

CroZworld

"The World of Crosswords in Australia"

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"My words fly up, my thoughts remain below: Words without thoughts never heaven go." Hamlet [III iii 97]

GRIDATORIAL



With this edition of *Crozworld* we are delighted to announce the publication of Volume 2 of **The Crozworld Compendium**. This handsome book contains 35 puzzles from the Club's best compilers and it promises to offer plenty of challenges for the keen crossworder. Three of the puzzles are Prize crosswords and the closing date 31 March 2002 allows plenty of time

for solving. This volume also contains the solutions to all puzzles and quizzes contained in Volume 1 together with the names of the lucky winners. **The Crozworld Compendium** would make an excellent Christmas gift for someone who is interested in crosswords. Why not order a few copies to give away? They are outstanding value at only \$5 each.

Thanks to the generous donations by Club members, we are in a Festive mood and are giving away the sum of \$75 each for five of this month's crosswords plus an Oxford Crossword Dictionary for the sixth. We have some exciting news for the Prize Schedule for 2002 and will announce it in the next *Crozworld*. Stay tuned!

This month we welcome a well-known and popular member to the ranks of the new crossword compilers — 'Mr AxWord' Doug Butler. Doug has compiled an Alphabetical Jigsaw and has managed to include in the grid six 15-letter lights! Is this a world first? Doug said that the grid "was fun to compile and something of a challenge" and hopes that the members will "find it an enjoyable puzzle". Many thanks, Doug. We are sure your composition will be warmly welcomed. See page 10 for a Compiler Profile of Doug.

We welcome back Daintree Lady and our regulars this month. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Having attempted all these puzzles before I started to adjudicate, I must express my thanks to Patrick for inviting me to be adjudicator this month — in my opinion (and that of many members) this is the hardest set of puzzles we have been faced with for some time. Patrick has also been very tolerant in responding to my many e-mails re various solutions. My thanks to Bev Cockburn too, who passed on some helpful hints. The good wishes and friendship offered by so many members has been overwhelming — thank you all.

Slot 1: A few wild guesses here! Erei (6), act, enez, sciera, tarlead, arise, hen (7), starnel, egeo, eden (2), emen, eres, spannel.

Slot 2: Only a couple of guesses plus a spelling mistake. I have decided to accept HOROLOGE and HOROLOGY for 1dn. There were several comments about 19dn — the clue lacks a definition. Meal (6), burgler (2), troupes (2), tireless (2), blob.

Slot 3: A variety of problems (many of which gave my spellchecker indigestion!). Several members did not attempt this. Brachyure, bribary, analyzing, rabulous, hurts (5), anodising (5), barbe, coarrange, goer (2), solfatic, niolith, none (3), bribers (2), inodizing, edemata (2), sylvanic, leptan (3), salamatic, saliaric.

Slot 4: A very poor success rate reflecting the degree of difficulty of this one. Congratulations to those who achieved a tick for this. Buckra (34) was by far the main offender with 'sponsor' pointing to 'back' not 'buck'. Orsinol, viduate (5), eves down, ragi (3), viduaty (5), ewen down (2), orginol, bactra, eyes down, papa.

Slot 5: Fairly solver friendly once 'the penny dropped' re the Pair of Sevens. Alternative spelling of Cleobulos/Pittacos deemed acceptable. One blank square, sharps (2), cleobolus, embolus, scarps (4), phales, hime, himo, oedipian.

Seasons Greetings to all; I hope to 'meet' you all again in the future in the wonderful world of the *Crozworld*.

—Patricia Garner

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	75	80	65	76	62	358
Correct entries	61	68	39	35	49	252
Success rate %	81.3	85.0	60.0	46.1	79.0	70.1
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November 2-2001

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November 3-2001

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Quotation: Bare Winter suddenly was changed to Spring: Shelley

MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2001

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALTMAN F		✓				
ANDERSON C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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ARCHIBALD C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARNO P		✓	✓		✓	✓
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BENNETT D						✓
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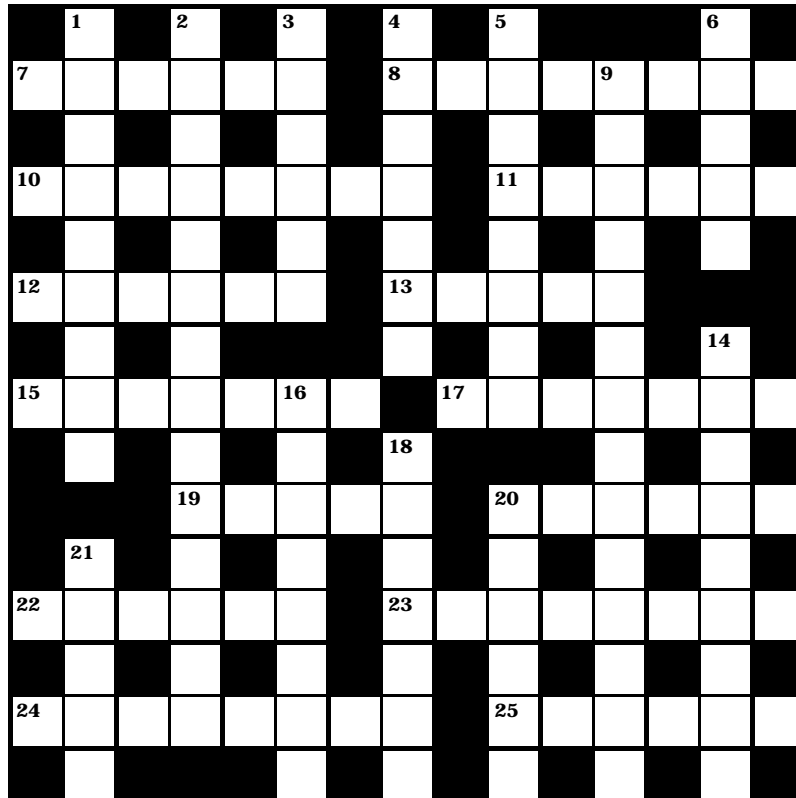
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WORKMAN S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

CROSSQUIZ
by
Virgo

DECEMBER 1 2001

Prize
\$75



Across

- 7 A lively Spanish dance (6)
- 8 Very light material (8)
- 10 ___ MacDonald starred in 1dn (8)
- 11 and 15ac English actor, starred in the TV series *Jake's Progress*, *Citizen Smith* etc. (6, 7)
- 12 see 20dn (6)
- 13 A device that amplifies an input of light, producing a narrow, intense monochromatic beam (5)
- 15 see 11ac (7)
- 17 He envisioned the city of Rome ... (7)
- 19 ... and his brother (5)
- 20 *The Outer* ____, spooky American TV series (6)
- 22 see 6dn (6)
- 23 Those who sit back and let others do the work (8)
- 24 Konrad ____, German Chancellor 1949-1963 (8)
- 25 *First Among* ____, a novel by Jeffrey Archer (6)

Down

- 1 A 1936 romantic movie musical starring Nelson Eddy (4, 5)
- 2 ABBA singer and songwriter (5, 9)
- 3 Zero ____, starred in the 1968 movie version of *The Producers* (6)
- 4 Author of *The Shape of Things to Come* and *The First Men in the Moon* etc. (1, 1, 5)
- 5 A coffee-making machine and the coffee so made (8)
- 6 and 22ac Australian writer of verse and prose noted for his depiction of bush life (5, 6)
- 9 Thirteenth century German scholastic philosopher, teacher of Thomas Aquinas (8, 6)
- 14 A swimming stroke with the arms working simultaneously with an overarm action (9)
- 16 Univalent radical resembling the alkali metals in chemical behaviour (8)
- 18 Curves that run through places of equal barometric pressure on maps (7)
- 20 and 12ac Once married to Humphrey Bogart (6)
- 21 Thomas ____, English novelist and poet whose novels were mainly set in Dorset (5)

Send
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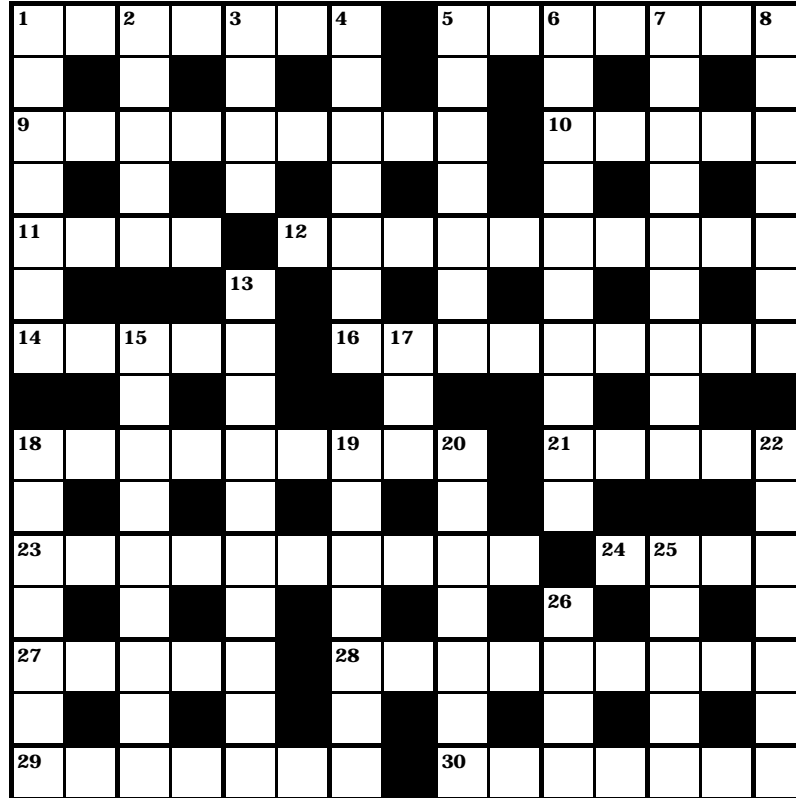
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GOOD
GRIDS
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CRYPTIC
by
Noel Jessop

DECEMBER 2 2001

Prize
\$75



Across

- 1 Close contest's final stage (7)
- 5 Infidel cultivated the playing area (7)
- 9 About function; money returned for horseman (9)
- 10 Drive back and stagger about quietly (5)
- 11 Pay droll fellow with early start (4)
- 12 They rise to take the lead about independent investigations (10)
- 14 Sort of a grey rifleman (5)
- 16 Very secret room in a very remote region (4, 5)
- 18 City's past unknown by worker and one union member (9)
- 21 Cut head of catch in half — same result (5)
- 23 Prior arrangement of netted cane (10)
- 24 Interjection, involuntary movement of the listeners (4)
- 27 Once a different way in the main (5)
- 28 Fruit provides delicious drink in Red Centre (9)
- 29 Vessel without Spanish gold is getting fruit (7)
- 30 English cissy'd bungle getting cover off? (7)

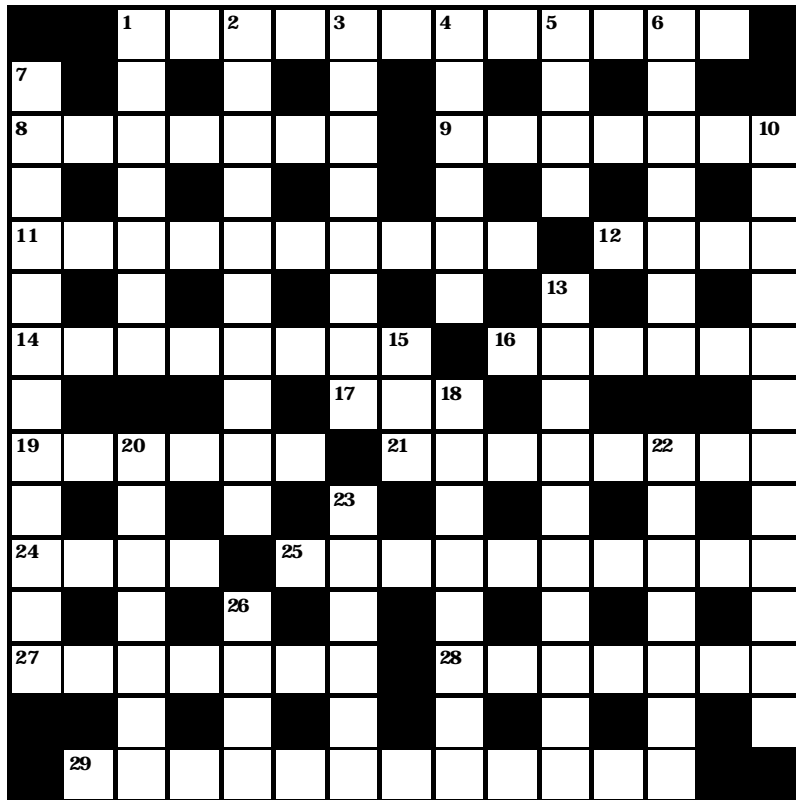
Down

- 1 One bet apiece on state branch (4-3)
- 2 Honest man taken up into director-general to punish by divestment (5)
- 3 Talented sailor turned endless belt (4)
- 4 Discharged newspaperman about an exploit (7)
- 5 Love unemployed lookers, as it's said (7)
- 6 Poor cast of reel on deck (10)
- 7 Most of the men defile a worker, by the way (2, 7)
- 8 Shop's right opposite English Governor-General (2, 1'4)
- 13 Goes beyond the limits of a new science in general tendencies (10)
- 15 Geographical dictionary to announce an appointment with hesitation (9)
- 17 Water each university (3)
- 18 Guiding lights company established in heads (7)
- 19 Orders apprentices (7)
- 20 Restrain academic and clean out (7)
- 22 Hares off around creek with crook golfers (7)
- 25 Cottons on to table-top rugs (5)
- 26 Deposited face-up? (4)

CRYPTIC
by
Daintree Lady

DECEMBER 3 2001

Prize
\$75



Across

- 1 Horse (favoured by singles) seen on road (12)
- 8 Make meal with bun and some egg (7)
- 9 Gemini and French clothes? (7)
- 11 Thursday, I left Anita on horse to follow, being essentially equal (10)
- 12 Fashion a fur for a foreign female (4)
- 14 Ride out after troublesome unit, being even more disorderly (8)
- 16 First, Rose, sweetheart, drift back and add a bit more polish (2-4)
- 17 Start with girl, sixteen, lose seven and end up with last eight lots! (3)
- 19 Perhaps tick for trendy party (6)
- 21 I dare man to scramble up — it's steep! (8)
- 24 English check dairy product (4)
- 25 Route for wedding party, by the sound of it — mount along here (6,4)
- 27 Fancy swallow takes to air (7)
- 28 Improve on it with a couple of lifts (2-3-2)
- 29 Girl and boy have mug — it's a monster! (12)

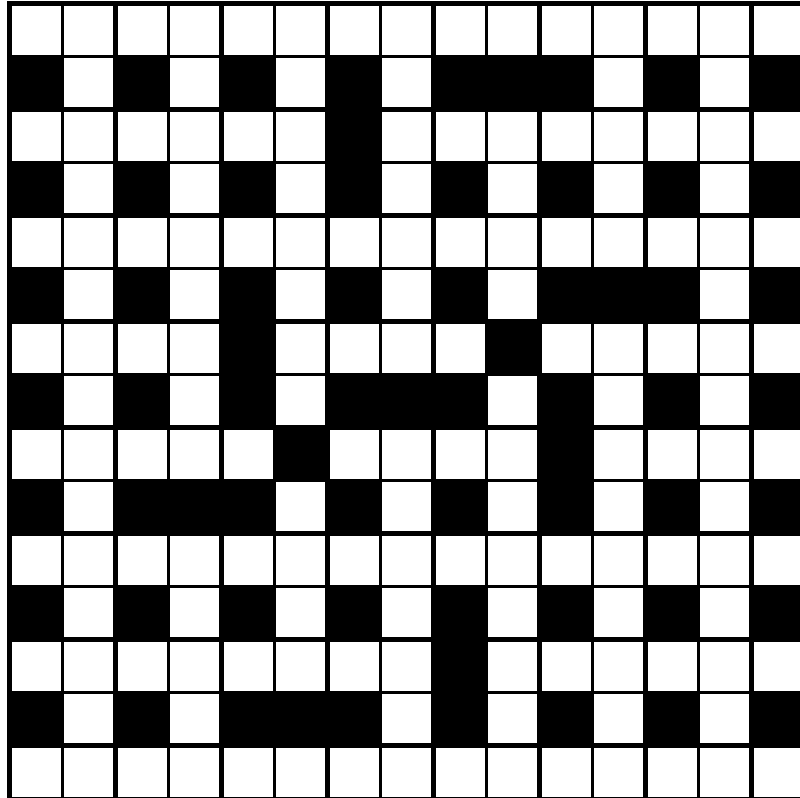
Down

- 1 Consortium of "ABC", "Ten" and one Independent running the country? (7)
- 2 Attack a young bird? No, it's a dried fish! (6,4)
- 3 Enrol eccentric professor inside — one born in Soho (8)
- 4 Acquires a tan (golden) while holding Asian currency ... (6)
- 5 ... to back one colt (relating to the listener) (4)
- 6 Guaranteed to send Egyptian round old city (7)
- 7 "Ritz to Sue over Rotten Pears!" — they must stop fermenting! (12)
- 10 Territories have faith in bearings on vessels (12)
- 13 Slow debate (10)
- 15 Programme holder embraces hero melodramatically (3)
- 18 'aven't you listened to spirits? They're sound vibrators (8)
- 20 Beetle — point to one found under canvas ... (7)
- 22 ... or a cave-dweller, being a pup (three-fifths dingo) (7)
- 23 Ornamental band to stop, we hear (6)
- 26 Cut end of term grant (4)

AJ
by dB

DECEMBER 4 2001

Prize
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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer
Solutions to H, U, X and Z are not in *Chambers* but should present few difficulties: dB

- A** Clean around the old joint (5)
- B** Mexican standoff scales a frequent mistake (7,2,6)
- C** Copies party characters we saw on Soviet space vehicles (4)
- D** see N
- E** Old flame, old song and a nasty skin disease (9)
- F** Middle-aged? Yes if short and confused (8)
- G** Ring-around for response to joke (4)
- H** Geological uniformity — old man heard calling a cab (8)
- I** Can be old spelling of old Wagnerian character? (6)
- J** One of the big guns in US prison, an easy trade name (6)
- K** Some smack needed for a strong joint (4)
- L** Girl found playing hopscotch in Williams Island (4)
- M** Who made Keith gaze vacantly? (4)
- N & D** Dryden saw Indian chap uniquely merits a poor pass (4,3,3,5,8,3,4)
- O** Take it easy they say, imagine that note is rewritten (3,5,2,1,4)
- P** Deal with dupes for Private Eye's imposter (5)
- Q** State query and response on bituminous fraction (5)
- R** Give up, lose the right to hitch again (5)
- S** Beloved head a conical hat (9)
- T** Indian districts heard, thanks to Beverly (7)
- U** Dunny roll, no lost movement, lacking gravitas (8)
- V** Informal TV survey and an evil duo — cricket team played tag (3,6,3,3)
- W** Who since Herriot wrote about such animals? (5, 10)
- X** Sexy lovers hides wooden building block (4)
- Y** Article put in tents for fermented milk products (7)
- Z** Smithsonian pins czar breakdown (4, 4)

ONLY JOKING
by
Praxis

DECEMBER 5 2001



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Unclued rows and columns contain what's commonly called a one-liner — for those missing jokes!
The Chambers Dictionary (1998 ed) and *The Macquarie Dictionary* are recommended.

Across

- 1 Establishes a rapport about tastes (6)
- 6 Attaché denied final agreement to some degree (7)
- 11 Game's wary — it's full of reeds (5)
- 12 Turn note over to girl in the stadium (5)
- 13 (10, four words)
- 14 (5, two words)
- 15 Man lost time — and he's so close! (5)
- 17 Ridicules father's grasp of alternative technology (7)
- 18 Tate confused her (4)
- 19 (9, two words)
- 21 I hear the nude model rejected such foolishness (9)
- 23 One strike — with the palm (4)
- 26 A large quantity of wine — almost intoxicated (7)
- 27 Rinse out material used in plastic manufacture (5)
- 28 The superlative for example, is void? (5)
- 30 'Duke's' picture's put on train (10)
- 31 Musical direction goes over one's head? (5)
- 32 Refuse to declare staff (5)
- 33 Lifeless group — that's for sure (4-3)
- 34 Repairs green in reserve (6)

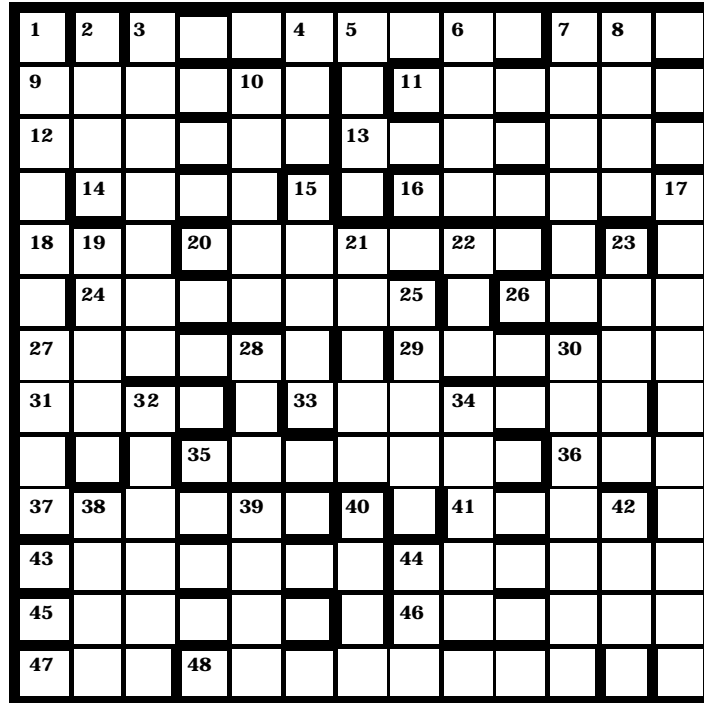
Down

- 1 A line of credit with flexibility (6)
- 2 A measure of light made it to the windward side (4)
- 3 They segregate island, also arrange to contain mounting rubbish (9)
- 4 Bristle about a cheat (6)
- 5 Ice's broken around our young gull in Shetland (7)
- 6 Reg got up after a poke from soldier (6)
- 7 Queen left state leader with hesitation, but it's for the best (7)
- 8 Fifty-nine turned communist (5)
- 9 Alma somehow caught the bird — instinct perhaps? (8)
- 10 Loved excitement before 8 (6)
- 12 Novice was devastated about the borers (4)
- 16 The regulation covers alien carving (9)
- 17 (8, two words)
- 19 Flames once made Czechoslovakia hold the ship (7)
- 20 Share joint presidency in county seat (2-5)
- 21 Treated under new accommodating direction (6)
- 22 Indian robber resorted to acid (6)
- 23 Note set up to hang revolutionary national (6)
- 24 Mines keep on providing climber's aids (6)
- 25 It'll be hard to falsify identification (5)
- 26 State Civil Service identified Indians (4)
- 29 (4)

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All unclued answers have something in common; two of these are key words.

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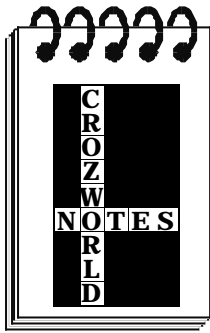
- 3 (8)
- 7 (3)
- 9 (6)
- 11 Earlier and unknown Sisters residence (6)
- 12 Albanian in Turkish army stated in broken Arunta (6)
- 13 American group find pith-tree (7)
- 14 Arts misplaced by Potentate (4)
- 16 Able to meet at agency of Cambridge (6)
- 18 The lizard, once again? (3)
- 20 (7)
- 24 Division takes on Queen's lessees (7)
- 26 Rodeo back east, missing the American atmosphere (4)
- 27 Old fashioned you said? By originally asking for horn-like parts (6)
- 29 (6)
- 31 A measure against variable cupidity (4)
- 33 In me, as Les, it's contagious (7)
- 35 (7)
- 36 Doctrine for a sergeant major (3)
- 37 A kind of square dish framework strengthener (1-5)
- 41 Each way? Of course (4)
- 43 (7)
- 44 Pick to pieces a ton say, in verse form (6)
- 45 Crept a distance with journalist ... (6)
- 46 ... Just add a very soft finish (6)
- 47 The turbulent air of N. African music (3)
- 48 Co-ordinator, a Bishop with the Church of Scotland with displeasure? (8)

Down

- 1 Turning yellow in Florida before a great day with ecstasy and bouquet (10)
- 2 (4)
- 3 Soft cheese that would perhaps be eaten by Herman? (7)
- 4 Allow a service obstruction (3)
- 5 Ring a mate? That's a gem (4)
- 6 Barbarian hides a heavy screened wagon (4)
- 7 Doc Evatt disorganised, lost Virginia, when lined with small dwellings (6)
- 8 Some actor caught killer whale (4)
- 10 Turncoat copper going around in an ancient breastplate (5)
- 15 (5)
- 17 (10)
- 19 Anterior obverse bearing (5)
- 21 Father joins English and French about a Scots omen (5)
- 22 (3)
- 23 Look! A type of bend found in loamy deposit (5)
- 25 A way to parade in step (5)
- 28 Old grunt starts up game hunt (3)
- 30 The French at first express hesitation about a Scottish salmon-spear (7)
- 32 Ancient Italian people volunteer with science (6)
- 34 Check Will's course at low tide (5)
- 38 Let's have a nip back at the Old Pineapple (4)
- 39 Row or moor at the river (4)
- 40 Take silver and express surprise at the Turkish Chief Officer (4)
- 42 (4)
- 44 Follow the pipe player (3)

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◆ DOUG BUTLER ◆

MEMBER



PROFILE

An electronics tech all his life, Doug was working at Radio Australia at the time of the Darwin cyclone. He then spent the next seven years (with Paulina and the two boys) in an ex-Sydney double-decker while rebuilding the house and library. His love of cryptics in the 70s grew as he developed his AxWord program in the 90s and is now an obsession although he candidly says that he will never become an expert. Doug enjoys Thai food, Aussie movies, fast cross-country cantering on friendly horses and the recordings of Bach, Bebop and Bowie. He now works at Flinders University — a short walk from home — and “wouldn’t be dead for quids”. If you would like to know more about Doug’s famous Axword program or how to go about e-lodgment of your crossword solutions, you can contact Doug at: Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au



CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2001. Final reminder about the Crossmas Cruciverbal lunch. Clancys Restaurant — 12 noon on Sunday, 9 December 2001. Cost \$33 to be paid as soon as possible. Please send cheques to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester Road, Mount Waverley, 3149. Phone (03) 9808 4392.

From Shirl O’Brien (Auster & Southern Cross):

“There are some marvellous crossword stories. In the anxious months leading up to D-Day (1944), an alarming number of code names used for the Normandy landings, such as Omaha and Utah, kept cropping up in *The Daily Telegraph* crossword in England. Paranoid puzzlers in the War Office suspected there was a Nazi spy in the basement of Printing House Square sending cryptic messages to Berlin, and anxious MI5 agents hastened to the country to grill the puzzle setters. But it was all just innocent coincidence!

I was able to use this story to create a special puzzle for the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day incorporating the answer D-DAY CODE WORDS and half-a-dozen of these, including MULBERRY (the huge floating harbours in the English Channel) and OVERLORD (the codeword for the whole operation).

I was reminded of this story most chillingly recently when an *Auster* puzzle of mine appeared in *The Guardian* in England on 31st August. On the following evening I asked my husband Jack to download it for me to check if any changes had been made. He did this, then downloaded that day’s *Guardian* puzzle set by Paul (John Halpern). The two lay on the coffee table for a couple of days, then, unable to resist the blank squares I tackled Paul’s puzzle. I solved almost all, but was stumped by this clue: Terrorist’s bomb in the High Street? (3, 5). I had some of the letters but didn’t know the answer. Ten days later we all knew the answer — BIN LADEN (terrorist), bomb planted in the High Street? (bin laden)! A most tragic coincidence! I couldn’t help wondering if anyone from MI5 was grilling Paul!”

DID YOU KNOW that the date 10/11/01 is a binary number which can be read forwards, backwards and upside-down? Another momentous date will be on 11/11/11. Will this be the Year of the Cricket?

‘EARLYBIRD’ RENEWALS: A final reminder that if payment of the subscription is made on or by 1 December 2001, the renewal subscription is only \$45. After that date the cost for a whole year is \$50. Kindly send your ‘earlybird’ cheque/money order for \$45 to the Treasurer, Alan Walter, 7 Allunga Close, Mona Vale NSW 2103.

GET-TOGETHER Sydney 2001

Our Get-Together this year was a most successful and delightful occasion. Life member Alan Walter was in attendance and was in fine form. A warm welcome was accorded to the members from interstate, Betty Cumming and Patrick Street from Victoria and Kay and Ian Williams from the ACT. We were thrilled to see Veniece Lobsey made the long trip from Dubbo. Some of the ACC ‘identities’ in attendance included Bev Cockburn, Steve Workman, David Stickley, Roy Wilson, Audrey and Bruce Austin, Margaret Davis, Del Kennedy, Betty Siegman, Bob Hagan, Robina Otrupcek and a host of other charming people. New member/compiler Stef Savanah was given a very warm welcome!

Guest speaker Jenni Chandler was enthralling and most informative. Jenni told us how her well-received book *Cryptic Crossword Dictionary* came about and her plans for an updated version to be released soon. Thank you Jenni for sharing these thoughts with us.

Our special thanks go to William Ryan who kindly donated a dozen of his finest wine as door prizes. The Book Auction was keenly contested and raised a respectable amount for the Prize Pool 2002. Many thanks to all who attended and made this a memorable occasion. —Patrick

Letters to The Times

- Winning *The Times* crossword competition after 25 years has presented me with a dilemma. Do I continue in the hope of further success or have I to find subjects for discussion with my wife over breakfast? *Christopher Leck*, 2 Oct 2001.
- Surely Mr Leck wouldn’t need to “find subjects for discussion” with his wife. In my experience, most women will start talking as soon as their husbands put the newspaper down — all he would have to do is listen. *Judith White*, 4 Oct
- AP Herbert wrote: “The critical period in matrimony is breakfast-time”. With this in mind I suggest that Mr Leck continues with the crossword. *Olwen Davis*, 4 Oct
- Oh, Mr Leck. Please keep to the crossword. We have found it is best not to attempt any coherent speech until the mid-morning coffee, and we eat breakfast together only on Sundays, when we manage without a newspaper. *Sheila Rhodes*, 4 Oct 2001.



John D Dawson (Jackdaw)



We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of our member John D Dawson in September. Although John only joined the Australian Crossword Club in May 2001, he proved to be a keen and successful solver. He not only correctly solved many of the monthly puzzles but also compiled two of his own using the original cruciverbalnym *Jackdaw*. One of them is featured as a Prize crossword in the new *Crozwold Compendium* and will be adjudicated by David Procter. This fascinating crossword is a 19x19 grid containing cryptic Australian place names, cities, towns and suburbs and is a ‘must do’ for all crossworders. We extend our sincere condolences to John’s family.

NOVEMBER 1 - STATELY STUFF by *Colinebrii* (Col Archibald)

- Thanks Col for a 'capital' Slot 1 puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Wot! No Hobart! The Taswegians are "not happy Jan". An enjoyable puzzle. *Joan Smith*
- I'm stumped by 22ac. What's a Greek city doing in Lower Italy, or is it Lower Italy in Greece? It's too geographical for me. I also note that the Taswegians have been forgotten again with no Hobart mentioned. *Jim Colles*
- Fairly straightforward — apart from 'ELEA'. *Margaret Davis*
- An interesting concept and mostly a good puzzle, somewhat marred by a poor grid with too many unchecked letters. 28dn 'REE' must be the ultimate crossword sin — an obscure 3 letter word with only one checked letter. *Catherine Hambling*
- I'm sure there'll be plenty of lamentations for Hobart, so I'll refrain. *Doug Butler*
- Tasmanians are used to being left off maps, but I expected better of the AUSTRALIAN Crossword Club. Yes, we are part of Australia — the best part actually! *Margaret Dennis*
- Should have been a Slot 6! *Peter Dearie*
- A difficult bunch this month made more so by the fact that (in 1 & 2 especially) the number of unchecked squares outnumbered the checked squares in many words. I thought the committee had decided to discourage this type of grid. *Audrey Ryan*
- Nice one for starters! Got stuck on 22ac — took a wild guess. *Catherine Foster*
- Weaving the capital cities into the grid was masterful. ELEA remained lost until *Collins* was mentioned. *Ted O'Brien*

NOVEMBER 2 - CRYPTIC by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- This is a bad grid with too many unchecked lights. 8ac lacked an 'E' to complete the anagram. This was no gimme! *Col Archibald*
- Unless ROOSTER means AUSSIE (Australorp?) 19dn appears to have no primary clue. Liked the simplicity of DESCENT. This grid has four words each with three consecutive unchecked letters and two with two. The grid for Nov-3 has two words each with three consecutive unchecked letters and eight with two. These grids would not generally be regarded as acceptable. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Good straightforward cryptic, if that's not a confusion in terms. *Catherine Hambling*
- I hope ROOSTER is a synonym for Aussie else I'm sunk. Loved DESCENT. *Doug Butler*
- No connecting letters in the corners made this slot very hard. Have had to guess at 1ac and 1dn. *Peter Dearie*

NOVEMBER 3 - CRYPTIC by *Pundit* (Stef Savanah)

- My first thoughts: Has *Pundit* inadvertently repeated himself in the first two across clues? Clue 1ac was not too difficult but oh! oh! oh! that clue 7ac was a brainbasher! What with only 3 common intersecting letters out of nine this made the answer even harder to establish (& similarly with 26ac). In future use of this grid please increase 16dn to at least 7 or 8 letters. Similarly extend 10dn to being 7 or 8 letters starting from the top or second row. At least we would have 4 common letters in each of these nine letter words and even some experts say you really should have at least half or more of the letters common with other answers. With these improvements *Pundit* would avoid being a crossword *Bandit*! Clue 13ac should be preceded by 'Look for the lady star' as the clue literally translates to 'search for the lady'. CHER = star, CHEZ translates to 'at home' and La Femme = the woman. 19dn: MONISTIC means 'single-themed' not 'single minded'. Better clued as 'One-tracked male'. *Alan Walter*
- Not a good grid for what was a difficult puzzle. I've never spent three days on one puzzle but this was the exception! Once completed though, immense relief! Some clever clues though. Eg, 5dn and 24dn along with the wet one at 11ac!! *Col Archibald*
- Very vague clues which do not follow established crosswording etiquette — lots of guesses here. *Peter Dearie*
- Welcome to *Crozworld*, *Pundit*! 1 and 7ac were very clever — also CONGA, SYLLABIC and NINE. ENTENTE appears to have definition and cryptic clues overlapping. *Shirl O'Brien*
- A new puzzle setter with a new way of thinking made a very difficult crossword but all the more welcome for that. *Brian Symons*
- Very entertaining puzzle with a lot of enjoyable clues. I like the double bunger clue at 1 & 7ac. I've been trying to think up one of those for a long time, and now I can give up the idea. Thank you *Pundit*. *Jim Colles*
- To those who were unable to attend the luncheon *Pundit* is a pleasant fellow & does not have horns! I loved 24dn. *Joan McGrath*
- A very difficult puzzle but basically fair — took me ages to complete — fingers crossed! *Catherine Hambling*
- Welcome to *Pundit* — I hope we see more of his work. *Margaret Davis*
- Very few soft centres in this assortment, and all very tasty. NINE had me chewing for hours. *Doug Butler*
- Very intricate clues — afraid this one is too rich for me — I'm still working on it though! *Catherine Foster*
- Stephane's 1 & 7ac must take the prize this month. *Ted O'Brien*

NOVEMBER 4 - ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

- Another challenging AJ from an 'Untimid Terrier'. Thanks Joan. *Alan Walter*
- After consuming a considerable quantity of the amber stuff, and mumbling 'odd dogs bloody rotties', how did I feel when this was completed? Frabjous!! *Col Archibald*
- Would rather be called sinister than awkward, Joan. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Plenty to be learnt from the rabi of new words in this AJ. Quite a frabjous feeling to get it filled in. Enough to have a buckra throw off the viduity look and tittup around like a Merry Andrew, even-down. *Jim Colles*
- Either the Rottweiler has reverted to being a truly Timid Terrier or I am getting on to her wavelength at last! *Margaret Davis*
- Always enjoy AJs, though this was far from easy. *Catherine Hambling*
- Guessed at VIDUITY for the V clue — can't find another word that fits. *Peter Dearie*
- To me 'Timid Terrier' is quite daring with his alphabetical jigsaw (I have not been across one before). A new challenge for me! I am wishing myself 'Good Luck'. *Therese Savanah*
- Lots of difficult grids this month (2x and 3x unchs!!) and I had to make a few guesses based on the definition (though none of them were 2x or 3x unchs). For a change, I found the AJ the most accessible, which is unusual ... *Taro Ogawa*
- What a beauty! Tough but fair clues and I loved it. 'E' clue was great, 'F' clue very tricky. *Catherine Foster*

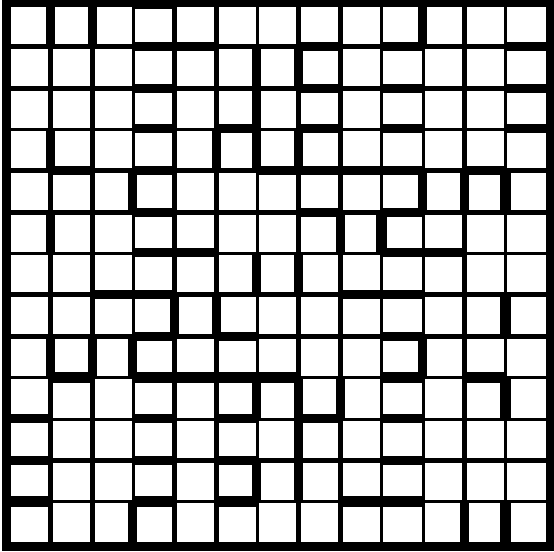
NOVEMBER 5 - A PAIR OF SEVENS by *Praxis* (Roy Wilson)

- I know that several dictionaries give Chilon as one of the Seven Sages. However Lempriere's gives the spelling as CHILO. Thanks for your Pair of Sevens Puzzle Roy. It was a delightful challenge. *Alan Walter*
- How in the name of the wee man do you fit in 14 unclued answers? I'm battling to fit in 8! Very clever, Roy! *Col Archibald*
- Another Wilson Wonder! Thanks Roy! *Shirl O'Brien*
- *Praxis* in his usual masterly form. Didn't have too much trouble with the dwarves, understandably, but the sages represented unknown territory. Am also at a loss with the 'aged novelist' part of 37ac. (37ac ae (rev) + RLS (RL Stevenson) - RW) *Jim Colles*
- Roy had me stumped for longer than usual with this one. May I suggest *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable* would have been a more helpful recommendation than the *Macquarie Atlas* and *Britannica*. *Margaret Davis*
- Another puzzle that kept me at the grindstone. Eventually stumbled onto BASHFUL and twigged the seven dwarfs and then consulted SEVEN in *Chambers* and discovered the Sages. Hope CHILO is an alternative for CHILON. *Catherine Hambling*
- 14 unclued answers and the need for *Brittanica* proved beyond me. *Peter Dearie*
- What sort of mind can link the Seven Dwarfs with the Seven Sages of Athens? Only our Roy's! Not sure of 6ac. *Ted O'Brien*

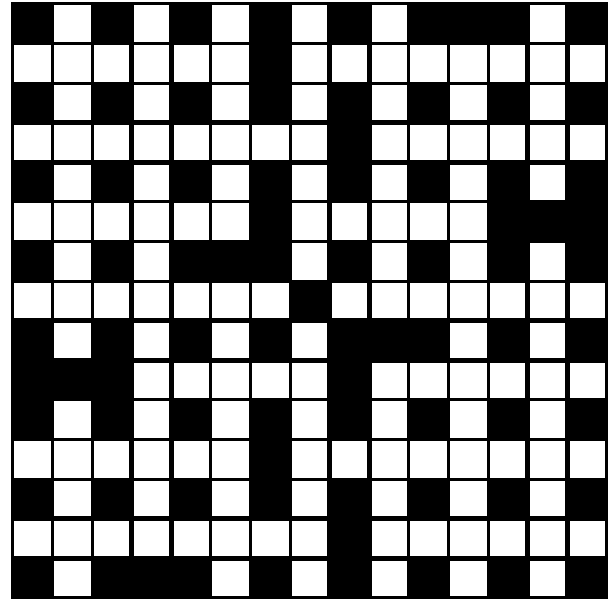


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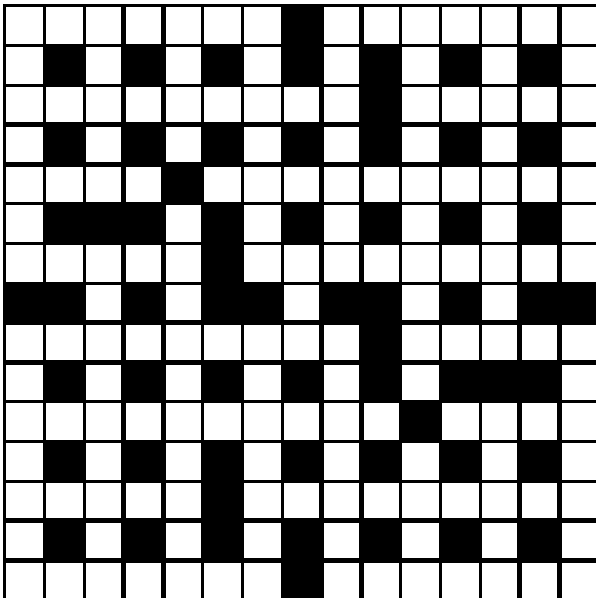
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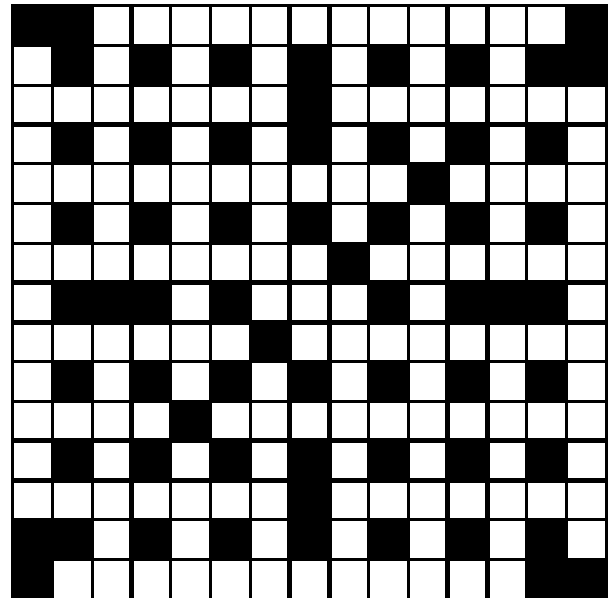
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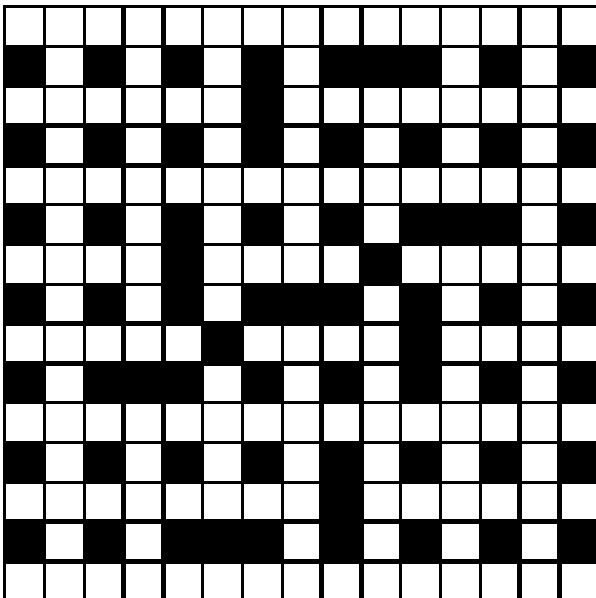
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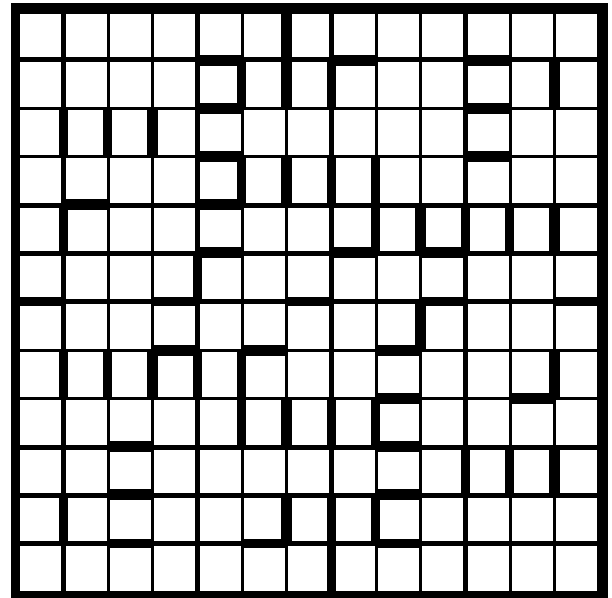
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October 6-2001 — MISPRINTS by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 64. Correct: 53. Success rate: 82.8%. Prizewinner: Col Archibald. Congratulations!

- Took me a while to get started on this one, but it got easier as the hours flew by! You could have made it more devious by calling it 'Miss Prince!' *Col Archibald*
- Enjoy No. 6 but the accompanying "praxis" drove me crazy! As well as spelling mistakes maybe we could leave a letter or two out! (Ah, Bill, now you know!) *Bill Bennett*
- A pretty diabolical puzzle! The word 'Armies' always reminds me of the question: 'Where does Napoleon keep his armies?' Answer: 'Up his sleeves.' Sorry! (Bev!! That's awful!) *Bev Cockburn*
- Diabolical! Took me twice as long to solve as the other five combined! Well done, Roy. *Mal Cockburn*
- Great stuff! It's surprising how much more difficult the answers become when there's a wrong letter in the clues. *Jim Colles*
- Must say I am not enthused by this type of puzzle. (I thank you for your successful participation, Verna.) *Verna Dinham*
- Thanks for a mind boggling and frustrating puzzle! (Transcription error I think) *Catherine Foster*
- The difficulty was getting started at all! I love the "wow" factor when the denarius finally drops! *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks for yet another terrific puzzle — most welcome this month. *Daphne Greening*
- Herewith your No 6 — as always not a puzzle for the faint-hearted. Very rewarding when all the letters fall into place. (Bob, see Explanations for 1ac.) *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for another brilliant puzzle. However, try as I might, I cannot figure out 1ac. (See below.) *Catherine Hambling*
- I have enough trouble trying to unravel your clues at the best of times, without there being misprints in the definitions!!! This gave me a headache!!! But most satisfactory when finally finished and the headaches did go — eventually! I don't know how you do it — I dips me lid to the master. *Ann Jermy*
- I enjoyed this one Roy — something different, which I like. (See explanations re mite.) *Doreen Jones*
- Loved this puzzle — once I got it out of course — and then if it's correct. (No problems, Del.) *Del Kennedy*
- 13ac had me confused for some time. I had "Sinatra" as an anagram for "Artisan" — as I'm sure he must have been on a music "hit" list and it did end in "A"! But couldn't justify the "royal". *Alison McKerral*
- Consolate me, Roy, if I get this wrong can I claim a misprint? (Not a problem, Ted!) *Ted O'Brien*
- You never cease to amaze me with your ingenuity!! "Misprints" was just so clever! *Shirl O'Brien*
- I had a great time with your "spring special"; it had me pinned more times than I was on top of it. But thoroughly enjoyable, true Praxis quality. P_x it easy. *Ron O'Rourke*
- A very clever and satisfying puzzle. *Betty Siegman*
- Thank you for your time spent in finding a line from Shelley and setting the 'Misprints' puzzle for our members. *Bev Solomon*
- Thanks for another wonderful puzzle. Took me ages to understand the 'R' in 1ac (the penny dropped while I was writing a script!) *Brian Symons*
- At first attempt nothing would SPRING to mind! After disposing of the BARE WINTER agonies SUDDENLY all WAS CHANGED TO SPRING elation! An appropriate quote for this seasonal greeting. A super twister, Roy, mispaints everywhere. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a very challenging puzzle. Even with the quotation it was still tricky. *Jenny Wenham*

Explanation of clues that caused problems:

1ac: RUB = s + c(r = take - recipe (L)*) + atch. *Degree in medicine not required. See *Chambers* (1998 ed) under 'r', under 'Abbreviations' in earlier editions; 11ac: KEEN ON: horse = pinto, remove 'p'; 20ac: FORMER - (emu)late; 29ac: Ram = Aries around m = man; 32ac: Ern Malley: Famous literary hoax carried out by poets Jas McAuley and Harold Stewart (1944); 1dn: WILL DO: suit + able; 2dn: OLD GIVE AID: scan + con + anag (included in '88 & '98 eds of *Chambers*); 15dn: FIRST BOER = man after dutch; 27dn: Both 'MOTE' and 'MITE' = grain, only 'MITE' fits the grid. **—Roy Wilson**

General Comments:

- Thank you for the prize for Sept 1. Prizes 2 months running!! How lucky can you be? Many thanks to all. *Cynthia Reardon*
- Thanks for the Prize cheque. Please invest in another year of bewilderment. *Doug Butler*
- Thank you for the October 5 prize. I like double acrostics and found that particular one most amusing. It must be very difficult to compose such a puzzle, finding the words to form the answers to the cryptic questions. This one was a little more difficult to solve because in the completed limerick there were no clues where to put the letters back in the answers from those in the grid except by looking for the number in the blank spaces. May the club go from strength to strength. *FW (Bobby) Roberts*
- Thank you for my \$50 cheque last month. It was very unexpected. *Judy Neck*
- Hello *Crozworld!* Just a few words to introduce myself and to thank you for welcoming me as a member of the club. I have solved crosswords for a number of years, mainly to escape from the worries and trials of everyday life; it's only last year that I attempted the cryptic ones; doing not bad I became interested and very involved, but I confess I am still a novice! *Therese Savannah*
- I'm absolutely delighted to receive the 'Aussie' Thesaurus — if I knew how to spell 'flabergasted' (sic) I would be that too! With my best wishes to the team of hard workers who keep the Club afloat and me partially sane! *Hilary Murray-White*
- Best wishes to all you clever compilers — at least you help to keep the old brain in motion in the nicest possible way. *Catherine Foster*
- The crosswords seemed to be extremely difficult this month. Even No 1 has that devilish clue at 22ac (not really devilish — it really is the name of an ancient city in S. Italy —PG). No idea what it means. *Eunice Altman*
- I was too dumbstruck to comment on these temper-testing puzzles!! I DID enjoy the Christmas lunch; thanks Patrick for your generosity. *Robina Otrupcek*

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Adjudication Adjustments:

Mike Potts gained ticks for October puzzles Slots 1, 3, 4 and 5 and Betty Wallace for Slots 2-5.