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"Keep your words soft and sweet,
just in case you have to eat them." Anonymous

GRIDATORIAL

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous level of donations to the 2003 ACC Prize Fund. As at 22 November, 145 members have agreed to take on the cruciverbal challenge for 2003, and their names are acknowledged in column 7, page 2. We really appreciate the kind donations made to the Prize Fund acknowledged on page 12.

The *Crozworld Compendium* vol 3 is in the process of being published and features 35 new puzzles and two Quizzes by a variety of 'cluey' members of the ACC. There are 3 prize puzzles together with the solutions and names of prizewinners to the puzzles in vol 2 of the *Compendium*. At only \$6, the *Crozworld Compendium* must be the best value puzzle book in Australia. Why not order extra copies to give to friends at Christmas or for the New Year?

We were very sorry to hear that Ken Davis' father died on 6 November aged only 69. We extend to Ken and his family our sincere condolences. Three of our members, Joyce Sheahan, Betty Cumming and Bill Bennett have not been in the best of health lately. In fact, Bill adjudicated his Quiz whilst recovering from an 'alimentary problem' in Cape Hawk hospital, Forster NSW. We send them all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

This month we welcome to the ranks of Adjudicators David Grainger from Kingston, ACT. David has been a very successful solver since joining the Club and is well qualified to take on the fascinating task of adjudicating. Please give David a warm welcome.

We have an excellent selection of crosswords for you this month commencing with the popular *Half & Half* by the Aussie master Noel Jessop. Cryptics by *Virgo* and *Cactus* will provide plenty of challenge and the AJ and Ximenes style grids by *Southern Cross* and *Praxis* will keep you puzzling pleasurably for some time. Finally, *Makeanote* returns with a fine Slot 6 puzzle. Many thanks to all our compilers for their outstanding contribution to puzzlement perfection in Australia!

Happy puzzling!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Thank you to all those members who sent cards and greetings. It is rare to share such a spirit of friendship and co-operation when competition is involved.

SLOT 1: The major problem here was caused by the incorrect spelling of PATROBAS, which then caused 16dn to be wrong, and with information about nomograms being hard to find, many members did not discover the error. One member who had constructed all her puzzles on her computer (wonderful to check!) had made a mistake in the diagram which caused several of her words to be wrong. Another omitted a letter, and one member got into a real tangle with ROGAN JOSS, SAOMA, and AO. There were several variations on the spelling of Rogan Josh, Baghdad Note, Haoma, Lagan and Gaulus as well as a few blanks and several AOs.

SLOT 2: An excellent percentage of correct entries here with the main problems being PYGOPAGUS, (which while it fitted the letters across totally missed the fairly straightforward clue for a rather unusual word) and REBORN as well as PYGOPAGUE, LOBIOLLY, SCANTIEST, DIPLOPAR, RADIO, CANNABUL and AERO.

SLOT 3: A high percentage of members substituted NESTOR with HECTOR, who, while he was also a Greek hero is not a bird. There were a few variations of spelling on A FAERIE, and one problem with BOOBY/DERBYS as well as one BATTIC, TWO TATARI, TWO SAFARI and AMBITIOUS or AMBITIONS in lieu of ALBATROSS, as well as the usual quota of blanks.

SLOT 4: It appears that some of the solutions in the top right hand corner have been altered, without the clues being amended, which led to a lot of highly unjustified criticism of Audrey's puzzle. In spite of a few rather harsh criticisms of the clue for T' no one got it wrong. ZATOPEK was spelt as ZAPOTEC - a careless mistake I would think as it totally ignored the anagram. There were also several ZAPOTEKS and a ZATOPEA as well as a couple of PHOTOGRAPHS and a XERSES.

SLOT 5: I was pleasantly surprised at the number of correct entries in this, but what a shocker to check! Few problems with the words, but the odd blank. Any problems were caused by transposition of letters rather than wrong words.

Thank you all once again for allowing me to adjudicate. I hope you all have a happy and holy Christmas with lots of brain stretching puzzles to challenge us all in the New Year. Best wishes to Bill Bennett who bravely submitted his puzzles from his hospital bed - and got them all right too!

—Pat Garner

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	85	78	76	85	69	393
Correct entries	46	67	33	72	64	282
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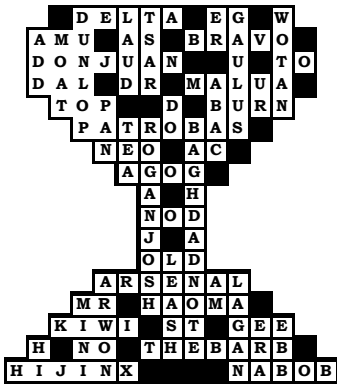
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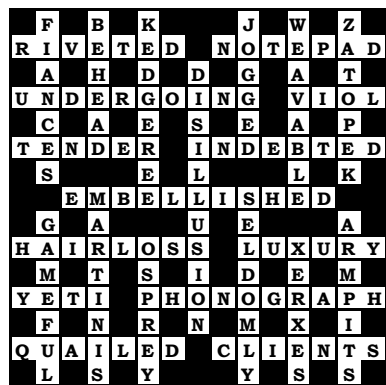
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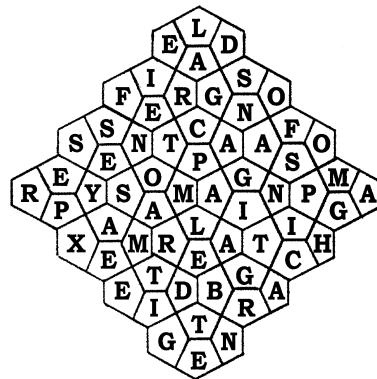
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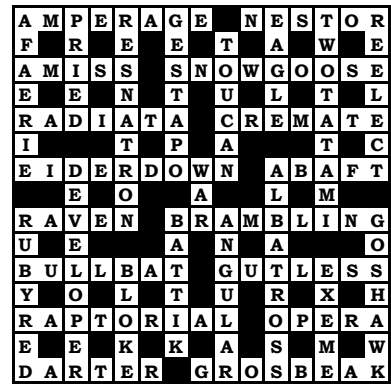
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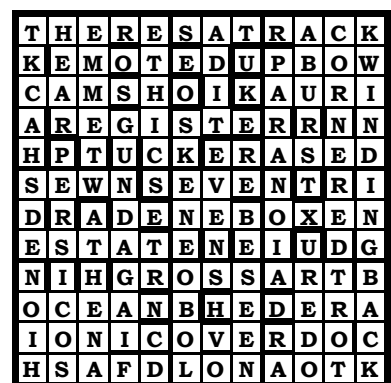
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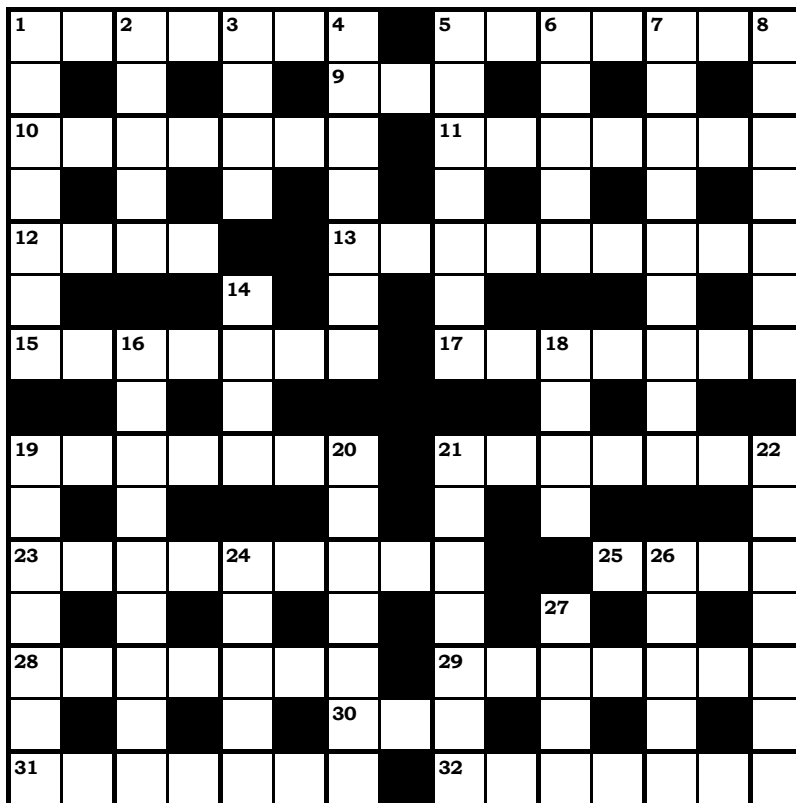
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop

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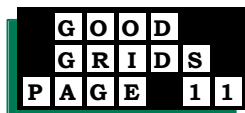
- 1 Dilettante (7)
- 5 Sewing implement (7)
- 9 Expert (3)
- 10 British taxi (7)
- 11 Forcible (7)
- 12 Longest river (4)
- 13 Study of artistic symbolism (9)
- 15 Baby swans (7)
- 17 Insular (3-4)
- 19 Kettledrums (7)
- 21 Long conversation (*sl.*) (7)
- 23 Shoddiness (9)
- 25 Cudgel (4)
- 28 Ghastly (7)
- 29 Reprimands (*coll.*) (7)
- 30 Household deity (3)
- 31 Most snug (7)
- 32 Giant cactus (7)

Down

- 1 A man sending fish up in a car (7)
- 2 Trivial to prohibit Grassby (5)
- 3 Ribbon in the Italian church (4)
- 4 They aren't very skilful with broken ribs and broken bat (7)
- 5 It's laborious to spread notes (7)
- 6 Sounds like I had a cultivator in the US (5)
- 7 Bee in Alabama port in the Caped Crusader's transport (9)
- 8 Half-open vault reveals code (7)
- 14 Damned woman's good spirit (4)
- 16 Quarry turns up plumed fighters (4-5)
- 18 Sailor with last priest in France (4)
- 19 It's symbolic to the Maori and Mica (7)
- 20 In command back o' Bourke to encircle floe's region (3-4)
- 21 Last of the touring guides — effusive ones (7)
- 22 Thanks academic's company for sauce (7)
- 24 Tinge with leads of indigo, madder, burnt umber and earth (5)
- 26 Girl has left air (5)
- 27 Weak grip of prude (4)

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CRYPTIC
by
Virgo

DECEMBER 2 2002



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Across

- 1 Impulsive – with a migraine perhaps? (3-6)
- 6 This vault can ruin your physical training initially (5)
- 9 Brat turns ire on bewildered peacemaker (7)
- 10 Look in a bulge gone to pot to find a corpuscle (7)
- 11 Turned light on altered positions (8)
- 12 An encoding machine with some variations (6)
- 13 Father Brown has garden produce (4)
- 14 Translate as Lawrence in printer's error (9)
- 17 A gun shot rider Green from the east (9)
- 19 A queue for fishing tackle (4)
- 22 It's a duty to exercise without any doubt (6)
- 23 Dish served at the butchers' annual dance may feature such an hors d'oeuvre (8)
- 26 I once appeared in a Lionel Bart musical with Sir Laurence (7)
- 27 Public insurance company's hole in the wall (7)
- 28 Scream out – there is no Third World Arab chief! (5)
- 29 A group of stars greet Arab strangely (5, 4)

Down

- 1 Doctor hates preliminary rounds (5)
- 2 Butter but no tea churned with one bottle opener can make one fatter (7)
- 3 Tempt with allure (6)
- 4 Done in bold shadowing (9)
- 5 Hound the ultimate stray calf (4)
- 6 Frank and Bing were held back in this Reno orchard (8)
- 7 Your oxygen half gone swirling greener (7)
- 8 Australian movie has these talc storms (3, 6)
- 13 Oh! She'd egg on these strange, prickly creatures (9)
- 15 Reputed to be a crowd, a selection get together – a menage (9)
- 16 A cosmetic for the cheek to adhere elsewhere (8)
- 18 About a hundred queue up to rest (7)
- 20 Envisage a song by a former Beatle (7)
- 21 The Saint holds a stretcher on the road (6)
- 24 Regal tippie! (5)
- 25 Trail along in female clothes (4)

**An Unfair
Tale
by Cactus**

DECEMBER 3 2002



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Across

- 1 Brief, miserable yarn ... (5)
- 4 (even "once upon a time" is dumped, for convenience) (9)
- 9 ... about a film star becoming a breeder ... (7)
- 10 ... after he moved Down ... (7)
- 11 ... Under to get working experience ... (6)
- 12 Three times he'd finish getting married, then shook ... (8)
- 13 ... all day, and always ... (5, 4)
- 16 ... to escape reception, he'd end joining gnome outside ... (5)
- 18 Drawn to women first off, he'd ... (5)
- 21 ... set his cap to fit any jumbled affairs ... (9)
- 24 ... agreeing with starting children during many a wild night ... (8)
- 25 One child after another one, all fussy ... (6)
- 28 ... fiddling round inside with toes of a daggy foot ... (7)
- 29 ... and outside, endless progeny cavorted and complained ... (7)
- 30 Concerned with troubles, without any money, over a time he lost his head and, finally, took to the hills ... (9)
- 31 ... to whittle and mould (5)

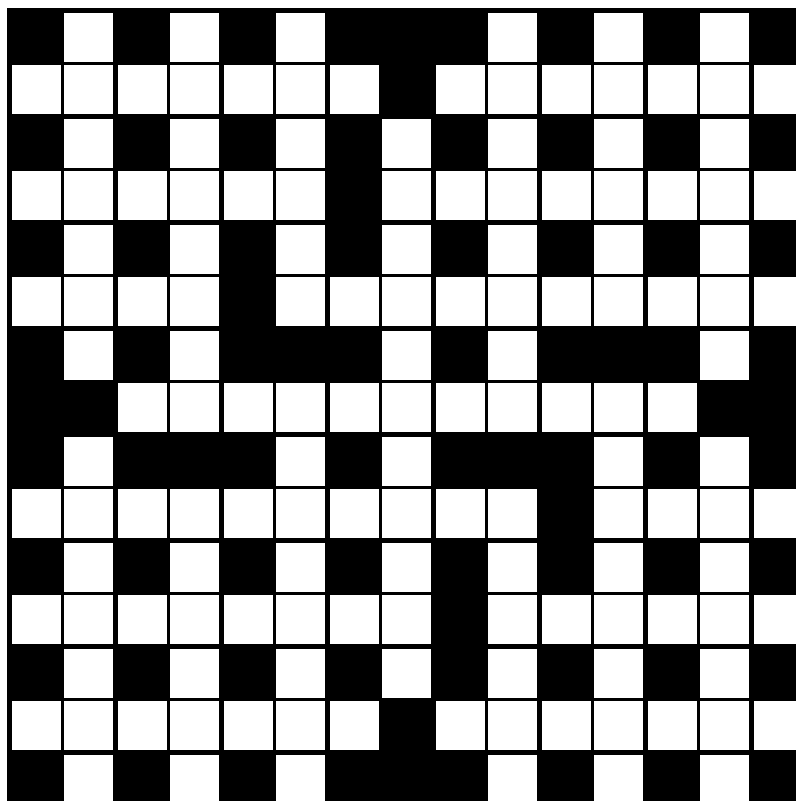
Down

- 1 Wild time in football sides (5)
- 2 Two would sound for fish (7)
- 3 Energy lacking to put work into opening (7)
- 4 Starting letters about upper limits of atmosphere (4)
- 5 Bullies opponents because creditors get expenses first (9)
- 6 Embraced and elected me, in a way (7)
- 7 Sucked at fashionable drink after hot day (7)
- 8 Strippers look embarrassed during strips (9)
- 13 She calculates I'm to get a rise after trial doesn't start (9)
- 14 Rough diamond lost way in Paris (3)
- 15 Threatening member before the end, breaking contract (9)
- 17 Have "whale of a do" for finals at ice centre (3)
- 19 Wanting shortened length in humour (7)
- 20 Having made his century, content to open up (7)
- 22 Confines in bounds, about nothing (7)
- 23 Kick the urge to go back and coach (7)
- 26 Runs away from under a single flapping swallow (5)
- 27 Got on with rising artist, mostly (4)

AJ
by
Southern
Cross

DECEMBER 4 2002

Prize
\$60



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.

- A** Hurry! One's needed to hold treacle mixture (10)
- B** Champ about to ring doctors in area laid waste by air raids (4-4)
- C** Place wine in taxi — footballer's full (5-1-5)
- D** Carriers bringing food up for the likes of Manuel from Barcelona (4-7)
- E** Magazine's back issue (4)
- F** Flaming torch boyfriend's taken, after strong punch (8)
- G** Foreign hostess worked out his age (6)
- H** He struck out, getting the hawker (8)
- I** Casually tell a friend (10)
- J** Old-time park recently filmed (8)
- K** Keen to get out of the joint? (4)
- L** Knight's weapon used by chance (8)
- M** Horse-powered car? (7)
- N** Grain that is available from the land around Lagos (7)
- O** Reorganise after nothing appears in speech (6)
- P** First of performances by refitted yacht is inconsistent (6)
- Q** Student leaves feather before the Rev Noffs' padded and stitched (7)
- R** Daughter leaves rat with the low-down on physicist (8)
- S** Old Queenslander's supporters (6)
- T** A tricky question the Queen put to Lord Grey etc (6)
- U** Duet nun arranged is not in harmony (7)
- V** Small naval boat vetted divers encountered initially (7)
- W** White horse, blood-stained, hesitated (7)
- X** Phone after 11 — nothing one does at first is like the threat to Damocles (7)
- Y** "Why!" you say very softly, "That is a young trendie!" (6)
- Z** They're overly keen to laze around on Sunday (7)

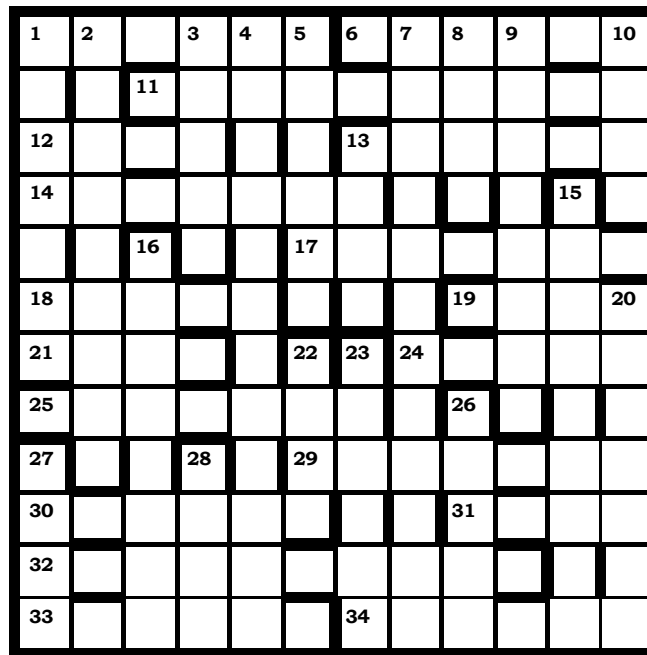
HEEELP!!
by
Praxis

DECEMBER 5 2002



[rrp: \$75]

Note: Clues are **Definition & Letter Mixture**. Each clue contains a definition (one word or more) and a mixture of letters (beginning with the beginning or ending with the end of a word in the clue). Either the definition or the letter mixture may come first.



Across

- 1 Once upon a time, early each spring ... (6)
- 6 ... I'd make the trip east to Buccaneer Beach (6)
- 11 ... where I visit Lon's "Fiddlers' Inn" ... (10)
- 12 ... a retreat set neatly off the road ... (4)
- 13 ... with just a sign showing the name (6)
- 14 I judge the entire bar, etc., better than most (7)
- 17 It was midnight this time, when slowly the door's catch moved ... WHAT THE DEVIL! (7)
- 18 Some animal logic or sixth sense sent ... (5)
- 19 ... shivers up my spine, confirming doubts I had in myself (4)
- 21 The enormity hit me - I began to exude fear (4)
- 24 Forget the beach! I'm ready to book out ... NOW! (5)
- 25 Under terrible strain my teeth chattered (7)
- 29 Mysterious!! How much can a man endure? (7)
- 30 To coin a phrase, epic changes were imminent (6)
- 31 I went 'loose', fell 'thud' on the floor (4)
- 32 So I stand cursed, minders watching every move (10)
- 33 I've gone mad I realised, 'gone' as in 'bonkers' (6)
- 34 No better than the beasts - as all may see (6)

Down

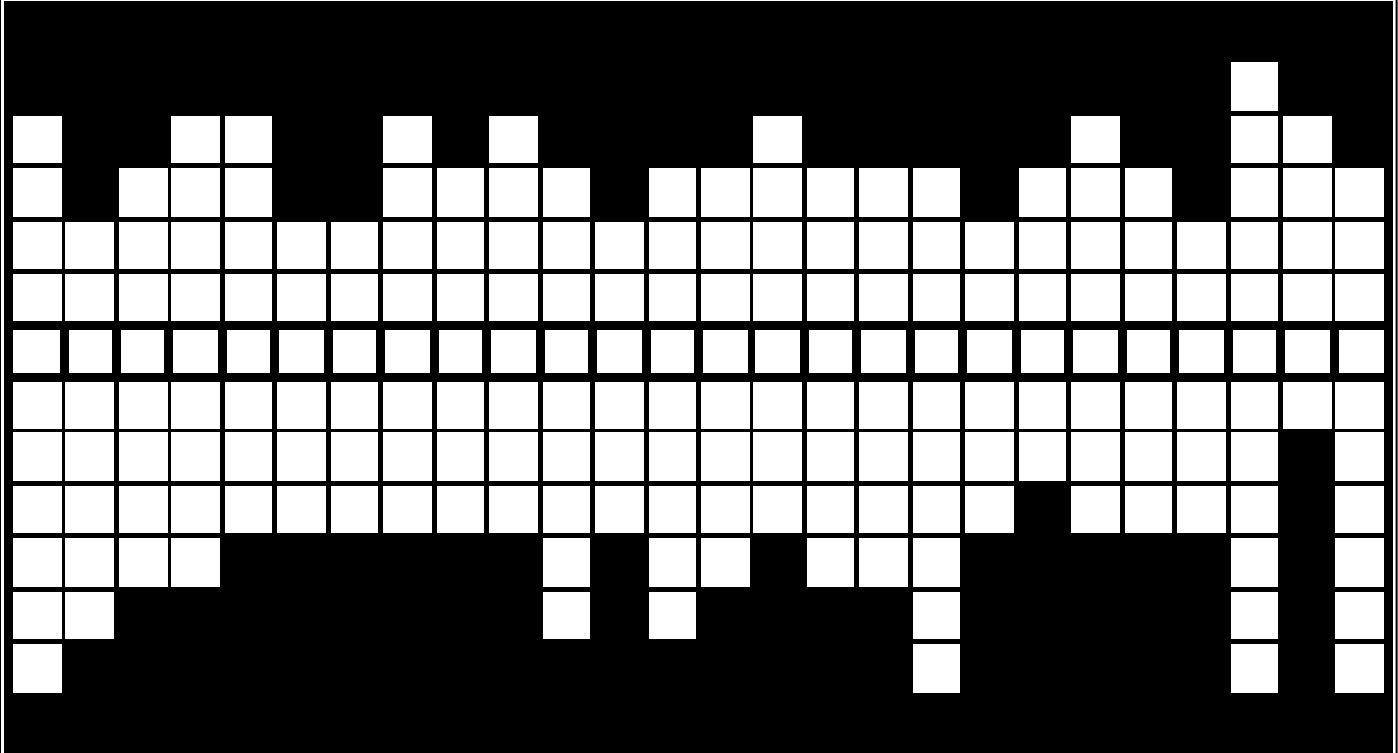
- 1 What punishment can penetrate my soul so? (7)
- 2 Beats me! Over costly years I've searched ... (9)
- 3 ... for the poet's bright world - I don't find it (5)
- 4 Once bright as a button! Ironic! In addition ... (12)
- 5 ... steel defences poison my first personality ... (6)
- 7 ... conducive to ruin! Mental state? Desperate! (12)
- 8 Even now, when uncertainty lurks, I withdraw ... (4)
- 9 ... from people as I cast icy-cold eyes about (8)
- 10 The lowest slave can see a better future (4)
- 13 Leading the life of a chronic recluse ... (4)
- 15 ... into which multi-faceted figures intrude - through the havoc, a thread of reason runs ... (9)
- 16 ... in press clippings - a right royal mess! (8)
- 20 It shows a dismal existence follows trauma (7)
- 22 Sure - I rue the whole episode ... (4)
- 23 ... and as a writer, I pine clarity of mind (6)
- 26 I tried to write a fun article on the animals ... (5)
- 27 ... I casually watch, but the brain cells revolt (4)
- 28 A cat smiles knowingly ... minutes drag (4)

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All clues contain no definition but are related. All answers, which commence with a different letter of the alphabet, are to be entered descending into the columns of the grid. When the answers are placed correctly, the highlighted section in the grid will spell out a certain name which should be inserted in the space provided below the grid.

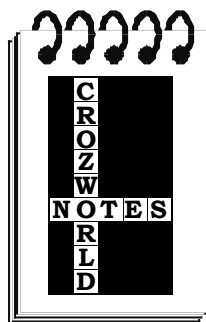


Name _____

- Drainage problems? (8)
- An undercover agent (8)
- See a trunk enthusiast (8)
- Sweat, lend...utter even! (6)
- There is anger in a prong (9)
- Nomads found wandering (6)
- Rust partly symbolises this forest (8)
- Queen Anne partly heard a bell toll (8)
- A car and a Judge found at the front (9)
- Mum had a pig before any came last (8)
- The Spanish cry before rates change (8)
- Nana dined after poem was misread (11)
- Before you burn, show vitality outside (8)
- Gun came back? About time that I left! (6)
- The fourth note holds one such mixup (7)
- The last support to gain affection within (9)
- Sly CIA memos are read without a smile! (8)
- You really are confused without a reason (6)
- That man's biscuit was inside it no longer (8)
- Elitist goes back to get artificial intelligence (6)
- All current African heads have investigators (6)
- King expresses his doubt in the capacity of the leader (7)
- First of all, it was *after* Connecticut was lacking in traffic (6)
- Cute platypus became agitated. The result was pointless (10)
- Yankee language confused New York gal in the same way (5-5)
- Oh! Nora! Tax her! You must be confusing it for something else (12)

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CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2002. Just a final reminder that the annual Victorian Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday 8 December commencing at 12 noon at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Motel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt Waverley (Vic) which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern freeway. Cost for the 3-course lunch is only \$33.00. All bookings and enquiries to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester St, Mt Waverley 3149, ph (03) 9808 4392. Cheques payable to the ACC by November 15th please.

MEMBER NEWS

A warm welcome to new member **Chester Chance** from Lesmurdie in Western Australia. Happy Crozworlding Chester!

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The*

Courier-Mail for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (December 4-2002).

A contribution to **More Mondegreens** from Doug Butler: A '60s pop song had the words 'I need a volunteer to ride out, and bring me back some extra men'. What came from son, 8, was 'I need a volunteer to ride out, and bring me back some excrement'!

Annual Get-Together at Sydney 3 November 2002.

Although our numbers were down from last year's luncheon due to ill-health and family commitments, twenty-four people including members, spouses or relatives, enjoyed a delicious lunch, animated conversations with fellow crossworders and an excellent talk by one of our star compilers and solvers, Shirl O'Brien. She spoke with wit and humour about her relationship with the two newspapers that use her crosswords regularly and occasionally recalling interviews and discussions and amusing anecdotes which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was very pleasing to meet two new members of our club, Nea Storey and Brian Symons, who expressed their enjoyment of their involvement with the club and its activities. A sale of books raised \$76 for the club and we thank those who donated books and those who bought. Three happy winners took home lucky door prizes - altogether a most enjoyable day. —*Bev Cockburn*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

Just a reminder that the subs for 2003 are now due and payable. The renewal subscription for 2003 is only \$45 which is exceptional value. Kindly send your cheque/money order (payable to the ACC) for \$45 to the Treasurer, Alan Walter,

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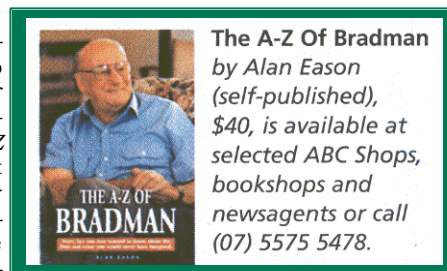
COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium* Vol 3 has been compiled and will be distributed with the January 2003 *Crozworld*. The *Compendium* features 35 challenging and varied puzzles all compiled by members of the ACC plus two quizzes. There will also be prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 2 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners will be included. The *Compendium* will make an excellent Christmas present to anyone who is interested in the cruciverbal art. Why not order extra copies of this exciting publication. It's great value for only \$6.

DONATIONS TO ACC: We have been thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. We are hopeful that it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership in 2003. Many thanks for your kindness.

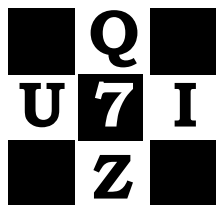
• Congratulations to **Brian Tickle** from Taree in winning the Quality Teaching Award for Excellent Teachers in NSW. The Award was sponsored by the *Daily Telegraph* in conjunction with the NSW Minister for Education and Training and the Australian College of Education.

• For a **Collection of Word Oddities and Trivia** visit: <http://members.aol.com/gulfhigh2/words.html> There you will find common double/triple/quadruple letters, palindromes, long words, last words, misspelled words, pangrams etc.

We extend our sincere congratulations to **Alan Eason** for his new publication *The A-Z of Bradman*. It has already been very well-reviewed. One said: "A talented amateur has done the impossible: found new and interesting things to say about Bradman." Well done! Alan.



The A-Z Of Bradman by Alan Eason (self-published), \$40, is available at selected ABC Shops, bookshops and newsagents or call (07) 5575 5478.



OZ Sports Quiz by Brian Symons

Send your entries on this or a separate sheet to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by e-mail to: brian_symons@hotmail.com Closing mail date: Friday 10

January 2003. Prize (donated by Brian Symons): The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language (approx. value \$60)

- 1 Complete this famous placard: "Australian selectors couldn't pick — —'s nose".
- 2 Whose selection prompted this comment?
- 3 Who took the Olympic oath on behalf of the athletes at the Melbourne games?
- 4 Which horse came in the first four most often in the Melbourne Cup, and how many times?
- 5 Which Australian, famous for other reasons, won the 1935 South Australian men's squash championship?
- 6 Which Australian Olympic swimming medallist later drowned?
- 7 Which Australian made the highest innings score on test cricket debut?
- 8 Who said: "Any boss who sacks a worker for not turning up today is a bum"?
- 9 What prompted this outburst?
- 10 Which Australian test captain gave up first class cricket for religious reasons when Sunday play was introduced?
- 11 Who said "If that's the biggest disappointment in my life, I've got no problem" and subsequently received a special olympic award for sportsmanship?
- 12 To whom did Emile Zatopek give one of his Olympic gold medals "because you deserve it"?
- 13 In the long history of the modern Olympics 3 events have been won by going backwards. Can you name them?
- 14 Pool, polo and golf are not Olympic sports but 2 four-lettered sports are. Can you name them? NB: not parts of sports like beam in gymnastics.

Answers to Quiz No 7:

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| 1. | 8. |
| 2. | 9. |
| 3. | 10. |
| 4. | 11. |
| 5. | 12. |
| 6. | 13. |
| 7. | 14. |

Name:

NOVEMBER 1-2002 - Winners Circle by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- For this cupful we are all grateful. What a wonderful collection of Melbourne Cup winners. Thanks Patrick. *Alan Walter*
- What a clever Media Puzzle Patrick set us! *Ted O'Brien*
- In 1960, one of our Friday night drinking crew was spouting Hi Jinx to win the Cup. It was the year Tulloch ran so no one took him seriously. We were at the track on the day to see HJ salute the judge at 66/1 and watch our mate collect enough to subsequently buy himself a new house, while we continued living in our warrens. Enjoyed the puzzle very much *Stroz*. *Jim Colles*
- Two lists of Cup winners which I consulted gave the horse at 22ac as Patrobus. *Margaret Davis*
- A good exercise for me in tabulating all of the Melbourne Cup winners. I was amazed to find one named after me (or should I say I was named after it) i.e. The Barb. *Barb Ibbott*
- HI JINX and all AGOG! Patrick did a tremendous job fitting in the names of so many Melbourne Cup winners of the past. He also managed to put his signature on it with PATROBUS and ST at 38ac. A clever canter - BRAVO! *Irene Watts*

NOVEMBER 2-2002 - CRYPTIC by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Congratulations *St Jude* on your challenging cryptic puzzle. Some of the answers like 'diplopia', 'reef biota' and 'gyrovague' were a little "obscure" until I checked their meanings. In clue 16ac 'without you' cannot imply subtract 'u' unless the word 'speaking' is added. In 6dn 'loblolly' is a 'lout' (dialect), not entirely happy equating 'lout' to 'thug'. In 24dn I presume sc = Senior Constable, cannot find this meaning in club dictionaries. *Alan Walter*
- 19ac: After cogitating about this clue and trying a lot of wrong paths, I fluked on the answer. What a clever clue! *Nea Storey*
- Nothing really obscure here. May I be pedantic and point out that St Jude was not obscure? Thomas Hardy's hero was! *Ted O'Brien*
- Plenty tricky for a Slot 2 methought, but good clues, though I'm bemused by 12ac. The connection between 'sounds of Chile' and 'birdseye' is obscure to me. *Jim Colles*
- I could not find 'reef biota' as a phrase or hyphenated word. *Margaret Davis*
- How did I get by for so long without such essential words as DIPLOPIA and GYROVAGUE? *Iain MacDougall*
- Some tricky words/clues e.g. REEF BIOTA, BIRDSEYE and LOBLOLLY. Loved 19ac ARCHBISHOP. *Barb Ibbott*
- Top half of this cryptic had some very odd words - particularly ECDYSIASIS while reading across the words in the bottom half gives a lurid tale of an ARCHBISHOP putting a TABU on a STRATA of CANNIBALS as they are about to UNDRRESS a RECTOR. Oh! What a glorious BALLYHOO! *Irene Watts*

NOVEMBER 3-2002 - ONE FOR THE BIRDS by Saphmead (Deirdre Rouch, Marge Pope, Philip Pope, Sandy Dobbin)

- Thank you *Saphmead* for your first puzzle. Four compilers must be a record. 7dn: In *Chambers Words* the plural of TATAMI is TATAMIS. Can find no listing anywhere to date of TATAMI as being plural as well as singular. *Alan Walter*
- Enjoyed Tatami = goodbye note. *Doug Butler*
- Welcome to the ACC Twitchers' Club! I started being overambitious with 17dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- Four against one's a bit tough. Nevertheless one struggled through this committee compilation, and very satisfying it was too. The puzzle title helped to give the game away, and probably just as well. *Jim Colles*
- How does GEARLOOSE have anything to do with anything? It's not even a word! And BIRDSEYE only exists as a hyphenated word in my dictionaries. *Peter Dearie*
- If 23dn is 'bloke' it is assumed he is heterosexual. Does Steven Spielberg = ss? I don't think so! *Doreen Jones*
- Another two-word phrase I could not find was 'two tatami'. A friend who has visited Japan explained it to me, but I thought we were meant to be able to find all the words in one of the recommended dictionaries. *Margaret Davis*
- I was reduced to twittering by the end, particularly with words like RAPTORIAL. *Barb Ibbott*
- 29ac: GROSBEAK made me smile. *Max Roddick*
- Another puzzle for the birds! I think that makes three in three months. I like theme puzzles, so enjoyed this. *Irene Watts*

NOVEMBER 4-2002 - AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- It would appear that for the 'I' clue the original answer here was INDENTED (the member letters of INTENDED) but had to be altered to INDEBTED to fit in with WEAVEABLE and that the wording of the clue was not amended. If I am correct then this clue should be declared invalid and all answers ignored. For the 'U' answer there seems to be an extraneous 'o' in the clue if UNDERGOING is correct. *David Procter*
- Thought the 'I' word was indented but wouldn't work with weaveable. Couldn't see where else to put it. *Claire McClelland*
- Thanks Virgo for this AJ. The 'I' clue seems to have the answer 'indented', but when entered into the grid has to be put in as 'indebted' to intersect with weaveable. If we enter 'indented' in the grid we get 'weavable' coming down, so I chose 'indebted' and 'weavable' to give two satisfactory word answers. Clue 'I' should have been modified to give the answer 'indebted'. *Alan Walter*
- If pushed to the nth degree 'indebted' perhaps works - but was 'indented' intended? *Brian Symons*
- There were 11 anagrams in a 26 clue puzzle that should have as a maximum 4 full anagrams and perhaps 2 or 3 part anagrams. (See *The ABC of Crosswords* by Alec Robins). Even for a 36 clue Ximenes restricted himself to 6 full anagrams. I'm sorry to say it Audrey, but the Australian Crossword Club deserves better! *Roy Wilson*
- I enjoyed Audrey's latest. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another bottler from the puzzle factory, with the special *Virgo* touch. Who else would come up with such a clue for ARMPITS? Is the clue for 'I' slightly awry though? It suggests the answer INDENTED, but INDEBTED seems the only answer with the intersecting word down. *Jim Colles*
- What a clanger! The 'W' and the 'I' clues intersect but they don't match! Where did Audrey find SELDOMLY? *Margaret Davis*
- The clue seems to me to point to INDENTED as an anagram of INTENDED, but if it crosses WEAVEABLE, that can't be right. The alternative is that I've filled in the grid totally wrong and the whole thing is a dog's breakfast. So here's hoping! *Margaret Galbreath*
- My favourite type of AJ - thoroughly enjoyable. *Barb Ibbott*
- Thought INDEBTED was clued wrongly, as for INDENTED. Then I thought again. A clever clue! *Max Roddick*
- I do enjoy alphabeticals, especially when they are not quirky or too difficult. Virgo's are always good and fair. *Irene Watts*

NOVEMBER 5-2002 - IN OUR CUPS by Barney Naga (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes)

- I completed this on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 5th November and discovered that the 2 horses you chose had been scratched, so I hope you did better in the local sweepstakes! In 10ac at first I put 'NRMA', then 'Help', but was to eventually discover that the correct answer to fit was G+AMP. In 2dn the answer 'note' appears to come from a triple definition. *Alan Walter*
- Terrific clues for 4 letter words. *Brian Symons*
- We haven't seen one of these for a while. Spinning the words to fit together took some doing even though the clues were very solvable. The *Fields of Omagh* name was a bit of a give away just based on the letter numbers, and it certainly helped in the finishing off. Hope you didn't put any early money on your selections though Barney. *Jim Colles*
- The Cup hopefuls were scratched too soon for me - I never study the field until the day before the Cup - so that tip was wasted on me! But a good puzzle. *Margaret Davis*
- I am usually rather nervous of puzzles like this, but the clueing turned out to be extremely amiable. *Iain MacDougall*
- No can do. The horses named in the directions were not to be found among the entrants for the Melbourne Cup, therefore the puzzle could not be solved. *Irene Watts*
- I don't have a head for the geegees, so had to give up. *Barb Ibbott*



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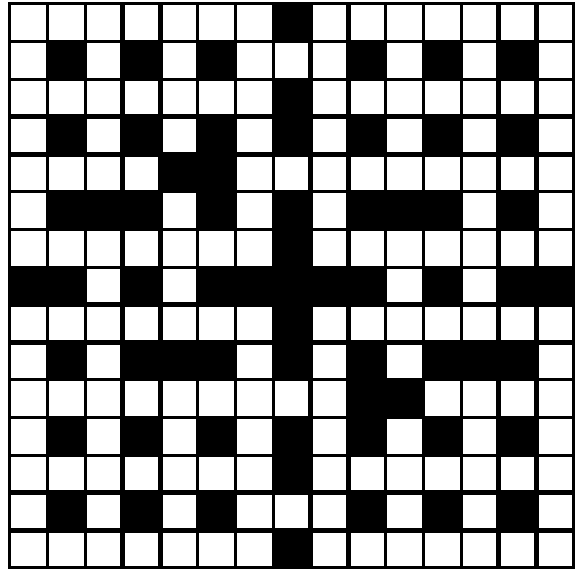
Four horizontal lines for writing a name.

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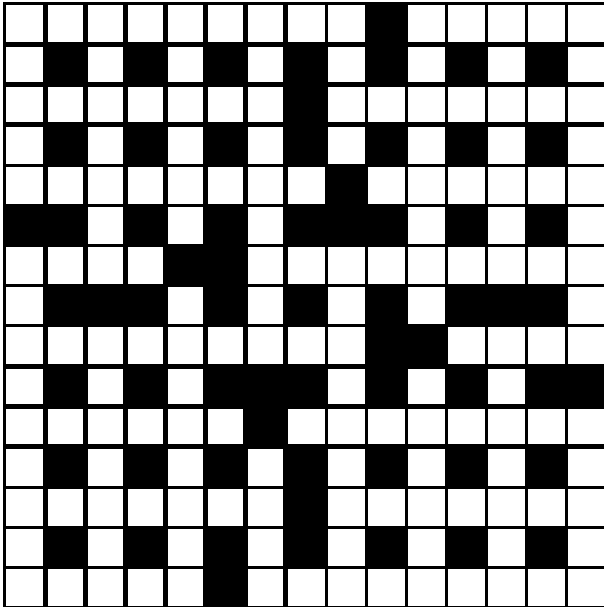
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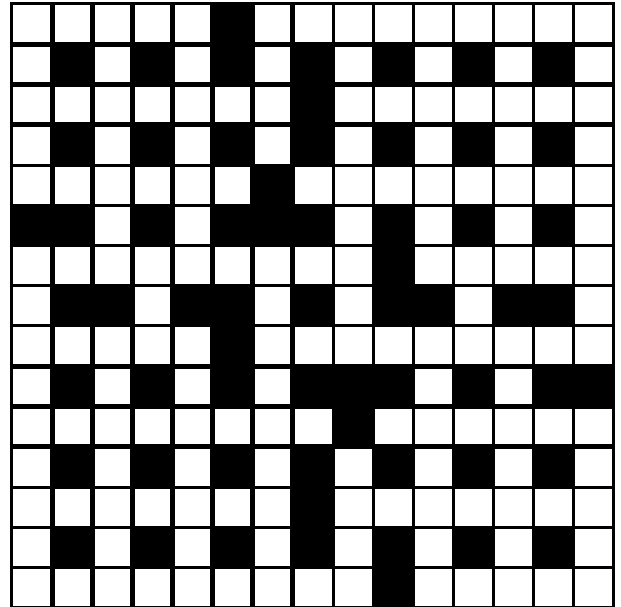
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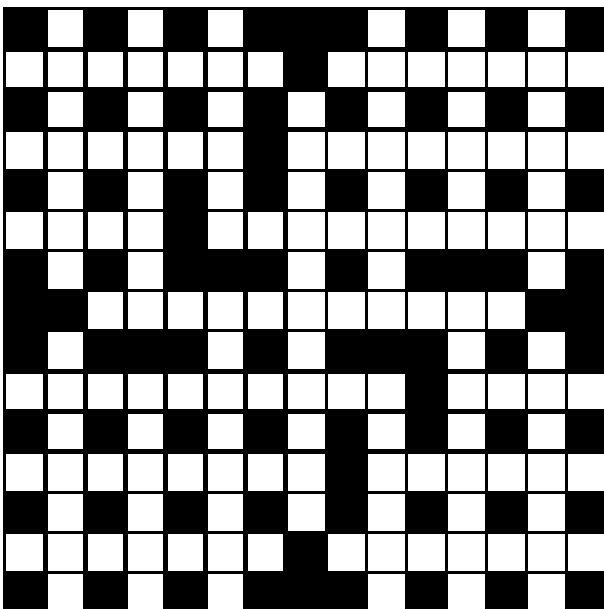
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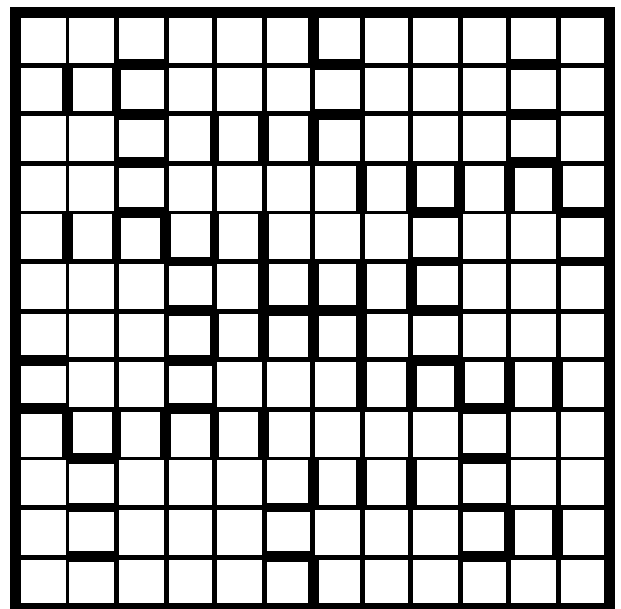
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October 6-2002 - On the Road Home by Red One (Doreen Jones)

Entries: 88. Correct: 59 (excludes 9 correct entries which did not highlight as requested). Success rate 67.4%.

Prize Winner: Graeme Cole. Congratulations!

Member's Comments:

- Many thanks for sticking to dear old *Chambers*; not having a computer I sometimes feel I'm being left behind but the grey matter really got a wonderful work out. *Ennice Altman*
- Awfully clever! Persicos had me stuck for a while, not sure about "camsho". *Audrey Austin*
- I'm back at work after a 3 month world trip; it's a perfect homecoming. *Ross Bryant*
- This has to be one of the cleverest and most enjoyable puzzles I've done in a long time. Congratulations! *Doug Butler*
- A great puzzle with several unusual words – OBOL, CAMSHO, PERSICOS, UREDO to name but a few. *Bev Cockburn*
- How long did it take to construct, given the tight constraints? *Denis Coates*
- Some interesting words in the solutions. EMMET for a tourist in Cornwall is a new one on me. I wonder if it derived from the other meaning of the word, suggesting that they swarm like ants? *Jim Colles*
- Just a query – 27dn could possibly be a misprint (No, a crone is a trot). *Catherine Foster*
- Thank you for a very challenging puzzle. The song was the easy bit! I liked 31ac, but there were many very obscure words which seem to appear only in *Chambers* 1998 – I must put it on my Christmas list! Although brought up in Cornwall, I never heard tourists called EMMETS but concede they could be. *Jill Freeland*
- Thank you for the alternate meanings for EMMET and ERASED as I feel that I shall remember them unlike new, unusual words which I promptly forget. I thoroughly enjoyed doing your puzzle and I eagerly await the next one. *Daphne Greening*
- Herewith your enjoyable No. 6, a pleasant change from the difficulties of No. 1. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you very much for this most interesting and challenging puzzle. You certainly managed to pack a lot of elements in. I liked the way you gave precise cryptic clues for the unusual words – inevitable in this type of puzzle. *Catherine Hambling*
- I always enjoy puzzles with musical links and this was no exception. Thanks for a great puzzle. *Barbara Ibbott*
- LOVED the puzzle. Worried about 10ac – can't check the word anywhere at home here and just cannot get to the Library. (All OK, Del). *Del Kennedy*
- A few "made up" words in this! (no, no Sally). *Sally Knight*
- I was put off by the extra word separation markers in the solution grid page. *Drew Meek*
- Loved this. Very cleverly thought out – and symmetrical too. Isn't it great having so many kindred spirits all around this great country. Keep up the good work. *Shirl O'Brien*
- I twiggled to the poem straight away and worked inwards – the rest was harder (much). *Robina Otrupcek*
- My favourite clue 31ac EXAGGERATE – very clever. *Marian Procter*
- I waited for inspiration to strike, but in vain, So it was finished with a couple of stabs-in-the-dark. *Max Roddick*
- What a superb gem Aussie puzzle with a nostalgic theme song chorus – very much appreciated! When the light finally dawned I found myself continually singing snatches of this over and over again with great elation at having finally delved back to early reminiscences of my Scouting days around camp fires singing this and many other familiar songs. You deserve commendation for setting another puzzle with an Australian theme. *Alan Walter*
- Oh how I love that special moment when lightning strikes and I suddenly realise what the instructions are all about. *Jenny Wenham*

Compiler's Comments: Thank you to the many solvers who were very flattering with their comments and who took the trouble to write and let me know how much they enjoyed the puzzle. Those who did not highlight *Tucker Box* in the grid had to be marked as incorrect unfortunately – I am sure an oversight in many cases. CAMSHO caused the most trouble, however as stated in the preamble, **all** words were in *Chambers* 1998 and the subsidiary indications in the clue stated "...and should be cut in two", ie split SHO/ULD to get (cam)sho. 29ac also caused problems for some who put GENERA as the answer – the hidden letters in "...the deranged" were perhaps a bit too well hidden! Other errors were slips of the pen, I feel. No one had trouble with the song or Gundagai. —Red One (Doreen Jones)

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DAVID GRAINGER, ADJUDICATOR

"My late father was my introduction to crosswords; he always blamed his father for involving him. My father would always do the cryptic in Saturday's Melbourne Age. It was only rarely that he had to put it down uncompleted for the rest of the family to have a crack at — my mother thought we all had (and required) twisted, devious minds to enjoy cryptics but that was water off a duck's back for my sister (Alison Shield, also a member of ACC) and me. I can still recall the horror in my mother's voice when Alison had showed her the sort of puzzle that "In Our Cups" in the current issue represented — "but dear, it doesn't even have numbered squares!" It was Alison who introduced me to the ACC; I got copies of some early issues from her and joined several years ago. My collection of dictionaries grows apace but I am forever indebted to whoever it was ~~told me that without~~ *Chambers* one is as nothing. The other essential for me is Doug Butler's absolutely excellent Axword. I am avidly seeking a Scots/English dictionary, and perhaps a Spenserian guide might earn its keep too."

RESULTS OF QUIZ No 6 - BIG BEN STRIKES by Humpty Dumpty (Bill Bennett)

Prize winners: 1. Sonia Atkinson (\$60). 2. Bev Solomon (Noel Jessop's *A Ton of Cryptics*). Congratulations!

Answers: Group #1: Lords Melbourne, Bute, Derby (Gladstone), Palmerston, Chatham, Wilmington, Beaconsfield (Sidmouth).

Group #2: Dukes Grafton, Portland, Newcastle. **Group #3:** Marquesses Salisbury, Rockingham. **Group #4:** Knights Peel, Wilson, Churchill, Walpole, Eden. All were **British Prime Ministers**.

Scores: 24: S Atkinson, M Cowan, P Dearie, V Dinham, D Greening, J McGrath, R O'Rourke, D Procter, B Solomon, A Walter and J Wenham. 23: A Austin, B Cockburn, M Dennis, J Freeland, C Hambling, V Howard, B Ibbott, A Jermy, K Layton, C McClelland, C Noble, M Potts, M Procter, M Raw, J Smith, B Symons and I Watts. 22: C Anderson, D Butler, P Mercer, M Moore, S O'Brien and B Siegman. 21: M Cockburn.

Quizmaster's Comments: [Due to lack of space in this issue of Crozworld, these Comments can be found on the Club's website under NEWS. Ed.]