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Preach not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say. Richard Whately, 1854, *Apophthegms*

GRIDATORIAL

e are always keen to encourage new crosswording talent! Although there are plenty of newspapers publishing crosswords every day of the year, the opportunities for a new compiler to break into the profession seem somewhat limited. This is where the ACC and *Crozworld* can provide that essential springboard and with this month's issue, we publish a cryptic puzzle by a new compiler and keen member, Max Roddick (Aeolian). Max has called his introductory puzzle *Animal Crackers*. See page 4 for this new compiler's offering and a fascinating thumbnail background sketch. Congratulations on this first effort, Max. May there be many more.

It is gratifying to read in this month's magazine on page 9 the members' complimentary remarks about the top quality of last month's puzzles. It shows that we have many talented and dedicated compilers in the ACC who work so hard to devise these original and challenging puzzles. Their contributions are warmly appreciated. Also, we all appreciate the hard work done by the Committee to bring these brilliant compositions to you every month.

We have another excellent selection of puzzles for you this month. We welcome back *The Beast* for another of his *Connections for Example, St Jude* has devised a tough cryptic, and perennial favourite the AJ has been crafted by one of the Club's favourite compilers – *Southern Cross. Daintree Lady* has given us another of her challenging puzzles and we round off the selection with a wonderful compilation by the ever-popular *Praxis.* Finally, our 'resident' medical expert Brian Symons has devised a Quiz with a difference – *Body Parts*! These puzzles should keep you fully engaged and stimulated for the whole month!

Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

any thanks for the cards, messages (and even a present) which make adjudicating a pleasure. There was a high (but not universal) level of praise for all 5 puzzles this month. But so much effort seems to have been expended in solving them (usually correctly) that little energy remained to actually fill in the grid. Consequently there was an epidemic of transcription errors (eg unnap, urulu, wolnes, ubstart, lazyer, toughess, suubow, ymel, kyrielee, hornbeac, runner uu, retorf, retor-, tesseluate etc), as well as quite a few spelling mistakes.

Slot 1: Most common mistake was PRIMM (4). IAMB and IAMBUS seem to be equivalent words so both their respective plurals IAMBS and IAMBI were accepted.

Slot 2: Main problems here were (a) RETURN (5) – not as good as RETORT (b) SERB, VERB, JERB, REUB & other variations – not appreciating the clue reference to clue 1 (seasons) (c) CARABOU (2) (d) Tangs – clue says 'not a' and society not dynasty. (e) STAB – not nearly as good as SLAY. Reluctantly I had to allow SAGREB (about 15) as it fits the clue and seems to be an alternative spelling.

Slot 3: LEVEES (3) and REDNUT (2) neither of which fit the clues and TINTINUS (7) were the main problems. The latter misspelling perhaps due to confusion with TINTINNABULATION. Others found alternative ways to wrongly spell it.

Slot 4: The most frequent mistake involved HEXACTS (HEX=spell, ACTS=book). One entry transposed YLEM/YEAR with subsequent misspellings of intersecting words. TENDENCE (possibly a transcription error) was ok as it can mean tendency and ce might be the fringes of Chile. Only 2 members noted or at least commented on the small mistake in clue order (NARCISSISM before NAIADS). Personally I find a mistake by Praxis very reassuring.

Slot 5: The 4 clues to give real trouble were SWAD, KEEN, ASSOIL (ASSAIL 6) and especially MAHWA (male = m, apprehends (ah - see members' comments section) state (wa) tree = MAHWA. This clue cost more ticks than most of the rest combined. Many disliked the use of the nickname SMITHY. Some of the alternative pilots' names eg Smythe, Weaver, whilst they <u>may</u> possibly refer to real people were not considered famous enough to be in the same list as the likes of Lindbergh, Yeager, Smithy etc. Cheers to all, Brian Symons

Clue of the month

With so many good clues this month there was no standout. In fact 25 separate clues were nominated. There are many strange occurrences to be expected in the world of cryptic crosswords and so it proved to be as the winner (just) was (the) RUNNER UP.

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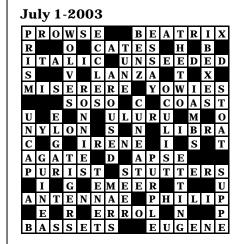
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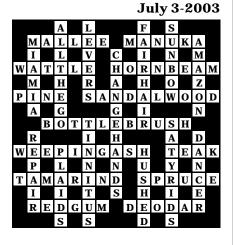
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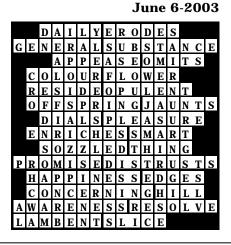


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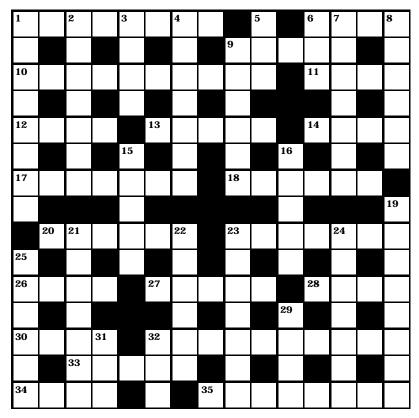
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Connections for Example by The Beast

A U G U S T 1 2 0 0 3

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.





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Across

- Step child (8)
- Flying high (4)
- Green shorts (5)
- Western rules (10)
- 11 Chamber verse (4)
- Dry feed (4)
- Tea club (5)
- Latin beer (4)
- Wife pain (7)
- Water roll (6)
- House look (6)
- Bank wheel (7)
- Back horse (4)

- **27** Hand door (5)
- Work saw (4)
- Acid rain (4)
- Cream garment (10)
- Controlled station (5)
- Head room (4)
- Dale Hall (8)

Down

- School party (8)
- Couch vote (7)
- Dirty place (4)
- Mill stones (7)
- Aluminium can (3)
- Old lines (3)

- Tropical fence (7)
- 8 Medicine shirt (6)
- 9 Shoe dancer (6)
- River wave (5)
- Sporting mouse (5)
- 19 Life suspended (8)
- Sea boat (7)
- Military parlour (6)
- Bedding tree (7)
- Home mother (7)
- Monkey orchid (6)
- 29 Water course (4)
- Cow hand (3)
- Anal tail (3)

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Closing mail date: Tuesday 26 August 2003.

Slot 6: Roy Wilson, 2 Dell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

Closing mail date: Friday 5 September 2003.





ANIMAL
CRACKERS
by
Aeolian

A U G U S T 2 2 0 0 3



Answers to across clues are related and no definition is given. Down clues are conventional.

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Across

- 1 No cosier with her upset (5, 10)
- **8** Sounds like an insignificant feline (7)
- **10** Take in servant: be a realist (3, 4)
- 11 Note: Spirit is back in front (6)
- **12** Graduate no good after bagging firsts six months back (8)
- **14** Furze bush covert 4)
- 15 Luxury car with a French princess (10)
- **19** Corporal's stripe pointless with captain bareheaded (10)
- 20 Nice man? (4)
- 22 Shelter deserter (5, 3)
- **24** Republicans here lose a point (6)
- **27** Period in the Earth's beginnings (7)
- 29 Sailor's right that is inside (7)
- 30 No hurry's no hitch at sea (15)

Down

- 1 Cosy jacket (5)
- 2 Inexpressible (9)
- **3** Extreme dislike (4)
- **4** Kind of antelope (5)
- **5** Classification (8)
- **6** Regret (3)
- **7** Poor little lost one (9)
- **9** NZ parrot (4)
- 13 Kind of deer (4)
- 14 Clerical skullcap (9)
- **16** One thing (4)
- 17 Town in Cheshire (9)
- 18 To be beforehand (3-5)
- **21** Opening closer (4)
- 23 NZ grub used for pigment (5)
- 25 Maori mopokes (5)
- **26** Engrave (4)
- **28** Australia's senior service (1,1,1)

COMPILER PROFILE: Aeolian (Max Roddick)

"In the middle 1920s, a Melbourne newspaper ran a Crossword competition. The prize was the latest and best wind-up gramophone — and my father won it. I was a baby then, and growing up with that instrument sowed the seed of a lifelong fondness for music. But it didn't inspire me to do crosswords; that came much later, when I discovered cryptics.

Simple crosswords had been a diversion with friends in coffee-breaks or on train journeys, but those (in the *Bulletin* and *The Age*) were something again! The next step was to join the ACC about a year ago. I wish I'd done it sooner!

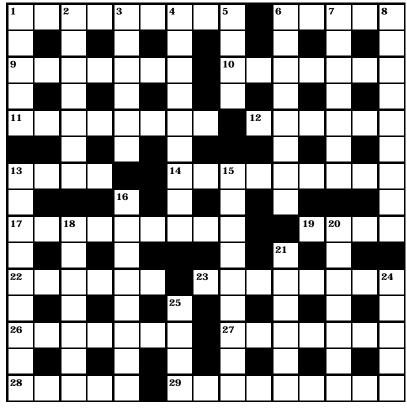
I've long been an armchair zoologist, collecting books old and new on the subject, and keeping it trickle-charged by watching Attenborough and meeting with like-minded people. When the sun shines I like to be out in the countryside, sketching. The pseudonym Aeolian is the name of that old family gramophone. It should have good Crossword "vibes"!"



CRYPTIC by St Jude

A U G U S T 3 2 0 0 3





Across

- 1 I hide in the hills after seaman at slaughterhouses (9)
- **6** Overcomes habit for boots and thrills (5)
- **9** Pixie takes a breather and gets monetary advance (7)
- **10** Mexican state's inhabitant on arson dispute (7)
- **11** Level of pain from the percussion section causes despondency (8)
- **12** Expresses embarrassment about shells (6)
- **13** So long, the Agency has nothing (4)
- **14** Haggard woman begins examining constable's smashed toe at old farm animal enclosure (9)
- **17** Professor, without shouting, posed European origins for novelist (9)
- **19** It's not crawling nits (3'1)
- 22 The endless, reckless beat (6)
- 23 Rabble rouser from the laundry? (8)
- **26** South West Africa has short war before starting intensive bombing in Angola (7)
- **27** Where French model opened silk hipsters over thighs I fired better than my rival (7)
- **28** Directions to awareness (5)
- **29** SOS! Jail riot by US physicist famous for instigating advanced biomechanical crystallography figures (9)

Down

- 1 Sound a dear old behind (5)
- **2** Swelling Roman wine flask sounds like it draws a current? (7)
- **3** Model shire modelled ownership by others (6)
- **4** Swell in belly leads to directions to church (9)
- **5** Arkansas hotelier hosts band (4)
- **6** Family connections of relative's leg joints (8)
- **7** Drink, I hear, makes a biscuit well (7)
- 8 Old bearings to aroma (9)
- 13 Masonry rocks acne spots (9)
- **15** It's outrageously bad. For example, Reginald is short and is given promissory notes (9)
- **16** Maybe nothing replaced by article to become capable of feeling pain and suffering (8)
- 18 Returned Order of Australia for senior noncommissioned officer of Australian Navy abandoning the Queen's patronage to become a rower (7)
- **20** Trumpeter sat in front of church a short moment (7)
- 21 Partially eaten pasta Tuatara reveals old Roman sculpture (6)
- **24** Deserves rebukes for estimates of local taxes (5)
- SOS! Jail riot by US physicist famous for instigating **25** Old english peasant gets vehicle under instruction (4)

PRIZEWINNERS RESULTS:

Slots 1-5 January-June 2003: 28 correct entries: Peter Dearie, Doreen Jones, Carole Noble, Mike Potts, Joan Smith and Bev Solomon.

Slot 6 January-June 2003: Corryn Anderson, Bill Bennett, Maurice Cowan, Peter Dearie, Bob Hagan, Ann Jermy, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, David Procter, Marian Procter, Steve Trollope, Alan Walter, Kay Wiliams and Roy Wilson.

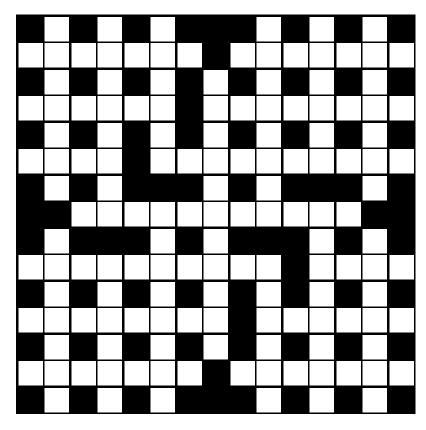


AJ
by
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A U G U S T 4 2 0 0 3



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.



- **A** City these days starting to enjoy an ideal change (8)
- **B** For separating reverses when trading punches (4,3,4)
- **C** Croup's nasty I'd get inside finding something to spit into (8)
- **D** Dope located in wild, rugged terrain (4)
- **E** Call upon female, not having initially to sign up (6)
- **F** Advance tape quickly to show fighting in troubled Stafford (4-7)
- **G** Looking old and weather-beaten George ran back to the French Deputy (7)
- **H** Measure of vehicle's capability given as an Arab possibly might (10)
- **I** Requisite form of triangle (8)
- **J** Funny type of curve formed in the eye (7)
- **K** Kendall, losing everything, takes one from designer (3, 4)
- **L** Inclining to be scraggy, in general (7)
- M Even greater Eng. statesman, as stated (4, 2)
- **N** Computer link-up giving directions to two (2) kings (10)
- **O** A river one not regular (8)
- **P** Early settler one featured in column (7)
- **Q** Drop-out one in tech. uni. territory (7)
- **R** Could lifting be said to be demolishing? (6)
- **S** Caught on the first day of spring and poisoned (6)
- T It's up to me and mine and it's set to go off with a bang! (4, 4)
- **U** Expose what the operatic phantom did (6)
- **V** Different ways of looking at the word "saviour"? (7)
- **W** Two-up to die out, abolished (5, 3)
- **X** Hero decapitated in "Kiss, Kiss" pressman obtained copies (7)
- **Y** Twelve months to get survey finally to the listener (4)
- **Z** Religious sect hit out after The Summit (6)



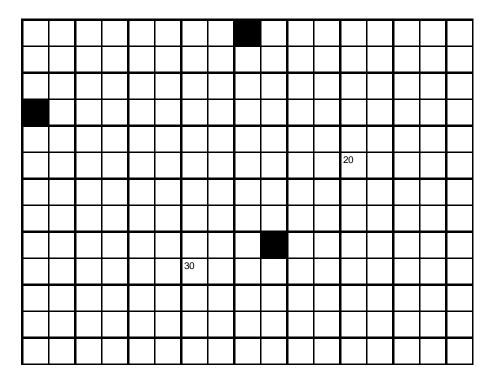
SKELETON by Daintree Lady

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The puzzle is symmetrical – top mirrors bottom and left mirrors right and the two sides correspond. Solvers can fill in 7 more squares to correspond with those given in the puzzle. Three black squares and two clue numbers have been provided to give solvers a start. The remaining black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the answers.



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Across

- 1 Hurry back without husband, sorry (3)
- 3 Stage walk (4)
- **5** Having enough power, cabled Diplomatic Corps to leave (4)
- 8 Gun shot animal (3)
- Sect can go berserk could be grave (7)
- Flat braids made wrong bags (7)
- Revolutionary Somalia is not old battle site (5)
- Strange staff left last bit (7)
- Rally I have joined shortly is great ... (7)
- ... before the German leaves Order (2)
- Looks like ze transport for ze cattle (5)
- Note the East Indian tree (2)
- Problem found at Aussie barbeque? (4)
- Desmond's skirt, perhaps (4)
- 23 Work force (2)
- Unstable roofracks rock off need these kinds of locks? (5)
- 27 God, it's the Rear Admiral! (2)
- Spin Gay round no reproduction after this treatment (7)
- 29 Take the rap, yield for internal treatment (7)
- Catches hero deciding to eat away (5)
- A plug perhaps to return taxi to company (7)
- Trail guide gets work in drama production (4-3)

- Do you hear small drops? (3)
- Walks lines (4)
- Shelley makes odd protest (4)
- Tax George (good man) (3)

Down

- I'd stress out given susceptibility to disasters (8-5)
- "Sinatra Reigns!" Fantastic! (6)
- Substitute takes in panthers at zoo (6)
- Mostly bet on some unfinished small sweeps (6)
- 7 Man said to be keen (6)
- Delivery with trifles staged in December, perhaps (8, 5)
- Play craps the mob might need these!!! (11)
- Horse follows doctor at end of day perhaps, Tom (5)
- Is it a real boxing instrument? (5)
- Oh, first the Italian copper (head of Police) uses this to run things smoothly (3-3)
- Antique silver lode disturbed (3-3)
- Rest disturbed by echo outside heard from two sources (6)
- Spread about then finished (6)



Eightsome Reels by Praxis

A U G U S T 6 2 0 0 3

Numbered squares are surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues are for eight-letter words to be entered around the appropriate number, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must therefore determine where each word begins and the direction in which it is to go. The 12 unchecked letters at the corners of the diagram could form PISCINE JACKS. *The Chambers Dictionary*, 1998 ed is recommended.



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Clues

- 1 Nolan turned over money for old to distribute
- 2 Open secured one in France first
- 3 Unclimbed mount's German and enthralling
- **4** Politician, overwhelmed by pressures, bores
- **5** Stretched to ring cleric back engaged!
- **6** Control girl's credit (hyphenated)
- **7** Cheats tossed dice, golfer recalled ...
- **8** ... crook makes a buck accommodating unruly vice
- 9 Resisted call in a rush
- 10 Charged alien's accommodated
- **11** Transport cattle (500) tragic!
- 12 Computer's capacity, a thousand parts?
- **13** Cleric absorbed appropriate technology for float
- **14** Turning key in tool causes expansion
- **15** Protect top mount
- **16** He hates to put off going round estate
- 17 A green I'd treated recovered
- **18** Gail's out amongst enemies in part of the forest

- 19 Picked up Oriental book date uncertain
- **20** Greeting nervous Latin, in a flap
- **21** Stir date mixture to become streaked
- 22 Old angler has perch, rest's released
- **23** Greene's foolishly accepted royal they renounce
- **24** Kelly's poem not right for Swiss
- 25 Note I penned, headed back for repeal
- **26** Apologetic writer and I have temporary accommodation
- **27** Moved to admit church quietly approved
- **28** Barassi's carriage briefly included party with fish
- **29** Eminence leases buckets
- **30** Study manifests in monasteries
- **31** Famous beastly king dies painfully
- **32** Father secured English shipping company a limit
- 33 They'll agree current church's holding cardinal back
- **34** Hard accountant's way's smooth (hyphenated)
- 35 Financier has vines cut on rise
- **36** Scan grottos for hollows

Post solution to:

Roy Wilson, 2 Dell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. Closing mail date: Friday 5 Sept 2003.





Derek Harrison from the UK Crossword Centre (http://www.crossword.org.uk/) has reported that Chambers have set up a new online project (called Gigglossary) which gives people the chance to write humorous definitions for words in a similar style to those in the Chambers Dictionary. We are already familiar with some: eclair – a cake long in shape but short in duration; back-seat driver – someone free of responsibility but full of advice; jaywalker – a careless pedestrian whom motorists are expected to avoid running down; middle-aged – between youth and old age, variously reckoned to suit the reckoner. For the full list visit: http:/chambersharrap.co.uk/gigglossary/definitions.shtml Derek says that the following will be included in the new edition due for release on 15 September 2003: mullet – a hair-style that is short at the front, long at the back and ridiculous all round.

From Alan Walter:

"A Crossword to Die For" by Nero Blanc published by Berkeley Prime Crime N.Y. is a mystery story with 6 crosswords included. Nero ('black' in Italian) Blanc ('white' in French) is the pseudonym of Cornelia Biddle and Steve Zettler who are serious crossword buffs (husband and wife). Website address:

www.crosswordmysteries.com. Other crossword mysteries by them are "The Crossword Murder", "Two Down" and "The Crossword Connection". Crossword solutions are included at the end of each novel.



We extend a warm welcome to new members June Edward from Berkeley Vale, NSW and John Blaine, Glen Huntly, Vic. Welcome to wonderful Crozworlding!

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (August 4-2003)

Ted O'Brien writes:

Re June Slot 2, R.U.R. is a play by Karel Capek (1890-1938), a Czech dramatist, and the word ROBOT was first used in the play (1921).

Puzzle Adjustments: The following were inadvertently given ticks for June 3, 25ac SAPOTE: Margaret Dennis, Carole Noble and Nea Storey. Steve Trollope gained ticks for June slots 1-5.

Thank You: Many thanks to Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler for his generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund.

The Bard Barred!

Alas, alack and woe is me
A blank last month for One there'll be
Some folk like research it's plain to see
But my home is still computer free –
I have not time nor energy
To go searching through the library
So please, compilers, hear my plea –
No more research for such as me!

—Eva Seale

General Comments:

- I was delighted to win a prize as it was only my second entry. I am still struggling with the crosswords in Crozworld but each month seem to be doing a bit better. I will be joining a local crossword club within the next few weeks and look forward to picking up more hints on how to solve the dastardly puzzles!

 Denise Davidson
- I reckon these five puzzles were among the most challenging, stimulating & enjoyable for a long time.

 Ted O'Brien
- A great range of puzzles this month. I was unaware that supplementary entries were permitted. Although I disagree with this ruling it would have made a difference to my entries on two occasions. I'm wondering if there are other rulings that I am unaware of as a comparative newcomer to the club.

 Leigh Marsland
- I love being a member of our club with all it entails monthly puzzles, comraderie amongst members, new friends, annual luncheon, adjudicating etc. Thank you to everyone. I was delighted to receive a prizewinning cheque what a bonus! Also a hearty thank you to the committee, setters, adjudicators and those who work to get the *Crozworld* out to us.

 Veniece Lobsey
- What a great tangle of puzzles this month! I would like to thank all setters and adjudicators for their efforts. The cumulative prize was much appreciated. Crozworld has really become a great friend to have around.
- What a wonderful July *Crozworld*! Such variety from such inventive and inspired setters. We are so lucky!

 Shirl O'Brien
- July 2003 puzzles have set a memorable standard throughout all slots. May this wonderful balance of delightful puzzles continue. *Alan Walter*



The Mysterious BP (Body Part) Quiz by Brian Symons



All answers are parts of the human body. They are all everyday, common parlance words we use increasingly as we get older and our bodies let us down. No medical dictionary is required and "medical" terms will not be accepted. No body part is longer than 8 letters and no body part is the answer to more than one question. Send your entries (on this or a separate sheet) to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232. e-mail: brian_symons@hotmail.com Closing mail date: Friday 5 September 2003.

- (1) What two bps' homophones share the same relationship as easy and hard?
- (2) Which bps fulfil these definitions:
- a mammal (4); a flower (4); a tree (4); to prepare (7)?
- (3) What bps complete these words?

___ end; p _ _ _ e;

____el;

___ some;

ur _ _ _ ;

____ n;

- (4) Name eight bps that contain only three letters.
- (5) Name 2 bps of five letters that are anagrams of each other.
- (6) Name 2 more bps of five letters that are anagrams of each other.

- (7) Which bps do these cryptic clues suggest?
 - (a) Begins to have increasing good health (5)
 - (b) No change (5)
 - (c) A chemical family (4)
 - (d) Dad is overdue (6)
 - (e) Marching to the same drum (6)
 - (f) Of less acute Royal birth (4)
 - (g) Did the earth move for you, my sweet? (5)
 - (h) Tsetse flies about (6)
 - (i) The marsupial is no longer there (4)
 - (j) Enter the river very quietly (6)
 - (k) Ought to hesitate (8)
 - (l) Timbre drink heard (7)
 - (m) Nevertheless the clock half works (8)
 - (n) Make music in the midst of disease (5)
 - (o) Second rate shower (5)

Alan Walter

Bev Cockburn

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Bill Bennett

Delores Kennedy

Iain MacDougall

Catherine Foster

Ted O'Brien

Roy Wilson

Doug Butler

Catherine Foster

MEMBERS

July 1-2003: Crossquiz by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• Thanks Virgo for an enjoyable slot 1 puzzle.

• A really enjoyable crossquiz. Thanks Audrey.

• I like this type of puzzle with some interesting research.

• That's more like it. (But, more deliberate mistakes? Irene Pappas is about as Italian as I am.)

Iain MacDougall • Sick of looking up references for this. Fortunately I have an old Halliwell or I'd be lodging at the local library! Del Kennedy

· Quite difficult for a no. 1, but fair. However, this one did depend quite heavily on having the right reference books. Irene Watts • I think I am the wrong religion as my reference books (3 bibles) do not give miserere for Psalms 50, 55 & 56. (The word means

pleas or supplications for mercy as I understand it -adj.) Doreen Jones 14ac: mei – nam conculat me Virgo – apprimit me. Ps 55 I adapted. (Hope you understand this Audrey –adj.) Ted O'Brien

• I have generally nothing but admiration for our puzzle setters - where would we be without them? However I do get exasperated (to put it mildly) when clues such as 2dn are offered. How obscure can clues get? Can we please SCRAP these quizzes in crossword Peter Dearie format?

• I showed my 7 yr old daughter 4ac and she immediately answered 'Harry'. I asked her to look up the author of 'Peter Rabbit' from her book collection and she came back with the correct answer of 'Beatrix'. She was very pleased. I think she was amazed someone else could have the same surname! Mal Cockburn

July 2-2003: Cryptic by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)

• Hiawatha was definitely not a squaw - should have been Minnehaha! Also isotopes are not split atoms. Margaret Galbreath

 3dn could well be the clue of the month if I could understand it! (see adjudicator's report)
 Excellent, Daphne. Particularly loved 20ac and the ingenuity of 4dn. I'm a bit confused about Hiawatha though. I'd not heard Roy Wilson

he'd had the op. Good clues Daphne. I particularly liked 9ac and 24dn.

• Hope 24dn is not return.

Doreen Jones · A very difficult no. 2 cryptic. Daintree Lady's clues are often real brain-strains, though amusing. I thought the clue for 3dn was too vague in view of the fact that the grid gave no assistance. Irene Watts

• So many well thought out clues – DL at her very best. Loved 11ac, 16ac and 26ac particularly. Catherine Foster • I would have preferred Zuid Afrika, but since it's South Africa, it has to be Sagreb, a rare alternative to Zagreb.

Ted O'Brien · Liked the clever clue 12ac Tunic hem is turned hiding the drug dealer. Daintree Ladyyour puzzle is appreciated. Alan Walter

July 3-2003: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

• A veritable arboretum from Shirl, by gum! I presume 16dn uses "nick" as in 'good ____' and the D in 22ac is the International Automobile symbol for Germany. Ted O'Brien

• TIMBER! Many thanks Shirl for another delightful thematic puzzle.

• I thought this puzzle was going to be a no-no for me. I just couldn't see the wood for the trees for quite a long time. I like thematic Irene Watts Doreen Jones

I am not too happy with repair but it is all I can think of.

A very clever puzzle incorporating some great trees.

• Clever compiling from Shirl, and wonderful clueing as well. I especially liked 1dn.

Very interesting and well clued.

• I know LAPUTA can't be right but it's a great word.

July 4-2003: Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

• I'll drink to that super Jigsaw puzzle of yours Roy! Your song was wonderfully woven throughout the grid via the first letters of all the answer words. With 28 answers yet only 26 letters in the verse I had to rationalise that exeunt & eerier and ylem & year had common first letters. Your clues for kyrielle and tessellate had me thinking quite a while. Alan Walter

• Didn't do no. 4 as a protest to "mucking about" with my favourite A-J.

• I'd drink to thee, Roy, with Grange if I had it. What a wonder!

• What a tricky one - some terrific clues - I liked "hen-wife" and "lawyer".

• Once again a big variation on our traditional alphabetical. I do dislike this tampering with the normal grid and style which so many members enjoy. Whatever happened to the Australian saying "if it's not broken, don't try to fix it". This was only suitable for a no. 6 anyway. Irene Watts Doreen Jones

• What a lovely old song – I used to play it when learning music many moons ago.

• What a way to set an AJ; it must be Praxis!

• How good is Roy Wilson? Can't even be cross with him they're so clever!

• I saw it, but I don't believe it. How did Praxis manage it?

• Praxis excelled himself with the alphabetical jigsaw. I took ages to get his top key clue before I could start to put it together but I Ron O'Rourke thought it was brilliant.

• Roy has been raising the bar for so many years I never attempt any of his puzzles without a stepladder and a net, but I loved this one. Will you ever run out of ideas, Roy? Brian Tickle Tom Phelan

Deucedly clever! Thank you Praxis.

• Great concept Roy and beautifully executed - tough words, well clued.

It was a great relief when I pencilled in and looked across the top line!

Roy Taylor • I loved slot 4. I don't see why AJ's must be alphabetical. Alan Walter once did one where every starting letter was either an A or a J. I did one where every starting letter was either an I or a Q (I called it an IQ puzzle) and there have also been others where the end letter of each word was given. Innovations get my nod as long as they don't involve going round in hexagons! Audrey Austin

July 5-2003: Flying High by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

• Mahwa? I cannot find anywhere that ah = apprehends. Am I missing something? (What do you say when you finally get the meaning of something? I think I hear it now. -adj.) Doreen Jones Peter Dearie

• I can find no satisfactory answer to 32dn. Mahwa is the only thing I can come up with.

• I enjoyed unravelling the ingenious clues except 31dn. Wouldn't Radish be raditch if the clue is followed? Max Roddick • A real challenge. It took me a long time to get the themes airborne. Roy Taylor Bill Bennett

• Left me away with the birds and spaced out. Great puzzle.

Mahwa was a gut wrencher.

Good effort Joan. 14 theme words – excellent.
Well done, Joan. Another triumph! You got my pick for clue of the month – TYROS.

Bev Cockburn • This went into the "too hard" basket at first - but then the penny dropped. That Timid? Terrier gets pretty savage. The concept was great. Catherine Foster

• Per ard work and avianauts, Joan (how's that for portmanteauing, Doug?). Smithy can't be the answer to 22ac as it is not a surname as are the others. There were two Smiths - Keith and Ross - so I've used that as my answer. Ted O'Brien

· Your Flying High thematic puzzle of aviators and astronauts was a thoroughly entertaining challenge, thanks Joan. Would prefer a few extra indicators eg that SWAD is dialectical, that IDYL is the US spelling and HECAT is Shakespearian. Liked particularly sedan and oread. Alan Walter





Tom Phelan

Roy Wilson



June 6-2003 - An Aussie Sonnet by Brother Naga (Bob Hagan)

Entries: 57. Correct: 40. Success rate = 70%. **Prizewinner: Doreen Jones — Congratulations!**

Members Comments:

Another gem! I loved the puzzle and the verse.

Audrey Austin • I think line 14's 'slice for round' is terrific. Ted O'Brien

· An Aussie Sonnet was a lot of fun to wrestle with and I congratulate you on creating a top-notch mind bender. Jim Colles Graeme Cole

• I found this a very challenging puzzle but many hours later I think I solved it.

Roy Wilson

• Another thoroughly enjoyable puzzle. The sonnet made me go all gooey inside — not easy at my age! • Thanks for a terrific challenging puzzle. This type of puzzle is one of the best in the Club's assortment.

Brian Symons

• Line 13 'concerning' fits the clue perfectly but I feel that 'consorting' is better to match the word in the poem 'throned'. (Sorry, John: concerning = on: BN)

John Standard

• Loved the puzzle Bob. Only hope I'm correct this time.

Del Kennedy Shirl O'Brien

 Love these Bob. Many thanks for the pleasure the poems give too. Keep them coming. • I love these poetic puzzles. More please.

Carole Noble

• Another brilliant composition and an excellent puzzle. Thanks a lot.

Pat Garner

• There must be hours of work put into compiling this masterpiece.

Catherine Foster

Bev Cockburn

• Another mind-blowing puzzle which can only be solved because of your honest clueing.

Aileen Skillicorn

You sure know how to bamboozle a simple solver. I just hope I've got it right after all my efforts.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all members who expressed their appreciation of this type of puzzle. I've allowed 'desire' (like) for clue 4, 'reside' (live) and 'mistrusts' for 'distrusts' in clue 8, as the 'many' was unnecessary and off-putting. Only 's' (small) 'insects' (lice) for 'round' in line 14 was OK. Brother Naga (Bob Hagan)

Results of Kingsize Quiz by Virgo

Solutions: 1 Midas 2 Romulus 3 Stephen King 4 Jockey 5 Elvis Presley 6 Natalie 7 Gorilla 8 Camelot 9 Ethelred II 10 Saul 11 The one-eyed man 12 Atlas 13 King of Kings 14 H. Rider Haggard 15 Bathsheba 16 Benny Goodman 17 Muhammad Ali 18 Robert the Bruce 19 Babylon 20 Sir Michael Tippett.

Scores: 20: B. Bennett, V. Howard, A. Jermy, D. Kennedy, L. Marsland, D. Meek, C. Noble, Ted O'Brien, D. Procter, J. Smith, B. Solomon, N. Storey, J. Standard, B. Symons, R. Whitehead and I. Watts. 19: V. Dinham, P. Garner, B. Glissan, D. Greening, C. Hambling, B. Ibbott, S. Knight, P. McDermott, J. McGrath, R. O'Rourke, J. Parker, M. Procter, J. Stocks, and A. Walter. 18: C. Foster, C. McClelland, I. McKenzie, P. Mercer, B. Siegman, L. Waites and C. Wilcox.

Prize winner: Bev Solomon. Congratulations!

Members' comments:

- · Another super quiz. They are always enjoyable and do-able. You are good to the club and for the club. Irene Watts
- Thanks for the challenge it was a right Royal whiz of a quiz. I needed help to come up with Jockey for No. 4 as I am not a sportsperson, but the person I asked knew the answer. Ted O'Brien
- Thanks for a non-sport quiz (apart from 4, which was a bit of a problem).

Daphne Greening

- I nearly opted for Stephen King but he was from Victoria and the spelling of the name was a bit of a worry. Catherine Foster
- I have never heard of The Country of the Blind. I don't know if it is a film or book title. Marian Procter • I found the one-eyed man the hardest to locate. I hope you weren't looking for a specific character name. The Country of the
- Blind was a short story published by H.G. Wells in 1911. There is also a Stephen King who plays soccer for the Taringa Rovers in Qld., but his sportsman's occupation is 'soccer player' so this answer does not fit. Alan Walter
- · I needed a lot of research on Atlas but I think I know more about the Titans, a nasty lot, probably progenitors of our politicians. Thanks for a great quiz. Bill Bennett
- · I loved the quiz it had me digging back into my Myths & Legends. I didn't realise poor old Atlas had been turned into a mountain as well as all the other things he had to do. It's never too late to learn! Del Kennedy
- Thank you for your Quiz. I enjoyed looking for the answers. I also enjoyed solving your July slot 1 puzzle. *David Procter* Another enjoyable quiz. Thank you. I had a little trouble with 4 & 12. Hours of research produced a Chinese King called Pangu who fits the criteria. I hope it is the one you wanted. Barbara Ibbott
- · One thing missing from my bookshelves is a comprehensive guide to mythology, but Atlas got a mention in dictionaries, including Brewers. Most references agree he was one of the Titans, was condemned to support the world on his shoulders and was connected in some way with the Atlas Mountains. The Hutchinson Pocket Encyclopaedia says he was a North African King transformed for his sins to a peak of the Atlas Mountains envisaged by the Greeks as supporting the Heavens. It is amazing how information varies from one source to the next! Peter Dearie
- Q. 2, Romulus is the usual answer. However, I question it because according to the Oxford Companion to Classical Literature (legend enclosed) perhaps the answer should be Ascanius?

Adjudicator's comments:

I am sorry I have had to abbreviate many of your letters, some of which were quite long, for reasons of space. Thank you for all your positive comments and informative bits and pieces. I was pleased by the high number of entries and excellent scores, no one scoring less than 90%. Spelling errors and omissions formed the bulk of lost points. Some innovative suggestions for No. 4's profession were: doctor, surfer, golfer and League. If Stephen King was originally from Victoria he must have moved north, as he rides in Qld. Possibly there is another jockey, Steven King from Victoria. Anyone know for sure? Pan Gu makes up two words (3, 2) so does not fit the (5) required. He is listed in *The Chambers Book of Facts*, a reference book that contains comprehensive details of many mythical figures, as the first Being of Creation from which the Earth was made. As Rome was built by Romulus, no one could have been king before he was born. Of the many myths surrounding the founding of Rome, the most common is that, in a dream, Romulus stood on one of the seven hills and saw himself as King. Next day, he said to his brother, Remus, 'What a great place for a city! Let us build one today.' (Of course it took longer than that). -Virgo (Audrey Austin)

General Comments:

Thanks for my prize; such a lovely surprise.

Eunice Altman, Patricia Reynolds and Verna Dinham

• I had a chuckle at Brian Symons' choice of words in his feature on p9, June Crozworld: "It's frightening how I look forward to the end of each month...". I must confess to a similar "fear"! Roy Wilson

Paula Mercer

 Many thanks for the May 1 book prize – I have used it already.
 Thank you for the Oxford Crossword Dictionary prize. I am acquiring quite a respectable shelf of reference books! Congratulations to all who work so hard to put out Crozworld each month. It is the best crossword magazine I have ever seen. Barbara Tofoni

Just to let my fellow crossworders know that I married Geoff Hocking in May: I'm now known as Alison Hocking. Alison (McKerral)