



# CrOZworld

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'Whom are you?' he asked, for he had attended business college.  
George Ade, 1898, 'The Steel Box', *Chicago Record*.

## |G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

The Club's new website has been a great success with more than 3,000 visitors to the site this month and more than 6,000 hits per day. We are delighted with the large number of members who have already registered on the Forum page (DEEF) and the many members who have made Comments ranging over a wide variety of topics. Ian Williams has helpfully explained elodgment and Jenny Wenham has been given plenty of advice on how to deal with telemarketers! If you have not yet checked out our website, it can be found at [www.crosswordclub.org](http://www.crosswordclub.org). Why not register? It's simple and straightforward. And then get into the swing of things by making a few Comments.

We are delighted to welcome another new compiler to our ranks this month. Stephen Clarke known as *gizmojones* has compiled an excellent cryptic which should appeal to all solvers. You can read Stephen's interesting profile on page 5.

We have another outstanding range of challenges for you this month. Noel Jessop has given us another of his popular *Half & Half* puzzles and it is a pleasure to welcome back our skilful compiler from the Daintree Valley, Queensland. We have a special bonus for you this month — not one but two AJs. The first is a conventional AJ by the popular and accessible compiler *Cha-Cha* and the other with a difference by the tireless *Virgo*. In this puzzle, *Virgo* has managed to compile an AJ using the 26 letters from the ACC. Well done! *Virgo*. To round off this month's diverting puzzles, we welcome back the ever-popular *Praxis* with one of his fine Ximenean challenges. And Brian Symons has devised a Quiz which might seem like Greek to some of us but will no doubt have plenty of appeal!

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

## |F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|S|

In our first adjudication we were most impressed with the good spirit that was evident in the entries. Many people thanked Kay for adjudicating and hoped that it wouldn't be too much of a chore. These good wishes and cards and the friendly comments made the work a pleasure. The worst thing was having to withhold a "dot" from missed letters and non-completed white-outs (or whites-out?) in an otherwise correct solution. Overall, the clues seemed fairly tough but there were no tricks: "five-dotters" could feel satisfied at their success.

**Slot 1:** Main problem areas were the unusual word VIBICES, misspelling of CABARET and lack of knowledge of contemporary pop music. Vibices defeated two entirely and there were a number of interesting interpretations of the word "\_ \_ B \_ C \_ S". But it **is** in *Chambers* and in some electronic crossword solvers. There were a number of stabs at an alternative for ENYA in 12ac. With the theme of transport, TUBE and MULE were both accepted for 15dn and the Internet showed that there **is** such a thing as a "fishing TRAILER" for 4dn. "BOGEY" for 2dn is not a means of transport associated with golf, and anyway is something that golfers try to avoid.

**Slot 2:** Not too many problems, although 20ac NABONIDUS gave rise to a number of alternative spellings, none of which could be accepted. Others with a small number of deviant entries were 24ac EMIR, 7dn MAUROIS, 22dn BAILS and 25dn BUND. 27ac SOURSOB (*Oxalis pes-caprae* L. (Bermuda buttercup, soursob, sour grass) might have been difficult to find in reference books, and was criticised as known mainly to South Australians, but only one got it wrong with SOURSOP.

**Slot 3:** Most solved this successfully, although a couple of members preferred "diddle" for FIDDLE in 5ac and "disports" for AIRPORTS in 15dn, neither of which fitted the clue.

**Slot 4:** A very high level of success for an AJ, mainly because Shirl's clues were obviously up to her usual high standard, providing accuracy as well as entertainment. A popular variation for the Z clue was ZINNEAS, but it didn't fit the anagram.

**Slot 5:** The highest number of errors were in 11ac CERIUM, where a number suggested "cesium" for the element. The critical "element" here was the comedy writer, Frank MUIR, backwards. Other problem areas were "luneate" for LUNETTE in 4dn and, surprisingly, "lapple" for LAPPIE in 30ac.

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| Puzzle No.       | 1         | 2                    | 3                       | 4                      | 5        | Total               |
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| Entries received | 115       | 121                  | 124                     | 127                    | 120      | 607                 |
| Correct entries  | 91        | 91                   | 112                     | 120                    | 85       | 499                 |
| Success rate (%) | 79        | 71                   | 90                      | 94                     | 71       | 82                  |
| Prizewinners     | M Collins | JA Davey<br>J Edward | L Waites<br>T McPherson | J Randall<br>D Hemsley | C Heenan | from<br>129 members |

## |H|I|G|H|L|I|G|H|T|S|

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### July 1-2005

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### July 2-2005

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY 2005

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| ANDERSON JB   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| ARCHIBALD C   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| ATKINSON S    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| AUDRINS K     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| AUSTIN A      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BARBOUR J     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BARNES J      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BATUM C       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BENNETT B     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BRYANT R      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BUTLER D      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CALLAN A & D  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CAMPBELL G    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COATES D      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COCKBURN B    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COCKBURN M    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLE G        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLLES J      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLLINS M     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CONWAY H      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COPLAND F     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COWAN M       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CROMER H      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DAVEY J       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DAVIDSON D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DAVIS K       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| DEARIE P      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DENNIS M      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DINHAM V      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| DUCKER R      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| EDWARD J      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| EISENTRAGER D | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| FOSTER C      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| FREELAND J    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| FULLER D      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| GALBREATH M   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| GARNER P      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| GILLIS J      | . | . | . | . | . | . |

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| GRAINGER D   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| GREENING D   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HAGAN R      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HAMLING C    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HARPER K     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HEATH P      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HEENAN C     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HEMSLEY D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOCKING A    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOLFORD E    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOWARD L     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOWARD V     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOWELLS S    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| IBBOTT B     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| IKIN D       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JERMY A      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JESSOP N     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JONES C      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JONES D      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| KENNEDY D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| KENNEDY M    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| KITTO J      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| LEE C        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LEE K        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LEEDS G      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LOBSEY V     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MCCLELLAND C | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MACDOUGALL I | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McGRATH J    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McKENZIE I   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McPHERSON T  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MANNING R    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| MERCER P     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| PREWETT G    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| PROCTER D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| PYC M        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| RANDALL J    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| REEVES V     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| RENDELL A    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| RODDICK M    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| RYAN W       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SAVANAH T    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SEALE E      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SHIELD A     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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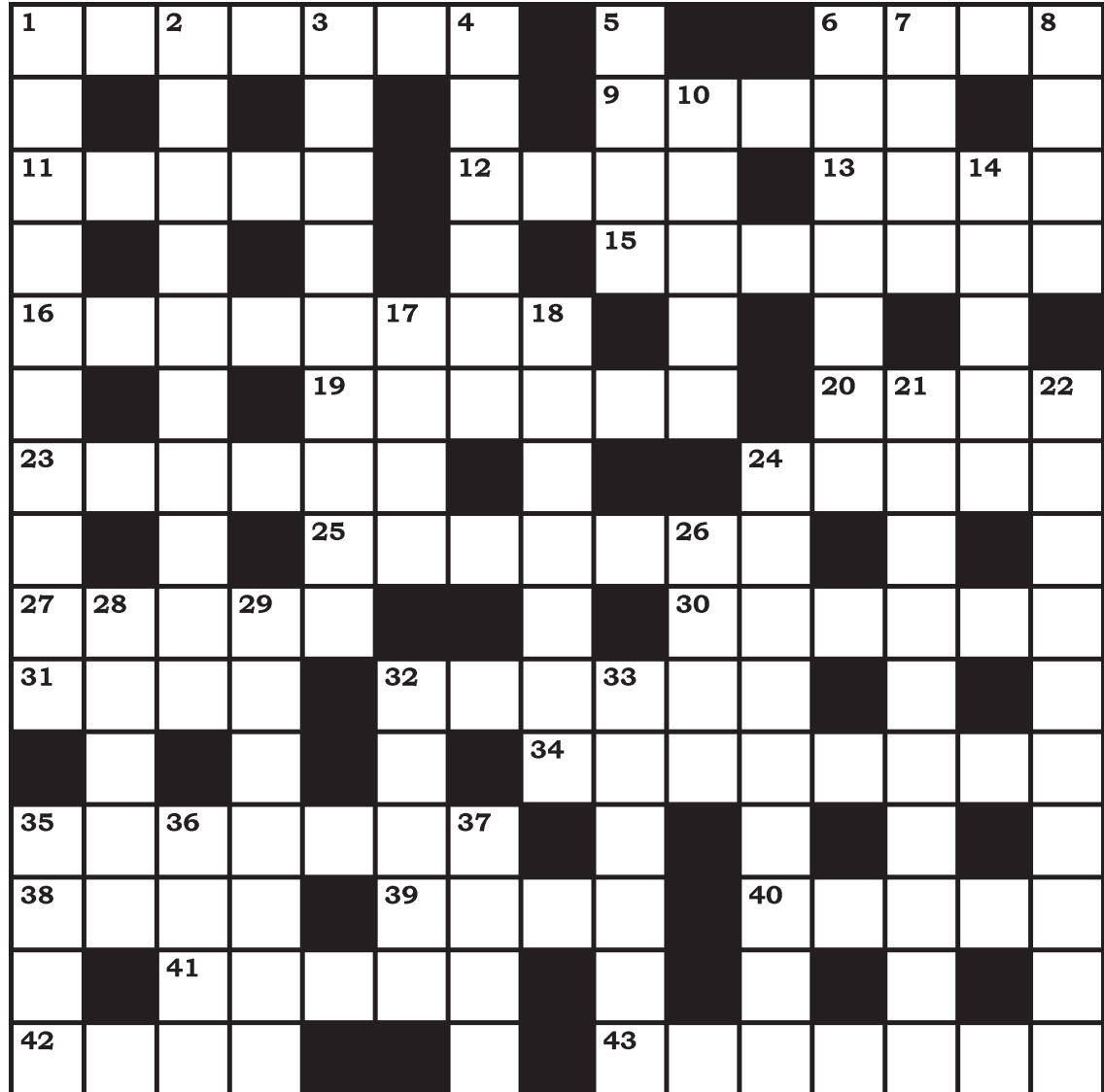
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## Half & Half by Noel Jessop



**Win!**

[rrp: \$45.00]



### Across

- 1 Anger (7)
- 6 Element (4)
- 9 Confess (5)
- 11 Greek units of weight (5)
- 12 Spanish surrealist (4)
- 13 Void (4)
- 15 Distinctive (7)
- 16 Dominate (8)
- 19 Refine (6)
- 20 Booty (4)
- 23 Toil (6)
- 24 Accustom (5)
- 25 Ease (7)
- 27 Splash around (5)
- 30 African native (6)
- 31 Maori ornament (4)
- 32 Vistas (6)
- 34 Quitter (8)
- 35 More treacherous (7)
- 38 Cruel monster (4)
- 39 Tidy (4)
- 40 Follows orders (5)
- 41 Sth. Amer. mountain range (5)
- 42 Waterbucks (4)
- 43 Naturists (7)

### Down

- 1 Knocker continued social upheaval (10)
- 2 College to mislay key volume — a matter not understood (6,4)
- 3 Catch and fight cleaner (4-5)
- 4 Neared new order to make precious (6)
- 5 Georgia left southern lasses (4)
- 6 President taking a mountain pass by a waterfall to the north (7)
- 7 Needle-case that's returned about the middle of autumn (4)
- 8 Valley of French learners (4)
- 10 Lower pay with no answer — that's nuts (5)
- 14 Science workshop gets gold for the party (5)
- 17 Real stupid title-holder (4)
- 18 Communicated with radical about every one separately considered (7)
- 21 Get tradesmen to strike haberdashers? (10)
- 22 Stir roster organised for those who intimidate (10)
- 24 Fashionable article placing shortly (2,1,6)
- 26 Stretches to seek out (4)
- 28 Heather takes in a Chinese ounce (5)
- 29 Thus a boy at school falls ill (7)
- 32 Display of hot feelings as part of the act (5)
- 33 Effective measure to tidy up (6)
- 35 Drinker okay as reformed (4)
- 36 Block up under a horse (4)
- 37 Freedom from disturbance on street (4)

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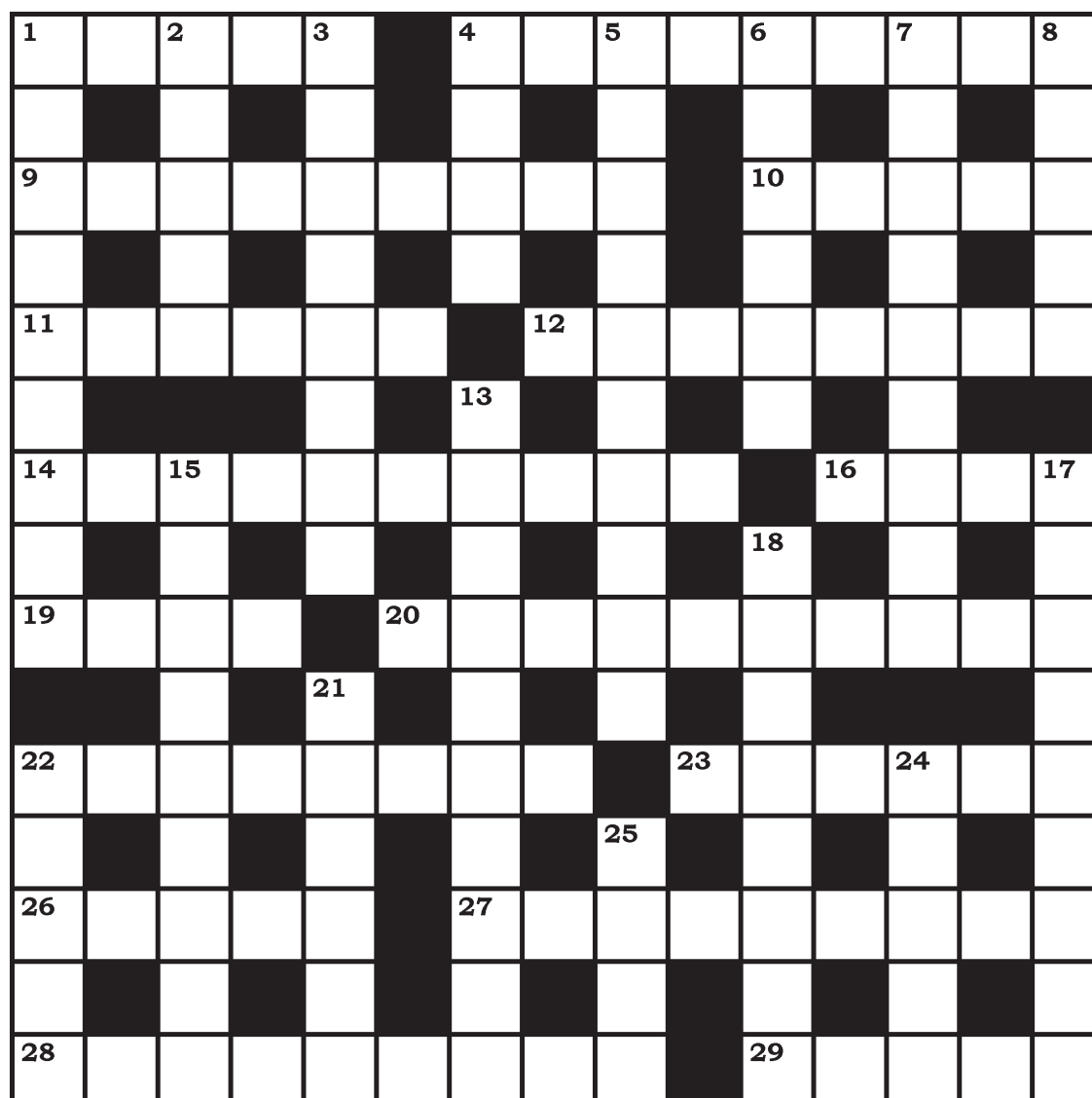
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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Daintree*  
*Lady*



**Across**

- 1 Demands for cars (5)
- 4 Aim, child, and duck otherwise you're likely to knock someone off (9)
- 9 Catholic runs a live production (9)
- 10/12 Brewing oil found here, perhaps? (2,3,8)
- 11 Turn out to preserve bird (6)
- 12 See 10
- 14 Each and every bird has to fast (10)
- 16 Extremely catching! Cover yourself! (4)
- 19 No Oscar for agent – it's a deadly sin (4)
- 20 Records over the top – the worst I ever broadcast (10)
- 22 Cobra swimming in drink? No, it's a fish (8)
- 23 Stick your promotion in this spot, perhaps?! (6)
- 26 Princeling or king inside Russian city (5)
- 27 His dinner is cooked and preserved (9)
- 28 Recognised record by "Queen" and Mr Kelly (9)
- 29 Loud Japanese play even hits Yokohama initially (5)

**Down**

- 1 Maybe orange lump is a nut! (9)
- 2 Parting dialogue muffled, so log out (5)
- 3 The girl crashes systems (8)
- 4 Dish for the Mess? (4)
- 5 Strange-looking slimy trout has many flaws, we hear! (10)
- 6 Dana leaves cooked enchiladas to cut up (6)
- 7 The French orderly mends net damage (9)
- 8 Lord of a Belgian city (5)
- 13 Is porn ever organised deviation? (10)
- 15 Parrots fancy kites, perhaps (9)
- 17 You old drunk strayed before midnight last night (9)
- 18 Game for part of Crossword Club (8)
- 21 Mobile account? Send it back by 5, sweetheart (6)
- 22 Cold gangster joining soldier comes to bad end (5)
- 24 The doldrums? First Engineer (Norwegian Navy) used initiative (5)
- 25 Ill-treated sailor leaves exhausted (4)

**From the Adjudicators continued from p1:**

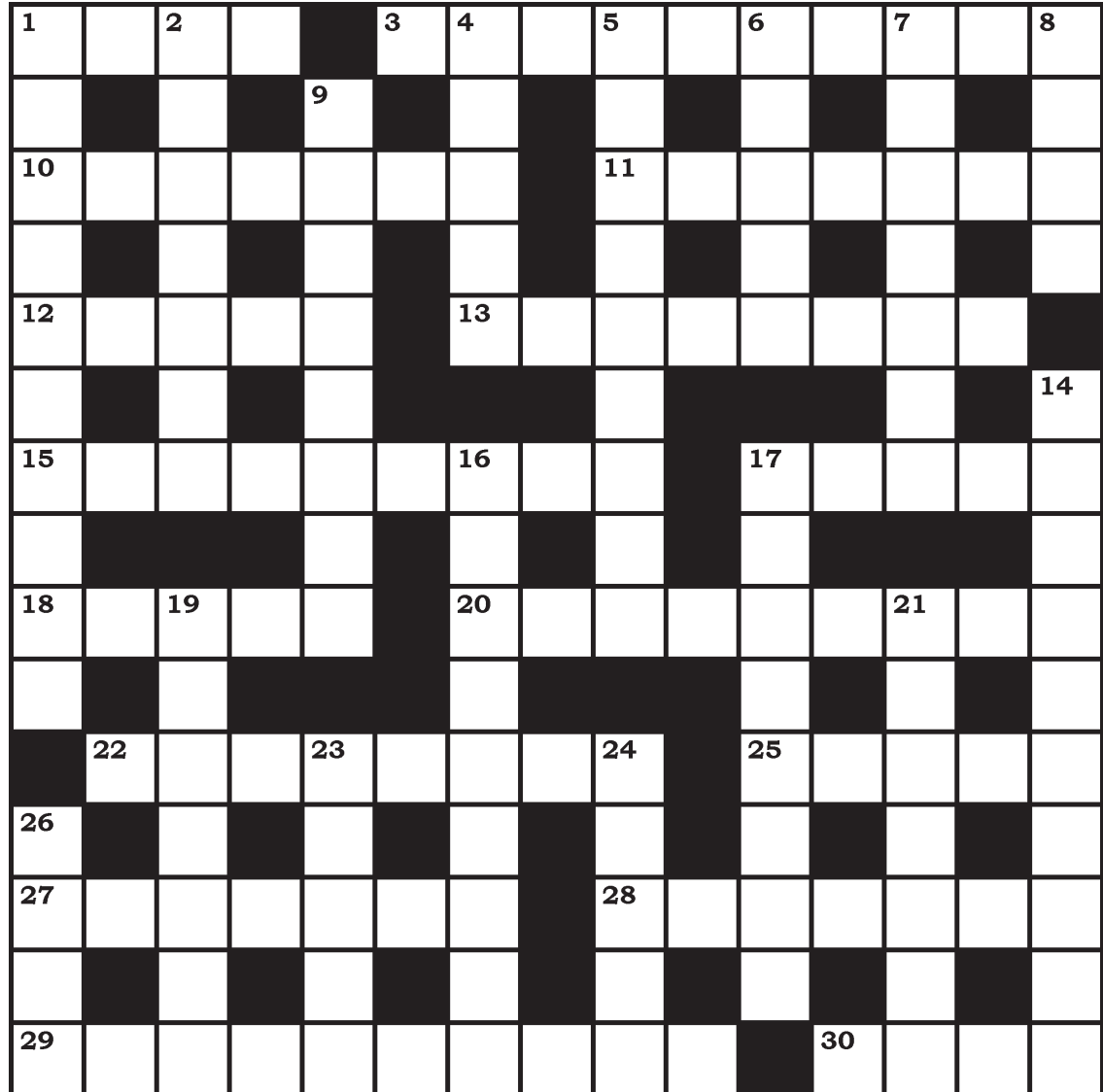
**COTM:** T (TEACUP) in Slot 4 won by a short head. Honourable mentions can be recorded for H (HELSINKI) and in Slot 5, 14ac (TINGE), 11dn (CATERPILLAR) and 7dn (IRATE). Altogether votes were cast for 32 clues, a good indicator of the standard of compilation. In Slot 2, 5dn "Hard work for Kay..." showed a certain prescience, Noel.

A goodly number of e-lodgements this month – a record of 14 entries. A modification to AxWord, available soon by downloading (and from Doug Butler on request for the paid version), will allow very easy proofreading of puzzles and will help to avoid those transcription errors, whether or not you subsequently e-lodge. If you do, full guidance for e-lodgement is on the ACC website and blank grids in AxWord format will be there soon for the month's puzzles.

Thanks again for all the good wishes – they brightened up many a Canberra winter day. —Kay and Ian Williams

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*gizmojones*



**Across**

- 1 Writer takes nothing away from directors (4)
- 3 It's used for brief periods on the face! (10)
- 10 Quoted about our mistreatment of lizards (7)
- 11 Debris from launch doesn't include a rocket (7)
- 12 Deer of England come ashore (5)
- 13 Sydney players have jumpers that fit the rest loosely (8)
- 15 Secret society has new role for Spanish gent (9)
- 17 Old dynasty originally overrunning one Asian city (5)
- 18 Smart remark about article has some point (5)
- 20 Reloading exotic firework (9)
- 22 Insects swarm around hot, huge creature (8)
- 25 Public indemnity not capitalised on time (5)
- 27 They go about in East Russian planes (7)
- 28 Journos appointed to get going (5,2)
- 29 Swingers who can keep up (10)
- 30 It's only a lake in books (4)

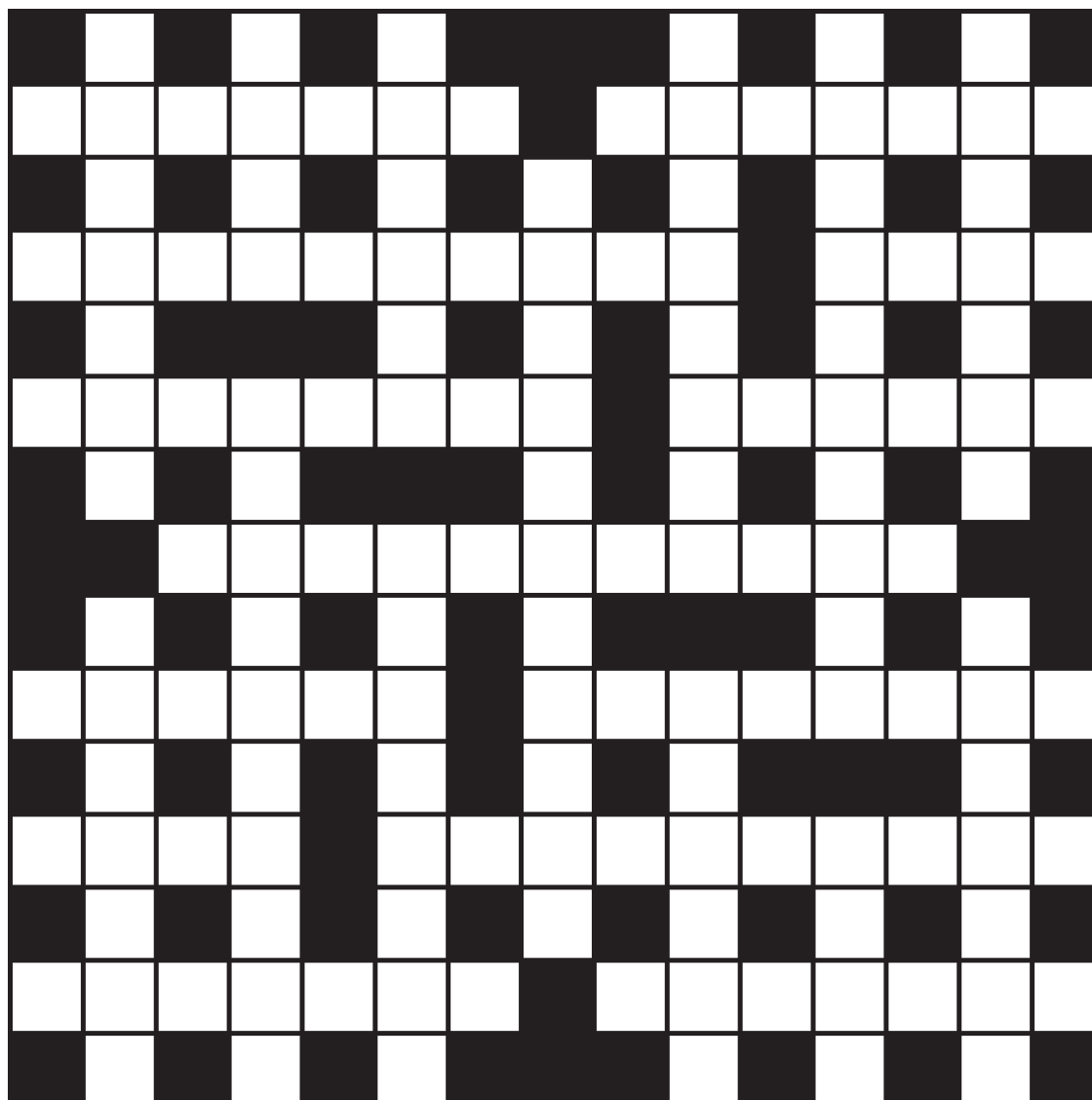
**Down**

- 1 Spooner's box home to nervous wreck (6,4)
- 2 It's said to be unintelligible (7)
- 4 Bird getting you down? (5)
- 5 Unpleasant shade of blue (3,6)
- 6 Lawyer's right clever to ignore note (5)
- 7 Loser gets along with sailors (4-3)
- 8 Docked two points, Melbourne players protest (4)
- 9 Wit of rowdy pal can be misinterpreted (8)
- 14 He dabbles with title: possibly *Inside an Italian Poet* (10)
- 16 Wild deer's song lost (9)
- 17 First duke in royal family to pass on (4,4)
- 19 Variety of glasses that's stocked (7)
- 21 Supervise deliveries to Vatican? (7)
- 23 One's found in lake where birds live (5)
- 24 Excited by publicity – really original! (5)
- 26 Footy players beginning to emulate golfer (4)

**Compiler Profile: gizmojones (Stephen Clarke):**

"My pen name is gratefully borrowed from our bichon frise, a lovely little thinker who has stipulated that its continued use is dependent on the strict maintenance of Ximenean rectitude. Fortunately he is too short to see the computer screen on which I may from time to time commit egregious howlers – pun unfortunately intended – which would incur – there we go again – his purist's displeasure. I'm a schoolteacher, in special education, and a learning share trader in anticipation of early retirement. Favourite setters and kind mentors Noel Jessop and Jeff Pearce. Wife embarking on a PhD, our son and daughter are pursuing respectively a Masters in journalism and the HSC, so not a stress-free year in the jones household. Ex-cricketer, ex-touch footballer, ex-squash player, ex-lots really. Particular interests late Republican and early Imperial Roman history, Australian home front society in both world wars and, at the moment Francis Wheen's critique of post-modernism. Enjoying reading Sebastian Faulks, Barrie Unsworth. Favourite places on earth Venice, the Sorlogne, south-west Ireland and Sydney Harbour. Up the (once and future mighty) Roosters."

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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** They could travel to Saturn as employees at the top level (10)
- B** Boy-friends hang around the old city offices (7)
- C** Seafood on a picture maker (6)
- D** Milk producers in Mayfair Dr's building (5,5)
- E** Just a small portion of the food with cayenne added would feed a group of nine (6)
- F** Deliverance fed more rebels (7)
- G** Take a grand (no money), and uneasily relent to end up more soothing (7)
- H** Bodily secretion of an endangered moor hen (7)
- I** Somewhat uneducated, I acquired a real title by cheating (10)
- J** Discreetly, a girl inside is in charge of documentation of what is owing – a pound (11)
- K** For part of a leg, you can have joint cover (7)
- L** The issue – lot for renovation. It's the meanest around (8)
- M** I left that Nazi Menzies languishing in the entresols (10)
- N** The drift of the flying nun (ace) (6)
- O** A pigtail in no way represents a work of art (3,8)
- P** Writes down small charged bits, thus giving succour to the needy (8)
- Q** Crushed flat without direction – it will be invalidated (7)
- R** A loud noise sounds crude (4)
- S** Any person could take a part to lasso me on extra lines on stage (7)
- T** Step inside returning space traveller. You will be regaled with goodies (7)
- U** Filthy unkempt nude has a clean heart (8)
- V** Market – a red-letter day in Paris (8)
- W** Weak sloppy tea in crooked container (6)
- X** Unknown Eastern mother breeds fork-tailed gulls (4)
- Y** Time comes in a day early (4)
- Z** Australia makes a comeback with each baby shellfish (4)

**General Comments contd:**

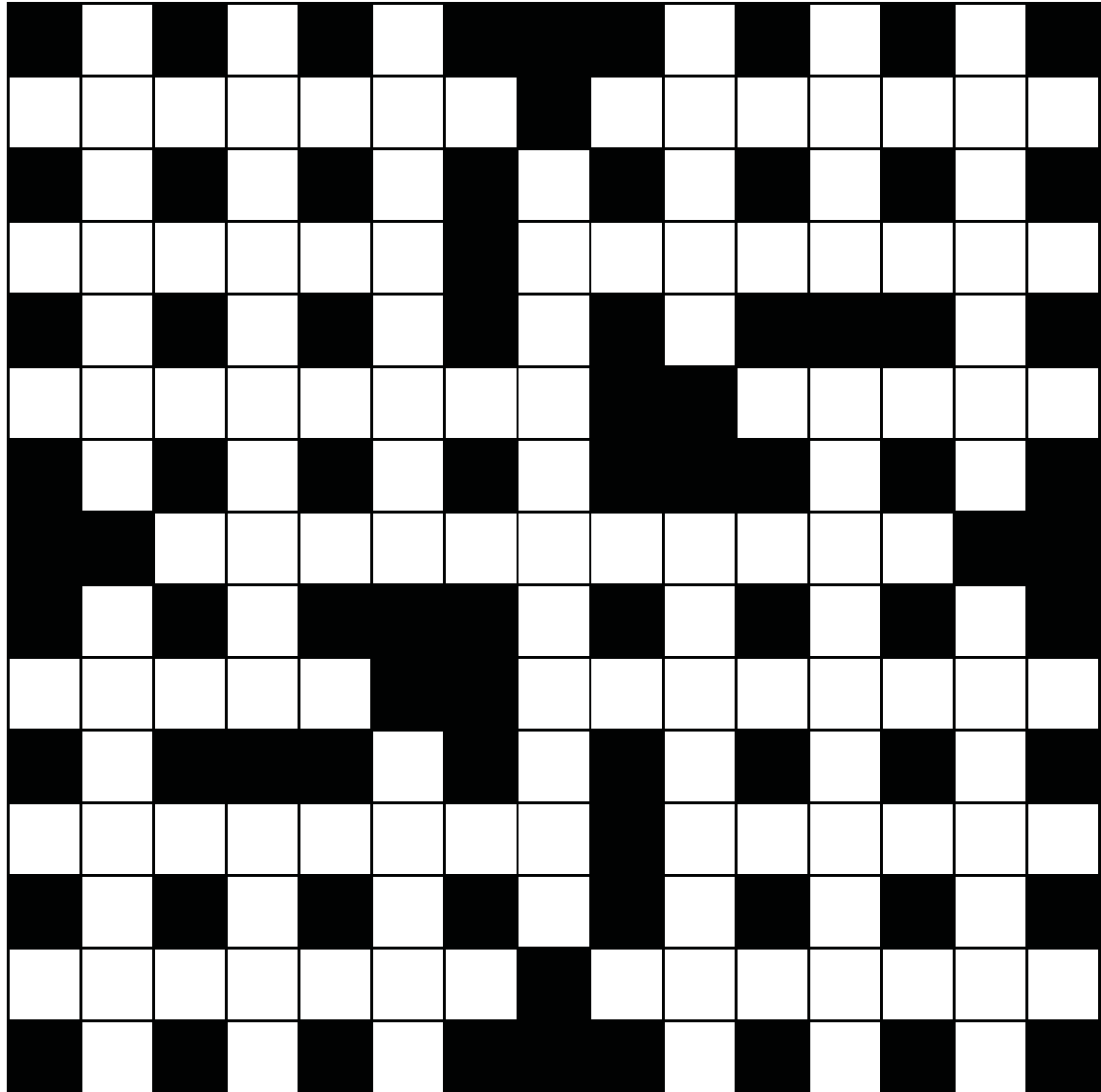
- I don't often send in entries. There are always one or two clues that elude me and I feel inadequate seeing all the "expert solvers" with their six or seven dots. But winning \$50 for June has inspired me to have a go anyway! Thank you *Crozworld*. [100% of solutions entered this month sounds pretty expert to me KW] *Jan Wood*
- Nothing outlandishly hard in this month's crop, but it still kept me nicely occupied for the month. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- It is good to see quite a few new names among compilers and adjudicators – a beneficial transfusion. At 91 I must be one of the oldest members of the Club, but I still enjoy the mental stimulation from the puzzles and the feeling of friendship from membership. *Irene Watts*
- A great month of puzzles. Lovely words like VIBICES, NABONIDUS, CERIUM, etc – all great fun. *Jean Barbour*
- It is good to hear from the members. Many good puzzles again this month. I do look forward to receiving my "goodies" each month. *Betty Siegman*
- I enjoyed the puzzles, as usual. *Valerie Howard*

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**ACC Jigsaw**  
by  
**Virgo**



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Answers start with the given letter.  
Fit the answers where you can.

- T. Dimensions of mass or stupidity (11)
- H. British list connection (8)
- E. Show from the Vincent (6)
- A. Tree house God going south with stones (7)
- U. A whale of a mythical creature (7)
- S. Chant together up and down (8)
- T. Messed around with gypsy chief (8)
- R. Money margins (5)
- A. Tatting lace girl becomes sensitive (8)
- L. Roues and leaders of local electorate can have every retiring secretary (7)
- I. About time to object (4)
- A. Generators change on Art's order (11)
- N. Unsettled wanderer in charge (7)
- C. Brownd sugar recipe recall made (10)
- R. PRAXIS — a friend like the Queen (7)
- O. Fibre starts off as kink under mattress (5)
- S. Position lost at sea (4)
- S. Floats upside down as well! (5)
- W. Literates from a swish do with Mr. T. Turner (10)
- O. Love letter to misrepresent friend in Paris folding up the paper (7)
- R. Remarkably, our beds do flower (7)
- D. Lines by Plato perhaps? (8)
- C. A NSW town's gambling facilities (7)
- L. Sue illuminated one opening (8)
- U. Hospital abandoned the escorts and addicts (5)
- B. Graduate to ring Lauren (6)

**General Comments contd:**

- Thanks, Patrick, for the *Oxford* book prize. I do admire your calligraphy — nice to keep with the book. *Audrey Ryan*
- Many thanks for my crossword prize for June. My thanks also to the compilers for giving me so much enjoyment, and to the organisers for their efforts. *John Standard*
- Thank you so much for my cheque for Slots 1-5 in June. I learned about it when I checked my email while Joy and I were cruising the Inside Passage of Alaska. It was nice to know we still had a bit more money to spend. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks for the \$50 prize for solving the *Capital Punishment* puzzle. Winning is such good fun. *Doreen Jones*
- The July Slot 1-5 puzzles have all been enjoyable. I hope that future issues will be of the same pleasant standard to keep us all smiling. **Cryptic Definition?!** Type of puzzle whose clues make all weep softly with a nervous twitch! (7) (Answer CRY+P+TIC). *Alan Walter*
- **Cool clue!** Dirty cow with relatives (5,3,4) (Answer UNCLE AN + D AUNT) Thank you, *Araucaria!* (English [*The Guardian*]  
Crossword No 23,284 *Canberra Times*) *Ian Williams*



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## Left, Right & Centre by Praxis



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| 11 |    |    |    |   |    | B | 12 |    |    |    |   |    |
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| 17 |    |    |    |   |    | E | 18 |    |    |    |   |    |
| 19 |    |    |    |   | 20 | F | 21 |    |    |    |   | 22 |
| 23 |    |    | 24 |   |    | G | 25 |    |    | 26 |   |    |
| 27 |    | 28 |    |   |    | H | 29 |    | 30 |    |   |    |
| 31 |    |    |    |   |    | I | 32 |    |    |    |   |    |
| 33 |    |    |    |   |    | J | 34 |    |    |    |   |    |
| 35 |    |    |    |   |    | K | 36 |    |    |    |   |    |
| 37 |    |    |    |   |    | L | 38 |    |    |    |   |    |

Clues are presented in symmetrical pairs, side by side without overlapping, either may be first and the division between clues need not be marked by punctuation. Which goes where may be determined by solving the lettered clues. These answers are all words of seven letters and must be entered in a jumbled form horizontally in the seven consecutive squares of which the appropriate lettered square is the central one. They thus extend across the left, centre and right sections of the diagram (e.g. in the case of **A** from the fourth letter of 1ac to the first letter of 8ac). In the completed diagram, the central column (A to K) will be seen the given and surname of a prominent 20th century identity who counted among many and varied interests, a love of crosswords.

### Across

- 1, 38 Best ever musical entertainer – excuse obscure noises (6, 6)
- 6, 37 Small civet's after a way to fish, band of six out to divide group (6, 6)
- 11, 36 See you told pupil, pastor turned in the dove; I turned in parrot with the crest (6, 6)
- 12, 35 Angled a small fish on the mountains with the river starting to narrow (6, 6)
- 13, 34 Saw Turkey's university teaching popular worship; became hooked (6, 6 two words)
- 14, 33 British isle maintains right to scorch Scottish nematode larvae on afflicted aide (6, 6)
- 17, 29 Confirm at experiment, sailor approves the old cards (6, 6)
- 18, 27 Mind, work party contains hostility, they're picked to replace tiles after direction (6, 6)
- 19, 25 Wolf's evasive, to turn ESE swimming like a seal (6, 6)
- 21, 23 Weed's starting to kill new lawn around the course; plainly starting off vigorously (6, 6)

### Down

- 1, 22 Once you tail last deserter, crew becomes a rowdy gang (7, 7)
- 2, 26 Crush half Soviet ring in Balkan t-rouble spot, region's tally unknown (6, 6)
- 3, 30 Tosses car design feature; has nothing to contribute (5, 5)
- 4, 16 They defied nurse in residence about beer, each guy's starting before sun's over oleasters (9, 9)
- 5, 32 Faculty set up band for the march, police turning up on the way's a hazard (4, 4)
- 6, 20 Ealing's first permit restricted males in feature, studio bosses called 27 (7, 7)
- 7, 24 Buzz is, the city set up doctor's home; a tidy sum settled mortgage in Glasgow (6, 6)
- 8, 28 Charteris' hero has it and it encapsulates new argument used by author (5, 5)
- 9, 15 Tree seed's long, sinuous, akin to quack's oil supplier (9 hyphenated, 9)
- 10, 31 One graduate's down with the old giant to pick up lyre's highest note (4 2 words, 4)

### Lettered Clues (7)

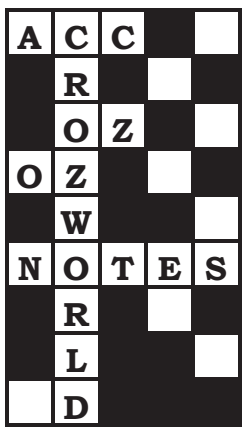
- A Backing with a minor in the van
- B Provides man with booze
- C Dream is distorted
- D Ring nurse at the club?
- E Nagle draws brimful glasses
- F Japanese change routine around for politician
- G Orson kept one for a rainy day

- H State's starting to negotiate a f-fee
- I Mother returned with pets out in noon sun? (two words)
- J Chap's cut back these plants
- K Money obtained clean fuel source
- L Training programme turned spine in places

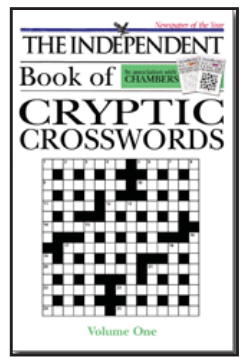
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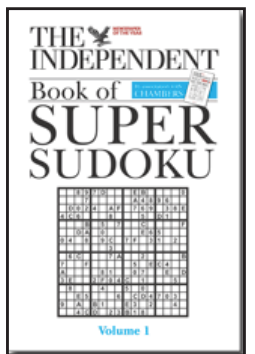


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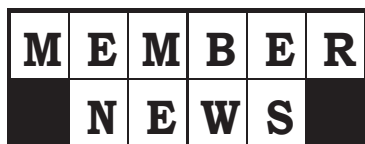


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**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Brian Symons** for winning the Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!



**New Members:** A warm welcome to **Stephen Clarke** from Summer Hill, NSW, **Karl Audrins** from Charleston NSW, **Trish McPherson** of Orange, NSW, **Andrew Tompkins** from Ringwood East,

Vic and **Christine Smith** from Deakin, ACT. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

**Puzzle Adjustments:** Kath Harper & Rosemary Ducker gained 5 dots for Slots 1-5 June 2005 and Audrey Austin a dot for Slot 5.

**Comment from Brian Tickle—**

"I suspect the comments from Irene Watts (June issue) and Nicholas King (July) will polarise opinions within the club. My view is certainly completely opposed to theirs. Surely variety and challenge are what keen solvers want. Why publish only regular cryptics in our magazine when they can be found in any newspaper (although not up to the standard of many of our setters in many cases.)? The teacher who gives work that all students can easily achieve is not offering any challenge or any opportunity to learn. I'll never forget the joy of solving my first Alphabetical Jigsaw back in 1991 (with some friendly encouragement and advice from Carole Noble.) The key to these puzzles is, of course number of letters. The grid most commonly favoured by our setters features two answers of 11 letters and two with 10 letters. If you can solve one or two of these you are well on your way. I also remember Roy (Praxis) Wilson's legendary Ximenean puzzle *Play It Again Sam*: With some help from Roy I learned to compile these puzzles. I didn't attain Roy's standard but Hey! Who has? My concern is that when Nicholas suggests that puzzles in future issues be 'evened out' he is using a synonym for 'dumbed down' – in the way tests can be made easier to get high or even 100% success rates. I am totally opposed to this. I'd rather have some puzzles I can't solve (it often happens) but can learn from than lower the standard just to get a perfect score. I believe the variety of the puzzles in our magazine reflects the diversity of tastes, interests and abilities of our members and I hope the publication will continue to reflect that diversity."  
—Brian Tickle

## Quiz No 7/2005

### It's all Greek to Me by Brian Symons

Many common English words and phrases are derived from classical Greek history and mythology. How many can you identify from the definitions? To assist, word lengths are given and some of the letters. Also the answers are in alphabetical order.

Send your answers to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email: [brian\\_symons@bigpond.com.au](mailto:brian_symons@bigpond.com.au)

Closing mail date: Friday 9 September 2005. Prize: \$50.

- 1 Place of learning (7) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2 Weak spot (8'4) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ' \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3 Handsome young man (6) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4 Protection (5) \_ \_ G \_ \_
- 5 Sexual stimulant (11) \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 6 One who makes an unheeded prophecy (9) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7 Imminent danger (5,2,8) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ E \_
- 8 Enigmatic (7) \_ E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 9 Harsh, severe (9) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10 Complex problem (7,4) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_
- 11 Race of great length (8) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 12 Hideous woman (6) M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13 Volatile (9) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 14 Opium derived drug (8) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 15 Delicious drink (6) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 16 Retribution, vengeance (7) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 17 Source of unexpected troubles (7'1,3) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 18 Relating to ideas rather than action (8) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 19 Predicament of dual dangers only one of which can be avoided (6,3,9) \_ \_ Y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 20 Alluring woman (5) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 21 Austere (7) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 22 Something desirable but unobtainable (8) T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_
- 23 Actor (8) \_ H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 24 A trick to defeat an enemy (6,5) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 25 Gentle breeze (6) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## The Australian Oxford Dictionary

### WORD OF THE MONTH

**galumph** *v. intr. colloq.* 1 move noisily or clumsily. 2 go prancing in triumph. [ORIGIN: coined by Lewis Carroll (in sense 2), perhaps from GALLOP + TRIUMPH.]

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## July 1-2005: Thematic by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- 5ac VIBICES – An interesting plural form of VIBEX, a streak of blood under the skin. Thanks, *Virgo*. Alan Walter
- At last, a theme I could easily identify and solve without too much difficulty! Jenny Wenham
- A good one, Audrey – VIBICES took some finding. Brian Symons
- I always admire compilers who can create a crossword with a multitude of themed words. Well done, *Virgo* !! Steve Trollope
- I couldn't say it was a transport of delight but I was carried away when *Chambers Words* yielded vibex and VIBICES. Ted O'Brien
- VIBICES had half of far North Queensland working on it. Fay Copland
- 15dn TUBE or MULE. What a choice and neither is ideal. Doreen Jones
- 15dn gave me a problem. I went for TUBE as it was man-made and until today (8 July) sadly, more used. Bill Bennett
- After a lifetime of association with the medical and nursing professions VIBEX was completely new to me! Margaret Davis
- I liked CHARABANC. They were common when I was young, but I haven't heard the word for many years. Margaret Galbreath
- Audrey's thematics are good and enjoyable, though I thought 3dn [RAFT] and 6ac [VIBICES] were dubious clues. George Raft was a suave, villainous film actor from the 1930s and 40s. Unlikely to be known by younger members. 6ac was a difficult, unfamiliar word with no help from an awkward grid. Irene Watts
- Always an interesting thematic by *Virgo*. I like a new word popping up – in this instance it was 5ac VIBICES (singular vibex). We are never too old to learn, Thanks, *Virgo*. Catherine Foster
- The TUBE train made me nervous, so I chose to go by MULE train this trip. I think both fit the 15dn clue. Carole Noble
- SCHICKS is probably wrong. I suggest that Schicks certainly can cause streaks of blood! Don Hemsley
- 5ac Love that word VIBICES for its vital verbal vibrancy! Thanks, *Virgo*. Max Roddick
- 5ac was a tough one and, puzzling over it, VIBICES just popped into my head for no reason in particular – I looked in *Chambers* and "Hey Presto" there it was. Actually, this one word spoils what was otherwise a good crossword. Peter Dearie

## July 2-2005: Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- 27ac SOURSOB – *Chambers Dictionary* does not list this word. *Macquarie* lists SOURSOBS as a noun, construed as singular. *The Oxford Dictionary* only lists SOURSOBS. Can SOURSOB be accepted as a singular form? [see below- Adjudicator] 20ac NAB+O+NIDUS – Belshazzar's father, contained NIDUS as the nerve centre. Very pleasant puzzle, thanks, Noel. Alan Walter
- Suitably difficult and typically fair fare. SOURSOB is not in my aging *Chambers*, but I did find it on the net. Jenny Wenham
- I was foolish enough to think that Noel had made a mistake with 27ac, but no! SOURSOB is a plant, as is soursop. Brian Symons
- Noel's clues are always fair. Ted O'Brien
- I was surprised to come across my old "friend" SOURSOB. This is only too well known to South Australians, but I thought that the word, though not the plant, was confined to us. Margaret Galbreath
- A solid offering from Noel, as usual. However, I query 20ac [NABONIDUS]. I thought Belshazzar's father was Nebuchadnezzar. SALOP at 18ac, though familiar to me was unknown by my two daughters, Barbara born in Liverpool UK – only a toddler when we emigrated – and Hilary my Dinkum Aussie, born in Hobart. Irene Watts
- Another new word – ICHTHIC – am I so dumb? Thanks, Noel. Catherine Foster

## July 3-2005: Cryptic by Griffin (Ann Jermy)

- 18ac IN+DIRECT+LY – Frank with a capital F, not as the first word, properly only refers to a person. With this form, if Frank is intended to imply DIRECT, then an exclamation mark is needed to indicate misleading trickery. 15ac AIRPORTS – appears to contain two indirect definitions, as windbags are definitely not AIRPORTS. I presume wind = AIR and bags = PORTS, also circulate = AIR and wines = PORTS. Again, this clue needs an exclamation mark as well as a definition of AIRPORTS! 17ac P(+RE+S+)ENCE – again = RE, Bob = S (Shillings), air = PRESENCE. 4dn GYMNASIUM – much liked your acronym. Thanks for an enjoyable cryptic. Alan Walter
- Enjoyed this, especially 1dn (ELDEST), 17dn (PRESENCE), 20dn (BEHIND) and, best of all, 19dn (SCRAPE). Brian Symons
- I found Slot 3 most difficult. It was hard for me to get onto Griffin's wavelength and I'm still not sure of 19dn – can't quite relate my answer to the first half of the clue. [read as argument SCRAP over bearing E KW] Margaret Galbreath
- Why LITANIES in 25ac? I am not sure of the adequacy of this answer. [a prayer of supplication, an appointed form of responsive prayer in public worship in which the same thing is repeated several times a long list or catalogue (*Chambers*) KW] Irene Watts
- A bit tricky but fair. I liked 20dn. If LITANIES is correct, the definition is OK, but I couldn't read the clue. Catherine Foster
- A brace of excellent clues in 4-7dn (ACROBATICS, INSTANCE, DRAMA) offset by (if I'm right) AIRPORTS. Doug Butler
- 1ac – EXCHANGE, is it? The N does not seem to be in the clue. [once=EX + [Charlie] CHAN + G[eorge] + E KW] Max Roddick

## July 4-2005: AJ by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A thoroughly enjoyable AJ, thanks, Shirl. Loved your S clue for S+HOOTER, it is a gem. In your T clue, I presume "Trees razed", they say = TEAK UP (said) = TEACUP. In the W clue, am I correct in assuming "Possibly bowler, nearly departed" = "Howzat" and this is "waylaid by a comedian" to equate to "WHAT OF IT" defined by So? (If not, could this be explained) [I took the W clue as bowler = HAT + OF (nearly left (OFf)) all in comedian = WIT - KW] Alan Walter
- Slot 4 – could you please explain the "F" clue. [Just definitions – "go round" WHEEL after "having repaired" FIXED = FIXEDWHEEL – Adjudicator] Brian Symons
- Had "fairy cycle" at first for FIXED WHEEL, which didn't help. Margaret Davis
- Alphabeticals are enjoyable and it is good to have Shirl back, though I didn't care for the W clue [WHAT/OFF/IT]. Irene Watts
- I love AJs – Shirl's VITAMIN/C is my COTM choice. Catherine Foster

## July 5-2005: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- 11ac Is Frank Muir of "My Word" fame the comedy writer referred to? 17ac Much liked "viperous language" ASP+ERSE. 24ac A surprise to learn that ASCOT (racecourse) also refers to neckwear. 32ac DE+A+LING+S = trade. 34ac ME+SHE+S – need a reference for "old master" = MES, please [*Chambers* - Mess or Mes or mes, (obsolete) noun shortened form of Master - Adjudicator]. 3dn LI+EG+ES. 7dn IRA+TUNE-UN = IRATE = hot. 9dn Please explain ENCASE if this is correct. 11ac CATER+PILLAR = provide + support – a very clever clue! 16ac if DOORPOST is correct, then "at the entrance" is a prepositional phrase which does not properly equate to the noun DOORPOST. Suggest putting "report this at the entrance", so as to indicate the right part of speech. Thanks, Roy, for your challenging and enjoyable puzzle. Alan Walter
- What a struggle! I think I have it now, though. For ages I thought 12ac was GREEN. Jenny Wenham
- Some wonderful clues as always, TINGE and STEPSISTERS being my favourites. Two queries – in 9dn is the final "E" clued (ie ENS draped over CA)? and in 1ac should "a net" read "a not"? [Compiler comment: 1ac POLL is synonymous with "net" (see *The Chambers Crossword Dictionary*), hence A+POLL+IN+AIRE. 9dn, ENCASE = box, the clue being made up from State = NC (North Carolina) surrounding flag = EASE.] Brian Symons
- This is the first time that I have noticed the symmetry of Roy's grid. His clues are of his usual high standard. Ted O'Brien
- Hurrah! I've actually managed to complete a Praxis No 5. It was a struggle, but after solving 1ac it became easier. 11dn [CATERPILLAR] was brilliant. However, I still don't like this variety of grid. Irene Watts
- It must be very difficult working out the clues, but one complaint – the clue word is not always given (or perhaps I can't find it!) eg 13ac [ATHENIAN] and 9dn [ENCASE]. [Attic and box, respectively KW] Eva Seale
- More difficult for me than Slot 6 – it was a real brain drain. Thanks for the exercise, Praxis. Catherine Foster

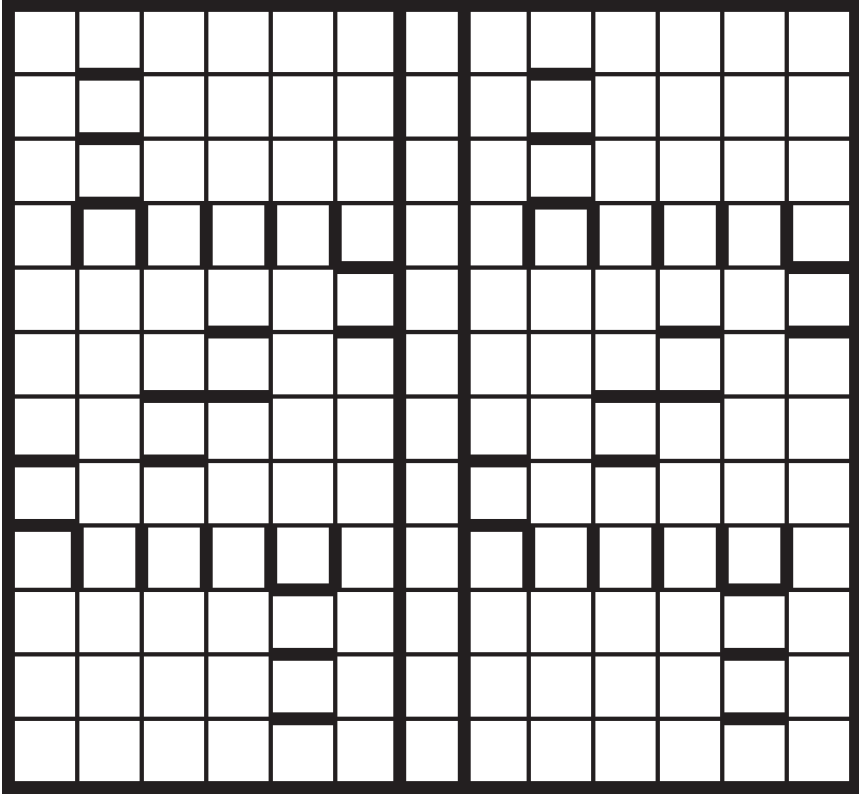


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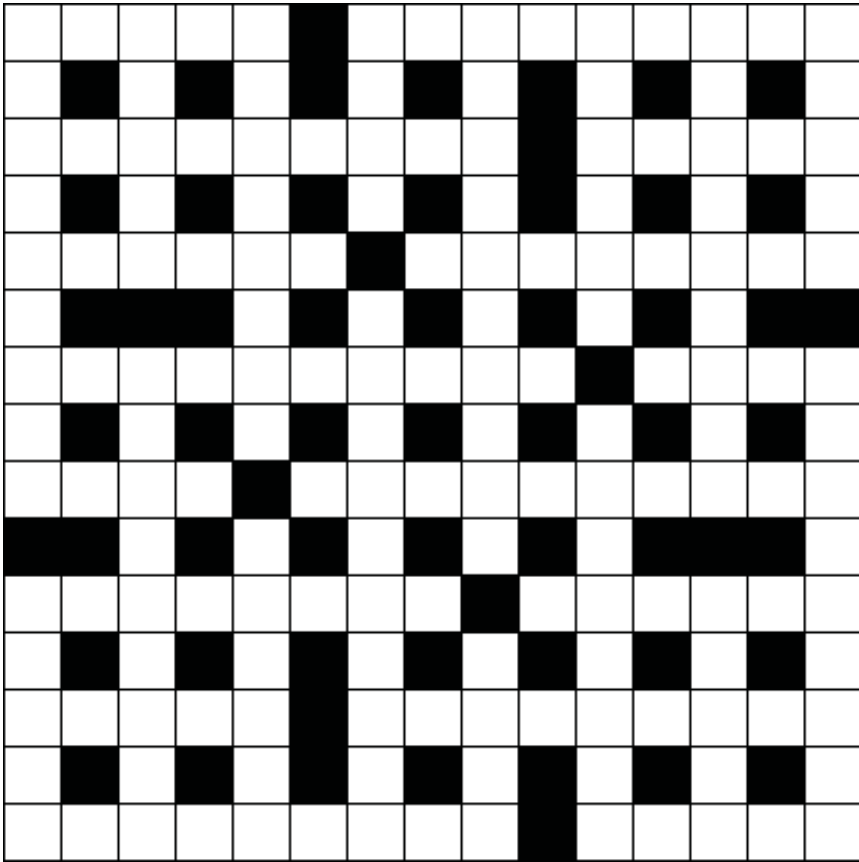
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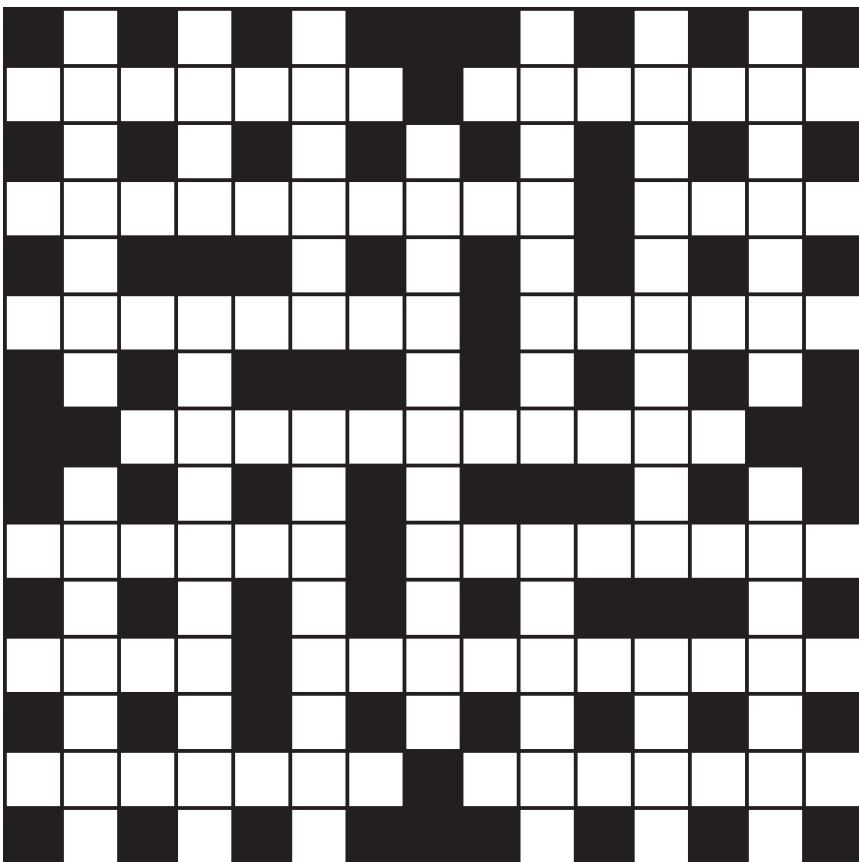
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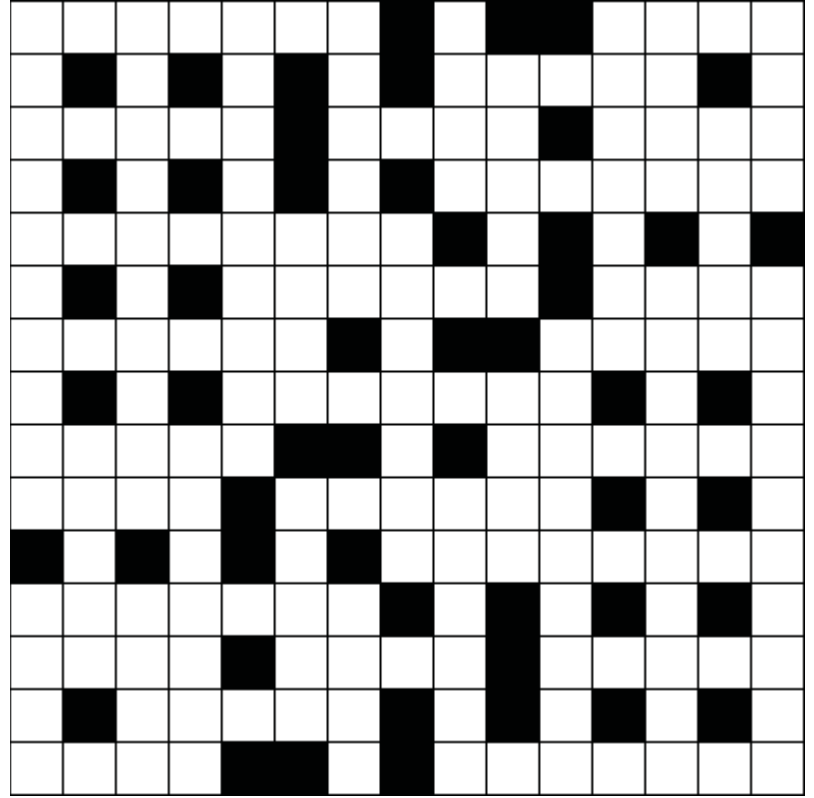
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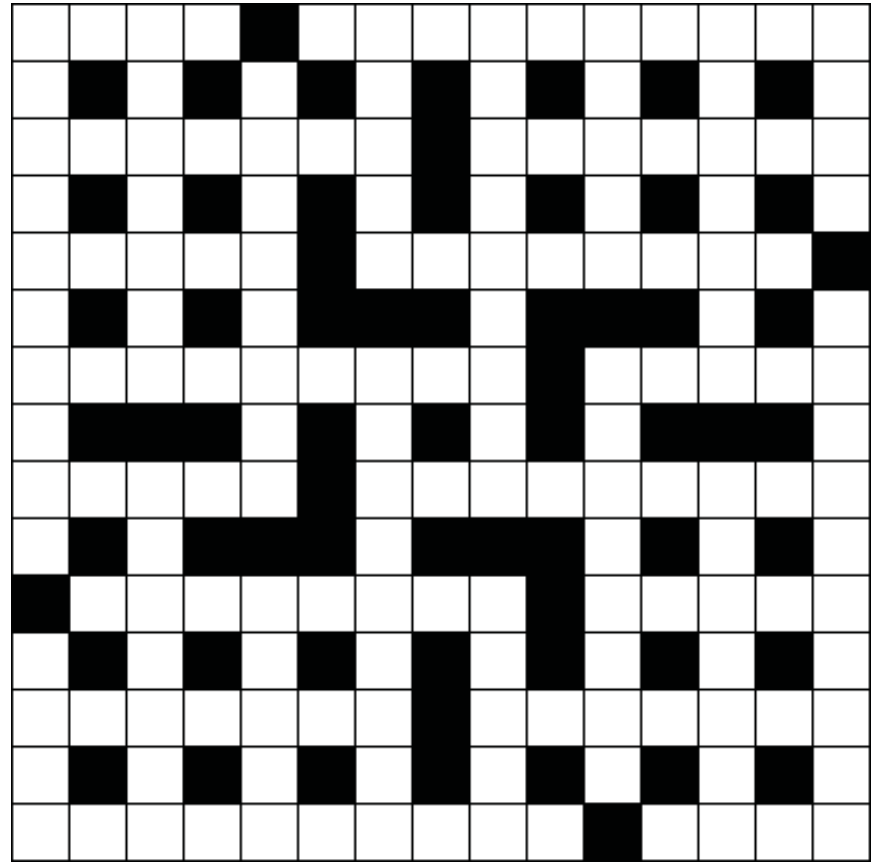
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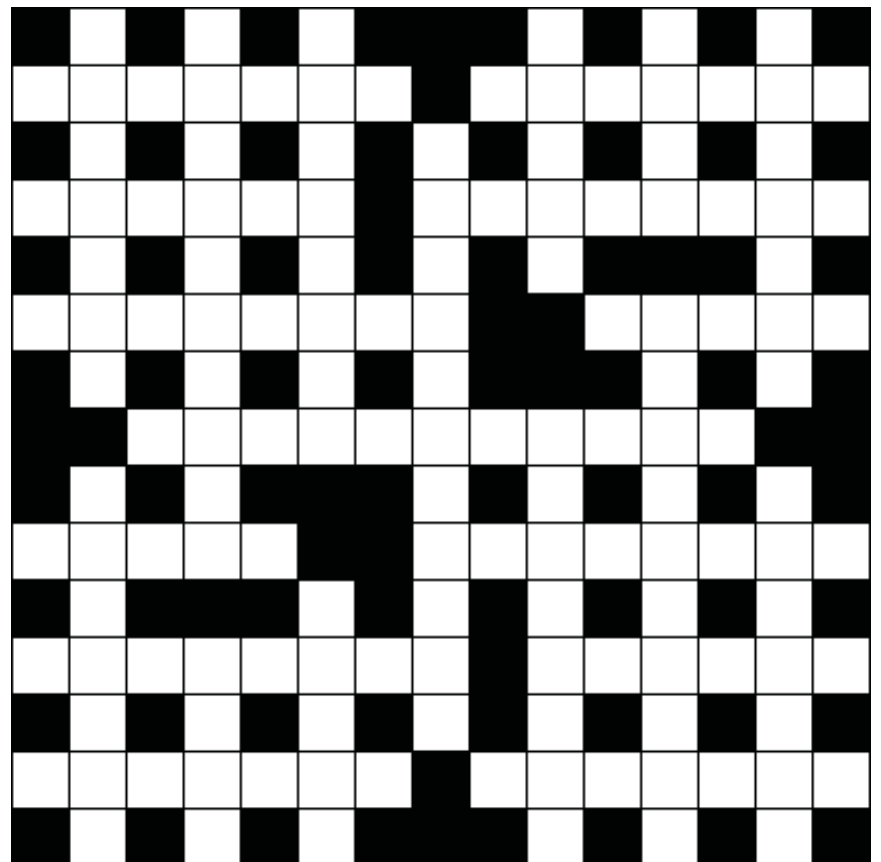
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Clue of the Month .....



**June 6-2005 - Lost for Words by Cactus (Jim Colles).**

**Entries: 4. Correct: 2. Success rate: 50%. Prizewinners: Michael Kennedy and David Procter. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Your Slot 6 puzzle to my mind was the hardest that has been in *Crozworld* since the Club started. I would go for days without an answer and then find two or three. I gave up doing the *Times* weekend crosswords just to give me more time doing this puzzle. (Such sacrifice deserves a reward, David) David Procter
- What started out as a 'snowball's chance in hell' crossword gradually manifested itself into a 'Maybe' then 'Hey, I'm a chance here' to 'Eureka'. It became seriously addictive bordering on obsession and my patient wife is still trying to understand my motivation. (So are most other members, apparently, Michael) Michael Kennedy
- I can't submit a Slot 6 solution. Got 4 answers only. I take my hat off to anyone getting half a dozen or more. Will anyone get it out? Must be the hardest ever, but it was fun trying. (Not much hat raising to do, Roy) Roy Taylor
- Apologies for the spilt coffee etc! (A coffee stained entry is better than none, Norman) Norman Wilson
- I hate to give up on this little bugger. I look forward to the result. (See how easy it was, Doreen) Doreen Jones
- I so enjoyed solving this puzzle that I thought I'd e-mail you my solution. I am not a member of *Crozworld* so I'm not eligible to win a prize, but I thought you might be interested to learn that even here in England your puzzles are being solved. (From John Reardon, whose solution contained a couple of good alternative answers)

**Cactus Chatter:** It should have been titled *Lost for Entries*. Where did everyone go? Seems that *Printer's Devilry* type crosswords don't rate too well, so the planned series has been put on hold. Anyway, here's how the clues worked:-

Across: 1. Show doG LITTErIng as expected. 5. Rare AfghanisTAN TRUMpet fit for playing. 9. Having bad liSP I NEVer answer back. 10. Reacted and had corRESPONDED on a Rye mailing address. 11. When I get on the beACH I EVEN chill out. 12. Messy arAB SOLVER angers Bedouin Crosssword Club adjudicators. 13. The squire's old manOR IS ONe where many visitors collect. 15. On her birthday our carD IS SENT So late all the time. 18. Opening up a fAN THE SISTER cools her patient. 19. Going to the botTOM TITanic was a disaster. 22. Seeing tiger sHARK ENSured I'd improve my surfing. 24. It's an essential to be authOR MONEY for royalties. 26. Hurrying crowd IN RUSH IN Gate for Adelaide game. 27. Becoming weak kNEED See lover only once. 28. AdMIT TEN Shocking moves muffs chess game. 29. Government's cenSUS TAINts election support. Down: 1. DiGEST A Pork chop slowly, force down. 2. After being dubbed a sIR I SHow I feel ridiculous. 3. So, at Military Academy, I do test seT HERE FOR Entry. 4. Will fox attack spuR OR TErriFY victims? 5. I'll report alerT AS MANIAC has escaped. 6. Highlights Aussie doing strINE ON Spreading news. 7. BarRED PLANE Trying old star space flight. 8. In jockey's room I'D GET Smart with female riders. 14. Indoors in the cold wINTER PRE-Teens weep or read. 16. I'm engaged, so what matters iS HOW RING Sparkles snow-like. 17. Boat builder to repAIR SHIP Say fliers. 18. Disbelief when I BATHE I SMell so sweet. 20. Is bad toothache eriTREA'S ONLY serious problem? 21. Hippy performers boost HIGH School plays. 23. Whistleblower has beEN SUEd by employer. 25. CoOPERAtIng round producing new drama.

Three quarters of the clues had an indicator of the solution, but it might have been better to work one into every clue, or at least to show which was which. However, your verdict on this type of puzzle is NEVER AGAIN! —Cactus (Jim Colles)

• Solutions to chess game problems nos 7 and 8: **No 7:** 1. Qh1; PxPc6 2. Qh5. **No 8:** 1. Qh5. **Prizewinners: Roy Taylor and Catherine Hambling. Congratulations!**

**RESULTS OF QUIZ No 5/2005 by Merv Collins. Prizewinner: Bev Cockburn. Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** 1. Lucille 2. Peggy Sue 3. Maggie May 4. Ramona 5. Delta Dawn 6. Rose Marie 7. Diane 8. Eleanor Rigby 9. KKK Katie (or Katey) 10. Billie Jean 11. Vilia 12. Diana 13. Roxanne 14. Lucretia MacEvil 15. Annie Laurie (or Lawrie) 16. Maria 17. Margie 18. Dulcinea or Claudine 19. Gloria 20. Salome (Delilah and Jezebel also accepted – see adjudicator's comments)

**Scores: 20:** B. Cockburn, P. Garner, C. Noble and A. Walter **19:** A. Austin, H. Cromer, C. Foster, B. Glissan, S. Howells, A. Jermy, G. Leeds, D. Procter and J. Smith **18:** D. Jones, R. O'Rourke and I. Watts **17:** M. Kennedy, T. O'Brien, M. Procter and B. Symons **16:** V. Howard and W. Ryan.

**Adjudicator's comments:**

Thanks to all who sent entries to Quiz 5/2005. It was almost unanimously declared to be difficult but 4 members out of 22 entrants achieved perfect scores. Well done! Members were not helped by a couple of glitches and one almighty gaffe which is still causing me to wipe yolk from my chin! My Sunday School recollections let me down with clue 20, 'She wanted to get ahead with The Platters,' to which I expected the answer 'Delilah!' Numerous devout members immediately pointed out that 'Salome' was correct and the indicator, therefore, was wrong. I've accepted 'Salome', 'Delilah' and even 'Jezebel', another of the Bible's bad girls. It made no difference to the results fortunately. I was also surprised to find that my anagram for clue 18, 'include a...' fits both my anticipated answer, Dulcinea (from *Man of La Mancha*) and *Claudine*, a song recorded by the Rolling Stones. Again, both have been accepted. Thanks to Alan Walter for his detailed comments, some of which are included below. They will help lift the standard of my future clueing. Thanks to all those who sent encouraging words, cards and letters. It was worth setting a quiz just to receive the pleasant and interesting correspondence. —Merv Collins

**Members' comments:**

- Your quiz was interesting and challenging, but overall I prefer straight quizzes as they provide a pleasant variation from the predominance of cryptic clues provided in the crossword puzzles. I found clue 13 the hardest, The Stones being heard as Rox and Bowlin' referring to Boleyn = Anne, hence Roxanne. It took a while to realise that (in clue 16) 'your tiny hand' referred to an Aria (M for Madame + aria = Maria). I liked your 'slack slitherer' as Lucille (loose eel!) This had me in fits! Alan Walter
- I enjoyed your quiz a lot, especially the 'Lucille' clue. Michael Kennedy
- Great quiz, but I think you got me with #13. I'm not happy with my answer. Catherine Foster
- Many thanks for your clever (and difficult) quiz. Bev Cockburn
- This was good but difficult. Doreen Jones
- Thank you for the quiz – most enjoyable. Ron O'Rourke
- Thank you for a tough puzzle. I seemed to get bogged down after about 14 of the answers. However persistence paid off and with some inspired guessing I think that I have found most of the answers. David Procter
- It was a great quiz...now compile one using boys' names! Audrey Austin
- Thanks for the puzzle, it gave me hours of fun (and some torture), even now I'm not sure if I've nailed it. I look forward to more contributions from you. Pat Garner
- Dare I say, 'Bitch of a quiz?' William Ryan
- Sorry I'm late but I was hoping for inspiration to find 13 and 20. I do not believe in using other people's knowhow so am left to my own resources. Thanks for a great quiz. Ted O'Brien
- Some very clever clues. It gave me a great deal of pleasure trying to work out the answers. Gabrielle Leeds
- At first I thought your quiz was going to be dead easy – how wrong I was! Marian Procter
- Thank you for your most enjoyable quiz which was innovative and cleverly clued. Irene Watts
- Very frustrating not to be able to work out 19. Thanks for a great quiz though. Hilary Cromer