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A Brand New Year!

by Chris Cree

We have made it through our first full year! I am really pleased with how the organization has transitioned from the many years of superb organization by the NSA and am truly amazed by the number of members and tournaments on the schedule.

As mentioned in previous bulletins and articles, there had been a pretty steady membership base of about 10–11,000 people with 2,000 members in any given year. We expected an attrition of 10% and had a goal of 1,800 members for 2010. We almost doubled that number as NASPA had 3,442 dues paying members through 2010.

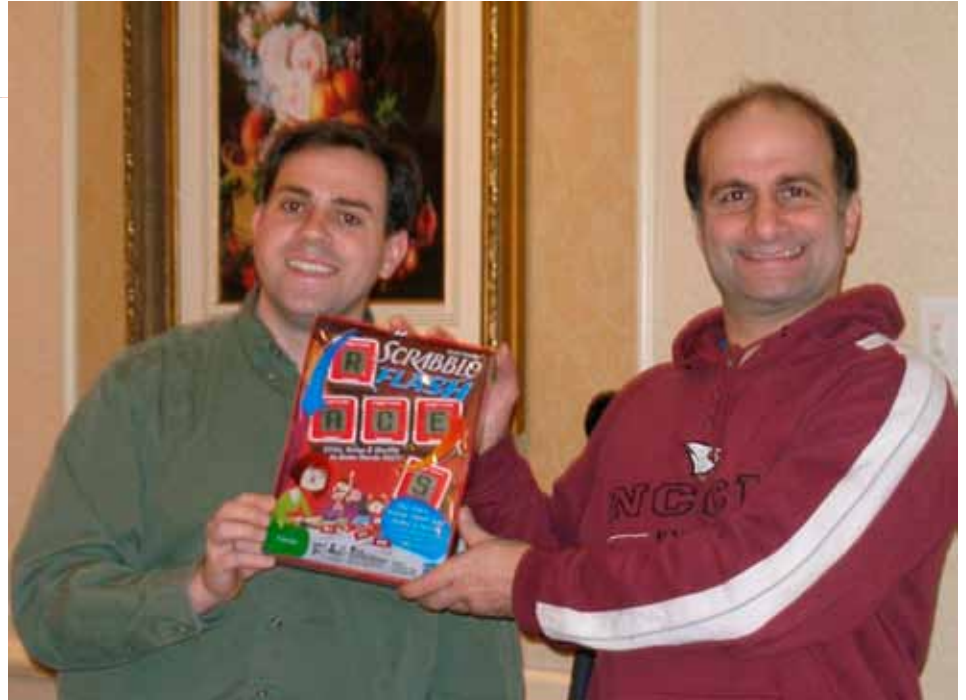
Since NASPA is a brand new entity, I was concerned with renewals. The Membership Committee, chaired by Mad Palazzo, came up with some great incentives to renew that were outlined at the National SCRABBLE Championship by committee member John Robertson.

We expected about 1,200 renewals by January as people did not need to sign up until they played their first event of the year. And, again, we were looking conservatively at renewals due to so many new people signing on last year as well as the continuing economic difficulties the world faces. We have already exceeded our first year's plan for total membership and, as of this writing, have already sold 2,000 years of membership. That should keep us in business for a while, don't you think?

Please accept a huge "thank you" from all of us at NASPA, particularly those who demonstrated extreme confidence in the future of the organization by purchasing the maximum available 5 year renewals.

I believe we were able to capitalize on an increased interest in SCRABBLE that developed online at various sites. In years past at the NSA, the organization would lose and gain 450 players each year resulting in pretty constant numbers. This group would be comprised of those leaving for a variety of reasons and of those who came aboard, 350 of which were returning members and about 100 new members. While the NSA had no advertising budget provided to them by Hasbro other than what Hasbro did on their own, NASPA is easing into advertising our product. Our Facebook advertising resulted in over 500 new members this past year. Pretty interesting and amazing stuff. We hope that the retention rate is higher than normal.

Stefan Fatsis' book, "Word Freak: Heartbreak, Triumph, Genius, and Obsession in the



Dan Horowitz, Philadelphia attorney, presenting a SCRABBLE Flash game to David Klionsky, of North Carolina, at the Delaware SCRABBLE Festivus held from Dec. 24th to 26th, 2010.

World of Competitive SCRABBLE Players," which resulted in many new faces including the author himself, is due for a ten-year reprint complete with an updated Afterword. We hope this will create another uptick in membership. Hasbro and the NSA will be running another School SCRABBLE Championship this April in Orlando, FL and NASPA will be there recruiting members of the future. Hasbro has added an insert to the million boards they sell a year that has NASPA's logo and website.

As of January 18, 2011, there are 166 tournaments on the calendar for this year with more being added weekly. I intend to really hit the road again this year to try to meet and speak to as many of our members as possible. Next up for me is the big, four-day Eastern Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina this President's Day weekend, February 18–21. Ryan Fischer and John Luebke are superlative hosts. Come check it out!

All NASPA tournaments are listed in two locations. Go to our organization's website, scrabbleplayers.org, and, our sister site at cross-tables.com for a comprehensive look at all of NASPA's tournaments. Seth Lipkin and Keith Smith continue to amaze us all with this extremely useful website.

Canadian Committee Elections

by Grant Robertson

NASPA's Canadian Committee (CC) was established to deal with issues specifically affecting Canadian SCRABBLE players. For example, the CC determines the qualification criteria process for the Canadian National SCRABBLE Championship and international competitions, such as the Causeway Challenge and the World SCRABBLE Championship.

The CC consists of six members representing three geographical areas: western Canada, Ontario, and the Quebec/Atlantic region. There must be at least one member from each region but no more than three per region. Members from the territories and abroad are welcome, and would sit as members at large.

Like other NASPA committees, the CC was originally made up of appointed volunteers. However, the CC quickly decided to make itself a democratically elected body. All CC members serve staggered three-year terms, with two members' terms expiring on December 31 each year. At the 2009 NSC

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in Dayton, OH, a lottery was held to determine whose terms would expire when. Annual elections would start beginning in November of 2009. No general election was held in 2009 because only two candidates, Tony Leah and Randall Thomas, ran for office. Thus they were elected by acclamation.

In 2010 three candidates ran for two positions necessitating a general election. The top two vote-getters would be elected for a term starting on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2013. All Canadian NASPA members in good standing were eligible to vote for up to two candidates. The NASPA website provided an opportunity for online voting. Mailed-in ballots were also accepted by Randall Thomas, who served as returning officer. Seventy Canadians exercised their right to vote. John Robertson (64 votes) and Jeff Parsons (27 votes) were both re-elected to the CC. Carl Madden (25 votes) finished a very close third.

Another election will be held in November 2011. The terms of David Boys and Siri Tillekeratne both expire at the end of 2011. They are eligible to run for reelection if they so choose. Any Canadian NASPA member may run in the election. To get your name on the ballot, please contact the CC during the official nominating period which runs from September 1 to October 15. The election period runs throughout November.

CC members don't have to be expert SCRABBLE players. They just need to be interested in promoting SCRABBLE and willing to share their ideas about issues that affect Canadians. Please read the CC's Wikipage on the NASPA website for further details.

New Faces

by Dallas Johnson

New faces have been added to the Tournament Committee recently. Ryan Fischer and Jason Keller are the two newest members of the committee, having stepped forward to volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of our community. The committee looks forward to the contributions of these young, up and coming players to our community through their work as committee members.

Ryan and Jason filled vacancies left by the departure of Nancee Mancel and Andy Saunders, both of whom left the committee in December. Nancee has decided to devote less time to tournament SCRABBLE for the present. Andy, who served as NASPA's first chair of the committee, continues to serve NASPA members through his work on the History Committee. Andy's thoughtful leadership of the Tournament Committee was an important component in the seamless transition from the NSA to NASPA. The committee thanks both members for their service, and is especially grateful to Andy for his selfless guidance of our group.

The Tournament Committee's plans for 2011 include looking into ways to further streamline the process of sanctioning tournaments and developing, in conjunction with the Advisory Board, consistent processes for dealing with incident reports.

Directors and Clubs

by Mary Rhoades

These directors have become apprentices since August 2010, congratulations!

- Michael Bassett, OH
- Chris Lipe, NY
- Cesar del Solar, CA
- Winter, TX
- Joe Neff, PA
- Mark Movic, IA

These states do not have NASPA clubs: Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Virginia.

If you would like to become director certified and lead a club information about director certification can be found on the NASPA web site in the Director section.

Can-Am Challenge

by John Chew

The 9th Can-Am SCRABBLE Challenge will be directed by Calgary SCRABBLE Club directors Siri Tillekeratne and Betty Bergeron on March 19th to 20th, 2011 in Calgary, AB. This invitational event features two seven-player teams from the United States and Canada vying for possession of the Challenge Trophy, a contest in which the U.S. leads Canada 5-2.

Qualification is based on peak rating during a qualification period; interested players can check the NASPA web site Championships section for standings, and instructions on how to register before the February 19, 2011 deadline.

Volunteers Appreciated

by John Chew

We welcome new committee members Shan Abbasi (Mississauga, ON) to the Rating and Recognition Committee and Jason Keller (Highland Park, NJ) to the Tournament Committee. Ryan Fischer (Charlotte, NC) has also joined the Tournament Committee, and continues on in his role on the Web Committee.

We thank Steve Pellinen (St. Louis Park, MN) for his work on the Steering Committee and other working committees; and Andy Saunders (Guelph, ON), who moves from the Tournament Committee to the History Committee. Most of NASPA's working committees welcome additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping formulate NASPA policy, please look at the NASPAWiki Committees page and contact the appropriate committee chair.

Heartfelt Thanks!

by the Membership Committee

Let's give a big virtual round of applause to the members who have renewed for 5-year terms! Thank you for your vote of confidence!

- Afeiche, Rana (Keller, TX)
- Baker, Michael (Portland, OR)
- Barrett, Patricia (Houston, TX)
- Bibbs, Arlene (Pompano Beach, FL)
- Bowman, Derek (Winnipeg, MB)
- Bratcher, Nancy (Lavon, TX)
- Catanese, Paula (Mountain View, CA)
- Cohen, Jacob (Asheville, NC)
- Cree, Carla (Dallas, TX)
- Cree, Chris (Dallas, TX)
- Cree, Faith (Dallas, TX)
- Dearchs, John (Bode, IA)
- DeWaelche, Matt (San Antonio, TX)
- Edley, Joe (Port Jefferson, NY)
- Fatsis, Stefan (Washington, DC)
- Fenske, Robert (San Antonio, TX)
- Finn, Lynda (Madison, WI)
- Fultz, John (Savoy, IL)
- Gabriel, Marty (Charleston, IL)
- Gaudier, Deborah (Kerrville, TX)
- Gillis, Robert (Owens X Roads, AL)
- Hildebrand, Jeremy (Ottawa, ON)
- Howle, Elaine (China Grove, NC)
- Hurd, Dave (Des Moines, IA)
- Keller, Jason (Highland Park, NJ)
- Kriz, Joseph (Roscoe, IL)
- Lamerand, Jim (Chandler, AZ)
- Leah, Tony (Ajax, ON)
- Lewis, Herb (Cherry Hill, NJ)
- Lipe, Chris (Rome, NY)
- MacNeil, Rod (Cambridge, MA)
- Mahmood, Alia (Tustin, CA)
- McCarley, April (Austin, TX)
- McMillion, Arthur (Mobile, AL)
- Moran-Venegas, Mario (Angus, ON)
- Newhouse, Judy (Houston, TX)
- Rankin, Tony (Austin, TX)
- Redding, John (Dallas, TX)
- Rhoades, Mary (Bedford, TX)
- Roland, Tobey (Baltimore, MD)
- Salinas, Andrea (Bastrop, TX)
- Saul, Steve (Arlington, MA)
- Schmidt, Marilyn (Easthampton, MA)
- Schoenman, Bob (Seattle, WA)
- Schwartz, Annie (VA)
- Scott, Nancy (Schertz, TX)
- Segrest, Dee (Highland Village, TX)
- Senii, Varney (College Point, NY)
- Slater, Linda (Calgary, AB)
- Smith, Mariah (Liberty Hill, TX)
- Steffy, Heather (Cleveland, OH)
- Stock, Daniel (Rocky River, OH)
- Strieb, Jay (Ardmore, PA)
- Tier, Steve (Rego Park, NY)
- Thelen, Michael (West Jordan, UT)
- Thomas, Randall (Calgary, AB)
- Thurson, Nancy (Scituate, MA)
- Tillekeratne, Siri (Calgary, AB)
- Unger, Dan (Alameda, CA)
- Van Tol, Hubert (Rochester, NY)
- Wancel, Linda (Flushing, NY)

Weinstein, Ian (Coral Springs, FL)
 Weisskopf, Martin (Huntsville, AL)
 Weisskopf, Mary Ellen (Huntsville, AL)
 Withers, Ben (Houston, TX)
 Wright, Trey (Sierra Madre, CA)
 Wooten, Marion (Graford, TX).

45. 1887 Lerman Jerry (CA)
 47. 1885 Brockmeier Doug (CA)
 48. 1881 Barrett Patricia (TX)
 49. 1879 Martinez Lewis (CA)
 50. 1877 Luebkmann John (VA)

3. +121 = 1356 Van Alen, Barbara (AZ)
 4. +106 = 1307 Scholz, Debbie (TX)
 5. +105 = 1272 Stewart, Gwen (MD)
 5. +105 = 605 Osbourne, Rex (FL)

Top 50 Active Players

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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



Nigel Richards



David Gibson

1. 2140 Richards Nigel (MYS)
2. 2087 Gibson David (SC)
3. 2047 Cappelletto Brian (IL)
3. 2047 Matsumoto Kenji (HI)
5. 2037 Logan Adam (ON)
6. 2014 Appel Scott (NJ)
6. 2014 Bassett-Bouchard Conrad (CA)
8. 2009 Swift Orry (TX)
9. 2006 Sherman Joel (NY)
10. 2004 Johnson Carl (OR)
11. 2003 Stern Rafi (WA)
12. 1989 Wiegand Dave (OR)
13. 1968 Benedict Nathan (AZ)
14. 1958 Cohen Laurie (AZ)
14. 1958 Tiekert Ron (FL)
16. 1955 Weinstein Ian (FL)
17. 1948 Nemitrmansuk Pakorn (THA)
18. 1941 Mallick Joey (ME)
18. 1941 Thevenot Geoff (TX)
20. 1939 Koenig David (MD)
21. 1934 Gabriel Marty (IL)
22. 1929 Leong James (BC)
23. 1928 Okosagah Sammy (MD)
23. 1928 Sujjayakorn Panupol (THA)
25. 1922 Meyer Nick (CA)
26. 1920 Tran Eric (AB)
27. 1918 Edley Joe (NY)
27. 1918 MacNeil Rod (MA)
29. 1911 Wapnick Joel (QC)
29. 1911 Dackman Joe (NV)
29. 1911 Day Jesse (CA)
32. 1909 Withers Ben (TX)
33. 1905 Daniel Robin Pollock (ON)
33. 1905 Epstein Paul (MI)
33. 1905 Frentz Mike (WA)
33. 1905 Cree Chris (TX)
37. 1901 Mancine Dominick (CO)
38. 1900 Walton Noah (OR)
39. 1899 Rosin Sam (NJ)
40. 1891 Kramer Jim (MN)
41. 1890 Clinchy Evans (MA)
42. 1889 Saldanha Dean (BC)
43. 1888 Cornelis Lou (ON)
43. 1888 Sykes Christopher (ON)
45. 1887 Armstrong Peter (WI)

Top 20 Active CSW Players

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

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

1. 2155 Richards Nigel (MYS)
2. 2080 Nelkon Philip (GBR)
3. 2041 Benedict Nathan (AZ)
4. 2037 May Chris (AUS)
5. 2028 Nemitrmansuk Pakorn (THA)
6. 2015 Logan Adam (ON)
7. 2008 Johnson Carl (OR)
8. 2007 Eldar David (AUS)
9. 1986 Thevenot Geoff (TX)
10. 1977 Wapnick Joel (QC)
11. 1968 Wiegand Dave (OR)
12. 1956 Adamson Tim (MN)
13. 1955 Linn Robert (MD)
14. 1919 Boys David (QC)
15. 1907 Leah Tony (ON)
16. 1906 Bowman Brian (KY)
17. 1903 O'Laughlin John (MA)
18. 1901 Panitch Max (ON)
19. 1895 Ball Nick (BC)
20. 1891 Cree Chris (TX)

Monthly Leaders

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists the players with the best results in December 2010.

Most Rated Wins

1. 49 Winter (TX)
2. 22 Lieberman, Hannah (NC)
3. 21 Bassett, Michael (OH)
4. 19 Borenstein, Roberta (CT)
5. 18 Klionsky, David (NC)
5. 18 Horowitz, Dan (DE)
5. 18 Robbins, Bradley (NH)

Most Games Played

1. 80 Winter (TX)
2. 38 Borenstein, Roberta (CT)
3. 35 Gottlin, Liz (NC)
4. 34 Bassett, Michael (OH)
5. 33 Blanchard, Susan (NC)

Most Games Undeclared

1. 15 Gibson, David (SC)
2. 7 Faria, Alyssa (MA)
3. 6 Cullman, Roger (ON)
4. 5 Koenig, David (MD)
4. 5 McMahan, Megan (MA)

Biggest Rating Gains

1. +164 = 973 Graham, Kate (GA)
2. +135 = 1610 Robbins, Bradley (NH)

Highest Initial Rating

1. 1147 Talaid, Virgil (NY)
2. 1082 Steuber, Jason (OH)
3. 829 Pappone, Pam (CA)
4. 806 Miller, Matthew (GA)
5. 740 Patterson, Douglas (CA)

Recent Results

by the Ratings and Recognition Committee

This section lists all players who finished in the top three places in their division in a rated tournament ending in December 2010, together with their wins, losses, cumulative spread, old and new ratings. Out-of-state winners are identified with their home state (or province).

Akron, OH LCT: December 2 (7 players)

3-1 +342 1561 1566 Zeigler, Pete
 3-1 +326 1770 1771 Clark, Jeff (MI)
 3-1 +209 1660 1662 Stock, Daniel

Berkeley, CA: December 4 (12 players)

6-0 +490 1651 1742 Morgan, Chris P.
 5-1 +102 1645 1702 Karris, John
 4-2 +262 1745 1755 Jaech, Alex

Calgary, AB: December 4

Division A (12 players)

11-1 +1441 1886 1920 Tran, Eric
 10-2 +654 1805 1834 Burns, Shannon
 8-4 +408 1572 1605 Tillekeratne, Siri

Division B (14 players)

10-2 +982 1008 1063 Morigeau, Terri
 9-3 +641 1034 1064 Lissack, Marcia
 8-4 +477 1046 1050 Settle, Ben

Fort Lauderdale, FL: December 4

Division A (6 players)

6-2 +706 1948 1958 Tiekert, Ron
 6-3 +310 1713 1744 Payne, Trip
 4-4 +15 1678 1681 Pistol, Howard

Division B (10 players)

6-2 +474 1236 1282 Hellmann, Angela
 5-3 +309 1348 1350 Krohn, Patricia A (WI)
 5-3 +190 1227 1251 Mair, Ossie

Division C (10 players)

6-2 +377 1111 1138 Marques, Sophie
 6-2 +328 1005 1056 Riff, Marla
 5-3 +40 1002 1026 Levin, Cheryl

Division D (10 players)

6-2 +335 868 889 Weithers, Merlene
 6-2 +168 500 605 Osbourne, Rex
 5-3 +283 795 814 Lenzen, Polly

Northampton, MA LCT: December 4

Division A (8 players)

7-0 +585 1735 1758 Buck, Richard
 6-1 +585 1864 1873 Clinchy, Evans

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5-2 +384 1956 1957 Winter (TX)
Division B (12 players)
 6-1 +433 1083 1099 Pearl, Elouise (VT)
 6-1 +365 1222 1232 Borenstein, Roberta (CT)
 5-2 +539 1245 1248 Gauthier, Kevin (NY)

Atlanta, GA: December 4-5

Division A (8 players)
 15-0 +1674 2058 2087 Gibson, David (SC)
 9-6 +1197 1713 1732 Fischer, Ryan (NC)
 9-6 -67 1951 1920 Luebkekmann, John (VA)
Division B (10 players)
 11-4 +504 1441 1492 Davis, Carl (TX)
 9-6 +533 1328 1374 Bergeron, Jerri
 9-6 +479 1380 1403 Huber, Stefan (FL)
Division C (16 players)
 11-4 +493 1028 1129 Harpp, Mattie
 11-4 +484 1308 1329 King, Ralph (FL)
 10-5 +579 1050 1113 White, Ginger (NY)
Division D (16 players)
 14-1 +1277 809 973 Graham, Kate
 13-2 +1340 1005 1062 Lieberman, Hannah (NC)
 11-4 +1299 889 932 Carter, Phyllis

Austin, TX: December 4-5

Division A (16 players)
 11-2 +733 1863 1905 Cree, Chris
 9-4 +758 1709 1764 Kasney, Ken
 9-4 +663 1775 1806 Hodge, Matthew (OK)
Division B (22 players)
 10-3 +962 1509 1556 Cook, Tony
 10-3 +617 1526 1573 Hopper, Chad
 10-3 +409 1475 1535 Williams, Jacob
Division C (19 players)
 11-2 +994 1226 1271 Pepper, Bryan
 10-3 +833 1192 1231 Hughes, Cynthia
 10-3 +671 1289 1306 McCarley, April

Cleveland, OH: December 4-5

Division A (12 players)
 11-3 +562 1835 1866 Bowman, Brian (KY)
 9-4 +284 1555 1640 Kopczak, Josh
 8-5 +729 1908 1888 Cornelis, Lou (ON)
Division B (12 players)
 11-2 +377 1426 1490 Ravichandran, Carol (MI)
 8-5 -57 1426 1423 McCarthy, Kevin, Sr
 7-6 +128 1315 1325 Pescosolido, Terry
Division C (12 players)
 9-4 +536 1157 1185 Bassett, Michael
 9-4 +515 994 1054 Zurbrick, Kristy
 8-5 +451 1175 1178 Popich, Eileen
Division D (10 players)
 10-3 +1130 0 1082 Steuber, Jason
 9-4 +486 744 827 Brown, Lisa (IL)
 8-5 +461 798 818 Cass, Pamela

Eastern Caribbean Cruise: December 4-11

Division A (10 players)
 14-4 +958 1853 1861 Glass, Steve (FL)
 12-6 +743 1752 1741 Kastner, Jeffrey (AZ)
 12-6 +454 1666 1680 Rand, Larry (AZ)
Division B (10 players)
 14-4 +1124 1078 1101 Epstein, Barbara (NY)

14-4 +913 1059 1089 Saperstein, Maxine (FL)
 13-6 +691 861 915 Hamilton, Richard (PA)

Laguna Woods, CA: December 5 (7 players)

6-1 +830 1561 1584 D Ambrosio, Bruce
 6-1 +510 1888 1887 Brockmeier, Doug
 4-3 +323 1700 1672 Knapp, Rachel

Berkeley, CA: December 5

Division A (6 players)
 5-1 +225 1889 1913 Day, Jesse
 4-2 +342 1751 1775 Schonbrun, Lester
 4-2 +208 1811 1827 De Guzman, Edward
Division B (6 players)
 5-1 +70 1492 1564 Weissman, Emely
 3-3 +187 1551 1558 Frodyma, KC
 3-3 +61 1563 1566 Levin, Robin
Division C (6 players)
 5-1 +418 1485 1523 Jacobstein, Bennett
 4-2 +104 1490 1503 Patterson, Kay
 4-2 +87 1447 1466 Julian, Vicky
Division D (8 players)
 5-1 +592 1326 1354 Unger, Dan
 4-2 +174 1318 1321 Whitman, Alan
 4-2 +167 1342 1348 Dolgenos, Peter
Division E (8 players)
 5-1 +289 970 987 Scott, S E
 5-2 +219 0 829 Pappone, Pam
 4-2 +357 954 953 Robinson, Brook (UT)

Bayside Queens, NY: December 11

Division A (8 players)
 7-2 +330 1661 1717 Piro, Sal
 5-3 -41 1957 1942 Winter (TX)
 4-4 +223 1606 1616 Berg, Verna Richards
Division B (8 players)
 6-2 +139 1284 1325 Fonti, Jim
 5-3 +92 1365 1370 Konipol, Nancy
 5-3 -112 1350 1367 Chen, Woody
Division C (10 players)
 6-2 +886 1149 1177 Bryant, Tim
 6-2 +358 1092 1125 Schneider, Frederick
 5-3 +336 1041 1054 Knag, Daniel

Guelph, ON: December 12

Division A (9 players)
 6-1 +432 1654 1708 Ubeika, Jason
 6-1 +350 1850 1868 Berofsky, Evan
 5-2 +287 1739 1755 Kaufman, Zev
Division B (6 players)
 6-0 +580 1460 1483 Cullman, Roger
 5-2 +715 1424 1421 McCall, Heather
 4-3 +161 1091 1101 Horowitz, Risa

Portsmouth, NH: December 12

Division A (16 players)
 7-0 +756 1763 1867 Faria, Alyssa (MA)
 6-2 +386 1772 1825 Lipkin, Seth (MA)
 5-2 +446 1873 1890 Clinchy, Evans (MA)
Division B (8 players)
 6-1 +366 1254 1372 Cole, Judy (MA)
 6-1 +233 1434 1508 Horn, Judy (MA)
 4-3 +268 1571 1572 Horn, Joel (MA)
Division C (16 players)
 6-1 +57 1077 1148 Yorra, Wayne (MA)
 5-2 +513 1140 1170 Davis, Thomas (ME)

5-2 +331 1363 1371 Scranton, Jeffrey (CT)
Division D (5 players)
 7-0 +432 659 749 McMahon, Megan (MA)
 4-3 +274 922 904 Zeff, Annette (VT)
 4-3 -50 823 818 Becker, Paul (MA)

Laguna Woods, CA: December 18-19 (13 players)

12-1 +1367 1672 1714 Knapp, Rachel
 11-2 +1357 1887 1885 Brockmeier, Doug
 11-2 +1217 1454 1506 Tantua, Victor

Charlotte, NC: December 19

Division A (8 players)
 7-1 +752 1732 1743 Fischer, Ryan
 5-3 +278 1379 1394 Hopkins, Matt P
 5-3 -19 1495 1494 Gottlin, Liz
Division B (10 players)
 6-2 +585 1029 1046 Goddard, Joann
 5-3 +345 1049 1049 Hollman, David (GA)
 5-3 +143 1065 1055 Lieberman, Hannah

Mountain View, CA: December 19

Division A (6 players)
 6-0 +709 1848 1887 Lerman, Jerry
 3-3 +114 1775 1767 Schonbrun, Lester
 3-3 -6 1690 1688 Karris, John
Division B (8 players)
 5-1 +239 1365 1396 Michaels, Andrea
 4-2 +330 1321 1339 Whitman, Alan
 4-2 +118 1487 1490 Yeung, Henry

Strongsville, OH: December 19 (16 players)

6-2 +672 1866 1875 Bowman, Brian (KY)
 6-2 +532 1711 1721 McKenzie, Kelly (KY)
 6-2 +127 1630 1661 Stock, Daniel

Wilmington, DE: December 24-26

Division A (8 players)
 15-5 +1024 1895 1899 Winter (TX)
 12-8 +169 1616 1645 Berg, Verna Richards (NY)
 11-9 +135 1634 1651 Brook, Mitchell (PA)
Division B (8 players)
 14-6 +1272 1304 1375 Ginzberg, Adam (PA)
 13-7 +36 1255 1322 Strieb, Jay (PA)
 13-8 +510 1231 1312 Kuno, Margo (PA)
Division C (6 players)
 16-5 +975 1043 1119 Klionsky, David (NC)
 13-6 +894 1134 1136 Fine, Adam (MD)
 13-8 -315 809 905 Horowitz, Dan

Wilmington, DE: December 26

Division A (6 players)
 5-0 +464 1475 1581 Robbins, Bradley (NH)
 3-2 +94 1634 1648 Brook, Mitchell (PA)
 3-2 +65 1942 1933 Rosin, Sam (NJ)
Division B (6 players)
 4-1 +287 1449 1467 Roland, Tobey (MD)
 4-1 +155 1285 1326 Gindlesperger, Barbara (PA)
 3-2 +219 1306 1317 Milton, Daniel (VA)
Division C (5 players)
 5-0 +432 1232 1259 Borenstein, Roberta (CT)
 4-1 +256 1061 1077 Kirchhausen, Susan (MA)
 3-2 +89 1043 1040 Klionsky, David (NC)

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Wilmington, DE: December 27

Division A (8 players)

6-1 +327	1876	1896	Winter (TX)
5-2 +111	1711	1735	Dixon, Jan
3-4 +239	1500	1509	Scheiten, Jerry (NY)

Division B (8 players)

6-1 +453	1453	1494	Jacobson, Jeffrey (PA)
5-2 +117	1467	1484	Roland, Tobey (MD)
4-3 +231	1325	1339	Roth, Edwin (PA)

Division C (8 players)

5-2 +297	1078	1112	Kirchhausen, Susan (MA)
5-2 +189	1260	1272	Stewart, Gwen (MD)
4-3 +94	1200	1199	Jones, Eve (MI)

Division D (7 players)

6-1 +692	814	841	Brower, Ruth
6-1 +261	743	782	Tillson, Carol (MD)
5-2 +444	894	893	Horowitz, Dan

Princeton, NJ: December 28 (12 players)

5-0 +910	1901	1939	Koenig, David (MD)
4-1 +306	1735	1752	Dixon, Jan (DE)
3-2 +321	1834	1831	Keller, Jason

Albany, NY: December 29

Division A (12 players)

7-1 +548	1997	2017	Matsumoto, Kenji (MA)
5-3 +223	1791	1817	Schoenbrun, Ben
5-3 +134	1920	1925	Luebkekmann, John (VA)

Division B (12 players)

6-2 +812	1450	1484	Gable, Sue
6-2 +155	1429	1469	Becker, Bob (MA)
5-3 +280	1549	1555	Steffy, Heather (OH)

Division C (15 players)

8-0 +908	1153	1195	Petrie, Shauna (ON)
7-2 +417	1176	1193	Bassett, Michael (OH)
6-2 +306	1012	1029	Kopitz, Kurt

Albany, NY: December 30

Division A (8 players)

4-1 +279	1836	1870	Whitmarsh, Bradley (MA)
4-1 +178	2017	2026	Matsumoto, Kenji (MA)
3-2 +146	1913	1920	Day, Jesse (CA)

Division B (8 players)

4-1 +460	1817	1830	Robinsky, Rob (MN)
4-1 +43	1599	1659	Friedman, Andrew
3-2 +142	1817	1815	Schoenbrun, Ben

Division C (8 players)

4-1 +443	1524	1552	Drumm, Heather
4-1 +206	1469	1507	Becker, Bob (MA)
4-1 +159	1537	1561	Shambach, Mason (MI)

Division D (8 players)

4-1 +365	1243	1279	Barrett, Ted (NJ)
3-2 +80	1352	1355	Ubeika, Shelley (ON)
3-2 +48	1315	1323	Lezin, Katya (NC)

Division E (8 players)

4-1 +280	1053	1094	Blanchard, Susan (NC)
4-1 +143	1055	1098	Lieberman, Hannah (NC)
4-1 -10	1123	1158	Lieberman, Noah (NC)

Division F (10 players)

4-1 +259	1029	1041	Kopitz, Kurt
4-1 +197	832	906	Johnson, Selena
3-2 +112	893	901	Hipenbecker, Les

Roseville, CA LCT: December 31 (10 players)

4-0 +281	1348	1358	Dolgenos, Peter
3-1 +112	853	869	Merrick, Suzanne
2-2 +142	1403	1400	Igra, Amnon

A Plea for Submissions

by the Bulletin Committee

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



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Challenge Contest

by the Bulletin Committee

This month, we launch a series of SCRABBLE game contests. The challenge this time is to make the highest-scoring solitaire game consisting entirely of horizontal plays that are acceptable in the usual OTCWL lexicon. You do not need to use all the tiles in the bag, but any tiles left in the bag should be deducted from your final score. The diagram below shows a sample 1030-point solution using all 100 tiles.

To enter the contest, enter your game position into Quackle (assigning alternate moves to each player), and save and upload a .gcg file through Member Services at the NASPA website, before midnight EST on the evening of February 15th.

The winning solution will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin, and the winner will receive a year's membership renewal. Ties will be broken in favour of the solution which is received first.



Referral Bonus Program

by the Membership Committee

38 NASPA members have received one or more free months of membership so far, since the membership referral bonus program began last September. When new members sign up for a full year's membership now, they are asked if an existing member referred them to the association. The referring member gets a free month added onto their own membership, and the person who refers the most members in the first year of the program will be honoured with an additional free year's membership. Tied for the lead right now with four referrals are Ginger White (Shirley, NY) and Tim Wise (Fort Lauderdale, FL).

If you're not sure if you've received credit for a referral, go to Member Services on the NASPA website and click the Payments button to view your account history. Referrals will show up as \$0 charges, and the name of the recruit who gave you your free month.

Game Position

by the Bulletin Committee

Ron Hoekstra (Vancouver, BC) had EGILRTV on his rack against John Chew (Toronto, ON) at a CSW-rated tournament in Victoria, BC. Can you spot the playable TWL bingo, as well as the CSW-only bingo that Ron played?



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