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Words should be an intense pleasure, just as leather should be to a shoemaker.
Evelyn Waugh, 19 November 1950, *New York Times*.

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ACC is organising the Victorian Get-Together at the Royal Oak Hotel in North Fitzroy on Sunday 4 August 2019 from 12 noon. We have an excellent number of keen solvers in attendance but would like a few more please. There is a puzzle to solve called Easy Street by *Stroz* and a Quiz with some straightforward questions. And the food will be of first-quality not to mention the excellent white and red wines available. Hope to see you there! Kindly let me know on (03) 9347 1216.

Our masterly Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a fascinating set of excellent puzzles and quiz for you this month. The grids start off with a skilful Half 'n Half by *Leprechaun* followed by our perennial ACC favourites including *Katydid*, *Pentangle* and *InGrid*. *Crowsman* has compiled another challenging puzzle in Slot 5 titled *Just Because I wanted to!* and we are privileged to publish a skilfully designed puzzle by *Valkyrie* in Slot 6 titled *Working Out with Elvis*. *Valkyrie* has provided another outstanding Quiz called RUOK? (3,3,4).

We are delighted to see that our recently appointed Secretary **Jenny Wenham** is organising the ACC Brisbane Get-Together 2019. If interested members could phone Jenny (at night or weekends) or email, or pop a note in with their mailed entries, it would give her an indication and we could go from there. Any weekend in November would suit Jenny but let's say Sunday 17th and see how we go.

Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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Crossword adjudication is now almost fully automated, so the very kind thank-you notes I received, although much appreciated, felt quite undeserved. And it's always a pleasure to receive personal mail that doesn't offer 'free' gifts and ask for money! But the pleasure of adjudication is reduced by a pang of disappointment at every error, especially a misspelling or blank square.

Slot 1: A lot of solvers found this a particularly tricky puzzle. SCRUMMAGING was the main stumbling block, with fifteen solvers opting for SCRIMMAGING. THRASH and RAPS also tripped up many people, and a few missed the sporting reference and turned BOLT into BELT, BALT or BOLO. There was a wide range of one-off errors, including PATIENCE for PRUDENCE (wrong girl) and OMISSION for OTIOSITY (wrong sin).

Slot 2: FLOWERY became FOOLERY or FOODERY according to the fancy of a couple of solvers, and there were occasional single errors.

Slot 3: Several solvers overdid the liveliness of ROLLICKING, turning it into BOLLOCKING or variants thereof. In some cases the unrest spread to BROOM, which became ARIOT. A few one-off errors added to the mayhem.

Slot 4: A number of people were tied in knots by the manipulative ROLFER, who became a REEFER, a ROLLER or a REELER (too much rock'n'roll?). WARMBLOODEDNESS generated some cosy WARMHEARTEDNESS and even WARMDEVOTEDNESS. A few solvers may have been thinking about cricketing ducks when they put QUACKS instead of QUICKS. EYASES produced a couple of variations, and in a few instances the PAPOOSE became a PATRIST.

Slot 5: Two clues caused major problems. More than thirty solvers failed to disclose PRIORS, and a similar number were caught TEEING the ball instead of TOEING. Several opted for BROOD instead of BLOOD (double definition); LATINAS was linguistically correct but didn't fit the clue; and the anagram required BANANA (rather than PANAMA) REPUBLIC.

COTM: Nominations were spread across all slots, with 21 clues receiving at least one vote – more than a third of those being in Slot 3. Nine solvers overcame their fear of going to the DENTIST, making it the clear winner. Congratulations to *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy).

Only one more month of winter – officially at least! —Kath Harper

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	96	93	85	75	77	426
Correct entries	51	86	59	54	23	273
Success rate (%)	53.1	92.5	69.4	72	29.9	64.1
Prizewinners	Jeremy Barnes	Peter Dearie	Norma Heyes	Andrew Patterson	Doreen Jones	from 100 members

Prizewinner: July 2019 Slots 1-5: Graeme Cole. Congratulations!

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July 1-2019

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July 2-2019

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July 3-2019

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July 5-2019

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ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY 2019 Slots 1-5 & JUNE Slot 6

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Abbott P.		.		.			Grainger D.	.	.		.			O'Brien E.		.	.	.			
Allen W.	Hagan B.					.		Parsons D.	
Anderson C.			Hagan R.		Patterson A.	
Audrins K.	Hagan T.		.					Perrow H.		.	.				
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Barbour J.		.					Harper K.	Potts M.		
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Baylis J.		.					Heyes N.		.					Procter M.		
Bennett D.		.	.	.			Howard V.		.	.				Randall J.		.					
Blake M.	Howat S.		.			.		Roddick M.		.				.	
Caine R.		Jarman L.			.	.	.		Rolfe G.		.					
Carroll L.		Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Roulston S.			.				
Coates D.		.					Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Ryan W.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.	Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shield A.	.	.					
Colgan L.	Lankshear J.		.	.				Siegman B.		.					
Collins M.		.					Lee C.		.		.			Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coote P.	Leeds G.	.	.					Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.		.					Leigh J.		Smith J.	
Coulton L.		.					Lloyd G.	.	.			.		Storey N.	
Cromer H.	Mackay-Sim C.		.	.				Symons B.		
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Dearie P.	Martin A.		.	.	.			Taylor S.	
Dennis M.	Martin F.			Thompson I.	
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Ducker R.	McKenzie I.		Wenham J.	.	.	.				
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Freeland J.		.	.				Meek D.		Williams Keith	
Garner P.		Miles A.		Wimbush R.	
Glissan B.		.	.			.	Millard A.	Young A.		.	.				
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Half 'n Half
by
Leprechaun



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Across

- 1 Amend (6)
- 4 Harsh (8)
- 10 Ambiguous (9)
- 11 Class (5)
- 12 A regrettable fact (4)
- 13 Rickety vehicle (10)
- 15 Send by a different path (7)
- 16 Ration (6)
- 19 Mischievous child (6)
- 21 May be required reading for a severe reprimand (4,3)
- 23 Fresh start (5,5)
- 25 Hashish (4)
- 27 Unmentionable (5)
- 28 Fake (9)
- 29 Genuflects (8)
- 30 Outcome (6)

Down

- 1 Crack around old ship again (2-6)
- 2 Harvest Queen with hesitation became produce merchant (9)
- 3 Party in opera venue (4)
- 5 Newspaperman under table drunk and behind schedule (7)
- 6 Assign ogre to stir up hostility (10)
- 7 Central hotel takes royal cipher (5)
- 8 Disturbed temp following former partner is excused (6)
- 9 Diamond Anniversary? (3,3)
- 14 Pleasant sounding fraud broadcast to divide European Union from first of other unified states (10)
- 17 News channel for 2 (9)
- 18 Pace over international time – hurry up! (4,2,2)
- 20 Set aside disgrace including condition direction changed (7)
- 21 Sell up part of Australia territorially (6)
- 22 Sharp spasm after initial alternating current electrification (6)
- 24 Tops of eucalyptus, melaleuca, beech, elder and rowan turned to ash (5)
- 26 Two of these reportedly required to make a hole (4)

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Cryptic by Katydid



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Across


- 1 19 relative place and time (6)
- 5 Batman's city trades its first for second to get 19 all rounder (6)
- 10 Class of 19 belongs to cults (7)
- 11 Pub sign swings as 19er's turn (7)
- 12 Novel dressing style, perhaps? (6)
- 15 19er hat (6)
- 16 Fastidious shoe-maker Jimmy says yes to slingback (7)
- 17 WI 19er takes five from immature 19 (4)
- 18 Strong wine for 15-across, a true man? (4)
- 19 Game chirper (7)
- 20 We thank you for NZ relative of 19 (4)
- 22 Crazy 19 equipment (4)
- 25 Shorten is abrupt and upset (7)
- 27 Hatch 19er Alastair at crease? (4,2)
- 28 Black Prince, for example, is related to 19 (6)
- 31 Stew is eaten regularly each summer, say (7)
- 32 Least attractive short Ugandan tells porkies to model (7)
- 33 Reverse "shooter" and nab 19's golden boy Miller (6)
- 34 WC functions at cow corner? (6)

Down

- 2 Orestes cooked a sturgeon (7)
- 3 Inelegant hiccup sound by familiar uncle (6)
- 4 On debuts, three Englishmen score tons and clinch 19 5-day-er (4)
- 5 Alibi I forgot, muddled and upset by 15-across (4)
- 6 Public address system will irritate, after time (6)
- 7 Ring-like void empty air (7)
- 8 19er Vaughan is night watch, gets runs initially (6)
- 9 Obtuse riddle holds cyberhandle (4,2)
- 13 19 call misheard as "Cheer up!" (7)
- 14 Ban, at last, a 19er Geoff (7)
- 15 Ben swaps piano for forte in saga, kindly (7)
- 20 15-across attacks 19 rhyme (6)
- 21 Hear out confused transcendentalist (7)
- 23 Orb-weaver and I are interwoven (7)
- 24 22 grips have quiet rears (6)
- 25 Healing copper band (6)
- 26 Bridge player in French city becomes quick Aussie 15-across (6)
- 29 Chinese dynasty rises to be one of 10 in cloud? (4)
- 30 Grass pitch (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a very pleasant surprise to get the ACC cheque! I have just counted up the number of members who got five dots for Slots 1 to 5, and there were 40 altogether, so I feel very privileged, both to have found myself within such distinguished company, and also to have been fortunate enough to have been selected as the lucky winner out of the 40 candidates! Lady Luck has indeed been smiling on me!
Richard Williams
- Thanks to Bev for her many years of service to the club as Secretary/Treasurer. I'll do my best to fill those shoes.
Jenny Wenham
- A great month's solving with some really fine clues; not least of which included THRASH (*Zinzan*); SEA DOG; SURROUNDED and BROOM (*Manveru*) and LACTEAL and CUL-DE-SAC (*Flowerman*). All the puzzles were enjoyable.
Andrew Miles
- I found this month's puzzles quite difficult.
Judy Randall
- All excellent puzzles; with many contenders for COTM.
Laurence Kennedy
- One small step.
Ron Jarman
- Thank you so much for my prize for May! A lovely and unexpected gift.
Christina Lee

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


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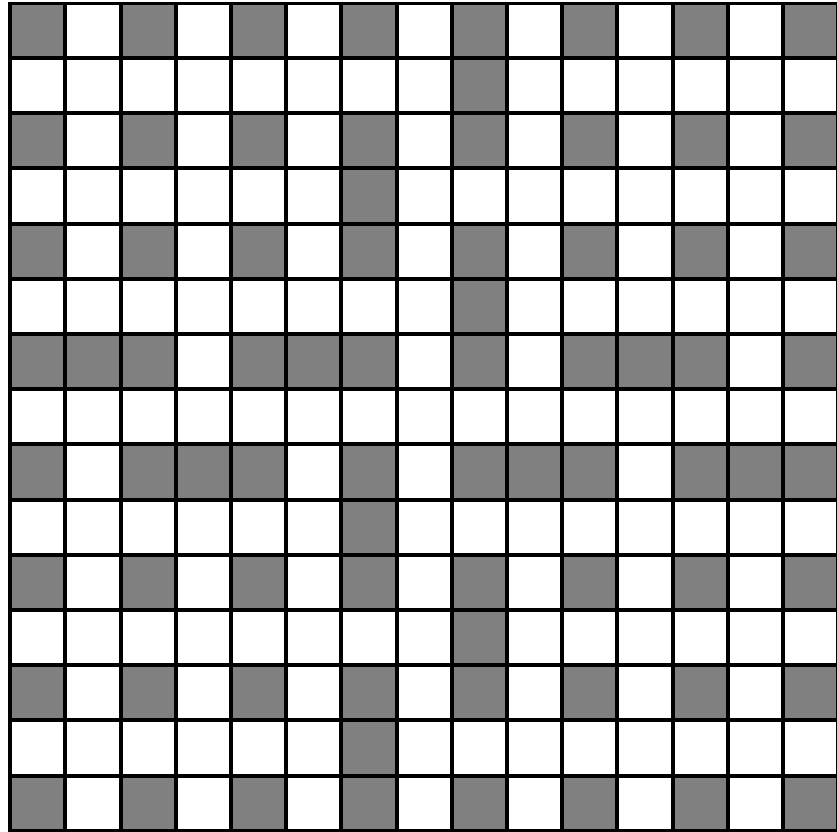
Across

- 1 Very large comedian embracing son (6)
- 4 Clears back to front protection (8)
- 10 Delete badly written last line following loveless marriage (9)
- 11 Tennis score card (5)
- 12 Decorative design without renewed needlework starts spreading towards the ends (5)
- 13 Desecration of obscure relic held by wise man (9)
- 14 Calm stern heart needed for trained horse (7)
- 16 Place it in the middle of itself (4)
- 19 Plant in another bed (4)
- 21 Bungled name – so forgetful (7)
- 24 Ten-across replaced those that came before (9)
- 25 Cover offensive word with large penetrating sound of car horn (5)
- 26 Delay not good for ship (5)
- 27 Decide to prevent excavation (9)
- 28 Degenerate person successfully finished going west to make an impression (8)
- 29 Strays all over the place with lecherous men (6)

Down

- 1 Bottom line found in detailed surrender collapsed (8)
- 2 Dress code used to make capital? (5,3)
- 3 Publish a type of paper with no introduction (5)
- 5 Opens four somehow without bottle opener (7)
- 6 Criminal has a bundle on the game (9)
- 7 Unopened extra payments create responsibilities (6)
- 8 More enthusiastic mourner (6)
- 9 Saw her tangled up with large rope (6)
- 15 Unswerving in step and greatly loved (9)
- 17 Harshness of tax overturned in a notice (8)
- 18 Ruins meal without carbon and sulphur (8)
- 20 Widen short bend in road? On the contrary (7)
- 21 Rising state places capital perhaps (6)
- 22 Recalled lap top is weak (6)
- 23 Nice resort in US state is beautiful (6)
- 25 Arab turned up to catch king fish (5)

|A|U|G|U|S|T| |2|0|1|9| |S|L|O|T| |4|
AJ by <i>InGrid</i>

Solutions begin with the given letter.
Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.
One solution is not listed in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.

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| <p>A Relating to chance for a lowland conservative (8)</p> <p>B Ship, in dog language (6)</p> <p>C Focuses on necks (8)</p> <p>D Imagines nightmares are finished (6,2)</p> <p>E Grommet rented after checkout (6)</p> <p>F Fear an accident to membranes (6)</p> <p>G Signatory collapsed without endless rotation (8)</p> <p>H Milliner mad? (6)</p> <p>I Disregard lost region (6)</p> <p>J Pools swing around copper before one starts swimming (8)</p> <p>K Clumsy innkeeper takes nip to be sharper (6)</p> <p>L Rend awfully after wash of colour (8)</p> <p>M Confusion for officer over semi-Jewish interjection (8)</p> <p>N Decade has pins, perhaps, for draws (8)</p> | <p>O Expose upright cape to brilliance (15)</p> <p>P Almost the last prison turn for the lieutenant (6)</p> <p>Q Perhaps Siamese rulers? (6)</p> <p>R Yielded blush over final hesitation (8)</p> <p>S Important birth of mail item (7,8)</p> <p>T Fly backwards in best establishments (6)</p> <p>U Organisation has atomic goods for sale, unexpectedly (8)</p> <p>V Polynesian woman exceptionally naive about heroin (6)</p> <p>W Spooner provided code rooms for commanders (8)</p> <p>X Ray's leader finds love immediately for Greek carving (6)</p> <p>Y One may unsettle attendant (6)</p> <p>Z Spanish entertainment displays razzle all over Australian internet domain (8)</p> |
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July 5-2019: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- Nice clues; especially those for LATINOS; GRASPING and DANUBE.
- LACREAL is a brilliant clue.
- Some difficult clues here. 7dn had me worried – teeing; toeing.....?? I eventually decided on toeing. I was trying to complicate the parsing!
- NE and SW corners took a while.
- Clever clue for priory!
- Excellent; tricky and misleading clues here; including TOEING which I voted COTM.
- Challenging puzzle very happy to finish it; just hope I have the right answers.

Brian Tickle
Len Colgan
Julie Crowe
Tony Dobeles
Nea Storey
Roy Taylor
Joan Smith

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


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Across

- 1 Supplier for caddies gives lessons in front of tee (3,5)
- 5 Fine spray-gun from borders of Myanmar (6)
- 10 Genius, half hidden, spotted fish (5)
- 11 A rage overturned elite trapeze artist (9)
- 12 Aerated and left inside, is cut by broken bottle (7)
- 13 Prepares fist (4,3)
- 14 They are highly rated grains (5)
- 15 Bad 30 carried in (8)
- 19 Official 5 admitted inside (8)
- 21 City is in top position, according to hearsay (5)
- 25 This attacks (4,3)
- 27 Ranked the odds of 30 entering clothed (7)
- 28 Raise unsettled programme writer (9)
- 29 Participate in boring exercise (5)
- 30 Person providing support, but not as a family member (6)
- 31 Gang absorbed pains getting sailor's trunk (3,5)

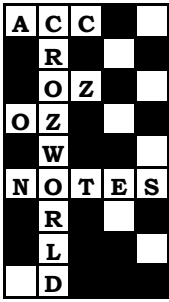
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- 1 WI island excessively restricts fish catch (6)
- 2 It interrupts stone toss (7)
- 3 Lies low, harbouring injuries, in elevated slopes (9)
- 4 Reserved sandwiches and drink (6)
- 6 It assumes siesta is not suitable (5)
- 7 Hint to make less crowded (4,3)
- 8 Turning, list right (8)
- 9 Illegally trade vehicles (7)
- 16 Two nice centres house animal of a northern country (9)
- 17 Moderates limiting speed and stresses (8)
- 18 Russian leader moved about in style (7)
- 20 Characters saunter off (7)
- 22 Condemn clan abandoning secret (7)
- 23 Blast spiteful woman interrupting that female (6)
- 24 Informed party – it's raised a small block of shares! (3,3)
- 26 Cost-free talk? (5)

July 5-2019: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- Unsure of quite answers. Both 14 letter words were stabs in the dark.
- A few cases of making the clue fit the answer. A good challenge.
- Some new words here – not sure if I'll get to use them day to day. Liked the clue for FEINT.
- I really enjoyed this Slot. A few interesting challenges. Thank you *Flowerman*.
- TOEING took a bit of head scratching; but when it clicked it was nice. Even better if you are a mollyduker; (which I am not) [*mollydooker in Macquarie – Adj*]. COTM to LACTEAL which wastes nothing in a compact clue.
- They're always a bit tough by *Flowerman*.
- Great cross-references made this a lot of fun.
- Oh dear! Another triple unchecked letters puzzle. 13: I will be interested to see the explanation for this clue. A dodgy anagram?

Anne Simons
Ulla Axelsen
Hilary Cromer
Ann Millard
Mike Potts
Richard Skinner
Robyn Caine
George Rolfe



Results of Quiz 6/2019. Five inside four by Crowsman (Len Colgan).

Entries: 47.

Winner: Jean Evans. Congratulations!

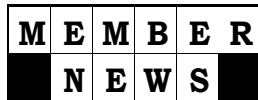
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Answers: 1 actresses, 2 alarmedly, 3 ayatollah, 4 balancers, 5 blundered, 6 cameleers, 7 carousers, 8 cauterise, 9 delivered, 10 depressed, 11 distilled, 12 duchesses, 13 fluttered, 14 gatherers, 15 gossiper, 16 hostilely, 17 lemonades, 18 loaminess, 19 machinate, 20 pestilent, 21 pushiness, 22 recovered, 23 refinedly, 24 rehearsal, 25 retreated, 26 sequester, 27 shuddered, 28 slumbered, 29 suspended, 30 sustained.

Setter's Comments: With such restrictions on each answer, few incorrect answers were entered. However, finding the expected answers was another matter. For #25, RETRACTED was eventually accepted as well as the intended RETREATED, even though it was the precise example given in the preamble. It might be fun trying to clue each of these answers cryptically, using the 'five inside four' containment concept. With all answers in *Chambers*, comments received indicate one cannot trust spell-checkers!

Solvers' Comments:

- Another fun quiz. Never ceases to amaze me that we enjoy so much variety. My spell check didn't like a couple of these which seems strange, ALARMEDLY and GOSPELLER? Maybe that is about *Apple vs Chambers*. *Ann Millard*
- I'm constantly surprised at the range of quiz ideas! No. 30 had me scratching my head for quite a while. *Julie Crowe*
- Very much enjoyed the quiz. 21 took forever – being a sweetie 'pushiness' didn't spring readily to mind! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Must have taken you a while to find so many words to fit the criteria – some are not apparent at first sight! *Nea Storey*
- I really enjoyed this quiz – something a bit different! *Judy Randall*
- Thanks for another challenging and fun quiz; don't know how you think up such clever words. *Claire McClelland*
- Some answers came easily, but some I had to dig deep for 18 for example. (Maybe because it's a quality lacking in our local soils.) *Kath Harper*
- Must have taken a bit of word trawling to find this great list. *Ulla Axelsen*
- An entertaining puzzle, though I find REFINEDLY a distinctly clumsy word. *Ian Mason*
- Thank you for another chance to play with words. You are always so imaginative with your thinking! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Another good one. Spellcheck knocked a few answers back so common sense applied. Hope I'm right. *Gary Lemon*
- Thanks again for a great quiz... where you get all the different ideas to test the mind remains a mystery to me. *Maureen Blake*
- Very enjoyable if a little frustrating at times. More please. *Barbara Glissan*
- An enjoyable and quite tricky puzzle. I think the English language provides us with too many synonyms! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Another engrossing quiz – the variation in your puzzles and quizzes is amazing. *Pat Garner*
- You certainly like testing my vocabulary! Enjoyed the challenge as always. *Cheryl Wilcox*



ACC Membership: New Member:

Ron Jarman from Invergowrie, NSW (thanks to Lynn Jarman). Welcome Ron to the ACC and our Best Wishes for your cruciverbal membership. We welcome

Anne Duffy for her 2020 renewal of ACC Membership.

Brisbane Get-Together 2019

Jenny Wenham said that she was happy to organise a Get-Together, even if the numbers were small, but would like some idea of whether or not it would be worthwhile first. If interested members could phone Jenny (at night or weekends) or email, or pop a note in with their mailed entries. It would give her an indication and we could go from there. Any weekend in November would suit Jenny but let's say Sunday 17th and see how we go.

Results of Quiz No 5: Homophonia by Brian Symons.

Marian Procter got an extra point for the quiz increasing from 23 to 24.

Missing dots June 2019

We apologise, but unfortunately some members missed dots in June due to the non-appearance of their submissions in the ACCOLADE database. Despite exhaustive investigations we have been unable to identify the source of the problem. Our best guess is that it was some sort of hangover from the network problems associated with return emails but we can't be sure. We do know that ACCOLADE has otherwise operated without problems since 2015. A revised table is shown below, identifying missed dots in red, all of which have been restored in our records. We hope that we have identified all dots needing to be restored, but if you were affected by the problem, didn't report it and want the dots credited, email puzzle_editor@crosswordclub.org, identifying the missing dot(s).

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Dennis M	.						
Garner P.
Jones D.
McKenzie R.	
Potts M.
Wimbush R.

Quiz No 8/2019: RUOK? (3,3,4) by Valkyrie.

The answers all have something in common, although perhaps requiring a certain elasticity of the tongue. They are in alphabetical order of the required word, the length indicator of which relates to the word, not to the common features. Twelve of the words forming the answers begin with the same letter. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510.

e-mail: ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com

Closing date 13 September 2019. \$75 Prize.

- 1 Sourness (7)
- 2 Pastoral (8)
- 3 Creative (4)
- 4 Globular and glittering (5)
- 5 Secretive (5)
- 6 Pepper (7)
- 7 Waste away (5)
- 8 Child's play in Washington(4)
- 9 Euphoria (7)
- 10 Property (7)
- 11 Title of respect in Turkey (7)
- 12 Head on a coin (6)
- 13 Mission (7)
- 14 Adversary (6)
- 15 Object (6)
- 16 Resentful (7)
- 17 Fugitive (7)
- 18 Title of honour (10)
- 19 Surfeit (6)
- 20 Crazyiness (6)
- 21 Doll (6)
- 22 Corpulence (7)
- 23 Ungulate mammal (5)
- 24 Run-down (5)
- 25 Humdrum (7)
- 26 Recording medium (5)

July 1-2019: The New Improved Little Bit of Everything by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- A very enjoyable slot 1 which had me briefly baffled in parts. I like the idea of the multiple themes. *Ian Thompson*
- This was fun! I loved the 'champion' clues for WOODS; BOLT and COURT. *Brian Tickle*
- Some nice clues in this one. It would have been a little easier if I was a fan of *The Beatles*. My favourite clue was the simple but clever 6dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- A fun Slot 1; somewhat quirky with the ebbing clues; and the sportspeople. *Julie Croue*
- 15dn could be thrush or thrash. I bet I've picked the wrong answer. *Barbara Ibbott*
- I learnt some *Beatles* White Album songs; checked the Periodic Table; re-visited some sporting champions; what a fun puzzle! *Tony Dobe*
- Very clever the way *Zinzan* ties in the athlete's name with his/her field. And good old *Beatles*! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Now that was interesting and different; but also challenging at times. *Maureen Blake*
- What an eclectic selection of answers; from *Beatles* lyrics to the Periodic Table; with a bit of history; sport and geography thrown in. *Nea Storey*
- I liked the clever "champion" clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Keeping my fingers crossed for this slot. An awful lot of scrummaging went on and 26ac is still a mystery!! *Glenda Lloyd*
- Challenging but enjoyable puzzle; loved the champion clues. *Joan Smith*
- A few guesses here; and the last one completed. *Anne Simons*
- Love the title; how true it is. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This was surely a 'phone a friend' puzzle which eventually turned out to be enjoyable. Thanks for the challenge *Zinzan*. *Lynn Jarman*
- I'm surprised the clues associates with 33 are not considered cryptic. They are not straightforward and they lack definitions. *George Rolfe*
- Lots of fun and some nostalgia. *Richard Skinner*
- I loved the little bit of everything. Thanks *Zinzan*. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Very clever – enjoyed this puzzle. *Helen Perrow*
- Enjoyed the SPARring. *Ron Jarman*

July 2-2019: Cryptic by Zythum (Roger Douglas)

- Liked STRANGE. *Ian McKenzie*
- I loved the clues for STRANGE and CLAN. *Brian Tickle*
- A fun puzzle and some good clues. I liked JEWELLER! *Ann Millard*
- Really liked GREENFINGERED, AMENABLE and CARDGAME. *Len Colgan*
- I'm really impressed – hereof; therefore and thereby all in one puzzle. *Betty Siegman*
- Reasonably straightforward – although three adverbs (hence; hereof; thereby) as definitions was unexpected. *Nea Storey*
- Fav clue BEHEMOTH. *Joan Smith*
- Very enjoyable. Liked definition for 'jeweller'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Some great clues. I especially loved card game. *Robyn McKenzie*
- It's disappointing to see *CrOZworld* print a grid containing three consecutive unchecked letters especially as it goes against ACC's own guidelines. 10: 'L' = left not hand. LH = left hand. *George Rolfe*
- Other accented languages must have trouble with anagrams. Must Google that. Thank you *Zythum*. *Robyn Wimbush*

July 3-2019: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Liked 1a. Some tricky wordplay eg ROLLICKING, REEFS and ITALICS. Nice clue but there seems to be one S too many in [(so) cialists]*. *Ian McKenzie*
- I enjoyed the clues for STINKER; ACCURATE; DENTISTS and especially HOBBIT because BILBO is my 'grandfather name'. *Brian Tickle*
- This challenged me and that top right corner had me stumped for a while. PASSAGES & PACT were special clues. Thank you *Manveru*! *Ann Millard*
- I had a bit of trouble with a few of these clues but I think I can justify all my answers. I thought PACT was convoluted clue for a short word. My favourite clue was BEACH. It took a while for it to click; but I liked it. *Jenny Wenham*
- Typical *Manveru* with no unusual words and quality clues. Favourite was SEADOG. *Len Colgan*
- 20ac had too many esses. *Brian Symons*
- This was a bit of a 16ac. *Jenny Madden*
- The clue for DENTISTS doesn't seem to work for me. *Ian Thompson*
- Nice tricky puzzle; BEACH especially clever since Howard Shore composed the Lord of the Rings scores! Is it just me or is there an extra S in the clue for 20ac ITALICS? *Tony Dobe*
- Loved DENTISTS. *Trish McPherson*

- Lots of nice clues here – liked BEACH. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Some good clues here.... loved DENTISTS and CINEMAS in particular. *Maureen Blake*
- Lots of great clues here; but I settled on 24ac for COTM; because of the great mental picture it paints. *Betty Siegman*
- Liked DENTISTS. *Roy Taylor*
- I found this puzzle really hard with some great clues and a few I am not sure about. Favourite clues CINEMAS; BROOM and DENTISTS. *Joan Smith*
- Some excellent clues in slot 3. PARACHUTES got my vote for COTM; but I also liked STINKER and ACCURATE. Thank you *Manveru*! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Some really good clues. Could have given COTM to several. *Anne Simons*
- Liked both clues referencing Hobbits/Lord of the Rings. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This was a difficult puzzle for me. Some obvious answers at first did not seem to match the clues. *Lynn Jarman*
- Lots of great clues – especially liked BROOM; CINEMAS and DENTISTS (my COTM). *Hilary Cromer*
- AMERICA is a guess; I have spent too long trying to reason this clue out. *Jill Freeland*
- Really enjoyable clues. I loved dentists. *Robyn McKenzie*
- 19: I would replace 'engineers' with 'experts'. I doubt a dentist would appreciate being called an engineer. [Some of the work that I've had done recently in the dentist's chair would qualify mine as a civil engineer in miniature – Adj]. 29: As there is no necessary equivalence between fleapits and cinemas a '?' or 'perhaps' would result in a better clue. *George Rolfe*

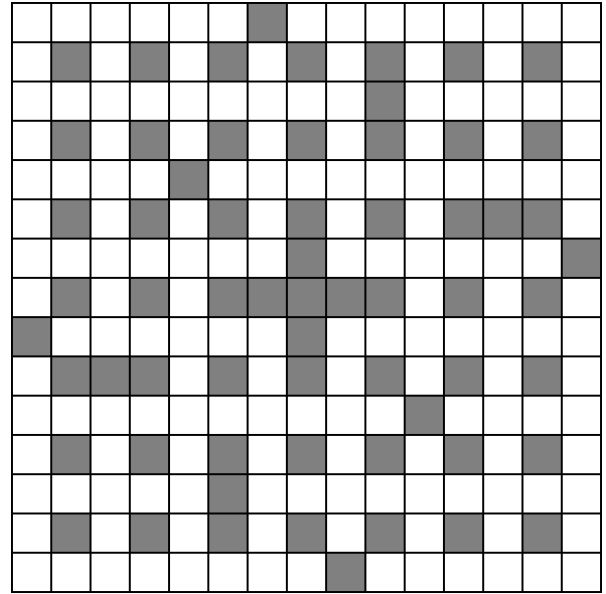
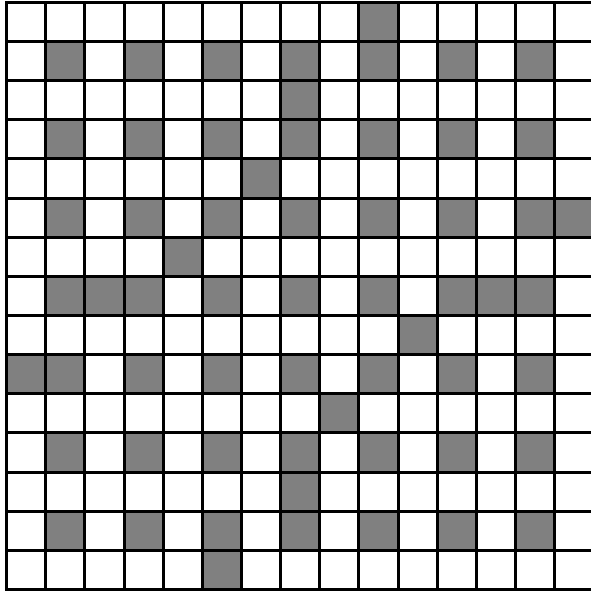
July 4-2019: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

- A challenging work-out. A few clues where, on first analysis, there appeared to be a slight defect in the wordplay but which could all be resolved with head-scratching eg BEMIRE with MIR for Muslim leader; not EMIR; XANTHOMA not XANTHISM. HERBARIA is a plural so would probably be more fairly defined by "plant collections". *Ian McKenzie*
- I always enjoy KA's AJs. Favourite clues were those for DONATION and TALENT. I don't recall ever seeing ZOUAVE before in 29 years of AJs. *Brian Tickle*
- My concern is with the grid for the AJ puzzle. I admire those who can construct AJs, it is an accomplishment well beyond my skill level. The majority are able to use grids which provide reasonable interconnectedness between the four quadrants. The current AJ grid seems to break all known rules for grid construction especially as set out in the ACC guidelines and Noel Jessop's introduction. It is really two unconnected puzzles divided vertically and the connections within each half are minimal. We essentially have four separate puzzles. It would have been better to have no AJ than publish this one. One hopes it is an aberration and that next month sees a return to normality (AJ-wise). My apologies for the rant but I feel very strongly that the July AJ grid is way below ACC standards. *George Rolfe*
- More new and wonderful words. *Jenny Madden*
- AJ always a favourite – that's not to say I always get it right! 'Rolfier' a newbie to me. *Eileen O'Brien*
- I wasn't happy with some of this puzzle. Equating entrance with the abbreviation "ave" was a bit of a stretch; as was equating "aye" in wordplay of EYASES with agree. Warmbloodedness is a mammalian characteristic not a human one. "Problem" is a very vague definition for a medical condition. A herbarium (singular) is a plant collection. *Ian Thompson*
- Good and challenging puzzle. If "problem" is the definition for XANTHOMA, I think it is a bit weak. *Roy Taylor*
- It took quite a while to work out where the answers went. *Joan Smith*
- H;J;K held me up for a while; & E and R were last found (both new words to me). *Anne Simons*
- Thank goodness there were only four 7-letter words; was a good place to start. Some interesting words made this a good challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Only one Mr Firth in my vocabulary: Harry; motor racing and rallying. *Lynn Jarman*
- I learned a few new words doing this puzzle! *Robyn McKenzie*
- My Dad was a Cockney; and he was always "putting the kibosh" on things. I had assumed that it was a bit of slang from the Subcontinent from his war service in India and Burma; but in fact no one seems certain where it came from (though India seems not to be a contender). [see also <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/kibosh#note-1> Adj] We live and learn. *Mike Potts*
- Lovely memories of living with a herbarium in my house for 25 years. I can still smell it. Thank you Karl. *Robyn Wimbush*

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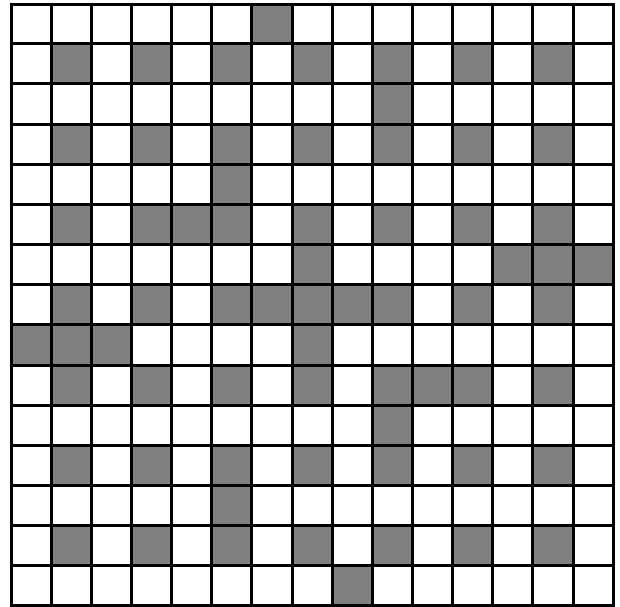
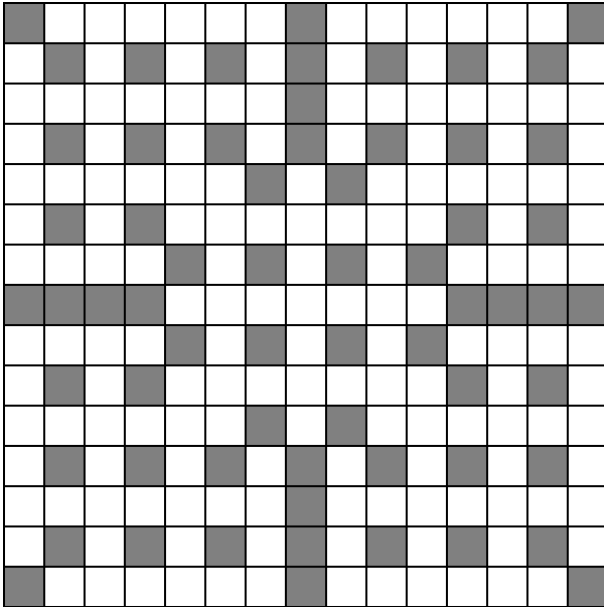
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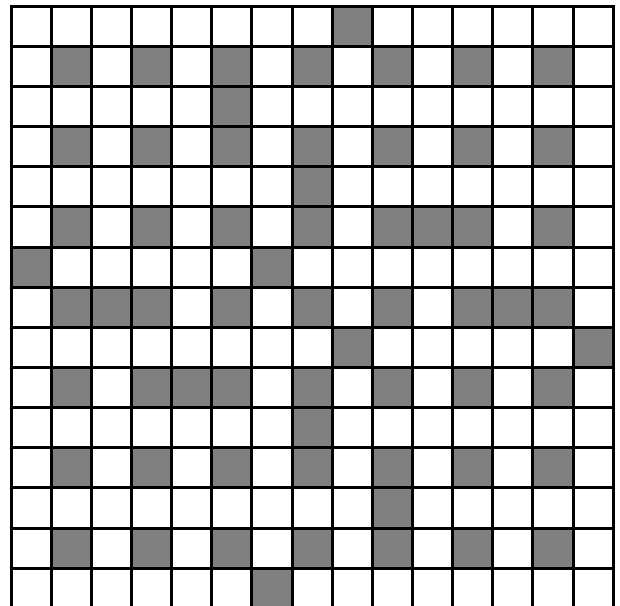
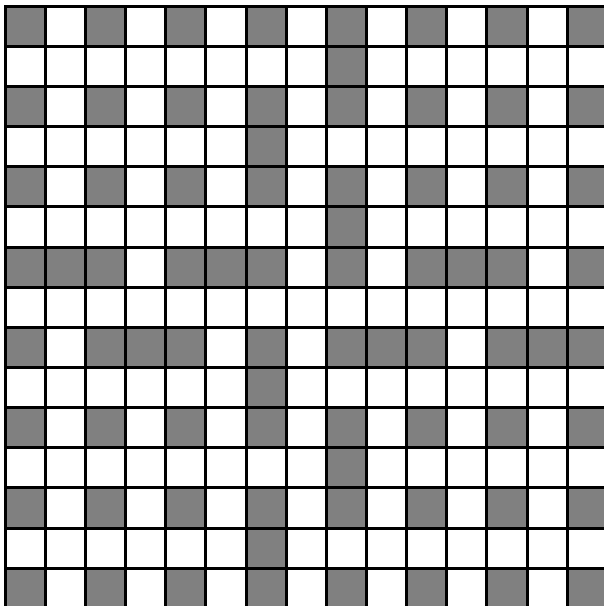
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June 6-2019: Across Conversions by Crowsman (Len Colgan)
Entries 62. Correct 47. Success rate 76%.
Prizewinner: Julie Leigh. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

The perimeter Nina reads: ENTER ANAGRAMS OF ACROSS ANSWERS. Hence, the Across explanations below detail the wordplay, give the answer, and then show its anagram. A few comments confirming the Nina are not reproduced in this report. Apart from typos, the dominant error was to enter EDENTATE instead of EDENTATA. 'Toothless animals' are EDENTATA, while 'original garden goodbye' is EDEN + TATA. But, having the terminal E instead of the correct A means that the Nina instruction includes ENAGRAM instead of ANAGRAM. I suspect not everyone found the perimeter Nina.

Explanations: Across: 8 ON A GERman [ONAGER, ORANGE], 9 S(AIL)ABLE [SAILABLE, ISABELLA], 10 CLAS(PER)S [CLASPERS, SCALPERS], 11 CIA outside MEN< [CINEMA, ICEMAN], 12 EMI(GRAN)TS [EMIGRANTS, MASTERING], 13 homoph [SITES, STIES], 15 SE(CAN)TS [SECANTS, ASCENTS], 17 AV(OW)ERS [AVOWERS, OVERSAW], 20 D + RAKE [DRAKE, RAKED], 22 AID< + METRIC [DIAMETRIC, MATRICIDE], 25 EG< in STAR [STAGER, GRATES], 26 HEAR + TIER [HEARTIER, EARTHIER], 27 ASIA* around TURN [SATURNIA, AUSTRIAN], 28 SCARES, first S to end [CARESS, SERACS]. **Down: 1 FLATCARS*, 2 rANK + LET, 3 REBEL* in CITY, 4 RIN(SIN)G, 5 O + AS IS, 6 SE(LE) CTOR, 7 S + L(E)AZE, 14 OVERT + RUST, 16 EDEN + TA-TA, 18 AUDI + fENCE, 19 CA(YEN)NE, 21 (IN A RUG)*, 23 CO + HORN, 24 STAIR*.**

Other members' comments:

- A good challenge. *Ian Thompson*
- Ingenious grid that must have taken great effort to conceive and construct. *Ian Mckenzie*
- That was hard – certainly needed aids even if only 1 unknown: SATURNIA. Even after guessing the Nina it was a struggle to fill the acrosses. Continually amazed at how you manage to fill grids like this. *Rob Moline*
- Terrific construction as usual. *Michael Kennedy*
- Fairly difficult to work out the Nina when half of the letters were dependent on the across clues. Although once I found Sac the penny dropped. Worked backwards for quite a few of the across clues. Very clever compiling and a great challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Brilliant puzzle! I was so consumed by anagrams that I saw IGLOO in the 7th row of the grid. I loved the clues for CELEBRITY and ONAGER (ORANGE). *Brian Tickle*
- Phew – what a workout! *Warren Allen*
- Clever original concept and fun to solve. *Roy Taylor*
- Brilliant in my humble! Who cares how cross-eyed and cross-brained and just plain cross at COHORN. *Eileen O'Brien*
- This puzzle was like the chicken and the egg: one had to solve the clues to work out the anagram to obtain the Nina, but one needed to solve the Nina to know an anagram was needed. *Nea Storey*
- Excellent. I love puzzles that turn my head inside out! Nina – Enter anagrams of across answers. *Julie Crowe*
- Nina: Enter anagrams of across answers. *Marian Procter*
- "Enter anagrams of across answers". Very good and equally difficult! *Julie Leigh*
- I gave up on this a few times, then I spotted something in the Nina which could have led to 'anagram', and away I went. Thanks Len, this puzzle filled in a whole cold, wet miserable day for me. I loved it. *Betty Siegman*
- Nina worked overtime this month. I hope I've done her justice. *Kath Harper*
- Quite a challenge! I notice much improvement in my lateral thinking since joining this great club a few years ago. *Maureen Blake*
- I think Len went a bit easy on us with the down clues. Still, once the anagram aspect was picked the across too were straightforward and that helped get the full Nina, which in turn... *Richard Skinner*
- What a fun puzzle. Thank you, Len! *Ann Millard*

- Enjoyed this challenging puzzle with great clues. Thank you Len. *Joan Smith*
- A really clever puzzle! *Judy Randall*
- What might be in that totally unchecked Nina? A gentle hint in the rubric helped – but what a workout! Liked ICEMAN best. *Max Roddick*
- How clever. Still quite tricky even having the word anagram there. Thanks Len. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Brilliant as one has come to expect. *Jim Fowler*
- Another gem from Crowsman! *Laurence Kennedy*
- Conversions was a strong hint for anagrams fortunately. Loved 5dn OASIS. What will Crowsman come up with next? *Jill Freeland*
- Clever puzzle with nice clues. *Michael Veress*
- That was sooo hard. *Jenny Madden*

Explanations for July 2019 slots 1 to 5 inc

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN). "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.*

Slot 1 Zinzan. Cryptic clues. Across: 5 Unofficial mascot, **10** (cat,elm,is)*, **16** sere(nade), **17** as,h---y, **18** (reserves,can)*, **19** a + DOS, **30** periodic table, **35** s-c-, + rummaging, **38** go on, **39** -olla--, **47** (rams,disc)*. **Down: 3** (assertion)*, **6** down - d, **14** sav + our, **15** th- + rash, **24** bats<, **25** spar<, **28** hm(inn,earns), **32** (a,second)*, **37** mis-er, **41** homoph (--ii--).

Slot 2 Zythum. Across: 1 CAD + I in MUM, **5** CHAP + TERm, **8** (f)ALLOW, **9** ARMS in FATED*, **11** GREEN + FINGERED, **13** UTERUS*, **16** AMEN + ABLE, **18** JEER around WELL, **19** Hidden, **24** (REPLENISH BEER)*, **26** THERE + FORE, **27** TOIL + E, **28** MOTH around (AM + M), **29** FRY around (LOW + E). **Down: 1** (OPTICAL GLASS - SPILT)*, **2** DUTy around SELL<, **3** Hidden, **4** (FIFTH COLUMN - CLOTH)*, **5** Trump (card) + game "old maid" is a card game, **6** TWEE + D, **7** gRoUnDbErRy, **10** STRANGLE - L, **12** hidden<, **14** FUSED, **15** (ESPALIERS - IS)*, **17** BE(H)E + MOTH, **20** (B + BEDE + IT)*, **21** THE + RE + B + Y, **22** HER + FOE<, **23** TAD< + UM, **24** HE in RUM, **25** SET + (pla)TO(ons).

Slot 3 Manveru. Across: 1 H(O+BB)IT - Smeagol was one, **4** P+(ASS(AG)ES), **10** P(A for R)INTER, **11** PE+R+FORM, **12** I(n)D(u) L(g)E(s), **13** dd, **15** Labrador - Sea and dog, **16** (THINKERS minus H)*, **20** (SOCIALISTS - SO)*, **21** RES+CUE, **24** (CARSHHEATUP)*, **26** PAC(k)T, **28** A+M+E+RI+C+A, **29** CI (NAME)*+dalmationS, **30** (REDSEA)* around I and G, **31** dd. **Down: 1** (EPITAPHS)*, **2** (BRAIN)* around ILL with T, **3** t(l)r(O)f(T)i(A), **5** A(PP)OINTS, **6** SUR(ROUND)E+D, **7** Cryptic dd, **8** S+IMPLY, **9** CD - play on broom, **14** ROL(L)+LICKING, **17** EX+C(LA(IM)ED), **18** A+C+CURATE, **19** (IN TESTS)* around D, **22** UP(p)LAND, **23** B(E) ACH, **25** RE+E+F+S, **27** IN+CH(Switzerland - IVR).

Slot 4 KA. A ac+ac+ai<, **B** be(mir)e, **C** Col+on+(Ali)*, **D** do+nation, **E** aye< +ses, **F** dd, **G** dd, **H** herb+a(r)ia, **I** cd, **J** j +(fugu)*+1+s, **K** bo in Sikh*, **L** las(vega)s, **M** (met + serfs + cocaine)*, **N** nones+u+ch, **O** out + homoph "way", **P** pa+po(os)e, **Q** dd, **R** rolf+er, **S** se(arch)ed, **T** dd, **U** us+u (fr+u)+ct, **V** dd, **W** warm+blooded+ness, **X** (ant+h)od in max*, **Y** y for l in learners, **Z** zo+u+ave (avenue=entrance).

Slot 5 Flowerman. Across: 1 BLOW + homoph "whole", **5** BA< + ATE, **10** LA(TIN)OS, **11** O in (RACHEL)*, **12** PRIORyS, **13** (CRAZED ...E maN)*, **15** (LINER)* + sQUISHED, **18** (CREATURE I'VE P)*, **20** G + RASPING, **22** AV in (JUDE)*, **24** R(O)ULE + AU, **25** (A + C + TEA) in LL, **26** hw, **27** (ACCUSED L)*. **Down: 1** cd, **2** (TO DUEL IF)*, **3** HIND + FRANCE - F, **4** bLAST, **6** dd, **7** TO centrE + IN + G, **8** (SEE STARCS)*, **9** (CARIBBEAN U PLAN)*, **14** (UNIQUE)* GroUP, **16** EVAN ESCap(enny)ED, **17** MINA(RET)S, **19** D(AN)UB + E, **21** PA(EA)N, **23** hw.