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Like apples of gold in a silver setting is a word that is aptly spoken.
The Bible, Proverbs 25:11 (Jerusalem Bible).

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1990 — ACC — 2015

On 8 April 2015, the ACC celebrates its 25th Anniversary — our Silver Anniversary. It's been 25 years of brilliant and inspired crosswords, quizzes and puzzles of all sorts. And the ACC is thriving 25 years on! We wish to honour our founders: Carole Noble (Secretary), the late Noel Jessop (Puzzle set-up person) and Alan Walter (Treasurer and Publisher of *Crozworld* for the first ten years). They had the inspiration and foresight to establish our Club and it's been a true success story

right from the start. We sincerely thank our Founders for their history-making contribution to the Cruciverbal Art in Australia and for their continuing support over the years. We also thank our other valued contributors such as David Stickleby (Puzzle set-up person No 2), Bev Cockburn (Second Secretary), Ian Williams (our current Puzzle Editor) and Patrick Street who has been our President since 1992 and has published our exciting monthly magazine *Crozworld* for almost fifteen years. Well done to you all! Here's to another 25 years of success and puzzling perplexity! Many Happy Returns!

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has selected a Special set of puzzles for this memorable month starting with a Half 'n Half by *Virgo*. In Slots 2 & 3 we feature puzzles by our famed compilers *Jesso* and *Southern Cross* and *Valkyrie* has compiled our favourite AJ. In our silver slot 5, *Crowsman* has contributed a challenging cryptic and in Slot 6, four of our brilliant compilers have teamed up for solvers to *Spot the Theme*. To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Bev Cockburn (*The Eager Beaver*) has furnished us with an ACC Anniversary Quiz which should delight all puzzlers. Plus plenty of Bonus Puzzles.

We sincerely thank all of our Compilers, Adjudicators and Members for making the ACC such a Special Club over the past 25 years. Happy Anniversary! Good Luck with your silvery solving this month.
—Patrick

How my hand itches to fill in the blank squares and change (and mark correct) entries with one wrong letter usually a duplication of the previous letter. The entrant obviously knows the answer but has had a "slip of the pen" moment. However, rules are rules.

Slot 1: A few of the mistakes in this one were OBAN for OMAN, SORTED for SERVED, TOIL for TAIL, ARACI for ACARI, NOLLS for NULLS and SIDHU for SADHU four times.

Slot 2: TARANTELLA caused the most errors in this slot when four entries had TARENTELLA.

Slot 3: The pivotal clue in this puzzle was 5dn TEN COMMANDMENTS which referred to the diagonal, which is where the nina SEVEN DEADLY SINS was hidden. Of those who saw the Nina, some identified it and some obviously did not see it at all. LENZBURG was incorrect three times with LENSBURG (which does not agree with the cryptic part of the clue) and LANSBURY.

Slot 4: NARELLE and LAMELLA were used for LABELLA. Other mistakes were DEAD POLL for DEED POLL, VENDER for VENDEE and JUST REJECTS for JUST DESERTS.

Slot 5: CWM (every scrabble player knows this word but probably not the meaning) was incorrect three times. Also, FIGORO and GIGOLO for VIGORO. OPPOSABLE THEMES was used for OPPOSABLE THUMBS with quite a few other one-off mistakes. Both POPPADOM and PAPPADOM were acceptable answers as both fitted the clue. The result of usage was about fifty fifty.

COTM: All Slots received nominations. Slot 3s LOCAL got 7 votes amongst others and Slot 5 was also very popular with 15 votes overall, the favourite clue being CWM. However, Slot 4 was the most popular with ATHROB winning the Clue of the Month. Congratulations to *Penobscot*.
—Doreen Jones

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Entries received	114	113	90	107	86	510
Correct entries	99	104	82	100	71	456
Success rate (%)	86.8	92.0	91.1	93.4	82.5	89.4
Prizewinners	John Baylis	Margaret Davis	Fay Copland	George Rolfe	Graeme Cole	from 115 members

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Prizewinner: March 2015 Slots 1-5: Dave Parsons. Congratulations!

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March 1-2015

Word search grid for March 1-2015 containing words like ABALONE, INVAIN, OBSTACLE, LAUREL, etc.

March 2-2015

Word search grid for March 2-2015 containing words like SPIRAL, PERSONAL, APSE, NECROMANCY, etc.

March 3-2015

Word search grid for March 3-2015 containing words like SLOTH, STUBNAIL, ENVY, RINGLEADER, etc.

March 4-2015

Word search grid for March 4-2015 containing words like NKA, DZL, MODESTY, GENERAL, etc.

March 5-2015

Word search grid for March 5-2015 containing words like PSYCHOPOMP, TORC, YAPPA, RY, etc.

Feb 6-2015

Word search grid for Feb 6-2015 containing words like ACOLYTES, OOLONG, AIELE, CE, etc.

MEMBERS RESULTS FOR FEB Slot 6 & MAR 2015 Slots 1-5

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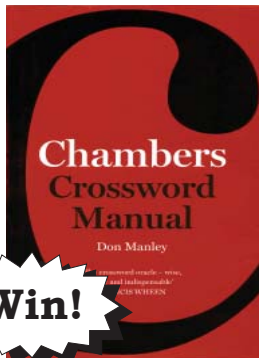
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Half 'n Half
by
Virgo

Prize



Win!

Prize kindly donated
by Ross Fraser of
Hodder & Stoughton

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Across

- 1 Exalted (7)
- 5 Hungarian dances (7)
- 9 Division into two equal parts (9)
- 10 Article of bric-a-brac (5)
- 11 Large woody plant (4)
- 12 Impress (5)
- 13 Stead (4)
- 16 Strengthening brackets (7)
- 18 Over-sensitive (6)
- 19 Hawaiian dish (3)
- 21 Disgrace (6)
- 23 Scared (7)
- 26 Animal (4)
- 27 Stair post (5)
- 29 SE Asian country (4)
- 32 English racecourse (5)
- 33 A northern constellation (9)
- 34 Giggles (7)
- 35 Held up (7)

Down

- 1 Cause malicious damage to French shoe with Australian newspaper (8)
- 2 Second class advantages for dogs (7)
- 3 Measure of a saddle girth, less the first bit (4)
- 4 Be first once before (5)
- 5 "I mince cat". Novel suitable for film (9)
- 6 Cunning marble connection in London (4)
- 7 Austere Muslim taken in under Vishnu (7)
- 8 Pig in Star movie (6)
- 14 Golf club with edge (5)
- 15 Flinch from game bird (5)
- 17 Keys to room security devices (5-4)
- 20 Dan skint, broke old desk feature (8)
- 22 Conveyance characteristic having internal poles (7)
- 24 Deceit of one thousand ships surrounding monarch (7)
- 25 Be opposed to an entity (6)
- 28 Dieudonne alternates back over (5)
- 30 Hook's bos'un is a bird! (4)
- 31 Type of music acceptable in the sun (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 15 May 2015.

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Cryptic by Jesso



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Across

- 1 Races around Georgia – it makes you cry (4,3)
- 5 Report about his crook getting a beating (7)
- 9 Prize structure – one lacking in charm (9)
- 10 Strange academic at dance (5)
- 11 Absent with a course (4)
- 12 Set work, tiny chap is followed by a spasm, but hopeful (10)
- 14 Southern associate's witty remark (5)
- 16 A secretive person leading plot in seafood establishment (6-3)
- 18 Miss notice or one article returned (9)
- 21 French runner shows anger about Society of Engineers (5)
- 23 Micky shows interest in curious prospector (5,5)
- 24 Network of ragged hems (4)
- 27 Trial of a quiet non-amateur (5)
- 28 Crowd around, delivered in large numbers (3-6)
- 29 Walks along with relative (7)
- 30 Rebel country finishing with a flourish (7)

Down

- 1 Black agates converted into infusers (3-4)
- 2 A county council artist in Ghana (5)
- 3 Fluent lecturer, one in Great Britain (4)
- 4 Chase around a politician to clean the carpet (7)
- 5 Young fellow stops working for friends (7)
- 6 Rich fabric draped around new diner's food container (7,3)
- 7 Independent Frenchmen taking uranium on board not liable to change (9)
- 8 Turned aside spear cast in gadolinium (7)
- 13 Manuscript is with you, Sonny – amended it means the same (10)
- 15 Tip: delay back pain before exercise (9)
- 17 Hankering for money (3)
- 18 Youth turned in without French footwear (7)
- 19 Military Intelligence infiltrates mad India dictator (3,4)
- 20 Still drink with doctor in charge (7)
- 22 Creature concealed in a tangle of cane (7)
- 25 Measure study of German port (5)
- 26 Eccentric comb (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

• Wow, what a surprise...in fact, until the email arrived, I thought maybe a mistake had been made and it was another Julie. It was even more of a surprise to discover that not only did I get congratulations, but also an extremely handsome cheque.....for the quizzes. Thank you very much. I just love *CrOZworld* and am so grateful to Betty Siegman for introducing me to it. Many thanks for all the pleasure you provide.

Julie Leigh

• Patrick, very many thanks for the lovely Champion Solver Certificate, the attractive ACC silver pen & especially for the surprise cheque for correctly solving 72 comp. crosswords. Much appreciated, as are all your efforts in producing each issue of *CrOZworld* month after month. Next month's issue is no. 300 representing 25 years of the ACC. What a remarkable club to challenge us all.

Alan Walter

• I couldn't lift the book prize out of the letterbox! Thank you Patrick for taking the trouble to pack it so well and for carting it to the Post Office. It's a beauty and I am so pleased and lucky. I shall end with my usual mantra.... What a Club!!

Robyn Wimbush

• A big thank you for the Slot 1 Book prize last month, *Chambers Crossword Manual*. Hopefully, it may increase my understanding of some of the more difficult puzzles. Regardless it is very much appreciated.


Charlie Quinn

• All in all a lovely crozzing month. Thank you to everyone. Thank you also for my wonderful *Oxford Thesaurus*. Such a valuable addition to my collection.

Robyn Wimbush

• Ideal Slot 1 with nice collection of answers. Thanks Joan.

Len Colgan

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Southern Cross</h2>


The ACC thanks *The Guardian* for permission to publish this crossword.

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Across

- 1 Complete substitute (4,2)
- 4 Common sayings and how they are perpetuated (7)
- 9 Hides from which one sees hound go after porkies (4,5)
- 10 500 + 500 sheets of paper – imagine! (5)
- 11 Memsahib's entering with playwright (5)
- 12 Punter gets around, winning first at a quiet, out-of-the-way place (9)
- 13 Precautionary measures practised by Peter's former partner? (4,3)
- 15 Bearing of soldiers caught in the middle of army front (6)
- 17 Inn had trouble – being attended to? (2,4)
- 19 Pioneer New Zealand pilot's flat strips (7)
- 22 Where junkies might dump their needles without worry? (9)
- 24 At some time in the future? Dead right! (5)
- 26 Gets close to one arsonist in prison (5)
- 27 A musical group has done badly, given up completely (9)
- 28 Stir once more on the subject of a watch (7)
- 29 Temporary shelters one grand, complete with toilets (6)

Down

- 1 The Italian flies around with spirited young girls (7)
- 2 National emblems mentioned in disclosures (5)
- 3 One's found in one country, then another (9)
- 4 Wild horses seen by British on an island in the Med (7)
- 5 Expression of admiration I'd included for the bereaved lady (5)
- 6 Would-be hero left up end of handle, which reverses the current (9)
- 7 Sad, vexed about doctor (6)
- 8 Storage for six loaded shells? (3,3)
- 14 Amusing, but not at all peculiar (5,2-2)
- 16 Blue heeler let loose among domestic pets (6,3)
- 18 Give orders to a court in time (7)
- 19 Beachcomber at first lives on a small island in the bay (6)
- 20 Walks vigorously and pants (7)
- 21 Rub Roger's black eye (6)
- 23 Some of the altos carry on singing something by Puccini (5)
- 25 Brown has to leave the dance (5)

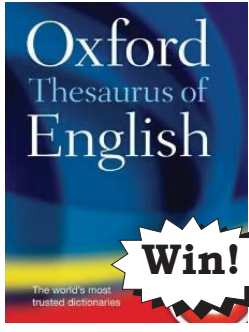
GENERAL COMMENTS (contd):

- Wow – lots of new words, and as if obscure Scottish dialect wasn't enough, now we have Welsh (CWM) in Slot 5. I hope that I have been able to rise to the challenge. *Ron Carpenter*
- For my COTM, I was tempted by the clever topicality of slot 3's CALIFORNIA, and by the image of a group of dads up to their elbows in flour (slot 5, POPPADOM), but eventually decided on *Penobscot's* ATHROB with its hint of illicit excitement in the clue. *Kath Harper*
- Why do I always find this so hard?! We liked the U clue in slot 4 and 25ac Hairless in slot 5. I think we will choose the first UNDRIVEN. *Richard Skinner*
- I received the February Slot 1-5 prize with much pleasure. I hadn't looked at the winners on line, so when the cheque came in the mail, it was a lovely surprise. Thank you very much. I'm not sure how these prizes are allocated, but I'm very grateful. It's a great incentive. *Julie Crowe*
Jim Fowler
- Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana – *Groucho Marx*. Thanks, as ever, for a great bunch of puzzles. *Maureen Blake*
- A good workout for the brain this month. Thank you. *Bob Hagan*
- A few brain testers as usual. Altogether a very enjoyable bunch. We are fortunate to have so many very talented setters. *Betty Siegman*
- My thanks to ACC for my prize last month for the quiz – a lovely surprise.

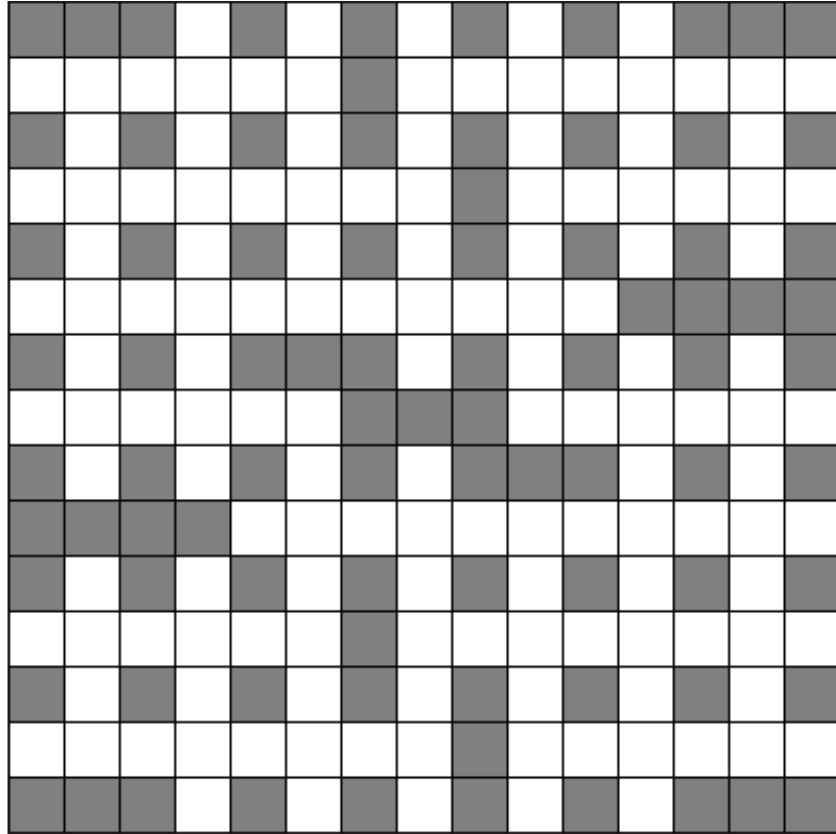
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AJ
by
Valkyrie

Book Prize:



Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit



- A** Drinks: welcome prop for reformers (8)
- B** Promise our little Queen to restrict corruption (7)
- C** Rank signs emerge from church district lacking leaders of noteworthy intrepidity (8)
- D** Legal decision about mine limits of underground led to ruin (11)
- E** Study of people abandons new investigation into animal behaviour (8)
- F** Glow warmly with lots of money (5)
- G** Begin circular push (4)
- H** Hard and black, 45 inch ringer (8)
- I** Detailed list so intimate one is compromised (11)
- J** Bird is without trim vehicle (6)
- K** A think-tank I'd ultimately take part in should be designed to appeal to all age groups (6)
- L** Guiding principle has first two sections of local administration about vermin (8)
- M** Monday's test includes one type of transport (8)
- N** Hidden message is little known in Australia (4)
- O** Leave behind an alfresco party? (5)
- P** I am lost to laborious quantity! (6)
- Q** Iraq dug a model form of transport (8)
- R** Measurement of blue, not green (8)
- S** Unpleasant young man followed criminal set for boost (4-2)
- T** Knight of the road left Eastern crush (7)
- U** Turn hat around in front of a new statesman (6)
- V** Chaste, short farewell included superlative ending (6)
- W** Cruciverbalist perhaps, expresses a fictitious idea articulately (9)
- X** Two axes with heads of solid tungsten, unitedly smashed place of exercise (6)
- Y** Not so long ago the old gaol broadcast from sunrise to sunset (9)
- Z** Enthusiasm with some hesitation for shaving utensil (6)

SLOT 5 COMMENTS (continued from p10)

March 5-2015: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- TORC and CWM were last in. The rest took a time. Psychopomp was a new one. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Some new words and much to like. Favourite clues were for POPPADOM and SYNCHRONICITY (COTM). I found the words "that" and "of" inside the secondary indicators in the clues for 16ac and 6dn to be inactive, somewhat intrusive, other than to get a surface. But that's a minor quibble. *Len Colgan*
- An interesting puzzle with several uncommon words making it tougher. I have come across VIGORO before but couldn't recall it for ages, so it was the last one in after OLIVERS. *Ian Thompson*
- Tough one but that's as it should be for slot 5. The biggest problem we had was 19dn. Did we go with OLIVERS or OLIVETS? Roland's comrade is Oliver but where does the S come from? Olivers are hammers and also biscuits though so given biscuits is likely the definition we went with the first one. However, if we take vets as hammers and biscuits as buttons (long bow, but...) then assume OLI rather than OLIVER? It will be interesting to see the explanation. *Richard Skinner*
- 18ac and 22ac have me beat! Other than that, enjoyable and good use of some rarer words. *Alan Dyer*
- Can't quite see how HAIRLESS = angry or desperate, unless it's the result of tearing out one's hair. *Mike Potts*
- 8dn would have been more fairly clued by inserting Welsh in front of the clue. *Col Archibald*
- Many clues were a case of knowing the answers and then trying to determine word play. Clever use of triple meaning in 9ac and 19dn. *Ulla Axelsen*

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Cryptic
<i>by</i>
Crowsman

Prize:



A beautiful boxed sterling silver beaker, tray and pot setting made in the 20C and marked 'St Silver'.

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Across

- 4 A beat inside then supplies sensor in the brain (8)
- 7 Artist is one of those using acid – one hundred in number (6)
- 11 Reports attack retrospectively (5)
- 12 Four letter word from time during princess’s return (9)
- 13 Arab plot has French agreement broken at last (7)
- 14 Signs missing at views (7)
- 15 To fairly share, for example, separate each 20%, holding back one container (5,10)
- 17 Prepares prawn and endives salad (7)
- 18 Pulls in fish around the South (7)
- 19 Someone assisting the unsighted guard within the non-elite group (9)
- 20 A mile out from communication (5)
- 21 Demand from captains is time-consuming (6)

22 Caught up with heavy fellow (6,2)

Down

- 1 Bears circling near people ready to take flight (5-3)
- 2 Keep mum, although to blunder admits nothing (6,4,3)
- 3 Shows butt during down/up (6)
- 5 Old-timers’ duties in naval manoeuvres (13)
- 6 Raised weapons while old king is fooling around (7,6)
- 8 Person presiding at a function yields to a worry about film (13)
- 9 Marx perhaps introduced tree-animal as a national symbol (4,2,7)
- 10 Non-progressive relative orders plough (8,5)
- 16 Greek characters record Poles going around storage facility (8)
- 17 Refuse to delay 50% of brides (6)

PUZZLE COMMENTS (continued from p6)

- This Slot caused the most trouble, ending with a three letter word, beginning and ending in T. The combination of “bone and cup” put me in mind of corsetry and bra – so I got in between the two Ts!!! However, I liked the ingenuity of CWM for my COTM.
- I don’t understand the clue at 4dn but I cannot think what else it could be. CWM had me stumped but the penny finally dropped.
- I was interested to see “hairless” meaning “angry” but so many great new words. Loved POPPADOM.
- Some of my answers are a bit dicey. Oh well, good clean fun.
- I was this > < close to giving up on the TORC/CWM corner.
- I cannot confirm 21dn, DOLINES.
- PSYCHOPOMP. What a word – and what a clue! Bravo *St Jude!*
- Lucky he lives overseas.
- Good one: a few words were new to me – PSYCHOPOMP, HYPERNYM. I was stuck on the top right corner for days. I couldn’t work out what to do with 8dn, then I did as the clue had been telling me: couldn’t believe the result, but there it was in *Chambers*. So I just have to give my COTM to CWM. Who would believe it?!
- This one took some time, with good clues.
- Another challenging puzzle. 26dn was tricky. I kept thinking of LEE (nice clue). Also like 1ac.
- 5dn and 22ac: OPPOSABLE THUMBS and BONE CUP = TOT. Not easy to solve. Much liked 12dn SYN+CHRONI +CITY. 8dn: “Duck material” = O plus SILK.

John Baylis
Margaret Davis
Dale McManus
Eileen O'Brien
Andrew Patterson
Marian Proctor
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Spot the Theme by Apocalypse

Prize:



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Apocalypse is a co-conspiracy of four ACC compilers coming together for one apocryphal crossword. Some say they were solving cryptic crosswords before they could talk. Some say they were setting cryptic puzzles for their classmates in pre-school. Many of you will instantly draw comparison with the dreaded Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, but rest easy as none of them can ride a horse. Apocalypse will prove more of a revelation or disclosure, rather than the end of the world.

Across

- 1 Terribly drab content in boring writer's book (8)
- 5 This way it could be a 10 (6)
- 9 Lazy person beginning to hope for black tie occasion (4,4)
- 10 Song line (6)
- 12 The whole one is completely laid out by a topless wench beforehand (9)
- 13 Present litter left in recess (5)
- 14 See 16
- 16 and 14 Sign from the grave? (7,4)
- 19 Mating a horse with sheep will give mixed result (7)
- 21 and 24 Human contact heard just the same (9)
- 25 Charlie runs with everybody around Australia for this, monthly (9)
- 27 Leader of the Right runs out of fertile ground (6)
- 28 DI let one go free for elimination (8)
- 29 Having cured almost everything, accept university honour (6)
- 30 Makes exclusive island resort hotels around Australia cut hours (8)

Down

- 1 Secret, though I'd deny keeping it (6)
- 2 Semi-wealthy desire has no following in a state of happiness (6)

- 3 Unlimited chair given after degree in religion (5)
- 4 Choir joins powerless procession. It's a sham! (7)
- 6 Tragedy about leaders from Thebes, Argos, Corinth and Lesbos going to Troy, ultimately to get special maiden (9)
- 7 Like a piece of cake? Where do you want it? (2,1,5)
- 8 Porridge order? (8)
- 11 Mineral found in continental crust (4)
- 15 Criminal cartel is reforming to smuggle narcotics to start with (9)
- 17 When we grow up, a kiss may turn us into a prince! (8)
- 18 Not a shipload, but definitely a load for a vehicle (8)
- 20 Sneer at imitation (4)
- 21 Dancing horses? (7)
- 22 Constable, Turner and Bull are examples of this profession (6)
- 23 A lecturer is a good-looking rooster (6)
- 26 A spoken torture device? (5)

Send solution to:
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Closing mail date: Friday 15 May 2015.

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Results of Quiz No 2/2015 – Double Trouble
by *Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)*

Entries received: 33. Success rate: 33%.
Results: 27: K Audrins, B Cockburn, P Dearie, B Hagan, J Leigh, P Lord, T McPherson, A Miles, C Noble, W Ryan and B Symons. **26:** P Abbott, R Caine, L Colgan, J Fowler, R Gooderick, S Howells, G Leeds, C McClelland, R McKenzie, F Martin, D Meek, M Potts, J Randall, R Skinner, M Steinberger and A Walter. **25:** J Crowe, B Glissan and B Siegman. **24:** P Garner and C Wilcox. **23:** J Pearce.

Prize Winner: Brian Symons. Congrats!
Answers: 1 Address **2** Ballroom **3** Cappuccino **4** Commandeer **5** Dessertspoon **6** Eggshell **7** Farrelly **8** Garrotter **9** Grasshopper **10** Happiness **11** Irredeemable **12** Jillaroo **13** Kettledrummer **14** Looniness (Loopiness or Kookiness) **15** Mollycoddle **16** Nuggetty **17** Offshoot **18** Puppeteer **19** Peppermill **20** Raccoon **21** Successful **22** Tollbooth **23** Unhappiness **24** Volleyball **25** Wallaroo **26** Whippersnapper **27** Zucchetto.

Adjudicator's Comments: 'Difficult but enjoyable' seemed to be the consensus. The two main culprits for error were 5 and 16. Had a couple of *coffeeheads* for 3 but not really a satisfactory answer considering *coffee* was in the clue. Most people coped with 18 and 19 being out of alphabetical order as it wasn't specified. I therefore accepted Carroll for 7. Some answers had to be disallowed as they were hyphenated or 2 separate words. There were some very inventive answers that I would have loved to accept, including moonroot, niffnaff, jitterbuggist, footloose, hugger-mugger and boogaloo.

—Ulla Axelsen

- Comments:**
- A fun quiz. I had never heard of a Zucchetto. Liked dessertspoon. *Trish MacPherson*
 - Having answered your 27 items I now have a twin grin. Thanks for this double entertainment; it must have taken quite some time to gather this fascinating collection. *Alan Walter*
 - Your quiz did keep me up longer than I predicted before going to bed. I'll have a nap this morning! *Len Colgan*
 - Thank you for your not so easy quiz. *Bev Cockburn*
 - I do so love a quiz where I have to think, rather than spending 10 minutes or so with Mr Google. This one had me chewing the end of my pencil, at least figuratively, quite a few times. Many thanks Ulla: more please. *Betty Siegman*
 - Lot tougher than at first glance! Great fun. Thanks! *Raoul*
 - Thanks so much for an enjoyable quiz – 'tis very hot here today, and a good opportunity for some brain work, when one doesn't feel like housework! *Judy Randall*
 - I enjoyed your quiz. It was quite challenging, especially the cryptically defined 'deadly wire worker' and 'Australian jumper'. *Andrew Miles*
 - Thanks for an intriguing and very difficult quiz. No mention was made in the preamble of the requirement of alphabetical order which affects one of my answers. *Brian Symons*
 - I wonder how you came by the theme? It's so unusual. A great challenge. *Ray Gooderick*
 - The quiz gave us more puzzling time than any of the crosswords this month. It was a tough one! *Julie Leigh*
 - Did your own 'address' 'Donnybrook' give you inspiration for this quiz? I loved it! *Carole Noble*
 - There were a couple in this quiz that we kicked ourselves for when we got them and one that we're still not sure of. Just the way it should be. Good one. *Richard Skinner*

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Puzzle Adjustments: February puzzles:
Betty Siegman gained a dot for the slot 2 puzzle and **Richard Skinner** gained a dot for slot 4.

Adjudicator's Notice: Veniece Lobsey who is adjudicating the April Slots 1-5 puzzles says that the mail is usually delivered to her place by 7am.

Here is a list of original members of the ACC from May 1990 who are current members. We wish them all a very happy 25th Anniversary.

Chris Bilkey, Graeme Cole, Maurice Cowan, John Davey, Margaret Davis, Margaret Dennis, Alan Eason, Jim Fowler, Odette Greenberger, Robert Hagan, Pat Horan, Valerie Howard, Doreen Jones, Veniece Lobsey, Joan McGrath, Paula Mercer, Carole Noble, Mike Potts, Marian Procter, Margaret Pyc, Audrey Ryan, David Stickley, Patrick Street, Lorna Waites, Alan Walter, Roy Wilson and Jan Wood.

Members Comments continued for Quiz (above)

- It was a fun quiz. *Patricia Abbott*
- I do enjoy the quizzes! *Julie Crowe*
- It was an imaginative quiz and we enjoyed puzzling over it. *Robyn and Peter McKenzie*
- Apart from 5, I enjoyed researching this. *Pat Garner*
- Enjoyable quiz. *Barbara Glissan*
- Thank you for this Quiz. I like these word-based quizzes so much better than those based on information that can be accessed via the computer. *Susan Howells*
- What a clever quiz. Some clues were easy to find and others took quite a long time before the penny dropped. Thank you, Ulla. I look forward to more of your work. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- This quiz certainly kept me on my toes. I have been back to it on and off for several weeks. Am delighted to be able to supply 27 answers though they may not be correct. However I did enjoy the challenge. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A bit of a stinker but enjoyable. *Jim Fowler*
- This was a challenging quiz, but also good fun! *Peter Dearie*
- Many thanks for an interesting exercise. *Robyn Caine*
- A challenging quiz. I was quite pleased to find 17 answers without references. I was for a long time searching for a term for a caffeine addict for no. 3! *Mike Potts*

Quiz 4/2015
Happy Anniversary Australian Crossword Club
by *The Eager Beaver*.

Answers all have something in common.

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160.
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- 1 25th anniversary gift (6)
- 2 25 in French (5-4)
- 3 Melbourne Cup winner in 1990 (8,4)
- 4 USA's 25th State (8)
- 5 Host of 25th Academy Award in Hollywood (3,4)
- 6 25 degrees Celsius to Fahrenheit to the nearest degree
- 7 25th Roman Catholic Pope
- 8 Element having atomic number 25 (9)
- 9 Winning horse of 25th Melbourne cup (5,6)
- 10 Australia's 25th Prime Minister
- 11 USA's 25th President (7,8)
- 12 25 in Roman numerals
- 13 Best picture at 25th Academy Awards (3,8,4,2,5)
- 14 Winner of Men's Singles at Wimbledon in 1990 (6,6)
- 15 Slang term for US 25c (7)
- 16 Australia's Prime Minister in 1990 (3,5)
- 17 25 in German (14)
- 18 Name of Australian Highway A25 (6)
- 19 Winner of 1990 Nobel Peace Prize (7,9)
- 20 Queensland Island crossed by latitude 25 degrees S (approx.) (6,6)
- 21 25 squared
- 22 25 metres in feet to the nearest foot
- 23 25th largest country in the world by area (5,6)
- 24 25 letter adjective describing a movement against the removing of state recognition of an established church (25)
- 25 25 in binary notation

March 1-2015: Half 'n Half by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- NULLS took a while. Had no idea of another meaning for 'null.'
Robyn Wimbush
- Loved "We ram tires!" (wearies).
Nea Storey
- Straightforward start to the month lulling us into a false sense of security. Although nulls meaning kinks? The things you learn being a member of the ACC.
Richard Skinner
- I liked the image of a blood-spattered Al Capone.
Rob Moline
- 8dn (NULLS) had me stumped for a while, until I found a common link between "undo" and "kink" ("crimp").
Alan Dyer
- Abalone edible? I tried it once – my thongs tasted better, and were more chewable!
Mike Potts
- This Slot was rather more difficult than usual and I was interested to learn that "womanise" (with an S or a Z) could also be used as a transitive verb.
John Baylis
- Some nice clues from our Raging Rottweiler – never has been timid!
Margaret Davis
- I'm not sure about 8dn but NULLS seems to be the only possible answer.
Barb Ibbott
- (R)OMAN needed a second think; liked ISLE and WEARIES.
Max Roddick
- I wrote DENIGRATE out 100 times after inserting it with 3 Es. *Raoul*
- Back to our well-loved Slot 1, Half 'n Half, and a good warm up. I was amused when writing out the clues to see STEWED followed by ROAST and then WOMANISER followed by TIGER.
Betty Siegman
- Thanks, Joan, for your interesting puzzle. 36ac: CANAL should have the singular "waterway" in this clue. 3dn: the 1950s French Novel was referred to as the 'nouveau Roman'. 38dn: AWE from a Welsh Earl rather than a hidden a We?
Alan Walter

March 2-2015: Cryptic by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- No real problems. Which may just mean I guessed right!
Robyn Wimbush
- An enjoyable puzzle. My favourite clues were GAUCHO and TRICKERY.
Ian Thompson
- We particularly liked the attention to surface reading with this clue set.
Richard Skinner
- Norm, the average man, made me smile. Took a while to see king as R not K in trickery.
Rob Moline
- I can't figure out how to get GAUCHO from the clue in 7dn. Keep thinking of inept as "unco"
Alan Dyer
- Apart from its use in "oor", I had never heard the Scottish "we" before.
John Baylis
- I have never come across OO meaning WE though I am familiar with the possessive OOR. My Mother used OO to mean WOOL in an old tale she told me.
Margaret Davis
- A new meaning for ORRIS for me. Looking forward to the explanation of FARTHING.
Dale McManus
- 11ac: New York=Big Apple with initial caps.
George Rolfe
- Enjoyable cryptic with good clues – especially liked APSE.
Joan Smith
- I enjoyed the clues but I don't like those grids in which every square around the edge is unchecked. As Noel Jessop used to say "You might as well use a 13 x 13 grid". (The exception, of course, is AJs).
Brian Tickle
- Much liked clues for N+ECROMANC+Y, CLAN+GO+ROUS & POSSE+SS+ION. A pleasure to solve. Thanks *InGrid*.
Alan Walter

March 3-2015: Cryptic by The Lady & the Scamp (Bev Cockburn & Len Colgan)

- I don't know why it takes me so long to figure out themes but I did finally get this one with the gluttony word. I think it's the first Nina I have found on my own. Liked TOMBOYISH. (Sounds like Facebook!)
Robyn Wimbush
- A fine puzzle with very few easy definitions. GLUTTONY was the first sin identified. Managed to get TEN COMMANDMENTS from the word play early on. I liked LEEWAY.
Ian Thompson
- Seven Deadly Sins crop up as ENVY, PRIDE, GREED, LUST, GLUTTONY and SLOTH. For reinforcement we had the curate and The Ten Commandments!
Nea Storey
- A South Australian Scamp, no doubt. The Nina (diagonal) of Seven Deadly Sins actually came after working out what the seven items actually were with thoughts of seven seas, seven nights, seven days...? We got a bit stuck on California then kicked ourselves when we got it!
Richard Skinner
- Guilty as charged on all counts m'Lud. An excellent puzzle.
Jim Fowler
- Took me a little while to figure out the theme: this allowed me to fill in the Nina. 5dn was a big help once I realised "diagonal" referred to the Nina. Took me almost as long to work out/remember what the sins were!
Alan Dyer
- I was surprised to find so many variations of the SEVEN DEADLY

- SINS, many of which seem to overlap in meaning.
Mike Potts
- Very clever. As all of the 7 had less than 50% of their letters checked and no beginning letters, nothing jumped out at me to start with but I finally got there. Found the Nina and then 5dn suddenly made sense.
Ulla Axelsen
- The rubric clue Nina was something of a red herring to those of us over the age of 19 and we managed without it.
John Baylis
- A very clever puzzle. How do our compilers keep coming up with these brilliant exercises for our brains? Not actually too difficult if you got the NINA quickly.
Margaret Davis
- I have never heard of a Nina. Could we have an explanation, please?
Norma Lee
- Our Slot 3 original was done in 4 different colours, showing how often we had to return to its challenges.
P & R McKenzie
- Lovely! Even if "us Catholics" had different names for the some sins. Nice to see the curate ready to help us sinners in there.
Dale McManus

- Had a hissy fit when I saw this Slot as I have never heard of a Nina. But old mate Google gave me a bit of help. Very topical too, with Easter around the corner.
Eileen O'Brien
- Lots of good wordplay. Liked EPIPHANY, CLANGOROUS and CARGO.
Max Roddick
- Excellent puzzle – I was none the wiser on theme and Nina until the very end. Bravo!
Raoul
- A very clever theme. Once I found the Nina the undefined clues were easy to spot.
Betty Siegman
- Challenging puzzle with many clues for COTM. My favourite was LOCAL.
Joan Smith
- I loved the clue for LOCAL. I didn't discover the diagonal Nina until I had completed the puzzle.
Brian Tickle
- Your Nina theme 'seven deadly sins', referred to in the diagonal of 5dn was brilliant. Many thanks Bev and Len for this superb puzzle. Took a while to discover the magnificent historic LEN+Z+BURG castle where "food served up" = GRUB! 4ac: S+TUB+NAIL where S + NAIL is "one that moves slowly". Overall, the TEN COMMANDMENTS indirectly prohibit your SLOTH, ENVY, WRATH, PRIDE, LUST, GREED and GLUTTONY. A cleverly constructed puzzle.
Alan Walter

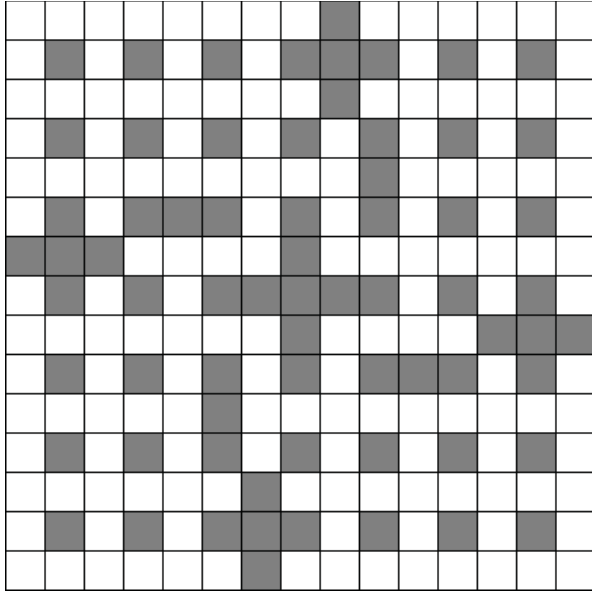
March 4-2015: AJ by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- Re J – it is odd that we pronounce "just deserts" as though it were "just desserts" isn't it? Nothing to do with tiramisu! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Most enjoyable! My favourite clues were for CHARMED LIFE and FEMININE.
Len Colgan
- Is it just us or are these number 4's getting tougher? A few unusual words added to the complexity.
Richard Skinner
- ATHROB/BATHROBE was in *The Times* a few days ago... great minds? Momentarily nonplussed by the X word – who reads the intro to an AJ? Nice clues all round except N, in with a shrug and a post-solve check; and L right over my head (and I speak a bit of Italian ;-)
Rob Moline
- I thought I had lost it on this one, until I realised that the "X" was the clue with the final letter.
Alan Dyer
- The bottom right hand corner just wouldn't fit until I read the instructions! Thank goodness for partners who play golf. Liked A and C.
Ulla Axelsen
- An excellent AJ.
John Baylis
- This one caused some angst when an entry which seemed quite correct led to a four-letter word beginning with M, which was impossible. Then I read the rubric for the first time.
Denis Coates
- A new word for me – YIPPER as a golfer.
Margaret Davis
- The J clue left me in a quandary as I thought the expression was usually JUST DESERTS. I have not heard of the expression JUST DESERTS. The X word caused me some grief because I didn't read the instructions at first – silly me!
Barb Ibbott
- Always my favourite – so relieved when everything else fitted to discover YIPPER is a word.
Dale McManus
- Many ingenious clues. Liked KEY PUNCH, DEED POLL and especially UNDRIVEN.
Max Roddick
- N clue. Cromwell = Old Noll. Not Nol.
George Rolfe
- MINX – I have known a few.
Raoul
- Another great AJ; I love these. I used to play golf but had never heard of YIPPER although it seems I may have been one.
Betty Siegman
- This caused some angst until I re-read the rubric!
Anne Simons
- Love the AJ and this was no exception. "U" was my pick of the clues.
Joan Smith
- I'm giving the "A" clue my COTM simply for finding ATHROB inside BATHROBE.
Brian Tickle
- Had trouble completing this challenging AJ with YIPPER, NOMINAL and LABELLA. MINX was the outstanding answer (MINKS). Thanks *Penobscot*.
Alan Walter

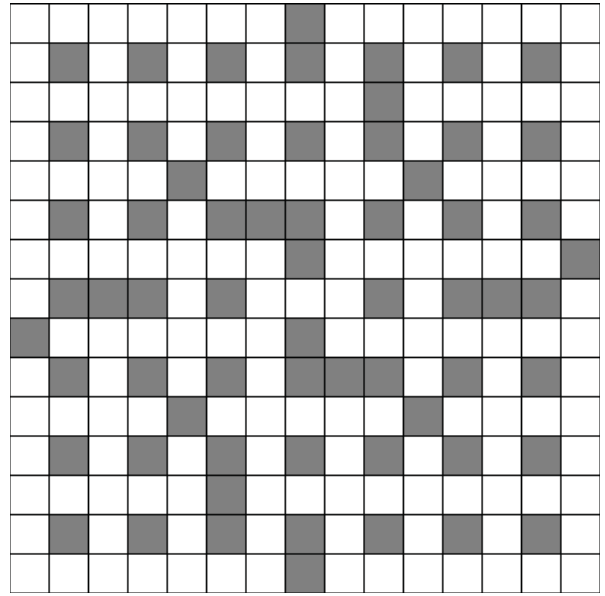
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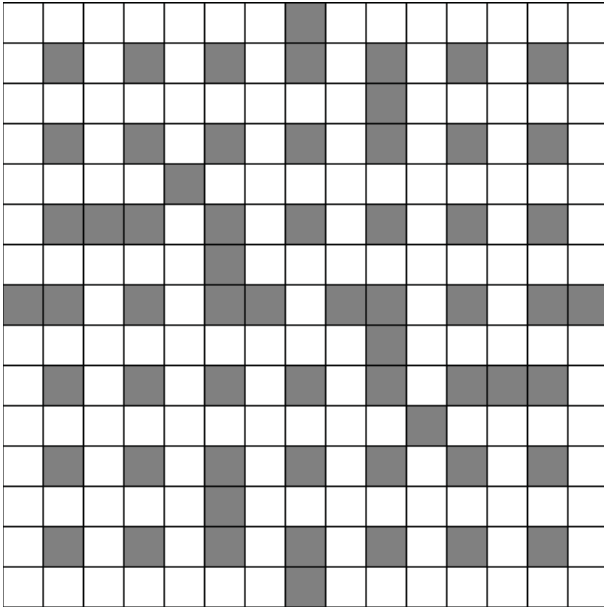


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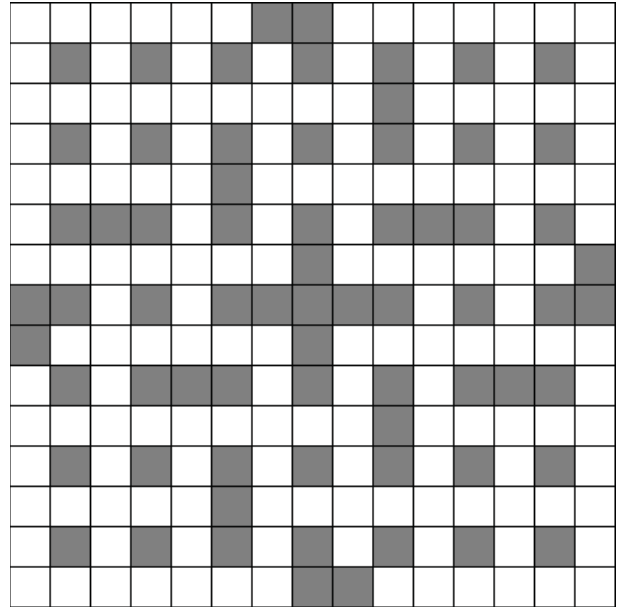


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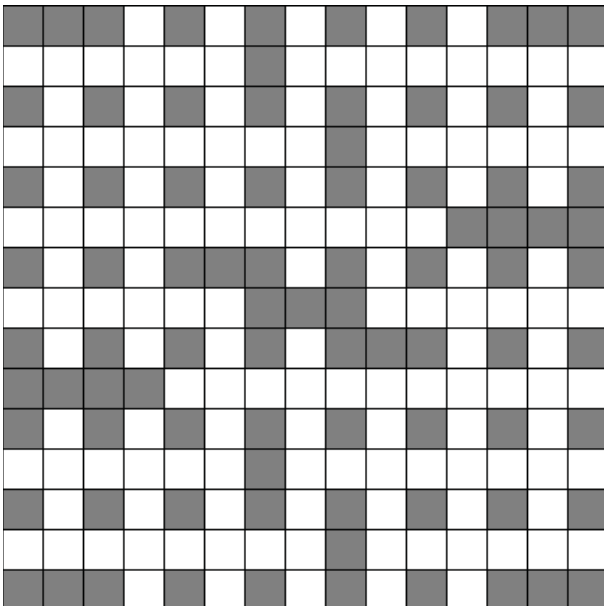
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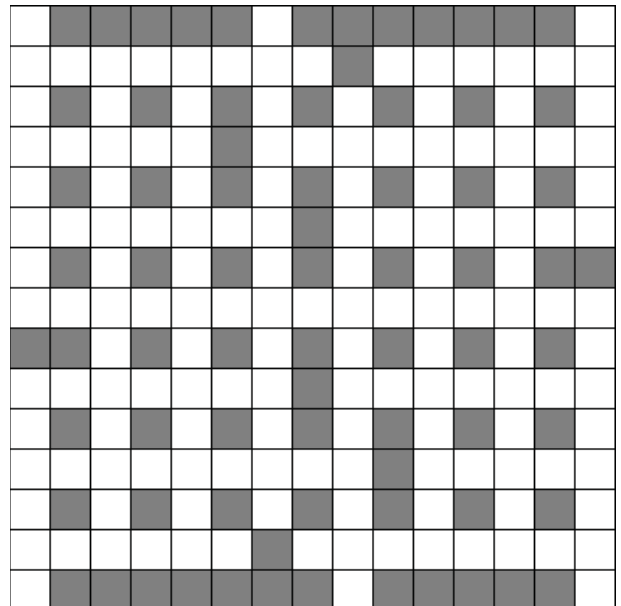
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February 6-2015: Teaser by Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)

Entries: 87. Correct: 83. Success Rate: 95.4%.

Prizewinner: Merv Collins. Congratulations!

Explanations: Across: 1 (L + TEA + COSY)*; **6** LONG after OO; **9** APPLE + T(-ea); **10** TEATIMES*; **11** SURGED outside CHAR; **12** (o-)N (t-)EA (o-)R; **13** TEACHES + T(-ime); **15** G(-rand) + LADY + (tea-)S(-hop); **16** (A + (tea-)M + PILE)*; **18** S(-pecial) + (LIMY TEA)*; **20** AR <=> CH; **21** PLAN + (IN TO A T)*; **23** VIS(-count) + C.E.R.L outside (te-)A; **24** Hidden; **25** L(-itch)I + T(-e)A + N(-oticeabl)Y; **26** (GREEN TEA)*; **Down: 2** (TEA CUP)* outside (sauce-)R; **3** Acrostic of last letters; **4** [TE(-a) + TE(-a) + TE(-a) + TE(-a)] outside A; **5** SLEIGH + T(-ea); **6** OCD outside T(-e)A; **7** LEMON + LAMB*; **8** NOSY outside TEA; **14** CHA-CHA-CHA; **15** (TEA GARDEN)*; **17** MAR + ~TI + IN<-; **18** SCAR + L(-ine) + TE(-a)<=-; **19** LOSE outside OK + (-)E(-a); **21** PAR + ~TY; **22** H(-o)T regularly inside TEA.

Adjudicator's comments: I haven't been able to contribute puzzles as regularly as I would have liked to. In spite of that, solvers have responded enthusiastically to this puzzle. I thank you all for your continued support. Especially with all the touching and encouraging messages. 20ac ARCH had probably a borderline unfair clue, but almost all of you got it right, which tells me that the cryptic instruction was clear. I expected a lot of 'tea' puns in responses and wasn't disappointed!

—Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)

Solvers' comments:

• A very enjoyable and entertaining puzzle. *Ulla Axelsen*
 • Thanks for your puzzle – with an interesting theme woven throughout. I particularly enjoyed TEA CHEST and SLEIGHT. *Jeremy Barnes*

• Well done for a terrific compilation. *Robyn Caine*
 • I especially liked your clue for 11ac, although I found that an increased intake of tea actually helped me to work on the crossword. *Ron Carpenter*

• Thank you for another enjoyable puzzle – I consumed a few cups of tea while solving it. *Lesley Carroll*
 • Many thanks for your 'teasing' puzzle with the clever play on words for T E A I *Bev Cockburn*

• Did Buzzer have these clues for TETE-A-TETE, CHA-CHA-CHA and TEENAGER waiting in the wings, searching for a puzzle? A most entertaining exercise! *Len Colgan*
 • Great crossword. Drinking tea will never be the same! *Hilary Cromer*

• I very much enjoyed doing the puzzle, as indeed, most! *Julie Crowe*

• Very clever of you to work "the cup that cheers" into so many of your clues & solutions! I certainly enjoyed mine when I had finished it. *Margaret Davis*

• I don't think I have seen a puzzle as full of thematic references as this one – very clever! *Peter Dearie*

• Very clever puzzle with all the tea references. Many clues brought a smile. Well done! *Tony Dobe*

• An excellent puzzle – all the clues made sense, even with the "tea" theme and it was challenging without being too obscure. *Roger Douglas*

• I found it an excellent challenge without being too daunting – my favourite kind! *Pat Garner*

• A nice challenge! *Ray Gooderick*
 • A very clever puzzle! *David Grainger*

• I've enjoyed having my senses, tastebuds and brain cells teased by your tea-themed crossword, though it took a couple of tea breaks to solve it. *Kath Harper*

• Many thanks for such a challenge. *Norma Heyes*

• What a clever and interesting use of tea as the theme of this crossword! *Susan Howells*

• Thank you for your excellent puzzle. *Doreen Jones*

• Thanks for your finely brewed (oh the puns will flow with this one) Slot 6. I appreciated the construction as you managed to fit the theme into every clue, but still managed 'normal' words. *Michael Kennedy*

• Thank you for a very stimulating puzzle, to enjoy with a nice cup of tea! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Thank you for a most interesting puzzle. *Frank Martin*

• A most enjoyable themed puzzle with clever clues. *Claire McClelland*

• The tea theme was fun. *Robyn McKenzie*
 • That was lots of fun and a bit quirky. *Trish McPherson*

• What a great puzzle. I had no idea tea was such a prolific source of stimulation! Particularly loved SURCHARGED and OOLONG! *Dale McManus*

• That was great – really enjoyed the way you snuck TEA into every clue and/or answer. Some very smooth surface readings, only one or two felt a little bit forced. Liked 1, 6, 10, 11, 21, 23, 26ac; 2, 4, 5, 14, 15dn but the pick, describing the whole crossword, must be 8dn! Excellent. *Rob Moline*

• Enjoyed this with a cuppa. *Carole Noble*

• Very smart to work all the clues around the humble cuppa. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Most enjoyable puzzle. Well done. *Dave Parsons*

• A bit easier than your last, I think. Keep up the good work! *Mike Potts*

• Gr(eat)* puzzle – loved OOLONG! *Raoul*

• Very neat. Fits to a T. *George Rolfe*

• I really enjoyed your slot 6. So many ways to take tea. My favourites were 13ac and 4 and 5dn. *Betty Siegman*

• Good cryptic made more interesting by the tea theme. *Richard Skinner*

• Challenging teaser esp liked TEACHEST. More please. *Joan Smith*

• I enjoyed your clever clues around the tea theme. The only thing missing was the chocolate biscuit to go with the cuppa! *Nea Storey*

• Thanks for an intriguing theme cryptic. *Brian Symons*

• Needed a good cuppa after that! Very good one. *Roy Taylor*

• Thanks so much for a great puzzle. My favourite clues were 6ac and 13ac. *Brian Tickle*

• What a tease! Heartea congratulations to be reported for you. Many thanks for your TEA time entertainment. *Alan Walter*

• Loved the tea theme! Kept looking for ones I thought would be there, but no. Kept me guessing. A worthy puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*

Explanations to March Grids.

Slot 1: Timid Terrier: Down: 1 about + face, 2 anag., 3 (r)oman, 4 anag., 5 hidden, 6 n + e + a + rest, 7 air + crew, 8 null + s, 10 lee<, 12 initials, 19 homophone, 20 hidden, 21 anag., 24 east(er) + man, 25 dens + e + ness, 28 cad + aver, 29 anag, 31 we (hom) = aries, 33 g(al)ore, 34 DD, 37 ar + id, 38 a + w + e, 39 DD.

Slot 2: InGrid: Across: 8 anag lips+ra, 9 p(er+son)al, 10 sounds like apps, 11 n(romance+c anagly), 12 ha+lo, 13 anag action coup, 17 dm, 18 fOR RISkier, 19 rif(l)e, 21 micro+(anag)scope, 23 dm, 24 anag(mishap)set, 28 Each Call Has One, 29 t(r)icker+y, 30 oo+long. **Down:** 1 ep+i+p+h+any, 2 free+loader, 3 clan+ anag ours go, 4 e+pic, 5 mothER GOes, 6 co+ma, 7 gauch(e)o, 14 car+go, 15 posse+s+s+i+on, 16 anag all arent at, 20 far+thing, 22 in+tern, 25 dm, 26 see+d, 27 anag.

Slot 3: Lady and the Scamp: The main diagonal reads "SEVEN DEADLY SINS", to which several theme clues apply. Across: 1 theme; 4 but(rev) inside snail; 10 theme; 11 ring(lead)er; 12 anag of "under" inside bout; 13 homophone of "a miss"; 14 rubric; 16 emi(g)rate; 19 z(on)e + eland; 20 theme; 23 theme; 24 tomb + (c) oyish; 26 homophone of caliph + anag; 27 rail(rev); 28 say inside anag; 29 a + miss; **Down:** 2 Len + Z(urich) + grub(rev); 3 run of first letters; 5 net(rev) + comm(and + M)ents; 6 bol(s)ters; 7 anag; 8 Spoonerism of "we lay"; 9 theme; 15 the + anag; 17 theme; 18 anag; 21 ta(rev) inside cure; 22 lo-cal; 25 I + slam.

Slot 4: Penobscot: A bATHROBe, **B** dd, **C** cryptic def, **DEED** + **POLL**, **E** yEARN, **FE** + **MIN** (IN) **E**, **G** dd, **H** ref to "pennies from Heaven", **I** anag (ST + AINT + N), **J** dd, **KEY** + **PUNCH**, **L** ref to La Bella Senorita/Marguerita, **MODE** + **STY**, **NO** (MINA) **L**, **O** anag, **PLAN** + **GENT**, **QUIN** + **IN** + **E**. **R** dd, **S** anag, **T** anag. **U** anag - (let + go), **V** dd, **W** dd., **X** (end letter) homophone, **Y** dd, **Z** dd.

Slot 5: St Jude: Across: 1 PSYCHO + POMP, 7 TOR + C, 9 triple def, 10 POP + PA + DOM, 12 S (HELTER) S, 13 OS + IF + SandY, 14 bAIYkS, 15 DOOM> + S, 16 ENT + ICE, 17 MA + LES, 18 VIGOR + O, 20 IDIOt + M, 22 dd, 24 BI + KIN + I, 25 cryptic def, 26 HYPER + NY + M, 27 hidden, 28 ERASed, 29 DIS (POSSES) S. **Down:** 2 homoph sin + CHRONIc + CITY, 3 CrACKLED, 4 dd, 5 anag BOBS + USO + PAMPHLET, 6 PAP (OO + SE) S, 7 TRANS + IT, 8 CoWs Milk, 11 anag, 17 MOTION + Ended, 19 triple def, 21 DO + LINES, 23 GIG + heads OLO, 26 homoph.

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**'Tis our
Delight
by
Fore'n Aft**

Fore'n'Aft:

This "new" compiling pairing comprises two old William(s) who have come out of the closet and given up hiding their lights (and *delights*) under bushels and elsewhere.

The bonus puzzles have been kindly provided by our expert compilers to give a nostalgic taste of the variety of puzzles that we have enjoyed in *CrOZworld* over the years, some with a relevant anniversary theme. The bonus puzzles include a Snail, a Double Acrostic, a Hexagonal honeycomb, a peri-puzzle and a missing letter puzzle, not to mention one of *Virgo's* inimitable movie quizzes. Thank you again to our compilers.

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Across clues have something broadly in common and five particular examples are not defined. For some of these clues a broader set of references than normal, and in particular *Bradford's Crossword Lists*, may be helpful. One case is quite esoteric.

Across

- 1 Revolutionise Chartism charily (8,7)
- 9 Drink for serviceman, requiring two fifties (4)
- 10 **27 and 11** Easily how worn abused tastebuds get at this theme event (5,4,4)
- 12 Hospital department concerned about two Frenchmen initially taking vetch (5-4-4)
- 14 Dry short time (3)
- 15 Author takes back fish (5)
- 16 Elements of Shakespearian jousting (5)
- 19 Stalks holy man lacking experience (5)
- 20 Any red metal to ... (5)
- 22 ... make vintage half-cruets (3)
- 25 Men see whore's son confused by an airy-fairy concept of place, soil, climate and season (13)
- 27 See 10
- 28 Be around gold mark for hydrometer ... (5)
- 29 ... but it won't measure this current identity (4)
- 30 Grand stove at Russian museum (6,9)

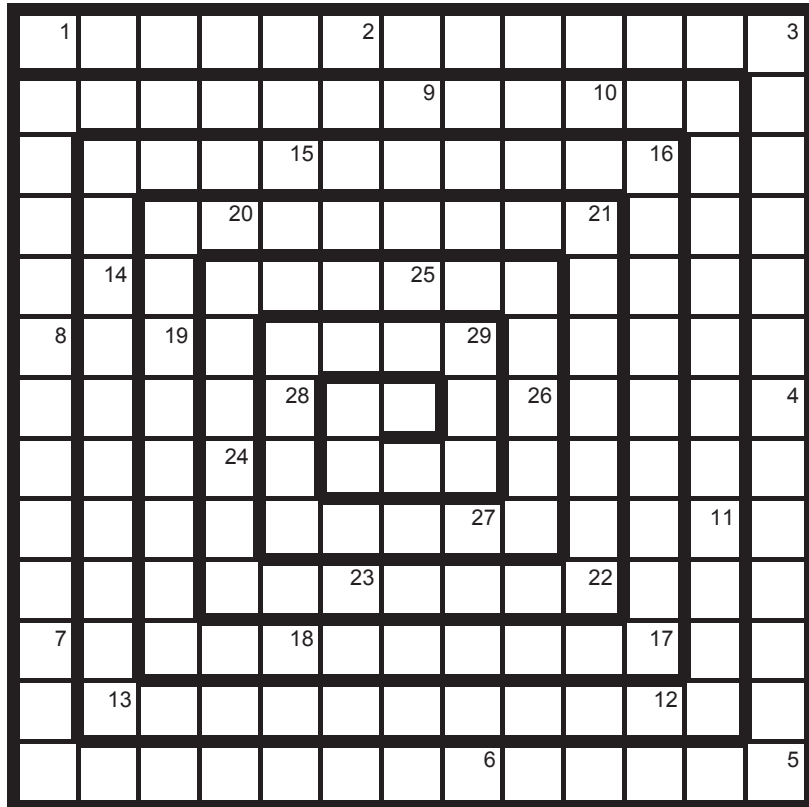
Down

- 2 Rows of 13 food, no good back inside (10)
- 3 Czech, not cheque. Check! (6)
- 4 Pre-coloured tale died, I hear (4-4)
- 5 When second person is to act, it's expected! (2,3,2)
- 6 SOS, May Day, M'aidez! (4,2)
- 7 About the first of September, getting used to covering (8)
- 8 Nicked, in addition, one thousand (4)
- 13 Feeding any number with yours and mine is asafetida (10)
- 17 National Association of Probation Officers take the French to Ontario for a card game (8)
- 18 Poetic Ray to move fast, wearing back support (4-4)
- 21 Nameless pub to contain anything home-made (2-5)
- 23 Stone tower containing books (6)
- 24 Undiminished in diplomacy (6)
- 26 Carrier for German ale? Not a stein! (4)

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Anniversary Tribute by Fortuna 48

The last letter of each answer is the first letter of the next. This also applies to the diagonals, which read from the top corners.



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| <p>1 Long John Sterling (6)</p> <p>2 Material to sail back around 100 copies (8)</p> <p>3 If Patrick were twins, he'd be this far ahead! (7)</p> <p>4 Pays tribute to an old instrument on board (7)</p> <p>5 Divide northern English river (6)</p> <p>6 After Christmas, Judge leads sheriff's men back (4,6)</p> <p>7 Imaginative retrospective quote of work (6)</p> <p>8 Christmas song intoned by Earl, e.g (6,5)</p> <p>9 Issue direction to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (4)</p> <p>10 XXV in 2015 (6-4)</p> <p>11 Run special edition (5)</p> <p>12 Narwhal loses right hand, change, change (4,6)</p> <p>13 Heap fire on hiker's accessory (8)</p> <p>14 Order Scottish garment for Queen (6)</p> <p>15 Retire to buy more drinks (7)</p> | <p>16 Spin-list for record-player (9)</p> <p>17 The Frenchmen in alien <i>milieu</i> (7)</p> <p>18 Interfere with spring in lock (7)</p> <p>19 Knocks back in little tiff (4)</p> <p>20 Anguish for Oregon guys in Trinidad & Tobago (9)</p> <p>21 <i>Phone</i>: A-515 in city (3,4)</p> <p>22 Six best short, small tremors (5)</p> <p>23 Shrewd talk about volumes (5)</p> <p>24 Manhattans, eg, lose new balls (7)</p> <p>25 Special hairdo for whale (5)</p> <p>26 Hybrid slipper (4)</p> <p>27 Cryptic clue gives identity of geometrician (6)</p> <p>28 More urgent for princess, king and queen (5)</p> <p>29 Enjoying revelry from Brazilian city to America! (7)</p> |
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**Double
Acrostic
by
Penobscot**

- A** Titter support about "What did you say?" at the end of sentence (6)
- B** Chopped when changed (4)
- C** Reach this number for score we hear (6)
- D** Instruments prohibit certain little women by the sound of it (7)
- E** Hail a one-decker (4)
- F** Flower in east dwelling thereby perhaps (8)
- G** Snack for bread-head (8)
- H** Down a cobbler. What a dog! (4,6)
- J** Lulu returns to middle of water. What a hoot! (7)
- K** Doctrine is occupying the kingdom (7)
- L** Upset and very upset after the end of conviction (5)
- M** Horse-collar pieces back to front. What a pity! (5)
- N** Mail not right for Jacques' affair? (5)
- O** Drink for the head (6)
- P** Partakes heartily of what a London boarding house may be said to have (4,2)
- Q** Single run for a unique fellow (4)
- R** Get the edge from S (3)
- S** Could be a crime to go to this old battleground? (6)
- T** Sort of lens for a speed shot? (4)
- U** Toy that goes round. Two leaderless toys go round! (2-2)

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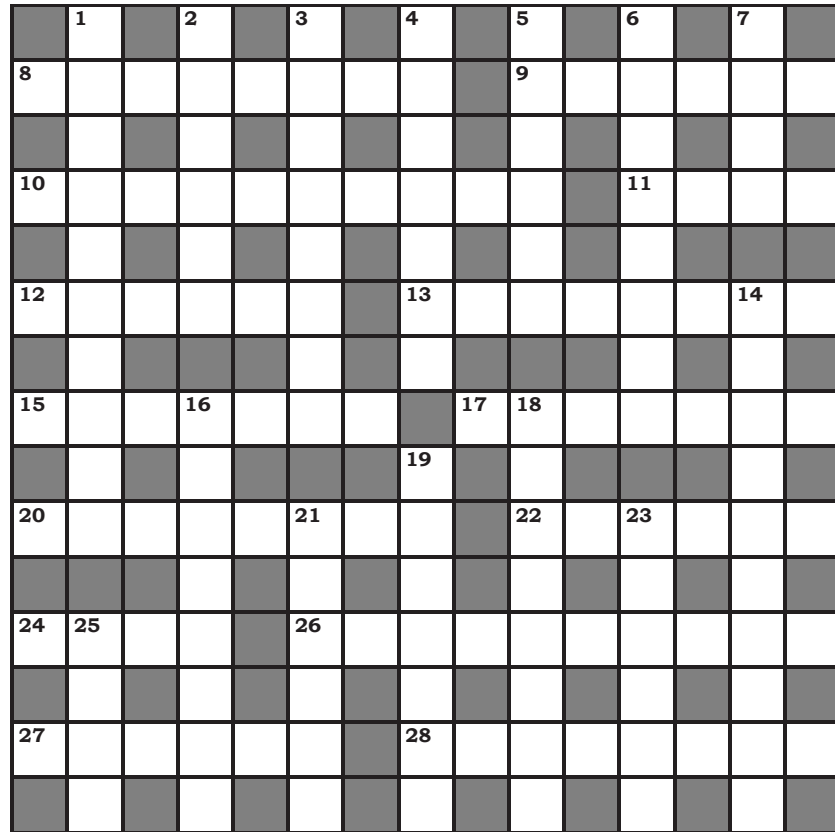
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Happiness by Betelgeuse

The grid contains a paraphrase of one German philosopher's idea of happiness, following on from "It is nothing.... ". One word will not be found in *Chambers*.



Across

- 8 Young animal? One exchanged for old, for a time (8)
- 9 Separate and remove old, old Elgin – lost his Marbles! (6)
- 10 Reasons to limit drink (10)
- 11 Weapon business is heard to be quiet (4)
- 12 After introductory outfits, create timeless sheaths (6)
- 13 Set seem to be confused as message sender (8)
- 15 Boggy, but sounds very tempting (7)
- 17 Lake has juniper right about a crater (7)
- 20 Soothing medium gives energy before the old Valse Macabre (3,5)
- 22 Bounder, rather drunk, said "Sorry!" (6)
- 24 Gunfight in pursuit of Monsieur Bean (4)
- 26 Careless card player is disappointed in love (5,5)
- 27 Very fast road repair with constant ingredient (6)
- 28 Last man in for morning tea gets bunth! (8)

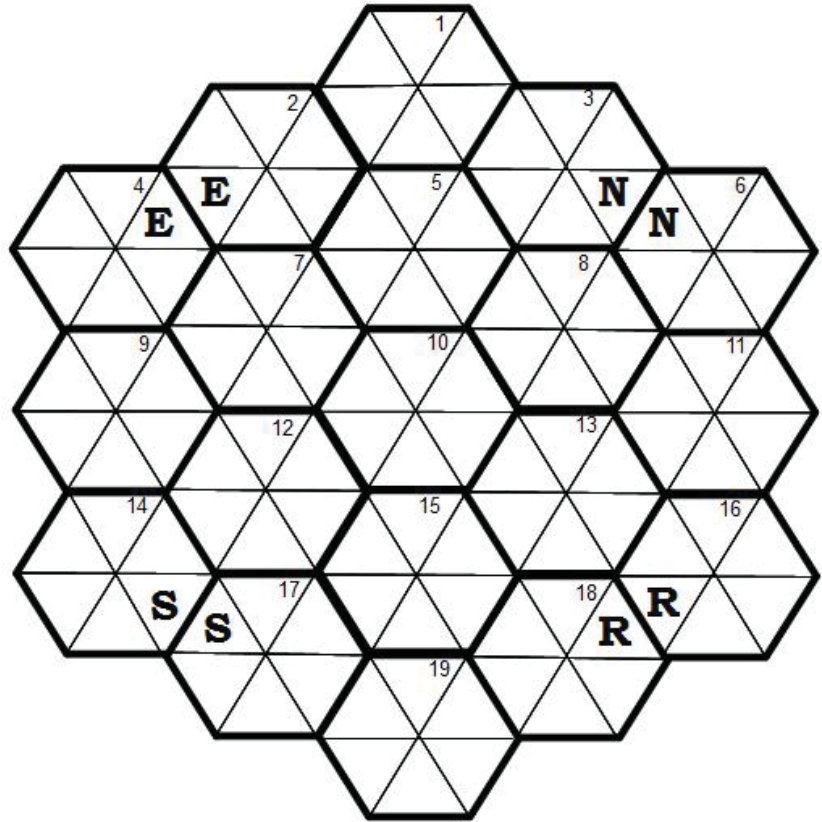
Down

- 1 Blue fruit and vegetable, by report (10)
- 2 Plant alternatively with tree (6)
- 3 Game, where shouts have some hesitation (8)
- 4 Democracy long removed from lawfulness? (7)
- 5 Type of leaf points to length of plant (6)
- 6 Urged on to chase but is choked off (8)
- 7 Rulers are a big laugh (4)
- 14 Woman with a trim figure about to quarrel (10)
- 16 Glorious cocktail with egg not acceptable as cordial (8)
- 18 Stopped daredevil about to stay (8)
- 19 Intelligence organization takes note of criminal intent (4,3)
- 21 Bound to ring about the lines (6)
- 23 Number balanced after quarter left (6)
- 25 Turn up with propeller for bank deposit (4)

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Hexaword
by
Barney Naga

A tribute to one of our founders. Clues are normal cryptics. Answers may go clockwise or anticlockwise. Each hexagon is numbered – the clues match the number. Adjacent triangles contain the same letter.



- 1 One sailor retired and another went after some rock
- 2 Colour of blood – red perhaps
- 3 Devils' nightmares
- 4 The S – word misuse is rare
- 5 Shoot up in spurt about top of column
- 6 No. 28 in prison starts to experience lockdown
- 7 The remnant of carpet I tested was quite small
- 8 Working policy gives direct access
- 9 Emphasise significance of pressure
- 10 See dedication
- 11 Register measure of an enriching element
- 12 Unsettle English Soccer lacking direction and force
- 13 Hair-do positively upset a bit – a lousy bit!
- 14 Slopes off the front half of deep tracks
- 15 Bell alarum (sic) – not correct!
- 16 A small jumper – knitted in front – nice – even for a beginner
- 17 Northern dwellers observe, at intervals, less sky - I'd moot
- 18 Opening shot to last green was well struck
- 19 Charm of a shrewish woman touched Spooner

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Quiz by Virgo

Part 1: Solve the anagrams below giving the names of 8 actors: their initials when combined will form the name of another actor (9,7), giving a total of five men and four women.

- 1 Revert put tree (6,7)
- 2 Salad users run (6,7)
- 3 Red hairs (2,6)
- 4 Gardening brim (6,7)
- 5 Thora cutting pork (7,9)
- 6 Shock round (4,6)
- 7 Dominic – an elk (6,6)
- 8 Drawn or noted (6,6)

Part 2: Solve the anagrams below, giving the titles of eight movies. Their initials when combined will form the title of a ninth (8,2,6).

- 1 One cane elves (6,6)
- 2 Wino drawer (4,6)
- 3 A valley clout (4,8)
- 4 Roar name (5,3)
- 5 Buy tea in camera (8,6)
- 6 Cite scales (3,7)
- 7 Former beaver (7,5)
- 8 Gains level (4,6)

Onya, Oxford gets fair dinkum over Orstralian

It is perhaps the most significant linguistic event in the history of Australian English. In a major collaboration with the Australian National Dictionary Centre, the largest update of uniquely Australian terms has been added to Oxford Dictionaries.

Until now, Australian English had unofficially been the poor relation. The strewths and shrimps thrown on the barbie had become so cliched that they'd distorted the Aussie lexicon into caricature. It led to a form of linguistic cultural cringe. Meanwhile, British English was applauded for being proper and American English was fawned over for its nonchalance.

500 new terms have now been added to the *Oxford Dictionary*. Here are some of worthy additions:

banker *n.* – phrases run (or come down) a banker Austral./NZ informal (of a river) flooded to the top of, or over, its banks: the creek is running a banker.

blue adjective – phrases bung (or stack) on a blue Austral. informal make a fuss or create a disturbance: we're only reported if we bung on a blue.

coolamon *n.* Austral. an Aboriginal container made of wood or bark, used for holding liquids, carrying goods, or carrying a baby: a coolamon of water. – origin mid 19th cent.: from Kamilaroi (an Aboriginal language) and neighbouring languages gulaman.

grog *n.* – phrases off the grog Austral./NZ informal abstaining from drinking alcohol: I'm supposed to be off the grog three nights a week. on the grog Austral./NZ informal drinking alcohol, especially heavily: a group of young locals are well and truly on the grog.

Hughie *n.* Austral./NZ informal an imaginary being held to be responsible for the weather: more rain next week please, Hughie! – phrases send her (or it) down, Hughie Austral./NZ informal an appeal for rain: as a farmer he would say, 'send her down, Hughie'. – origin early 20th cent.: diminutive of the given name Hugh. The phrase send her down, Hughie may have developed from the British variant send it down, David, which dates from the 1920s.

keeping place *n.* Austral. an Aboriginal community-based cultural centre dedicated to the preservation of traditional Aboriginal culture, artefacts, etc.: the site also features an art gallery and an indigenous keeping place.

lamington drive *n.* Austral. an organised effort to raise money for charity from the sale of lamingtons: only so much funding can be raised through lamington drives and cake stalls.

Larry Dooley *n.* Austral. informal a beating: I'll come over and give you a Larry Dooley. – origin late 19th cent.: an alteration

of the name Larry Foley (1849–1917), an Australian boxer.

nointer *n.* Austral. (in Tasmania) a mischievous child: we laughed hysterically and generally behaved like puerile nointers. – origin late 19th cent.: originally British dialect, from anointer 'one who deserves an anointing', i.e. a thrashing.

ocky *n.* (plural ockies) Austral. informal an octopus: medium-sized ockies can get their tentacles into your craypots. – origin 1960s: an abbreviation.

Orstralia *n.* Austral. humorous a satirical representation of an exaggerated British pronunciation of the word 'Australia': there's yer dad's brother, out in Orstralia.

piner *n.* Austral. (in Tasmania) a person employed in felling Huon pines and transporting the timber: these shores had never echoed to the thud of a piners axe.

Pitt Street *n.* [as modifier] Austral. used dismissively to refer to a rich person from the city who dabbles in rural life for fun or profit: them Pitt Street fellas tell us they're ruined if for one year their crops fail to grow. – origin mid 19th cent.: from the name of a major street in the business district of Sydney.

razor gang *n.* Austral./NZ informal a parliamentary committee established to examine ways of reducing public expenditure: Labor's razor gang has approved the cutbacks. – origin 1980s: perhaps from an earlier British sense relating to the pursuit of greater economy and productivity within British Railways, ultimately from the sense 'a violent gang armed with razors'.

scungies *n.* [plural noun] Austral. informal swimming trunks or other sporting briefs: men execute the time-honoured beachside quick change from undies to scungies. – origin 1970s: from scungy.

stuff *n.* – phrases stuff up (or stuff something up) informal, chiefly Austral. & NZ mishandle or mismanage a situation: stupid people always blame others for their mistakes, rather than admitting they stuffed up " she stuffed up just about everything she got involved in.

wacker *n.* Austral. informal a person who is stupid or annoying (used as a general term of abuse): don't humour this guy, he's a wacker. – origin 1960s: a back-formation from wacky.

yinnie *n.* Austral. a pebble: a yinnie chucked on a corrugated roof made a far more satisfactory noise. – origin 1940s: perhaps from a Victorian Aboriginal language.

zac *n.* [with negative] Austral./NZ informal used for emphasis to denote no money at all: I won't contribute another zac until I know where my money is going. – origin late 19th cent.: from an informal name for an old Australian sixpenny coin, probably ultimately from an early Scottish pronunciation of six.

—Written by Gary Nunn

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**Half 'n
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by
InGrid

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Across

- 1 Ringworm (5)
- 4 Intellectually (9)
- 9 Wrap (7)
- 10 Countryside (7)
- 11 Live (5)
- 13 Sack (5)
- 15 Discharge (3)
- 16 Undertakings (3)
- 17 Solid (5)
- 19 Dawn (5)
- 21 Sublime (5)
- 23 Message (1-4)
- 24 Spoil (3)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 26 Father (5)
- 28 Image (5)
- 29 Scold (7)
- 31 Dissident (7)
- 33 Twists (9)
- 34 Insect (5)

Down

- 1 Carol, perhaps, followed thread of music (5,4)
- 2 Fleets hold five workers (7)
- 3 Sicken with talk of drink (3)
- 4 Jumper without a pariah (5)
- 5 Do as part of the attraction (3)
- 6 Tend damaged runes (5)
- 7 Gone well flat (7)
- 8 Pulls Americans (5)
- 12 Silent spot a city holds (5)
- 14 Panel fear climate change oddly (5)
- 18 Money roll (5)
- 19 Helps clumsy, incompetent person (5)
- 20 Official transport watch over beetle perhaps? (6,3)
- 22 Reveal former greeting part (7)
- 24 Bird, marsupial and drug free ox (7)
- 25 Dangerous current vehicle (5)
- 26 Simple scheme I entered (5)
- 27 Lost those principles (5)
- 30 Pulse of backward boy (3)
- 32 Primary role in boring band (3)

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Misprints by Flowerman

There is a single letter misprint in the definition of all clues. Placing the incorrect letters in the order of the clues, across then down, produces a well-known expression.

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Across

- 8 Brainy Greek character non-religious except for the start of Easter (8)
- 9 Dance a bit (6)
- 10 Former pupil facing action after getting rid of Italian's bong (10)
- 11 Hood nearly ready to follow leader of gang (4)
- 12 Cite information on way back (6)
- 13 Sits with first couple removed from quota (8)
- 15 Rile Indian chasing a bit of information (7)
- 17 Fine European to value holding such a high degree (7)
- 20 One seeks not to play in shower with Queen (8)
- 22 Nothing put in black tank for a long time (4,2)
- 24 Do without the Arabic case (4)
- 25 Means one to feed scavenger another way (10)
- 26 Bards feel sorry after king lost son... (6)
- 27 ... or possibly not, I can start to sense (8)

Down

- 1 Caught finally by Cockney's modest trap (6)
- 2 Went with divine leader to interrupt foul conceit (8)
- 3 Dally with the French and Spanish leaders in small room (10)
- 4 Unlimited barley brought about spasm in toe, say (7)
- 5 Rational to have king leave slum (4)
- 6 Pet farm animal kept in boozier (6)
- 7 Tire of poseur freely bagging Italian article (8)
- 14 Prisoner trying shed succeeded in finding hay (10)
- 16 Depression overwhelms husband short of fuel (8)
- 18 They lock assets, over time, in safe places (4-4)
- 19 A priest's muddled talk (7)
- 21 Hogs 50-50, say, to lose head (6)
- 23 Eat with old church group (6)
- 25 Doctor accepts a second part (4)



1990 — ACC — 2015

THE AUSTRALIAN CROSSWORD CLUB A BRIEF HISTORY by Patrick Street

The ACC began on 8 April 1990 and issued its first magazine No 1 in May 1990. The Committee comprised Carole Noble, Secretary, Alan Walter, Treasurer and publisher and Noel Jessop, Puzzle set-up. The magazine stated that the Club's aims were to "entertain, instruct and challenge members via the medium of crosswords."

But first, the ACC followed on from a publication called *Crossworder* which was published by Alan Eason commencing with No 1 in September 1988. There was an advertisement in *The Age* in 1988 for this publication and subscribed @ \$30pa. Alan Eason said in vol No 1: "As they say in the classics, we're off and running." Alan was a qualified accountant who said he "preferred words to figures." His first cryptic crossword was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 1977 and he compiled a weekly cryptic for *The Financial Review* for several months in 1985/6. In December 1988 he published a book titled *How to do Cryptic Crosswords*.

Alan Eason used the cruciverbonym *Aristides* and his compositions were quite challenging. According to Wikipedia, Aristides (or Aristeides, Greek: ἀριστείδης, 530 BC – 468 BC) was an ancient Athenian statesman. Nicknamed "the Just", he flourished in the early quarter of Athens' Classical period and is remembered for his generalship in the Persian War. The ancient historian Herodotus cited him as "the best and most honourable man in Athens", and he received similarly reverent treatment in the writing of the philosopher Plato.

In his first *Crossworder*, Alan Eason published two of his cryptic crosswords. In No 2 (October 1988) he helpfully published on p3 a list of the compilers then contributing puzzles to the Australian newspapers. He continued publishing *Crossworder* until No 20 in April 1990. He said that the amount of work was too much for him. "I did for a time gain a lot of satisfaction from the Club and the magazine, but now it's just work", he lamented. He also said: "Any member who wants to start and run a similar club is welcome to contact me and I will assist him or her all I can in setting up." In his final *Crossworder* No 20 April 1990,

Alan Eason wrote: "This is the last issue of *Crossworder*. ... A pity the Club has to fold, but the good news is that we've brought together many people with a common interest who otherwise would not have crossed paths. I wish Carole and Alan success with the new club."

It is considered that Alan Eason was the first person in Australia to set up a Club that catered for persons interested in cryptic crosswords. As a result of the closure of the *Crossworder* the ACC was born. And the ACC has flourished successfully ever since.

The Australian Crossword Club

Alan Walter produced and published *CrOZworld* for ten years from April 1990 which meant he supervised 121 editions. As Alan did not have a computer, many of his publications contain his handwritten comments and the font types vary from one to the other. As a result, his publications had that homey, friendly, cut-and-paste look which was quite popular with many of the members.

Alan was ably assisted by Noel Jessop who was first to set up the ACC puzzles and he was then followed by the well-known and accomplished compiler David Stickley followed by Patrick Street and currently Ian Williams.

The ACC's first publication (which we are pleased to enclose a reissued copy) contained four crosswords, an Orthodox, two Cryptics and a Zyxototic Jigsaw (reverse alphabetical). The Orthodox (No 1) was compiled by *The Sphynxx* (Alan Walter) and also the Jigsaw puzzle. The other compilers were *Alethea* (the late Joyce Sheahan) and Allan Parkes.

After 10 years of publishing *CrOZworld*, Alan said in 2000 that he did not wish to continue with his duties and in June 2000, the monthly publication was taken over by Patrick Street and has continued to this day.

The main change in *CrOZworld* under Patrick's supervision was its layout and design and the fact that it was a document which could be sent out electronically as a pdf document. This was a plus for the ACC and the feedback was generally favourable. Some of the praiseworthy words and phrases included "very impressive", "looks very nice", "love the new format" and "congratulations on a splendid production". However, Irene Watts wrote a poetic Lament asking "Oh! Where oh where has our old friend gone./The *CrOZworld* that we all knew?... I miss the layout of old/...the new set-up feels too cold ..."

There is a lot of detail in each edition including, importantly, the comments made by the solvers. Judging by the favourable feedback, the members are happy with what is produced every month. Also, the amazing publication of the results such a short time after the closing mail date is welcomed by all. For example, the October 2012 *e-CrOZworld* was emailed @ 7:35am on the Saturday after the closing mail date of Friday and the two Adjudicators lived interstate! And the July 2014 *e-CrOZworld* was sent out at 4:23pm on the day the competition closed. Finally, the March 2015 *e-CrOZworld* was sent out @ 1:30pm on the closing mail date!

Electronic lodgment of solutions was introduced with the help and involvement of the dynamic Doug Butler who invented *AxWord*. Many of the members submit their solutions every month using *AxWord* and for many years, Ian Williams has kindly and efficiently administered the adjudication of the e-lodgment entries. In view of the increasing cost of mailed entries, we sincerely recommend that members use e-lodgment. Recently, Ian has clarified the instructions for

e-lodging solutions and the updated e-lodgment details on our website can be accessed by clicking on: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/e-lodgment1.html>

One of the features of the ACC is the variety of puzzles and quizzes featured every month in *CrOZworld*. The common thread is a straight-forward one in Slot 1 often called Half 'n Half, then cryptics are featured in Slots 2 and 3 and then the very popular Alphabetical Jigsaw in Slot 4. Slot 5 normally features a thematic or different (but cryptic puzzle) such as Double Acrostics, Ximenean (barred) grids and others. Slots 6 and 7 puzzles are designed to be at the difficult end of the cryptic spectrum.

The *CrOZworlds* in the 1990s, featured the members' names and ticks on the front page. The members' names were started with the January edition and remained the same all year round. Alan Walter added at the end – in his distinctive handwriting – the new members' names as they joined during the year and with this and the handwritten ticks it all looked pretty 'friendly'. However, this was impracticable for a magazine in computer format so the Editorial, the Adjudicator's comments and Prizewinners were placed on page one with the detailed results on p2.

Other popular features of the current magazine are the Clue of the Month (COTM) and the Clue Writing Competition. The COTM was commenced in February 2003 and here is the first prizewinning clue by Daphne Titus-Rees: Aitch is there – and very isolated! (6,2,7) MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.

The Clue Writing Competition was introduced in January 2005 and the first prizewinning clue was devised by the late Jim Colles: Present day vehicle sold second-hand finally going for a song (9,5) CHRISTMAS CAROL. Since September 2010 this popular feature has been capably and skilfully administered by our well-respected member Michael Kennedy.

Thanks to the generosity of donations by members, we have been able to give away generous prizes. For example in 2012 we gave away approx. \$6000 in cash prizes and about 80 books of a cruciverbal nature. Since then the ACC has given away generous amounts of cash and book prizes such as the *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*, *Oxford Dictionary of English*, the *Oxford Thesaurus of English* and several editions of the *Chambers Dictionary*.

Membership of the ACC has built up over the years and has more than 200 members Australia-wide. With the combination of the *Crossworder* and *CrOZworld*, the cruciverbal art in Australia has been well-established and maintained. These publications have published some of Australia's best crosswords and quizzes and it is amazing how the compilers come up with new ideas. By having the outlet to publish puzzles, it gives a rare opportunity for some of the members to have their compositions brought out into the public domain. And *CrOZworld* gives all of the solvers an opportunity to express their views about the quality of the puzzles and quizzes. Also, our compilers are very skilled and are among Australia's best crossword compilers. *CrOZworld* is a special publication which caters for a select number of persons. I am proud to have been associated with it for such a long period.

In 2002 the ACC's first website (www.crosswordclub.org) was implemented featuring downloads such as Classic Oz, e-Crosswords, Word Lists and Anagrams. In June 2005 the website was professionally updated and the Forum DEEF was established. This Forum has attracted more than 17,200 comments from more than 170 users on 2,745 crossword topics – all interested in the cruciverbal challenge.

The latest *CrOZworld* is uploaded every month to our website as it is published. This feature goes back to the first *CrOZworld* published in June 2000 and can be downloaded free-of-charge to anyone who is interested in the puzzles and quizzes on offer. As at March 2015, there are 178 issues of *CrOZworld* available for download.

The original Committee, Carole Noble, Alan Walter and Noel Jessop were appointed Life Members of the ACC. The other life members are President Patrick Street, Secretary Bev Cockburn and Puzzle Editor and Adjudicator Ian Williams and his valued partner and Adjudicator Kay Williams.

We congratulate all concerned with the continuation of the ACC together with the publication of *CrOZworld* in the past 24 years. Thanks to our Secretary and Treasurer Bev Cockburn, the membership details have been carefully administered and maintained. Not to mention Bev's original compositions and adjudication of numerous quizzes over the years. Bev has kindly contributed a special quiz for this *CrOZworld* edition and it is titled Happy Anniversary Australian Crossword Club. And with the assistance and skill of our Puzzle editor Ian Williams, we have been able to publish outstandingly original puzzles and quizzes.

We thank all the Compilers of the crosswords and quizzes, the Adjudicators and the members for making the ACC a successful Australian cruciverbal entity. Here's to another 25 years of crosswording success and cryptic challenge!

Alan Walter writes:

"Notable achievements of the ACC in 25 Years.

In 1990 our first 8 issues contained 4 crosswords. In 1991 our next 12 issues contained 5 crosswords and a quiz every second month. In 1992 our next 12 issues contained 6 crosswords. In 2015 our issues of *CrOZworld* now contain 6 or 7 crosswords and 1 or 2 quizzes – quite sufficient a challenge. Back in 1998 Betty Cumming introduced her super stunning grid containing 8 nonagons, 8 heptagons & 4 hexagons surrounding a central octagon, with blackouts of 4 pentagons & 4 diamonds (sometimes with variations). These grids & clues greatly captured our imagination.

Brother Naga, aka Bob Hagan, first introduced mind-bending clues for his eye-catching hexa-pentagonal honeycomb grids which contained many stacked hexagons each holding 4 pentagons, overall creating a large diamond shape. His poetic puzzles also were memorable gems. *Praxis*, Roy Wilson kept us supplied with his brilliant barred Ximenean cryptic whilst *Southern Cross*, Shirl O'Brien tested us with her delightful crosswords from *The Courier Mail*.

CrOZworld also contained many very popular Alphabetical Jigsaws, Double Acrostics & some puzzling Snailshells containing topical diagonal wording to assist completing the spiral entries, many supplied by *Virgo*, Audrey Austin. *Raoul*, William Ryan always entertained us with his humorous puzzles & quizzes.

Our President, *Stroz*, Patrick Street, supplied us with many tasty Christmas Pudding puzzles & other mind-bending original challenges. Many thanks must go to our set-up masters, Noel Jessop, David Stickley and Ian Williams, to our secretaries Carole Noble & Bev Cockburn and to all those dedicated members who have constantly supplied puzzles & quizzes to our illustrious editions of *CrOZworld*. Also many thanks to our printers & distributors David Procter (June 2000-Feb 2003) & President Patrick from Feb 2003-date.

Long may the success of the ACC continue."