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Never have an operation you cannot spell/Or live in a town you mispronounce.
Roger McGough, 1992, 'Bath - Avon', in *Defying Gravity*.

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We were deeply saddened to hear of the death on 8 July of one of our popular and long-term members **Irene Watts**. Irene had been an excellent solver of all puzzles and especially enjoyed the AJ (particularly those compiled by Audrey Austin). She was also a keen letter writer and regularly contributed cheerful verse about the monthly puzzles & other themes. She will be sadly missed and we send our sincere condolences to her daughters **Barb Ibbott** and **Hilary Cromer** (both ACC members) and to Irene's loving family. See pp7&9 for further details about Irene's remarkable life.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Catherine Foster** who had been a successful solver of the puzzles and a keen contributor to the Members Comments. See p5 for further details.

On a brighter note, we congratulate our dynamic Secretary **Bev Cockburn** and Life Member **Alan Walter** in winning the trophy for Slots 1-6 Jan-Jun with a perfect score. A great achievement and well won!

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our skilful Puzzle Set-up person **Ian Williams**. Favourite compilers include *InGrid*, *Jesso*, *Virgo* and *St Jude*. The Slot 5 Hexapentagonal features a new duo: **Bob Hagan** (Brother Naga) and **Del Kennedy** (Mother Superior). They call themselves *Mother Naga* and we are sure you will enjoy their first collaborative effort immensely. The Slot 6 puzzle titled *Wordplay* is another beauty by *Betelgeuse* and the Quiz is another challenging offering from *Griffin* titled *Sleuths No 2*. Ian Williams has given us a Mini-Quiz and also provided helpful explanations to the July puzzles (see p4). Best of Luck with your solving this month. Will you be the winner of our Bonus prize (the Tornado 0.9mm twist-action Crossword Pencil? See p9 for further details.

—Patrick

Lovely to get so much pleasant mail again – even one from a Croatian isle where one member was crosswording while basking in the sun and imbibing rough reds. I know members must be heartily sick of adjudicators going on about transcription errors but they probably caused about 50% of dot deprivation this month and the virus is spreading, infecting some of our (usually) most careful and astute solvers. I can only suggest rather than spending, say, 24 hours solving, spend 23 hours and 55 minutes solving and 5 minutes checking.

Slot 1: Quite a few members gave this a miss – presumably not appreciating the across clues as dates for the "Caesars in the salad". This puzzle attracted the whole gamut of unnecessary mistakes like a magnet. Many of the emperor's names were incorrect but IOVIANUS and MACRIMUS were accepted. ARISEN stood out as a problem (ABIDED, ARISES, ARISED, AROBUS, ADDLED). This partially indirect anagram clue is frowned on in some circles.

Slot 2: The main source of error was DRESSSENSE/ELABORATIVE – neither of which work. Otherwise few mistakes though TASMANIANS, EVAPORATION and INTERJECT were interesting.

Slot 3: Not many problems here besides spelling (TREDdle, TUTILAGE, OFFICIALDUM, BANDI-EYE) and a couple of TAKEN ONs (see members' comments) although "MIND ONE'S MOTHER" gets my MOTM (mistake of the month).

Slot 4: The usual typos. Much ingenuity was shown in finding so many different ways to misspell FANFARONADE. The biggest problem proved to be the X-clue which had to end in -AN (article) and not -IC, -AS or the otherwise correct -AM.

Slot 5: A small % of members did not attempt this, presumably because of eye strain that this type of puzzle is prone to cause – or perhaps intoxication. Otherwise hardly any errors and the comments indicate it caused a lot of pleasure and amusement.

COTM: 21 different clues were nominated but a clear winner was *Waratah's* DIGITAL. BINDI-EYE and CANDID won silver and bronze.

—Cheers! Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	103	115	114	115	106	553
Correct entries	80	105	104	89	101	479
Success rate (%)	78	91	91	77	95	87
Prizewinners	N Lee W West	C Heenan R Bryant	E Seale M Potts	G Campbell	K Watt B Eggleton	from 119 members

Prizewinner: July 2008 Slots 1-5: Max Roddick

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July 1-2008

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JUN Slot 6 & JULY 2008 Slots 1-5

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ALSTON B	
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BALNAVES J
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BENNETT B
BLANCH B
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CAMPBELL G
CAUGHLEY J
CHAMPION G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLLINS M
COOKE L
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
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FREELAND J
FULLER D
GALBREATH M
GARNER P
GILLIS J

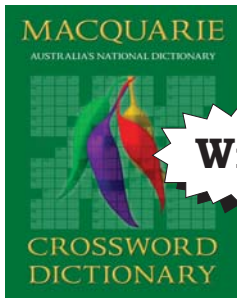
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HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEATH P
HEENAN C
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HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
KNIGHT V
LEE C
LEE N
LEEDS G
LOBSEY V
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
McPHERSON T
MARTIN A
MARTIN F
MARTIN John
MAY S
MEEK D
MERCER P
MILES A
NOBLE C
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O'ROURKE R
PARSONS D

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
RANDALL J
RAW M
RENDELL A
RODDICK M
RYAN A
RYAN W
SAVANAH T
SEALE E
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
THOMPSON J
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
TROLLOPE S
VERESS M
VILLIERS W
WAITES L
WALTER A
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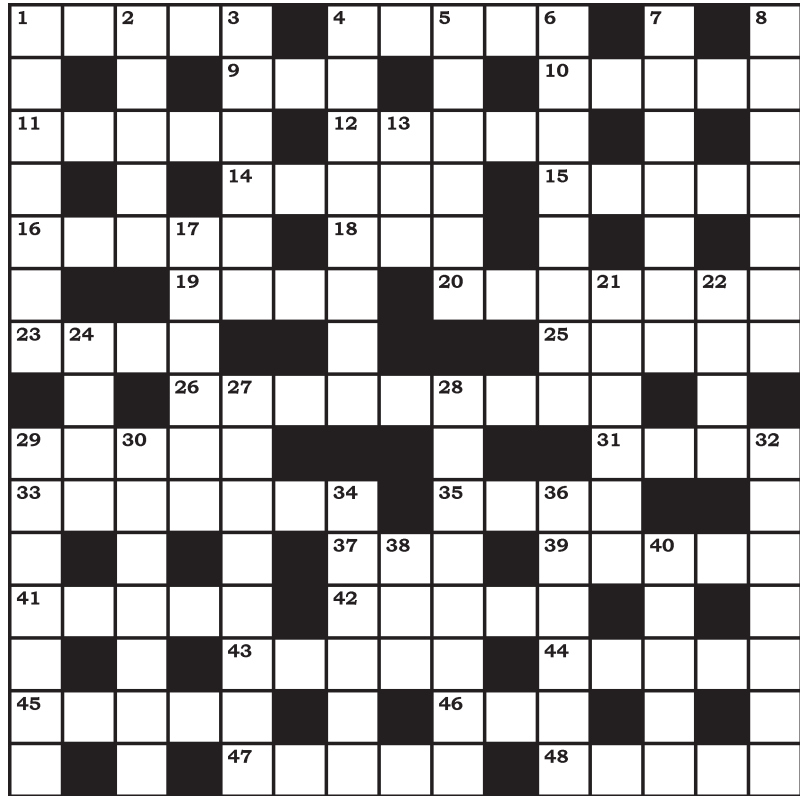
Half 'n Half
by
InGrid

Prizes: \$50



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Win!



Across

- 1 Outdo (5)
- 4 Ambassador (5)
- 9 Bristle (3)
- 10 Stride (5)
- 11 Hold (5)
- 12 Lumber (5)
- 14 Magistrate (5)
- 15 Adversary (5)
- 16 Force (5)
- 18 Grass (3)
- 19 Continent (4)
- 20 Herbal teas (7)
- 23 Difficult (4)
- 25 Group (5)
- 26 Tool (9)
- 29 Lift (5)
- 31 Agate (4)
- 33 Old-fashioned (7)
- 35 Prophet (4)
- 37 Away (3)
- 39 Flower (5)
- 41 Principle (5)
- 42 Operative (5)
- 43 Temper (5)
- 44 Fabric (5)
- 45 Racecourse (5)
- 46 Deception (3)
- 47 Mitigated (5)
- 48 Rush (5)

Down

- 1 Shingle spelt out in this language (7)
- 2 Cold lake causes snake to buckle (5)
- 3 Coat parts of swallow with leading edge laser system (6)
- 4 Hall rent recovered with pure Yankee charm (8)
- 5 Scan over lore relating to wine (6)
- 6 Nor is naughty trouble maker the first put in gaol (8)
- 7 Stop before you give voice to (7)
- 8 Big picture viewer asks organisation for register (7)
- 13 Fashion conscious bloke groovy even still (3)
- 17 Point to a receptacle in the stubble (6)
- 21 Is it fact or some fiction surrounding the players? (6)
- 22 Weird beer has no head, for some unknown reason (4)
- 24 Open for prince to come back through (4)
- 27 Average run for the present (8)
- 28 Drop no small young lady on the ground (8)
- 29 Disturbed when animal made the intersection and was in front (7)
- 30 Cold here in French loch (7)
- 32 Two former partners met back over the bar and were copied (7)
- 34 Business visitor short of Scottish crafts (6)
- 36 Birds fly leagues without turning (6)
- 38 Representing the affordable portion (3)
- 40 How odd their asset was sold short (5)

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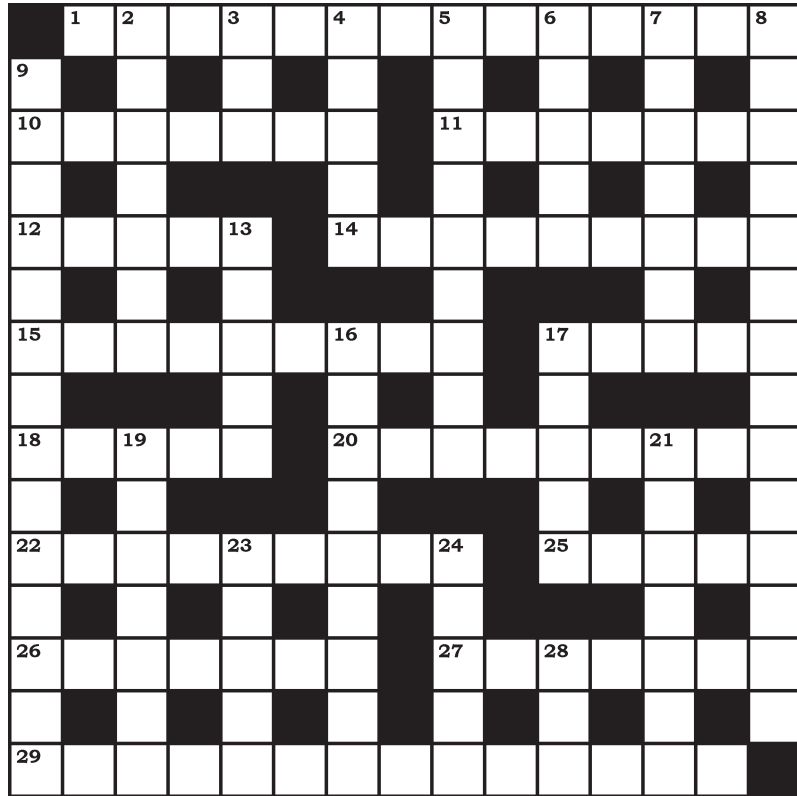
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Cryptic by Jesso



Across

- 1 Plain cowardly grouse (7-7)
- 10 Drive along without one to enrol in jury (7)
- 11 Everybody caught on a long motorway – peace reigns! (3,4)
- 12 Boat-building UK aim? (5)
- 14 Call notes left at yard with suspicion (9)
- 15 Unconstrained caught show in a seat ... (4-5)
- 17 ... but an awkward setting for Africans (5)
- 18 Rolls up sable leotards at the start and finish (5)
- 20 Play in water with father ... a summer treat (6-3)
- 22 Sumpters pulled a trick in vessel (4-5)
- 25 Small old coins? No sweat! Left back of Narrabri (5)
- 26 Humanist takes ages returning an amount of money (7)
- 27 Stop one company on the Gulf of Mexico (7)
- 29 Here sly manager organised rising in the Pilbara (9,5)

Down

- 2 Makes good resorts ... (7)
- 3 ... in northern tavern (3)
- 4 I had casually shown the way and ticked over (5)
- 5 Camel bred painfully and struggled up (9)
- 6 Go oil out northern dwelling (5)
- 7 Hot wind sees family taking in amateurs (7)
- 8 I mean, Our Snoopy spelled out "What would you like to drink?" (4,4,6)
- 9 Officers exercise huge corruption – irony, perhaps (6,2,6)
- 13 Thrills some violent jerks (5)
- 16 Dismay about Ira's outrageous evaluation (9)
- 17 Detailed account branch office rendered for weapon? (5)
- 19 Get back concerning allegation (7)
- 21 Ringing, soft and keening? (7)
- 23 Send payment the wrong way for an hour-glass (5)
- 24 Dapper arrangement of negative about teetotaller (5)
- 28 Man isn't finished about ring for an old bird (3)

Explanations for July 2008 Slots 1-5 where provided by setters.

Slot 1 Down: 1 Take odd letters, 2 HW, 3 Heads, 4 CRAM backwards, 5 DD, 6 phonetic, 9 pun, 13 DD - reference to movie "All about Eve", 14 DD, 17 DD, 18 Even letters of RUSSIA, 19 D (EF) ORMS, 20 see clue 6Dn, 22 AN + E + SIR anagram, 24 DD, 25 ROD + EOS, 27 anag, 29 DD.


Slot 2 Across: 1 Party - P, 3 Phonetic ray = light, 9 anag, 11 HW, 12 chin + E + S + E, 14 pun Dig it AI?, 15 reverse, 16 DD, 19 DD for each part, 20 GO + A + D, 22 E (CHI) DNA, 24 anag, 26 SPUR + N, 27 anag, 29 DRESS + I + NESS, 30 DD. **Down:** 1 Two defts and HW (aspic is archaic term for an asp (Chambers), 2 T (ERMINE - E) ATE, 4 anag, 5 DD, 6 LIT + I + GATE, 7 pun, 8 anag, 10 HW, 13 BALE backwards + ORATION, 15 DE (anag SAGE + R) ED, 17 ADORN + MEN + T[-bar], 18 STU (DE)NTS, 21 HW, 23 HO + USE, 25 phonetic, 28 reverse.

Slot 4: All + (ocat) Mexican food returned +e; Bet+ray+ed, C(l)ub, Defend+ants, E Eg+rets anag, Fan+far+on+ade sounds like, Garden+i+a, Hur + led anag, I Start of letters, J (emad) E Kick+back, Life+Guards, M(ant)id+s, Natter+jacks, Orde(r)=al, Pell+agra, Quiet+er, R Anagram, Soure+ce, Toddy+cat, U Hidden, V(et+er)jan, Wa+l+cha, Xanth+an, Yea+n, Za(mar)ra.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my prize for No 6 last month, and the beautifully crafted certificate by Patrick.
- Many thanks to the ACC for my slots 1-5 prize last month – most welcome!
- What a pleasant surprise; a new dictionary – thank you! I was taken aback when I saw that only seven members entered last month's quiz as I prefer these "word game" quizzes.
- Thanks so much for my book prize for May.
- A nice selection of puzzles this month – most enjoyable.
- Thank you for the prize cheque for Slot 5 last month. There's a satisfaction in solving but a real 'lucky-me!' feeling in being drawn the winner.

Carole Noble
David Grainger
Peter Dearie
Thora Abraham
Jim Fowler
Max Roddick

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<p>Cryptic by <i>Virgo</i></p>


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Across

- 1 Note length goes back also (5)
- 4 Long for fruit to develop into another (9)
- 9 A wanderer in Phenom – a dictator (7)
- 10 Mural of batter – that's baby food (7)
- 11 Rehashed bean pile can be rather vulgar (8)
- 12 Scratches soft shoes (6)
- 15 A dead spell? Get a coffee but not a tea! (4)
- 16 Shivering Britain's p.a. serving two masters (10)
- 18 Bolt chalet running for cover (10)
- 20 Jolson's turn in the city (4)
- 23 Pilot Club (6)
- 24 I follow Kay and Teri over to the sauce (8)
- 26 Attempt to be heard to damage with a fishing spear (7)
- 27 One initially said to understand directions – education's never tricky (7)
- 28 Deniably from evidence by tearful characters (9)
- 29 Musical natives turn in (5)

Down

- 1 Twisted Paul named it Dicky (11)
- 2 Most shocked – unfeeling established (7 (7))
- 3 Angrier than a mother snake (6)
- 4 A fault in exercise two hundred – a pickle, love (10)
- 5 Very poor English from North America – very loud as well (4)
- 6 The fruits of a semi-primal and semi-Scottish brew (8)
- 7 Seats fop with fuse fitting (7)
- 8 Textual jumping in a letter (3)
- 13 Small orchestra in offence of turning. No Russian to be heard, thank you! (11)
- 14 Directly or otherwise let cats get crafty (10)
- 17 In a day of celebration the men are prepared to be impassionate (8)
- 19 Fib and fail to fool overseer (7)
- 21 Muscles tied up in laces. You'll get it in the neck! (7)
- 22 Small-time? (6)
- 25 A near bust up could be the end! (4)
- 26 Coal brush connection (3)

VALE CATHERINE FOSTER

We were saddened to hear of the death of member **Catherine Foster** on Wednesday 9 July. Catherine joined the ACC in 2001 and was an excellent solver. Joan Smith said:

"Her grandson told me Catherine passed away and he asked me if it were possible for something to be put in *Crozworld* to let people know how much she enjoyed the magazine and friendliness of the club. I feel very sad though I haven't met her we had been communicating since she put a conundrum in our magazine many years ago."

Catherine was 91; she became sick with the flu which developed into pneumonia. We send our sincere condolences to Catherine's loving family.

Don Bradman scores again...

Alan Eason, the founder of *The Crossworder* (the predecessor to the Australian Crossword Club) has just penned a book titled *The A-Z of Bradman* in which dozens of new facts and figures are listed about our greatest sportsman. One of the stories from the book is a reference to a speech the Don made to the Lord's Taverners in 1974. He said that whilst talking to a friend, he remarked that he (Bradman) was approaching the geriatric stage. The friend aired his cricket knowledge by saying that a geriatric was a German who got three wickets with consecutive balls. The book is expected to go on sale next month.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

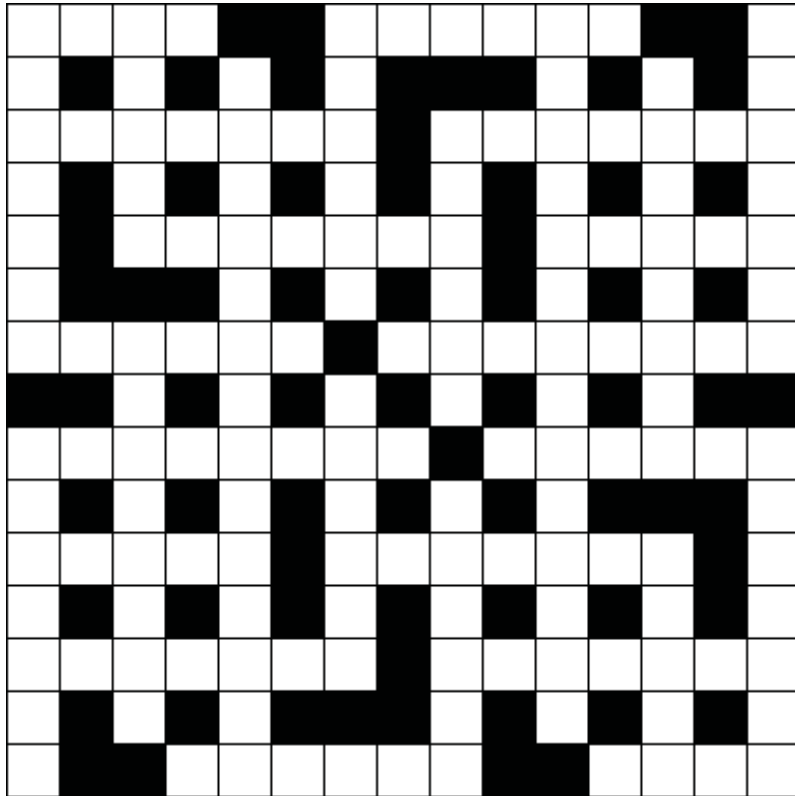
- This month's *Crozworld* is another super bumper issue with 7 crosswords, 2 quizzes & a clue writing comp. & should certainly keep our grey matter ticking over. Many thanks for all the effort & time you put in to the successful running of the ACC. *Alan Walter*
- That wonderful book, *Chambers Dictionary of World History* has just arrived. I haven't had a book as beautiful as this since I bought *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* and *The Colombia Granger's Index to Poetry* at one of the lunches when they were auctioned! It really is a prize worth winning, better than \$50 any day! Thanks a million. *Bev Cockburn*

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S-STARTING GRID

by
St Jude

Prize:
Chambers
Dictionary of
World History
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]



Fit the answers where you can.
Clues are in order of word-length only.

- Fools who overturned baths (4)
- Opens a show with a band presentation (4)
- Existentialist French playwright reverts to spice (5)
- Mark's seal impression (5)
- Tone is sanctimonious in the main (5)
- Turns around and cuts (5)
- Comely Scot lays on siege (to a limited extent) (6)
- Killers despatch the dismembered donkey – the animals! (6)
- Pries cutlery back (6)
- Regain one's solution for rationality using money an emergency organisation collected (6)
- Sensibly yet roughly expunge the Authorized Version (6)
- Shred border strip (6)
- Torturer is unhappy before violent termination (6)
- Unchanged after head of state's first term inaction (6)
- Empty cunning stops the procedures (7)
- Excellent way to start exalting g-god of the house (7)
- Lessen silence for display affecting the senses (7)

- Maid maybe found in unruly taverns (7)
- Old tool commandos have supplied after warfare starts (4,3)
- Pioneer group calls for tea with the French king (7)
- Relatives who may be merciful? Seven can be found above! (7)
- Haggard woman to g-get up endlessly for old drink (7)
- Sounds easy to grasp: I sing about jamming (7)
- To find an edge, the French go back to playing with time (7)
- Ballista is a nasty piece of work (8)
- Calmer steed sat confounded (8)
- Foaming poetically results from doubling stated measure of courting (8)
- Loafers are mostly slick i-individuals not working without direction (8)
- Developed arts facility so competently (14)
- Niceties stop in angry work assessment (4,10)

Canberra get-together

I suggested in the May issue that Canberra and district members may like to get together for a meal and a cruciverbal chat in September. I have not been inundated with responses, and there is insufficient interest to think about hiring a venue, but there have been enough replies to indicate that a meal in a local hostelry might be the way to go. A date that seems to suit most would be Sunday 21 September, which would also enable out-of-towners to sample the delights of our 21st Floriade (13 Sept - 10 Oct). Initial thoughts have centred round the George Harcourt Inn (pictured), Gold Creek Road, Ginninderra Village, just off the Barton Highway, from noon, where we could occupy a reasonably private part of the bar. A wide selection of good quality hot and cold meals can be ordered at the bar. Indications of interest or other suggestions as to the venue will be welcomed. We'll be looking to finalise figures to assist the Inn (or other venue) soon after the next issue. We hope that you'll be able to come.



Ian Williams

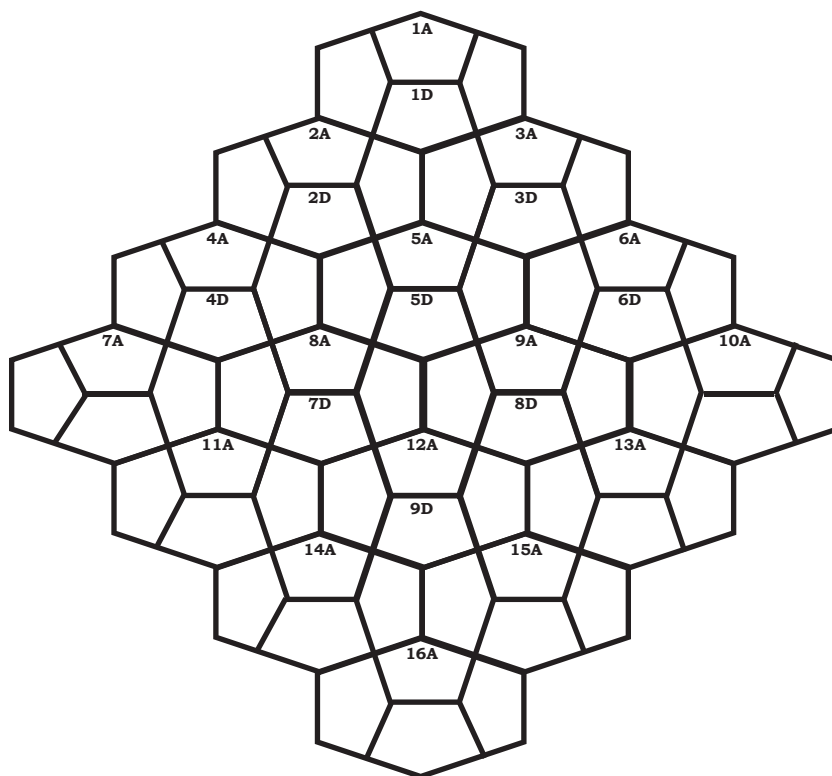
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Hexapentagonal
by
Mother Naga

Prizes: \$50



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The outside letters read clockwise reveal a phrase relevant to the setters. There are 16 horizontal and 9 vertical words, which are clued in order from top to bottom. The letters may fit either clockwise or anti-clockwise in each hexagonal element of the diagram.

Across/Horizontal

- 1 Make a comeback with little time or opportunity
- 2 Charge sign-on fee!
- 3 What made you loosen up?
- 4 Muck on the eyelid starts as a small blemish
- 5 Flat out act of ill wind!
- 6 Save part of your entry fee
- 7 A sort of bark in SA is alkaline
- 8 Nobody loses direction at lunchtime
- 9 Frog Prince!
- 10 Quieten down after turning up full of energy
- 11 It may even consist of km back in India
- 12 Some odd characters keep inside a sort of duck
- 13 It's agreed not at present to claim victory.
- 14 Count each half and both sides
- 15 Run out will only half irritate
- 16 A tool to get a rough edge

Down/Vertical

- 1 This flier is distasteful to eat
- 2 Neil Turner made a property claim
- 3 Is a Scottish roof gutter always reddish?
- 4 That little berry bush, Mum, is a knockout!
- 5 Sounds like it's sensible to give a blessing
- 6 There was great enthusiasm in the atmosphere
- 7 This drug taken internally, also makes one relax
- 8 Miller dropped back down in depression?
- 9 Another Brother – not so hot?

Compiler Profile: **Mother Superior (Delores (Del) Kennedy)**

"Like my buddy *Brother Naga*, I too am a retired teacher. I joined this fabulous Club many years ago, thanks to Bob, a long time friend of my dear husband John from College days. I have been playing with Xwords since a child, when my Dad let me put letters in his *Herald Crozzie*. Like most members of our Club, I am addicted to the puzzles. I have lots of interests. I am a doting mother/Grandmother; love to paint & do "crafty" things; read heaps; love Trivia Nights etc. etc. Not enough hours in the day."

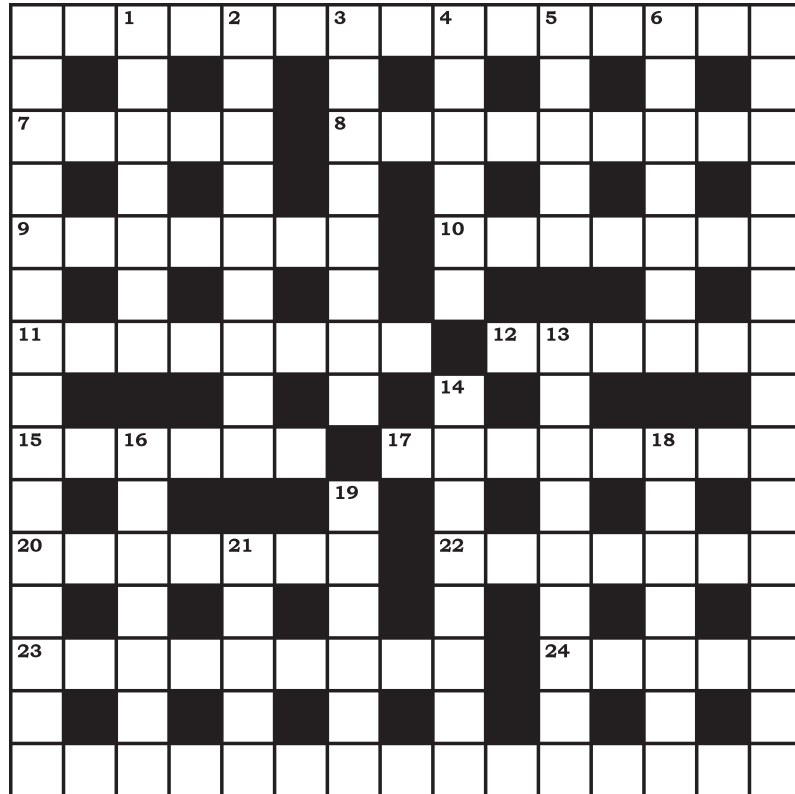
From **HILARY CROMER (daughter of Irene Watts)**

"I bought Mum the membership to *Crozworld* as a present in 1993 after I found out about it from Dr Bobby Roberts (a past member) who was a patient of mine at the time. Mum always said it was one of the best presents she ever received. She loved the stimulus to her very good brain. But probably even more she loved the contact with the members and corresponded fairly regularly with several of them. One recently rang me and told me that she had never thrown away any of Mum's letters. Mum also wrote many poems as the members will know. Some of her poems are in two published books *An Almost Singing* and *Marmalade Moments*. Some are about the crossword club for those who are interested but maybe the best tribute to Mum is *The Rolling Years* (see p9). This poem was written when Mum was 84 and in the ten years since, Mum has achieved more than many people half her age. Mum had a very positive attitude and her philosophy was *Keep Smiling and Shining*."

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Wordplay by The Betelguese

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Asterisked clues are consistent with the theme and comprise secondary indications only. Each asterisked solution is associated with one or more words on the perimeter. Starting at the top left-hand corner and reading clockwise the perimeter word lengths are 10, 7, 3, 5, 4, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 3, 4.

Across

- 7 *Be late, unfortunately – not first time! (5)
- 8 Failing State Shakespearian Theatre – worry for aging hack (3,3,3)
- 9 Decoration for a Gordian knot (7)
- 10 Expects satisfaction in gardening tools (5,2)
- 11 The last fellow captured by mishmash philosophy (8)
- 12 Whip-round for final gathering (6)
- 15 Squeezed pigtail inside very large headdress (6)
- 17 *Foreign parts? Do Portugal! (8)
- 20 Late enough, for instance (7)
- 22 *Freshwater stream bearing hungry trout (7)

- 23 Ruling alternative fashionable in tango perhaps (9)
- 24 Indian tribe concealed in a curtain of mist (5)

Down

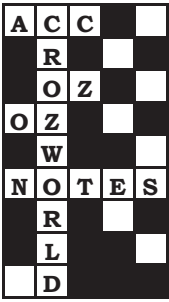
- 1 Do brainwork within the boat (7)
- 2 Compliance with crazy “Be Nice!” order runs out (9)
- 3 Cockney told additional cavalry to face outwards (8)
- 4 *Number badly (1'5)
- 5 Starting with a little dooverlackie opens gadget (5)
- 6 *One is about to cope with lack of exercise (7)
- 13 Plant, part hybrid – hot copy legally void (9)
- 14 Remain fortunate, say, with least change (8)
- 16 Old Mother Goose first organised the blockade (7)
- 18 Untidy retailer forfeits right to workroom (7)
- 19 Head that is under a hat (6)
- 21 Example of an old war joke, 1st Century? Or 2nd or 3rd BC? (5)

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Some Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words from Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary

- **abbey-lubber** *n.* a lazy monk pretending to be ascetic; any loafer.
- **altrigenderism** *n.* the developmental period when one becomes attracted to someone of the opposite sex.
- **baggywrinkle** *n.* frayed-out rope used on ship rigging to prevent chafing.
- **chasmophilous** *adj.* fond of nooks, crannies, crevices and chasms.
- **deipnosophist** *n.* a skilful dinner conversationalist (from *Deipnosophistai* of Athens who sparked the dinner conversation of smart men).
- **epicaricacy** *n.* taking pleasure in others' misfortune.
- **fimblefamble** *n.* excuse, particularly a phony one; a lying answer.
- **hesternopothia** *n.* a pathologic yearning for the good old days.
- **infangthief** *n.* the right of a feudal lord to punish thieves.
- **maritodespotism** *n.* ruthless domination by a husband.
- **nudiustertian** *adj.* pertaining to the day before yesterday (Latin *nunc dies tertius est* = it is now the third day).
- **pilliwinks** *n. pl.* an old instrument of torture for the thumbs and fingers.
- **rhyparography** *n.* the painting of or writing on depressing, sordid or demimonde subjects.



VALE IRENE WATTS

We were saddened to hear of the death of popular long-term member **Irene Watts** on Tuesday 8 July. Irene had been unwell with angina for a few days but sadly her heart gave out. Irene's daughter **Barb Ibbott** (well-known member of the ACC) said:

"Mum's request was that we should not grieve because she had a wonderfully fulfilling life. She wished us all to keep 'smiling and shining' (her favourite phrase). Mum had much enjoyment from *Crozworld* and the friendships gained. She passed away in her own home, in full possession of her faculties, after a long, happy and productive life. Thank you to all at *Crozworld* for all you contributed to Mum's happiness. Mum greatly enjoyed her time with the ACC and would often sit up until 2am putting out answers, whilst also writing letters all over the world and penning yet another wonderful poem. She loved words and was a great fount of knowledge. She was also a dearly loved mother of 3, doting grandmother of 9 and very proud great grandmother of 11 with one more due at Christmas. The service held on Saturday was a real celebration of her life and was attended by all the family (including one granddaughter from England), teaching colleagues, neighbours and many friends and admirers. Mum's poem *The Rolling Years* comes from her poetry book entitled *An Almost Singing*. Thank you to all at the ACC for your friendship to Mum since 1993. Keep smiling and shining."

Irene became a member of the ACC in November 1993 and was a Slot 1 winner the same month! Irene said:

"I could scarcely believe my eyes when I opened the envelope – beginner's luck indeed! I shared the prize with two of my grand-daughters who helped with a couple of clues. Their mother paid my subscription as a Christmas present. It is a wonderful gift and a marvellously enjoyable Club. Solving crossword puzzles helps to keep my brain from going to seed – I shall be eighty next year."

Irene and Barb attended the Get-Togethers in Sydney on occasions and enjoyed meeting up with other members. Our Secretary Bev Cockburn said:

"In my letterbox this morning was a cheery note from Irene post marked

Monday 7 July 2008, with her entry into our Slot 6 and a note of thanks to me for all I do for the club. I will treasure it. It must have been one of the last letters she wrote. My condolences go to her family. She will be so sadly missed by us all but at her request, I will try to keep "smiling and shining".

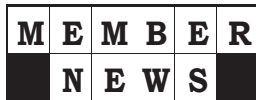
The Rolling Years

Irene Watts, 1998

The time has flown, the years have rolled,
I'm eighty-four and that's quite old.
I'm wrinkled, slow and sometimes lame
And yet, inside, I'm still the same.
I can no longer sing or run,
I sit here dreaming in the sun.
My mind drifts through my happy life,
As child, as woman, loving wife;
And joys of motherhood, full measure,
My children are my greatest treasure.

Unwittingly the years have flown,
While many happy times I've known.
If only I could live again,
Those years of laughter, joy and pain,
Experience the smiles and tears
Of life along those rolling years.
But some of them are written here,
While in my memory they are clear.

Now life for me will soon be spent,
For to this world, we're only lent.
And when at last I have to leave,
Remember me, but do not grieve.
Enjoy your lives and live them well,
Like me, you'll have your tales to tell.
Just smile and shine throughout the day,
While rolling years roll on their way.



New Members: We extend a warm welcome back to **Robyn McNamara** of Oakleigh East, Vic. Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: Kath Harper gained dots for the June slots 1-5 puzzles. In the **Bonus Quiz To Be : that is the question!** Clue 19 should read: Down 6-4 in the tennis? (3,7) not (3,6) as published; and items 21 and 22 in the list are not quite in alphabetical order. Audrey Austin gained full marks in Quiz No 5.

Mini quiz 6 by Brian Symons

Cryptic clues are supposed to say what they mean but not necessarily mean what they say. The same can apply to certain "kickself" catch questions. Try these two.

- (1) Would you rather a cheetah attack you or a leopard?
- (2) Why do some people press lift buttons with their fingers and others with their thumbs?

Answers:

- (1) I would prefer the cheetah attack the leopard!
- (2) To get to another floor.

Miniquiz 7 by Ian Williams

How many words in the English language end with "mt" (excluding derivatives and proper nouns)? Try it first without AxWord!
If members have favourite word curiosities that they would like published in this series, please send them to Ian.

Bonus prize Slot 1: This month we have a bonus prize for Slot 1. It's a Crossword Pencil – Tornado 0.9mm Twist-Action with a Huge Eraser! Feels great in the hand and will instil confidence in every solver. Best of Luck with your solving!

Quiz No 8/2008: Sleuths No 2
by Griffin (Ann Jermy)

All the authors listed below have written a series of crime novels featuring the same character. Find these characters. Both names are required but are listed alphabetically by surname. Some are police, some are private investigators, some are not but all are sleuths! Send your entries to Ann Jermy, 21 Lyne Street Henty NSW 2658 or by e-mail: annjy@tsn.cc Closing date: Friday 12 September 2008. Book prize.

- 1 Kathy Reichs (10,7)
- 2 G.K. Chesterton (6,5)
- 3 James Patterson (4,5)
- 4 Jonathan Kellerman (4,8)
- 5 Peter Lovesey (5,7)
- 6 John Dickson Carr (6,4)
- 7 Georges Simenon (5,7)
- 8 Agatha Christie (4,6)
- 9 John D. MacDonald (6,5)
- 10 Colin Dexter (9,5)
- 11 Mickey Spillane (4,6)
- 12 John Connolly (7,6)
- 13 Reginald Hill (5,6)
- 14 Clive Cussler (4,4)
- 15 Ian Rankin (4,5)
- 16 Tess Gerrison (4,7)
- 17 Patricia Cornwell (3,9)
- 18 Antonia Fraser (6,5)
- 19 Leslie Charteris (5,7)
- 20 W.J. Burley (7,8)

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

ampster *n.* (also **amster**) *Aust. dated* an accomplice of a sideshow operator, salesman, etc. who pretends to be a purchaser of a ticket or article with the intention of luring others to do likewise. [ORIGIN: 20th c.: origin uncertain: perhaps from *Amsterdam*, rhyming slang for *ram* in a transferred sense 'trickster's accomplice'; perhaps from **RAMP**]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004.
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110. ISBN 9780195517965

July 1-2008: Caesar Salad by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

- This educational puzzle had me Roman all over the place for the answers. *Carole Noble*
- It was a well executed theme but once uncovered one could fill in half the grid with no trouble. *Andrew Patterson*
- I'm a bit uncertainianus about 2dn. When is a nimb a limb or a limb a tree? *Roy Taylor*
- The down clues are cryptic not conventional. Felt this slot 1 puzzle was far too difficult to start the new 6 months comp. 2dn presumably the East Indian tree is the Averrhoa Bilimbi indicating limb. *Alan Walter*
- Clever use of queuers and queue up to fit with all those names ending in '-us'.
- This really was not a number 1. A book of lists was needed and once the theme was identified no skill was required to complete the puzzle. *Ted O'Brien*
- Please tell me there are other members who don't have the years/dates of all these emperors at their fingertips. *Del Kennedy*
- I thought slot 1 was supposed to be the easy one it probably is! *Thora Abraham*
- Slot 1 became too easy really once the theme was apparent. Still enjoyable tho'. Not too sure tho' whether 26ac is Jovianus or Iovianus. T'would appear that the "I" is the original but the "J" is an accepted Anglicization. I opted for the "J". *Jim Fowler*
- I had never heard of most of these emperors but it was great fun looking them up. *Catherine Hambling*
- Great idea for Slot 1 even if some of the answers were fairly obscure and not all supported by the range of references consulted! However, I enjoyed the challenge. *Frank Martin*
- I found Slot 1 really challenging, even when I had the theme and the significance of the dates. I guess it was the variable spelling. *Jean Barbour*
- Well done on getting so many emperors into the grid. Thank goodness for the clues provided in the title and the relevant years. My only disappointment was the indirect anagram in 22ac. There seems to have been a few of these sneaking through lately. *Jenny Wenham*
- A very clever and tasty Caesar salad. *Betty Siegman*

July 2-2008: Cryptic by *Waratah* (Carole Noble)

- Not sure what the definition is in 28dn and 1dn. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks *Waratah* for an enjoyable cryptic. 15dn past tense removed is needed. *Alan Walter*
- I liked the use of 'Dame' to get 'Edna' in echidna. *Brian Tickle*
- There are some lovely clues here eg 14ac, 26ac and 18dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- I am not sure about the clue for 1dn as I don't think Cleo was wallowing in jelly, but the rest of it was a most enjoyable cryptic. *Catherine Hambling*
- A nice Slot 2. I liked 3ac & 26ac. Could you please explain 1dn? *Jenny Wenham*

July 3-2008: Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- *Southern Cross* cryptics are always so satisfying! To be CANDID, I spent so long IN DIFFICULTIES, FLOUNDERING about, that it was hard to keep that stiff UPPER LIP. Eventually the PENNY (ROYAL or otherwise) dropped and I finished it in a RUSH! Thanks Shirley – and I reckon BINDI-EYE was the PARAMOUNT clue this month! *Nea Storey*
- Loved 11 and 23ac especially. Well done Shirl, you're always good value. *Carole Noble*
- 2dn TAKEN IN took some consideration before it revealed itself – a slightly different clue device. *Andrew Patterson*
- Yet another charming cryptic. Thanks Shirl. *Alan Walter*
- Shirl, as usual, came up trumps, esp 25ac. *Ted O'Brien*

- Always love Shirl's clues especially 11ac and 24ac.

Brian Tickle

- I couldn't see the connection between 'taken in' and 'Bowral'. (these very words appear in the clue for Bowral – adj)

Bob Hagan

- My choice for COTM is Slot 3 – 24ac. Slot 3 – 23ac and 7dn also came close, so well done, Shirl. *Catherine Hambling*
- Can't fault Shirl! In 2dn – very tricky using another clue number to refer to the clue rather than the answer. I didn't know there was another spelling of BINDII. *Jenny Wenham*

July 4-2008: AJ by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

- I learned about MANTIDS, TODDY CATS and NATTERJACKS. Who needs Sir David Attenborough? *Carole Noble*
- Appealing jigsaw – thanks Joan. *Alan Walter*
- I hope I don't have to eat 'umble pie here. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another good AJ – I love them! *Catherine Hambling*
- Slot 4 invites the comment: Is the objective of the AJ puzzle compilers to find the most obscure words possible? If so, then *Timid Terrier* has done extremely well. *Frank Martin*
- The AJ is always my favourite. Isn't FANFARONADE a lovely word? *Jenny Wenham*

July 5-2008: Here's How by *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan)

- Great puzzle. *Beverly Blanch*
- The amusing verse was a great reward after the tedium of doing the puzzle. I suffered eye strain trying to differentiate between the sixes, eights and fives. *Carole Noble*
- Some very wordy definitions which required concentration so as not to be distracted. *Andrew Patterson*
- I fully agree Maurice. How about a big rough overoaked Heathcote shiraz? *Roy Taylor*
- Perhaps could be titled MY CABERNET or MY PANTRY with apologies to Dorothea Mackellar! Your inventive verse was quite humorous but a little offensive to the chardonnay lovers. *Alan Walter*
- It took me a day and a half to finish this but I loved it! We've got a replacement for our beloved *Beast!* *Bev Cockburn*
- I thought slot 5 was the funniest and most enjoyable puzzle ever and capably echoed my own sentiments! Here's to *Penobscot!* *Brian Eggleton*
- What a great successor to the late Kev! This would get my puzzle of the year as I am rather partial to a good rough red. *Ted O'Brien*
- Loved this. *Del Kennedy*
- I first read *My Country* as an eight-year-old, but now, as a mature-age scholar, *Penobscot's* verses go down better. Cheers! *Max Roddick*
- Took a whole day to solve, but worth it! *Eva Seale*
- I loved it! though Riesling is my "poison". *Phyl Heath*
- I can't agree with *Penobscot*, though he has produced a very funny and clever parody. Give me a light flowery white or (yum) a sticky! *Margaret Galbreath*
- I thought the parody on *My Country* was really good. *Robyn Caine*

- Enjoying the sun on the island of Hvar in Croatia having a few *Penobscot's* rough reds!! *Cheryl Wilcox*

- This was fun. There appears to be a couple of variations if you *Google* it. I didn't bother till I'd finished. A girlfriend appreciated it one "morning after". *Jenny Wenham*

- I really loved slot 5; the take on *My Country* was delightful. *Betty Siegman*

- Just loved it! *Shirl O'Brien*

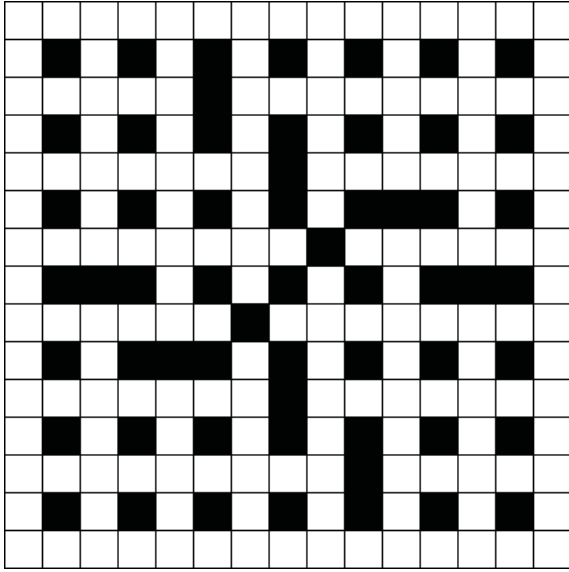
- Can't agree! Chardonnay rules! *Fay Copland*



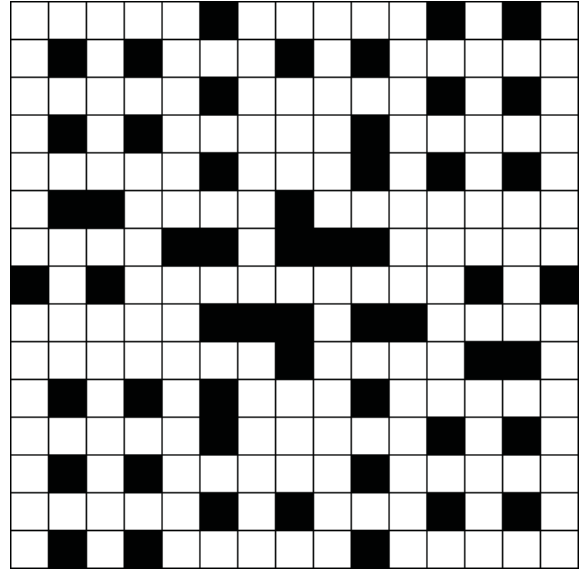
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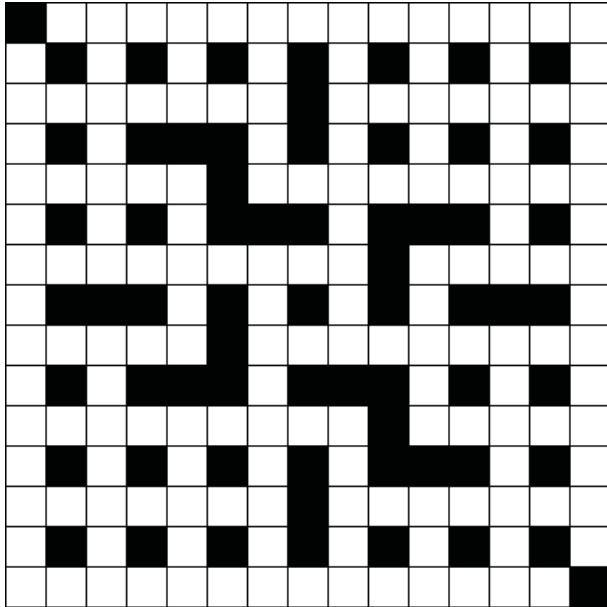


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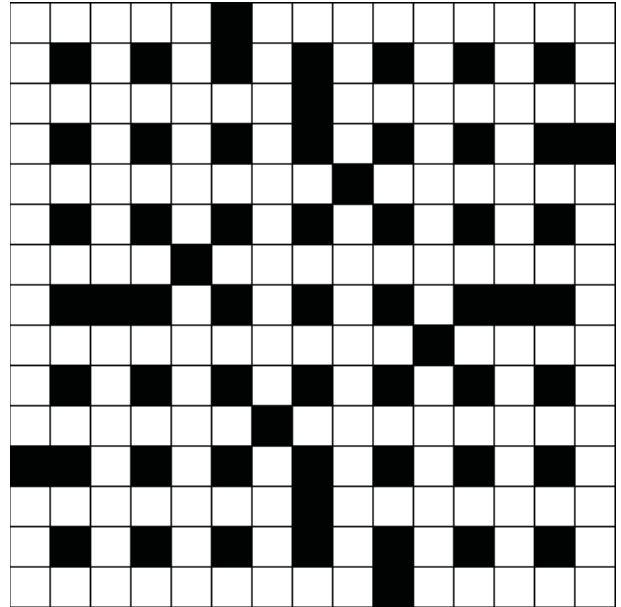


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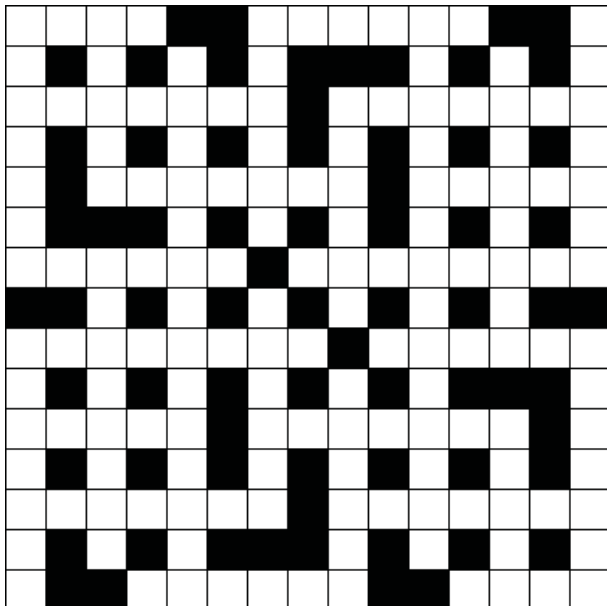
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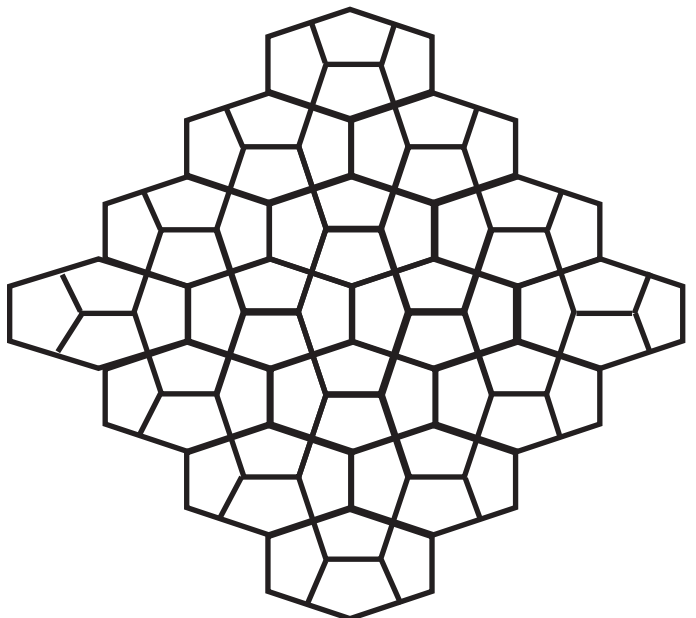
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June 6-2008: On the Prowl by *The Busybodies* (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble)

Entries: 73. Correct: 64. Success rate: 87.6%.

Prizewinners: Audrey Austin and Margaret Pyc. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' Comments:

It was amazing how many of the members mentioned that cats were their favourite animal and we had several meows and purrs from the cat lovers amongst you. Thank you, too, for the lovely cards and messages, particularly those who were able to find cards with cats and a particular thanks to "Buffy" who sent me his picture with Betty Siegman's entry! There were very few mistakes though a few took a while to find the theme. Two people had trouble with BURMILLA with BARNICLE and BARIELLY as answers neither of which could be verified as cat breeds. Spelling mistakes spoiled several entries with PAGEN, AUTOGIROS, SPHINX, and CORN instead of COON. Other errors were BANTAM for BENGAL, TEARUNS for TEACUPS and LIFTS for KITTY. Alan Walter correctly pointed out that 6dn should have been "PERSON having no religion". However, all but one got it right and that was a spelling mistake so apologies, but no harm done.

—*The Busybodies*

Members' Comments:

• What an amazing collection of cats 'On the Prowl'. Thanks for your challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Enjoyed this one, Bev and Carole. *Bill Bennett*

• A good puzzle but I'm more of a dog person! *Jill Freeland*

• Tabby or not Tabby? That is my question. Not Tabby for me I'm afraid. *Maurice Cowan*

• Thank you for the No 6 puzzle – a great one to finish on. *Ron O'Rourke*

• I was off searching for wild animals and goodness only knows what else. Hope I finally "prowled" in the right direction. *Del Kennedy*

• Thank you for a crossword about my favourite creatures although I must admit my favourite of these is just a plain old stripey moggie and not the exotic breeds. *Doreen Jones*

• I enjoyed solving this puzzle immensely. It took quite a while to find the theme as KITTY was one of the last I entered. *Audrey Austin*

• What's mews, Grizabella! Enjoyed the chase but am not real keen on having to depend on the net for solutions. *Ted O'Brien*

• This was a difficult puzzle. I had to resort to the internet and even then could not find all the breeds. It was an excellent puzzle. *Gabrielle Leeds*

• This puzzle revealed to me how little I know about cat breeds. *Peter Dearie*

• What an interesting puzzle. Lucky I'm on the net and can look up 'breeds of cat!' *Margaret Galbreath*

• Another good brain teaser from you both. *Valerie Howard*

• Well, what can I say but 'What's new, pussycat?' What a delightful puzzle. I didn't know we had so many kitty-cats. *Barbara Ibbott*

• Thanks for a great puzzle. *Hilary Cromer*

• Thanks for a good cryptic. KITTY was a good clue and indicator. *Brian Symons*

• Quite a challenge. My cat book failed with 3 breeds. Had to resort to Google. *Bob Hagan*

• Thanks for another good puzzle. Keep your bodies (and minds) busy. Look forward to more. *Jenny Wenham*

• I really enjoyed your puzzle being a cat person. I had UNBEATABLE for ages for 14dn. I really liked 1dn, 31ac & 9dn. *Jean Barbour*

• As a cat lover, I really enjoyed this puzzle. It helped that my son has a Maine Coon and a friend has a Tiffany! *Yvonne McKindlay*

• I suppose Slot 6 should be the hardest of the lot but this one had me stumped for days of desultory moping around seeking inspiration. Thanks for a great puzzle – btw, do you play bowls? (No, Jim, neither Carole nor I play but Carole came up with KITTY anyway! Bev) *Jim Fowler*

• Thanks for the interesting thematic. Had to *scratch* around to find some of the more obscure breeds. *Jack Stocks*

• This was quite a challenge as my knowledge of cat breeds is limited. Luckily I found some excellent web-based lists which filled the gap. I guess you could call me a cheetah! Best clue was 21ac PARENTAL – great surface. *Michael Kennedy*

• A fun task which took considerable time and effort. *Catherine Hambling*

• Thanks for the fun. I was stumped for quite a while trying to work out what the theme was. *Judy Caughley*

• I thought I was the cat's pyjamas when I worked out the theme after pussyfooting around working out all the non-themed clues. *Kath Harper*

• It took me ages to work out the theme after having got SPHYNX

and expecting an Egyptian theme, but once done meant I added a few new cats to my vocab! *Ro Ducker*

• I liked this one, even though I went astray for a while – the first 'correct' theme word I found was TIFFANY but in the context of a material not a breed of cat! What this had to do with prowling was a bit puzzling for a while. *Denis Coates*

Results of Quiz No 6/2008 The A-Z of Villains by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

Prize Winner: Marian Procter. Congratulations!

26: Catherine Foster, Catherine Hambling, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, David Procter, Marian Procter, Jack Stocks and Alan Walter
25.5: Sonia Atkinson, Pat Garner, Susan Howells, Gabrielle Leeds, Margaret Steinberger and Jenny Wenham **25:** Joan Smith **24.5:** Betty Siegman **24:** Trish McPherson **23:** Valerie Howard **20.5** Bill Bennett.

Answers: A. Adolph Hitler (Mein Kampf) B. Bluebeard (Tales of Mother Goose) C. Cyclops/Calypso (The Odyssey) D. Dimmesdale (The Scarlet Letter) E Evil Genius (Time Bandits) F. Fagin (Oliver Twist), G. Grendel (Beowulf) H. HAL (2001- a Space Odyssey) I. Iago (Othello), J. Jack (Lord of the Flies) K. Krang (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) L. Leatherface (The Texas Chain Saw Massacre), M. Mephistopheles (Faust), N. Napoleon (Animal Farm), O. Ommadon (The Flight of the Dragons) P. Penguin (Batman Returns), Q. Quentin (Cube), R. Raskolnikov (Crime and Punishment) S. Sauron (The Lord of the Rings), T. Toecutter (Mad Max), U. Ursula (The Little Mermaid), V. Vigo the Carpathian (Ghostbusters II), W. Wicked Witch of the West (Wizard of Oz), X. Xayide (The Neverending Story II), Y. Yamamoto (Tora, Tora, Tora), Z. Zombie (Night of the Living Dead).

Adjudicator's comments: Please accept my apologies for the errors in the original quiz. I know only too well the frustration in searching in vain for something that doesn't exist. No matter how many times I checked it, I missed some obvious flaws – I'll try not to do it again! Obviously Animal **House** was a stupid mental block but many did not notice it and saw it as Animal **Farm**. Also, many realised the error in the numbering in the E clue and most were correct in the end. Five people lost half a mark for spelling Fagin, **Fagan** and one had **Ommadon** instead of Ommadon. Other errors include Beezelebug, Catwoman, Poseidon, Kevin and Eric Otter. Some letters had no offerings in two entries, I gave Vigo von Deutschendorf half a mark for the Vigo and I accepted Cyclops for the C clue. Although some gave incorrect sources, their answers were correct, so I ignored their sources (eg one put Napoleon against Time Bandits but as the quiz didn't require a match, I accepted it.) Thank you to all who entered. —Bev

Solvers' Comments:

• I'm not too happy about two of them, but thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. All ACC quizzes send me off on many tangents and I always come back from the search a lot richer. *Trish McPherson*

• Here is my attempt at your very interesting, but not-so-easy quiz. I started off with a great flourish, but had to go searching for the last few answers. Obviously, I don't see the right films. *Susan Howells*

• What a challenge and what a lot of research. Even with Google, it took me ages. Thanks for the education in the evils of movies and literature. *Jenny Wenham*

• Some were easy but others were a headache and I still have a couple of blanks, but at least you know I tried! *Valerie Howard*

• Not an easy quiz and I'm not sure about some of my answers. It will be interesting to see the results. *Betty Siegman*

• I've always enjoyed your puzzles and quizzes but this was an exception. (Apologies, Sonia, but you did very well. Bev) *Sonia Atkinson*

• This is the best I can do with the help of *Google!* I know a lot of members don't like *Google* but if you don't know the answers I can't see the difference between looking things up in a reference book or looking answers up in *Google*; the only difference is it's quicker. *Marian Procter*

• Thanks for the challenge. Some people spend a lot of time with villains but this is the first time I have appeared in such infamous company. *Jack Stocks*

• Thanks for the devilish quiz of villains, testing us from 1100AD to 2001; quite a span of time. *Alan Walter*

• A wicked quiz! *Carole Noble*

• It took me quite a while to find all these villains, but it was a most enjoyable task. *Catherine Hambling*

• A delightful quiz. When I was at school I always enjoyed doing research projects and this is just a continuation of that enjoyment. *Pat Garner*

• Your quizzes are always a pleasure to solve. *David Procter*