

# Scrabble Scramble

Scrabble fans' team tourney raises funds for Lincoln Literacy

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**T**he word for it? Packed!

More than 100 people playing on 28 teams took part in Lincoln Literacy's third annual Scrabble Scramble tournament. They played three rounds of fast-paced, pressure-packed Scrabble to determine the winners of this year's trophy.

After being runners-up in the Competitive Division for the past two years, the A-Team (consisting of Patrick Adams, Rod Beery, Maija Burdic and Michele Tilley) came in first. The team took the traveling trophy, engraved Scrabble trays, certificates and, of course, the boundless glory of being 2011 Scrabble Scramble Champions.

The fundraiser took place Nov. 6 at the UNL East Campus Union. With cupcakes on sale to fuel hungry minds, a raffle, entry fees and sponsorships, the tournament raised more than \$8,000 to help fund Lincoln Literacy's programs in 2012.

Much of the event's financial success was due to the 16 sponsors who underwrote it, including lead sponsors Party America, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Lincoln Surgery Endoscopy Services and the law firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford.

Lincoln Literacy is an award-winning nonprofit organization based in Lincoln. Established in 1972, it provides English language and literacy instruction to adults and families living in Lancaster County through 25 classes a week at locations around the city, as well as hundreds of one-to-one tutoring sessions.

For more information, go to [www.lincolnliteracy.org](http://www.lincolnliteracy.org) or call 402-476-7323.



1) 2011 Scrabble Scramble Champions, from left, Michele Tilley, Maija Burdic, Rod Beery, and Patrick Adams. 2) AmeriCorps member Keegan Krause disguised as "Scrabble Man." 3) Erica Wessel (in pink) and her teammates on Better Letters puzzle out a move.