arbor MI (OD) Feb 92  
**Mccarthy, Kevin** (3) Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Oct 05, Manchester CT (OD) Mar 08, Port Jefferson LI NY Oct 08  
**Mccormick, Greg** (1+) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 97  
**Mccormick, Sheryl** (1+) Louisville KY (ST) Mar 85  
**Mccraw, Mark** (1) Albany NY June 07  
**Mccumber, Carol** (1) Northampton MA June 08  
**Mccune, Jamie** (10) Mohawk Valley NY May 01, Toronto Ont Can Sep 02, Rochester NY Nov 02, Mohawk Valley NY May 03, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 04, Baltimore MD Fall Oct 04, New Hartford NY Apr 05, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Apr 06, Ottawa Ont Can Apr 06, Montreal VS Toronto Jan 07  
**Mcdonald, Gloria** (1+) ST Paul MN Jan 76  
**Mcfadden, Joyce** (2+) San Diego CA Aug 95, Los Angeles CA Sep 98  
**Mcfaddin, Dwayne** (1) Brandon MB Can Oct 02  
**Mcgrath, Wendy** (2+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 97, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 98  
**Mcintyre, Evan** (2) Moose Jaw SK Can Mar 07, Regina SK Can Sep 08  
**Mckenzie, Kelly** (1) Indianapolis IN (OD) Feb 08  
**Mckenzie, Ross** (1+) Oshawa VS Mississauga Mar 97  
**Mckeown, Rahn** (5) Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 06, Raleigh NC Oct 06, Philadelphia PA May 08, Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 08  
**Mcmillion, Arthur** (1+) Atlanta GA Spring Feb 88  
**Mcvady, Carol** (1+) Islip NY Mar 75  
**Mead, Jeremiah** (12+) Arlington VA C-note Special Feb 87, Catskills NY Sep 87, Minneapolis MN July 88, Baltimore MD Summer Oct 88, Boston Area Tournament Apr 92, Southbury CT Feb 94, Ronkonkoma LI NY July 94, Cape Cod MA Nov 96, Boston Area Tournament Apr 99, Boston Area Tournament Mar 00, Boston Area Tournament Apr 02, Cape Cod MA Oct 06  
**Menor, Bill** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Dec 98  
**Merlis, Charles** (1) Albany NY (EB) June 06  
**Merrill, Karen** (4+) Seattle WA (OD) May 88, Portland VS Seattle Sep 88, Seattle WA May 89, Eugene OR June 99  
**Meyer, Alan** (1) Portland OR (LB) Sep 06

**Meyer, Nick** (7) Oakland CA (OD) Mar 04, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 05, Reno NV (EB) Jan 06, Reno NV July 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Feb 07, Berkeley CA (OD) May 07, Berkeley CA (OD) May 08  
**Michaels, Andrea** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) June 03  
**Mikolka, Ron** (1+) Phoenix AZ Mar 86  
**Milan, Mark** (4+) Los Angeles CA (OD) Mar 95, Newport Beach CA (OD) June 00, Portland OR (LB) Sep 07, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship Oct 08  
**Milkent, Marlene** (3+) Jackson MS (OD) Dec 95, New Orleans LA May 02, Atlanta GA (OD) Sep 06  
**Miller, Jerry** (1+) Indianapolis IN Feb 98  
**Miller, Lou J B** (9+) Troy OH (ST) Mar 85, Cincinnati OH (ST) May 85, Saginaw MI Sep 85, Cleves OH June 87, Hamilton County OH Nov 88, Williamstown KY Apr 89, Williamstown KY Apr 90, Cincinnati OH Sep 90, Portland OR (OD) Mar 94  
**Miller, Mark** (2) Philadelphia PA (OD) May 04, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 05  
**Mills, Lloyd** (20+) Oshawa VS Mississauga Mar 96, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Apr 97, Buffalo NY Feb 98, Toronto Ont Can Sep 98, Oshawa Ont Can Dec 98, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 00, Buffalo NY Mar 01, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Jan 02, Oshawa Ont Can Nov 03, Atlantic City NJ Jan 04, Shelton CT Fall Dec 04, Phoenix AZ (EB) Feb 05, Caribbean Cruise Dec 05, Toronto Ont Can Sep 06, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Aug 07, Toronto Ont Can Sep 07, Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 07, Oshawa Ont Can Dec 07, Montreal VS Toronto Jan 08, Battle Creek MI (OD) Sep 08  
**Milne, John** (1+) Independence OH Aug 93  
**Milton, Don** (2+) Birmingham AL (ST) May 85, Birmingham AL (ST) Mar 87  
**Miner, Chris** (1) Boston Area Tournament Apr 04  
**Mirabito, Ann** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 99  
**Miranda, Stan** (3) Lubbock TX (EB) Nov 06, Lubbock TX Nov 06, Tucson AZ (EB) Dec 06  
**Mitchel, Loren** (3+) Enfield CT (OD) Feb 87, Montreal Que Can May 87, Springfield MA Feb 90  
**Mize, Nell** (1+) Abilene TX (ST) Jan 87  
**Moersdorf, David** (3) Brownsville TN Sep 03, Brownsville TN Sep 04, Lexington KY (LB) Nov 06  
**Moffs, Tony** (1+) Toronto Ont Can (ST) Apr 87  
**Moon, Susan** (2+) Denver CO (ST) Mar 87, Estes Park CO Apr 95  
**Moore, Lee** (1) Newport Beach CA (OD) May 00  
**Morehead, Kit** (2) Lansing MI (OD) Mar 99, Battle Creek MI (OD) Oct 01  
**Morgan, Chris Patrick** (4) Los Gatos CA (OD) Apr 07, San Jose CA (OD) Apr 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Dec 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Feb 09  
**Morris, Peter** (20+) Toronto Ont Can (T2) Nov 82, Port Huron (T2) Apr 83, Detroit MI July 83, Cleves OH Aug 83, Midwest Invitational Mar 84, Toledo OH July 84, Indiana Open Oct 84, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 84, Toronto Ont Can Sep 85, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 85, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 87, Lansing MI (OD) Feb 88, Midwest Invitational May 88, National Scrabble Championship July 89, Toronto Ont Can Sep 89, Grand Rapids MI July 91, World Scrabble Championship Sep 91, Lansing MI (OD) Apr 92, Texas VS Michigan June 92, Buffalo NY June 95  
**Morrison, Patti** (1+) Birmingham AL Nov 81  
**Morse, John** (9+) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Oct 95, Hackensack NJ (OD) Dec 95, Hackensack NJ (OD) Dec 95, Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 96, Mohawk Valley NY May 96, Mohawk Valley NY May 02, Saratoga Springs NY May 05, Albany NY (EB) Dec 05, Albany NY (EB) June 06  
**Morton, Buddy** (1+) Lexington KY (ST) Apr 85  
**Moser, Sharon** (1+) Baltimore MD (ST) Apr 85  
**Mosher, Glenn** (1+) Detroit MI Dec 87  
**Moss, Gary** (9+) Mississippi Riverboat Cruise Dec 96, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 97, Newport Beach CA (OD) Feb 05, Laguna Woods CA (EB) Dec 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Feb 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) July 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) May 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Nov 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Jan 09  
**Moyer, Rich** (10+) Portland OR (OD) Feb 96, Portland VS Seattle Sep 01, Portland OR (LB) Sep 01, Bozeman MT July 03, Portland OR (LB) Sep 03, Cascadia Challenge Apr 05, Portland OR (EB) Sep 05, Mediterranean Cruise Nov 06, Nast Oct 07, Portland VS Seattle Sep 08  
**Moynahan, Diane** (1+) Springfield MA Apr 90  
**Mulet, Robert** (1+) Florida State Championship Dec 90  
**Mulik, Paul** (1) Eureka Springs AR Nov 07  
**Muller, George** (1+) Moose Jaw SK Can (ST) Jan 87  
**Muller, Louie** (7+) Sacramento CA (CC) Nov 78, Sacramento CA (CC) July 81, Hacienda Heights CA Oct 81, Pasadena CA Sep 83, Riverside CA (ST) Mar 85, Huntington Beach CA June 85, Huntington Beach CA (ST) Mar 87  
**Murphy, Allan** (1+) Phoenix AZ Jan 87  
**Murray, Eugene** (2) ST Louis MO Mar 05, Indianapolis IN (OD) Aug 05

**Murray, Millie** (1+) New Orleans LA May 94  
**Murty, Rama** (2+) Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 97, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 02  
**Musgrove, Susan K.** (2+) Houston TX (ST) Mar 85, Dallas TX (ST) Apr 85  
**Mutalik, Pradeep** (1+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 June 89  
**Myers, Paul** (2+) Huntington Beach CA (CC) May 80, Huntington Beach VS Laguna Hills Nov 81  
**Nabutovsky, David** (6+) ST Petersburg FL (CC) Oct 79, Titusville FL Oct 84, Boca Raton FL Apr 87, Gainesville FL Feb 91, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 02, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 04  
**Nalley, James** (1+) Kentucky State Penitentiary (CC) 76  
**Nanavati, Jim** (7+) Canadian Wcqt June 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) July 97, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 98, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 98, Buffalo NY Feb 99, Saratoga Springs NY Apr 03, Canadian Nsc (LB) June 05  
**Nderitu, Patrick Gitonga** (1+) Seattle WA May 96  
**Nediger, Will** (2) Stratford Ont Can (OD) Aug 08, Battle Creek MI (OD) Nov 08  
**Needler, Steven** (3+) Mill Creek WA (OD) May 84, Salt Lake City UT (ST) Apr 85, Denver CO Apr 91  
**Nelson, Kent** (7+) Phoenix AZ Feb 94, Durango CO May 96, Durango CO May 97, Reno NV (EB) July 98, Durango CO May 99, Prescott AZ May 01, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 01  
**Nemitrmansuk, Pakorn** (2+) Thailand International Feb 92, Thailand International June 03  
**Nepell, Claire** (2+) Nassau County LI NY 75, Nassau-suffolk County NY June 77  
**Neuberger, James** (12+) New York City Game Room Open Dec 78, Metropolitan Regional (QT) Sep 80, Providence RI May 81, Boston Area Tournament Apr 82, Providence RI (T2) Mar 83, Metropolitan New York (T3) Mar 83, Ct-ma-ri-upstate NY T3 May 83, Asbury Park NJ July 84, Somerset NJ Aug 85, Boston Area Tournament Apr 87, Niagara Falls NY June 89, Ocean City NJ Sep 90  
**Neugroschl, ED** (2+) Hackensack NJ (FALL) Oct 93, Albany NY (EB) July 02  
**Nevarez, Johnny** (3+) Portland OR Spring Sep 92, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 94, Los Angeles CA Sep 95  
**Newell, Angela** (1+) Springfield MA (CC) Oct 84  
**Newman, David** (1+) South Florida Championship Aug 75  
**Newman, Geoffrey** (1) Cnsc Qualifier Apr 08  
**Nichols, Regina** (1+) Port Huron (ST) Jan 87  
**Nivison, Rod** (23+) Lansing MI (OD) Feb 92, Southfield MI Nov 92, Lansing MI (OD) May 93, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 93, Lansing MI (OD) Feb 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Nov 94, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Apr 95, Kalamazoo MI Apr 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Nov 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Dec 95, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 96, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 96, Livonia MI Apr 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Sep 96, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Dec 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Feb 97, Livonia MI Apr 98  
**Noland, Rod** (2) Yazoo City MS Jan 07, Yazoo City MS Jan 08  
**Norris, Erica** (2+) Cleveland OH Feb 97, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 99  
**Norvell, Lorelei** (1+) Portland OR (ST) Apr 87  
**Nowacki, Bob** (1+) Oakland CA (CC) Mar 79  
**Nucifora, Sylvia** (1+) Hartford CT Games Unlmted Mar 81  
**Nussbaum, Gene** (1+) Sufflok County NY (CC) 76  
**Nwana, Acho** (2+) Yonkers NY Apr 87, Hackensack NJ June 93  
**Nyman, Mark** (2+) World Scrabble Championship Aug 93, Thailand International Feb 99  
**Obannon, Tom** (1+) Maplewood MO (ST) Mar 85  
**Oblander, Terry** (1+) Cleveland OH May 86  
**Odom, Lisa** (7+) Minneapolis MN May 95, Sioux Falls SD May 95, Las Vegas NV Dec 95, Sioux Falls SD May 96, Twin Cities MN Nov 98, San Jose CA May 99, Nast Oct 08  
**Odonoghue, Phil** (1) Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 00  
**Ogunyemi, Tunde** (1+) Berlin NJ (OD) Sep 97  
**Okosagah, Sammy** (2) Reno NV July 04, Atlantic City NJ Jan 06  
**Olaughlin, John** (11) Chicago IL (OD) June 02, Elmhurst IL Nov 04, Waukesha WI Jan 05, Minnesota VS Wisconsin Oct 06, Twin Cities Redeye Jan 07, Dover NH (OD) June 07, Boston MA (OD) July 07, Baltimore MD Summer Sep 07, New York City (OD) Feb 08, Texas Sowpods Challenge June 08, Maine Event Aug 08  
**Oliger, Steve** (10+) Lafayette LA Sep 93, Lampasas TX Jan 00, Pittsfield MA Nov 01, Philadelphia PA (OD) Mar 03, Philadelphia PA (OD) Nov 03, Indianapolis IN June 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 08, Philadelphia PA (OD) July 08, York PA Oct 08  
**Ong, Suanne** (1) Thailand International June 08  
**Onos, Jerry** (1+) Yarmouth ME Jan 87  
**Onyeonwu, Iffy** (11+) African Scrabble Championship Apr 94, Austin TX May 00, Lampasas TX Jan 01, Austin TX Oct

02, Lampasas TX Jan 03, Phoenix AZ Feb 03, Texas State Championship Feb 04, Mid-cities TX (EB) June 04, Houston TX Sep 04, Austin TX Dec 04, Mid-cities TX June 06

**Ortman, John** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 05

**Orvis, Joan** (1+) Springfield MA Mar 94

**Osachoff, Tillie** (2+) Calgary AB Can May 96, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 98

**Osborne, Irene** (2+) Reading PA 75, Philadelphia PA Apr 76

**Osten, Susan** (1+) Detroit MI (ST) Mar 85

**Owens, Mark Edward** (4) Elizabethtown KY Dec 02, Knoxville TN June 04, Knoxville TN June 06, Nashville TN Oct 07

**Ozag, John** (4+) Chicago IL Nov 75, Wheeling IL May 79, Lansing MI (OD) May 79, Midwest Regional (QT) July 80

**Palmer, Joyce** (2+) Riverside CA (ST) Apr 87, Mexican Cruise June 88

**Panganiban, Danny** (3+) Calgary VS Saskatchewan Nov 96, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 97, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 98

**Paolella, Libero** (18+) Rochester NY May 92, Livonia MI Sep 92, Metamore MI May 93, Toronto Ont Can Sep 93, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 93, Oshawa Ont Can Nov 96, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Feb 97, Buffalo NY Feb 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Mar 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) June 97, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 97, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 97, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Mar 99, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) June 99, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 01, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 02, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 03, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 04

**Parkes, Tony** (1+) Warminster PA (ST) Mar 85

**Parsons, Jeff** (1) Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 99

**Pate, Jim** (7+) Birmingham AL 76, Mobile AL Feb 76, Birmingham AL (ST) Apr 77, Mobile AL July 79, Huntsville AL Aug 84, Mobile AL Jan 85, Alabama State Championship July 02

**Patten, Barry** (2+) MT Kisco NY May 77, Catskills NY Sep 77

**Patterson, Elaine** (1+) Cape Cod MA Nov 95

**Patterson, Kay** (1) Albany NY (EB) July 03

**Paxson, Mike** (11+) Indianapolis IN Mar 97, Elizabethtown KY (OD) Apr 98, Elizabethtown KY May 02, Indianapolis IN July 04, Indianapolis IN Oct 04, Indianapolis IN (OD) Nov 04, Elizabethtown KY Dec 04, Elizabethtown KY Mar 05, Lexington KY Iron Man Nov 06, Indianapolis IN Nov 07, Lexington KY (LB) Nov 07

**Payne, Trip** (10+) Atlanta GA (OD) June 95, Atlanta GA Spring Mar 97, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 99, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 99, Birmingham AL Oct 99, Pittsburgh PA Oct 99, Fort Lauderdale FL May 07, Fort Lauderdale FL Nov 07, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Dec 07, Nast Jan 08

**Pearl, David** (1) Laguna Woods CA (OD) Dec 08

**Pearson, Chris** (1+) Lexington KY July 86

**Pechenick, Ken** (2+) Brantford Ont Can (OD) Oct 85, Toronto Ont Can Sep 88

**Pecnik, Diane** (1+) Lafayette LA Oct 81

**Pederson, Glen** (1+) Bend OR (ST) Mar 85

**Pellinen, Steve** (5+) Milwaukee WI Nov 90, Milwaukee WI May 92, Twin Cities MN Dec 94, Twin Cities MN Mar 96, Twin Cities MN Mar 05

**Peltier, Nigel** (6) Vancouver And Victoria VS Seattle Nov 06, Seattle WA (OD) Aug 07, Phoenix AZ (EB) Feb 08, Nast June 08, Reno NV (EB) July 08, Reno NV (EB) Jan 09

**Peltz, Rusty** (1) Newport Beach CA (OD) Jan 03

**Perelmuter, Anita** (1+) Cincinnati OH Dec 75

**Perryman, Emma** (1+) Mobile AL (ST) Mar 85

**Persinger, Craig** (2+) Marion IN (ST) Jan 87, Marion IN (ST) Feb 87

**Peters, Jim** (10+) West Bloomfield MI (OD) July 94, Lansing MI (OD) Oct 94, West Bloomfield MI May 95, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) May 96, West Bloomfield MI (OD) May 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 98, Port ST Lucie FL Jan 01, Kissimmee FL Feb 02, Port Richey FL Jan 09

**Petree, Joe** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 07

**Pfeiffer, Steve** (3+) Nathans Hot Dog Time Square Nov 78, Islip NY Jan 79, New York NY (WEST End Gate) Aug 92

**Phillips, Joseph** (1+) Glendale AZ Mar 75

**Phillips, Paul** (1) Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 06

**Phillips, Webster** (4+) Catskills NY Sep 84, Wayne NJ (ST) Mar 85, Teaneck NJ Mar 86, Wisconsin Dells WI Nov 86

**Pianowski, Scott** (2) Farmington MI (OD) Apr 05, Nast Feb 08

**Pike, Lucy** (1+) West Los Angeles CA (CC) Dec 79

**Piro, Sal** (7+) Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 97, Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Apr 01, Shelton CT Spring Mar 02, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 03, Bayside NY Mar 04, Boston Area Tournament (EB) Apr 04

**Pistol, Howard** (5+) Utica NY May 92, Hackensack NJ Feb 95, Kissimmee FL Feb 97, Tampa FL May 04, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Jan 09

**Pistolese, Mark** (4+) Laughlin NV Jan 97, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship July 01, Fort Lauderdale FL Nov 03, Clearwater FL (LB) Feb 07

**Pistorius, Carol** (1+) Pineville LA (ST) Jan 87

**Pitt, Andy** (1+) ST Louis MO (OD) July 94

**Pitzel, AL** (3+) Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 89, Swift Current SK Can June 97, Calgary VS Saskatchewan Oct 99

**Plakun, Arlene** (1+) New Rochelle NY Mar 79

**Poder, David** (6+) Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 97, Newport Beach CA (OD) May 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) June 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Mar 02, Mediterranean Cruise June 04, Las Vegas NV (EB) Nov 04

**Polatnick, Steve** (30+) Central Florida Open Jan 79, Southern Regional (QT) July 80, Miami FL (CC) Nov 81, Bermuda May 82, Miami FL May 82, Metropolitan New York (T2) Dec 82, Atlantic City NJ Jan 83, Al-fl-ga-la T3 June 83, Miami FL (CC) Dec 83, Boston Area Tournament June 85, Mexican Cruise May 87, Miami FL June 87, Florida State Championship Apr 89, Orlando FL (OD) July 90, Reno NV July 91, Fort Lauderdale FL June 92, Fort Lauderdale FL Nov 92, Pompano Beach FL Nov 93, Pompano Beach FL June 94, Mid-cities TX June 95, Fort Lauderdale FL May 97, Reno NV (EB) July 00, Satellite Beach FL Oct 00, Indian Harbor FL May 02, Stuart FL Mar 03, Port Richey FL Nov 03, Melbourne FL Jan 04, Stuart FL Mar 04, Euless TX Wscqt July 05, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) June 08

**Pollard, Charles** (1+) Wilmington DE Feb 87

**Polsky, Phil** (1) North Salem NY (OD) Oct 07

**Popper, Richard** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Mar 08

**Potts, Jeff** (4+) Fountain Valley CA (OD) Dec 97, Huntington Beach CA (OD) July 98, West Los Angeles CA Nov 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Oct 01

**Powell, Hildagard** (2+) Dallas TX Feb 76, Dallas TX Nov 77

**Powell, Mark** (6+) Denver CO Dec 83, Lubbock TX Oct 85, Lubbock TX Apr 86, Swilns June 86, Durango CO May 87, Huntington Beach CA Apr 89

**Prather, Phyllis** (1+) Pittsburgh PA Oct 94

**Pratt, Dan** (38+) Baltimore MD Summer Feb 78, Baltimore MD Fall Jan 79, Bermuda Feb 79, Baltimore MD Fall Mar 79, Baltimore MD Fall Mar 80, Ellicott City MD May 80, Northeast Regional (QT) July 80, Baltimore MD Summer Mar 81, Washington DC Nov 82, Willow Grove PA 83, Baltimore MD Summer Mar 83, Dc-md-pa-va T3 May 83, Baltimore MD Summer Mar 84, Washington DC Apr 84, Arlington VA C-note Special July 84, Hamilton County OH Mar 85, Midwest Invitational May 85, Baltimore MD Summer May 86, Midwest Invitational May 86, Toronto Ont Can Sep 86, Baltimore MD Summer May 87, Midwest Invitational Aug 87, Baltimore MD Summer Aug 95, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 95, Annapolis MD (OD) Apr 98, Gambrills MD (OD) May 06, Charleston WV July 06, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 06, Asheville NC Nov 06, Notre Dame IN Feb 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Mar 07, Knoxville TN June 07, Petoskey MI Apr 08, Saskatoon SK Can May 08, Calgary AB Can June 08, Charlotte NC Aug 08, Myrtle Beach SC Oct 08, Yazoo City MS Jan 09

**Prentiss, Bob** (5+) Milwaukee WI (OD) Jan 96, Sioux Falls SD May 98, Arden Cup Mar 99, Twin Cities MN Mar 00, Sioux Falls SD Apr 00

**Prinz, David** (1+) National Scrabble Championship May 78

**Proechel, Glen** (1+) Austin TX (ST) Jan 87

**Proud, Dan** (1+) Minneapolis MN (CC) Sep 81

**Proud, Robin** (4+) ST Paul MN Mar 78, ST Paul MN Jan 79, Minneapolis MN Aug 79, Minnesota Step 2 (ST) Apr 85

**Provost, Rita** (9+) National Scrabble Championship July 87, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 93, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 94, Stamford CT Spring June 95, Indian Wells CA Aug 97, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 98, Portland OR (EB) Sep 99, Eastern Championships Feb 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 02

**Przybyszewski, Mark** (9+) Mohawk Valley NY May 89, Montreal Que Can May 90, Pittsburgh PA Mar 93, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 96, Buffalo NY Aug 02, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) May 04, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Jan 05, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Apr 06, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 06

**Pughsley, Cynthia** (6+) San Diego CA May 96, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 01, Oakland CA (OD) June 04, Berkeley CA (OD) June 06

**Puma, Marie** (1) Port Jefferson LI NY Jan 09

**Purinton, Jeffrey** (1) Ardmore OK Apr 06

**Quackle** (1) Computer VS Human Showdown Nov 06

**Quao, Michael Arthur** (1) Mind Sports Olympiad Aug 00

**Quinn, Cindy** (1) Laguna Woods CA (OD) Jan 06

**Raedeker, Walter** (2) Terrace BC Can Feb 99, Terrace BC Can Nov 99

**Raleigh, Mary Ellen** (1) West Bloomfield MI (OD) Mar 99

**Ramsey, Beverly** (1+) Wichita KS (ST) Jan 87

**Rand, Larry** (9+) Albuquerque NM Sep 98, Lubbock TX Mar 99, Mexican Cruise Dec 00, Lubbock TX Mar 01, Norway Tournament June 05, Baltic Cruise June 06, Albuquerque NM (EB) Sep 07, Cancun Mexico Mar 08, Phoenix AZ (OD)

May 08

**Rapkin, Harold** (1+) Milwaukee WI Feb 90

**Rau, Stefan** (12) Albany NY (EB) July 04, Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 04, Wilmington DE Mar 05, Parsippany NJ (FALL) May 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 05, Parsippany NJ (FALL) Sep 05, Lake George NY Oct 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) June 06, North Salem NY (OD) Jan 07, Abilene TX (EB) Jan 07, Poughkeepsie NY Apr 08, New York City (OD) June 08

**Ravichandran, Carol** (2) Lansing MI (OD) Apr 02, Lansing MI (OD) Dec 02

**Redland, Bonnie** (2+) Wisconsin Dells WI Nov 85, Phoenix AZ (OD) Oct 00

**Reeves, Jeff** (40+) Dallas TX Dec 81, Dallas TX Apr 82, Albuquerque NM May 82, Wichita KS July 82, Wichita KS (T2) Apr 83, Lafayette LA Sep 83, Oklahoma City OK Oct 83, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 83, Lafayette LA Feb 84, Wichita KS May 84, Oklahoma City OK June 84, Abilene TX June 84, Lubbock TX Oct 84, Oklahoma City OK June 85, Houston TX Aug 85, Dallas TX Dec 85, Durango CO May 86, Oklahoma City OK June 86, Lafayette LA Sep 86, Albuquerque NM Oct 86, Lafayette LA Sep 88, San Antonio TX Mar 89, Palestine TX May 89, Lubbock TX Sep 89, Dallas TX Dec 89, New Orleans LA Apr 90, Lubbock TX Sep 90, Alexandria LA Mar 91, San Antonio TX Mar 92, Louisiana State Championship July 92, Austin TX July 92, Texas State Championship Jan 93, Lafayette LA Sep 94, Louisiana State Championship Dec 94, Alexandria LA Apr 95, Louisiana State Championship Nov 96, Marshall TX Sep 98, Louisiana State Championship Dec 99, Jackson MS Jan 00, Lafayette LA Sep 01

**Reiben, Richard** (2) Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 02, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 06

**Reich, Larry** (1+) Brooklyn NY (ST) Mar 85

**Rem, Emil** (2) Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 01, Calgary AB Can Mar 07

**Rennett, Harold** (1+) Washington DC (CC) Oct 83

**Reny, Patti** (3+) Birmingham AL Dec 79, Birmingham AL Oct 82, Springville Road Feb 84

**Reslock, Chris** (13+) Lansing MI (OD) Apr 82, Saginaw MI (T2) Nov 82, Indiana-michigan-ohio-ky T3 May 83, Toronto Ont Can Oct 83, Ann Arbor MI (OD) Mar 84, Gettysburg PA Mar 84, Port Huron MI June 84, Reading PA Nov 85, Matchups Open July 86, Reading PA Nov 86, Somerset NJ Aug 87, Reading PA Nov 87, Teaneck NJ Nov 87

**Reynolds, Roy** (1+) Kentucky State Championship July 88

**Rheaume, Joan** (1+) Gainesville FL Apr 90

**Rhoades, Mary** (1+) Lubbock TX (CC) Dec 82

**Rhoda, Jack** (1+) Florida State Championship July 88

**Richards, Nigel** (10) Thailand International Jan 00, Thailand International July 00, Thailand International Feb 01, Thailand International Feb 02, Thailand International June 04, Thailand International June 06, Thailand International June 07, World Scrabble Championship Nov 07, National Scrabble Championship July 08, World Players Championship Nov 08

**Richardson, Gordon** (1) Bayside NY (OD) June 03

**Richgruber, Bryan** (1) Farmingdale NY Sep 08

**Rickhoff, Kevin** (11) Newport Beach CA (OD) June 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Apr 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Oct 05, Laguna Woods CA (OD) May 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Nov 06, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Mar 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) June 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Oct 07, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Feb 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Mar 08, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Apr 08

**Rio, Odette** (1+) Ocean City NJ Sep 97

**Ritz, Shirley** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 01

**Rivest, Donna** (1+) Springfield MA (ST) Jan 87

**Roark, Carol** (3+) Williamstown KY (ST) Jan 87, Elizabethtown KY (OD) July 98, Elizabethtown KY July 05

**Robinsky, Rob** (8) Parsippany NJ (FALL) (EB) May 05, Bayside NY (OD) May 05, Shelton CT Spring July 05, Parsippany NJ (FALL) (EB) Sep 05, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 05, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 06, Twin Cities MN Apr 07, Twin Cities Redeye Jan 09

**Romano, Frank** (6) Bayside NY (OD) May 04, Bayside NY (OD) July 04, Bayside NY (OD) Nov 04, Albany NY July 05, Bayside NY (OD) Oct 05, Bayside NY (OD) May 06

**Root, Stephen M** (2+) Massachusetts Step 2 (ST) Mar 85, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 89

**Rosen, Mike** (1+) Indiana Step 2 (ST) Apr 85

**Rosen, Ted** (6+) Cleves OH Aug 82, Pittsford NY Apr 84, New Jersey Step 2 (ST) Apr 85, Arlington VA C-note Special June 86, Hamilton Ont Can Oct 89, ST Louis MO July 92

**Rosenblum, Mark** (1+) Pittsford NY July 80

**Rosin, Sam** (4) Philadelphia PA (OD) June 07, Farmingdale NY June 07, Princeton NJ Mar 08, North Salem NY (OD) Feb 09

**Ross, Richard** (9+) Atlanta GA Spring Feb 89, Atlanta GA Spring Jan 90, Melbourne FL Oct 92, Cocoa Beach FL Nov 95, Fort Lauderdale FL May 96, Coral Springs FL June 97, Tampa FL Aug 97, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 98, Fort Lauderdale FL May 00

**Rothberg, Iris** (1+) FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Dec 89

**Rowland, Craig** (5) Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Jan 99, Stratford Ont Can (OD) Sep 03, Farmington MI (OD) Nov 05, Toronto VS Mississauga Apr 06, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Apr 08

**Rubinsky, Stan** (18+) Glendale AZ Apr 76, Glendale AZ May 77, Albuquerque NM Aug 77, Mesa AZ Feb 78, Mesa AZ Feb 79, Glendale AZ Apr 79, Phoenix AZ May 79, Mesa AZ Feb 81, Phoenix AZ Mar 81, Scottsdale AZ Mar 81, Houston TX Aug 82, Mountain States Tier 4 June 83, Glendale AZ Nov 84, Glendale AZ Nov 85, Tucson AZ June 89, Los Angeles CA (OD) July 91, Caribbean Cruise Feb 92, Las Vegas NV Dec 93

**Rutt, Patricia** (3+) ST Paul MN Jan 81, Minneapolis MN (CC) Nov 81, ST Paul MN Sep 90

**Ryan, Mike** (8+) Vancouver BC Can (CC) Oct 84, Vancouver BC Can (ST) Mar 87, Victoria BC Can Nov 95, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 01, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 03, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 08, Western Canadian Championship (EB) Oct 08

**Sakatch, Lorne** (5+) Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 88, Calgary AB Can Jan 91, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 95, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 00, Moose Jaw SK Can Mar 01

**Saldanha, Dean** (5) Victoria BC Can Oct 01, Vancouver BC Can Dec 02, Calgary AB Can Mar 03, Vancouver BC Can Mar 05, Portland OR Fall Sep 07

**Saldanha, Dielle** (1) Vancouver BC Can Mar 08

**Samuels, Irv** (3+) Westchester County NY July 82, Cape Cod MA Oct 86, Cape Cod MA Oct 90

**Sanfedele, Ann** (1+) Durango CO May 90

**Sanger, David** (1+) San Francisco (ST) Mar 85

**Sarnowsky, Linda** (2+) San Diego CA July 81, ST Louis MO Aug 85

**Saul, Lewis** (2+) Estes Park CO Apr 94, Scottsdale AZ Nov 94

**Saul, Steve** (1+) Cape Cod MA Nov 93

**Saunders, Andy** (1) Nast Oct 07

**Saunders, ED** (1) Prescott AZ (EB) May 02

**Savadge, Irv** (1+) Albuquerque NM (CC) Nov 81

**Savage, Keith** (9) New Orleans LA May 01, Louisiana State Championship Nov 02, New Orleans LA May 03, Lafayette LA Sep 03, New Orleans LA Apr 05, New Orleans LA May 06, Baton Rouge LA Oct 06, Nast Feb 08, Baton Rouge LA Oct 08

**Scalzo, John** (2) Bayside NY (OD) Jan 04, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) May 08

**Schecter, Louis** (9+) Ocean City NJ Sep 89, Atlantic City NJ Jan 90, Plainview LI NY (OD) May 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) Sep 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) June 01, Plainview LI NY (OD) July 01, Plainview LI NY (OD) Sep 02, Bayside NY (OD) Jan 06, Berlin NJ (OD) Sep 08

**Scheiten, Jerry** (9+) Independence OH Nov 88, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 88, Dayton OH Mar 90, Utica NY May 93, Mohawk Valley NY Apr 94, Independence OH Apr 94, Hackensack NJ Apr 95, Mohawk Valley NY May 95, Columbus OH (OD) June 04

**Schellenberg, Mark** (7) Calgary AB Can Jan 03, Calgary AB Can Jan 03, Calgary AB Can May 03, Calgary AB Can Nov 06, Phoenix AZ (EB) Feb 07, Portland OR (EB) Aug 07, Calgary AB Can Jan 08

**Schervisch, John** (1+) Co-ks-mo-ok-tx T3 May 83

**Schey, Daniel** (2+) Lansing MI (OD) Apr 88, Farmington Hills MI Dec 00

**Schlechter, Hilda** (2+) Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 94, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 06

**Schmidt, Evelyn** (3) Saskatoon SK Can May 03, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 04, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 05

**Schnitzmeier, Ken** (2+) Manchester MO Dec 84, ST Louis MO Aug 86

**Schoenman, Bob** (9+) Cincinnati OH Dec 82, Cincinnati OH Mar 83, Dayton OH Sep 84, Columbus OH Apr 86, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 87, Dayton OH Mar 92, Fremont OH Oct 92, Portland OR Spring Sep 95, Portland VS Seattle Oct 95

**Schonbrun, Lester** (46+) Western Regional (QT) Aug 80, San Francisco CA (OD) July 85, Santa Clara CA June 88, Santa Monica CA Sep 89, San Francisco CA Jan 90, Phoenix AZ Feb 90, Seattle WA May 90, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 93, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 93, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 94, Santa Clara CA Feb 94, Santa Clara CA May 94, Portland OR Spring Sep 94, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 94, Santa Clara CA Oct 94, Santa Clara CA Oct 95, Reno NV Jan 96, Santa Clara CA May 96, Oakland CA (OD) June 96, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 96, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 98, Oakland CA (OD) May 98, Reno NV July 98, Oakland CA (OD) Feb 99, Oakland CA (OD) Aug 99, Reno NV Jan 00, Oakland CA (OD) Apr 00, San Jose CA May 00, Oakland CA (OD) Nov 00, Oakland CA (OD) May 01, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 01, Oakland CA (OD) May 02, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 02, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 03, Oakland CA (OD) Dec 03, Oakland CA (OD) July 04, Oakland CA (OD) Sep 04, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 05, Oakland CA (OD) July 05, Campbell CA Spring May 06, Berkeley CA (OD) May 06, Berkeley CA (OD) Jan 07, Berkeley CA (OD) Mar 08, Berkeley CA (OD) July 08, San Jose CA (OD) Aug 08, San Jose CA (OD) Nov 08

**Schoneboom, Marjorie** (16+) New York City Game Room Open (CON) Dec 83, Brookhaven LI NY Oct 89, Hackensack NJ (OD) July 90, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Oct 90, New York NY (WEST End Gate) Aug 91, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) Feb

95, Plainview LI NY (OD) Oct 97, Plainview LI NY (OD) Oct 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) July 00, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 00, Atlantic City NJ Aug 01, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 02, Shelton CT Spring June 04, Bayside NY (OD) Apr 06, Shelton CT Spring Dec 06, Atlantic City NJ July 07

**Schulman, Betty** (1+) Pasadena CA (ST) Apr 85

**Schulman, Michael** (1+) Toronto Ont Can Aug 75

**Schultz, Wallace** (1) Lubbock TX (EB) Nov 05

**Schutz, Nancy** (1) Phoenix AZ (OD) July 00

**Schwartz, David** (1+) Washington DC (ST) Mar 85

**Schwartzman, Peter** (3) Urban IL Dec 04, Urban IL Feb 06, Atlantic City NJ July 06

**Schwitzer, Stephen** (1+) West Bloomfield MI (OD) June 97

**Scott, Lois** (1+) Dallas TX Feb 77

**Scott, Stan** (2+) New York NY (BBC) Oct 95, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 96

**Scouloukas, Dean** (1) Hudson OH (OD) Apr 01

**Seales, Cynthia** (4) Memphis TN Oct 03, Birmingham AL Mar 07, Birmingham AL Oct 07, Knoxville TN June 08

**Segrest, Dee** (7+) Denver CO Jan 82, Denver CO Feb 83, Carnival Cruise Feb 90, Queen Wilhemina AR Aug 90, Hillsboro TX May 92, Dallas TX Dec 92, Texas State Championship Feb 96

**Seistrup, Nicholas** (1) Laguna Woods CA (OD) Sep 08

**Senzel, Richard** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 01

**Sereduick, Dan** (1) York PA Oct 07

**Settle, Huguette** (2) Edmonton AB Can Oct 05, Sherwood Park AB Can May 08

**Shafritz, Luise** (13+) Independence OH Aug 95, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Aug 95, Fremont OH Oct 95, Melrose FL Jan 98, Port ST Lucie FL Jan 99, Denver CO June 99, Akron OH (OD) Aug 99, Port ST Lucie FL Jan 00, Akron OH (OD) Sep 00, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship July 01, Seattle WA May 03, Caribbean Cruise Jan 07, Alaskan Cruise Aug 08

**Shambach, Mason** (1) Alaskan Cruise July 02

**Shanaman, Mark** (1) North Salem NY (OD) Sep 08

**Shapiro, Daniel** (1) Hudson OH Jan 08

**Shapiro, Gordon** (16+) Baltimore MD Fall Jan 74, Baltimore MD Fall Jan 75, Reading PA (T2) Apr 83, Midwest Tier 4 June 83, Intern'l Travel Tourney June 84, Berlin NJ (OD) May 95, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 96, Baltimore MD Fall Nov 97, Allentown PA June 99, Berlin NJ (OD) Oct 99, Myrtle Beach SC Mar 00, Annapolis MD (OD) May 00, Berlin NJ Sep 00, Baltimore MD Fall Nov 00, Philadelphia PA (OD) Apr 02, Berlin NJ (OD) Sep 02

**Shearer, Lewana** (1+) Lafayette LA (ST) Mar 85

**Shelton, Margery** (1+) San Jose CA May 75

**Sherard, Ethel** (1+) Riverside CA (ST) Jan 87

**Sherman, Joel** (62+) Hackensack NJ Oct 90, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 91, Pittsburgh PA Oct 91, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 92, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 92, East Coast Wcqt Apr 93, Holtsville LI NY July 93, Wildwood NJ Sep 93, New York NY (BBC) Oct 93, Atlantic City NJ Jan 94, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 94, Williamsburg VA Apr 94, Las Vegas NV Dec 94, Gainesville FL Feb 95, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 95, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 95, Atlanta GA Spring Mar 96, Philadelphia PA (OD) Aug 96, New York NY (BBC) Aug 96, Berlin NJ (OD) Sep 96, Las Vegas NV Dec 96, New York NY (BBC) Mar 97, New York NY (BBC) June 97, Reno NV July 97, World Scrabble Championship Nov 97, Thailand International Jan 98, Maui HI May 98, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 99, Plainview LI NY (OD) Feb 00, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 00, Shelton CT Fall Oct 00, Rye Brook NY Nov 00, Reno NV (EB) July 01, Cincinnati Masters Championship Aug 01, Twin Cities MN Sep 01, Eastern Championships Feb 02, National Scrabble Championship Aug 02, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 02, Eastern Championships Feb 03, Queens NY June 03, Reno NV (EB) July 03, Shelton CT Fall Sep 03, Bayside NY (OD) Oct 03, Corona NY Nov 03, Eastern Championships Feb 04, Corona NY Mar 04, Atlantic City NJ Aug 04, Kissimmee FL (EB) Dec 04, Eastern Championships Feb 05, Boston Area Tournament Apr 05, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 06, Washington DC Nov 06, Albany NY Dec 06, Charlotte NC Jan 07, New York City (OD) Feb 07, Wilmington DE Sep 07, Lake George NY Oct 07, Saratoga Springs NY Feb 08, Saratoga NY (EB) Feb 08, Arden Cup May 08, Reno NV July 08

**Sherman, Larry** (3+) Matchups Open (TT) Dec 92, Lancaster PA June 98, Atlantic City NJ Aug 98

**Shipe, William D** (2) Newport Beach CA (OD) Apr 01, Irvine CA Apr 02

**Short, Glenda** (1) Denver CO (EB) Oct 03

**Shouldice, Ian** (1+) Sarnia Ont Can (ST) Mar 85

**Shreve, Jon** (2+) Nashua NH (ST) Mar 85, Glendale CO June 93

**Sidorsky, Paul** (8) Calgary AB Can (OD) June 00, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 00, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 00, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 01, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 03, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 04, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 04, Calgary AB Can Mar 06

**Sigel, Chris** (8+) Islip NY Nov 76, Nathans Hot Dog Time Square Nov 77, Islip NY Jan 78, New York City Championship Mar 79, Thompson CT July 79, New York City Game Room Open (CON) Dec 80, Stamford CT Spring June 81, New York

City Game Room Open Dec 81  
**Sikorski, Steve** (1) Bluepoint LI NY (OD) Oct 04  
**Silberg, Rich** (3+) Baltimore MD Summer Mar 82, Arlington VA Nov 82, Baltimore MD Summer Nov 85  
**Silver, Fran** (3+) Montreal VS Ottawa Jan 98, Mohawk Valley NY May 00, Melbourne FL Jan 05  
**Silversmith, Rob** (1) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 07  
**Simon, Allan** (1) Calgary AB Can Mar 01  
**Simoneaux, Gloria** (7+) Memphis TN Feb 89, Alexandria LA Feb 90, Baton Rouge LA Nov 90, Louisiana State Championship Jan 91, Lafayette LA Sep 91, New Orleans LA Mar 97, Baton Rouge LA Mar 02  
**Singleton, Tom** (4+) Huntington Beach CA (CC) Nov 86, Los Angeles CA (OD) Oct 04, Laguna Woods CA (OD) Aug 07, Laguna Woods CA Srs Championship May 08  
**Skaggs, Peter** (3+) West Los Angeles CA (ST) Mar 85, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 85, West Los Angeles CA (ST) Jan 87  
**Slankard, Lisa** (2) Nast Oct 07, Indianapolis IN (EB) July 08  
**Slauenwhite, David** (2+) Mohawk Valley NY May 97, Akron OH (OD) Aug 98  
**Slaughter, Raymond** (1) ST Louis MO (OD) Sep 00  
**Slavin, David** (2) Newport Beach CA (OD) July 03, Newport Beach CA (OD) Nov 03  
**Slivka, Rebecca** (2) Calgary AB Can June 05, Vancouver And Victoria VS Seattle Nov 08  
**Smith, Adrian** (1+) Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 94  
**Smith, Brenda** (1) Memphis TN June 07  
**Smith, Charles** (4+) Raleigh NC (ST) Mar 85, Memphis TN Dec 86, Oberlin OH Apr 88, Charlotte NC May 08  
**Smith, Janet** (1+) Islip NY Jan 76  
**Smith, Joanne** (1) Memphis TN Oct 02  
**Smith, Keith** (5) Lubbock TX Mar 03, Mid-cities TX June 04, Salado TX (EB) Feb 06, Texas State Championship Feb 06, Dallas TX (OD) Sep 07  
**Smith, Martin** (1) Plainview LI NY (OD) Aug 99  
**Smith, Ray** (5) Satellite Beach FL May 99, Rome GA Jan 03, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 03, Athens GA May 04, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 04  
**Smith, Robert** (2+) Los Gatos CA (OD) Sep 98, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 98  
**Smitheram, Brett** (1) Mind Sports Olympiad Aug 00  
**Snedegar, Dorothy** (1+) Arizona Step 2 (ST) Apr 85  
**Southwell, Charlie** (6+) Arlington VA C-note Special Oct 85, Washington DC (CC) Oct 85, Austin TX July 86, San Antonio TX Apr 91, Pigeon Forge TN Apr 92, Annapolis MD (OD) May 01  
**Spanfelner, Florence** (1) Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 06  
**Spanfelner, George** (1+) Philadelphia PA (OD) Oct 94  
**Spencer, Mike** (1+) Vancouver BC Can (CC) Dec 79  
**Spindel, Sara** (1+) Yarmouth ME (ST) Mar 85  
**Sprowls, Vaughne** (1+) Denver CO (ST) Feb 87  
**ST John, Kathy** (1+) Louisiana Step 2 (ST) Apr 84  
**Stafford, Mike** (2) Richfield OH (OD) May 03, Columbus OH (OD) Sep 04  
**Stagner, Howard** (1+) Sacramento CA (CC) Feb 77  
**Stardom, John** (1) Ottawa Ont Can Apr 07  
**Starr, Gary R.** (1+) Madison WI (ST) Apr 85  
**Stein, Richard** (1) Berkeley CA (OD) Apr 07  
**Steinberg, Harold** (2+) Brooklyn NY (CC) Mar 80, New York City Championship Apr 80  
**Sterling, Linda** (1+) Boca Raton VS Lauderhill Mar 90  
**Stern, Alan** (15+) Los Angeles CA (CC) May 80, Tempe AZ Feb 81, Los Angeles CA (CC) Apr 81, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 82, Scottsdale AZ Mar 86, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 93, Costa Mesa CA Feb 94, Eagle Rock (OD) June 94, Eagle Rock (OD) June 97, West Los Angeles CA Nov 97, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 99, Newport Beach CA (OD) July 00, Newport Beach CA (OD) Oct 03, Pasadena CA (OD) Jan 04, Newport Beach CA (OD) Sep 04  
**Stern, Rafi** (2) Seattle WA May 07, Vancouver BC Can Aug 08  
**Stern, Ruth Sparer** (5+) Huntington Beach CA June 86, Los Angeles CA Feb 90, Eagle Rock (OD) July 90, Los Angeles CA (CC) May 92, Pasadena CA Jan 94  
**Stevenson, Ross** (5+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Oct 95, Calgary VS Saskatchewan Nov 95, Calgary AB Can Jan 97, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 00, Calgary AB Can Jan 02  
**Steward, Judy** (2) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 02, Bayside NY (OD) Aug 03  
**Stock, Daniel** (17+) Pittsburgh PA Oct 96, Fremont OH Oct 97, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Feb 98, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Sep 99, West Bloomfield MI (OD) Jan 00, Hudson OH (OD) Nov 00, Carrollton OH Mar 02, Hudson OH Jan 05, Hudson OH (OD) May 05, Hudson OH (OD) June 05, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 05, Farmington MI (OD) May 06,

Charleston WV Apr 07, Hudson OH May 07, Fenton MI (LB) Jan 08, Richfield OH (OD) Apr 08, Hudson OH Sep 08  
**Stockner, Carl** (4+) South Florida Championship Aug 76, Mobile AL June 83, Miami FL (ST) Mar 85, Miami FL (ST) Apr 85  
**Stockwell, Don** (1+) Houston TX (ST) Mar 87  
**Stokoe, David** (2) Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 04, Michigan Madness June 05  
**Stoll, Dolores** (1+) ST Paul MN Mar 77  
**Stone, David** (5+) New York NY (BBC) Nov 96, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) Jan 03, Plainview LI NY (OD) Mar 03, Bayside NY (OD) Feb 05  
**Stone, Dennis** (6+) Pasadena CA Sep 81, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 81, Irvine CA Apr 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) Sep 01, Newport Beach CA (OD) May 02, Reno NV Jan 04  
**Stone, Douglas** (1+) Cape Cod MA Oct 83  
**Stone, Harold** (3) Winnipeg Ont Can (CC) Dec 01, Winnipeg Ont Can (CC) 03, Brandon MB Can Oct 04  
**Stuhr, Geraldine** (1+) Kennedyville MD Jan 87  
**Stumpf, Thomas** (1) Shelton CT Spring Sep 07  
**Sujjayakorn, Panupol** (2) World Scrabble Championship Oct 03, Thailand International June 05  
**Sullivan, Brendan** (1) Pittsburgh PA June 08  
**Sumrattanaporn, Charnwit** (1+) Thailand International Feb 96  
**Swanson, Art** (3+) Connecticut Open Nov 79, Hartford CT Games Unlmted 81, West Hartford CT Mar 81  
**Swanson, Margaret** (1+) Melrose FL Sep 97  
**Swift, Orry** (3) Lubbock TX Nov 05, Abilene TX Jan 06, Mid-cities TX May 07  
**Swint, Flossie** (3+) Fremont OH Apr 78, Cincinnati OH May 79, Williamstown KY (ST) Mar 87  
**Sykes, Christopher** (11+) Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 98, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 00, Toronto Ont Can Sep 05, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Dec 05, Michigan Madness June 06, Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 06, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Mar 07, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 07, Buffalo NY May 08, Cambridge Ont Can (OD) Oct 08, Mississauga Open Nov 08  
**Tacker, Margie** (2+) Abilene TX June 81, Abilene TX (ST) Mar 85  
**Tamaki, Bob** (1+) Eagle Rock (OD) June 96  
**Tang, Lam** (1) Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 03  
**Tangredi, Frank** (23+) Rochelle Park NJ Nov 88, Teaneck NJ Oct 89, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) May 94, Ronkonkoma LI NY (OD) Aug 96, Plainview LI NY Oct 96, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 97, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 97, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 98, Plainview LI NY (OD) Jan 99, Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 99, Lons Island NY Jan 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) July 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) Nov 00, Plainview LI NY (OD) Dec 01, Plainview LI NY (OD) Jan 02, Berlin NJ (OD) Apr 02, Bayside NY (OD) July 03, Bayside NY (OD) Nov 03, Bayside NY (OD) Mar 07, North Salem NY (OD) May 07, Shelton CT Spring Sep 07, Nast Apr 08  
**Tapper, Larry** (2) Knoxville TN June 05, Asheville NC Nov 07  
**Taylor, Dennis** (3) Fort Lauderdale FL Mar 06, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Aug 07, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Oct 07  
**Tedesco, Annette** (1+) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Oct 96  
**Teitelbaum, Jakob** (2) Montreal Que Can May 00, Montreal VS Ottawa Dec 00  
**Teitelbaum, Peter** (1) Toronto Ont Can Sep 99  
**Terrell, John** (3) West Bloomfield MI (OD) Oct 99, Livonia MI Sep 00, Farmington MI (OD) Dec 01  
**Tetreault, Teri** (5) Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 99, Calgary AB Can Jan 00, Calgary AB Can June 06  
**Thevenot, Geoff** (7) Ardmore OK Apr 05, Mid-cities TX June 05, Can-am Match May 07, Texas State Championship Feb 08, Dallas TX (OD) Mar 08, War IN Waco Apr 08, Dallas TX (OD) Nov 08  
**Thomas, Dianne** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Oct 98  
**Thomas, Randall** (16+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 98, Calgary AB Can June 99, Western Canadian Championship Oct 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 00, Calgary AB Can Jan 01, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 01, Calgary AB Can Jan 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 02, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 03, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 03, Calgary AB Can (OD) May 04, Calgary AB Can (OD) Aug 04, Calgary AB Can Jan 05, Calgary AB Can Nov 05, Calgary AB Can June 07  
**Thornton, Paul** (2+) San Antonio TX Mar 90, San Antonio TX Mar 94  
**Thrash, Vivian** (1+) Euless TX (ST) Mar 87  
**Tiekert, Ron** (27+) Islip NY Jan 80, New York City Game Room Open June 81, New York City Championship Mar 82, Boston Area Tournament Apr 84, National Scrabble Championship July 85, Cape Cod MA Oct 85, Boston Area Tournament Apr 86, Cape Cod MA Oct 89, Smithtown LI NY Oct 93, Boston Area Tournament Mar 95, Atlantic City NJ Jan 96, Albany NY July 96, Berlin NJ Apr 98, Albany NY July 98, Atlantic City NJ Jan 99, Bird-in-hand PA Aug 00, Rye Brook NY Dec 01, Atlantic City NJ Jan 02, Stuart FL Oct 04, Gainesville FL Mar 05, Fort Lauderdale FL May 06, Fort Lauderdale FL Mar 07, Nast Aug 07, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Jan 08, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Aug 08, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Sep 08, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Oct 08

**Tier, Steve** (9+) Lake Mahopac NY July 78, Hackensack NJ (OD) Feb 92, Baltimore MD Summer Aug 93, New York NY (BBC) Mar 95, New York NY (BBC) Mar 96, Plainview LI NY (OD) Aug 97, Albany NY July 02, Bayside NY (OD) Feb 08, Bayside NY (OD) Dec 08

**Tillekeratne, Siri** (17+) Calgary AB Can (OD) June 91, Calgary AB Can (OD) Oct 92, Calgary AB Can Jan 93, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 93, Calgary AB Can Jan 94, Seattle WA May 94, Calgary AB Can June 94, Calgary AB Can Jan 95, Moose Jaw SK Can Mar 96, Calgary AB Can (OD) Apr 96, Calgary AB Can (OD) Dec 97, Swift Current SK Can June 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) Sep 98, Calgary AB Can (OD) Feb 99, Calgary AB Can (OD) July 99, Calgary AB Can Jan 00, Calgary AB Can (OD) Nov 00

**Tischler, Charlotte** (1+) Brookhaven LI NY (OD) Sep 96

**Titus, Tom** (1+) Long Beach CA May 91

**Todd, Margaret** (1+) Saginaw MI (ST) Mar 85

**Tomlinson, Niko** (1) Nast Dec 07

**Tomsic, Randy** (1+) Chicago IL (ST) Mar 85

**Torode, Mary** (1+) Memphis TN Mar 76

**Tourtellotte, Shane** (2) Bayside NY (OD) Nov 06, Bayside NY (OD) May 08

**Traeg, Eleanor** (4) Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 99, Oakland CA (OD) Oct 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 03

**True, Darin** (4) Peoria IL Aug 03, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 04, Port Richey FL (EB) Feb 05, Battle Creek MI (OD) Mar 06

**Tumbarello, Audrey** (2+) New York NY (BBC) <1750 Jan 89, Baltimore MD Fall Nov 96

**Tyler, Cheryl** (2) Phoenix AZ (OD) Apr 02, Lubbock TX (EB) May 04

**Ubeika, Jason** (3) Buffalo NY (EB) May 07, Guelph Ont Can Dec 08, Guelph Ont Can Jan 09

**Ungar, Cliff** (2+) Vancouver BC Can (T3) Feb 83, Calgary AB Can Jan 92

**Unger, Dan** (4+) Denver CO (ST) May 85, Denver CO Nov 86, Durango CO May 89, Denver CO (OD) Aug 90

**Upton, Jimmy** (2) Memphis TN Feb 06, Jonesboro AR June 06

**Van Alen, Barbara** (1) Phoenix AZ (OD) Apr 01

**Van Dover, Vincent** (8+) Chicago IL Apr 88, Lubbock TX Oct 88, Twin Cities MN Feb 91, Twin Cities MN Mar 99, Wisconsin Dells WI Oct 99, Twin Cities MN Mar 04, Waukesha WI May 05, Nast Apr 08

**Van Leunen, Alice** (5+) Vancouver BC Can Nov 87, Mill Creek WA (OD) Aug 89, Mill Creek WA (OD) Aug 90, Portland OR (OD) June 96, Portland OR (LB) Sep 05

**Venditti, John** (1) Albany VS Mohawk Valley Mar 01

**Venne, Trevor** (2) Regina SK Can Sep 07, Moose Jaw SK Can Apr 08

**Vichitjikul, Apichit** (1+) Thailand International Feb 89

**Victor, Gregory** (1+) Gonzales LA (ST) Mar 85

**Vijayakumar, Sinna** (4) Toronto Ont Can (EB) Sep 03, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 05, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) Sep 07, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 08

**Voith, Joseph P.** (1+) Washington DC (ST) Apr 85

**Wachtell, Daniel** (1) Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 08

**Wade, Bill** (7+) Cincinnati OH May 80, Hamilton County OH Mar 82, Cincinnati OH Nov 85, Cleves OH June 90, ST Louis MO June 90, Dayton OH Mar 93, Indianapolis IN (OD) Feb 04

**Wade, Marcia** (1+) Indianapolis IN (ST) Mar 87

**Wade, Timothy** (6+) Cleves OH Aug 79, Marion IN (ST) Mar 85, Indianapolis IN Team Challenge June 87, Indianapolis IN Pan AM Aug 87, Midwest Invitational June 90, New Albany IN Sep 95

**Wagand, Nancy** (1+) Caribbean Cruise Oct 98

**Wagner, Brian** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 99

**Wait, James** (2+) Tucson AZ (ST) Mar 87, Phoenix AZ (OD) July 01

**Walker, Eugene** (2+) Calgary AB Can June 93, Calgary AB Can May 97

**Wallace, Naomi** (1+) Memphis TN (ST) Apr 87

**Walsh, Moira** (1+) Lake Mahopac NY Sep 78

**Wapnick, Joel** (31+) Rochester NY May 77, Albany CA May 80, Albany NY July 80, Toronto Ont Can Sep 80, Canadian Regional (QT) Oct 80, New York City Game Room Open (CON) June 81, Toronto Ont Can Sep 81, Downingtown PA May 82, Stamford CT Spring June 82, Boston MA (T2) Jan 83, Montreal Que Can (T3) Feb 83, Canada Tier 4 June 83, National Scrabble Championship Aug 83, Montreal Que Can May 84, Montreal Que Can May 85, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 85, Boston Area Tournament Apr 89, Montreal Que Can May 89, Grand Canyon AZ Nov 91, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 95, Montreal Que Can May 96, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 96, Canadian National Scrabble Championship Oct 98, Montreal VS Toronto Oct 99, World Scrabble Championship Nov 99, Oshawa Ont Can Jan 03, Montreal VS Toronto Jan 04, Toronto Ont Can Oct 04, Montreal VS Toronto Nov 04, Montreal VS Toronto Oct 05, Montreal VS Ottawa July 08

**Ward, Bruce** (10) Oakland CA (OD) May 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) June 99, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 00, Los Gatos CA (OD)

Sep 01, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 02, Oakland CA (OD) July 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 02, Oakland CA (OD) May 04, Berkeley CA (OD) Nov 06, Mill Valley CA (OD) Aug 07

**Washington, Juanita** (3) Jonesboro AR May 00, Memphis TN June 05, Jonesboro AR May 08

**Wassner, Selig** (2+) Yonkers NY Sep 86, Hackensack NJ (OD) July 96

**Watson, Kathleen** (1+) Lafayette LA Sep 90

**Watson, Robert** (6+) ST Paul MN Feb 80, ST Paul MN Feb 82, ST Paul MN Feb 85, Minneapolis MN July 87, Wisconsin Dells WI Nov 87, National Scrabble Championship Aug 88

**Wayne, Patty** (4+) Albuquerque NM Sep 81, Albuquerque NM City Championship Nov 81, Tucson AZ Apr 92, Lubbock TX Mar 00

**Webster, William** (1+) Glendale AZ Dec 87

**Weepie, Mike** (4) Elizabethtown KY Dec 00, Lansing MI (OD) Mar 01, Indianapolis IN Mar 03, Twin Cities MN Apr 08

**Weinerman, Diane** (1) Birmingham AL (OD) June 08

**Weinike, Joe** (20+) New York City Game Room Open (CON) June 84, Teaneck NJ Nov 85, New York NY (BBC) July 89, Hackensack NJ May 91, New York NY (BBC) Oct 92, New York NY (BBC) May 93, New York NY (BBC) Jan 94, New York NY (BBC) June 94, New York NY (BBC) Aug 94, New York NY (BBC) Nov 94, New York NY (BBC) Nov 95, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 96, Lons Island NY Mar 99, Port Jefferson LI NY Mar 00, Bird-in-hand PA June 01, Shelton CT Fall Oct 01, Shelton CT Fall Oct 02, Stamford CT Fall Oct 03, Shelton CT Fall Dec 03, Atlantic City NJ Jan 07

**Weinstein, Ian** (22+) Melbourne FL May 92, Fort Lauderdale FL Aug 95, Hollywood FL Nov 96, Fort Lauderdale FL May 98, Fort Myers FL Nov 98, Kissimmee FL Feb 99, Fort Lauderdale FL Sep 99, Fort Lauderdale FL Oct 00, Kissimmee FL Feb 01, Pompano Beach FL June 01, Stuart FL Mar 02, Treasure Coast FL Jan 03, Fort Lauderdale FL Aug 03, Fort Lauderdale FL Oct 04, Fort Lauderdale FL May 05, Atlantic City NJ July 05, Fort Lauderdale FL Dec 05, Fort Lauderdale FL Nov 06, Pigeon Forge TN Mar 07, Fort Lauderdale FL Feb 08, Fort Lauderdale FL May 08, Fort Lauderdale FL Nov 08

**Weisberg, David** (7) Merritt Island FL May 01, Pompano Beach FL Nov 01, Florida Coast May 03, Portland OR (EB) Aug 03, Tampa FL Feb 04, Melbourne FL Feb 06, FT Lauderdale FL (OD) Apr 08

**Weisskopf, Martin** (7+) Huntsville AL (ST) Mar 85, Jonesboro AR Apr 94, Reno NV (EB) July 97, Jackson MS May 98, Atlanta GA Fall Sep 02, Rome GA June 03, Elizabethtown KY Dec 05

**Weissman, Donna** (1+) Manchester CT (ST) Mar 85

**Weissman, Emely** (1+) Oakland CA Oct 77

**Wenzel, Kay** (2+) ST Paul MN (ST) Mar 85, Elmhurst NY (ST) Jan 87

**Wertheimer, Milt** (1+) King OF Prussia PA Aug 79

**Wesley, Pat** (1+) Calgary AB Can (OD) Mar 95

**White, Charlene** (1+) Hackensack NJ (OD) May 94

**Whitman, Alan** (2) Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 02, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 03

**Whitmarsh, Bradley** (7) Princeton NJ (EB) Mar 07, Worcester MA May 07, Albany NY (EB) June 07, Albany NY (EB) Dec 07, Albany NY (EB) July 08, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 08, Nast Nov 08

**Widergren, Jeff** (15+) San Francisco (ST) Mar 87, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 93, Santa Clara CA Oct 93, Oakland CA (OD) May 94, Mill Valley CA (OD) July 95, Oakland CA (OD) Mar 96, Oakland CA (OD) July 00, Campbell CA Spring May 01, Los Gatos CA Fall Nov 03, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 04, Berkeley CA (OD) Oct 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 07, San Jose CA (OD) June 08, San Jose CA (OD) Sep 08, Berkeley CA (OD) Oct 08

**Wiegand, Dave** (40+) Portland VS Seattle Oct 94, Reno NV Jan 95, Reno NV Jan 97, Seattle WA May 97, Portland OR Fall Aug 97, Los Gatos CA Fall Oct 97, Portland OR (OD) June 98, Portland OR Fall Sep 98, Reno NV Jan 99, Seattle WA May 00, Portland OR Fall Sep 00, Campbell CA Fall Oct 00, Reno NV July 01, Portland OR Fall Sep 01, Portland OR Fall Sep 02, Reno NV Jan 03, Campbell CA Spring May 03, Reno NV (EB) Jan 04, Seattle WA May 04, Swilns June 04, Portland OR Fall Sep 04, Reno NV (EB) Jan 05, Seattle WA May 05, National Scrabble Championship Aug 05, Portland OR Fall Sep 05, Swilns June 06, Western Canadian Championship Oct 06, Phoenix AZ Feb 07, Dallas Open Mar 07, Nast July 07, Western Canadian Championship Oct 07, Lake Oswego OR Dec 07, Reno NV Jan 08, Lake Oswego OR Feb 08, Nast Mar 08, Seattle WA May 08, Portland OR Fall Aug 08, California Open Oct 08, Nast Nov 08, Reno NV (LB) Jan 09

**Wildes, Patricia** (1+) Yarmouth ME Feb 87

**Wilkins, Marilyn** (2+) Vancouver And Victoria VS Seattle Mar 97, Vancouver BC Can Mar 04

**Willerman, Lee** (2+) Austin TX (ST) Mar 85, Bourne MA (ST) Jan 87

**Williams, Barbara** (1+) ST Paul MN (ST) Jan 87

**Williams, Brian** (15) Brandon MB Can Oct 00, Winnipeg MB Can Apr 01, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Nov 01, Minneapolis MN Nov 02, Winnipeg MB Can May 03, Winnipeg MB Can Apr 04, Winnipeg MB Can Apr 05, Brandon MB Can Oct 05, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) Jan 06, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) May 06, Brandon MB Can Oct 06, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) May 07, Brandon MB Can Nov 07, Winnipeg MB Can (OD) May 08, Brandon MB Can Nov 08

**Williams, Chris** (1) Seattle WA (OD) Jan 09

**Williams, Margaret Bauer** (4+) Deerpark Farm Resort NY Sep 83, Cape Cod MA Oct 88, Teaneck NJ Apr 89, New York NY (BBC) Nov 90

**Williams, Steve** (3+) New York City Championship Mar 77, Nathans Hot Dog Time Square Nov 79, New York City Game Room Open May 80

**Willingham, Walker** (1) Portland OR (EB) Sep 99

**Willis, Michael** (6+) Euless TX (ST) Mar 85, Gonzales LA Nov 87, Memphis TN Feb 88, Gonzales LA Jan 90, Glen Rose TX May 90, Dallas TX Dec 91

**Wilson, Errol** (1) Bayside NY (OD) Apr 07

**Wilson, Jeannie J** (1) Los Gatos CA (OD) June 06

**Windwer, Stuart** (1+) Brooklyn NY (CC) June 76

**Winke, Paul** (1+) Lancaster PA Oct 98

**Winograd, Randy** (1+) Houston TX Aug 81

**Winter** (29) Bayside NY (OD) Jan 05, Hudson OH (OD) May 05, Stamford CT Spring June 05, Lake George NY (EB) Oct 05, Los Gatos CA (OD) July 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Oct 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Nov 06, Independence OH (OD) Jan 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Feb 07, Saratoga NY (EB) Feb 07, Bayside NY (OD) Feb 07, Port Jefferson LI NY June 07, Bayside NY (OD) Aug 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Sep 07, Bayside NY (OD) Oct 07, Elmhurst IL Nov 07, Bayside NY (OD) Nov 07, North Salem NY (OD) Nov 07, Philadelphia PA (OD) Dec 07, Port Jefferson LI NY Dec 07, Nast Feb 08, Charleston WV Apr 08, Albany NY (EB) July 08, Albany NY (EB) July 08, Nast Aug 08, Charlotte NC (LB) Aug 08, Indianapolis IN (OD) Sep 08, Lexington KY Iron Man Nov 08, Lexington KY (LB) Nov 08

**Wise, Mike** (9+) Toronto Ont Can (CC) May 80, Toronto Ont Can June 84, Oshawa Ont Can June 86, ST Williams Ont Can (OD) Aug 86, Hamilton Ont Can Mar 92, Brantford Ont Can (OD) Nov 95, Mississauga Ont Can (OD) June 96, Buffalo NY June 97, Mohawk Valley NY Apr 98

**Wishengrad, Bernie** (3+) New York City Championship Feb 74, New York City Championship Mar 78, Grossinger's NY Jan 82

**Wisniewski, Jane** (1+) Lansing MI (OD) Oct 87

**Withers, Ben** (9) Oshawa Ont Can Jan 02, Lafayette LA Sep 02, Texas State Championship Feb 03, Waco TX Jan 05, Texas State Championship Feb 05, Dallas TX (EB) Oct 05, Mid-cities TX (EB) June 06, Baton Rouge LA Oct 07, College Station TX Nov 08

**Wolfberg, Michael** (12+) Nathans Hot Dog Time Square Nov 80, Schenectady NY Oct 81, Rochester NY Aug 82, Farmington CT Oct 82, New York NY (T2) Dec 82, Yarmouth ME Oct 85, Springfield MA Mar 88, Matchups Open (TT) Dec 93, Springfield MA Jan 95, Plainview LI NY (OD) Aug 98, Italian Tour June 00, Cmabridge MA Aug 03

**Wolfe, Charmaine** (1) Oshawa Ont Can Dec 00

**Wolfe, Louise** (1+) Roseville CA Dec 78

**Wolford, Gail** (12+) Pasadena CA Sep 87, Portland VS Seattle Oct 90, Portland VS Seattle Oct 92, Portland VS Seattle Mar 93, Phoenix AZ Nov 95, Seaside OR Feb 97, Seattle WA May 99, Portland OR Fall Sep 99, Portland VS Seattle Oct 99, Irvine CA Apr 00, Portland VS Seattle Sep 06, Lake Oswego OR Nov 06

**Wong, Rick** (13+) Los Angeles CA Sep 94, Fresno CA (OD) Oct 94, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 99, Los Gatos CA (OD) Mar 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Dec 00, Los Gatos CA (OD) Jan 01, Oakland CA (OD) Jan 02, Mill Valley CA (OD) June 03, Reno NV (LB) July 06, Los Gatos CA (OD) Aug 06, Nast Jan 08, Milpitas CA (OD) Feb 08, San Jose CA (OD) Jan 09

**Wood, David** (2) Thunder Bay Ont Can May 05, Nast Jan 08

**Wooten, Marion** (1+) Lubbock TX (ST) Mar 85

**Wright, Trey** (10+) San Antonio TX Mar 97, Houston TX Apr 97, Mid-cities TX June 97, Tyler TX Jan 98, Houston TX Apr 98, Atlanta GA Spring Feb 02, Newport Beach CA (OD) June 02, Newport Beach CA (OD) May 03, National Scrabble Championship Aug 04, Laguna Woods CA June 05

**Wyer, Ellis** (4+) Minneapolis MN July 81, Abilene TX June 82, Albuquerque NM Oct 82, San Jose CA May 92

**Yarnell, Pat** (1) Newport Beach CA (OD) Mar 01

**Yoo, Young Kyu** (1+) Oakland CA (OD) Dec 93

**Yudson, Joel** (1+) Baltimore MD Fall Dec 76

**Zaug, Bill** (1+) Chicago IL (ST) Mar 87

**Zeff, Frances** (1+) Newport Beach CA (OD) Oct 98

**Zeigler, Pete** (1) Hudson OH May 08

**Ziegeweid, Eric** (1) Houston TX (EB) Sep 06

**Zucker, Harriet** (1+) Concord Hotel - Catskills NY June 73

## Appendix A: Data Sources

The main data sources for this work were as follows:

- Cross tables from 1999-2005 tournaments from the NSA website
- Tournament results and information listed in the *SCRABBLE® Players News/SCRABBLE® Players Newspaper/ SCRABBLE® News* (vol 1, no 2: 1973 - #145: February 1999)
- Tournament results listed in *Matchups #1-67* (May 1983 - Oct 1991)
- Tournament results and information listed in *Medleys* (1991-1993)
- Tournament results listed in *The Official SCRABBLE® Tournament News #4-6* (Sep 1992 - Jan 1993)
- Tournament results lists in Lee Cooper's *Tourney News* (various issues from Feb 1992 - Mar 1996)
- Cross tables from the following 9 1999-2005 tournaments not on the NSA website
  - West Los Angeles (Nov 1999), Houston Club Tournament (2003, 2005), Exeter NJ Club Tournament (April 2004, November 2004, and March 2005), Dallas TX Club Tournament (Sep 2002), Austin TX Club Tournament (2005), Ft Lauderdale FL Club Tournament (Sep 2005)
- Printed cross tables from the c450 tournaments from 1985-1998.
- Printed tournament results from c25 tournaments from 1981-96.
- 1993-96 tournament results from ratings data file posted to NSA website.
- Tournament results posted to CGP from John Chew's web page (<http://www.math.toronto.edu/jjchew/cgp/>)
- Tournament results posted to the Calgary SCRABBLE® Club website (<http://www.calgary374.org/>)
- Various results and information e-mailed to me by individuals

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