

CROZWORLD

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"Omit needless words."

William Strunk, Jr. *The Elements of Style* [1918], ch. 2, sec. 13

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The ACC Annual *Get-Together* held at Rydges, North Sydney on Sunday 5 November 2000 was an outstanding success. Members came from Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales and enjoyed renewing acquaintances and talking about one topic — crosswords! For more details, see our Report on page 9.

The Prize Schedule for 2001 will be announced next month. There will be significant increases in the cash prizes awarded to lucky solvers and there will also be excellent Book prizes to be won. The new Millennium will see many members 'in the money'.

Reminder: This copy of *Crozworld* is available for viewing and/or download from David Stickley's HomePage at: <http://ar.com.au/~stickley/acc.html> Thank you, David for providing this valuable service to the members.

Convivial *Colinebrii* has the distinction of compiling the last Conventional puzzle for Slot 1. From January 2001, Slot 1 puzzles will feature General Knowledge and thematic puzzles. *Virgo* is well represented this month and it's always a pleasure to see puzzles from *Southern Cross* and *Daintree Lady*. Welcome to *Griffin* for a puzzle with a local geographical flavour.

The Crozworld Compendium is selling fast! Some members have been ordering multiple copies. Make sure you order your copy when you renew your subscription for 2001. The *Compendium* features a variety of 31 crosswords and 3 Quizzes by no less than 14 of the Club's best compilers; it's like having 5 months of new *Crozworld* puzzles all in the one handy booklet. See p 9 for further details. Plenty of Puzzlement assured in 2001!

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

Apologies for the wrong diagram for the slot 4 puzzle on page 11. No great problem though — most sending the rough copy (we only looked for accuracy, not neatness), a photocopy or even drawing their own diagram!

Alas, again we were plagued by transcription errors — words with missing letters, etc.

Slot 1: Perhaps 37ac should have read 'CAP'; 47ac 'EMBROCATES' and 2dn: '... reduced size'; 10ac: 'COGENT' - POTENT not accepted; 30ac: 'ERODE' - EROSE not accepted; 54ac: 'LEETLE' - since the clue didn't specify 'old fashioned', 'LITTLE' accepted. 11dn: 'GAUCHER' - TOUGHER not accepted; 43dn: 'TRACE'. Accepted 'TRACT', "... *atrae*." (*Chambers*)

Slot 2: The only problem with this one proved to be transcription errors.

Slot 3: 9ac should have read: '... with hesitation'. 12ac: DEMI (half) + SE (Isere - ire). 6dn: 'SAXE', "... a deep shade of light blue." 7dn: 'PRISE' (valuation - Shakespeare) around 'OM' (Order of Merit). 14dn: CHAL (fellow) + LEN (man) + GE (Gaea; goddess or personification of Earth.); 19dn: 'DIVORCE' - DIV (evil spirit) + ORC (ogre) + E (red centre) - DIVERGE not accepted; 26dn: 'GIVE' - G (note) + I've.

Slot 4: 'M': MENS + URAL (mountain range); 'S': MAN + I(RU)S (all reversed)

Slot 5: 23ac: BARREL: 'Colloq. to knock over or run into.' (*Macquarie Dictionary*) = 'SKITTLE'; 33ac: REAR (double def.); 21dn: Alf (see *Chambers/Macquarie*) + a (Type of esparto used for making baskets, etc.); 22dn: RA (Royal Artillery) + el + cu (rev.); 32dn: 1952 Chaplin movie: 'LIMELIGHT' - dark: remove LIGHT = LIME.

Again, I would like to thank all the members who sent letters and cards — your good wishes are greatly appreciated. —Roy Wilson

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Month Total
Entries received	91	105	83	99	75	453
Correct entries	74	103	49	92	52	370
Success rate %	81.3	98.1	59.0	92.9	69.3	81.7
Prize winners	M Pyc	C McClelland	L Crane	D Window	C Anderson	From 107 members

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November 1-2000

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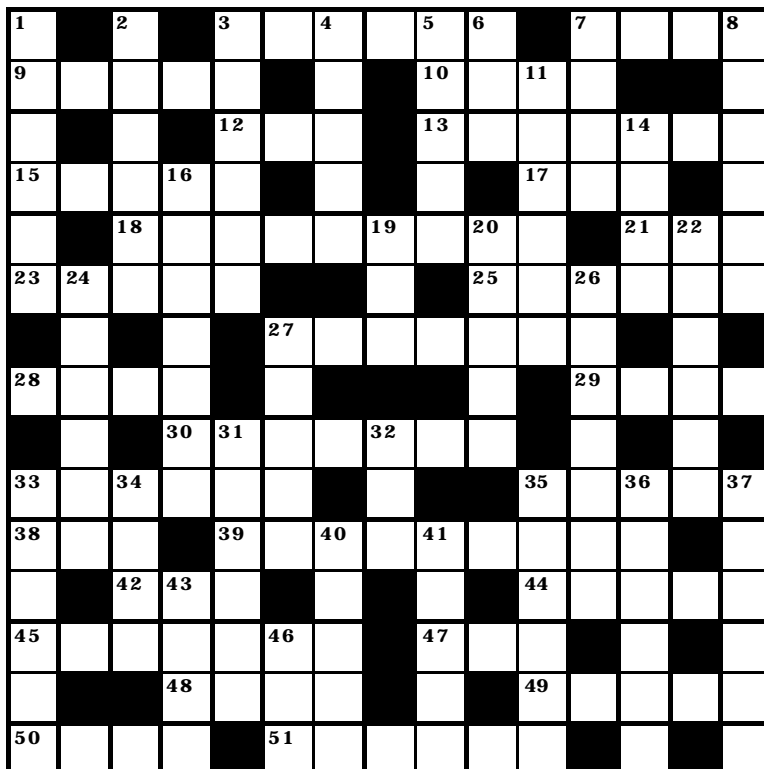
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CONVENTIONAL by *Colinebrii*

DECEMBER 1-2000



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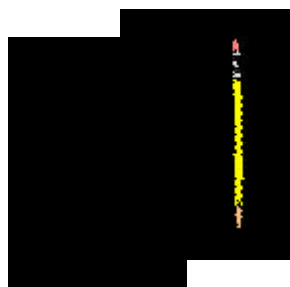
- 3 Antacid (*colloq*) (6)
- 7 Chair (4)
- 9 That place (5)
- 10 Spooky (4)
- 12 Observe (3)
- 13 Substance found in glandular tissue (7)
- 15 Get up (5)
- 17 Men (3)
- 18 Raise again (9)
- 21 Shelter (3)
- 23 Old stone container (5)
- 25 Read again (6)
- 27 Rhythmical contraction (7)
- 28 Girl (4)
- 29 Expensive (4)
- 30 Trudge (7)
- 33 Powdered (heraldry) (6)
- 35 Quotes (5)

- 38 Nursemaid (3)
- 39 French chalk (9)
- 42 Definite article (3)
- 44 Feel (5)
- 45 Satisfy (7)
- 47 Consume (3)
- 48 One who litigates (4)
- 49 Little Orphan _ _ _ _ _ (5)
- 50 Nipple (4)
- 51 Erase (6)

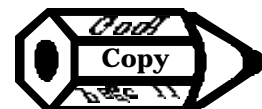
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- 1 Paste for making false gems (6)
- 2 Need (6)
- 3 Make your presence known (2, 4)
- 4 Stop (*Shaks.* interjection) (5)
- 5 Lariat (5)
- 6 Cot (3)
- 7 Since (*Scot*) (4)
- 8 Ranked (6)
- 11 Shoe repair (6)

- 14 Island (4)
- 16 Outlet to the sea (3, 4)
- 19 Force, power (3)
- 20 Scots market place (5)
- 22 Horse fodder (6)
- 24 Current Capital of Taiwan (6)
- 26 Cancel with coloured mark (3-4)
- 27 Castrated animal (5)
- 31 Fine meshed ground for lacework (6)
- 32 Vigour (3)
- 33 Instrument for turning cutting teeth (3, 3)
- 34 Flat (4)
- 35 Rib-like structures (6)
- 36 Lessee (6)
- 37 One who sows (6)
- 40 Arrear (*Spens.*) (5)
- 41 Timber measure of a cubic metre (5)
- 43 Silence! (4)
- 46 Spread to dry (3)

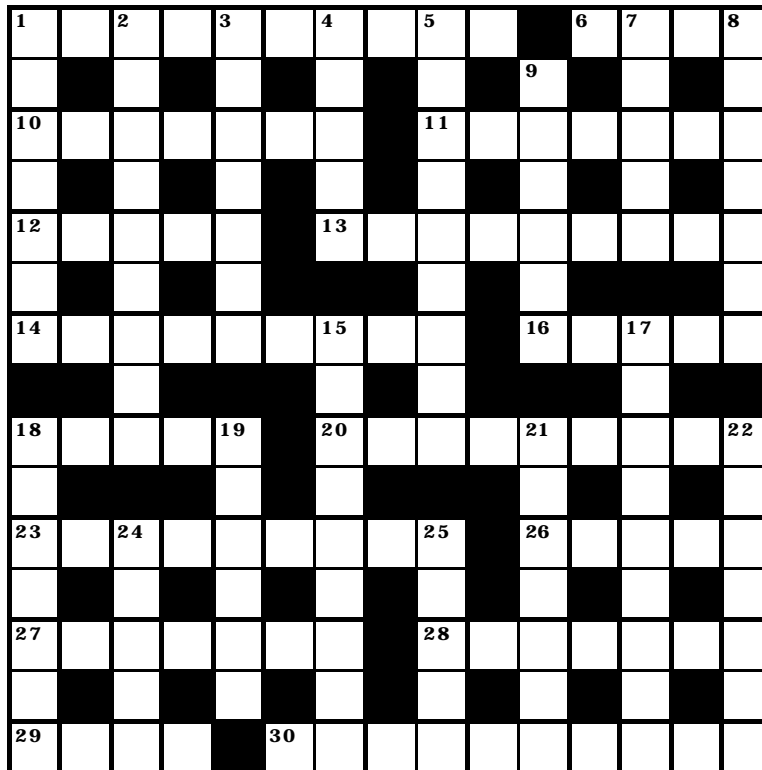


- Slots 1-5: Patrick Street, 395 Canning St, North Carlton, Vic 3054. Closing mail: Tuesday 12 December 2000.
- Slot 6: Ann Jermy, 6/22 Ocean St, Port Macquarie NSW 2444. Closing mail: Friday 22 December 2000.



CRYPTIC by Virgo

DECEMBER 2-2000



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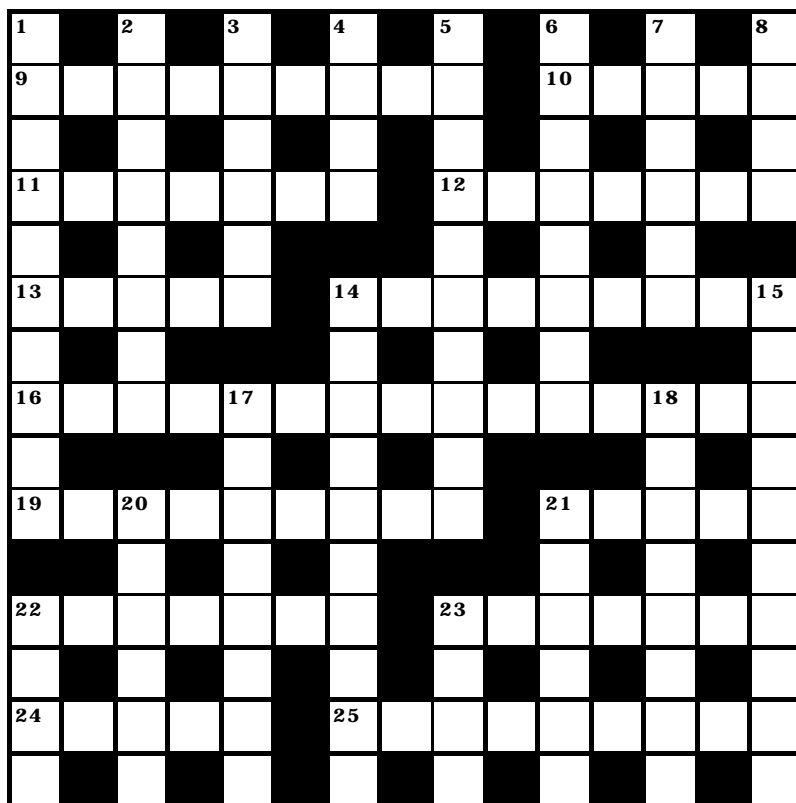
- 1 Rash fist of cop the end for stamp and box centre (4, 6)
 6 The case ransacked for cards (4)
 10 General debility and sloth turning from a mean shift (7)
 11 Ring Cologne for a ribbon (7)
 12 Places won't budge head set (5)
 13 He transfers no scoring system (9)
 14 Gift box chat is Mrs Pickle's time of celebration too (9)
 16 Opens up pages randomly (5)
 18 Volume flow puts use in a couple of centuries (5)
 20 Act with strife makes systems for racing horses (9)
 23 Boxers' resistance to go against the big cat (9)
 26 Summon the day before fine is taken in (5)
 27 Oily map disfigured in ancient Greece (7)
 28 Copies round objects to play (7)
 29 Bookie trains to be agile (4)
 30 Box to watch phone at Eastern sight (10)

Down

- 1 Pliant lips act differently (7)
 2 Those resolute enough to stall endless growths (9)
 3 Diffusion of bone I found in moss (7)
 4 Cash sounds sincere (5)
 5 The basics on a silly sausage (9)
 7 Bath, England fenced by the family (5)
 8 Makes it, even in these boxes! (7)
 9 Form a circle around Erin — almost to New Guinea (6)
 15 Warp time — cater to measure with decimal system (9)
 17 Scented leaves and grass for French Rugby International firsts (3, 6)
 18 Boxes assembled on carts (7)
 19 Islamic chief's child ali goes to the phone (6)
 21 Refutations in leech variety (7)
 22 Rolling Stones hide last felt hat (7)
 24 Customer starts bidding, understand you expect results! (5)
 25 Care for this shark (5)

CRYPTIC by *Southern Cross*

DECEMBER 3-2000

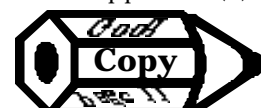


Across

- 9 Nothing I put to the Queen could be more improper (9)
- 10 & 12 What the footballers are, with 16's latest offering (5, 3, 4)
- 11 Those who believe the ayes have it, so to speak (7)
- 12 See 10
- 13 Everybody's back, completely exhausted (3, 2)
- 14 Badly scaled tea rose (9)
- 16 Playwright making kings from different times and places an issue (5, 10)
- 19 Uni fellows do something by 16 (4, 5)
- 21 American lawman, trailed by revolutionary, took risks (5)
- 22 Taxi has a different rate to get to this form of entertainment (7)
- 23 Favoured position for kinky sex, presumably when at sea (3, 4)
- 24 Nothing can make busy bees fat (5)
- 25 Finished pouring out tea, half then indulged too much (9)

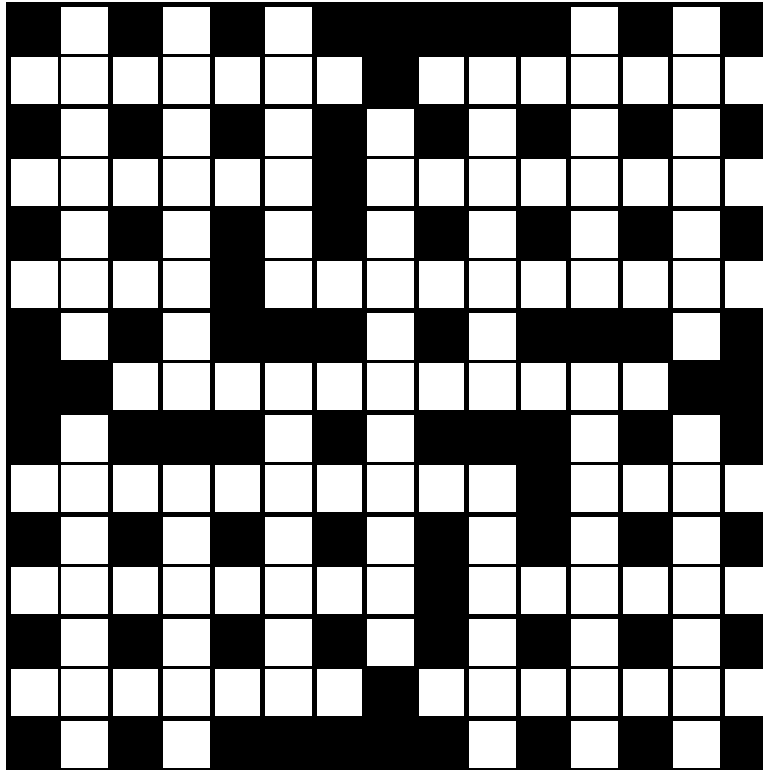
Down

- 1 Underwear is reordered by departmental head without recompense (10)
- 2 Former European man is upset over vandalised ovals (8)
- 3 Selected for the elite? (6)
- 4 Parts cut from rabbit's foot (4)
- 5 Gravely regarding commentator and side-kick (10)
- 6 Alice Lamb has not finished moving flowering plant (8)
- 7 Said to be direct sea passage (6)
- 8 A moral dilemma? Judge has spoken (4)
- 14 Eastern fighter gets a share on leaving the country (10)
- 15 Exposing nude antics before arranging to go out with someone (10)
- 17 Left section is shown in action (8)
- 18 Presents distributed by sinuous creatures (8)
- 20 Giordano blessed the crowd, including the aristocracy (6)
- 21 He's always on the right side (6)
- 22 Policeman catches robbers' leader with the pickings (4)
- 23 Complain about loud buzzer? Just the opposite! (4)



ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW *by Virgo*

DECEMBER 4-2000

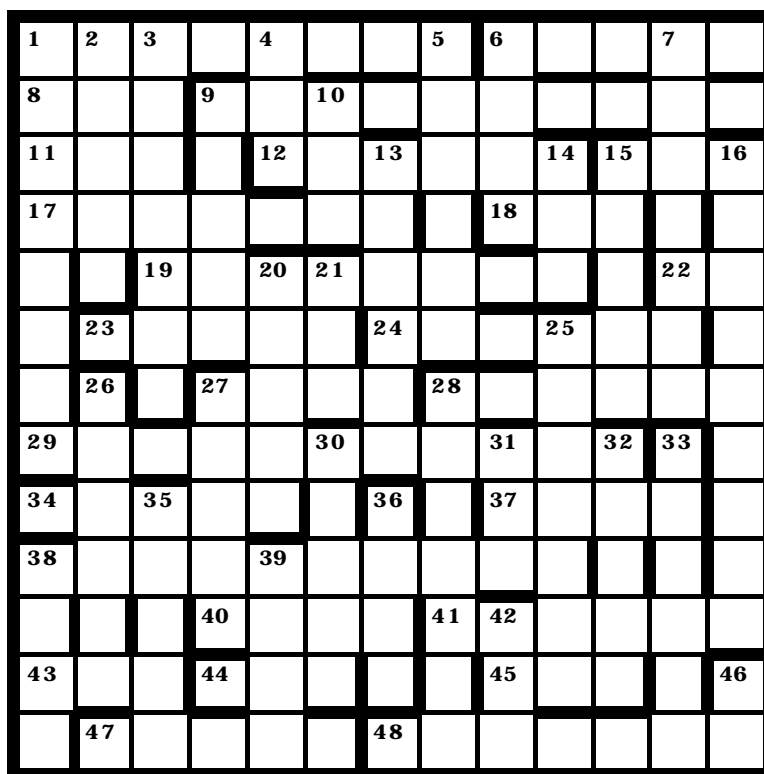


The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Chronic pains seize a sick tendon (8)
B Vampire holds ring — may be junk (4)
C Cyril clad in better shape (11)
D Rid the rocks of confusion (6)
E Picture Gene Turner holding a credit card (8)
F Stay me with _____, comfort me with apples (*Song of Solomon*) (7)
G Bright man giggles — centre disturbed (8)
H Look for pole in cabin (4)
I List that is about unsettled times (7)
J Cup winner off with a loss by a shameless woman (7)
K Come on we hear under year 1001 Japanese crest (7)
L Alter sail, that is join forces (6)
M Out of the loo, my dog shows how it's done (11)
N Diseases runners back to grab sisters (6)
O Simple dance on steep slide (3-4)
P Majestically, public relations overhead duly upset! (7)
Q Covers leaves about last head (6)
R Air out frames old instrument dish (7)
S Whalebark heard in academies? (6, 4)
T A film "Sing with one Note" (6)
U Loose and not glued (7)
V Severs new lines (6)
W How one might praise one's cobbler in affluence! (4-6)
X Compiler is anonymous; I'm seen to be different (7)
Y You'll get gin sling if you're shouting loud enough (7)
Z Intense purpose and enthusiasm — second row attempt (8)

FISH 'n SHIPS by *Daintree Lady*

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Across

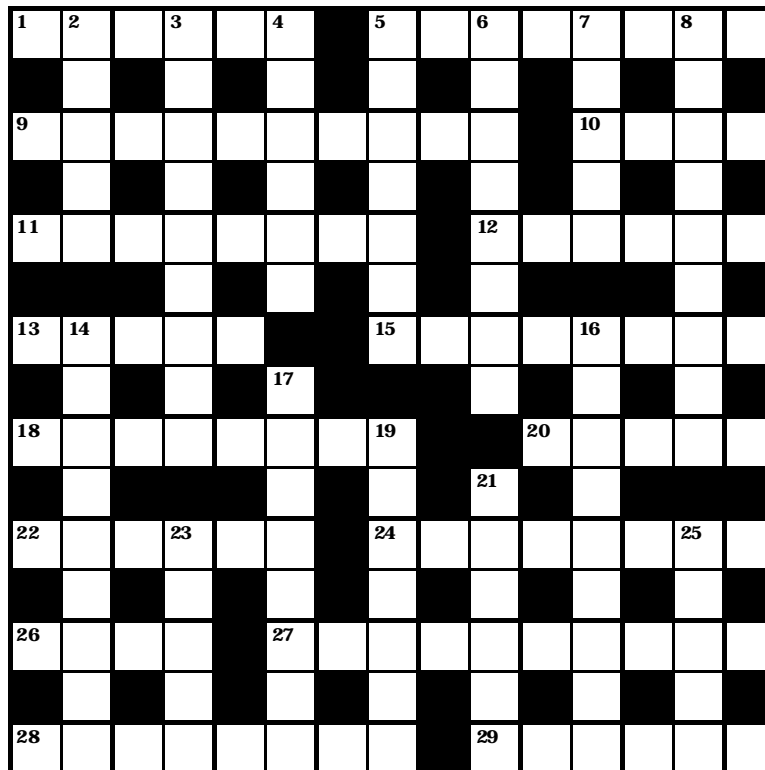
- 1 Theme 2 (8)
- 6 Saw time and time again (5)
- 8 Edible if green but not sweet (3)
- 9 Hangers-on holding up hose (10)
- 11 Hello, no sides for about 45 inches (3)
- 12 British stream east with His Majesty overthrown (6)
- 15 It's a long time for one to be tipsy! (3)
- 17 Theme 2 (7)
- 18 What time did you hear about the sore? (3)
- 19 Game for support voiced by one informer (8)
- 22 Letter for detective (2)
- 23 Call to attract attention — loudhailer damaged, missing aide with primary radio (5)
- 24 Theme 2 (6)
- 27 Surrender flag (4)
- 28 Accompany fish (6)
- 29 Theme 2 (11)
- 34 To drink noisily will discredit political leader (5)
- 37 A bay for a song (4)
- 38 Theme 1 (10)
- 40 Top young university academics need cash in China (4)
- 41 Club dances half puzzle title holders (6)
- 43 Wife had another name for topless joint (3)
- 44 Runaway has pot! (3)
- 45 Reckon nomad deserves to be inside (3)
- 47 Theme 1 (5)
- 48 Constitutes processing for publishing? (7)

Down

- 1 Reach for crumbled crumpets (8)
- 2 Chamber for Oscar, music-maker (5)
- 3 Theme 1 (7)
- 4 Finished elsewhere (3)
- 5 Theme 1 (6)
- 6 One 18 arose from scratch (4)
- 7 Theme 1 (7)
- 9 Part of flower found in rocky Eastern alps (5)
- 10 That lady to point at that man (3)
- 13 Productive horse is half mule (6)
- 14 Fix rig (3)
- 15 Nine Ugandans adrift in the doldrums (5)
- 16 Still wound up with oriental vessel (9)
- 20 Hold onto endless form on core topic (5)
- 21 Pass firm law (3)
- 25 Shook, quivered, lost five and challenged (7)
- 26 Lady is at an advanced age to fill out (6)
- 27 Theme 2 (5)
- 28 Spirit sessions result in drunken scenes with Aussie (7)
- 30 Ten refers to cut-back on American borders (5)
- 31 Digs block (3)
- 32 Sounded like it was frosty (5)
- 33 Theme 1 (6)
- 35 Promoter sets up example behind raw beginner in old city (5)
- 36 Theme 2 (4)
- 38 Held by Arab on defence attachment (4)
- 39 Glory of a golden god ... (4)
- 42 ... and a few more radioactive metallic elements (3)
- 46 Delegate middle bit for example (2)

AUSSIE PLACES *by Griffin*

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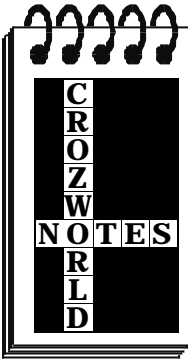
All answers can be found in the Postcode book

Across

- 1 Across the nation (6)
 5 House plant (8)
 9 Marsh scores century to cover (10)
 10 A beautiful animal captured here (4)
 11 Lover to keep (8)
 12 Once was a falcon! (6)
 13 Forward a fraction, say (5)
 15 Hurried back to measure one (8)
 18 Name Union brother (8)
 20 Empty laugh (5)
 22 Mind you always read essays first (6)
 24 Girl embraces Ireland (8)
 26 First and second rate new diamonds (4)
 27 Everyone measures the wick (10)
 28 Troublefree land! (8)
 29 Boy back from sin — it seems! (6)

Down

- 2 Community leader? Old dear! (5)
 3 Old king to point (9)
 4 Cheese, tyres & tennis shoes!! (6)
 5 Call the States to begin negotiations (7)
 6 Fruit of the month (8)
 7 First lady wrapped in old buffalo hide (5)
 8 Arrive after bird (5, 4)
 14 Steer magical line to valley (5, 4)
 16 The French old city that is to the north (9)
 17 English General to suppress fourth estate (8)
 19 Scots own ruined isle (7)
 21 Lions surround the outskirts of Milan (6)
 23 Ted was in the service (5)
 25 Backed a Melbourne Cup winner (5)



The Annual Get-Together held at Rydge's on 5 November 2000 was a day of de'light'. 31 leading 'lights' were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the day'light' activity. Some of the lead'lights' included Roy Wilson, David Stickley, David Procter, Ted O'Brien, Del Kennedy, Aileen Skillicorn, Daphne Greening, Joan Smith and Steve Workman, to name just a few. The spot'light' shone on Shirl O'Brien (*Southern Cross*) from Queensland who shed a ray of 'light' on the theme of *Image* from two perspectives, that is, the image that cryptic crosswords have among the general public and the image of the Club's monthly magazine *Crozworld*. Shirl said that in view of the worldwide availability of our monthly magazine, "we must make sure that *Crozworld* is as good as we can get it". This can be done by ensuring that clues are always "absolutely sound". The Club's guiding 'light', Alan Walter, shared the lime'light' when he was unanimously presented with Life Membership of the ACC for his vision as a Founding Member and Treasurer of the Club and his inspiring editorship of *Crozworld* for 10 years. Thanks to the Street'light' for the books donated to the Auction, the sum of \$580 was realised for the 2001 Prize Fund. The green 'light' was given to Daphne Titus-Rees for her generous donation of one free night's accommodation for two at her *Daintree Valley Haven* (won by Catherine Hambling). You can visit Daphne's website at: www.daintreevalleyhaven.com.au. The lead'light' went to William Ryan for donating as Lucky Door Prizes a dozen bottles of fine wine from his popular vineyard *The Ryan Estate*. Thanks also to the head'light' Secretary, Bev Cockburn for organising such a successful event. The not-so-'light' meal and drinks were well-appreciated and the festivity continued until the stop'light' appeared and moon'light' was on the horizon! Hopefully we will all see the 'light' in 2001. —Patrick



Thanks to the generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund 2001 and the income received from the sale of the fast-selling *Crozworld Compendium*, we will be increasing the amount of cash prizes in 2001. In fact, the Club will be giving away thousands of dollars in cash prizes! Also, Oxford University Press have kindly donated 12 copies of the prestigious *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* (see Review below). Next month we will publish a more detailed schedule of the prizes to be won in 2001. It looks like an exciting year coming up for lots of lucky solvers!

MEMBER NEWS

A warm welcome to new members, Claire Townson, North Mackay, Qld, Hans Kaufer, Mona Vale and Heather O'Hara, Young, NSW and Cynthia Koopmans, Corryong, Vic.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: For those who have not yet renewed their subscription, this is the final reminder for the 'earlybird' renewal discount. If payment is made on or by 1 December 2000, the renewal subscription is only \$45. Kindly send your 'earlybird' cheque/money order to the Treasurer, Alan Walter, 7 Allunga Close, Mona Vale NSW 2103. After that date the Annual Subscription will be \$50. The New Year promises to be very puzzling with lots of prizes to be won. Why not join us for perplexity & puzzlement on a grand scale in 2001!

CROZWORD COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium Vol 1* will be distributed in December 2000 with the January 2001 *Crozworld*. The cost of the *Compendium*, including printing and postage, is only \$5 and it features 31 previously unpublished puzzles and 3 Quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There will also be prizes to be won. Why not order some extra copies to give away to your friends at Christmas as ideal presents? Or to celebrate the new millennium? Kindly contact Treasurer, Alan Walter and place your order.

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL will be held on Sunday 10 December 2000 commencing at 12:45pm at *L'Osteria Pizza and Pasta*, 923 Rathdowne St, North Carlton (BYO). Everyone is welcome! Contact Patrick Street ph. (03) 9347 1216 if you are able to attend this memorable annual event.

COMMENT...

The proper purpose of games is to have FUN, and with cryptic crosswords most of the fun is in solving an ingenious clue.



The best is towards the end when you've untangled the anagrams, reconstructed the charades and linked the double synonyms, and you have to 'see what fits' and how it relates to the clue.

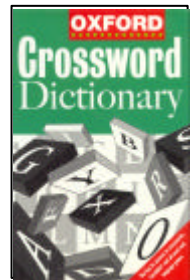
For these few, rebuses and bad puns don't offend me at all so long as they make me smile.

—Doug Butler

The *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* (1998 ed) is a crossworders' delight. It uses the well-renowned *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* as one of its bases and is a 'one-stop shop' for solving crossword puzzles, particularly those of the General Knowledge and thematic variety.

The main part of the Dictionary contains 250,000 words and phrases arranged alphabetically, starting with two-letter words up to fifteen-letters. Some of my favourite words are included: alnagne, banausic, curmudgeon, syzygy and gardyloo to name just a few. And there are all sorts of phrases, foreign words, idioms and obsolete words which frequently crop up in some of the ACC puzzles.

For help with the General Knowledge crosswords, the Dictionary contains 5,000 references to famous people and a geographical reference section details a wealth of information about countries, cities, currencies, rivers etc. There are also lists of literary characters, composers, politicians, scientists and last but not least, sportspeople.



As a single reference source for crossworders, the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* is invaluable and a copy should be in every crossworders' library.

—Patrick Street

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

NOVEMBER 1-2000 — CONVENTIONAL by Daphne Rees

- A neat conventional and a good start to get the mind working after the break. *Audrey Austin*
- Not too acrid but challenging and fair. Shame to see No 1's going. Hear Hear! *Bill Bennett*
- 'Very light white' seems a peculiar definition. (See Adj. Comments for other queries). *Margaret Galbreath*
- Quite a good straight puzzle — though I'm doubtful about 37ac and 50ac — my answers don't appear to equate with the clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- I had trouble with the top L. hand corner where there were several acceptable alternatives. I hope I've chosen well. Also, I've anticipated a printing error in 37ac which I think should read CAP. *Barb Ibbott*
- Roll on the demise of conventionals. *Iain MacDougall*
- Daphne has some way-out definitions in this Slot No. 1 — e.g., NAIL for HIT HARD. I'm not sure about CEILING for GAP. *Ted O'Brien*
- Had a slight problem here. Trust that GAUCHER gets the nod. *Tom Phelan*

NOVEMBER 2-2000 — CRYPTIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- 13dn — definitely Hemp's talk. 19ac WEED — what fun! *Bill Bennett*
- Fine (I think) once I tumbled to the double meaning of 'WEED!' *Margaret Galbreath*
- Good fair clues as usual from Audrey. *Catherine Hambling*
- I enjoyed this puzzle, as I seemed to be able to tune into the setter's chain of thought. *Barb Ibbott*
- 13dn. Perhaps not 100% fair. *Iain MacDougall*
- I'm definitely into the Age/Disability section! Took me days to wake up to Audrey's HEMPSTALK! *Ted O'Brien*
- Virgo is a great cure for stiffneckedness. I thought 19ac was delightful! *Tom Phelan*

NOVEMBER 3-2000 — CRYPTIC by Difficult Women (Joan Smith & Carole Noble)

- My dictionary defines 'Saxe' as light blue, not deep (See Adj. Comments, Audrey). Otherwise no problems with a 'not so difficult' woman (whoever she may be). *Audrey Austin*
- A tricky one for sure. (See Adj. Comments for 'CHALLENGE', Catherine. RW) *Catherine Foster*
- Some excellent clues here, though I felt 21dn was the wrong part of speech. *Catherine Hambling*
- Big problems with 12, 22ac and 26dn. Actually much of this puzzle was very difficult and I won't be surprised not to get a tick. *Barb Ibbott*
- DIVERGE or DIVORCE? It should be the first, but with these Difficult Women it really ought to be DIVORCE. I liked 12ac especially. *Ted O'Brien*
- How many women are they? They certainly combined well for a pleasing puzzle. *Tom Phelan*
- A nice puzzle from a new combination of 'Difficult Women'. 7dn PR+OM+ISE Will's valuation was a mystery till I landed PRISE, of Shakespeare's in *Chambers Dictionary*. *Alan Walter*
- I wonder who the difficult women can be./I fear they are too difficult for me. *Brian Tickle*

NOVEMBER 4-2000 — ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

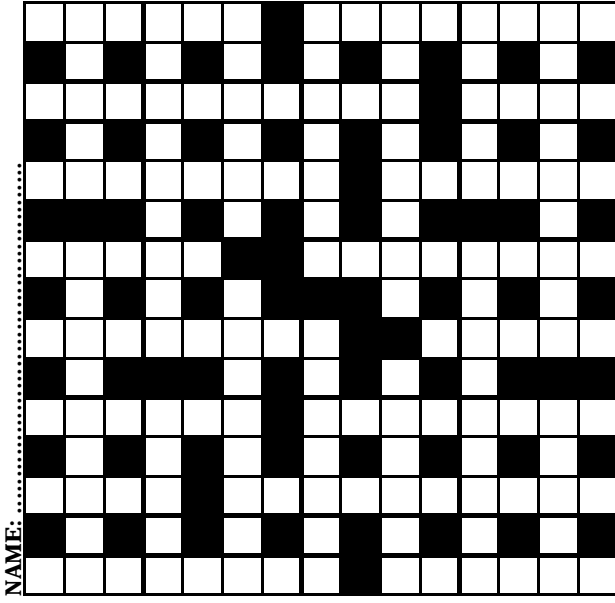
- An excellent AJ with good fair clues and a bit of humour. *Audrey Austin*
- I always enjoy these. *Margaret Galbreath*
- My favourite cryptic! Good one! *Catherine Foster*
- A very enjoyable AJ as usual. However, when I feel confident in Southern Cross' puzzles, I've usually made a mistake. *Barb Ibbott*
- Neat effective AJ from Southern X. *Tom Phelan*
- Southern Cross' AJ was an **A**dmirable **J**umble of sparkling clues sure to entertain all solvers. Your puzzles are always welcome and appreciated, Shirl. *Alan Walter*

NOVEMBER 5-2000 — ALL TOGETHER NOW by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Lots of places to go wrong here (as I probably did). A nine-dictionary job and three solid working days puzzling out the words I'd never heard of. Heigh Ho! *Audrey Austin*
- Great puzzle. CARR a new one for me — even in the Premier State. *Bill Bennett*
- Problematical Praxis all right! I hope I got it right after vast cogitations. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Oh Fred — I anticipated a really tough puzzle, but found that you had been very generous. In fact, my dictionary stayed on the shelf, which was a relief after finishing number 5. *Barb Ibbott*
- I got the key words inside five minutes; it still took me ages to complete. Really tough. *Iain MacDougall*
- All great clues. 32dn my favourite. *Joan McGrath*
- URAO indeed! You are a O(gre)! L. S & B — a very clever combo! *Ted O'Brien*
- There seems to be no end to your creative ideas — loved LOCK, STOCK & BARREL. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Enjoyed tremendously LOCK, STOCK & BARREL. If it is correct it will have ecstatised me. Found a new one in ALFA. *Tom Phelan*
- An excellent puzzle, Roy, though I mumbled a few unkind words about you at times. *Joan Smith*
- Many thanks for your delightful LOCK, STOCK and BARREL puzzle. I had to verify GRASP was a synonym for LOCK and that BASIC was a synonym of STOCK from *Chambers Thesaurus*. Once I had LOCKED in my STOCK answers I felt I could roll out the BARREL and celebrate that I had it ALL TOGETHER NOW! Your puzzle was a brilliant combination of clues for the CLUELESS. Just how many can be omitted from a puzzle still to remain solvable?! (I think you are somewhere near the limit.) *Alan Walter*
- A wonderful puzzle. *Brian Symons*

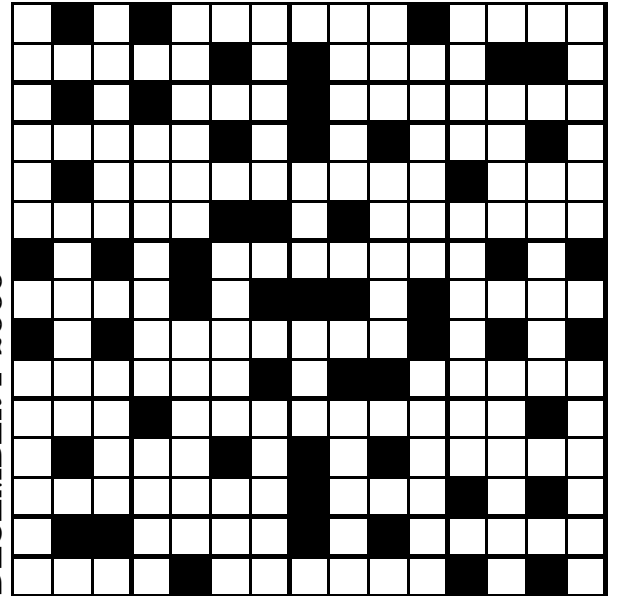
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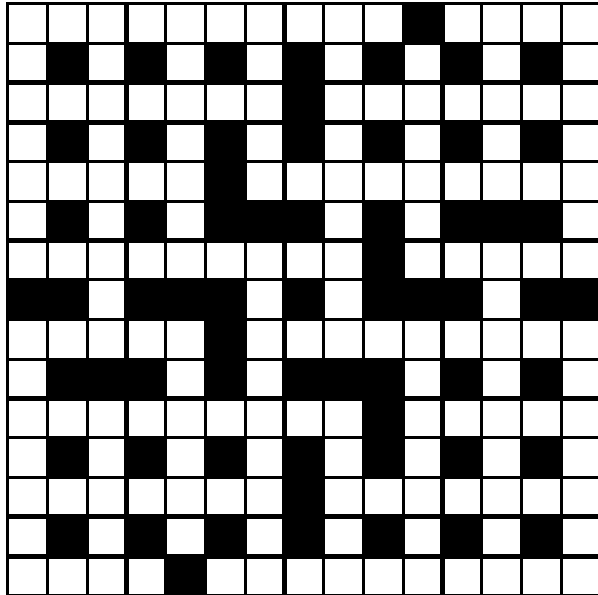


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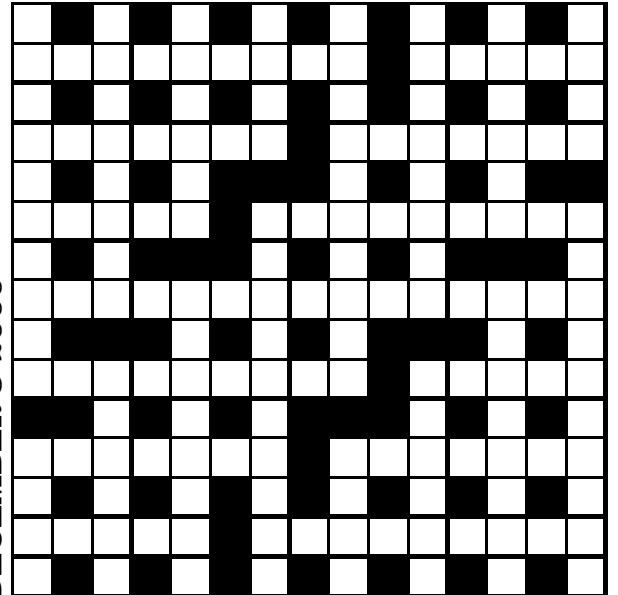
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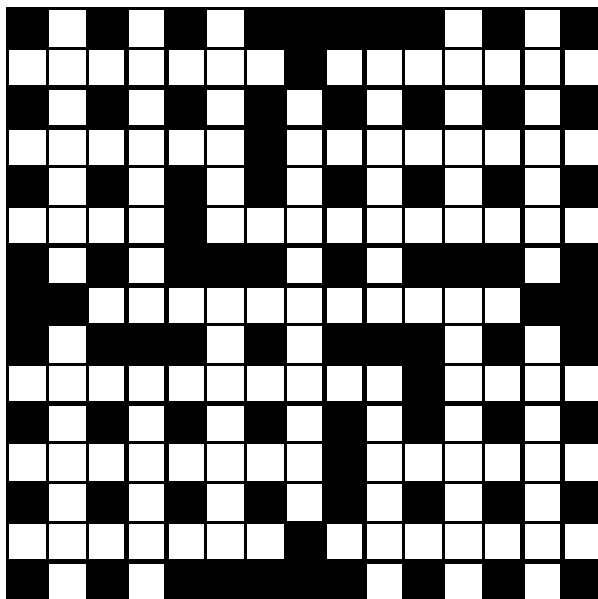
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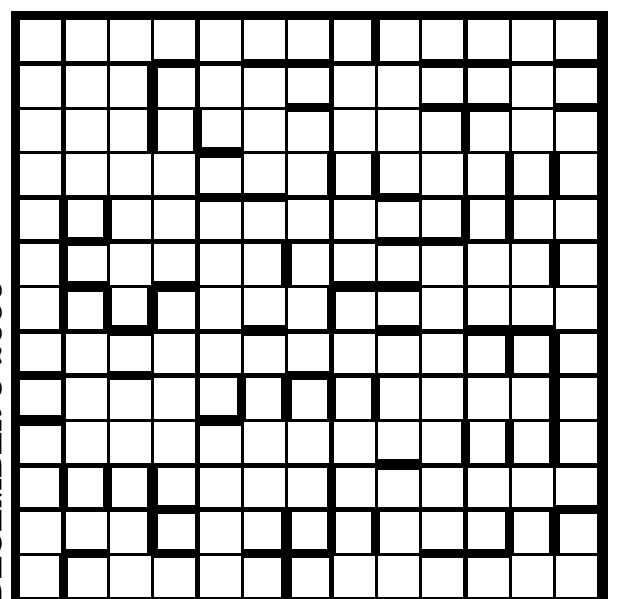
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MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from page 10)

OCTOBER 6-2000 — SPORTSMANSHIP by Colinebrii (Col Archibald). [Solution p2 November 2000 Crozworld]

Entries: 74. Correct: 46. Success rate: 62.1%. Prize winner: Roy Taylor.

Members' comments:

- Back to school for Bev Solomon. It took me ages to realise that one plus one equals two. Someone who shall remain nameless is a cheeky devil! (If you can tell me what's the half of one plus one, you're forgiven! **C.**) *Bev Solomon*
- Nice puzzle with some splendidly odd words. Two petty quibbles: The definition of 14ac seems wrong. The Peloponnese is the peninsula, not its native. Do the perimeter letters spell out a sentiment? Maybe YIJK has an expressive meaning I'm not aware of. (My mistake with Peloponnese. YIJK should be interpreted as Y2K as in the dreaded computer bug. **C.**) *Iain MacDougall*
- Well done! A veritable pain in the iliacus. How many thought 22ac to be S (Scottish) CAY (island)? And SCAY a contraction of it's OK? No you say? Surprise me! (Only 5, Tom; there were more spay's than scay's; think I'll have a beer now! **C.**) *Tom Phelan*
- Thank God for crosswords. You've managed *again* to find the most awful collection in the most difficult grid. OUSTITI, OUISTITI. Indeed! (That's the trouble with having friends like locksmiths and zoologists! **C.**) *Shirl O'Brien*
- 19ac. What a heady clue! Smart aleic! (*sic*). 'Malarian' really rolls around the tongue. (So does Chivas Regal! **C.**) *Bill Bennett*
- I enjoyed your puzzle. Thanks very much for providing the challenge. However, I had to "guess" some of clues. 7ac. I/lia/cu/s. 1dn. Cloa/ca/l? Girl losing Henry? Hal? I don't follow this clue. 4dn. John Scots? = Arian? Check? = Mal? = Mal/arian? (Your breakdown of 7ac is 'spot on'. 4dn. definition = 'Of a fever', 'Relating to the cheek' = MALAR, 'John Scots' = IAN which is the Scots form of 'John' and is used quite commonly in cryptic crosswords. **C.**) *Graeme Cole*
- I note that your Scottish blood keeps rising. Calling Soay an island is a bit rich — must be the smallest islet on earth and this from one whose great grandmother was born on the Isle of Muck (also in the Hebrides). (Actually it was an Aussie who named it Sao, after a biscuit, but the Scots couldn't spell it! **C.**) *Eunice Altman*
- **YEASTINESS:** My AUNTIES collecting FAGOTTI,/ and MALARIAN EOOZONS strange,/ To rub on her sore ILIACUS,/with PELOPONNESE for a change./ She just sold her pet OUISTITI, to PAYOUT her GASOLENE bill,/ but a TRAGOPAN creature called SMALTI,/ will OUSTITI this nonsense he will. "What larks" (Is that right, Irene? **C.**) *Irene Watts*

Adjudicator's Comments: Most errors occurred with 1dn CLOACAE. 'Girl' = 'Chloe' minus 'h' = 'Henry' takes 'an' = 'a', accountant = ac. The answer required a plural answer so neither CLOACAL nor CLOACAS (for which I can find no reference) qualified. 22ac SOAY. "Scottish island" = def, 'Well' = interjectory synonym for 'SO', 'Yes' = 'AY'. A lot of members concluded that 8ac FAGOTTO was the answer. Indeed, a fagotto is a bassoon (sing.) but does not meet the parameters of the clue i.e. 'Bundle of sticks' = FAGOT, 'With note' = TI = FAGOTTI (pl.) The plural form was clearly required in this clue. For 12ac MARE, 'Evil spirit' = def, 'Mum' = 'ma', 'again' = 're'. Thanks to all who participated and sent words of encouragement (mostly). Some suggested that I go fishing in an open boat in the East Siberian sea!
—**Colinebrii**

QUIZ 8 by Tobi: Winners: 1st: Catherine Hambling. 2nd: Alan Walter. Congratulations! Entries: 25

Answers: 1. Koftgar. 2. Seneschal (Sommelier allowed). 3. Frescoer. 4. Pargeter. 5. Quaeator. 6. Zemindar. 7. Boxwallah (Brinjarry not allowed). 8. Chinovnik (Commissar allowed). 9. Dipterist. 10. Encomiast. 11. Mnemonist. 12. Jerquer. 13. Spagyrist. 14. Corregidor. 15. Ethologist. 16. Palfrenier. 17. Doxographer. 18. Ostreiculturist. 19. Paroemiographer. 20. Chalcographist.

Results: 20: A Austin, B Cockburn, V Dinham, C Hambling, D Jones, J McGrath, C Noble, J Parker, A Skillicorn, J Smith, A Walter and I Watts. **19:** P Arno, C Anderson, D Greening, D Procter and R Watson. **18:** D Kennedy. **17 and below:** B Billing, M Moore, R O'Rourke, B Bennett, V Howard, M Procter and B Solomon.

Members' Comments:

- What a difficult quiz! *Bev Solomon*
- Where on earth did you dig all these occupations up? Bury them again, I implore you. *Carole Noble*
- An exceptionally challenging puzzle — so crusty one could almost destroy one's dentures. *Alan Walter*
- I haven't heard of 99% of these words but they are wonderful. *Bev Cockburn*
- Hours of research was fun and I learnt a lot of incidental things. *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for a super puzzle — it took me days. *Valerie Howard*

Adjudicator's Comments: I couldn't allow 'brinjarry' as he is not specifically a pedlar (see *Chambers*). No 10: many entrants agonised over 'eulogiser' and 'eulogist'. Sorry, these were not the words required. Not surprisingly, nobody confessed to following any of these occupations. Thank you for the encouraging letters and comments about the puzzle and my health. My battle continues with more surgery but I am confident of success.
—**Barb Ibbott (Tobi)**

GENERAL COMMENT: I was horrified to see that the source of 'arca' (8dn October 1-2000) was given as 'some of the crossword dictionaries.' I'd love to see a return to the days when all words used in our puzzles (except proper nouns) could be found in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*. If we're not going to go that far let's at least stipulate that words must come from standard dictionaries rather than those hybrid creations which often contain words which cannot be verified from an authentic source. I'm sorry to write negative comments about a great club and a great magazine — but we've managed to maintain high standards for over ten years. Let's not stop now.
—**Brian Tickle**

ERROR MESSAGES:

- Denis Coates gained ticks for October 2000, Slots 2-5.
- My sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by the mix-up in relation to the good grid for AJ Nov 4. Corrections to Nov 6-2000 are: 55ac, indicator should be (4), 59ac, indicator should be (7). **Patrick**
- The answer grid to Sept 6-2000 can be found on page 2 of this month's *Crozworld*.

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