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When I do not understand, I like to say nothing.
Sophocles, 5th century BC, *Oedipus Tyrannus*, 569.

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This month we celebrate our **Fifteenth Birthday**. Congratulations to all members and our Founders and Life Members, Noel Jessop, Carole Noble and Alan Walter. We are going from strength to strength and the ACC is thriving!

Neir B'Odet has again compiled a Special Quiz to celebrate our Birthday (see p9) and Audrey Austin is organising an Anniversary BBQ on 15 May to continue the celebrations (see p9 for details). We hope that many members can attend and enjoy the festivities. Happy Birthday ACC!

We are delighted to welcome two new compilers to our ranks this month. First is Jean Barbour who has compiled an AJ for us and has chosen her middle name Ingrid as her appropriate cruciverbonym (*InGrid*). Second is Andrew Patterson (*Zinzan*) who has compiled a challenging cryptic as the Slot 3 puzzle. We hope you like their puzzles. Read their interesting Profiles on pages 5 and 6.

Michael Vnuk has been a member of the ACC since its inception. Whilst Michael has not been a prominent name in the ranks of the solvers and compilers, he has been busy for many years with the science of words and phrases. You will enjoy reading his absorbing and fascinating profile on p9.

In addition to the puzzles from the new compilers, we have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. *The Beast* is back with one of his *Connections for Example*, *Barney Naga* (that towering duo of Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes) have devised a clever cryptic and in Slot 5 there is a brilliant puzzle (*Crossing Swords*) by *Virgo*. In Slot 6, the master Ximenean *Praxis* will delight you with his *Airs and Graces*!

There is plenty to keep you entertained in the next month. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Wow! What a busy month for me – a week's holiday with the family, 60th birthday celebrations, 24 house guests for Easter and adjudication.

Slot 1: Well, where to start. This was the undoing of many members and caused much wailing and gnashing of teeth as they struggled to find a theme. It seems that the theme – BIG things around Australia – bewildered all but David Procter. I wonder if the name "Half & HALF" might have helped many. As the adjudicator I had a slight advantage and if I had not been told the theme I would have accepted 'bash' x 15, 'mines' x 6 and 'fires' x 7. I would be still thinking about fired x 9 and roasted x 9. Among other answers to creep in were river, bush and cormorant.

Slot 2: 'BIZA' (x11) crept into this puzzle. There were also a few more various answers for this clue (24ac). At 25ac members found several ways to spell "AMENHOTEP".

Slot 3: There was no particular errors in here but 'capsizee', 'capsized' and 'capzises' snuck in as well as a couple each of 'sicc' and 'sich'. All other entries had quite individual errors.

Slot 4: 'Remnants' popped up 5 times and there was a variety of spellings for the Z word. All other errors were quite individual in this puzzle as well.

Slot 5: Apart from a few different spellings of ZEPHYRUS and a 'liquid' for liquor there were only odd letters in small words eg. alto for also – careless transcription.

COTM: There was a tie this month between "UGH" and "CAPSIZES" (5 votes each) and just behind with 4 votes "earth shattering". 24 words were nominated. Thank you to all the members who sent greetings. They lighten the load. Until next year, Happy Crosswording.

—Veniece
Message from *Raoul* to *St Jude* – Some great clues specially C & G
— Love your work.

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	94	113	106	112	99	524
Correct entries	39	84	83	96	85	387
Success rate (%)	36	95	88	85	84	73
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Mar 1-2005

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Mar 2-2005

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The Canterbury Tales
Geoffrey Chaucer

Feb 6-2005

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MARCH 2005

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ANDERSON C
ANDERSON JB
ARCHIBALD C
ATKINSON S
AUSTIN A
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BATUM C
BENNETT B
BILKEY C
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CALLAN A
CAMPBELL G
CHANCE C
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLLES J
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIDSON D
DAVIS A
DAVIS K
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DODD M
EDWARD J
EGGLETON B
EISENTRAGER D
FOSTER C
FOWLER J
FRELAND J
FULLER D
GALBREATH M

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
GARNER P
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
GREENING D
HAGAN R
HAMBLING C
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
IKIN D
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KITTO J
KNIGHT S
LEE C
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LEEDS G
LOBSEY V
McCLELLAND C
MACDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
MANNING R
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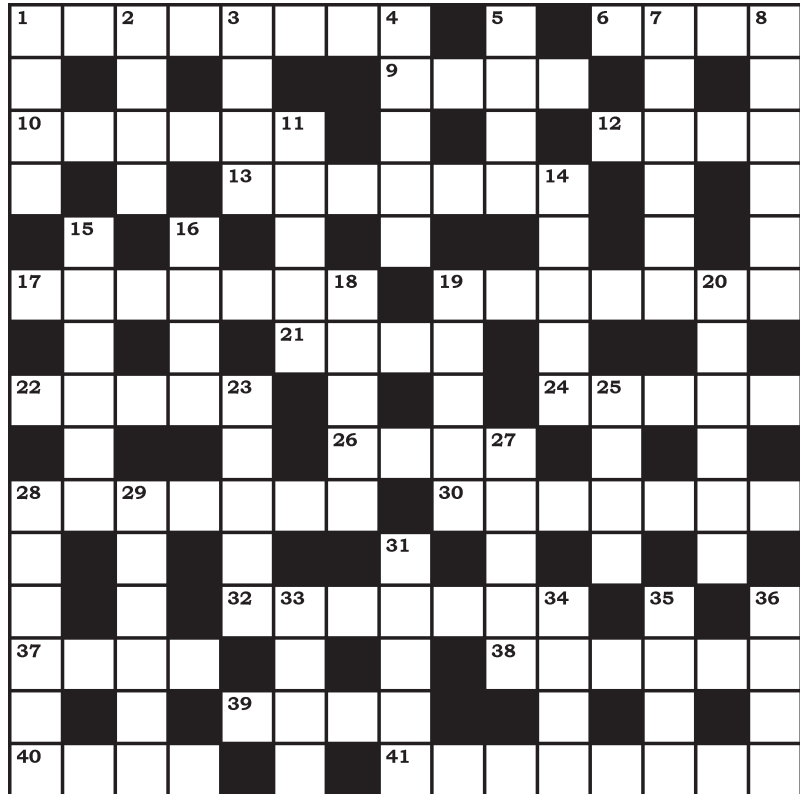
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REARDON C
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**Connections
for Example
by
The Beast**



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Down

Find a word that will go either before both, or after both clue words, or after the first and before the second, that will give two other words, names, phrases or common expressions.

Across

- 1 Club board (8)
- 6 Wild eyes (4)
- 9 Green present (4)
- 10 Water fodder (6)
- 12 Horse poker (4)
- 13 Car card (7)
- 17 Royal dead (7)
- 19 Wheel sheet (7)
- 21 Brown paper (4)
- 22 House house (5)
- 24 Strong driver (5)
- 26 Dead head (4)
- 28 Tour writer (7)
- 30 Natural lesson (7)
- 32 Violin heart (7)
- 37 Fence motor (4)
- 38 Goose up (6)
- 39 Net race (4)
- 40 Living slave (4)
- 41 Ocean lights (8)

- 1 Home leave (4)
- 2 Iron pin (4)
- 3 Worm work (4)
- 4 Bells angels (5)
- 5 Sir John (4)
- 7 Court stations (6)
- 8 Sore back (6)
- 11 More fear (5)
- 14 Rice days (5)
- 15 Pearl bridge (6)
- 16 Plough drive (4)
- 18 Sausage season (5)
- 19 Back mark (5)
- 20 Board piece (6)
- 23 Bees up (5)
- 25 First payer (4)
- 27 English Bishop (5)
- 28 Bone bone (6)
- 29 Chicken water (6)
- 31 Split prize (5)
- 33 Over coat (4)
- 34 Black cash (4)
- 35 Slide home (4)
- 36 String bag (4)

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Cryptic
by
Barney Naga



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Across

- 1 Long and bitter criticisms about aid to family groups (9)
- 9 Quite a top liquor distilled from agave plant (7)
- 10 English setter of a monkey puzzle? (9)
- 11 Crossbeam for stern or mast bearing needs repair (7)
- 12 An element of a tempest or major disturbance (5)
- 13 Every other person lies – how common (5)
- 14 Not many quarterback legends returned for the big American game (3)
- 17 Setting up an act as entertainment at the table (7)
- 19 Cover note that is left with the German (7)
- 20 We heard Jackman got the chop! (3)
- 21 He was banished to a former French island (5)
- 24 A look has no bearing on hello or goodbye (5)
- 26 A French gent you heard put in some lubrication (7)
- 27 Annoying habits at first are pronounced as an offence against Godhead (9)
- 28 Peer round to live where a stud could be seen perhaps! (7)
- 29 Labour rally (without Union backing!) turned out to be a top occasion (5,4)


Down

- 1 Doctor a document written down in small amounts (5)
- 2 Militant female doctors get the last one in operation (6)
- 3 To restore? Repoints without mortar! (9)
- 4 Characters of like interest have unusual base for their fad (5,2,1,7)
- 5 Island landmark – bayside – is beaut for reality TV – even in ruins (6,2,7)
- 6 Plump young bird for first course (5)
- 7 Expose drug-heightened celerity (8)
- 8 Swings perform best while the sun shines! (9)
- 15 Reserve banks are places to store diamonds perhaps! (3,6)
- 16 Tries in actual practice (9)
- 18 Anchor's assistant overhauls slew-ring (8)
- 22 Say the name of "that woman"! (6)
- 23 Twenties look has the right colour scheme (5)
- 25 A gall produces a type of flower bloom (5)

The New International Macquarie Dictionary: Any member contemplating purchasing the *New International Macquarie Dictionary* rrp \$79.95 should note that this publication contains the same plates & lists & mostly the same entries as in the full *Encarta* dictionary. Those who own the *Encarta Dictionary* should consider this carefully before purchasing the *International Macquarie*. I am not referring to the well-known Australian green-covered 3rd rev. edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary* also at rrp \$79.95. This new International version has a black cover slip. Alan Walter

Sue Butler, publisher of The Macquarie Dictionary writes:

"Macquarie is now owned by Macmillan who have an interest in the *Encarta* dictionary. They decided to sell it in Australia under the Macquarie brand, that being the dictionary brand that is established here. It is not uncommon for publishers to slot titles into an existing range rather than publish them as one-offs. It is unfortunate that in this case they had already launched the book as the *Encarta* dictionary, thus creating some confusion. Hopefully this is a short-term thing."

<p> A P R I L 2 0 0 5 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Zinzan</p>


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Across

- 1 See, Nelson has no point in state discussion (7)
- 5 Cleans mess before quiet embrace (7)
- 9 Promises count for nothing at school (5)
- 10 One's wrong in test related to stretching muscles (9)
- 11 A small fishcake? (7)
- 12 Kansas City footballers have the Cook Islands all confused (6)
- 15 Point to Ernie's threat alternative (4)
- 16 Ridiculously point out nibble – an oat can be gained (10)
- 19 A Welsh specialty is to be both a rugby player and a rower (10)
- 20 Rebecca's son comes from a country in Europe (4)
- 22 Persuade Lombard to trade her right to a fish-hook (6)
- 24 Possible cause of 30ac is lots of 10 down? (7)
- 27 Do you see any primarily cracked pipes amid internal rumbling? (9)
- 28 African football club left, then went back for the money (5)
- 29 Bob Dylan is an Aussie artist (7)
- 30 Depression symptom presents without being sick (3-4)

Down

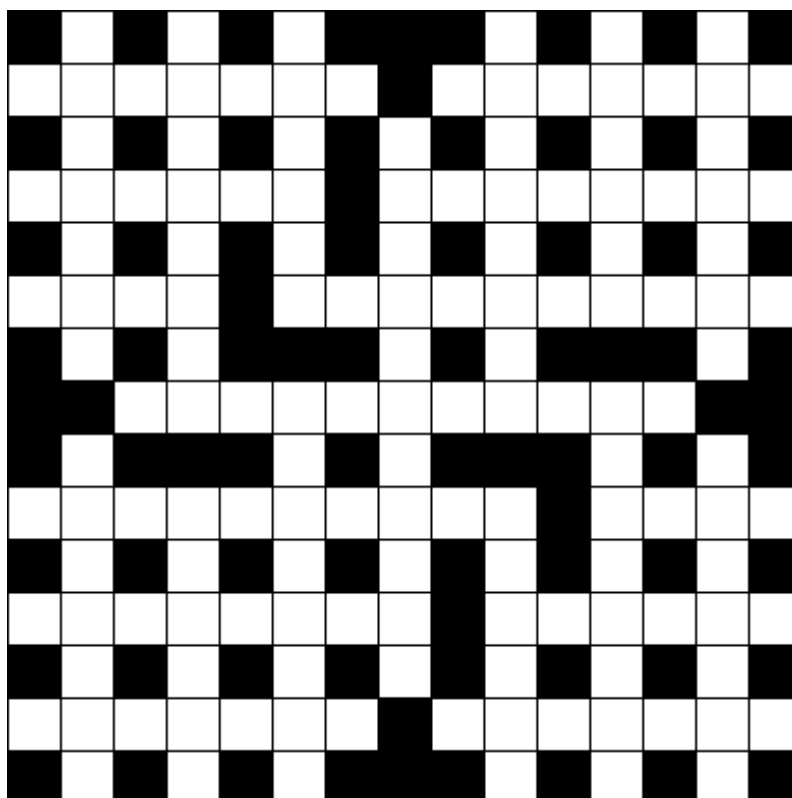
- 1 Carbon used in building block (4)
- 2 To be at home on trains with no-one in charge is essential (9)
- 3 Western county? (6)
- 4 Grub's up after the bride-to-be firstly bought European port (10)
- 5 Son follows Kylie's back-side for ages (4)
- 6 1dn worn by skinny princess, possibly (8)
- 7 Gore and a President are quite similar (5)
- 8 Practises a European exercise without us returning (8,2)
- 13 Flowers were not received as a result of Elliott's murder? (10)
- 14 Great time had after uproar played out in court (10)
- 17 For many companies, the abolition of GST would create this manual work (3-6)
- 18 Pert lass rearranged religious song collections (8)
- 21 1dn in vital organ (6)
- 23 Through many months, he's created on the first of each (5)
- 25 Notice some polyps, especially from the rear (4)
- 26 David Astle, primarily, is a level above the rest (4)

Compiler profile: Andrew Patterson (Zinzan)

"I'm a 38-year old father of two little girls. My wife and I have lived in the Abbotsford area of Sydney all our lives. I work in the IT sector, which I guess accounts for a lot of cryptic-minded people. I spend far too much time watching football codes on TV, and not enough time reading sensible books. I started on cryptics by watching my mother's efforts, about 20 years ago. I've done mostly SMH since then – where I've always liked the DA puzzle (but understand that others may not be so enamoured by him). Through the Cracker forum linked to smh.com.au, I learnt of the ACC and joined late last year, which has been a pretty good move. Years ago, when every service became available on the internet, a log-in name was needed, and at the time an All Black running around was Zinzan Brooke – a fairly distinct name. I've continued to use Zinzan and now that becomes my 'cruciverbalnym'. I apologise for any gross negligence in my first effort – I hope some day to be considered worthy."

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AJ
by
InGrid



The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer. One answer is not in the ACC's references.

- A** Carve his bust for the records (8)
- B** A Pom blushes in confusion after swearing (11)
- C** Dealing with mimicry? Why not! (6)
- D** John Wayne dominates beginning of the realm (7)
- E** Mythical gas will get her ionised from the inside (8)
- F** It's silly for you French to love America after this note (7)
- G** Paid partners go solo back to the show (7)
- H** Dog sounds like a doctor (6)
- I** Surprise a Lothian in the act of breathing (10)
- J** Tart married Ahab (7)
- K** Cattle bloodsucker endlessly in motion (7)
- L** Spot neighbourhood force (6)
- M** Reflects about Mr or Sir (7)
- N** Sleep well after tech unit finally backs measure against moths (11)
- O** Inform elite about Norwegian falls (6)
- P** Beggar has dish by the grip, right? (10)
- Q** To inform without power is whimsical (6)
- R** The equestrians' toy is a corker, perhaps? (6)
- S** Inflammation is bad if you and I sit back (8)
- T** Linear system is a test set around a Greek letter (8)
- U** Not closed, opened (8)
- V** Leading valet (a servant) can undo latches with hesitation on the specimen case (8)
- W** Caller spoke about laundry equipment (7)
- X** Coloured after kissing worker in charge (7)
- Y** Ascetic bear? (4)
- Z** In a daze, rode to the bottom (4)

Compiler Profile: Jean Barbour (*InGrid*)

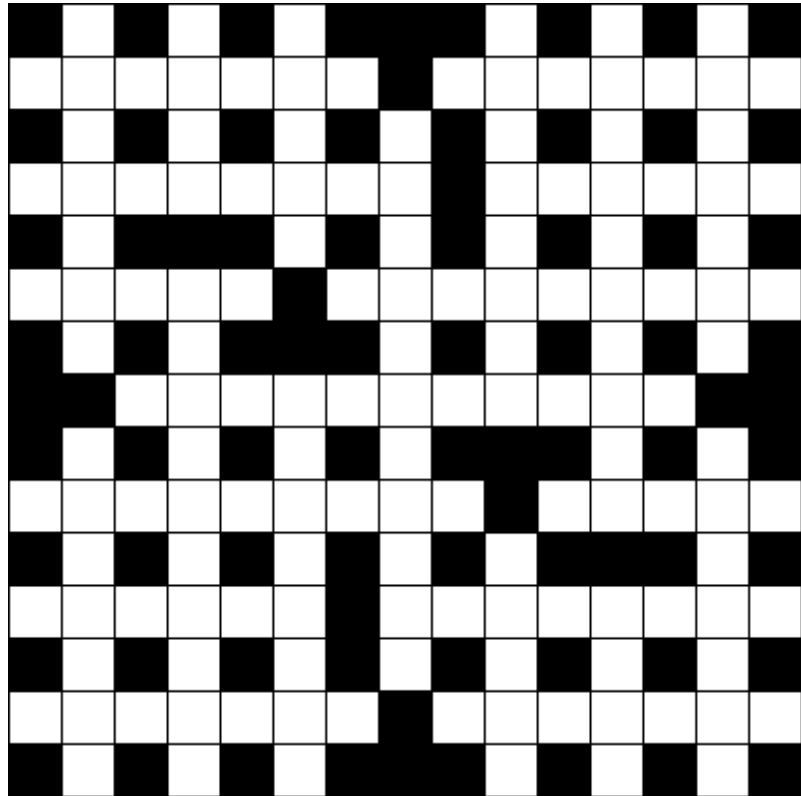
"My mum introduced me to cryptic crosswords – she is a club member too (Enid Holford). I have been solving them casually for 20 years or so (I am 47yo) but when mum joined the crossword club I liked the puzzles and the strict accuracy of the clues and became an instant addict. I like cryptic and 'straight' puzzles, and of the cryptics my favorite is probably the AJ. All the compilers in the club are great. I don't always get the Slot 6 but have many happy hours trying to! I also enjoy the quizzes but can rarely get enough answers to even submit. This is my first serious attempt to construct cryptic puzzles."

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**Crossing
Swords
by
Virgo**



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rrp \$69.95]



Clues are in random order. Fit the answers where you can.

- Angels used phrases differently (7)
- A second theme 'bout pics novel (8)
- A song from Hutch! (6)
- A metaphor for one taken in by a beam (6)
- Condiments — alternatively, sandwiches (4)
- Cross extraterrestrial with difficulty in these parts (7)
- Doctor sails from one English town (Saint Edmunds) to another (plain) (9)
- Fission division (8)
- Fairly firm grids — that is I'm busy constructing it (4-5)
- Fill a dish with an eastern flavour (4)
- Hydrate first sleepy little lagoon (5)
- Litres side used to be freed from contamination (10)
- Let out after comedy sketch to bowl 'em over (7)
- Model going through a bad phase (5)
- Mate without the 'P' in pickle (5)
- Optusnet almost comes a cropper when attacked (3,4)
- Of course Delta rubbed with polish! (7)
- Sorted rags in a sub-container (5,5)
- Spy begins seeing numbers on oil paintings (5)
- Splattered? Do less H.P. sauce! (8)
- Seriously, a dreadful bore gets sly comfort (7)
- The main cause of illness (11)
- The roughest ticket on the street (11)
- The heel of a knife? (8)
- These bigots live in ships (7)
- The Saint threw buckle with an exclamation (7)

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Airs & Graces by Praxis



Unclued lights fit into five groups all bearing on the theme. Chambers and Macquarie Dictionaries are recommended. Geographical reference: Macquarie World Atlas.

Across

- 1 One enjoys expressions of exultation (4)
- 4 Group 1: (9); 42ac (9); 2dn (7)
- 11 Note a rush for Scots coal derivative (3-3)
- 13 Pam swallowed the oil (4)
- 15 Group 2: (4); 43ac (4); 14dn (6)
- 16 Group 3: (4); 24ac (6); 32dn (5)
- 17 Norse god's protecting next city (6)
- 18 Starting to kayak in a jumper with a jacket (5)
- 19 One's having a feed in Taree? (5)
- 20 Recent research includes the nucleus (6)
- 22 Behead cow for relative (4)
- 24 See 16
- 28 Race includes two rivers in this vessel (6)
- 29 A pupil in high school did 'Laughing Cavalier' (4)
- 31 British kept watch South for Boer general (6)
- 33 Meal's cooked in Ukraine town (5)
- 35 Group 4: (5); 23dn (7); 34dn (3)
- 37 Breastplate's in a state, covered in bits of coal (6)
- 38 Champ has one hundred to cut (4)
- 39 Island's viewed in national context (4)
- 40 Chap has a way with the crowd ... (4)
- 41 ... he presses club on withdrawal (6)
- 42 See 4ac
- 43 See 15ac

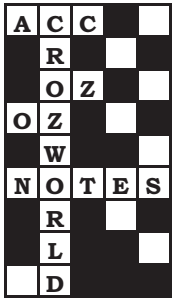
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Down

- 1 Group 5: (6); 12dn (10); 21dn (6)
- 2 See 4ac
- 3 Rest's odd – dry direction for a coda? (7)
- 4 American writer's said to be smart (5)
- 5 Bits quietly removed from wines (4)
- 6 Ram's starting to acclimatise to Andean tableland (4)
- 7 Gorge above river's opening to tourists (7)
- 8 Homer's work detailed bones (4)
- 9 Catch up on the alternative meaning (5)
- 10 Call pupil interrupting the German vocalist (6)
- 12 See 1dn
- 14 See 15ac
- 21 See 1dn
- 23 See 35ac
- 25 Mother's smashed the flask (7)
- 26 Malign a man in need! Quite the opposite (7)
- 27 Nigerian strongman put J.S. in AA (6)
- 30 A girl's involved in Jock's smear (6)
- 32 See 16ac
- 34 See 35ac
- 35 He opted for removal: king's rook captures queen (4)
- 36 Large amount and one small pot (4)
- 37 Worldly student set up spies (4)

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MEMBER PROFILE: MICHAEL VNUK

"I started crosswords when I was about 12 in the late 1960s, beginning with the daily conventional in the *Adelaide Advertiser*. My father soon promised me five cents if I could solve one unaided. Unfortunately, by the time I succeeded several years later, inflation had made claiming my reward pointless. My mother had moved on to cryptics by then, and some of us children also helped. When I finished my science degree in geology (1978), I was regularly doing cryptics with a good success rate. I first worked as a university tutor in geology in Townsville, then as a petroleum geologist with Santos in Adelaide and later Brisbane. In 1988, I became a public servant in Canberra, where I also joined Alan Eason's precursor to the Australian Crossword Club. My last job was for a firm of management consultants in computing. I stopped working

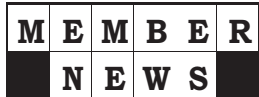


Michael with son, Lachlan

in 1993, thinking I would take a year's break, but the break has not yet ended. Returning to Brisbane in 1994, I competed in trivia nights and became involved in a variety of organisations over time, such as the Queensland Museum Association, Toastmasters International, Meals on Wheels and Neighbourhood Watch. But my main interest has been Scrabble. I'm a regular club and tournament player (ranked in the top five in Queensland), and I've also helped on the administrative side, especially by editing for three years the national quarterly newsletter, *Across the Board*, which went to over a thousand members. I like the synergy between Scrabble and crosswords, particularly the use of anagrams. I even found my wife through Scrabble. Actually, Rowena found me at her first tournament in mid-2000. We married in 2001 and Lachlan was born on 28 May 2003. Lachlan already speaks very well, and watching his progress has been fascinating. I completed an 18-month TAFE course on editing and proofreading in 2003, and I'll be looking for work in those areas later this year. I haven't done many crosswords in recent years, although I still enjoy the occasional cryptic. Besides being about words and general knowledge, and besides being mentally stimulating and portable, good cryptic crosswords have clues with single, solvable answers. They make a welcome change from the difficult and often unanswerable problems of real life."

15th ANNIVERSARY BBQ: Audrey Austin is having a BBQ to celebrate the ACC's 15th Anniversary. The date is Sunday 15 May 2005 commencing at 11:00am at 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250. The cost is \$20ph; BYOG. If you would like to be in attendance contact Audrey on 'ph 02 4340 2024 before 8th May. Audrey will give you directions to Kariong. It should be a memorable day. Many thanks to Audrey and Bruce for their generosity in making this wonderful occasion available.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Claire Batum** for winning the Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!



New Members: A warm welcome back to the ACC to **Chris Bilkey** from Epping, NSW. Chris was a keen member of the ACC back in the 1990s.

Puzzle Adjustments: Pat Garner gained a dot for Feb Slot 4.

New website for crossworders:

There is a crossword and puzzle community called PuzzlePlanet at www.PuzzlePlanet.com. The manager of the website said that "We would like puzzlers to get together and solve each others crosswords, rank them and have fun."

Quiz No 3/2005

15th Anniversary Quiz by Neir B'Odet

Send your entries to: Ted O'Brien, Unit 218, 137 Victoria St, Ashfield, NSW 2131. Closing mail date: Friday 13 May 2005. Prize: \$50. Answers are in alphabetical order of the first letter of each answer. "The" is ignored (12/14).

- 1 Who was Pope during World War I? (8,2)
- 2 Which churchman became Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor in 1515? (8,6)
- 3 What is the traditional gift for the 15th Wedding Anniversary? (7 or 5)
- 4 PC 4352 (7,4)
- 5 What was the date of VP Day? (4,6,4 inc figures)
- 6 Where were the Games of the XVth Olympiad held? (8)
- 7 Who was Governor of NSW in 1815? (7,9)
- 8 Who was King Louis XV of France famous mistress? (6,2,9)
- 9 What profession did the 15th Prime Minister of Australia follow in private life? (8)
- 10 Where, according to RL Stevenson, would one find fifteen men? (2,1,4,4,5)
- 11 What element has the atomic number 15? (10)
- 12 In which African country do 15° W long and 15° W lat intersect? (7)
- 13 What significant event in British history took place in 1215? (7,2,5,5)
- 14 Who played the female lead in the TV series '1915'? (6,8)
- 15 Which World Body has 15 members? (1,1,8,7)

References: Collins English Dictionary, 1995 ed; Oxford Concise Dictionary of Quotations; Prime Ministers of Australia, Michael Page ed; Olympic History; Oxford Illustrated History of Britain, OUP 1984; World Book; Rand McNally International Atlas; Postcode Book.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

Godwottery *n. joc.* Affected, archaic, or excessively elaborate speech or writing, esp. regarding gardens. [ORIGIN: *God wot* (from the line 'A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!') in the poem 'My Garden' (1876) by T.E. Brown (1830-97).]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004
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Book Prizes in 2005

Oxford University Press has generously donated to the ACC 5 copies of the *Oxford Guide to Word Games* 2003 ed by Tony Augarde (rrp \$59.95). Charades and hangman, crosswords and puns, riddles and tongue-twisters jostle for space in this new, updated edition of the lively guide to all kinds of word games and word play. With 26 forms of word games, and sections added to reflect newly-evolved games including text-messaging, Tony Augarde's highly entertaining history of the games and how to play them is as absorbing as ever. The authoritative work on the subject of word games, describing their history and social context with contemporary examples.

March 1-2005: Half & Half by *Sinbad* (Graeme Cole)

- *Sinbad* (Graeme Cole) offers: the relationship between the down answers was too vague. More instructions were required. eg. Those members who have travelled around Australia may have an advantage or call the puzzle Half and HALF.
 - Welcome to a new compiler. I thought at first the 'down' solutions were going to be all living things (including a Scotsman). I do think 'something in common' does need to be a bit more than simply a two-word phrase. *Margaret Davis*
 - 18ac – can't see how it can be anything but "UGH", but can't get this from the clue. (Check out the meaning of 'bough'. VL) Also, I've never heard of a "boomerang bender" (a teller of tall tales. VL), but I may not have enough dictionaries. *Heather Zuccal*
 - What a disaster! I cannot understand what the down clues have in common – a vague Australian theme although what SCOTSMAN and MINES/MINER and CIGAR BUST/BASH have to do with it I don't know. The top R hand corner also all over the place – I just made up ROASTED, BOOMERANG & BANANA. 15ac REAR = hold-up? *Doreen Jones*
 - You brought us a good first cargo, *Sinbad!* More please. *Max Roddick*
 - I couldn't see the connection with the Down clues until I had a BIG idea and then the last couple of answers fell into place including the BIG BUST of Prince Leonard in the Hutt River Province. Look forward to seeing more of your puzzles, Graeme. *David Procter*
 - I had trouble reconciling steepish with very wet. *Ted O'Brien*
 - I use the A-J style grid on this type of puzzle too so don't worry about Noel. Took me a while to discern what all the 'down' answers had in common. At first I thought they were all sea creatures, until I got BOOMERANG. I then twigged – they can all kill you. All except the AVOCADO. Ah well, maybe not. Clueing was first rate; phrases good too, except for 29dn which could be either 'bash' up or 'bust' up. 'Bash' is the more dangerous of the two I think, although a heavy stone bust could fall and kill you. *Audrey Austin*
 - What was the theme? All types of boat? 18ac ??? egg. *Roy Taylor*
 - Several of the down clues had alternative words eg 2dn could be MINES, MINER, RIVER. I think this creates problems for an adjudicator (sure does, VL). *Barb Ibbott*
 - Begorrah! It's good to see a new compiler though I feel some of the clues are a little astray. It seemed as though the common theme for down words was for things Australian. 1dn Flying SCOTSMAN is hardly Australian – unless you mean COL or an unknown airman. CIGAR at 14dn is not specifically Australian. I always associate it with British wartime PM Churchill. Have never heard of MACK. Daughter Barb says it's a TRUCK, so hope she is right. As for Clue 18ac all I can say is UGH! *Irene Watts*
 - A good start, *Sinbad*, to your crossword setting. However the instructions state that the 'Down words...all have something in common'. 6 of these appear to have associated animals, but overall the down answers seem to form common phrases rather than to have something in common! 29dn would seem to have alternative answers BUST (UP) or BASH (UP). How do we choose between these? 18ac BOUGH – BO = UGH! This was a suspenseful clue! 29ac liked your 'Gee Whiz!' clue BEGORRAH. *Alan Walter*
 - Welcome *Sinbad*. Loved your 3 three-letter words. *Brian Symons*
- THE BIG LIST: SCOTSMAN (Adelaide); MINER (Kapunda, SA); PELICAN (Noosa); FISH (Caboulture, Q.); LOBSTER (Kingston, SA); BOOMERANG (Surfers Paradise); BANANA (Coffs Harbour); CIGAR (Churchill, Vic.); CROCODILE (Jabiru); KANGAROO (Border, SA); AVOCADO (Byron Bay); PENGUIN (Penguin, Tas); PEANUT (North Tolga, Q); TRUCK (Dysart, Q); BUST (Hutt River Province, WA). There is also a big miner - gold panner - at Bathurst.

March 2-2005 – Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- Always enjoyable. *Margaret Davis*
- Unfailingly precise and clever clues again – which I do enjoy, but sometimes I wish Noel would make a mistake! *Max Roddick*
- I especially liked Noel's 17, 25, 27ac and 6dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- Difficult but fair. I learnt a few new words. *Barb Ibbott*
- An Ancient History lesson from Noel. I haven't studied any for yonks, so had to revise. I am uncertain about IBIZA for 24ac. (The answer is ILIPA not IBIZA. VL) The IA (return) is all right for top-class and the Spanish location is right for the history, but how does 'insolence' equate? Please explain. *Irene Watts*
- Thanks Noel for another challenging cryptic. 17ac TO+UP+E+ES presumably TOES = Kicks around higher English UP+E? 19dn: MA+EWES+T: MAT appears to equate to 'nuts, etc!' Could this please be explained? ['Sheep' = 'Ewe' in 'Mast' = 'nuts, acorns': see *Chambers* 2003 edn, p911. *Ed.*] *Alan Walter*
- The usual NJ cryptic – tough and well clued. *Brian Symons*

March 3-2005: Themed Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- 'Capsizes' tickled my fancy but I thought 'idlehood' was archaic. *Tom Phelan*
- ELAPSE: What a beaut clue! My choice for COTM. *Max Roddick*
- I say categorically that Shirl's No 3 was my favourite. *Ted O'Brien*
- This was fun to do. The theme made it entertaining. *Gwendal Prewett*
- A clever puzzle about pets – harder than expected. *Barb Ibbott*
- A nice cryptic from Shirl with clever clues as always. Quite a tricky puzzle so I wasn't able to purr along very quickly. Meerkat is usually spelt with a K I believe. I have a video about these interesting creatures. *Irene Watts*
- Many thanks Shirl for your charming pet puzzle which was delightful. Very much liked 15dn MISS+PELL+ED. 22dn: According to *Chambers* Sick2 means to incite (a dog) to attack or sool, which is spelt the same as Sick1 meaning 'unwell'. *The Macquarie Dictionary* gives Sic2 meaning to sool, so for this reference the homophone indicator is needed. *Alan Walter*
- What a delightful cryptic. Especially liked puppeteer, mop up and capsizes. *Brian Symons*

March 4-2005: AJ by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- Where did *Virgo* find 'habitate'? (It's in the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* and means 'accustom, habituate, dwell'.) *Margaret Davis*
- I lugged ZYGOTES all over the grid before I realized it should be ZOOECIA. Tricky. *Max Roddick*
- I've given 'pugnacious' my COTM vote but there were others as good. *Ted O'Brien*
- A good traditional AJ – the way I like them. *Barb Ibbott*
- An enjoyable alphabetical from *Virgo*. I especially liked the B, O & T clues. *Irene Watts*
- A jubilant, joyful, Jigsaw. Thanks *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*
- A great AJ – but is there such a word as 'habitate'? *Brian Symons*

March 5-2005: Spring Trip Double Acrostic by *St Jude* (Drew Meek)

- I got enough to identify G Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* quite quickly but it was no help as the only version I could find was in the original spelling. I struggled on and hope I have completed the grid correctly. *Margaret Davis*
- I enjoyed doing this acrostic, but object to such flat uninspired lines being ascribed to Chaucer. Why not use the (gorgeous) lines he actually wrote? *Iain MacDougall*
- Some very cluey clues. *Max Roddick*
- It's a great thrill to read the first column down in the grid and find one has the right answers. *Ted O'Brien*
- My book of quotations has an excerpt from this Geoffrey Chaucer passage printed in the original old English. I am glad the *St Jude* used a more modernised version! *Audrey Austin*
- *St Jude*'s best yet. *Roy Taylor*
- Students of Chaucer could have found this easy. Others difficult. I prefer it when the extracts are not well known. *Gwendal Prewett*
- Hurrah! I love doing acrostic puzzles and this was no exception. What a marvellous quotation. *Barb Ibbott*
- Memories of 'doing' Chaucer at Liverpool Uni (UK) back in 1930s. What a clever poet he was. I wish I still had my complete Chaucer volume, left behind when we emigrated in 1948. I find acrostics hard to transcribe but this evoked such delightful memories I enjoyed it and have re-read the piece many times. *Irene Watts*

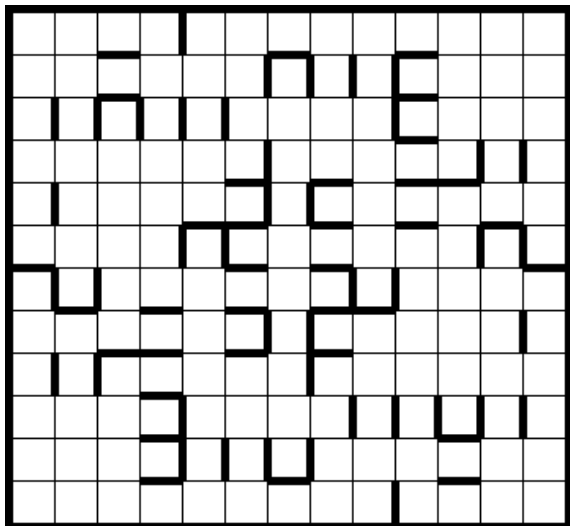
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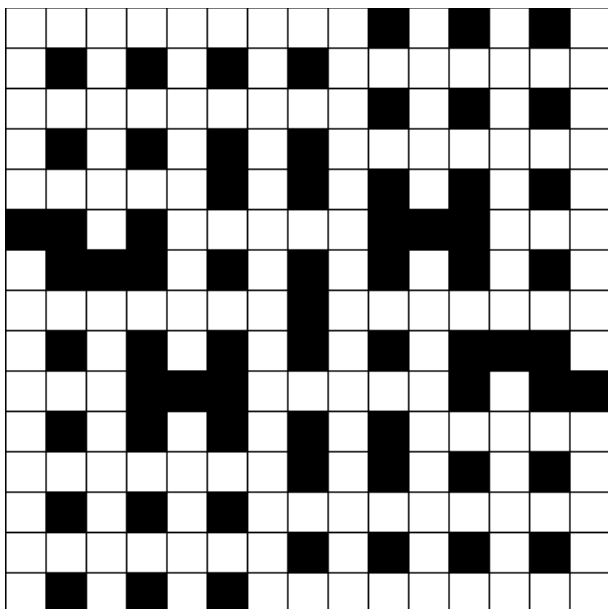
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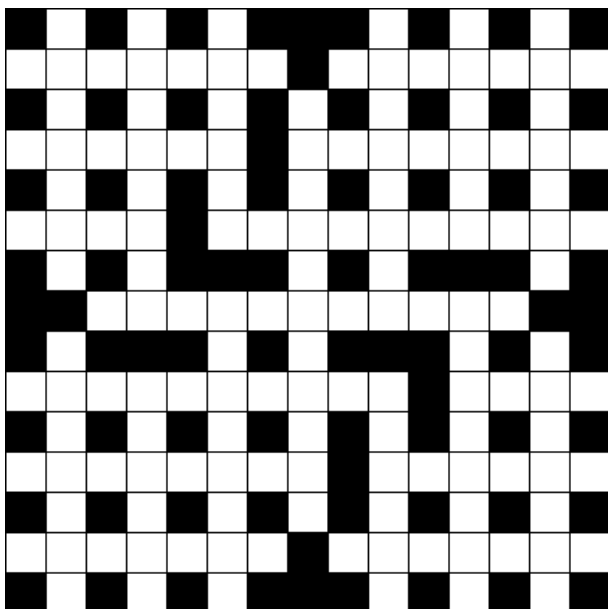
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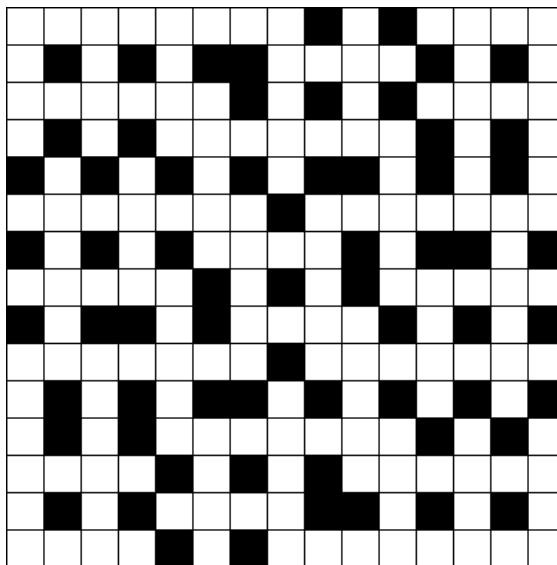
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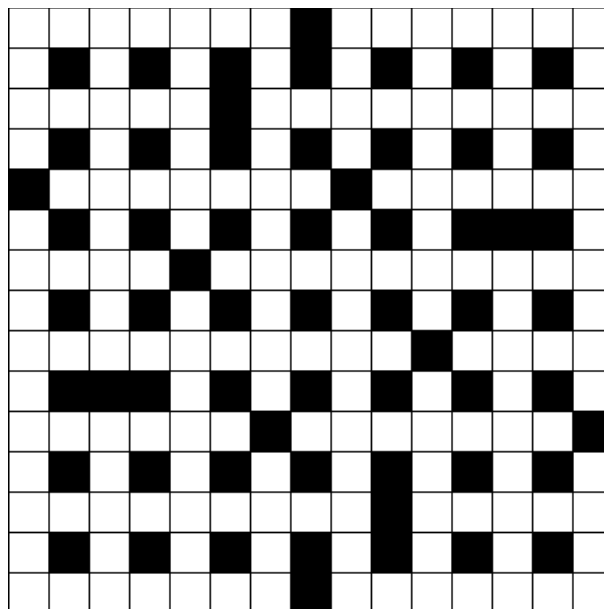
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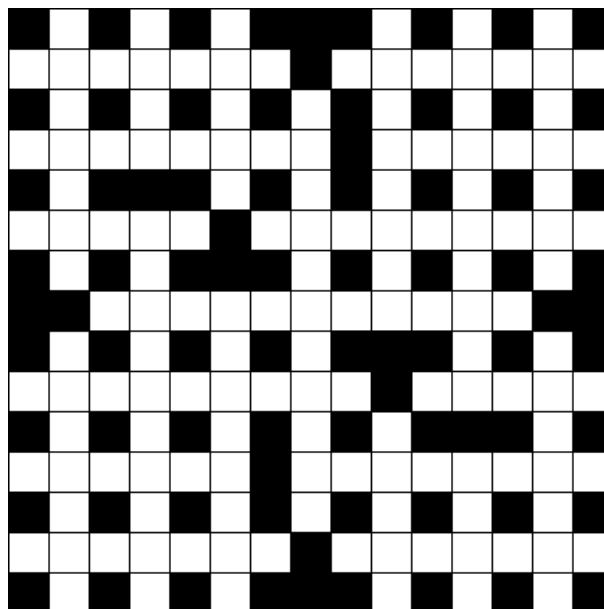
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Clue of the Month

February 6-2005 - Silver by Brother Naga (Bob Hagan).

Entries: 66. Correct 54. Success rate: 82%. Prizewinners: Mike Potts and Del Kennedy. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

- I'm new to the ACC having joined up a couple of weeks ago, and already I have been impressed by the variety and quality of the puzzles. Clearly they are a labour of love. Your puzzle in particular tested me the most but once I cottoned on to your mind-bending, mind-numbing ways I was like a kid in a lolly shop. Loved the poem too! I look forward to future *Brother Naga* creations! [The Club appreciates your kind words. BN] *Michael Kennedy*
- There were some great similes for the words in the poem, well removed from their meaning in the verse – parallels/peers, contract/catch, exponent/log, surmounts/breasts, cutlery/silver. Great stuff. *Jim Colles*
- I have put the answer 'setter' but your instruction indicates the cryptic-like clues have no definition. 'Me' and 'Brother' both seem to define you as the setter. Perhaps this was a double definition clue? [Just a bit of poetic licence. BN] *Alan Walter*
- I must comment on how each clue reads as *one*, through combining *two* clues. Clues, 1,2,3,6,8,10,12,13 are good examples. Very clever. *Graeme Cole*
- Many thanks for the poem and puzzle. I love solving these and learning more poetry. Keep them coming. *Carole Noble*
- I approached your puzzle with happy memories of *Abu Ben Adhem* and I wasn't disappointed. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for another great puzzle. Hope you have started on another nostalgic poem. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for another puzzle which had me scratching my head to find the solution to some of the answers. *Margaret Davis*
- I really like this variety but feel it would be even better if the relevant words in the poem were not highlighted. *Brian Symons*
- On first examination I found the meaning of the directions somewhat confusing. But eventually I was able to solve it and enjoyed the reminder of a lovely poem. *Irene Watts*
- Thanks mate for a great puzzle. Loved doing it. *William Ryan*
- Once again you have enchanted us with a delightful verse proving that De La Mere may have been short in stature yet he was great intellectually. *Roy Wilson*

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thanks to the many members who expressed their appreciation of the poem and the puzzle. 'Parallels' (the odd letters rearranged) for 'peers' and surmounts (French on (sur) - horses (mounts) for breasts) – caused the most errors. I allowed both 'product' and 'produce' for 'harvest'. 18 solvers put 'produce'. I intended 'court environment' to indicate 'ct' – I could have used surrounds and avoided the confusion. I don't think 'CE' for 'court environment' is strictly correct but the temptation to use it is understandable. **—Brother Naga (Bob Hagan)**

MEMBERS COMMENTS (cont'd from p10):

- Although this Double Acrostic had some clever clues, it was so difficult and time-consuming to solve that it became unenjoyable. B: 'grin' should have been in parentheses. L: the anagind 'can be' would be clearer as 'can become' especially for the very difficult word CHT(H)ON+IAN. R: TALLAGES are 'Feudal rents'; the answer required BURG+AGES, are feudal tenures, holdings or ownerships! W: 'Why' does not equate to Y unless stated via a homophone indicator. Made more difficult if you removed the Y from CONE(Y) rather than H(Y)RAX! X: LAPIDATE is 'archaic' and needs such and indicator. Z: 'Staff' & 'rung' both equate to STAVE & TAE is 'toe' in Scotland, but how do you explain the leftover SV letters? ('Stave' is a wooden staff as the rung of a ladder; it also means 'to sprain, jar violently (fingers, toes, etc)' (*Scot*). VL) Clue A was a mindbender G+ALLOW+G+LASS, as was Clue B: UN+WIT+H+HELD. In the *Proper Names Index* it gives: Zepherus, Zephirus, Zephyrus (or Zephyr) the west wind. *Alan Walter*
- A very difficult double acrostic with clever clueing. *Brian Symons*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I was pleased to win a prize for Feb slot 7 especially given my inability to participate in slot 1-5 competitions. *Kay Williams*
- Just a short note to say thank you for my prize in the GREATS quiz. This was a wonderful surprise especially as Mum and I shared first prize and didn't really collude. *Barb Ibbott*
- I acknowledge with many thanks my shared prize in the GREATS Quiz. The elegant inscription enhanced the value many times over. It was a great puzzle, great fun to solve and a great surprise to be a winner. *Irene Watts*
- Many thanks to the Club for my cumulative prize for 2004 – a great honour to win something in the very last cumulative awards when I'd hardly ever won one before! *Catherine Hambling*
- Many thanks to the ACC for the \$75 cheque. It's not very often that I manage to solve all 5 puzzles for the month, so to win the prize for Slots 1-5 in February was a real bonus! I continue to enjoy the wide selection of challenging crosswords, quizzes and chess puzzles each month, as well as the *Crozworld Compendium*. May the ACC just keep getting bigger and better! *Michael Veress*
- I would like to thank the ACC for my Book prize. The packing was almost as superb as the book. *Barbara Glissan*
- With many thanks, Patrick for all the hard work that you must put into producing *Crozworld* which must be unique among crossword magazines. *Daphne Greening*
- Thankyou very much for my prize of the *Macquarie Thesaurus* last month. A lovely book and very helpful. Great encouragement for a beginner! *Fay Copland*
- Congratulations to Carole and Noel for being given life membership of the club. Thank you for all the work that yourselves and Alan Walter put in to ensure the continuation of the club after the initial start up by Alan Eason. Also thanks to the present committee for their efforts in keeping the club running smoothly. *David Procter*
- Many thanks for my Jan Slot 6 prize. Very timely as we are about to go on holidays. Extra spending money!! *Wendy Villiers*
- Thanks for my cheque. I owe a debt of gratitude to friends & family who helped with some difficult clues. *Gwenda Prewett*
- Many thanks for my prize – *Chambers Dictionary* – so much needed in this house! *Sally Knight*
- Would like to say thank you to the ACC for my recent prize winning cheque. Much appreciated & gives a good cause to celebrate our club's 15th birthday anniversary. It is interesting to note that March Slot 6, Slot 7 and *Virgo's Rainbow Quiz* all have their closing date on the actual birthdate of the first edition of *Crozworld* and the ACC which formed 15 years ago on 8th April 1990. Happy 15th Anniversary to all ACC members. Keep enjoying the challenges! All our crossword setters deserve sincere appreciation for the time and effort devoted to assisting the ACC and developing good standards in crosswords submitted. *Alan Walter*

Solutions to Chess Game Problems: No 3/2005: Kt-b5. Winner: The William Ryan family. No 4/2005: Qg6. Winner: Bob Hagan. **Congratulations!**