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Commendation, n. The tribute that we pay to achievements that resemble, but do not equal, our own.
Ambrose Bierce, 1911, *The Devil's Dictionary*.

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We are proud to publish *Crozworld* No. 200! This is a great achievement indeed. In all of our editions we have maintained continuity with top-level quality puzzles and quizzes. This could not have been done without the assistance of all members, compilers, adjudicators, solvers and the Executive Committee members Bev Cockburn, Steve Workman and Patrick Street. Here's to another ton of *Crozworlds*!

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2007. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals can be found in column 7 of the Table on page 2 and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2007 Prize Fund can be found on p9. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2007.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2007 for only \$30. Why not include the puzzle-packed *Crozworld Compendium* or the new publication *50 Best ACC Puzzles from the 1990s*? These will make wonderful gifts to your friends and great Christmas presents!

The Sydney Get-Together at William 'Raoul' Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel on 19th November proved to be a successful and delightful occasion for all those who attended. Thanks to William as the 'host with the most' and to Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman for organising this memorable event. (see p4)

We have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. Kindly note that due to the Christmas Season we have an early closing date with this issue - **Friday 15 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworld*, the *Compendium* and *50 Best Puzzles* out in time for Christmas. —Patrick

A shorter month and fewer entries with correct percentages low. I blame the heat for the wailing and gnashing of teeth. Oddly, it was the answers that solvers were confident about that let them down, while most agony concerned correctly solved clues.

Slot 1: Mis for MAS, thus Li for LA. Misspellings of ANCHOR – anchor; ORCA – Orka; ERSE – Trse, making Tj down; and SEQUEL – Sequal. FOXZAMI being the name of the horse (some dispute as net searches produced Foxami). One solver put Foxam but was blocked by a black block. I was tempted to give her a dot, but unfortunately her answer made the 3 intersecting clues wrong.

Slot 2: Yttric for STERIC; Emulsion for EMULSIFY, making the penultimate across word start with an N, thus: Nimbie, Nimbin, Nemmie, Nambic, Nembie & Nimmie. Some solved Emulsify correctly, then had Yummie instead of Yumpie as the across word.

Slot 3: Almost all dots lost were for Tallish instead of TALLITH, plus a few blanks.

Slot 4: Most errors had Bulimia for Bulimic. Other errors included Hogstew for COWSHED, Lacrymator for LACRIMATOR, Fluxuous and Fluxeous for FLEXUOUS, and Railwaa for Railway.

Slot 5: Laticed & Cabinet for GALILEE (neither won a race, let alone the Melbourne Cup!), several had Ishter for ISHTAR, and one a blank space where the O should have been in COW.

COTM: The nineteen clues nominated were spread over a wide area in slots 2, 3 & 4. Slot 2 had nine nominations, Slots 3 & 4 five each. Slot 2, BARD (5 votes) won narrowly from Slot 3 SAVANTS (4 votes) and Slot 4 ACROSTIC (also 4 votes).

Thanks to Joan McGrath, Pat Garner, Irene Watts, Barbara Ibbott, Daphne Greening, Joan Smith and Bev Cockburn for their lovely cards. A Merry Christmas to all. —Audrey Austin

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Correct entries	44	56	57	52	73	282
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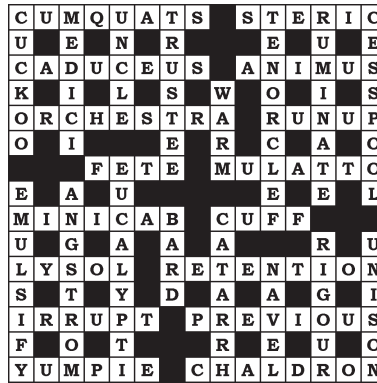
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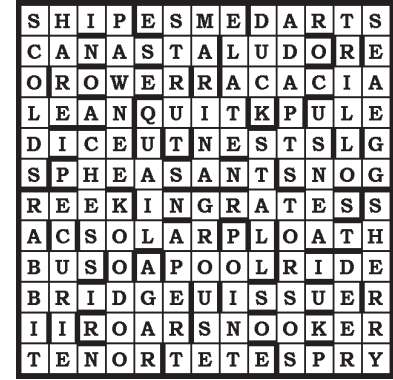
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BALNAVES J								HOLFORD E								RANDALL J							
BARBOUR J								HOWARD L								RAW M							
BARNES J								HOWARD V								REARDON C							
BENNETT B								HOWELLS S								REEVES V							
BENNETT D								IBBOTT B								ROBERTS R							
BILKEY C								IKIN D								RODDICK M							
BUTLER D								JERMY A								RYAN A							
CAINE R								JESSOP N								RYAN W							
CALLAN A&D								JOHNSON P								SHIELD A							
CAMPBELL G								JONES C								SHIPWAY S							
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DAVEY J								McDERMOTT P								TAYLOR R							
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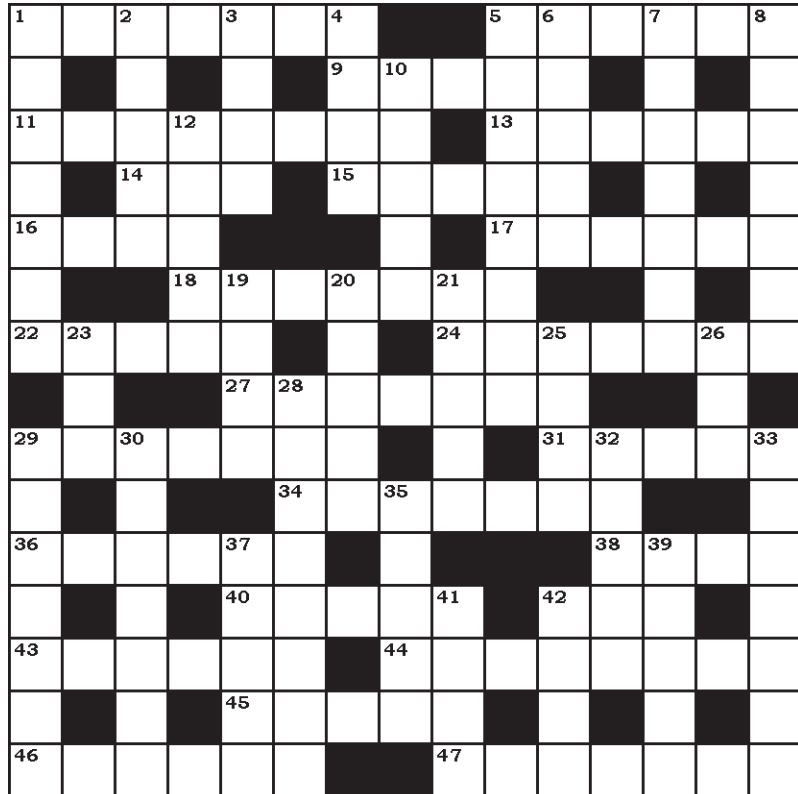
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



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Win!



Across

- 1 Jostled (7)
- 5 Dangerous fly (6)
- 9 Norwegian dramatist (5)
- 11 Sweetheart (8)
- 13 Milk-curdling substance (6)
- 14 Fish (3)
- 15 Tidal bore (5)
- 16 Hindu holy writ (4)
- 17 More would-be artistic (6)
- 18 Mechanical (7)
- 22 Simpleton (5)
- 24 Non-aligned (7)
- 27 Messages (7)
- 29 Anticipate (7)
- 31 Wallaroos (5)
- 34 Extortionate money-lenders (7)
- 36 Petty officer (6)
- 38 Atop (4)
- 40 Wash lightly (5)
- 42 Armed conflict (3)
- 43 Carpentry groove (6)
- 44 Stepwise formations (8)
- 45 Dentures (5)
- 46 Shoved (6)
- 47 First batsmen (7)

Down

- 1 Ginger even ends last name (7)
- 2 Waited for media boss to offer exchange (5)
- 3 Gush in good condition (4)
- 4 Perish with five in a sleazy joint (4)
- 5 Stepped inside winter race digs (8)
- 6 Seen right sloppily to show contempt (5)
- 7 Tastier port (7)
- 8 Learn two thirds of the strange charm (7)
- 10 Some animal so in risk (5)
- 12 Long period of time on North Head (5)
- 19 Cry out initially "Aye!" (4)
- 20 Goes off about right cruel persons (5)
- 21 Good shot of the interior (5)
- 23 Language gives words of acceptance (3)
- 25 Employer sees us with hesitation (4)
- 26 Notice love trouble (3)
- 28 Reconciled on a football team (8)
- 29 In a flap, catch an insectivorous plant (7)
- 30 Figure ruined homburgs with no grand opening (7)
- 32 It's customary unless unusual? (5)
- 33 Sun is rising on rest centre cavities (7)
- 35 Overturn wrong set-up (5)
- 37 A tree growing wild on a ridge (5)
- 39 Dig into Puerto Rico honour (5)
- 41 Response among the chosen (4)
- 42 Wolf existed? (4)


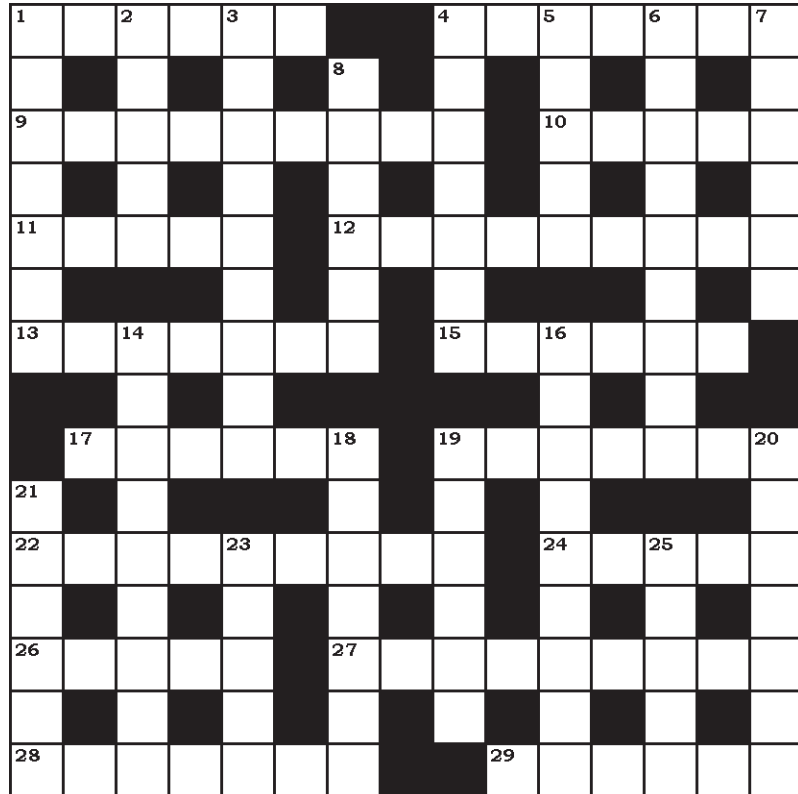
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**Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross**

Across

- 1 Give cues on time (6)
- 4 Yellow bird (7)
- 9 Not willing to expound on tin production and energy (9)
- 10 Copper's held by crazy nut, as is pure heroin (5)
- 11 Uncouth robbers caught holding drum (5)
- 12 Illustrate about here (9)
- 13 Endorse changes which Sid's supporter might adopt (3,4)
- 15 S.African antelope travelling on foot? (6)
- 17 He insults sailor – one on drugs perhaps (6)
- 19 Blue-eyed girls come back after one to the dance (3-4)
- 22 Shutter's top is back-to-front – one can't see that (5,4)
- 24 One imprisoned by king – there's no hope for him! (5)
- 26 Go mad unravelling Christian doctrine (5)
- 27 Avoid urban development in Kansas (5,4)
- 28 Midge is small and cunning (7)
- 29 Resident doctor appears alternately, so they say (6)

Down

- 1 Rod gives a piece of advice (7)
- 2 A different route leads to this part of sportsground (5)
- 3 Col orders records of transactions (9)
- 4 Plant to give an eight-month old child? (7)
- 5 Being employed, I emerge finally around sun-up (2,3)
- 6 Fun question reportedly dismissed (6,3)
- 7 What the composer of music will do, not having dined (6)
- 8 Scottish playwright's handicap when run off (6)
- 14 Informing on the workhorse having taken to drink (7,2)
- 16 Kind of tree not wanted in ordering re-veneering (9)
- 18 Quickly knock – doing nothing? (7)
- 19 An acceptable diet could be mine in New Guinea (2,4)
- 20 You're first to come in Dolly – keep whooping it up! (5,2)
- 21 Stomachs tender in tossing sea? (6)
- 23 Sleepy (possibly) little fellow (5)
- 25 Body of church accepts one as innocent (5)

2006 GOT-TOGETHER AND HAD FUN!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together was held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, on Sunday 19 November 2006. It was exceptionally well attended with more than 45 in attendance. We welcomed Shirl and Jack O'Brien, Catherine and Ted Hambling from Brisbane, Graeme Cole from Coal Creek, Veniece Lobsey from Dubbo, Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes from Goulburn, Ian and Kay Williams, Nea and Charles Storey from ACT, Del Kennedy and Betty Siegman from Bateau Bay, Mary Dodd from Young, Michael Kennedy from Figtree, Margaret Watzinger from Adaminaby and Patrick and Sandra Street from Vic. We also noticed Roy Wilson, David Stickley, Joan Smith, Joan McGrath and Brian Symons just to name a few. William was again the 'host with the most' and he was exceptionally generous with the never-ending supply of tasty food and drinks all at a very reasonable price. Thank you William for making your Cauliflower Hotel available to the ACC. It was a memorable occasion. Congratulations to Joan McGrath for winning the Quiz. Well done Joan!

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Cryptic
by
Manveru



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Across

- 1 Union man is involved in company concerning new civil engineer (9)
- 6 Leaders of Baptist Organisation congregated next to church for ball game (5)
- 9 Single, unwooded and unloved! (5)
- 10 Arsenic, for instance, matched every blood type identification (9)
- 11 Could it be said that Istanbul, Iceland and Ireland are surprising places? (3-7)
- 12 Abuser muscled out employer (4)
- 14 Relocated bike-shop has no record? Rubbish! (6)
- 15 Unhappy dream only occurs once in a while (4,4)
- 17 Is rescheduled tournament with no amateur involvement without rank? (8)
- 18 Wild street-dogs do not rest to gorge on food (6)
- 20 Stunt flyer (4)
- 21 Cancelled the strike on the spur of the moment (3,3,4)
- 24 Sadly, television takes one away from things that are new and unusual (9)
- 25 Scream over opening of zipper that cuts like a knife (5)
- 26 Papyrus, with no help from apothecary, is developed into a sweet medicine (5)
- 27 Egg layer is not involved in another postviral disease (9)

Down

- 1 Rapid-fire speech (5)
- 2 Flock, almost infected by yew-bark virus outbreak in major waterway (10,5)
- 3 Again puts down old story to advance society (10)
- 4 Harry to take on ministry's calling (6)
- 5 In every respect Eastern Holy Books depend upon one's immersion (8)
- 6 To defraud, delete last figure of invoice and add a thousand (4)
- 7 Short discussion on riddle featured in *Crozworld* (9,6)
- 8 Swallow Foster's can brewed for bottle (9)
- 13 It's true! Web's disconnected in part of Lebanon (4,6)
- 14 Leaders without National web site are a bunch of knobs (9)
- 16 Witness again corporation going after Far East organisation (8)
- 19 Medicinal drink discovered in a crypt is a nostrum (6)
- 22 Church succeeds with respect to power (5)
- 23 Shallow breathless pleasure-flight (4)

PUZZLE POOL for 2007: Feel like having a go at compiling a crossword? Now is the Hour! Our pool of puzzles could do with a top-up. Whilst we have a goodly number of puzzles compiled by our regulars (Noel Jessop, Shirl O'Brien and Audrey Austin) we would like to see more contributions from those who send us their compositions only occasionally. We need a few AJs and any of the innovative Slots 5 and 6. If you would like to start compiling then contact Patrick (pstreet@bigpond.net.au). There is no time like the present to make a start!

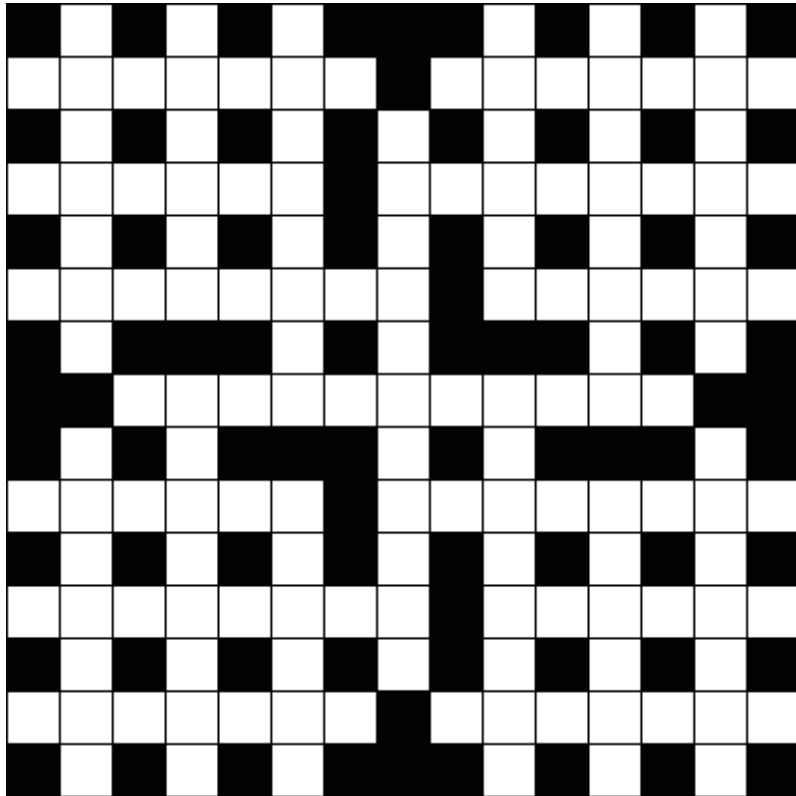
SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2007, the cost is only \$30. Why not include a copy of the *Compendium* @ \$5 and *50 Best ACC Puzzles of the 1990s* @ only \$7.50? Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends!

DONATIONS TO ACC: In 2006, we have been thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. As a result, many members have won handsome prizes in 2006. If members are once again able to make donations to the Club, it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership. Many thanks for your kindness.

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AJ
by
Virgo

Prize
\$50
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Answers start with the given letter. Fit the answers where you can.

- A** Caution Rees about men with hammers (11)
- B** Two animals, both male, produce another. (Looks more like the second) (7)
- C** Being wooed? You have no right to be hit with a left (7)
- D** Female District Attorney is attracted to white wine we hear (7)
- E** Make a forecast when planning a set time (8)
- F** Fat holds it; toe makes it edible (3,2,3)
- G** Swift traveller to hold back organ (8)
- H** Laugh at consumption and steer to a pork pie container (3,3)
- I** The fining of the cast is imminent (2,3,6)
- J** Yes, German has sex appeal – on the other hand, super! (7)
- K** American bigots rumoured to be a Scottish family (8)
- L** Down at the beach when the tide is out (3,3)
- M** Actor/singer Gordon with a dodgy camera (6)
- N** Over the mountain, looking back to aristocratic soul, misty and obscure (8)
- O** Statuettes across, rocks down (6)
- P** Civil engineer sitting in a tree away from coal tar (6)
- Q** A friend who becomes shaky in church (6)
- R** Warning sign could be free for all (6)
- S** Antlers shifting from the rear (7)
- T** I know what you are thinking – a shortcut to the TV (8)
- U** Yuk! Nil DNA without a pickle. Not nice (8)
- V** Starts vacillating and getting up each Leap Year uncertainly (7)
- W** Students in a rowdy exchange of material (7)
- X** Sir Francis Cugat connection (6)
- Y** A knife in a lorry at a gangway (7)
- Z** Animal cell in a menagerie explosion (8)

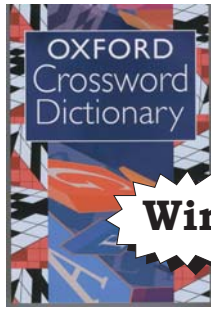
LIFE MEMBER - PATRICK STREET

Sincere congratulations to our long-standing **President Patrick Street** upon being made a Life Member of the Australian Crossword Club. Patrick now joins the other Life Members Carole Noble, Noel Jessop and Alan Walter. A handsome Certificate to mark this occasion was presented to Patrick by our popular Secretary Bev Cockburn at the 2006 Get-Together held on 19 November at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel. In presenting the Certificate, Bev said that this appointment was made in recognition of Patrick's significant contribution to the ACC by way of his ongoing enthusiasm as Club President (since 1992), editor of *Crozworld* (since June 2000) and development of the ACC website and Forum. In reply, Patrick quipped that this was the first time he had ever been "certified", that he was totally surprised but delighted to receive such an unexpected and prestigious award and thanked Bev and Steve Workman (Treasurer) for their kindness and support they had given him over a long period.



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**Cryptic
by
Praxis**



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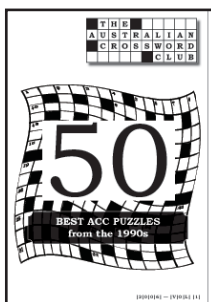
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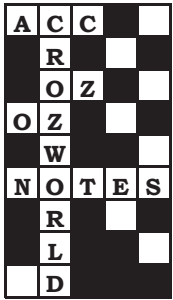
- 1 Daily date's chopped up for pet (12)
- 11 Liner in Rio spread gossip (6)
- 12 Ananias overhauled transport? (4)
- 13 Royal turned up and left, interrupting site with fossil (9)
- 14 Star; quite large, I hear (5)
- 15 I'll separate swine for magistrates (5)
- 17 A friendly drink? (7)
- 18 Re vinegar: current quote's withdrawn (6)
- 20 Maintain beer 'on' inside ... (6)
- 21 ...tries Ecstasy in the vehicle (6)
- 24 Old captain has to stoop to accept winner's medal (6)
- 26 Uplifts for models on the road? (7, hyphenated)
- 28 Oven for Cockney's wife? (5)
- 29 Farrar hero's seen with a girl (5)
- 31 Bat last with the black eye (9)
- 32 Look around city for an urn (4)
- 33 Fish found in same resort well off shore (6, hyphenated) (6)
- 34 Required scene dates it dreadfully (12)

Down

- 1 Affair last month upset head man, a solid figure with many facets (12)
- 2 Antelope's a beast that covers tracks (4)
- 3 Villain contrived crimes against worker (9)
- 4 River rose over a quarter and subsided (5)
- 5 A place to take off Jack's raincoat (6)
- 6 One male friend's a beast (6)
- 7 Charles left Spain with a laugh (7)
- 8 Quiet song followed raised note (5)
- 9 Former PM denied initial scoffing (6)
- 10 Cold meal suited Adelaide boy (12; two words)
- 16 End over end, stone's most colourless (9)
- 19 This treatment overcomes problem with neck (7)
- 22 Luke foolishly invested in early English currency once (6)
- 23 European Community digs up duplicates (6)
- 24 Night-watchman and I grab Greek character up in Russian port? (6)
- 25 Rubble in Glasgow ruins acres (5)
- 27 Dutch town makes bread (5)
- 30 Brave teaching's curtailed (4)

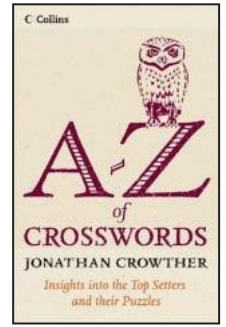


This new collection of 50 ACC puzzles from the 1990s starts with the first two puzzles published in the ACC's first magazine in May 1990 and from there we are taken on a chronological trip through some of the Club's best crosswords published in the 1990s. We see puzzles from Alan Walter, Noel Jessop and Carole Noble (The ACC Founders) plus challenging puzzles from Patrick Street (ACC President since 1992), Roy Wilson, Jim Colles, Bob Hagan, Shirl O'Brien, Audrey Ryan, David Stickley, Audrey Austin, Betty Cumming, Ann Jermy, Geoff Campbell, Brian Tickle, Joan Smith, Catherine Hambling, Col Archibald, David Procter, William Ryan, Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman. Puzzle No 50 is a special one compiled for the ACC by the famed English compiler Eric Chalkley known as Apex. As a bonus, we include some of the Quizzes featured in *Crozworld* during the 1990s. This collection is not to be missed! It's a bargain at only \$7.50.



SHIRL O'BRIEN: CONGRATULATIONS!

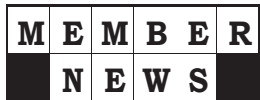
Shirl O'Brien (known to us all as *Southern Cross*) has featured in Jonathan Crowther's new book *A-Z of Crosswords*. Crowther is well-known to crossword lovers as *Azed* and has compiled cryptics in *The Observer* for the past 30 years. Crowther, recently retired, worked as a managing editor in the Dictionaries Department of the English Language Teaching Division of Oxford University Press. He was educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge where he graduated in Classics and Classical Philology; he also has an MA in the Special Applications of Linguistics from Birmingham University. He is the editor of *Oxford Guide to British and American Culture* published by Oxford University Press. Jonathan is a professional crossword compiler and also the author of several graded crossword books for learners of English. This Collins *A-Z of Crosswords* combines Jonathan Crowther's own take on the world of cryptic crosswords, with what's allowed – and what really shouldn't be! – in clue setting. With reviews of the work of the major clue-setters working today and with puzzles chosen to illustrate each



setter's quirks and idiosyncrasies, this is the ideal book for all cryptic crossword enthusiasts. It is worth buying just to read what he said about our Shirl!

The Chambers Dictionary 10th edn has now been released and is available for purchase. It's only 15 pages more than the 9th edn and has about 500 new words such as *blogging*, *happy slapping* and *Sudoku*. The word *Sudoku* comes from the Japanese *su* number and *doku* singular. *Happy slapping* is defined as (sl) the practice of physically attacking an unsuspecting victim while an accomplice records the incident on a camera-equipped mobile phone. We see the word *blog* a lot these days. It is a short form of *weblog* which means a document containing personal observations, often in the form of a journal, that is published on the World Wide Web. Other new words include *chip*, *PIN*, *podcasting*, *flash mob*, *MP3 player* and exotic foodstuffs such as *mizuna* and *noni*. For those who don't know, *mizuna* is a Japanese vegetable of the cabbage family that grows in large rosettes of feathery leaves and a *noni* is a small Tahitian evergreen tropical plant, the fruit yielding juice valued for its medicinal purposes.

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New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Margaret Steinberger** from Hamilton, Vic and **Robyn Caine** from Croydon, Vic.

Puzzle Adjustments: The adjudicator for September 2006 (Catherine Hambling) has decided to allow GIGI for Slot 2. Accordingly, the following gained a dot for Slot 2: Yvonne Ainsworth, Alison & David Callan, Jim Colles, Jill Freeland, David Fuller, David Grainger, Phyl Heath, Alison Hocking, Claire McClelland, Shirl O'Brien, Dave Parsons and Ken Watt. Denis Coates gained dots for October Slots 1, 3, 4 and 5.

The preamble to the **Seeking "me"** puzzle on p9 of the November *Crozworl*d should read: Answers (inc. two-word answers) are as follows: 10 answers contain 4, 9, 10, 12 or 13 letters; 12 answers contain 5, 6, 8 or 11 letters; 4 answers contain 7 letters.

Acknowledgement: Our thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish puzzle December 2-2006 by *Southern Cross*.

Chess problems: No11/2006: 1. Rf1. **Winner: Catherine Hambling.** No 12/2006: Qb4. **Winner: Frank Solomon.**
Winner of Slots 1-5: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

riposte *n. & v. n.1* a quick sharp reply or retort. **2** a quick return thrust in fencing. *v. intr.* deliver a riposte. [ORIGIN: French *ri(s)poste*, *ri(s)poster* from Italian *risposta* **RESPONSE**]

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Quiz No 12/2006

ANIMAL PHRASES QUIZ by Brian Symons

Send your answers to:
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Closing mail date: Friday 12 January 2007. Prize: \$50.

These 30 words are each part of a well-known 2 word phrase. The companion word (to be supplied) is the name of a member of the animal kingdom which may precede or follow the given word (eg crocodile tears, ugly duckling). The animal word has the same number of letters as the given word in 1-10, less letters in 11-20 and more letters in 21-30. No animal is used more than once in this section. Each forms a genuine 2 word phrase and not a single word like bulldozer or hyphenated word like dog-eared nor is the possessive used like mare's nest. As the quiz is fairly easy a final tie-breaking question is appended.

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| 1 Hatch | 21 Court |
| 2 Song | 22 Cry |
| 3 Paper | 23 Clip |
| 4 Lamé | 24 White |
| 5 Legal | 25 Stool |
| 6 Wrench | 26 Hug |
| 7 Black | 27 Cold |
| 8 Rare | 28 Eat |
| 9 Lounge | 29 Cake |
| 10 Opera | 30 Punch |

Tie-breaker:

Which animals are involved in the derivation of these common expressions?
 • Sour grapes
 • Deserting a sinking ship
 • Hobson's choice
 • A gerrymander

- 11 Burglar
- 12 Crossing
- 13 Night
- 14 Cash
- 15 Battering
- 16 Moustache
- 17 Collar
- 18 Mother
- 19 Latin
- 20 Spelling

November 1-2006: Horseplay by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- A fun novelty from Patrick. *Catherine Hambling*
- The fancy grid with smallish squares made writing up somewhat difficult. I found the Es especially hard to write in. Otherwise no problems and an enjoyable run. *Irene Watts*
- If only the name of this year's winner had appeared on this cup I mightn't be so blue about it all. How could a Japanese jockey knock off our lot? *Jim Colles*
- I am sure the last across clue is wrong. Foxzami was the horse; Foxami fits the grid. *Brian Symons*
- A topical start to this month. I found two spellings for 53ac, FOXAMI and FOXZAMI on the VRC website. *Jenny Wenham*
- Fun and timely and something a little different. *Jean Barbour*
- Poor old Foxzami – how soon they forget! *Joan McGrath*
- An entertaining, topical puzzle for November. *Millers Guide* gives Foxzami for 1949; Google gives this and also Foxami. Which is the correct spelling? *Alan Walter* (Foxzami is correct. A)
- A lovely grid and a fair bit of checking needed. Most lists show Foxzami however. *Andrew Patterson*
- Hopefully my Cup runneth over! *Ted O'Brien* (Alas! ... and my selection only ran fourth A)

November 2-2006: Cryptic by Child's Play (Brian Symons)

- This was quite a toughie. I liked 23dn and 7dn and struggled with 30ac for ages before I found it. *Jean Barbour*
- Very enjoyable puzzle, but I don't get it with the 'Car flying' bit of 29ac. *Jim Colles*
- I liked the clues for RUMINATE and IRRUPT. *Bev Solomon*
- A well-clued puzzle though I can't quite figure out 19ac. *Catherine Hambling*
- 5ac was tricky – for ages I thought it was an anagram of 'atomic' but couldn't find one. Could you please explain 29ac? I particularly liked 23dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- This one made last month's Slot 2 look like a doddle. The southwest corner was particularly stubborn to reveal itself. *Andrew Patterson*
- No. 2 was difficult – I'm still not sure about some answers – BARC? MINICAB? *Margaret Galbreath*
- Very difficult with numerous unknown words (steric, caduceus, chaldron, angstrom) and a ghastly clue at 29ac. With all the rest solved, this one remained unfinished for days. I cannot understand it and neither can my daughter. Does it have some local connotation? Is it the name of a racing (?) car? I'm out of time and have to make a guess. *Irene Watts*
- A bit more than Child's Play. Loved 18dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- 16ac: Mulatto is not a (Greek hybrid), punctuation should correctly be ... letter (Greek) hybrid where MU is the Greek letter & hybrid is the definition. 7dn: (RUMINATE) clever clue. 29ac: Interesting to learn YUMP = Car flying. Puzzle was much more than Child's Play. *Alan Walter*

November 3-2006: Cryptic by Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)

- Some excellent clues here – concise and precise – my selection for COTM among them. *Catherine Hambling*
- A good cryptic with some amusing clues. I especially liked 5dn, 14dn (lovely word, gossamers) 13ac and 19ac. *Irene Watts*
- All clues made sense except seesaws which is my guess for 18dn. *Andrew Patterson* (Valerie Howard also enquired about this. Seesaws are wild mares. A.)
- 23ac was rather obscure for me as I don't know Joy Chambers. *Ted O'Brien* [Joy Chambers is an Australian novelist & actress. Ed.]
- If Killjoy is correct, who is Joy Chambers? *Fay Copland*
- A clever cryptic – especially liked SAVANTS and DOSES. *Brian Symons*
- Straightforward. I enjoyed 18 and 20dn. *Jean Barbour*
- A lot of clever clues, but I am all at sea over the 'heard of a wave' part of the clue for 19ac. The term 'wild mares' for seesaws was a learning experience from a great clue. *Jim Colles*
- 19ac: 'Heard a wave'? = Sure thing! 14dn: 'of' web threads seemed to imply gossamery but definition has to omit 'of' to give GOSSAMERS. *Alan Walter*

November 4-2006: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- I turn to the AJs each month but this was quite difficult. Spent ages getting J and P, and G is my COTM *Jean Barbour*
- A tough AJ this month. I can't make sense of the H and O clues, but can't think of anything else that fits. *Jenny Wenham*
- A Clue: ACROSTIC — An arthropod definitely to be avoided. *Betty Siegman*
- An AJ loaded with interesting words rarely heard across or down the dinner table, and revealed by some good, tough clues. *Jim Colles*
- Some wonderful clues – especially P & O. The latter gets my COTM. However, in H clue – if HAMSTER is correct, RETS means wets not dries – or does invertedly refer to meaning as well as spelling? Also, should the 'Three' clue in 2 be seven? *Brian Symons*
- If HAMSTER is correct, and it is HAM (Animal meat) and the STER is RETS (STER inadvertently) how can this be? RET means to moisten or wet not to dry. Perhaps HAMSTER is not right. For O I can only make OILSEED but I don't understand the clue. Could *St Jude* please explain it? *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Another enjoyable AJ – but can't see the H word if HAMSTER is

correct. Is 'Dried invertedly' meant to imply both the opposite meaning and reverse order of RETS? *Catherine Hambling* (The latter was my interpretation. A)

- O clue seems to have incorrect anagram O__ed included oil-separator, delete letters of operator from this to leave ILSA giving O + ILSA + ED. We need the letters ILSE for OILSE+ED. Z: A letter or three – does this imply 'A or Z, ETA & ZETA, a total of four letters giving ZE (T)A?' (Z, Eta & Zeta makes up the three alternatives. A.) P. Clue was challenging to obtain P+ (I&CAY) + UNISH, quite a 'Mean' clue! T clue meaning TIMBUKTU appears to be non-cryptic. *Alan Walter*
- I completed this AJ with a vaguely uncomfortable feeling – bulimic presumably; bundled up as anagind, surface of seal is the S go thick! Foreigner = ET; unknown directions – justifiable maybe, but no warm, fuzzy feeling. *Andrew Patterson*
- I liked the clues for ACROSTIC and GOTHIC (Go thick). *Bev Solomon*
- I enjoyed the chase here. *Ted O'Brien*
- Some tricky clues but still an enjoyable AJ. *Irene Watts*
- In the V clue of slot 4, presumably VEE-DUB, I don't think that synonym for dub. I wonder if any dictionaries list VEE-DUB? None of mine do. [cf. *The Macquarie Dictionary*, 3rd ed, rev. Ed.] I see that a Cup winner even managed to sneak into slot 4 (Ethereal). *Peter Dearie*

November 5-2006: Semi-Thematic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- I thought it was impossible and unreasonable UNTIL I saw the theme. A very clever way to make a cup quiz. *Brian Symons*
- Despite the topical theme, I took ages to catch on. I wasn't expecting a second running of The Cup. *Jenny Wenham*
- A wonderful set of phrases here. *Ted O'Brien*
- *The Oxford Dictionary of Music* gives Dvorak's first name as Antonin, not Anton. Thanks *Virgo* for your Semi- 'Automatic'-Thematic! Specially enjoyable for Slot 5. *Alan Walter*
- To be able to slot all those cup winners' names so neatly into the grid makes this a masterpiece. I dips me lid, but I still don't believe this year's result. *Jim Colles*
- My usual comment here? How do you fit in all those theme words? *Catherine Hambling*. (I start with a very long list. A.)
- Proved quite a challenge with its almost AJ type grid. The 12dn clue is not quite accurate as all auks living can fly (The Great Auk was flightless, but has been extinct for 160+ years). *Peter Dearie*
- A very enjoyable half and half, thematic. I felt as though I was visiting the Melbourne Cup race for the second time in two days after completing puzzle 1 earlier. A very pleasant relief after the cryptic grind in the other puzzles. *Irene Watts*
- Quite straightforward with a list to work from. *Andrew Patterson*
- Loved your Slot 5; topical and very clever with all those winners. *Betty Siegman*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

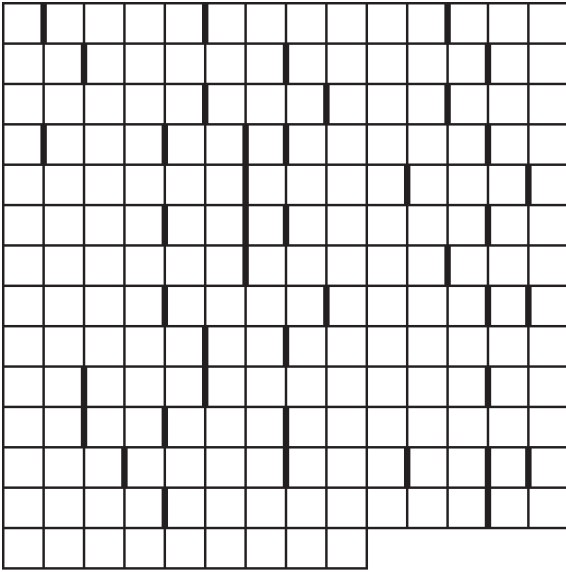
- Once again a great month of puzzling with exciting new setters doing a great job. *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you and the great crew at ACC for a great set of brain-benders! *Catherine Foster*
- I loved the No. 1 and the No. 5 Melbourne Cup ones. I found FOXAMI (No. 1) also spelt FOXZAMI. *Carole Noble*
- I'm sure many people will write re. Foxami in Slot 1. You certainly picked a theme with 2 Melbourne Cup slots. Some great clues: I found it hard to pick my favourite, in the end chose BARD. Others I liked were Slot 2, 18 dn; Slot 3, 8 dn; Slot 4, G & P. Not too sure about YUMPIE in Slot 2. *Don Hemsley*
- I thank the club for my recent prize – I put it towards the latest *Chambers*. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you so much for my \$50 prize for slot 3 last month. *Fay Copland*
- I was disappointed to receive no dots for Oct 1-5. I made mistakes in slots 2 and 3 and supposed the rest were transcription errors (no more home brews while filling out Good Grids). Imagine my surprise to win a prize for Slot 5! I love this book. Please don't make me return it. *Jan Wood*
- Many thanks to the ACC for my prize for September 6-2006. *Bev Solomon*
- My thanks to the Club for the splendid book prize and certificate in Patrick's superb calligraphy. *Jim Colles*
- I look forward to receiving *Crozworld* every month and was surprised and delighted to receive the *Macquarie Dictionary* for October Slot 1. *Sandra May*
- Thank you Doug and Margaret for your quiz ACCused in vain and for drawing my name out as the winning entry. The cheque came in handy at renewal time. *David Procter*
- Best wishes for Christmas to all ACC members, especially all those who work so hard to bring us our wonderful magazine every month. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks, appreciation and best wishes to all the executive members and to the setters, adjudicators and members. Happy Christmas! *Irene Watts*
- Just a note to thank you for my book prize; it was a lovely surprise. I look forward to my puzzles each month. *Claire McClelland*
- Thank you for November 1-2006 and also for the chess problems. *Bev Solomon*



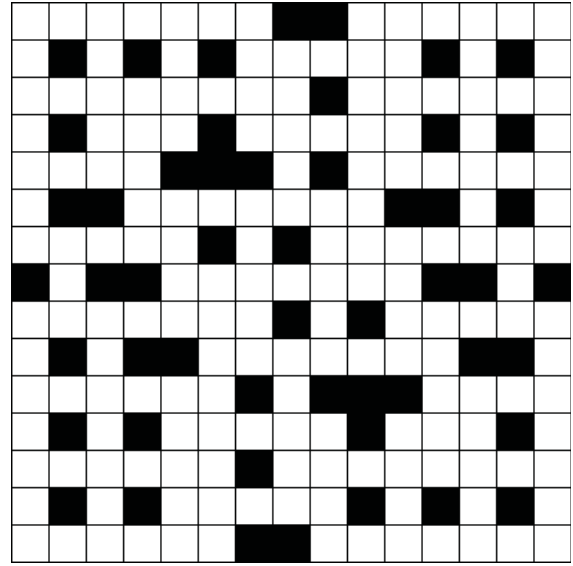
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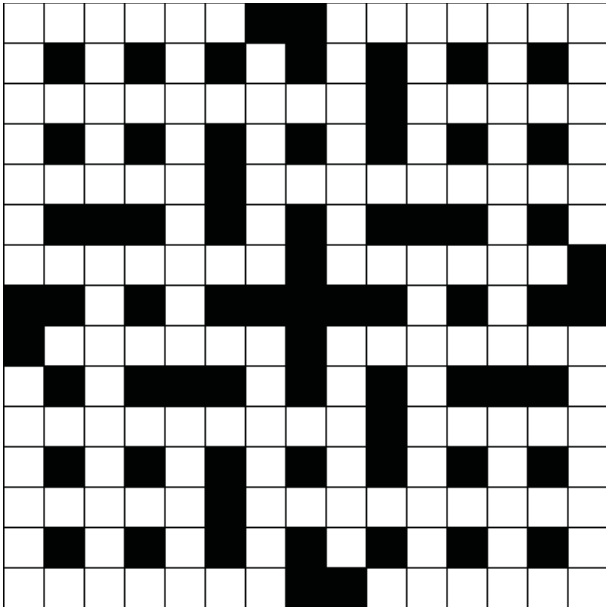
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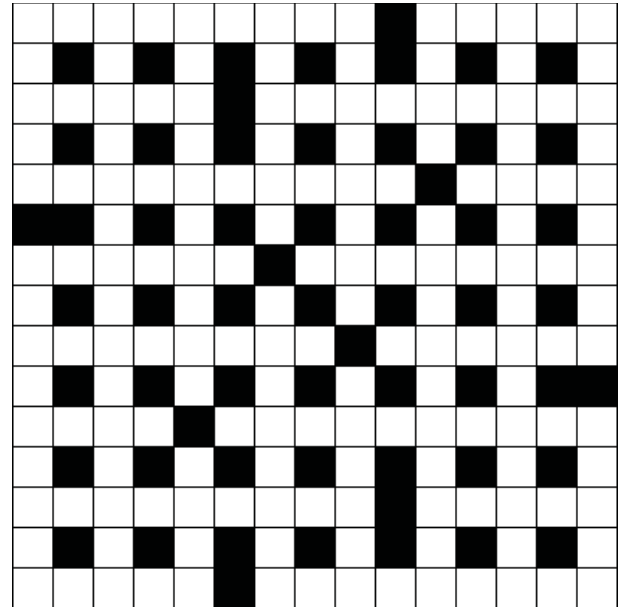
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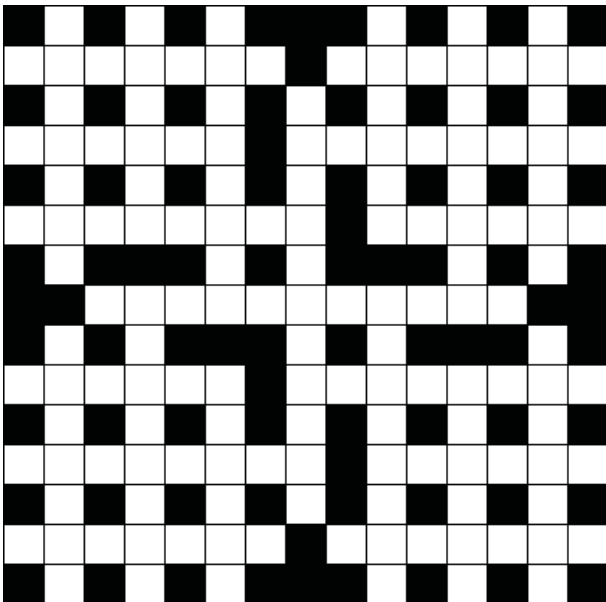
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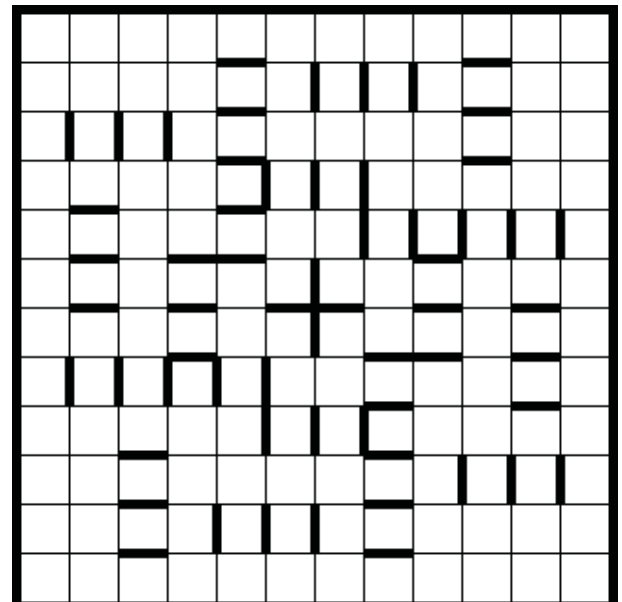
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Clue of the Month

October 6–2006: Game Games by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

Entries: 90. Correct: 75. Success rate: 83.3%.

Prizewinners: Shirl O'Brien and Daphne Greening. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you for the lovely cards and kind comments for this puzzle. Errors were OSNEA for USNEA, SEALEG for SEAEGG, SHAP for SHIP, TETT (2) and TETS (2) for TETE and the others had a missing letter in the grid. Explanation for TETE Vietnamese festival = TET + Eastern = E = old headdress TETE (*Chambers*). 1ac was included in the sentence mid(SHIP)man, the definition a racing-boat with eight oars (*Chambers*).
—*Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

Solvers' Comments:

- Congratulations for your thoroughly enjoyable GAME puzzle. The double GAME theme made this an interesting challenge. GAMES being DARTS, CANASTA, LUDO, POOL, BRIDGE, SNOOKER & CHESS. GAME being PHEASANT, HARE, DUCK, QUAIL, RABBIT, GROUSE & DEER. Am looking forward to your next puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- 21ac: NESTS, was a gem of a clue. (With such a lovely neat entry I was disappointed not to be able to award you a dot. Unfortunately there was a missing letter. TT). *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for a great puzzle, fun and games for all. Reminds me of that old chestnut about the hunter who had been wandering for days when he came across a beautiful blonde. He asked 'Are you game?', she said 'Yes, I'm game', so he shot her. So no games were played that day. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for your challenging puzzle. I have enough trouble getting one theme into a grid, let alone two related ones! My favourite clue was 21ac. *Jenny Wenham*

Crows Get-together

A handful of intrepid South Aussies met at the venerable Pancake House. Not the promised record attendance, but a happy group none-the-less. Special guest was Len Colgan who, it turns out, has an ex-Prime Minister as a fan of his UniSA puzzles (we mere mortals were entranced with the way Joan Clayton parried Len's toughest enigmas). Joan's cobbler Milton won one of the prize bottles and Paulina Butler the other in the 'Numbers and Horses' quiz. Thanks Margaret for organising a memorable event. *Doug Butler*
The photo shows (L to R) Ron and Margaret Galbreath, Doug Butler, Len Colgan, Phyl Heath and Joan Clayton.



Results of Quiz No.10/2006: Cursory Characters by Jack Stocks.

Solutions: (Cursory rhymes with Nursery) hence **Nursery Rhyme Characters.**

1. Nellie Bligh 2. Boy Blue 3. Margery Daw 4. Yankee Doodle 5. Nancy Etticoat 6. Kitty Fisher 7. Doctor Foster 8. Mother Goose 9. Johnny Green 10. Solomon Grundy 11. Jerry Hall 12. Jack Horner 13. Lucy Locket 14. Old Macdonald 15. Elsie Marley 16. Miss Muffet 17. Bo Peep 18. Peter Piper 19. Hector Protector 20. Cock Robin 21. Bobby Shaftoe 22. Jack Sprat 23. Tommy Stout 24. Tom Thumb 25. Tommy Trot 26. Tommy Tucker 27. Sally Waters.

Results: 27: Karl Audrins, John Balnaves, Peter Dearie, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Daphne Greening, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Del Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Gabrielle Leeds, Claire McClelland, Carole Noble, David Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Alan Walter, Ian Williams. **26.5:** Audrey Austin, Jean Barbour, Doug Butler, Verna Dinham, Catherine Foster, Lesly Howard, Catherine Jones **26:** Joan McGrath, Nea Storey, William 'Raoul' Ryan, Lorna Waites. **25.5:** Marian Procter. **24.5:** Trish McPherson. **23:** Jenny Wenham. **22.5:** Graeme Cole. **22:** Jim Colles. **Prizewinner: Del Kennedy. Congratulations!**

Adjudicator's Comments: It may be time for this Jack to be nimble, go up the hill, and sit in the corner. This wasn't meant to be as difficult as it turned out. Thanks for the notes of appreciation. There were a few omissions, several spelling deviations that could not be confirmed, and some very inventive guesses. Main problems were Jerry Hall (see Alan Walter's comment) and Tommy Trot. Although #5 Nanny appears in some sources, only Nancy fits the clue.

Solvers' Comments:

- JERRY HALL: The first part of the clue "Not to understand" appeared to give the opposite meaning to JERRY! However I presume that you are implying that 'understand' = 'jerry to' and that 'Not to' means to delete the word 'to' from 'jerry to' to leave the word JERRY! As a 'propylaeum' is an architectural gateway or HALL the character appears to be JERRY HALL. (exactly what was intended. JS) Jerry Hall he is so small, A rat could eat him, Hat and all. You certainly extended my Nursery Rhyme list. *Alan Walter*
- Email address appropriate. Difficult quiz. No 11 was the most difficult to confirm but *SOED* and *Macquarie* dictionaries seem to confirm the answer. *David Procter*
- Nos 9 & 23 are guesses as I cannot confirm them. I got a few strange looks at the library going into the children's section and looking up nursery rhymes. *Marian Procter*
- Many good clues but I liked 3&4 the best. *Graeme Cole*
- I thoroughly enjoyed this quiz; perhaps it was because I am of an age where my long-term memory is good. Jerry Hall and Nellie Bligh I hadn't heard of but they weren't hard to find. *Daphne Greening*
- Thank you for a great quiz. A couple had me stumped so I don't expect a fully correct entry. *Catherine Jones*
- Thanks for a very good quiz – had me wondering if I'd reached my second childhood. *Betty Siegman*
- Just as well I'm in my second childhood. (you'll have good company: JS) *Carole Noble*
- 'Cursory Characters': Love that title. *Doug Butler*
- Thanks for a fun quiz that definitely was NOT Child's Play. *Brian Symons*
- I rather liked Robin Hood for No 11 but he wouldn't fit the clue. Thanks for an enjoyable and nostalgic quiz. *John Balnaves*
- I thoroughly enjoyed your clueing – good work. I must admit that having the Internet to help in searching for some of these characters was a great advantage – several of them were totally foreign to me. *Pat Garner*
- What a challenge! Got the grey matter working but without the help of the internet it would have been even more challenging. *Barbara Glissan*
- Thanks for your seemingly innocent and simple quiz that has taken me all month to get out! I went through the dictionary for all words between goose and Grundy. Now that's dedication. *Jean Barbour*
- Being an old Infant's schoolie from way back Jack, I had a great trip down Memory Lane. *Del Kennedy*
- Thank you for the memories...mostly. There were of course several characters I had never come across before now, but it made the discovery all that more rewarding. *Michael Kennedy*
- A very entertaining quiz, which I really enjoyed – even though I had to resort to the *Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes* for a couple of the more obscure characters. *Susan Howells*
- What a reminisce! Few I'd never heard of, but great fun tracking them down. *Raoul*
- Wonderful quiz, but hardly child's play. It took a lot of research to track down your characters, and even then we're not sure that we have them all. Nevertheless, had much enjoyment trawling through *The Annotated Mother Goose*. *Ian & Kay Williams*