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The adjective is the banana peel of the parts of speech.
Clifton Fadiman, September 1956, *Reader's Digest*.

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We have been notified by some of the Adjudicators that solution grids for Slots 1-5 which have been scanned and then sent either as an attachment or as part of an email have been difficult to read. One of the Adjudicators said: "It adds to the expense to have to print out emailed entries which are often barely legible if they are scanned from hand-filled grids." In our last *Crozworl*d, Doug Butler explained the problems that come from scanned, e-mailed solutions. If solvers want to take advantage of e-mails it should not be at the expense of our hard-working Adjudicators. They should e-lodge using the scanning technology associated with *AxWord*. Accordingly, the Executive Committee has decided that scanned grids are **not** to be emailed to the Adjudicator for the Slots 1-5 puzzles. The e-mail address is only for non-solution correspondence.

The **Christmas in July** function held on 26 July at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy proved to be an outstanding success with 30 keen cruciverbalists in attendance. Some travelled great distances and we were delighted to renew acquaintances. We take this opportunity to let you know that the **Sydney Get-Together** will be held on Sunday 29 November at Wm Ryan's famous hotel *The Cauliflower*. Make a note in your Cruciverbal Diary of Must-Attend Functions now! See p9 for further details.

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**. Some of our favourite compilers include *Waratah*, *Virgo*, *Southern Cross*, *InGrid* and *Fortuna* 48. The Slot 6 puzzle is titled *Bushed* by *Jack* and we are sure you will enjoy his contribution immensely. Our Quiz this month is 'Reel' Women by *Virgo*: kindly note that the solutions for this Quiz are to be sent to Kay Williams. Many thanks to John Gillis for managing the e-lodgement scheme this month in the absence of Ian Williams on holidays. Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

A gratifying number of entries this month and lots of welcome messages and cards. A high percentage of mistakes were again transcription errors so I have highlighted one variant of these to try and remedy it. Also I respond to requests for explanations here rather than in Members' Comments on p10.

Slot 1: Most real mistakes related to SCRUMPY and consequently its connectors. 30ac could be NOLL, NOUL or NOWL but not NOIL. SYYBOLISE exemplifies how easy it is to repeat the preceding or following letter instead of the intended one. BUTTERFLY: FL(florin) in BUTTERY. OXALIS: anagram of OS and AXIL.

Slot 2: Biggest problems were misspelling of CAPPUCCINO (16) and LIXIVIATION (3) and the use of the non-existent words. DISCONCORD and DISCONCERN. BAG for BUG almost works. Many members pointed out the plural of stratum is strata but none got this wrong (or rather, everyone did). CONN for CONE is probably another typo example. NINETY: 9 x 10 (and had nothing to do with disentangling sex as one member pointed out). INVENTOR: IN + VENTNOR minus N (very specialised knowledge required). STEMMED: 2 meanings for flowers and 2 for stem. A double double meaning!! Somewhat similar reasoning applies to CAPPUCCINO.

Slot 3: Misspelling of REEBOK (9). RHEBOK is only half right. DEPPND and ADORABLL reinforce above typo type. TRUE LOVE, ATLANTAN and AMERICAS also featured. NICKNAME: pun on nick (prison).

Slot 4: DOGTAG, DOGBAR, FASCISM, ELEMENTALS and variations on LIONELS were some of the real mistakes. OUTRECCCH underlines this common fault. LIONELS: see *Chambers* for BART and LIONEL for this heraldic clue. QUEECHY: Queen minus n I think but the rest is beyond me - sorry.

Slot 5: For those who attempted this there were few problems other than HEALER (4) and SKINDRYER (4). CREDIT CARRS (see above). SPINDRYER: SPIN (make up) + DRY (alcohol free) + ER (beer oddly). BEHIND: double meaning. A behind is worth one point in AFL. EXURBS: ex (old) + anagram of bus and r. ISRAEL: is + lear reversed.

COTM: 29 separate clues were suggested but a very easy winner with 13 nominations was NINETY. Congrats to our new compiler *Pindar*. —Cheers! Brian Symons

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Entries received	121	119	124	114	105	583
Correct entries	100	85	103	95	87	470
Success rate (%)	83	71	83	83	83	81
Prizewinners	C Jones A Ryan	B Siegman A Simons	H Zucal P Mercer	B Solomon	F Martin V Howard	from 124 members

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July 1-2009

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JUN Slot 6 & JULY 2009 Slots 1-5

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ANDERSON C
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BALNAVES J
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BATUM C
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BROTHERTON J
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CAMPBELL G
CHAMPION G
CHANCE C
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLLINS M
COOKE L
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS T
DENNIS M
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DODD M
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EGGLETON B
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FULLER D
GALBREATH M
GARDINER R

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HEENAN C
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KITTO J
KNIGHT S
LEEDS G
LLOYD G
LOBSEY V
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
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PROCTER M
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RANDALL J
REEVES V
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN A
RYAN W
SAVANAH T
SEALE E
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
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**Half 'n Half
by
Waratah**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

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Across

- 1 Annoyed (7)
- 5 Razor sharpener (5)
- 8 Slant (5)
- 10 Large stone (7)
- 11 Strength (5)
- 12 Seduced by swan-like Zeus (4)
- 13 Imprint (7)
- 15 The ocean (3)
- 16 Procession (6)
- 18 Lady (in distress) (6)
- 20 Employ (3)
- 22 Redeem (7)
- 24 Flag flower (4)
- 27 Ordinary (5)
- 29 Rare (7)
- 30 Potato (*coll.*) (5)
- 31 Motif (5)
- 32 Spar on boat (7)

Down

- 1 Twig home sent tumbling (4)
- 2 Steal a pound from Penelope and run away (5)
- 3 Draw back behind river on the sheltered side (7)
- 4 Bride's ruined? Rubbish! (6)
- 5 Fall down with a small bump (5)
- 6 Put clothes on again to put things right (7)
- 7 Short girl supports South American country after careful examination (7)
- 9 Vessel holding peas perhaps (3)
- 12 Eastern sale collapsed do rent (5)
- 14 Appears to observe a woman of doubtful title (5)
- 16 Cycle chase for popular game. That's not palter (7)
- 17 Secluded retiree! (7)
- 19 The movie about a flying man (7)
- 21 Hire me back to plan work (6)
- 23 Maybe Clio will entertain (5)
- 25 Drowned valley starts Riverland Irrigation Area (3)
- 26 Train jolted within (L) (5)
- 28 First principle of holding anger management course (4)

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Cryptic by Virgo



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Across


- 1 Shoes with bars? (6)
- 4 Backing off project? Need some warm slippers? (4-4)
- 10 Collected a double century and climaxed with a rude twist (7)
- 11 A short drive from Simpson to Lawson perhaps (4-3)
- 12 Not quite appropriate duck (4)
- 13 Wickedly hides in fly jar (10)
- 15 Cures when a British military unit expires (8)
- 16 Pawn shelf? My word! (6)
- 19 Most of the body goes to the family – it may be threaded! (6)
- 20 Flower people manoeuvre for lists (8)
- 23 Tales of rare natives from the east being troublesome (10)
- 25 Chipped coin, right cordage (4)
- 27 Evil intentions make Shakespeare sick (3,4)
- 28 Tom sounds roughly agreeable to the cold (7)
- 29 Time to turn from a German city with perfumed oils (8)
- 30 Poor Master Brook! (6)

Down

- 1 Hire a map before going to the hospital emergency room (7)
- 2 Poor maiden could lose Oscar and Delta waiting for owner (9)
- 3 So carelessly shut! (4)
- 5 Revealing a secret trip (6)
- 6 Brewery girl motionless above the eastern railway (10)
- 7 A heartbreaking place to inhabit (5)
- 8 Spitting image in petty dispute (7)
- 9 Told of an awfully sad dive (7)
- 14 Now Michigan gets a lot of esteem (10)
- 17 Communication lessons for a Detective Inspector? (9)
- 18 Speaking well initially from Latin (Usually exercise notes cover you) (7)
- 19 Brief on engineering a conflagration (7)
- 21 What a recipe! Gosh – rum and grass in bed! (7)
- 22 Wallflower attendant? (6)
- 24 A limo slips by (5)
- 26 Test is off and on again (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for my prize for the recent Celebrity Linkwords Quiz by *Virgo* – a wonderful book of quotations. And a special thanks to *Virgo*'s daughter who drew my name out of the hat!
Alison Shield
- On Saturday, I'm heading off to perform at the Annual Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, Derbyshire. We are presenting my friend, Sam Atlas's adaptation of Rossini's "La Cenerentola" – *Cinderella Wins Her Fella* set in the Australian outback. I get to sing the fairy godmother role – a la Dame Edna! We have also been invited to present *Trial by Jury* – quite an honour for an antipodean group such as ours!
Ross Bryant
- Thanks very much to the ACC for my prize for Slot 3 in the May 2009 puzzles. I've said it before but it is worth repeating – it is really wonderful to be paid for something I enjoy so much!
Kath Harper
- Many thanks for my share in the prize for slot 1 last month. After spending some of it to indulge myself at Patrick's cruciverbal Christmas fling, I'll have some left over to put towards another reference book, since we all know you can't have too many of those! My vote for this month's COTM goes to 20ac in *Manveru's* slot 5, with several other clues in the same grid almost getting a guernsey.
Kath Harper
- Attached are my slots 1-5 for July. Bit of a rush, as leaving Adelaide again tomorrow for Oodnadatta and on to Birdsville. Seemed to be more than the usual number of odd words this month just when I was away from the usual sources. Cross fingers.
Jack Stocks

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


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Across

- 1 Right to set out before dwelling in sanatorium (4-4)
- 5 Right to put off about ten (6)
- 9 Chasm right inside meandering caves to the south-east (8)
- 10 All right presumably, and not bad in France (6)
- 12 Wrongs put to right by Eliot (5)
- 13 Beakless statue right inside London gallery (9)
- 14 Right to be cautious (12)
- 18 In support of the argument (which could be right) (2,3,3,4)
- 21 Lass felt uncertain about university, all right (9)
- 23 Right to speak (5)
- 24 Deceitfully agreeable to have gay right included after American reversal (6)
- 25 Getting correspondence right in Uniting Church (8)
- 26 Dead right in anticipating skin-head fears? (6)
- 27 Capital support, with headset adjustment about right (8)

Down

- 1 Right point to quote and enumerate (6)
- 2 The woman 'as to include right clippers ... (6)
- 3 ... the man 'as to take in dead character for the grave marker (9)
- 4 Resist changes in trough given by old German lyricist (12)
- 6 Submarine chaser to be a variation (1-4)
- 7 How tiny fellow sounds alarm – like a drum (8)
- 8 One of the faithful loses head – replaced by right stand-in? (8)
- 11 A warning sounded to Queensland perhaps by the public press? (6,6)
- 15 Broadcast "A Year in Italy and one in France" before a month is up (9)
- 16 Disconcerted, prisoner blended in (8)
- 17 Tugs right leg playfully in fight (8)
- 19 Coloured band to have minced pie on the way – right? (6)
- 20 Workman's right, as stated (6)
- 22 Bound across – right to be nodding? (5)

Explanations for July Slots 2 and 5 (Thanks to John and Michael)

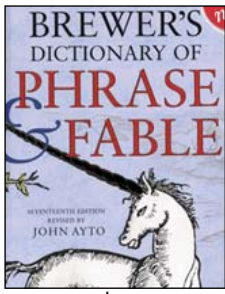
Slot 2 Pindar: Across: 1: 'Woodcutters and butchers' [choppers]; 'come down to earth' here 5: Ca(pa)ble 9: hidden word 10: anagram; 11: in + Vent(n)or 12: strat (tarts upside down) + i 15: palindrome 16: double definition 18: anagram of pins and starch 19: double definition 22: 9 X (a cross!) 10 23: scar + city 25: ex + one + ration 27: hidden word 28: reference to flora and rivers 29: one + eyed

Down: 1: anagram of shines + a 2: anagram of vial + toxin + I + I 3: anagram of pentad 4: dis + concert 5: c + one 6: pr(act)ice 7: double definition 8: double definition 13: based on homophone of Mick 14: double definition 17: anagram of mothers 18: double definition 20: thy + roid (Dior reversed) 21: g + range 24: homophone 26: (m)ole.

Slot 5 Manveru: Across: 1 g(lances), 9 Mastermind (genius) losing U for C after EU (sounds like you), 10 EX(BUSR), 11 Double definition, 12 ANAGRAM of SPOTTEDA, 14 crystal (drug) + anagram of GRAZE, 17 Optical illusions (MIRAGES) retreating army (RO) on (RIM), 20 ANSWERME (ANAGRAM), 22 IS(LEAR), 23 DAR(e)WIN, 25 I + anagram of SAMPLE around N, 26 Anagram of oxygen with P + I, 27 ENSURE. **Down:** 2 A(CU)MEN, 3 Play on 'interest', 4 make up (spin) alcohol-free (dry) beer (oddly) = ER, 5 F + US + (TOPS-rev), 6 Cryptic - core (as in fruit), 7 The Muppets, 8 E+ M + BITTER, 13 DR + WRIST (anagram) inside SNAG (anagram), 15 ANAGRAM of APPEALING, 16 Cryptic def, 18 MOURNING/MORNING, 19 double def,[position of phonetic indicator at the end of the clue in conjunction with the definition of dog at the beginning of the clue, in accordance with the standard conventions, leads to HEELER] 21 GENUINE - EG, 24 W A X.

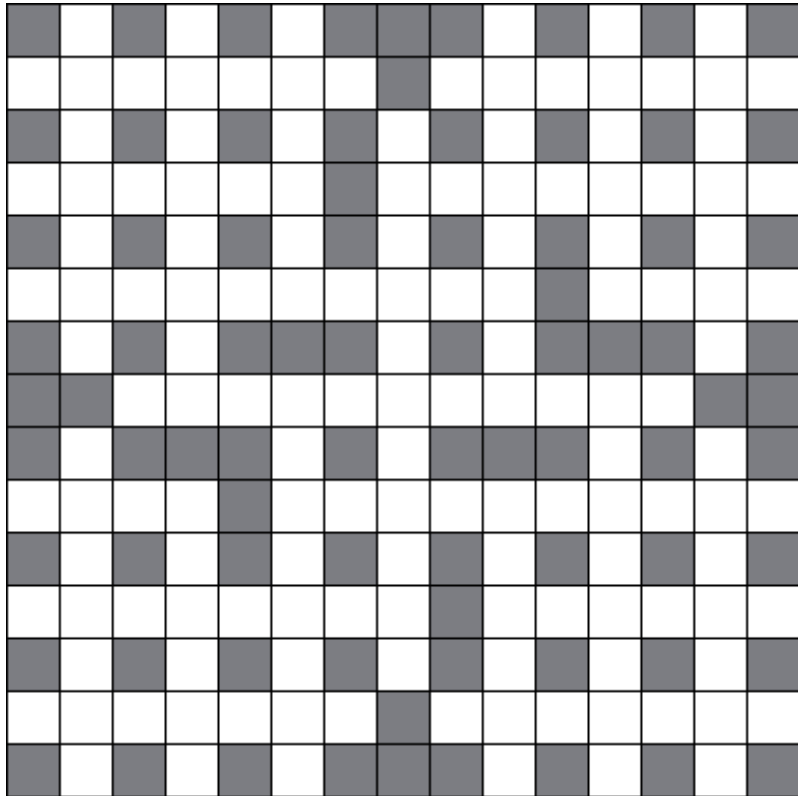
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AJ
by
InGrid



[rrp: \$69.95]

Solve the clues and place them jigsaw-wise where they fit. Not all words are in *Chambers*.




- A** Account for the price of a buttonhole (6)
- B** Generous over attempt at prejudice (7)
- C** Shrink the band held by the church (6)
- D** Pastureland some had ownership of (4)
- E** Elite encore disrupted campaign (11)
- F** Dress the malt extract to look like this plant (7)
- G** Bird will leave ridge before the advance (7)
- H** Ditch and wall for a couple of hectares (2-2)
- I** Indifference during dog moon to park by the yard (11)
- J** Sweetheart initially doesn't have first purser's top or trousers (8)
- K** Old US suitcase to sit on perhaps (7)
- L** Pretentious liberal had 2x1 wrong (3-2-3)
- M** Tremor on iceberg has been particularly dense (7)
- N** Seized despite drunken denial (6)
- O** Cattle sail over this pasture weed (6)
- P** First and foremost cruise ship has good wine (7,3)
- Q** Ruler's chair dropped right over into the cup (6)
- R** Battle for return once over (10)
- S** Change staff basketballer (8)
- T** Hooks uncle at a cocktail party (8)
- U** Lift hopper for Mr Heath was disturbed (8)
- V** See Latin dictionary and have it taped (7)
- W** Weather bizarrely allowed to drift (7)
- X** Bull came back, soon followed by the idol (6)
- Y** Gave in and furnished (7)
- Z** Steer girl over to the vulture (8).

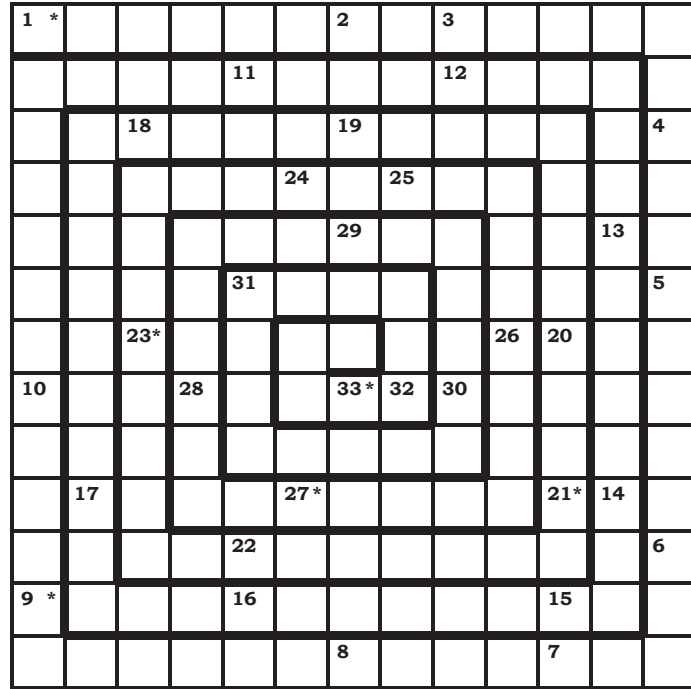
Setters' Comments from p12: Word Games by Barney Naga (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes)

I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to adjudicate for the June Slot 6 Puzzle which was set by Bob Hagan and myself under the pseudonym of *Barney Naga*. Bob has been tweaking my interest in cryptic crosswords since we first met some 16 years ago – I must be a slow learner as I'm only just getting the hang of them now! I gain pleasure in the social side of solving puzzles with others, bouncing ideas off one another and sharing the pleasure created when one "cracks" a well-constructed clue. In the same way Bob and I enjoy sharing the task of setting and hope that we have created an interesting puzzle for the members.

The role of adjudicator has provided a great deal of feedback about individual clues and all comments have been most welcome. It has also been of interest to get an insight into the unique nature of the Club. It may be of interest to members to appreciate that 25% of entries were sent by e-mail. The vast majority of those entries came through without any problem and it certainly makes collation of results and comments a good deal easier. Most errors (8) related to 22dn ZIP (a triple clue – Close up, nothing flash) with variations including NIL, DIM and PIC among others. This clue provoked much discussion and constructive criticism. We agree, in hindsight, that, ideally a three letter word should have two checked squares. Given that the solvers were at a disadvantage we should have ensured that a more straightforward clue was used. Two solvers offered an alternative answer that we have accepted as correct – LIN is a torrent (flash) and nothing up. We had a couple of HEPTATHLONS instead of PENTATHLON and several solvers did not recognise LONDON as the "Future theme city...". Also KIWI claimed a few victims with SIBI (ibis returning) and FIJI getting a run. Many solvers pointed out the deficiencies of the clue for 2dn. I obviously demonstrated little "know-how" as I should have been defining "nohow" as "not in any way" or (more appropriately) "regarded as sub-standard". I can only assume that I was seduced by the clue and failed to check appropriately. I apologise and am thankful that there were no incorrect entries for this clue. 21Dn ENSUING baffled some members with the clue: "Directions with two small countries following (7)" With the directions E and N; SUI being the Olympic abbreviation for Switzerland; NG being the initial letters of New Guinea (admittedly we took a slight liberty here); with following being the definition. I hope these comments answer some of the queries put forward by the members. I would be happy to continue the discussion on the *CrOZworld* website forum. Thanks to all who sent their good wishes.

—Jeremy Barnes

A U G U S T 2 0 0 9 S L O T 5
People of the Globe by Fortuna 48
Prizes: \$50

Win!
[2006 edn]



Our daughter's name (6): - - - - -

Where to find her (9): - - - - -

The last letter of each word is also the first letter of the next word. All odd clues have a common theme and some are clued without definitions. When you have completed the grid, re-arrange the letters in the squares marked "*" to find our daughter's name which shares the same theme. Enter her name and where to find her in the spaces below the grid.

Clues:

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| <p>1 Gaelic prefix to a Little Woman (7)</p> <p>2 Backward God has no guts for pilgrimage (3) (7)</p> <p>3 (7)</p> <p>4 Aluminium Gallium Seaweed (4)</p> <p>5 Gold nest for a hoarder (6)</p> <p>6 Plant 100 in untanned Mexican province (5)</p> <p>7 (5)</p> <p>8 Seducer strangely loath to go to Rio (8)</p> <p>9 Large flightless bird loses two letters (5)</p> <p>10 Almost a fabric: Eastern flower-like Hawthorn (11)</p> <p>11 (5)</p> <p>12 Celebrity failed competency test (7)</p> <p>13 Maryland due North? Get lost! (6)</p> <p>14 Father needs nothing to put a border around the room (4)</p> <p>15 Hot destination has two moons but only one bar (7)</p> <p>16 Tolkien's ogre concealed in exotic bloom (6)</p> <p>17 (9)</p> | <p>18 A muddled fool keeps himself to himself (5)</p> <p>19 (9)</p> <p>20 Graduate wrote back a day's work (4)</p> <p>21 She precedes Lawrence & Stein (8)</p> <p>22 Describe re-drawn Roman Peace Line (7)</p> <p>23 (7)</p> <p>24 Serendipitous discovery of priest's vestment in small laboratory (3)</p> <p>25 (6)</p> <p>26 He is silent type but strong enough to pull sleigh. Good dog! (8)</p> <p>27 Found, for example, back in Eastern America (5)</p> <p>28 Crust that's contagious skin infection (7)</p> <p>29 "What is she that all our swains commend her?" (6)</p> <p>30 OT God Baal, (definitely false!) when out of sorts, is well under par (9)</p> <p>31 Scoop picks up dextrous character (6)</p> <p>32 Greek character in circular formula (2)</p> <p>33 (4)</p> |
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LETTERS OF THE MONTH:

• On Wednesday morning the doorbell rang and it was a man coming from a laboratory to collect some of my husband's blood. Laurie is terrified of needles and had been cranky all morning, which in turn, was giving me a bad start to the day. As I opened the door the fellow picked up a parcel and handed it to me, saying that someone had sent me a present. As there was no postmark or sender address on the package I had no idea where it was from and, although I'd received my puzzles the previous day I hadn't found time to read the comments or start working on the puzzles. Receiving the book turned my whole day around and I wanted you to know how pleased I was with it. Even the title is intriguing – *Nettles, Knickers and Exploding Toads* – and it brought a smile to my face. A smile that was repeated on Laurie's face after the fellow had taken the blood and he'd hardly felt the needle go in! I just wanted to acknowledge the parcel's arrival and let you know how much it pleased me. Many thanks.

Joan McGrath

• Once again I am overwhelmed by the dedication of those compilers who, month after month, come up with yet another puzzle to be solved. Sometimes some of us may complain about different aspects, but who are we to dare to criticise? Where would we be as a club without their efforts?! Many thanks also to those who work behind the scenes — to Patrick and his committee, to the adjudicators, and the organisation that oversees the compilation and distribution of the magazine on time every month.

Eva Seale

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Bushed by Jack

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Seven answers fit the theme and are not otherwise defined

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Across

- 1 Company proceeding normally (4)
- 3 Rocky shattered to have no money (5-5)
- 10 Soup with the queen (7)
- 11 Swagger as one joins list of employees (7)
- 12 No sties can be this smelly (7)
- 13 Cheered as ale is spilled by Edward (6)
- 15 Slim Italian held within a region (5)
- 16 Gambler leaving a bit richer (6,3)
- 18 Plant illicit drug successfully (9)
- 21 Stunning young woman left causing a scene of confusion (5)
- 23 Items of news? (6)
- 25 Listen to staples dealer becoming more disgusting (7)
- 27 Continual help holding beachhead opening in Gallipoli initially (7)
- 28 A laze about lacking energy by waving sea plants (7)
- 29 Demonstration diagram to plot first year study of population (10)
- 30 Actual existence revealed in Tennessee (4)

Down

- 1 Simple dwelling has style of mid-range accommodation (5,5)
- 2 What Dame Edna might exclaim if surprised by a small marsupial! (7)
- 4 Go to register record holder (9)
- 5 Runes performed in an alternative way (5)
- 6 Officer lost one hand (7)
- 7 One Goth managed to be very active (2,3,2)
- 8 Reinstate real nobleman (4)
- 9 Danger as original Hungry Tiger edges around to swallow (6)
- 14 Unusual for fleeces to become covered with a powdery crust (10)
- 17 Experimental fighter plane lost fin (9)
- 19 Part she got is memorable for exaggeration of self-importance (7)
- 20 Master heard to chant (7)
- 21 Nag Rob to change shoe (6)
- 22 Hoops question inside wagers (7)
- 24 Letter's in Greek! (5)
- 26 Verbally forbidden (4)

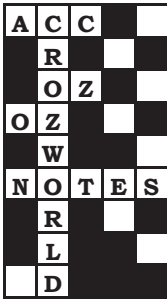
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GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I took advantage of the Frixion offer and am delighted with the novel pen. Thanks for the June book prize. I was lucky enough to win \$50 at the beginning of the year and winning again was quite a surprise. What a great Club! Loved Margaret's verse.
Veniece Lobsey
- This July issue of *Crozworld* is a super bumper issue with 7 crosswords and 2 quizzes. Certainly enough to keep us all busy.
Alan Walter
- Thank you so much for my prize for June slot 3. I really enjoyed Shir'l's puzzle as usual. The prize was a bonus which I will put towards a flight to this year's Sydney Get-Together.
Brian Tickle



Results of Quiz 6/2009. Know Yourself by Brian Symons.

Entries 43. Winner: Roy Taylor.

Answers: 1 rANKLE, 2 hARMful, 3 aBREAST, 4 BROWse, 5 CHESTnut, 6 urCHIN, 7 yEARn, 8 kEYEd, 9 enGLAND, 10 beGUM, 11 cHAIRlift, 12 sHANDy, 13 wHEEL, 14 cl-IPmunk or cHIPmuck 15 FLAP, 16 phLEGmatic, 17 sLIPpery, 18 deLIVERed, 19 sNAIL, 20 NAPERy, 21 diagNOSE, 22 sORBITo1, 23 cRIBbage, 24 SCALPel, 25 SH1Ndig, 26 baSKIng, 27 inSOLEnt, 28 SPINeT, 29 veTOEs, 30 WOMBat.

Results: **30:** W Allen, C Anderson, S Atkinson, B Cockburn, P Dearie, T De Grys, C Hambling, K Harper, A Jermy, F Martin, A Miles, C Noble, S Pinder, R Taylor, A Walter, J Wenham. **29:** M Banks, G Cole, B Foott, R Gardiner, P Garner, B Glissan, N Hazell, P Heath, V Howard, S Howells, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, D Procter, B Siegman, A Simons, J Stocks and N Storey. **28.5:** A Austin, R Caine and J Fowler. **28:** T McPherson, J Randall, M Steinberger, N Wilson and R Wimbush. **27:** B Hagan and E O'Brien.

Adjudicator's comments:

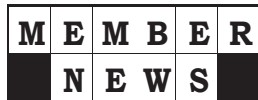
It was great to get so many entries for a quiz — and so many favourable comments (just a few are cited below). Many alternatives were given but were not as good as the intended answers or did not obey the alphabetical order (eg harass, coolheaded). However BLOODed got half a mark. Sorbitol caused most problems (sorbital, fructose – this is a sugar not a sugar substitute, asPATEmewilful misspelling, various variations on PALM, and a wonderful Forget the sugar I'll take the cRUMPet which deserved a prize but is out of alphabetic order and the wrong number of letters.

Members' comments:

- An excellent challenge.
- Fun to do and fair to everyone.
- Fun and no Googling required.
- A delight to complete.
- I'll never look at wombat the same way again.
- This was great fun. A brain-spraining exercise.
- I loved this quiz: about the best for some time.
- I had to scratch around for some of these answers.

Pat Garner
Robyn Caine
Kath Harper
Sonia Atkinson
Jenny Wenham
Roy Taylor
Betty Siegman
Jack Stocks

The **CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2009 Get-Together** held on 26 July at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy was a sparkling success. With 30 dynamic cruciverbalists in attendance it proved to be a happy occasion for all concerned. Some of the members included David Procter, Valerie Howard, Max Roddick, Merv Collins, Denis Coates, Gabrielle Leeds, Wendy Villiers, Cheryl Wilcox, Chris Heenan, John Davey, Alison Shield, Kath Harper and Alison Martin. The food and wine proved to be a happy marriage and the Quiz was won by Kath Harper. A neat little crossword by *Stroz* topped off a wonderful day. See you next year!



New Member: We extend a warm welcome back to **Bernadette Carlin** of Macgregor, ACT. Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Adjustments: Mal Cockburn gained a dot for June slot 1.

2009 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastropub' *The Cauliflower Hotel*, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 29 November 2009 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, a lovely place, established 1836, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful. It has a wonderful bistro with delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal!" There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away and there will be a fascinating Quiz. Looking forward to meeting up again.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

larrikin *n. Aust. 1a hist.* a young urban rough, a hooligan, **b** a mischief-making youth, a troublemaker. **2** a person who acts with apparent disregard for social or political conventions. **larrikinism** *n.* [ORIGIN: probably from British dialect where the verb *larack about* appears as a variant of *lark about* 'be up to youthful mischief'; the form *larrikin* also appears in British dialect, meaning 'mischievous or frolicsome youth'.]

• In the second half of the 19C the name 'larrikin' was used to describe young men of rowdy, delinquent behaviour who roamed the streets of Sydney and Melbourne in 'pushes' or gangs. More an urban than an Australian phenomenon, for they had much in common with young male gangs in the northern hemisphere at the time, nevertheless the larrikins have a place in the Australian quest for identity, the 'larrikin spirit' often being presented as nationalistic and anti-authoritarian. Nowadays the 'hooligan' connotations have disappeared, and the term is applied to extroverted and irreverent people (usu. males) of all ages.

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

Quiz No 8/2009: 'Reel' Women by Virgo.

Name the movies in which the named actress portrayed the real woman. Answers are not in alphabetical order. Send your entry to **Kay Williams** 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615 e-mail ianw@webone.com.au Closing date Friday 11 September 2009. Book prize.

- 1 Ann Todd as Eileen Joyce (3,7,4)
- 2 Emily Watson as Jacqueline Du Pre (6,3,6)
- 3 Sigourney Weaver as Diane Fossey (8,2,3,4)
- 4 Madonna as Eva Peron (5)
- 5 Judi Dench as Queen Victoria (3,7,3,5)
- 6 Nicole Kidman as Virginia Woolf (3,5)
- 7 Charlize Theron as Aileen Wuomos (7)
- 8 Julie Andrews as Maria Von Trapp (3,5,2,5)
- 9 Patty Duke as Helen Keller (3,7,6)
- 10 Faye Dunaway as Joan Crawford (6,7)
- 11 Diana Ross as Billie Holiday (4,5,3,5)
- 12 Virginia McKenna as Joy Adamson (4,4)
- 13 Barbra Streisand as Fanny Brice (5,4)
- 14 Kim Basinger as Lynn Bracken (1.1.,12)
- 15 Anna Paquin as Amy Alden (3,4,4)
- 16 Diana Dors as Phyllis Hochen (3,6,4)
- 17 Jodie Foster as Anna Leonowens (4,3,3,4)
- 18 Doris Day as Ruth Etting (4,2,2,5,2)
- 19 Anna Neagle as Florence Nightingale (3,4,4,1,4)
- 20 Sissy Spacek as Loretta Lynn (4,5'1,8)
- 21 Jean Simmons as Queen Elizabeth I (5,4)
- 22 Joanne Whalley as Christine Keeler (7)

July 1-2009: Half 'n Half by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

- A nice warm up for the month. *Jenny Wenham*
- A few unfamiliar words, but fair cluing made them solvable. I don't understand how 1dn BUTTERFLY? Works [BUTTERY containing FL (former florin) – IMW]. *Jan Wood*
- A good Half & Half though I'm not keen on grids where I unwittingly get solutions and then forget to check them! *Catherine Hambling*
- Quite a few brain testers here, I found. Had to take a guess with 30ac, as there are actually 3 words that fit the clue NOLL, NOUL and NOWL, according to my dictionary. *Barbara Morris*
- Pretty tough 'alf 'n 'alf – a fine medley (relations notwithstanding). *Mal Cockburn*
- A higher than usual number of obscure words, perhaps too many for this spot. *Jim Fowler*
- A few new words. NEUME took me ages to nut out. *Barb Ibbott*
- Took me longer than usual, particularly NEUME. YODLED and ELECTRET were also unfamiliar. *Peter Dearie*
- Chambers needed a workout with lots of unfamiliar words. *Roy Taylor*

July 2-2009: Cryptic by *Pindar* (John Brotherton)

- Great to see another new setter. My favourites were 19ac & 5 & 13dn. Could you please explain 1ac & 11ac? [See explanations p5] *Jenny Wenham*
- A great debut *Pindar!* Thank you for an engaging puzzle. *Michael Kennedy*
- Some brilliant clues here. I chose 22ac NINETY for COTM, but 6dn PRACTICE was also very neat – not surprising that *Pindar* has won clue contests. *Catherine Hambling*
- I enjoyed this offering from *Pindar*. 22ac (NINETY) sent me way off course until the penny dropped, and gets my COTM. More please! Look forward to explanation for 14dn. CAPPUCHINO? *Jan Wood*
- I hope we see more of *Pindar*. I enjoyed his clever clues, although it took me a long time to work many of them out. *Nea Storey*
- Found this one quite challenging, but think I managed to find the right answers. Loved 18ac, CHINSTRAPS, had me scratching my head for quite some time. *Barbara Morris*
- A great entrée from *Pindar*. I look forward to more of his work. Loved 1ac & 22ac. *Mal Cockburn*
- On line 2 of the Grid one is pleased to note the emergence of E I E I O, which reminds one of the old joke about the contestant asked to "spell 'farm' as in 'Old McDonald had a farm' – farm" "That's easy", he said "EIEIO". Boom Boom. *Jim Fowler*
- Held up for ages by 22ac/18dn but chuckled for ages when I got it. Hence 18dn CINDERS for COTM. *Doug Butler*
- COTM? Maybe 22ac in Slot 2 because you've got to get your mind off sex to tumble to the right answer. Obscure COTM? 2dn in Slot 2 – it was so hard to find a source which gave this definition! *Frank Martin*
- Wow! Toughest slot 2 ever. *William Ryan*
- A great debut. Clever, challenging, fair and entertaining. 28ac got my COTM. *Brian Tickle*
- Welcome *Pindar!* It takes a while to fathom a new compiler. Not everyone may be familiar with the IOW resort. *Peter Dearie*
- 1ac nearly drove me mad till the chopper connection dawned. *Barb Ibbott*
- *Pindar* does not appear to be a novice setter. Some excellent clues. *Graeme Cole*
- A challenging well-clued puzzle. Thanks *Pindar*. CAPPUCCINO was a doubly clever clue. *Alan Walter*
- 13dn made me laugh out loud. Welcome *Pindar*. *Robyn Wimbush*

July 3-2009: Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- I always like to see a *Southern Cross* puzzle. My favourite was 18dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thoroughly enjoyable as usual, with only one unfamiliar word (INCHON) so minimal research required. *Jan Wood*
- What can one say about Shirl's puzzles that hasn't already been said? Loved it, as usual. *Catherine Hambling*
- I nominate Slot 3, 15ac ("koalas") as my COTM please, altho' it was a near run thing with Slot 5, 3dn ("credit cards") very appealing! *David Grainger*
- I loved Shirl's KOALAS – yes, if we can accept starfish and hot dogs, why stumble over 'koala bears'. *Doug Butler*
- My COTM is 15ac, mainly because my pet hate is hearing people call KOALAS bears. Not real confident of my answer for 20ac, but can't figure out anything else that fits there. *Barbara Morris*
- A most enjoyable puzzle. 5dn was clever. *Mal Cockburn*
- Another fine effort by *Southern Cross*. *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks Shirl for yet another very enjoyable cryptic. A standard to emulate. *Alan Walter*
- Where would we be without Shirl? Always fair and challenging. *Margaret Davis*

July 4-2009: AJ by *dB* (Doug Butler)

- Great to see an AJ without too many new, obscure words. Doesn't QUEECHY have a lovely sound to it? I thought it a bit tough to use 'half of French Cyprus' to indicate CHY, though. Could you please explain the clue for LIONELS? [LIONELS (Barts – Oliver, etc) – small lions found on [armorial] bearings, which may be courant (running) – IMW] *Jenny Wenham*
- Doug always presents a challenge and with words like ELEVENTHLY, JUSTEST and QUEECHY, I found this a FIENDLY puzzle. I have no idea about the L clue. *Jan Wood*
- A few crazy words in this one, but I guess that's the way it goes with AJs. Still haven't found QUEECHY, so here's hoping. *Catherine Hambling*
- H: for the vertically positioned 'hellbent', the grass (bent) is under rather than on the underworld: Q: French Cyprus has 12 letters so I don't think 'half of FrenCH CYprus' is a good indicator for the 4 central letters. *Drew Meek*
- Hardest AJ for me, in a while, but loved it. Who would have thought ELEVENTHLY was really a word? This one had me BEWILDERED and searching my ZODIACS for help, but I was HELLBENT on finding the answers, even with many a DOG EAR in my reference books, which I try not to MISTREAT. Just had to PERSPIRE till I could INTUIT the correct answers. Enough to give one XERASIA and wonder if I've UNLEARNT more than I gained. Managed to make my way through the QUEECHY ground and show some SUPERIORITY in the end! *Barbara Morris*
- D was my favourite. Thanks Doug. *Mal Cockburn*
- FASCIST, NAZI, THUG, GHETTO, WARSAW! Coincidence or design? *Peter Dearie*
- A gridful of wit. I liked DOG-EAR the best. *Max Roddick*
- An excellent A-Z from Doug. He had me foxed with LIONELS until I realised he was not talking about mechanical bearings! *Margaret Davis*
- How exciting to find QUEECHY as I live near Queechy Hill and high school so was familiar with the word. *Barb Ibbott*

July 5-2009: Cryptic by *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy)

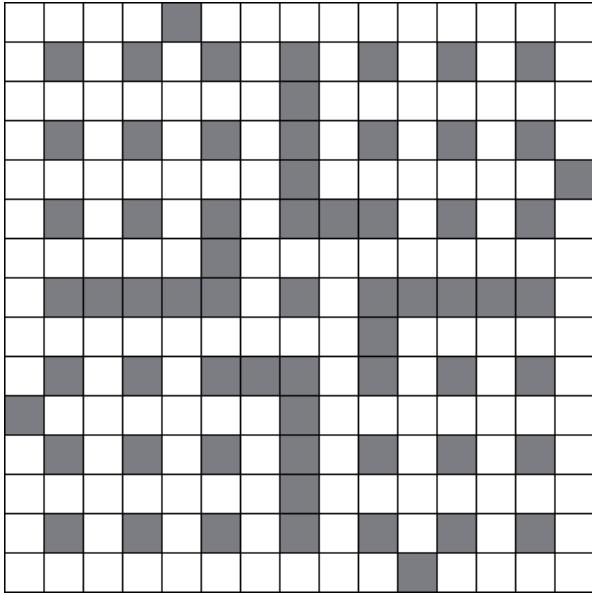
- Quite mild for a *Manveru* puzzle, I thought. It took me ages to get the reference to 'one point' in 11ac. Guess which sport I don't watch?! 7ac is an excellent hidden word clue and I liked 3dn & 24dn. I gave 3dn my COTM vote purely for the groan it got when I worked it out. *Jenny Wenham*
- LAGNIAPPE was a new word for me. My favourite clue was 3dn, CREDIT CARDS. Unsure about 19dn. Could it be either HEELER or HEALER? *Jan Wood*
- My COTM goes to *Manveru* for describing Darwin as an evolving writer (23ac). Very timely, as 2009 is the 200th anniversary of his birth, and the 150th anniversary of the publication his theory of evolution. *Nea Storey*
- Some excellent clues from *Manveru*. If it hadn't been for *Pindar*, I'd have selected 11ac BEHIND for COTM. I hope everyone is familiar with AFL scoring! *Catherine Hambling*
- 17ac: This clue uses RO ('retreating army') to suggest that OR (other ranks) = army. I think this is not a fair clue since the army is not just privates and NCOs (though I recognize that army is often used as a clue (as in 2dn in this puzzle) to indicate [enlisted] men: 4dn: Surely 'beer oddly' is BE, whereas the letters to be indicated (ER) is 'beer evenly'. *Drew Meek*
- Very seldom do we see a good clue for a 3-letter word, but 24dn Sealed with a kiss (WAX) was the bee's knees. *Doug Butler*
- Had a lot of trouble with the clues in this one, had a hard time getting on *Manveru's* wavelength. I am still not sure how I arrived at the answers, if they are indeed right. 8dn has me stumped: I don't get how EM (EMBITTER) is the initials for a drug (which one?) but I think the BITTER part is right for beer. 10ac: EXURBS I think though not sure how R is run, but maybe that's just me. 23ac: DARWIN? I can see success (WIN) but how is DAR an aborted adventure? And evolving writer is not a great clue for Mr Darwin: would have thought evolutionary a better word. Of course, that's if my answer is correct. 14ac: CRYSTAL GAZER had me stumped, too. Since when is CRYSTAL a drug? I have heard of crystal meth, but not sure its called CRYSTAL on its own, but what would I know? Crystal ball gazer maybe, but not a crystal gazer. Not happy with this clue. 5dn: FUSSPOT: Another clue where the word fellow is represented by the letter F. Is this common, or am I missing something? 24dn: WAX – only clue I really liked here: gave me a chuckle. *Barbara Morris*
- 20ac gets my COTM, if only for putting a new slant on the old classic "men swear". *Mal Cockburn*
- I look forward to receiving a lagniappe if drawn from the sorting hat. Not too keen on 11ac being a direct reference to AFL terminology – we are not all pingpong fans! *Jim Fowler*
- I found LAGNIAPPE appealing – but it took some time! *Max Roddick*

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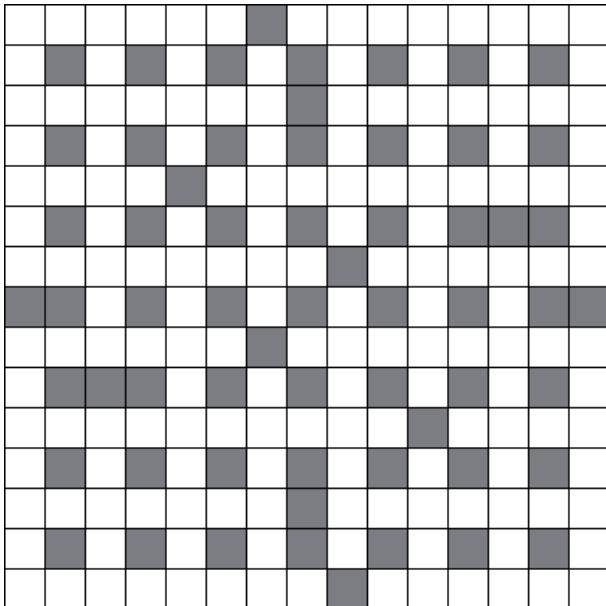
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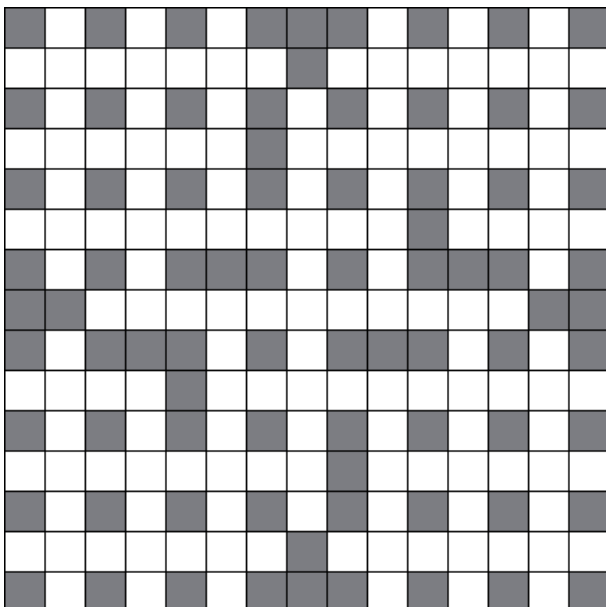
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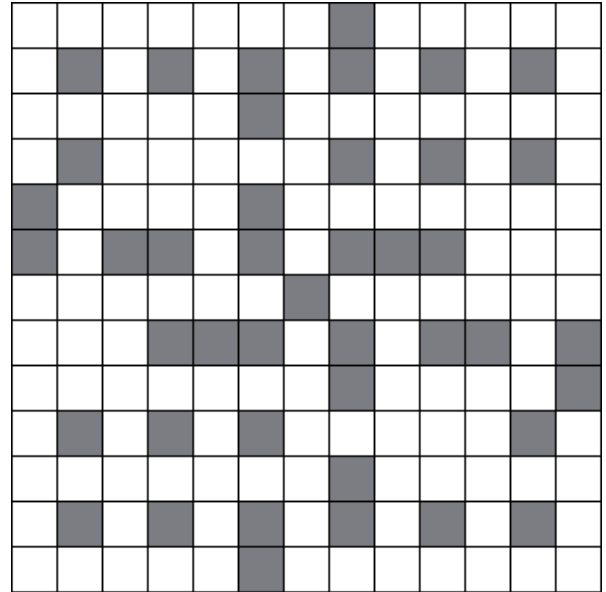
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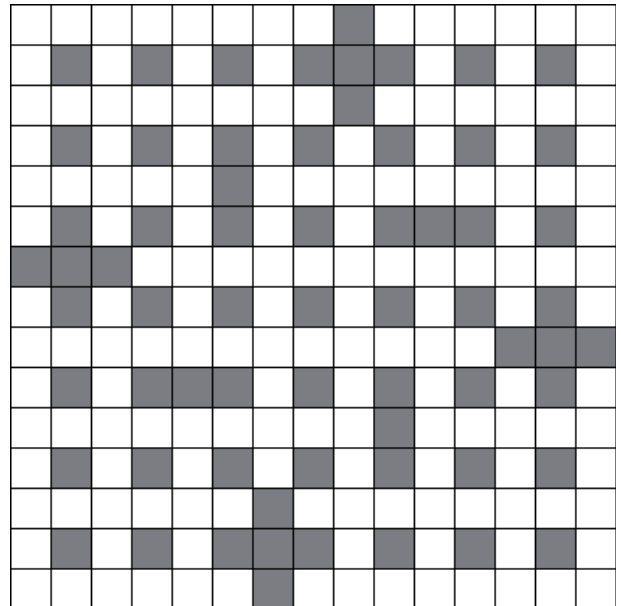
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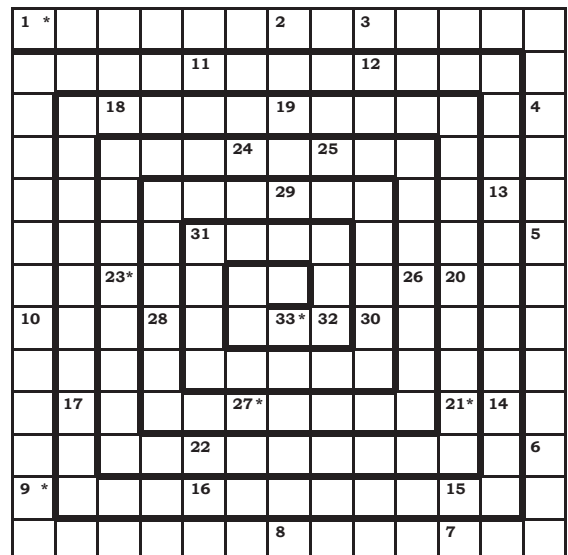
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Our daughter's name (6): - - - - -
Where to find her (9): - - - - -

Clue of the Month

June 6-2009: Word Games by Barney Naga (Bob Hagan & Jeremy Barnes)

Entries 81. Correct 65. Success rate 80%.

Prizewinners: Yvonne McKindlay and Wendy Villiers. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- Many thanks for an entertaining solve. *Bill Alston*
- Very enjoyable exercise – not real sure of 24dn, but for the life of me I can't think of anything else. *Roy Wilson*
- I'd thought for a long time sport had been somewhat neglected as subject matter for our crosswords apart from the Melbourne Cup that is. Blow me down, the very month my humble effort is printed, so is yours – great minds think alike. I laughed out loud at "NOHOW". Thanks for this super crossword. *Carole Noble*
- A very difficult set of clues to fully rationalise – 1ac hoedown is not hyphenated [consistent with *Chambers*]; 8ac drug is too broad a description, according to *Chambers* Heroin = H slang which should be indicated; Moho is an adjective and is a type of discontinuity (named after the discoverer) – Clue better worded "Slang drug in low type of discontinuity (4)"; 12ac No does not equate to 0 or nothing. If LYMP sounds as "weak" then ICS does not sound as "shots". LYM+PICS still does not sound as "weak shots"; 19ac "birdies" are "little birds" which do not characterise EGRETS; 20 & 4ac is starred * so is supposed to have no definition but "spring" certainly defines a type of "vault"; 28ac "paradoxically flew home" seems an irrelevant part of this clue; 2dn is not starred but appears not to have any definition of "NOHOW"; 6ac TUNISIA is a "republic" – replacing this word with "State" is archaic according to *Chambers* and should be indicated; 7dn "the fundamental" is a rather unsatisfactory reference to "T"; 10dn "Safari attraction" is a very poor definition of GNU and too vague. There are so many other "attractions". Better to put "animal". Thanks for your OLYMPIC GAMES theme puzzle which was much more than challenging "Word Games". *Alan Walter*
- I greatly enjoyed the puzzle and only have 2dn to query. "knowhow" would fit with "smart" and "nohow" with "unfriendly apache" but perhaps I've missed something. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for the most challenging of the June puzzles. Great theme. 16ac had me stumped the longest as I didn't get what Future Theme meant. (modern?) It eventually Came to Me in the Middle of the Night after I had pieced together the L – ON – DON. All I can say is "D'oh!". Gripe: My *Chambers* has nohow as "not in any way, not at all; in no definable way". Which is different from "know how". I still like the clue though. *Mal Cockburn*
- Attached is my solution to your enjoyable puzzle. Some comments on the clues below: Lots of nice clues but as usual we tend to speak more of those we don't follow: 20 and 4ac: I don't understand the role of 'European' in the clue. North or South indicates Pole and Spring indicates Vault [European – someone from Poland – is an additional meaning for Pole – JB]. 2dn seems to me that smart is 'know how' and a homophone indicator is absent; 21dn: if E, N, S are the directions, I don't see how UING are two small countries. Maybe NG is New Guinea (a part of a country) but I can't think of a country abbreviated to UI. *Andrew Meek*
- Many thanks for the challenge. Took me a while to get the theme sorted and then I was a lot happier. *Trish McPherson*
- Thanks for a good themed puzzle. Between this one and Slot 5 I'm exhausted just thinking about all that sport. I was pleased to see the secondary indicators for the themed clues to give us a sporting chance. I liked the idea of 2dn but can't reconcile NOHOW as an alternative for KNOWHOW. My favourite clue was 28ac. Can you please explain 21dn ENSUING? Also 22dn ZIP, which was my last one in, and I'm not terribly confident. Is it a triple definition? 3 letter words can be difficult at the best of times, but with 2 unchecked letters it makes it much harder for the solver. *Jenny Wenham*
- What a top puzzle! You should take a bow. I thought 28ac (KIWI) was the clue of the Month. It was great to meet up with you and Bob at the luncheon. [Thanks, Ron, but remember that the COTM only relates to Slots 1-5 – JB]. *Ron O'Rourke*
- A tricky puzzle. I first started looking for anagrams and palindromes and eventually got "BASKETBALL". I knew then what I was looking for which made it easier! My last two entries were "KIWI" and "ZIP" – both really clever clues especially "ZIP"! "LONDON" took a while until I reread the clue and saw "theme city" – I wanted to put "JORDON" because it fitted and was a river! Not a good reason! Excellent puzzle! *Bev Cockburn*
- I thought this was well conceived and brilliantly clued. 22dn ZIP took me a while. I think it must be ZIP, "to close up (as in a fly) and nothing". *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for the challenge. 27dn ZIP gave me a fair bit of gyp before

the penny dropped.

- I loved your puzzle especially 13dn (DOORKNOBS). I have been sitting on all but one completed entry – 22dn. Put in DIM – not too flash and close = mid upwards. Not perfect in my book but we'll see (Sorry Raoul, but you had plenty of friends struggling with this one – JB) *William Ryan*
- My heart quails when I see asterisks in place of definitions, but getting 12ac (OLYMPICS) reasonably early was a big help. And with two sports themed puzzles this month, my sporting knowledge is improving by leaps and bounds (high jumps and long jumps). Thank you. *Kath Harper*
- What a mighty effort to fit in 8 sports as well as LONDON and OLYMPICS! Well done. Some great clues but particularly liked 30ac SWIMMING and 28ac KIWI. The final two clues I had trouble solving were both 3-letter words. In 10dn GNU, I'm hoping "recognised" is a synonym for "knew". 22dn LIN – what a toughie! Forget the punctuation. An excellent clue when you get it! *Graeme Cole*
- We don't get many sporting themes so it's nice to get two in a month. *Ann Jermy*
- Good quiz, with so many Olympic sports included. Not sure about 28ac (KIWI). *Nea Storey*
- Thank you and your 'partner in crime' for your puzzle. I am one of those extraordinary (in Australia) people with very little interest in sport, but it is impossible to live here without absorbing a certain amount of sporting information. Over the past 36 years I have discovered that to say "It's only a game" is tantamount to asking to be ostracised, or worse. So having had a look at Slot 5 and deciding it was not for me I was taken aback when I realised that your theme was also sporting, albeit on a higher, Olympic plane. However, I decided to have a go so here is my effort. I am not too sure about the bottom right hand corner but decided to send it without recourse to any reference books so I hope I have not disgraced myself entirely (A well earned dot indeed – JB) Thanks again for the puzzle. You clever compilers are the back bone of our wonderful Club. *Margaret Davis*
- All good until 22dn (ZIP) which took a week to discover. Nearly sent DIM a week ago. *Andrew Paterson*
- Very enjoyable – especially loved KIWI (I still remember him flying home), NOHOW and BLEW. ZIP took me weeks! *Brian Symons*
- Hope the attached is OK. I really liked your clues especially 2dn (NOHOW). *Jean Barbour*
- Hi there Jeremy! Loved the puzzle – just hope I'm right. Were you the across clues or the downers? Shan't say which were my faves, cause I loved all of them. Give my love to my brother and I look forward to seeing you all at our next Get-Together. *Del Kennedy*
- I enjoyed the Brothers marathon, thanks. *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks again to all involved. Written with my new Friction Ball Pen! *Robyn Wimbush*
- 22dn Little word....big problem! PIC? ZIP? ZIP is USA for nothing.... Here's hoping. *Maurice Cowan*
- Thank you very much for this interesting theme puzzle – especially at this time when there is so much sport going on. Up the Mighty Maroons! *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you for your beaut puzzle. *Bev Solomon*
- I did like this puzzle but 8ac 'moho' is just a guess! (A good one then – JB). I thought 28ac 'Kiwi' was brilliant. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- I have been puzzling over 28ac KIWI for some time, and light has finally dawned. I haven't worked out what the "two small countries" are in the clue for 21dn, but ENSUING seems to fit. *Peter Dearie*
- Thanks for your puzzle; I enjoyed it. My favourite clue in this puzzle was 28ac KIWI. I'm not sure how 21dn ENSUING works. *Jan Wood*
- Well, well! A four letter word for Mohorovicician Discontinuity! *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for a good puzzle. You did very well to include so many Olympic sports. Keep up the good work. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for a great crossword on Olympic sports. *David Procter*
- I really enjoyed the puzzle but have to admit that a 3 letter word has me stumped. I cannot for the life of me answer the clue to 22dn. So I have just made up the answer!!! As a consequence I am not expecting to gain a dot for this puzzle (Ah, but you did, well done! JB) *Dallas Window*
- Thanks for spending your time doing the adjudication. Did enjoy the puzzle though stuck on 28ac KIWI and not even sure now that it is correct and 22dn!! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I really enjoyed this until the end, and then I hit 22dn. I cannot make up my mind about it; nothing I tried really clicked, so it is more than likely that I have blown the whole thing. I bet I kick myself when I see the answers. (I'm sure you will be pleased to see ZIP as the correct answer for this troublesome clue – JB) *Margaret Galbreath*

[For Setters' Comments see p6]