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The successful use of metaphor is a matter of perceiving similarities.
Aristotle, 4C BC, *Qualities of Poetic Style*, in *Poetics*, (trans M Heath), Ch 22.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2008. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2008 Prize Fund can be found on p9. Further renewals and donations will be acknowledged in the next *Crozworld*. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2008.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2008 for only \$30. Why not include the puzzle-packed *Crozworld Compendium*? This marvellous collection of puzzles and quizzes will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present!

The Sydney Get-Together at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel on Sunday 18th November proved to be another successful and delightful occasion for the record number (46) who attended. Many thanks to William as the pre-eminent host and to Bev Cockburn for organising this memorable event. (see p4 for further details)

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. Many of your favourites are featured: *Virgo* with a semi-thematic, *Jesso* and *Southern Cross* with quality cryptics and *midships* has given us a reverse AJ which he has titled JA. *zinzan* and *InGrid* ably fill the slots 5 and 6 spots and Brian Symons has challenged us with another one of his fascinating and interesting quizzes titled *A Rose by any other Name*.

Kindly note that due to the Christmas Season we have an early closing date with this issue - **Friday 14 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworld* and the *Compendium* out in time for Christmas. Good Luck with your solving.
—Patrick

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An early closing month so most entries were received the last week of the competition, and these contained the most errors.

Slot 1: Easy-peasy for most solvers with only 3 errors: SNAP for SNIP and two blank squares: I-K for IRK and H-S-O-I-N for HISTORIAN. A popular slot 1.

Slot 2: BRES, BRAS, ERIS for EROS, LOFOLD, AEFALD for ALFOLD, two SINK IN for SUNK IN, KNOLL for KNEAD, CARMIC for KARMIC, CORD/SORT for CARD, AVOWEL for AVOWAL and SANDTRAY for SANDTRAP (which I rather liked).

Slot 3: Almost an alphabetical number of members put TUCKED for TACKED. I may have allowed this but I had already begun highlighting errors, and it would not have been fair to the majority who got it right. Also many TUCKERS had other errors in the same puzzle. RUG for RAG, ECODS for ELOPS, DALCE for DOLCE, MACRO for MACHO, UNBATCHED for UNMATCHED, BEDUSAE for MEDUSAE, LUANDOS for QUANGOS, QUINELA for QUANGOS, & OBEYSANT for OBEISANT.

Slot 4: Some members thought this difficult and either gave up or didn't persist. Those who managed to solve it, praised its ingenuity with the four winds so cleverly positioned. Errors included: FREE/FLEE/FLED for FRED, TEAR for TIER, AQUINUS for AQUINAS, BARRACOUATA for BARRACOUTAS, MANTELET for MANTILLA, XENEXER for XIMENES and KOTOCS for KOTOWS.

Slot 5: Few errors in this one; it seemed easier for solvers than previous slot 5's. Errors included: UPRATE for UPDATE, SUKODU for SUDOKU, UNUO for UNDO, ESPARANTO for ESPERANTO and a couple of blank squares.

COTM: Slot 4 by Doug Butler: HEAR HER OUT with 6 votes. Slot 3, 5ac, HAEMOSTAT came second with 5 votes. The rest were spread across the clues; many with 2 votes, even more with only 1 vote.

—Audrey Austin

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	107	96	81	82	94	460
Correct entries	104	80	56	72	88	400
Success rate (%)	97.2	83.3	69.1	87.8	93.6	86.9
Prizewinners	G Champion Cally Martin	L Cooke J McGrath	B Foott S May	D Fuller	H Cromer B Symons	from 107 members

Prizewinner: November 2007 Slots 1-5: Irene Watts

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT Slot 6 & NOV 2007 Slots 1-5

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ABRAHAM T		.			.	.
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AUSTIN A
BALNAVES J
BARBOUR J						.
BARRETT A	.	.				
BENNETT B
BENNETT D						.
BRYANT R	
BUTLER D	.			.	.	
CAINE R	
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G	.	.	.			
CHAMPION G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COOKE L	
COPLAND F	
COWAN M
CROMER H	
DAVIS M
DEARIE P	
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DUCKER R
EGGLETON B	.	.		.		
FOOTT B
FOSTER C
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FULLER D
GARNER P
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
GREENING D
HAGAN R
HAMBLING C	
HARPER K
HAZELL N	.				.	
HEENAN C	
HEMSLEY D
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S					.	.
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N			.			
JONES C	.			.		
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KITTO J
KNIGHT S	.				.	.
LEE N
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McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I	
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y	
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MEEK D
NOBLE C
O'BRIEN E
O'BRIEN S
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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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PATTERSON A
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
RANDALL J						.
REEVES V	
ROBERTS R	.	.				
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RYAN A
RYAN W	.				.	.
SAVANAH T	.					
SEALE E	.	.				
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B	
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
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TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
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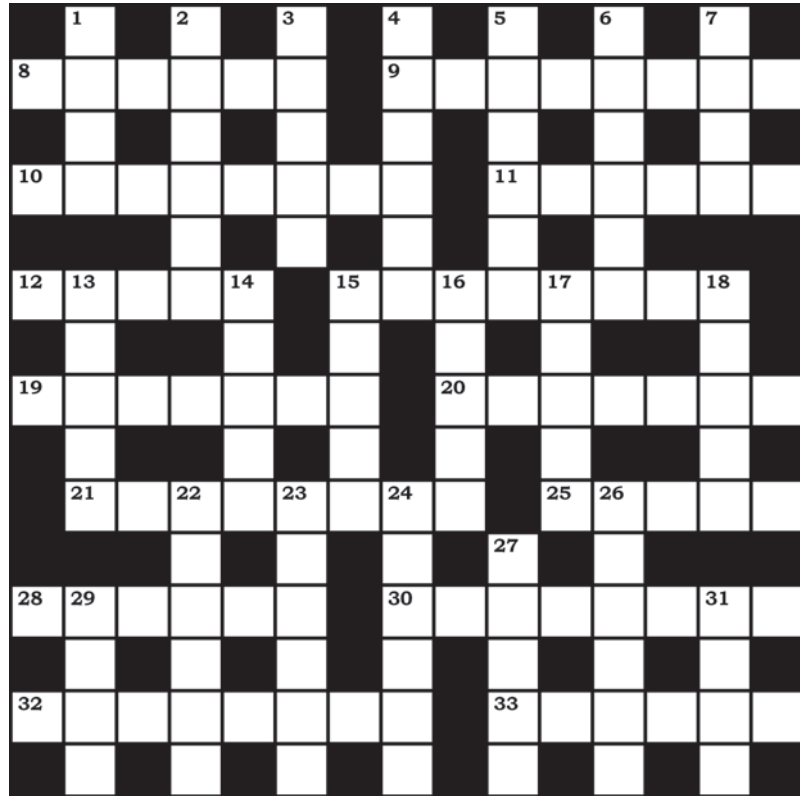
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Semi-thematic
by
Virgo

Prizes: \$50



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Across clues are associated and are clued differently:
Down clues are cryptic.

Across

- 8 Deck (6)
- 9 Event (8)
- 10 Diamond (8)
- 11 Lemon (6)
- 12 Carpet (5)
- 15 Man (8)
- 19 Court (7)
- 20 Tongs (7)
- 21 Night (8)
- 25 Board (5)
- 28 Field (6)
- 30 Carnival (8)
- 32 Post (8)
- 33 Lawn (6)

Down

- 1 Aunt ordered fish (4)
- 2 Learners about in each type of design (6)
- 3 Mails letters to Muslim (5)
- 4 Hilda put out a fresh flower (6)
- 5 Country Cup winner sounds like a fast one! (6)
- 6 Criminal shot us in a scrap (6)
- 7 Not initially competitive events for experts (4)
- 13 No green up front (5)
- 14 Slick vehicles turn (5)
- 15 Many endlessly mull it over (5)
- 16 Put a block before a wheel again, Charlie, and go up (5)
- 17 Read it, headache gone, now sleepy! (5)
- 18 Nine performers can't connect for this reason (5)
- 22 Immature egg a novel eco-toy (6)
- 23 Hatred is difficult to push through the eye of a needle! (6)
- 24 Settle for shelter (6)
- 26 A nut starts a little music – only nobody dances (6)
- 27 A way in through the street in plain view (5)
- 29 Instrument starts out better over *Enigma* (4)
- 31 Hob gun connection (4)

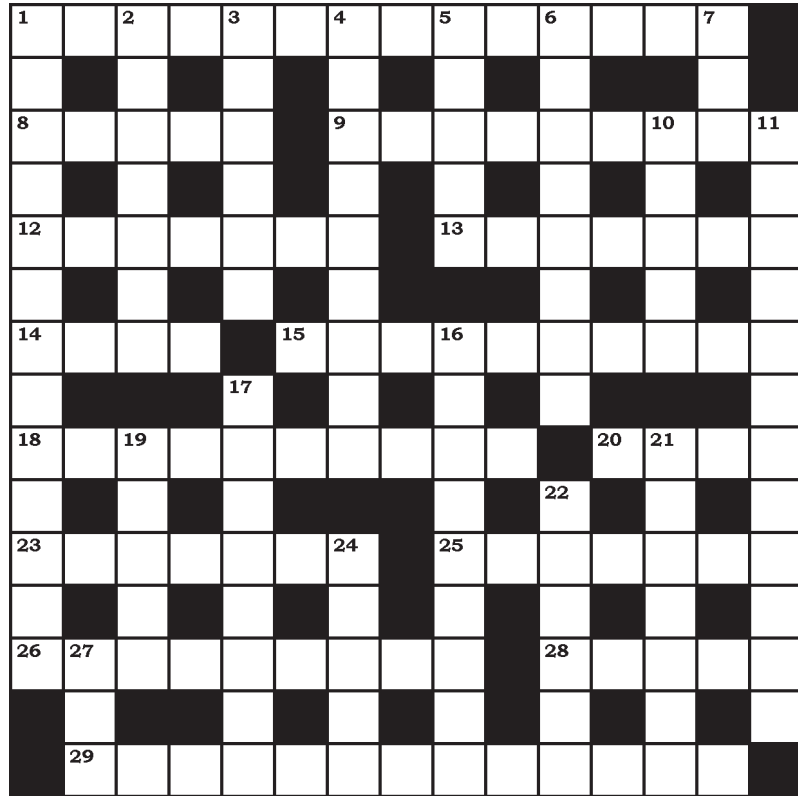
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Closing mail date: Friday 11 January 2008.

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Anagram Revival by Jesso



Across

- 1 Traders name a poor sailor (8,6)
- 8 Ferret out and approve United Press (3,2)
- 9 Church peerage reappointment gives second sporting chance (9)
- 12 Can vote to change money (7)
- 13 Gleans a mess of food (7)
- 14 Sail off, Girl (4)
- 15 Foreign agent organised collective nouns, left note out (4-6)
- 18 Newly constructed palisade layers a lad leaves in disorder (10)
- 20 Crawlers pass out (4)
- 23 Instrumental on cigar fabrication (7)
- 25 English pistol devastated Rumanian oil city (7)
- 26 Dicky priced hat – very reasonable (4,5)
- 28 Rush off with grand opening hitch (5)
- 29 Commercial enterprise requiring some daring (13)

Down

- 1 Wrongly claimed to catalogue patient's story? (7,6)
- 2 Interim sovereigns from tee and greens (7)
- 3 The cap fitted a jazz-fan (3-3)
- 4 Drug reactions? Not exactly (9)
- 5 Calyx member pales alarmingly (5)
- 6 Crone sat out for father perhaps (8)
- 7 Harass in Managua (3)
- 10 Io's guardian mixed sugar (5)
- 11 Invests large cultivation in flowers (12)
- 16 Something to be answered from morning daily? (4,5)
- 17 Clean bin prepared as compass container (8)
- 19 Sort of a grey rifleman (5)
- 21 Rattle with illogical truisms (7)
- 22 Heaves up and hits so wildly (6)
- 24 The Civil Service corrupted treasury (5)
- 27 Woman's aid organisation (3)

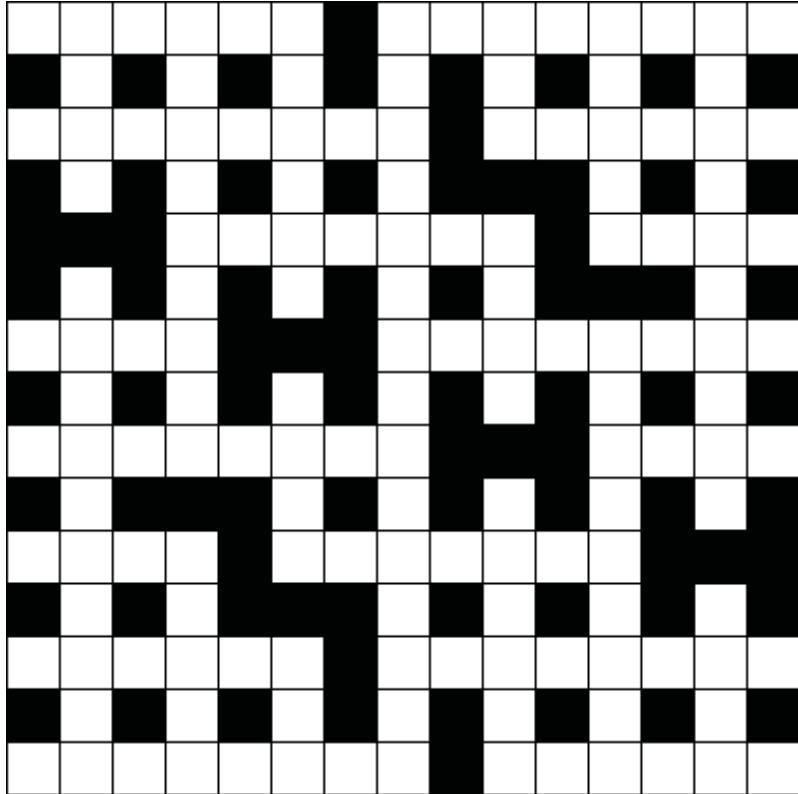
2007 GET-TOGETHER, SYDNEY:

The ACC's Annual Get-Together held at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 18 November 2007 was a sparkling success. With a record number of 46 in attendance, there were plenty of opportunities to renew acquaintances and put faces to names familiar from *CrOZworld* over the years. Brian Tickle came from Taree, NSW, Bill Bennett from Seal Rocks NSW, Tom and Kitty Smith came down by train from Kingston, Qld, Veniece and Graham Lobsey from Dubbo, NSW, Margaret Pyc from Wagga Wagga, Ian and Kay Williams, Nea and Charles Storey and Maurice Cowan from the ACT and Michael Kennedy from Figtree, NSW. We were delighted to see David Stickley, Audrey and Bruce Austin, Roy and Shirley Wilson, Del Kennedy, Betty Siegman, Marian Procter, Brian Symons and a host of others too numerous to mention but including two Doctors – Ian McKenzie and Bob Crossman. The delectable and well-priced food was very popular and the drinks very reasonably priced. The Annual quiz was conducted by President Patrick and it was well won by Andrew Patterson who achieved 29 correct answers out of 30. This was an excellent effort Andrew and the main book prize was much deserved. Ted O'Brien came a creditable 2nd with 27 questions correct. A vote of thanks to David Stickley who donated a generous quantity of premium wines from the Margaret River region, WA and a special thank you to William Ryan for making his fine establishment such a popular venue for this memorable Annual Gathering.

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JA by *midships*

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World History
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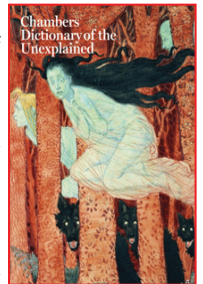


Solutions **end** with the given letter. Fit them jigsaw-wise where you can.

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| <p>A Relationship with Prince yielded fish (6)
 B A broom be unorthodox as a weapon (8)
 C Love time in charge of the ear (4)
 D Note: drill backwards around a lot (8)
 E Countenance Roman power decline (6)
 E Foreign letter carried by ship to south east of metamorphic rock (9)
 F Fit of anger having nothing in bar (5)
 G Misshapen pal, dieting, is removing hair (10)
 H Composer will take taxi back to horse (4)
 H Old shrub, note, can thrive quite briefly (6)
 I Dress up one Ethiopian prince (4)
 J Enjoyed informal joint on pilgrimage (4)
 K Very first on Noah's checklist? (8)
 L In the middle of one endless ball, having a short mask (9)
 M Tum pie, with no minced abdominal segment or propodeum (8)
 N Vessel is proud, we hear (4)</p> | <p>O Instrument not on to give deep foreign voice (5)
 P Tyrannize vessel to demonstrate authority (8)
 Q Initially I raise a question for the country (4)
 R Cornet eater, say, delivered grog (6)
 S Expression of surprise as military vehicles surround hospital department (7)
 S Limit operational research on Southern space travellers (7)
 T Recognition of cat mew with kennel dog barking (15)
 T Encourage nut to obtain aubergine (8)
 T Mary's song is about Mafia finally mingling with court and drinking mixed gin (10)
 U Japanese art school – last but one in game (3)
 V Little churchman will speed up (3)
 W Look again on the scenery (6)
 X Express surprise at US chopper trick (4)
 Y Sounding breathless, ask question about Exclusive Economic Zone (6)
 Z Excitement of first boffin understanding zebrula, zoologically (4)</p> |
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Chambers have bound together their Crossword Dictionary, Crossword Completer and sections of Don Manley's Manual into a massive *Crossword Companion*. At present this tome is only available to subscribers to *Reader's Digest*.


- The new *Chambers Dictionary of the Unexplained* is a fascinating and illuminating book, and an essential reference for anyone with a serious interest in unexplained phenomena. Written in consultation with leading figures in the relevant areas of study, it contains carefully researched, in-depth and balanced entries on topics ranging from alien abductions to the zodiac. 864pp. For further info visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/books/reference/unexplained.shtml>
- Margaret Davis invites us to subscribe to Ozwords. Subscription is free. Send your name and postal details to: Ozwords Subscription Manager, GPO Box 2784 Melbourne Vic 3001. Email: ozwords.au@oup.com Fax: (03) 9934 9100. Margaret says: "I am sure you will enjoy it. I entered one of the competitions a year or two back and got an honourable mention!"
- David Stickley tells us that the *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*, new rev ed 2007, should be available in bookstores by Christmas. David (who acted as a Consultant for this edition) says that this edition has a wealth of useful material in it for the keen crossworder. The Dictionary includes a wide-ranging list of synonyms and related words lists of animals, plants, geographical features, gods, political leaders, Biblical characters, explorers, aviators etc. The previous edition was way back in 1990 so this edition is especially welcome.
- Ian Williams liked this clue in the *Guardian* recently: Apology from Williams or Ryan (1,2,5) Answer: I am sorry



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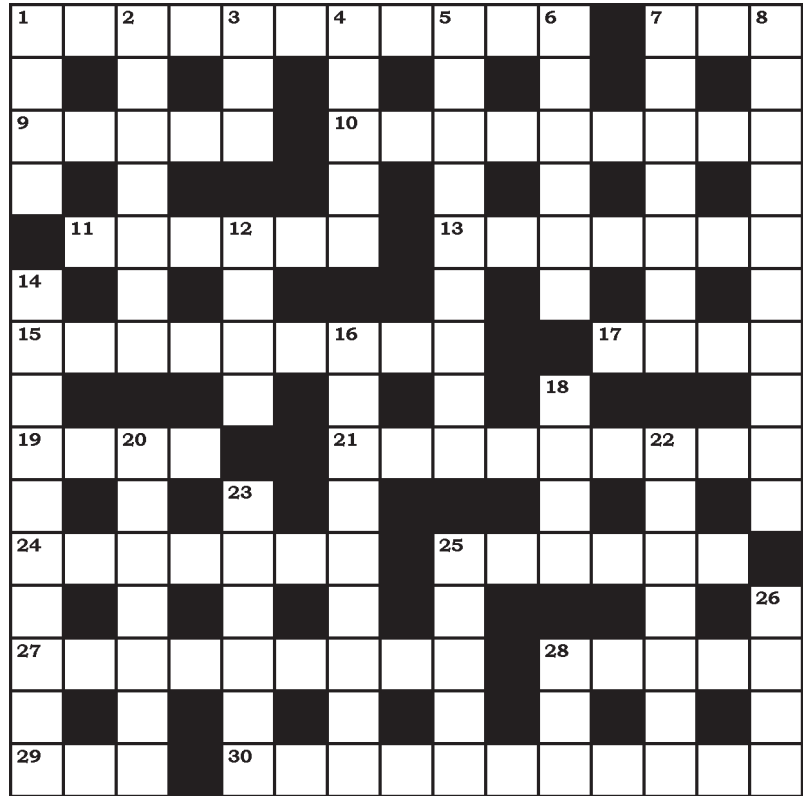
**Cryptic
by
zinzan**

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Win!

2006 edn



Across

- 1 First home buyer? (5-6)
- 7 Subsidiary pharmaceutical division (3)
- 9 Caribbean bookies make bundles (5)
- 10 Clumsy skater is s***! (9)
- 11 Improves soldiers amid much publicity (6)
- 13 Use up a colour in zero seconds! (3,4)
- 15 Lasting ability of church to follow directions of the French navy (9)
- 17 See 20dn
- 19 Left a country (4)
- 21 1ac presumably tells maid to reorder (9)
- 24 Surround six Romans involved in mismanaged US corporation (7)
- 25 Bones identified as explorer of SE US state (6)
- 27 Intellectually defeated – the idiot within, exposed (9)
- 28 Ensure subdivision of remote estate is returned (3,2)
- 29 "Exactly full" term (3)
- 30 Lack of attendance seems a bit strange without a letter (11)

Down

- 1 Shop awning provides cover for a man (4)
- 2 Took over small university faculty as before (7)
- 3 Dawn – God of Ages, no less (3)
- 4 Pass opportunities to cut up document (5)
- 5 Deleted it off the proof of ownership (5,4)
- 6 Railway assumes train crash with no escape is an uncommon occurrence (6)
- 7 Head off car changing lanes to arrive at the store (7)
- 8 Arrangements of music tempo produce the wrong number (10)
- 12 No right to enter – not one (4)
- 14 One has a stomach staple as a roll of fat hangs off the middle? (10)
- 16 Throws name into situation initially (9)
- 18 Lambert cuts tree down (4)
- 20 and 17 Crumpled V8s pile into Dodge (4,3,4)
- 22 A national disgrace – life without the letters C, D, E, F and G (7)
- 23 Converts start to kindle a riot in carriage (6)
- 25 Joked and was sporting (3,2)
- 26 Co-ed class? (4)
- 28 Bring to justice Indians – hearing required (3)

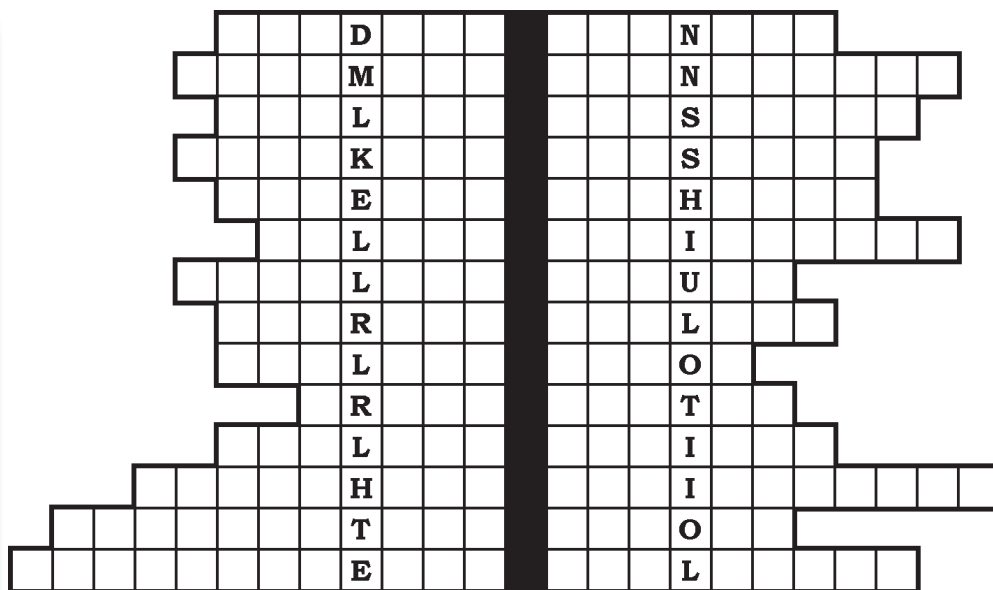
Comments on Quiz No 10/2007 continued from p9:

- Herewith my entry for your quiz, which I found rather difficult because a number of the keywords could fit more than one of the authors and some of the authors could fit into more than one place. Thank you for a novel and research-needing quiz which I hope I have solved successfully. Anyway it was fun to do. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for a great puzzle! Had a lot of fun looking them up. I feel as though your instructions left a little open to ambiguity. *William Ryan*
- Thank for this challenging quiz. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a challenging and interesting puzzle. *Susan Howells*
- I've had a lot of fun working it out, but the paper is nearly worn through with all the rubbing out and relocating of authors' names! It's also been fun revisiting authors who I'd almost forgotten about, and discovering new ones, or at least new to me. *Alison Martin*

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Definitions are contained in the verse. Cryptic clues are below and correspond to two words in each line of verse – ie two definitions and two clues per line, in the correct order.

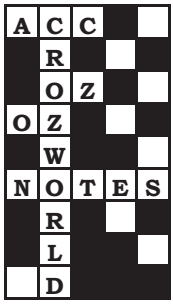
Awake! For Morning in the Bowl of Night
Has Flung the Stone that puts the Stars to Flight:
And lo! The Hunter of the east has caught
The Sultan's Turret in a Noose of Light
Dreaming when Dawn's Left Hand was in the Sky,
I heard a Voice within the Tavern cry,
"Awake, my Little ones, and fill the Cup
Before Life's liquor in its cup be dry."
And as the Cock crew, those who stood before
The Tavern shouted – "Open then the Door!
You know how little while we have to stay
And once departed, may return no more."
Now the New Year reviving old Desires,
The thoughtful Soul to Solitude retires.

Clues

- First met after bad audits showed regular bank involvement (7, 7)
- Jiffy bag for letter states 'that is not it either' (8, 10)
- Small speaker has group heading in two directions or more (7, 9)
- Checks in order to go by ship to American leaders (8, 8)
- Mr Kelly's small relative meant to accompany Ms Barrymore (7, 8)
- State diver uses loud voice about price (6, 10)
- Rift over a fish trophy won in bad company (8, 6)
- Sir spit angrily at church girl (7, 7)
- Surrounded by cold band backing poor tenor (7, 5)
- German stamp on new patrol (5, 6)
- About a girl who gave her whole heart for one day (7, 7)
- Point to whistler crushed by plan about rotten actor (9, 11)
- Change local first beliefs yet departed (11, 6)
- Cards had elixir then spilt it on a silo (12, 9)

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Results of Quiz 10/2007. Write on, Australia! Margt Steinberger

26: S Howells, G Leeds, A Martin, C Noble, D Procter, B Symons and A Walter. **25:** B Cockburn, M Kennedy, T McPherson, M Procter, W Ryan, A Shield, J Stocks and C. Wilcox. **23:** S Atkinson. **20:** S Knight. **Winner: Gabrielle Leeds. Well done!**

Answers (with titles indicating relationship of keywords): Lawson (The Drover's Wife), **Boldrewood** (Robbery under Arms), **McCullough** (An Indecent Obsession), **Boyd** (The Cardboard Crown), **White** (The Eye of the Storm), **Clift** (Mermaid Singing), **Morgan** (My Place), **Shute** (A Town like Alice), **Idriess** (Lasseter's Last Ride), **Jolley** (Mr Scobie's Riddle), **Keneally** (Schindler's List), **Upfield** (The Widows of Broome), **Mackellar** (My Country - plains), **Franklin** (My Career goes Bung), **Winton** (In the Winter Dark), **Paterson** (Clancy of the Overflow), **McQueen** (Suburbs of the Sacred), **Grenville** (Secret River), **Slessor** (Five Bells), **Stead** (Seven Poor Men of Sydney), **Malouf** (Remembering Babylon), **Davis** (No Sugar), **Wright** (The Generations of Men), **Dessaix** (Night Letters), **Carey** (True History of the Kelly Gang - Ned), **Hazzard** (The Transit of Venus).

Compiler's comments:

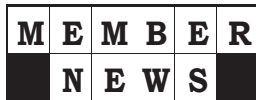
'Challenging' was the word that featured in most of the comments received, but in this group we expect nothing less than that from our puzzlers. However, rather surprisingly, in the event the challenge may

have been less frustrating for some if I had gone with my original impulse of requiring authors **and** associated keyword. (Note that the instructions did not indicate that the keyword had to be part of a title, although in most cases it is, and it is always recognisably significant.) Since I didn't require that, I have accepted authors other than those above, if they fitted the word length and letter position and are included in the *Oxford Companion to Australian Literature*. And yes, White and Shute were interchangeable. Thank you for the entries and the comments.

—Margaret Steinberger

Members' comments:

- Thanks for this quiz. I love the Aussie themes. *Carole Noble*
- Thank you for a challenging quiz. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Thank you for a very difficult quiz. *David Procter*
- Thanks for the quiz. *Brian Symons*
- What can I say except I have tried! *Marian Procter*
- Thanks for such a tough but absorbing quiz! *Alison Shield*
- I had answers to some and could manage to fit several of the clues to others and this made the challenge great fun. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I couldn't solve them all unfortunately. The keywords were useful and I managed to associate about half of them. *Michael Kennedy*
- The fun was the challenge and getting it finished. *Trish McPherson*



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Andrew Miles** from Dickson, ACT, **Sylvia Harris** from Grantville, Vic (a Gift Membership from Kath Harper) and **Pauline Bryant** from Aranda, ACT.

Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: In the Bonus Quiz **Sleuths No 1** by *Griffin*, No 6 should be Ellis Peters (7,7) and No 17 should be Jeffery Deaver (7,5). Barb Ibbott's results for October puzzles should be 1, 4 & 5. For Quiz No 9/2007, Alan Walter's score should have been 23. In the **Alphabet Quiz** published on p14 of the November 2007 *Crozworld*, the word length indicator for the 'X' clue should be (6) not (5).

Results of Chess Game Problems: No 11/2007: 1. Qh7. Winner: **Catherine Hambling**. No 12/2007: 1. Qc7. Winner: **Roy Taylor**.

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Not-so-well: Bruce Austin and Ron O'Rourke have not been enjoying 100% Good Health lately. We send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

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Quiz No 12/2007

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME by **Brian Symons**

Here are 30 nicknames referring to famous (or infamous) people or things. The answers are in alphabetical order. Five bonus points are up for grabs for clearly explaining the derivation or meaning of the five asterisked nicknames. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email bsymons8@bigpond.com.au Closing mail date: Friday 11 January 2008. Book prize.

- 1 King of Swing (5,7)
- 2 The IT girl (5,3)
- 3 Auld Reekie (9)
- 4 Hollywood's mermaid (6,8)
- 5 Lady with the lamp (8,11)
- 6 Typhoon (5,5)
- 7 Blood and guts (6,6)
- 8 The queen of burlesque (5,4,3)
- 9 Beckingham Palace (4,2,5,3,8,7)
- 10 Jack the Dripper (7,7)
- 11 Hanoi Jane* (4,5)
- 12 The Great Profile (4,9)
- 13 Superbrat (4,7)
- 14 The Prince of Wails (7,3)
- 15 Duke (4,5)
- 16 The angel of death (5,7)
- 17 Twiggy (6,6)
- 18 The Forbidden City (5)
- 19 Man of a thousand faces (3,6)
- 20 Attila the hen (8,8)
- 21 Afghan* (4,5)
- 22 Whispering death* (7,7)
- 23 Ol' man river (11,5)
- 24 Tricky Dicky (7,5)
- 25 The bard of Ayrshire (6,5)
- 26 Ming (6,7)
- 27 The Teflon President* (6,6)
- 28 The Monkey State* (9)
- 29 The wizard of Menlo Park (6,6)
- 30 The forces' sweetheart (4,4)

November 1-2007: Cryptic by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- Another pleasant cryptic puzzle. Thanks Waratah. *Alan Walter*
- FOIL is a lovely clue. *Brian Symons*
- I think this is the first time I have nominated slot 1 for COTM. Nice to have a full cryptic there. *Betty Siegman*
- A very off-putting use of GUYS. *Ted O'Brien*
- I was disappointed to see to see the inclusion of a Cryptic at slot 1. I thought this slot was to be non-cryptic or perhaps half & half. A new member I introduced hasn't learnt to do cryptics yet and can only manage an orthodox, so she is naturally upset. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Carole's lovely puzzle was most enjoyable, but why was it not placed in the cryptic section of Crozworld? When we lost the orthodox, or similar, to the demands of the cryptic fanciers some years ago, we were promised that slot 1 would remain non-cryptic and it would use thematic, general knowledge, etc. The half and half have been a good option. The cryptics seem to become even more difficult. Some are too much of a chore and take up too much time. ACC stands for Australian Crossword Club (or crosswords). A good club considers all members, not just the experts. *Irene Watts*
- A good puzzle, but some interesting words had too easy clues. A little challenge wouldn't go amiss. *Max Roddick*
- Exactly the type of cryptic puzzle suited to slot 1. A lovely puzzle, thank you, Carole. *Roy Wilson*
- A good start for the month. *Jenny Wenham*
- An excellent cryptic for this slot. *Margaret Davis*

November 2-2007: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Thanks for an enjoyable cryptic Virgo. *Alan Walter*
- A good cryptic although I struggled with KARMIC< OXHIDE, and SUNKIN. Loved 16ac. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Some great clues, especially EROS and SUNKIN. *Brian Symons*
- Can't find ALFOLD anywhere, but what else can it be? *Ted O'Brien* (An Atlas or the A-Z Crossword Dictionary. A.)
- Your puzzle has beaten me. 6dn & 13ac remain a mystery to me. *Peter Dearie*
- 27dn EROS took some time to dawn, then 30ac, SUNK IN. Two of Audrey's trickiest. *Max Roddick*
- Audrey at her very best – great clues. *Roy Wilson*
- I had trouble with the SW corner, but once SUNK IN sunk in I was away. In 31ac, OSBOURNE's name should be OZZY. Quite liked 26ac. *Jenny Wenham*
- I had trouble with Alfold – Audrey can be guaranteed to have at least one curly in her puzzle. *Margaret Davis*

November 3-2007: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- A challenging cryptic. Thanks Noel. *Alan Walter*
- Again a good puzzle – I have learnt a new word DEFALCATE – you have to be careful how you pronounce it! *Barbara Ibbott*
- Nice to get a full cryptic from Jesso for a change. *Brian Symons*
- I've given 25ac my COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- 25ac HAEMOSTAT is a gem! *Max Roddick*
- What else would we expect from the doyen; as always, a good solid puzzle, as always. *Roy Wilson*
- Jesso is as tricky as ever. I was in the dark on 15ac until I got some suitable EYEWEAR. *Jenny Wenham*
- Yet another nice one from our faithful Jesso. The clue for 2dn was most ingenious. *Margaret Davis*

November 4-2007: News of the World by dB (Doug Butler)

- Your 'News of the World' nicely positioned the directions N, E, W, & S in their appropriate direction in the grid. This was a tough AJ to complete. Thanks dB. *Alan Walter*
- Despite it being a different grid, I enjoyed the AJ. I thought the X clue was extremely clever and appropriate for us cruciverbalists to solve. *Barbara Ibbott*
- A very enjoyable and clever cryptic, especially XIMENES & HEAR HER OUT (my COTM). *Brian Symons*
- This is the sort of NEWS I prefer. Ingenious! *Ted O'Brien*
- I almost gave up on this AJ; not one of my enjoyable AJs which I usually find testing but doable. *Graeme Cole*
- The AJ was definitely way out of my league. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- ARRIVALS brought a big grin. *Max Roddick*
- New and interesting grid made this one more of a challenge. Loved your clues as well, Doug. *Roy Wilson*
- This was the toughest AJ I've done for a while, and I'm still not sure I have it all right. Last answer in was TIER, because I couldn't decide whether it was supposed to be TIER or TEAR. I liked the clue for EAST. I had never heard of a gooseneck mike. *Jenny Wenham*
- The H clue is probably just about unsolvable (insoluble??) as a stand-alone clue. Indisputably correct once you have got it but a bit "Cactus ish" re the Fabrag quiz last month. *Jim Fowler*

- This was a difficult and very clever AJ, with NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST appropriately located in the puzzle. I loved the clues for H and O. Look forward to explanations for R, X and Y. *Jan Wood*
- I spent more time on this one than the other four together! I must say I find some of the clues tenuous – or do I mean devious? Or just difficult! *Margaret Davis*

November 5-2007: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- This cryptic certainly caused plenty of reflection. Thanks Manveru. *Alan Walter*
- I did this puzzle in small doses as I kept getting bogged down. I think my answers are correct, but I've mistakenly thought this in the past. *Barb Ibbott*
- Manveru's usual high standard. STALK was my favourite. *Brian Symons*
- 18 & 25ac appealed. *Ted O'Brien*
- I found this cryptic very difficult even to get started – not one answer for a long time. *Graeme Cole*
- Is 2dn OMEN or AMEN? Altered my good grid at the last minute – the right way, I hope. *Max Roddick*
- Great work!!! The word that springs to mind to describe your clues is EXCITING! I couldn't wait for the penny to drop, a wonderful sense of anticipation all the way through. *Roy Wilson*
- For a while I thought this was the first grid I was going to finish, but then I got stuck on 10ac. Very nice. Also liked 16dn. 4/27 was tricky but good too. Should the indicator for 18ac be (4,6)? Overall I thought this was the best of the 5 this month. *Jenny Wenham*
- Brilliant clues for CHIEFS, STALK and EVIDENT. It's a coin toss for my COTM. *Jan Wood*
- I was a bit slow to find STALK since I had got Lewis Carroll and his Snark into my head first. *Margaret Davis*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a great set of puzzles this month. Lots of clues deserving of COTM nomination. *Jack Stocks*
- I was surprised and pleased to receive a prize for the clue writing competition. A very useful book! *Peter Dearie*
- Thank goodness this month's puzzles were a bit easier. Last month's fazed me. We are so lucky to have so many willing and talented members. Grateful thanks to all who do so much to keep the club such a wonderful interest. Best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas & a productive and challenging New Year. *Shirl O'Brien*

Results of Bonus Quiz – Letter Enclosed by Virgo (continued from p12)

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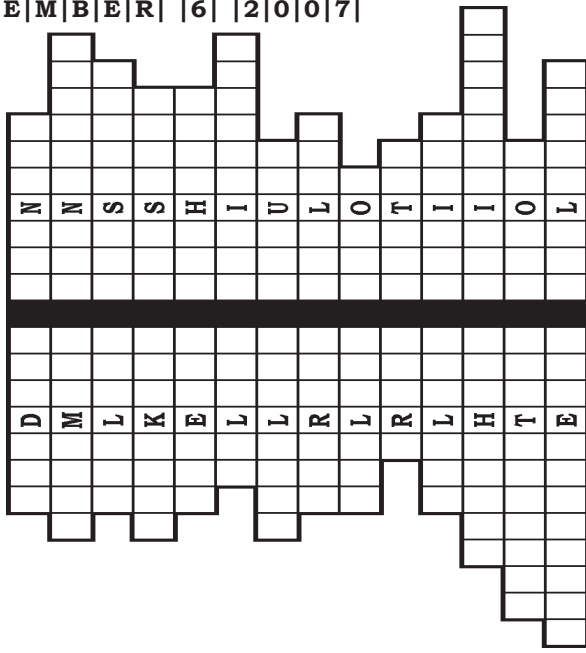
- Thanks for your enjoyable quiz (Somewhat easier than Jim's). *Brian Symons*
- This was fun! I needed the Internet – which I have at work – it would have been impossible without it! *Catherine Jones*
- Loved the Quiz – a wide range of characters involved. *Del Kennedy*
- Yet another interesting quiz – you certainly manage to keep them coming. *Betty Siegman*
- Nice one, Audrey! Des Renford gave me the most trouble. *Ken Watt*
- What a relief; this was more my speed than Cactus's Last Stand. *Carole Noble*
- I did enjoy doing it. Found number 19 most difficult – in a house full of Aussie Rules footballers and fans! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- What can I say, you just keep them coming! *Marian Procter*

Adjudicator's comments: Thanks to all who pointed out that Isabella Rossellini didn't get to star in *Tea with Mussolini*; the role went to Cher. Due to a technical hitch, my amended clue for this question didn't make it into the next Crozworld. No one lost points for a blank in this spot. Almost everyone guessed the name correctly. Interestingly, no one commented on the Test Cricketer/Umpire. Some members had David Sheppard, others David Shepherd. I didn't realise these were two separate individuals! They were both English county cricketers, the former did play for England but left cricket at the height of his career to become a Church Minister. The latter was also a county cricketer, but as far as I know didn't make the Test team. He was, however, for many years a Test umpire and has recently published a book of memoirs of the game, so I was happy to give points for either spelling of the name. Small errors – Kira for Kyra, Chisolm for Chisholm, Namadjira for Namatjira, and Carrol for Carroll, lost half points, blanks accounted for the rest. There was an impressive 36 entries in total, and many kind comments. Thank you! My thanks also to Daphne and Jenny for their nice cards.

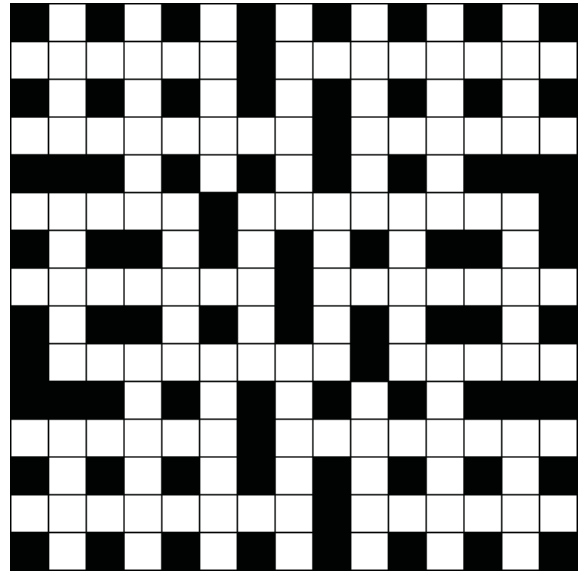
—Audrey Austin (Virgo)



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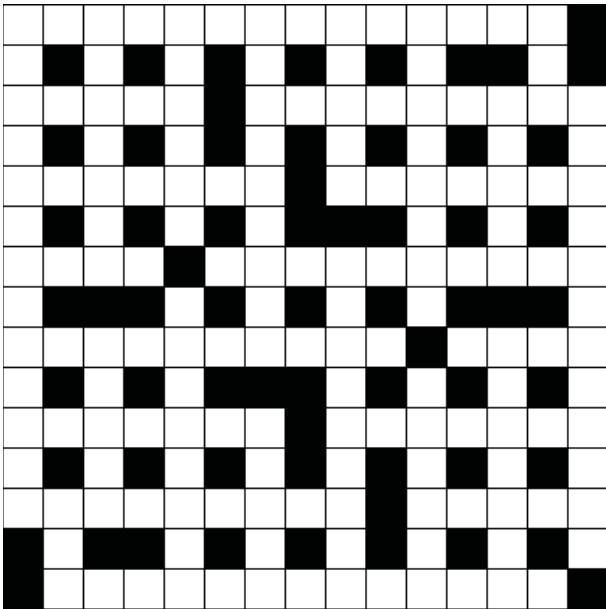


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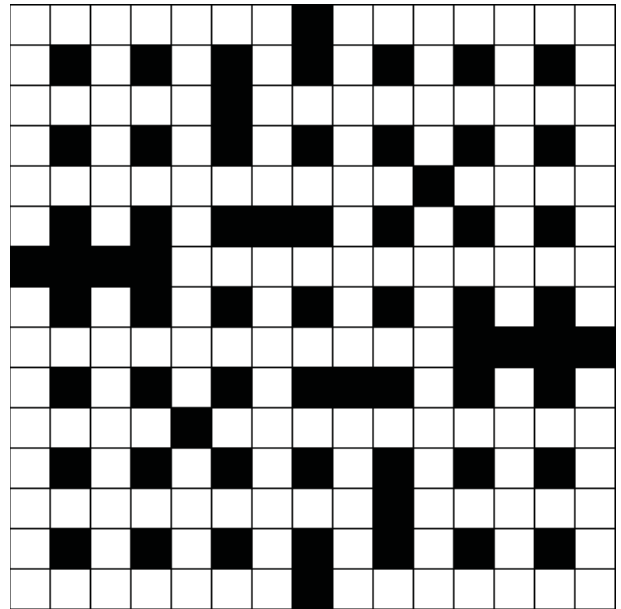
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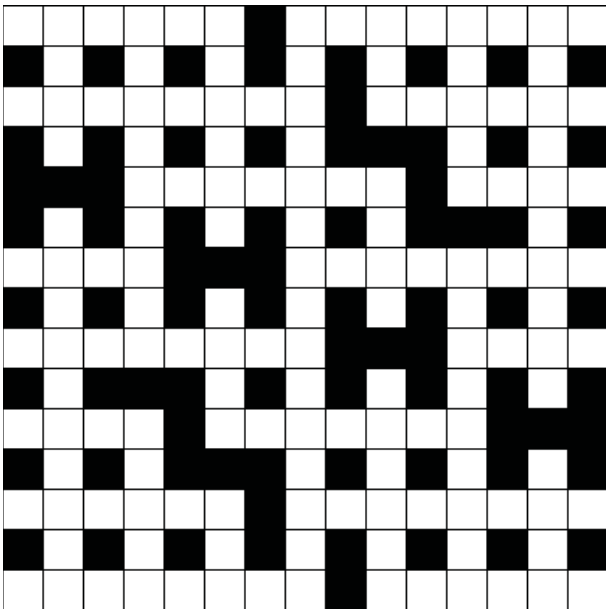
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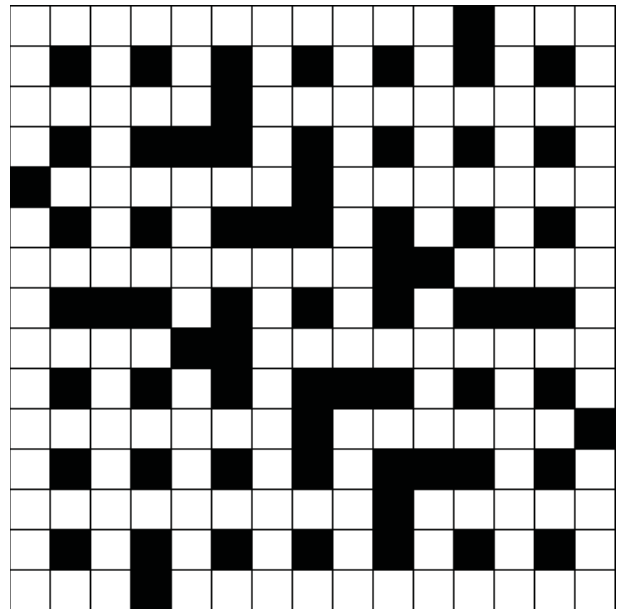
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October 6-2007: The least disagreeable... by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion) Entries: 69. Correct: 60. Success Rate: 86.9%. Prizewinners: John Balnaves and Max Roddick. Congratulations! Solvers' Comments:

• Thank you for this delightful puzzle, I really enjoyed it. I think I've solved it OK, but I couldn't verify 17dn (ASHSTAFF), although it fits the secondary indicator. (quite correct. G) I'm afraid the gist of the title eludes me – the word 'disagreeable' didn't spring to mind during the whole exercise! I can only assume, Gillian, that there is something deep and meaningful that I've overlooked? (see comment) Keep up the good work.
Roy Wilson

• Thank you for your 'classic' cryptic. My favourite clues were 11ac, 19 & 20dn.
Michael Kennedy

• Generally excellent clues. The two I don't understand are: 26ac: 'with Acis perhaps?' 24dn: I don't think Tchaikowsky is a sufficient definition for 'slav'. (see comments)
Drew Meek

• Thank you for the workout. Enjoyed the puzzle immensely. Very creative to entwine so much music into the clues and answers. (Perhaps I should address you as Maestro!) As a totally tone deaf solver, I must admit to a few spots of luck in finding some answers.
Jack Stocks

• Had fun with this – bravo, bravissimo!
Margaret Steinberger

• Thanks for this challenge. I'm amazed at how many musical-sounding clues you got for non-musical answers. My favourite, though, had nothing at all to do with music – 3dn. I look forward to another from you.
Jenny Wenham

• Thank you (I think) for this most challenging and deliciously time consuming puzzle. I particularly liked 3dn. Keep them coming.
Jean Barbour

• Thanks for an intriguing and different puzzle.
Brian Symons

• Many thanks for the interesting puzzle – not too hard once the theme was discovered. (Catherine also sends on her best wishes to all at the ACC and is looking forward to the next issue.)
Catherine Foster

• Thanks for the puzzle.
Andrew Patterson

• Thank you for your slot 6 October puzzle. The anagrams were tough but the puzzle was quite melodious and certainly not in 'the least disagreeable'! Did you have a special reason for this title? (see comment) 3dn definitely needs an "!" as 'headstone' in normal English usage does not mean 'head' applying to 'youn' to give Y. The '!' indicates chicanery via your wordplay, to give RUB + Y. (I think you or Shirl are right, but see comment) 20dn led me at first to put CRYSTAL, but your clever wordplay indicates CRYPTAL as the answer. In 22dn presumably 'Schoenberg's' transfigured work is from ...NACHT to NIGHT? (see comment) Much liked your 21ac clue giving MITI + GA + TIN + G.
Alan Walter

• Thank you for the "least disagreeable" crossword. I'm not too clued up on music but enjoyed solving your puzzle and the long anagram for 1ac etc. I hope to see more of your puzzles in *Crozworl*d in the future.
David Procter

• Thank you for a very interesting puzzle requiring quite a bit of research and a few stabs in the dark. I loved 21ac MITIGATING – it brought back memories of that wonderful Danny Kaye movie. (yes, he was wonderful, wasn't he? G)
Bev Cockburn

• Thanks, Gillian – good fun to do.
Audrey Ryan

• "The Least Disagreeable" – well titled! I guess the editor had just finished slots 3 and particularly 5, which I found particularly boring. You soon had a headache just reading the instructions, then the Scots' spelling and then heavy research for quiz questions (3). Your puzzle was a great relief believe me. Thank you for your puzzle – keep them coming.
Bill Bennett

• Very enjoyable, Gillian. (Even if I didn't get it right!)
Denis Coates

• Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle. I enjoyed it and there were some neat clues. Your huge anagram was quite a daunting start! I would find it hard to select one clue out of the rest but I particularly liked 7 & 14dn. Keep them coming, please!
Margaret Davis

• A challenging and interesting puzzle, Gillian.
Joan McGrath

• I didn't understand the Archduke connection to the theme. My lack of musical knowledge!! (see comment)
Bob Hagan

• Many thanks for this puzzle: it was a nice challenge.
Pat Garner

• Thank you for the puzzle which I enjoyed solving. Unfortunately, my computer is not working at the moment so I can't check the relationship between the asterisked clues. Will you reveal all in *Crozworl*d, please? (yes, see comment)
Daphne Greening

• This was a good one. Thank you, Gillian.
Gabrielle Leeds

• Crikey! Being a jazz/rock 'n roll type, I found this puzzle v. hard, but then the grid! I've no idea whether my answers are OK, but I've just taken a couple of Panadol.
Don Hemsley

• Fingers crossed – there are a few ill-educated guesses in this one. Thanks, anyway, for an entertaining puzzle.
Kath Harper

• Thanks, Gillian, for an entertaining puzzle.
Doreen Jones

• I'm not particularly confident about your puzzle, i.e I've filled in all the white squares (I hope correctly) but I'm not sure of the theme for 15 and 18ac and 1dn, and the connection with the title "...the least disagreeable". Would you be able to explain this please in your comments? Also 13ac

Convocates means "assembles", 9dn Colcannon is a dish, and 22dn Night (almost - nigh, plus time - t = night) have me puzzled. You must've had fun, Gillian, working the anagram for 1ac, 15ac and 18ac. (yes thanks, I did. G) Re 3dn RUBY – an excellent clue, but I was wondering if it was a FAIR clue! i.e using HEAD as part of HEADSTONE (one word) to relate to a previous word YOUR, giving Y. I would be interested if the members comment on this. I enjoyed doing your puzzle and look forward to more. (see comments for explanations) *Graeme Cole*

• Congratulations on a challenging puzzle! I'm not too sure on the connections, but guess the Festival features the asterisked clues. (they're really just examples, Shirl) Perhaps "headstone" could be hyphenated to separate the primary & secondary clues. (You're probably right – see comment) Thanks for a testing puzzle.
Shirl O'Brien

• Thanks, Gillian – most enjoyable!
Alison Martin

• Thank you for an enjoyable and challenging puzzle. *Barbara Glissan*

• Thank you *Betelgeuse* for a most enjoyable divertissement. Using 'vibrato' as anagind (25ac) must surely be a first!
Max Roddick

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thanks to everyone for your cards, best wishes and comments. It was pleasing to have contact with so many members and find out that you are all not just names on a list. The theme of this puzzle was The Australian Festival of Chamber Music, an annual event held every July in Townsville. Musicians (and vocalists) come from all over Australia to participate, as well as from overseas. Those lucky enough to attend will enjoy food, wine and music in relaxed surroundings, while the rest of us can listen to the music on ABC Classic FM. (And this is a free plug, would you believe it!) The asterisked clues had no great significance, other than the type of music played at these events, and as this was an early puzzle (before access to Crossword programs) the number of asterisked clues were not as numerous as liked. The marked clues include the wonderful Archduke Trio and Kreutzer Sonata for violin and piano both by Beethoven, and Intimate Voices, a rather lovely string quartet by Jean Sibelius. Other pieces of music mentioned were Tchaikowsky's March Slav and Schoenberg's Transfigured Night, and reference was made to Handel's opera Acis and Galatea, and Pachelbel's Canon.

Several people asked about the title "...the least disagreeable.." This was a quote by Dr Samuel Johnson "Of all noises, I think music is the least disagreeable." He was never a man to let his enthusiasms run away with him, however he was also supposed to have said "Call a dog Hervey and I will love him." Goodness knows why.

There was a high success rate in this puzzle. The most common errors were STRINGING for STRINGENT (first saxophonist S + train without a TRIN + man GENT), and CRYSTAL for CRYPTAL (cold C + PARTLY bonkers). Other errors were RUBS, SIRANGI and INTIMATE FORCES, one of each. It was interesting to see which clues different people preferred. 3dn RUBY was popular although there were some questions asked regarding the fairness of this clue, and whether a hyphen or question mark should have been included. At the time I felt that any additions to it would rather have given the whole thing away, but perhaps a question mark would have eliminated any confusion here. Other favourites were Cryptal, Mitigating, Rioting, Natural, Quintet and Stringent.

Questions answered: Acis and Galatea was a popular theme. Handel wrote several pieces with this title, including a masque and a 3-act opera, as did Lully the French composer. In 24dn, 'Slav' referred to the name of the March, not Tchaikowsky's nationality. 22dn Schoenberg's Transfigured Night was – 'almost' NIGH + 'time' T. 13ac 'Assembles' was flipped 'pancake' OCAT, 'against' V, 'surrounding fruit' CON-ES. Chambers gives cones as fruit or flowers. With 9dn 'mountain pass' was COL, and the 'Pachelbel heard' was CANNON, the whole making a dish. As the canon is the only work of Pachelbel's ever heard, it seemed unnecessary to qualify this any further.

Adjudicating this was an enjoyable experience. Many thanks to those who took part. I found all your comments both instructive and encouraging.
—Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Results of Bonus Quiz – Letter Enclosed by Virgo.

Solutions: Albert Namatjira, Andy Garcia, David Shepherd, Des Renford, Ebenezer Scrooge, Eric Idle, Isabella Rossellini, Kyra Sedgwick, Lewis Carroll, Melanie Chisholm, Neil Jordan, Rachel Hunter, Ray Lawler, Roger Quilter, Sinclair Lewis, Steve Davis, Stevie Nicks, Tom Skerritt, Yvonne Kenny.

Scores: 20: Thora Abraham, Robyn Caine, Verna Dinham, Bertha Foot, Catherine Foster, Barbara Glissan, Pat Garner, Daphne Greening, Catherine Hambling, Lesly Howard, Valerie Howard, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Catherine Jones, Doreen Jones, Del Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Claire McClelland, Joan McGrath, Trish McPherson, Carole Noble, Marian Procter, Betty Siegman, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks, Nea Storey, Alan Walter, Ken Watt, Jenny Wenham, Cheryl Wilcox and Norman Wilson. **19.5:** Gabrielle Leeds, Yvonne McKindlay and Lorna Waites. **18.5:** Barbara Ibbott. **17:** Sonia Atkinson.

Prizewinner: Jenny Wenham. Congratulations!

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