



Southern Counties Scrabble® League Tournament Report

Andover Tournament 2009

Sunday 22 February, John Hanson School, Floral Way, Andover

Winners of the 4 divisions were:

Division A

Posn	Name	Score	Spread
1	P. Downer	5	717
2	C. Finlay	5	342
3	S. Perry	5	311

Division B

Posn	Name	Score	Spread
1	B. Margererson	6	304
2	M. Baxendale	5	222
3	N. Smith	4	326

Division C

Posn	Name	Score	Spread
1	P. Harding	6	209
2	M. Seabrook	5	351
3	P. Munday	4	370

Division D

Posn	Name	Score	Spread
1	F. Goble	6	236
2	S. Cave	5	629
3	J. Lindridge	4	312

The winner of the Terry Hollington Rating Trophy was R. Obemeasor in Division B.

It was good to see the names of many League players on the winners list.

Report from Alan Bailey

The 9th Grand Hampshire Championship was on Sunday, 22 February. Not much went wrong. All 102 competitors had arrived by 10.00 end of registration, so we started and finished just about on time.

School pupils provided the runners, and two pairs of them alternated as adjudicators under the guidance of Ruth Marsden on computer. This worked well



There is no evidence of over- or frivolous challenges. The pluralising S featured on most of the interesting ones. NETIZENS was of course allowed, implying that the player is more up with modern communications than the challenger.

Other plurals included BREEDINGS, INBOARDS, JUGALS, MEASINGS, PERVINGS, SEARINGS, SNEERINGS, SUPPLES and SWEATINGS, two of which were correctly disallowed. Then, which of us has not once been caught out by putting D on RIOTISE? Equally verb-like is GENOISE, and a D on that brought one of few rechallenges. One player challenged MOWN. Next thing we knew it had grown an S, so that challenge went down. Well, how common a word is MOWN nowadays?

This tournament would not run at all, let alone successfully, but for the tremendous practical support of the School Association. Whether or not they read this, it is important for players, actual and potential, to know it. If things go badly here, blame the director. If they go well thank Ruth Marsden the computer whizz and the John Hanson parents who set out the furniture, dispense refreshments, and turn themselves into auxiliary runners in their empty moments; a tournament director's dream scenario.