What is the highest possible score achievable in a SCRABBLE® Brand Crossword Game (hereafter referred to simply as a Scrabble game)? This question has intrigued Word Ways readers for ten years. In fact, the rulebooks in current Scrabble games pose this question:

A third way to use Scrabble Brand Crossword Game as a solitaire is to turn the letters right side up and by deliberate selection and the use of the dictionary work out high scores. The highest score attainable remains a mystery.

However, Word Ways has never presented a Scrabble game that attempts to maximize the total score and that follows the current Scrabble rules (outlined in the May 1981 Word Ways). To encourage readers, presented here is the current record-holding Scrabble game of 4001 points. The dictionary of record is Webster’s Second.

DEHYDROFREZING
OFRAEMANIA
F*I
L
U
V
I

Jackpud*inghood
O
W
B
R

OXQUINASEPTOLS

Blank tiles are indicated by letters with asterisks. The turns are:

pudding 70
emitting 72
ma 4
intaglio, man 73
intaglio 9
jackpuddinghood 446
adnumber 66
heaviest 80
we, wa, as 12
sept, wap 14
telecaster, es, ce 102
eI 2
in, ti, en 6
cowberry 88

Comments: ING and TING are listed regularly, HEATASEPTOL on page xciv. The princ requirements are given. The rest of the main entries...
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oxyquinaseptols, la,

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mania 7

ree 3

ae, re 4

rae, or 5

effluvia 92

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Comments about a few of these words are in order. DEHYDROFREEZING and TELECASTER are 'ound in the Addenda. Four inflected forms are listed with their roots: EMITTING at 'emit', INTAGLI at 'intaglio', HEAVIEST at 'heavy' and EFFLUVIA at 'effluvium'. OXYQUINASEPTOLS, whose singular is listed below the line, is recognized on page xciv (part IV, section 25): "If no plural is given, it is formed regularly, by the addition of s." ADNUMBERS, the present third singular of 'adnumber' (also below the line), is recognized on the same page (part IV, sections 24, 29 and 30), where it is stated that principal parts are given only for irregular or irregularly spelled inflections: "The principal parts of verbs are given whenever irregular formations require ... (They are) omitted when they are formed regularly..." The rest of the words used in this Scrabble game are either boldface main entries or below the line entries.